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How do I get this energy?

How does a fighter "defend" efficiently?

How do I evaluate how much energy I need to store for sieges?

How does a fighter "defend" efficiently?

What are important zones?

What important zones need fighters?



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- Patrols have objectives (Get to this location, Attack this ant, Defend this location)
- Patrols have types (Worker+Fighter, Settler+Fighter, Just Fighter)
- Queen analyses various board statistics to decide what parties are needed / update current party objectives

This isn't simple enough,  
Continue This Process!



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- In a team? **USE GIT** (and commit often)
- Take those questions from earlier and split them among teammates
- Turn each bit of the strategy into plug and play modules that your program can integrate, so you can swap between multiple strategies if necessary



# And some goals for your strategy:

Should I continuously send ants or burst certain positions?

When does it make sense to stockpile?

When should I charge an enemy queen?

Where is the best place to send workers?

What Zones are worth fighting for?

What percentage of my ants should be workers?

Locating Food and Zones

How many fighters do I send with settlers?

What Food zones are worth protecting with fighters?

