James Direen - Rigging Reel Breakdown - 2025

00:12 - Dynomut Body Rig

Worked with Design & Modeling to achieve visually functional character design. Wrote custom geometry deformer and dgNode plugins to handle extending limbs, named the slink system.

00:24 - Blue Falcon Body Rig

Control driven muscles. Pose fixable, armor feather attachment setup. Poseable cape rig.

00:30 - Scooby Body Rig

Silhouette Control Setup. Multiple domain correctives. Paw to hand transformation setup. 00:38 - Rotten Scorpion Rig

Developed new hexapod modular limbs. Slink system tail – allowed for section telescoping and silhouette shaping.

00:46 - Rotten Baby Rig

Slink system again, note that it allows for telescoping while maintaining a defined silhouette.

00:52 - Dee Dee Body Rig

Sliding strap system. Also used a teeter constraint plugin I had written for bi-directional balancing.

01:02 - Slink System Examples

Showing functional characteristics and a range of applications.

01:50 - Back to the Outback Hero Characters Lead

I oversaw the module construction and technical development of Frank, Nigel, Zoe, and Maddie.

02:05 - Jacinta Face Rig

Development of non-standard 48 tooth setup, and sliding inner cheek flaps.

02:20 - Frillneck Lizard Body Rig

Developed poseable frillneck solution.

02:34 - Cube Arm Rig

Developed a tumbling Ik system for all cube armed characters. Rigged Manolo, both body and Face.

02:48 - Jake and Reggie Face Rigs

Developed new face rig modules, most notably the non-spherical eyelid setup.