Ancient Warfare – The Basics

# Section I - Core Module

## Research System

 

Research Queue GUI Research Queue GUI

The Research Station may be crafted in a normal vanilla workbench. For the precise recipe, see NEI or similar. Once crafted, it may be placed into the world like any other block. It has a single externally-accessible inventory – the slots labeled as ‘Input’.

Place your research book into the top-left slot (below the name) (research book is crafted in a normal crafting bench). Press the ‘Adjust Research Queue’ button to view the research-queue GUI, where you can add or remove goals from your research queue. Resources needed for your current goal (if any) will be shown in the slots labeled ‘Needed’. Place your resources into the slots labeled ‘Input’. Once all resources have been met, the resources will be used and the current goal will begin researching. Research progress will continue for as long as you have the GUI open, but will cease as soon as you close the GUI. You must be present at / have the GUI open on one of your research stations, or use a researcher NPC in order to make research progress.

Once a particular goal has been completed, the goal at the head of the queue will be moved into the ‘active goal’ position. As long as the required resources are already present in the ‘Input’ boxes, the goal will start, and research will progress on the new goal. A research goal in the ‘active’ position may only be cancelled if it has not yet been started (go the research queue, and remove it from the queue).

Goals that may be learned but are not yet queued will be shown on the right-hand side of the Research Queue GUI. Goals that are currently queued and not yet in-progress will be shown on the left-hand side of the GUI.

Goals may be added to the research queue by pressing the ‘+’ button located to the right of the goal name. Goals may be removed from the research queue by pressing the ‘-‘ button located to the right of the goal name. In order for a goal to be added to the queue, any pre-requisite goals must already be learned or queued. If a goal is removed from the queue that has other goals dependent upon it, those goals will also be removed from the queue.

The research station may be optionally configured to use adjacent inventories to withdraw resources for research goals. To enable this functionality, check the checkbox marked ‘Use Adjacent Inventory’.

Other notes:

* Most recipes in Ancient Warfare require research before they are craftable. The entire research system may be disabled in the core configuration file – in which case, no research will be required and all Ancient Warfare recipes will be craftable in the normal workbench.
* Research is done only at the Research Station, which may be crafted in the normal workbench or in an Ancient Warfare engineering station.
* Research requires a Research Book, which is also craftable in the normal workbench.
* Research is stored per-player. Any player may contribute to any others’ research by obtaining a copy of their research book and using that book in any research table.
* You may use other players research for crafting by obtaining a copy of their research book and using it in your Engineering Station.
* You may only progress on a single research goal at a time. All research stations with a copy of your research book will all contribute towards your selected goal.
* Research goals have both a time and materials component. The needed materials may be viewed on the tooltip of the goal in the research-queue GUI, or in the ‘needed’ box on the main research progress GUI. Once these materials are present in the ‘input’ box, the materials will be used and research will automatically start progressing.
* In order to make progress on a research goal you must do one of three things:
  + Leave the research station GUI open.
  + Assign an NPC researcher to work at the station.
  + Right click on the research station with a ‘Quill’ item equipped.
* Multiple Research Stations may be setup to make faster progress towards a single goal. They will each need researcher NPCs assigned to them, or have players using quills / viewing their GUIs.
* The Research Book may be right-clicked after it is assigned to view a GUI with details about each research goal and researchable recipe.

## Crafting System



Engineering Station GUI

Crafting in Ancient Warfare 2 has been simplified from the prior versions to use a single crafting block. All Ancient Warfare and Vanilla recipes may be crafted at the Engineering Station. The Engineering station may be crafted in a vanilla crafting table. See NEI or similar for the recipe.

Once crafted and placed in the world, the Engineering Station crafting GUI may be accessed via interacting with the block (default: right-click). The Engineering Station has a Research Book slot, and a Research Book must be placed into this slot in order to craft any recipes that have research requirements – the recipes available will depend upon the completed research for the player owning the Research Book. If no Research Book is in the slot the Engineering Station will only be able to craft vanilla recipes or the few Ancient Warfare recipes that do not have research requirements.

To craft using the Engineering Station, lay out your recipe in the crafting grid as normal. Results may be removed from the output slot one at a time, or shift-clicked to craft as many as possible (placed directly into player inventory). The additional slots below the layout grid can be used for extra raw materials storage. The crafting-grid will auto-refill from these components if possible. All slots in the Engineering Station are persistent – unlike the vanilla crafting bench they will not be ejected into the world when the GUI is closed; they will still be there whenever you return, enabling you to grab forgotten materials or extra materials without losing your recipe layout.

## Recipes

* To view recipes, use NEI.
* There is a built-in NEI plugin that allows viewing of all researched recipes – it should list the crafting type as “AWCrafing” or similar. They do not yet list the required research in the NEI recipe lookup, but that capability should be added in the near future.

## Teams

* Most Entities and tiles in Ancient Warfare use the vanilla scoreboard teams system to determine a players’ team status.
* Use the vanilla commands for team creation / joining / changing teams.
* Team status may affect your ability to control or interact with an entity or block. If you cannot interact with something – check to see if the owner can. If you are the owner and cannot interact with something you own, please file a bug-report.

## Options Menu

* The options menu may be accessed via the F7 key (configurable via the Minecraft options-keybinds GUI).
* Any client-side options that are adjustable in-game will be listed and adjustable here. These options are client-side only, and have no effect on the server or other clients.
* There is an additional control to access the Keybinds configuration GUI.
  + Custom Ancient Warfare keybinds may be reconfigured in this screen.
  + These keybinds may share keys with vanilla keybinds or other mods keybinds – it is up to you the user to resolve in-game conflicts. I felt it was more compatible in the long run to allow for sharing of keybinds and duplicate assignments.

## Configuration Files

* Each module has its own configuration file for module-specific options. The core module also has its own configuration file for global/shared options.
* Please pay attention to the default values and comments in the configuration file, these should explain everything necessary to make adjustments.
* More configuration options will be added to these files as development continues. If there is a specific option you would like added, please open up an issue ticket on GitHub saying so.

## Item Use

* All clickable items have been reworked to use keys for most of their functionality. This resolves issues of not being able to click the item on a block that also has interactive properties.
* The default key for item-interaction is ‘Z’ (can be changed through the options menu). This is used in many items that previously used left/right click functionality to select blocks.
* Other keys available for item actions are: X, C, V, B – these are used on some of the more complex items such as the NPC command baton, construction tool, and structure scanner. See the item tooltip for directions as to what key does what function.
* The ‘Backpack’ item functions as a portable inventory.
  + It comes in 4 sizes – 9, 18, 27, and 36 slot.
  + Right click it to access its inventory.
  + You cannot move the backpack you are using around in your inventory, the item slot will be completely unavailable – this is to eliminate any chance of doing something silly like putting the backpack inside of itself (thus rendering it inaccessible once the inventory GUI closed).
  + Hit ‘e’, or ‘escape’ (or your inventory keybind, whatever that may be) to exit the GUI.
* The ‘Hammer’ item has two modes that may be swapped between with the ‘Z’ key.
  + The first mode functions as a block-rotator. Right click on a block to rotate that block around the axis clicked on.
  + The second mode is a ‘work’ mode. Right click on any worksite to manually ‘work’ at that site. Action will be taken as if the player were a level 0 NPC with lowest-ranked tool equipped – players get no bonuses from manually working at sites, it is generally better to leave that to NPCs or energy systems.
  + Also used by Craftsman and Engineer type NPCs as equipment.
  + Does damage equal to a sword of the same material type.
  + Should be enchantable (untested)
* The ‘Quill’ item currently only serves 2 purposes – equipment for researcher NPCs, or you may use it like a Hammer and manually ‘work’ at a Research Station by right clicking on it.
  + Should also be enchantable (again, untested)
* The ‘Research Book’ serves to denote what player’s research progress should be used in Research Stations, Engineering Stations (and other AW crafting stations).
  + Research is not stored in the book, merely a reference to the owners name; you do not lose research progress if one of your research books is lost or destroyed – you can simply craft a new book and pick up where you left off.
  + A newly crafted research book must first be right-clicked to assign it to a player. Once assigned, they cannot be reassigned short of external NBT-editing.
  + Once a research book has been assigned to a player, any player may right click with that book equipped to open a simple Research information GUI. This GUI lists can either list all research goals (and what they unlock), or all researchable recipes (and what is needed to unlock them)
* Research Notes items. These may be right clicked to either learn the denoted research directly, or add progress towards your current research goal (if you already know the research from the note). These will be added to the dungeon-chest loot generation system in the near future, with configurable options for rarity/enable/disable. They are currently only available via the creative menu.

# Section II – Automation Module

## WORKSITES

* Worksites form the heart of the Ancient Warfare automation system.
* In order to place a worksite, simply right-click with the worksite block in-hand. The worksite will be placed with default bounds. To adjust the work-bounds, open the GUI (right-click) and hit the ‘Bounds’ button at the bottom.
* Each worksite is devoted to a single type of work. There are worksites for the following types of resource-related tasks:
  + Crop Farm – Plants and harvests wheat, carrot, potatoes, melons and pumpkins. Blocks to be tilled/planted/harvested are configurable via the bounds GUI. Input resources depend upon crop grown (wheat seeds, potatoes, carrots, melon seeds, or pumpkin seeds). Bonemeal can be inserted into the lowest inventory slots to speed production. Work bounds should encompass the area above the dirt to be worked (i.e. should encompass the air the plants will occupy).
  + Tree Farm – Plants and harvests vanilla saplings. Should also work with any mod-added saplings that properly extend ItemSapling. Blocks to be planted/harvested are configurable via the control GUI. ). Bonemeal can be inserted into the lowest inventory slots to speed production. Work bounds should encompass the area above the dirt to be worked (i.e. should encompass the air the trees will occupy).
  + Mushroom Farm – Plants and harvests red and brown mushrooms as well as netherwart. Appropriate planting conditions must be met – e.g. low light and dirt for red/brown mushrooms, low light and soul-sand for nether wart. Blocks to be planted/harvested are configurable via the control GUI. Work bounds should encompass the area above the dirt to be worked (i.e. should encompass the air the mushrooms will occupy).
  + Reed (and Cactus and Cocoa) Farm – Plants and harvests the ‘odd’ vanilla plantables. Appropriate planting and growing conditions must be met – cocoa must have jungle wood to grow on, cactus must have sand and clear area, reeds must have either sand or dirt adjacent to water. Blocks to be planted/harvested are configurable via the control GUI. Work bounds should encompass the area above the dirt to be worked (i.e. should encompass the air the lowest level of the plants will occupy).
  + Animal Farm – Breeds and harvests vanilla livestock. Configurable max quantity per animal type. Anytime the number of adult animals is greater than the number specified in the configuration GUI, they will be harvested. Work bounds should encompass the lowest-level of air in the animal pen.
  + Fish Farm – Catches fish and/or ink. Configurable toggles to turn off fish and/or ink. Requires water in the work bounds. More water leads to higher catch rates. Work bounds should encompass the top level of water to be worked.
  + Quarry – The traditional pit-style quarry. Dig a giant hole in the world. Will not mine below lava. Initial work bounds should encompass the top layer of blocks to be removed (they will be adjusted once placed to encompass the entire quarried area).
* Worksites have at least one inventory area – the output. This is at the top of the GUI. Resources harvested by the worksite will be placed here.
* Most worksites have a second inventory area. This is the Resource Input area. Any resources needed by the worksite should be inserted here.
* A few worksites have a third inventory area. If present, this area is used for special resources – notably it is used for Bonemeal for crop and tree farms.
* Inventory side accessibility is adjustable for all worksites – click the Inv. Setup button in their GUI to access the side-control GUI.
* Most worksites have an ‘Inv’ adjust button. This button controls what block-sides are mapped to which inventory-sides.
* Most worksites have a ‘Bounds’ adjust. This GUI serves two functions – adjusting the bounds of the worksite, and adjusting which blocks are worked for targetable worksites (crop farm, tree farm, reed farm).
* Worksites must be powered by NPC workers in order to process work. Assign one or more workers of the proper type to work at the worksite.
* Players may manually ‘work’ a worksite by right-clicking on the block with a ‘Hammer’ equipped that is in ‘Work’ mode.
* Worksites may be shut down by providing them a redstone signal.

## AUTO CRAFTING

* The auto-crafting station is a special block dedicated to automating the crafting of items.
* It has a research book slot to enable the crafting of AW researched recipes, upper-left corner.
* It has an input/layout grid to determine what recipe to craft.
* It also has a resource input area to store the resources needed to craft the denoted item.
* Finally, it has a resource area for the crafted output.
* Inventory side accessibility is adjustable – click the Inv. Setup button in the GUI to access the side-control GUI.
* Crafting may be activated by pressing the ‘Craft’ button in the GUI, or right-clicking on it with a ‘Hammer’ equipped that is in ‘Work’ mode.
* The auto-crafting station is also a worksite – you may assign a ‘Craftsman’ type worker to work at it, and he will craft an item on every work tick.

## WAREHOUSE

* The warehouse is a special work-site dedicated to storing items. Lots of items. Any items, all items.
* It needs its work-bounds set in the same fashion as the Crop Farm, Quarry, etc. Work bounds may be up to 16w x 16l x 4h.
* The warehouse is a multi-block structure that requires more than just the controller block to function. The additional blocks needed are: at least one Warehouse Storage block (any size), and at least one Warehouse Interface.
* The warehouse bounds may be filled with any number and type of Warehouse Storage block or Warehouse Interface block. These blocks do not need to be touching the controller block, and can be placed anywhere inside the warehouses’ bounds.
* Warehouse Storage blocks add additional storage space to the warehouse.
  + Inventory is stored –in- these blocks.
  + Removal or destruction of these blocks will cause the ejection or destruction of any contained items.
  + Each storage block may be right-clicked to set filters to determine what items may should be stored in that block.
    - An empty filter list denotes that any item may be stored there.
    - A filter with an empty item accepts nothing. If that is the only filter in the block, it will accept no items.
* Warehouse Interface blocks allow for interfacing NPCs and other mods’ with the warehouse.
  + Each interface block has a configurable filter list in their GUI.
  + For each item in this filter list the warehouse controller block will attempt to keep the interface stocked with the specified amount of the specified item.
  + Any items not matching any filters in the interface block will be marked for moving into a storage block.
  + The interface block functions as both an input and output block for the warehouse.
* The warehouse controller block may itself be interacted with to display the warehouse GUI.
  + This GUI displays all items stored in the storage blocks controlled by this warehouse controller.
  + Multiple sort modes are available – By name, By quantity, Or by user-input.
  + A search input box is available. To use it, set the sort type to ‘Input’. Items with names matching the input will be filtered to the top. Partial matches below full matches.
  + There is a toggle to sort by ascending or descending – default is descending (a-z, 0-9);
  + Click on any item in the warehouse gui to withdraw that item. Shift-click to move it directly into your inventory. Items requested in this manner are withdrawn directly from storage blocks and workers are not needed to process the request.
  + Drop any item into the warehouse item-view panel to manually deposit that item into the warehouse. Items deposited in this manner are moved directly into storage blocks and do not need workers to process the request.
* A Warehouse must be worked at by NPCs (Craftsman work type) or powered via BuildCraft or AW power systems in order to process items between storage blocks and interfaces. Each work tick from an NPC, or 50mj input, will process/move one item stack between a storage block and an interface block.

## MAILBOX

* The mailbox serves as a late/end-game item-teleportation system.
* Item travel time is determined by the distance between the origin and the destination. (time per block configurable)
* For cross dimensional item travel, a single value is used – currently 60 seconds (configurable).
* Items are delivered to the nearest mailbox matching the destination name.
* Multiple mailboxes may be assigned to the same mailbox name.
* Public and private mailbox networks exist.
  + Public mailboxes may be sent/received by anyone.
  + Private mailboxes may only be seen, added/deleted/selected by the owner of a particular mailbox block.
  + A public mailbox may only send/receive to/from other public mailboxes.
  + A private mailbox may only send/receive to/from other private mailboxes of the same owner.

## CHUNKLOADERS

* Yah…they force load chunks. Pretty simple.
* The ‘Simple Chunk Loader’ loads a 3x3 chunk area centered on the chunk it is placed in.
* The ‘Deluxe Chunk Loader’ has a GUI where you may configure which chunks around it are to be loaded (the top of the GUI denotes north, the chunkloader is in the center).

## TORQUE POWER SYSTEM

* Mid to Late game alternatives to NPCs to provide power to worksites.
* Also available early game in cases where NPCs are disabled/not present/manually set through config. Allows the automation module to function independently of the NPC module and not have a dependency on an external mod for power.
* All worksites may be powered by energy from the torque system as an alternative energy input.
* Power production, transport, and storage are available, in the form of generators, conduits, and flywheels.
* Power transport is one-directional, the red/pink side is output. Use a hammer or other block-rotating tool to change their orientation.
* Flywheel blocks act as power storage. They have a single input side and a single output side. If they are stacked vertically they will balance power between the stack and act as essentially one large storage block.
* Compatible with Buildcraft 6.x MJ energy system. Energy conversion is at a 1:1 ratio. For the time being energy can only be extracted via a conductive wooden pipe (wooden energy extraction pipe, w/e they are called in this revision). MJ Energy may be input directly into any torque conduit, distributor or storage block. Worksites need at least one torque-conduit/distributor/storage block between them and the BC energy pipe. Generators can output directly into wooden conductive pipes.
* Hand-Cranked generators function as work sites, to convert NPC work-energy into torque energy (and thus, into Buildcraft MJ). Players may also work at these by using the ‘Hammer’ item in work mode.
* Waterwheel generators must be placed beside at least three blocks of flowing water. The faster the flow / the more the fall, the higher the energy output.
* Sterling generators burn solid fuel to output torque energy. Fuel may be added manually in the gui, piped in through any side, added through hoppers, or added via couriers.
* All tiles suffer gradual power loss. It equates to about 1% of currently stored energy lost per second – the more stored, the higher the loss.
* Multiple tiers of block/tile are available. Lower tiers have lower capacities and transfer rates.

# Section III – NPC Module

## INTERACTION

* A Player Owned NPCs inventory may be accessed via right-clicking on the NPC.
* A Player Owned NPC may be commanded to start or stop following a player by sneak-right-clicking on the NPC.

## CRAFTING

* NPC spawning items for the player-owned NPC types may be crafted at the Engineering Station.
* Each spawner requires a food bundle (also crafted at the Engineering Station) in addition to some gold for their initial pay, and some equipment to be used in their training.
* For exact recipes, please look them up in NEI or similar.

## TOWN HALL

* Functions as an auto-assigned upkeep point for same team / owner npcs.
  + If a same-teamed npc is within range and does not have an upkeep point assigned, they will auto-assign the town-hall as their upkeep point.
* Has an inventory for storage of food for npc upkeep.
* Tracks deaths of nearby npcs, player owned priests may resurrect these npcs.

## COMMAND BATONS

* Functions as a sword, with no block ability
* right click to add or remove an npc from the commanded npc list, which are displayed in the upper-left and also highlighted in red
* commands are issued to the highlighted block or entity, which is displayed in the upper-right
* use one of the following keys to issue commands to the current selected npcs (reassignable through keybinds gui (f7))
  + Z -- clear current command (such as guard or follow)
  + X -- attack target (entity target), move to target while looking for things to attack (block target)
  + C -- follow/guard target (entity targe), move to target while ignoring potential attack targets (block target), mount target (horse target)
  + V -- set home point / (sneaking) clear home target
  + B -- set upkeep point / (sneaking) clear upkeep point
* Each Command Baton stores is own commanded npc list. You may have multiple batons equipped and switch between them to act as an NPC grouping system.

## TEAMS

* All teams are derived from owning players team.
* If owning player is not on a team, or npc is not owned, they are considered NEUTRAL.
* Neutral will not attack other teams, but will defend themselves vs attacks and attack 'bandits'.
* Bandits / hostile NPCs will not be part of the team system and will have customized AI
* Combat npcs will attack other combat NPCS if the attacker has a team and the target has a team, and they are not the same team
* Npcs whos owner are not on a team may only be commanded by their owner. If their owner is no a team, they may also be commanded by team members.

## NPC INVENTORIES

* All npcs have full inventory accessibility for equipment slots
  + main-hand slot determines work/combat type/inventory-size for couriers/bonus effectiveness for bards
  + armor slots are used for actual armor
  + upkeep slot is for upkeep orders -- where to get the food
  + orders slot is for work/combat/route orders -- where to work / what to fight / what items to move
* All npcs have an 'upkeep order' slot
  + simple work-order that denotes a single point for npc upkeep.
  + allows setting the amount of upkeep to withdraw
  + allows setting the block-side to withdraw from (in the case of sided inventories)
* all npcs have an 'orders' slot, the specific item used in this slot varies by npc type:
  + worker = work order, denotes what sites and in what order a workers should work
  + courer = routing slip, denotes what sites and what items a courier should move
  + combat = combat order, denotes a patrol route for combat npcs.
* All NPCs have an offhand slot. This slot is available to all NPC types and subtypes.
  + Equipping a ‘Shield’ in this slot will increase NPC armor value dependent upon shield material level.
  + Equipping any weapon in this slot will increase NPC damage output by 150% (output is calculated from the main-hand equipped weapon).

## ORDERS ITEMS

* Orders items all function in the same way.
* Press the primary item-use key (Z key by default) to assign a point/add a point.
* Right-click to open the GUI. From here you can alter settings, setup filters (for courier route slips), and change the order of points.
* While holding a combat/upkeep/route/work order item the route and blocks that it is referring to will be highlighted.

## NPC UPKEEP

* Player owned NPCs may have their upkeep point set through the use of the 'Upkeep Orders' item
* Alternatively, if no upkeep item is present, an NPC will auto-assign an upkeep point to the nearest in range friendly town-hall.
* A player may use the command-baton to override this 'auto assigned upkeep point' to one of their choosing however while it does not require a upkeep-orders item ,using the command baton does not give the option to set the amount of upkeep to withdraw or the side of the inventory to withdraw from.
* If an NPC is hungry he will attempt to move to his upkeep point if he has one, otherwise he will return to his assigned home point.
* Hungry NPCs will not work. Combat NPCs will still retaliate but will not seek out new targets.

## NPC WORKERS

* Worker work points may be set via work-orders item.
* If no work-orders item is present, NPC will work at whatever nearby worksites have work that are appropriate for his work-type.
* Workers work-type is set by the item in their weapon/primary hand equipment slot. Worker types are:
  + Hoe = Farmer
  + Axe = Lumberjack
  + Pickaxe = Miner
  + Quill = Researcher
  + Hammer = Craftsman
* With no item equipped, a worker has no ‘work type’ and cannot work at any worksites – equip them first!
* A workers ‘effectiveness’ stat is determined by a combination of their level for their current work type and the material quality of their currently equipped tool. This effectiveness stat determines how much work they do for each work ‘tick’ at a worksite – the highest levels and tools result in a net ~2x increase in work output.

## COMBAT NPCS

* Combat NPCs type is determined by their primary equipped weapon:
  + Sword = Soldier
  + Bow = Archer
  + Baton = Commander
  + Axe = Medic
  + Hammer = Engineer
* If no weapon (or unrecognized item) is equipped the NPC uses the ‘Soldier’ AI routines.
* Attack damage is set via the equipped weapons’ ‘Attack Damage’ item attribute – you should be able to equip soldiers with mod-added weapons as long as the modder made the weapon correctly. (On-hit stuff might not function appropriately, but damage bonuses should apply correctly)
* Combat NPCs may be issued a patrol route through the use of a ‘Combat Orders’ item. Set the item up appropriately and place it into the work orders slot.
* Soldiers have a simple default melee attack.
* Archers have a simple default ranged arrow attack.
* Medic NPCs will attempt to heal any nearby friendly injured NPCs (or players). They also use
* Commanders give a slight (2-point) damage bonus to nearby friendly combat NPCs.
* Engineers will attempt to repair nearby friendly mechanical units (gates, vehicles)

## COURIER NPC

* Courier NPCs move items between inventories.
* Couriers need a ‘Routing Orders’ item in their orders slot in order to function. This item denotes what inventories to move between and what action to take at each stop.
* Couriers’ main-hand item is a ‘Backpack’. They MUST be equipped with a backpack item in order to have storage inventory to store the items they are moving.
* You may remove a couriers’ backpack at any time to view/alter the items that are in it or replace it with a higher capacity.

## PRIEST NPCS

* Player owned priest NPCs serve a single purpose – resurrecting their fallen comrades.
* This is done at a town-hall – if you do not have a town hall setup, a priest has no function.
* The list of dead/resurrect-able NPCs is stored and viewable in the town-hall GUI.
* If there are resurrect-able NPCs in the dead NPC list, the priest should move towards the town hall and begin his ritual. Once complete, the dead NPC will be brought back to life at half-health with no equipment (it was dropped when they died). They must be re-equipped and issued new orders (if applicable). They will retain any levels, experience, custom name, and custom texture references they had at the time of death.

## NPC HORSE RIDING

* All player-owned NPCs may be ordered to mount and ride a horse while performing their duties.
* An NPC may be commanded to ride a horse via the command baton by selecting the NPC and issuing a move/guard/mount command (default C key) while targeting the horse to be mounted. The horse must be tamed and saddled (the saddle will disappear while the NPC is riding, but is still present)
* To dismount an NPC that is riding a horse, select the NPC with the command baton and issue another move/guard/mount command while targeting the horse he is riding.

## NPC LEVELING

* All npcs have a base (shared) level and experience value.
* Base level determines max hit-points.
* Sub-type level determines bonus damage or work-effectiveness.
* Sub-typed npcs also store level and xp per sub-type.
  + For npcs that can change subtypes (combat,worker), current level is looked up per-subtype;
  + Each work/combat type will return a different level/experience value.
* When an NPC gains experience, it is applied to both his base-level/xp, as well as the sub-type level/xp
* Npcs with no subtypes will have the same value for their base and (single) subtype level/xp values.

## NPC HEALING

* All npcs will 'heal' over time on their own, slowly. The time/delay between heals is customizable via config file.
* Player-owned NPCs will require upkeep be met in order to heal – they will not auto-heal when hungry.

## NPC SKIN PACKS

* Custom skin-packs may be placed into the config/AWConfig/npc/skin\_pack/ folder
* Skin-packs should contain only minecraft skin-format .png files and a single skin-pack.meta file
  + The skin-pack.meta file is should be specified with one entry per line, in the format of:
    - npcType.npcSubType=image\_name
  + Each npc type may be specified multiple times with separate images
  + When multiple images are found for an npc, the npc will be assigned a random skin from those found for his type/subtype
  + Examples:
    - worker=worker1.png
    - worker=worker2.png
    - worker.farmer=farmer1.png
* Custom npc types may be specified in the skin-pack.meta file, these custom npc types may be referenced in the npc gui 'custom texture' field.

## NPC FACTIONS

* There are currently five factions (and the corresponding biomes they should be found in)(biome is merely a guideline and not enforced by the NPC):
  + Bandits/Brigands (plains/forests)
  + Pirates (islands/oceans/coastal areas)
  + Vikings (tundra, taiga, colder biomes)
  + Jungle Natives (jungle, tropical forests, warm/wet biomes)
  + Desert Natives (deserts, dry/hot biomes)
* There are an additional three factions available that must be customized through configuration file and skin-packs. These custom types do not come with any textures or localizations for their naming by default, but are available for intrepid map designers to further customize the experience.
* There are currently twelve subtypes for each faction:
  + Soldier
  + Mounted Soldier
  + Elite Soldier
  + Archer
  + Mounted Archer
  + Elite Archer
  + Leader
  + Elite Leader
  + Trader
  + Priest
  + Civilian Male
  + Civilian Female
* The only difference between the normal and ‘elite’ varieties is that the ‘elite’ varieties require a much higher faction standing before they will be neutral. The elite varieties are meant to serve as treasury / elite guards for areas in structures that a player is not supposed to enter regardless of faction standing (or at least not until they have very high standing).
* The ‘elite’ faction offset is configurable via the npcs config file.
* Starting faction standing for each faction is configurable via the npcs config file.
* Faction standing for each faction vs. each other faction is configurable via config file. You can have bandits be hostile vs. pirates for instance.
* Faction standing may be lost by killing any npc belonging to a particular faction. The amount lost is configurable via config file.
* Faction standing may be gained by trading with a trader belonging to a particular faction. The amount of standing gained per trade is configurable via config file.
* Faction standing is tracked per-player – a players’ team has no effect on their faction standing.
* Civilian NPCs serve no purpose – they are purely decorative, for use by map and structure designers. They may be equipped and given custom skins/names like any other NPC, but have only basic AI functions (wander, stay near home) and no interactivity.
* Starting health for each faction based NPC type / subtype can be specified in the configuration file.
* Custom names for each NPC faction name, NPC type, and subtype may be specified in the configuration file.

## CREATIVE MODE INTERACTION AND CONTROL

* Players in creative mode have access to the inventory GUI for all faction-based NPCs. Faction based NPCs do not use their upkeep or work orders slots, so these slots may be filled with items to act as custom-rewards for when the NPC is slain. They also do not use their primary weapon slot to determine combat type, so you may equip any item in their weapon slot. However, if using a non-weapon item, it is recommended to set an Attack Damage Override, as the NPCs **do** use the weapon to determine their normal attack damage.
* Players in creative mode may command a faction-based NPC to follow/stop following by shift-right clicking on it.
* Players in creative mode have additional controls available on all NPCs. These controls are accessible via the ‘Creative Controls’ button in the NPCs main inventory screen. The additional controls are:
  + Set Owner Name – useful for reassigning a player-owned NPC to a different player. Has no effect on faction-owned NPCs.
  + Enable/Disable wander – turn on/off the NPCs wander AI. Temporary setting, not saved. Should be used to aid in structure or map creation and NPC positioning.
  + Attack Damage Override – if set to >=0, this value will be used for attack damage instead of the NPCs equipped weapon. Most useful for creating custom NPC bosses or subtypes.
  + Armor Value Override – if set to >=0, this value overrides the armor value from whatever armor the NPC is wearing. Most useful for creating custom NPC bosses or subtypes that should be armored but still show their texture.
  + Max Health Override – if set to >0, this value will be used to determine the NPCs max health. Can be used in combination with the other overrides to create custom NPC bosses.
  + Custom Texture Override – may specify a custom lookup type for the NPC. This custom type should exactly match the custom type specified in the skin-pack file. E.g. If the skin-pack has ‘custom.boss.1=boss1.png”, then this field should say ‘custom.boss.1’. This field/input box will be moving into the main NPC inventory/gui shortly to allow for all users to specify custom textures for their player-owned npcs.