



User Manual



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System Overview

eCivix Election Simulator is a web based game that aims to teach users how the South African election system works from a political party's point of view. The goal is to win the national election which takes careful strategic planning and an understanding of why people vote for a particular party. **eCivix Election Simulator** uses real statistics to simulate a realistic and accurate election campaign.

Click on the "Play Game" button and expand your knowledge on the Constitution, electoral procedures, systems and politics of South Africa in the easiest and quickest way possible. You will gain experience on the game as you learn, meaning fun and knowledge hit with one stone.

Do you have what it takes to create and lead the best political party? This is your chance to showcase your underlying leadership skills. Make your gaming electoral vote count!

A user has three major strategic tools at their disposal:



Collect funds from each province as your popularity grows.



Use your funds to **campaign** and win over voters.



Run a **poll** to predict how successful you will be come election time.

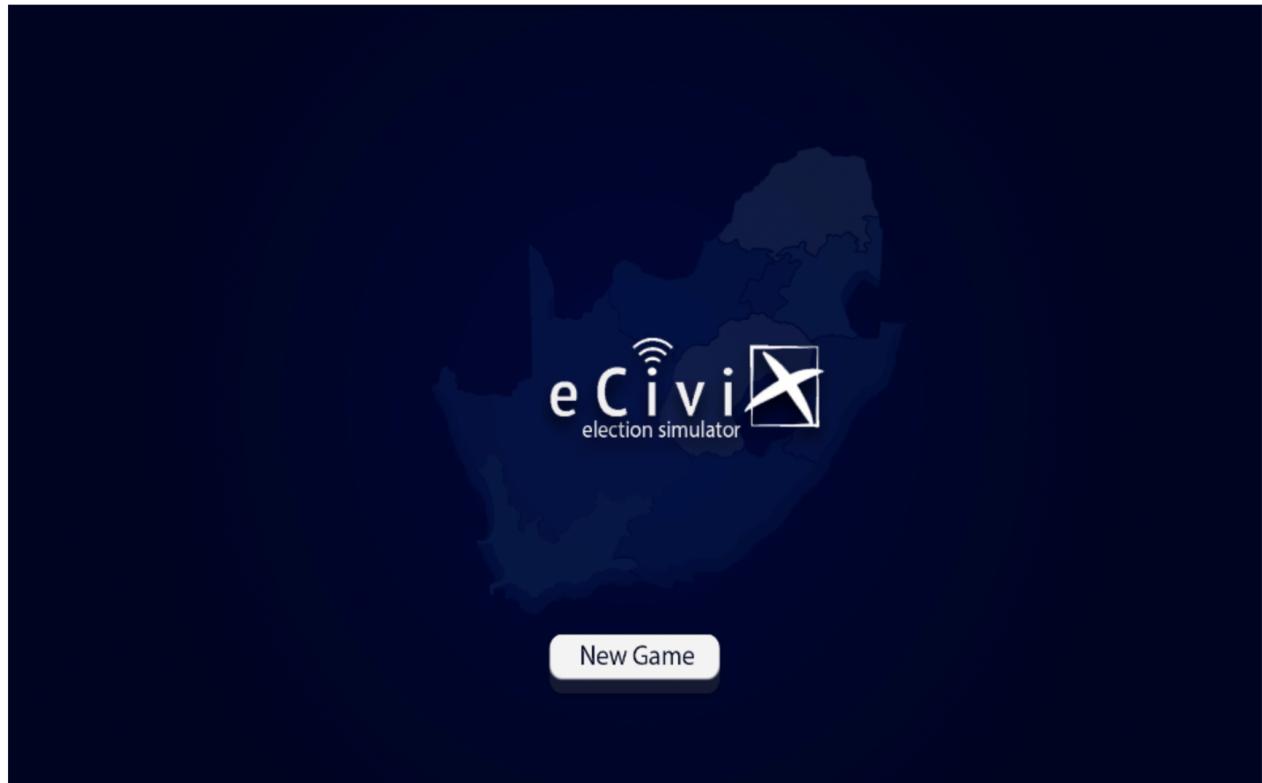
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Access:

Go to **<http://ecivix.org.za/>** to access the login/registration page. After login you will be directed to the main game page.

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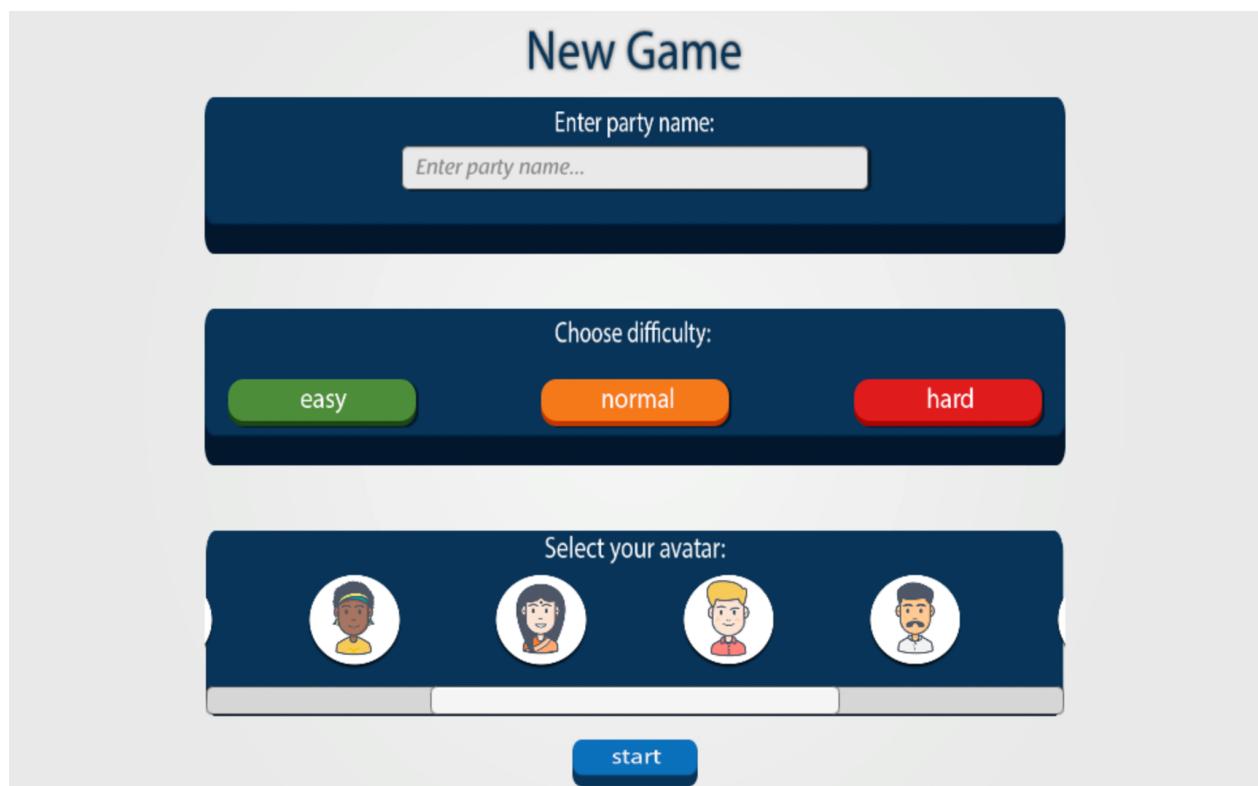
Landing page:



Click the New Game button to start a new game.

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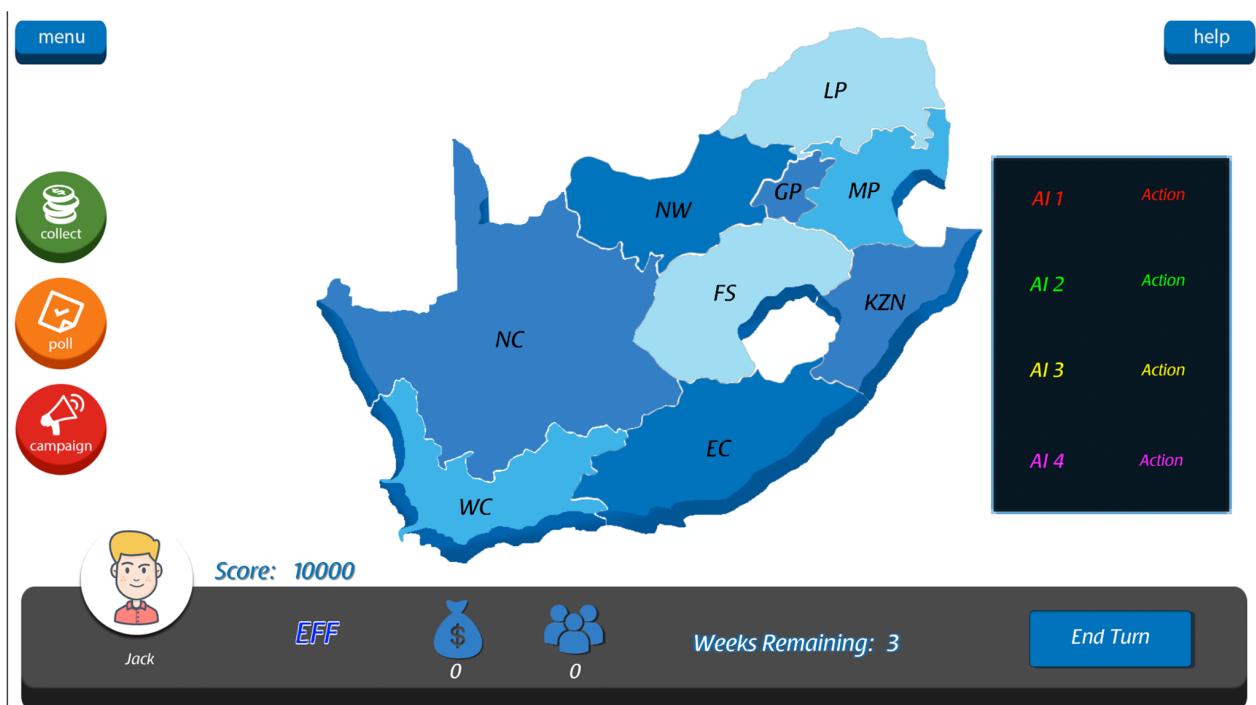
New game screen:



1. Enter your party name in the input box.
2. Choose the difficulty by clicking the easy, normal or difficult button.
3. Click and drag the slider bar below the avatars to scroll through the avatar list. Select your avatar by clicking on it.
4. Click the "start" button to begin the game.

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Main game screen:



The menu button at the top left, displays a popup screen with options to save the game, toggle sound, restart, or exit the game.

The help button at the top right, displays a popup screen that provides important information about the gameplay in case you get stuck.

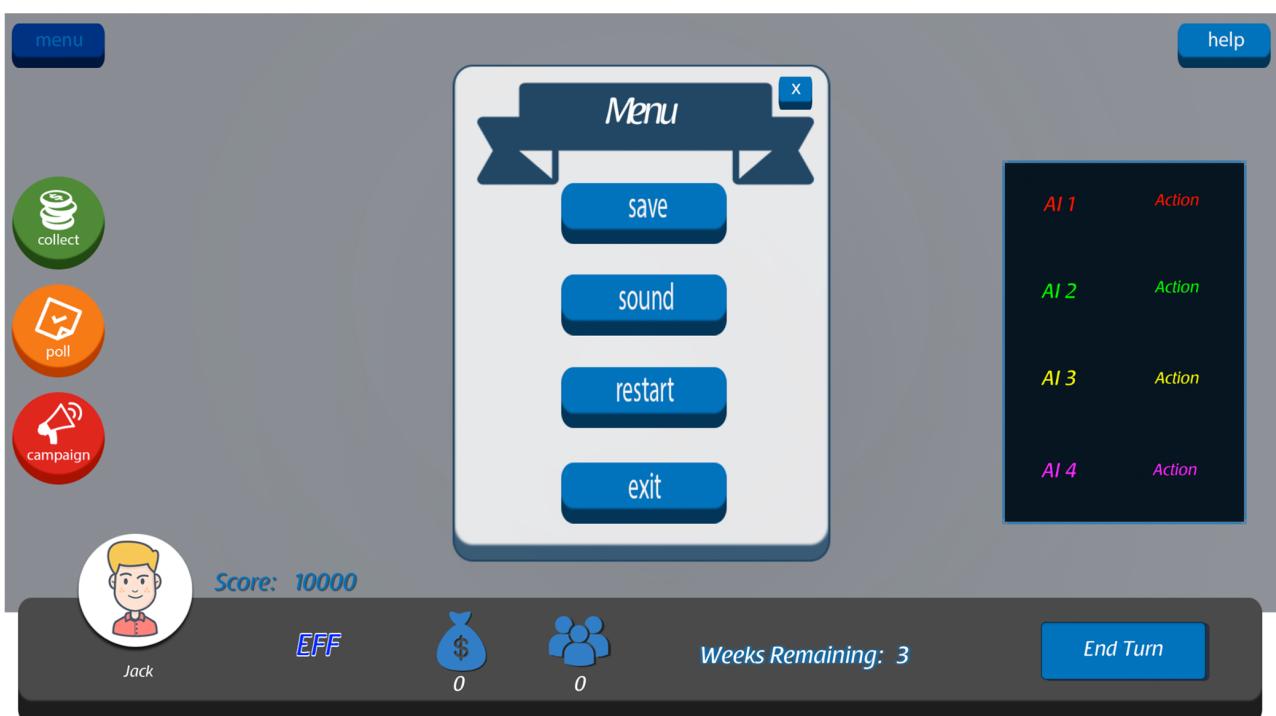
On the left we have our three main gameplay tools, namely collect, poll and campaign which we'll cover in depth later.

On the bottom left: your avatar and username, party name, funds and manpower.

In the center is a map of South Africa with clickable provinces.

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Menu popup screen:



Save: Saves the current state of the game.

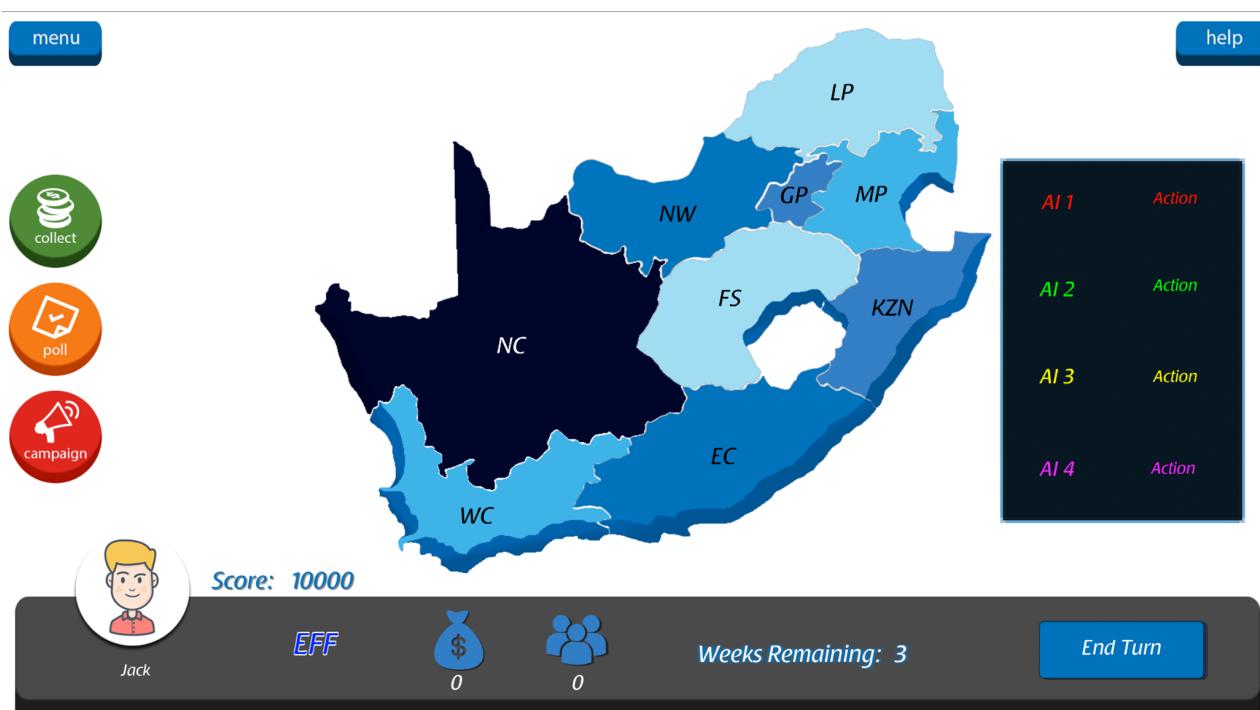
Sound: Music and sound effects can be turned on or off.

Restart: Discard the current game and start over.

Exit: Exits to the login page.

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Selecting a Province:

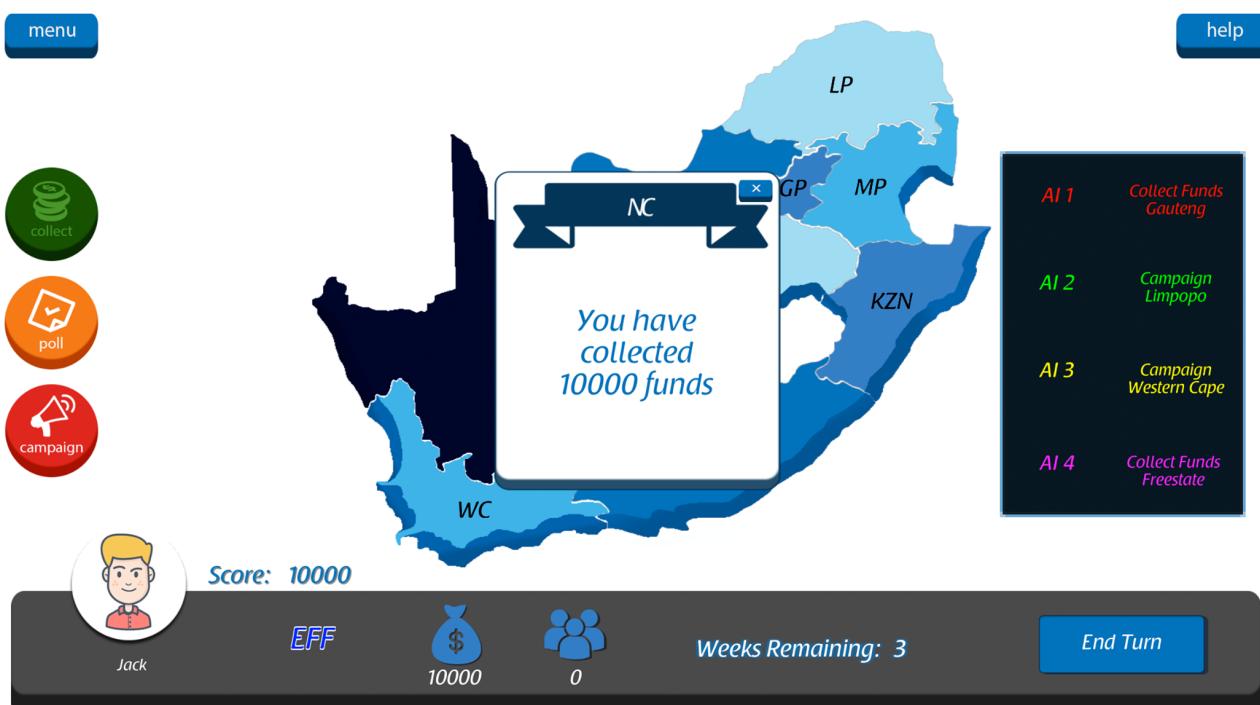


Your first move will be to select a province. A province can be selected by clicking on it.

After a province has been selected, a user can choose to either collect funds, poll or campaign in the selected province.

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Collecting Funds:

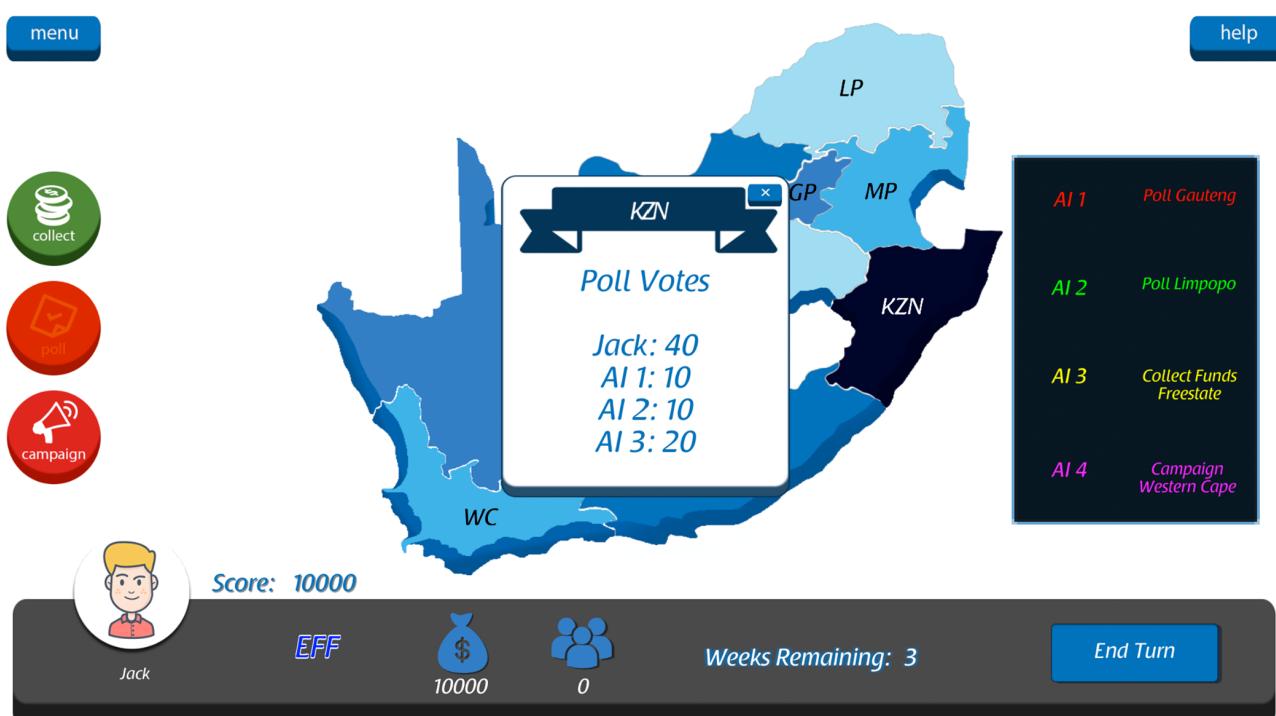


Click on any province and then on the round collect button on the left.

A popup window will appear displaying how much funds has been collected. The more funds you collect, the more effective campaigning strategies can be used to spread awareness and attract more support.

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Polling:



Click on any province and then on the round poll button on the left.

A popup window will appear displaying the poll results. These results show where you stand against your opponents in terms of support.

Strategies

Collecting money:

After collecting money from a specific province, it will take a couple of turns before the province has a substantial amount of funds available again. Try mixing up the collection of funds across different provinces and by not selecting the same province back to back.

Collecting information:

After polling a province you can see where you stand in that province and get an idea of where you must focus your funds and manpower depending on your strategy (all have an average and favourable standing or winning big provinces by a great lead).

Collecting manpower:

Gain a massive following for your party. Use the manpower to run your campaigns. The more man power you have the more actions you will be able to tackle. This will then stand in your favour as you can keep on acting while others have to wait to gain more manpower to perform actions.

Strategies

Focus on your strong points:

With your political standing on the chosen issues you will have a better standing with some provinces than others. You can choose to focus on your strong standing provinces and ensure you get a great lead advantage there.

Improve your weak points:

Your party's political views' may cause unhappiness in some provinces as your view does not coincide with their views. You can choose to focus your efforts here to gain any extra following that you can since your other provinces are already fairly strong.

Advanced

Deployment diagram:

