Advanced Civ

Mod for BtS 3.19

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User Manual

AdvCiv is a mod for advanced players, building on karadoc's "K-Mod: Far Beyond the Sword." AdvCiv does not add content, and, so far, makes only few notable balance changes apart from changes to the Al. Multiplayer (except PitBoss and PBEM) is supported but not thoroughly tested. For questions, comments and current activities, please visit the development thread on CivFanatics.

Installation

To install AdvCiv, copy the unzipped AdvCiv folder into Beyond the Sword\Mods under Program Files. When the mod is loaded for the first time, it creates a folder My Games\Beyond the Sword\AdvCiv for the \underline{BUG} settings. You'll have to remove this folder manually to fully uninstall AdvCiv.

The above assumes a BtS installation from optical disc on Windows 8 or earlier, though I understand that it works the same way with the GOG.com edition and on Windows 10. Steam users may have to revert to the Game Spy version in order to run any mods, and the Mods folder should be in Steamapps\Common\Sid Meier's Civilization IV Beyond the Sword\Beyond the Sword. On Unix-based systems, the mod can only be played through an emulator or Wine. (This guide might help, but I haven't tried it).

To start the mod through a Windows shortcut, create a shortcut to Civ4BeyondSword.exe, open the shortcut's file properties, and add a space and mod=\AdvCiv to the Target field.

Contents

To start playing, it should suffice to read this overview of the mod's original content and included third-party components. The subsequent chapters describe the major changes in more detail. Most of the AI and UI changes are low-key though, and only covered by the (extensive) appendix. I've assigned a numeric id to each batch of changes; when an id is mentioned, there's always a link to further details and rationales in the appendix.

- <u>UWAI</u>: Utility-Based War AI. Rewrite of the AI parts dealing with decisions on war and peace. The new AI is better at anticipating the course of a war. Conditions that rule out war categorically in BtS (e.g. attitude or being occupied with another war) are factored into an overall utility value and can be outweighed by factors that favor war. UWAI can be disabled through the "Aggressive AI" game option.
- <u>DDiplo</u>: Dynamic Diplomacy. Makes some relations bonuses harder to get, particularly "mutual struggle," "open borders" and "supplied resources." All AI memory decays, including "You declared war on us." Two new modifiers: "We oppose your ruthless expansionism" and "You agreed to come to our aid in wartime". +4 relations is required for "pleased" attitude and -1 for "cautious," but this is evened out by a change to the "first impression" modifier. The AI will (sometimes) offer and accept cities in trade.
- BBarb: Better Barbarians. Barbarian activity increases more gradually; fewer Barbarians on poor-yield tiles; creation rate adjusted to game speed; fogbusting nerfed (units can appear on all fogged tiles); land units can spawn aboard Galleys; Great Wall reworked; goodies from Tribal Villages adjusted to game progress; Scout and Explorer buffed.
- Immortal Culture: Culture of dead civs stays in the game and can cause anger and revolts. Revolts can occur in any cities, not just near a border. Shortened occupation countdown in conquered cities, but the countdown decreases only probabilistically based on the strength of the occupying force.
- <u>K-Mod</u> v1.46 by karadoc: substantial AI improvements (incl. <u>BBAI</u>); usability improvements (incl. <u>BUG</u>, which in turn includes <u>Civ4lerts</u>, <u>reminder</u>, <u>Sevopedia</u> and several optional advisor screens); bugfixes (incl. the <u>unofficial patches</u>); performance tweaks; minor balance changes (several from <u>PIG</u>, <u>Lead From Behind</u>); practically no flavor changes other than <u>Actual Quotes</u>. The main author of BBAI is jdog5000. For BUG credits, see the BUG help file (Alt+Ctrl+F1 in a running game).
- <u>Kek-Mod</u> v0.25a, a K-Mod <u>fork</u> by DarkLunaPhantom: partly included (mostly <u>bugfixes</u>).
- Show Hidden Attitude Mod by DaveMcW
- Various bugfixes, performance optimizations and UI and AI tweaks adopted from: We the People, More Naval AI, Caveman2Cosmos, Rise of Mankind, Dawn of Civilization
- <u>Various changes</u>, especially to rules and AI behaviors that are easy to take advantage of in BtS; e.g. can't steal Workers.
- <u>SPaH</u>: Start Points as Handicap. Game option that gives an Advanced Start to the Al civs but not to the human civs. Start points can also be assigned unequally to the Al civs; the mod then places the civs with the most points the farthest away from the human civs initially.
- R&F: Rise and Fall. Game option that divides the game into chapters; you take control
 of a different civ in each chapter. A score is awarded after each chapter based on how
 the standing of your civ has changed.

- PerfectMongoose map script (v3.2; main authors: Cephalo and LunarMongoose)
- Mixed Continents map script based on jam3's Islands and Continents v1.1.
- savemap function by tywiggins and xyx
- Blue Marble "light": Altered terrain textures that are easier on the eyes; based on Kai Fiebach's <u>Blue Marble</u>, but closer to the original textures. (How to disable: see <u>appendix</u>.)

Utility-Based War Al

UWAI is enabled by default, but players who prefer the K-Mod AI, can use the "Aggressive AI (Legacy)" option on the Custom Game screen to disable UWAI; that option also enables the Aggressive AI mode. There aren't separate options for UWAI and Aggressive AI because UWAI doesn't have an aggressive or non-aggressive mode (see also change 019), and the K-Mod AI is notoriously belligerent with and without Aggressive AI. (K-Mod without Aggressive AI can still be configured in GlobalDefines advc.xml.)

The major differences between UWAI and BtS/K-Mod:

UWAI BtS/K-Mod

Military analysis: UWAI predicts how ongoing and hypothetical wars might develop in the medium-term, i.e. over the next 25 to 50 turns. The projection is based on power ratings for various military branches, namely the army (land and air units available for offensives). home guard (only available for defense), fleet (sea units), logistics (cargo ships) and nukes. Simulates military build-up (based on estimated per-turn production), clashes of army stacks, naval landings and attempted conquests of specific cities. The outcomes include cities lost and conquered by the various war parties, invested production and lost military power. These predictions aren't intended to be accurate; they only need to be plausible enough to result in plausible AI behavior.

The BtS military analysis simply compares present power ratings. Each civ has a single power rating, i.e. land and sea units aren't distinguished. K-Mod adds a projection of military build-up.

Power: Power ratings are based on per-unit military power values that are, essentially, computed as combat strength raised to the power of 1.66. E.g. Swordsman has about 20 power and Cuirassier 75; this value also accounts for the faster movement and other useful abilities of Cuirassiers.

Caveat: Many other AI decisions and the power graph on the Info screen are still based on BtS power ratings.

The power value of a unit normally equals its combat strength; e.g. two Swordsmen count as much as one Cuirassier. That is, BtS underestimates the power of technologically advanced units.

The **evaluation** of the expected military outcomes is broken down into 26 aspects, each dealing with one specific reason for war (e.g. gaining more cities or loathing for a war opponent) or against (e.g. diplomatic ill will or invested production). The result of the evaluation is a utility value indicating how worthwhile the war (plan) in question is.

The AI considers attitude, military power, geographical proximity and victory strategies. These factors are combined in an arcane manner by a function named startWarVal.

Peace is evaluated separately by the endwarval function, which is based on war successes, finances and the tactical situation, i.e. very different from start Warval.

K-Mod has expanded startWarval, but it's still inconsistent with endWarval, leading to war-peace oscillation, and too ad hoc for this important part of the AI.

War plans are fully **re-evaluated** each turn while in preparation, and canceled if they no longer appear worthwhile. The target of a war plan can change during preparations.

War plans in preparation are only canceled in rare circumstances. The target can't change.

The only necessary condition for beginning (and continuing) war preparations is a **positive** war utility. Attitude and power are covered by the war utility computation and no longer work as hard requirements. That said, attitude has a particularly strong impact on war utility, so that a relatively peaceful leader like Saladin doesn't go to war against a civ that he is pleased with unless there are unusually strong reasons for the war. Once preparations are concluded and war is imminent, it's too late for a change in attitude to stop the war.

Thresholds for attitude and power ratio serve as necessary conditions for war; in particular, many AI leaders never start war preparations against civs they're pleased with. (Exceptions: Aggressive AI option and – in BBAI/ K-Mod – AI leaders close to a military victory.)

If war utility is positive, the AI begins war preparations with a per-turn probability based on personality and the utility value. As a result, the AI can be **quick to declare war** in response to another declaration of war or some rapid shift in power (e.g. after upgrading to Riflemen).

The per-turn probability is based only on personality and attitude.

The AI **makes peace** if and only if war utility is negative or outweighed by reparations.

Apart from an endwarVal check, there are some special conditions for peace, such as having fought to a long draw or being alone in what had started as a dogpile war.

After a declaration of war, the AI **refuses to talk** for just one turn. After that, the AI can be contacted unless the price for peace is greater than what the other side is able to pay.

Exception: If war was declared at the request of a third party or through a defensive pact or a vote, the attacked AI civ refuses to talk to its war enemies for the same duration as in BtS.

The refuse-to-talk duration is based on Al personality and war success. Possible reparations don't play a role.

The AI can start a war while already in another war. It's possible, in principle, to hire an AI civ for war even if that AI civ is already preparing or fighting a war, but the price is usually prohibitive.

The AI doesn't consider war preparations when it's already in a war; K-Mod relaxes this restriction in the endgame. In both BtS and K-Mod, the AI can't be hired for war while already conducting or planning war.

The AI refuses requests for starting a war regardless of war utility if either its attitude toward the proposed target is too high, or its attitude toward the sponsor is too low. (Such plans are too sensitive to even discuss with anyone who isn't a trusted partner.)

Same: "We couldn't betray close friends" or "We don't like you enough."

Otherwise, the necessary payment is computed based on war utility. If the result exceeds a threshold, the AI refuses to declare war, stating "We are afraid of their military might" if the power ratio is highly unfavorable, and "We have enough on our hands right now" otherwise. Thus, "enough on our hands" doesn't imply that the AI is already preparing another war.

The AI also refuses categorically if the power ratio is too unfavorable or when already preparing or fighting a war.

When an AI leader becomes willing to discuss a sponsored war, the player is notified through an alert message (change 210a) and the Glance tab of the Foreign Advisor screen shows a fist icon (152).

In BtS, if the trade screen says "enough on our hands," then the AI is definitely preparing a war. In K-Mod, other reasons for not wanting to start a war can block the enough-on-hands tell.

While the utility of a war plan against a human player is positive but small, and the AI hasn't begun war preparations yet, there's an increased chance of demands for **tribute** or a gift.

mod shows a fist icon on the scoreboard next to any AI civ that will give the "enough on our hand" response. (UWAI disables this.)

Tribute demands are made randomly

For the player's convenience, the BUG

UWAI continues to use almost all of the AI **personality** values from BtS. Many work differently but, in most cases, to a similar effect.

human civ. Whether the AI is currently ready to start a war doesn't play a role.

Each AI leader has some 20 personality

against any disliked and militarily weaker

For example, in UWAI, a high MaxWarNearby PowerRatio leads to an optimistically biased military analysis, which can make an AI leader willing to start wars that he or she may well lose.

values affecting war and peace, set in Civ4LeaderHeadInfos.xml.

MaxWarNearbyPowerRatio is a threshold

MaxWarNearbyPowerRatio IS a threshold that rules out war if the military power ratio is too unfavorable.

Hiring war allies, granting or denying tribute, UN peacekeeping and some **other decisions** that imply war or peace are made based on war utility. Separate heuristics for these decisions, based on some combination of power ratio and attitude.

Decisions about vassal agreements are still largely made by the K-Mod AI (with many adjustments; change $\underline{112}$); ditto defensive pacts.

The AI is *more* willing to make peace when there are hostile units near its cities, but can't evaluate if these units actually pose a threat. This can be exploited for better peace deals.

Unless a city is clearly about to fall, the AI is less inclined to make peace when there are **enemy units near** its cities.

Positions of units have no bearing on whether the AI is willing to capitulate.

This does not apply to capitulation; the Al capitulates only when faced with a threatening number of hostile units inside its borders (change 112b).

This is the only part of UWAI that cares about positions of units on the map. UWAI does not control *how* war is conducted, only *if*.

Dynamic Diplomacy (DDiplo)

One very noticeable change is in the mapping from relations values to AI attitude:

| Relations | ≥ 10 | ≥ 4 | ≤ 3 | ≤ -2 | ≤ -8 |
|-------------|----------|---------|----------|---------|---------|
| AI attitude | Friendly | Pleased | Cautious | Annoyed | Furious |

For comparison, in BtS, Cautious begins at -2, Pleased at +3 and Friendly at +10. However, AdvCiv also removes the (hidden) -1 relations penalty on Noble difficulty and above, meaning that, in effect, the thresholds for Pleased and Cautious stay the same and the threshold for Friendly is one lower than in BtS. To win an Al civ's vote for a diplomatic victory, Friendly attitude is now required. (In BtS, +8 relations suffice.) Change id: <u>148</u>.

The following changes to relations modifiers should make diplomacy more consistent, more dynamic and less exploitable. Changes to vassal agreements are described at the end of the chapter.

- "Our mutual military struggle ...": A bonus of more than 1 now requires getting involved in the war, that is, to inflict or incur losses. The bonus decays over time and is reduced when there is a non-mutual war. (In BtS, it's sufficient to be formally at war, and, once accumulated, the bonus stays for the rest of the game.) Fighting inside an ally's borders is especially effective at increasing the diplo bonus. Fighting Barbarians inside another civ's borders counts too, even when there is no shared war. 130m
- "You agreed to come to our aid in wartime": Joining a war at the request of an AI civ results in a +1 relations bonus that is remembered for 100 turns on average. <u>130s</u>
- When a war ally is brought in, the two allies automatically sign a 10-turn peace treaty. 146
- "Years of peace" only start to count once a civ is met. 130a
- "You stopped trading with us": One cannot propose an embargo against one's own trade partner; will first have to cancel those trades. The target of the embargo refuses to

talk for (on average) 18 turns (BtS: 30) with both the civ that proposed the embargo and the one that agreed to it. (Exception: when a master asks its vassal to stop trading.) The embargo severs even recent deals that couldn't otherwise be canceled. <u>130f</u>

- "You made an arrogant demand" now only applies when a tribute demand is granted; no diplo penalty if the AI refuses to pay. However, if a player declares war on an AI civ that remembers having paid tribute, that civ and all AI civs it has met refuse tribute and help requests by the player for (on average) 80 turns. When an AI civ declares war, it forgets all tribute demands, i.e. it can be attacked without repercussions. 1300
- "You press us too hard": There is always a chance that the AI refuses a request for a gift for no particular reason. A refused request is therefore not a reliable way to determine if the AI is preparing war against the player who makes the request. The AI is willing to grant a gift about every 30 turns (20 in BtS). 144
- "You're getting ahead of us": Al civs dislike civs that are ranked slightly higher on the scoreboard but not those ranked much higher. These rank-based modifiers work differently in BtS (and BtS hides them from the player). 130c
- "A first impression is a lasting one": Another hidden BtS modifier; this one remains static
 for the entire game. It is based on leader personalities and affects mostly relations
 between AI civs. AdvCiv reduces the modifier a bit, specifically the impact of "peace
 weight," to make diplomacy less preordained. 130b
- "We oppose your ruthless expansionism": Having a high number of cities with foreign majority culture results in relations penalties from everyone. These penalties complement the ones for having vassals ("worried about our rivals being vassals to your empire"). 130w
- "We would have nothing to gain": Al leaders are reluctant to sign Open Borders with civs whom they haven't located yet (not a single revealed land tile) or can't reach. When pleased, most Al leaders sign Open Borders regardless of accessibility. <u>124</u>
- "Our Open Borders have brought our peoples together": The time that it takes to attain and increase this bonus depends on the distances and trade routes between the two peoples' cities. <u>130i</u>
- "All the years you have supplied us with resources": This can take many, many years if the recipient already has many resources. <u>149</u>
- All AI memory decays. For example, memory about how "you razed our cities" decays by one city every 75 turns on average (<u>130r</u>). The other decay times (no decay in BtS):

| Memory type | Turns |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| "You razed our cities" | 75 |
| "You razed a holy city" | 150 |
| "Your spy was caught" | 40 |
| "You made an arrogant demand" | 30 |
| "You liberated our cities" | 150 |
| "You granted us independence" | 10x30 |

| Memory type | Turns |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| "You nuked us" | 120 |
| "You nuked our friends" | 80 |
| "You negotiated a trade embargo" | 60 |
| "You declared war on our friends" | 120 |
| "You brought in a war ally" | 75 |
| "You declared war on us" | 150 |

 "You declared war on us" penalty reduced to -2 if the declaration of war is triggered by a defensive pact. 130y

- "We are upset that you have signed Defensive Pacts with our rivals": Not if we like these rivals, or have our own defensive pacts with them, or if we're too weak to attack them anyway. Also no penalty for voluntary vassals ("our rivals being vassals to your empire") if we like those vassals. <u>130t</u>
- The AI refuses to sign a Defensive Pact if it was recently canceled (same mechanism as for canceled Open Borders). Defensive Pacts aren't automatically canceled when triggered, i.e. when a third party declares war on one of the signatories. 130p/ kekm.3
- "We care for our brothers and sisters of the faith"/ "You have wisely chosen your civics": If many civs share a religion or civic (e.g. Hereditary Rule), the relations bonuses are reduced. Conversely, the AI is more tolerant toward different religions if its own religion is shared by few. The AI only gets upset about another religion once it encounters a city with that religion. 130x//130n
- "You accepted our state religion/ favorite civic": The bonus decays faster when the player switches out of that religion or civic. <u>145</u>
- "Our trade relations have been fair and forthright": No longer based (primarily) on how recently a civ was met; more difficult to max out; and trades that are indeed "fair" contribute to the bonus. (In BtS, only what the AI gets on top of a fair deal counts.) 130p
- "You have traded with our worst enemy": The penalty is reduced when the worst enemy changes. Trade with a war enemy counts (partially) even if that enemy is not the worst enemy. Open Borders contribute to the enemy trade penalty. 130p
- "Perhaps it is time for all this bloodshed to end": The AI sometimes contacts human players with peace offers that can be more generous than those resulting from "what is the price for peace/ stop this fighting". Rejecting such an offer makes the AI slightly less willing to accept human peace offers. (In BtS, a bug prevents AI peace offers.) 134a
- The AI forgets actions of other civs, like "You gave us help", a little less randomly, whereas the tracking of e.g. "years of peace" or supplied resources is now a bit randomized. (In BtS, e.g. "years of peace" pay off after exactly 60 turns.) 130k/ 130i

AdvCiv eliminates most of the diplomatic drawbacks associated with **capitulated vassals** (change <u>130v</u>). They have Friendly attitude toward the master, share the master's attitude toward rivals (but no better than Cautious), can't be anyone's worst enemy and are ineligible as war targets and for elections (<u>014</u>). The master civ is held responsible for grievances caused by its capitulated vassals – penalties for razed cities, border troubles and trades with a worst enemy are partially added to the master's relations modifiers –, but the master is not blamed for things that the vassal civ did prior to the vassal agreement, nor for the vassal's religion.

Peacefully acquired vassals still work as in BtS, i.e. as largely independent. The conditions under which the AI agrees to a vassal agreement have been tweaked: Civs only look for a master when feeling threatened – having fallen behind is not reason enough (112). If a master civ fails to protect its voluntary vassal (substantial loss of territory or nuked repeatedly), the vassal cancels the agreement (143). A vassal that gets close to a victory condition also cancels the vassal agreement (112).

The following changes (130h) should make it easier to have productive relations with former vassals after **helping them break free**: Civs in a vassal-master relationship don't consider each other "friends" as far as the "you declared war on our friends" penalty is concerned. When a vassal makes peace or breaks free, its memory about past

declarations of war is decreased. When a capitulated vassal is freed because its master capitulates, the freed vassal gives +2 "You granted us independence" to the master of its former master. Freed vassals and their liberator automatically cease fire. 130y

Happiness from vassals ("We influence other civilizations") is now only gained from voluntary vassals, and it's capped at +1. $\underline{142}$

City trades with the AI are possible under the following conditions:

- The recipient needs to have at least 10% nationality (city tile culture) and at least half as much as the current owner. Exceptions:
 - When negotiating peace, 10% nationality of the recipient is always sufficient.
 - Liberation to a colonial vassal is allowed regardless of nationality.
 - Master to vassal: The vassal needs to have higher nationality than its master.
 - Vassals can never trade or liberate cities to rivals.
- War with the previous owner or nearby enemy units prevent (non-liberation) city trades.
- As in K-Mod, unrevealed cities are treated as secret and thus cannot be traded.
- Al attitude threshold for giving away cities in (non-liberation) trade: Personality-based. For many Al leaders (much) less strict if the owner has less than 20% nationality.
- The AI doesn't give away cities of major economic importance.
- After a (non-liberation) city trade, a peace treaty is signed automatically. Rarely, the AI may reject a city ("we have our reasons") in order to avoid a peace treaty.
- The AI accepts liberated cities only for free, as payment for making peace or in exchange for another liberated city. As in BtS, liberation to the AI improves relations, and only former owners and colonial vassals can receive a city through liberation.

The above doesn't cover all AI trade denial conditions. Full documentation: rules | AI | UI

User interface: The Foreign Advisor screen lists possible city trades on a new tab "Cities", and there is an alert for new city trades (can be disabled on the BUG menu).

Better Barbarians

Barbarian activity increases gradually: The activity peak is reached when 56% of a continent are claimed by cultural borders (63% with Raging Barbarians). This happens typically toward the end of the Classical era. In contrast, BtS Barbarians peak shortly after they first appear.

Fewer Barbarians on low-yield tiles: The number of Barbarians that appear on a continent is based on the number of (culturally) owned and unowned tiles; in BtS, all land tiles count equally. AdvCiv disregards unhabitable tiles (0 food when ignoring hills and improvements) but adds 50% of the number of coastal tiles surrounding the continent. Thus, continents with large (arctic) deserts produce fewer Barbarians than in BtS, whereas snaky continents with long coasts produce more.

Barbarians can no longer appear on unhabitable tiles. They're less likely to appear on tiles with a total yield of 1, i.e. jungle and tundra, and more likely on all other tiles. The aim of this change is to help civs that are surrounded by poor land, and to disadvantage civs that have much good land to settle.

"Fogbusting" nerfed: In BtS, Barbarians can't appear within two tiles of any unit. This makes it easy to keep Barbarians at bay with just a few Warriors. AdvCiv removes this 2-tile restriction. That said, Barbarians still can't appear on tiles visible to any civ. So fogbusting remains a useful tactic (ideally from hills for extra visibility), but covering the entire frontier isn't always feasible.

Adjustment for game speed: The rate at which defeated Barbarians are replaced is now adjusted to the game speed setting. In BtS, Barbarians tend to be much more dangerous on slow settings than on fast ones; this should not be the case in AdvCiv.

The Great Wall (TGW) **reworked**: Has two out of the three following abilities depending on whether Barbarians are raging (RB), standard or disabled (no Barbarians, NB):

- +1 trade route in cities on the same continent except when playing with RB;
- · prevents Barbarians from entering your borders on this continent except with NB;
- +100% emergence of Great Generals inside your cultural borders if RB or NB.

To match the flavor of the trade route ability, TGW switches its Great Person type with Versailles, i.e. TGW generates **Great Merchant** points and Versailles generates Great Spy points. TGW costs **300 production** instead of 150, **requires Archery** and **two Walls** (i.e. Masonry is still required indirectly). The prerequisite Walls can be in arbitrary cities. The new abilities should be reasonably balanced for all Barbarian settings. As for the increased cost, bear in mind that Barbarians don't become a major threat until the Classical era in AdvCiv, so there is no need to build this wonder very early.

TGW goes **obsolete with Corporation**, and I've taken this opportunity to weaken The **Great Lighthouse**: Now obsolete with Astronomy instead of Corporation, whereas the **Colossus** goes obsolete with Chemistry instead of Astronomy (and K-Mod increases its cost by 100).

Barbarian naval assaults: Barbarian land units can appear aboard Barbarian Galleys in the fog of war. Once a Galley has cargo, it moves toward some nearby city for a naval assault. The units can also be dropped along the way, randomly, or in order to attack an unprotected non-combat unit. The intention is to make Barbarian Galleys harder to ignore, especially for civs without seafood at stake.

Great General points (GGP) from Barbarians: In BtS, up to 10 XP per unit can be gained from combat with Barbarians, but that XP doesn't translate into GGP. This is probably to disincentivize "farming" of Barbarians in tiles that are deliberately left unobserved. AdvCiv counts 50% of XP from Barbarians as GGP, rounded down. To avoid farming, XP from attacks on Barbarians is reduced to 75%. This results e.g. in only 1 XP and 0 GGP from a successful attack at 90% odds – no risk, no GGP.

Scouts & Animals: Scouts may attack animals – after all, *Hunting* is a requirement for training Scouts – and Scouts get a combat bonus against all Barbarians, not just against animals. A "No Animals" option has been added to the Custom Game screen, taking the place of the poorly implemented "No Espionage" option (see change 309 about restoring that option); "No Barbarians" still means that no animals appear. On Emperor difficulty and Immortal, the AI starts with one free Scout instead of two and, on Immortal and Deity, with one fewer Archer than in BtS; this leaves more Tribal Villages for humans (change 250e).

Explorers & Tribal Villages: Explorers get the ability to attack Barbarians, which allows them to enter Tribal Villages guarded by a Barbarian unit, but they can't capture cities and no longer receive any free promotions.

Starting after turn 50 (on Normal speed; speed-adjusted), most of the Tribal Village effects become gradually stronger and reach their maximal impact on turn 250.

- Gold: By turn 250, the gold is increased tenfold.
- Tech: Initially about 55 progress toward a random pre-Industrial tech, and about 550 by turn 250.
- Map, XP, Heal: These have a chance of triggering an additional positive outcome. The

- chance reaches 100% around turn 160.
- Scout: Can be replaced by a Worker; same probability as above.
- Warrior and Hostiles: May create Warriors, Archers, Longbows, Musketmen, depending on the tech known to the Barbarians. A friendly unit can start with some free promotions.

Most of these changes are customizable through XML; see *Config* under 314 and 315.

New World Barbarians: These changes only really affect maps that have initially unsettled continents. On a related note, AdvCiv makes the AI civs more willing to settle on unclaimed continents. (change <u>040</u>).

- Barbarian cities begin to appear on continents without any civs earlier than they do in BtS. This way, a patchy network of Barbarian cities tends to be cover the New World by the time it is discovered, reminiscent of Sid Meier's Colonization. Since these cities produce lots of units by themselves, I've disabled the placement of (free) Barbarian units on continents without civs, and added a mechanism that disbands Barbarian units when an area becomes too crowded. Barbarians act relatively peacefully so long as their cities on a continent outnumber those of all civs taken together.
- The technological progress of Barbarians slows down once they stop sharing a continent with any civ. Once the New World is colonized, Barbarian research tends to catch up quickly, allowing the New World Barbarians to train Musketmen.
- To reinforce the notion that each Barbarian city represents a separate tribe or city state, I've ensured that the Barbarian AI never expands its borders.

Immortal Culture

- Eliminating a civ no longer removes that civ's tile culture. The remaining culture can cause anger, now listed as "We resent being ruled by a foreign culture" instead of "We yearn to join our motherland." 099
- Revolts can occur in any cities, not just those close to foreign borders, and culture of dead civs can cause revolts. However, only border cities can flip. Cities can never flip from a master to its vassal. If a city can't flip, it loses one population on the third revolt and on subsequent revolts. <u>099c</u>
- The occupation timer after conquest or revolt decreases only with a per-turn probability. That probability is computed based on the city's revolt probability. The nationality bar on the city screen shows both probabilities. The occupation timer after conquest starts at no more than 3 turns (in BtS: 3 + 50% population).
 - Revolts can happen during occupation unless the city owner is at war with the owner of the foreign culture.
 - Damage makes units less effective at suppressing revolts, and occupying units heal only as fast as in a friendly non-city tile. <u>023</u>
- "Cruel oppression" anger in a city makes revolts considerably harder to suppress.
 (Otherwise, Slavery would be a too obvious answer for anger from foreign culture.) 101
- An alert message is shown when a city's revolt chance becomes positive. 210b
- The flipping-after-conquest game option is now called "No City Flipping after Conquest",
 i.e. its effect has been inverted. <u>101</u>
- When a tile is culturally contested between two civs and only one of them has a city

close enough to work the tile, then the other civ's tile culture is affected by a decay rate. This gives the civ that is able to work the tile an edge. <u>099b</u>

- K-Mod also makes changes to culture and revolts. AdvCiv keeps some of these see the first few bullets in the next chapter –, and reverses others:
 - Foreign culture strength no longer goes toward infinity when the current owner has close to 0% culture. 101
 - AdvCiv disables culture from trade routes (still optional via XML). 125

K-Mod

See also the K-Mod thread on CFC.

BUG (Better Unaltered Gameplay): Many BUG options are disabled by default in K-Mod and AdvCiv in favor of a lean interface that provides essential time savers but doesn't look too different from unmodified BtS. Please use the BUG menu (Ctrl+Alt+O) to adjust the settings to your own preferences. To import settings from another BUG installation, it should suffice to copy the respective .ini files to My Games\Beyond the Sword\AdvCiv\settings. However, this hasn't been tested much and will disable AdvCiv's fly-out scoreboard columns (085). Like all BUG-based mods, AdvCiv will restore its default settings if the Settings folder is removed.

<u>BULL</u> is included only partly in K-Mod, meaning that some help text and overlays are unavailable. I've merged the Show Hidden Attitude Mod (included in BULL but not BUG; change <u>advc.sha</u>), added Sentry behavior to Fortify-Heal (change <u>004l</u>) and replaced BULL's <u>pre-chop</u> option with a more general pre-build command (<u>011</u>) that is triggered by holding down the Ctrl key while clicking on a Worker command. There are still several conveniences in BULL and other UI mods that are, so far, missing in AdvCiv; that said, AdvCiv also includes usability tweaks beyond those in other mods (see <u>004</u> for a list).

For players who aren't familiar with K-Mod, I'm listing the major gameplay changes. For players who *are* familiar with K-Mod, I'm also listing the K-Mod changes that I've reverted (end of this chapter).

- Culture system: Culture levels (e.g. "Influential") matter less in culture wars, and specific
 city culture values matter more. Moreover, the range at which the culture of a city affects
 borders has been increased, meaning that the number of border cities and their culture
 are less decisive. The output of several culture sources has been reduced:
 - Cathedrals increase culture by 40% instead of 50% and cost only 240 instead of 300.
 - Free Speech increases culture by 50% instead of 100%.
 - The Sistine chapel adds only 3 culture to religious buildings, not 5.
 - Culture from Great Works ("culture bomb") is adjusted to the game era.
 - Corporations provide less culture per resource.
 - About a dozen Great Wonders have their culture output reduced a bit.
 - The Spread Culture mission only affects tile culture, i.e. it can no longer be exploited for an "espionage victory."
 - Regarding culture victory, note that tech costs in the late game have also been increased, i.e. both culture and space victory take longer than in BtS.

 City flipping: Revolts happen faster, but cities don't flip until the third revolt. "The net effect of these changes is that [...] it's a bit more predictable and less dependent on luck." (from the K-Mod changelog)

The revolt probability is halved if a unit with the Leadership promotion is present.

- Vassal agreements: Can instruct vassals to start war preparations via "Let's discuss something else." The impact of vassals on number-of-cities maintenance is more noticeable than in BtS.
- The number-of-cities maintenance cost is no longer capped at 8 cities, meaning that very large empires can incur very high city maintenance. (See <u>570</u> for details.)
- Expendable units are chosen as defenders when no defender has favorable odds.
 (Lead From Behind mod component)
- Buffed considerably:
 - Serfdom +1 commerce on farms and plantations; -1 on towns
 - All cargo ships +1 capacity
 - XP from Great Warlord increased based on the number of units in the tile
- When a religion spreads, one of the older religions is sometimes (randomly) removed.
- The AI never agrees to Cease Fire.
- Trades offered by the AI can come with a discount. The discount is foregone if the player makes a counter-proposal. (In AdvCiv, the offer can also include more gold than the AI would normally consider; change <u>026</u>.)
- Espionage points accumulated by rivals against the player are treated as secret. Rival war weariness is only displayed when demographics are visible.
- The AI uses a greater variety of spy missions.
- Nerfed slightly:
 - War Elephant +10 cost
 - The Colossus +100 cost
 - State Property doesn't remove colony maintenance
- Buffed slightly (incomplete list):
 - Vassalage -25% number-of-cities maintenance
 - Mercantilism upkeep Low
 - Grenadier +10% city attack
 - Watermill +1 commerce initially but only another +1 from Electricity
 - Drill I -15% collateral damage
 - Protective trait boosts production of Security Bureau
 - Aggressive trait boosts production of Jail; Jail gets -2 espionage (regardless of trait)
 - Industrial Park +1 free Engineer (i.e. 2 in total), +50 cost
 - Nuclear Plant meltdowns less disastrous

- Guided Missile +1 range
- Space Elevator another +50% production to spaceship parts
- Forest Preserve +1 commerce
- Environmentalism doesn't penalize corporations, yields +1 happiness from Public Transportation but has High upkeep. Environmentalism and Public Transportation both reduce bad health from population instead of granting good health.

Some that I couldn't put better, quoted from the K-Mod database page:

- "Barbarian Galleys get -10% strength"
- "Tech requirements for corporations changed: Civ Jewelers: Corporation, Sushi Co: Refrigeration, Cereal Mills: Medicine, Creative Constr.: Steel, Std. Ethanol: Combustion"
- "Mining Inc now uses Aluminium and Uranium instead of Gold and Silver (this should make Mining Inc slightly weaker, and Civ Jewelers more viable)"
- "Cereal Mills also has +0.25 food output" [also: Aluminum Co. +0.5 research]
- "In the diplomacy screen, pressing 'Lets stop this fighting...' will now bring up the trade screen with the Al's suggested peace terms. (Originally, it just made peace instantly without any trades – it was a horrible button.)"
- "Tech trades in which the receiving player is more than 2/3 of the way through researching the tech or when the tech is two eras behind the 'game era' [the recipient's era in AdvCiv; 550e] no longer count toward tech trade memory; i.e. they don't contribute to causing 'We fear you are becoming too advanced'."
- "Global warming has less of an impact on the map, but (in long games) causes unhappiness to those civs contributing to pollution. There's a new advisor screen [Environment tab on the Economics Advisor] about this."

Revised by AdvCiv:

- Changes made in order to smoothen or reinforce K-Mod balance changes:
 - Forest Preserve at Biology instead of Scientific Method. 901
 - Watermill takes 4 turns to build, and Lumbermill 5 (instead of 8 both). 902
 - Serfdom has Medium upkeep instead of Low. 912a
 - Pacifism costs 1 gold per military unit, not 0.5. <u>912b</u>
 - Colossus is obsolete with Chemistry. 310
 - Great Lighthouse obsolete with Astronomy; cost 250 (300 in K-Mod, 200 in BtS). 310
 - Quechua has no bonus against Archers; cost is 15 (was 20 in K-Mod). 907b
 - Ship of the Line strength 10 (as in K-Mod), +25% against Frigate (K-Mod 20, BtS 50), reg. Iron (as in BtS), +1 move, increased bombard rate, cost -10. 905b
 - Ironclad +1 move (as in K-Mod), at Steam Power (no Steel required), +25 % defense on Coast. 905b
 - Machine Gun +25% vs. Mounted units, not 10%. 909a
 - Hippodrome grants 1 Artist slot (K-Mod 2, originally 0) 913a

- Changes kept from K-Mod versions prior to 1.45:
 - Scientific Method +1 research per specialist (1.45 moves this to Computers and has Scientific Method provide +10% commerce)
 - Lumbermill at Guilds with +1 commerce (902: regardless of river) but no production bonus until Replaceable Parts (1.45 gives them +1 production already at Guilds)
- Adjustments to K-Mod AI behavior:
 - Al razes fewer cities and less randomly; 116
 - uses Slavery and Drafting less aggressively, though still frequently; 121b, 017
 - uses malicious espionage only against civs it dislikes. 120

Reverted by AdvCiv:

- See <u>Immortal Culture</u> about reverted changes to culture and revolts.
- Production overflow is never invested into an additional unit as this had lead to balance problems with AI civs training multiple Archers per turn. Instead, excess overflow is converted into gold as in the <u>Unofficial Patch</u>, though with some tweaks to make this conversion harder to abuse. <u>064b</u>
- Gifting Great People to the AI does not provide a relations bonus. 141
- No impact of global research on inflation; instead, adjusted tech costs based on difficulty for a more historically accurate tech pace, and Immortal and Deity games now start on turn 10. 251
- Some minor balance changes undone that weren't pulling their weight in terms of added complexity (change <u>200</u>):
 - Colosseum back at cost 80, no culture boost
 - 2 culture from Monastery, not 1; 4 culture from Madrassa, not 3
 - · Eiffel Tower back at Radio
 - No +2 production for Assembly Plant; no withdrawal chance for Musketeer; no free XP for Dun
 - Drill does not lead to additional promotions except Blitz (see next chapter)
 - Civilized Jewelers back at Mass Media (not Corporation)
 - All corporations have the same maintenance multiplier (i.e. mostly as in BtS)

Important miscellaneous changes in AdvCiv

- Attacking a Worker or Settler no longer yields a captured Worker; the attacked unit just dies, i.e. no Worker stealing. <u>010</u>
- Trade routes can only come from revealed cities, and the paths to those cities need to be revealed as well. Cities are temporarily unavailable for trade when in disorder. Trade along rivers doesn't require any tech (as in Warlords/ Vanilla; BtS demands Sailing). When borders of a war enemy block trade, a naval blockade can override this. Connecting a resource on an island workable by a mainland city requires only a road,

not a fort. 124

- When mountain peaks block off part of a landmass, the parts are treated as separate continents. This is relevant for the placement of Barbarians, colony maintenance and wonders that affect only one continent; though the main point is to make things easier for the Al. 030
- Map generation: Clusters of Gold, Gems made less common. Silver may occur on Grassland Forest. No Flood Plains on river corners. Jungle may occur on Plains. <u>129</u>
- New algorithm for assigning starting locations. Should partition the available land more evenly than in BtS. Not enabled for all map scripts (list). 027, 108
- When a tile with unfinished Worker builds is left alone for more than 7 turns, the invested Worker turns begin to decay. This is mainly to disincentivize pre-chopping. <u>011</u>
- Forest and Jungle provide only 25% defense, and none if the tile is owned by the attacker. <u>012</u>
- Workers can no longer chop Forests and Jungles on unowned tiles. 119
- Al evacuates land units that can't defend well from cities that are about to be attacked and untenable. 139
- When the AI has more happiness or health than it needs, it may refuse to accept resources in trade or may trade away its only copy of a resource.
- Hereditary Rule grants 1 happiness per every 2 military units and +25% happiness from resources. 912c
- Granary stores only 40% food, but provides food also after starvation. 160
- Financial trait grants +1 commerce only on tiles with a natural yield of at least 2 commerce (e.g. Coast) or a total yield of at least 3 commerce (e.g. riverside Hamlet).
- Praetorian strength reduced from 8 to 7, cost from 45 to 40, starts with March, still no city attack bonus, and renamed to "Legionary." <u>907a</u>
- East Indiaman is a unique Frigate with 3 cargo spaces. Increased bombard rate of Frigate. <u>905b</u>
- Galley, Trireme, Caravel, Frigate, Privateer +1 move. (Except Barbarian Galleys.) Cost of Galley and Trireme reduced from 50 to 45. Cost of Transport reduced from 125 to 100 and can't attack. Trireme has strength 3, but gets no bonus vs. Galley. 905(b)
- Metal Casting tech cost reduced by 1/6, Optics increased by 10% to compensate. 306
- Attack Submarine and Submarine (now called "Nuclear Submarine") switch places in the tech tree. Both units get 6 first strikes, which should make them more dangerous for Battleship, but Destroyer gets to ignore first strikes. Battleship costs 250 instead of 225.
 Stealth Destroyer receives the same anti-air and anti-submarine abilities as Destroyer and 1 cargo space for missiles but also a cost increase from 220 to 270. 906
- Drill I enables the Blitz promotion for ships, but Blitz only allows one extra attack, 164
- The Spy unit can investigate rival cities, but (unlike in Warlords) with a mission cost. 103
- Research progress toward a tech makes that tech cheaper to steal. 120i

- No espionage slider until Alphabet. 120c
- Get to choose from more civics and religions when using the "Change civics/religion"
 Spy mission, or when negotiating peace or trading with a vassal. <u>132</u>
- Wonders that have been removed from the production queue generate no "fail gold."
 Also no gold from national units. <u>123f</u>
- Can no longer bypass the Theocracy restriction by gifting missionaries. 123a/ kekm.4
- The Apostolic Palace can propose war against (non-full) voting members, but only full members are compelled to declare war. kekm.25
- On Emperor difficulty and above, some of the AI bonuses have been reduced, but human civs face increased production costs, research costs, city growth thresholds and Great Person thresholds. The progressive AI bonuses are now based on the game turn instead of the AI era. No second free Settler for the AI on Deity. 251/250e
- The default player count is 8 for the Standard map size. On Immortal and Deity, it might be better to stick to 7 players as in BtS because the AI is quick to expand. <u>137</u>
- "No Slavery" option that prevents human players from adopting the Slavery civic. 912d
- When playing with "Minimize Pop-Ups" (recommended): If more than 3 messages would be displayed at the beginning of a turn, the Event Log is opened instead. This can be disabled through the BUG menu. In the Event Log, a special entry "Older messages" marks the end of the unread messages. 106
- "Show friendly moves" and "Show enemy moves" (player options) cause much less delay during AI turns: I've disabled most of the pointless AI patrols and excluded Worker moves from being shown to the player. <u>102</u>
- Switched the no-war-probability of Roosevelt and Darius, meaning that Darius can start wars when pleased, and Roosevelt – normally – cannot. <u>005a</u>
- Suryavarman's favorite religion is Hinduism and his favorite civic Caste System. 005a

Start Points as Handicap (SPaH)

The SPaH game option gives Advanced Starts only to the AI civs. You might want to use this option if:

- You find the game too easy on moderate difficulty, and dislike the crass ongoing Al bonuses on the high difficulty levels, perhaps for reasons of immersion. A big head start for the AI can be taken to mean that the AI civilizations emerged earlier than yours, like how the Romans appeared later than the Egyptians, whereas the ongoing AI bonuses on Immortal are hard to explain or overlook.
 - A big AI head start can narrow down the viable strategies in the early game though. It helps to assign start points unequally to the AI civs because this leaves some targets for early warfare, and a few far-ahead AI civs can't build all the early wonders.
- You find the game too easy on moderate difficulty, and dislike the big AI head start on the high difficulty levels, e.g. a Worker on Immortal. (Note that AdvCiv removes the free Settler on Deity.) Since Advanced Start replaces the AI freebies from the difficulty setting, you can reduce the AI head start by setting a modest amount of AI start points,

- e.g. Deity with 400 start points.
- You don't want every AI civ to receive the exact same freebies because this creates some distortions; for example, the Zulu get only one additional tech (Archery) on Immortal instead of three because they start with Hunting and Agriculture in any case.

Usage:

Not entirely intuitive because, sadly, the Custom Game screen can't be modified apart from adding checkboxes. You'll need to check the "Advanced Start" option in order to unlock the "Base Points" box; without Advanced Start, the SPaH option has no effect. If you enter at most 9999 Base Points, then each AI civ simply receives the amount of points entered.

If you enter a five- or six-digit number, SPaH assigns start points unequally. The box is then assumed to contain two distinct numbers: a percentage in the two digits to the right and an integer in the three or four digits to the left. E.g. 80050 means 800 and 50%. The left number says how many start points the bottommost AI civ receives, i.e. the civ in the bottommost AI slot. The topmost AI civ (topmost AI slot) receives a *fraction* of the bottommost's points equal to the percentage. In the example, that's 50% of 800 = 400. The remaining AI civs receive values in between those two bounds. (Combined with Monarch difficulty, the 800/50% setting should be a challenge between Emperor and Immortal.)

SPaH never gives an Advanced Start to human civs, i.e. they start as normal with a Settler and Warrior or Scout. Humans receive starting locations based on the difficulty setting, i.e. the best ones on Settler and the (almost) worst ones on Deity. Then, if an unequal point distribution is used, the AI civs with the fewest points (top AI slots) are placed in the locations closest to the human civs, and the AI civs with the most points (bottom AI slots) are placed the farthest away.

Once the game has started, the start point distribution is shown on the Settings tab of the Victory screen. You'll also notice that the game doesn't start on turn 0. This is done to reinforce the notion that the human civs are late arrivals, and to have the game year match the overall development of the world.

An AI civ with a small number of points may have difficulties repelling a human Warrior rush, so I'd recommend against going far below 300. AI civs receive at least the 150 start points needed for a city, even if fewer points are entered. Unequal distributions are incompatible with team games, which is to say, they should technically work, but the assignment algorithm makes no effort to balance the teams' start points and locations. See 250b about how to enable Advanced Start and SPaH in scenarios.

General changes to Advanced Start (250c):

BtS allows start points to be converted 1:1 into production, which is usually far better than a 1:1 conversion into research. In order to make technologies a bit more attractive in Advanced Start, I've changed the conversion rate to 1:1.5 for production, meaning that cities, units and buildings now cost 50% more. Improvements, visibility and culture still seemed overcosted in comparison, so I've lowered the costs of these a bit.

Advanced Start costs are no longer adjusted to the game speed setting. This makes it unnecessary to manually adjust the start points entered on the Custom Game screen to match the game speed. When playing without SPaH and on a difficulty higher than Noble, the AI receives more start points than entered. This was apparently intended by the BtS developers but not correctly implemented. Conversely, human start points are no longer adjusted based on difficulty (this was working in BtS); humans get exactly as many points

as entered.

For reference, the AI freebies for each difficulty setting, and the number of start points that would be needed in order to buy those freebies given the above changes to Advanced Start costs and assuming Standard map size (tech is more expensive on larger maps):

| Difficulty | Prince | Monarch | Emperor | Immortal | Deity |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Free initial items per AI civ | 1 Settler 1 Warrior | 1 Settler 1 Archer 1 Warrior | 1 Settler 2 Archers 1 Scout ^{see 250e} | 1 Settler 1 Worker 2 Archers ^{250e} 1 Scout ^{250e} | 1 Settler ^{250e} 1 Worker 3 Archers 2 Scout |
| | | Archery | Archery Hunting | Archery Hunting Agriculture | Archery Hunting Agriculture The Wheel |
| Worth in pts. | 187 | 294 | 386 | 566 | 731 |

Includes 15 extra points for the 10 free initial production that the AI civs receive on all difficulty settings. In AdvCiv, the AI civs do not receive this free production after an Advanced Start. On Monarch and below, if an AI civ starts with Hunting, the Warrior becomes a Scout.

Rise and Fall (R&F)

If the R&F game option is enabled on the Custom Game screen, the game gets divided into several *chapters* (of history). During the first chapter, you play as the leader and civ set on the Custom Game screen (random also works). Once a chapter ends, you're asked to select one of the other civs in the game. During the next chapter, you control the selected civ, while your previous civ is controlled by the Al. After each chapter, a score is awarded that measures how much your civ has improved since the start of the chapter. If you manage to fulfill a victory condition, the game ends, and you score a premium, which is, again, based on the standing of your civ at the start of the chapter. To maximize the total score, you need to pick civs that are doing badly but have the potential for improvement. If you play well, civs will "rise" under you control, and begin to decline after Al control resumes – this is the "fall" part. That is, unlike in the Rhye's and Fall mod, there is no special collapse mechanism. There is no connection with the "Rise & Fall" expansion for Civ 6. The High to Low challenge in Kael's Assimilation mod has been an inspiration.

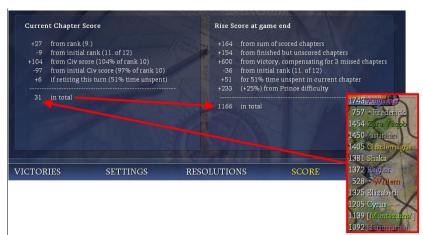
Supported and recommended game settings: Single-player only, no teams or Permanent Alliances. The number of chapters is 6 on Quick speed, 7 on Normal, 8 on Epic and 9 on Marathon, provided that there are enough civs in the game. Since a different civ is supposed to be played in each chapter and some are usually eliminated before the final chapter, it's advisable to configure at least 1.5 times as many civs as chapters. If you dislike playing on Huge maps, you can fit enough civs on a Large map (up to 16 I'd say) or even a Normal map (up to 12) if you set the sea level to Low (assuming a standard map script like Fractal or Continents). You may want to take a look at the "Score" tab of the Victory screen at game start in order to verify that the number and length of chapters is as intended.

I haven't tested unusual settings much, but R&F should, in principle, work with any map script and any scenario where the civs start without cities. Advanced Start should be fine too, but not <u>SPaH</u>. Later-era start results in fewer chapters.

R&F is intended to be played at a difficulty that makes it challenging to take a civ from a

rank near the bottom to a rank near the top over the course of a chapter. That's going to be about three difficulty levels lower than what would normally pose a challenge.

Objective: The objective is to maximize what I'm calling the *Rise* score. When the game ends, that score is computed as the sum of the *chapter* scores plus a premium for victory. What the scoreboard on the main interface shows are scores based on population, technology etc.; this score is computed as in BtS, and I'm calling it *CIV* score to distinguish it from the chapter score. Chapter score is based on the change(!) in CIV score



The CIV score from the scoreboard on the lower right feeds into the chapter score on the left of the Score tab, which feeds into the Rise score on the right of the Score tab.

and rank since the beginning of a chapter. Once the game ends, the final rank between "Dan Quayle" and "Augustus Caesar" is computed from the Rise score. (In non-R&F games, the rank is computed from the CIV score and game end turn.)

Delayed scoring, AI changes: A chapter isn't scored right after it ends but during the subsequent chapter. This is done to disincentivize shortsighted plays toward the end of a chapter, e.g. conquering cities that aren't tenable in the long run. The first chapter is scored in the middle of the second chapter. With each chapter, the scoring delay decreases a little; the penultimate chapter is scored one quarter into the final chapter. The exact turns on which scoring happens are shown on the upper half of the Score tab. On those turns, a popup with a breakdown of the chapter score appears.

A side-effect of delayed scoring is that you have a stake in two civs during the first portion of each chapter: the one you're currently playing and the one from the previous chapter. This creates an awkward incentive for helping the civ from the previous chapter. Similarly, toward the end of a chapter, there can be an incentive for helping whichever civ you're going to take control of in the next chapter. In order to limit such collusive help, I've made the following changes to the AI:

- Doesn't accept unsolicited gifts, and asks for gifts less frequently than normal. No units can be gifted.
- Rejects offers that are heavily lopsided in favor of the AI. This can also mean that the AI refuses to make peace in exchange for a valuable technology.
- Is reluctant to get paid for things of questionable value to the player: civics and religion changes, embargoes, sponsored war and brokered peace.

These restrictions don't apply: to civs that have already been scored; to vassals of the player; nor to any civs that outrank the player on the scoreboard. During the final chapter, the restrictions only apply to the civ from the penultimate chapter (until that civ is scored).

Intermediate periods: In between every two consecutive chapters, there is an "intermediate" period of 5 to 10 turns (depending on game speed) during which you control no civ. During an intermediate period, most elements of the user interface aren't updated, meaning that you have practically no vision and agency. A countdown on the upper right

shows how many turns remain until the start of the next chapter. The main purpose of the intermediate periods is to hinder military cooperation between the civs played in two consecutive chapters.

Civ selection: When an intermediate period ends, you're prompted to select a civ for the upcoming chapter. Each civ should be played for at most one chapter. Sometimes, this is impossible because too many civs have been eliminated already; therefore, it's allowed to play the same civ repeatedly, but the chapter score is halved then. Playing the same civ for two chapters in a row is not possible, and any vassals of the most recently played civ are off-limits too.

The selection popup lists civs in order of recommendation: First, non-vassals not previously played, inversely ordered by rank, then, vassals not previously played and, last, civs previously played. Civs



Popup for civ selection

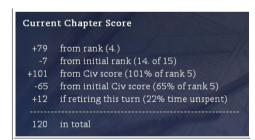
known to any previously played civ are listed by name, the others as "unknown." Hovering over an entry shows the civ's current CIV score, whether it's a vassal, and if so, if capitulated or voluntary and the identity of the master, and lists any war enemies. A victory stage is shown if the civ is close (at least stage 3 out of 4) to fulfilling a victory condition. All this information is provided even if the name of the civ is unknown. It's often unwise to take over a civ that is at war with a stronger opponent. If you select a voluntary vassal, you'll be able to cancel the vassal agreement at any time. As a capitulated vassal, you'll have to acquire enough land and population in order to break free.

Chapter scoring function: The computation of the chapter score isn't entirely simple, but it should suffice to know that the more the CIV score has increased between the start of the chapter and scoring, the higher the chapter score.

 When a chapter is scored, 0 to 100 points are awarded based on the rank r of the scored civ on the CIV scoreboard at the time of scoring:

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100 * (worst rank - r) / (worst rank - 1)
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That's 100 when ranked first (*r*=1) and 0 when ranked last (worst). In this context, the civ currently controlled is always considered to be ranked behind the civ that is being scored; this way, success in the

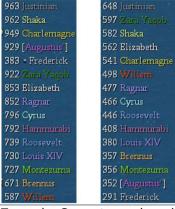


Chapter score breakdown (Score tab)

current chapter can't hurt the score for the previous one. A score for the *initial* rank, i.e. the rank at the time that the scored civ came under human control, is computed in the same way, and subtracted from the score for the current rank. Thus, the total score from rank is maximized (100 points) by starting in the last place and climbing all the way to first. A civ that starts in rank 1 can at best gain 0 points from rank by staying in rank 1, and otherwise loses points.

 Points are also awarded directly for CIV score; otherwise, it would be pointless to continue a chapter when it's clear that the current civ can't climb another rank. The CIV score of the next best rank is used as a point of reference. In the example on the right, Rome is currently fourth, so its score of 929 is divided by that of the fifth rank (Ethiopia, 922), and the resulting percentage (101) is added to the chapter score. At the start of the chapter, Rome's score of 352 was 65% of the fifth rank (Charlemagne, 541), and that percentage is subtracted, resulting in a net gain of 36 points from CIV score.

• If the chapter was ended prematurely through retirement (see "End of chapter" below), the chapter score from rank and CIV score is increased by half the percentage of the turns remaining at the time of retirement. For example, if 14 out of 65 turns remain, the portion of unspent time is 22%, so the chapter score is increased by 11%.



Example: Current scoreboard (left) and scoreboard at the start of the current chapter

If the bottom line is -10 or worse, a square root is applied in order to reduce the loss of points. This is done so that a single failed chapter can't ruin the total Rise score.

End of chapter: All chapters have the same length except for the last one, which can be a bit longer or shorter than the others. The chapter length depends on the number of chapters and the game speed. To see how many turns remain, hover the mouse over your civ's flag on the main interface. During the last three turns of a chapter, a countdown is shown directly on the main interface, and at the beginning of the final turn, there is a popup reminder.

As the end of a chapter approaches, you may want to try putting your civ in a state that its AI leader can work with because the civ comes under AI control for some time before scoring happens. E.g. Gandhi might not continue your war of conquest. Don't rely on preprogramming decisions for the AI: When the AI takes over, the mod clears your slider positions, governor settings and the queues for city production, research and unit missions.

You can end a chapter early by selecting "Retire" from the main menu. This button, which normally concedes the entire game, works very differently with R&F. By retiring early, you earn a bonus to your chapter score (see "Chapter scoring function" above) and the chapter continues on AI Auto Play until its regular end turn. One situation in which retiring makes sense is when your civ is getting so far ahead of the others that the AI might run away with the game once the chapter ends.

| | Chapters | | | | |
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| 3 Rome Turn 146 to 210 (1500 AD) 154 points Scored on Turn 264 4 Aztec Turn 219 to 283 (1826 AD) 31 points (turns remaining: 34) Scored on Turn 337 5 ? Turn 292 to 356 (1936 AD) ? Scored on Turn 410 6 ? Turn 365 to 429 (2009 AD) ? Scored on Turn 483 | | Zululand | Turn 0 to 64 (1440 BC) | 57 points | Scored on Turn 118 |
| 4 Aztec Turn 219 to 283 (1826 AD) 31 points (turns remaining: 34) Scored on Turn 337 5 ? Turn 292 to 356 (1936 AD) ? Scored on Turn 410 6 ? Turn 365 to 429 (2009 AD) ? Scored on Turn 483 | 2 | England | Turn 73 to 137 (540 AD) | 107 points | Scored on Turn 191 |
| 5 ? Turn 292 to 356 (1936 AD) ? Scored on Turn 410 6 ? Turn 365 to 429 (2009 AD) ? Scored on Turn 483 | 3 | Rome | Turn 146 to 210 (1500 AD) | 154 points | Scored on Turn 264 |
| 6 ? Turn 365 to 429 (2009 AD) ? Scored on Turn 483 | 4 | Aztec | Turn 219 to 283 (1826 AD) | 31 points (turns remaining: 34) | Scored on Turn 337 |
| | | | Turn 292 to 356 (1936 AD) | | Scored on Turn 410 |
| 7 ? Turn 438 to 499 (2049 AD) ? Scored on Turn 499 | 6 | | Turn 365 to 429 (2009 AD) | | Scored on Turn 483 |
| | 7 | | Turn 438 to 499 (2049 AD) | ? | Scored on Turn 499 |
| Total so far: 349 | | | Total so far: | 349 | |

List of chapters on the Score tab, showing start and end turn (with end year), chapter score and scoring turn for past chapters, the current chapter and future chapters. The chapters with score values in bold have already been scored; score values not shown in bold indicate the score that would be awarded if the chapter were scored right now.

Game end: The game ends immediately when one of the BtS victory conditions is fulfilled by any civ. If the previous chapter hasn't been scored yet, it is scored now. If an AI civ wins, then the current chapter is scored as well and the Rise score is simply the sum of the

chapter scores. If the human civ wins, then the current chapter is not scored, i.e. rank and CIV score don't matter. Instead, a victory premium is added to the total score of the earlier chapters. This is, once again, a bit complicated; in short, the incentive is to win as early as possible if it can be done from a poor position, but not to win a quick victory by picking a civ that is already about to win.

- Premium *P:* 150 points plus 150 for each chapter that hasn't started yet.
- The premium above is reduced based on the rank r_0 at the start of the current chapter (initial rank) by subtracting

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(P/1.5) * (worst rank -r_0) / (worst rank -1).
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However, even when the initial rank is 1, the premium is never reduced below a lower bound of P/3.

| +164 | from sum of scored chapters |
|------|--|
| +154 | from finished but unscored chapters |
| +600 | from victory, compensating for 3 missed chapters |
| -36 | from initial rank (11. of 12) |
| +51 | for 51% time unspent in current chapter |
| +233 | (+25%) from Prince difficulty |

Rise score breakdown (Score tab)

- In the endgame, score isn't a good measure of a civ's standing. Therefore, whenever R&F considers ranks, those civs close to a victory condition (stage 3 or 4) are considered to be ranked higher than those not close to any victory, and civs at stage 4 outrank those at stage 3.
- Regardless of the initial rank, the percentage of turns remaining in the chapter in which victory has been achieved is added.
- Finally, the Rise score is multiplied by a factor based on the difficulty setting.

On the Hall of Fame screen, the Rise score is shown in the "final score" column. Use the "score victory" filter in order to display only results of R&F games.

A defeat of the human civ does not cause the game to end unless it happens in the final chapter. Instead, human defeat causes the game to continue on Auto Play until the chapter ends, and then a new civ is selected as normal. A defeated civ is scored immediately and is treated as having 0 CIV points.

PerfectMongoose (PM)

The PM map script is based cephalo's <u>PerfectWorld3</u> (PW3), which employs models of plate tectonics, wind patterns and hydrology. The basic ideas are best described in the old CFC <u>thread</u> for PerfectWorld2 (PW2). LunarMongoose ported PW2's successor PW3 from Civ 5 to Civ 4, incorporated changes by AlAndy and Fuyu, and made changes of his own, which are listed in the PM thread on CFC.

- PM vs. Tectonics: LDiCesare's Tectonics script, which is included in BtS, also models plate tectonics and wind but, as far as I can tell, in simpler ways. PM has about three times as many lines of code as Tectonics does if that's any indication. That said, Tectonics offers some unique options like "Mediterranean". An updated version of Tectonics is also included with AdvCiv (change id 021a).
- PM vs. Totestra: <u>Totestra</u> is a PW2 fork by vktj. Totestra offers more custom map options than PM, but PM has a more advanced terrain generator. (Totestra should be compatible with AdvCiv but isn't included in the mod.)

I've customized PM (change 021b) because I felt that the starting locations were too unbalanced and it played too differently from the standard map scripts. In particular, there

was too little arable land and too much dense forest. <u>Civ 4 Reimagined</u> has changed Totestra in similar ways, and I've adopted some of those changes.

In many ways, PM can supersede the Fractal map script, but since PM tends to generate more continents and more chokepoints than Fractal, the space available for expansion tends to be distributed less evenly. Other caveats:

- Huge maps might take a couple of minutes to compute.
- The "Old World Start" option often only manages to reserve a small New World.

I've removed the custom map options for using the (legacy) PW2 land generator and climate system, and the option to "break Pangaea with meteors." Instead, the script tries to break Pangaea if and only if the Old World Start option is set.

Mixed Continents

A variant of jam3's <u>Continents and Islands</u>, which, in turn, is based on the BtS script "Big and Small" by Sirian. I've called my version "Mixed Continents" because it doesn't necessarily involve islands – by default, the two landmass types are normal continents and small ("snaky") continents. It's possible to place the two landmass types in two separate regions of the map, but, by default, they're mixed together. (For separate regions, K-Mod's "Not Too Big or Small" script may be the better choice.) I've disabled jam3's terrain options because I found them a bit arbitrary, and, instead of the "Add Water" option, the sea level setting is now used. ("Big and Small" ignores the sea level.) I've also added a world-wrap option and tweaked the land/ sea ratio and map dimensions so that the same player counts can be used as on e.g. Fractal. For some more details, see change id <u>mxc</u>.

All-Al games

An all-Al game can be a quick way to to get an impression of the Al behavior in AdvCiv or to check how well the mod handles certain game settings. The procedure is as follows:

- 1. Make sure that cheats are enabled (CheatCode = chipotle in My Games\Beyond the Sword\CivilizationIV.ini). This is a prerequisite for Debug mode and Al Auto Play.
- 2. On turn 0, press Ctrl + Z to switch into Debug mode. This makes the entire map visible.
- 3. Unless the game is set to Noble or Prince difficulty, if you want your own civ to have the same starting conditions as the other AI civs, you'll have to use the WorldBuilder to give additional techs and units to your civ (if the difficulty is higher than Prince; see the table above the Rise & Fall chapter), or to all other civs (if the difficulty is lower than Noble).
- 4. Press Ctrl + Shift + X to have the AI take control of your civ. A popup lets you choose the number of turns to be spent on AI Auto Play. (A mnemonic for the shortcut: control is shifted to the AI for X turns.) AI Auto Play can also be interrupted through Ctrl + Shift + X, though you may have to press these keys repeatedly because key presses are not received reliably during AI Auto Play.

AdvCiv makes a few improvements to the Al Auto Play mod component (change id 127):

- The player's civ plays by the same rules as the AI civs; in particular it plays on the same difficulty level.
- While both Al Auto Play and Debug mode are enabled, messages about major game events such as declarations of war and conquered cities are shown as if the player's civ

had perfect knowledge of the game state.

• Unless interrupted, AI Auto Play ends at the start of a human turn. This means that no diplo popups can occur on that turn. (That said, it can still happen that the player is prompted to vote on a UN resolution right after AI Auto Play ends.)

Performance

Although the <u>UWAI</u> component is computationally expensive in large games, as of version 0.99, the mod appears to be faster than K-Mod even when the number of civs is increased beyond 18. In a test with 31 civs (i.e. 32=2⁸ players when counting the Barbarians; this number has some computational advantages) on a map with 160 x 100 tiles, the first 300 turns on AI Auto Play (see <u>All-AI games</u>) took fewer than 30 minutes with AdvCiv and more than 50 minutes with K-Mod. K-Mod, in turn, is significantly faster than BtS. Note that changes to the civ limit (normally 18) require the DLL to be recompiled; see under <u>For developers</u>. For benchmarking, the shortcut Ctrl+Shift+B can be used (cf. <u>BM</u> in the appendix). The performance gains in AdvCiv have been achieved mostly through low-level optimizations (caching, inlining, memory management; cf. advc.opt).

Known limitations

- No known serious bugs. It can't hurt to set a narrow AutoSaveInterval in My Games\
 Beyond the Sword\CivilizationIV.ini. (Note that AdvCiv doesn't display a message when autosaving; see 1061 about re-enabling that message.)
- Due to the use of floating point numbers (cf. <u>003g</u>), networked multiplayer might not work correctly on all hardware. So far, this appears to be only a theoretical problem.
- PitBoss and PBEM mode haven't been tested.
- Some of the Custom Game settings have been tested only superficially through AI Auto Play, and of course I haven't been able to test every combination of settings.
- If the mod folder "AdvCiv" is renamed, the name also has to be changed in Assets\ XML\Art\CIV4ArtDefines_Misc.xml and (twice) in Resource\Civ4.thm. Otherwise, the mod will crash while loading: "Failed to initialize the primary control theme." This is a side effect of change <u>002b</u> (enlarged fonts). That change also makes it impossible to install AdvCiv into My Games\Beyond the Sword\Mods.
- The current version of the mod should be able to load savegames from all earlier versions but no savegames from other mods nor from unmodified BtS.
- The mod has only been tested with the international (EFIGS) version of BtS. German translations are <u>almost</u> complete, though hardly tested. I don't recommend using one of the Romance languages as I've only translated parts of the new game text and the Civilopedia wouldn't reflect the gameplay changes in AdvCiv.
- One player has reported a potential issue with AdvCiv and Windows 7 user account control, so I've listed some steps that might help here. The dated but detailed instructions here could also be helpful. (Addendum: If a compatibility mode is needed, some-say that it's best to use Vista SP2, others-say Win 7.)
- The Work in progress section at the end of this manual lists non-critical open issues.

For developers

The modified Game Core source code files are available on <u>GitHub</u>. In all modified files, changes and additions are labeled in-line with "advc.id" or enclosed in XML style: <advc.id> ... </advc.id>, where id is one of several three-digit numbers that I've (pretty arbitrarily) assigned to sets of related changes. Lately, I've started to replace some of the numerical ids with letters, e.g. "advc.opt" for miscellaneous performance optimizations. Nonfunctional changes (cf. <u>003</u>) are marked with just "advc" (no id number).

Changes from K-Mod-Extended are instead marked with kmodx (these are also in K-Mod 1.45, but I had merged them into AdvCiv before 1.45 was released), those adopted from Kek-Mod with kekm. and contributions by Erik (devolution on CFC) with Erik. All changes from the LoR SDK ModMod are tagged with cdtw. Nightinggale's GameFont Display is tagged with gfd.

I've gathered bugfixes and tweaks that other mods could easily adopt *from* AdvCiv in <u>this</u> Git branch based on K-Mod 1.46. I've committed DLLs, so the branch is playable too.

UWAI is documented mostly through comments in code (more verbose documentation exists but is out of date); the appendix (id $\underline{104}$) only describes the integration of UWAI into BtS. Parts of UWAI are adjustable through AI_Variables_GlobalDefines.xml. If you've enabled logging (LoggingEnabled=1 in My Games\Beyond The Sword\CivilizationIV.ini), you can change REPORT_INTERVAL in GlobalDefines_devel.xml in order to have UWAI write AI internals to My Games\Beyond The Sword\Logs\uwai.log. The logs are formatted in Textile. I've been using Borgar Porsteinsson's Textile-JS to parse it (free web interface). In Debug mode (Ctrl + Z), AI war plans can be checked in-game by holding down the Alt key and hovering over the AI leaders on the scoreboard; same as in the BBAI mod. If UWAI_SPECTATOR_ENABLED is set to 1 in GlobalDefines_devel.xml and Debug mode is enabled, then announcements about AI war preparations are shown during AI Auto Play. Debug mode, WorldBuilder and AI Auto Play can be enabled for network games through XML; see $\underline{135c}$ for details. See $\underline{007}$ for a crib sheet about all available logfiles.

Note that, unlike most mods, AdvCiv sets the maximal number of civs (MAX_CIV_PLAYERS) not in CvDefines.h but in CvEnums.h. The standard version of the mod uses MAX_CIV_PLAYERS=18 (like BtS) because unused player slots lead to a performance penalty. For example, in a test game with 18 civs, Al turns took 8% longer after increasing MAX CIV PLAYERS to 31.

Rebuilding CvGameCoreDLL.dll: If you've done this before for other mods, then it's just a matter of setting the usual file paths in <code>CvGameCoreDLL\Project\Makefile.settings</code>. Otherwise, see step 5 in this old guide by Asaf about the paths; <code>CIV4_PATH</code> corresponds to <code>CIVINSTALL</code>. As for installing the Windows SDK and Visual C++ toolkit, see step 3 under "Setup from Scratch" in Leoreth's guide. I use slightly different versions (see appendix), but those in the guide should also be fine. Step 2 describes how to install Visual Studio (VS) 2010 Express, which is what I've been using; any newer version of VS can be used as well, though it appears that VS 2010 still has to be installed. Make sure to select VS 2010 for C++ in the installer. To build the DLL, open <code>CvGameCoreDLL\Project\AdvCiv.sln</code> in VS and select "Build" from the "Debug" menu (or press F7). The build configuration can be changed in the "Configuration Manager". Nightinggale's guide contains some information about the available configurations. See "advc.make" in the appendix below about configurations added by AdvCiv.

To attach the VS debugger, I recommend creating a copy of My Games\Beyond the Sword\

CivilizationIV.ini, e.g. named AdvCivDebug.ini. It's easiest to place it in the same directory as Civ4BeyondSword.exe (CIV4_PATH directory). In the copy, set FullScreen = 0 and Mod = Mods\AdvCiv. You may also want to reduce ScreenHeight a little (rationale) and make some other debug-friendly settings: CheatCode = chipotle, LoggingEnabled = 1, AutoSaveInterval = 1. Then select the "Debug" configuration in VS 2010 and under "Configuration Properties" - "Debugging," enter Civ4BeyondSword.exe with its full path(!) into the "Command" field and ini=AdvCivDebug.ini into "Command Arguments". (VS will write that information into CvGameCoreDLL\Project\AdvCiv.vcxproj.user; that file can also be edited directly.) You can then "Start Debugging" via the "Debug" menu.

Steam users need to install **Steamless** for debugging.

Appendix

Most of the change ids are assigned pretty arbitrarily. Changes since version 0.8 are also tracked through Git: <u>commit history</u>.

| 001 | Minor bugfixes (not a complete list) |
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| | Fixes merged from other mods: kmodx , kekm . mnai . 104z fixes a bug in CvPlayerAI:: AI_eventValue. |

Corrected the city culture output shown during disorder by K-Mod/BUG with enabled Building-Actual-Effects option.

Al refuse-to-talk duration was lowered purely based on war success ratio in BtS, not absolute war success. This way, killing a single stray unit before stack combat could make the Al willing to talk. Added a lower bound for enemy war successes.

Barbarians no longer spare a single target city per continent from pillaging. In BtS, they apparently try to conquer that city intact. (CvUnitAI::AI pillageRange)

And Barbarians don't target cities protected by the Great Wall. (CvPlayerAI::AI findTargetCity)

Obsolete; Barbarians don't have a target city at all now through change 300.

Only cities whose location the AI knows or is able to deduce can be per-continent target cities. The corresponding visibility checks were missing in various places, but mainly in CvPlayerAI::AI findTargetCity.

Through CvPlayer::handleDiploEvent: An AI vassal will now target no city in particular when asked by its human master to attack a city that is not revealed to the vassal. (Don't want to filter those cities out in the menu because a player isn't necessarily supposed to know which cities are revealed to its vassals.)

Reduced the chance for building a "priority fort" from 80% to 20%, which, I suspect, was intended. (No clue if it's wise.)

Since K-Mod 1.44, Gunship had been able to capture cities if they contained a visible non-combat unit. Reported by Zholef <u>here</u>. Also fixed in K-Mod 1.45, but I've kept my own fix instead.

Eliminated AI civs can no longer do diplomacy. In BtS, there is a slim chance for this to happen right after an AI is eliminated by another AI.

All no longer trades for resources needed only for obsolete units (merged from **Better BUG AI**).

Integer overflow in K-Mod code when a large amount of culture is added through WorldBuilder. Thanks to xaster for pointing out the issue on <u>CFC</u>. Also fixed in K-Mod 1.46.

BBAI attitude cache updated when the ranks on the scoreboard are updated.

The dot map overlay shows up correctly after loading. Bugfix by EmperorFool: <u>source</u> *Tbd.*: Overlay isn't cleared when regenerating the map. And stays disabled after Al Auto Play. And doesn't store the most recently selected color in savegames. And appears to be cleared when Python scripts are reloaded (if this doesn't crash BUG entirely; see <u>009b</u>).

When enemy units and neutral units are together in a tile, the unit model shown on the map is guaranteed to be an enemy unit. (K-Mod bug in CvPlot::updateCenterUnit)

A resolution for mutual defensive pacts can't be signed if all non-vassal members already have signed defensive pacts. (CvGame::isValidVoteSelection)

In CvFractal::tectonicAction, a variable was unused, and this looked like a bug. I'm not sure though; the maps look as before. It seems that only the Continents script calls that function. (I'll probably also use it for the "True Starts" script; see tsl.)

Two bugs fixed in the calculateTradeRoutes function (TradeUtil.py, CvExoticForeign Advisor.py). I don't think either of these had any impact in AdvCiv, but they were still bugs. Credits: Leoreth (Dawn of Civilization mod) Git commit 12

autologEventManager.py (Autlog mod) had assumed the active player slot to be 0 in a few places. There might be other issues with scenarios (which don't usually give slot 0 to the active player) – I haven't tested it; these are just errors I came across when browsing through the code.

K-Mod shows cities as Barbarian if the true owner hasn't been met (city revealed through map trade). Now showing the true color. In vCity::getCityBillboardSizeIconColors.

If the AI starts the game with a free Worker, then the starting Settler is moved before the Worker. (In K-Mod, the first Worker turn is always wasted.) Implemented through CvPlayerAI::

AI movementPriority and CvUnitAI::AI handleStranded.

When a unit that is selected by the active player dies (in combat or disbanded), the per-turn income shown on the upper left is immediately updated to reflect possible changes in expenses (unit cost and supply). In CvUnit::kill.

Corrected the id of K-Mod's "Simple Unit Selection" option in the DLL (CvGame::selectUnit); the option had no effect previously.

From Mongoose Mod changelog

12-14 Dec 2012: "bug in CvUnitAI::AI_betterPlotBuild [...] it was thinking every plot bridged two plotgroups"

15 Feb 2013: "vanilla bug with the AI evaluation of [...] worldsize-scaling -1 quantity value on Broadway, Rock 'N Roll, and Hollywood's free resources" (in CvCityAI::AI buildingValue)

On the city screen, use the art style of the city owner even if another player is inspecting the city. Based on this bugfix by Leoreth (Dawn of Civilization mod). I've fixed it entirely through CvPlayer::getUnitArtInfo.

Set "time played" back to 0 when regenerating the map. (CvGame::regenerateMap)

canParadrop and canParadropAt had not been correctly exposed to Python (Credit: Roamty; <u>link)</u>

In CvCityAI::AI_getPlotMagicValue, the YieldWithBuild value needs to be taken times 100 to match the scale of AI getYieldMagicValue.

This bug was introduced with the BtS expansion and probably mattered only for the <code>iPopToGrow</code> computation in <code>CvCityAI::AI_yieldValue</code>. Even there, the impact seems to have been minor because happiness is normally the dominant limiting factor for (planned) Al population growth. See also: The bugfix is important for 113.

Fixed a potential issue with the BtS limits on withdrawal, evasion and interception chance in CvUnit::isPromotionValid: Once a unit exceeded a limit, it was unable to receive any promotion. That would be a problem when a mod increases the respective chance value in Civ4UnitInfo.xml. Now only promotions that increase the chance value are blocked.

The pyAssert function in CvUtil.py now actually triggers an assertion error.

Credits: More Naval AI (Ifgr)

(Also adopted – not really a bugfix: Git commit)

The AI doesn't cheat with visibility when selecting a target city for a Trade mission (Great Merchant) in CvUnitAI::AI tradeMissionValue.

Credits: More Naval AI (Tholal)

Wrong type of AI strategy bitmask in AI getImprovementValue,

AI_updateSpecialYieldMultiplier (both CvCityAI, having to do with AI yield adjustments).

Logical operators used with bitmask in CvPlayerAI::CvPlayerAI::AI_espionageVal; something about the counterespionage mission.

All three in K-Mod code.

See also: Found after turning the bitmasks into enumerators (advc.enum).

CvPlayerAI::AI_unitValue: Wrong parameter for the isCarrierUnitAIType call (BtS bug). This probably meant that the AI was able to recognize special cargo units only through the AI types stated in Civ4UnitInfos.xml. So only a problem for mod-mods, maybe.

In the BBAI code for (automated) air recon, a visibility check had been flipped in

CvUnitAI::AI_exploreAirPlotValue, and, in CvUnitAI::AI_exploreAir2 (renamed by AdvCiv to AI_exploreAirRange), the tiles around the airbase had been evaluated instead of the tiles around the candidate recon tile. On the bottom line, the recon target tile was chosen randomly with a bias only for maximal distance from the airbase.

See also: 650 uses that function also for AI air recon. 029 makes some AI tweaks.

In CvUnitAI::AI_handleStranded, units had been moving toward any coastal tiles including lakeshores. Now only seashores are targeted.

CvPlayerAI::AI_doDiplo failed to check for a trade connection before demanding resources from a vassal.

Fixed a perhaps inconsequential copy-paste error in CvDeal::isUncancelableVassalDeal.

K-Mod's ROUND_DIVIDE function was incorrect for fractions between 0 and 1. (CvGameCoreUtils.h)

The Partisans event had used tile culture to determine the previous city owner's culture level instead of city culture. Also (not a bugfix I suppose), I'm subtracting 1 from the culture level so that e.g. cities with "poor" culture don't spawn any partisan units.

Credits: Reported on CFC by SmokeyTheBear – who also suggested subtracting 1 and found another bug in the Partisans event that AdvCiv fixes through 003y.

Flipped sign in the AI evaluation of specialist experience (CvCityAI::AI_jobChangeValue). That ability is unused for (non-super) specialists, so this only matters for mod-mods (possibly).

Clear popups of non-human players before saving in CvPlayer::write.

Tbd.: Find out under which circumstances the EXE adds popups to non-humans.

When a city gets destroyed and replaced due to a change in ownership (CvPlayer::acquireCity), don't check if the city tile is valid for local units until the new city is in place. Because the tile may flip to a third party for an instant.

A K-Mod 1.45 change in CvCity::getProductionDifference had (accidentally) caused angry citizens to consume food even during the production of a Settler or Worker. I've also added a loading screen hint about the underlying Vanilla/BtS rule.

Credits: Bug reported by CFC user carp.

See also: K-Mod <u>Git commit</u> introducing the bug. CFC <u>thread</u> where a Firaxis developer explains why angry citizens don't consume food. <u>Post</u> by karadoc, half a year before the Git commit, explaining that he's aware of the BtS rule and wants to keep it (reluctantly).

Tbd.: Maybe treat the population as 1 less while producing a settler or worker. That would seem more consistent. Still doesn't exactly make sense. (It would if workers and settlers consumed population as in Civ 3.)

K-Mod 1.44+ (through this <u>Git commit</u>) had chosen the "Big Espionage" strategy

(CvPlayerAI::AI_updateStrategyHash) based on the AI espionage commerce weight and the AI espionage weight (in part) based on "Big Espionage", creating a feedback loop. The problem was probably introduced when CvPlayerAI::m_iEspionageWeight was repurposed as a cache for the (final) espionage commerce weight.

Credits: CFC user SuperXANA made me aware that the AI uses "Big Espionage" very often.

See also: Might fix this issue raised in the "Dawn of the Overlord" thread.

Tbd.: Similar problem with "Espionage Economy" and CvPlayerAI::AI updateCommerce; not

sure if it has adverse consequences.

In AI techUnitValue, BtS/BBAI/K-Mod code for incentivizing oceangoing ships had had no effect.

CvGame::onGraphicsInitialized: When loading a savegame in which the active player owns no units, the camera had centered on some (seemingly?) arbitrary tile, not necessarily a revealed tile. Now it centers on the active player's starting location in that case. See also: Based on a workaround (004j) that moves the camera after regenerating the map.

When a city was selected without opening the city screen, CvGame::shouldDisplayUnitModel had shown a 3D model next to the production queue only if a unit was selected before selecting the city. Now the model gets shown regardless of selected units.

The unused AdvancedStartCostIncrease XML tags for improvements and routes had increased the cost based on improvements or routes owned by any player – only those placed by the current player should count.

Colonial vassals didn't receive a random personality when playing with that game option. (CvGame::addPlayer). Moreover, CvPlayer::getSplitEmpireLeaders had chosen the leader appearance of colonial vassals based on the personalities in use (not the appearances).

For random events involving two civs, it looks like CvPlayer: :applyEvent hadn't properly checked whether both civs have been met before notifying the human player.

Looks like BtS and the unofficial patch didn't take the Random personalities option into account in CvGame::addPlayer and CvPlayer::getSplitEmpireLeaders. I haven't tested it, but, hopefully, colonial vassals will now receive a random AI personality that (usually) differs from the leader appearance.

Added code to CvPlot::changeVisibilityCount that works around a problem with the interaction of nuke visibility and Fallout replacing a sight-blocking feature (Forest or Jungle). Tbd.: A proper bugfix.

The price charged by the AI for an embargo (CvPlayerAI::AI stopTradingTradeVal) had been counting all deals of the AI, not just those with the embargo target. (bug in vanilla Civ 4)

"No Action Recommendations" player option had been ignored at game start. Fixed by setting the dirty-bit for colored plots in CvPlayer::setOption.

Flipped fraction in K-Mod's CvCityAI::AI getImprovementValue had caused the AI to be less interested in Cottages when in Emancipation.

When the game decides whether a starting site needs extra food (CvGame:: normalizeAddFoodBonuses), Whale is no longer counted as an available food source (unless

starting in Renaissance or later). BtS had failed to check the tech requirements of the necessary terrain improvement (Whaling Boats).

001b (Not actually a bugfix.)

Air units completed in a city whose air unit capacity is reached are Can't train air units in cities already filled with air units. (BtS allows them to be trained and rebases them upon completion, destroys them if that's not possible.)

When a newly completed unit exceeds a city's air It's impossible to move air units into a tile whose unit capacity, the unit is moved to the city's rally capacity will be exceeded, but cities without point. If no rally point is set, the unit is moved (as available air capacity are allowed to produce air in BtS) to the nearest city or fort with sufficient air units. Upon completion, an excess air unit is unit capacity. The unit has its movement points spent at the start of the next turn. If there is no city or fort with available capacity, the unit is scrapped. When moving to the nearest city (no rally point) or scrapping, an on-screen message

moved to the nearest legal city or fort or destroyed if there is none. The forced move doesn't cost any movement points. The city owner isn't notified about the move (nor of the destruction of a unit).

| | Clicking on the message centers the the unit's new location. | | |
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| Config | Previously, I had made it impossible to produce air units in cities without available air unit capacity (in part, through change <u>064d</u>). That rule change can be a bit tedious when mass-producing air units in the late game, but it can still be enabled through CAN_TRAIN_CHECKS_AIR_UNIT_CAP in GlobalDefines_advc.xml. | | |
| Credits | Elkad made me aware that my old rule wasn't ideal with regard to usability. (CFC post) | | |
| See also | 163 always spends the movement points of teleported units. That doesn't help in this case because units are produced at the end of a turn, just before movement points are restored. | | |
| 001c | Display and calculation of GP birth probabilities | | |
| AdvCiv | BtS | | |
| GPP modif Age contrib | obabilities are affected by the timing of GP birth probabilities are proportional to progress iers; e.g. specialists during a Golden values counted per GP type (no change in AdvCiv). GPP modifiers do not apply to those pecialists at other times do. | | |
| Rationale | I wouldn't call it a bug, but it looks like an oversight to me. At any rate, it's counterintuitive when the per-unit progress values don't add up to the total progress value. | | |
| See also | Bug report, brief discussion on CFC: link | | |
| bar (city sc | the birth probabilities shown on the GP Birth probabilities are based on the GPP reen and BUG GP progress bar). Now city's current per-turn GPP into the adjust only gradually when a specialist is reassigned. | | |
| Tbd. | Should perhaps take into account a foreseeable increase of the GP threshold due to other cities finishing their GP earlier. And Golden Age length if currently in a Golden Age. That said, I might at some point change the way the threshold increases; better to leave the UI-side alone for now. | | |
| See also | 078: Changes to BUG's GP bar options. | | |
| 001d | In Debug mode, the Top 5 Cities and Wonders tab and Religion, Civics and Espionage screens were not properly switching to the perspective of another civ because of some errors in the Vanilla Civ 4 and BtS Python code. And the Top-5/ Wonders didn't reveal all information when the Info screen pops up at game end. | | |
| See also | 007 deals with other changes to the Wonders tab in Debug mode. | | |
| Tbd. | Tech tree doesn't show the tech progress of the civ selected from the Debug menu; only shows which techs are known to that civ. | | |
| | The active player should be added to to the Debug drop-down menus first so that the active player is the initial selection. Currently, whoever is in player slot 0 is on top. (It's apparently not possible to make a selection programmatically.) | | |
| Credits | crullerdonut reported the issue with Top-5 cities at game end <u>here</u> (penultimate quote box). | | |
| | cities are shown as "Unknown" on Top 5 cities (K-Mod: "Unknown" only if owner not revealed cities are considered for the list of high-culture cities on the Victory screen. | | |
| Rationale | Not really a bugfix on second thought but consistent with the K-Mod rule that unrevealed cities are secret. | | |
| 001e | No more stop-trading requests about a civ that has just stopped being worst enemy; | | |

| | and no offers for Defensive Pact fron | n a civ that has just been attacked. |
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| Rationale | requests need to be checked again a | ntact human players, the conditions for Al at the start of the human turn. This is handled but, apparently, some checks had been missing. |
| See also | 134a deals with AI peace offers getti | ng discarded by the EXE. |
| Tbd. | the human turn inside the DLL. Perhabefore making each request (mostly Rationale: (a) There could be further DLL could then reset the appropriate don't think the EXE does this. The tiral already reset by the DLL but only in the blue box). But what if the resolution of | e preconditions for all AI requests at the start of aps by moving the conditions that are checked in CvPlayerAI::AI_doDiplo) into subroutines. conditions that the EXE fails to check, and (b) the AI contact timer (since no contact was made); I mer for embargo requests and DP offers are the narrow circumstances described above (in the of one diplo popup invalidates a subsequent one? tched the entire contents of the diplo queue. |
| | , , | ne problems in simultaneous-turns multiplayer with tiple human players at the same time.) |
| | the start of the human turn and thus preconditions (and this would improvarchived (not published on GitHub) a about it here (second paragraph). Aloutiming of on-screen messages (see Problem: Peace proposals are current Al_dowar. I guess CvPlayerAl::Al_should be delayed until the diplomace. | work too: Move AI-to-human diplomacy entirely to remove the need to double check the e the quality of the offers too). I've written and a draft for implementing this. And I've briefly posted ong with this change, an open issue with the Tbd. under 106b) should be addressed. Intly made during the team AI turn as part of _negotiatePeace and AI_offerCapitulation y turn of the team leader. The parameters that sses to those functions during the team turn are ed later on. |
| | Related "We the People" Git issue: <u>li</u> | <u>nk</u> |
| 001f | Foreign cities no longer become unre | evealed upon conquest by a third party |
| | v is conquered, it remains revealed to knew the city prior to conquest. | When a city is conquered, it is treated as a new city, revealed only to the new and former owner, and any third parties that happen to have visibility of the city at the time that it is conquered. |
| Rationale | Hard to say if this is really unintention revealed to the former owner. Were t | nal. The BtS code explicitly sets the city to be hird parties not considered? |
| | Doesn't make sense to me that third aftermath. | parties learn about the conquest but not about the |
| See also | I think, in BtS, the culture layer gives away the new city owner and the status of the surrounding tiles. <u>004z</u> changes that. | |
| 001g | Civ4LeaderHeadInfos.xml (it's ord | entries about Suleiman and all leaders after him in ered alphabetically); used the mean when two se before Suleiman didn't have duplicates. |

| 001h | Industrial bad health | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| When a build | ding leads to bad health with certain | Only bad health that the city will suffer directly, i.e. |

strategic resources (Factory, Coal Plant, from currently available resources, is taken into Industrial Park with Coal or Oil), the Al assumes account, E.g. Factory counts as just 1 bad health that the city already has these resources when so long as Coal/ Oil aren't available. evaluating the effect of bad health. Starting in the Industrial era, so long as a city The AI does not aim at keeping a health surplus doesn't have power yet, the AI treats the city's available; just aims at balanced health given the current health as 1 less when evaluating the immediate effect of the building. effect of bad health. Increased the (negative) weights of bad health and food deficit in building evaluation. Hopefully no more (or only minor) population Al ends up building Factories and Coal Plants loss from bad health in Industrial AI cities. before getting Oil and Coal. If health is just balanced at that point, once Coal and Oil are connected, the city is at -8 health. The AI then shrinks the population gradually by 8 to avoid wasted food (more with Industrial Park, not to mention Poisoned Water). BBAI and K-Mod have largely rewritten the building evaluation code, but this bit works as in BtS. Rationale Treating health as one less should lead to some leeway for later bad health, especially from power. See also 160 makes Poisoned Water less dangerous, and 120e improves the AI response to that mission. Tbd. The bad health effects are badly balanced. Too much at once, bad health for no reward (Factory doesn't actually get better with Coal or Oil), punishing for tall strategies. Shouldn't even be possible to build a Coal Plant without Coal.

| 001i | Fog of war on routes | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| | | The fog of war hides tile ownership, units, cities, improvements and routes. |
| revealed tile on the UI ca | • | The pathfinder treats all routes on revealed tiles as revealed. By plotting a path through fogged tiles, a player can learn whether routes have been built in those tiles. |
| Al plot dange routes on re | er calculations disregard unrevealed vealed tiles. | |
| See also | 124 prevents the Trade layer from gi 183 addresses some issues with citic 128 sometimes prevents the plot dar advc.pf fixes other pathfinder issues 004c fixes some minor issues with a | es and forts in the fog of war. nger functions from cheating with visibility. |

| 001j | Deleted two (K-Mod) calls to CvPlayerAI::AI_getNumTrainAIUnits because |
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| | CvPlayerAI::AI_totalAreaUnitAIs already counts those units. | |
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| See also | 017 fixes a bug that also has to do with confusing these two function. | |
| Added a couple of isFriendlyTerritory calls – had apparently been overlooked when BtS introduced vassal agreements (which allow passage even without an OB agreement). Al evaluation of Missionaries should be improved now. | | |
| Replaced ALWAYS_PEACE option checks in Al code with calls to CvTeamAI::AI_isWarPossible. | | |
| | When both ALWAYS_PEACE and ALWAYS_WAR are enabled, war wins out. The (Vanilla Civ 4) AI_isWarPossible function sorts that out and also handles NO_CHANGING_WAR_PEACE. | |
| | 105 replaces getAnyWarPlanCount with AI_isFocusWar; that's a vaguely similar change. | |

| 001k | Al plot danger no longer (indirectly) checks isMadeAttack | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| of being atta | checks whether a plot is in danger cked by a unit, it doesn't check unit has already attacked this round | Vanilla Civ 4 did not check for an earlier attack; BtS added this clause. |
| Rationale | another civ will be able to attack on t | Iturns, and the active AI civ then wants know if that other civ's next turn; it doesn't matter if the ps the BtS developers hadn't realized that the re round of turns. |
| | Hard to say how significant this bug is; the plotDanger functions are called in dozens of contexts. I don't remember how I noticed it; some situation in which the AI clearly underestimated plot danger. | |
| See also | 128 doesn't always let the plot dange | er functions cheat with visibility. |
| | (Using the canbeEntered function from change <u>030</u> since v0.90.) No longer the case since v0.95. | |
| | "More Naval AI" fixed this a few year commit | s earlier (though my latest fix is better): <u>Git</u> |

| 001I | End combat upon reaching damage | limit |
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| AdvCiv | - | BtS |
| withdraw if t damage limi 4 th 20-dama | damage limit below 100 hitpoints hey land a hit that reaches the it exactly. E.g. a Cannon that lands its ge hit against another Cannon nmediately after this hit. | Withdrawal happens only when the damage from a hit exceeds the damage limit. Therefore an sunpromoted Cannon attacking another unpromoted Cannon, both at full health, will not withdraw upon the 4 th hit and, if it can manage a 5 th hit, that hit will apply 0 damage and withdraw. The combat odds are exactly 50%. However, the code that displays the combat odds assumes that withdrawal will happen upon the 4 th hit, and so the displayed survival odds are 63.7%. The Advanced Combat Odds mod displays the correct odds; comment in the code (now deleted |

| | | in AdvCiv): "A catapult that deals 25HP per round, and has a combatLimit of 75HP must deal four successful hits before it kills the warrior - not 3. []" |
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| | more sense here. A 0-damage hit is weird when the damage limit does no | isagree. The logic for displaying the odds makes weird and won't appear in the combat log. It's also othing to make a combat less deadly; however, age limit 85) and is ultimately "just how combat |
| | advc.test: Code that uses simulation: That's how I've found this bug. | s to compare actual odds with displayed odds. |
| The hit that causes an attacker to reach its damage limit is included in the combat log. The combat log only shows full hits. | | |
| Rationale | No reason not to show the final hit (n | ow that it can't cause 0 damage anymore). |

| 001m | Scoreboard gets updated when a leader name changes | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| When the player enters a different leader name (Alt + D), the name is immediately updated on the scoreboard after clicking "OK". | | The scoreboard isn't updated until end of turn unless the player manually closes and reopens the scoreboard. |

| 001 | n | Some potential OOS bugs fixed. (I've introduced my fair share of these bugs, but only |
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| | | bugfixes in non-AdvCiv code are tagged with "001n". I'm also using that tag for some |
| | | misc. code that I added for OOS debugging.) |

The usual causes of out-of-sync errors in networked multiplayer are these:

- (a) Local code (invoked by user input) modifies the game state. All uses of the sync'd PRNG (SorenRandNum) modify the game state. Some Al functions have a bAsync parameter that causes them to use the asynchronous PRNG (AsyncRand) instead. Also tricky: Functions that cache their return value, in particular AI_baseBonusVal, AI_localDefenceStrength, AI_techBuildingValue and AI_obsoleteBuildingPenalty, all at CvPlayerAI; CvPlot::getFoundValue, CvCityAI::AI_buildingValue, CvCity::AI_neededFloating Defenders, and the Al plot danger and closeness functions. Most have a bConstCache parameter to prevent the cache write. I think the cache writes wouldn't actually be a problem if the caches were reliably invalidated, but the formulas depend on so many variables that this is impossible to do.
- (b) Access to uninitialized or non-allocated memory (e.g. out of array bounds)
- (c) Use of getActivePlayer in global code (not invoked by user input)
- (a) and (b) are also problematic in singleplayer. Rare, but something to reckon with: Sorting by memory address can cause OOS errors (K-Mod <u>Git commit</u>) and other errors (C2C <u>Git issue</u>).

Comprehensive guide by Gerikes about avoiding and debugging OOS errors: CFC thread

Overview by Afforess: link

CFC post by karadoc on the subject of OOS errors: link

Some posts by EmperorFool: link

By Nightinggale: <u>link</u>

See also See 007 (logging), 135c (Debug mode) and 127 (Al Auto Play) about multiplayer debugging.

| | kekm.27 adds a OOSLogger component See <u>003g</u> about issues with floating point arithmetic. Open K-Mod issue concerning (a): <u>link</u> (related forum <u>post</u>). I think <u>036</u> addresses this. repro: Test for identifying non-deterministic code, addressing mainly error type (b). |
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| Tbd. | $\label{eq:cvPlot:m_abBorderDangerCache} \begin{tabular}{l} \textbf{CvPlot::m_abBorderDangerCache} & \textbf{isn't stored in savegames and that seems a bit risky, though it might be fine.} \end{tabular}$ |
| | The AI plot danger functions cache some data. They're only called in synchronized code currently (except in Debug mode, and I've disabled these dangerous calls in networked games) as far as I can tell, but it would be nicer not having to worry about that, so a const-cache parameter or accessor should be added. |
| Config | I've left some code for debugging OOS problems commented out in CvSelectionGroupAI::AI_update. If an error is caused by the move of an AI unit, this will make it easier to identify the responsible unit. The checkInSync function could also be called from other (synchronized) parts of the code. The bFulloosCheck flag in CvGame::calculateSyncChecksum should be set in addition. |

| Changed the timing of a CvDLLInterfaceIFaceBase::lookAt call in CvCity::conscript that K Mod had added. This seems to have fixed a bug that caused the main map to turn black and the unit pane (and field-of-view slider) to disappear upon conscription. That said, this problem did no exist in K-Mod, and it didn't occur in AdvCiv releases until v0.98. In release builds with globa optimizations disabled, I've been able to trace the problem back to this Git commit, which is part o v0.97. Breaking that large commit up, the decisive change is probably in the CvUnit class (o possibly CvPlot, CvCity). The main change to those classes is that the current tile of a unit or city gets cached as a CvPlot pointer in addition to being cached as a pair of coordinates. It's conceivable that there is indeed some problem with my implementation of that, but it's also conceivable that this change merely exposed some older problem, perhaps in an earlier AdvCiv commit, in the EXE – or maybe the K-Mod lookAt call was indeed erroneous, hard to say without knowing the exact semantics of that function. I write all this down (in Dec 2020) because I'm no sure if the problem is really fixed now. I've been experiencing rare, non-reproducible main map blackouts during AI Auto Play since at least Sep 2020, usually while I had the window minimized (but, then, I often minimize during AI Auto Play). In September, I had tried out a faster version of |
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| Python24.dll (see under <u>advc.make</u>). Reverting to the old version of that DLL later did not fix the problem, but it appeared to be more common with the faster DLL. |

with negative x, y and z coordinates. That (by itself) does not cause the main map to black out.

| Credits | CFC user crullerdonut made me aware of the conscription issue: bug report |
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| 001p | Crash when loading a smaller game from inside a larger game | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| Check for va | early in the loading process. Alid leader type in getNameKey. | The logic for loading savegames is partly outside the SDK, but the issue appears to be this: Cities remain untouched during the first stages of the loading process. As general game data and civs are being reset, the UI keeps getting updated, based on data about cities that are no longer consistent with the other data. This can |

| | result in a crash when the camera is near a city of a civ with an id greater than the highest civ id in the game that is being loaded (CvCity::getMusicScriptId) but apparently also in other circumstances (CvCity::isVisible). (Not sure what's going on with getNameKey.) | |
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| See also | This CFC thread seems to describe the bug. (No one posted a fix.) | |

| 001q | Safer definitions of integer type limits | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| Define negative limits as signed expressions to make sure that they don't get treated as unsigned values. | | All limits are defined as hex literals. Only MAX_INT and MIN_INT are used. Vanilla uses those definitions consistently instead of INT_MAX |
| All uses of I | NT_MIN, INT_MAX replaced with AX_INT. | and INT_MIN (limits.h). In BtS, a couple of INT_MAX, INT_MIN have snuck in, and K-Mod seems to have used predominantly (exclusively?) INT_MAX, INT_MIN. |
| Config | The definitions are in CvGameCoreDLL.h. | |
| Rationale | The BtS constants are more than hazardous. For example, int x = 0; return (x >= MIN_SHORT); had returned false. Fortunately, no one before me used MIN_CHAR and MIN_SHORT (nor compared MIN_INT to anint64). | |
| Tbd. | Should probably get rid of those constants and use limits.h instead. It's confusing to have two sets of definitions and I don't see any benefit. Note that std::numeric_limits is not a good alternative because those functions can't be used in template arguments (not in C++03 anyway). | |

| 001r | Corrected AI computation of anarchy length in CvPlayerAI::AI_doCivics. (K-Mod bug) | |
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| See also | 131 makes further changes to the switch-civics AI. I've posted about this bug on the K-Mod subforum: link (under No. 1, "Update") | |
| 001s | Some code that uses <code>canDefend</code> doesn't seem to take into account that all non-land units are defenseless against land units (yet <code>canDefend</code> returns true for all ships except Work Boat). One such oversight (in K-Mod code) causes the AI to ignore hostile units when stationing idle ships. | |
| See also | 139 further improves the AI code for keeping ships safe from land units. | |

| 001t | Preliminary fix for the following issue in K-Mod: After declaring war, an AI stack may |
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| | decide to use a different path, even one for which no DoW would've been necessary. If this occurs, the AI now sticks to the original path (if it's legal) for at least one more turn so that a stack that triggers a DoW will immediately enter an enemy tile. |
| | tarri 30 that a stack that triggers a bow will infinediately effect an electry the. |

| | The fix is more about concealing the problem than making the AI smarter; a DoW without crossing a border is an obvious mistake, sticking to a suboptimal path isn't. | |
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| | I don't see how the DoW affects the best path; perhaps something in the pathCost function. Whatever it is, the pathfinder should anticipate that effect. | |
| And a fix for a related bug: K-Mod sometimes lets stacks of non-city attackers move to an enemy city when war is imminent. Since these stacks aren't supposed to start the war, this doesn't normally make sense. | | |

| Fixed: K-Mod code had failed to recognize units as obsolete when evaluating a |
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| strategic resource that it didn't have access to yet. This had sometimes led the AI to |
| cancel and renew trades for strategic resources (especially Horse) every 10 turns. |
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| 001v | Bugs reported by vedg (Igor). | |
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| See also | 046 and 905b address other issues (not bugs, strictly speaking) reported by vedg. He also contributed to one of <u>devolution</u> 's bugfixes. | |
| AdvCiv | Civ BtS (presumably also broken in Vanilla Civ 4) | |
| | | Same if the religion change is added to the trade before the civics changes. Otherwise, only the civics changes are applied. |
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| Rationale | See my reply to this post. | |
| K-Mod bug: | , , ,, | tional limit was reached, overflow gold equal to |
| K-Mod bug: | When a city finished a unit whose na | tional limit was reached, overflow gold equal to |

| 001w | UI updates ("dirty" bits) | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| changes through a resource trade, the indicators on the city billboards are updated. | | Usually works – I guess the trade screen (not part of the SDK) does this? But not always. E.g., at least one time, an unhappy indicator appeared due to trades canceled by the AI and was not removed in response to subsequent trades during my own turn. |
| markers are updated. | | After declaring war on a civ that the player didn't have Open Borders with, the cursor is shown in red when plotting a move into an enemy nonborder tile. (At peacetime, this is correct – a move into a border tile triggers the declare-war popup.) |
| mode, the ce | enter unit of each tile (the one shown map) is updated. | When leaving Debug mode (also WorldBuilder?), flags of rival units sometimes remain visible on unrevealed tiles. K-Mod had already updated the flags (Git commit), but that's not enough. |

| Corrected the yield display on unowned tiles with a resource and 0 non-resource yield. | | | |
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| Credits | CFC user ederl reported this problem here in the Realism Invictus thread (under "really small things" toward the end): "Yields on neutral territorium seem not to be updated when ressources are revealed through technologies until I reload the game" The update works as far as I can tell, I think only tiles with 0 non-resource yield were affected. | | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS | |
| A bit of a hack: When a command button is clicked, the unit selection list is updated with a slight delay. As a side-effect, this gives the main map the mouse focus I think; anyway, it fixes the problem. K-Mod's Rapid Unit Cycling option also seems to fix it; therefore my bugfix is only used if that option is disabled. | | When a unit command button is clicked, the button help text is often triggered during the unit cycling delay. It can then happen that the mouse focus remains stuck on the HUD and that the button help text remains on-screen. Hovering over a different HUD element resolves the problem. | |
| See also | also Based on <u>003r</u> | | |
| Tbd. | A similar glitch: When no unit is selected and a screen (e.g. Info screen, Trade screen) is closed by clicking (-I don't think the Esc key has this problem-) "Exit"/ "Farewell" immediately after opening it (perhaps before it's fully loaded/ displayed), the mouse focus gets stuck on the HUD. I expect that calling CvDLLInterfaceIFaceBase::makeSelectionListDirty from the exit handler of each Advisor screen (and somehow at the end of diplomacy) would fix this problem. Would have to expose that function to Python first. | | |

| 001x | No extra Golden Age turn when finishing Taj Mahal during a Golden Age | | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS | |
| finished during Golden Age Golden Age owner's next before the end Golden Age immediately, happen throuin a mod-mo | ding that grants a Golden Age is no the end of a player turn, the turn counter is increased by the duration at the beginning of the city turn. When the building is finished nd-of-player-turn sequence, the turn counter is increased For the Taj Mahal, this can only ugh a cheat command ([+] key), but, d, a special building like Academy Golden Age. | Buildings that grant a Golden Age immediately increase the Golden Age turn counter with one turn added to the duration. As a consequence, if the building gets finished at the end of a turn, the added turn gets subtracted later in the end-of-player-turn sequence, but, first, the end-of-turn sequences of all cities are completed, i.e. some of the player's cities benefit from the extra Golden Age turn. Moreover, when the Taj Mahal is finished during a Golden Age, then a turn gets subtracted only from the ongoing Golden Age at the end of the player turn, i.e. a full turn is added to the total Golden Age duration. | |
| Rationale | Rationale The full extra turn from Taj Mahal during a Golden Age is a widely known bug; see e.g this CFC post. The other issues are also bugs in my book. | | |

| 001y | Fixed an issue with AI Work Boats being unable to find an order. BtS uses a | | |
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| | "temporary hack" (in CvSelectionGroupAI::AI_update) to let such units skip their | | |

| | turn after 100 attempts to find an order. That hack is still in place as a fallback, and I intend to keep it permanently. I've reduced the number of attempts. | | |
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| Added a and | Added a another counter for the detection of and recovery from infinite loops in | | |
| CvGame::updateMoves. | | | |
| Rationale | The code in AI_update can't handle infinite loops that involve units joining a different | | |
| | selection group. | | |

| 001z | Fix Ctrl+H (select wounded units) | | |
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| AdvCiv | | Warlords (the shortcut was added in Warlords) | |
| selected unit(s) become selected. If there are none, Ctrl+H has no effect. | | When units of different domains are in the same tile (city or fort), Ctrl+H selects only units of one domain that is chosen based on the internal order of the plot list, i.e. arbitrarily. If there are no such wounded units, then all units are unselected and automatic unit cycling (if enabled) proceeds to the next group. | |
| Rationale | It's not possible to select units of different domains, so one domain has to be chosen. | | |
| Credits | CFC user xyx made me aware of the bug <u>here</u> . | | |

| 002 | Aesthetic changes | |
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| 002a | Minimap shows lighter player colors than in BtS on water tiles (like in Military Advisor) and slightly more opaque colors on land tiles. No units are shown on the minimap. | |
| Rationale | CFC forum <u>post</u> (also with screenshots). | |
| | When Desert and Forest shine through too much, player colors can become hard to distinguish. | |
| | Units: Can't make them out properly anyway, and can't tell how many there are because each stack is shown as a single blip. | |
| Config | Options on the BUG menu (Map tab). Can also remove player colors from water tiles like in Civ 3. Until AdvCiv 0.99, these options were in XML. | |
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| See also | kekm.21 shows Barbarian territory on the minimap. | |
| 002b | Increased font sizes. | |
| | Shortened some leader names, e.g. "Augustus Caesar" → "Augustus" when used outside of Civilopedia. | |
| | Shortened "Native American Empire" to "Amerindian Empire". | |
| | Added/ removed some tabs in Sevopedia's shortcut categories (<u>004y</u>) in order to repair the text alignment. | |
| | Increased the total width of the civics screen (if the screen resolution allows it) and of the panels that describe the effects of the individual civics. | |
| Rationale | People play on rather high resolutions nowadays, and the fonts don't scale properly. | |
| | Long leader names take up (even) more room with the larger fonts. This is a problem for Native America because the text covers up the civics icons during diplo. Would be | |

| | better to use only short descriptions the the SDK. | ere, but that seems to be programmed outside | |
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| Config | The font-size change can be reverted by removing the Resource folder and Asset XML\Art\CIV4ArtDefines_Misc.xml. This will also allow the mod to use any ther installed in CustomAssets (e.g. Blue Marble Gold). When a theme other than the AdvCiv theme is used, the FONT_SIZE_FACTOR in GlobalDefines_advc.xml shou be adjusted so that the DLL knows how much text fits on the screen. | | |
| | | CivicsScreen.py. It's easy to make the panels ut of my way to avoid that because I don't think | |
| See also | 061 (improved help text for listing the unadjusts the amount of displayed text to | nits in a tile) is the only DLL code so far that the font size. | |
| Credits | Inspired by VIP mod and I also took a look at vincentz's setup. This <u>tutorial</u> was helpful, although neither the downloadable package nor the code in the tutorial actua worked for me. | | |
| | | ne fix some Vanilla Civ 4 and BtS errors in the errors were actually causing any problems. They so this conversation on CFC. | |
| Tbd. | | g a custom theme, which appears to mandate copying 25 g all the tga files, which make up 15-30 MB – this | |
| | I think there may be a way to make this work by don't think other modders have). | copying just one or two files, but I can't figure it out (and I | |
| | Had to hardcode the mod folder name in Assets\XML\Art\CIV4ArtDefines_Misc.xml in order to plug the custom theme. | | |
| | Could I verify before the mod tries loading the theme whether the game is installed in the correct location and display a more meaningful error message than "failed to initialize primary control theme"? perhaps helpful for this: C2C Git issue | | |
| | To allow users to rename the mod folder, I could probably create a file with the contents of Civ4.thm (but using the current mod folder name, whatever it is) in the Windows temp folder and change the path of DEFAULT_THEME_NAME (Misc. ArtDefine) to that temp file before the theme gets loaded. | | |
| | Allowing the mod to be loaded from My Games\Beyond the Sword\Mods seems tougher. Somehow, the .thm files would have to acquire the paths to the Vanilla an BtS folder dynamically (replacing the \\ path prefixes that blindly navigate two othere folders up). | | |
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| | ext shows aggregated information (e.g. The property)") about units if there are more than | he threshold is 15. | |
| | When info is aggregated, each unit type gets a separate line. Sometimes tries to put them all in one line, where leads to chaotic linebreaks. | | |
| Rationale | Larger font means there is space for fewer lines and less space per line. | | |
| See also | dso 061 overhauls the unit list in tile help text and also takes into account the font siz above only applies if those changes are disabled. | | |
| | O92 (incomplete) is supposed to increase the size of the unit pane. That should also make the area for help text wider. There seems to be no direct way to make that are wider — HELP_TEXT_MINIMUM_WIDTH doesn't do the trick. The "We the People" | | |

| | modders seem to have run into the same problem: <u>Git issue</u> |
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| 002c | Added a couple of translations for K-Mod game text entries. |
| Credits | Also merged translations by Zholef. I haven't marked these changes in the XML files. |
| 002d | Changed the icon of the specialist-commerce ability introduced by K-Mod 1.45 to show a Scientist; was Citizen. (Depending on which commerce type gets increased, the icon could also show a different specialist, e.g. Engineer for production.) |
| Changed th Warlords. | ne icon of the Ocean trade effect (Astronomy) to the one that had been used in |
| Credits | crullerdonut made me aware <u>here</u> (under the penultimate quote box) that the Coast trade and Ocean trade effects use the same icon, and that the proper icon is available among the art assets. |
| 002e | Disabled glow effect on units ready for promotion except for the currently selected unit and foreign units. |
| Config | "Unit Icons" tab of the BUG menu. (The "Promotion Available" option was not added by me; that's part of BUG's "PLE" component. While I don't want to enable it by default, that option seems sensible to me.) |
| Rationale | Too obtrusive. Players don't select units just to assign promotions; they select them in order to move or heal, and assign promotions at that opportunity. No need to constantly indicate unassigned promotions on the world map. |
| | The glow is needed on foreign units because there is no other way of telling that a foreign unit has unassigned promotions. Shouldn't be a secret either. (Rarely relevant in singleplayer as the AI always assigns promotions right away.) |
| 002f | Changes to city icons: Defense icon moved behind the defense modifier; city network icon removed. Airport icon merged from BULL and enabled by default. |
| Rationale | Should be easier to guess now that the tower icon isn't some status indicator but just stands for the word "defense". |
| | The city network icon is at best helpful in the early game, though probably not at all for experienced players (and inexperienced players may be unaware of the icon). Can always look at the list of trade routes on the city screen or consult the Trade layer. |
| | I haven't played with the airport icon yet, but it sounds quite useful. |
| Config | Option for the city icons on the "Map" tab of the BUG menu. The airport icon is in the GameFont.tga I copied from BULL. (BULL does not have a custom GameFont75.tga, but BUG and K-Mod do. Looks like that one's needed for the smiley option of the Glance tab.) |
| See also | 076 disables the icons placed by the "Detailed City Info" option. |
| new icon fo the city witl | he "Map" tab of the BUG menu for re-enabling the "Detailed City Info" icons along with a or highest espionage rate and highest free XP. And another, similar BUG option: icon at a the next projected Great Person birth. All disabled by default. See the hover text for tion. The icons are shown when the active (human) player has at least 2 cities; BtS had |
| Config | Originally, I had implemented a separate option for each icon. Those individual options are still functional on the DLL-side, but commented out in XML and Python. Also left commented out: Options for icons at the Globe Theater and National Park city. |
| Credits | Brief discussion with crullerdonut on CFC: 1 (middle of the post) 2 (start of the post) |
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Rationale

It was easy to do and someone will always miss any established UI feature. As for the new icons, it remains to be seen if anyone will find them useful. The only I could see myself using (when playing without the GP progress bar) is the GP icon at the city where the next GP will be born.

I've though about tying the icons to national wonders. That might be a bit more useful, but would be pretty haphazard as there isn't an appropriate icon for every wonder, some of them don't need an icon at all, and Scotland Yard isn't a national wonder (but a good place for showing an espionage icon). Would also not work well in mod-mods with different national wonders.

There are still some unused icons left that could possibly make sense: The combat strength icon (perhaps for the highest military production rate – if it's not the same city as the one with the highest generic production rate), the negative gold icon (for cities with very high maintenance), the culture icon (for cities that somehow look relevant for a culture victory?). All a bit too complicated ...

The combat strength icon could also replace the Great General icon for the city with the most free XP. The GG icon is difficult to see – but the combat strength icon also isn't easy to see and is less fitting.

Another city bar icon: Spoiled food icon shown when a city is set to "Avoid Growth" (AG). And some other UI reminders about that setting: When a city has a food surplus despite "Avoid Growth", print "Avoiding Growth" on the city screen's food bar and show the turns-to-grow (i.e. turns until food gets discarded) in red. On the main map, show the gray status indicator (behind the population count) in that case. Show a red indicator when the city will discard food at the end of the current turn. Mention AG in the city bar hover text when enabled.

The tiny button on the city screen being highlighted is the only reminder about AG. The food bar on the city screen and on the main map looks completely normal, as if the city were growing (if there is a surplus).

When citizen automation is enabled, AG will usually cause the governor to reduce the food surplus to 0; the governor may even shrink the food store.

Added a loding-screen hint about the city bar icon, along with a reminder about turning on citizen automation during AG.

Rationale

AG is so easy to forget that it's almost not usable. The uses of AG without citizen automation are pretty limited in any case: A player who doesn't want a city to grow will normally manage to reduce the food surplus to 0 through citizen reassignment, and then there is no need for AG. That said, it can happen that the assignment with optimal non-food output will still have a small food surplus.

Important to make the city bar icon optional because players may use AG to permanently keep a city from growing (i.e. with citizen automation enabled and resulting in 0 food surplus), and, in that case, the icon can be more annoying than helpful.

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| The last of the three icons contained in BULL's GameFont.tga, the Citizen icon, is used as the heading of the "population" column of the (non-customizable) Domestic Advisor screen. | | The population column heading says "POP". All other columns are headed by icons. I guess BULL uses the Citizen icon only for city bar hover text. | |
| See also | 004 uses the strength icon for the stationed-units column. | | |
| 002g | Changes to Main Menu (the one that opens right after launching BtS) | | |
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| In-game main menu is referred to as "Game Menu". | | "Main Menu", same name as the menu where you go after "Exit to Main Menu." | |
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| Shown grayed out: "BtS Content", "Check for Updates" (in the "Advanced" submenu). | | "BtS Content" leads to an empty screen. The Update site – apparently hardcoded as http://motd.gamespy.com/motd/vercheck.asp in the EXE – has long been disabled; hangs for some seconds, then reports that the game is up to date. | |
| Rationale | Can't remove the dead items (handled by the EXE), so it seems that the best I can do is show the text in gray. | | |
| | I had "Play Now! and "Play Scenario" grayed out at first, but "Play Now" shows descriptions of map scripts that aren't visible elsewhere and there's a preview screen for some map types and scenarios (though a pretty bad one). | | |
| | Could rename "Custom Game" to "New Game (Randomized Map)", "Play Now" to something like "World Picker" and "Custom Scenario" to "New Game (Scenario)", but I think players are so used to selecting "Custom Game" that this would be an inconvenience. | | |
| Tbd. | Perhaps rename "Exit to Main Menu" to "Exit to Opening Menu" – that's what it's called under graphics options. Could then replace "game menu" with "main menu" again. | | |
| | Perhaps refer to the main interface as the "Main Screen" in game text as it's done in the Civ 4 manual. I don't think of it as a screen, but "interface" is slang. | | |
| See also | Kek-Mod has an in-game update function (inherited from PBMod I think): CvModUpdaterScreen.py | | |

| 002h | Changes to textures | | |
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| Config | Remove Assets\BML.fpk (renaming the file doesn't help) in order to use the BtS textures, or put a different fpk file in Assets (e.g. the Blue Marble texture pack linked in the opening post of the K-Mod thread (last paragraph). If BtS textures are used, clouds should probably be re-enabled through RENDER_GLOBEVIEW_CLOUDS in GlobalDefines_advc.xml because that switch can't remove the shadows. To modify my textures, BML.fpk has to be unpacked first, using PakBuild. | | |
| Credits | I've worked from tex | tures in the <u>Blue Marble</u> (BM) de | sign. |
| AdvCiv | | BtS | ВМ |
| Changed the brightness, saturation and color balance of all terrain textures except Hill, Snow and Peak, aiming at a middle ground between BtS and BM. I think my colors are less saturated than either BtS and BM. Coast is quite a bit brighter than Ocean. | | The BtS textures have bright colors. They're easy to distinguish except perhaps Coast and Ocean. | Much darker colors than in BtS; Coast and Ocean somewhat hard to distinguish. |
| l've also adopted the water- related non-terrain textures from BM to my color scheme. | | | Also changes several non- terrain textures that depict water (e.g. irrigated farm) to match the new color of water. |

| _ | | Bilious green Grassland and Jungle, medium to dark green Forest. | Dark green Forest and Jungle, medium green Grassland that contrasts very strongly with river banks. |
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| though relief | to the texture detail, fs might be more o the lower color | | More detailed texture reliefs. Makes Grassland in the fog of war and non-fogged Jungle a bit hard to distinguish. |
| Clouds disal | | When zooming out far, passing clouds are shown; these clouds also cast shadows. | No shadows; denser, more realistic clouds. |
| the map. | | Civilopedia and the "Play Now!" | Adjusts these textures to match the BM style. (Compressed size: 6 MB) |
| Adopted the BM resource | | World Picker screens for | Less garish textures for Banana, Rice, Gems and Uranium. |
| Roads light brown. Railroads from BM but with increased contrast for a dotted look. | | Roads dark beige, Railroads light gray, difficult to tell apart. Darker Railroads, no chang Roads. If BUG is used in addition, the <u>I Love Asphalt</u> component (not included in Mod/AdvCiv) colors roads to | |
| Rationale | I mostly wanted something that's easier on the eyes. Blue Marble is pretty good in regard, but has some other issues (see above) and looks more different from BtS t it has to. I've also gotten the (compressed) file size down to 5 MB from 15 MB. The BM reliefs look kind of nice but more crayon-like grainy than detailed. | | ooks more different from BtS than own to 5 MB from 15 MB. The |
| | All three versions let Coast bleed far into adjacent Ocean, which can make it hard to tell where the Coast ends. Probably can't be helped because the player is – apparently – supposed to be able to tell when there is an unrevealed Coast next to a revealed Ocean. | | pecause the player is – |
| See also | CFC post with screenshots comparing the AdvCiv, BM and BtS textures. | | |
| Tbd. | In the fog of war, the deciduous forests in the subtropics are too difficult to distinguish from tropical jungle. Making the forests darker or less reddish doesn't help. Brighter jungle would help, but would look too unnatural. (That's what BtS did.) Sparser forests? Don't really like that either. May have to apply to all forest varieties and also to routed forest, which already looks too sparse. Related CFC post (near the middle) Update: I've made jungle a bit brighter again; not sure how much it helps. Natural jungle can look pretty bright; see e.g. this photo on Wikipedia. | | |

002i Player color palette revised

See table below. The BtS palette is on top and the AdvCiv palette on the bottom. The empty cells happened by accident. The colors labeled as unused are only used as secondary colors (when multiple leaders of the same civ are in one game), and light black (lower right corner) is entirely unused. I've been less careful about making these colors distinct than about the primary colors.

Made a few colors like the Aztec's green (upper left) and the Persian's blue (top center) less saturated and thus hopefully less painful to look at.

Most colors shifted a little bit to make them easier to distinguish.

| Barbarians | America | Mongolia | Per | sia | France | Korea | Ottoman |
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| | | Portugal | Ch | na | Rome | Russia | Inca |
| Germany | | Carthage | М | ali | Spain | India | Japan |
| England | | Arabia | Gre | ece | Zulu | | Celtia |
| Babylon | (unused) | Byzantium | Emi | opla | Holy Roman | Khmer | Maya |
| (unused) | Native America | Netherlands | (unu | sed) | Sumeria | (unused) | (unused) |
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| Barbarians | America | | Pei | Sla | France | Korea | Ottoman |
| | | Portugal | Ch | na | Rome | Russia | |
| Germany | | | | | Spain | | Japan |
| England | | | | | Zulu | | Celtia |
| Babylon | (unused) | | | | Holy Roman | Khmer | Мауа |
| (unused) | Native America | | | | Sumeria | (unused) | (unused) |
| Config Credits See also | Remove Assets\XML\Interface\CIV4ColorVals.xml to restore the original colors. Andy Langton's Hex RGB Colour Converter came in handy. 002a: Increased opacity on the minimap makes the colors a bit easier to distinguish there. | | | | | | |
| | duckstab's | | | | | | |

| player, a civ with a primary color resembling a |
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| mix of the original civ's primary and secondary |
| color is chosen; e.g. Roosevelt as the third |
| American leader will receive a primary color |
| between middle blue and white (the Viking colors |
| in a test, but perhaps that was because the |
| Greek colors were already taken). Leaders |
| beyond the third (only possible in a mod-mod) |
| receive the color scheme of an unused civ |
| chosen at random. |
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| See also | Screenshot posted on CFC that show clashing colors. | | |
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| Rationale | improve on the BtS approach, those a color definitions, could've been used primary colors. However, I think it's ni chosen based on the unique (well, me secondary color is even quite fitting a the color scheme of another civ was escheme around the secondary color oprimary and secondary color (for the | are unused or used only as a secondary color. To available colors, perhaps along with some novel for a reserve of colors that can't clash with other cer to have unique replacement colors, i.e. ostly) secondary color. For some civs, that is the primary color, e.g. red for England. Using easier to implement than to create a color dynamically. Choosing a color in between the third player of a civ) results in a color that is fairly and establishes a color range that ties the three | |

| 002j | Changed the sizes of a few 3D models, especially ships. | |
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| Rationale | The sizes had already been scaled by hand, but a few units appeared oversized, especially Modern Work Boat. (Of course, all units are kind of oversized, and I've tried making them all 20% smaller, but that made them significantly harder to distinguish.) | |
| Config | Through Art\Civ4ArtDefines_Unit.xml | |
| Credits | Inspired by Elhoim's <u>Better Ship Scale</u> mod, though that mod makes the sailing ships look like nutshells, and the modern ships poke across the tile boundaries. | |
| See also | 905b increases the size of East Indiaman a bit because it's supposed to be bigger than Frigate. | |
| Tbd. | Building scales could probably also be improved. E.g. the Taj Mahal is a bit small ("Dawn of Civilization" enlarges it). But I don't want to copy CIV4ArtDefines_Building.xml from BtS until I have more ideas what to change. | |
| | Unit group sizes: Machine Gun and Gunship might look better as groups of two. For Bear (idea from the <u>PAE mod</u>) and Panther, group size 1 would make much more sense. Not sure about all the mechanized land units having group size 1; size 2 might be better. However, such changes aren't just a matter of UnitMeshGroups in Civ4UnitInfos.xml; the units also would have to be rescaled in Civ4ArtDefines_Unit.xml, and other adjustments might be needed in addition. Gunship rotors in frozen animation blot each other out. It seems that a larger group of Guided Missiles would require a change to the Guided Missile attack animation. | |

| | Put "AD" (Anno Domini) before the year number in all game text. And removed the colon after "Turn" on the time display. |
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| Rationale | I understand that "1500 AD" is acceptable, but "AD 1500" is more proper. |

| Config | Option on the "Time" tab of the BUG menu. Can also pick CE/BCE there. Or edit the |
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| | text keys in CIV4GameText_advc.xml. |

| 002I | Tweaks to sound effects | | | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS | | |
| Play comba | ıt audio based on player's era. | Based on the game era. | | |
| Rationale | I haven't checked, but, <u>apparently</u> , the sound differs for each era, and I think all erabased visuals depend on the (human) player's era, so it seems inconsistent to base the audio on the game era. | | | |
| Flank damage, and the respective message is displayed immediately. th | | The victory or defeat sound is played, and the message appears with a slight delay for the attacker and, for the defender, only at the start of the next turn (bForce=false). All(?) the other combat-related message use bForce=true. | | |
| Rationale | Showing combat messages directly is generally preferable, but multiple messages with an associated sound can get noisy (constructive interference I suppose). Nonlethal damage isn't significant for a sound anyway (at least not for the victory and defeat sound); for units killed by Flank damage, I'm keeping the sounds and bForce=false. | | | |
| See also | CFC post by me on this subject | | | |
| | When multiple human units are promoted with one click, the promotion sound is played only once. Played simultaneously for each unit, i.e. can get loud. | | | |
| | man stack makes a Stack Attack, a efeat sound is played only for the final | A sound is played for each individual attack, all on top of each other. | | |
| Rationale | If the final attack fails, then the defeat sound is appropriate even if the majority of the earlier attacks succeeded – because the attacker lost at least one unit and hasn't managed to eliminate all defenders. If the final attack succeeds, then the victory sound is not necessarily appropriate, but there isn't a familiar neutral sound, and at least the current behavior is simple and somewhat intuitive. | | | |
| Tbd. | There might be a couple more cases of stacking sounds to take care of. Looks like the "your units are under attack" sound could be a problem. | | | |
| | Would be nice to have a general safeguard against loud sounds. I think all sounds get played through either CvDLLInterfaceIFaceBase::playGeneralSound (one version of that function is unused; can simply be set to protected visibility) or addMessage with bForce=true. Could insert a call to a safeguard function at CvPlayer (or at a new component of CvPlayer) into those two functions. The safeguard function would keep track of which sound has started playing when and how long it is expected to last, and would return false when too many sounds overall or multiple instances of the same sound are about to get played. | | | |
| See also | CFC post by me about promotions a | nd Stack Attack. | | |

| | of war. Play no sound when a vassale. | The multiple (pairwise) DoW at the start of a war involving vassals or defensive pacts result in a single loud war-horns sound. Sounds at the end of a war can also stack when vassals are involved. | |
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| Play the dea declaring wa | | Declaring war cancels all deals. A sound is played for each canceled deal at the same time. | |
| | 106j plays no deal cancellation sound a resource trade deal. | when the AI decides to cancel (and renegotiate) | |
| When multiple Global Warming events are reported at the start of a turn, a sound is played only for the first one. | | One sound per event. | |
| Credits | crullerdonut made me aware (2 nd quote box): <u>CFC post</u> | | |
| Rationale | I don't think the sounds had stacked up, but it's still annoying to hear the same sound six times in a row. | | |

| 002m S | Shortened unit animations | |
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| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| decreases sli animated unit game than in animations pe time in the lat Moreover, on Renaissance short, meanir side has been In addition to "Single Unit O | the defense, starting in the era, combat animations are cut ng that they usually stop before one | From the K-Mod changelog (v1.29b): "Combat animations are now orchestrated to roughly correspond to the events from the actual combat mechanics. (It still isn't a blow-for-blow representation of the actual battle, but events in the animation will at least occur in the same order as the events in the combat log.)" That is, the number of animated combat rounds is based on the number of entries in the combat log. In addition, it's multiplied by an XML-configurable base value. Looks like SUG doesn't affect the number of rounds, meaning that the two men are shown hitting each other for about 10 seconds. |
| Config GlobalDefinesAlt.xml (because that's where K-Mod's STANDARD_BATTLE_ANIMATION_ROUNDS is defined) | | |

| Rationale | | "Quick Combat (Offense)" option, but "Quick gainst the player difficult to follow, and animating | | |
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| | think the EXE consults functions like for this. (CvUnit::getAnimationMax any appreciable difference.) Can only fewer hits or by ending animations be doesn't look nice, but the former just | ions are played can, apparently, not be modified. getSecsPerTurn in CvDLLUtilityIFaceBase.h speed is called during combat but doesn't make y speed animations up by making units die after efore one side has been defeated. The latter isn't enough when large AI stacks attack in the option to see fully animated combat on the attack | | |
| | Fewer hits per kill as the game progredeadlier. | esses could be interpreted as weapons becoming | | |
| | SUG: It looks goofy when a single Rifleman takes bullet after bullet without going down. I'm applying my change only to singleplayer mode because I'm not sure if basing the combat rounds on player options could lead to synchronization problems in (Pitboss) multiplayer games. | | | |
| See also | Similar arguments in this CFC thread. Two users claim that SUG speeds up combat – perhaps it does in BtS; not in K-Mod though. | | | |
| Tbd. | Could I just show the eventual victor knocking down all opposing figures that remain with one strike a piece when combat is cut short? Or approximate the combat rounds more coarsely, e.g. if the sequence of per-round wins in a fight A vs. B is ABBABBAAABA, show animations for ABABA instead. The algorithm could be to choose a target number of successes for the victor (at least as many as there are figures on the losing side) and, based on that, a smaller target number of successes for the loser. Then somehow pick a sequence that resembles the original sequence; perhaps start by preserving the true first and last hit | | | |
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| | e air mission animation for recon, combing to 4 seconds, i.e. play them | 5 seconds each | | |
| Rationale | The long animation times aren't really a problem as the missions take effect immediately and don't block the UI. (And the air strike animation isn't shown at all when playing with Quick Attack.) Still a bit distracting to see the aircraft hover for so long. Faster aircraft look also more realistic. Perhaps a bit easy to miss for a first-time player, so it's understandable that Firaxis made the animations so slow. | | | |
| Config | Civ4MissionInfos.xml. The iTime value gets taken times 250 ms (CvDLLUtilityIFaceBase::getSecsPerTurn). | | | |
| Shorten the | e nuke animation to 8 seconds. | 10 seconds | | |
| Rationale | Still very long, but, if players actually want to see it, – it's not going to look good when played much faster. | | | |
| See also | 650 deals with other changes to nuclear war. | | | |
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| A 2-second nuke animation, i.e. mostly a camera rumble plus explosion sound (if zoomed in close enough), is shown when Particle Effects are disabled. 1 second when playing with simultaneous turns and for enemy nukes. | | Always 10 seconds, but, without Particle Effects, no explosion is actually shown and, on enemy turns, the camera doesn't focus on nukes. With simultaneous turns, it looks like the animation will play for all human players regardless of whether they can see it; but I haven't tested it. In contrast, the "Show Moves" options are treated as disabled when playing with simultaneous turns. | |
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| When the formal (mostly) be | | While the nuke animation plays, automatic unit cycling is disabled and only units in the same tile as the nuke unit can be manually selected. | |
| Credits | crullerdonut made me aware that the (end of the post). | nuke animation requires Particle Effects here | |
| See also | The end of my previous post (link abo | ove). | |
| Rationale | The best solution might be to stop the animation from interfering with unit cycling. More specifically, it seems to be the "delayed death" status of the nuke unit that inteferes. It's easy enough to kill the unit immediately, but that also cuts the animation off. There's probably a way to allow cycling while the selected unit is dying (and the animation playing), but it's too much effort for me to figure this out. | | |
| | 2 seconds is still kind of long when there is no animation to see, but nukes have a recon effect during their animation, and player may want to use that opportunity to scout out enemy unit positions. As much as that illogical recon effect stinks, – wouldn't want players to enable the full animation just so that they don't lose that benefit. I don't think an animation can be shown without active visibility. | | |
| | Simultaneous turns: Tedious to test, so I want to keep it simple. Apparently, playing an animation that blocks the UI on only one machine would be quite a handicap (not sure about synchronization). | | |
| Config | BUG option for showing the short rumble or no animation at all regardless of the "No Particle Effects" option. | | |
| Tbd. | Would be nice if "Show Enemy Moves" could move the camera to the impact sites of enemy nukes. But, even then, I don't think the full animation should be shown; should suffice to show that when the active (human) player detonates a nuke. | | |
| | Perhaps OK to remove the recon effect, i.e. never to play the animation when dropping a nuke in the fog of war. Players could still marvel at the animation when they nuke a visible tile (not so uncommon – how else can they target enemy unit stacks). | | |
| nuke") im | _ ` ` | The message is shown immediately only for nukes fired by the active (human) player. Otherwise at the start of the next turn. | |
| Rationale | Easier to follow enemy launches this | way. | |
| See also | 004g shows bombardment messages immediately. | | |
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| 002n | Flashing end-turn message disabled | |
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| turn. No cha | message is shown at the end of a ange to the animation of the end-turn no change to flashing reminder | Once all units have orders and all popups have been dealt with, the end-turn button starts to pulsate and a flashing message "Press enter" is shown until the player ends the turn. The Reminders mod component (Alt+M) replaces the press-enter message with the reminder message set by the player. |
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| Config | Can be re-enabled on the "General" | tab (column "Misc.") of the BUG menu. |
| Rationale | Helpful for first-time players, but a little annoying in regular games, and quite annoying when taking screenshots. Newbies should still be able to notice the (subtly) animated end turn button eventually. | |
| See also | 004t disables the flashing exit-city-screen message. 106l suppresses the Autosave message. | |
| Tbd. | In games with simultaneous turns, the "waiting for you" message seems to get shown as soon as all other players have ended their turns. That's a bit annoying, though I guess some indication is necessary (one time announcement?). Also the end-turn button turns red at that point — that should never happen when there are still units that need orders (CvPlayer::hasReadyUnit). This stuff is in part handled by CvGameInterface.cpp, e.g. CvGame::shouldDisplayWaitingYou. | |

| 002o | Don't play the same music track twice in a row |
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| | It would generally be better to shuffle the tracks upon entering a new era and upon loading a savegame. But not playing the same twice is at least an improvement and was easy to implement. (Actually, it looks like the original developers had meant to implement this.) |

| 003 | Style changes and other refactoring, utility functions, comments about unused or |
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| | otherwise dubious code; in particular: |

Minor refactoring changes to improve readability in large parts of the C++ code base:

Variable declarations moved to the point where the variable is initialized; continue, break and return statements to reduce indentation; variables named bissomething renamed to just bsomething; removed (obviously) unnecessary parentheses; made comments more compact, in particular those by jdog5000; removed blank lines and curly braces around one-liners unless the braces are needed to separate the one-liner from a multi-line condition; switched conditions like 0! =x around to x!=0; array initialization loops replaced with single-line initialization; INT_MAX and INT_MIN replaced with Civ's MAX_INT and MIN_INT, breaks in long lines (ca. 85 to 100 characters). removed the xmlkey parameters from getBUGOption... calls because the callee doesn't use them; const qualifiers added.

Those changed aren't marked with comments. Structural changes are sometimes tagged with an "advc" comment, but I've started deleting those comments again. In particular, continue statements without a comment can be assumed to come from AdvCiv.

Macros TEAMID added, and GET_TEAM can now also take a PlayerTypes parameter. For example, GET_TEAM(GET_PLAYER(ePlayer).getTeam())

becomes

GET TEAM(ePlayer)

(akin to the functions in BUG's PlayerUtil.py).

Macro Player Text color added to complement Text color; mainly used in

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CvGameTextMgr.cpp.
Shortened gDLL->getInterfaceIFace() to gDLL->UI().
            It's often faster for me to rewrite the code a bit than to make sense of it as it is -
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            though fastidiousness has also played a role, I'm sure.
            I've stuck to the (Systems) Hungarian notation, mainly for consistency with the BtS
            code, but I also think that it has some merit in this software design. Since objects are
            usually passed around through integer ids (instead of pointers), it's typical to work with
            an object pointer and its id side by side, and then eTeam is shorter than teamId.
            In the UWAI classes, Hungarian notation isn't used though because consistency with
            the BtS codebase is less important in those classes. I also use a different style for
            conditionals there. (Now that I've made some adjustments to the BtS style. I wish I'd
            also have that style in the UWAI classes; obviously that would be a lot of work to
            change now, but maybe I'll do it eventually.)
See also
            003g: Floating point arithmetic
            003e (private copy-constructors) makes the cast to CvCitvAI safer to use.
            advc.pf: Refactoring of pathfinding code.
Removed all trailing whitespaces in the C++ files, converted spaces used for indentation to tabs
(also in the K-Mod Python scripts) and removed most of the spaces before closing parentheses.
            Shortly before releasing v0.96, I decided that it's better to make these changes once
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            and for all instead of making them piecemeal along with functional changes. Irregular
            whitespaces are distracting to me when reviewing Git commits. For indentation, tabs
            were already used almost exclusively. It's especially important to stick to one way of
            indenting in Python. I haven't made further style changes in Python and none in XML
            because those files aren't frequently changed (by me).
Tbd.
            Seach an replace (case-sensitive!):
             "if(" → "if ("
             'for(" → "for ("
             'whìle(" → "ẁhile ("
             'switch(" → "switch ("
            (Except in those AdvCiv files that don't conform with the BtS style at all.)
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CvDeal: Added a more convenient interface for iterating over trade items. When a CvDeal object and the two trading civs A and B are given, then the BtS interface with functions like getFirstTrades and getSecondTrades forces the caller to check whether A is either the "first" or "second" civ, resulting in redundant code to deal with both cases. The function names also give no indication who gives an item away and who receives it.

I've adapted all or almost all the client code for which it makes sense to the new interface.

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| New class CvDLLLogger to encapsulate the "message log". | The "message (control) log" is used mainly for logging combat outcomes and random numbers (if "RandLog" is enabled in addition to "MessageLog"). And some misc. logging, e.g. in CvPlayer::setTurnActive: |
| | <pre>if (GC.getLogging())</pre> |
| | if (gDLL->getChtLvl() > 0) { |
| | TCHAR szOut[1024]; sprintf(szOut, "Player %d Turn ON\n", getID()); |

| | <pre>gDLL->messageControlLog(szOut); }</pre> | |
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| | } | |
| Rationale To make the logging code less distr | acting. | |
| See also There's a short guide about the var | ous logs under <u>007</u> . | |
| Renamed the getBugOption functions to "isEnamespace "BUGOption". | nabled" and "getValue" and put them in a | |
| | mty's Unofficial Patch 1.7 (<u>link</u>). Not marked in-line ed further changes <u>here</u> , but those are really just r a bugfix (see "Roamty" under <u>001</u>). | |
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| GC" is now a CvGlobals const&, and most CvGlobals member functions have const qualifiers. | "GC" (global context) is a reference to the singleton instance of CvGlobals. It doesn't have a const qualifier. Most of the CvGlobals member functions don't have const qualifiers either, although they don't change the state of CvGlobals. | |
| CvXMLLoadUtilitySet.cpp redefines GC as a (non-const) CvGlobals& for convenient access | , | |
| Functions that provide references to other singleton objects, in particular getGame, getInitCore and getMap, still return non-constreferences. This works because CvGlobals only stores pointers to those sub-objects. | are owned (allocated and deallocated) by | |
| n the rare cases, when the state of CvGlobals needs to be changed by classes other than CvXMLLoadUtility, the instance is accessed hrough CvGlobals::getInstance(). | CvGlobals. | |
| | unging CvGlobals, so the const restriction on GC sure if any performance gains are possible; making egard to performance. | |
| Removed functions from CvGlobals that had returned references to the info vectors. Instead, CvXMLLoadUtility accesses the vectors directly | · | |
| Rationale Shouldn't expose those vectors to t access them is already declared as | he entire game core when only one class needs to a friend. | |
| See also advc.enum lets the preprocessor go Cavemen2Cosmos did the same the | enerate the remaining info accessor functions. ing (a little later than I): <u>Git commit</u> | |
| Line endings: The DLL only uses line feeds (LF); I've run it through unix2dos (on devolution's suggestion). I think the original DLL also used LF exclusively, as did karadoc's code. XML line endings are mixed. Looks like BtS always used LFCR and so did I, but BUG uses LF. Well, at least line endings within individual files seem to be consistent. Haven't checked the Python code. | | |
| Turned K-Mod's CvFoundSettings and AI_foun | dValue_bulk (CvPlayerAI) into a new class | |

| CitySiteEval | luator. | |
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| Rationale | AI_foundValue_bulk was one of the most complex functions in the code base and it was located in the longest and most complex implementation file (CvPlayerAI.cpp). Moving it to a separate class has allowed me to store the data that gets computed prior to the city radius evaluation loop in member variables. This was a prerequisite for moving code into subroutines. | |
| | It's easy to see that the code still isn't well structured (for one thing, several functions return multiple values through reference parameters) and that the order of the evaluation steps is fairly arbitrary. | |
| | 031 deals with functional changes to the found value computation. When I moved the code, I also added log output; see 031c about that. | |
| marked with CvArea& ins sameArea, 6 functions ref anymore. Al most of ther | most of the CvArea* function parameters to CvArea const&. Those changes aren't a comments. Repurposed the getArea functions (CvPlot, CvCity, CvUnit) to return a stead of an int id. Same-area checks are now usually performed by functions e.g. CvCity::sameArea(CvCity const&), Or isArea(CvArea const&). The area turning a CvArea* (CvPlot, CvCity, CvUnit, CvSelectionGroup) aren't used much I functions mentioned above are inlined except CvSelectionGroup::area. Previously, m weren't inlined because CvPlot and CvArea objects had to be looked up in CvMap., CvCity and CvUnit each store a CvArea*, and CvPlot no longer stores an area id. | |
| | constness is preferable and so are references and inlining. None of this is important on its own, but all three combined gave me enough impetus for this rather expansive refactoring change. I've kept the area functions mostly for compatibility when merging with other DLL mods. The change to the getArea functions will hurt compatibility, but there really shouldn't be three different area accessors I think and accessing them by id is easily the worst method. | |
| See also | The CvMap::getPlot function introduced by advc.opt also returns a reference, whereas CvMap::plot returns a pointer. | |
| | the "plot unit functions" in CvGameCoreUtils, mainly through more descriptive variable e assertions. | |
| | Replace this with functors taken as template parameter? For better compile-time type safety. | |
| Moved the getCombatOdds and LFBgetCombatOdds functions from CvGameCoreUtils.cpp into a separate file CombatOdds.cpp, split them up so that they can share some code with each other and so that the Advanced Combat Odds mod (ACO) can also reuse some of it. Moved some of the ACO code from CvGameTextMgr.cpp into CombatOdds.cpp, the rest into ACOText.cpp. Refactored all the odds-related code a bit, mostly the variable names (ACO had used some obscure one-letter abbreviations). | | |
| | Should make it more feasible for mod-mods to change the combat rules. Updating the odds calculations is a real obstacle to that, especially when it has to be done in five(!) different places. | |
| See also | advc.test: Code for verifying calculated odds through simulations. | |

| 003b | Misc. performance tweaks (tagged in the source code with "advc.opt") |
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| See also | 003d: Faster Quick Load |
| | advc.inl: Function inlining |

advc.pf: Pathfinder optimizations

003s: Cache tile adjacency lists

003h: Cache MaxVisibilityRange

003m: Cache CvTeam::isMinorCiv and getAtWarCount

0030: Profiling code

003p: Improve performance of layer updates.

003t: Memory saving in the CvInfo classes

003v: Don't load unused XML data

<u>045</u>: Rival buildings hidden on main interface.

106i clear Hall of Fame data from memory when a game is started or loaded.

<u>004s</u> uses a more efficient data structure for player statistics.

Brief chapter about performance in the main portion of the manual.

Tbd.

Test if this flat_set implementation by alberts2 is more efficient than std::set in the UWAI component (UWAISet.h). Not easy to do because his flat_set doesn't have quite the same interface as std::set. The implementation in Boost 1.35 seems to have the same interface, but it can't be easily isolated from the rest of that library and I don't want to switch from Boost 1.32 to 1.35. If I do upgrade Boost, then I should follow billw2015's example (C2C Git issue, branch) and upgrade to Boost 1.55.

I've tweaked various BtS functions that the Unit AI uses to quickly dismiss tiles when deciding where to move: CvUnitAI::AI_plotValid, CvUnit::isEnemy, CvUnit::isPotentialEnemy and related functions at other classes. The "potential enemy" functions check for imminent war plans, so I've moved them to AI classes. Some are used by the AI to avoid danger – I've kept the name "potentialEnemy" for those –, others are used for planning attacks – I've renamed those to "mayAttack". It's still a bit of a mess.

A few of my changes to calls of <code>isEnemy</code> are minor functional changes, bugfixes arguably, that only matter when a mod-mod makes additional units <code>AlwaysHostile</code> and when such a unit is near a friendly city or fort. I haven't marked those changes with any comment.

See also

Often, Unit AI code, especially BBAI code, checks whether a tile is in the same area as the unit. Change <u>030</u> (peaks and ice can separate areas) complicates some of those checks because submarines can now sometimes enter a different area. I've added functions CvUnit::canEnterArea, CvArea::canBeEntered and CvUnitAI::AI_canEnterByLand for dealing with that.

Revised access to GlobalDefines. Integer GlobalDefines are now accessed in four different ways:

• Access through CvGlobals::

getDefineINT(char const*). This is still the
default method for code that is clearly not
going to affect the overall performance. In a
few cases (e.g. in MapGenerator.cpp), I've at

least moved ${\tt getDefineINT}$ calls out of loops and assigned their results to local consts instead.

Assign the result of CvGlobals::
 getDefineINT(char const*) to a local static
 variable. This is done when the value should
 only be used locally, i.e. when it's not really
 intended to be a "global" define.

• Enum value (enum GlobalDefines) in CvGlobals.h for fast access through

Two different wavs:

CvGlobals::getDefineINT(char const*),
 which looks up the string argument in a
 stdext::hash_map (FVariableSystem::
 m_mapVariableMap) that contains all the
 GlobalDefines tag names.

CvGlobals::getDefineINT(GlobalDefines). For values used in multiple places or that may well be used in additional places in the future. The mapping between XML element strings and enum values is handled by a macro.

- Access through a dedicated function without parameters; e.g. getEVENT MESSAGE TIME(). For pre-AdvCiv functions that can't be easily removed because of DllExport or because of a high number of call locations. Most of these I did remove.
- For more than 50 frequently accessed tag names, there are individual variables cached at CvGlobals with a getter function, e.g. m iriver attack modifier and getRIVER ATTACK MODIFIER.

| Rationale | String retrieval from a map is fine in contexts where performance isn't a concern, but GlobalDefines are needed pretty commonly in contexts where it's at least not obvious that performance doesn't matter, and, then, adding a data member with a getter to CvGlobals is tedious and clutters that class up. The GlobalDefines enum solves that problem. The only reason I like to use local static variables sometimes is that it conveys that the GlobalDefine is only accessed in a single place. Caveat about local static variables: They're not updated if CvGlobals::setDefineINT is called. Another thing to be aware of: static local variables result in a branch instruction. |
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| Credits | The local static idea came from Nightinggale. <u>CFC post</u> |
| See also | I posted about the GlobalDefines enum <u>here</u> in the C2C subforum, and a variant of that idea was later included in C2C (<u>Git commit</u>). |
| Tbd. | CvBugOptions could use a cache as well. |
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Added a parameter for default values (to be used when a tag isn't found in the hash map) and intto-boolean conversion (getDefineBool) to the GlobalDefines getters in CvGlobals. This has rendered the getDefine... functions in CvBugOptions.h obsolete, so I commented those out.

Treating integer defines as boolean is frequently needed and error-prone. Rationale

Faster functions for mapping CvMap coordinates There are two functions for this mapping, both to CvPlot objects:

CvMap::getPlot returns a CvPlot& without performing any checks outside of assertions. Force-inlined.

CvMap::plotValidXY returns a CvPlot*. Applies world-wrap, but doesn't check whether coordinates are -1. The compiler may or may not inline it.

used when coordinates are guaranteed to be valid. plotValidXY is used when the coordinates have been computed as an offset from valid coordinates. plotSoren is only used in a few locations where the coordinates may indeed represent no valid tile (and a few where I wasn't sure). plot is still used pretty widely, mainly in functions that receive coordinates through their call parameters.

Based on benchmark tests, I've kept plotSoren inlined and removed the (force-)inline keyword

force-inlined, both returning a CvPlot*:

CvMap::plot: Applies world-wrap and checks if either coordinate equals -1.

CvMap::plotSoren: Doesn't apply world-wrap, only checks for -1.

CvPlot isn't generally used for data members; usually coordinates are used instead, and when those coordinates aren't supposed to represent Throughout the game core code, getPlot is now any tile, they're set to -1 (e.g. CvUnit::m iReconx).

| from plot. | | |
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| replaces plotByIndex. getPlotByIndex only asserts that the index is within the array's | | For looking up a CvPlot by its index in CvMap::m_pMapPlots, plotByIndex is used. That function performs an out-of-bounds check and returns a CvPlot*. |
| Rationale | Speed and code clarity. plotSoren is a terrible function name. Now that fucntion is at least not used much anymore. | |
| Tbd. | Functions shouldn't, for the most part, take coordinates as parameters; instead the should take a CvPlot reference if the tile is guaranteed to be valid and a CvPlot pointer otherwise. That should get rid of most of the remaining plot calls and superfluous NULL checks. Could then perhaps rename plot to "plotSafe". | |

| 003c | Added an assertion that checks if XML data loaded through GC.getDefineINT actual exists. Found just one (unimportant) error this way and corrected it. Had to change some calls that happened before XML was even loaded; no functional change. | |
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| | For values that CvGlobals caches, there is still no check if XML has been loaded. I've added an <code>isCachingDone</code> check to every getter function and found only one issue (<code>TechPrefs.py</code> ; fixed). Then I removed the checks again because they were a bit unwieldy. | |

| 003d | Faster loading of savegames | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| When using Shift+F8 to Quick Load in fullscreen mode, the game exits to the main menu for a second before loading the Quick Save slot. | | When loading any savegame while playing in fullscreen mode, the game hangs on "Initializing" (doing who-knows-what) for a period of time that appears to depend on the complexity of the game state. Can easily be 30 seconds. This delay does not occur when loading from the main menu (nor when exiting to the main menu). |
| Rationale | This (apparent) bug has been long known, though these three <u>CFC</u> threads are the only web sources I can find that mention it. (Upd.: <u>Here</u> 's a more recent thread on Reddit; <u>here</u> a recent one on CFC.) It's possible that it only occurs on some systems. | |
| | My fix only covers Quick Load. Since the "Load Game" menu is outside the SDK this is probably all I can do. Workarounds: | |
| | a) manually exit to the main menu before loading; or | |
| | b) play in windowed mode; or | |
| | c) press Alt+Tab two times when the delay begins. This seems to finish the "Initializing" stage immediately. | |
| | if loading is taking long. I've tested the forgetting about this. But the recommap, and this is misleading because replacement text also needs to be very | text with a recommendation to minimize the game is and found it quite helpful because I keep nendation would also show up when generating a Alt+Tab does not speed up the map script. The ery short; no room to explain that it only applies ave it at a regular loading screen hint (008d) that |

| 009 is a prerequisite because it repairs BUG code for finding the My Games director where savegames are located. | |
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| 004m is a prerequisite because it makes sure that returning to the main menu doesn't affect the layers that are enabled after loading. | |

| 003e | Prevent accidental copying of objects | 3 |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| CvPlayer, CvTeam, CvGame, CvMap, CvEntity (base class of CvCity and CvUnit), CLinkList, CvInfoBase, CvScalableInfo, CvActionInfo (for the getInfo functions) and their subclasses are non-copyable, meaning that a line like | | Calls to the (macro) functions GET_PLAYER, GET_TEAM, getGame and getMap are extremely common in the code base, and new code has to call them all the time too. |
| CvPlayerAI kPlayer = GET_PLAYER(ePlayer) leads to a compile-time error. | | Such a line only leads to a runtime error, and one that is usually difficult to debug. |
| Rationale | Accidental copies are just something that comes with references as return values in C++, and I'm not going to make every class non-copyable that is returned as a reference somewhere, but securing these frequently used functions seems prudent. | |
| Credits | Git commit by Nightinggale (We the F | People mod). He does it only for CvInfoBase. |
| See also | 003k also makes a couple of classes allocated memory to them. | non-copyable because it adds dynamically |
| | 1 | tructor for classes that free memory in the out accidental copies are annoying even when s). |

| advc.inl | Function inlining [the change id was "advc.003f" until AdvCiv 0.97] |
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| See also | 003u partially solves problems with dependencies between abstract non-Al classes and Al classes derived from them. This has allowed me to inline additional functions without undesirable header inclusions. |
| | "We the People" <u>Git issue</u> about function inlining. |
| Tbd. | Should probably inline all the getTeam functions. That may make it necessary to cache a CvTeam pointer (add a data member m_pTeam) in order to avoid undesirable header inclusions. Same procedure as for some of the CvPlot getter functions, e.g. CvCity::plot(). (Those changes are tagged with advc.opt.) |
| | Would be better to replace most of the inline keywords withinline. Makes clearer in which cases the keyword is only there for compiler optimizations (and to communicate those optimizations to the reader). |
| some of the least some the header | chaustively checked every header for functions that should be inlined (though I did scourem), but I think I've taken care of the bulk of the functions that are very short, are at what frequently called and don't contain any conditionals. I've moved the definitions into file and, for very frequently called functions, added the inline keyword and in someforceinline. |
| Rationale | Overall, inlining has yielded noticeable gains in performance, certainly more than 10%. |
| | In my tests, inlining functions with conditionals has usually hurt performance. Could be |

specific to my own hardware of course (and the MSVC03 compiler). Counterexamples: The private "coord" functions (e.g. CvMap::coordDistance) that already had an inline **keyword in BtS**; my modified CvUnit::getCombatOwner function. I've also seen functions with a conditional getting inlined in the absence of an inline keyword, and moving those functions (back) out of the header improved performance a tiny bit. My understanding is that function inlining interferes with CPU branch prediction. This isn't a problem, however, when the inlined function has only one call location. AdvCiv BtS Renamed functions that only the EXE is An inline specifier was added to some very supposed to call by appending the suffix frequently called DLL functions. Some of those "External" in a module definition (.def) file. The functions are also called by the EXE (far less DLL only uses the inline counterparts of those frequently), in particular CvGlobals::getGame functions. and various getX, getY and getOwner functions. To avoid inlined exported functions, two versions Removed the "INLINE" suffix from all function of each function were implemented, one for the names. EXE and one for the DLL; the latter had the suffix I've added inline keywords to plenty of exported "INLINE" appended to its name, e.g. functions: I haven't added non-inline "External" CvPlot::getX INLINE. versions of those for the EXE to call. To unclutter the DLL code and to make sure that only one version of each function is Rationale used in the DLL. (Now the inline versions are both faster and more readable than the exported versions, there is no reason for anyone to use the exported versions anymore.) If the source code of the EXE is ever released, then inlined DLLExports may in some way obstruct the recompilation of the EXE. However, I don't think it will be released and, if it is, then one will probably want to use a more recent compiler and that'll break any exports via the .def file as well. Tbd. One could actually remove most of declarations in the .def file again and instead **export the** inline replacements through DllExport. learned about .def files from posts by alberts2 and Ang in the Caveman2Cosmos Credits forum (thread). Until then, I thought that it was impossible to rename functions that the EXE calls. The .def file is enabled through Makefile.project. Danny's/ Nightinggale's makefile Config had already supported .def files; only a linker argument had to be added. Removed most of the USRDLL preprocessor When disabled, the USRDLL flag hides functions that the EXE isn't supposed to call. That includes checks. all exported inline functions. I guess if the EXE had called such functions when it was last compiled, then the DLL would now be unable to change their behavior outside of the DLL. The DLL by itself was clearly never supposed to be compiled without USRDLL; this wouldn't work for the original BtS code (nor for Warlords, which expanded the use of USRDLL checks, and Vanilla Civ 4) because a bunch of inline functions and enum identifiers that the DLL uses would remain undefined. There are plenty of exported inline functions now; hiding them from the EXE just in Rationale

| | case that the source code might be released someday isn't reasonable. | |
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| See also | Two posts by EmperorFool about the _usrdll flag. | |
| CvPlot: Son | ne frequently called functions have a (mandatory) bDebug parameter that allows | _ |

CvPlot: Some frequently called functions have a (mandatory) bDebug parameter that allows ignoring the fog of war (for Debug mode), e.g. CvPlot::isRevealed(TeamTypes,bool). I've kept the bodies of those functions in CvPlot.cpp, but overloaded them with functions that don't take a bDebug parameter and inlined the bodies of those new functions. (This way, the inline versions don't perform any conditional branching.) Then I've removed bDebug=false from all call locations so that all non-UI code uses the inline functions.

See also advc.enum simplifies many getter and setter functions, making them candidates for inlining.

003g Utility functions for dealing with floating-point numbers

To my embarrassment, I was not aware that floating-point operations can lead to synchronization problems in network games. Much of the AI code I've written uses floating-point math. A good part of it has been converted to ScaledNum by now. It's mainly the UWAI component and a few other new classes that still use floating-point math.

The point, in any case, is to avoid the rounding errors that the integer-only BtS code constantly produces. Moreover, a fractional power function is pretty indispensable for AI code in a game that revolves around exponential growth. The iSomethingPercent stuff is also cumbersome and errorprone to write and somewhat difficult to read.

Tests on a single machine with Microsoft's _controlfp function and different compiler flags suggest that OOS errors will indeed occur several times per game when floating-point settings differ between players. It's not clear, however, how widespread such differences currently are. On my own hardware (desktop PC with an Athlon X4 and an old notebook with a Pentium M), there doesn't seem to be a problem. Other players haven't reported problems either, but then, I've still heard back only from three (four?) multiplayer groups. My conjecture is that all processors that support the SSE2 instruction set behave the same way. According to Wikipedia, all Pentium and AMD 64-bit processors since 2004 support SSE2. I'm also not sure if it's important to use the arch: SSE2 compiler flag. (The AdvCiv makefile uses it.)

K-Mod uses floating-point math for AI combat odds (via the LFB_USECOMBATODDS XML switch, which is enabled by default); I think BtS had used that code only for humans. Since K-Mod 1.46, floating-point math is also used for the AI evaluation of Cottages (Git commit). The combat odds code gets very frequently executed, but the number of combinations of numeric inputs seems somewhat limited (though still large), so this isn't conclusive evidence of floating-point math being unproblematic for all practical purposes. Also, some K-Mod users might be experiencing frequent OOS errors without reporting them.

l've added a test at game start that warns players when their floating point settings (apparently) differ.

| My test is based on the numbers in these two Stack Exchange questions: <u>1</u> <u>2</u> | |
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| If someone reports seeing that warning, I'll experiment with _controlfp (don't w do it blindly): | |
| "At app startup time we call: _controlfp(_PC_24, _MCW_PC) _controlfp(_RC_NEAR, _MCW_RC) Also, every tick we assert that these fpu settings are still set: gpAssert(_controlfp(0, 0) & _MCW_PC) == _PC_24); gpAssert(_controlfp(0, 0) & _MCW_RC) == _RC_NEAR); There are some MS API functions that can change the fpu model on you so you need to manually enforce the fpu mode after those calls to ensure the fpu stays the same across machines. The assert is there to catch if anyone has buggered the fpu mode. FYI We have the compiler floating point model set to Fast /fp:fast (but its not a requirement)" source, similar advice, cf. MS library The /fp:precise compiler flag could also help. | |
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| | If that isn't workable, I may have to convert the remaining floating-point code to ScaledNum; see advc.fract. |
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| See also | 001n also deals with OOS issues |

| fract | Data type for fixed-point arithmetic: ScaledNum |
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| See also/ | CFC thread |
| Tbd. | Comments that start with "tbd." in ScaledNum.h |
| | See advc.enum about the integration with EnumMap. |
| Rationale | See under <u>003g</u> . |
| | Some operations could be faster than the corresponding floating-point operations, but, currently, I think it's about the same overall. |

| 003h | Cache maximal visibility range | |
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| | BtS goes through all improvements each time that the terrain or feature of a tile changes. That's a bit wasteful and easily amended. | |
| Credits | Adopted from the We The People mod (<u>Git commit</u> by devolution) | |

| 003i | Removed unused DLLExports and X | ML cache |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| Civ4Beyond Civ4Beyond have the "D unnecessar Walker outp unreachable | only functions that the EXE (either disword.exe or disword.exe or disword_PitBoss.exe) actually calls LLExport" keyword. I've removed the y DLLExports based on Dependency ut. Of course that tool can't detect e code, so there may still be some y DLLExports. | Functions called by the EXE have to have the DLLExport keyword, otherwise the game crashes when the call happens. Beyond these functions, Firaxis programmers have added the keyword to several hundred functions that they perhaps thought they might want to call from the EXE; and, in some cases, DLLExport was obviously added indiscriminately. |
| added it to t | d DLLExport from structs and instead he individual functions that the EXE for cases where every (explicit) s called by the EXE. | The DLL also declares some structs as DLLExport. This means (apparently) that all functions of the class, including implicit ones, can be called by the EXE. |
| | s that do require DLLExport, if I have rameter, I'm employing this pattern (in file): | |
| <pre>param1) { return }</pre> | <pre>ReturnType functionName(Parameter1 functionName(param1, defaultVal); functionName(Parameter1 param1, param2);</pre> | |
| defaultVal | in its the new parameter and its default value. In the source file, ameter is simply added to the elementation. | |

| Credits | Nightinggale; the pattern for overloading a DLLExport I've adopted from karadoc (he uses it on CvSelectionGroup::canMoveOrAttackInto). |
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| See also | These two threads on CFC |
| Rationale | Makes it easier to change function signatures: If if it's not a DLLExport and not virtual, there is nothing to worry about. (Well, the DLL also passes some of the pathfinding functions to the EXE as pointers) Also makes it a bit easier to guess what the EXE does when browsing the code. |
| Tbd. | Should perhaps make an internal copy of every exported function, append "External" to the name of the exported version by means of the module definition (.def) file (cf. advc.inl) and forward from the external version to the internal version. The external versions could be moved to the end of the class definitions (as I've already done it with most of the pure virtual functions, see 003u – though the exported functions would have to retain their current visibility specifier). This way, one would never again have to worry about breaking a DLL export. |

When the AdvCiv mod is loaded, it never attempts to read or write to the XML cache. The 2 times 19 read/write(FDataStreamBase*) functions in CvInfos.h are removed through a preprocessor flag. These functions are evidently only used for the XML cache.

Short version: I don't think the cache works at all in mods. Long version (partly guesswork):

When BtS is loaded, crc.dat in the XML cache is checked. (As for the cache location, see this post.) A checksum is computed from some of the XML files: it's not clear to me which ones and – if a mod is loaded – which version of the files. If the checksum matches the one in crc.dat, some 18 or 19 CvInfo objects are initialized from CIV4...Infos.dat files (binary format) in the cache, which is practically instantaneous. Otherwise, the Cylnfo objects are initialized by parsing the respective XML files and dat files created from their serialized data and the new checksum. This takes about a second for the unmodded game, but can take a couple of seconds when a mod is loaded (especially if a debugger is attached).

The DisableCaching switch in the INI (Beyond the Sword\CivilizationIV.ini) prevents the cache read, but doesn't prevent the cache write. DisableFileCaching probably refers to the catalogCiv4Beyond Sword....dat files in the cache, but doesn't prevent them from being written. DisableCaching probably disables both the XML and the file cache from being read; difficult to verify.

When loading a mod: Regardless of the INI settings, in my experience, the XML cache is never written. Whether the EXE attempts to read the dat files written during an earlier (unmodded) launch is unclear. This would result in erroneous behavior (probably an immediate crash). Clearing the cache is a very common recommendation on CFC and other websites for players who have trouble loading a mod. It's conceivable though that these problems have been resolved by one

| | of the official patches, perhaps by simply disabling cache accesses when loading a mod. |
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| | Another hypothesis: The XML cache has always been disabled for mods, and only the file cache (catalog files) has been causing crashes at launch. |
| | It's also not clear what the effect is of holding down Shift during launch. I don't see any cache files getting deleted; perhaps it merely suppresses the cache read. |
| Credits | Nightinggale; <u>CFC</u> (same thread as above) |
| See also | alberts2 has also removed the read/write functions from Caveman2Cosmos: <u>SVN</u> revision |
| | The DLL can disable INI settings as shown here by Nightinggale. However, the (non-XML) file cache probably can't be disabled that way because the EXE either doesn't call the DLL in between reading the INI and dealing with the file cache, or because CvDLLUtilityIFaceBase doesn't get instantiated in time. Also, the DLL can't find out the original INI settings, so all it can do is change them blindly without ever restoring the original settings. That's poor form because the changed settings get stored on disk, typically in the global INI file, affecting the behavior of all mods and the unmodified game. |
| | Large mods can take longer to load when they are launched for the first time. This is probably caused by caching in the HDD (post by Nightinggale); the XML cache is only a minor factor and the file cache seems to have no noticeable benefit. |
| | I've been trying to get a hold of the contents of some user's cache that will cause a crash at launch (don't really care with which mod). keldath posted some files here , but I can't reproduce the problem and he can't rule out that his user profile was responsible for the crash. Related post in the Dawn of the Overlords thread |
| Rationale | The slight speedup when launching would be worth something to me, but since it doesn't seem to work at all and might even lead to errors, it's clearly best to make sure that the cache is entirely disabled. Removing the read/write functions shaves 100 KB off the DLL file size. |
| Config/ Tbd. | The preprocessor flag is set in CvInfo_Base.h, and it's named ENABLE_XML_FILE_CACHE. Fixing the XML cache doesn't seem like an impossible task, and the read/write functions would be needed then. Perhaps those functions could also be used for other purposes. I don't intend to keep them up-to-date though if I make further changes to the XML schema, and there might already be bugs introduced by AdvCiv or K-Mod. |
| | Regarding a rewrite of the XML cache code (I certainly won't do that): One would have to replace cacheWrite (declared in CvDLLUtilityIFaceBase), possibly cacheRead, and CvCacheObject, and write a new checksum test. String data in the EXE suggest that MD5 is used: |
| | NOT Using XML cache, failed to find crc.dat file NOT Using XML cache, cur md5=%s, cached md5=%s Using XML cache |
| | That part appears to be disabled (or broken) in the EXE. |
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| 003j | Unused functions |
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Through Cppcheck, I've identified about 200 DLL functions that are neither called internally nor from the EXE (see 003i above). Some of these had been in the code since Vanilla Civ 4, others had been added by the BtS expansion or a mod; some had, apparently never been used, others had been obsoleted by later changes. Many unused functions were simple accessors, mutators or wrappers that might still become useful someday and don't do any harm – these I've left alone. Other, more complex, functions had been entirely replaced by better code; these I've commented out or removed them through the preprocessor. If it wasn't clear if a function could still be useful (and not just as a starting point for new code), I've added a comment or an FErrorMsg to warn modders (such as myself) that these functions could be outdated. (If they're never called, runtime errors can't be noticed and corrected.)

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| Tbd. | To identify unused functions that are exposed to Python, one would have to run <code>Cppcheckenable=unusedFunction</code> on a code base that excludes the Python interface classes and look each hit up in a repository of all Vanilla, Warlords, BtS and AdvCiv Python files. |
| See also | kmodx – these bugfixes also seem to be the result of a code analysis tool. |
| Credits | I've deleted a bunch of CvInfo setter functions that were used only locally – without leaving comments in the code. Those setters were identified by MattOttawa (C2C; GitHub <u>pull request</u>). |
| Config | Cppcheck is quite easy to use for a project like this. One basically just has to load the <code>.sln</code> file in the GUI. External headers aren't needed; I guess Cppcheck just ignores unrecognized symbols. Providing the <code>std</code> and <code>boost</code> headers, specifically, isn't even recommended. A checkmark can be placed for Windows libraries in the GUI; I guess that's prudent. I've also selected <code>Win32-unicode</code> as the target platform. "All build configurations" should probably be unchecked because, otherwise, the analysis will take several hours. The <code>ART_INFO_DECL</code> macro in <code>CvArtFileMgr.h</code> , <code>ART_INFO_DEFN</code> in <code>CvArtFileMgr.cpp</code> and K-Mod's <code>trait_info</code> macro had originally aborted the Cppcheck analysis. They had used the <code>##</code> operator in questionable ways; easy to fix, no need for some special VS build configuration disabling problematic code. |
| | When reviewing the results, "suppress selected id" can be used to ignore a particular type of warning throughout the project. These suppressions get stored in the .cppcheck file, along with the target platform. I've committed my .cppcheck file to the Git repository. |
| | I'm getting a lot of spurious "function is never used" style warnings this way that I didn't get when I ran Cppcheck for the first time. Don't know what I did differently then. |

Workaround for adding data members to classes with exported constructor for which a certain size is mandated by the EXE: CvSelectionGroup(AI), CvSelectionGroupAI, CvReplayInfo, CvXMLLoadUtility and CvRandom. In the first case, there were already comments about the issue in CvSelectionGroup.h, but, for CvReplayInfo, I had to guess based on otherwise inexplicable exceptions in the destructor, and CvXMLLoadUtility had, to my knowledge, only caused issues with Wine under Unix (crash at startup due to corrupted data in CvGlobals; cf. advc.wine), though adding further data members might've become a problem on any system. My understanding is that this can be an issue for any class whose constructor or destructor gets called by the EXE. (But I'm not too worried about virtual destructors – which the EXE can in theory call, when the constructor isn't exported.) I've verified that other classes whose size mustn't change (or at least not by much) are CvFractal, CvDiploParameters, Fvariable, CvPopupInfo, CvPopupReturn and CvTalkingHeadMessage. I've put static assertions in the header files. For

CvDiploParameters and FVariable, the order of the members must also remain intact. Looks like the EXE is making raw copies of instances.

CvInitCore is a special case. It doesn't get allocated externally (or at least I don't see how it could be), but the EXE still depends on parts of the memory layout (not just the size) remaining unchanged. Perhaps a memcopy call in the EXE? Warnings added, and an assertions for the class size – even though the class size isn't decisive.

Nested class (akin to Pimpl idiom) added to CvSelectionGroup, CvSelectionGroupAI, CvReplayInfo and CvXMLLoadUtility. Also added or assignment operators and virtual or exported copy constructors (C++ rule of three) and static assertions that ensure that the object size stays as in BtS.

All these classes have exported constructors (CvSelectionGroup only via CvSelectionGroupAI) destructors, and the EXE calls some of those functions.

For CvFractal, CvDiploParameters, CvPopupInfo,In CvSelectionGroup, there was already a CvPopupReturn and CvTalkingHeadMessage, I've only added assertions.

warning in the BtS code against adding data members.

Rationale I've added the nested classes as a workaround for those classes to which I wanted to add data members. It's prudent to at least warn about the issue because the potential memory errors can go unnoticed for a long time and then become very difficult to debug.

Not sure if it's perfectly safe to replace one int or pointer member with a pointer to an instance of the nested class, but storing the additional data in some completely unrelated place would be really awkward.

Tbd. My pointer-to-nested-class approach doesn't allow for const correctness. The accepted answer (class template PrivatePtr) to this Stack Overflow question sounds like a promising remedy.

The Visual Studio debug heap (disabled by default; see advc.make) can help discover See also memory corruption caused by exported constructors and destructors. Pinpointing the cause – not so much. E.g. after adding two booleans to CvXMLLoadUtility, I got a message

"Heap block at 036262B8 modified at 036262D0 past requested size of 10" upon exiting from the main menu (probably originating from the CvXMLLoadUtility destructor) and a breakpoint somewhere in ntdll.dll. Without the debug heap, there was no overt adverse effect under Windows, but under Unix (cf. advc.wine), the mod crashed reliably at startup.

On a related note, Visual Leak Detector is also fairly easy to integrate with Visual Studio. Only need to install it and include <vld.h> in some implementation file (I've put It in CymemoryManager.cpp). That said, neither the VS debug heap nor VLD find free calls on uninitialized memory (well, that wouldn't be a leak either), so perhaps Dr. Memory is a better alternative. Relevant documentation (haven't tried it yet though): running | compiler flags

| 0031 | Support added for ArtStyle-specific unit button graphics. This had mostly already been supported, except in the plot list (icons shown for units in a selected tile) and the Sevopedia. | |
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| Rationale | See these posts. Only relevant for mod-mods. | |
| Tbd. | The list of units shown by Sevopedia when clicking on the category "Units" still shows the generic button graphic. Can be fixed (in <code>SevopediaMain.py</code>), but would take a bit of time. The "More Naval Al" mod may have some useful code fragement. (Git commit) | |

| 003m | Variables added to CvTeam for keeping track of minor civ status and at-war counts. | |
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| Rationale | Speeds up the frequently used functions isMinorCiv and getAtWarCount. | |
| | Note: Minor civs were probably introduced for the Vanilla Earth1000AD scenario. The BtS version of that scenario doesn't use minor civs, and I don't think official or bundled content does. However, mod-mods might want to use them, so minor civs should arguably remain supported, | |
| See also | 033 could have a performance problem without this. | |

| 003n | Make sure that AI attitude and memory of and toward Barbarians and minor civs are never used nor updated. |
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| Rationale | The updates waste time and require the code that computes attitude to handle non-major civs gracefully. |
| | Code that uses the (memory) attitude of/toward non-majors is dubious; it's helpful for future testing to disallow this. Doing so has already revealed some potential issues, e.g. Barbarian cities assigning fewer defenders in "Always Peace" games. |

| 003о | Changes to profiling code | |
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| See also | advc.make: Profiler settings in Makefile.project | |
| Tbd. | Merge the internal profiler from MNAI (lfgr)/ C2C (Koshling): Git commit <u>1</u> <u>2</u> | |
| | The DLL-internal profiler indeed seems unreliable. It looks like the time spent on collecting samples for a given function with PROFILE_FUNC adds to the total time of th callers of that function. | |
| CvMemoryN | mory management and tracking code from CvGameCoreDLL.cpp to a new file Manager.cpp and moved (non-memory) profiling code from CvGameCoreDLL.cpp to a Profiler.cpp. | |
| Rationale | Seems cleaner this way. The profiling code was actually difficult to find. CvGameCoreDLL.cpp is special insofar that it's the implementation file for the precompiled header. Changing that implementation file causes the header to be rebuilt. That behavior might be desirable for the memory managment code, but I'd rather rebuild manually than place all sorts of unrelated code into CvGameCoreDLL.cpp. | |
| | calls to the DLL-internal profiler from some very frequently called functions: | |
| CvPlayer: | ::canBuild,CvPlayer::canTrain,CvPlot::verifyUnitValidPlot, | |

CvPlayer::canBuild, CvPlayer::canTrain, CvPlot::verifyUnitValidPlot, CvSelectionGroup::alwaysInvisible, CvUnitAI::AI plotValid,

CvPlayerAI::AI unitValue, CvUnit::canMoveInto and various pathfinding functions.

And removed some least-concern functions just to make the profiler log easier to read.

Also commented out some calls that I had added myself — as a reminder that those functions are called very frequently: CvPlot::isTradeNetworkConnected, CvPlot::isTradeNetwork, CvPlot::getPlotGroup, CvCity::canTrain

Rationale As a

As a rule, I'd posit that any function called more than half a million times during one late-game turn shouldn't be routinely profiled. It seems that at least part of the profiling overhead of a function gets added to the times measured for its callers, so profiling

| | very frequently called functions may lead to misleading results. Also don't want to make profile builds needlessly slow. It's better to use an external profiler (e.g. Very Sleepy) for identifying code that gets executed extremely often. | | |
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| Tbd. | I've done what I could (mostly through inlining; see <u>advc.inl</u>) to speed the "hot" functions up. They still take up a considerable portion of the overall runtime. Will have to call them less frequently – by making the pathfinding code more efficient or by relying less on pathfinding. | | |
| AdvCiv | WtP | | |
| Profiler for counting CPU cycles based on the Time Stamp Counter register adopted from the "We the People" mod. For profiling functions that are fast but get called very frequently. | | | |
| Config | /DUSE_TSC_PROFILER in Makefile.project. The target configuration needs to be "Profile" in addition. | | |
| Credits | Code by Nightinggale. Adopted from this Git commit. | | |
| Rationale | So that I can perhaps assist somehow with tweaking the performance of the EnumMap classes (see advc.enum). Not sure if I'll need this kind of precision for any other optimizations. | | |
| Tbd. | Crash in the EXE upon exit (when TSC profiler enabled). Don't know if that also happens with Nightinggale's code; could be that the singleton pattern I implemented for the TSCProfiler class is causing this somehow. CvGlobals::uninit terminates correctly; the crash happens before the TSCProfiler instance is destroyed. Not a big problem; without a debug build, the crash isn't even noticeable. | | |

| 003р | Improve performance of CvPlayer::getGlobeLayerColors | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| The help texts for the indicators shown by the Resource layer are cached and only updated when the active player obtains a new technology, a new national wonder, a new religion or when anyone completes a wonder of the world. | | The indicator help texts are (unfortunately) not computed when the mouse hovers over an indicator, but already (for all revealed tiles on the map) when a layer is enabled. Setting the GlobeLayer_DIRTY_BIT causes the currently active layer (if any) to be updated: indicator positions, colors and text. That bit is set when the active player discovers a technology, but also when a tile becomes revealed or when the owner of a tile changes. In BtS/K-Mod, the impact on performance seems to be negligible. |
| Rationale | <u>004w</u> increases the complexity of the resource text computation, not that much really, but enough to cause a noticeable delay (200 ms, say) whenever the Resource layer is updated. The cache practically eliminates that delay. The cache updates match the information displayed by 004w. (Though I'm not sure that the updates guarantee that the text is never out of date.) | |
| | The updates still seem a bit wasteful to me. Should check which layer is active before setting the dirty-bit. For example, I don't think the unit layer needs to be updated when the owner of a tile changes. | |

| Duplicate code in CvPlayer initialization moved into subroutines | |
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| AdvCiv | | BBAI |
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| Most of the code shared by CvPlayer::init, CvPlayer::initInGame and the Change Player component is inside subroutines (not duplicated). | | BBAI has added CvPlayer::initInGame in order to fix errors that had occurred when a player was added dynamically, i.e. as a colonial vassal (or through a mod like Barbarian Civ). Comment by jdog5000: "copy of CvPlayer::init but with modifications for use in the middle of a game" That's about 100 lines of duplicate code. Then, for the Change Player mod component, parts of the init code are duplicated two more times. |
| Rationale | Some shoddy early work by jdog. Would've made adding new trait abilities a pain. | |
| See also | kekm.24: The commit message mentions errors that occur when placing a new player in the slot of a previously defeated player. | |

| 003r | Deferred UI updates: Added code akin to deferCall (BugUtil.py) to CvGame. | |
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| See also | Needed for <u>004j</u> , <u>085</u> and <u>001w</u> . | |

| 003s | Macros for list iteration | | |
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| See also See the end of <u>003u</u> about the FLTA (FFreeListTrashArray) class. | | (FFreeListTrashArray) class. | |
| | CFC thread where I've posted about some of my macros. | | |
| | C2C wraps the BtS list data structures into Boost iterators (<u>Git commit</u>) and then wrap those iterators into Boost macros with a functor algebra for filtering (<u>Git commit</u>). Powerful, but also a bit difficult to get used to and, more importantly, too much work to adopt, at least now that I've already implemented my own solutions; may even require a Boost upgrade. See also the (older, but still valid) comment about CLinkList travers in C2C at the end of 003s. | | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS | |
| "FOR_EACH" macros that expand to the BtS-style loops: | | Loops over FLTA elements have the following form (example): | |
| | | <pre>int iLoop; for (CvCity* pCity = kOwner.firstCity(&iLoop);</pre> | |
| The iterator variable declared by the macro gets a unique name based on the line number (LINE macro). For a const element pointer, or an AI element pointer, there are macros FOR_EACH_CITY, FOR_EACH_CITYAI, FOR_EACH_CITYAI_VAR. (FOR_EACH_CITY with a non-AI const pointer is supposed to be the standard macro and the one most commonly used.) Same for CvUnit, CvSelectionGroup, CvArea and CvDeal. | | pCity != NULL; pCity =kOwner.nextCity(&iLoop)) The iLoop variable should really be named "ilter" (which is the name of the formal parameter in firstCity and nextCity). It stores the FLTA-internal position of the iteration, and since the FLTA is a "non-packed array" (Firaxis comment), iLoop is not equivalent to a loop counter. | |
| I've replaced BtS-style loops with my macros | | | |

everywhere in the game core code base.

A hints file (cpp.hint) is used to get Visual Studio to recognize the scope of the macros. Auto-completion (Ctrl+Space) still doesn't (reliably) suggest the name of the element variable (e.g. pCity), at least not in VS2010.

See also

Comments in FreeListTraversal.h

advc.enum defines a for each enum macro.

Rationale

The BtS loops are very clunky and the iloop variable is a bit dangerous as it can be misinterpreted as a loop counter (I've been there once). A proper iterator like

might be more idiomatic, but would've been more work to implement and the macros are rather more convenient to use. (Although I'd prefer to work with references.) Also, using iterators everywhere would lead to a lot of nested iterator loops with awkwardlynamed iterator variables (or bugs resulting from name clashes).

The auto-complete issue is only a little bit annoying and may be a nonissue with more recent versions of VS.

When iterating through CLinkList objects, <code>const</code> CLinkLists are used, pr CLLNode pointers (and for IDInfo nodes also <code>const</code> CvUnit and CvCity pointers) are used when possible. When it was obvious that a loop doesn't modify the current node through some side-effect, <code>while</code> loops have been replaced with <code>for loops</code>.

CLinkLists are used, pr units in a tile or Al grou selected by a human pl in a deal. A typical loop <code>CLLNode<IDInfo>* pNodekplot.headUnitNode();</code> while <code>(pNode != NULL)</code>

Typical form:

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for (CLLNode<TradeData> const* pNode =
pFirstList->head(); pNode != NULL; pNode =
pFirstList->next(pNode))
{
    TradeData data = pNode->m_data;
    // ...
}
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For units (cities similar):

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for (CLLNode<IDInfo> const* pNode =
kPlot.headUnitNode(); pNode != NULL; pNode =
kPlot.nextUnitNode(pNode))
{
    CvUnit const& kUnit = *::getUnit(
pNode->m_data);
    // ...
}
```

while loops like the one on the right are still used when there's a possibility that a node could be removed in the body of the loop.

Specifically for traversing the unit lists

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CvPlot::m_units and CvSelectionGroup::
m_units, a macro FOR_EACH_UNIT_IN (with Al/
non-Al and const/ non-const variants) have
been added. CvPlot and CvSelectionGroup have
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CLinkLists are used, primarily, for storing the units in a tile or AI group, the cities or units selected by a human player and the trade items in a deal. A typical loop looked like this:

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CLLNode<IDInfo>* pNode =
kPlot.headUnitNode();
while (pNode != NULL)
{
   CvUnit* pUnit = ::getUnit(pNode->m_data);
   pNode = kPlot.nextUnitNode(pNode);
   // ...
}
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the same interface for accessing their m_units member; therefore the same macro names can be used for both.

For traversing the trade items in a deal, a macro FOR_EACH_TRADE_ITEM (again, with variants) has been added.

The macros that iterate over const units and nodes, come with an assertion that checks after each iteration whether the list length has changed. I've disabled those assertions after doing some tests. It seems pretty unlikely that accidental changes during traversal will go unnoticed even without the assertion.

Rationale

The while loops are error-prone; in particular, it's easy to mix up the order of the getUnit and nextUnitNode calls or to insert a statement in between them that causes the nextUnitNode call to be skipped. Such errors can be difficult to debug. The for loops are also dangerous; deleting pNode in the body will cause a crash. const qualifiers make these loops a bit safer. That said, the current node could still be deleted as a side-effect. For example, telling a unit to join a different selection group while iterating over its current selection group will delete the unit from the current CLinkList., leaving pNode as a dangling pointer. Killing a unit will immediately remove it from the unit list of its current tile; mustn't do that in a for loop over the units in that tile. const qualifiers on the CvUnit pointers should mostly prevent such mishaps.

while loops aren't entirely safe in that regard either. In the example on the upper right, it's OK to kill punit, but, once nextunitNode has been called, pNode mustn't be deleted, and the unit contained in that node (which could be any unit except punit) mustn't be killed.

It's preferable to wrap these details into macros, but it depends on the type parameter of the CLinkList what the macro needs to do exactly, and some frequently used lists are encapsulated by other classes and therefore not directly accessible to macros. The macros I've written cover a large portion of the CLinkList traversals in the codebase.

Nota bene: Whether a unit or city in a CLinkList can be <code>NULL</code> before the first iteration depends on the circumstances. Al groups and plot lists should be updated immediately when a unit is killed – I think (that should be assumed). I'm even less certain about human selection lists (handled by the EXE).

Tbd.

Should arguably add macros for dealing with CvDLLInterfaceIFaceBase:: nextSelectionListNode (used mainly in CvDLLWidgetData.cpp) and CvPlotGroup::nextPlotsNode.

See also

CFC thread about the dangers of CLinkList loops. Also suggests that dangling node pointers won't necessarily lead to visible errors and that, for better or worse, such errors could be more likely to result in crashes under Windows 10 due to more aggressive memory management.

billw2015 has written iterator classes for the Caveman2Cosmos mod (<u>CFC post</u>; GitHub links 1 2 3 4 5 6).

C2C also has some special assertions for identifying indirect changes to CLinkList nodes during traversal.

Each CvPlot stores a list of its up to 8 adjacent plots. The lists aren't guaranteed to be in a particular order except that orthogonal neighbors

Adjacent plots get computed on the fly by going through all 8 directions and calling the

always have an even index in the adjacency list and diagonal neighbors an odd index. An adjacency list can be traversed through the FOR EACH ADJ PLOT macro. Example:

bool CvPlot::isAdjacentToLand() const
{
 FOR_EACH_ADJ_PLOT(*this)
 {
 if (!pAdj->isWater())
 return true;
 }
 return false;

Apart from const/ non-const versions, the macro has variants that skip over diagonal or orthogonal neighbors (FOR_EACH_ORTH_ADJ_PLOT, FOR EACH_DIAG_ADJ_PLOT).

plotDirection function (CvGameCoreUtils; moved to CvMap in AdvCiv) for each. Example (already edited a bit for readability):

Rationale/ See also

Even with the FOR_EACH_ENUM macro (see advc.enum), it's obviously clunky to get the neighbors via the DirectionTypes. The SquareIterator (advc.plotr) isn't as efficient as the BtS loops (not for range 1, that is). The BtS loops aren't all that efficient either. Even after some optimization on my part, plotDirection requires several conditionals in order to deal with the map's world-wrap settings (and, as a result, can't be efficiently inlined) and one multiplication and one (modulo) division. The adjacency lists only increase the size of CvPlot by only 4 byte. Adjacency lists constantly need to be traversed during pathfinding. Thanks to K-Mod, all the pathfinding of Al units happens within the DLL and can therefore take advantage of the adjacency lists. I think the speed-up of Al turns I got from the adjacency lists was around 10%. That said, AdvCiv performs (far) more pathfinding than K-Mod does (see 104b).

| More efficient storage of XML data (CvInfo classes) | |
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| AdvCiv | BtS |
| Most of tag pair lists loaded from XML are stored as a single NULL pointer if empty. I've implemented this in the CVXMLLoadUtility:: SetVariableListTagPair functions (for various data types). In most cases, the functions for accessing the CVInfo data were already performing a NULL pointer check. However, for integer data, -1 was returned in the NULL case. Normally, the proper default value is 0 though, so I've had to make changes in a few dozen accessor functions. | XML data with a map/ dictionary structure is given as lists of pairs of elements. For example <pre><flankingstrikes> <flankingstrike> <flankingstrikeunitclass>UNITCLASS_CATAPULT</flankingstrikeunitclass></flankingstrike></flankingstrikes></pre> /FlankingStrikeUnitClass> <iflankingstrikeunitclass> <iflankingstrike> <flankingstrike> <flankingstrikeunitclass>UNITCLASS_TREBUCHET </flankingstrikeunitclass>UNITCLASS_TREBUCHET <iflankingstrikeunitclass> <iflankingstrikednitclass> <iflankingstrikes> <iflankingstrike> </iflankingstrike></iflankingstrikes></iflankingstrikednitclass></iflankingstrikeunitclass></flankingstrike> in Civ4UnitInfos.xml. The CvInfo classes store such data as arrays; e.g. for every unit an array with one integer entry for each unit class to store the flanking strike ability. If the list of pairs is empty (e.g. no flanking strike ability), all entries are 0.</iflankingstrike></iflankingstrikeunitclass> |
| Rationale To store the data more compactly. In total, I estimate that only a few MB (5 maybe) will | |

be saved, but, especially for CvUnitInfo, I'm hoping that saving a few KB per object will

| | improve the performance of the CPU | J cache. | |
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| Credits | Inspired by Caveman2Cosmos (specifically <u>this</u> thread). They've implemented it a bit differently, but I'm not sure how. I guess it's the code by MrGenie tagged with "XMLCOPY". That looked too complicated, so I came up with my own implementation. | | |
| Tbd. | Several of those XML tag pairs have an integer in their second component either 0 or 1. For example <buildings> in Civ4UnitInfos.xml. These co well be represented as lists of tags instead of lists of pairs, and should ther by the CvInfo classes as vectors. This Caveman2Cosmos revision by billwan example (unfortunately along with a lot of unrelated clutter).</buildings> | | |
| | Ot course the pairs could also be stored as std::vector <std::pair>. These optimizations would make sense for any sparse arrays.</std::pair> | | |
| | Perhaps write a SetVariableListTagP EnumMap (cf. <u>advc.enum</u>). | air function that stores the XML data in an | |
| See also | Change <u>advc.tag</u> could make such memory optimizations easier in the future. Or EnumMaps (<u>advc.enum</u>) could replace many of the CvInfo arrays. EnumMaps deallocate themselves when empty. (I would've tried doing that in the first place if EnumMap had already been available.) | | |
| pair-list arr functions to through the accessor fit to avoid co avoid a loo Building BonusTyp functions BonusTyp CvCity:: functions Building CvCityAI Building CvCityAI | . ClassTypes in CvCity::canConstruct es in the CvCity::getProductionModifier | getBuildingHappinessChanges(i) != 0) iValue += kBuilding. getBuildingHappinessChanges(i) * goes through all ca. 125 building classes to check if any of them has the building-happiness-from-other-building ability – which is actually unused. | |
| See also | | | |
| Store lists of prerequisites as vectors. The list length limits from GlobalDefines.xml are still checked through assertions (because Python code may rely on those limits). | | Arrays of a size set in GlobalDefines.xml; e.g. NUM_UNIT_AND_TECH_PREREQS. | |
| Rationale | Avoids unnecessary iterations in loops over all prereqs and, more importantly, make unnecessary to check for non-requirements (NO), which also improves readability and makes loops over prereqs less error-prone. | | |
| AdvCiv | <u> </u> | BtS | |
| Removed the <forcebuildings> XML tag for Civ4UnitInfos.xml.</forcebuildings> | | That tag is no longer used since the BtS expansion. Unlike the <buildings> tag,</buildings> | |

| | <forcebuildings> causes any preconditions that could prevent the unit from constructing the building to be ignored. Warlords used it only for the Academy. I not sure why the Academy may have required this special treatment. Perhaps buildings without any tech requirement used to be impossible to construct.</forcebuildings> |
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| Credits | The Caveman2Cosmos modders <u>noticed</u> that the tag is wasteful and unnecessary. |
| Rationale | With the tag pair list changes above, the unused tag was actually no longer wasteful, but I can't think of a reasonable way to ever use this tag for anything. |

| advc.tag | XML tags as enum values | |
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| Rationale | Make it easier to implement XML schema changes on the DLL side and – later maybeto reduce code duplication in the read(CVXMLLoadUtility*) functions of classes (currently) derived from CvInfoBase. | |
| | tags can still be added as in BtS. | ile approach. Anyway, it's optional; XML element |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| CvInfoBase CvXMLInfo enough to a enumeration virtual funct | | All classes for loading and storing XML data are derived from CvInfoBase (except for XML data about artwork, which has its own class hierarchy rooted at CvAssetInfoBase). To load an additional element from XML, two additions need to be made in the header file: A public accessor function and a private data |
| classes der derived fron CvBuildingI | Ifo is derived from CvXMLInfo, i.e. all ived from CvHotkeyInfo are also in CvXMLInfo. However, so far info is the only CvHotkeyInfo class ded an addElements function to. | member. In the implementation file, the data member needs to be initialized by the constructor (not strictly necessary if the element is mandatory), the accessor function needs to be implemented (unless an inline definition is used) and, in read (CvXMLLoadUtility*), a few lines of code need to be added that do the actual loading through CvXMLLoadUtility. If the XML file is cached by BtS (many of the frequently changed XML files are), then any new element should also be added to the read/write(|
| through a g kImprovement DefenseMod if kImprove CvImprover | ment is a reference to a mentInfo object. r and boolean elements are | Example for an element access: kImprovement.getDefenseModifier() XML elements can contain integers (ids and scalar values), booleans, floating point numbers, strings and mappings, typically mapping integers or pairs of integers to other integers (e.g. TerrainMakesValid, RouteYieldChanges in CvImprovementInfo). |
| Rationale | only once in the DLL. This is possible | ig, the name of the tag would have to be specified through macro definitions and that works pretty requires too much error-prone code to be added |

to each info class in the case of non-global XML elements.

The next best thing would be to specify the element name as an enum value and as a string side by side in one place. Can't do that either because the enum value has to be defined in the header file and the string representation doesn't belong in a header file. Moreover, it needs to be possible to specify a default value as well. The tag data (enum value, string, default value) gets passed to CvXMLInfo through the addElements function in the implementation file. Having to make changes in those 2 places is still better than the 4-7 places in BtS.

As for the new "CvXMLInfo" class: It represents XML element tags as enum values. That's probably not clear from the class name; don't want a long class name though because derived classes need to refer to some base members explicitly. "CvInfoEnum" would (almost) clash with CvInfoEnums.h (see advc.enum), which something different. At least one class (CvActionInfo) that doesn't get loaded (directly) from XML is derived from CvInfoBase, so one could argue that representing *only* XML data is a specialty of CvXMLInfo.

I've tried implementing the enum handling directly at CvInfoBase, but that resulted in a crash in the EXE. My guess is that there is some class derived from CvInfoBase (probably a small one) whose size mustn't change (cf. 003k). Well, it's also neater to put the enum code in a new class.

See also

The HealthPercent tag added to CylmprovementInfo for 901 serves as an example.

<u>003i</u> disables the XML cache, but I'd still like to keep the code for storing XML data on disk up to date. Through the CvXMLInfo class, this doesn't have to be done manually for every new XML element.

003t allows cached GlobalDefines to be accessed through enum values.

<u>xmldefault</u> introduces a new system for default values, but I've only implemented that for Civ4LeaderHeadInfos.xml SO far

Nightinggale has written a <u>Perl script</u> that generates enum values from the type elements in XML. By parsing the schema files, essentially all code in the CvInfo classes could be generated by such a script. (Without an external code generator, one could only end up with something inefficient like the CvGlobals::getDefineINT(char const*) function.)

If an XML element added through an enum value Most of the CvInfo accessor functions are is supposed to be exposed to Python, a wrapper function, one needs to add a wrapper function, one needs to add a wrapper function,

e.g.
inline int CvImprovementInfo::
getDefenseModifier() { return
get(CvImprovementInfo::DefenseModifier); }

and then point to that function in one of the Cylnfolnterface files.

Rationale

I haven't found a way to expose my generic get functions to Python. That's a pity because it would be nice to make new XML elements available to Python scripts, and doing so manually is tedious.

Tbd.

To allow elements to be added as enum values to a CvInfo class not derived from CvHotkeyInfo, its base class will have to be changed from CvInfoBase to CvXMLInfo and all explicit calls to base class functions will have to be updated to call the new base class instead. Also, even if derived from CvHotkeyInfo, an enum for each data type needs to be added to the header file and the addElements function needs to be overridden. (A separate enum type is needed for each data type; otherwise the get function couldn't be overloaded and uglier names such as getInt, getBool, ... would

have to be used.)

To support additional data types (float, string, two- and three-dimensional int mappings), CvXMLInfo will have to be changed. For int mappings, memory usage could then be optimized. Currently, those mappings are always stored as multi-dimensional arrays, which isn't good for cache performance. When the data is sparse, lists (vectors) or pairs/ triples are more efficient. Instead of primitive arrays, Nightinggale's EnumMap (We the People mod) should be used. 003t already avoids creating any data structure when all inputs are mapped to a default value.

| xmldefault Default values for optional XML elements set through special <info> element</info> | | |
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| AdvCiv | BtS | |
| When an <info> element of typeDEFAULTS is present in an Civ4Infos.xml file, then all subsequent <info> elements use the values of the DEFAULTS element as default values for optional elements. On the DLL side, this behavior is only implemented for Civ4LeaderHead Infos.xml so far.</info></info> | Loading XML data and setting defaults is up to the DLL, which has no access to the schema | |
| All LeaderHead data that is the same for all or almost all leaders is optional and has a default value set through LEADER_DEFAULTS. | parsed by the EXE. Through the CvInfo constructors, the DLL sets default values of 0, false, an empty string or (for enum types) -1 for all elements (regardless of whether they're | |
| I've deleted all optional data that equaled the default value, reducing the file size of Civ4LeaderHeadInfos.xml by more than 50%. | optional in the schema). For Civ4LeaderHead Infos.xml, the BtS schema makes all data mandatory although many elements are the | |
| LeaderHead XML files without a DEFAULTS element can still be loaded, so XML mod-mods shouldn't have to change anything. | same for all leaders, in particular the contact delay values. | |
| Modular loading (not used by AdvCiv): The defaults set in Civ4LeaderHeadInfos.xml also apply to any LeaderHeadInfos loaded from a module. Modules should not define their own LEADER_DEFAULTS. | In BtS, modules can only contain full definitions of <info> elements. Those elements are then added to those loaded from the main module or, if an element of the same type had already been</info> | |
| For behavior similar to MRGENIE's "TrueModular XMLCOPY" mod, I've left a few lines commented out in CvXMLLoadUtility::SetGlobalClassInfo. Not really useful for LeaderHeadInfos I think. | loaded, the old element gets replaced. The XMLCOPY mod (included e.g. in Rise of Mankind) allows modules to alter individual | |
| 1 | by all leaders easier to adjust, i.e. through a 2. Uncluttering Civ4LeaderHeadInfos.xml is a | |
| An alternative (more laborious) appro the DLL and get default values from t | each would have been to parse the schema file in there. | |
| · · | nts not found by the DLL unless a default value is ByName call (overriding the initial value set by the | |

If the DEFAULTS were kept around past XML loading, they could be used for <u>004g</u> (see

| | Tbd. there). |
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| | advc.rh also deals with modular loading. |
| Tbd. | Add DEFAULTS for other large Civ4Infos.xml files, e.g. UnitInfos. This will require (non-trivial) DLL changes akin to those I've made in CvInfos_Civilization.xml. |

| 003u | Changes to the design of the AI classes | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| computation | • | The AI code is split across the classes CvTeamAI, CvPlayerAI, CvCityAI, CvSelectionGroupAI, CvUnitAI and CvGameAI. Those classes are derived from non-AI classes representing the teams, players, cities, unit stacks, units and overarching game logic. E.g. CvUnitAI is derived from CvUnit. |
| Rationale | Rationale I suppose the Firaxis programmer just wanted the AI code in separate classes and sti be able to directly call non-AI member functions. That may not be the best possible design, but it's fair enough. Not all e.g. player-related AI code should've been placed i a single CvPlayerAI class, but splitting parts off through object composition is no problem. | |
| Tbd. | I don't think polymorphism was the goal of using inheritance for the AI classes, but polymorphism could be useful for structuring the AI code. Separate classes for the Barbarians could make sense as the Barbarian AI behavior is in many ways completely different from the regular AI behavior. CvUnitAI could be split into LandUnitAI, SeaUnitAI and AirUnitAI – the three don't have much in common. | |
| See also | billw2015 has endorsed composition BtS classes. <u>Git branch</u> | as his means of choice for breaking up the large |
| While the non-Al classes are abstract and, as such, never instantiated, the interfaces frequer use pointers to those abstract classes; e.g. CvUnitAI::AI_allowGroup(CvUnitAI const&,) Non-Al functions take pointers or references to base-class objects instead (as in BtS). Al functions generally return pointers or references to Al objects. The caller should upcast such a return value into a base-class objects. Containers of units and cities usually have two sets of accessor functions with "Al_" prepended to their name that return a pointer or reference to a base-class object, and copies of those functions with "Al_" prepended to their name that return a pointer or reference to an Al object. Example (CvPlayerAl): inline CvUnitAI* AI_firstUnit(int *pIterIdx); } While the non-Al classes are abstract and, as such, never instantiated, the interfaces frequer use pointers to those abstract classes; e.g. CvUnitAI::AI_allowGroup takes a CvUnit const* argument and CvPlayer::firstUnit returns a CvUnit*. Pointers to CvUnitAI, CvCityAI and CvSelectionGroupAI are very rare used. | | |

| _ | e the BtS function CvPlayer:: | |
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| | that returns a CvUnit* from that | |
| same m_un | | |
| 1, | ove mostly also applies to nGroup/ CvSelectionGroupAI.) | |
| Rationale | function declarations; see below) and functions. The code duplication arour much code all in all and it's not code containers could always return (point caller to store the return value in either require the caller to include the head- | functions (BtS ensures that through virtual diso that non-Al functions can't easily call Al and containers is unfortunate, but it really isn't that is likely to be modified. As an alternative, the ers/references to) Al objects and leave it up to the er an Al or non-Al variable, but upcasting would er file that defines the relation between base class or CvCityAI.h). I want to avoid including Al |
| (no change | 2) | All Al functions have an "Al_" prefix attached to their name. |
| Rationale | I guess this is the Firaxis approach fo and game rule code. | or making programmers aware when they mix Al |
| Tbd. | If my approach for separating Al/ non-Al code were fully implement (it isn't; see players and teams below), then there wouldn't be much an argument for the name prefixes anymore. Removing them wouldn't necessarily be a big task; mostly automated search and replace. | |
| downcastin objects to r | nline wrappers named simply "AI" for g pointers and references to non-AI eferences to AI objects. E.g. CvCity::AI() | Downcasts are (almost?) entirely avoided through virtual function declarations (see below). |
| Rationale | function calls have to happen sometic downcast would be too unidiomatic a reinterpret_cast if the respective | er against non-Al code calling Al functions, such mes due to the basic (Firaxis) design. An explicit nd cumbersome (maybe even unsafe – it's a Al header file isn't included). Hence the wrappers. kingPlot needs to update the Al citizen Al_addBestCitizen(). |
| Credits | Nightinggale suggested the wrappers | s <u>here</u> . |
| functions, a added by K for all the v CvUnit (the those). | irtual AI functions in CvCity and EXE, apparently, calls none of | All Al functions are declared as pure virtual functions at the abstract base class. All virtual functions can, in theory, be called by the EXE through the vtable, and the EXE indeed calls some of virtual functions in CvPlayer, CvTeam, CvGame and CvSelectionGroup. (One can't be absolutely certain that the EXE does not call |
| turned into functions. I' wrappers ir classes and names. For | Al functions from the original code I've mere wrappers that call non-virtual 've moved the declarations of the nto the private section of the base d appended "External" to the function the wrapper implementations, I've new file CvVirtualWrappers.cpp. | absolutely certain that the EXE does <i>not</i> call some particular virtual function, but if a such a call is never observed in any game mode or menu, then it's a pretty safe bet.) |
| Rationale | declare each AI function in two place | gh a base class pointer or reference. Having to s and keeping the declarations consistent is just get rid of the pure virtual declarations, but |

the vtable position of those functions that the EXE calls mustn't be changed. This means that most of the virtual functions need to be preserved. For a call through the vtable to succeed, it seems that, apart from the table position, only the data types of the parameters must be compatible with the data that the EXE provides. So, changing the accessibility and function names is fine. I've done that to make sure that the wrappers aren't called within the DLL.

With the wrappers in place, the non-virtual functions can safely be modified; the compiler will then point out that the call in the wrapper function also needs to be modified. (The wrapper then acts as an adapter.) It's not generally safe to add any virtual functions. There should also be no need; but if need be, then any of the wrappers that the EXE doesn't call can be replaced with a new virtual function.

See also

About deleting some of the virtual wrappers, see comments in CvVirtualWrappers.cpp.

About adding data members to CvSelectionGroup (kind of related): 003k

CvGlobals::getGame returns a CvGame&. A new function CvGlobals::AI getGame returns a CvGameAI&.

For better or worse, players and teams are still usually passed as ids. I've renamed the static functions to AI getPlayer and AI getTeam and GET PLAYER and GET TEAM map those ids to created counterparts getPlayer and getTeam at CvPlayerAI and CvTeamAI references. The CvPlaver and CvTeam that return non-Al references. I have not created separate wrapper macros for AI and non-AI references. Instead, CvGamePlav.h defines GET PLAYER and GET TEAM as wrappers of CvPlayer::getPlayer and CvTeam::getTeam and CoreAI.h redefines the macros (with precedence over CvGamePlay.h) as wrappers of CvPlayerAI::

In functions that make more than two function calls on the same player or team object. I usually store a reference in a variable. If I don't call any Al functions, I give that variable a non-Al type.

AI getPlayer and CvTeamAI::AI getTeam. This means, that access to AI references requires the inclusion of CoreAI.h.

The singleton CvGameAI object is accessed (only) through CvGlobals::getGame, which returns a CyGameAI&.

Players and teams are usually passed to functions as enum type ids and the macros macros are shorthands for static functions CvPlayerAI::getPlayer and CvTeamAI:: getTeam.

References to player, team and game objects are rarely stored in variables; instead, GET PLAYER, GET TEAM and getGame are called over and over.

Rationale Returning only AI types forces client code to include the respective AI headers; don't want that when the client function isn't an AI function. was tempted to introduce new macros "PLAYERAI" and "TEAMAI" for AI references. but figured that it's just too much work to change all those call locations. The redefined macro provides only minimal separation between AI code and non-AI code. See advc.make about the CvGamePlay, AlCore headers. See also 003 allows the GET TEAM macro to take a PlayerTypes parameter and adds a TEAMID macro. And passes CvArea objects always as references or pointers and never by id. Tbd. I see no good reason to pass and return players and teams by id. Type information is lost that way (Al/non-Al. const) and the macro calls make the code harder to read. It's a good thing that most classes have getID functions because ids are needed for several purposes (serialization, Python interface, std::sort), but it's much more common that member functions need to be called. So all function signatures should be

changed from PlayerTypes and TeamTypes to CvPlayer const& and CvTeam const& (or a less strict type when necessary). This can be done little by little.

Afterwards, if PlayerTypes and TeamTypes are still commonplace, one could consider adding pairs of const/non-const functions

CvPlayer::team returning a CvTeam reference; and CvPlayerAI::AI_team returning a CvTeamAI reference — to shorten code like GET TEAM(kPlayer.getTeam()).

Same situation, by the way, with CvInfo ids in function signatures. That said, the CvInfo classes lack getID functions; will have to be added before starting to refactor the signatures.

The life cycle of CvPlayer and CvTeam can't really be changed because the EXE is involved. I'll just document how it works on the right.

All serializable classes are also reusable, i.e. they have reset functions that return the object to a blank state. For CvPlayer and CvTeam, the life cycle of an instance plays out as follows:

19 objects (MAX_PLAYERS) are created as soon as the mod starts loading: The EXE calls CvGlobals::init, which calls the initStatics functions, which allocate the player and team arrays, call the CvPlayer and CvTeam constructors and assign the array index as the player or team id between 0 and 18.

The constructors allocate memory for array data members. (Not for all of them; I won't bother to describe that in detail because advc.enum implements lazy allocation for all member arrays.)

reset and AI_reset are called from the base constructors and call uninit and AI_uninit — which get mostly obsoleted by advc.enum. The reset functions then initialize most data members to some blank value, usually 0 or -1.

While setting up a new game (e.g. Custom Game screen), CvInitCore may call some player and team functions, e.g. CvPlayer::updateHuman.

When a new game is started, init gets called from the EXE, which calls reset once more, properly initializes the data members, in particular sets the alive status (and e.g. CvPlayer::init processes leader traits) and calls AI_init. The final initialization steps only happen for players and teams alive – once the EXE calls CvGame::setInitialItems.

When the game is saved, the EXE calls the virtual and overridden write function of the derived class, which calls the write function of the base class. Likewise, when loading a game, the EXE calls the read functions. Before reading from the byte stream provided by the EXE, reset and AI_reset are called.

When returning to the main menu, all 19 objects are reset.

Only when exiting to the desktop, destructors are called, which free any dynamic memory, either through the uninit function or directly. (advc.enum takes over most of the memory managment.)

Rationale

My best guess as to why the player and team objects are created upfront and reused is that the original developers wanted to store information about slot and team assignment in those objects during the setup of a new game. Not a good reason I

| | think, but there's no changing it now. | |
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| Tbd. | Perhaps at least the interaction between base class and derived class could be straightened out a bit. Also, the reset call from init is mostly unnecessary (only the !bConstructorCall branch needs to be executed). | |
| See also | 003q refactors CvPlayer::init and its subroutines. | |

Cities, units and groups are still as described on the right. (I'm describing it in some detail because that design pattern is alien to me.) I've merged the and made init a virtual function overridden by the derived AI classes.

CvCity, CvUnit and CvSelectionGroup have the same functions managed by FFreeListTrashArray as CvPlayer and CvTeam for initialization and cleanup, but their life cycle is guite different. In particular, they exist only during a running game. All instances are stored as elements of FFreeListThrashArray (short: FLTA) objects owned by CvPlayer objects. (A comment in that class says "Firaxis Game Engine", reset functions of CvCity(AI) and so I suppose that's what the initial "F" stands for.) The FLTA CvUnit(AI) into the init functions class is responsible for allocating, deallocating and serializing its elements.

> The creation of a city, unit or group is always initiated from within the DLL. CvPlayer provides factory functions initUnit, initCity and addSelectionGroup, which in turn call FLTA: : add. add calls the respective default constructor, which calls reset functions for a blank state.

add also stores a pointer to the element and stores an id at the element by calling its setID function. FLTA::getAt can map that id very effiently to the element pointer. The id is only guaranteed to be unique within the given FLTA. As a globally unique id, the IDInfo struct is used (most importantly in serialized CLLinkLists), which couples the FLTA-internal id with the id of the player that owns the FLTA. Lookup of an IDInfo happens through e.g. getCity (CvGameCoreUtils) via CvPlayer::getCity.

Once add returns, the factory function (or, in the case of CvSelectionGroup: CvUnit::joinGroup) calls init on the blank object, providing some crucial data such as plot coordinates.

The destruction of a unit, city or group gets initiated through a kill call on that object. kill calls a delete... helper function on CvPlayer (deleteSelectionGroup, deleteUnit, deleteCity), which calls removeAt on the FLTA. The FLTA calls the element's destructors, which call uninit and AI uninit. Finally, the FLTA removes the element pointer from its internal array.

When saving or loading, CvPlayer calls the write or read functions of its FLTAs, and those functions call the write and read functions of the elements stored in the FLTA. The element functions call reset/AI reset before reading data from the byte stream.

When exiting to the main menu or desktop, CvPlayer::uninit calls FLTA::uninit, removing all elements.

Rationale

Cities, units and groups don't need to be reusable, so there is no need for reset functions. I would've liked to also merge the init functions into the constructors, but FLTA requires a default constructor. A virtual init function is consistent with the virtual

read and write functions and avoids calling the init function of the derived class from the base class (which isn't how inheritance is supposed to work). I haven't made the same changes for CvSelectionGroup because CvSelectionGroup::reset is called from the EXE (DLL export) and I don't know under which circumstances that happens. See advc.agent about the player and team count being hardcoded (and how that could See also be changed). billw2015 has experimented with replacing the FLTA with a hash map and reported inconclusive results when it came to performance. Git issue Removed the unused sibling class and merged The FLTA (see above) is implemented as a FLTA with its base class. Moved all code that header-only class derived from an abstract base calls functions of the template argument into an class. The code base includes an unused class implementation file with explicit instantiations for FFreeListArray derived from the same base class all template arguments used in the game core as FLTA. All those classes take a type parameter. code. Added an optional second template which has to be a concrete serializable class with parameter so that the first parameter can be getID and setID functions. For the three FLTA instantiated with an abstract base class (CvUnit, data members of CvPlayer, the type parameters CvCity, CvSelectionGroup) and the second with a re CvUnitAI, CvCityAI and CvSelectionGroupAI. concrete derived class (CvUnitAI, CvCityAI, CvSelectionGroupAI). The FLTA functions for iteration (beginIter, nextIter, getAt) then return a pointer to an abstract (non-AI) object and counterparts AI beginIter, AI nextIter and AI getAt return a pointer to an Al object. See also Comments in FFreeListTrashArray.h Caveman2Cosmos also merges FLTA with its base class: Git commit Rationale The problem with the Firaxis design is that all files that iterate over an FLTA need to include the header file that defines the template argument, e.g. CyCityAI.h, because FLTA: : getAt calls getID on the template argument and the implementation of getAt gets included as part of the FLTA header. More abstractly speaking, I think the root of the problem is that FLTA is more closely coupled with its elements than container classes normally are. That doesn't necessarily make it a bad design; the problem with header inclusions can be solved by moving the getAt implementation (which is too complex to be inlined anyway) out of the FLTA header. (Which requires explicit instantiations, but writing those really doesn't bother me.) The remaining dependency problem is the result of FLTA working only with types that it can instantiate and the AI classes being derived from abstract base classes. In BtS. FLTA<CvUnitAI>::getAt returns a CvUnitAI*. Non-Al code can't implicitly cast that to a CvUnit* without including CvUnitAI.h. Adding a second type parameter to FLTA is a somewhat clumsy solution (that also involves explicit casts in the FLTA header), but at least it encapsulates the problem and allows for clean client code. I've merged FLTA with its base class mostly to make the changes above easier to implement. The virtual functions weren't suitable for inlining anyway, so performance wasn't a rationale. That said, removing the FLTA header dependencies has allowed me to inline all the iteration wrapper functions at CvPlayer, CvGame (FLTA<CvDeal>) and CvMap (FLTA<CvArea>), e.g. CvPlayer::nextUnit. Tbd. I feel that it should be possible to implement the getAt function without any conditionals; or perhaps a more narrow function that can replace most of the getAt

calls. Could the nextIter function be inlined?

| | If CvUnitAI is going to have derived classes (see <i>Tbd.</i> higher up), then a class CvUnitList should be derived from FLTA <cvunit, cvunitai=""> with a factory function add (DomainTypes) that calls a protected function FLTA::add(AITypes*) to insert the newly created element. And CvUnitList::add(void) should FAssert(false). That way, FLTA can maintain full ownership of its elements despite both template parameters being abstract classes.</cvunit,> | |
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| calls with dir CvUnit::m_ But in CvUni | n CvUnit.cpp, I've replaced any getUnitInfo calls with direct accesses to CvUnit::m_pUnitInfo. But in CvUnitAI.cpp, I've replaced all direct m_pUnitInfo accesses with getUnitInfo calls. | |
| | Rationale This way, it'll be easier to move CvUnitAl code into component classes that aren't derived from CvUnit. (No concrete plans for that.) | |

| 003v | Don't load unused XML data | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| until a game events enab Similarly, the | e is started or loaded that has random bled. e XML files for the throne room aren't the player accesses the Throne | All XML files are loaded either when BtS (or a mod) is launched or when a game is started (new game or saved game). Random events and throne room are loaded at game start regardless of game options. (The Throne Room screen is an unfinished screen from Vanilla Civ 4 that can be accessed via the Debug menu – Ctrl+Shift+D in Debug |
| Rationale | To speed up XML loading (many play | mode.) vers disable random events) and save memory. |
| | However, the speedup is just a (few?) hundred milliseconds faster and the memory savings are probably also entirely negligible. | |
| | 003i: The most effective way to speed to work. | d up XML loading would be to get the XML cache |

| 003w | Layer in between XML data classes and game objects | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| operate sol | functions in CvGameCoreUtils that lely on CvInfo objects into member some static) of CvInfo classes. | The CvInfo classes are pure data classes, which is to say that their interfaces correspond almost exactly to the structure and tag names of the XML files. For the most part, the classes that represent the game state and the AI work directly with that interface. In some cases, global functions in CvGameCoreUtils act as an intermediate layer, for example isTechRequiredForBuilding(TechTypes, BuildingTypes) Or isWorldWonderClass(BuildingClassTypes). |
| See also | Comments in CvGameCoreUtils.h replaced. | say how the removed functions have been |

| Rationale | It should be commonplace that the DLL adapts the XML-derived interface, so it's not something that should be handled by a handful of global "helper" functions. My tentative approach is to include that extra layer (or "enhanced interface") in the CvInfo classes until enough functions have accumulated to justify a separate class. Also, functions in CvGameCoreUtils can rarely be inlined without messing up header | |
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| | inclusions. (CvGameCoreUtils.h is p | , |
| New class CvCivilization that handles the mapping between unit and building classes and unit and building types. CvCivilization precomputes the units and buildings that a civilization can ever produce. Replaced many loops over all units or buildings that a particular player owns or considers to produce with e.g.: CvCivilization const& kCiv = getCivilization(); for (int i = 0; i < kCiv.getNumUnits(); i++) { UnitTypes eUnit = kCiv.unitAt(i); | | The terminology, just to be clear, is that e.g. Axeman is both a unit class and the default unit type for that class, while Vulture is a unique unit type of the Axeman class. |
| | | Loops over all units (similar for buildings) usually take either the form (CvCity::canTrain(UnitCombatTypes)) for (int i = 0; i < GC.getNumUnitClassInfos(); |
| | | for (iI = 0; iI < GC.getNumUnitInfos(); iI++) |
| See also | Comments in CvCivilization.h | |
| Rationale | Mainly to make unit and building loop | os easier to read. |
| | I had also hoped that replacing some of the loops over all unit or building types would yield a bit of a speedup, but there's no real difference. (If a mod-mod were to add more unique types, that could change.) | |
| Credits | Nightinggale's <u>CivEffects</u> class in "We the People" has been an inspiration. That class also forms a (cache) layer between XML data and game state – though CivEffects deals with player-specific effects from various sources. If that concept were applied to BtS, then e.g. leader traits would be "civ effects" and wonder abilities like Notre Dame's +2 happiness in the owner's cities would also be "civ effects". | |

| 003x | Changes to the design of the CvInfo classes | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| Split up CvInfos.h into 18 headers. Some of those include each other though and many are included in CvGameCoreDLL.h; so the the overall number of include directives in the code hasn't increased much. Split CvInfos.cpp into 17 implementation files. | | CvInfos.h essentially defines one class for every non-schema XML file in the subfolders of Assets\XML. The BtS version of CvInfos.cpp has more than 20000 lines, making it the largest implementation file (though not by far; in AdvCiv, CvPlayerAI.cpp has always been larger). |
| | To make the CvInfo code easier to work with, to reduce compilation time and to encourage encapsulation. For rationales for this particular way of partitioning CvInfos.h, see the comments in the new CvInfo_*.h files. | |
| See also | Caveman2Cosmos has also split up CvInfos (in a coarser way), and has been | |

| | considering a more fine-grained split (Git commit) that I took some inspiration from. | |
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| Tbd. | Perhaps move CvUnitInfo from CvInfo_Unit.h (which also includes e.g. CvPromotionInfo) into a separate header, and perhaps include that header in CvGameCoreDLL.h. Currently, CvInfo_Unit.h gets included in CvUnit.h for inlining and CvUnit.h itself is frequently included in implementation files, so the whole CvInfo_Unit.h gets recompiled frequently, but only CvUnitInfo is actually needed by CvUnit.h. | |
| Removed e Replaced p | inhelpful comments (i.e. most commer empty default constructors and destructairs of FAssertMsg calls with a single | ctors. FAssertBounds Call . |
| Replaced i | ${\tt f/else} \ \textbf{sequences} \ \textbf{with} \ {\tt switch} \ \textbf{in} \ \textbf{the}$ | implementation of CvActionInfo. |
| Rationale | To unclutter the CvInfo code (while I | was at it moving the code around). |
| | he unused iInfoBaseSize parameter leListTagPair functions . | from the CvXMLLoadUtility:: |
| Rationale | To remove unnecessary dependencies | es on the info classes. |
| function sig the old sign | Replaced integers in some of the CvInfo member unction signatures with enum types. Preserved he old signatures in private wrapper functions hat are exposed to Python. The CvInfo signatures don't use enum types at all. Presumably, to avoid having to write a Pyth wrapper class for each CvInfo class to handle to casts. (This doesn't really explain the absence enum return types, which aren't a problem for Python.) This leads to frequent explicit type cast in DLL code that calls the CvInfo functions. | |
| Tbd. | Only CvBuildInfo fully and CvBuilding | Info and CvUnitInfo partly done so far. |
| Rationale | Return types: Encapsulating the int-enum casts in the CvInfo classes leads to cleaner code everywhere else. | |
| | Argument types: Improved type safety. Due to the changes under <u>advc.enum</u> , the caller knows the correct enum type most of the time (or the surrounding code should be easy to refactor accordingly). | |
| See also | See CyInfoWrapper.h about the Py | thon wrappers. |
| | "We the People" Git <u>issue</u> that proposes to use enum types in signatures where possible (not specifically in the CvInfo classes – anywhere). Should then also employ the FAssertEnumBounds macro or use EnumMap (advc.enum). | |

| 003y | Separate class for DLL-to-Python ca | alls |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| New class CvPythonCaller with essentially a separate function for every type of Python call. Example: | | Python calls in the DLL use a fairly low-level API which results in verbose code, for example: |
| bool be a find the second seco | <pre>ty::canCreate(ProjectTypes eProject, Continue, bool bTestVisible) const .getPythonCaller()-> CreateOverride(*this, eProject, ntinue, bTestVisible)) true;</pre> | <pre>bool CvCity::canCreate(ProjectTypes eProject, bool bContinue, bool bTestVisible) const { CyCity* pyCity = new CyCity((CvCity*)this); CyArgsList argsList; argsList.add(gDLL->getPythonIFace() ->makePythonObject(pyCity)); argsList.add(eProject);</pre> |
| can | ET_PLAYER(getOwner()). Create(eProject, bContinue, stVisible)) | <pre>argsList.add(bContinue); argsList.add(bTestVisible); long lResult=0;</pre> |

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gDLL->getPythonIFace()->
return false:
                                                      callFunction(PYGameModule, "canCreate",
if (GC.getPythonCaller()->
                                                      argsList.makeFunctionArgs(), &lResult);
     cannotCreateOverride(*this, eProject,
                                                 delete pyCity;
     bContinue, bTestVisible))
                                                 if (lResult == 1)
   return false;
                                                    return true;
return true;
                                                 if (!(GET PLAYER(getOwnerINLINE()).
                                                    canCreate (eProject, bContinue,
                                                    bTestVisible)))
                                                    return false;
                                                pyCity = new CyCity((CvCity*)this);
                                                 CyArgsList argsList2;
                                                 argsList2.add(gDLL->getPythonIFace()
                                                    ->makePythonObject(pyCity));
                                                 argsList2.add(eProject);
                                                 argsList2.add(bContinue);
                                                 argsList2.add(bTestVisible);
                                                 lResult=0:
                                                 gDLL->getPvthonIFace()
                                                    ->callFunction(PYGameModule,
                                                    "cannotCreate",
                                                    argsList2.makeFunctionArgs(), &lResult);
                                                 delete pyCity;
                                                 if (lResult == 1)
                                                    return false;
                                                 return true;
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Rationale

Mainly to make the Python calls – many of them callbacks that are unused on the Python side – less visible. They really clutter the DLL code in BtS.

See also

003 similarly moves some logging code into a separate class (CvDLLLogger).

Caveman2Cosmos instead takes the approach of making the generic DLL-to-Python interface more compact. Git commit (perhaps not the only one)
C2C also has started to get rid of the isNone functions by letting C++ functions return NULL instead of dummy objects. This removes a lot of clutter on the C++ side, but also requires some changes to Python code (replacing all isNone calls with built in is None). Git commit (again, there may be more)

By default, CvPythonCaller asserts that the Python function was successfully called.

Found out about two (unused) missing Python functions this way; removed the one (doHeadquarters) on the DLL side, added the other (cannotSpreadReligion) on the Python side. Copied CvGameInterface.py into the mod in order to add cannotSpreadReligion.

Instead of CvGlobals, CvPythonCaller handles the caching of the callback guards. This is now done through an array of enum values.

The guards for Python events are now handled by the CvDIIPythonEvents class.

Added some more callback guards – though the gains in performance are negligible (1% or so).

A Python call fails if the target function doesn't exist in Python or if the call parameters don't match the Python signature. This can be normal in the case of map scripts. Normally, it's a bug and the BtS DLL code checks for such bugs only sometimes.

cvGameInterface.py is mostly (but not entirely)
obsoleted by BUG.

The callback guards are defined in

PythonCallbackDefines.xml and all set to 0, meaning that the DLL should always skip the respective Python call in order to save time.

Example: USE_CAN_TRAIN_CALLBACK=0 disables the Python call to CvGameInterface.canTrain in CvCity::canTrain.

Python modders that want a guarded Python call to happen (despite a slight performance penalty), can disable the guard through the XML file.

| | | On the DLL side, each guard is stored as an individual boolean data member of CvGlobals. |
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| | | K-Mod has added several more callback guards. |
| See also | 003b uses the same technique for GI | obalDefines cached by CvGlobals. |
| Rationale | Part of the effort to move the Python stuff out of sight. I don't think I'll ever want one of those guarded functions to be called – they're for modders who want to change the game rules and aren't able to recompile the DLL. | |
| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| capture gold | computation of game score and d from CvGameUtils.py to the DLL: | K-Mod had already moved the pillage gold and level-up threshold computation from Python to CvUnit::pillage and CvUnit::experienceNeeded. |
| event from (CvCity::d so that units tile culture i culture. The | code that triggers the "Partisans" CVEVENTMANAGER. PY to the DLL ROPARTISANS) and slightly changed it is spawn for the civ with the highest instead of the one with the highest city is Python code also contained a bug used partisans to appear for size-1 | |
| Rationale | | nented in Python; perhaps as instructional not want to change those formulas though, and faster. |
| See also | The change to the partisan event was prompted by this old CFC post by DanF5711. I accidentally fixed the error in the Partisans code and learnt about it from this CFC post by SmokeyTheBear. That same user found another bug in getNumPartisanUnits (CvRandomEventInterface.py); tagged with change id 001. | |

| advc.enum | c.enum EnumMap, macros for generating (info) enum types and related code | |
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| Rationale | Memory optimization (for improved CPU cache performance); improved code readability, extensibility. | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| Use the EnumMap classes from the "We the People" mod (WtP) for storing mappings from an enum type (or pairs of enums) to another primitive type. EnumMaps use arrays with lazy initialization internally. They have functions for serialization and the accessor functions contain assertions that check the array bounds. | | Uses two- and three-dimensional arrays. Memory for those arrays is, in most cases, allocated in init functions. With the notable exception of CvTeam and CvPlayer, the init functions are called when an object is created. (As for players and teams, all 18 objects are created when the game is launched, but member arrays aren't initialized until a player or team is set to "alive" status.) Most of the arrays have serialization code in one of the read/write functions, and are accessed in get, set and change functions with assertions that check the array bounds. |
| Credits | Nightinggale wrote all the code. (I made a minuscule contribution by <u>suggesting</u> the class name "EnumMap".) Here's a description of the class by its author: <u>CFC link</u> | |
| See also | 003t takes the same approach to tag list pairs loaded from XML. | |

| | Replacing CvArea member arrays wi | th EnumMaps has resulted in a speed-up of | |
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| | , , | 030 tends to increase the number of separate | |
| | For CvPlot, WtP uses an additional data structure called "RevealedPlotData". The premise is that the route and improvement revealed to a team are "usually used together." I think that's not really true for the AdvCiv code. Routes are important for movement, improvements for tile yields; there isn't much code that deals with both. | | |
| | karadoc had started (slowly) to replace some arrays with vectors: Git commit | | |
| Tbd. | So far, EnumMap is used systematically only by CvArea, CvCity, CvPlot, CvPlotGroup, CvUnit, CvPlayer and CvTeam(Al). Should use it wherever an enum type is mapped to a primitive type. That said, EnumMap is currently not suitable for instantiation in high-performance code because of dynamic memory allocation. It would be nice if the class could somehow be made to allocate memory statically for enum types whose length is known at compile time. | | |
| with XML in | ıfo. | s.h) that list all enum types that are associated | |
| Rationale | Use those lists to avoid boilerplate co | | |
| AdvCiv | lobal) length function (named | WtP | |
| every relevant cvinfoEnur (all enumer byte size backnumTY dynamic en | te; let the XML loading code verify this | number of bytes to store per value when mapping to an enum type), the EnumMap classes obtain the number of enum values from a NUMTYPES enumerator at the end of every supported enum type. Those enumerators are generated by an external Perl script that parses the "info" XML files. As a result, adding any type elements to an XML file requires the Gamecore DLL to be recompiled. For enum types with a dynamic range, an ArrayLength function needs to be defined and a byte size (1 or 2 bytes) needs to be set through a macro. | |
| Rationale | another dependency to the build envi that I guess) and requires a special D unable to recompile the DLL. My solu | ironment (could port the script to Python to avoid DLL to be deployed for XML modders who are ition isn't equivalent though: the preprocessor isn't, more importantly, array and byte sizes known at | |
| | plistic serialization functions to that match the BtS savegame format. | | |
| See also | Nightinggale on the WtP savegame format: <u>CFC link</u> WtP wiki: <u>Savegame format</u> | | |
| Tbd. | I'd like to adopt the WtP format, but that would be a lot of work. Maybe breaking savegame compatibility will make it a bit easier. There should be no need for the JIT_ARRAY_TYPE parameters then. | | |
| | e INLINE_NATIVE representation of with a small range. | EnumMap uses a (static) inline array instead of dynamically allocated one when all data can be fit into 4 byte (because that's the size of the union that contains the "native" EnumMap data). | |

| Rationale | For <u>advc.fract</u> . The easiest way to make <code>EnumMap</code> compatible with <code>ScaledNum</code> . The few enums that might be short enough for <code>INLINE_NATIVE</code> are irrelevant for the overall performance; at least in AdvCiv, this seems like a fruitless optimization. | |
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| Credits | Proposed to me by Nightinggale himself: <u>CFC post</u> | |
| an enum ty only paran variable eL | LEACH_ENUM added for iterating over type. Takes an XML type name as its neter and defines a loop counter Loop{Name}. Not as efficient as the WtP t calls the global getEnumLength $\frac{1}{1}$ for $\frac{1}$ | |
| because th numerous | where "eLoop{Name}" is too long ne loop variable gets referenced times, I've added a variant _ENUM2 that takes a variable name as a rameter. BuildingTypes eBuilding = (BuildingTypes)i; BuildingTypes eBuilding = (BuildingTypes)i; | |
| | R_EACH_ENUM_REV for cases when the order will speed up the search for a element. | |
| Credits | It's mostly Nightinggale's work; see this WtP Git issue. | |
| Tbd. | Most of the game core code doesn't use the macro yet. I've converted the entire UWAI code base, CvCity.cpp, CvPlayer.cpp and quite a few loops here and there. | |
| Rationale/ Tbd. | As for the lengthy variable name: A nondescript name like "eBuilding" has a good chance of clashing with a variable name in an enclosing scope (no Zc:forScope option in MSVC03). Enclosing the loop in curly braces would be possible through a pair of macros (as Nightinggale had contemplated), and that would also allow the macro to define a reference to an info object; e.g. FOR_EACH_INFO_START(Building, LoopBuilding) if (eLoopBuilding == kLoopBuilding.get | |
| END_FOR_EACH Or, optionally with braces. VS IntelliSense can handle such macros, but t cumbersome. | | |
| | Note that it's impossible to define an info object reference before the body of a loop because a reference can't be reassigned. Even exposing the vectors stored at CvGlobals wouldn't change that. | |
| | Another possibility would be to use "el" as the default loop counter name instead of "eLoop…" | |
| See also | 003s defines macros for iterating over lists. All those macros are listed in cpp.hint to fix problems with IntelliSense. | |
| TeamTypes | getEnumLength for PlayerTypes and is in such a way that FOR_EACH_ENUM ed for those two types. (A ength function is needed for EnumMap.) | |
| also be use should ger | s of AdvCiv 0.99, FOR_EACH_ENUM can ed for players and teams. AgentIterator nerally be preferred, but sometimes, in n with EnumMap, it's convenient to use | |

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FOR EACH ENUM.
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See also

<u>advc.agent</u>: The AgentIterator classes should be used for looping over players and teams.

Defined macros LOOP_INFO(TypeName), SET_LOOP_INFO(TypeName) for obtaining or defining a reference to an XML info object in the body of a FOR_EACH_ENUM loop. These macros call preprocessor-generated functions CvGlobal::getLoopInfo that don't check array bounds (not even in assert builds). Examples:

• SET LOOP INFO (Building) instead of

CvBuildingInfo const& kLoopBuilding = GC.getInfo(eLoopBuilding).

• LOOP_INFO(Building).getBuildingClassType() instead of GC.getInfo(eLoopBuilding).getBuildingClassType().

Commented out for now.

Rationale

The array-bounds assertions are unnecessary when looping over all instances with <code>FOR_EACH_ENUM</code>, and they get in the way of <code>/Ob1-inlining</code> in assert builds (which isn't a big concern, but still). Perhaps more importantly, the <code>SET_LOOP_INFO</code> macro saves the user from having to type the enum name three times.

Most FOR_EACH_ENUM loops in the codebase don't define a CvInfo reference, but many of those loops obtain such a reference from CvGlobals in one or two places. So it wouldn't be much trouble to deploy the SET_LOOP_INFO macro everywhere it makes sense, but doing the same for LOOP_INFO seems like too much work. I feel it would be a bit inconsistent to remove the array-bounds checks only from loops where a CvInfo reference is explicitly stored in a variable. Therefore, I'm not using either macro.

FOR EACH ENUM RAND macro that goes through the enum types in a random order.

Rationale

Rarely done in the BtS code, but should perhaps be done more often. I'm pretty sure that there are some loops in the AI code where the fixed order causes a bias toward low enum values. With this macro, shuffling takes practically no extra implementation effort. (Though shuffling isn't free in terms of computing time of course.)

See also

<u>advc.agent</u>: For players and teams, AgentIterator has a randomization parameter.

FAssertEnumBounds macro that takes a single enum value as parameter and asserts that it is nonnegative and less than getEnumLength.

Rationale

One step beyond the FASSETTBOUNDS macro (see 006f). I don't use it very widely because the CvInfo classes mostly use integer indices (they shouldn't; see *Tbd*. under 003x) and because many bounds assertions have been or will be made unnecessary by EnumMap. And for player and team arrays, it's not clear enough whether the upper bound should include the Barbarians. getEnumLength isn't overloaded for PlayerTypes and TeamTypes either, so FASSETTENUMBOUNDS can't be used for those types.

AdvCiv

New (header-only) class CityPlotIterator. Usage example:

Can also take a CvPlot parameter and

bIncludeCenter=false to exclude the center

BtS/WtP

WtP uses the FOR_EACH macro for those loops; BtS:

| unworked o the order of The enum t Replaced a CityPlotItera | re are derived classes for excluding r unworkable tiles and randomizing traversal. The style loops with ators and a few with plots aren't supposed to be skipped). | To exclude the center, iI==CITY_HOME_PLOT is checked. The efficient way to do that is in the initialization of iI (as CITY_HOME_PLOT is 0); BtS usually checks it in the body of the loop instead. |
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| See also | | |
| See also | The syntax is consistent with <u>advc.agent</u> ; see rationales there. Fairly detailed comments in <code>CityPlotIter.h.</code> | |
| | advc.plotr: An iterator for square area | |
| Rationale | Can't beat the speed of the BtS code, or even match it. The iteration overhead is about two times worse than in BtS, and I think that's the best one can do with an iterator. Speed matters because these loops occur very frequently, but avoiding the NULL check (in the client code) and not having to remember three unrelated identifiers (NUM_CITY_PLOTS, plotCity, CITY_HOME_PLOT) is worth the very slight performance penalty. | |
| | PlotNumTypes added for the CvPlot ed by CvMap::plotNum. | CvMap::plotNum returns an int and plotByIndex takes an int argument. |
| MAX_CIV_PI 18; in that c of short int i | d as short int in EnumMap unless LAYERS has been increased beyond ase,int32 is used. The upper limit s 32768, so that's now the map size 66x128 or 181x181) for the 18-civ | I don't think WtP allows plot ids in EnumMap. Players have been able to start games with 200x200 tiles and probably more, but no one finishes those games. Apart from unplayable experiments and the C2C Ultimate Earth Map, the biggest scenario that I'm aware of is the Gigantic Accurate Earth Map with 232x112 plots. Huge maps have ca. 50% more tiles than Large maps. If that progression is continued, then two sizes beyond Huge would still have fewer than 25000 plots. SmartMap has a 512x512 setting, but it's reportedly not really playable. |
| Tbd. | CvMap::plotByIndex still takes an int argument. If I change that, then all loops that traverse the entire map will have to be revised. For loops that only deal with plot ids (rare), FOR_EACH_ENUM(PlotNum) will be adequate; most loops need to go through the CvPlot objects; an iterator should be written for that. "MapIter" could be misunderstood; "MapGridIter"? Some filters (land/ water)? Should be tagged with advc.plotr. | |
| Rationale | For now, the enum type is mainly for EnumMap, specifically for code that I'm writing fo 027. | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| replaced with CvGlobals: XML info type. The old they're unus | : get{TypeName}Info(TypeName) th overloaded functions : getInfo(TypeName). Except for bes that have no associated enum d getInfo functions still exist, but sed and deprecated. | There is a uniquely named CvGlobals:: getInfo function for every CvInfo type. |
| Rationale | | was easy enough to generate the getInfo and to change the four-digit number of call |

| | | and replace – using, for future reference, this | |
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| | regular expression in Notepad++: GC\.get(| | |
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| Tbd. | Should perhaps add enum types for those can also be accessed through | the few info classes that are missing one so that a getInfo function. | |
| | ts of the CvGlobals class are rom the type list macros in ms.h. | There were several hundred of lines of repetitive code. | |
| Rationale | the preprocessor), but I think the fund | (can't set a breakpoint in a function generated by ction definitions I removed were so simplistic that them. If the functions need to be spelled out after the true of them. | |
| declared for enum types TeamTypes. | parison operator functions are r certain dangerous combinations of s, in particular PlayerTypes and No definition is provided for these to that it's impossible to call them (will nker error). | Comparisons between enum types aren't typesafe in C++, and there is nothing in the BtS code to detect errors like if (kPlayer.getID() == eTeam). Modders seem to have fixed all errors of this kind over the years, i.e. my overloaded operators didn't reveal any errors in BtS code (but several in AdvCiv code). | |
| Rationale | A compiler error would be more helpful, but only the linker can tell whether a global function has any call locations. | | |
| Tbd. | Should perhaps declare comparison operators for all enum types used in the DLL. I'm not sure if those thousands of declarations would slow down the compiler though. | | |
| | It would be nice to get rid of most of the enum type comparisons, e.g. by writing if (kPlayer.isTeam(eTeam)) in the example above. Inlining such an isTeam function would require CvTeam.h and CvPlayer.h to include each other. CvPlayer::operator==(PlayerTypes) etc. is also worth considering. | | |
| See also | It's easy to get the NO enumerators and NULL mixed up, and such an error can go unnoticed for quite some time. I've written code for prohibiting all equality tests between integers and enums (commented out in CvEnums.h), but, currently, this would require too many explicit casts. Maybe once the AgentIterator classes are used more widely (see advc.agent) and once the CvInfo classes use enum types instead of integers (see 0.03x) when possible. | | |
| overloaded for the victo | Turned the bitmasks that were defined through the preprocessor in AI_Defines.h into enums with overloaded bitwise operators and renamed the header to "AlStrategies.h". I've named the enum for the victory strategies "AlVictoryStage" and renamed the AIVictoryStrategy functions (CvPlayerAI, CvTeamAI) accordingly. Also turned some bitmask definitions in CvDefines.h into enums. | | |
| Rationale | The two types of strategy defines were easy to confuse; type-safety was badly needed. The name change is also intended to make the strategy types more distinct. The old function names were also very long. I understand that C++11 has strongly typed enums, but in MSVC03, overloading the bitwise operators seems to be the best one can do. (I think it's fine.) | | |
| See also | I've found three bugs through this ch | ange, listed somewhere under <u>001</u> . | |
| Tbd. | same treatment. Also, bitmasks could | sks in the code base that could benefit from the d be used in additional places, in particular to of the BestDefender function. C2C does that too | |

(Git commit).

advc.agent terator classes for looping over "agents" – i.e. players and teams

Thd.

So far used mainly by the UWAI component, CvTeam(AI), CvPlayer and some recently added classes. Should be used everywhere. There are nearly a thousand loops left to change, and many will require some thought as to the proper type of iterator and its parameters. So far, it has often turned out that the old loops weren't entirely correct – e.g. had included Barbarians, minor civs, dead agents or agents that the AI wasn't supposed to be aware of –, so revising those loops isn't just a matter of uncluttering the code.

Currently, the caches at CvAgents are only updated under very specific circumstances, e.g. when a new colony is created. Will probably have to use more generic update functions (e.g. whenever the "alive" status of an agent changes) to make sure that the caches are up to date during game initialization. So far, I've refrained from using agent iterators in any initialization code. See also comment in AgentIterator.h.

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BtS

AgentIterator class with parameters for frequently A loop over all non-minor, non-Barbarian teams needed sequences of agents. For example: alive looks like this (CvGame::testVictory):

```
for (TeamIter<MAJOR_CIV> it; it.hasNext(); ++it)
{
    CvTeam& kLoopTeam = *it;
    // ...
}
```

(where "MAJOR_CIV" means non-Barbarian, non-minor civ alive)

if

Example 2:

```
for (PlayerIter<ALIVE, MEMBER_OF> it(getID());
   it.hasNext(); ++it)
{
   CvPlayerAI const& kPlayer = *it;
   // ...
}
```

That can be shortened further:

```
for (MemberIter it(getID()); it.hasNext(); ++it)
{
    CvPlayerAI const& kPlayer= *it;
    // ...
}
```

```
for (int iI = 0; iI < MAX_CIV_TEAMS; iI++)
{
    CvTeam& kLoopTeam = GET_TEAM((TeamTypes)iI);
    if (kLoopTeam.isAlive())
    {
        if (!(kLoopTeam.isMinorCiv()))
        {
            // ...
        }
}</pre>
```

Or written a bit more nicely:

```
for (int i = 0; i < MAX_CIV_TEAMS; i++)
{
    CvTeam& kLoopTeam = GET_TEAM((TeamTypes)i);
    if (!kLoopTeam.isAlive() && !kLoopTeam.isMinorCiv())
        continue;
    // ...
}</pre>
```

Example 2: A loop over all living members of "this" team (from CvTeamAI::

AI_calculateAreaAIType). This actually contained a bug (fixed by the unofficial patch) – the loop index was named "iPlayer", but "il" from an earlier loop was passed to GET_PLAYER; corrected code:

Rationale

The iterator syntax is shorter and less error-prone. Range-based loops would be even

shorter, but we don't have ranges in C++03. The available template parameters also steer programmers toward sensible restrictions. E.g. excluding minor civs from a loop but not Barbarians is suspicious, or counting a player's vassals but not its teammates. Efficiency:

For MAX_CIV_PLAYERS=18, the BtS loops are actually very efficient, even if half of the players aren't used. I guess CPU branch prediction works very well for isAlive and other commonly used checks. Loops with small bodies also get partly unrolled by the compiler (into a for i=0 to 3 loop with six repetitions in its body). However, when MAX_CIV_PLAYERS is increased, the BtS loops become somewhat inefficient when most players remain unused. That's one reason why 8-player games run more slowly with a 48-civ DLL than with an 18-civ DLL (not sure if it's the main reason; a higher MAX_CIV_PLAYERS value also results in memory allocation for the unused players). Excluding agents that have never been alive from most of the loops is a step toward distributing only a single DLL (not necessarily for 48 civs; hopefully 30-something would be enough for most players). In any case, it's important that the agent iterators are efficient as agent loops occur very frequently throughout the code base.

I use two sets of enum values to specify predicates that the agents need to satisfy. The first says something about the status of the agent, e.g. whether it is alive, a major civ, a vassal; the second enum requires a particular relation with a second agent, e.g. being on the same team, not having the same master or having met. Bitmasks would be more flexible, allowing arbitrary logical operators, but I don't think that much flexibility is actually needed: The frequently needed predicates are mostly mutually exclusive. Bitmasks would also make a (highly) efficient implementation more difficult and I don't want to use bitwise logic all the time in loop headers.

Not every combination of the two predicates should correspond to a cached sequence of agents. It might be fastest to cache most of them (hard to say), but implementing cache updates at the proper code locations is clearly not always worth the programming effort. Therefore, there's a third enum that lists the available cached sequences, e.g. CIVS_ALIVE (all non-Barbarians players and teams currently alive). The task of an agent iterator is to map the given predicate(s) to a cached sequence and to check any predicates not implied by the sequence on the fly; for example, if the predicate is FREE_MAJOR_CIV and the cached sequence MAJOR_CIV, then isAVassal needs to be checked for each agent in the sequence as the iterator advances. The iterator also hides the available cache data from the user.

Syntactically, I would have preferred to take the predicates as constructor arguments. I've implemented that too (<u>Git commit</u>), but it turned out to be a bit slower than I'd like. With the predicates as template parameters, much of the logic can be resolved at compile time. In particular, when a cached sequence matches the predicates exactly, the optimized assembly is essentially equivalent to an iteration over a vector.

I've run some performance tests (AgentIteratorTest.cpp) using the TSC profiler (see 0030): For example, in a game with 8 players and up to 18 allowed, a loop over all major teams alive took 104 CPU cycles using BtS code, 106 cycles using an agent iterator and 96 cycles (arguably the fastest possible) directly using a vector. A loop over all players alive took 160 cycles with BtS code, 119 with an agent iterator and 102 with a (raw) vector. All members of a team: 124 (BtS), 68 (iterator), 52 (vector). For sequences that aren't (fully) cached, the iterator still performs a bit worse than the BtS code. Going through all free major teams alive took 384 cycles compared with 100 in BtS. One reason for this is that the iterator code can't be inline-expanded in this case (otherwise, header inclusions would get messed up). It's not really a significant difference though, I think, and if it turns out to be significant, a cached sequence can be added. When up to 48 civs are allowed and only 8 used, the iterators outperform the BtS code in most cases, e.g 167 vs. 406 cycles for players alive. I'm not sure why

| | the maximal number of civs affects the performance of the iterators at all; must be some side-effect. |
|----------|--|
| | As for the iterator interface, I've stuck to the C++ idiom of treating iterators as pointers, which is nicely compact, except that I use a hasNext function rather than a comparison with some end-of-sequence constant. |
| See also | 056 allows scenario files to be read that were created with a DLL allowing fewer civs than the current DLL. |

In the process of converting BtS/K-Mod loops to agent iterators, I've made minor functional changes that aren't always marked in the code.

| advc.plotr | Iterators over plot ranges | | |
|---|--|---|--|
| See also | CityPlotIterator under <u>advc.enum</u> (because that one is coupled with the introduction of a "CityPlotTypes" enum). | | |
| | Comments in PlotRadiusIterator.h. | | |
| | C2C has a rectangle iterator: Git con (At least for AI purposes, that doesn' | n <u>mit</u> t seem like a very helpful generalization.) | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS | |
| Example: | | BtS style: | |
| This will tra of length 2* unit with the (bIncluded is a spiral, i traversed b There is als same algor the square, distance of makes Plot | Iter it(kCenter, iRange, false); ext(); ++it) kPlot = *it; everse the non-NULL tiles in a square fiRange+1 centered at a given tile or e exception of the center itself Center=false). The order of traversal i.e. tiles at a step distance of <i>i</i> are before those at a step distance of <i>i</i> +1. so a "PlotCircleIter" that uses the eithm but skips tiles at the corners of returning only tiles within a plot at most iRange. (For iRange=2, this ecircleIter a less efficient ation of CityPlotIter.) | <pre>for (int iDX = -iRange; iDX <= iRange; iDX++) { for (int iDY = -iRange; iDY <= iRange; iDY++) { if (iDX == 0 && iDY == 0)</pre> | |
| Almost all t (approxima | he BtS-style loops over square and itely) circular areas have been ith SquareIter, PlotCircleIter and loops. Readability mostly; the verbosity of the state of t | the BtS code also makes it error-prone. (Other | |
| | duplication between SquareIter and | ; I didn't find any new ones.) night be neater, but there isn't much code CityPlotIter (the algorithms for generating the tile , and they were easier for me to write separately. | |
| | | as a sensible tie-breaker for argmax computations e computations up, but that would require checks | |

| | that cut the evaluation of a tile short when its value can no longer exceed the current maximum. For the most part, such checks don't exist, but perhaps they could be added in expensive tile evaluation loops. In terms of overhead, spiral traversal should not be appreciably slower than scanline traversal. (I haven't profiled it though; it might be that the memory layout of the CvPlot array favors a scanline.) Starting at the center has the advantage that the center tile can be skipped without any checks in subsequent iterations. In any case, having the square range traversal in a single place will make it easier to optimize if needs be. |
|------|---|
| Tbd. | A parameter for skipping tiles in other areas would be nice to have. Since the iterators return CvPlot references, it seems that CvPlot& is now more commonly used overall than CvPlot*. So, I think it's time to change function parameters to CvPlot const& or CvPlot& when possible. |
| | Iterator over the whole map. See <i>Tbd</i> . under <u>advc.enum</u> . |

| 004 | Minor usability improvements |
|----------|---|
| See also | 101 adds help text about occupation and revolts to the Nationality bar (city screen). |
| | 120c hides the espionage slider when it's at 0. |
| | 251 shows the start turn on the Settings tab when it isn't turn 0. |
| | 085 lets the scoreboard expand on mouse-over. |
| | 210 adds a few BUG-style alerts. |
| | 071 adds an option for notifications about first contacts (on-screen message or diplo popup) to the "Alerts" tab. |
| | 151 shows the previous religion or civic in messages about changed civics/ religions. |
| | 152 shows currently offered war trades on the Glance tab. |
| | 048: Combat odds help text (including some changes to ACO) |
| | 059 shows health/ happiness effects of features and improvements in tile hover text. |
| | 060 suppresses the add-to-spaceship popup. |
| | 061 makes the hover text for unit stacks on the main map more compact. |
| | 063 shows additional Actual Effects when Alt is held down. |
| | 064 adds BULL help text to the Whip button and allows hurry tick marks to be disabled. |
| | 064b adds overflow info to the production yield hover on the city screen. |
| | 065 removes the "Show Culture Turns" option; always shows culture turns. |
| | 106d changes BUG default settings for Civ4lerts and the scoreboard. |
| | kekm.30 adds civ and leader icons to the scoreboard (disabled by default). |
| | 066 frees up some space on the Foreign Advisor. |
| | 067 overhauls the BUG game clock. |
| | 068 lets changes to the BUG options for tech era coloring take effect without a restart. |
| | 069: Changes to the PLE component |
| | 070 replaces BUG's "Gold Rate Warning" option. |
| | 078 allows disabling BUG's GP bars until there is some progress toward a GP. |
| | 072 extends the show-deal-turns BUG option a bit. |
| | 073 Merges the trade denial hovers from BULL and revises the layout of the |
| | "Resources" tab. |
| | 074 excludes some "must-be-joking" items from the Trade screen. |
| | 077 revises the "Demographics" tab (Info screen). |
| | 091: Score graph sometimes shown when unable to see demographics |
| | 095: Option for wide city bars (not available in K-Mod, not optional in BUG) |
| | 076 revises the player options menu (Ctrl+O). |
| | 002f: City bar icons |
| | 011b: Tile hover for partial Worker builds |
| | <u>099f</u> : Tile hover for culture on unowned tiles |

154: Unit cycling button

190: Additions to the Settings tab (Victory screen)

910: Tech hover text shows speed-up from knowing multiple alternative requirements.

106m adjusts the dimensions of the replay screen to the screen resolution.

104m cancels expired peace treaties at the start of a round.

002I deals with sounds being played too many times at once.

mnai: Detailed civic info for civic buttons on tech tree

Tbd. BULL merge:

Optional production decay info; parts of the "City Bar Hover" option; widescreen for Foreign Advisor; coloring of ratios on the Espionage screen (just use one coloring scheme; no options); and possibly (not yet sure what these do): GP Bar rate Breakdown, Zoom to City Details (Domestic Advisor). Something like the BULL Members tab (Foreign Advisor) to help the player tally votes.

Auto Save options: DLL code (just two lines) already merged; tagged with "BULL-AutoSave". Will need to add gameStartSave and gameEndSave to

CvAppInterface.py. An option to make a second auto-save upon pressing "End Turn" would be nice to have. (But the BULL code doesn't do that.)

Unit starting XP (tie that to the Alt key; no option needed); possibly tooltip for Drafting. City Bar Tile Hover and/or City Tile Highlights (SVN revisions 12345678)

Platy UI merge:

Smaller leader/civ icons on Military Advisor; Platy's Religion and Corporation Advisors (but keep the BUG Religion Advisor as an option); enhanced Statistics tab. Military Advisor should also be enlarged; this MNAI commit along with these (updated links: 1 2 3 4 5) could be helpful; though I don't think I'll bother with the overblown BUG Military Advisor. Enlarging the BUG/Vanilla Religion Advisor isn't a priority if I'll merge Platy's version (which is already full-screen). Perhaps the Platy Religion Advisor should sort the cities by the selected religion (but not when only hovering over a religion button); related CFC post.

CFC post with some screenshots: link

C2C has progress bars on the tech tree: Git commit, screenshot

Probably too much work. Also, I think I'd like a wider bar across the tech name with a higher alpha value so that it stands out less and so that the tech boxes don't need to be enlarged.

Some mods have additional automation options. One that has been <u>requested</u> for AdvCiv (I don't think any mod has this): Automated workers never replace Towns and Villages and replace Forts only on workable tiles.

Another automation request: interface mode that allows protecting individual tiles from automated workers. The implementation should store the protected tiles as a serialized vector<CvPlot const*> at CvPlayer, add a function isAutomationProtected like the CvPlayer::isAutomationSafe function I've already added (call locations should also overlap; also check uses of PLAYEROPTION_LEAVE_FORESTS), add a new interface mode akin to Sign mode that can either add or remove protection from a plot. Hotkey should be Alt+P. CvGame::updateColoredPlots should apply some light hue of blue, red or white, not sure in which PlotStyle. The cursor should ideally use the same style with higher opacity. A loading screen hint and entry in the Pedia shortcut list should be enough for visibility. Don't want players to go and "look for uses" for this feature – there probably aren't many.

Misc:

Show the turns-left countdown only when at most 30 turns away from time victory (instead of 100); inspired by RFCEurope.

Announce when a tech that grants a free Great Person is first discovered. Credit: Civ 4

Reimagined 1.4.

ALT key doesn't show combat odds when hovering over one's own units.

The choose-production popup always includes the city name (BtS says "in this city" sometimes).

The UI never shows damaged units at full strength nor at 0.0 strength. E.g. a Warrior with 98/100 hitpoints is shown with strength 1.9/2 instead of 2.0/2 (exact value: 1.96/2).

Overhaul of the BUG menu: headings, help text, layout, color palette, default settings. Changed some colors of the "Detailed Food Info" option through BUG_CIV4GameText.xml. Mainly this Git commit.

Merged some misc. hover text from BULL: Code tagged with "BULL - Trade Hover", "BULL-Finance Advisor", "BULL - Leaderhead Relations", "BULL - Food Rate Hover". <u>086</u> and <u>087</u> streamline that text a bit.

Help text for units that cause collateral damage says how many defenders can be affected.

Upon closing the Military Advisor screen, the game forgets which players were selected. (BtS: Remembers which players were selected and selects the active human player in addition when reopening the screen.)

The non-customizable Domestic Advisor screen shows the strength (bicep) icon instead of the defense (tower) icon above the column that shows the number of military units stationed at a city. And the maintenance column shows costs including inflation (as on the city screen).

Update the status of the city unhappiness indicator on the main map in CvCity::changeMilitaryHappinessUnits, i.e. when unit moves into or out of a city.

Show effects of routes (Railroad) in hover text of improvements.

(CvGameTextMgr::setImprovementHelp)

Show starvation rate in city bar hover text. (CvGameTextMgr::setCityBarHelp)

Make sure that an announcement is shown when the active player pillages an improvement (by ensuring in CvUnit::pillage that the pillage gold is at least 1).

When pairing cities for trade routes (CvCity::updateTradeRoutes), count trade route profit at times-100 precision. *Rationale*: Should lead to fewer ties (which are currently broken arbitrarily based on player and city ids) and should make it more likely that foreign trade routes are chosen over domestic ones. *See also*: It can be confusing when only domestic trade routes are shown despite available foreign partner cities as in this CFC thread.

Hide gold from trade inventories when the one side has already put gold on the trade table. Disabled this again in order to keep the amount of available gold on display; the code is commented out in CvPlayer::updateTradeList.

| 004a | UI support for the Discover ("bulb") ability | |
|---|--|--|
| AdvCiv | 1 | K-Mod/BUG |
| The help text for the bulb button of a GP unit shows all techs that the GP will be able to discover if an additional tech is researched, e.g. "next tech: Astronomy (with Printing Press)". | | |
| GP Research on the Tech Advisor disabled by default. | | BUG's "GP Research" option shows bulb paths on the Tech Advisor. Enabled by default. |
| Rationale | For players who don't plan their bulbs (long) in advance, the added help text should usually suffice. I'd like to show only the tech tree on the Tech Advisor. | |
| Config | GP Research can be enabled on the Advisors tab of the in-game BUG menu. | |
| If GP Research is enabled, info about techs that Shown to the left of the tech tree, overlapping | | |

| | of the Tech Advisor. | with the first column of techs. This looks like a bug; the whole tech tree is probably supposed to move to the right a bit. |
|---|---|---|
| Credits | Idea from RFC: Dawn of Civilization; I've also seen it in Platy's Tech Scree | |
| Rationale | Want to give the tech tree as much ro footer for tabs, but, since the Tech Ad | oom as possible. Some Advisor screens use the visor has no tabs, it's unused space. |
| For each typapplicable: | pe of GP, the following info is shown if | |
| | nce order: All techs that the GP could y discover, sorted by priority. | • (same) |
| | tech: Tech that the GP would y be able to discover. | • (same) |
| higher prequire will repl | requirements: Techs that have a priority than the current tech and don't the current tech. These are techs that ace the current tech if their prereqs earched. | |
| After res | search: The tech that the GP would | • (same) |
| | to discover if all techs currently for research were already red. | Techs with lower priority than the current tech for which all tech requirements will be met after finishing all queued research. |
| Improved the help text a bit, though it's still not easy to understand I think. | | Difficult to guess from the help text (and layout) how all this works. E.g. the "after research" techs are just called "Future Technologies". |
| Rationale For optimal bulb paths, it can be necessary to avoid certain techs (example guessing that's why the BUG mod shows the lower-priority techs. Or the id show which tech the GP would get if its current tech was discovered, but the always true (because the current tech could unlock another high-priority techs.) BUG info is complicated and misleading. I don't think tech avoidance matter often, and players that use this tactic probably have their bulb paths memory how to figure them out from the preference order. | | ows the lower-priority techs. Or the idea was to its current tech was discovered, but that's not a could unlock another high-priority tech). So the ing. I don't think tech avoidance matters very probably have their bulb paths memorized or |
| | be able to discover if one more tech is If the current tech for a Great Scientis his/her research to Compass to find of Aesthetics once Compass is finished. But how to tell in BUG that the GSc c | make the player aware of techs that the GP will s researched through other means. Example: st (GSc) is Compass, the player can switch out that the GSc will be able to discover. This works the same way in BUG as in AdvCiv. ould also discover Philosophy if Meditation was (and Paper) under "requirements missing". |
| Config | Implemented mostly in CvTechChoose | er.py. |
| AdvCiv Bts | | BtS |
| No "can be researched by a (e.g.) Great Scientist" help text on technologies. | | Help text on a technology says whether that technology could currently be discovered by a particular GP. |
| Rationale | ale If the player does have such a GP, then the player can consult the Discover button of the GP to find out which techs it can discover. If the player doesn't have the GP, then by the time a GP is born, the information may no longer be accurate. Most of the time the help text is just distracting. If the player needs to know about bulb paths, he/she | |

| | should consult the BUG Tech Advisor | r. | |
|---|---|--|--|
| 004b | Cost projections in action button help | text | |
| AdvCiv | 1 | BtS | |
| shows how Advisor) wil current tile. | The help text for the found ("Build City") button shows how much the Total Expenses (Economics found to see how costs will increase. Advisor) will increase if a city is founded on the current tile. Does <i>not</i> project the gold income of the new city, e.g. from trade routes. | | |
| | s computed as inflation times e for the new city, including State Property, s etc. | | |
| temporarily + increased c + decrease in | naintenance in other cities, including those exempt because of disorder or celebrations ivic upkeep unit cost (from the +1 population) unit supply and cost from the lost Settler | | |
| Tbd. | | s (Palace, more with Medieval start or later) and g the yield would be tough). | |
| from feature All features While a Set | ext on the found button shows health es, traits (Expansive) and freshwater. revealed in the (full) city radius count tler is selected, the help text of any realth effects. | Forests provide +0.5 health, Jungles -0.25, Flood Plains -0.4 and Fallout -0.5. City tile yield only shown once a city has been | |
| Found-butto tile yield. | on help text shows the projected city | founded. Usually just 2 food, 1 production, 1 commerce but occasionally more. | |
| See also | 016 changes the effect of extra yields from random events on city tiles. 004h shows the full city radius when a Settler is selected. 059 show health and happiness effects from tiles surrounding actual cities. | | |
| Help text of the delete-unit button shows whether the deletion will decrease expenses for units: supply, unit cost (incl. Pacifism) and (for mod-mods) extra cost. If deleting the selecting unit(s) will not decrease expenses, but deleting additional units would, the help text says how many additional units would have to be deleted. | | | |
| Tbd. | If the Finance tab (Economics Advisor) is checked before and after deleting a unit, the difference in unit expenses doesn't always agree with the difference predicted by my code. This is because the subtotals on the Finance tab include inflation, which isn't how CvPlayer::doGold actually computes expenses. Cf. comment in EconomicsAdvisor.py. Also, during anarchy, some of the expense items shown in help text on the Finance tab are positive. Should all be zero. | | |
| 004c | Changes to bombardment, air bomb missions [not strictly UI changes] | | |
| See also | 004g shows messages about bomba | rdment immediately. | |
| AdvCiv BtS | | | |
| | rd at 0 defense in order to prevent e from recovering. | Can't bombard cities with 0 defense. If a city isn't bombarded for a turn, its defense begins to recover on the next turn. | |
| Air units and siege units with the ability to ignore defensive buildings have their bomb(ard) rate increased to match the building defense. For example, when a city that has 100% defense The ability of Wall and Castle says "+ defens (except vs. Gunpowder-based units)" and those Gunpowder-based units have the XML tag IgnoreBuildingDefense. However, Siege units | | | |

from a Castle but just 60% from culture, is bombarded by a Cannon (bombard rate 12), city defense is reduced by 20 percentage points. Units that ignore defensive buildings see 48% defense, the others 80%.

with the tag don't actually ignore defensive buildings: they only ignore the bombardment reduction effect that Wall and Castle also have. In the example on the left, the Cannon player would see 60% before bombardment, and 52% after.

Rationale

wouldn't mind Walls and Castles having defensive abilities against post-Medieval units, but the implementation is unacceptable from a UI pov. By the Modern era, stacks often consist entirely of units that ignore building defense, and then the player only gets to see the defense from culture, which somehow doesn't decrease as fast as it should.

An alternative solution would be to show city defense including buildings when a siege unit is selected; in the example, the player would then see defense decrease from 100% to 88%. Not trivial to implement (can't just take away IgnoreBuildingDefense because siege units still need to ignore bombardment reduction), and my solution is conceptually simpler: post-Medieval siege units entirely ignore defensive buildings.

When applying bombardment damage (computed as described above), the city's defense damage percentage is set so that the city's defense modifier decreases by an amount exactly equal to the bombardment damage.

In formulas: The damage percentage d₁ after applying bombardment damage b should be b less than the present defense modifier m₀. As in BtS, mo and m1 are computed from the damage percentages d_0 and d_1 and the city's maximal defense t (defense modifier when undamaged):

 $m_1 = floor((100 - d_1) * t / 100)$

From this, one can derive the following equation

 $d_1 = 100 - ceil((m_0 - b) * 100 / t)$

Defense damage is stored as an integer percentage, meaning that the bombardment damage needs to be converted into a percentage and rounded. In BtS, the rounding can lead to a counterintuitive loss of 1 bombardment damage.

Example: A city with a 60% defense modifier gets bombarded by 5 Catapults. 8 bombardment chosen such that the new defense modifier m₁ is damage is taken times 100/60 and rounded down in order to convert the damage into a percentage: that's 13% per Catapult. After 4 shots, the citv has 52% damage, i.e. is 48% undamaged. To compute the defense modifier, the 48% are taken times 60 and the result is rounded down: 28%. That's as expected: 60-4*8=28. The fifth shot. however, results in 65% damage and 35%*60% rounds down to 21% – the defense modifier has only decreased by 7.

Thd.

Simply store the defense damage as the sum of the bombardment damage? This might lead to unexpected results in some circumstances, but I can't think of any. E.g. if a city constructs Walls during a siege, then subtracting the bombardment damage so far from the increased maximal defense would be pretty intuitive.

Help text for Walls and Castle says that defense Says "+50% defense" for both. is "raised to" 50% and 100% respectively. Defense is represented by the tower icon.

Rationale

"+50%" is misleading because building defense isn't cumulative with culture defense.

Config

Implemented through a new XML tag "RaiseDefense". Walls have RaiseDefense 50 and Castle 100, i.e. this new tag is non-cumulative when it comes to building defense. The old "DefenseModifier" tag still works but is unused.

Don't count defensive abilities in AI evaluation of building obsoletion (looks like K-Mod did count them).

Help text of Bombard button and in Air Bomb mode says by how much the defense modifier will decrease.

Generic help text saying that bombardment decreases the defense modifier. No help at all while hovering in Air Bomb mode.

Rationale

Not obvious when buildings and gunpowder units are involved (see above).

| Tbd. | A breakdown would be nice – showin building defense. | g reduction from buildings, increase from ignoring |
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| Air Bomb n | ering over an enemy improvement in node, the probability of destroying that nt through an Air Bomb mission is | The probability is shown nowhere (and isn't even explicitly computed). Not even the values that enter into the probability (current air bomb rate, improvement's air bomb defense) are shown anywhere. |
| Tbd. | Should Air Bomb missions be allowed | d to target routes? (Only improvements currently.) |
| strike, para interceptor hovering fo odds (right when that p are selecte | drop) show the best visible enemy and the interception probability while or the mission target or for combat mouse button or Alt+hover). Except probability is 0. When multiple units d, also show which unit will get (i.e. which unit will execute its | No such probability display. Can only scan the nearby tiles for units with an intercept chance. Unit help text shows that chance, correctly adjusted to hitpoints in the case of damaged fighter aircraft. |
| Rationale | A player generally can't be certain about the interception probability because there could be a Fighter somewhere in the fog of war up to 6 tiles away from the target (j Fighter: 10 tiles). Still, showing the probability of visible units seems much better th nothing. | |
| | Alt+hover (no odds really, but the air of the non-air defender). But I think it (e.g. terrain info) is shown in addition detailed combat info (Alt+hover or rig | bat odds in Air Strike mode, i.e. the same info as strength of the attacker and the combat strength would be too much text if non-combat help text. Currently, the player can choose between tht mouse drag) and civilian info plus interception he latter is what players intuitively use. |
| Tbd. | The next step would be to show odds | for air combat. Big task. |
| | | ssion (assuming that multiple are selected) should receptor. I'm just not sure exactly how to phrase |
| See also | 128 uses the non-cheating interceptor | or check (written for UI purposes) in AI code. |
| gets interce enabled. Ex halted whe by an interc | up missions are halted when a unit epted unless the Stack Attack option is xception: Group paradrops are only n a paradropping unit gets destroyed ceptor or the first time that an occurs from the fog of war. | When a group is ordered to air bomb, air strike or paradrop at a tile, all units in the group execute the mission if they're able to, regardless of interceptions. |
| Rationale | assume that the player wants to reco Air combat isn't as lethal than land ar | mbat on land and water – the game should insider his or her actions after each interception. Ind water combat, and insofar perhaps less less interceptors can intervene from the fog of war. |
| | | emy Fighter can intercept any number of seems too tedious to move a whole stack of |

| | n for the Air Bomb button, ing the Bombard icon on the original on. | The Air Bomb icon looks very similar to the Air Strike icon. Even though the buttons are right next to each other, they look virtually the same. |
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| Rationale | The Bombard icon (red-white targeting circles) is very distinctive, and Air Bomb against cities works almost exactly like Bombard. It's still not so clear that this is also the button for bombarding improvements. Maybe that really should've been a separate mission, but I'm not going to experiment with that. I also don't think that superimposing the Pillage icon in addition to the Bombard icon would look good. | |
| Config | | nb button. Since I didn't want to include a ed the button icon path to an individual graphic onInfos.xml. |
| Unit help te bomb rate. | xt for air units shows the current air | Civilopedia shows the maximal air bomb rate of a unit; unit help text doesn't show any air bomb info. |
| Rationale | Most players may not even be aware rate) is decreased when a unit is dam | that the air bomb rate (unlike the bombardment naged. |
| AdvCiv | 1 | K-Mod |
| caused by t unrevealed depleted cit missions are target; can e improvemer recon effect | the fog-of-war information leaks the Air Bomb mission: Tile ownership, cities, removed improvements, by defense. Ordered Air Bomb the no longer guaranteed to find a te.g. happen that the targeted that no longer exists. In that case, the tis the only result of the mission, and anouncement is shown. | K-Mod already takes care of somemore egregious leaks. Still guarantees that any Air Bomb mission that can be ordered will also find a target. |
| See also | 001i deals with leaked info about rou | tes in the fog of war. |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| to bombard executed (u a priority fur bombardme the priority, odds, collate effective city human units easily, then | | |
| Credits | Requested by Leoreth (<u>CFC post;</u> se for the priority function a few posts be | e 3 rd item), and he also provided concrete ideas elow. |
| Rationale | | there is a tangible benefit for the AI as well; AI executed by stacks, not individual units. |
| See also | | bombard a city down to 0 defense, then <u>153</u> ard into a separate group and selects that group. |
| When a group is ordered to air bomb a city, then the missions are executed (until city defense reaches 0) in an order that prioritizes units with | | |

| and (more | se damage, tries to avoid overshooting of a tiebreaker) deprioritizes valuable production cost, XP). | |
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| Rationale | don't think it was quite up to snuff for | both air bomb and bombardment missions. I bombardment (see Leoreth's criticism in the pe good enough for air bombing. At least it's code isn't suitable for air bombing. |
| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| improvement (until the implication that prioritize the chances production | oup of units is ordered to air bomb an int, then the missions are executed aprovement is destroyed) in an order tes the current air bomb rate (and thus s of success). As a tiebreaker, cost and XP are used (prefer using nits for bombing). | The internal order of the group is used for air bomb missions, but, for pillaging, fast-moving units are preferred. (BBAI had disabled group spillaging entirely; K-Mod re-enabled it.) |
| pillage an ir | then a group of units is ordered to mprovement, production cost and XP stiebreakers. | |
| Rationale | probability is displayed, and the played probability. And a player will probably | f success (see blue box higher up). Only one er will probably assume that it's the best also assume that the best unit will carry out the emes forward in a group attack) – and not some |
| | (Pillaging doesn't really belong under bombing.) | this change id, but the logic is quite similar to air |
| 004d | Al says "not right now" to peace whe | n war is recent |
| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| Screen say too recent. with a third | yer tries to broker peace, the Trade s "not right now" if the war is still The AI will agree to brokered peace civ as part of a peace treaty with the n if the AI would normally still refuse at third civ. | Says "we'd love to, but you'd have to ask them" instead. Often, both sides say this. (As far as I recall, peace could be brokered even when a war was recent in BtS.) |
| 004e | Leads-to info added to promotion but | tons |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| promotions E.g. "Flanki | xt for promotion buttons lists the enabled by the current promotion. ing I anking II, Navigation, Sentry" | Can only look this up in Civilopedia. |
| 004f | Disabled celebrations | |
| | ions (We-Love-The-King Day) ever. | If a city has at least 8 population, no anger and no bad health, celebrations happen with a probability of population / 1000. The reward is 0 maintenance for 1 turn. |
| Rationale | insignificant. I'm not even listing this | ance on average in a size 30 city, which is as a balance change. Celebrations were potent in using in Civ 3. Something no one will miss who |

| doesn't know it's disabled. | | |
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| 004g | Misc. changes to confusing help text (not a complete list) | |
| See also | 062: Al diplo comment when canceling a vassal agreement | |
| "Our shared | borders spark tensions" | "Our close borders spark tensions" Too similar to "closed", and doesn't imply that they're touching. |
| "We don't lik | ke you enough" | "We just don't like you enough" Sounds like this is the only obstacle – but often isn't. |
| | attacked a y: 22% damage." ne minus sign. | "Your x has attacked a y: -22% damage" |
| defense per | ity defenses" message shows the centage without Walls/ Castle if the unit ignores building defense. | Always shows the defense percentage including buildings. |
| happy" for th | ders on this continent are making us ne Notre Dame ability. Jed in English and German) | "Some buildings are making us happy", listed twice when there is also e.g. a Colosseum. |
| "The anarch | y is over" in white letters | In red letters, like it's a bad thing. |
| | aid of their military might" when war refused on account of nukes | "Surely, you must be joking." |
| | | Both polar desert and shelf ice are called "Ice". |
| Polar desert called "Snow" instead of "Ice". Help text of Blockade missions says that only | | "disrupts the trade route so that no intercontinental trade can pass through the blockaded tile" |
| List culture to breakdown a List health fir Tbd.: "Yeah" is too obscurait" there to bor health help to health help to hame of the | e is affected. from Creative trait in city culture as "from Traits". rom Expansive trait as "from Traits". ' for happiness from Charismatic trait are (and pretty dumb). Can't use "from though; has to be a sound bite. hus resources as "Resources" in text. frombardment of human cities (bForce=true) and include the bombarding unit (inspired by MNAI). iillaging of human improvements | Listed as "free city commerce". (With translations in the vein of "free-flowing commerce.") Expansive: "from Civilization" Seems that "resources" is used predominantly, e.g. "we enjoy our luxurious resources", but, for health it says "Bonuses". Positive modifiers are also referred to as "bonuses" sometimes. |
| immediately | • • | selected; no vield icons |
| | tler is selected, the full city radius is | Only the inner radius, i.e. the adjacent tiles are highlighted. |
| shown throu (To impleme VisibleMod | ns are shown (unless they're always agh "Display Yields"). ent this, CvInterface::toggleYield de was no help. I had to replace sFound so that the EXE doesn't even | Even if "Display Yields" (button above the minimap) is disabled, yield icons are shown when a Settler is selected. |

| know whet | her a Settler is selected.) | The highlighting is based on whether at least one | |
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| | highlighted if any non-Settler unit is ong with a Settler. | Settler is selected (CvInterface:: canSelectionListFound). | |
| Rationale | | elpful at all; it's not even a reliable projection of the some of the highlighted tiles could already be | |
| | The yield icons are useless to me personally, but I know some players always keep them enabled, perhaps, in part, because icons on worked tiles are highlighted, making it easier to tell which tiles are being worked. I'm not sure if anyone wants to see the icons only when a Settler is selected – I normally choose my city sites before even training a Settler. | | |
| Config | Two options on the "Map" tab of the I | BUG menu | |
| Tbd. | When settling on a tile marked with a remove that marker automatically. | dot on the Strategy layer, it would be nice to | |
| See also | | nce and health when a Settler is selected. Froom for the options on the BUG menu. | |
| 004i | Message about gold stolen by enemy | y spies says how much was stolen | |
| Credits | Idea from Civ 4 Reimagined <u>1.2</u> | | |
| See also | 120d: The Espionage screen shows the amount of gold to be stolen in advance. | | |
| 004j | Changes to "Regenerate Map" | | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS | |
| regenerate | ayer games, the map can beduntil (incl.) turn 3. Exception: Can't after any civ has met another civ. | Can only regenerate the map on turn 0 (unless civs meet each other already on turn 0). | |
| Rationale | More convenient for testing, but, on second thought, regeneration past turn 0 might not be entirely clean. Regeneration does not reset the game, player and team objects; just destroys all units and cities. Also, it's not such an inconvenience to reload the initial autosave. | | |
| Tbd. | Perhaps a full reset wouldn't be so hard to implement. | | |
| | At least I should try to get rid of the have-met exception on turn 0. Resetting the hasmet flags is simple. Years-of-peace and perhaps other AI memory starts to count when another civ is met, but that's not a problem on turn 0, and resetting memory counts is also easy enough. A human civ could immediately declare war, so I at-war flags would have to be reset. When starting in a later era though, various trades could be made on turn 0 | | |
| (DoM) screen is shown again, and the camera centers on the player's active unit. and the game tries to center the camera player's starting plot, but somehow this ha | | The DoM screen isn't shown after regenerating, and the game tries to center the camera on the player's starting plot, but somehow this has no effect; camera stays at the previous starting plot. | |
| Config | Optional through GlobalDefines_advc.xml. If disabled, the camera still centers correctly (through change <u>003r</u>). | | |
| Rationale | Without the DoM screen, the player sees the old starting location slowly fade to black. I'm not sure if that reveals parts of the new map that the player isn't supposed to see, but, even if it doesn't, it's confusing. The DoM mostly obscures that. | | |
| See also | 704: Other changes to the Dawn of Man screen. 001: Workaround for a problem with the camera position after loading a savegame in | | |

| | which the active player has no units. | |
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| Extra yields added through Python are reset before regenerating the map. | | Only random events set extra yields. Can't occur on the initial game turn, so no need to reset extra yields. |
| Rationale | For mod-mods that might set extra yields during map generation. | |
| See also | 016 makes an exception for extra yields so that peaks can be made workable through Python. | |
| 004k | Disable the Sea Patrol mission for both human and AI players. | |
| Rationale | This mission (added by the BtS expansion) has a very narrow effect; few players seem to ever use it and many may not even know what it does. | |
| Config | Can re-enable the mission on the "General" tab of the BUG menu. | |
| See also | Explanation on CFC. To clarify: Sea Patrol forces the pillaging unit to attack, so units on Sea Patrol do receive defensive combat modifiers. Also, the AI does use Sea Patrol; it's just unlikely to ever matter. | |

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| 004I | Fortify-Heal works like Sentry-Heal o | utside cities |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| city, that un unit approa | it is fortified "until healed" outside a lit will ask for orders when a hostile liches. Forts behave like cities in this units healing in Forts don't wake up ealed. | Units that are fortified until healed only ask for orders once they're healed. |
| only a tech "fortify until | ew mission SENTRY_HEAL, but that's nicality so that the help text can say healed" when in a city and "sentry l" otherwise. | |
| Rationale | BULL has a separate Sentry-Heal mission that is missing from K-Mod. My change to Fortify-Heal should result in the desired behavior in most cases. Units already have so many rarely used buttons; don't want to add another. BAT also uses a single button (and has a menu option for switching to the BtS behavior). | |
| | | nic from BUFFY (a monocular on top of a canteen) ty, but I think this draws too much attention to ange. |
| tiles) are not woken up by enemy units that start an enemy unit within the Sentry unit's visibi | | A unit on Sentry is woken up if and only if there is an enemy unit within the Sentry unit's visibility range at the start of the turn. How the enemy unit got there doesn't matter. |
| Rationale | Sometimes, enemy units keep stalking around a Sentry unit because they're too weak to attack it or entirely unable, e.g. a ship vs. a land unit. Now the Sentry is only woken up once in such a case – unless the enemy keeps moving in an out of visibility range. It wouldn't be difficult to keep track of encountered enemies indefinitely (regardless of whether they move out of range), but the player may actually want to be alerted when an enemy unit returns, and a player isn't really supposed to know whether a unit that has moved out of sight has returned or whether it's a different unit with the same characteristics. | |
| | | entry (Land)" mission to address problems with os. That's a much clunkier solution, and not really |

| | suitable for AdvCiv because, in AdvCiv, Barbarian ships may well carry land units (see 300). | |
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| See also | Depends on <u>003k</u> (workaround for adding data to CvSelectionGroup). <u>075</u> wakes embarked units up when a ship reaches land with its last movement point. | |
| 004m | Default camera distance, field of view | w (FoV), layer icons |
| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| slight adjus | the default FoV value; with only a stment to screen dimensions. FoV hidden by default. | BUG introduced the FoV slider; previously, the value was only adjustable through XML. K-Mod hides the slider by default and adjusts the default FoV value based on the screen dimensions: |
| | rief explanation of the field-of-view ne hover text of the option on the BUG | "higger FoW for higger monitors" |
| Config | The slider can be enabled on the "Map" tab of the BUG menu. If "Remember Field of View" is checked, the value on the slider is stored in My Games\Beyond the Sword\ AdvCiv\Settings\BUG Main Interface.ini. "Field of View" can then be unchecked again in order to hide the slider. | |
| Rationale | The lower the value, the smaller the field of view, i.e. fewer tiles are shown on the main interface and the city screen. If fewer tiles are shown, one has to zoom out closer to the Globe view boundary to get an overview. This, in turn, means that the camera angle becomes more top-down, which is what I want. A larger screen can show a larger field of view, however, that will make the resource bubbles (if enabled) appear very large. They scale (only) with the screen resolution (cf. <i>Tbd</i> . under <u>004z</u>). | |
| See also | BUG developers discussing the crea | tion of the field-of-view slider: <u>link</u> |
| 090 makes some changes to the field-of-view slider. | | d-of-view slider. |
| Increased t | the height of the Globe view boundary | a bit. |
| Rationale | Somehow this yields a slightly steeper angle that I can't seem to achieve just through the FoV setting. Or maybe the FoV would have to be so small that the workable city radius would no longer fit on the city screen. | |
| Config | XML\Misc\Civ4DetailManager.xml | L |
| See also | CFC post by Toffer90 about the setti | ngs in Civ4DetailManager.xml. |
| | 002h disables the passing clouds. | |
| Tbd. | I'd like to increase the height of the Globe view boundary further. Currently, I play near that boundary so that the camera pitch is almost top-down; but it would be nice to be able to zoom out a bit farther from there without entering Globe view. The camera pitch can be set arbitrarily through CyCamera.setBasePitch; see the BlueMod for example. It might be possible to intercept the mouse wheel input and set a steeper pitch. (Letting players freely adjust the pitch won't work well because the mouse wheel will | |
| | zoom beyond a perpendicular angle default.) | when the base pitch is steeper than the BtS |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| | L set the CAMERA_START_DISTANCE d on the FoV value and era. | Set statically in GlobalDefines. Determines the default camera distance, but also affects music volume and zoom granularity. |
| Rationale | | nd flat, especially when loading a savegame – a high FoV value; it seems that players who use a |

| | high FoV value like playing at a flat a | ngle. |
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| Config | Option on the Map tab of the BUG menu. By default, the camera start distance is set automatically as described above, but players can also configure a fixed value. | |
| See also | Hover text of the BUG option. | |
| | Bug reports about music being inaud due to a high CAMERA_START_DISTAN | ible at high FoV values in AdvCiv 0.97 and earlier set in XML. $\underline{1}$ $\underline{2}$ |
| | CFC posts suggesting that a camera players. $\frac{1}{2}$ | start distance based on FoV isn't suitable for all |
| Tbd. | Better to use city count instead of eracamera_start_distance only upon | |
| Enable the l start of a ne | Resources layer ("bubbles") at the w game. | No layer is enabled at game start. |
| Rationale | Most players seem to play with the R | esource layer. |
| Config | Can be toggled on the "Map" tab of the | ne BUG menu. |
| The currently active layer is stored in savegames. If the saved layer requires Globe view, then no layer is enabled after loading a savegame. | | After loading a savegame, the same layers remain active as before loading. When loading from the main menu, no layer is enabled. |
| | nt this, I've added Python code that _ when a layer is enabled or disabled. | No function in the DLL interface for checking the currently active layer. |
| Rationale | The layer at the time that the savegame is created is more likely to be suitable for the saved game state than the layer that is active when loading. | |
| See also | A DLL function for checking the curre | ent layer was needed anyway for <u>003d</u> and <u>102</u> . |
| 004n | Arrow button next to unit icons on cit | y screen shows all local units |
| AdvCiv | 1 | BtS |
| One normal click on the right-arrow button on the city screen shows icons for all local units. | | One full row of unit icons is shown when opening the city screen. If there are more units in the city tile than fit in one row, each click on the right arrow next to the unit icons shows one additional unit. If Ctrl is held when clicking, 10 more units are shown. |
| Rationale | At least at 1280x1024 resolution – and I think most players have that much –, even 100 units don't really obstruct the city screen. Showing them one by one is needlessly slow and complicated. | |
| 004o | No start-revolution button on the new | v-civic popup |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| "No, the old picture." Ex- that the play button is sh- when the pl | The change-civic popup only has the buttons "No, the old ways are best" and "Let's see the big revolution. picture." Exception: When there is only one civic that the player can change to, the start-revolution button is shown in addition. This usually happens when the player discovers Bronze Working. "Let's get this revolution started" directly starts a revolution. | |
| Rationale | | changes that could be made along with the one more than one civic becomes available at a seasily. |

| 004p | No commerce breakdown on city scr | een if slider at 0 |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| When showing help text for any of the four commerce types on the city screen, a breakdown of raw commerce is shown only when the slider position is above 0. | | Raw commerce is shown even when the slider is 0. E.g. "Culture: 1000 ==== Base commerce: 50 +50% for Capital 0% of 75 = 0" |
| Rationale | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | er to read, and could be confusing for new or der isn't even available at the start of a game. |
| Don't show main interfa | | Total culture output (sum of the culture rates in all cities) shown next to the culture slider. |
| Rationale | Not an important statistic; not worth t as total culture doesn't have any effe | peing constantly on display. Even a bit confusing ct of its own. |
| Config | Option on the BUG menu (General ta | ab). As requested <u>here</u> (CFC). |
| See also | 120c hides the espionage slider whe | n it's at 0 |
| 004q | Display of relations modifiers | |
| See also | This would make less sense if some | modifiers were hidden; but <u>sha</u> reveals them all. |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| | relations modifiers shown along with lown. For example: | Players have to sum up the modifiers by themselves to find out the total relations value: |
| Pleased (+7) towards Gandhi +1: "Years of peace | | Pleased towards Gandhi +1: "Years of peace |
| If not all modifiers are revealed (randomized personalities), the sum of the revealed modifiers is displayed. | | BUG shows the sums on the Glance tab. That's actually based on searching the attitude string generated by the DLL for plus and minus signs. Therefore also only counts revealed modifiers. |
| See also | sha reveals all relations modifiers ex | cept when playing with randomized personalities. |
| unusually high memory-based relations modifiers only only one friend has been attacked | | E.g. "-2: You declared war on our friends" when only only one friend has been attacked unequivocally gives away Gandhi's personality. |
| (Until AdvCiv 0.96d, all memory-based modifiers were – accidentally – hidden when playing with randomized personalities.) | | |
| Tbd. | | change applies are currently hardcoded in er to check how many personalities deviate from whether to show the true modifier. |
| See also | The LEADER_DEFAULTS element introduced by xmldefault could be used for this purpose. However, currently that element is deleted once XML loading has finished. | |
| AdvCiv | | BBAI/ Civ Accelerator mod |
| After computing an attitude breakdown, the cached total relations value is compared with the sum of the breakdown. If the two values aren't equal, an assertion message is displayed, the | | |

| recomputed None of the | he is updated and the breakdown is before being displayed. above is done in networked games would result in an asynchronous te. | (which should ideally never happen), this becomes apparent when the displayed total relations value doesn't match the sum of the modifiers. Actually, only with the <u>SHA</u> -Mod the inconsistency is apparent – because, otherwise, hidden modifiers could be responsible for the discrepancy. |
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| Rationale | Consistency problems with the attitude cache keep cropping up now and then, and any changes to the computation of the relations modifiers can introduce new errors of this kind. The above hides these errors from the end user and makes them easier to spot and resolve when testing with an attached debugger. | |
| Tbd. | Check if I can make use of K-Mod's cavoid recomputing all relations modified | CvPlayerAI::AI_changeCachedAttitude to iers all the time. |
| 004r | Report resources discovered on uncl | aimed tiles |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| When a tech reveals a resource, sources in unowned and Barbarian territory are reported as well, and there's a special message when no source was discovered or only on tiles owned by rival teams. | | Only resources on the player's current territory are reported. |
| Resources are also rep | on the territory of the player's vassals orted. | |
| Rationale | but mustn't flood the screen with mes The warning about no source probab | ly matters most for Animal Husbandry; easy to |
| | forget to check whether Horses have | • |
| 004s | Economy ("GNP") curve doesn't cour moving average | nt culture and espionage; yield curves show |
| See also | 091: Changes to score graph | |
| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| The Economy graph on the Info screen is named "GNP (Gold+Research)" and shows the net sum of the gold generated by all cities plus the sum of the research generated by all cities. This sum doesn't include any costs (e.g. city maintenance or civic upkeep). It does include (no change) all gold and research modifiers (e.g. Bank, Library) and commerce from trade routes, buildings (Shrine) and specialists. | | |
| _ | All the yield curves show moving averages based All curves show the game state at a given turn on three samples. | |
| | | When a revolution turn is sampled for one of the curves, a sharp, brief decline is shown. |
| Rationale | research and gold normally do; e.g. a turn, a settled Great Scientist only 6 r | rn curves. Both can reach far higher rates than a settled Great Spy produces 12 espionage per research. This makes it hard to tell from the economy or if it's merely focusing on culture or |

| | espionage. A single curve for gold an | d research is OK; they're on the same scale. |
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| | probably more useful than some com | ssentially become a research curve, which is merce curve, but then it would seem like a "Gold" Iso consistent with the Agriculture curve ("crop nsumption. |
| | As for research modifiers: Any modificated (which can change any turn) are | ers that apply only to the currently researched misleading. |
| | being hard to read, and removing cult the Economy curve makes it worse. (citizens.) Apart from usability, the ave from one turn to the next a bit. I can't possible to derive some specific infor building, that the player isn't suppose | ndustry curve fluctuate a lot in BtS, to the point of ture and espionage (which rarely fluctuate) from One cause of the fluctuation is AI juggling of rage is also supposed to obscure the changes make much sense of them, but it might be mation, e.g. about AI war planning or wonder d to have. The power curve has that issue too; enemy power curve doesn't immediately drop |
| | Revolution turns: The negative spikes aren't always sampled when drawing | s are ugly, and confusing because revolution turns the curves. |
| Tbd. | "GNP" is a bad name because "Goods produced" would have to be included in a GNP. Showing yield icons instead of the words "production", "culture" etc. would be nice, but it seems that the Python drop-down menus don't support icons in their labels. | |
| See also | O77 makes lets the "Demographics" tab use the moving averages of the "Graphs" tab. That change also uses some of the same game text as 004s. O38 uses the GNP curve to determine which civs are "wealthy". 132 uses the GNP curve to predict the cost of anarchy. UWAI uses the GNP curve for converting war utility into trade value and vice versa, and the production curve for estimating military build-up. | |
| | | The mapping of turn numbers to statistical data is handled by an STL hash map. |
| longer show | fect, the graphs on the Info tab no a discontinuity when the active itched through Alt+Z. | |
| Rationale Now that the AI accesses this data, the access | | ne access needs to be fast. |
| See also | advc.opt: Other performance optimiza | ations. |
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| 004t | Cick-to-exit-city-screen disabled | |
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| AdvCiv | , | BtS |
| deliberately outside the outside the exiting the outside the exiting the outside the flashing th | city screen work as before. g text "Press <esc> to return" is no wn on the city screen.</esc> | The city screen can always be exited through middle-click, left-click on the mini-map, Esc, Enter, Space, by selecting a garrisoned unit or by accessing an Advisor screen through a function key. Left-click on a non-workable tile also exits the screen; since the BtS expansion, there is an XML switch to disable this. |
| Rationale | | ecially annoying when the city has just been given next popup will appear before the player gets a |

| | chance to re-enter the proper city sci | reen. | |
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| | Apparently, the original developers wanted the game to be playable without a keyboard and with just one or two mouse buttons, and I agree with that – fortunately, one can still exit the city screen by clicking on the mini-map. Not very intuitive, but neither is clicking on an unworkable tile. | | |
| Config | This change has (understandably) kept bothering players, so I've moved the option from XML to the BUG menu (City tab). CITY_SCREEN_CLICK_WILL_EXIT in XML no longer has any effect. | | |
| See also | 002n disables the flashing end-turn r | nessage. | |
| city screen. | Double click on the city tile no longer exits the city screen. Instead, right-click on the city tile (city city tile re-enables citizen automation if it has been disabled. A double click does that too before exiting the city screen. | | |
| | If a working city has been assigned to a tile manually, right-click undoes this assignment. | | |
| | When right-click is used for exiting, the camera After exiting the city screen, the camera always centers on the city tile afterwards. After exiting the city screen, the camera always center on the selected units (if any). | | |
| Rationale | Rationale Normally, a player that isn't aware of the single click behavior will notice that citizens are being reassigned, but if the city screen is exited in addition, the player may easily not notice his/her accident. | | |
| | Right-click on the city center didn't do anything previously because the working city of the city tile itself can't be changed. The camera jump is usually annoying, however, when inspecting the capital through the flag button (i.e. without moving the camera over the capital first), then jumping back to the selected units is welcome. So I don't want to disable that. (Ideally, perhaps, the camera would always return to its previous locations, but I don't think that can be implemented.) | | |
| Tbd. | Can I somehow tell when a city screen has been entered from the Domestic Advisor? In that case, exit via right-click should work the same way as the other methods, i.e. should not move the camera. | | |

| 004u | More info in message about Great General (GG) death | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| owner of the killed the GC | GG and the owner of the unit that | The player only learns the name of the GG. Can only search the Event Log for the birth message (if it hasn't expired) to find out the GG's owner. |
| Show the message only to players who have met Show the owner of the Great General. | | Shown to all players. |
| Rationale | Debatable if the location should be in | dicated; more flavorful this way. |
| The regular message about a unit killed in an attack doesn't mentioned an attached Great Warlord by name, i.e. might just say "Your Cavalry has died attacking a Rifleman." Only the GG death message mentions the name of the Warlord. | | |
| Rationale | The BtS messages are more overtly I | redundant and not grammatically correct. The |

| grammar is still incorrect in messages about a Warlord surviving combat. These |
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| messages are quite frequent, so I've tried putting the "Your %s1_UnitName" phrase |
| into a separate key, but this would've caused problems with gender agreement in the |
| Romance languages. |
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| 004v | Changes to scoreboard text | |
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| See also | 007 makes some changes to the text shown in Debug mode. 106d changes BUG settings concerning the scoreboard. 190d avoids giving away the civ and leader of unmet human rivals | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| The hint about Ctrl for trade table and Alt for DoW are merged into a single line. | | Two lines of UI help, one above the line about worst enemy, the other below. |
| Rationale | Cleaner this way. | |
| In multiplay | er, AI civs are no longer marked with ' | [AI]" on the scoreboard. |
| Rationale | Square brackets are for highlighting the active player. And it should be clear enough from the leader names which ones are AI-controlled. | |
| See also | 155 color codes team membership on the scoreboard. | |
| AdvCiv | | BUG |
| scoreboard hadn't met a | When the option to show defeated civs on the scoreboard is enabled, then even players that hadn't met a dead team see it on the scoreboard. The option remains disabled by default.) | |
| Rationale | Defeated civs are announced by name, so this change doesn't "spoil" anything. | |
| Credits | Based on these two Kek-Mod commits (but implemented differently). (Not merged: "Player names of unknown players are also concealed during advanced start." I don't really understand the code or the problem it solves.) | |

| 004w | Removal of unnecessary help text | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| requirement unique build starts a Gold | s already completed, don't show is in help text, and don't show if it's a ling, if it founds a corporation, if it den Age, if it centers the map, if it's another building, if it can be built by an. | Help text for buildings in a city's building list shows e.g. that the Palace requires at least 4 cities and that the Trading Post is a unique building replacing Lighthouse. |
| many instan | ces are allowed if more than 1 allowed, which is only the case for | Says e.g. "Wold Wonder: 1 Allowed" or "(National Wonder: 0 Left)". |
| only shown buttons, not and e.g. "2 l | ng slots for National Wonders are in help text on the city production on the list of completed buildings, Left" means that two more national n be built in the selected city. | "2 Left" would mean that two more cities can build the given wonder. The number of remaining national wonders per city is only shown once it is maxed out. |
| | " in red when a wonder is already in another city. | The reason why a building can't be constructed is |

| - | a no longer shows whether a building rfree when starting in a later era. | normally shown in red but not in this case. | |
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| | ies that require a tech are not shown when the player's era is more than 1 tech era. | E.g. Work Boat: "Can Create Oil Rig" shown in the Ancient era. | |
| | deals (peace treaty, OB, DP) shown en Borders with Alexander". | "Open Borders to Alexander for Open Borders" | |
| Rationale | This text is at best distracting, at wor | st misleading. | |
| | The number of remaining national wo Challenge. | onders per city is especially helpful for One-City | |
| See also | 004a removes "can be researched by 002b (larger fonts) makes it a bit mor | y a" from technologies. re urgent to reduce the amount of help text. | |
| | 1 | he remaining slots for national wonders on the city cessary in AdvCiv (now that the help text is | |
| · | or obsolete buildings in the building list ys that it's obsolete. | No indication in the building list whether a building is obsolete. | |
| building is a | obsolete" is only shown in red when a already obsolete. Otherwise e.g. with Scientific Method" | "Obsolete with Scientific Method" | |
| Tech requirement of Temple is shown in hover | | It's a special building requirement; must've been overlooked somehow. | |
| Rationale | While I was at it. | | |
| Help text fo text added. | | ropriate text removed but also a fair amount of | |
| See also | | ges the trade denial hovers from BULL and Resources" tab on the Foreign Advisor screen. | |
| | 036 also adds information to the reso | ource hover text (only on the Foreign Advisor). | |
| 003p caches the help text for the Resource layer. Without that change, there would a noticeable delay whenever the Resource layer is enabled or updated. 003b also improves performance a bit by caching the number of teams ever alive. (That number needed by CvGame::canConstruct.) | | source layer is enabled or updated. <u>003b</u> also ng the number of teams ever alive. (That number | |
| | 047 revises help text for resource tile | es. | |
| happiness of buildings w ahead of th buildings th | Help text for resources omits health and happiness effects from obsolete buildings, from buildings whose tech era is more than one era ahead of the player's current era and from buildings that require religions which the player doesn't have access to. E.g. shows "+1 health from Supermarket" for Pialready at the start of the game, and lists all seven Cathedrals for Incense. | | |
| | The tech to reveal a resource is only shown if the Will say "Revealed by Animal Husbandry" for player doesn't have that tech yet. Horse for the entire game. | | |
| _ | of resources are only shown in text and when inspecting resources . | Always shown, but K-Mod has added "on plot" to clarify that the yield can't be traded. | |
| | n map and city screen, the number of owned by the active player is stated as | ` ' | |

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| • | ave 2)", and, on the city screen, it's when the number isn't 1. | |
| export colu | sources" tab, the help text for the mns (cf. <u>073</u>) says how many he other players own. | The other player's resource counts are only shown on the Trade screen. |
| See also | 074 excludes must-be-joking resource resource counts aren't necessarily vi | ces from the Trade screen, meaning that the Al sible there. |
| Tbd. | "+1 happiness from Cathedral" with a "Cathedral" (all in one line). Eventual Cathedral buildings to the Temple bu the beginning of the game, even if no | t the religious buildings under a single name, e.g. all religion icons listed in parentheses after lly, I want to move the happiness ability from the ildings, and then it would be better to show it from a religion has been founded/ spread yet. The happiness ability should be moved to |
| | the capital should perhaps be shown | ources" tab), the surplus health and happiness of in help text. E.g. "Sheep +1 health (Rome has +5 g similar but uses the smallest surplus among the |
| and units the | | Only tile yield, tech-to-reveal, active corporations, happiness and health effects are shown in help text. |
| currently ur exception: I the main in | of boosted buildings that are oder construction are highlighted; Not in the resource "bubble" text on terface because it's too difficult to p-to-date (cf. 003p). | |
| Rationale | | reveal info in most situations, the strategic The new info should be helpful when deciding strategic resource. |
| resource he and units th that the city buildings th have some | elp text are based on which buildings ne selected city can produce. Buildings | Help text for resources is not based on the selected city. Will e.g. say "Clam +1 health; +1 shealth with Harbor" in a landlocked city that doesn't have a Harbor and won't ever have one. |
| | help text for production modifiers from with the hammer icon and omitting the | resources and traits by replacing the word he word "speed". |
| hover text f the city scre | modifiers from traits are shown in or building and unit buttons (e.g. on een) if they apply, i.e. if the active the proper trait. | All production modifiers from traits are shown in Civilopedia (regardless of the active player's traits), but, on the city screen, only production modifiers from resources are shown. The impact of traits can only be inferred from the predicted production turns. |
| Rationale | The trait production boosts are difficuscreen is very helpful I think. | ult to remember, so highlighting them on the city |
| Stats on un | it pane: | |
| Don't show | a row for movement points for ICBM; | Immobile units (ICBM) and air units are show as |

| for air units, range. | , replace that row with a row for air | having 1 movement point. Air range isn't shown. |
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| Don't show unit has 0 X | | A level is always shown; 1 by default. |
| See also | 004y (unit stats on Sevopedia) about the movement / range info. | |
| Rationale | Level 1 generally isn't interesting; even a bit confusing when a player isn't sure if levels start at 0 (they don't). Still, once a unit has XP toward level 2, it's probably better not to hide the level. Moreover, the XP check is a good way to always hide the level of missiles and civilian units. (Well, not absolutely always; if a mod-mod allows e.g. Spies to gaher XP, then the level info will appear.) | |

| 004x | Cancel redundant minimized popups | ; other changes to civics/religion popups |
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| | ed popups are canceled in networked | |
| Rationale | I can't work out the proper timing. If the multiplayer checks added in this Git commit are removed, then popups will sometimes appear multiple times. Simply adding a delay to the cancellation (using the setUpdateTimer function added for 004j and a queue of popups to be canceled) doesn't solve the problem either; too many popups get killed then. | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| When a choose-tech popup is launched or the player chooses a tech, all pending choose-tech popups are killed. When a change-civics popup is launched or civics are changed, all pending change-civics popups are killed. When a change-religion popup is launched or the player converts to a religion, all pending change-religion popups are killed. When anarchy breaks out, all choose-production and choose-tech popups are killed. They | | When research finishes on a tech and no tech is queued for research, a choose-tech popup is launched and appears minimized at the start of the next turn (if playing with the "minimize popups" option; otherwise there isn't a problem). For each additional tech that the player receives through e.g. tech trade before choosing his/her next tech, another minimized popup is launched. All but the latest popup will show outdated research options (not taking into account all the additional techs discovered). Once the next tech is chosen, any remaining popups disappear once maximized. |
| геарреаг w | hen order is restored. | Similarly, multiple change-civics and change-religion popups can appear and don't disappear when the player changes civics/ religion through an advisor screen. |
| | | I don't think multiple choose-production popups for the same city can appear, but the single popup fails to disappear when the player chooses production through the city screen. |
| Rationale | l'd actually prefer to allow multiple change-civics and change-religion popups, but it's difficult to do this consistently as there appears to be a mechanism in the EXE for preventing multiple change-civics popups, it just doesn't always work. E.g. after discovering Feudalism, BtS shows only one popup for Serfdom and none for Vassalage (intended behavior I think, but I'd like it better to also have a popup for Vassalage), but when trading for, say, Code of Laws while the change-to-Serfdom popup is waiting, another change-civics popup will appear for Caste System (OK, but inconsistent with the missing Vassalage popup). | |
| See also | | |

| founded, civer production is remaining a currently seen shows the r | rchy and before the first city is vs have 0 research rate and rate, and the research bar shows the marchy turns even if no tech is lected. All game text that normally emaining research or production o't show that information when the rate | The BASE_RESEARCH_RATE (set to 1 in the Vanilla GlobalDefines.xml) applies even during anarchy. When no tech is chosen during anarchy, choose-tech buttons are shown on the research bar. Game text shows the remaining research and production turns based on a rate of 1 per turn during anarchy. |
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| once a city anarchy), th | ASE_RESEARCH_RATE is active (i.e. has been founded and while not in the research rate shown on the main cludes the 1 free beaker. | The research rate on the main interface shows only research from city commerce. |
| Rationale | and city production shouldn't be chos | e can't be properly computed, therefore, research sen. Setting the <u>research</u> rate to 0 makes it easier that there is no incentive to choose research. |
| Tbd. | by 1 or even 2, which will make Gold | |
| completed, unless the p | When the Pyramids or Shwedagon Paya is completed, a change-civics popup is shown unless the player already had access to all Government/ Religion civics. Buildings that unlock an entire column of civics don't trigger a change-civics popup. | |
| technology revolution is | or a wonder) at a time when no s possible, then the popup is delayed yer can change civics again. | |
| _ | ame starts in an era later than change-civics popup is shown on the | No such popup. It's normally best to change civics on the initial turn – but easy to forget. |
| Rationale | I've forgotten about switching civics a | ofter completing the Pyramids one time too many. |
| Tbd. | Should also delay change-religion popups. Could then, as part of an overhaul of the leader traits, restrict the fiddly ability of the Spiritual trait so that a free revolution is allowed only on a turn on which a change-civics or change-religion popup occurs (and perhaps once per era in addition). | |
| When the active player enters the Civics screen, all minimized change-civics popups of that player are canceled. Same for the Religion screen and change-religion popups. | | |
| Rationale The player probably noticed the new civic or religion when or before viewing the respective screen, making the popup reminder unnecessary. | | |

| 004y | Changes to Civilopedia formatting; Sevopedia |
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| See also | 905b turns the "Allows" box in articles about resources into a "Units" box in order to accommodate the extra moves that ships can receive from resources. |
| Tbd. | Mongoose Mod may include some improvements for the link and jump code that I could merge. See the mod's changelog and v4.1 release notes. |

Perhaps information shown in hover text shouldn't take into account the current game state when the Civilopedia (Sevopedia or original) is opened within an ongoing game. For example, hover text for religious buildings currently shows a gold rate when the active (human) player owns the Spiral Minaret. CvGameTextMgr in the DLL can tell whether help text is being composed for a Civilopedia article and whether Civilopedia is being accessed from the main menu, but it doesn't the context of hover text. That could be remedied by passing a special value as iData2 (currently unused) to the help text widgets in the 'Pedia Python code. CvGameTextMgr could then treat 'Pedia hover text the same in an ongoing game as when accessing the 'Pedia from the main menu (by treating the active player as NO_PLAYER). All that being said, perhaps it's better to reflect the current game state in 'Pedia help text as is the status quo; the static abilities are still shown in the actual articles.

Sevopedia

The code for the dimensions is mostly copied

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| AdvCiv | | Sevopedia | |
| Increased the width and height of the Sevopedia screen on resolutions wider than 1024 pixels. | | The code for the dimensions is mostly copied from the original Civilopedia. The size of the main panel doesn't scale with the screen dimensions. | |
| See also | CFC <u>post</u> on the current status. And mod has also enlarged Sevopedia. | two more. For what it's worth, the More Naval Al | |
| Config | bWideScreen and bFullScreen flag | s in SevoPediaMain.py | |
| reasons (Gr Sevopedia; | ave XML data only for technical aphicalonly) are not shown in the e.g. Hills are not listed under erhaps this is the only example.) | Hills appear under "Terrain" with the only information being "can't found cities". | |
| Tbd. | l wouldn't mind listing Hills (and Peak anywhere –, but showing sensible int | () under "Terrain" – currently they're not listed formation would take some work. | |
| | In articles about technologies, the "Civilizations" The "Civilizations" box lists the civs that start the respective tech. It's shown for all techs an usually empty. | | |
| Rationale | There are other empty boxes in Civilopedia too, but this one doesn't have a self-explanatory name, so it can be confusing if empty. | | |
| On terrain improvement pages: "Improvements" box renamed to "Improvement Yields" and "Bonus Yields" to "Bonus Resources". | | The first box lists base yields and yield enabled by technologies, the second one lists special yields from bonus resources. | |
| Rationale | The first box needs to say something shouldn't also say "yields". | with "yields" for clarity and then the second one | |
| Civilopedia | lists (when clicking on a top-level cate | gory like "Units" or "Wonders") | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS | |
| Show production costs of units in hover text (but not under "Special Abilities"). | | Only shown inside the unit articles. | |
| from the main menu, show number of required sh | | The number from Civ4BuildingInfos.xml is shown, which corresponds to Duel map size. E.g. "Requires University (4 Total)". | |
| | Also show other numbers that depend on the map size as a range. | | |
| See also | 140: Changes to map size adjustmer 008: Changes to Civilopedia content | | |
| AdvCiv | | K-Mod | |

| Sevopedia (default. | (with alphabetical sorting) enabled by | Disabled by default. | |
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| When entering Civilopedia from the main menu without having started or loaded a game first, Sevopedia is shown regardless of the setting in the BUG options menu. Sevopedia then remains enabled until Civ 4 is restarted. Added a warning about this to the hover text of the Sevopedia option on the BUG menu. | | If Sevopedia is enabled from the BUG options menu, the BtS Civilopedia is still shown when entering Civilopedia directly from the main menu. The Sevopedia setting in the BUG options is then permanently ignored: Sevopedia remains disabled even after restarting Civ 4; only toggling the checkmark in the BUG options menu twice brings it back. | |
| • | doesn't list e.g. Ruins under ents"; only improvements that civs car d. | | |
| Credits | | also had to copy his <u>makeOptionId</u> function. (The ecause it doesn't fully solve the problem.) | |
| See also | More or less fixes this open K-Mod is | ssue. | |
| Tbd. | Would be nice to use the INTERFACE_GENERAL_CIVILOPEDIA_ICON instead of the commerce icon for the Hints and Concepts sections on the index. That would have to happen in SevoPediaIndex.py under type == "Concept", but can I simply use addDDSGFC there? | | |
| don't show | Don't show strength for nukes; movement points for air units; obile" for ICBM and "unlimited" range. | Nukes are shown as having 0 strength; air units and immobile units (ICBM) are shown as having 1 movement point; ICBM is shown as having 0 range. | |
| Rationale The Sevopedia info was, in a way, technically correct – but confusing. Showing meaningful ICBM stats could actually be useful for new/ returning players; not obvious how that unit works. | | | |
| See also | 004w makes similar changes on the main interface. rheinig's mod (see advc.rh) shows "immobile" as a special unit ability instead. | | |
| Show produ | ıction cost as the final stat. | Alr range is shown below production cost. | |
| Rationale | Cost shouldn't be mixed in with the b | enefits. | |
| Put a gray p | panel behind the list of hints; same sty | rle as in the BtS Civilopedia. | |
| Rationale The white text was too hard to read on the beige background. | | | |
| The box with the strategy help and historical background has the title "Background" and the historical background section has the heading "Background". "History". | | | |
| Rationale | Strategy advice doesn't fit under "His | tory". | |
| Config | Through Civ4GameText_advc.xml | | |
| Sevopedia categories for keyboard shortcuts and leader traits restored. Removed mention of shortcuts that AdvCiv doesn't support. Removed the trait button icons. K-Mod has disabled these; explanation. There is a GameFont icon for each trait shown in the list of traits (I didn't remove those icons) and a button icon shown in the article. All the icons are reused, e.g. the "Heal" action button for the Expansive trait. | | | |
| the category | the category for strategy articles. | | |

| Rationale | The traits category comes with strategy advice, which is tedious to keep updated, so I've kept that aspect disabled. | |
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| | Trait buttons with hover text could be useful elsewhere in the UI, but unique icons would be needed for that, and currently there is no hover text, so the Sevopedia trait buttons serve no real purpose. | |
| Config | To remove these categories again, it's probably easiest to comment out one or two lines in setPediaCommonWidgets (SevoPediaMain.py). Adding the TraitsPedia_CIV4GameText.xml file from BUG should suffice to restore the strategy advice on traits. | |
| Credits | The shortcut lists are originally <u>Ekmek</u> 's work, the traits Sisiutil's. | |
| See also | 002b: Had to add/remove some tabs to get the shortcut info properly aligned. | |
| Tbd. | I've only made stylistic changes to the English version. The other languages probably include some mistakes (because their keyboard layouts are different). | |
| | The shortcuts should be ordered by effect, not by the key combination. People don't consult Civilopedia to check what a particular key combination does, they want to know whether there's a hotkey for a certain effect. | |
| | Would be nice to add a subcategory for cheat/ debug shortcuts (see <u>007b</u>). | |
| Opening an | Advisor screen no longer causes the Civilopedia button to be hidden. | |
| Rationale | Hiding the button means that an extra click is required to get from an Advisor to the Civilopedia. Ideally, the Advisor screens should include direct Civilopedia links to all relevant information, but that isn't currently the case. | |

| 004z | Changes to layers | |
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| See also | 009c (removal of Map Finder) makes room for the options on the BUG menu. 004m stores the currently active layer in savegames. | |
| AdvCiv | 1 | BtS |
| The Resource layer always shows all resources; no option in Globe view for filtering the shown resources. | | In Globe view, all resources are shown by default, and a selection box opens for showing only happiness, only health or only strategic resources. |
| The Unit layer shows all units by default regardless of Globe view. | | The unit layer shows "Enemies in Territory" by default. In Globe view "All Units" is the default, and several other options can be selected (still the case in AdvCiv). It appears that the "Enemies in Territory" option was added by the BtS expansion. |
| Config | Option on the "Map" tab of the BUG menu. The default option for the Unit layer can only be changed through the DLL (a hack was required). Can hide the Unit layer options through GlobalDefines_advc.xml. | |
| Rationale | The Resource options seem almost useless to me. Could make it easier to check which rivals have access to a particular resource, but I've never once used it for that. I'm less sure about the Unit options. Even when one is only interested in e.g. enemy units, showing allied units (in a different color) along with enemies doesn't seem like much of a distraction; after all, they can't occupy the same tiles. That said, showing only "Domestic" units is useful for locating Spies and Workers, though I think few players ever use this. In any case, "Enemies in Territory" isn't a good default option in | |

| | Standard view as, normally, there are (help text doesn't say which units are | e none. Makes it seem like the Unit layer is broken e shown). | |
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| Tbd. | It would be nice if the Unit layer could and not just in Globe view. | d somehow communicate stack sizes more clearly | |
| | The scoreboard is never shown in Globe view. | | |
| Config | Option on the "Map" tab of the BUG | menu | |
| Rationale | Should be possible to access to the scoreboard in Globe view, e.g. for following <u>all-Algames</u> from a high viewpoint. When there are no options to display, the space might as well be used for the scoreboard. | | |
| Tbd. | Would be nice to have a button that toggles the scoreboard in Globe view. Currently, one has to go back to Standard view in order to disable the scoreboard. Above the giant flag button, there's still room for plenty of layer buttons. Doesn't seem trivial to implement though. | | |
| when the "A unless the (UAR) is er | The Resource layer also highlights goody huts when the "All Resources" option is selected inless the unit action recommendations option UAR) is enabled. UAR cause huts to be highlighted when any nearby combat unit is selected. Highlights only resources. Tribal Villages aren't highlighted by any layer. If UAR is enabled, Tribal Villages are highlighted with a blue circle when a nearby Recon unit is selected. | | |
| Rationale/ See also | | | |
| | Forest tiles. Don't want a UAR circle | nut 3D model, but they're still a bit hard to see on and an indicator bubble, but the indicator alone on Recon units. Therefore I've removed the | |
| Config | Option on the "Map" tab of the BUG | menu | |
| Tbd. | Even when UAR are disabled, huts can be highlighted with a blue circle at the very beginning of a game. One way to prevent this could be to make the Settler the selected unit at game start (not the Warrior/ Scout). | | |
| starting loc | The "normalization" step after the assignment of starting locations tries to avoid placing resources on goody huts and removes the hut if it can't be avoided. The only way that a resource can coexist with goody hut on a map generated by one of the official or bundled map scripts is through the normalization step. | | |
| Rationale | Don't want resources and huts in the show both. | same place because the resource layer can't | |
| See also | 108 deals with other changes to the | normalization step. | |
| "bubbles") | lobe view, layer icons ("indicators", are shown at a smaller diameter than d (non-Globe) view. | Resource icons are the same size in Globe view as in Standard view. It might be that their size relative to the size of a tile increases with the screen resolution; one CFC user describes the icons as "ridiculously big at 1920x1200". (link) | |
| Rationale | Unfortunately, there appears to be no Shrinking them in Globe view is better | way to shrink the indicators in Standard view. er than nothing. | |
| | the resource icons as overlayed sym | might – with a lot of work – be possible to show bols like the Yield Display, but I've made a functional than the large bubbles. One remote | |

| | possibility that I haven't really looked smaller resource icons on flag poles. | into: Using CvDLLFlagEntityIFaceBase to place | |
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| See also | merijn_v1 created this mod comp to allow yields greater than 9 to be displayed on the map. That's not going to help with the resource display, but it's essentially a bugfix that I might want to adopt. Through random events, yields of 10 production or commerce are possible. However, I don't care much for random events and yield display, and the mod would add nearly 100 KB to my download size. If I do merge it, it would be easiest from this Git commit (code looks a bit redundant though?). | | |
| Tbd. | Something needs to be done about the enormous indicator bubbles on large monitors In principle, it's possible to inject code into the EXE – but one has to pinpoint where (disassembly) the EXE sets the indicator bubbles, and expect that this location is pretty far removed from the DLL in the call graph. billw2015 might be able to do it, but I'm not. | | |
| | resource (3D) graphics. Players coul swapping the modified graphics and | ded resource icons as flat billboards in the dithen still switch the indicators on and off by the original graphics, but the indicators couldn't Making a test with a single resource shouldn't be h modifying the .kfm files. | |
| according t | The Trade layer colors all revealed tiles according to the trade network grouping except some very small groups like water tiles enclosed by shelf ice. | | |
| not fogged) | are actively visible to the player (i.e.) and not connected to their owner's marked in black. | No special marker for disconnected cities. | |
| Rationale | I think this layer is used (if ever) for getting a better understanding of the trade group rules. Showing trade along unowned coasts (with Sailing) should be an improvement. It would be nice if the layer could also show the trade networks of rivals – in BtS, the coloring is entirely based on the player's civ. The problem with showing rival networks is that it can give away information about unrevealed coastlines and routes. Therefore, I'm only providing info about currently visible cities. The black mark should be helpful for verifying that an enemy city has been cut off from the capital, e.g. through a naval blockade. | | |
| See also | 124 allows only revealed routes to ca tiles owned by other civs would give | arry trade. Without this, the Trade layer coloring of away routes on fogged tiles. | |
| Config | GlobalDefines_advc.xml | | |
| units is call show a nor units are pi based on a Great Pers Worker/ Wo | | Called "Domestics". Some commented-out code suggests that, in some earlier version (Warlords?), only units within the active player's borders were shown, but BtS highlights all tiles with visible non-military units. The plot indicator on a highlighted tile shows the tile's top defender. That's a military unit when the tiles contains both military and non-military units. Air units aren't recognized as military units. | |
| Rationale | | ymore in BtS, and it shouldn't show bubbles with d makes it difficult to locate Spies (which are units). | |
| | tiles, the culture layer uses only the last known owner at a fixed | The culture layer doesn't distinguish between fogged and actively visible tiles. Shows the colors | |

| brightness | | of up to four civs that have culture in the tile. The brightness is set based on the culture values. Outside the culture layer, culture percentages are shown in hover text for actively visible tiles, whereas, for fogged tiles, only the last known owner is indicated (through cultural borders). |
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| Rationale | There's no need for letting the culture fact, the map looks tidier with mono-co | layer (partially) bypass the fog-of-war rules. In colored tiles in the fog of war. |
| | | age (say, 20%) should grant visibility. Then again, a civilization wouldn't know all the places that the spread to. |
| See also | 001f reveals the new owner of a fogged city after conquest by a third party. In that case, BtS is quite restrictive about revealing cultural ownership in fogged tiles. | |
| Tbd. | Add indicator bubbles for (actively visible) cities with a positive revolt chance (icon civics_popup.dds?), cities in occupation (that orange fist icon), with hover text stating the revolt probability and occupation countdown, and cities relevant for culture victory (how to measure that?), especially foreign cities, which aren't covered by the Domestic Advisor. Would have to review the code that sets the globe layers dirty-bit (see 003p). | |
| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| even if that | layer shows the tile owner's color civ has less than 20% tile culture, e.g. onquering a faraway city. | Only the colors of civs with at least 20% tile culture are shown. |
| Rationale | | view (and can't be shown through the SDK), the ght territories in Globe view. Too easy to overlook shown entirely in other civs' colors. |
| See also | 099f shows culture on unowned tiles | in tile hover. |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| When the culture of multiple civs is displayed on a tile (see conditions above), the colored area of each civ corresponds to that civ's culture percentage. For example, a tile that is 75% Egyptian and 25% Japanese is shown as 3 parts yellow and 1 part red. | | |
| Rationale | The differences in brightness are very subtle, almost useless really for multi-colored tiles. After my change, it's easy to tell which tiles are contested, and which ones have only a significant minority culture. | |
| Credits | Prompted by <u>this</u> old CFC succession game. <u>Several players</u> complained about the culture layer in K-Mod. | |

| 005 | Minor flavor changes |
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| "Sumeria" changed to "Sumer" | |
| Rationale | Seems to be much more common (also in German and Italian). Wiktionary lists "Sumeria" only as "(archaic, poetic) Sumer." And brevity is always good. |
| "Pacal II" re | enamed to "Pacal" |
| Rationale | According to Wikipedia, the earlier Pacal wasn't necessarily a king; the article refers to |

our Pacal (the Great) simply as "Pacal." Simpler names are better. I haven't renamed "Montezuma" to "Montezuma II" – although he is as much a second as Ramesses II. Mehmed II, Survavarman II and Joao II – because it would be a complication and also because the the proper name would really be "Moctezuma II," which might confuse players.

'Asoka" renamed to "Ashoka"

See also

Discussion (near the middle of the post)

(I wasn't going to make this change at first, but it doesn't seem too difficult after all too get used to the spelling change.)

"Justinian I" renamed to "Justinian"

Rationale

Justinian II is also an important figure, but not as important as Justinian the Great, and also isn't the kind of ruler that would be included in a Civ game. So players should have no difficulty deciding which Justinian is meant, and the name looks a bit too long with the regnal number.

About Cyrus II, it's more difficult to decide. Leaving out a regnal number other than "I" seems problematic – though there is precedent in Montezuma, and Cyrus I is much less significant than Cyrus the Great.

005a

Leader personality tweaks

AdvCiv

BtS

MaxWarMinAdjacentLandPercent=2 for Bismarck. While he eventually gave up his reluctance to off-shore colonies, he was never keen on distant parts of Europe (let alone Asia): "The Balkans are not worth the healthy bones of a single Pomeranian grenadier." The Realism Invictus mod even sets it to 4.

Was 0. It's a preference for long-distance land wars, ranging between 0 and 4. 0 means Bismarck treats neighboring civs no different from other civs on the same continent when it comes to war planning.

Also lowered his attitude threshold for defensive pacts to Cautious (realpolitik, Triple Alliance), and increased his weight for diplomatic victory and lowered the one for domination victory. Conversely, gave Brennus higher weight for domination and lowered weight for diplo.

Threshold is at Pleased, like most other leaders.

While I was at it (further minor changes): Shifted Catherine's weights from conquest toward domination and science. Added a bit of science weight to Ramesses, and reduced his conquest weight. Increased Saladin's weight for diplomacy a bit at the expense of conquest and space.

Victory condition weights have been added by BBAI. I don't think they actually have a big impact on the game.

Was 100. A preference for naval war. Napoleon is tied for

MaxWarDistantPowerRatio=70 for Napoleon. Napoleonic France fought few off-shore wars and even ceded Louisiana to the US.

the highest value, while his MaxWarNearbyPowerRatio (land wars) is only moderate.

MaxWarMinAdjacentLandPercent=2 for Charlemagne and Cyrus. Charlemagne extended his borders gradually in all directions; Cyrus conquered several empires that weren't exactly at his doorstep.

Was 1 and 3 respectively.

MaxWarRand=150 for Willem, i.e. now a bit less willing to start Was 100. "total" wars. In part, because wars of conquest seem out of

character for the small Netherlands; in part, because he's doing a bit too well in AdvCiv games in my experience (and more so than other Financial leaders).

and made him a little less interested in dogpile wars. And increased NoWarAttitude when Pleased to 90.

Increased Roosevelt's NoWarAttitudeProb at Pleased to 100 and at Cautious to 70 but increased his BuildUnitProb to 25. Decreased NoWarAttitudeProb for Brennus at

Mas 80, tied for the lowest value with Alexander, Louis, Also shifted his victory weight a bit from Conquest to Culture Mao, Montezuma, Qin, Victoria. 90 is the same as the other 19 leaders who attack when Pleased

> Was 90 at Pleased, 50 at Cautious, 20 BuildUnitProb. Was 70 (Brennus, Cautious) and 100 (Darius, Pleased).

Cautious to 50 and for Darius at Pleased to 90.

Negotiating a trade embargo against Gandhi results in a -1 relations penalty. Agreeing to an embargo against him still carries no penalty. Gandhi doesn't mind being voted against Buddhism. Primary Gold, secondary Culture. Gandhi is the

Survyarman's favorite religion is Hinduism, primary flavor is Religion and fav. civic Caste System. He was a Hindu and built large temples. (Some later Khmer kings were Buddhists.)

Overhauled Unit AI weight modifiers and reduced their impact to at most +50% per Unit AI type. And two small accompanying changes to CvPlayerAI::AI unitValue.

Also overhauled AI improvement weight modifiers and increased their impact to up to 30% per improvement type.

See also: 131 makes minor changes to AI bestUnit, and AI getImprovementValue (both in CvCityAI.cpp), the functions that apply the weight modifiers. Civ 4 Reimagined has also overhauled unit and improvement weight modifiers: Git commit

Embargoes against Gandhi carry no penalty for either side. Voting against him carries the usual -2 penalty.

only Hindu.

Fav. civic: Organized Religion; Wang Kon is the only Caste Svstem fan.

Each leader (except Hatshepsut) has 100% weight bonus for one particular Unit AI type, namely Worker (Pacal, Frederick, Gandhi), Explorer (Mansa Musa), Attack (Alexander, Brennus, Cyrus, Hannibal, Justinian, Montezuma, Peter), Attack City (Augustus, Chalemagne, Kublai Khan, Louis, Suleiman), Counter (Catherine, Julius, Napoleon, Roosevelt, Saladin, Wang Kon, Willem), City Counter (Darius, Huayna Capac, Lincoln, Tokugawa), City Defense (Churchill, Gilgamesh, Hammurabi, Sitting Bull, Zara Yagob), Reserve (Ashoka, Ramesses, Suryavarman, Washington), *Pillage* (Boudica, Genghis Khan, Mao, Shaka), Collateral (Bismarck, Mehmed, Qin), Attack Sea (Isabella, Pericles, Peter), Reserve Sea (Victoria), Assault Sea (Ragnar), Explore Sea (Elizabeth, Joao), ICBM (De Gaulle).

31 leaders have 10% weight bonuses for one or two improvements, namely Farm (Bismarck, De Gaulle, Shaka), Farm & Windmill (Brennus, Boudica, Churchill, Elizabeth, Willem, Napoleon, Peter, Pericles, Cyrus, Hammurabi, Mehmed, Suleiman, Isabella, Joao, Pacal, Washington), Cottage.. Town (Darius, Frederick, Huayna Capac, Ragnar, Victoria, Wang Kon), Cottage., Town & Windmill (Gandhi, Hannibal, Lincoln, Mansa Musa), Workshop & Watermill (Mao, Stalin).

Rationale

Roosevelt change: 90/50 NoWarAttitudeProb is the same as the Mongol leaders or Napoleon. Some peaceful leaders like Mansa Musa and Elizabeth also have it, but along with a low BuildUnitProb. This makes for leaders that are ruthless but powerless. This doesn't fit for Roosevelt at all. He's the leader most representative of the presentday America that doesn't invade partners, but has a big military. Changed Brennus and Darius to keep the overall balance. I don't know if that balance is exactly right, but, if anything, there are too many leaders that don't normally attack at Pleased.

Suryavarman's fav. civic: Asking others to change into Organized Religion (or Theocracy, Pacifism) generally doesn't make much sense unless the state religions happen to match. This was especially annoying in Sury's case because his changecivics requests apply a -2 relations penalty when rebuked.

Unit AI weights: Doubling the weight seems extreme, and, for most leaders, a preference for a particular Unit AI type doesn't even make much sense. See Civ4LeaderHeadInfos.xml for the new weights and some handwave rationales. I've tried to avoid reinforcing the AI type(s) of the unique units because the AI already trains these more frequently than the unit stats would justify. About Worker weights, note that Workers are rarely trained through AI bestUnit, so these have very little impact. This may also apply to other unusual bonuses (e.g. Spy).

Improvement weights: I can't make much sense of the BtS weights. Looks like the Al didn't build enough Windmills and the developers decided to amend this through weights for all civs that have ever built windmills. This reason should be obsolete because of K-Mod changes in the DLL, and 10% is very little (it said 20% in XML, but the DLL halved that). I've given most leaders two 20% bonuses (no longer halved), and some a single bonus of 30%. The impact of these bonuses still seems very small, perhaps too small. The choice of the improvement is now vaquely based on the leaders' historical policies. I didn't take into account whether an improvement supports a leader's traits, favorite civics or playstyle; the DLL can handle that, and I don't want

| | to make the playstyles (even) more p | oredetermined. | |
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| Tbd. | Considering (low-key) changes to make certain leaders more distinct, improve historicity and to increase the number of warlike leaders. Under consideration for becoming more dangerous: Augustus, Brennus, Cyrus, Darius, Churchill, Frederick, Hammurabi, Justinian, Ramesses. | | |
| | Willem is still too aggressive. May ne interested in culture and only slightly | ed a thorough overhaul to become a small civ feisty. | |
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| Rationale | , | | |
| Partially revised the CONTACT_DEMAND_TRIBUTE divisors. | | A high divisor means that the AI leader is unlikely to demand tribute. | |
| Ragnar, Mehmed, Shaka, Kublai Khan and Brennus set to 25. | | All five 1000. | |
| Montezuma | a set to 50. | 25 | |
| Charlemagne, Wang Kon, Hammurabi, Gilgamesh, Suryavarman, Joao, Julius Caesar, Napoleon and Genghis Khan set to 250. | | 1000, 1000, 500, 500, 500, 50, 50, 25, 25 respectively. | |
| Louis set to 500. | | 50 | |
| Catherine s | set to 750. | 50 | |
| De Gaulle, Sitting Bull and Isabella set to 1000. | | 25, 25 and 50. | |
| Rationale | For change <u>079</u> (bragging about units based on the demand-tribute divisor), I'd like early warmongers to have a low divisor so that they blab. That said, the divisors also need to make sense historically, which, to me, wasn't the case at all in most of the cases that I've changed. In that regard, it should matter e.g. whether the ruler or the dynasty he or she represents had exacted tribute or similar payments (though tax-like tribute from provinces or satrapies shouldn't count) and if tribute was customary in their cultural area. It can make sense to let leaders that represent non-expansionistic powers ask for tribute frequently – they prefer tribute over conquest, and vice versa. However, for modern peaceful leaders (e.g. Lincoln; not changed), it makes more sense to let them start wars (for reasons that are somehow principled) than to let them extort payments. | | |
| Tbd. | I'm also not happy with most of the 33 leaders that I haven't changed. Should address those as part of a comprehensive leader overhaul. | | |
| See also | 104m adjusts the probability for an A | I tribute demand based on war utility. | |
| Annoyed a | dhi the highest no-war percentage at tititude, namely 50, the second highest (80 after Sitting Bull who has 90) and | | |

made him the only leader with a no-war Lincoln: 100/80/40/0 percentage at Furious: 20. Decreased Sitting Justinian: 100/80/30/0 Bull's percentage at Annoyed to 40 and Lincoln's For reference: to 30. Also decreased Justinian's percentage at Ashoka, Augustus, Churchill, Cyrus and Cautious to 70. several others: 100/70/20/0 A faithful representation of Gandhi should be 100/100/100/100. Not sure about the last Rationale two numbers; Gandhi did have a pragmatic side. Cf. Gandhi on Indian involvement in WW2 (Wikipedia). More importantly, players tend to assume that Gandhi acts very peacefully in the game. In BtS and even K-Mod, his high warRand values make it very unlikely for him to start wars and his military budget, the only factor that can dynamically lower the WarRand values in BtS/K-Mod, is virtually always small. UWAI introduces a bunch of other opportunistic factors, making the WarRand values far less relevant in situations when starting a war is highly beneficial. I didn't want to increase the no-war percentages overall – if anything, I feel that they're too high overall –, so I shuffled them around: Gandhi takes his Annoyed percentage from Sitting Bull, Sitting Bull from Lincoln, Lincoln from Gandhi, Gandhi swaps his Cautious percentage with Justinian. Sitting Bull can't be more peace-loving than Gandhi overall. I did preserve his especially high reluctance at Cautious attitude. Justinian's unusually high no-war percentages don't seem to have any historical basis. It's OK that he's not supposed to fight civs that share his religion, but, given his very high SameReligionAttitude ChangeLimit, Cautious attitude shouldn't affect that behavior. Lincoln: want the 40 for Sitting Bull. 30 is still unusually high. 005b GP names assigned chronologically AdvCiv BtS GP names are assigned in the order they're listed When a GP is born, the name is chosen in Civ4UnitInfo.xml, i.e. roughly ordered by uniformly at random from among the GP with date of birth; no more Ancient Heisenberg. About matching type. Heisenberg is just as likely to be every second (based on the number of civs in the the first Great Scientist as Socrates. game) name is skipped at random, so that GP names aren't the same in every game. There is an additional offset when starting in the Medieval era or later, i.e. early names are skipped. Corrected a few misspelled GP names, e.g. "Frank" Kafka. Replaced the two Great Generals that also appear as civ leaders with two new ones (Charlemagne → Zizka; Boudica → Hai Ba Trung). Names of playtesters replaced with actual spies The last 10 names for Great Spies are the real from the 20th century. names or nicknames of BtS playtesters. 'Malian" as the ethnonym of Mali 'Malinese"

The new spy names are taken from a list that etiennefd (Steb on CFC) compiled for

This CFC post by Phil Bowles made me aware that "Malinese" has apparently only

038 picks historians that somewhat match the type of civ ranking (e.g. Machiavelli for

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the RFC: Dawn of Civilization mod.

been popularized by the Civ series.

Credits

See also

| | the "most powerful civilizations"). |
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| Tbd. | Perhaps separate lists of GP names for every civ. DoC should have lists for most civs. |
| | Though I'd like the following better for AdvCiv: Assign a list of GP names to each technology and pick a name based on the current bulb tech when a GP is born. Use the BtS list as a fallback (and for Great Generals). May have to add a separate list for each GP type to each entry in Civ4TechInfo for this. |
| | Another potential name for a Great Spy (from Realism Invictus): Thomas Edward Lawrence |
| 005с | City ruins bear the name of the former city |
| in a tile wit meaning th | hows the name of the most recent city hows the name of the former city isn't recorded anywhere. Can pillage city ruins (0 gold). The name of the former city isn't recorded anywhere. Can pillage city ruins (0 gold). The name of the former city isn't recorded anywhere. Can pillage city ruins (0 gold). |
| Rationale | For flavor. No pillaging because the name of a destroyed city could have strategic importance (albeit very little), and I wouldn't want players to destroy ruins in order to monopolize information (in multiplayer). Also, while Sennacherib boasted to have "removed the dust of Babylon for presents to be sent to the most distant peoples," the idea of pillaging ruins doesn't immediately make sense. |
| 005d | Spurious/ misattributed tech quotes corrected or marked as "ascribed to" (only English and German) |
| Credits | CFC discussion about Civ6 tech quotes: <u>link;</u> offshoot about BtS: <u>link</u> CFC user Steb pointed out a few more in the Dawn of Civilization subforum: <u>link</u> |
| 005e | German text: Changed the name of Galley from "Triere" to "Galeere" and the name of Trireme from "Trireme" to "Triere" because "Triere" and "Trireme" are synonyms. |
| | The names are also problematic in English: A trireme is a special kind of galley. The Warlords Civilopedia text says that the Galley unit is supposed to be a pentekonter. Apparently, they didn't want to give Galley that rather obscure name. |
| 005f | City art style based on highest culture |
| | le of a city's 3D models is that of the highest tile culture in the city. The city owner's art style is used. |
| Rationale | The style of the buildings shouldn't immediately change upon conquest. (It kind of did in the New World, but in these cases much of the former population and its culture was also gone.) It's nice to have more traces of the past on the map. |
| | Disabled this change again after realizing that there is no way to make the same change for Cottages, Hamlets etc. Looks like the code in the EXE checks the owner of the improved tile, calls CvPlayer::getArtStyleType on the owner and uses the returned ArtStyle. |
| Config | XML switch in GlobalDefines_advc |
| Credits | Idea from Xyth's History Rewritten v1.25 |

| 005e | City name tweaks |
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| Tbd. | All the city lists could use an overhaul: Higher priority for ancient capitals; avoid high priority for cities that were very close to each other; include more remote cities, maybe |
| | even some in client states that don't appear in the game. Mods like Realism Invictus |

| | and DoC could be of help. | |
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| Angkor Wat removed from the Khmer city list. It's in position 4. Yasodharapura is in position 1. | | |
| Rationale | The temple was in Yasodharapura, also known as Angkor ("capital") but not as Angkor Wat ("capital temple"). The temple district could be seen as its own city but isn't commonly seen that way, and having a wonder and a city of the same name is awkward. | |
| Tbd. | Chichen Itza: Should rename the wor | nder in this case (Temple of Kukulcan). |

| 006 | Assertions | |
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| | few assertions that are supposed to be and are probably false positives or mos | e rare and were still under investigation by earlier tly harmless and difficult to resolve. |
| CvGlobals::getInfoTypeForString falls back on getTypesEnum when the given type tag string isn't found in the info type map. | | The info type map (CvGlobals::m_infosMap) contains all <type> tags loaded from XML files as strings. The type map (CvGlobals::m_typesMap) contains enum types that have a counterpart in GlobalTypes.xml. Those types are referenced in XML files but don't have a CvInfos.xml file of their own.</type> |
| | | The return values of both getInfoTypeForString and getTypesEnum correspond to an enum value, but only the return value of getInfoTypeForString also corresponds to a CvInfo object. In any case, the caller needs to know the correct enum type to make any use of the return value. |
| | | When getInfoTypeForString can't find a given string, an assertions fails and -1 is returned. |
| Rationale | down. Maybe from Python code com | orstring calls from Python that I can't track biled into the EXE. Those calls should apparently brwarding to that function on failure fixes a bug rely inconsequential bug though.) |
| 006b | | ility that warn when an XML tag expected by the ault value is passed to CvXMLLoadUtility:: |
| Rationale | If the tag is defined in the schema, then the EXE will warn about it anyway, but the new assertions should help when a tag is also missing from the schema and, in particular, when the tag is mistyped in CvInfos::read(CvXMLLoadUtility*). And they warn about missing default values for non-mandatory tags — although a default of 0, false or an empty string as used by BtS is usually fine. I pass default values to GetChildXmlValByName where they are now necessary. | |
| See also | No assertion triggers when a default value is set through <u>xmldefault</u> . | |
| Tbd. | Can I somehow warn about tags that are entirely unused? | |
| 006с | Define assertion and profiling macros | as (void) 0 when disabled. |
| Rationale | Mainly to avoid errors like this: | |
| | if() | |

| | <pre>FAssert() foo();</pre> |
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| | If FAssert is entirely removed (as in BtS), then the foo call will move into the if branch without any compiler error. |
| | With my change, macro calls have to be terminated with a semicolon. |
| 006d | Warn when reading an XML element with an empty value (e.g. <imoves></imoves>) |
| Credits | Adopted from More Naval Al |
| 006e | Show current XML file in error messages only if the error occurs while loading an XML file. |
| Credits | A couple of lines from these two MNAI commits. |
| See also | advc.rh: Adopted a similar (redundant?) change from rheinig's mod. |
| 006f | Show the name of the enclosing function in in Fassert popups through theFUNCTION macro; remove the (now redundant) function name parameter from FassertBounds (formerly named Fassert_Bounds). |
| Credits | From <u>Caveman2Cosmos</u> (billw2015) |
| Tbd. | Would be nice to include stack trace as well; that would arguably require some library; C2C uses <u>Stack Walker</u> . |
| See also | advc.enum introduces a macro for asserting the bounds of info enum types- |
| 006g | Show a failed assertion instead of a windows error message (ErrorMessage) when XML loading fails while debugging. |
| Rationale | The assert popup is much more helpful for debugging. |
| | Windows error messages are still shown by the DLL-internal profiler (CvGameCoreDLL.cpp). I haven't changed those because one doesn't normally debug while profiling |
| 006h | When an assertion fails in a debug build, the condition is evaluated for a second time. |
| Rationale | So that the user can immediately step through the evaluation of the condition. It's not always obvious why it evaluates to false. |
| | I don't think there's any downside to this. Failed assertions are rare, so performance isn't consideration. Assertion conditions must never have side-effects. And just pressing F10 will skip to the line after the FAssert/FAssertMsg call as before. |
| 006i | Macro FErrorMsg instead of FAssertMsg(false,) |
| Credits | From Caveman2Cosmos: Git commit |
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- No confirmation needed for entering WorldBuilder if already in Debug mode.
- Red circles from BBAI only shown if Show-Yields view was enabled before entering Debug mode. (Can also toggle the circles by toggling Show-Yields and entering and leaving a city screen.)
- Military Advisor shows all foreign units.
- Privateer owner revealed.
- Alt while hovering over a leader portrait in Debug mode shows the leader's id (slot number).
- Alt+Ctrl on an owned tile shows the Al resource trade counter (which is divided by 50 to yield

the "appreciate the years" relations bonus).

- Alt+Shift on an owned land tile shows the number of Al Workers needed in the tile's area.
- Can no longer show Info, Victory, Espionage and Foreign Advisor screen for Barbarians. These screens aren't helpful and some had been leading to failed assertions.
- The Wonders tab (Info screen) shows all wonders in Debug mode unless a player other than the active player is selected from the Debug menu. (The menu would be moot if all info was always shown regardless of the selected player.)
- When Alt is held down on a tile, the tile's found values are recomputed ignoring overlap with planned city sites. This value is shown first, then the cached value (planned sites taken into account). (BtS shows the cached value first, then a recomputed value that normally equals the cached value and then then a value computed as if the map was empty, marked with an "s" for "starting location". AdvCiv does not compute this "s"-value.)
- Alt-text on the scoreboard shows culture info only when Alt+Ctrl is held or when a civ is close to a culture victory.
- Don't show espionage help for rival spies; e.g. no "unit has moved/ can't conduct mission" message in red letters.
- Some changes to the information shown by the contact-player widget on the scoreboard about unmet players when in Debug mode. (CvDLLWidgetData::parseContactCivHelp)
- Add a bForce parameter to CvPlayerAI::AI_isDoStrategy that CvGameTextMgr and CvDLLWidgetData can use in order to ignore CvPlayer::isHuman. So that the scoreboard in Debug mode will show human strategies.
- No time stamps in the BBAI log. (I've never needed them for anything and they're very annoying when comparing logs in order to debug synchronization problems.
- Ctrl+Alt while hovering on a capital shows Al tech values (was Ctrl+Shift on any owned tile)
- Need to hold down Shift in order to see stack compare values along with combat odds.

See also

001d fixes some Debug mode bugs in various Advisor screens.

085 shows a score breakdown when Ctrl is held in Debug mode while hovering over a score value on the scoreboard.

<u>058</u> deals with concealed player identities – and makes sure that they're not concealed in Debug mode.

XML switch PER_PLAYER_MESSAGE_CONTROL_LOG for creating multiple MPLog.txt when testing multiplayer games on a single PC. These will have to be deleted manually. In networked multiplayer games, the id of the active player always gets appended to the name of the BBAI log (no XML switch for that one).

Procedure: Set LoggingEnabled=1, OverwriteLogs=1, and RandLog=1 in CivilizationIV.ini. Will probably also have to set MessageLog=1 and SynchLog=1. Or rather, put these in a copy of CivilizationIV.ini (say, MPDebug.ini), set Mod = Mods\AdvCiv and FullScreen = 0 in the copy and place it in the same folder as Civ4BeyondSword.exe; then create a shortcut targeting "C:\Program Files (x86)\Sid Meier's Civilization 4\Beyond the Sword\Civ4BeyondSword.exe" ini=advcMP.ini multiple, Where multiple is for allowing multiple instances of the BtS process. Launch the game twice through that shortcut, create a Direct IP game named chipotle (see 135c) with one process and join it with the other by connecting to 127.0.0.1.

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| Rationale | Need an MPLog.txt from each player in order to debug OOS errors. The BBAI log can also be helpful. |
| See also | 001n fixes OOS errors |
| | 135c allows debug tools in multiplayer and refactors CvGameTextMgr::setPlotHelp. |
| Disabled some log output from CvEventManager.py. City growth, border expansion and saves are | |
| now only log | gged if the respectivelog variables in the CvEventManager constructor are set. |
| Rationale | Probably an oversight by the (Vanilla) Civ 4 developers. Most of the other log output was already tied tolog variables. (Savegames were probably being logged on |

| | purpose, but that leads to a lot of uninteresting log output when autosaving every turn.) |
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| 007b | Added macros for RNG calls that make the logging side less tedious – by simply writing the current function name and line number into the log. Still not sure if I want to use them, or if there is some downside or a better non-macro solution. |
| | Output of the global non-synchronized RNG is written to AsyncRand.log instead of MPLog.txt. (If RandLog is enabled in CivilizationIV.ini.) |
| Rationale | I'm not sure if a log file for the non-synchronized RNG is helpful at all. In any case, having synchronized and non-synchronized numbers in one place is potentially confusing and makes it harder to debug OOS errors. The Firaxis developers had sometimes added "ASYNC" to messages from the non-synchronized RNG, to make them stand out I guess. This is no longer necessary, and removing those suffixes has allowed me to simplify CvPlayerAI::AI_techValue a bit. |
| Tbd. | Might be better not to use any random numbers in CvPlayerAI::AI_techValue when the function is called asynchronously, i.e. when recommending techs to a human player. |

| A short guide about the | e various logfiles: |
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| LoggingEnabled (CivilizationIV.ini) | Enables several log files, most importantly PythonErr.log and PythonDbg.log. |
| | Use CvUtil.pyPrint, print, Or BugUtil.debug to write to PythonDbg.log. In the DLL, CvDLLUtilityIFaceBase::logMsg(logFileName,) can be used. |
| | The BUG Python logs have an extra switch on the System tab of the BUG menu. |
| | LoggingEnabled also enables: - audio.log - xml.log - network*.txt - app.log (mostly seems to record the Civ 4 window gaining or losing system focus) - resmgr.log (failures to load .dds graphics; models and animations too?) - initmgr.log (apparently for profiling game initialization), - LSystem.log (some type of graphics warnings) - combat.txt (K-Mod – requires LOG_COMBAT_OUTCOMES to be defined in CvUnit.cpp in addition). |
| | Disabling LoggingEnabled doesn't stop all messages written to xml.log, I guess because of the timing inside the EXE. Also probably by accident, some messages still appear in the network-*.txt logs. |
| | There seems to be no way to check the value of LoggingEnabled programmatically; only the EXE knows. That said, the DLL can enable or disable LoggingEnabled (or any other key in CivilizationIV.ini) through gDLL->ChangeINIKeyValue. One can probably also use CVDLLIniParserIFaceBase to re-parse CivilizationIV.ini. |
| PythonErr2.log | Can't be disabled, seems to be used only by compiled Python code from the Warlords expansion. Basically never of interest. |
| SynchLog (CivilizationIV.ini) | Mainly seems to write "DBG: SYNCLOG: All Checked In" messages to network-*.txt. That happens exclusively in the EXE; it doesn't look like |

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| | the DLL can write to that logfile. |
| | To check whether SynchLog is enabled, use CvGlobals::isSynchLogging. I think LoggingEnabled is required in addition. |
| MessageLog (CivilizationIV.ini) | Enables the "message control log" MPLog.txt. It's mostly a combat log (less detailed than the in-game log and combat.txt). |
| | Use CvDLLUtilityIFaceBase::messageControlLog to write to MPLog.txt. 003 wraps a class CvDLLLogger around that function. |
| | Use CvGlobals::isLogging to check if the log is enabled. Note that this isn't the same as LoggingEnabled (see above), which is not a prerequisite here. |
| | The EXE shows a warning on the Staging Room screen if a player has the message control log enabled. |
| | <pre>advc.mapstat writes to the message control log if LOG_MAP_STATS is set in GlobalDefines_devel.xml.</pre> |
| | If PER_PLAYER_MESSAGE_CONTROL_LOG is set in GlobalDefines_devel.xml, then multiple files MPLog*.log are created in multiplayer games. Cf. 135c. |
| OOS log | When the game recognizes an out-of-sync error in a network game and MessageLog is enabled, OOSLogger.py creates a file OOSLog*.txt and writes all data that the OOS checksum is computed from to that file. |
| | Comparing the message logs of all players can give a clue about the cause of an OOS error. The log is no help, however, if only one player has <code>MessageLog</code> enabled. Realistically, it's only useful for OOS debugging with multiple program instances on a single machine. Cf. kekm.27. |
| RandLog (CivilizationIV.ini) | Logs all pseudo-random numbers generated by an instance of CvRandom. Writes to MPLog.txt, so MessageLog needs to be enabled in addition. (To find the combat log messages in between the PRNG messages, one can search for "kombat".) |
| | Through advc.007b (see above), log output of the global non-synchronized RNG CvGlobals::m_asyncRand are written to ASyncRand.log instead of MPLog.txt. I.e. MessageLog.txt isn't required for this RNG. |
| | Use CvGlobals::isRandLogging to check if RandLog is enabled. |
| LOG_AI (BBAILog.h) | Need to recompile to toggle this log. Pretty comprehensive AI logging (with some blank areas). Thus also useful for OOS debugging. Writes to BBAI.log. Requires LoggingEnabled=1. |
| | Use logBBAI to write to BBAI.log. Such calls should be preceded by a gLogLevel check ("g" for global), otherwise, the call will take up time even if the BBAI log is disabled. (In CitySiteEvaluator.cpp, I've wrapped that check together with the logBBAI call into a macro.) |
| UWAI reports (GlobalDefines_ devel.xml) | Reports about AI war planning by the UWAI component; written to files named UWAI*.log once per team turn if the game turn number is divisible by REPORT_INTERVAL in GlobalDefines_devel.xml. Additionally requires LoggingEnabled and — to avoid cheating — MessageLogging in multiplayer games. |
| | Use WarAndPeaceReport::log to write to the current game turn's UWAI*.log. |

| | Use WarAndPeaceReport::isSilent or isMute to check whether the report object is enabled. If not silent, then temporary mute status can be toggled through WarAndPeaceReport::mute(bool). |
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| | Unfortunately, re-launching Civ 4 doesn't cause old reports to be overwritten; will append instead. The AdvCiv makefile has a YOURLOGS variable though that will cause all .log files to be deleted after recompilation. |
| StartingPos.log | Requires recompilation to toggle the SPI_LOG switch in StartingPositionIteration.cpp. LoggingEnabled=1 is also required. The log documents the steps taken by the starting position iteration algorithm; see <u>027</u> . |
| Profiler log | The DLL-internal profiler, if enabled, writes to IFP log.txt. See <u>0030</u> and Makefile.project about that. |
| ThemeParseLog.txt | Seems to get created only when a critical error occurs while parsing a custom theme; more like a crash dump. See <u>002b</u> under "Credits". |
| VS console | When launched from within Visual Studio, debug builds write some messages to the "Output" window of Visual Studio. The DLL can write such messages through <code>OutputDebugString</code> , defined in <code>CvGameCoreDLL.h.</code> Messages written by the EXE might be helpful for diagnosing program instability; though the "first-class exceptions" are generally no cause for concern. If the Visual Studio debug heap is enabled, then messages about memory errors are also written to the Output window when Civ has exited. |

| mapstat | Log file with statistics about a generated map | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| If LOG_MAP_STATS is set in GlobalDefines_devel.xml, and MessageLog enabled in CivilizationIV.ini, then, each time a map is generated, some statistics like land/ sea ratio, terrain, elevation and resource frequencies, resources per player are written to MPLog.txt. | | There is a "Map Details" screen available in Debug mode through Shift+F2. |
| Rationale The Map Details screen is difficult to r | | read and lacks terrain info. |

| 007b | Cheat and debug shortcuts disabled | unless in Debug mode |
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| AdvCiv | 1 | K-Mod |
| (enter Debu debugging), Ctrl+Alt+T (I viewer), Ctrl Ctrl+Shift+P [Shift+]Z (sv Auto Play) a | ebug mode, only the shortcuts Ctrl+Z g mode), Ctrl+D (menu for graphics Ctrl+U (unit graphics debugging), reset game text), Ctrl+Alt+A (audio l+Alt+L (reset city layout), c (change civ), Ctrl+Shift+L, Alt+ vitch player) and Ctrl+Shift+X/B (Al are enabled. d be others that I'm unaware of.) | Numerous shortcuts (<u>list</u> on GameSpot.com) that require only "chipotle" to be entered in CivilizationIV.ini; Debug mode isn't checked. Some of these are easy to trigger by accident, in particular Ctrl+Shift-+Left Click (Object Placer menu) and Plus key while hovering over a city (immediately finishes the city's production). |

| "Reloaded appears – a | disabled entirely, though a message Art Defines" (sent from the EXE) still along with a warning from AdvCiv 's actually disabled. | Ctrl+Alt+R crashes the game, also in BtS; probably one of the expansions has broken it. | |
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| Rationale | If players actually want to use these shortcuts for cheating a little, then it could be annoying that Debug mode is required because Debug mode reveals the map, which can be a spoiler (and so does WorldBuilder). Still, for development purposes, I need to have Debug mode at hand, so I need the cheat mode ("chipotle"), but I don't want to run into other cheat commands, perhaps without even noticing. | | |
| See also | | tor mode requires Debug mode, which in turn gular players may end up leaving cheats enabled rs to stumble onto cheat commands. | |
| Tbd. | Could add an override in GlobalDefines to allow cheat commands without Debug mode. | | |
| | Perhaps the reloading of Art Defines | wouldn't be so difficult to fix. | |
| | Would like to block the reset/reload shortcuts when not in Debug mode. onKbdEvent in BUG/CvEventManager doesn't help — apparently, the key press gets processed by the EXE before that handler is called. The only way I see: During initialization, store gDLL->getChtLv1() in a (serialized) variable at CvGame and set gDLL->setChtLv1(0). This will disable all cheats. When Ctrl+Z is pressed (I think BUG handles that already) and not currently in Debug mode, ask CvGame what the cheat level is supposed to be, and, if it's greater than 0, call gDLL->setChtLv1(1) just before CvGame::toggleDebugMode. When Ctrl+Z is pressed in Debug mode, call gDLL->setChtLv1(0) after toggleDebugMode. Will have to integrate this with 135c, which allows Debug mode in multiplayer. | | |
| | Would also like to block Ctrl+Alt+F4 (kills the process – or simply exits to desktop without confirmation; not sure). This might be an OS thing, but the fact that it doesn't work in the main menu suggests to me that it's implemented in the EXE. | | |
| | me debug tools that the BUG mod ha e Debug mode (probably only required | d (accidentally I guess) made unavailable. Now I cheat mode in BtS): | |
| Shift+] on u | Shift+Ctrl+W: View wonder movie Shift+] on unit: Heal 10 HP Shift+[on unit: Damage 10 HP Shift+F1: View replay Shift+F2: "Debug Info" screen with various per-civ statistics Shift+F3: View Dan Quayle screen | | |
| | Each cheat command is triggered only by one combination of modifier keys; e.g. Shift+Ctrl+T will not open the tech/gold menu. | | |
| Rationale | Reduce the risk of clashing shortcuts | s, i.e. one event handler pre-empting another. | |
| AdvCiv | | BUG | |
| Removed h | nandlers for keyboard inputs from nager.py. | BUGEventManager.py handles keyboard inputs. | |
| Rationale | Removal of dead code. | I | |

| 008 | Changes to Civilopedia content and h | nints | |
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| l've update content alo | 've updated some content that is no longer accurate. For some Game Concept pages, I left the content alone, and merely added a warning at the top that the info could be outdated. | | |
| I've only changed the English and German version. I haven't updated the German list of keyboard shortcuts (004y); it's still as in the BUG version of Sevopedia. Other than that, I think the German translations in Civilopedia are complete. | | | |
| Config | The modified bits are in a separate file called CIV4GameText_advc_pedia.xml. | | |
| Tbd. | Not all the strategy advice is up to date. Especially the tech and building advice is a lot of work to maintain, and much of it is redundant. The tech advice is only shown when Sid's Tips are enabled. Would be best to somehow disable these texts completely for anything past the Ancient era (simply check the tech's era along with each check for the player option); the early-game texts actually do contain some advice. | | |
| See also | 004y: Changes to Civilopedia formatting 033 shows the Privateer's plunder ability in Civilopedia 179 shows the production bonus of the Apostolic Palace in Civilopedia | | |
| 008a | Hide abilities in Civilopedia when the | y don't apply | |
| Rationale | To unclutter the Civilopedia | | |
| See also | 004w unclutters the help texts for bui | ldings on the city screen. | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS | |
| Showing the "Can be built on X era and earlier starts" restriction only when X is smaller than the current game's start era, i.e. when the restriction and regardless of the current game's start era. Explies to the current game. When the Civilopedia is accessed from the main menu, the restriction is shown when X is not equal to the wonder's tech era plus 1. | | | |
| Shwedagon Paya not available on Renaissance start and Statue of Zeus available on Classical start. | | Both wonders were added in BtS. Shwed is available on Renaissance start and earlier and Zeus only on Ancient start. | |
| Versailles n | not available on Industrial start. | Industrial start or earlier. | |
| Rationale | Most wonders become unavailable when starting two eras after their tech era; spell out only these exceptional cases (e.g. most Ancient wonders are available when starting in the Classical era, but Stonehenge isn't). | | |
| | The changes to individual wonders reduce the number of exceptions that the Civilopedia needs to mention. | | |
| See also | 310 changes the start era restriction of the Great Wall | | |
| Tbd. | Civilopedia should list the free buildings from later-era start along with the description of the later-era start settings. | | |
| | Perhaps prevent civs from constructing a wonder once they reach the threshold era – regardless of the game's start era. This could make wonders scarcer in games with few civs. | | |
| | Show required victory condition ("such-and-such victory must be enabled") only when accessing Civilopedia from the main menu or when the victory condition is disabled in the current game. | | |
| d800 | (unassigned) | | |
| 008c | Updated some of the hints that are shown while loading savegames (only English and | | |

| | German) | | |
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| 008d | New hints about AdvCiv changes and a few K-Mod changes that weren't previously covered. Gave all hints about modded content a higher probability of being shown than the hints from Vanilla and BtS (Warlords didn't add any). Tried to mimic the tone of the original hints. Only in English and German. | | |
| Config | Increased the probability by duplicating entries in CIV4Hints.xml. Separate file for the new hints: CIV4GameText_advc_hints.xml. | | |
| 008e | Changes to the names of wonders and projects | | |
| | No wonder or project name starts with "The" or any other article (translations). Totally inconsistent; e.g. "Angkor Wat", but "The Taj Mahal". | | |
| Rationale | Makes it easier to find wonders in Civilopedia and on the Wonders tab. Just "Pyramids" is a little strange, but most of the names work fine without an article. Could make it "Great Pyramids" (joining Great Lighthouse, Great Wall and Great Library), but I guess "Pyramids" is OK. | | |
| Config | Separate file CIV4GameText_advc_wonders.xml. Further changes to wonder names will have to be made there. Can delete the file to undo all name changes. | | |
| See also | Caveman to Cosmos also does this (but I haven't checked how they've implemented it). SourceForge <u>revision</u> | | |

| 009 | Setup of configuration files: BUG settings, GlobalDefines, BUG and BBAI help files | |
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| See also | 002b also deals with file paths | |
| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| Included the BUG help files in three languages (no French and Spanish translation seem to exist). | | No BUG help files included; clicking on "BUG Mod Help" in the BUG options menu results in an error message. |
| Rationale | The help files also include developer | credits; gotta have those. |
| Tbd. | Would be nice to use the <u>SourceForg</u> installations – as a fallback when hel | ge URL that BugHelp.py tries to access for Mac p files aren't found locally. |
| Added a text file to the Mods\AdvCiv\Settings folder explaining its purpose. | | BUG and K-Mod have this folder, containing ini files of the Unit Naming and Custom Domestic Advisor components. BULL instead has a folder Mods\BULL\UserSettings that contains all ini files used by the mod. The presence of these files prevents BUG/BULL from creating them under My Games (cf. this post by EmperorFool). |
| Rationale | The folder is confusing in two ways: a) The name suggests that it contains important global settings, but the settings are actually only for two particular mod components, which are even disabled by default. b) The contents of the folder are copied to My Games\Beyond The Sword\AdvCiv\Settings when the mod is started for the first time, so it seems that the folder in Mods\AdvCiv is redundant — which is true, but only once the copy has been created, so the Settings folder has to be included in the download archive. | |
| Tbd. | If I'd store <i>all</i> ini files in Mods\AdvCiv, a copy under My Games would no longer be created. This would also make it easier to uninstall the mod. That said, it can lead to issues with Windows rights management (<u>example</u>), and fallback behaviors for that would be too difficult to implement for me. And I wouldn't want to include all the ini files | |

| | in the download; this can perhaps be avoided by giving Mods\AdvCiv higher priority than My Games in BugPath.findSettingsFile. | | |
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| | Either way, I should consider a different name for the <code>Settings</code> folder (<code>SETTINGS_FOLDER</code> in <code>BugPath.py</code>). Though, ideally, the game should then continue to check the old location so that players don't have to update manually (by moving their ini files). | | |
| CvTextScre | eens.cpp removed from CvGameCoreI | DLL. | |
| Rationale | Apparently doesn't get compiled into | the DLL, so it doesn't serve any purpose. | |
| Credits | alberts2 (Caveman to Cosmos mod): | SourceForge revision | |
| Removed a few DDS art files from the Art\BUG folder that appear to be unused (the file names appear neither in the DLL nor in any of BUG's XML and Python file): Arm.dds, Foot.dds, GreenFace.dds, RedFace.dds, YellowFace.dds, Star.dds, Trade.dds. The total compressed size of these is only 7.3 KB. | | | |
| 009b | b BUG initialization (only relevant for developers) | | |
| AdvCiv | | BUG | |
| game is run in part, fail to condition) of was modifie | When a Python script file is modified while the game is running, Python scripts will sometimes, in part, fail to be reloaded. The likelihood (race condition) of such an error depends on which file was modified. As workaround, it usually suffices to save the file one or two more times. Reloading fails almost always and leads to an unresponsive UI and nonfunctional alerts until the game is restarted. So, unlike in unmodded BtS, Python changes at runtime aren't really possible in BUG-based mods. This post by platyping confirms that this is an issue with BUG and not iust K-Mod/AdvCiv. | | |
| | Some of the errors are caused by the Civ4lerts and Field-of-View slider components. But there are probably also problems with circular dependencies and/ or the proper order of reinitialization. | | |
| | I suspect that these problems were introduced late in the development of the BUG mod because developing such a complex Python mod without the possibility of changing scripts at runtime would've been very difficult. | | |
| Rationale | I haven't been able to fix this entirely. | 1 | |
| Tbd. | Perhaps it's mainly a problem with change ("dirty") handler functions referenced by ChangeHandler.handle (BugOptions.py)? | | |

| 009с | Removed Map Finder | |
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| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| The configuration files, text files and Python scripts of the Map Finder mod component have been removed, and references to them commented out. | | Map Finder is included in the BUG mod, so it seems that karadoc disabled it (by commenting out a few lines in BugMapOptionsTab.py. |
| Rationale | Generally, I don't want to remove any BUG/BULL features entirely, even if I don't think I'll ever use them personally, but Map Finder is really a feature for competitive HoF players, which doesn't make any sense in a mod like this. I don't think it can be used as a developer tool either, e.g. to find out how commonly some very poor or powerful | |

| | combinations of tiles occur, or only with major modifications. The compressed size of the removed files is 12 KB (negligible), but it also reduces the number of files to browse through when making changes to other BUG components. |
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| | Not terribly difficult to re-enable: Restore the removed files from BUFFY (K-Mod hadn't made any changes), uncomment any code marked with change id 009c. |
| See also | The space on the BUG menu is now used for <u>004m</u> , <u>004h</u> and <u>004z</u> . |

| 009d | More graceful handling of bad data in BUG ini files | |
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| Config | BugOptions.py, BugOptionsTab.py | |
| AdvCiv | | BUG |
| number for (My Games\ not within t Assets\Cc | Beyond The Sword\AdvCiv\Settings) is the valid range, the default (set in onfig) is used by the menu and stored e, replacing the invalid index number. | Index numbers in ini files can easily become invalid if the range of a list option is changed in Assets\Config. |
| Rationale | | v0.95. Using the 0 th item is clearly inferior to hat the BUG developers had intended either. |
| Tbd. | My changes don't correct the invalid index until the BUG menu is opened. That's acceptable for now because I expect that players (if any) who have used the fairly exotic values that I've removed will take a look at the revised BUG menu after updatir to v0.95. | |
| | It should be possible to fix this in get been able to figure it out. | Index (BugOptions.py), but somehow I haven't |
| Fixed some tagged with | | e in BugOptionsTab.py. These bugfixes are |
| When the mod is launched for the first time (a no settings are stored from an earlier installation), it creates an ini file for every xml file in Assets\Config and fills the ini with the default at the hover text for the option, read from the correspondingOptions.xml file in Asset XML\Text. These comments are, as far as I configured from the comments won't reflect this unless the us clears the settings. | | |
| Rationale | ale Ideally, BUG would read the comments in the ini at startup (along with the actual values), check if they're outdated and update them if necessary. I don't think the comments are read at all though, so this would be quite an effort to implement. Updating the comments always isn't easy enough to do for me either, and might affect performance. | |

I don't think the ini files should be manually edited anyway, so comments really don't seem necessary. They also take up a little bit of disk space.

| 010 | Worker stealing disabled | | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS | |
| Settlers and Workers die when attacked; no captured Worker appears. | | Settlers and Workers die and the attacker receives a captured Worker. The AI immediately disbands captured units. | |
| Rationale | Unlike human players, the AI doesn't know how to look for exposed Workers and steal them; nor how to disband Workers that are about to be stolen; nor how to guard Workers on border tiles. If the AI could do these things, it would be largely impossible to steal Workers from the AI, and players would have to guard their Workers on border tiles, which would be very tedious. This might be why the BtS developers (Blake?) abandoned efforts to let the AI steal Workers (CvUnitAI::AI poach is never called). | | |
| | like the slave-raid flavor, but I don't t disadvantage. Early disruptive wars | hanism can only work against an unwitting AI. I do hink it's worth putting the AI at a considerable remain useful for destroying AI Workers (see om being improved – I wouldn't want to make this | |
| | Flocks of Workers captured in conquered cities also contribute to Worker under- employment, which tends to slow player turns down. | | |
| | Worker stealing also undermines difficulty settings that give the AI a free Worker. | | |
| | The <u>DDiplo</u> changes (decay of AI meattractive than it is in BtS. | emory) would make Worker stealing even more | |
| Config | Purely an XML change; can re-enable Worker stealing by restoring three values in Civ4UnitInfos.xml (look for advc.010). | | |
| Tbd. | 162 (rule changes against surprise was workers and could be extended to n | wars) already makes it a bit harder to attack nake such attacks impossible. | |
| | Additionally or alternatively, Workers should have limited charges; this would be another way to nerf Worker stealing. | | |
| | If attacks on Workers remain possible, AI improvements would be desirable. discussion on CFC <u>here</u> . | | |
| See also the wip section (under id 010). | | 10). | |
| | Show a message on the main interface when a noncombat unit is destroyed through an attack. No message. Can't happen for workers, but captured workers, there's a message. | | |
| Rationale | So that attacked workers don't disappear without notice. But also useful to have such a message for units that can't defend because of their domain type. | | |
| Increased t | he distance threshold that the AI uses | when deciding whether to delete a captured unit. | |
| Rationale | Perhaps the AI should never delete they're usually deleted. | captured units as in <u>Rise of Mankind</u> . In BtS, | |
| | Only relevant if Worker stealing is re-enabled. | | |

| 011 | Decay of invested Worker turns | | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS | |
| Once per round, when no progress has been made on any of a plot's unfinished Worker builds for the 8th turn in a row, the number of invested Worker turns is reduced by one for all unfinished builds in that plot. | | No decay of invested Worker turns. | |
| Rationale BtS allows for some very fiddly micro-optimization, especially pre- e.g. pre-building of Forts to protect strategic resources. | | | |
| | e.g. until a Barbarian unit has been | eaving an improvement unfinished for some turns, dealt with, but I want decay to be fast enough to tic. This balance is a bit difficult to get right. | |
| Config | Can be adjusted or disabled through DELAY_UNTIL_BUILD_DECAY in GlobalDefines_advc.xml | | |
| 011b | Partial builds | | |
| AdvCiv | 1 | K-Mod | |
| When the Ctrl key is held down while issuing a build command, the build is stopped one turn before completion. | | BULL has an option to always stop short of completion when the build removes a Forest. K-Mod hasn't adopted this. | |
| When Ctrl is held down while hovering over a tile the progress on all unfinished builds is shown. Added an option on BUG's map tab to always show that information. | | K-Mod shows no such info. BULL shows it if the "Partial Builds" option is enabled. | |
| Credits | Some code adopted from BULL; that code is tagged with 011c . | | |
| See also | This open K-Mod issue states that the BULL implementation isn't safe for multiplayer games – which I can confirm. My own implementation is multiplayer-safe. | | |
| Rationale The pre-build command isn't really necessary now that build didn't take me long to implement, and it's something that adopt as my implementation is more flexible (can e.g. also multiplayer. Also, players might disable the decay through | | d it's something that other mods might want to flexible (can e.g. also be queued) and works in | |
| | Showing partial progress in game text is helpful in any case. Showing it through the Ctrl key seems like a good solution for everyone; the BUG option is mainly there to make players aware of the feature. I've also written a loading screen hint for that purpose. | | |
| Tbd. | One downside of my implementation is that keyboard shortcuts (e.g. Alt+C for chopping) don't work when Ctrl is pressed. They do work in BULL when the "pre-chop' option is enabled, but then all chop commands have to be issued twice, which is, I think, a much bigger downside. I could make keyboard build commands work by using a letter key, say Y, instead of (or in addition to) Ctrl. Only the modifier keys Ctrl, Shift and Alt interfere with the build shortcuts; I suppose that's why karadoc decided to use the X key for suppression of unit cycling. However, pressing Alt+Y+C (or even Ctrl+Alt+C) to pre-chop really isn't convenient, so I don't think I'll bother with this. | | |
| | annoying than helpful. Also, the mes Currently, Workers abandon their bu brings the progress to x-1 of x turns next turn instead) and the message | when a build is suspended. That's perhaps more sage would be timed better at the start of a turn. ild missions right after making the move that (perhaps this should happen at the start of the is shown; often, Workers don't move until the the message is shown only very briefly, which | |

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| IUUKS SIIAIIYE. |
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| 012 | Forest/Jungle defense reduced | | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS | |
| Forest and Jungle provide no defense if the attacker owns the attacked tile, otherwise 25% defense. | | 50% regardless of ownership. | |
| (Feature attack/defense bonuses from unit abilities or Woodsman promotion still apply regardless of tile ownership.) | | | |
| Rationale | Some players complain that removing Forests in the inner ring of a city is a no-brained because the defense bonus for invading armies is too dangerous. I'm more bothered by the implausibly high defense bonus from Forest and Jungle, which leads to game-play problems too, such as Barbarians refusing to attack fortified units. Forested chokepoints are difficult to handle for the AI. | | |
| | It makes some sense that units can defend well in forests (forests offer material for palisades etc.), and it makes sense that the civ that knows its way around in a forest (i.e. the tile owner) has an advantage; I'm assuming that these two factors cancel out when units in a Forest are attacked by the tile owner. | | |
| Config | Tag RivalDefense added to Civ4FeatureInfos.xml. Can set that to 0 and Defense to 50 to restore BtS behavior. | | |
| Tbd. | The Woodsman promotions should provide a (net) attack bonus against Forest and Jungle. Currently, only Woodsman III does. | | |

| 014 | Capitulated vassals don't pursue victory strategies | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| Capitulated vassals can't be elected AP or UN leader, and can't be on the ticket for diplo victory. | | |
| Rationale | When even a capitulated vassal has more votes than the master civ's biggest rival, then the game is decided, and the master civ should win a diplo victory with the votes of its minions. And of course a capitulated vassal shouldn't win. | |
| AdvCiv | | BBAI/BtS |
| Capitulated vassals don't pursue victory strategies, don't build team projects and don't build wonders of the world except Shrines. | | Capitulated vassals pursue victory strategies and can actually win the game. |
| Rationale | Internet and Manhattan are things that the master may not want the vassal to build; SDI is covered by the master (change <u>143b</u>); the other projects are for space victory. Capitulated vassal shouldn't build wonders that the master might want to build or that could hurt the master (UN, AP); it's simplest to block them all. | |
| See also | 130v about capitulated vassals voting along with their master and generally behaving like zombies. 112 about voluntary vassals breaking free when approaching victory. 143b scraps nukes upon capitulation. | |

| Changes to Great People (GP) | |
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| Will probably allow Priest and Artist to hurry certain wonders; move culture bomb to Spy. | |
| Changes to tech flavor values | |
| 020: Changes to non-tech flavor values. Tech flavor is special because it affects the GP discover abilities, while the other flavor values are mostly only relevant for the AI. | |
| BtS | |
| production flavor for Constitution. I.e. can't discovered by a Great Engineer. 3 production flavor, 4 gold, 2 culture, 2 growth Thus a tech that Great Engineers can (and make to) discover. | |
| Engineers inventing constitutions is too far a stretch. | |
| Fascism is also dubious (6 production flavor). | |
| | Will probably allow Priest and Artist Spy. Changes to tech flavor values 020: Changes to non-tech flavor va GP discover abilities, while the other In flavor for Constitution. I.e. can't d by a Great Engineer. Engineers inventing constitutions is |

| 016 | Extra tile yields from random events not added to city tile yields | |
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| AdvCiv | 1 | BtS |
| events are a | dded to the natural tile yield before ields to at least 2 food, 1 production, | City tile yield is computed as the yield from terrain, hill, unimproved bonus and river, all assuming that features (incl. Flood Plains) are removed. The result is raised to at least 2 food, 1 production, 1 commerce. Finally, extra yields from random events and yield bonuses from Golden Age are added. |
| Rationale | Should be treated like all the other yield effects; counterintuitive in BtS. | |
| Credit | Pointed out <u>here</u> on CFC by traius. | |
| Tbd. | Considering to change the city tile yield formula so that bonuses are applied after the raise step. | |
| See also | 004b shows the city tile yield before founding | |
| | | No natural yields on impassable tiles. Non- natural yields (e.g. extra yields) can make impassable tiles workable. |
| Rationale | So that Python modders can make peaks workable. | |
| Credit | Post by CFC user xyx | |
| See also | 057: Changes to impassable terrain | |

| 017 | Al trains fewer units when its military is already very large and drafts less in general | |
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| See also | 121b: Al hurries production less, especially units. 018: Reduced impact of Crush strategy 107: Fewer Al defenders 110: Changes to Al military buildup | |
| AdvCiv | dvCiv BtS | |
| The probability of training a unit in a city is The military power of other civs affects the | | |

| | otential opponent. | number of trained units only indirectly through the "Area AI type"; generally keeps building units so long as the maintenance is affordable. |
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| Rationale | | e than to train excessive armies. Al stacks of doom human player is behind when Drafting and Rifling |
| | the base probability to train a military rcentage points overall. | The probability is effectively 6 higher than set (per AI leader) in XML because the experience |
| specific trair number of c | oper and lower bound for the city- n-unit probability based on the ities: The AI only gets to use very probabilities once it has about five | from Barracks is doubled and added in. |
| Rationale | The average probability to train a un much in a situation where there is no | it was about one in three, which seems a bit o war on the horizon. |
| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| | o build Barracks before training a bunding a second city. | About three times more likely than in AdvCiv. |
| Tbd. | Want to give Barracks a tech require | ement. |
| reduce popu When it's no | is neither a war plan, nor a reason to ulation. of urgent, only draft with a per-turn equal to the normal buildUnitProb. | No randomness in drafting. |
| probability e | • | No randomness in drafting. Utility is only reduced when maxUnitSpending is |
| | ly paying high unit upkeep. | exceeded. |
| Rationale | Nationhood. If the player can stay or | AI stacks once/ if the AI hits Rifling and switches to ut of harm's way through diplomacy, it becomes cally. One third of the population is still a lot. |
| | Drafting without planning war is generally a bad idea; can draft units pretty quickly once they're needed. Probably shouldn't adopt the Nationhood civic without war plants. The change to civic evaluation may help with that. Don't want to make war plans a hard requirement for Nationhood though – that would give away the Al's intentions. | |
| | The probability should make AI draft | ing less abrupt, and reduce it a bit overall. |
| Tbd. | | o account in a more meaningful way: currently ever, need to change the drafting rules before oo efficient currently. |
| assault is ac coastal citie era. | number of warships to escort a naval djusted based on the number of s owned by the enemy and the game g fixed in BBAI code that may have | Only the number of escorted transport ships matters, and whether they can defend themselves (Galleons). |
| | e AI fleets when only a "minimal | |

| attack force | " had been intended. | |
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| | s fewer sea explorers if the file name script is "Pangaea". | |
| Rationale | No need for an expensive escort if the enemy has very few ships. Can't be sure of that, but the number of coastal cities should be a pretty good predictor (and don't want to count enemy ships that the AI can't see). | |
| Tbd. | Should check if the enemy can even train any dangerous ship; no need to protect (Industrial-era) Transports if the enemy ships are Frigates. Once that's implemented, should probably use relativeNavyPower if UWAI is enabled. | |
| See also | 905a buffs Trireme and stops the AI from using (and training) Caravels as escorts. Not sure if this has lead to fewer or more AI ships. 081 is supposed to train more ships when they're needed. | |
| AdvCiv | | BBAI |
| Reduced the number of attackers that the Al trains when there is no war plan. | | BBAI added that behavior for "building [a] city hunting stack" that is also supposed to "to produce early rushes on tight maps" (comments in the code). May train as many as 12 attackers for this. |

| 017b | Dynamic changes of unit AI type | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| attackers (UN explorers (UN nothing to at explorers. | NITAI_ATTACK_SEA) can turn into NITAI_EXPLORE_SEA) if there is tack and there are too few priority of guarding seafood when in | Land units can turn into (land) explorers, and there is a narrow rule that can turn a Galley into an explorer after transporting a Settler; but Caravels can only act as explorers if they've been trained for that purpose. Explorers can adopt various other roles if exploration isn't needed anymore. |
| | ditions for changing from CLER_SEA to UNITAI_ASSAULT_SEA. | |
| UNITAI_EXP | Work Boats can change from LORE_SEA to any other sensible type els are available. | Al won't train Caravels for exploration if it already has enough exploring Galleys. |
| Rationale | Should lead to fewer Caravels; that's | s why I'm grouping this with change 017. |
| Tbd. | There are probably other sensible AI type changes that the BtS code doesn't consider. A comment by the Vanilla developers also suggests this: "move some of this into a function? maybe useful elsewhere." | |
| | However, one must be careful to keep UnitAI and CityAI/PlayerAI consistent, otherwise, the AI can end up training more and more unnecessary units. | |
| Fixed an issue in BBAI code that had caused the AI to train at least one ship per sea area for transporting Settlers, even if those areas didn't have access to any city sites. Combined with the Unit AI type changes above, this had lead to large stacks of Galleys in water areas that didn't need ships at all. | | |

| 018 | Impact of Crush AI strategy reduced | |
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| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| train more units overall, and doesn't shift its yield | | Crush makes the AI prioritize production. It also (no change in AdvCiv) lets the AI mobilize some of its defensive units as invaders, and trains more city attackers instead of defenders. |
| | e enemy doesn't pose much of a | At least with Aggressive AI enabled, some AI leaders adopt Crush in any "total" war that isn't going badly. |
| | | The Crush strategy has been introduced by BBAI. |
| | In K-Mod, Crush seems to be used in situations where the AI might be able to win a decisive victory by concentrating all its resources on the war. This leads the AI to go all-in more often than I'd like. The AI can easily end up training far more units than would be needed in these all-out wars, which sets it on a road toward a military victory. The AI goes for military victories too often in K-Mod. | |
| | Now the AI should use Crush only to anyway. | bring war to a quick conclusion when it's winning |
| See also | 115 and 104c also make the AI less willing to go for a military victory. | |

| 019 | Lower impact of Aggressive AI mode (AAI) in BBAI/K-Mod code | |
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| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| · | | Especially K-Mod behavior depends on AAI in many places. |
| Rationale | For experienced players, I think there is a happy medium between aggressive and non-aggressive AI, and really no need for two modes. Even for inexperienced players, it would be better to tie AI aggressiveness to the difficulty setting instead of a separate game option. (To be fair, BtS does that too: iAIDeclareWarProb is based on difficulty.) | |
| | In the original Civ 4 code, the non-AAI behavior is very passive, especially on the loand medium difficulty settings; this has been a recurrent player complaint since the Civ 4 release. Therefore, I haven't reduced the impact of Aggressive AI in the origin code. | |
| See also | AAI can only be disabled through XML; see chapter on <u>UWAI</u> . <u>120b</u> : No impact of AAI on malicious espionage. | |
| | <u>Posts</u> by Blake about Aggressive AI in BtS. (Note, however, that the option existed already in Vanilla Civ 4.) | |

| 020 | Changes to AI flavor values | |
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| See also | 015a deals with tech flavor changes that determine which techs can be discovered by Great People. | |
| AdvCiv | ' | BtS/Warlords |
| maintenand | | Since Warlords, each AI leader has one or two flavor values, and prioritizes buildings (and |

with government center (reduced distance maintenance) and reduced on Courthouse. Gold flavor of corporate HO reduced. Culture flavor added to modern entertainment wonders (Hollywood, Rock'n'Roll, Broadway) and Growth flavor reduced. Culture flavor also on Temples and Cathedrals (in addition to Religion), and on some misc, wonders, Growth flavor added to some happiness buildings (Colosseum, Market, Broadcast Tower) and National Epic. Added Religion flavor to Apostolic Palace (how was that a few that increase happiness (Notre Dame, missing?).

Plus some minor changes. I went through all buildings. Many buildings that had just one type of flavor now have two. In these cases, I've usually avoided assigning the full 10 points to any one flavor type (to avoid extreme preferences of AI leaders that match both flavor types).

Espionage flavor removed from West Point, Pentagon and Forbidden Palace, Instead, Al governors consider flavor when evaluating Great Person points.

technologies) that match those values.

Military flavor is on buildings that increase city defense, grant free XP, increase unit production or reduce war weariness. Gold flavor for extra trade routes, increased gold rate or reduced maintenance. *Culture* for some of the buildings that generate culture (Monument, Stonehenge, Theater, National Epic, Hermitage, Sistine Chapel, Eiffel Tower). Growth on buildings that improve health or spur population growth, and on Globe Theater). Espionage flavor for buildings that produce espionage points or Great Spy points. Religion for religious buildings. *Production* for buildings with (generic) production bonuses.

Rationale

Military leaders don't usually want to get on the defensive and, therefore, shouldn't build Walls and Castles. I'm not removing the military flavor entirely because warlike leaders are also prone to counterattacks, and, (pre-)historically, militaristic cultures tended to build fortifications. Note that Protective leaders are still more inclined to build defensive buildings because of the production discount from the Protective trait; many of the Protective leaders have Military flavor.

Reduced maintenance leads to a high science rate, which conflicts with buildings like Market that increase gold output. Gold flavor does give some incentives for growing wide (trade route bonuses), but I still think it's more important not to have the same flavor on Courthouse and Market. The next best choice seems Military; militaristic leaders tend to conquer wide empires.

Corporations aren't there for generating gold. The HQs pair well with +gold buildings, but Gold-flavored leaders try to build Markets everywhere, not just in the HQ cities.

The missing Culture flavor on Hollywood etc. seems like an oversight. While Cathedrals are more of a religious thing, they're so instrumental to Culture victory that they should also have Culture flavor.

If Growth is supposed to support tall cities, it needs an even mix of health and happiness.

Tbd.

The Trade Mission ability of the Great Merchant also clashes with the plus-gold-rate buildinas.

Apply the tech flavor values multiplicatively.

Additively; i.e. a flavor-based value between 0 and about 100 is added to the utility value of each tech. The utility value tends to increase with the economic output of a civ.

Reduced the impact of flavor on building evaluation, so that flavor typically makes about a multiplicative formula. Flavor can make up to a 20-30% difference.

Additive in BtS, K-Mod replaced it with a 100% difference, though 40-50% seems more

| | typical. Since the building evaluation also affects the tech evaluation in K-Mod (not in BtS), building flavor indirectly affects tech evaluation too. | |
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| Rationale | The BtS formula means that the impact of flavor decreases with the economic output, so that a civ starts making more rational choices when it's doing well, and that flavor matters more when all eligible techs have a low utility value. None of this makes sense to me. | |
| Tbd. | The flavor values in <code>Civ4TechInfos.xml</code> look loopy; need an overhaul. Doesn't take into account that the utility value counted for unlocked buildings includes the flavor values assigned in <code>Civ4BuildingInfos.xml</code> . Should perhaps treat units and civics ir a similar way, i.e. assign flavor values through <code>Civ4UnitInfos.xml</code> (most would simply get sth. like 5 Military flavor) and <code>Civ4CivicInfos.xml</code> (no flavor tag yet) and <code>count</code> them only indirectly in the tech evaluation. This way, the flavor value would be reduced along with the unit value when a tech doesn't immediately unlock a unit, and the flavor values would not have to be changed when making changes to tech requirements. | |
| | Should ignore first-to-discover abilities when assigning flavor values: already addressed through custom code. | |
| | Revised flavor values will change GP "bulb" paths though; bad for players who have them memorized. | |

| 021 | Adjusted map scripts with simulated | tectonics; see also chapter <u>PerfectMongoose</u> . |
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| See also | Since these map scripts frequently produce mountain chains and large areas of uniform terrain, the improved AI handling of areas separated by Peaks (030) and the reduced probability of large resource lumps (129) are especially relevant. | |
| | Also tend to generate oblong continents near the poles, and <u>027</u> improves the selection of starting areas in such cases. | |
| 021a | Tectonics | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| Uses the la Tectonics m | test version 3.16 (Nov 2008) of the nap script. | Uses version 3.15. |
| "[] added more rivers. [] Terra option now has a nice looking Arabia instead of some landbridges and islands." source | | |
| All map scripts are allowed to place Jungle on Plains. The impact on most map scripts seems very minor; most tiles at the equator are Grassland anyway. A sample (non-Tectonics) | | Jungle can only be placed on Grassland. Since Tectonics maps have lots of Plains near the equator, these maps end up with very little Jungle. |
| Pangaea map had only 8 Plains Jungles and 40 Grassland Jungles. (Not sure if that means that there would have been 8 fewer Jungle tiles without my change.) | | The following resources can be placed on Jungle: Oil (Grassland), Uranium (any terrain), Banana (Grassland), Pig (Grassland), Rice (Grassland), Dye (Grassland), Gems (Grassland), Ivory |
| Banana, Sugar and Ivory can be placed on Plains Jungle (in addition to Grassland Jungle). (Grassland – or non-Jungle Plains), Spices (Grassland, Plains), Sugar (Grassland). | | (Grassland – or non-Jungle Plains), Spices (Grassland, Plains), Sugar (Grassland). |
| Credits It's LDiCesare's map script. It was included in BtS patch 3.17, and he updated it once | | |

| | more after that. | |
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| Config | The Jungle-on-Plains change is done in XML (Civ4FeatureInfos.xml). | |
| Tbd. | Let Fractal-based map scripts place more Plains in the low latitudes. It's a better representation of the yellow soils in Southeast Asia than Grassland. This would also result in a nice even split between Grassland and Plains (currently the former is more common). Consider a rainforest feature/terrain for the equatorial belt. Allow Pig and Dye on Plains, perhaps instead of Grassland. Shifting resources away from the best terrain type (Grassland) should be healthy for game balance. | |
| See also | 165 reduces the grid size of Tectonic | es. |
| AdvCiv | | Tectonics 3.16 |
| Tectonics la 70% and 60 | ndmass type options "Earthlike" 80%, 0% water. | Only 70% and 60% |
| | e number of rivers for all landmass a bit more for Pangaea. | Was supposed to be reduced (perhaps to the level of v3.15) only for Pangaea, but due to an apparent bug affected (only) 60% water instead. |
| Rationale | Corresponding to High, Medium and Low sea level. My 80% option actually does the same as the 70% option in the original script, the new 70% corresponds to the old 60%, and the new 60% is a new setting. I've noticed that far less land is generated than the old percentages said. My percentages are still too high. Actually, the ratios vary a lot. The new 60% option sometimes does lead to 40% land, but at other times just 23% 3.16 generally had more rivers than e.g. Fractal; I didn't like that. Not sure if Pangaea really needs special treatment. Seems to receive fewer rivers in any case (albeit longer ones than on maps with smaller continents). | |
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| Tbd. | Make the script produce reasonable land ratios reliably. Should be the same as Fractal; see the frequencies stated under 021b. I probably won't ever do this because the PerfectMongoose script obsoletes Tectonics in my mind. | |
| Credits | 4Dingo4 and LDiCesare have suggested formulas for the 50% setting <u>here</u> . | |
| 021b | PerfectMongoose (PM) | |
| Config/ See also | | |
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| | Screenshots and standalone download: CFC <u>link</u> (The version included with AdvCiv only works with AdvCiv.) | |
| | In Oct 2018, cephalo published "PerfectWorld6" as a Lua script for Civ 6 (<u>link</u>), we "might be the best PerfectWorld yet." But I doubt that I could port anything from the Civ 4. | |
| Credits | See chapter PerfectMongoose | |
| See also | Unless the starting position iteration algorithm ("SPI"; <u>027</u>) is disabled or the "Old World Starts" option is selected, the PerfectMongoose algorithm for starting positions only provides an initial solution for SPI. That means, my tweaks to the PerfectMongoose algorithm (described below) aren't very relevant anymore! | |
| AdvCiv | | PM 3.2 |
| I've measur | ed the relative frequencies of all | The land ratio is really hard to predict unless the |

terrain and feature types for Fractal maps of various sizes, and tried to get PM to somewhat match those frequencies. For reference, the Fractal frequencies at Low sea level are approximately 28.5% land, 7% forest, 2% jungle, tundra, 7% plains and 7% grassland. 1% peak, 5% hill. 6% river, 3% desert, 3% tundra, 8% plains, 12% grassland, Only 20% land at Medium sea level, 15% at High.

The frequencies I've ended up with are closer to 31% land ratio (Low), 25% (Medium), 19% (High). With Old World Starts, the script often tries to break a continent up, which results in lower land ratios.

There are still some more hills than on Fractal. and more plains, less grassland and more rivers but shorter ones.

Same map sizes as Fractal.

break-Pangaea option is disabled. Assuming a land ratio of 28.5%, forest typically covers about 10% of all tiles; 2% jungle, 3% peak, 9% hill, 5% river, 4% desert, 5%

A larger tile grid is used for all map sizes, leading to about 40% more tiles.

One goal is to let players set the same number of civs that they use for most other Rationale maps. Although PM now produces more land than Fractal (higher land ratios), the number of decent city spots seems to be about the same, and that's what matters in the end. The main reasons why PM produces more marginal or unusable terrain seem to be the large stretches of plains, clusters of hills and terrain generally being less mixed. I wouldn't know how to change that, and I rather like it. For one, it gives the various regions of the map more character. Marginal terrain can also present a third choice between stopping to expand and waging war; and it's a historically plausible source of Barbarians. That's why I've kept a slightly higher ratio of plains and hills. don't see realistic terrain proportions as an important objective. E.g. if there isn't quite as much desert as in reality, one can simply assume that a Desert tile represents a larger area than, say, a Grassland tile (i.e. not a scale model), or that some arid regions of the Earth are represented as Plains or Tundra in the game. The LoR SDK ModMod makes some changes to PerfectWorld2, but these are probably obsoleted by LunarMongoose's work. Changes by Fuyu in RevDCM are minor and obsoleted by my own changes. Likewise those by Antmanbrooks for Realism Invictus. Mongoose Mod makes numerous changes beyond those in the standalone version of the script (see in particular the v4.1 release notes), but nothing that I'd like to merge (or very little). Tbd. Perhaps merge this from Mongoose Mod: "added impassables (ie Sea Ice) to the region code so it won't think there's a Coast connection when there effectively isn't" (changelog 20 Jan 2013) mapstat logging can be used to obtain the tile type frequencies mentioned above. See also 129c increases the Plains frequency for standard map scripts. Some discussion about the terrain proportions: CFC link Especially wet plots are represented as plains All wet plots become grassland. Still, more plains

rather than grassland. Jungle can occur on plainsoccur in the tropics than on other maps (that use but is a bit more common on grassland. the default terrain generator). Jungle is placed

only on grassland. As a result, jungles are less dense than on other maps, but they extend a bit farther north and south.

Plains are a slightly less unrealistic representation of tropical soils than grassland (at Rationale

| | | of plains also fits for clay-rich soils). Also, rassland makes the jungles less scattered. |
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| Avoid placing jungle adjacent to desert. | | In theory, the precipitation map should be somewhat smooth, which would avoid grassland next to jungle. Perhaps it's less of a problem on larger maps. |
| and snow on | e polar regions, don't place tundra dry plots. Generally don't place flat lra outside the polar regions. | Tundra and snow are used (also) to represent alpine tundra, i.e. in plots that have a high elevation but aren't rugged or high enough to make them impassable. |
| | | w-covered mountains (or jungles) next to desert ere such contrasts may not be so unrealistic |
| Tbd. | | low on high-elevation plots. All tiles eligible for refore, currently, (virtually?) no alpine tundra gets |
| | Desert next to grassland is still quite | common. |
| | have to be surrounded by desert; a non-desert tiles are OK. No cold the poles. | Oases only on tiles entirely surrounded by desert. Sometimes large deserts are placed right next to tundra. |
| Rationale | Oases that are totally surrounded by | desert are rarely useful. |
| Attempt to tu with a 50% p | | Comment in the script (by Cephalo probably): "It looks bad to have a lake, fed by a river, sitting right next to the coast. This function tries to minimize that occurrence []." |
| | I think those lakes are fine if they do their occurrence. | n't occur too frequently; don't want to "minimize" |
| Reduced the | amount of land near the poles. | Often generates an Antarctica-like continent that connects temperate continents. |
| Rationale | | nies can't traverse a polar desert), and wouldn't ortance of ships, and long attack paths are difficult |
| starting plots is handled entirely by the DLL disabled and replaced with custom confunctions that most other map scripts use for normalization. disabled and replaced with custom consequences are seems very reluctant to make any characteristics. | | All the standard normalization functions are disabled and replaced with custom code that seems very reluctant to make any changes: No rivers or lakes are added, no bad terrain (tundra) converted, jungles and peaks only removed when they occur in large numbers. |
| Rationale | much balancing (especially for a ma | to awful starting locations. BtS might do a bit too p that's supposed to look natural), but, fortunately, 027) that make the balancing less aggressive. |
| improvemen | ts by karadoc and some by myself; for pre-selecting tiles on which civs | A custom function "PotentialValue" is used. According to the Mongoose Mod changelog (18 Jan 2013), it contains several serious bugs. |
| | AI_foundValue has the same purpo sophisticated than PotentialValue | ose as far as I can tell and is (now) much more |

| Tbd. | Should perhaps also replace Potent | cialValue in other places. |
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| Starts in/ ne islands are r | ar the polar zone and on small uled out. | Starts on small islands and near the poles (not rarely both) are possible |
| choosing sta | er priority on mutual distance when arting plots, especially when the map | Not rare for civs to start just 5 tiles apart from each other. |
| world size, s Added some | a function of the number of players, sea level and Old World Starts). e code that encourages one starting sinent to be placed inland. | Inland starts practically never occur; probably mostly because coastal starts lead to greater pairwise distances and because of the shapes of continents, low average river length and lack of food on inland tiles. |
| Rationale | | coasts because most of the early civilizations' past. But of course inland starts should also occur. |
| the standard | s selected a starting plot for each civ, I algorithm (CvGame) may swap plots ficulty setting. | For the standard map scripts, CvGame:: assignStartingPlots tries to assign starting locations based on difficulty. PM doesn't call CvGame::assignStartingPlots and doesn't take difficulty into account; locations are randomly assigned. |
| Rationale | Don't want the game to be easier on | PM than on other maps. |
| See also | Requires <u>108b</u> (a DLL change). | |
| Config | If the AdvCiv version of PM were inceffect. | luded in another mod, this change would have no |
| (CvMapGene: Fur can only | are placed in the standard way rator). The placed on flat tiles, and only ude of 35°. This applies to all map | Custom code for resource placement. Seems to be largely the same as in CvMapGenerator. I guess cephalo wanted to make some changes without changing files other than the map script. The BtS map generator places Fur on flat and hilly Tundra and Snow tiles at any latitude. Since PM uses Tundra and Snow (usually as hills but not always) to represent high elevations, Fur can appear fairly close to the equator. Deer is restricted to latitudes above 30°. |
| Rationale | | lapGenerator to apply. Also, for whatever reason, of resources. I've seen e.g. a 2x3 rectangle filled |
| | idea. 35° is still pretty far away from restriction, it should be OK. Fur on h the most widely known fur-bearing a | t savanna fauna, but, in BtS, that's clearly not the the poles, but, in combination with the no-hill ills doesn't make perfect sense to me anyway as nimals (beaver, ermine, mink) live near water, flatlands (mountain valleys too, I guess). Perhaps |
| system remo | for land generator and climate oved. Always use the defaults: PW3 and PW3 Climate System. | Options "PW3 Generator (Square Grid - Accurate)", "PW3 Generator (Hex Grid - Interesting)" and "PW2 Generator" for landmass generation; and "PW3 Climate System" and "PW2 Climate System" for climate. |
| Rationale | | old PW2 code, and it would've been a lot of work natios for PW2. As for the "accurate" versus |

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| | "interesting" choice – how is a playe "accurate" because that code was n | r supposed to decide this? I just went with ewer and it was the default setting. |
| Tbd. | | land generators after all. Apparently, the PW3 conics at all. The landmasses aren't massive cameter to adjust that sufficiently. |
| if and only if The limit for the map size (Huge map, The average Inside that dithe decrements gratthe crater. The | the Old World Start option is set. the number of meteors is based on and sea level; no more than 9 Low sea level). diameter of meteors is about 5 tiles. iameter, the elevation is decreased. ent is maximal in the center and adually smaller toward the edge of his way, there are usually(?) no astlines created by meteors. | If the Break Pangaea option is enabled (which it is by default), the script checks in the end if there is a single group of continents (spearated only by coastal water) containing more than 70% of the land tiles; if so, circular groups of land tiles are removed (explained as meteor strikes) until all continents have at most 70% of the (remaining) land tiles. The impact sites are chosen (I think) based on the betweenness centrality metric. The number of meteors is limited to 15, the average diameter appears to be about 15 tiles. The larger the map, the smaller the diameter (this appears to be a bug). All tiles in the diameter have their elevation set to 0. Since Peaks are placed (in a later step) based on differences in elevation, coastlines created by meteors are (always?) covered by Peaks. Since the total number of |
| The meteors | s can strike only land. | Peaks to be placed is limited by a target ratio, few or no Peaks get placed inland. The meteors may strike coastal water. This doesn't necessarily turn the coastal water into ocean because that's a matter of distance to land |
| Rationale | how the algorithm works, but the me map because a real meteor strike do | and not elevation. est invisible. It's a nice metaphor for explaining teor impacts shouldn't actually show up on the pesn't significantly alter coastlines. Since PM is mall meteors can suffice to break up a continent. |
| Tbd. | He also made the shape of the crate | anges for the C2C World map script: CFC link ers less circular. Probably by just adding some ing that as well. A more recent post by him on the |
| the largest g by coastal w and then the | nmon that meteors fail to break up roup of continents (separated only ater), especially with Low seal level, New World across the oceans may at a few uninhabited islands. | The meteors normally succeed in eliminating any 70%-sized group of continents, but may remove so much land that the map looks like a plucked goose and the Old World becomes very crowded. |
| Tbd. | | • |
| See also | l've added a recommendation about World Start option. This is consistent recommendation labels for Low and | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
| When playin | g without "Old World Starts", bulkier (| continents are generated. |
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| Rationale | More massive continents are more Earth-like and make diplomacy more interesting – but are difficult to break up to prevent a pangaea. | |
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| Config | Through the twistMinFreq parameter (don't really know how that works). | |
| recomputed I'm not sure | When placing lakes, the map areas are now recomputed only once in the end. I'm not sure if this is purely a nonfunctional change, but at least I'm not seeing any adverse effects. They're recomputed after every added water to This adds a couple of seconds to the total map generation time. | |
| Tbd. | Could probably improve the performance substantially by moving some code into the DLL. That said, it's difficult to determine which parts are slow. So far, I've only stepped through the DLL-to-map-script calls in the debugger to get an impression. The lake computation stuck out a bit but was still only a small portion of the total time, so there doesn't seem to be just one high-effort function. | |
| Added some log output for testing. This gets written to PythonDbg.log. | | |

| 022 | Changes to AI paranoia | | |
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| See also | 107 also deals with the Al's defensive strategies 109 sets Economy Focus when no threatening civ is known 130u deals with attitude values assumed by the Al for human players | | |
| Tbd. | I've considered basing paranoia on enemy war utility (if <u>UWAI</u> is enabled), but, so far, the K-Mod code seems to work well enough alongside UWAI (if it never correctly anticipated UWAI attacks, that would be bad). | | |
| AdvCiv | | K-Mod/ BBAI | |
| attitude and versa. Huma moderately l | personality of rival civs, not vice an rivals are assumed to be bellicose with an adjustment based | Paranoia is computed as a function of vicinity, power ratio, our attitude and personality, their victory strategies and whether we're their worst enemy. Paranoia determines if the BBAI strategies "Economy Focus" (low paranoia) or | |
| CityThreat | lar change in the computation of (non-immediate military threat y); using a mix of defender and tude there. | "Alert1" and "Alert2" (high paranoia) are adopted (neither if medium paranoia). | |
| Decreased impact of rival victory strategy. Increased impact of geographical closeness; except when not on the same landmass. | | Paranoia is greatly increased if a rival is at stage 3 of Domination or Conquest victory. | |
| | | | Some other, |
| Rationale | A K-Mod comment in the CityThreat function says, "For good strategy, this should probably be their attitude rather than ours. But perhaps for role-play it is better the way it is." | | |
| | this case. As for paranoia, producing | ents have merit, so I'm averaging the attitudes in g additional defensive units against a benevolent e, and can be quite damaging for the AI, therefore, nat case. | |
| See also | 107 changes the computation of closeness between civs. | | |
| Reduced pa | ranoia if the threatening civ is so | The more powerful they are, the more paranoid | |

| powerful that resistance is likely futile. | | we get. |
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| Rationale | "Things without all remedy should be | without regard." |

| 023 | Occupation countdown based on revolt probability | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS/ K-Mod |
| is decreme | ation timer (after conquest or a revolt) nted only with a per-turn probability e tenth power of 1 minus the revolt | The occupation timer is decreased by 1 each turn. |
| | | Occupation after conquest last for 3 turns plus 50% of the population size, e.g. 13 turns in a size-20 city. |
| A revolt set prior revolts | · | Also 2 in BtS and in K-Mod 1.45 (but 3 in earlier K-Mod versions). |
| | units have their culture garrison duced proportionally to the damage. | Unlike combat strength, garrison strength is unaffected by damage. |
| timer is sho | n chance to decrease the occupation own on the main interface (city tile nd on the city screen (Nationality bar | |
| Rationale | BtS occupation times get too long in Renaissance; one reason why it's difficult to catch up at that point. 10 turns is a very long time when the game may last just 100 more turns, and the city may still have to spend some 20 turns on essential buildings before it starts paying off. | |
| | that conquer only one or a few cities make occupation end quickly. Gene increase as the game progresses – probabilities. Now, 3 turns is often ju | In the revolt probability, I hope to reward players at a time and can then afford to sit in them to rally, occupation durations are still going to mature cities tend to have high revolt lest the time that units need for healing anyway, so ests if it weren't for the reduced garrison strength |
| | I'm not showing a message when ar become too much when occupying | n occupation counter is decremented; could several conquered cities. |
| Config | The conversion of revolt probability into the probability of decrementing occupation can be tweaked in GlobalDefines_advc.xml. Can also restore the BtS rules there (longer but deterministic occupation). | |
| See also | ee also 101 reverts the K-Mod changes to revolt probability. 099c makes revolts more common by allowing them to happen outside of foreign culture range. 023 wouldn't really work without 099c because, in BtS, conquered citie often have 0% revolt chance. 210b displays an alert when occupation ends. | |
| Revolts can't happen in occupied cities (conquest No revolts during occupation or prior revolt) if the city owner is at war with the cultural owner. If they're not at war, a revolt in occupation is possible but mitigated by the following special rules: | | tNo revolts during occupation. |
| | It test is only executed if the nt-timer test has failed. | |
| • Revolt pr | obability is halved while in occupation | |
| A revolt during occupation does not increase the occupation timer; it does increase the | | |

| revolt counter and can flip the city. | | |
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| Being at war strength. | does not increase culture garrison | Culture garrison strength doubled while at war. |
| Rationale | If revolts were impossible during occupation, a player could withdraw all units to deliberately prolong occupation, which makes the city worthless for the current own – but also for the cultural owner (can't flip). | |
| | | ould be too punishing though. The halved s of garrison strength when units are damaged as |
| | see a better solution. Or perhaps a c | al rules for revolt during occupation, but I don't eity should flip deterministically after spending 10 (unless at war)? That would be a bit simpler. |
| | but the above rules would lead to sm regularly. I guess a grace period wou cultural ownership after conquest), a (quartered? martial law does make it revolt probability, it could work, but the occupation – would usually drop reve that's OK?) Pretty sure that allowing | emain under occupation indefinitely while at war, nall probabilities of potentially painful revolts pretty ald have to be added (there's already a timer for and maybe if foreign culture strength were halved a easier to put down a rebellion) instead of halving nat wouldn't work so well for peacetime olt chance to 0 once a revolt occurs. (Or maybe revolts while at war would further complicate the o have to be counted as a war success of the |
| See also | Brief <u>CFC discussion</u> about revolts u | inder occupation. |
| | city heals units only as fast as a city tile (15 HP per turn). | An occupied city heals as fast as an unoccupied one (20 HP per turn) except that Hospital doesn't count while in occupation. |
| Rationale | rate in neutral territory) might be eve | onquest down a bit more. 10 HP per turn (heal n more appropriate, but then players could heal me owned tile adjacent to an occupied city, which s. |

| 024 | Order in which AI contacts other AI randomized | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| When contacting other AI civs for trades, the AI goes through them in a randomized order. | | Fixed order based on the player slot id. |
| | Some deals aren't mutually exclusive, but the AI can e.g. give away a resource only once, and may only have enough gold to convince one civ of a joint war. The fixed order leads to a slight bias for trading with AI civs with low ids. | |

| 025 | Reduced culture spread by capitulated vassal onto master's tiles | |
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| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| The tile culture spread by a city onto a tile is halved if the city owner is a capitulated vassal of the tile owner. | | Capitulated vassals spread their culture normally. |
| | Even if cities can't flip to vassals (change <u>099c</u>), the revolt-inciting culture spread is still a good reason not to accept capitulations. It's OK if capitulation isn't always the correct choice, and perhaps this is an interesting dilemma, but capitulation should be correct more often than not, and 099c makes it much harder overall to keep revolts in check. | |
| Config | Through GlobalDefines_advc.xml | |
| See also | 130v neuters capitulated vassals in | several ways |

| 026 | More gold offered in Al-proposed de | als | |
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| See also | 134a gives humans a discount when suing for peace. | | |
| AdvCiv | | K-Mod | |
| offer, when trying to balance both sides of the | | The AI can offer deals that are slightly more favorable to the player, but the portion of the AI treasury offered for trade isn't increased. | |
| Rationale | The aim of the K-Mod change was to make it "worth considering the deal the AI offers [] rather than going straight to the renegotiate button" (from the K-Mod 1.07 changelog). But a worthwhile offer still seemed very rare, so, while worth considering, it didn't exactly hurt to never consider AI proposals. | | |
| Config | AI_OFFER_EXTRA_GOLD_PERCENT in | GlobalDefines-advc.xml | |
| Tbd. | A general problem with any one-time offers: If the player can't just click "renegotiate", then the player doesn't know what else the AI might have. Encourages the player to routinely enter the Foreign Advisor during diplo. The only fix I can think of (other than removing the one-time offers) is to have the AI remember its initial offer. Then, if the deal is renegotiated, that offer remains available through "what would make this deal work": If the player offers to give the AI what it had originally asked for (or that and sth. in addition), or asks for what the AI had originally offered (or a subset of it), the AI suggests the original offer unless it finds an even better one. This way, the player would again always renegotiate, but would still take a look at the original offer in order to possibly get back to it. | | |
| | For now, I've added a loading scree | ded a loading screen hint about opening the Advisors during diplo. | |
| Another way to make one-time offers more attractive: Increase the trade value counted for "fair and forthright" trade if an AI offer is accepted without renego (but don't increase the trade value for trade with worst enemy). Or even decretrade memory if an AI offer is rejected. Another issue: AI-proposed tech trades are often worse than the trade resulti "care to renegotiate" "what would make this deal work?". Should check AI_counterPropose before offering a tech trade to the player. | | e if an AI offer is accepted without renegotiation or trade with worst enemy). Or even decrease fair- | |
| | | make this deal work?". Should check | |

| 027 | Changes to the selection of starting sites; starting position iteration (SPI) algorithm |
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| See also | O21b: PerfectMongoose has its own algorithm for assigning starting locations, which SPI, if enabled, supersedes. 108: "Normalization" of starting sites (based on the results of SPI). 108b may swap starting sites between players (based on the results of SPI). O31: Changes to AI city site evaluation – which is the basis for the initial selection of starting sites. Many of those changes also factor into the evaluation of the space for expansion performed by SPI. CFC thread about SPI |

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If the map script doesn't override any starting position function, then SPI treats the position found by CvGame::assignStartingPlots as an assignStartingPlots, findStartingPlot and initial solution (to the problem of finding a balanced starting position, i.e. an assignment of one starting site to every civ) that it tries to improve on iteratively. Upfront, SPI computes a selection of alternative starting sites, typically 5 to Medium_and_Small, Hemispheres, Great Plains, 10 times as many as the number of civs in the game. Those sites are selected in a way that balances maximal found-city values (evaluating only city radii, not surroundings) against maximal dispersal across the map. Each iteration then considers moving one or two of the current starting sites to alternative sites. If a (single or double) move is found that significantly improves assign a starting site to one player at a time by the attributes of the position, then SPI commits to calling CvPlayer::findStartingPlot, which, in that move. Then the next iteration starts unless the new solution is already deemed good enough select the least crowded landmass, and then or a time limit is reached. SPI also terminates if none of the considered moves would be an improvement. I'll briefly describe below how starting positions are evaluated, i.e. what attributes are treated as desirable, and which moves are taken into consideration.

If a map script overrides findStartingArea, then SPI considers only alternative sites on landmasses where at least one starting site is located in the initial solution.

I've disabled the assignStartingPlots override basically work as described above. in PerfectMongoose – unless SPI itself is disabled or the "Old World Starts" option is selected.

SPI will freely change starting positions in nonteam games on Pangaea. For Pangaea team games and for any other scripts that override assignStartingPlots Of findStartingPlot, SPI takes no action.

There are three DLL functions concerned with starting positions that map scripts can override: findStartingArea, The following official/ bundled scripts override none of them:

Fractal, Continents, Balanced, Big and Small, Tilted Axis, Ice Age. Likewise, K-Mod's not too Big or Small doesn't override any starting position functions, nor does AdvCiv's Mixed Continents (advc.mxc).

Those scripts leave it to CvGame:: assignStartingPlots in the DLL to assign a starting site to each player. That function greedily turn, calls CvPlayer::findStartingArea to selects the starting site with the highest foundcity value on that landmass. The found-city value computation penalizes short air distances to any starting sites already occupied by other players (CvPlayer::startingPlotDistanceFactor), and takes into account workable tiles on the same landmass in a 11x11 (K-Mod: 13x13) square centered at the prospective starting site.

The scripts Lakes and FantasyRealm override only findStartingArea. I think in a pretty inconsequential way since those scripts create only one major landmass anyway; so they

The remaining scripts (offical, bundled and also all scripts from the PerfectWorld family) override assignStartingPlots **Or** findStartingPlot. Most of them merely limit the set of potentially valid starting sites and then let the global findStartingPlot function defined in CvMapGeneratorUtil.py **greedily select the** valid sites with the highest found values. Effectively the same thing as CvPlayer::

findStartingPlot in the DLL except that the crowdedness of the landmasses isn't explicitly taken into account.

Donut and Pangaea only allow coastal starts; the latter applies that restriction only in team games.

Highlands, Boreal and Rainforest don't restrict starting positions but perform some cleanup around the sites found by CVMAPGENERATORULIL.PY.

Tectonics, Earth2, Terra and NewWorld rule out New World starts. Earth2 also has more than 15000 tiles at Huge size. GlobalHighlands has nearly as many; also problematic.

The other scripts impose various non-trivial restrictions.

SPI also handles players in scenarios that have no fixed starting coordinates, i.e. players with RandomStartLocation=true or any players that didn't get one of the plots designated as StartingPlot. And I've dialed down the randomness resulting from the RandomStartLocation flag.

Scenarios without lixed so (StartingX=/Y=) and with the control of the players are random starting from the the players. If there are random startLocation flag.

Scenarios without fixed starting coordinates (StartingX=/ Y=) and without preplaced cities (CityPopulation=) use

CvGame::assignStartingPlots. If those scenarios have plots flagged as StartingPlot, then those plots are randomly distributed among the players. If there are more players than starting plots, then CvGame::

assignStartingPlots will find additional starting sites – as it would e.g. for Fractal. Exception: Players set to

RandomStartLocation=true in the scenario file can't receive one of the designated starting plots; the WB scenario parser will instead call CvPlayer::findStartingPlot With bRandomize=true. That parameter adds (a lot of) random noise to found-city values. The BtS version of the Europe scenario is the only scenario that uses RandomStartLocation=true. The six starting plots from the Vanilla version of that scenario still exist in BtS, but are no longer used (because all players receive random starts).

Config

SPI can be disabled through <code>ENABLE_STARTING_POSITION_ITERATION</code> in <code>GlobalDefines_advc.xml</code>. For PerfectMongoose, the map's own algorithm can be re-enabled (to take precedence over SPI) in <code>PerfectMongoose.py</code> (search for "advc.027"). The exception for the Pangae map script is hardcoded in <code>StartingPositionIteration.cpp</code>.

Debug output can be enabled in StartingPositionIteration.cpp (SPI_LOG, DEBUG_SPACE_BREAKDOWN). For debugging, MapRandSeed and SyncRandSeed should be set to a value greater than 1 in CivilizationIV.ini; otherwise generated maps aren't reproducible. For PerfectMongoose, self.UsePythonRandom = False has to be set in addition in PerfectMongoose.py.

Regarding scenarios with RandomStartLocation, the randomization of found-city values can make sense to avoid getting the same starting sites in every game. That said, the Europe scenario has random resources anyway, and, in any case, the

randomness was overdosed.

Rationale

Desirable properties of a starting position (some obviously conflicting):

- Fairness giving every civ a realistic chance to compete with every other civ.
 Some degree of unfairness is in my opinion also desirable because this magnifies the effect of the StartingLocPercent handicap (see 108b) and thus can be a fairly organic way to make the game more challenging.
- Tension if sites are close together, the early game tends to be too tense, even if the respective civs all have enough room for expansion to, in theory, coexist peacefully. If sites are far apart, in particular, if one civ is alone its landmass, then there is too little tension in the first half of the game.
- Plausibility the starting sites represent the cradles of civilization; they shouldn't be mediocre sites.
- Variation a great variety of starting sites in terms of available yields, resources, freshwater, terrain features, coast/ inland, latitudes, distance to other civs and room for expansion increases replayability.

I think the BtS algorithm – with a fair number of tweaks by various modders – does a pretty good job at finding the next best site. The main problem is that it's a greedy algorithm, placing one player after another. The last site that gets placed and its neighborhood often have too little space. On concave landmasse, the use of air distances is another significant shortcoming. The PerfectMongoose (PM) algorithm is less greedy and uses path distances across land, but neither BtS nor PM can deal with shallow-water connections, which is a significant problem for PM because its maps tend to be quite watery. The PM algorithm also tries too hard to maximize distances between starting sites, which results in coastal starts all around.

On the bottom line, the unfair starting positions on "scraggly" maps like PM or the Big/ Small family seriously affect their playability, and also Fractal maps that are supposed to be somewhat crowded (which is what the AdvCiv standard settings aim at) often end up giving one or several players far too little room.

The motivation for using an iterative algorithm is that an evaluation of a given starting position, while a complex task, is conceptually straightforward and computationally feasible, while I'd have no clue how to devise an efficient algorithm that somehow places all players simultaneously at their final starting sites. For centroidal Voronoi tesselations, iterative algorithms that move one centroid at a time (Voronoi iteration) have been used with some success. A Voronoi diagram isn't exactly what I need because, in Civ, a) not every map tile is equally important, b) the distance metric needs to account for obstacles, and c) tiles that are close to multiple starting sites should not be counted for just one site. Nevertheless, the two problems have similarities and the same type of algorithm might work for both. (That was my intuition anyway.) It's also nice that the BtS algorithm doesn't get discarded; it's put to good use for a strong initial solution.

Partitioning space is computationally hard. The pre-selection of alternative starting sites goes a long way toward making the effort manageable. Typically, only a small portion of land tiles are suitable as starting sites anyway (sufficiently high found-city value), and dispersal, i.e. the elimination of all but one or two potential sites in a cluster, only means that SPI isn't able to adjust starting sites by just one or two tiles; such fine-tuning shouldn't be necessary either. Still, among dozens or, on (super-)Huge maps, even a few hundred of alternative sites, it's infeasible to evaluate every possible starting position. So the iterative algorithm is still needed for a heuristic search in the solution space. I suppose that, given a function for evaluating starting positions, one could apply genetic programming or reinforcement learning, but a starting position evaluation is not cheap computationally and I don't think those generic, off-the-shelf algorithms are frugal enough. Also, devising my own algorithm

was probably less work than integrating an external library.

One further desirable property – that I had taken for granted initially:

Meaningful choice to move the starting settler

Initially, SPI made it optimal to settle in place most of the time. The first decision in the game – arguably shouldn't be as consequential as it is – but even more importantly shouldn't be boring. I've taken a number of small measures to improve the situation: Increased the overall resource density a bit again (see $\underline{129}$); randomized the selection of potential sites a little bit so that they're not always quite optimal locally; increased found-city values a bit when there is a resource or other high-yield tile just out of reach; increased the lake placement chance (normalization; see $\underline{108}$) a bit again; introduced a bias for the inner ring when placing extra resources (normalization; see $\underline{108}$).

Tbd.

Would like to use SPI for all map scripts, but will have look at them one by one to figure out how SPI can respect the restrictions that they impose. E.g. for the New World scripts (including the "Old World Starts" option of PM), it should be possible to have them override only findStartingArea. For others, it might be easiest to let the DLL ignore the restrictions in the script (going by the map script name as I've done it for Pangeae) and to reimplement those restrictions in the DLL. This way, the mod won't have to include modified copies of unconventional scripts that I don't want to be listed near the top on the Custom game screen.

030 treats land cordoned off by peaks as a separate continent. Does that solve the problem with having to open up "pockets" of peaks on Highlands, Boreal and Rainforest? Depends on how many there are; mustn't take too much land off-limits (as SPI would probably do) when assigning starting sites. Should be OK at least for Boreal and Rainforest; ought to have fewer peaks than Highlands. I've already adjusted the starting site evaluation (under id 027, but regardless of whether SPI is enabled) so as to avoid starts near a land area boundary. This is problematic on any map because, if the normalization step ends up breaking the boundary, a starting site that was previously isolated by a mountain chain can become unexpectedly powerful.

Some more specifics about SPI (rationales included):

When evaluating a postion, several statistics are computed that correspond to the goals of high fairness, high plausibility and medium tension stated in the "rationale" box above. As for fairness, a "start value" is computed for each of the current start sites, expressing how favorable the site is for whichever civ that starts there, and the distribution of those start values (especially its outliers) determines how fair the position is. The sum of the start values is a measure of the position's overall plausibility. Tension is covered by a "volatility value." All those values combine into an overall "starting position value."

The start value of a site is computed from its found-city value (counting only the city radius), a "space value" for the surrounding land, or really any land that a civ starting at the site might be able to claim, and modifiers accounting for possible trade and warfare. Those modifiers also take into account game options, most importantly "No Tech Trading" and "Always Peace." The "space value" is based on path distances and tile "yield" values (perhaps a bit of a misnomer because trade values of resources also factor in). All path distances and yield values are precomputed before the first iteration; doing so repeatedly during the iterations would not be computationally feasible. Since we're only interested in distances that involve potential city sites, the distance table takes up a few megabytes of memory at worst. I use Dijkstra's algorithm with a distance metric that assigns a high – but not necessarily prohibitive – cost to transitions from land to shallow water and from shallow water to deep water.

The path distances still don't fully solve the problem of civs getting cut off by a rival city at a chokepoint. Specifically, path distances fail when such a chokepoint is closer to the rival while much of the terrain beyond the chokepoint is about equally close to both civs. I think this could only

be addressed by actually simulating how the civs will expand from a given starting position.

The order in which moves are considered is important because the algorithm commits to the first decent move that it finds. Apart from saving time (by cutting the current iteration step short), this isn't necessarily a worse strategy than selecting the move that offers the greatest immediate improvement; such a move might lead into a local optimum. The algorithm considers moving outliers (in terms of start values) first; negative outliers have especially high priority. Sites with high volatility are also prioritized. Within the same continent, only moves to neighboring sites are considered, the rationale/ intuition being that the initial solution can often be made to work with minor local changes. The algorithm also considers destinations on other continents, but only a single site per continent; this leaves it to subsequent iterations to optimize the placement within that continent.

Moving just one site at a time doesn't seem promising, considering that every iteration step has to improve the start position value. Often, moving one site from *A* to *B* will give some other site(s) near *A* too much space or some site(s) near *B* too little, and the starting position value might only improve if other sites are moved to compensate and then further sites to compensate for those moves (ripple effect). The more the merrier, but I don't think moving more than two sites at a time is computationally feasible, and it doesn't seem to be necessary either as the current algorithm works well enough.

In team games, SPI computes starting sites as normal (see above) and then swaps sites between players in order to let teammates start near each other and to avoid one team getting outnumbered by another on any continent. A greedy algorithm is used. After SPI is through, the BtS algorithm may make further swaps, but only when swapping significantly decreases distances between teammates and never between continents.

Exception: For very large team games (high player count, high average team size), SPI isn't used at all.

See also

<u>108b</u> makes some minor changes to the BtS algorithm. I've summarized the BtS algorithm for starting site assignment in team games under that change id.

CFC post by me

Rationale

The BtS algorithm doesn't take into account civ counts per continent. It's obviously very unfair when e.g. all three members of team A start on the larger of two continents together with a single of team B, while the remaining members of team B start on the smaller continent. In such a case, a symmetrical starting position (two members of each team on the larger continent) should be preferred. Fairness shouldn't always overrule vicinity though; players of team games are used to starting near each other most of the time, I guess it's important for the collaborative feeling. Also, having teammates start far apart reveals more information about the map early on, which diminishes the element of exploration.

I could've modified the BtS algorithm so that the distribution of players across continents is taken into account, but I wanted to make use of the path distances computed by SPI (which take into account shallow-water paths), and that was easier to implement within the SPI class. The BtS approach of processing all possible swaps (of starting sites between pairs of players) in an arbitrary order is also a bit suspect to me. I've been too lazy to implement a sensible heuristic for ordering the swaps. My greedy algorithm doesn't work great though; therefore I'm still running the BtS algorithm afterwards with some restrictions. It seems to work especially badly for large (or rather Huge) maps with large teams (more than 2 members). Teams can get split up across three continents then even though the (main) continents are so large that one team outnumbering another isn't a major concern. For now, I'm leaving such maps completely to the BtS algorithm (i.e. no SPI at all). Perhaps there would be no harm in letting SPI at least make the initial selection of starting sites (but on Huge maps, SPI doesn't usually fare much better than BtS because of the time limit on the

number of iterations) ...

In summary, the new algorithm is, so far, used for the following map scripts:

Fractal, Pangaea (except team games), Continents, PerfectMongoose (except Old World Starts option), Mixed Continents, not too Big or Small, Big and Small, Medium and Small, Hemispheres, Balanced, Tilted Axis, Great Plains, Lakes, Ice Age, Fantasy Realm, Savemap (New Starts option).

It also fills in missing starting sites in the following scenarios when the player count exceeds the number of starting sites designated by the scenario:

Africa, Battle, East Asia, Eastern United States, Planet, South America, Europe (In the BtS version of Europe, all sites get assigned by SPI.)

SPI is never used for maps with more than 12000 tiles. Huge normally has about 10000; Huge PerfectMongoose and Terra are a bit larger, but still under 12000. SPI also isn't used for large team games (specifically: if the product of player count and average team size exceeds 36).

| Disable MinStartingDistanceModifier of Hemispheres and not_too_Big_or_Small. | | 16 of the official and bundled map scripts set a MinStartingDistanceModifier that affects the minimal distance at which the DLL can place starting sites: Hemispheres, Big_and_Small, Arboria, Boreal, Donut, Earth2, Global Highlands, Highlands, Rainforest, RandomScriptMap, Team_Battleground, Terra, Custom_Continents, FantasyRealm, Great_Plains, Mirror. |
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| Rationale | Map scripts shouldn't needlessly interfere with the starting site selection. For the more eccentric scripts, it's probably fair enough. Custom_Continents: Don't want to copy that into AdvCiv. | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| When computing the starting area score for a continent, count only those rivers and coastal tiles that aren't peaks, tundra, snow or dry desert. Take the land tile count times 0.5. Add 1.5 times the number of bonus resources. If SPI is enabled, then this change only matters for the initial solution. | | When starting locations are not determined by the map script (and most map scripts don't), then a starting continent is chosen for each player by CvPlayer::findStartingArea. That function computes a score for each continent and selects the one with the highest score. Part of the score formula is the number of river edges, the number of coastal land tiles (to account for the water surrounding the continent) and the total land tile count. Bonus resources don't count directly, but the total of all tile yields does. |
| Rationale | Too many civs had been placed on | continents near the poles. |
| Tbd. | Would be better to evaluate the surrounding water directly (than to count coastal land tiles); should be pretty easy to do through the Shelf class that I've added in change 300. | |
| See also | kekm.35: Further changes to address the same problem. 031 disables K-Mod city evaluation code that was trying to steer starting locations toward an even distributions of players among landmasses. | |
| Various combinations of Ctrl, Shift and Alt reveal various internals for development purposes. of the starting area score. | | |

| Rationale | I've used this to figure out where the left it in the code for future adjustme | assignment of starting areas goes wrong, and nts. |
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| | /illages located directly at a starting oved. Exception: Not in scenarios. | Tiles with tribal villages are disregarded when looking for a starting site. |
| Rationale | | mportant than keeping the number and spacial Tribal Villages that were deliberately placed in a et.) |
| When (re-)assigning starting sites to players, if the sites were selected by SPI, then the start values of the SPI final solution are used to determine which site is the strongest. If the site that would be assigned to a human player purely based on difficulty has a high volatility value (as computed by SPI) and a similarly strong site (in terms of SPI start value) has a significantly lower volatility, then the human player is given the low-volatility site. Starting sites are selected without regard to which player will start at which site. Technically, the sites still need to be assigned to players; the prelimnary assignment is done based on startingLocPercent from the difficulty level, which, apart from some scenarios, is going to be the same for all Al cive level. This is determined through found city values computed with the bstartingLoc parameter (bNormalize in AdvCiv) so that tiles surrounding the city radius ("greater range") are taken into account. | | |
| Rationale | Found-city values aren't reliable when it comes to the space available for expansion (see somewhere above); they also put too much emphasis on the tiles within the city radius. SPI tries to avoid selecting high-volatility sites, but this isn't always possible. Not assigning those sites to human players should significantly reduce the ratio of unplayable starts encountered by human players. That's worth compromising on StartingLocPercent (although I like handicapping humans through their starting site). High-volatility can just mean isolated on a somewhat small landmass or quite close to rivals (but not necessarily boxed in). I wouldn't want to make such starts exceedingly rare for humans, so it's good that the volatility avoidance mechanism doesn't guarantee low volatility. | |
| Tbd. | It would be better to not to (re-)assign sites until after the normalization step. As it is normalization can strengthen sites that looked weak, in some cases even drastically, in particular, when a removed peak removes a barrier between two continents. | |
| See also | 108b: Other changes to the reassign | nment procedure. |
| be improved game make was used fo start values only for the applies to rabut can also | ling whether a starting site needs to d during the normalization step, the is use of data computed by SPI (if SPI) or computing the starting sites). Both and found-city values (accounting city radius) are used. This mostly andom extra resources and features, o lower the target amount of food for food isn't already abundant. | Based on found-city values with the bStartingLoc parameter (AdvCiv: bNormalize – if SPI isn't used), i.e. taking into account the city radius and its surroundings. The food target is not affected by found-city values. |
| Rationale | Use the best data available. | |
| See also | 108: Other changes to normalization | |

| 027b | Store RNG seeds used for map generation | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| game start a displayed in while hoveri main interfac | are stored in savegames and Debug mode when holding Ctrl ng over the big flag button on the ce. When the map is regenerated, nap RNG seed is updated. | Maps are generated based on the map RNG, but the sync RNG determines the civ and leader selection at game start if "Random" is chosen during game setup. The two RNGs are seeded by the EXE(?) with some random number (perhaps from the system RNG) unless MapRandSeed or SyncRandSeed are set to a value above 0 in CivilizationIV.ini. The game doesn't store the seeds, so map generation is only reproducible if the seeds come from the .ini file. |
| Rationale | For development purposes. Reading the seeds off the flag button and entering them into the .ini file is tedious, but at least there is now <i>some</i> way to reproduce the map generation process when something unusual happens. | |
| _ | tarting site normalization process, RNG is used. | Normalization uses both RNGs, pretty haphazardly. |
| Rationale | To reproduce a regenerated map, the sync RNG seed of the original map needs to be used because only that seed will result in the same selection of civs and leaders. That seed mustn't be used for normalizing the regenerated map though. It's also just cleaner to commit to one of the two RNGs. | |

| 028 | Submarines as escorts | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| attacked, the against the bunit may repordered, i.e. defender (coodds). Invisible unit in the tile are attacker can | k with invisible and visible units is attacking player sees combat odds best visible defender, but an invisible lace that defender once the attack is if the invisible unit is the better ensidering unit cost and combat as don't defend if all the team's units invisible (same in BtS), i.e. an it stumble upon an invisible stack, units don't defend units of other | - , |
| Rationale | Not plausible for a Submarine to sit by while e.g. a fully loaded Transport gets attacked by another Sub. The new behavior makes Subs worse in situations when the defenders are outnumbered by modern ships, e.g. a Transport (or just a Work Boat) and a Sub against four Battleships. That said, players can easily prevent this by not stacking Subs with visible units. All in all, the change should make Subs (and Stealth Destroyers) a bit more useful. | |
| See also | Depends on changes to CvPlot::getBestDefender made for 061. | |

| 029 | Changes to air recon missions | | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS/ BBAI | |
| until the <i>end</i> | of the subsequent turn of the recon | Visibility ends on the <i>start</i> of the owner's subsequent turn. If the options for showing foreign moves are enabled, the player still sees all foreign moves before the fog of war returns. | |
| mission is ca | urried out early in a turn (manually), her units have moved (auto recon or | BBAI introduced auto-recon for air units. The changelog says: "Air units can now be set to explore, they use the same explore logic as AI planes and then have extra logic if that doesn't push a mission. Note that planes on auto explore always move at the very beginning of your turn." | |
| | | The latter part doesn't seem to work; auto-recon (and queued recon missions) are barely usable because tiles are only visible from the end of one turn to the start of the next. | |
| Rationale | During the owner's turn, nothing happens in the fog of war, so there isn't much of a point in hiding the tiles at the start of a turn. (It can make a difference for air strikes.) The advantage of my change is that players no longer need to remember which units had been visible, and it makes it easier to automate recon. | | |
| Tbd. | Would still be nice the have a "Recon until canceled" mission that repeats recon on the same tile every turn (akin to the Blockade mission; on that note "Blockade for one turn" would be nice to have too). OrionVeteran had started to implement something like this but didn't finish it. | | |
| | I'd like to nerf recon a bit by allowing units on recon to be intercepted, ideally even when not at war (and no OB). And reduce the number of revealed tiles (-2 radius), especially for non-recon air missions (-3 radius). | | |
| AdvCiv | | BBAI | |
| Tweaks to the AI code that selects the recon target when automated: Consider the full recon range (currently 5x5 tiles around each candidate target tile. Don't prefer water tiles. Prefer non-friendly tiles and especially enemy tiles. | | Only tiles adjacent to a candidate target are taken into account. Unowned tiles and water tiles are preferred. | |
| Rationale | It seems that the BBAI code was written with the (only) goal of spotting enemy transports. I want to be able to also spot incoming forces on land. | | |
| See also | A crucial bugfix in one of BBAI's auto-recon functions (CvUnitAI:: AI_exploreAirPlotValue, AI_exploreAirRange) is tagged with advc.001. | | |
| | 650 also lets the AI use the auto-red | on code. | |
| _ | iAirRange=-1 in Civ4UnitInfos.xml means infinite range. Can also be used for air strikes with infinite range. | | |
| Rationale | For mod-mods; Dawn of Civilization uses this to represent satellites. | | |
| Credits | from Dawn of Civilization (Git comm | <u>it</u>) | |

| 030 | Peaks can separate areas | |
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| Config | PASSABLE_AREAS flag in GlobalDefines_advc. | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| landmass ur | r several peaks make parts of a preachable by land, that secluded and as separate land area. | Only water can separate land areas. |
| Rationale | Should make things easier for the Al obstacles because of closed borders | . The AI still has to be able to handle dynamic s, and it can (but not that well). |
| | landmasses, but that seems like too | olonies and single-continent wonders on BtS much work. When e.g. Notre Dame is completed geBuildingHappiness on all areas with the |
| See also | Without advc. <u>enum</u> , the additional areas would probably increase memory usage (and thus cache performance) enough to affect performance negatively. Savegame size is increased by a few KB, but Nightinggale's savegame format will eventually take care of that. | |
| When shelf ice makes part of a water area unreachable, that secluded part is treated as a separate water area. Exception: In scenarios that let the civs start with more than just a Settler and Warrior (i.e. don't call CvGame::setInitial Items), water areas are as in BtS. | | |
| (No change | to the trade rules.) | Trade cannot pass through ice (nor peaks). |
| movement s | e a lot of code related to unit o that the AI recognizes that | The AI handles submarines well but builds all sorts of ships in cities cordoned off by ice. |
| submarines areas. | can pass between adjacent water | Barbarian ships can also spawn trapped in ice. |
| is not suppor | ous canMoveAllTerrain unit ability rted by my code. (Shouldn't crash, on't be aware of potential attacks.) | I don't think the BtS AI supports it either. Anyway, no unit actually has this ability. (Gunships can't enter water.) |
| global warmi recalculated | added or removed (WorldBuilder, ing), the water areas are not , i.e. the AI remains unaware if e.g. st Passage opens up. | , |
| of fewer than | ent only to an ice-locked water area n 10 tiles can't construct buildings use that require an adjacent water ast 10 tiles. | |
| Rationale | Shipbuilding in ice-locked cities makes the AI look very bad. | |
| Tbd. | Can't recalculate the water areas in a running game because various statistics and Al data are stored at the CvArea objects; hence the exceptions for scenarios and global warming. Another issue is that placing a Peak through WorldBuilder currently leads to recalculated land areas, which should be fine when creating a scenario, but bad when play is supposed to continue after exiting WorldBuilder. Should bite the bullet and write code that preserves per-area data after recalculation. Starting site normalization can also remove peaks; not sure if those recalcs are safe. Also, plot groups (for trade network) aren't currently updated after removing ice. | |

(That's not an issue introduced by change 030, but still ...) Or, if I can't do the above, I should at least change global warming so that Ice can only melt when it is orthogonally surrounded by water (so that water areas are unaffected by global warming). Could limit the (step) diameter of water areas (by limiting the search depth of the calculateAreas visit function), which might help the AI when the geography resembles the American continent (minus the Panama Canal). Then again, distances between coastal cities are rarely long enough to make naval movement between them impractical. Regarding Lighthouses in ice-locked cities: Easier to implement this way. Also plausible that a lighthouse isn't helpful in a city that is locked away from maritime trade. Even more true for Harbor, Customs House, Great Lighthouse ... I've cut some corners in the AI danger checks, meaning that the AI won't recognize that an enemy submarine can attack across Ice that fully separates two water areas. Seeing that submarines are normally invisible anyway, this will probably never be an issue (and if 315 allows Explorers to enter Peaks, they'll still only be able to attack Barbarians, and the Peak will probably block the Barbarians' sight anyway). If there is a problem after all: I've left the code for handling such situations commented out in the Al danger functions; the performance penalty is still going to be very small. See also 003b: Lists functions introduced for dealing with submarine movement across Ice. 033: The checks for naval blockade had relied on water areas not being adjacent to each other, so I had to change these checks. 051 is responsible for calculating areas in scenarios. 041 does allow Dry Dock and ship production in ice-locked cities. Hover text on water tiles whose water area is adjacent to Ice and has a size of less than 10 says that the tile is "ice-locked". To give some warning to the player that cities won't be able to construct most coastal Rationale buildings (and that ships, while allowed, may not be able to move anywhere). While the new text is pretty low-key and players aren't going to inspect icelocked water tiles often. I still would've preferred showing "ice-locked" only when a settler is selected or when a city has been founded adiacent to the water area. But I think the latter part would be confusing because water areas without a city would appear not to be ice-locked. Credits CFC user crullerdonut pointed the problem out to me. Tbd. Show it only when a settler is selected? AdvCiv Fractal-based map scripts are two times less It seems that Peaks are just as likely near water likely to place a Peak on tiles orthogonally as inland. A Peak that is orthogonally adjacent to adjacent to water than on other tiles. water can make part of a landmass inaccessible via land. (Inland Peaks could do that too in theory but would have to form a circle.) Almost(?) all map scripts bundled with Civ 4/Warlords/BtS are based on Fractal, but PerfectMongoose isn't. Rationale On Earth, a drop in height from above the tree line to sea level is rarely so abrupt that it would justify a Peak next to a water tile, though there are some examples, in particular in the Central Andes. Still, there is (always?) a coastal strip wide enough to be traversed even by an army, so Peaks completely denying land access to an area is not realistic. Then again, the Darién Gap does prevent traffic by land between the Americas. This is a case of swamps more than mountains, but Civ doesn't have a

| | swamp terrain type. As a compromise, I'm making Peaks that block coastal movement less likely rather than impossible. |
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| | This discussion on CFC is somewhat related. |
| Config | Implemented in Python (CvMapGeneratorUtil.py) |

| 030b | Al doesn't train cargo units for naval assault in land/ice-locked waterbodies | |
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| AdvCiv | 1 | BBAI |
| Build cargo units for naval assault only in coasta cities that share a water area with an enemy city | | Build cargo units for naval assault in all coastal cities that don't have a land path to an enemy city. |
| Rationale | Change 030 generally prevents cities that aren't adjacent to "relevant" water areas from building ships, but doesn't address the specific case of building up for a naval assault. | |
| Tbd. | The tracking of city counts per water area may not be totally reliable in scenarios. See comment in CvPlot::processArea. | |

| 031 | Changes to AI found value: Revised most of the code, rearranged it a bit and made several additions | |
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| See also | 108 makes changes to the found value of the initial city (which is important for starting plot normalization). 040 assigns a found value to unrevealed tiles. 052: changes AI found behavior in scenarios 007 makes some changes to the found values computed when the Alt key is held down in Debug mode. 036b: changes to resource evaluation (few so far; affecting both city placement and resource trade) | |
| Tbd. | I don't think the found value comput | ation takes city specialization into account at all. |
| | The computation of the culture modifier is quite primitive. The culture rates of nearby cities should matter. There's also a K-Mod comment about that in (what's now) AlfoundValue::calculateCultureModifier. | |
| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| resource in to work at le tiles withou | the city radius if the city can expect east 3 freshwater tiles. Also considers | Tiles without a good bonus resource in the city radius are disregarded; resources that the AI doesn't have access to yet and food resources are considered as "good". |
| , | | Strong and uncapped impact of distance in all eras, making the AI highly reluctant to settle e.g. the New World on Terra. |
| Rationale | nale A river (or oasis) without resources is rare, but can be worth settling on (esp. with Flood Plains). | |
| About the impact of distance: Need to be careful not to revive the AI habit of colonies on a far edge of foreign territory. I think that used to happen in Vaniand in Civ 3. | | |
| Fixed a like | ly bug in the K-Mod evaluation of | Especially extra copies of strategic resources |

additional copies of a resource near a city site.

Utility of happiness/health/strategic resources (i.e. not the utility from yield) halved when the resource can't be worked yet. Further reduced if there is already an improved copy available.

Reduced the penalty for bad tiles near a city site by subtracting a multiple of the number of bad tiles rather than dividing by it. Decreased the base utility that the found value starts at.

Utility reduced when a site has very little food; to The code that checks the available food only the point of making the AI unwilling to settle completely dry areas. The penalty is not applied to resource trade values though, so the AI could e.g. settle in the middle of a desert in order to get account e.g. regular Grassland Farms, and the access to Oil.

Snow, desert and tundra hills counted as bad tiles. Ocean tiles count as half bad.

When a resource enables units, the AI power values (from XML) of those units are factored into the utility value of the resource (which, in turn, factors into found value).

Increased the utility counted for yields from bonus resources, especially if these yields are provided from a small number of powerful resources.

The per-tile utility values are decreased by a constant, then sorted in descending order and multiplied by decreasing weights. The total is multiplied by a normalization factor to keep it on a similar scale as in BtS. The special penalty for bad tiles is much lower than in BtS.

had been way overrated.

Utility computed as if the resource could be worked. Unimproved copies not taken into account. This leads the AI to aggressively settle near any Oil sources when Oil isn't yet workable.

Sites with 10 or more bad tiles practically never settled. The bad-tiles check seems to be the main guard against settling land that isn't (ever) worth settling.

takes into account food on resource tiles, along the lines of "the Grassland Cow will allow this city to work its Plains Hill Gold" but doesn't take into low-food penalty is rather moderate. It applies to the trade values of resources though (although trading/ sharing of resources does not require the tile to be worked).

Hill and ocean tiles are never counted as bad (nor half bad).

Evaluates the unlocked units only based on how useful they are compared with other currently available units. Tends to overrate Iron and underrate Oil and Uranium (once they can be worked).

Utility is assigned based on the total yield from bonus resources (assuming they're all improved and worked); the number of resources doesn't matter in this context.

The per-tile values are mostly based on tile yields. The values are summed up without weights (or with uniform weights if you will). A special penalty is applied for "bad" tiles toward the end of the found value computation.

Rationale

The subtracted constant represents the food consumed by the citizen working the tile and largely replaces the bad-tile penalty. The food consumption is the reason why e.g. a yield of 2 food and 2 production is about twice as good as 2 food and 1 production. The weights give the AI a tendency to prefer a few good tiles over a lot of mediocre (or marginal) ones. A few powerful resources (e.g. Gold, Pig) are preferable to several weak resources (e.g. Silk, Fur) because, in the latter case, it takes longer and costs more food to grow the city enough to work all the resources. Also, while cities with few worthwhile tiles aren't very profitable, they also don't cost much maintenance because the population stays small.

Tbd.

Shouldn't count bad tiles at all. The "special" yields from resources are also dubious; should be possible to cover these through the tile weight distribution. The "taken" tiles count also seems redundant. Try this:

Count for each tile in the city radius (and the city center) a yield vector that is the sum of the nature yield and, if applicable, resource improvement yield. Subtract the 2 food consumed per citizen. Compute from the yield vector a tile yield value that should also include a base value to account for a run-of-the-mill improvement and (negative) maintenance and civic upkeep paid for the extra citizen. (Predicting the improvement type gets too far into the weeds I think.) Also compute a food surplus value for each tile — or perhaps better two values: a natural food surplus and an improved surplus that assumes Farm and Lighthouse if those are legal. Perhaps just assume another +1 improved surplus in the Industrial era to account for Biology and food corporations. From the tile yield values, culture modifiers, the sequence of decreasing weights and the per-tile food surplus values, AlFoundValue::sumUpPlotValues needs to compute the tile value, essentially simulating the growth of the city population, applying penalties when the cumulative food surplus runs low or when the city relies on food from culturally contested tiles. This should get rid of all the "special" variables and the bad tile and taken tile counting.

When there is no easy means of generating culture, unowned tiles in the outer ring and all foreign owned tiles should be penalized. This could be accomplished by changing the criterion by which tile values are sorted before computing the weighted sum. E.g. the first two positions could be reserved for tiles that can be worked without expanding borders. Sorting should also be biased toward a high food surplus. Will need a (private) CityPlot class for the sort criterion; should also be useful for tidying up the main tile evaluation loop in AlFoundValue::evaluate.

Apart from the overall yield value, the weighted sum could also provide (a rough guess at) the maximal city size and the cumulative yields upon reaching that size. Those yields could be used to reward cities that specialize on one type of yield. The maximal city size should also be useful for evaluating health.

Utility threshold for founding a city increases throughout the second half of the game.

Threshold lowered based on the number of owned corporate HQs.

Increases only based on number-of-cities maintenance, not game progress.

Threshold lowered based on total city maintenance (to prevent overexpansion), which includes corporation maintenance and can lead to very high thresholds once corporations have spread.

Rationale

Toward the end of the game, too little time remains for cities to become profitable and amortize.

Corporations can cause high city maintenance before the Modern era, i.e. not that late in the game. At that point, high city maintenance shouldn't worry the AI too much because the corporations bring in high yields that can be turned into gold if necessary.

AdvCiv

BBAI

Reduced the utility assigned for access to the sea, especially when the site doesn't offer much production, when already having many coastal cities and when playing on Pangaea.

Nothing to encourage the AI to found at least 25% of its cities at a coast.

Code added to encourage coastal cities for more AI shipbuilding but doesn't take into account how much production these cities would actually have. Also adds a clause that gives a substantial extra boost to coastal sites when fewer than 25% of the owned cities (rounded down) are coastal. This can lead to coastal cities in totally awful sites.

Rationale

The current code may still encourage more AI coastal cities than would be rational, and that's OK with me if it helps make naval units viable. But I see no reason to have every AI civ found at least a few coastal cities – being entirely landlocked isn't a particular disadvantage.

Tbd.

Taking the map script name into account could help in other parts of the AI too.

AdvCiv

K-Mod

Bug fixed: Tech requirement for removing Jungle The AI happily settles its second city in the had not been taken into account. middle of Jungle. Great reluctance to settle sites that will lose food due to bad health during the Ancient and Classical era. No change for other eras (except for the buafix). Some extra utility for chopping opportunities, Chopping only accounted for indirectly through utility from good health capped. good health. See also 119 allows chopping only on owned tiles. When computing the total potential production Count 1 production for any non-Hill land tile, even rate at a city site, count 1 production for non-Hill a Peak and regardless of available technology. land tiles only if a worthwhile improvement that grants production (i.e. a Workshop with +2 production) can actually be built there. 2 production per Hill (no change). Some utility is counted for tiles in the radii of Tiles within the radius of a city (rival or friendly) other cities, i.e. tiles that could be stolen from are counted as "bad tiles" and otherwise rival cities or shared with a friendly city. Such tiles disregarded. For tiles outside city radii that are are not counted as bad tiles. within rival borders, tile utility is decreased (a bit. say, by 25%) based on the amount of foreign tile Stolen tiles: Tile utility is reduced through culture. essentially the same formula that K-Mod uses for tiles that have a rival owner but aren't in any city The AI can place cities close to each other, it just radius. I'm making that formula more pessimistic doesn't expect the new city to win any contested overall and especially for tiles in a rival city radiustiles. because the rival city owner is more likely to focus on culture when there is a contested workable tile. A second (new) formula accounts for potential diplomatic (or not so diplomatic) consequences of stealing tiles. This formula is personality-based (Protective trait, power threshold for limited war). Shared tiles: I'm counting only those tiles that are going to be assigned to the new city, and only tiles that the old city is probably not going to need in the medium term (i.e. not until it grows three more times). Even then, the old city is normally going to miss the tile at some point, and I'm reducing the yield value counted for the new city When the radii of two cities owned by the same to about 40% to account for this. The tile is Al civ overlap, the tiles are assigned based on counted fully for deciding whether the new city is step distance with orthogonal vs. diagonal as a going to have sufficient food and production. tiebreaker. K-Mod adds a routine for reassigning I haven't changed the AI code that assigns tiles when close to a culture victory shared tiles to cities. (CvCityAI::AI getCityImportance). Rationale This should mostly allow the AI to settle map regions with abundant resources (or floodplains) more densely than regions with normal or scarce resources, in particular in Earth scenarios (which tend to place a lot of resources in Europe). Multiple cities

K-Mod comment in CvPlayerA::AI foundValue bulk: "it kind of sucks that no value

can start working the good tiles faster than a single city can.

| | is counted for taken tiles. Tile sharin | g / stealing should be allowed." | |
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| | As for counting bad tiles: Tiles in a city radius that the new city is very unlikely to win are really bad tiles, but it's difficult to count them as such because of the structure of the code. The bad-tile counting is a kludge anyway; I'm not sure that it's needed anymore at all (or maybe just as a shortcut to improve performance). | | |
| | karadoc on the bad-tile clause (CvPl condition is not something I intend | ayerA::AI_foundValue_bulk):"this final to keep permanently." | |
| Tbd. | Ideally, the formula for diplomatic co the rival is a military threat. | nsequences of stolen tiles should check whether | |
| See also | 099b (culture decay) makes it a bit e radius. | easier to steal tiles, especially those outside a city | |
| The Financia ile yield. | I trait is factored into the predicted | Only done for river tiles, not for coastal tiles. Al civs with a unique naval unit or coastal building have a preference for coastal spots, but the Financial trait has no such effect. | |
| See also | The nerfed Financial trait (908a) still | benefits coastal tiles. | |
| settle at a plo | leaders with Growth flavor are more inclined to Growth flavor biases the AI toward settling at a ttle at a plot distance of exactly 6 tiles from the arest city than leaders without Growth flavor. Plot distance is computed as max{deltaX,deltaY} + floor(0.5 * min{deltaX,deltaY}). | | |
| | Growth flavor should mean that a leader likes big cities, so the city radii shouldn't overlap much. Cities that are 6 tiles apart don't overlap; shouldn't encourage even larger distances that may lead to unworkable tiles (or a another city getting crammed in later on) and high distance maintenance in the early game. | | |
| When a tile connects two seas (non-Lake water areas), found value is increased based on the size of the smaller of the two seas. The possibility of a canal does not affect found value. The AI considers canals when placing Forts but only under narrow conditions and not on workable tiles, meaning that the AI can't establish a canal after settling in the city radius around the tile that allows for a canal. | | | |
| See also | 121 (partly) deals with the Worker Al | for Forts as canals | |
| Tbd. | This only works if the two seas are fully separated from each other by land or (through change <u>030</u>) ice. Will have to call the pathfinder to identify mere shortcuts like in Panama or at Suez. Could do it as follows: | | |
| | At the start of the game let CvGameAI compute a canal value for every land tile. It would be better to do this e.g. once per turn and for each team independently based on the revealed portion of the map and OB agreements, but I think this would be too costly to compute. The canal value of a tile T should equal the number of movement points saved by ships passing through a canal in T. Algorithm: Iterate over the tiles adjacent to T in clockwise order (very cheap to do). Make a list of all water tiles encountered directly after a land tile. In most cases, that list is going to be empty or a singleton; this means the canal value is 0 or very small; set it to 0. If the length of the list is greater than 1 (maximum: 4), i.e. if there are adjacent water tiles separated by land, run the pathfinder on each pair of tiles in the list. Set an upper bound for the path length somewhere between 30 and 40 (won't care if the shortcut is even greater) for efficiency, and let the pathfinder only worry about water, land and impassable tiles. Store the maximum of the computed path lengths as the canal value. Use the canal value for the AI placement of cities and Forts. | | |
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| going to be the first colony on a landmass where a rival civ already had a city. | | | |
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| Rationale | This was apparently supposed to discourage AI colonies on continents dominated by rivals. Such cities are indeed difficult to hold onto. However, the checks were much too coarse (a single city owned by a rival – perhaps even a friendly one – should not discourage colonization) and the positive-reinforcement approach lead to a high bottom for found values on the home continent, making the AI willing to settle anywhere where an abundance of outright "bad" tiles didn't prevent it. Also, the code did little to drop the found values of exposed colonies below the found threshold, meaning that they were merely deprioritized compared with local cities. That's something that the K-Mod evaluation for distances and empire shape will also accomplish. | | |
| | ock of K-Mod code that was trying to of players among landmasses. | steer starting locations toward an even | |
| Rationale | This should be the responsibility of c | CvPlayer::findStartingAreas. | |
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| | najor landmasses when calculating stance between starting sites. | All landmasses are counted, up to a maximum of the player count. This tends to lead to unachievable target distances on Huge maps. | |
| Rationale | Looks like an oversight. | | |
| See also | 137 adjusts the target distance to the | e greater default player counts in AdvCiv. | |
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| Deleted the | "greed" personality modifier. | A BtS comment said that "Greedy founding means getting the best possible sites - fitting maximum resources into the fat cross." K-Mod introduced modifiers "easy culture" and "ambitious" that, taken together, are based on the same leader personality values and affect the found value computation in similar ways. | |
| Tbd. | | other potential city sites could make sense. For pace for expansion; possibly also based on leader | |
| See also | For the latest version of the deleted code (greed and the deletions mentioned above), see this Git commit. | | |
| Lower thresh | hold for founding cities when nearing | a Domination victory. | |
| Rationale | Cities on marginal land can be a significant contribution toward meeting the target land percentage, which is usually the tougher of the two Domination conditions. | | |
| See also | 115b makes the AI more willing to grow city populations when approaching a Diplo victory. | | |
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| When normalizing starting sites (i.e. when determining whether a site needs additional resources), some value is counted for Tribal Villages in the starting city radius. | | Tribal Villages aren't accounted for at all. | |
| See also | See also O27 will deal with Tribal Villages beyond the starting city radius. Also allows removing Tribal Villages in order to free up a starting site. | | |

| 031b | Al trains Settlers only probabilistically when city sites are poor | |
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| Settlers base site, the curr among other the game op Peace. Prote prioritize Set | ed on the found value of the best city ent found value threshold (which is, factors, based on expenses) and tions Always War and Always ective leaders and voluntary vassals tlers more highly. | When the conditions for training a Settler are met (nothing very urgent to do; at least one city site whose found value is above the threshold; OK for city to halt growth), AI governors train Settlers with 100% probability regardless of the quality of the city sites. Exception: In defensive wars, the probability is only 50%. |
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| See also | CFC user keldath has pointed out to me <u>here</u> (and in a private conversation) that the AI tends to expand too recklessly. | |
| Rationale | In part as a consequence of my changes to AI found value (id 031), the AI will claim any land where a city can develop if it has relatively few cities (and no better land is available); I think that's working as intended. However, the AI shouldn't <i>be quick</i> to claim land that is barely worth settling. Delaying a Settler for some 5-10 turns can open up new avenues, e.g. through revealing additional tiles or resources. Or perhaps some other civ will claim the site, one whose capital is closer to it; that's also fair enough. | |
| Al may decide to cancel the production of a Settler when there is no city site. | | Unless in a defensive war or financial trouble, Settlers are always completed once started. The Settler is then disbanded after 20 turns unless a city site becomes available. |

| 031c | Log file for AI found value computation | |
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| If the DLL is compiled with the LOG_FOUND_VALUE flag, then a breakdown of the found value computation is written to the BBAI log whenever an AI civ founds a city. In addition, a breakdown for the next best adjacent city site and for the next best city site is written to the log file. A breakdown is also written when placing a starting location and when "normalizing" (cf. 108 a starting location. | | computation though. K-Mod added a little bit of information that enters into the found value computation (e.g. about deadlocked resource tiles) to the tile hover text in Debug mode. |
| Rationale | It's a complex computation and, so far, my only means of testing it has been the debugger, and that only worked with a savegame from right before the founding of the city. | |
| See also | 003: Moved the found value computation into a separate class and refactored it. The logging code was crucial for testing those changes. | |

| Tbd. | I've disabled the display of deadlocked resources display in hover text because I wanted to move that computation into CitySiteEvaluator.cpp (it isn't used | |
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| | elsewhere), and that has made it awkward to expose the function to CvGameTextMgr. | |

| 031d | Al exploration near city sites | |
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| When moving an exploration unit, the Al prioritizes unrevealed tiles near its (preliminary) city sites over other unrevealed tiles. | | City sites play no role in exploration. |
| | The AI found value logs showed that the AI is sometimes placed its second city one or two tiles away from a superior location due to unrevealed tiles – even when starting with a free Scout. Also, prioritizing exploration near the capital tends to delay meetings with rival players, especially with human players, which is in my opinion better for overall gameplay. | |

| 031e | bNormalize flag for city site evaluation function | |
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| Mostly a refactoring change. When placing starting sites and when deciding how to normalize | | |

Mostly a refactoring change. When placing starting sites and when deciding how to normalize starting sites, found-city values need to be computed with some special provisions; not quite the same in both cases. BtS had a flag <code>bStartingLoc</code> and normalization was determined based on that and by checking if starting locations had already been assigned. Meaning that, by default, the <code>bStartingLoc</code> behavior had applied also when normalizing.

also made some minor changes to the normalizing vs. start-placing behavior.

| Rationale | Better to be explicit about this. | |
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| | This change also allows found values to be computed "as if normalizing" before starting sites have been assigned. That might be helpful for <u>027</u> (though I don't think I'll make use of it after all). | |

| 031f | Adjustments to city site evaluation in scenarios | |
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| When evaluating city sites for a scenario with randomized starting locations (e.g. Africa), some adjustments are applied in order to make up for the lack of a normalization step. | | |
| Rationale | Without normalization as a fallback, food resources and freshwater need to be given higher priority. | |
| Tbd. | Perhaps needs to be more pronuonced. I'm still getting starts with just one weak resource or none sometimes in e.g. the Europe scenario. That said, all the scenarios based on the Earth's continents have regions with very sparse resources. | |

| 032 | Signing a dual deal when there alrea | ady is one causes turns-to-cancel to be reset |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| When a peace treaty, open borders or defensive pact is signed between two civs that already have such a deal, then the turns-to-cancel are reset to 10 turns. This can happen through a diplo vote, or (peace treaty only) sponsored war (due to change 146) or city trade (change advc.ctr). I don't think gifts and demands are possible when there is already a peace treaty. | | Signing a peace treaty has no effect if there is already a peace treaty. Same for OB, DP. |
| OB and DP votes are nevertheless only allowed (as in BtS) when some pair of full members doesn't already have an OB or DP deal. I.e. the vote can't be put forth just to reset the turns-to-cancel of existing deals. (Nor can it be used just to force deals with non-full voting members — although this BtS restriction is a bit curious.) | | |
| Rationale | Rationale More intuitive this way. Otherwise, e.g. the target of a UN peace proposal could get attacked just one turn after the vote. Or Open Borders could be canceled shortly after they've been enforced by the Apostolic Palace. | |

| 033 | Changes to naval blockades, Privateer | |
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| Tbd. | Try excluding Privateers from "show enemy moves". When are messages about pillaging and Privateer combat shown to the player then? Combat log? Is it still possible to deduce the owner of a Privateer from the turn order? Try delaying these messages too. | |
| The movement bonus from circumnavigation can also reveal a Privateer's i intend to replace that ability with some trade route bonus. Or give up the secrecy; seems historically dubious anyway. (Wikipedia: "The convention was a vessel must hoist her true colors before firing the first shows the convention was a vessel must hoist her true colors before firing the first shows the convention was a vessel must hoist her true colors before firing the first shows the convention was a vessel must hold the colors before the colors have a vessel must hold the colors before the colors have a vessel must hold the colors have a vessel must have a vessel must hold the colors have a vessel must have a vessel must have a vessel must hold the colors have a vessel must have a | | |
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| See also | 007 reveals the owners of Privateers when in Debug mode 905b gives Privateer (and Frigate) +1 speed | |
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| When collecting gold from Privateers, compute the plunder range based on path distance (e.g. not across an isthmus). | | BtS does it all based on air distance. BBAI uses path distance for blockaded tiles, but jdog seems to have forgotten to change the plunder code as well. |
| Rationale | Or they had been worried about performance, but I'm only checking cities adjacent to blockaded plots, which should be quick. | |
| See also | 030 (ice-locked water areas) depends on this change. 124: Can use blockade to let trade pass through hostile tiles. | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS (BBAI and K-Mod made some changes to the Privateer AI, but the basics are unchanged) |

| leader's attitutech known to doesn't use improvementhis context cattitude is equal to the attitude. The attack. This to the total to | ing a city to plunder, the AI takes its ude toward the city owner and the to the city owner into account. The AI Privateers against ships and ts of partners. What a "partner" is in depends on the AI personality. If the qual to DeclareWarThemRefuse reshold or worse, AI Privateers will threshold is Pleased, Cautious or all leaders except Catherine | AI Privateers behave largely like Barbarians and treat all civs except the Privateer's team alike. |
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| Rationale | It's not smart to use Privateers against one's partners, especially not for attacks and pillaging. An attack puts the Privateer at risk for no gain and the gold from pillaging water improvements is negligible. Plundering a partner should be OK when there is no one else to plunder. | |
| Tbd. | Privateer attacks on ships should have some upside for the Privateer owner. Stalking ships is fun but just not rewarding. A ransom mechanism would be nice because it would also curb the losses of the owner of the attacked ship but too much work to implement at this point, and no other mod seems to have implemented this either. A chance to steal the ship (in a damaged state, and any cargo transformed into a single Worker)? Captured Caravels wouldn't be very useful though | |
| See also | 130v makes vassals Friendly toward their master. | |
| each other's block tiles fro canSiege) a They can stil | improvements with Privateers, can't om being worked (CvUnit:: and can't blockade each other's cities. Il attack each other's ships through and no restrictions apply to vassals of | |
| The AI never attacks ships of its vassals or master. (That's the idea anyway. Seems difficult to guarantee this) | | Al Privateers attack anything that comes near them. |

| Rationale | About capitulated vassals, see below. Voluntary vassals plundering their master might be OK, but a master plundering its vassals (voluntary or not) is jarring; the master is supposed to protect the vassal. An AI change wouldn't stop a human master from harassing his/her vassals, so this has to be prevented on the rules level. | | |
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| l've considered changing CvUnit::isEnemy and getCombatOwner so that Priva of vassal/master behave as if they're on the same team, and revealing the Priva owners' identities between vassal and master. This would entail the following: • can't attack each other and can coexist in the same tile • can heal in each other's territory and enter each other's cities • can't blockade each other • moves shown as friendly • Privateers not seen as a threat by the AI | | e on the same team, and revealing the Privateer and master. This would entail the following: coexist in the same tile and enter each other's cities | |
| | This would be a pretty clean approach, but goes a bit too far I think. Implausible the everyone on the vassal's and master's side knows a Privateer's identity, but other have no clue. Submarines aren't revealed between vassal and master either. | | |
| | If the owner if a vassal/master Privateer is to remain secret, then it has to remain possible (for humans) to attack Privateers; otherwise one could tell who the owner is And if Privateers can be attacked, they should also be allowed to fight back, so, no restrictions on Privateer combat. It's a little strange that combat is possible, but not pillaging; I guess there's no perfect solution for this. | | |
| Credits | Cruiser76 raised the issue <u>here</u> on CFC. | | |
| See also | 123e makes it impossible to plunder Barbarian cities | | |
| Tbd. | When using a Privateer to attack a unit that the Privateer owner is not at war with, and hovering for combat odds, the mouse cursor shows a white circle. I think it should be a red circle like for all other attacks. This isn't a result of my changes; it's a white circle in BtS too. | | |
| | Capitulated vassals only train Privateers if they somehow have no other general purpose naval behavior of AI Privateers. | | |
| | | There is a unit "viability" check | |
| All civs stop training Privateers once the game enters the Industrial era. | | (CvPlayerAI::AI_calculateUnitAIViability) to prevent the production of outdated units, but that's based only on units that the same civ can train, not the global tech level. | |
| See also | 130v makes capitulated vassals subservient to their master in most regards. | | |
| Rationale | Capitulated vassals shouldn't even indirectly interfere with their master's goals. Don't want them to use Privateers against civs that the master might like (with a human master, one can never tell) and don't want a blockading Privateer to affect the master indirectly e.g. by cutting off some important sealane. | | |
| | er's plunder ability is listed in and help text. | Only mentioned on the BtS concept page about trade blockades. For the Privateer, only the hidden nationality ability is listed. | |
| | | A feat message ("Congratulations, you have trained your first Privateer") also explains plundering, but that's a one-time notice. | |
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| Rationale | Technically, the Privateer doesn't have a special plunder ability. Any ship can collect plunder if it can manage to blockade a city without declaring war. This rule is very obscure though; need to list plundering as a separate ability. | | |
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| | | Privateer can't plunder a vassal, that player may and there it'll now say that Privateers have the | |
| Al civs don't | blockade Barbarian cities. | Not sure if the BtS code actually targets Barbarian cities for blockades or only ends up blockading them opportunistically while bombarding. | |
| Rationale | No gain in starving Barbarian cities. | | |
| Tbd. | also blockade. There's no point in thi | ities might still happen, and then the AI would is because Barbarian cities normally only have gates become available, most AI land units | |
| Only Private | Only Privateers can blockade at peacetime. All warships can blockade inside the Open Borders of other civs. This only affects the trade of the ship owner's war enemies (if any). | | |
| Rationale | | owner is being blockaded. Also not realistic that a sides of a war would allow a blockade in its | |
| Non-Private | er units can't blockade at all if not at v | var with any civ. | |
| Rationale | Rationale Blocking Barbarian trade doesn't make sense. The advantage is that blockading units will be woken up (with the change below) once a war ends (well, once all wars end). It's easy to forget about blockading units after making peace. | | |
| units in the t | When the owner of a tile changes, blockading units in the tile are only woken up if the blockade is no longer legal. | | |
| if the blocka the owner of | Blockading units are awoken at the end of a turn fitted blockade is no longer legal; e.g. because manually woken up. (see above) no longer fighting any war. | | |
| Added a function CvUnit::blockadeRange for code shared by updatePlunder, collectBlockadeGold and CvGame::updateColoredPlots. This should also address some minor inconsistencies between them. Also replaced some duplicate/ inconsistent code with calls to CvUnit::canPlunder. | | | |
| because tha calculateP | Now using a pathfinder function written for <u>104b</u> for computing the tiles affected by a blockade because that function has a range limit (whereas the BtS function CvMap:: calculatePathDistance is quite slow when tiles are unreachable) and can handle movement restrictions of non-oceangoing ships. | | |
| Removed some unnecessary updates of plot groups and trade routes. This change mostly eliminates the delay after starting/ending a blockade with a non-Privateer unit; doesn't really help with Privateers though. | | | |
| See also | Without 003m (which caches atward | Count), this could be slightly slow. | |

| Temporary Open Borders after war (optional through XML, disabled by default) | |
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| agreement is former bellig that agreemenumber of tu special OB a "disengagen | ends, an Open Borders (OB) is automatically signed between the lerents. Units aren't bumped until ent ends after a configurable urns (recommended: 3 to 5). It's a agreement, internally called a nent" agreement, that does not and diplomacy; only a right of units. | When a war ends, units are immediately bumped out of rival territory, teleporting to the nearest tile that they can legally occupy. The AI is not programmed to anticipate this. |
| Details abou | t the temporary OB agreement: | |
| No movem | nent bonus from roads and railroads. | |
| No risk of Spies. | getting caught for idle and moving | |
| signed, or | when a proper OB agreement is when a Vassal Agreement or t Alliance is signed. | |
| | "Open Borders (x turns)" on the d and in other help text. | |
| The turn on which peace is made counts as the first turn. When it says "1 turn" remains, then the agreement is canceled at the end of the round. | | |
| Unaffected by embargoes. | | |
| Rationale To allow the AI to reposition its units after a war, in particular, to prevent large AI stacks from getting stranded. This happens quite regularly when the AI conquers a remote city, and it can be very harmful for the AI because it still counts on those ur when when deciding on war/peace against a third party and when calculating need floating defenders. The change also reduces unit bumping, which is a pretty strang mechanism. The ability to explore the territory of a former war enemy just after the war ends is | | appens quite regularly when the AI conquers a ful for the AI because it still counts on those units against a third party and when calculating needed reduces unit bumping, which is a pretty strange a former war enemy just after the war ends is |
| | highly immersion-breaking though. It's worse than I had anticipated before implementing this change. | |
| Config | _ | balDefines_advc.xml to enable this change. |
| Tbd. | Not properly tested. | |
| | The "You have made peace with" m mention the Open Borders. | essage (CvTeam::makePeace) should also |
| See also | 035 (also disabled) would also address the problem of stranded units. 099b (tile culture decay) addresses it a little bit. 046: Al improvements for units stranded on a different landmass and changes to the bump algorithm. | |

| 035 | While at peace, civs own all tiles that no other civ could work | |
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| | Currently disabled (including the AI changes) through the <code>OWN_EXCLUSIVE_RADIUS</code> switch in <code>GlobalDefines_advc.xml</code> . Has been disabled for some time, but, as of v0.96, it still seems to work correctly as reported here. | |
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| | 099b replaces 035. If 035 is enabled, then the CITY_RADIUS_DECAY part of 099b should arguably be disabled. Revolt chance (101) is adjusted to 035 if it's enabled. | |
| | close to having the majority culture; tile <i>T</i> in its city radius if culture(<i>A</i> , <i>T</i>) have <i>T</i> in a city radius, and culture(<i>A</i> <i>T</i> in a city radius. I guess inner and | n the exclusive radius where they're somewhat e.g. set a multiplier $m := 75\%$ and let civ A own $> m^*$ culture(B,T) for every civ B that does not A,T)>culture(C,T) for every civ $C \neq A$ that does have outer radius should be distinguished too. Perhaps t, it might play better than the decay in 099b. |
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| within the (w cities, or whe cities that the cities own all no rival city of value only m radii and for war, tile cultu between the may flip whe is made. A ui | I tiles that they could work and that could work, and the highest culture | The civ with the highest tile culture owns a tile so long as that tile is within the culture range of one of the civ's cities (up to 6 tiles depending the city's culture level). Thus, tiles within a city's radius can belong to a civ that is too far away to work the tile, meaning that no civ can work it. War/ peace does not affect tile ownership. |
| Minor AI cha | nges (more below) | |
| Forts: Don't l at war. | build them on tiles that will flip when | |
| Pathfinder: When moving to hostile territory and war is not yet declared, try to avoid tiles that are going to flip to the enemy upon DoW, and prefer enemy tiles that are going to become friendly. | | |
| | Rationale It's implausible that tiles near a city can't be worked by anyone. At least, this shouldn't happen as commonly as it does in BtS. It's a mechanism that encourages culture, but it does so mostly through punishment (loss of workable tiles). A civ with high culture gains tiles, but it's not much of a reward because that civ can't work them; it only gets bonus resources and a tactical advantage, which is somewhat neutralized by the diplopenalty for stealing tiles. My change preserves the tactical advantage. | |
| | uld flip when at war add to border te | overlapping city radii count 50% more than in BtS. nsions; the civ that would own them when at war |
| | The rules change result in fewer stolen tiles, but I don't want less border tension. The diplo penalty for tiles that flip when at war works against civs with low culture (good), whereas the diplo penalty for stolen tiles works against civs with high culture (not good, as in BtS). | |
| See also | 147 also changes the border tensions formula. | |

Al found value: Don't worry much about foreign culture on tiles near a city site, so long as those tiles are not within the radius of a foreign city. Take into account which tiles will flip when settling near a rival city. Rationale The AI should still avoid foreign culture a bit because tiles around the city will flip when the owner of the foreign culture founds a city nearby or when war is declared (making the city difficult to defend). Foreign culture will also add to border tensions (see above), and can cause the city to revolt. See also 031 makes other changes to found value. <u>UWAI</u>: Reduced utility penalty from culture-pressure penalty (GreedForAssets aspect). Tiles lost by war enemies are counted as "lost assets", making the AI more reluctant to make peace when this will flip tiles to the enemy. Flipped tiles could also motivate the AI to start a war that otherwise looks like a stalemate. A peace treaty practically cedes the tiles around any lost cities to the conqueror. The Rationale

Al needs to be reluctant to do that and factor it into reparations.

| 036 | Al changes concerning resource trac | de | |
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| See also | 133: Cancelation of resource deals 074 "You must be joking" resources excluded from the trade screen 210d: Alert about Al-Al resource trades 912c changes the ability of the Hereditary Rule civic because 036 would otherwise make too many happiness resources available for trade. 073 makes some changes to the "Resources" tab of the Foreign Advisor screen, in part, to accommodate trade with non-surplus resources better. | | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS | |
| and health cities and l evaluating | es into account the current happiness (and anger and bad health) of its buildings like Grocer and Forge when resources for trade or the placement and improvements (found and build | The AI does a detailed evaluation of strategic resources but assigns the same utility value to every health and happiness resource except that surplus resources are valued less. | |
| The evaluation for trade differs a bit from the evaluation for found and build value. Since a trade can be canceled after 10 turns, the resource needs to be useful in the short term. | | A single "baseBonusVal". The AI trades for strategic resources long before it needs them. | |
| The AI refuses to accept resources with low utility in trade: "We would have nothing to gain". | | resource that it doesn't already have, and any | |
| resources (But the Al | villing to trade away even non-surplus when it doesn't have a use for them. still doesn't wheel and deal, i.e. never ts and imports the same resource.) | resources consumed by its corporations. The AI only trades away resources that it own: (directly; not through import) multiple copies of | |
| accept hea | early game, the AI typically refuses to alth resources in trade and is willing to y health resources that it has only one | | |
| civs for go | ows how to buy resources from other All Id per turn and can even out resource- ce trades with gold per turn. | Only trades one resource for one resource. | |

The price in gold per turn that the AI charges for a resource is computed based on the utility for the recipient and a "market value". The utility of the recipient is computed from the number of its cities, and the happiness and health in those cities if a sufficient portion of the recipient's territory is revealed to the AI. The market value is based on the number of other potential buyers and the number of their cities. The market value tends to be quite a bit lower than the recipient's utility.

Relaxed AI attitude threshold for trading away

Based only on the city count of the seller and the recipient. Resources sold between large civs tend to be overpriced.

Relaxed AI attitude threshold for trading away strategic resources when the recipient already has access to the respective resource and only needs additional copies for a corporation.

The leader-specific threshold applies regardless of whether the recipient already has the resource.

Rationale

The more flexible AI behavior creates a larger market for resources, allowing civs that lack resources to grow their cities through reasonably priced imports. Should make it more feasible to grow tall without growing wide.

The utility of the seller does not factor into the price for resources because the AI still only trades away resources that it doesn't have much of a use for.

I've considered allowing resources in peace deals, but that's not workable. Too difficult to predict whether there is going to be a trade connection, and the civ providing the resources could just pillage its own roads to get out of the deal. Might also cause problems outside the SDK.

AdvCiv

BUG (Exotic Foreign Advisor)

In the list of resources that the AI is willing to import from the player (Resources tab of the Foreign Advisor), surplus bonuses are listed before bonuses that the player has only one of.

BUG's Foreign Advisor screen (enabled by default; not sure if it can be disabled) lists resources that other civs are willing to import or export on a tab "Resources". The lists are ordered by the (meaningless) internal ids of the resources.

Rationale

It's preferable to trade away surplus resources, so these should be distinguished from other resources that the AI is willing to import. This is not directly related to the AdvCiv changes to AI trade behavior (in BtS, humans can export non-surplus resources as well).

Tbd.

I've tried to highlight the surplus resources in the import list somehow, but that's difficult to do because the lists are shown through BUG's IconGrid class, which uses addMultiListControlGFC, and that function treats every listed icon the same way. Perhaps a graphic could be overlaid like it's done under the BUG comment "add the circles behind the amounts" in CvExoticForeignAdvisor.py.

AdvCiv

BtS

The AI makes up to about one third of its total commerce available for trade as gold per turn.

The current income also no longer factors into the amount of cash that the AI is willing to trade. Instead assume an income equal to 20% of the total commerce; this usually leads to more cash for trade than in BtS.

The amount of gold traded per turn is capped at the current per-turn income (commerce times gold slider position minus expenses). This cap is usually a one-digit number or a small two-digit number. Often, it's negative, meaning that the Al is unwilling to trade away any gold per turn.

The amount of cash that the AI is willing to trade is partially based on the current income.

| Rationale | Now that the AI knows how to evaluate resources, there's no harm in making gold available for resource trades. This allows small AI civs to take advantage of the resource market. It also allows large civs to sell most of their surplus resources, but the prices, especially those paid by small civs, are low, so this change helps small civs more than large ones. | | |
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| | A low income shouldn't prevent the A | Al from trading; doesn't imply financial trouble. | |
| See also | 104w lets UWAI decide how much gold the AI should be willing to pay for peace. 104m allows the AI to demand gold per turn as tribute. 026 makes the AI willing to trade even more gold in an AI-initiated one-time offer. 550f determines how much gold the AI saves up (gold target). 210e extends the resource trade alert so that it triggers when the AI becomes willing to import a resource in exchange for gold. 131 deals with avoiding strikes during anarchy; the increased trade budget makes the AI more vulnerable to this. | | |
| per turn the "Domestic R | Al will offer or demand for the resource | the Foreign Advisor screen shows how much gold ce. When hovering over a resource icon in the shown; when hovering over a resource icon in the hown. | |
| See also | 073 changes the headings on the "Resources" tab. | | |
| Rationale | Makes it easier to find the best buye | • • | |
| Tbd. | Optimization of trades is still tedious. Might want to put some mechanism in place to discourage changes, perhaps simply a counter akin to "We fear you're becoming too advanced" that increases whenever a resource trade is signed. | | |
| The AI assig turn, cash). | The AI assigns a fixed trade value to gold (per urn, cash). The trade value depends on whether the AI is in financial trouble. | | |
| Rationale | The BtS approach means that the AI receives less gold in trade when in financial trouble. This makes some sense (you're in a bad position to negotiate when you need money badly) but isn't really intuitive. Finances factor into the amount of gold that the AI makes available for trade; that's good enough to prevent broke civs from overspending. | | |
| Tbd. | Would be nice to apply a slight adjus | stment based on the recipient's attitude. | |
| trade to ano attitude towa | ther civ is adjusted based on the ard that other civ except when the at war or when the AI civ is a | The amount of gold that the AI is willing to trade is not affected by attitude. | |
| Rationale | | ll "never trade" with its worst enemy, that civ gold to that enemy (but shouldn't refuse to pay any | |
| This change should also make attitude matte | | de matter more when tech trading is disabled. | |
| | Exception for capitulated vassals: Don't want the master or the master's friends to plunder the vassal. | | |
| AI memory a decays. | about cash traded to other civs | The AI keeps track of how much gold it has traded to every other civ. That amount is subtracted from the cash that the AI is willing to trade to another civ. This subtrahend tends to become negligible over time because the AI generally becomes willing to trade larger and | |

| | | larger sums of gold as the game progresses. |
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| Rationale | memory) can stagnate, and then the | ng to trade (prior to subtracting gold-traded BtS AI can stay unwilling to trade any gold er AI memory decays in AdvCiv (cf. <u>130r</u>). |
| add resourd civ has only | d to "make this deal work," the AI may ces to the trade table that the human one copy of if the human civ doesn't gh gold per turn available for trade. | Never adds non-surplus resources to the table. |
| AI, then the turn if the c otherwise ti return and i | n player is offering resources to the AI offers to buy them with gold per urrent human income is negative, and ries offering surplus resources in uses gold per turn to balance the deal on-surplus resources as a final option | |
| Rationale | Had to adjust the counter-propose a behavior (which involved refactoring | lgorithm to the more flexible AI trade denial the entire function). |
| | gold or in resources: Just change the preferable because the Al doesn't pa | it up to players whether they want the AI to pay in e gold slider for a moment. Resources are often ay much gold, but gold can also be preferable, eed the resources of the AI. Players shouldn't al and error then. |
| The AI refuses to give away more than 2 non-surplus resources of the same kind (happiness or surplus resources to their masters. Other cive health) at once, and refuses to accept more than never give away non-surplus resources. | | |
| | s of a kind at once. | No limit on resources accepted at once. |
| The precomputed resource values are updated after starting or canceling a trade. | | Resource values are precomputed (since the BtS expansion) for efficiency and only updated once per turn. |
| Rationale | Now that the AI evaluates happiness and health from resources situationally, it must be careful not to buy too many resources at once because the evaluation is done for each resource independently. I.e. the AI knows what e.g. one more happiness is worth, and simply triples that value when three happiness resources are offered (but perhaps needs only one). Similarly, the AI can tell whether it can spare e.g. one non-surplus happiness resource, but it can't tell if it can spare more than that. | |
| Tbd. | Should call AI_updateBonusValue each time that the AI connects a resource to its city network (easier said than done). Currently, an AI civ updates its resource values at the start of its turn, so resources connected during the AI civ's turn aren't taken into account until the next turn of that AI civ. | |
| each other. sells exactl | If one deal is found in which A sells ex y one resource to A, and both deals ca y replaced by a resource-for-resource | ases in which two civs A and B sell resources to xactly one resource to B, and another in which B an be canceled, then they're canceled and deal in which one side may additionally have to |
| Rational | resource-for-resource deals have be has a suitable resource available. Sa | esources from other AI civs for gold per turn, ecome rather rare because often only one side ales are harder to read on the Foreign Advisor re space. Therefore try to collapse sales into |
| When tradii | ng one resource for another with a | Not an issue because all health and happiness |

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| human, the <i>i</i> addition. | AI never asks for 1 gold per turn in | resources have the same trade value. |
| Rationale | Adding the 1 gold to the trade table | is tedious, and it makes the AI look petty. |
| AdvCiv | | BtS/K-Mod |
| of bonus impas Cow Pas the value of yet been rev | tech evaluation to increase the value provements with high tile yields (such ture or Corn Farm) and to decrease military units whose bonuses haven't realed (such as Axeman and multiplier now 60%). | Military units requiring unrevealed honuses are |
| Rationale | values of Agriculture and Animal Husadjustment, the AI often went for Ironhad a Cow next to its capital. (Actuadespite the overestimation of health, fine.) K-Mod comment on the Axe and Sw "We're quite optimistic mostly becathe early game! (Kludge, sorry.)" | w (correctly) counted as unimportant, the AI tech sbandry need to be adjusted. Prior to this in Working(!) before Animal Husbandry, even if it lly, I suspect that this happens in K-Mod too, but I haven't checked. In unmodded BtS, it's ord evaluation (AI_techUnitValue): ause otherwise we'd risk undervaluing axemen in |
| | Undervaluing Axeman isn't a probler | |
| Tbd. | Animal Husbandry is still be a bit underappreciated. The strategic value counted for Horse might be too low. The fact that Wheel enables Chariot complicates matters. That said, the evaluation of the resource yields also needs more work. Needs to check whether a new terrain improvement will immediately increase city yields in the very early game. | |
| See also | <u>k146</u> increases the tech value count reduced that effect a bit. | ed for chopping Forests and Jungles; I've also |
| AdvCiv | 1 | BtS |
| potential for | Unless consumed by a corporation, a surplus resource is valued at 20% of the first copy. This value is sometimes so low that the AI doesn't connect surplus resources. (Perhaps also due K-Mod changes to the Worker AI and the evaluation of the first copy; not sure if this is a problem in unmodded BtS.) | |
| Rationale | The value of the first copy shouldn't affect the value of surplus copies; one resource for trade is as good as another. Tradeable strategic resources might be a bit more valuable than luxury and food resources, but not much; difficult to find buyers for strategics. And the AI needs to connect all its (surplus) resources; it's the correct play most of the time, and can't really hurt. | |
| See also | Prior to v0.92, this change was tagg Worker builds. | ed with advc.121. Change 121 deals with Al |
| | modifiers for the AI trade value of source types to 0. | Some strategic resources have an "AITradeModifier" of 10 to 30% set in XML that increases the trade value assigned by the AI to those resources. |
| Rationale | The BtS/K-Mod code for evaluating not, it should be amended.) | strategic resources should have this covered. (If |
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| Config | Civ4BonusInfosl.xml | |
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| AdvCiv | | Warlords |
| The demand-vassal-tribute shortcut demands all resources that the vassal is willing to trade to the master, including those that the master only needs for a corporation. | | Players can demand resources from their vassals by holding down the Alt key while clicking on the vassal's name on the scoreboard. This triggers a confirmation popup listing all resources that the vassal has an excess amount of and that the master doesn't have yet. (In Warlords, this was equivalent to all resources that the vassal was willing to trade to the master because there were jno corporations.) If confirmed, the resources are demanded as if through "it's time for your tribute." |
| | d. Perhaps replace this with a "join us in preparing war" popup. I've actually only discovered this shortcut because I was wondering if karadoc had implemented a shortcut for vassal war preparations. | |

| 036b | Changes to resource evaluation not aimed specifically at resource trades | |
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| See also | 031: Changes to AI city placement | |
| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| Reduce the the value assigned to strategic resources that enable numerous units or buildings. | | Utility values are counted for each enabled unit and building individually. Values are deuced when not all requirements are met and also if a unit compares unfavorably with the best unit already available for the same role. |
| Rationale | The K-Mod evaluation can't take into account that some of the units enabled by a resource may have the same or similar roles, e.g. Axeman and Swordsman (both enabled by Iron if Copper is unavailable). Similarly, a civ won't always find time to construct any number of wonders. Put differently, the K-Mod values for Iron, Marble, Stone and some other strategic resources seemed a bit too high. | |

| 037 | Prevent masters from stifling their voluntary vassals | |
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| Rationale | Voluntary vassals can be difficult to keep, and that's intended. There shouldn't be much that a player can do about this. The game certainly shouldn't reward dirty tricks. | |
| Tbd. | Voluntary vassals should treat "we'd like you to research" and "join us in preparing war" as recommendations and answer "we'll see what we can do" (as opposed to "we'll do our best"). Should also give a noncommittal answer to "why don't you attack." | |
| See also | 033 prevents masters from using Privateers against their vassals | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| Voluntary vassals lower their trade value to 67% when trading resources with their master. Capitulated vassals charge the full trade value (no change). | | 50% |
| Voluntary vassals refuse to trade resources that they badly need themselves. | | Are willing to trade all resources. |

| Rationale | Don't want the master to starve the vassal's cities by buying the vassal's crucial resources. | |
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| | Capitulated vassals aren't a concern because players have no reason to sabotage those (they're not going to break away without outside help). Probably no trade discount in BtS because the master can get resources for free through "time for your tribute"; fair enough. | |
| Tbd. | Perhaps put some limit on "time for your tribute". | |

| 038 | Top Civs popups | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| completed first time or stops appe more than | vs" pop up ("Pliny the Elder has his great work:") appears for the turn 80, then every 40 turns, but earing once the active player has met half of the other civs. The appearance is adjusted to the game speed. | Appears every 50 turns throughout the entire game. No game speed adjustment. |
| Rationale | Statistics screen (demographics). T | reign moves, and it's somewhat obsoleted by the hat said, demographics only become available isolation or on a continent with few other civs, it's ife from the rest of the world. |
| Config | TOP_CIVS_INTERVAL in GlobalDefines_advc. That setting can also be used to disable the popup entirely, as had been the case prior to AdvCiv v0.92. The conditions for showing the popup are easy enough to modify through the turnChecker function in CvTopCivs.py. | |
| Tbd. | The map-centering effect (Calendar, Stonehenge) also gets in the way of shown foreign moves; should be moved to the beginning of turns. This may require a variable at CvPlayer that is set by processTech. Won't have to be stored in savegames. | |
| The "wealthiest" civs are ranked based on their GNP values (see <u>004s</u>). The "most advanced" based on the number of known techs. civ is the one with the highest total cost of known techs. | | |
| Rationale | gold, but "wealth" just doesn't really information, so it doesn't hurt to have equal probability of being shown). | gful statistic. GNP is more about research than play a role in Civ 4. Research is the most useful the two rankings about that (the rankings all have GNP is hopefully different enough from the tech ch civ is coming up in research, the latter says |
| | the AI does, so the tech count tends | ding in the early game. Humans beeline more than s to underestimate the human performance. Not dy be leading in tech that he/she is falling behind. |
| | The ranking is chosen based on the Based on a non-synchronized PRNG, meaning that the outcome can change after reloading a savegame. | |
| Rationale | _ | egic importance; should be consistent when ue because top civs popups don't appear in |
| The name | of the historian is chosen at random | The historian is chosen at random from among |

| | names that I've assigned to each . Machiavelli and Tacitus for the ful" civs. | 11 names regardless of the type of ranking. |
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| Rationale | Just for historical immersion. | |
| Config | I've hardcoded the assignment of historians to rankings in CvTopCivs.py. | |

| 039 | Reparations (payments for peace) are announced to third parties | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| When two civs make peace and one side pays reparations, then all other civs receive a list of the reparations in the peace-made message. | | Third parties only learn that peace was made and apart from capitulation, nothing about the peace conditions. Can tell though whether a city was ceded – the owner changes, but there is no "captured" message. By monitoring discovered techs and gold available for trade, it's also possible to guess whether a tech or gold was received. No other reparations are possible between AI civs. |
| Rationale | To make AI behavior more transparent. The peace terms are not so secret anyway (not in the real world either). | |
| Config | Can be disabled through ANNOUNCE_REPARATIONS in GlobalDefines_advc.xml. | |
| Tbd. | Would like to make all trades transparent. See Tbd. at <u>210</u> (Civ4lerts) and <u>advc.ctr</u> (city trades). After all, the AI already learns about trades with its worst enemy and all tech trades (for "fear you're becoming too advanced" memory). | |

| 040 | Al improvements for settling other co | ontinents |
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| See also | 300: Barbarian placement on continents without civilizations. 905a gives ships better stats (cost, speed, cargo capacity). 031 reduces the impact of distance on AI found value. 113 comprises some improvements to Woker ferrying | |
| Tbd. | Would like a Columbian Exchange mechanism that reveals resources in the Old World once a copy is obtained from the New World. | |
| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| counts unre average tiles (with a num The Settler | vealed tiles in the city radius as | Unrevealed tiles don't add anything to found values. This makes the AI very reluctant to settle a continent that it has only explored from the sea. |
| Rationale | | oration. Not so easy; how can the AI tell that a complete companied by a Scout/ Explorer? |
| AdvCiv | | BBAI |
| The AI moves Settlers trained in inland cities to coastal cities when there are no city sites on the continent. | | Inland AI Settlers wait indefinitely for a ship. BBAI comment: "TODO: Go to a good city (like one with a transport)" |
| | plem with Workers taking up all the ship that is supposed to transport a | Update — It seems that ships not having room was the main problem, and that my new CvUnitAI::AI_moveSettlerToCoast function is now largely superseded by AI_load. Though I'm still seeing the AI use AI_moveSettlerToCoast occasionally. |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| When a workable tile or an owned tile with a resource is on a landmass where an AI civ doesn't have cities, that civ will (eventually, when Workers don't have much else to do) transport a Worker to the landmass. AI found value computation: As in BtS, but the trade value of offshore resources (i.e. on a landmass without cities) is partially counted. | | The never sends a Worker to such a landmass, and tiles there remain unimproved forever. When evaluating city sites, regular yields of land tiles in the city radius that are located on a landmass where the AI doesn't have cities are fully counted, but no trade value and no special yields are counted for resources on such tiles. (See CvPlayerAI::AI_foundValue for the meaning of regular yields vs. special yields; complicated.) |
| See also | 124 allows workable resources to be connected without the need for a city or Fort or the same landmass as the resource. This makes offshore resources a little more attractive as the owner doesn't have to choose between connecting the resource (through a Fort) and the full resource yields (through a non-Fort improvement). | |
| | Change 040 shares some code with | <u>121</u> . |
| Tbd. | CvCityAI::AI_countNumBonuses S landmasses in some contexts now the | should perhaps count resources on other hat the AI can hook them up. |

| 041 | Can train ships in any coastal cities | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| train ships (except Work Boat – treated as in BtS) and construct a Dry Dock. The Al ignores this change, i.e. builds ships/ Dry Dock only in | | Can train ships and construct Dry Dock only in cities adjacent to a water area of at least 20 tiles. A Work Boat can also be trained when there is at least one water resource in an adjacent water area. |
| | | Other coastal buildings require only 10 water tiles, which is also the threshold for a salt water lake. |
| Rationale | Since BtS, it can make sense to train naval units in small water areas because Forts can act as canals into larger water areas. For inland seas and ice-locked water area such a Fort is pretty commonly possibe. Implausible that this should not be allowed. Since the AI doesn't have a notion of canals, it needs to stick to the old rules though | |
| This change also eliminates the confusion about two different area size thr for buildings, 20 for units). Cities are now either proper coastal cities, or on water) lake-side cities. Don't want to allow shipbuilding at lakes because it's confusing to see ship options on the city screen of some inland city with a 1-tile lake. Dawn of Maplayers have also argued that small lakes aren't deep enough for construct launching oceangoing ships. Work Boat remains unavailable when there are no resources because, ever a canal, players might as well produce their Work Boats in other cities; the Don't want players to be confused by Work Boat as the only naval product the early game when canals and warships may not be on their minds. | | |
| | | nland city with a 1-tile lake. Dawn of Mankind |
| | | ce their Work Boats in other cities; they're cheap. y Work Boat as the only naval production option in |
| Tbd. | By allowing Lighthouse in lake-side cities, I could remove the awkward incentive for founding in tiles that are both coastal and lake-side. | |
| | | ng a terrain different from Coast and Ocean, and Colossus, Moai); then give Lake +1 food, -1 asis but 1 less commerce). |
| See also | 030 treats ice-locked water as a separate water area and prevents coastal buildings in such cities. | |

| 042 | Anticipate border expansion when considering to train Work Boat | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| needed, the Al predicts border expansion 5 turns in advance. | | E.g. if the capital has seafood in its outer ring, the AI doesn't consider Work Boat as its very first order. Or in a new city that can expand its borders quickly through the leader trait or Culture process. |
| | This was a somewhat disproportionate amount of work to implement. Though I do need it for Japan in the <u>EuroWorld</u> scenario. | |

| 043 | Dan Quayle scale adjusted | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| For a "Julius Caesar" victory, a normalized score 15 000 suffice for the best victory, the next | | |

| victory is at | thresholds are 14 000, 13 000, Dan Quayle is below 3000. the worst title (Dan Quayle). | |
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| Rationale | Almost all my victories have been "Julius Caesar", so this is apparently too easy to reach for an experienced player. More of a logarithmic scale now, covering a wider interval of scores. It's possible that the original scale worked OK in Vanilla Civ 4; hasn't been changed in either of the expansions. | |
| Tbd. | The score formula needs work too; increase the weight of victory date and difficulty. The main incentive should be to win as early as possible on the highest possible difficulty. Though the bigger issue is that yields increase too much in the Industrial era, so a lot of points can scored by drawing the game out. | |
| | Should also move the formula into the DLL so that R&F can access it (see comment in RFTotalScore::updateString). | |
| See also | 707: The Rise & Fall scores are normalized to match this new scale. | |

| 044 | Changes to the timing of autosaves | |
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| See also | 106I: No message when autosaving. | |
| | 700: The R&F game option changes the timing a bit. | |
| | I've added some initialization steps after loading a savegame to a new function no CvGame::onAllGameDataRead. | |
| AdvCiv | , | BtS |
| There's still an autosave after regenerating the map, which replaces the initial auto-save and | | When the initial autosave is loaded, the game immediately autosaves again, overwriting the savegame just loaded and deleting all other autosaves. |
| Rationale | It's unnecessary to save right after loading, and the deletion of other auto-saves is somewhat unexpected; should only happen when a new game is started (via the main menu). | |
| created before displaying or popups. The and votes with messages a won't reapper Exception: V | active player's turn. Specifically, the savegame is created before diplo popups and votes and after displaying on-screen messages and non-diplo copups. Therefore, after reloading, diplo popups and votes will be shown again (as in BtS), but messages and e.g. the new-era splash screen won't reappear. Exception: When playing multiplayer with | |
| | s turns, autosaves happen at the me turn as in BtS. | |
| Rationale | Not sure if the exact timing is ideal v | with regard to messages and popups. |
| | Saving at the start of the active play human player isn't necessarily in slo | er's turn is much better in scenarios, when the t 0. |
| | | of the player turns is randomized and not stored in f a player turn could lead to other players missing |
| See also | 127 makes Al Auto Play end at the start of the human turn instead of the start of the game turn. It's important for testing (reproducibility of errors) that the autosave happens at about the same time as Al Auto Play ends; otherwise, Al Auto Play for several consecutive turns will have a different result than Al Auto Play for one turn at a time. (E.g. if Auto Play ends before the start of the human turn, then the Al will never assign any promotions in Al_doTurnUnitsPost when running one turn at a time.) | |

| 045 | Hide rival buildings | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| unit and that wonders (sm and building yield change 3D models o | re the player's team doesn't have a he/she can't investigate, only hall and great), defensive buildings is that can be inferred from their plot (Lighthouse, Levee) are shown as on the main interface. Whether a city of war (still) doesn't matter. | All buildings are shown in all revealed cities. |

| Rationale | Too much information. If a player has all cities of a rival revealed, he/she could check every turn whether a building was completed, and infer that units or wonders are being produced when no (ordinary) building gets completed for some time. With detailed knowledge about the AI code, it might also be possible to deduce the AI strategies and war plans. No one does this, but the game still shouldn't reward it. |
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| | The change could improve performance, but probably just reduces the main memory usage, which isn't an issue in AdvCiv. |
| | And it makes the important buildings (wonders, Walls, Castles) easier to spot. |
| | Would be more realistic to show the buildings whenever a city is visible (i.e. not fogged), but hiding them seems better for gameplay; I think showing them only when a unit is inside is a good compromise. |
| Credits | From Rise of Mankind, though they don't check if the city could be investigated or if there's a unit, and don't show Lighthouse and Levee. Link to source code (1 MB file): Sourceforge.net |
| Tbd. | K-Mod comment in CvUnitAI::AI_nukeValue: "It is possible to see which buildings the city has by looking at the map. This is not secret information." No longer true, so AI_nukeValue should instead estimate the value of the city's buildings. |
| | Fog of war should apply to the shown buildings, i.e. only those buildings should be shown that were present when the city was last visible. Doesn't seem that hard to implement. Since only a handful of buildings are ever shown in the fog of war now, the additional memory usage should be negligible. |
| | A Civ4lert about completed buildings. Now that the player doesn't learn about most buildings, this wouldn't necessarily generate too many messages. See also Tbd. under <u>210</u> . |
| See also | 120d removes the Sabotage Building cost from the Espionage screen; could otherwise use that cost to learn about the cheapest building in a city. |

| 046 | Pickup of stranded units | |
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| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| Just some tentative minor improvements to the transportation AI so far. | | Units can get stranded on landmasses without friendly cities by razing the only cities or by making peace without conquering any. I think the BtS AI just leaves them there. BBAI has added AI routines for picking up such units, though, judging by the K-Mod changelog, the BBAI code worked only in certain cases. |
| Tbd. | Not much; don't want to spend time on low-level AI functions. | |
| | land units in land areas with an ener an upper bound) to the entangled u | units when evaluating the tactical situation: Count my city and no friendly city. Could add these (with nits or so. Get the relevant areas by going through all areas is often costlier because of islands and |
| Credits | CFC user vedg <u>reported</u> units not go savegames. | etting picked up in K-Mod 1.46 and provided |
| See also | 040 and 082 also deal with the trans | sportation AI. |
| When decid | ding where to place a bumped land | When a unit needs to be removed from the |

| unit, landma are preferre | territory of a rival because of an ended war or canceled Open Borders agreement, that unit gets "bumped" to the nearest tile it can legally occupy. Tiles on the unit's current landmass are preferred (tiles on a different landmass are effectively considered to be 1.5 times more distant than their air-line distance). | |
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| Rationale | Might make stranded units a bit less common, especially on tiny islands. I don't want to enforce teleportation to a friendly city because this could be exploited for moving units quickly between theaters of war. At least for now, distance should remain the primary criterion. | |
| See also | 034 (disabled) was an attempt to avoid bumping altogether. 163 spends the movement points of bumped units. | |
| Added a clause to discourage teleportation of ships into lakes. | | |
| Rationale | If the lake isn't connected to a sea, the ships could be irretrievably lost. I've never had this problem, but this bug report for the "We the People" mod suggests to me that it could happen. | |

| 047 | Help text for resource tiles revised | |
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| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| with a resour more concise There was a (marked with giving away In the examp says: "Grassland, Uranium (with Mine Road" If there is no "Grassland, Uranium (with | lso a minor Vanilla Civ 4 bug i id 001 in my code) that had been rival improvements in the fog of war. ble on the right, the text now simply 2 food, 2 production, 3 commerce h Fission) | karadoc already made some improvements; a comment says: "I've rearranged and edited some of the code in this section to fix some bugs." E.g. says for a Uranium Mine owned by the player when the player has Physics but not Fission: "Grassland, 2 food, 2 production, 3 commerce Uranium, Research: Fission, Requires: Mine +2 production, +3 commerce (with Mine) Mine Road" |
| Rationale The example is what prompted my changes. | | changes. |
| See also | Somewhat dependent on <u>135c</u> , which | ch refactors CvGameTextMgr::setPlotHelp. |

| 048 | Changes to combat odds text | | |
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| AdvCiv | | K-Mod | |
| attacker, t | he combat odds help text shows which | When more than one unit is selected, the next attacking unit is chosen for the human player by the AI. Which unit is chosen can only be inferred | |
| of the selected units is about to attack. | | | |

| defending unit is shown. | | BtS, the same goes for the defending unit. K-Mod indicates the defending unit through the 3D model shown on the map, but, on the attacker's tile, 3D models of multiple units are shown when multiple units are selected. |
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| No separate | enno about mitpoints. | If either of the two combatants is damaged, the current hitpoints are shown after the combat odds. |
| defending u | ableu, both the attacking and nit are shown by default ACO is still | By default, ACO shows the defending unit as a one-line short description with promotions. The attacking unit is not shown by default. |
| Various char menu, the m | nges to the arrangement of the ACO nenu text, default settings and in- re also tagged with id 048. | The settings "always", "never", "normal" and "alternate" are a bit difficult to understand in the original menu. |
| Tbd. | about to attack. It's easy enough to accordingly in CvGameTextMgr::set center unit and shows a mix of 3D m | uld show only the 3D model of the unit that is set the "center unit" of the attackers' tile tcombatPlotHelp, but the game ignores the nodels instead. Not sure if and how this can be descriptions are still going to be helpful: can't tell is a unit has. |
| | Moreover, the 3D model on the info Currently CvMainInterface.py sho | pane should show the unit that is about to attack. bws the HeadSelectedUnit. |
| Rationale | The UI needs to make clear which u for this, but I don't want to use ACO | nits are about to fight. ACO already had an option because I find it too bulky. |
| Hitpoints: The one-line descriptions already include the current strength and t strength, which is how the UI usually represents hitpoints. | | |
| AdvCiv | - | BtS |
| changes aboview the united while o attack. If the to make a si | m to the group attack display ove: Can hold down the Alt key to t with the highest survival odds or, if rdering the attack, to force that unit to Alt key is not held, the game is free marter attack. Either way, the odds vs which unit is about to attack. | When an attack is ordered with multiple units selected, the game always makes a "smart" choice that also takes into account a) how valuable the potential attackers are and b) whether they inflict collateral damage. a) was added by the BtS expansion and it seems that they forgot to update the odds display, which is only based on b), meaning that the displayed odds often don't match what happens when an attack is ordered. |
| Config | If the smart choice does not have the highest survival odds, a hint about pressing Alt is shown. This can be disabled through GlobalDefines_advc.xml. If ACO is enabled ("Odds" tab of the BUG menu), then disabling the "Instructions" option will also disable the hint about the Alt key. | |
| Rationale | _ | eds to be a way to just see the best odds. |
| Tbd. | | 3D models (see <i>Tbd.</i> above), there will also be the whenever the Alt key is pressed and released. Not |
| | Perhaps the smart choice should pri | oritize high survival odds a bit more; currently it's |

| | CvSelectionGroupAI::AI_getBestGroupAttacker. |
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| See also | The Alt key functionality depends on <u>011b</u> (Ctrl key for pre-building). |
| 048b | Replaced a few uses of the word "retreat" with "withdraw" in help text. |
| | Game terms should be used consistently. Plus I may want to use the term "retreat" in the context of a <u>combat round limit</u> in the future. |

| advc.pf | Changes to pathfinder (previously advc.049) | |
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| See also | 104b uses the new TeamPathFinder class for measuring path lengths between cities. | |
| | 082 lets AI units avoids entering enemy borders earlier than necessary when about to start a war. | |
| | 001i makes the pathfinder respect fog of war on routes. | |
| | 003s speeds up pathfinding code by precomputing tile adjacency lists. | |
| | 035 (disabled) let's the AI take into account which tiles will flip upon declaring war. | |

Refactoring changes, performance optimization:

Moved pathfinding code that cares about (specific) selection groups and units into a separate class GroupPathFinder, derived from the KmodPathFinder class.

Derived a class TeamPathFinder from KmodPathFinder for computing paths for "typical" (hypothetical) units of a team. BBAI had implemented largely the same functionality on top of the FAStar pathfinder in the EXE (e.g. in CvPlot::calculatePathDistanceToPlot). TeamPathFinder replaces that (much slower) BBAI code entirely. CvMap::calculatePathDistance remains in use. That BtS function treats only land/ water and impassable tiles as obstacles, whereas TeamPathFinder also takes into account foreign borders and can distinguish between shallow water (Coast) and deep water (Ocean) movement. TeamPathFinder can replace calculate PathDistance, but the latter is more convenient to use, so I'm keeping it in places where performance isn't a concern.

Simplified the logic of karadoc's A* implementation a bit. The original implementation (for unit groups) is still in the codebase for testing purposes. Also changed the public interface a bit (mostly in pedantic ways, e.g. capitalization).

Some tweaks to memory allocation in KmodPathFinder and CvSelectionGroup (function getClearPathFinder).

Use a more compact data structure for the nodes in KmodPathFinder. K-Mod had used the same data structure as the FAStar pathfinder.

Created an enum type for the group movement flags in CvDefines.h.

Moved the BtS pathfinding functions that don't deal with unit movement from CvGameCoreUtils into a new header FAStarFunc.h.

Cached the presence of isthmuses on the map. The check for isthmuses blocking sea movement is the only check that the pathfinders have to make on a per-edge basis (as opposed to per node).

I've included a guess at that memory layout of the FAStar class in CVDLLFASTARIFACEBASE.h. In the future, this could perhaps be used to replace the results of the FAStar instance that the EXE uses for displaying waypoints with paths computed by GroupPathFinder. Currently, to keep the waypoints consistent with the actual paths taken, GroupPathFinder has to compute the exact same paths as FAStar for human units. This isn't really a problem because we simply want a minimal-cost path, and that's what FAStar computes. Paths of equal cost can be a problem, but aren't currently. Related CFC discussion

| AdvCiv | | BtS/ K-Mod |
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| Made sure(?) that, when selecting between paths of equal movement costs for a human player, a path that enters a smaller number of tiles is preferred over a path that enters an extra tile and has a smaller ratio of diagonal moves. | | over diagonal moves for aethetic reasons. Taken together with a K-Mod tie-breaker that is |
| Credits | carp provided a savegame (CFC pos | <u>st</u>). |
| See also | Earlier version of the K-Mod symmetry-breaking code: Git commit | |
| Tbd. | I've had to scale some of the decision weights up. Hopefully this has no unforeseen consequences. | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| (But may upgrade human roads to railroads.) through | | If the shortest path between two AI cities passes through human territory and the human and AI player have an Open Borders agreement, the AI may build roads through the human territory. |
| Rationale | If the human pillages those roads, the AI keeps rebuilding them, which can permanently occupy several AI Workers. Also, ultimately, humans should be in control over the roads in their territory. | |
| Tbd. | | der flag. I'm not sure that I'm using that flag in all look some time to make sure I'm not preventing sed, which could hurt performance. |

| 050 | Earth scenario |
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The <u>EuroWorld</u> scenario is not part of AdvCiv yet, but I've already made some changes in AdvCiv to accommodate that scenario:

300 prevents large deserts from filling up with Lions.

140 reduces the effects of various world-size modifiers. Earth scenarios tend to be crammed despite their great size, so the BtS modifiers don't work well.

<u>171</u> lets the AI pick religions in chronological order ("Choose Religions" option) when no favorite is available.

<u>040</u> allows the AI to improve tiles on small islands in the radius of a mainland city (e.g. needed for Sardinia, which is in the city radius of Rome).

<u>042</u> (city AI anticipates border expansion) is helpful for the Tokugawa AI – perhaps also in other Earth scenarios.

And all the changes with id 05-something.

Designer's notes: In a scenario, when holding down ALT while hovering over a tile with a resource, the game displays a short text that explains why the resource was placed there if the scenario comes with a game text file containing such designer's notes. See

Civ4GameText Earth18Civs.xml for an example.

Disabled when in Debug mode (because ALT key has a different function then).

| | I'm not sure if I'm ever going to use this – would have to be done for most resource locations (if not all) to make sense. If I do it, I'd let the Java program that I use for generating scenario file also generate the game text file. |
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| See also | ALT key shows combat odds instead of plot help when hovering over a unit. <u>089</u> |

| 051 | Initial game state in scenarios | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| | civs receive free tech from the ty in addition to any free techs se scenario. | Only free units are received based on the game difficulty (but only if the scenario doesn't define any free cities or units; no change). |
| | Don't want the game difficulty to have a smaller impact in scenarios like Earth18Civs than in regular games. Also, the absence of free Archers leads to problems with very early Al-on-Al wars in crowded scenarios. | |
| See also | CFC post demonstrating a Warrior ru | ush in a Deity scenario. |
| | <u>104u</u> fixes issues with AI initializatior <u>126</u> grants free tech from game diffic | |
| If a scenario places a wonder or a (super) specialist in a Barbarian city, the GP rate of the city remains 0. E.g. the Earth1000AD scenario places Chichen Itza in a Barbarian city. Probably also an issue when Barbarians conquer a wonder. | | Specialists and wonders in Barbarian cities increase the city's (generic) base GP rate but not the rate toward any particular Great Person because Barbarians don't have GP units. I suppose this means that GP are accumulated, but no Barbarian GP are born(?). |
| Rationale | The GP rates should be consistent, i the rates of the individual GP types. | .e. the base rate should always equal the sum of |
| In scenarios, the start era is set to the mean (rounded down) of the player eras. | | I don't know if there's a way to specificy the start era in a scenario file. Some scenarios have a startingEra setting in the player sections (after BeginPlayer), which perhaps (not tested) gives that player all techs up to that era, but setting a startingEra in the game section (after BeginGame) has no effect. |
| | | The start era is relevant for some modifiers (e.g. cities grow a bit faster when starting Renaissance or later) and for the available wonders. |
| Rationale | This blocks some Ancient wonders in the Earth1000AD scenario. <u>This CFC</u> post lists some problematic wonders. | |
| See also | 008a changes the start era threshold | for a couple of wonders. |

| 052 | Adjustments to AI found behavior for | rscenarios |
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| See also | Several of the changes under <u>031</u> were made with scenarios in mind, but also have a significant effect on randomized maps. | |
| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| When the AI chooses its city sites, found values are randomly increased or decreased by up to | | Neither AI found values nor the choice of the next site are randomized. Randomness in other |
| (Settler Un | it AI), the respective found values are | choices, e.g. research, scouting, city production and Worker builds, can affect AI found behavior, |
| | ncreased or decreased by up to 4%. Indom adjustments do not change from | but the placement of the first couple of cities is |

| - | but stay the same for each tile for the) Only applies to scenarios. | eoften perfectly predictable. |
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| Rationale | 1 | arios. Not much randomness in the site selection a locally optimal position into one that is Al look bad. |
| The AI considers training a Settler in a size-2 capital when that capital is slow to grow. But not until the capital has a sufficient number of defenders (typically 2). So long as an AI civ hasn't met any human civs, it may leave a single defender in its capital and use the other to accompany the Settler that founds the second city. The AI normally lets its capital grow to size 3 before training a Settler. Exception: When the capital isn't growing at all or has no decent unworked tiles left. Typically, the AI has enough defenders when it reaches size 3. I'm not sure if it also usually has an extra combat unit ready to accompany a Settler. | | |
| Rationale | Capitals with low food but high production shouldn't wait for size 3. (On random maps, such capitals don't really occur.) This change is also relevant for non-scenario maps, but especially for the EuroWorld scenario which has unusually dry terrain around some capitals. | |

| 053 | No Tundra Farms | |
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| Tbd. | Want to allow Farms only on Grassland, Plains and Floodplains. Not implemented yet, but I'm letting the AI already treat Tundra river tiles with caution. When the change is made, Tundra river without Forest should also be counted as a "bad" tile. | |
| AdvCiv | BtS | |
| | | Tundra river tiles are treated the same as other river tiles; quite a bit of utility is added for the river. |
| Rationale | Earth scenarios have large taiga areas along rivers, and these areas are not supposed to be deforested and farmed. Taiga soils are very badly suited for agriculture (and actual tundra soils are even worse). On randomized maps, this shouldn't make a big difference as they generate few Tundra rivers. Settling the far north can still be worthwhile when there are bonus resources. | |

| 054 | Visibility of game options | |
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| See also | 250b: Advanced Start and SPaH | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| shown on the Custom Scenario screen but not onequivalent to "Always Peace" unless a scena | | The option is visible on both screens, but it's equivalent to "Always Peace" unless a scenario sets certain civs to be at war from the beginning. |
| Rationale | The option is confusing and superfluous in non-scenario games. | |
| | Set to invisible in Civ4GameOptionInfos.xml. Can be toggled to make the option visible on the Custom Game screen too (as in BtS). The AdvCiv DLL makes the option visible on the Custom Scenario screen regardless of the XML setting. | |
| Tbd. | Would be nicer to add a field to Civ4GameOptionInfos.xml that determines whether an option shows up on Custom Scenario. | |

| "Lock Modified Assets" is never shown on the (multiplayer) Staging Room screen. | | Shown both in singleplayer and multiplayer but has no effect in multiplayer. (CvGame::init disables the option, ignoring the setting on the Staging Room screen.) |
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| Rationale | Not sure why the original developers disabled this (it's already that way in the Vanilla Civ 4 code). Perhaps modified assets will result in OOS errors anyway. | |
| Tbd. | Should temporarily disable the code in CvGame::init and give this a try. If the option actually works, it could be nice to have for some players. | |
| on the Staging Room screen. | | The option is ignored in multiplayer. No new seed is generated (confirmed here by Afforess). That said, with simultaneous turns, CvGame:: updateMoves constantly uses numbers from the synchronized RNG for randomizing the turn order, and this makes random outcomes non-reproducible. |
| Tbd. | If the EXE reports the Staging Room setting to the DLL (I haven't checked), it will be easy enough to the <code>isNetworkMultiPlayer</code> check from <code>CvGame::read</code> . Could then re-enable the option (though it'll still be meaningless with simultaneous turns). | |
| | Can something be done to make randomness reproducible with simultaneous turns? Can't really debug with this option currently. Mongoose Mod might fix it, but is closed source (change log, 20 Dec 2010: "devised a simple, effective way to lock random seeds in Network Multiplayer games when the NewRandomSeedOnReload option is not enabled"). | |

| 055 | Global Warming | |
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| See also | Melting ice isn't really supported by <u>030</u> (q.v.). | |
| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| Jungle, the feature is removed and the terrain remains unchanged. Vegetation on other terrain Grassland Jungle and Plains Jungle. The control of the control | | Global Warming events always turn Grassland Forest and Plains Forest into Jungle, and remove Grassland Jungle and Plains Jungle. This behavior may have been adopted from the Global Warming Mod. |
| Rationale | Forest to Jungle seems quite unrealistic to me. The bad health makes sense (think of the spread of the tiger mosquito), but vegetation becoming denser or wetter is too strange. Removing vegetation is generally problematic because late-game maps tend to be mostly cleared before Global Warming even begins. | |
| Config | Can set PROTECT_FEATURE_ON_NON_DRY_TERRAIN in GlobalDefinesAlt.xml to false in order to allow Global Warming to remove vegetation from Grassland as well. That should probably be done when giving Forest Preserve the ability to protect vegetation (see below). | |
| See also | CFC post where I weigh the change described above against the alternative change described below. | |
| (Disabled again in favor of the change described above.) Chapter (Blobal Warming doesn't directly destroy Forests but it can turn them into Jungles and can destroy Jungles. If that happens to a Preserved Jungle, then the improvement is destroyed (as it requires). | | |

| by Global Warming. The terrain type can change, but not to Desert. If a Plains Forest Preserve is randomly selected for a Global Warming event (which normally removes the Forest and, failing that, turns the terrain to Desert), then no Global Warming event takes place instead – i.e. the target tile isn't re-rolled. | | |
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| Credits | Proposed by Cruiser76 (post) | |
| Rationale | Since the goal is to buff Forest Preserves (or at least not to hurt them with the Forest removal change), I didn't want to block terrain changes – those will often change Tundra to Grassland. Protecting the Forest Preserve improvement itself (which requires a feature) might be more elegant, but it's difficult to ensure that a Global Warming event won't destroy an improvement (in general; not for the Forest Preserve in particular). | |
| Config | New optional XML tag for improvements: GWFeatureProtection If a (positive) value less than 100 is used, then the feature is protected only probabilistically. | |

| 056 | WBSave format | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| the WorldBuilder save are less than the maximal number of civs (MAX_CIV_PLAYERS) allowed by the current GameCore DLL. | | If MAX_CIV_PLAYERS is changed in the DLL, then WorldBuilder saves created with a different MAX_CIV_PLAYERS value become unreadable. In particular, mods that allow 48 civs can't load any of the official scenarios. (The scenario files can be converted fairly easily though by inserting 30 team and player sections for 30 dummy civs into the scenario file.) |
| Rationale | | |
| Config | The WB reader/ writer is implemented in Python\pyWB\CvWBDesc.py. The maximal number of civs can only be changed in the DLL (CvEnums.h). | |

| 057 | Changes to impassable terrain (for mod-mods) | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| When a terrain or feature type is impassable for a Owned impassable tiles can only be entered unit, that restriction doesn't apply to tiles owned by the unit's owner. Owned impassable tiles can only be entered sea units; e.g. Work Boat can enter owned Ocean tiles. No exceptions for units of other domains. | | sea units; e.g. Work Boat can enter owned Ocean tiles. No exceptions for units of other |
| Rationale | A comment in the code makes clear that the special treatment of sea units is deliberate, but I guess the developers just weren't sure how the terrain-/ feature-impassable abilities would be used by modders and felt that exceptions would on confusing. | |
| Generally, I feel that indigenous units should be able to handle their native of and that any workable tiles should also be passable. It could make sense exprevent Artillery from entering Jungle under any circumstances, but the terrafeature impassable abilities allow entrance with a particular technology, so the | | lso be passable. It could make sense e.g. to e under any circumstances, but the terrain-/ |

| | quite the right tool for such a strict re | quirement in any case. | |
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| | As for the rule that allows trade on or for that (Civ4TechInfos.xml). | wned water tiles – there's the TerrainTrades tag | |
| See also | CFC post by Cruiser76 | | |
| the selected says how th If the tile cal and, help te it passable. | ring to move into terrain that one of I units is unable to enter, help text is could be amended: In be owned (not too far off the coast) at says that owning the tile will make If a tech will allow the unit to enter, at names that tech. | Help text never explains why a move isn't allowed. (Help text for Peaks and Ice says "IMPASSABLE" at all times.) Tech allowing a unit to enter otherwise impassable terrain is shown in the unit's Civilopedia article and when hovering over the unit icon in the tech tree. | |
| Config | 1 5 | e era ahead of the active player's current era isn't n show_impassable_tech_era_difference | |
| Rationale | For mod-mods; specifically, it was re | quested <u>here</u> on CFC. | |
| | In AdvCiv, the tech info is only relevant for Work Boat. The ownership info is probably superfluous (I also haven't spelled out that team ownership is sufficient – for lack of space), but showing a tech requirement without mentioning the ownership rule might be a bit misleading. | | |
| See also | 089 also explains in help text why a damaged). | unit can't enter a tile (defenders maximally | |
| The AI uses a fingerprint (CvPlayerAI:: A mere count is used AI_unitImpassables) to check whether units have the same impassable terrains and features. The most significant bits of that fingerprint also contain a count of the impassable terrains and features so that ordering units by their impassable fingerprints orders them (primarily) by their impassable counts. O still means that there are no impassable terrains and features. | | | |
| Rationale | 1 | ment restrictions. And it was easy enough to | |
| See also | The isAnyImpassable functions a | dded by <u>003t</u> are helpful here. | |
| The AI ensures for each unit group that no unit in the group a higher impassable count than the unit leading the group. This is accomplished by disallowing units to join a group if the newcomer would become the group leader and has fewer impassables than the current group leader, or if the newcomer wouldn't replace the current group leader despite having more impassables. (I did not change the algorithm for selecting group leaders.) When a human civ comes under AI control (e.g. AI Auto Play), groups that don't satisfy the invariant stated above are split up. Unit groups (CvSelectionGroup) represent AI unit stacks. The behavior of an AI stack is determined by the AI type (UnitAITypes) of the unit that leads the group. Group leadership is mainly determined by AI type (cf. CvUnitAI::AI_groupFirstVal, AI_groupSecondVal); units with a specific role, e.g. city attackers or settlers, are preferred over units with more general or supporting roles (e.g. reserve, escort). Civs under human control also have groups; those groups represent current and past units selections. (The current selection is also stored by the EXE → CvDLLInterfaceIFaceBase::getSelectionList.) AI units that are unable to enter some terrain or | | | |

When the Al type of a newcomer and the current feature (positive impassable count) cannot join a group leader are the same, then both need to group with a different impassable count. For sea have the same impassable fingerprint. For the assault units, impassable counts have to be sea assault AI type, this isn't always enforced. egual in any case (through a BBAI change). The BBAI behavior is OK for the BtS units (Galley, Trireme), and I haven't changed Rationale anything about that (I hope). Equal impassables are especially important for assault units, but difficult to ensure because sea assault groups are formed in multiple places (whereas AI group formation was otherwise centralized by K-Mod into CyUnitAI::AI omniGroup). BBAI doesn't ensure equal impassables for sea assault groups either; there's special code for splitting out Galleys, so this is probably OK. For impassables added by mod-mods, requiring equal impassable counts seems too strict; can easily break the AI entirely when units aren't allowed to escort settlers. My invariant allows a support unit (low AI groupFirstValue) to join a group with a high AI groupFirstValue (UNITAI SETTLE has the highest one) even if the group leader has stricter movement rules than the newcomer. This seems like a sensible principle, and it should avoid problems with paths computed for the group leader that other units in the group may not be able to follow (not sure if this can actually happen: I guess the pathfinder checks movement rules for each unit in the group anyway). Perhaps most importantly, the invariant makes it sufficient to check the impassables of group leaders in AI omniGroup, i.e. it saves time. The BtS behavior seems inconsistent insofar that it allows units without impassables to join groups with impassables, i.e. it seems that a symmetrical check is missing. See also The validation of Al groups after taking over from a human player are implemented through 127, 127c and 700 (RiseFall::setPlayerControl). CFC discussion Currently, a unit with one impassable could still join a settler with two different Tbd. impassables. Really need a set inclusion check, and not just for the case when groupfirst values are the same. Don't know how to approach that. 057b Only relevant for mod-mods: Invisible settler units don't wait for an escort. (With the BtS AI code, they wait in vain forever.) Someone had this problem in their AdvCiv-based mod. The BtS AI code prevents Rationale invisible and visible units from forming a group. I don't know if there's an important reason for that other than that invisible units tend to have different tasks than visible units. I'd rather that not mess with that. Letting an invisible settler go it alone isn't ideal because the city will be defenseless at first, but at least the settler gets to take

| 058 | Conceal player identities (when appropriate) | |
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| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| Functions getKnownName, | | Modified CvPlayer::getName, getPlayerColor, |
| getKnown | PlayerColor, | getCivilizationDescription and |
| getKnown | CivDescription and | getCivilizationShortDescription SO that |
| getKnownCivShortDescription added to | | they return placeholder information when the |
| CvPlayer. | Those functions take a team as | active (human) team isn't supposed to know the |
| i. | r and return placeholder information | identity of the player. |
| (e.g. "unknown player") when that team isn't | | Perhaps that's why karadoc chose to make the |
| allowed to know the identity of the player. | | placeholder behavior the default? So that the |
| Reverted the K-Mod changes. | | EXE would display the correct colors. He |

advantage of its 2 movement points this way.

| | he EXE to getPlayerColor are O getKnownPlayerColor. | probably wasn't aware of .def files, so my solution wasn't available to him. |
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| See also | The K-Mod approach was essentially unworkable for the R&F component, which preserves interface messages sent to AI players because the human player might later take control. | |
| Credits | carp made me aware of the problems with the message log. (CFC post) | |
| Rationale | The situations in which placeholder information should be displayed are really very few. The K-Mod code had lead to placeholder info in some inappropriate places though (e.g. in BBAI logs). Still, it was a good thought to put the code for generating the placeholder info into a single place, so I've kept that part of the K-Mod code. | |

| 059 | Help text for city health/ happiness from surrounding tiles | |
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| See also | Based on refactored code for $\underline{901}$, which also changes the rules for health/happir effects across borders. | |
| | 004b shows health/ happiness help | for a future city when a Settler is selected. |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| owned by tactive play health and and feature which cities not owned Health effethere is on Plains, are | ering over a tile in the radius of a city the active player or a tile owned by the er in the radius of any revealed city, happiness effects from improvements are shown. The hover text says are affected (this can include cities by the active player). Exception: ects between -0.49 and 0.99, i.e. when ly an ordinary Forest, Jungle or Flood only shown when a Worker is the tile that the mouse hover over. | Tile hover text doesn't show any health or happiness effects from features and improvements (only shows effects of resources). The city screen shows a tally of the health and happiness from surrounding tiles. |
| Rationale | reason for building Forest Preserves features and improvements together multiple times. (Traits can grant hap improvements can grant health; both the small fractional health effects of | erve should be shown in hover text; it's the main is. I want to show happiness and health from is so that city names don't need to be listed piness from features and, through 901, in unused.) However, I don't think I want to show BtS features all the time; they're not so important the the complicated conditions for when to show the |
| The city sc | reen uses slightly more generic explan | ations for happiness and anger from features. |
| AdvCiv | | BULL (not in K-Mod) |
| changes in cities are li | ering over a Worker action button, the happiness and health for nearby sted. Fractional changes are shown in 'll be lost to rounding. | Optionally shows a hint in the action hover text if the Worker build will decrease health in any nearby city. That hint also says whether that city has greater excess health than excess happiness or vice versa. I didn't look at the source code, but I expect that it only works for health from Forests |
| Rationale | | alth and happiness doesn't seem very helpful and available space. Also, without that extra info, wer text optional. |

| 060 | Add-to-spaceship not shown after part completed | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| After completing a Spaceship (SS) part, the player is only taken to the SS screen if the SS is ready to launch. | | Except in networked multiplayer, the player is taken to the SS screen after every completed SS part. The SS screen was added in BtS. |
| Config | BUG menu, "General" tab under "Splash Screens" | |
| Rationale | Finishing one of the sixteen parts isn't such a grand event. | |

| 061 | | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| on the conte on a unit flac resolution ar | | Fixed limit of 15 units to be listed on a separate line each. |
| player's units | as more than 1 unit in the tile, that s are listed under a heading, e.g.: | The owner is always shown in-line: |
| Tokugawa (2 Archer 3 str. | Combat I | Archer, Tokugawa, 3 str. Combat I Archer, Tokugawa, 2/3 str. |
| line. Due to t | tr. as just 1 unit, the owner is shown in- the larger font, this line sometimes second line. | No per-owner unit counts are shown anywhere. |
| up to three of category are (military land and "other". | army, 1 other): str. | |
| all units in th | es, the heading is omitted, e.g. when the tile are owned by the active player ew enough to count at a glance. | |
| headings, th | | Same, though it can't be shortened to a single line. (The center unit is the one shown on the map as a 3D model.) |
| both the san into a single Archer (2), 2 This is applic | sn't enough space, units that have ne owner and type are aggregated line, e.g.: 1.5/3 str. Combat I x1 ed to all units except for the center s with an attached Great General. | If there are more than 15 units, the first 15 are still listed on a separate line each. The rest is aggregated as described on the left (minus the exception for Great Warlords), e.g: Archer (2), Tokugawa, 2.5/3 str. Combat I x1 These lines are often so long that they wrap |
| | nm expects that the aggregated till require more space than is | around. No such fail-safe mechanism. |

available (this should happen very rarely), a line with a warning is displayed and, for some civs. only the heading with the unit counts is shown. The unit owners are ordered as follows: First units without known owner, then those If the active player has units in the tile, then those owned by the civ that owns the center unit, then units are shown first. Then ordered by player slot ordered by (total) unit count, then by slot id. id (I think). The units of a given owner are ordered as follows: First transports and units in cargo Transports/ cargo: same. Then ordered by how recently the unit arrived in the tile (I think) and (interleaved so that one can guess which unit is in which transport). Then units of the same type unit type id. as the center units, then units of the same domain as the center unit. Then ordered by domain, then by combat strength, then by unit id (or unit type id if aggregated). New option "List Units per Owner" on the "Map" tab of the BUG menu; enabled by Config default. All the changes above only apply if the option is enabled. Tbd. Use the change tag (see config) Tech Window.xml for an example) to toggle the Unit layer twice when the status of the new option changes. Currently, the help text attached to the Unit bubbles isn't updated until the Unit laver is manually toggled. The "More Naval AI" mod allows human to cycle the center unit of a tile through key presses (Git commit). Would be nice to have some means of viewing the full information about any unit in a foreign stack. Not sure if this would be fully compatible with AdvCiv. I think there's some non-UI code by me that accesses the center unit just to get some arbitrary unit in a tile. Shouldn't matter how the center unit was chosen then – but I'm not guite sure. Also a bit laborious to merge. Rationale The main issue was that the BtS code wasted too much space. With the larger font (002b), parts of unit list were frequently unreadable. The wrapped-around lines were also difficult to read. The per-owner headings solve these problems and provide unit counts, which I had wanted to add in some form and place for some time. Another issue with the BtS algorithm: A mix of aggregated and non-aggregated info is confusing, especially when the units shown separately are chosen mostly arbitrarily (unit type id and slot id should only be used as tiebreakers). The owner of a Privateer is revealed if the Only revealed when the Privateer is in a City or Privateer shares a tile with a visible non-Privateer Fort. unit or when the Privateer is in a City or Fort. Rationale Revealing Privateers in port makes some sense because units that are always hostile (though BtS actually didn't check this) can only enter the port of their owner (well ... or of a teammate). The same reasoning should apply to a Privateer stacked with visible units whose nationality isn't hidden. With the changes to help text, an anonymous Privateer stacked with other units would have to be the center unit. and this would make it stand out more than I'd like. See also 007 reveals the owners of Privateers when in Debug mode.

| 062 | Al diplo comment states the reason for canceling a vassal agreement | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| When the AI cancels a vassal agreement, the | | Always says "It appears you are too weak to |

| diplo popup says, in vague terms, why the agreement is being canceled. | | protect us" |
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| | explanation is really necessary, as vo and normally canceled because of th | subforum). In AdvCiv, I don't think an pluntary vassal agreements to humans are rare ne vassal's power rating, but it's still nice to have eading when the ratio between vassal power and ncelation. |

| 063 | Changes to BUG's Actual Effects mo | od component |
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| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| Show the Actual Effects production, commerce, happiness, health, specialist and maintenance help text when Alt is held down or when the respective options are enabled. | | K-Mod already treats the Actual Effects building help text this way, but the other options aren't tied to any modifier key. |
| Rationale | Perhaps karadoc just didn't find these options helpful at all. They don't seem very useful to me, but there isn't really any downside to my change, and it could convin players who tend to enable all the BUG options to leave Actual Effects disabled, resulting in a less cluttered UI. | |
| | | ems very easy to merge. As far as I can tell, these Valls and Castle, and I don't think that justifies two |
| Rewrote parts of the explanation text for the Actual Effects options as the original text was very sparse. E.g. for the production option: "When checked, displays the buildings that will affect the production rate and by how much." Displays it where? Which buildings? | | |
| Added a checkbox for the net effects of specialists to the BUG menu (and wrote help text down; can't permanently enable them. (It seen that BULL always shows net effects of specialists; an option exists in the configuration files, but isn't shown anywhere on the BULL menu.) | | |
| Rationale | Maybe an oversight in BULL. The or features of the Actual Effects mod. | otions are good for making players aware of all the |
| Credits | VDNKh made me aware of the miss | ing option (<u>CFC post</u>). |

| 064 | BUG Whip Assist; changes to production overflow. | |
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| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| Merged BUL | L's HurryOverflow option (overflow | Of the three BULL options related to hurry |
| info in the "w | hip" button's help text) and enabled | overflow (each with an extra option "Include |
| it by default. | Adapted the computation to | Current"), two require DLL changes, and karadoc |
| AdvCiv's treatment of excess overflow (see | | didn't merge these. One of these two, |
| below) and revised the help text. "Include | | HurryOverflow, had been shown on the BUG |
| Current" extra option also merged, and enabled | | menu but had no effect when enabled. All were |
| by default. Changed it so that current overflow | | disabled by default. |
| • | artinuu ranarnidee ni ind "incilina | The pure-BUG option (WhipAssist - overflow on the production bar) was working correctly. The |

| (the option none shows oproduction by disabled, and the HurryOv Civ4lerts. Re | on. The (other) WhipAssist option ames in the code are a mess; that everflow info directly on the ars of cities) remains available and d now uses the same (C++) code as erflow option, and so do the hurry edundant Python code erface.py, Civ4lerts.py) out. | "Include Current" option adds the city's current production rate to the overflow resulting from hurry production. This is correct insofar that the overflow after pressing hurry is going to be increased by the city's production rate, but the production rate after sacrificing population will be used, and the Whip Assist can't predict (doesn't try to) which citizens are going to be sacrificed and whether citizen automation will cause the remaining citizens to be reassigned. |
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| See also | 064b (see below) adds similar help text to the production yield breakdown. | |
| Rationale | While I think that players should use the "No Slavery" option (912d), the mod should still offer UI support for Slavery, at least until a civic to replace Slavery is implemented. The last missing Whip Assist option would show hurry info on the city billboard (or it's help text?). I suppose that the fast Deity-level players, who don't like to enter city screens all the time, use this. Could perhaps merge it along with other BULL changes to the billboards, but AdvCiv perhaps just isn't the right mod for such players. | |
| Credits | As far as I can tell, EmperorFool implemented the option that I've merged from BULL. | |
| Screen") for disabling hurry tick marks. Disabled hurry tick marks by default. | | The "Tick Marks" option on the "General" tab enables all tick marks, including the little yellow ones that show how much production is needed to decrease the population loss from Slavery. |
| Rationale | Two different tick marks make the production bar look cluttered, and it's nearly impossible to guess what the hurry tick marks are for. | |
| See also | 078: Other changes to the BUG progress bar options. | |

| 064b | Changes to overflow production rules. See the bullets in the blue boxes for the actual changes. For context, let's go through the change history first: | |
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| Vanilla Civ 4 | 4 | Warlords |
| Overflow production is capped at the maximum of the total production cost of the completed production order and the city's base production rate (hearsay: this upper limit may have been different prior to patch 1.61); any excess overflow is discarded. As a comment in the code says "to eliminate prebuild exploits." (I.e. to prevent players from producing items that take the city less than a full turn for several turns in a row, stacking up overflow toward e.g. a wonder, spaceship part or military units whose tech requirement is still being researched.) | | Excess overflow is turned 1:1 into gold. |
| Unofficial Pa | atch 0.21 for BtS 3.17 (<u>link</u>) | BtS patch 3.19 |
| modifiers af | notes: "Limited which production fect gold from production overflow." ne modifiers apply as for Wealth. | From patch notes: "Build-specific production modifiers are no longer counted for overflow gold calculations." However, the implementation works quite differently, usually discarding excess overflow without compensation. See e.g. this post for details. This post by one of the authors of |

| | | the official patch confirms that Firaxis had only meant to clean up the code from the unofficial patch. |
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| Unofficial Patch for BtS 3.19 | | K-Mod |
| 3.17 unoffici From v1.4 p | atch notes: "Fixed extra overflow oug when stopping culture process | Same as the latest unofficial patch for buildings, but, for units, excess overflow is spent on additional units of the same type if possible. If there is enough overflow, multiple units can be trained in one turn. |
| Issue with K-Mod rule | units, K-Mod adds complexity to refer the highest difficulty settings in that see a large enemy stack appears and a large enem | ill occurs for buildings (e.g. Walls) and national rules that were already complicated. In the late Classical or early Medieval era, AI civs broach can routinely produce more than one This raises the cost for conquering mature cities K for human-AI wars (though YouTuber lain got but I suspect that it can lead to indecisive AI-AI ag AI to train and bring as many units as it takes. It ccurs, K-Mod produces another unit only partially. The player will have to continue training that unit. It werflow as it's going to be a cheap unit and g stored. For example, if a city with 105 production on), it'll store 40 overflow and put 25 into another cond Spy to avoid missing out on the 25 all in 40 overflow stored, two more Spies and 10 all, this leaves it up to the player to avoid excess I unit that the player didn't ask for and not on the |
| See also | 001v fixed an exploitable bug in the with the K-Mod code. | K-Mod overflow code. The fix was removed along |
| | ne as the latest Unofficial Patch, i.e. feaks to overflow, chopping and Slave | fully reverted the K-Mod change, and made the ry: |
| | • | city's food store capacity and (as as in e production cost of the completed order no longer |
| Tbd. | Could relax the cap a bit more, e.g. | 150% of the food store capacity. |
| Rationale | stacking up substantial amounts of punlikely to be exceeded unintentionarate is fair enough. As for (a), however indicator for problematic stacking. We order that the stacked production is estimate based on the overall game somehow stored by the city, using the Conveniently, the food store capacity and start era. | with two goals in mind: (a) Prevent players from production and (b) set the cap so high that it's fally. As for (b), using the city's base production wer, the cost of the completed order is not a good what should matter is the cost of the production going to be used for. This is unknown, so some progress should be used. Since overflow is the food store capacity makes sense to me. If y is already adjusted to game speed, map size |
| | until the city needs it. | ed into overflow, and instead remains stored uction isn't an issue (or at least not one that |
| ranonale | The accumulation of chopping prout | שלווטון ואוון מון ואטעל נטו מנ ולמטנ ווטנ טוול נוומנ |

overflow conversion can address) because the player can always preserve chopping production for a future production order by simply not chopping the Forests until needed. Granted: It can be more efficient in terms of Worker utilization to chop Forest ahead of time and keep the yield stored at the city; however, the BtS/K-Mod rules already allowed this by having the city build a Process (which can't use up chopping production), and my rule change has the substantial benefit of preventing chopping production from ever getting converted into gold, and preventing hurry production from stacking with chopping production to generate overflow (see below).

See also

Wonder fail gold can still convert chopping production into gold. See Tbd. under 123f.

- The formula for the population to be sacrificed for Slavery takes into account the current overflow and chopping production: That production is already guaranteed and doesn't need to be covered by Slavery. Consequently, Slavery can't be used at all when the entire production cost is already covered.
- The same goes for the computation of gold for rush buying, however, in this case, the current production rate of the city is fully taken into account.

Rationale

Slavery generates the most overflow when applied to an order that is already about to complete. Ideally, hurry production should only add as much production as is needed to complete the order at the end of the turn, resulting in 0 overflow. Of course production from Slavery comes in chunks of 20 or 30 hammers, but the principle still applies.

For rush buying, the entire production rate can be taken into account. If the player rearranges the citizens afterwards, there can be overflow (can't be helped) or the production order may no longer complete at the end of the turn. In the latter case, the player can always rush buy again to close the gap.

As Slavery removes at least one citizen, the city's regular production from tiles can't be counted on, but the currently stored overflow and chopping production are entirely reliable. Strictly speaking, 1 production from the city tile is also guaranteed and my original implementation had counted that 1 production. I've reverted that (see CvCity::minPlotProduction) because reducing overflow by 1 isn't worth the additional complexity. Related post of CFC: link

| AdvCiv | | BtS/K-Mod |
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| When an order is about to complete, the production yield tooltip on the city screen says how much overflow and chopping production will carry over to the next order, and how much gold, if any, will be generated. | | , ,, |
| If overflow is converted into gold, an on-screen message says how much. | | The overflow production is converted silently. (And K-Mod's additional units also appear without any notification.) |
| Tbd. | impact on stored chopping production | of hurry modifiers in the button tooltips. Also, the on isn't shown on the Slavery button, however, ually anyway, whereas rush buying is here to stay. |

| 064c | Changes to hurrying wonders | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |

| (perhaps es | ce at most 3 population at once specially relevant for wonders, but all types of production). | Can sacrifice up to half a city's population rounded down. |
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| Rationale | To ensure that wonders can't be constructed abruptly, but mostly because the sudden high population loss is jarring. | |
| Tbd. | I don't like the high hurry penalties for great wonders as I don't see a problem with wonders getting hurried so long as they're not completed in just two turns. Also, the penalties can be bypassed through overflow (although 064b makes this more difficult). And there should be a single penalty for all great wonders, not 100% to 300% as is currently the case. | |
| | I've tried setting the penalty to just 50% (i.e. 20 production from Slavery instance as for national wonders), but, for the time being, this would exacerbate problems with fail gold (see <i>Tbd.</i> under <u>123f</u>). I've also tried, in addition, to generic production modifiers (i.e. not Stone, Marble) when hurrying a wond can, again, be bypassed through overflow: when the overflow is added to the extra modifiers are applied. | |
| In theory, overflow generated through Slavery could be penalty, e.g. reduced to 2/3, but I've found that too diffic | | , |

| 064d | Invalid orders don't create overflow | | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS | |
| When the production order of a city becomes invalid during the city owner's turn, the city immediately asks for orders. If the turn is ended without giving new orders, the city's production yield is lost. (As far as I'm aware, the only way how a city's production can become invalid during its owner's turn is through a lost resource, a state religion change or a rebased air unit – see 001b –, so only these conditions are checked.) | | The validity of all production orders is verified at the end of turn – too late to ask for new orders from a human owner. Cities whose production order is invalid produce overflow production. Overflow produced in that way is not subject to any limits; can be stacked up arbitrarily. (No change:) When a player ends his/her turn without assigning a new order to a city that has finished its last order, the production yield is lost. | |
| See also | The exploit for stacking up production is described <u>here</u> on CFC. | | |
| Rationale | Easy enough to prompt the city owner for new orders. The popup can't be overlooked, so, if the owner refuses to give new orders, it's fair enough to assume that the city is deliberately ignored and to discard the yield. Don't have to worry about excess overflow this way. | | |
| Tbd. | Not sure if I've implemented this correctly; I don't fully understand the code for updating plot groups. See comment in CvPlotGroup::recalculatePlots. Seems to work pretty reliably though — after having fixed a bunch of issues with my original implementation. (In particular the bug reported here ; the attached savegame could be useful again.) | | |

| 065 | "Show Culture Turns" and "Commerce Subtotals" no longer optional | | |
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| AdvCiv | | K-Mod | |
| The turns until next culture level (and thus border There's an option for this, which is enabled by | | | |
| expansion) a | are always shown on the culture bar | default in BUG, K-Mod and probably most other | |

| of the city screen. | BUG-based mods too. |
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| Commerce subtotals (e.g. "base research") ar always shown in the commerce breakdowns cities with specialists or other direct sources of special commerce. | of code) and enabled by default (like almost all |
| Rationale To unclutter the BUG menu, especially the "Misc." categories. | |

| 066 | Saved space on the Foreign Advisor | screen |
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| See also | 073 changes the layout of the "Resources" tab | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| No leader names are shown above the entries of the "Active" and "Info" tab. Moved the "Active" and "Info" tab up to the same height as the "Tech" tab, halved the horizontal margins and reduced the height of the bottom margin to 25%. The changes to the "Info" tab are only relevant if BUG's "Enhanced Info" tab is disabled (which is the case by default since AdvCiv 0.95). | | In addition to a leader portrait on the left, the name of each leader is displayed above the portrait. The leader name also appears (no change in AdvCiv) when hovering over the portrait. The "Active" and "Info" have a peculiarly thick bottom margin. |
| Rationale | Especially vertical space is valuable | (even on large displays). |
| "Info" and "Glance" tabs is reduced when there screen (apart from the margins | | The panel takes up the entire height of the screen (apart from the margins), even if there is just one foreign civ to display information about. |
| Rationale | Rationale The large panels look inelegant. | |

| 067 | BUG era display uncoupled from NJ | AGC (game clock) and other changes to NJAGC |
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| See also | 002k: Year notation (AD/BC, CE/BCE) can be switched on the "Time" tab. | |
| AdvCiv | | BUG |
| the era displenabled. The options rearranged abeen added be displayed. Default settilishown for a (but the who Removed the | alf of the "Time" tab, which concerns lay, does not require NJAGC to be on the lower half have been and a second dropdown menu has that allows the alternating views to d for unequal amounts of time. Ings revised so that the game turn is longer duration than the time of day ble clock is still disabled by default). e option to show the game turn a percentage. | The tab is called "Clock". The switch for enabling NJAGC (Not Just Another Game Clock) is in the upper left corner and affects the era display and the clock settings – can't have the era without the clock. That said, the color settings apply to the era shadows on the tech tree even if NJAGC is disabled. By default, if NJAGC and the alternate display are enabled, the display switches every 5 seconds between game turn - slash - turn limit and game progress as a percentage; the time of day is always on display. |
| Config I've added an option for displaying the game era instead of the active player's era. Then I realized that this would be a cheat as the game era can't be easily derived from the game state until all civs have been met, so I disabled the option again. Can | | |

| | be re-enabled through BugNJAGCOptionsTab.py. | |
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| Rationale | Personally, I want neither an era display nor a clock, but there's no reason to cou the two. The era display is even in a different corner of the screen. | |
| | The progress percentage seems entirely pointless to me; the other options I can see some use in: Showing e.g. "126/750" instead of "Turn 126" can serve as a reminder that the game is on Epic speed. I could also imagine that some players want to hide the game year, e.g. to make room for the time of day. | |
| | The alternating display was perhaps not a great idea originally, but is kind of useful in AdvCiv because of the increased font size (002b); the BtS clock doesn't fit on the panel anymore. With the second dropdown menu I've added, one can also build a sort of nagging clock that appears every 10 minutes just to remind the player that time is passing. That's a bit more subtle than the BtS alarm function. | |
| Credits | TheLopez is the author of the NJAGC component. | |

| 068 | BUG options can cause tech tree to | be updated |
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| AdvCiv | | BUG |
| | | shadows on the tech tree and the options on the "Clock" tab that set the shadow colors usually only take effect after a restart because BtS (CvTechChooser.py) caches the tech tree widgets when tech tree is opened. |
| Rationale | The BtS caching can't just be disabled. Opens the tech tree about one second faste (in a Debug build) and keeps track of the horizontal scroll position. | |

| 069 | Changes to plot lists and the PLE (Plot List Enhancements) component | |
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| Credits | BUG lists 12mokeys and EmperorFool as the main authors of PLE. | |
| See also | PLE has a function that predicts the vertical space needed for help text (getTextLines in PLE.py). This was sometimes underestimating the space, presumably because of AdvCiv's larger fonts, so my adjustments in the PLE code are tagged with 002b. That said, sometimes too much space was allocated (and I've only made that worse), so I'm not sure if this is entirely a matter of font size. Anyway, too much space isn't so bad, but too little space had meant that not all text was readable. | |
| Tbd. | Often, no help text is shown for plot list icons on the city screen. This error occurs regardless of the plot list drawing method (vanilla/ PLE/ BUG). The handler for WIDGET_PLOT_LIST gets called and composes the text correctly, but the text isn't displayed. When loading a savegame and entering a city screen without selecting any unit first, it seems to work correctly; so perhaps some of the code in CvMainInterface.interfaceScreen (screen.addCheckBoxGFCAt?) needs to be repeated in the updatePlotListButtons functions (near screen.changeImageButton) when the city screen is up. | |
| AdvCiv | BUG | |
| _ | d the menu items and rewrote much of Originally, all the options on the "Plot List" tab xt on the BUG menu tab to make the required PLE to be enabled and to be in charge | |

| • | s and side-effects hetween the DLF | |
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| help text to n menu. | Also changed some of the in-game natch the terminology used on the | options can also work independently of PLE, but they didn't update the menu (or only in part). |
| | | icated and mostly aimed at games with very large e actually very simple and universally useful, so |
| _ | help text shows turns-to-heal on a and spelled out. | Shown without explanation on one line with the unit's strength and movement points. |
| Rationale | Too difficult to guess what that numb vertical space isn't really (or shouldr | per means; I had to look it up in the manual. And I't be) scarce. |
| _ | unit abilities, only the elp string is displayed. | The full UnitHelp string is displayed (under a heading "Unit Specialties"), including a list of unique replacements and the production cost. |
| Rationale | Confusing clutter | |
| Fixed a bug i sometimes. | in AStarTools.py that had caused t | he PLE movement highlighter to crash |
| | in PlotListEnhancements.py that I ed through the BUG menu. | nad prevented bar colors from getting updated |
| Fixed a poss was intention | | health bars to be shown for civilian units. (Perhaps |
| Fixed a bug | in PLE.py: The names of unit owners | s had been shown in random colors. |
| Fixed a Pyth | on crash in MonkeyTools.getPlotH | ealFactor. Credits: keldath (CFC post) |
| Adopted a few of the help text changes in PLE into BtS (so that they apply if PLE is disabled): | | |
| The help text for a unit icon doesn't show the unit owner if the unit is owned by the active player. The remaining movement points are shown (in addition to the maximum). XP is shown without parentheses (also in tile hover text). | | |
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| If the BtS draindicator circunless they'r indicator is e Warlord and enabled or w simultaneous | t for a unit icon doesn't show the unit ing movement points are shown (in act (also in tile hover text). The game shows unit icons grayed opretty rare anyway that units of different owner isn't important information in moves, XP and promotions often fit Remaining movement points should the info pane. The game shows unit icons grayed operations of the information in the | t owner if the unit is owned by the active player. ddition to the maximum). XP is shown without out for units that belong to other players, and it's rent players reside in the same tile. Therefore the this context. Without the owner, the name, power, into a single line. be shown in order to match the information on Not sure about the PLE method and simultaneous turns. In singleplayer mode, BtS and BUG display an indicator circle regardless of the unit owner. For foreign units, it's always a white circle – indicating that the unit isn't currently expecting orders – unless the unit is wounded or has a Great Warlord (if the respective options are enabled). |

| 070 | Gold rate color options |
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| AdvCiv | | BUG |
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| Three dropdown menus on the "General" tab of the BUG menu for setting the text color of the gold rate when it's positive, negative or negative and exceeding the reserves in the treasury. The default colors are as in BtS. | | Checkbox "Gold Rate Warning" that shows the gold rate in yellow when it's negative but not exceeding the gold reserves in the treasury. |
| • | noved the menu for the "funds olor because the menu was getting | |
| Rationale | I'm not sure what the idea behind the BUG option was. It adds code (which I haven't changed) for showing negative gold reserves in red, but I'm not aware of an exploit that allows negative gold reserves, and I see no need for a warning about that. That aside, one could argue that a negative gold rate shouldn't be shown in red because it's not an alarming condition (though it's certainly bad in a sense). | |
| | I was going to set the color for positive gold to yellow to make gold rate and research rate easier to distinguish. Now that it's implemented, the yellow is a bit too unfamilian for my taste (or just catches the eye too much). Also, if the gold rate is shown in the gold/ commerce color, the research rate should really be shown in the research colo and that's medium green (COLOR_GREEN_TECH I think); currently, the research rate is light green (COLOR_POSITIVE_TEXT). | |
| See also | 004 adds light green and light red (c the color palette of the BUG menu (t | OLOR_POSITIVE_TEXT, COLOR_WARNING_TEXT) to hrough Config\init.xml). |

| 071 | Message on first contact | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| When a rival is met, the game displays a message about this on the main interface along with an indicator at the tile where the meeting occurred (unless contact is made indirectly, e.g. through a vassal agreement). | | No such message. If an AI rival is met, a diplo popup is shown. No notification about meeting a fellow human. |
| Config | Option on the "Alerts" tab of the BUG menu. Also allows the diplo popup to be disabled. | |
| Rationale | It's often difficult to tell where a rival was encountered. The rival unit could e.g. have moved out of sight again or could be stacked with units of a third party. The option to disable the (rather pointless) diplo popup is a nice bonus. I'm not disabling them by default, in part, because I like the introduction texts from the Actual Quotes mod. | |

| 072 | Changes to the "Current Deals" list (trade table) | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| Hover text f | or trade items listed under "What are | It can be difficult – sometimes impossible – to tell |
| the current | deals we have together?" shows the | what deal a trade item belongs to because given |
| deal that the | e item belongs to (e.g. "Banana to | and received items are shown in separate |
| Peter for Ric | ce and 2 gold per turn" when hovering | columns and those belonging to the same deal |
| over "Banar | na") and whether/ when that deal can | don't necessarily align. The hover text says |
| be canceled | d. | nothing about the deal either. Instead, for |

| hover text. This was trictable is not that composed::parseTra | | resources, the hover text says if the AI would agree to another trade for this item – usually, it won't because one resource of a type is enough. |
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| Tbd. | shown on the same row. Adding newlaccomplish this (the GUI won't show nameless dummy trade item. Such ite CvDeal::addTrades - I've tested this care of all the side-effects is going to currently identifies gifts by checking v | s and kept the code in my (offline) archive. Taking be tedious though. In particular, the code whether one of the item lists is empty. Would have retLengthSecondTrades and CLinkList::getLength |
| AdvCiv | | BUG |
| can't curren that remain | tly be canceled, the number of turns until cancellation is shown in | BUG has an option ("Deal Turns Left" on the "Advisors" tab) for this, but that only applies to the "Active" tab of the Foreign Advisor screen, not the trade table. |
| Config | I've extended the "Deal Turns Left" option so that it can either apply to the "Active" tab, the current deals on the trade table, both, or neither. The default is neither. | |
| Rationale In both contexts, hover text shows cancellation info; that should be enough. Gold-peturn items already show the amount of gold in parentheses, and the double parentheses look a bit strange, e.g. "Gold per Turn (3) (6 Turns)". It's also not totally obvious what this means, i.e. that the first number is the amount of gold and the second the turns until cancellation. | | |

| 073 | Trade help on the "Resources" tab (Foreign Advisor) | |
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| See also | 004w revises the help text for resources. 036 makes trades with non-surplus resources more common, and thus increases the importance of the "Resources" tab. And shows in help text how much gold the AI will pay or demand for a resource. | |
| AdvCiv | | BULL |
| changes in Trade Denia Functional aren't option resources in Show "refus | al hovers merged from BULL. The the DLL are tagged with "BULL - al" (almost) as in the BULL code. changes on my part: The hovers nal, and no denial info is shown for f the reason is "you must be joking." ses to talk" as the denial reason when ses to talk and no other reason | They use the tag "BUG - Trade Denial". Option on the BUG menu. At least in BAT, it looks like must-be-joking resources aren't shown on the "Resources" tab at all, not sure if that's standard BULL behavior or somehow customizable. (Or perhaps only K-Mod includes the must-be-joking resources?) The trade denial hover text ignore refusal to talk. |
| Rationale | There's really no downside to the extra help text, hence no need for an option. | |
| See also | 074 excludes must-be-joking resources from the trade table. | |

Enabled BULL's "Kill Deal" functionality. (I only had to remove a check for the presence of the BULL DLL for this, so it looks like this BULL feature could actually have been a BUG feature.) resources says "click to cancel" or how many

I've added the deal string (e.g. "Wine and 2 gold per turn to Peter for Sheep") to the help text.

Resource trades can be canceled from the 'Resources" tab by clicking on a resource icon in one of the "Active" columns. Help text for those turns remain until cancellation becomes possible.

Rationale Without the deal string, it's not always clear which items are going to be canceled.

BUG

AdvCiv Changed the layout of the "Resources" tab a bit. The column headings are now "Will Import," [gold icon] (available gold per turn), "Will Export," "Won't Export," "We Don't Need," "Importing," "Exporting," [gold icon] (trade balance). I.e. all from the other civ's perspective except for "we don't need." The columns are still grouped

through dark background panels, but the group

headings have been removed.

The group headings are written from our perspective: "Export," "Import," "Active," and the subheadings from the other civ's perspective: "Will Trade." "Won't Trade." (again) "Will Trade," "Won't Trade," [gold icon], "Import," "Export," [gold icon].

Rationale The two different perspectives are confusing, and the removal of the group headings frees up space for a larger "Surplus Resources" box (see below).

The column for resources that the other civ is unwilling to import has been removed and the column for resources that the other civ is unwilling to export has been split into "We Don't Need" (resources that we already have – denial reason: "you must be joking") and "Won't Export" unwilling to trade for other reasons. (all other reasons).

The "(we can) Export, (but they) Won't Trade" column contains the resources that both civs are able to trade. The "(we can) Import, (but they) Won't Trade" essentially also contains those resources plus some resources that the AI is

The "Surplus Resources" box has been renamed Only surplus resources are listed in that box. All to "Domestic Resources" and lists all resources that we're able to trade. Surplus resources are listed first and can easily be recognized by the yellow number that says how many copies we own; that number isn't shown for non-surplus resources.

our non-surplus resources appear multiple times in the "Won't Trade" columns though.

The description on the right should make clear that the BUG layout is redundant. The Rationale information in the "We Don't Need" column still overlaps with the "Domestic Resources" box, but, without that column, a complete list of foreign resources would be missing. Tbd.

When the player has surplus resources of more than 28 resource types, the first row of the "Domestic Resources" box is going to be too small, and icons are going to be shown outside the box or even off-screen. This is because I don't know how to display multiple rows of resource counts (the vellow numbers). Not an urgent problem because 28 is a lot when there are only some 35 resources in the game, and on widescreen displays, all resources might fit in a single row. On that note, the code should check whether all resources (incl. non-surplus) will fit into a single row – easy to do – and show the second row only when needed – not quite so easy.

074 Some must-be-joking items excluded from the Trade screen If it's not obvious why these items can't be traded, then the explanation "Surely, you Rationale must be joking" isn't going to make it more obvious, and beyond the explanation text,

| | untradeable items serve no purpose on the Trade screen. That said, in some cases the omission of an item could appear like an error, so I'm not removing all of them. | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS/ K-Mod |
| , , | | K-Mod excludes "cold, dead hands" cities and treats unrevealed cities as secret. |
| account of "must-be-joking", i.e. when the | | When an AI civ cancels a resource deal with a human civ, a diplo popup for renegotiation is shown at the start of the human turn. That popup restates the terms of the canceled deal. |
| See also | See the last quote box of <u>this</u> post about the exception. The known issue is too much work to fix because it involves the EXE. If all AI diplomacy is moved to the start of the human turn (see <u>001e</u>), then the problem will go away. If an AI civ cancels multiple deals at once, <u>133</u> shows all canceled trade items in a single popup. 074 doesn't support multiple popups in a row. | |
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| | tab of the Foreign Advisor. (One could | f all known players are visible on the "Resources" d argue that unrevealed resources that the AI isn't at this would take some effort to implement.) |

| 075 | Units in cargo wake up when the ship has reached land and is out of moves | | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS | |
| moves or ot tile (city, Fo | ther missions queued and is in a land | Units are set to the "sleep" activity when they enter a ship. I don't think they ever wake up from that automatically. | |
| cargo will no to a new ac | ave been given any order while in ot wake up. (Technically, units are set tivity type called "boarded" when they and they have to be in that state in ke up.) | | |
| All of the above only applies when automatic unit cycling is enabled (it is by default). | | | |
| Rationale | Because of automatic unit cycling, it's easy to forget that units can disembark when ship reaches its destination with its final movement point. The cargo units then lose entire turn. | | |
| | I'm limiting the wake up conditions as much as possible because units asking for orders prematurely can be annoying. Hence also the restriction that an embarked unit will only ask for orders once. | | |
| Tbd. Perhaps an option "Wake Up Cargo When Reaching Land" on the "General" t "Commands." Hopefully not needed. GlobalDefines option? | | | |
| | It might be that units are distributed rather unintelligently at times when a stack of land units is moved onto a stack of transports. C2C thread | | |

| 076 | Player options menu revised | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| Renamed the first tab from "Game" to "Controls". Most of the changes to text were only made in English and German. | | By "player options menu", I mean the one that gets opened by Ctrl+O. BtS doesn't seem to have a distinct name for that menu. The settings there only affect the active player. |
| | | On modding this options screen: Unlike the Custom Game screen, the files are mostly in the SDK, so it's easy to modify. The only obstacle I encountered is the inflexible resetOptions function of CyuserProfile, which isn't in the SDK. |
| | | Upon exiting the game, most of the options are stored in a 200-byte <code>.pfl</code> file in <code>AppData\Local\My</code> <code>Games\Beyond</code> the <code>Sword\Profiles</code> —either in <code>Default Profile.pfl</code> or in a custom file created by the user through the "Other" tab of the player options menu. (Unless that pfl file is set to read-only through Windows file properties. That's a way to make the options revert to a fixed configuration at program start.) |
| Rearranged, renamed and, in two cases, hid items on the player options menu, however, without changing the format of the options profile or the order of options in XML, so that these changes won't cause any compatibility issues. | | The pfl file is written in a binary format that will break when options are removed from or added to CIV4PlayerOptionInfos.xml or CIV4GraphicOptionInfos.xml, unless blank options reserved for mods (PLAYEROPTION_ |
| Moved some of the checkboxes from the right column of the "Graphics" tab into the left column, mixing them with the dropdown menus. E.g. the "No Movies" option is now placed above the "Movie Quality" dropdown and "No Buildings" (in Globe View) under the "Globe Quality" dropdown Removed the "Graphics Level" dropdown, | | MODDER) are used. "Graphics Level" doesn't seem to have any effect of its own. Looks like a change in that dropdown merely causes several other settings to change, namely the other three "quality" settings, antialiasing, "Low-Res. Textures", "No Movies", "No Buildings in Globe View", "No Effects", and |
| _ | at the setting will remain at whatever red in the player's profile. | "Animations Frozen". They probably forgot "High Detail Terrain", which was added by patch <u>1.61</u> . |
| Rationale A widget that will overwrite several other settings is similar to a reset and that would have to be very clearly communicated. However, on current hardware (say, post-WinXP) most of the settings tied to "Graphics Level" hardly affect performance (or even power consumption), so it's better (and easier) to remove this master switch entirely. | | |
| Config | Can always change the "Graphics Level" by unloading AdvCiv. | |
| Tbd. | restarting, the terrain always looks a there is no change. There could well impact only in combination with other web, I've only found a few baseless of should perhaps be force-set to "low" | effect. I'm seeing no immediate effect, and, after little different, so it's difficult to be certain that be some very minor impact, or a noticeable settings, e.g. only at a low resolution. On the claims. If there is no appreciable effect, then it (to make sure that no computing time/ power is Currently, my tooltip says "Effect Unknown". |
| | | to see how the fonts and icons scale; then the "Screen Resolution" tooltip. I'll need a larger |

monitor for that.

The space cleared in the right column of the 'Graphics" tab allowed me to add headings to structure the remaining checkboxes, to move two headings. options from the "Controls" tab to the "Graphics" tab that might as well be graphic options ("Quick Moves" and "Numpad Help") and then to add headings to the "Controls" tab as well.

Rearranged the checkboxes on the first two tabs and made some (mostly minor) name changes, in part to take advantage of the headings; e.g. having a heading "Automation" means that "automate(d)" doesn't have to appear in all of the option names.

The checkboxes on the first two tabs are haphazardly arranged and not structured by any

Rationale

Regarding "Quick Moves", the options for unit controls on the "Controls" tab and those for animations on the "Graphics" tab are both concerned with unit animations. Putting them all on one tab might be nice, but "Quick Defense" and "Show Friendly Moves" need to be on the first tab for easy access, and there isn't enough room there for all of them. Even moving only "Quick Moves" and "Combat Zoom" to the "Controls" tab would require a major reshuffle. And these two really are just visual changes, whereas most options on the "Controls" tab allow a tradeoff between optimal play and pace, e.g. the automation options, "Wait at End of Turn", "Stack Attack" and I'd say also "Quick Defense" as this option makes it sometimes impossible to keep track of all enemy attacks.

Changed almost all tooltips to provide more precise information and, in some cases, hints and recommendations. Added tooltips to the dropdown menus and to the reset and exit buttons.

Added a "need restart" popup to the "Low-Res. Textures" option and the "Globe Quality" menu, and added info about having to restart or reload to the tooltips of any options that need it.

Removed the banner from the "Audio" tab: the cleared space remains mostly unused.

Device names in drop-down menus shortened as I never even knew that a custom music folder needed to make sure that the menu fits in the window. Moved speaker settings and custom music folder to the left column.

Removed the panel for network settings from the The only network setting is "Modem" vs. 'Other" tab. That means, the connection speed set in the profile is assumed.

Many of the tooltips more or less just repeat the name of the option, which is usually not selfexplanatory (certainly not for new players). No tooltips for the dropdowns and buttons.

Restart popup for "Fullscreen", "Single Unit Graphics", "High Detail Terrain", "Graphics Level", "Audio Speakers".

A banner of a sound card vendor (sponsor?) is shown on the "Audio" tab.

can be configured because the button had been off-screen.

'DSL/Broadband". Not sure if this has any impact on networked multiplayer games.

Rationale

No one has a non-DSL modem. Can still change this through "Bandwidth" in the INI file. With this panel removed, the Profile panel is the rightmost one, which makes sense: after configuring everything, the player may want to create/save a profile. Also, in BtS, one can get the impression that a profile is just some sort of user id for network games.

Regarding the layout of the "Audio" tab: It's better to have voice chat on the lower right than speaker settings and custom music folder because the voice chat options are a bit complicated and rarely used.

| Tbd. | Should perhaps mention in the tooltipeffect when playing with simultaneou | p for "Show Moves" that those options have no |
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| Changed th | ne default values of several options (a | t my discretion). |
| Rationale | Doesn't matter much because the BtS defaults are set in the profile upon installing BtS and, when a mod is loaded, the values in the profile are used. The defaults do matter when a player manually resets the profile, or if it is automatically reset, which happens under some rare error conditions. Also, the defaults can be looked up in XML as a reference. | |
| The reset button on the "Graphics" tab doesn't affect the "Fullscreen" checkbox, nor the "Screen Resolution" and "Menu Background" dropdowns. The quality dropdowns are set to "high" and MSAA to 2 samples. The reset button tooltips explain what gets reset and how that will affect the current profile. The need-to-restart popup is only shown if one of the four tabs has its own reset button that affects all settings on that tab except (I think) "Screen Resolution". The default values for the checkboxes on the first two tabs come from theoptionInfos XML files, about the others I'm not sure. For the "Graphics" dropdowns, the same settings as for medium "Graphics Level" seem to be used, i.e. 2 MSAA samples and all levels at medium. The effect on the menu background dropdown seems erratic. | | |
| Removed t | he reset button on the "Other" tab. | When "Graphics" or "Audio" are reset, the need-to-restart popup is always shown. |
| Rationale | resolution could be set based on the | normally played in fullscreen. Perhaps a sensible resolutions supported by the hardware, but that The menu background is a matter of taste. |
| | With only the Clock options left, a remisunderstood as affecting all tabs. | set button on "Other" is unnecessary, and could be |
| "Numbers | Renamed the "Detailed City Info" option to Numbers on City Bar", and it only shows production turns and turns to grow. Also shows a research icon on the billboard of the city with the highest research rate, a gold icon for the highest gold rate and a production icon for the highest production rate. | |
| Rationale | The meaning of the icons is obscure and, as the capital usually has the top gold and research rate, they're quite unhelpful except possibly for the production icon. Without the icons, the option makes sense on the "Graphics" tab because the turn numbers are really just a visual aid for players who find the one-turn projections always shown on production and food bars insufficient. | |
| See also | 002f allows the icons to be enabled t | hrough the BUG menu. |
| Would be nice to add a tab for controlling some important settings in CivilizationIV.ini. To get those settings more visibility and to allow them to changed from within the game. (For some, it may be impossible to apply them immediately, but the options screen has warning tooltips and popups for such carries. | | settings more visibility and to allow them to be some, it may be impossible to apply them |
| | it), SetMaxFrameRate (unlimited fram game), HidePythonExceptions, Max ScreenHeight, ScreenWidth (for Cu | oTrilinearFilter (some might prefer it if they try ne rate might be a bit wasteful for a turn-based xAutoSaves, AutoSaveInterval, CheatCode, istom dimensions in windowed mode; don't know if LoggingEnabled, RandLog, MessageLog (the log rer names). |
| | Example of how to change an .ini s | setting from within the DLL: "We the People" Git |
| | The "INI" tab should also show the p | ath of the .ini file to which the settings will be |

| 077 | Changes to "Demographics" tab (Info screen) | |
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| See also | Info graphs: <u>004s</u> , <u>091</u> | |
| Credits | This CFC post (by Long try) demonst early game. | trates that the BtS screen leaks information in the |
| Tbd. | | ant code in CvInfoScreen.py, pretty much raphic" class that "crop yield", "soldiers" etc. can |
| AdvCiv | 1 | BtS |
| the value, n | is "best rival" and "worst rival" show name and rank of the best or worst demographics are visible through | Those columns show the value of the best and worst rival regardless of espionage or whether that rival has even been met. Only the value is displayed though (e.g. the number of soldiers). |
| the "best" a graphics of Or, as anoth worst rival of graphics are | Alternatively, as an option, a "?" can be shown in the "best" and "worst" column when the demographics of the best or worst rival aren't visible. Or, as another option, the name of the best or worst rival can be shown even if its demographics aren't visible. A "?" is then displayed if the best or worst rival hasn't been met. | |
| Config | The "options" are just boolean flags no CvInfoScreen.py. | near the top of Assets\Python\Screens\ |
| Rationale | some unmet rival has the Charismatic problematic unless those values are demographics are visible through esphis/her espionage on one or two targethe rival columns may not contain muapproach (still in the code as an optic | ly don't like that the player can tell on turn 0 that c trait. Giving away any concrete rival values is revealed through the graphs anyway, i.e. when pionage. Potential problem: If a player focuses all ets in order to reveal their research goals, then useful information. I've tried a less restrictive on) that also doesn't give away values but names of espionage; however, I worry that this could nographics" tab every few turns. |
| multiple of 5 teammates when there | The rival average is rounded to the nearest multiple of 5, no longer includes vassals and eammates of the active player and isn't shown when there are fewer than 4 rivals alive. Minor civs are also excluded. The average is computed over all civs except to active player. It's rounded to the nearest smaller integer and shown regardless of the number of civs alive. | |
| Rationale | coast, and the other values probably turn to turn could reveal information t | and tiles gives away how many civs start at the aren't safe either. Moreover, the changes from hroughout the game. Coarser rounding appears ulting approximate average is still useful (at least er's values into perspective. |
| | | e known, the one in the middle could be tedious. Hence no average when the sample |
| Credits | Exclusion of minor civs adopted from | "Dawn of Civilization" (Git commit) |
| Removed th | ne final row (Export-Import). It can be | The value is the player's total commerce from |

written.

| The worst/ best rival columns show the value on top and the rival name and rank on the bottom. The (player) value and rank columns have been merged into a single column with the value on top and rank at the bottom. Changed most of the labels to use the available space efficiently and resized the columns. Also using some icons. Shortened a couple of leader name translations (French, German, Spanish) to make them fit into the columns. Rationale Putting the rival value, name and rank all in one table cell would be difficult to read. Since the average column has only a (numeric) value to show and it would look strange to leave the top cell empty, all values have to be shown on top so that they're easy to compare (and all ranks at the bottom). Since the unit of measurement should be on the same row as the value, I've put the units on the same line as the names of the values. That's a bit tight, but it fits. Decimal ("thousands") separators added. Rationale To make the large numbers easier to read. When the Info screen is shown after winning, losing or retiring, all info on all tabs is revealed as didn't have anything to hide. And all info | | | |
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| commerce because Civ 4 isn't a zero-sum game (unless only two civs remain); it's mostly flavorful (trade balance is a widely known economical concept). Commerce from foreign trade is still shown on the Finance tab (Economics Advisor). Layout changes: Except for rival average and the Finance tab (Economics Advisor). Layout changes: Except for rival average and the Finance tab (Economics Advisor). Layout changes: Except for rival average and the Finance tab (Economics Advisor). Layout changes: Except for rival average and the Finance tab (Economics Advisor). Layout changes: Except for rival average and the Finance tab (Economics Advisor). Layout changes: Except for rival average and the Finance tab (Economics Advisor). Layout changes: Except for rival average and the Pinance tab (Economics Advisor). Layout changes: Except for rival average and the Pinance tab (Economics Advisor). Layout changes: Except for rival average and the Pinance tab (Economics Advisor). Layout changes: Except for rival average and the Pinance tab (Economics Advisor). Layout changes: Except for rival average and the Pinance tab (Economics Advisor). Layout changes: Except for rival average and the Pinance tab (Economics Advisor). Layout changes: Except for rival average and the Pinance tab (Economics Advisor). Layout changes: Except for rival average and the Ponly the first column has double rows, showing the name of the value (e.g. "crop yield") on top and the val | but this will there is only values now. | result in a vertical scrollbar since v enough space for 8 demographic If it's enabled, the value is the | |
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| Rationale/ To be consistent with <u>004s</u> , which shows moving averages on the "Graphs" tab. See also | | To be consistent with <u>004s</u> , which sho | ows moving averages on the "Graphs" tab. |

| 078 | Changes to BUG's GP bar options | |
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| See also | 001c fixes the birth probability display. 064 adds a separate option for the hurry tick marks. | |
| Tbd. | Add the GP icons to Res\GameFont.tga (GameFont_75.tga?) and let the init function of GPUtils.py use those instead of the yield icons. | |
| AdvCiv | BUG | |

Option added to show the GP bar and GG bar only once there has been any progress. More specifically, if the option is enabled, the GG bar appears once any XP has been gained, and the GP bar appears once any (non-GG) GP points have been generated by a city. All the bars and the new option are disabled by default.

If the GP or GG bar is enabled, the bar appears right at the start of a game although, typically, no XP is gained for the first 15 turns, and no GP points for the first 50 turns.

Rationale

Not enabled by default because the sudden appearance of the bars could be confusing when a player hasn't explicitly enabled that behavior.

The Great General bar gets updated when combat XP changes, i.e. this sentence in the BUG help file no longer applies: "One thing to note is the display of the bar will not automatically update after a battle, but you must enter a screen and exit out for it to display properly."

If tick marks are enabled, overflow research is shown as part of the semi-transparent portion of the research bar and thus the research bar.

Overflow research is always shown as part of the semi-transparent portion of indistinguishable from the current research.

Overflow research is always shown as part of the solid portion of the research bar and thus indistinguishable from the current research progress. The semi-transparent portion shows the per-turn research rate without overflow.

However, the production bar on the city screen shows overflow (only) in the semi-transparent portion.

Rationale

Solid overflow suggests that the overflow has already been spent, but it isn't spent until end of turn (because it's really part of the research rate). And it's inconsistent with the production bar.

I'm keeping the BtS behavior if tick marks are disabled because the per-turn research rate without overflow is an important statistic that should arguably be visualized somehow, either through the semi-transparent portion or, preferably, through tick marks.

| 079 | Al greetings | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| | | If the AI doesn't warn about its worst enemy (see below), it brags about it's current best unit with a probability of 25% unless Pleased or less powerful than the player. The roll is repeated every time that the AI is contacted. AI personality doesn't matter. |
| Rationale | To eliminate the need for contacting the AI multiple times to find out its best unit in the early game. At first, I implemented a random chance of never bragging about a particular unit based on the CONTACT_DEMAND_TRIBUTE divisor, but, ultimately, I think it's better to make the early warmongers always reveal their best unit. (For some of the peaceful leaders, this would be out of character and shouldn't be needed either.) Of course, contacting the AI every few turns is still tedious, but I don't think the information is usually relevant, so I'm not implementing an alert message or sth. like that. | |
| See also | OO5a changes the CONTACT_DEMAND_the leaders with a sufficiently low divi | TRIBUTE divisor for several AI leaders. Most of sor (less than 400) are listed there. |

| player agair and is more | embers when it has warned a human list trading with a particular enemy, likely to warn if it hasn't warned ess likely otherwise. | If there is a worst enemy, there's a 25% probability that the AI will warn about it when contacted. This is accompanied by an angry facial expression in BtS, and, in K-Mod/AdvCiv, by the trade-refusal expression. |
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| Rationale | Mainly to reduce the frequency of the | e somewhat jarring stop-trading leader animations. |
| After the first era, the AI says "we would encourage you to stop trading" in the greeting only if the human player has annual deals with the worst enemy. Will say "watch out for our worst enemy" only if the accumulated trade value in AI memory is 0, and otherwise, i.e. basically if the human has ever traded with the enemy, "we would encourage you to stop trading" | | |
| Rationale | To address a to-do comment by the original developers: "maybe make this a little looser (by time)" | |

| 080 | Warn about XP loss on upgrade | |
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| AdvCiv | ı | BtS |
| The upgrad lost (if any). | e button says how much XP will be | Units lose all but 10 XP when upgrading. Reportedly, the BtS manual mentions this but the in-game help text doesn't. And as no promotions are lost, it's easy not to notice. |
| Tbd. | Limiting the number of promotions that units can acquire is good, but I'd prefer a mechanism that somehow allows old promotions (which may not make that much sense on the upgraded unit) with new ones. Not sure how exactly. | |

| 081 | Naval AI for land wars (not much done yet) | |
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| See also | 905 increases the speed and bombardment rates of some ships. | |
| AdvCiv | | BBAI/K-Mod |
| The AI may train a few ships with a transport or bombardment ability for land wars if the city that the AI wants to focus its attacks on is coastal. The AI may train more ships when there are hostile ships in its borders. After I fixed a likely bug in BBAI code (see 017 the AI trains only a minimal number of warships except when planning a naval landing. | | |
| | If naval bombardment is further buffed, an AI type UNITAL_ATTACK_CITY_SEA should be added. Should sometimes train ships for naval bombardment even when there is no war plan | |
| | yet. To be added to BBAI's "city hunting stack" code. | |

| 082 | Al changes for naval assaults (few so far) | |
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| Tbd. | Al shouldn't keep units for naval assault embarked; cf. this CFC thread. | |
| | To get the AI to drop invasion forces in a friendly bridgehead (and to overcome the inability to attack landlocked enemies), it might suffice to do the following: In CvUnitAI::AI gototargetCity, check if the current unit is a sea unit with cargo, | |
| | and if the target city is (about to become) hostile and in a different area than the unit. If | |

| | nearest to the target city. If that city is the unit, then, with a high-ish probab | coastal) non-hostile city in the target area that is not too far away from the target and nearer to ility, go to the non-hostile city. However, if the be short work, go directly to the target city if |
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| | auxiliary function for the intel ratio. O | lso evaluate resources from the city owner's point |
| | b) the strength of defending ships that target's (unless barb/minor) UWAI flerelativeNavyPower function, the chaccount for factors that may distract of the target's coastal cities plus half | ort (just add up the strength values) and at will intercept the group. Cheat by using the |
| See also | , | e turn as declaring war spends all movement ZoC rule, more AI changes will be needed. |
| | 040 deals with naval AI for founding | cities and <u>046</u> with stranded units. |
| AdvCiv | | K-Mod/ BBAI |
| war, the pa | oup of AI units is supposed to start a thfinder avoids entering the enemy's ier than necessary. | Only avoids ending a turn inside the enemy's border. Doesn't avoid moving through. |
| Rationale | | It would be even better to enter the enemy's t's clear that the units are going to leave and reork to implement. |
| large enou small for a are needed landmass v launches a | gh to serve as reinforcements but too | Naval assault SeaReinforce was added by BBAI. Naval assault stacks consider that routine if they have at least as many units loaded as are required for a land-based AI city attack stack (AI_stackOfDoomExtra). An initial attack (AI_assaultSeaTransport) is only considered when the naval assault stack has at least twice as many units loaded as are needed for a land-based attack. (That's the intended BBAI behavior anyway; because of a bug – fixed by K-Mod – it hadn't actually worked that way.) |
| Rationale | 2*AI_stackOfDoomExtra() is already ca. 10 in the Classical era. That's often overkill for attacks on enemy colonies. | |
| See also | Discussion on CFC: link | |
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| 083 | Al changes for city attacks | |
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| See also | 001t and 082 deal with the path that | t AI units take when declaring war. |
| AdvCiv | | K-Mod/ BtS |
| Made sure | that the AI doesn't blindly attack a | There was an assertion saying "no suicide |

| - 1 | city while tryi rom. | ng to get to the best tile to attack it | missions" that triggered sometimes. |
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| (| | ciding from which tile to attack the | Reportedly, the BtS AI is generally unable to plot around enemy units; in K-Mod, I can only recreate this for Barbarians vs. units blocking the entire inner ring of a city. |
| - | | Non-Barbarian AI stacks still disregard tiles with enemy defenders when deciding from which tile to attack a city. K-Mod comment: "consider fighting for the best plot" | |
| | | The choice of the tile to attack from needs to take into account how dangerous the enemy units are. Currently, once the AI has decided on an attack path, it won't enter the city directly even if all defenders abandon the city. | |

| 084 | Solo games | |
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| Rationale | It's possible to close all except one player slot on the Custom Game screen – and that makes some sense too when a player just wants the map to him- or herself. So that that mode of play should be supported if it isn't too much trouble. | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| No Conque | st or Diplo victory in solo games. | If Conquest victory isn't explicitly disabled, the game ends shortly after the player founds his/her first city. Diplo victory impossible, but not explicitly unavailable. |
| Rationale | The other victory conditions make <i>some</i> sense without any opponents. | |
| Difficulty factor for Hall-of-Fame score gets divided by 4 when playing without competition. | | |
| Rationale | Don't want solo wins (especially not Domination) to end up at the top of the Hall of Fame screen. | |

| 085 | Changes to the tabular scoreboard (i.e. only applies when "Tabular Layout" is enabled on the "Score" tab of the BUG menu) | |
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| See also | 120h changes the meaning of the espionage column. | |
| | For a scrollable scoreboard, <u>this</u> Dawn of Civilization pull request could be helpful. Though I don't mind the scoreboard taking up much of the screen height. | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS/BUG |
| Column added that shows the Golden Age icon when another civ is in a Golden Age or the negative-gold icon when in Anarchy. Help text for the icons says how many turns remain. | | Golden Ages and revolutions are announced, but I'm not aware of any way to check – reliably – if an opponent is currently in a Golden Age or in Anarchy. Golden Age and Anarchy length are public knowledge though. |
| See also | 152 uses the "fist" icon for AI war trades. That icon has become strongly associated with AI war planning through the BUG mod. So that icon can't be used for Anarchy. And I like the negative-gold icon better anyway. | |
| Rationale | For the active player, Golden Age and Anarchy are already prominently displayed in BtS; therefore show the scoreboard icon only for other players. The more often no icon needs to be shown (for any player), the better because then the entire column disappears. | |

| AdvCiv | | BUG |
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| the "Column Order" formatting string, the respective column appears only if the "Expand on Hover" option is enabled and the mouse | | The formatting string on the "Score" tab of the BUG menu allows players to select which columns should be displayed and how they should be arranged. Underscores in the string don't have any meaning and are ignored. |
| Config See the help text for the "Expand on Hover" option on the "Score" tab of the Emenu. The letters with a preceding underscore should be placed on the left scoreboard, at least to the left of the player score (letter "S") and civ display not (letter "C") to make sure that the score and name don't move away from under cursor when the scoreboard expands. | | underscore should be placed on the left side of the player score (letter "S") and civ display name ore and name don't move away from under the |
| | entirely by default, so it's all nonesses scoreboard distracting only need to who want e.g. the power ratio to be Order" string to remove the underso column farther to the right. For refer ! ?2WSZVC6EPTUNBDRAHQ*LO, BUG'S AdvCiv default can be found in Asse | e info in the expansion columns was disabled ential and players who find the expanding toggle off "Expand on Hover". However, players shown permanently, will have to edit the "Column ore and may also want to move the power ratio ence, the K-Mod default display string was default is !wszvc?eptunbdrahmq*lo. The ets\Config\Advanced Scoreboard.xml under overwritten when importing settings from another |
| | option becomes automatically disab by the DLL on checking whether the | et in the display string, then the "Expand on Hover" led. This is done to ensure that no time is wasted cursor gets moved off the scoreboard. Especially ies) settings from another BUG installation. |
| See also | 106d changes the default formatting string for the scoreboard. | |
| | Based on <u>003r</u> (code for deferred U | l updates) |
| Rationale | To make some info about other civs the main map all the time. | quickly available without obstructing the view on |
| | Choice of the extra columns: The tra hover text (merged from BULL) lists | ade network icon isn't helpful in itself, but the trade routes and active deals. |
| Tbd. | the expanded scoreboard. Camera isn't entirely smooth. I think that's just scoreboard once per game update (can see would be to write a (Python scoreboard widgets. Cf. comments is | nabled) generally stutter a bit while hovering over movement (e.g. arrow keys) while hovering also st the result of recomputing and redrawing the (i.e. every 250 ms). The only (potential) remedy I) update function that only reinitializes the in CvPlayer::setScoreboardExpanded. The hen all columns are enabled. It gets much worse |
| | has collapsed causes the frame rate | noving the cursor onto the scoreboard right after it to drop 5 FPS, suggesting that the scoreboard is game updates. Or perhaps it's just somehow a ed above. |
| | | e cursor quickly from the expanded scoreboard to itches to the main map behind the flag button. |

That's probably a side-effect of the CvInterface::makeSelectionListDirty call in CvGame::update. Another side-effect: When the mouse is moved across the scoreboard onto a Globe layer button and the scoreboard collapses while the mouse button is down, the click on the Globe layer button isn't registered. Probably can't be helped because the DLL can't tell whether a mouse button is being held down. During diplomacy the scoreboard can be expanded, but will then remain expanded until diplomacy ends. Workaround for a problem with flickering hover text; see comment at the start of Rationale CvPlayer::setScoreboardExpanded. Hover text for the power ratio column added. BUG has added the power ratio column. No Explains what the ratio means and why rival hover text. The power ratio is only shown if a demographics are visible: by how many rival's demographics are visible through espionage points the threshold for seeing espionage. In BUG, the power ratio column is demographics or research (whichever applies) is enabled by default, in K-Mod, disabled by default. exceeded. Power ratio column enabled by default but only appears when the scoreboard is expanded. Color-coding is customizable through the BUG For teammates of the active player, high and low menu ("Score" tab) but the settings apply to rivals power ratio aren't color-coded. and allies alike. See also Color settings for power ratios (Advanced Scoreboard.xml) are tagged with advc.004. Rationale The power ratio is useful (especially because it implies visible demographics), but bulky and potentially confusing, in part, because it isn't obvious which power rating is in the divisor. Hover text and expanding scoreboard address these problems. Tbd. The info about the see-research threshold might make more sense in the rivalresearch help text. Would have to add a new help widget for that because the widget currently used doesn't have room for the rival player id in its data structure; but that's not much work. Could then also remove the active player's research progress from the help text (unexpected in this context). Still, showing the see-research info in the power ratio help text is quite economical as it doesn't take up any extra space (seeresearch implies see-demographics). While I wouldn't want to use the attitude and worst enemy icons even in the expanded scoreboard, it would still be nice to add some simple hover text to them: Worst enemy: "You are Alexander's worst enemy" Attitude: just "Friendly" etc. Some useful info that could be shown in hover text for the religion icons? No text at all currently and they're always shown. Clicking the active player's name or score on the The scoreboard is minimized when the active (maximized) scoreboard has no effect. player is clicked. The minimized scoreboard shows only the active player's row. (The scoreboard can still be hidden entirely through "Toggle Scoreboard".) Rationale I don't think minimized scoreboard is good for anything, and players who accidentally minimize the scoreboard may not know how to maximize it again. Post on CFC asking how to maximize the scoreboard. See also A score breakdown is shown only when hovering When hovering over the active player's score or over a civ's score value. Always for the active name, a score breakdown is shown. Can't show

player and, for others, in Debug mode if the Ctrl

| key is held d | lown. | score breakdowns for other civs. |
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| When hovering over the active player's name on the scoreboard, help text shows whose worst enemy or war enemy the active player is, and the active player's total war weariness is shown. (I.e. pretty much the same info as is shown by K-Mod when hovering over the active player's portrait on the Foreign Advisor screen.) | | |
| Rationale | Want to make worst-enemy info and war weariness easier to access. | |
| Tbd. | Combine the functions CvDLLWidgetData::parseContactCivHelp and CvGameTextMgr::parseLeaderHeadHelp; they do largely the same thing. | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| When rival research is visible, the scoreboard shows the tech progress as a percentage. | | Show turns remaining. |
| Rationale | The turns remaining fluctuate too much as the AI adjusts its sliders or goes into Anarchy. Plus, the percentage can be shown even when no tech has been chosen yet, avoiding confusion as to whether research has stopped being visible. (Naturally, this problem could also be solved e.g. by showing some sort of empty tech icon when no tech is being researched.) | |

| 086 | Hover text on the "Finances" tab (Economics Advisor) revised | |
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| See also | Hover text merged from BULL is tagged with "BULL - Finance Advisor". | |
| AdvCiv | BtS/BULL | |
| | | Some items in the commerce, income and expenses breakdowns have hover text with explanations or additional breakdowns. |
| Finance tab lists commerce from domestic trade even when it's 0. | | |
| Rationale | To avoid confusion. | |
| Credits | Th334 | |

| 087 | Streamlined some BULL hover text | |
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| See also | 086 above also deals with that. 004: Misc. UI changes 124 prevents trade with unrevealed cities. I've added a bit of help text about that to the BULL "Trade Hover". Only shown when 0 cities of a rival are known. | |
| AdvCiv | | BULL |
| The list of active deals in the hover text of the trade network icon on the scoreboard omits all dual deals, i.e. peace treaties, Open Borders agreements and Defensive Pacts (DP). | | BtS show no hover text for that icon. BULL shows information about foreign trade routes and lists all active deals. |
| See also | 106d hides the trade network icon by default. | |
| Rationale | Open Borders can be inferred from the trade route info. For peace treaties, there's a separate icon (enabled by default). The icon for DP is hidden by default, but DP really | |

| | have nothing to do with the trade network and players should have their DP memorized anyway. This means only resource deals and gold-per-turn gifts (rare) are listed. Resource deals require a trade connection, so it makes sense to show them in this context. | |
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| The hover text for the food display on the city screen shows a simpler breakdown when food only comes from worked tiles and is lost only through consumption. | | BtS shows no hover text on the food display. BULL shows a very through breakdown with several subtotals. A BULL comment (copied into AdvCiv) above CvGameTextMgr::setFoodHelp (cpp file) shows the format of the breakdown. |
| Rationale | food production and loss in most cities are very simple; no need for any subheadings | |

| 088 | Keyboard shortcut for unselecting all units | |
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| See also | 002: other cosmetic changes 004: other misc. UI changes Part of 154 (unit cycling button) is implemented based on this change. | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| is selected, an animated circle is shown a | | knowledge, to give orders to all units. While a unit is selected, an animated circle is shown around it on the main map and the unit action buttons are |
| Rationale For just studying the map for a while or for taking a screenshot. The few distractions, the better. | | nile or for taking a screenshot. The fewer |
| | Alt+U is already taken by the Unit layer; Shift+U by "unload all". Unfortunately, the unit debug menu blocks both Ctrl+U and Ctrl+Shift+U. | |
| | "Deselect" seems to be the more commonly used (and, in a way, more linguistically correct) term, but I associate that more with unchecking an option. | |
| Config | Through XML\Units\Civ4ControlInfos.xml. The key combination can't easily be changed there however because I've hardcoded the same combination in CvGlobals::suppressCycling. If automatic unit cycling is suppressed, then it'll immediately select another group (or the same as before). That's also why the keys need to be held for a moment. | |

| 089 | Don't show odds for impossible attacks | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| attacks. | | Through the Alt key, odds can be shown e.g. for attacking one's own units or units that are already maximally damaged. |
| Tbd. | In the <u>defender randomization</u> branch, the distinction between defender selection and validity is even clearer; merge that perhaps. | |

When hovering for attack and no legal attack is possible and some attacker would be able to attack if its damage limit wasn't reached, then help text says that the defenders are maximally damaged and states the attacker's damage limit.

Rationale

It can sometimes take a moment to realize that the damage limit has been reached as opposed to e.g. the selected unit having no moves left. One player has also (mis-)reported a case of maximally damaged defenders to me as a potential bug. It's also nice to see the damage limit value (percentage) right away.

| 090 | Field of view (FoV) slider | |
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| See also | See <u>004m</u> for an explanation of the FoV value. 004m sets the default FoV value and camera start distance. <u>CFC post</u> (the quoted part) criticizing the slider. | |
| AdvCiv | BUG | |
| screen dimensions. The text labels go from 10 to from 0 to 100. That is | | ngth is hardcoded to 100 and the labels go to 100. That is, the slider position ponds directly to the FoV value. |
| Rationale | A longer slider makes it a bit easier to position the slider at a particular percentage. That said, there seems to be a bug in the slider component (in the EXE) that makes the slider position change by 1 when releasing the mouse button. A much longer slide might (mostly) fix that problem, but some players keep the slider permanently on display, so it mustn't take up much space. | |
| | FoV values below 10 aren't useful for anything, so I've removed those from the slider. At a value of 100, Huge maps still don't fit entirely on the screen without zooming into Globe view, but 125 seems to be enough. The high slider positions aren't useful for playing the game, only for screenshots and AI Auto Play. For the low and medium slider positions, I want to keep the 1:1 relation between slider percentage and actual FoV value so that players who have their favorite FoV value memorized don't need to adjust. | |
| Tbd. | l've tried to work around the slider precision problem in CvMainInterface. handleInput. It might work if one could distinguish between the user hovering over the slider and dragging the slider; but I see no practical way to do that. Anyway, I've left some comments in the code. I think PlatyUI uses +/- buttons instead of a slider. That's probably the better solution. | |

| 091 | Changes to score graph (Info screen) | |
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| See also | 004s: Yield graphs show moving average 077: Changes to Demographics tab | |
| Credits | This post (last third) by crullerdonut made me aware that scores are generally visible without the need for espionage. | |
| AdvCiv | BtS | |
| Once the d | Once the demographics of another civ have The score graph shows either the full score | |

remains visible for the rest of the game regardless of espionage.

civ's demographics, the score graph is shown for turn numbers greater or equal to the turn on which the civ was met by the human. Exceptions:

- No graph is shown for cive that were only met during the 5 most recent turns.
- When loading a savegame from AdvCiv 0.97 or earlier, civs are assumed to have been met on the turn that the savegame was created on, and no prior espionage visibility is assumed. (The respective data hadn't been stored prior to AdvCiv 0.98.)

I've implemented this behavior for both the BtS and the BUG Graphs tab.

been visible to a human player, the score graph history of a civ or none at all. Seeing the full score history requires the ability to see the target's demographics through espionage. The current When the human player has never seen another game score, however, is visible on the scoreboard

| Config | The part about partial score graphs is optional and, by default, disabled. The option is named "Partial Score Graphs" and located on the Advisors tab of the BUG menu. | |
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| Rationale | Want to make the score history available that the player has been able to observe it. Don't want to reveal the entire score history on the first meeting though. | |
| | The 5-turn restriction is supposed to avoid a very short visible interval that would be barely noticeable. | |
| | Partial graphs disabled by default because they're not useful enough to risk confusing players. | |
| See also | Screenshot of some partial score graphs attached to this CFC post | |

| 092 | Larger minimap on the main interface – incomplete . Hardly anything done so far, and no visible change. | |
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| See also | If the minimap is enlarged, the unit pane on the lower left should be enlarged as well. That'll probably also enlarge the help text area, making help text fit more comfortable despite the enlarged font (002b). | |
| | Kjotleik has enlarged the minimap without touching the unit pane: <u>CFC post</u> (with screenshot; code attached) | |
| Credits | VDNKh had suggested to increase the minimap size (<u>CFC post</u>). | |
| Rationale | HD displays | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| On HD displays, I'd like to increase the size of the pane on the lower right by about 20%, pushing the scoreboard up a bit and decreasing the width of the unit action pane on the bottom. The pane on the lower left should be enlarged as well for symmetry. | | No part of the main interface "HUD" is adjusted to the display resolution. |
| Tbd. | Hardly anything done so far, just so change yet. | me variables in CvMainInterface.py. No visible |

| | Vertical space is still not abundant on HD displays; width is abundant. The unit action pane is much wider than it needs to be. A 20% size increase looks good to me in a mockup. | |
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| screen could and right. Th | | On widescreen displays, the city screen uses all he additional width for the main map background n the center. |
| Tbd. | Nothing done yet. | |
| Rationale | The background area is only needed for showing worked tiles. It doesn't need any width beyond square dimensions. | |

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| 095 | Optional wide city bars |
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| Config | Can enable the wide city bars from BUG on the "Map" tab of the BUG menu; diabled by default. BUG had implemented the wide bars entirely through custom graphics; K-Mod had removed those graphics. The AdvCiv option loads the custom graphic dynamically. Note that this mechanism will break if the custom graphics (Art\Interface\CityBar) are renamed or if the path to the original graphics (in XML\Art\CIV4ArtDefines_Interface.xml) is changed. I've tried unsuccessfully to place the custom graphics in a folder CityBarWide, which would've been a bit more robust. Updating the paths in the customized .nif file wasn't sufficient to make it work. |
| See also | Related (short) CFC <u>post</u> (near the middle) |

| 096 | Tech tree reflects the current game state (to an extent) | | |
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| Will e.g. not | Tech help text on the tech tree takes into account the active player's context for unknown techs. Will e.g. not list the free Great Artist from Music if another civ has already discovered Music. This change does not hide any ability icons in the tech boxes. | | |
| See also | I've posted about this on CFC here a | and <u>here</u> (items 1 and 2). | |
| | Don't do this after all. I've commented the code out.) Tech-religion icons (tiny religion icon superimposed on the icon of the tech that found the religion) are shown in choose-tech popups and on the main interface (when no research is chosen), but not on the tech tree. | | |
| Rationale | Rationale I wanted to show the icons so that players can tell more easily which techs will still grant a religion when playing with the Choose Religions option. However, the techreligion icons are difficult to make out on the tech tree (smaller icons there than on the main interface) and, currently, the whole tech tree has to be redrawn when an icon has changed since the last time that the tech tree was opened, and this results in a noticeable delay. Not quite worth it I think. One can still tell through hover text on the tech tree (see above) whether a tech will found a religion. | | |

| 097 | Still unassigned |
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| 098 | Changes to culture spread | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS/ K-Mod |
| landmass only at a range of one tile beyond the city's culture level. Within the same landmass the range is equal to the culture level plus 3 as in K-Mod. On water, culture can spread only onto workable tiles as in K-Mod and BtS. | | In BtS, cities spread tile culture only within a radius equal to their culture level, i.e. to tiles within the city's culture range. K-Mod has extended the tile spread range by 3 tiles beyond the (proper) culture range in order to allow a higher number of cities to participate in culture "wars" over contested tiles. In both BtS and K-Mod, a city can spread culture only to tiles that are within the workable range (2 tiles) from some tile on the same landmass as the city. This means, tiles within the culture range of a city can remain neutral because tile ownership requires at least 1 point of tile culture. |
| Rationale | To prevent puzzling situations like this (A, B - cities of the same owner, L - a non-city land tile, W - a water tile): | |
| | ALL WWW WWW LL L WLLB | |
| | None of the land tiles on the bottom are workable from the area of A. The bolded land tile is workable from the area of B and, under the K-Mod rule, B only needs culture level 1 ("poor", 0-9 city culture) in order to spread culture to that land tile. The result is an owned tile that has only one adjacent owned tile (the water tile to the northwest) and that has two unowned tiles between itself and the borders around B. | |
| | Under the AdvCiv rule, the bolded land tile will be unowned. | |
| See also | Doing away with the "only spread onto workable water tiles" rule could make surprise attacks against large coastal cities more difficult (see <u>162</u>). That said, having ownership of water tiles that are positively non-workable could be confusing, and I think the BtS rule reflects international law pretty well. | |

| 099 | Culture isn't removed when a civ is destroyed | |
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| See also | Could merge <u>kekm.24</u> fully in order to stop colonial vassals from using the slot of a dead civ (which, I suppose, resets the culture of the dead civ). | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| When a civ is eliminated, its culture remains in the game and keeps causing anger. | | When a civ is eliminated, its culture disappears as well. |
| The AI player is announced as having been "defeated". | | An announcement says the <i>civ</i> was "destroyed". |
| | | Before elimination, anger from culture is explained as "We yearn to join our motherland". |
| Anger is 40% of the foreign bobbliation with | | No anger after elimination (the motherland is gone). |
| | | Anger is 40% of the foreign population while at peace, and 150% of that, i.e. 60%, while at war, |

| 70% while a | at war; all rounded down. | both rounded down. | |
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| • | , the multipier for no Open Borders reduced in response to this post by | | |
| Rationale | Removes one strong incentive for conquering a civ entirely. The goal is to make a vassal agreement the correct choice most of the time – less micro-management that way. Also intended to weaken military strategies. | | |
| | It's also glaringly implausible that a c | culture would instantly disappear. | |
| | | still very desirable, and the AI doesn't consider ciding whether to accept a capitulation. | |
| Config | cultural elimination. This is because | KML (GlobalDefines_advc), but can't re-enable BtS doesn't actually set culture to 0 in one place, us places and treats culture as 0 when messy. | |
| Credits | Contributions by Chronis, Ifgr and vir CFC thread | ncentz | |
| See also | Chapter about "Immortal Culture" | | |
| | 130w adds a diplo penalty for cities with high foreign culture. | | |
| 099b | Tile culture decays | | |
| | , the culture value of each player (cive ans) in each tile is decreased by 1%. | sTile culture doesn't decay. (But it's treated as 0 when a civ is eliminated.) | |
| civ, the tile of within a city within the of percentage and 4 perce ring of any of culture in th | When a tile is within the city radius of at least one civ, the tile culture of civs that don't have the tile within a city radius decays faster: if the tile is within the outer ring of any city radius, 2 percentage points are added to the decay rate, and 4 percentage points if it's within the inner ring of any city radius. Exception: civs with less culture in the tile than the city owner with the highest culture don't suffer from expedited decay. | | |
| (This chang | e does not affect <i>city</i> culture.) | | |
| Rationale | Should lead to fewer unworkable tiles (see also the rationale for <u>035</u>) and fewer issues with stranded AI stacks (see also rationale for <u>034</u>). Higher decay rates would accomplish more, but I don't want tiles to flip too easily around conquered cities. That said, in BtS, it's too difficult to culture-flip tiles in the radius of a conquered city, especially in Renaissance or later; tiles have tens of thousands of culture points by then. It generally takes too long for city culture rate to translate into relative tile culture in BtS. | | |
| | | rates: If a tile receives culture at a constant rate, es the (multiplicative) inverse of the decay rate, | |
| | culture? The player only sees the cu difference. I don't want to increase co same civ lest that "two cities would a (from the K-Mod readme file). The m (exclusive) city radii. That's also why | read formula so that tiles near cities receive more lture percentages, so, visually, it doesn't make a ulture on tiles that are near multiple cities of the almost always be able to culture press a solo city" ain goal is to allow civs to work tiles in their 1'm exempting civs with less tile culture than the 45% tile culture so long as the 55% civ is able to | |

| | work the tile. The exemption also makes it easier to implement this change without a performance penalty. | | |
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| Config | TILE_CULTURE_DECAY_PER_MILL and CITY_RADIUS_DECAY in GlobalDefines_advc.xml | | |
| See also | 035 (disabled): City owns all tiles that no other city could work It turns out that "RoM: A New Dawn" also has a culture decay mechanism (SourceForge link to revision), but theirs is only triggered every 50 turns and then halves tile culture. For performance reasons I suppose; but I've managed to make the computing time negligibly short in my implementation after some tweaking. | | |
| Cities in oc | Cities in occupation spread no tile culture. Cities in occupation produce 0 city culture, but the present city culture generates tile culture as normal. | | |
| Rationale | This should give civs that allow their | cities to revolt a harder time. | |
| No increase | ed decay in city tiles, nor in tiles owne | d by Barbarians. | |
| Rationale | Don't care if Barbarians are able to vistrong culture. | vork tiles. Rather give those tiles to civs with | |
| | Culture in city tiles doesn't affect which tiles are workable. The increased decay would make revolts and anger from foreign culture easier to handle, which isn't what I want. The exception for city tiles can lead to higher culture percentages of the city owner in tiles surrounding the city than in the city tile. This is a bit odd, but not a real problem I hope. | | |
| 099с | Cities revolt regardless of culture rar | nge | |
| See also | 210b adds an alert about positive rev | olt probabilities | |
| can revolt, the owner o city nearby. | Any city with sufficiently strong foreign culture can revolt, but the revolt can only flip the city if the owner of the foreign culture is alive and has a city to revolt the owner of that culture is alive and has a city to revolt the owner of that culture is alive and has a city to revolt the owner of that culture is alive and has a nearby, i.e. close enough so that the first city is within the culture range (based on culture level of the second city. | | |
| | Made some adjustments to AI willingness to accept capitulation vs. trying to capture further cities. | | |
| Rationale | To remove another incentive for elim culture more relevant. | inating civs, to make conquests more costly and | |
| | Resurrecting a prior owner seems needlessly messy; the probabilistic occupati times (change <u>023</u>) should make revolts from dead culture painful enough. Joir Barbarian civ would be easy – but strange, I think, because the city would then units based on the Barbarian tech level. | | |
| | Not sure if cities with high living foreign culture but outside of foreign culture range should be allowed to flip. Let's say the rebels only dare joining the homeland if the homeland is near enough to protect them. | | |
| Config | Can (largely) restore BtS behavior through REVOLTS_IGNORE_CULTURE_RANGE in GlobalDefines_advc.xml. | | |
| can't flip to Barbarian d | Barbarian culture can cause cities to revolt. They can't flip to Barbarian control though, and Barbarian culture strength is only counted half in | | |
| surrounding | Culture in tiles adjacent to the city always contributes to the foreign culture strength, and, | | |

| | ultimately, the revolt chance. |
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| flip from a master to its vassal; only upation. Increased strength of foreign ties of capitulated vassals. | Can flip between vassal and master. No way then for the master to get the city back. |
| revolt. Might play better without these conquering Barbarians should be eas don't generate much culture, so it doe | rorful/ historical to let conquered Barbarians e revolts; players don't expect them, and sier than conquering civs. Then again, Barbarians esn't take much effort to suppress them, at least count. Could say that only counting the city tile Barbarians. |
| | rbarian control. Historically, that hasn't really isings <u>here</u> (Wikipedia). More accurately modeled |
| Flipping from master to vassal could find it ultimately more annoying than | incentivize elimination over capitulation. Also, I challenging. |
| BARBS_REVOLT switch in GlobalDefi | nes_advc.xml |
| 025 reduces culture spread from cap | itulated vassals |
| It flip on the third revolt (because the ner is dead or flipping disabled in oses one population instead (and occupation). | No extra penalty if flipping isn't possible; occupation periods just keep getting longer. |
| punishing until numerous revolts have | revolt probabilities (the lost turns don't become e taken place). And it would be strange if cities population reduces the revolt probability so that populated but pacified. |
| O revolt chance in the first 10 turns (adjusted to game speed) after a city was founded in the Ancient era. No such period of grace, but since cities founded within the culture range of a for revolt chance is always 0 in newly founded. | |
| Probability tends to decrease quickly can get unlucky with revolts until ther punish settling near foreign borders (| when founding anywhere near a foreign border. as the new city starts spreading tile culture, but n. Don't want that randomness, don't want to player can't even tell that there is foreign culture; n't want to scare players with an initially high |
| Extra AI defenders in cities that might revolt. Some of these come from the floating defender pool. The AI also trains some more floating defenders when struggling with foreign culture. No code for this at all. The AI tends to put uniport the pool of the p | |
| nany defenders would be necessary eity population and era), the AI will not extra defenders and essentially wait to flip. | |
| Since revolts no longer occur only in | border cities, the AI had to be adjusted. |
| advc.ctr: The AI for city trades might (yet sure how that will work.) | cede cities under foreign culture pressure. (Not |
| | Not sure about this. Seems more flavorevolt. Might play better without these conquering Barbarians should be east don't generate much culture, so it do not when the surrounding tiles don't comodels the (political) disunity of the ECOULD easily implement flipping to Bahappened; see the list of colonial upras a period of unrest. Flipping from master to vassal could find it ultimately more annoying than BARBS_REVOLT switch in GlobalDefit 025 reduces culture spread from capt flip on the third revolt (because the ner is dead or flipping disabled in oses one population instead (and ccupation). To discourage players from ignoring a punishing until numerous revolts have could just keep revolting. The loss of the city should eventually end up dependent in the first 10 turns (adjusted to d) after a city was founded in the punish settling near foreign borders (not shown on unowned tiles), and do revolt probability. Penders in cities that might revolt. The see come from the floating defender also trains some more floating when struggling with foreign culture. The also trains some more floating when struggling with foreign culture. The also trains some more floating when struggling with foreign culture. The also trains some more floating when struggling with foreign culture. The also trains some more floating when struggling with foreign culture. The also trains some more floating when struggling with foreign culture. The also trains some more floating when struggling with foreign culture. The also trains some more floating when struggling with foreign culture. The also trains some more floating when struggling with foreign culture. The also trains some more floating when struggling with foreign culture. The also trains some more floating when struggling with foreign culture. The also trains some more floating when struggling with foreign culture. The also trains some more floating when struggling with foreign culture. The also trains some more floating when struggling with foreign culture. |

| 099d | Can't spread religions during civil disorder. | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| religions/ corporations in cities that are in | | Can spread regardless of disorder, but there isn't much of a point because happiness and culture from religion have no effect during disorder, and revolt chance is 0. |
| Rationale | Now that the occupation duration is linked to the revolt probability, spreading a religion right after conquering a city could reduce the (expected) occupation time. Don't want players to micromanage missionaries to spread religions right after conquest. Also seems realistic that religious communities (or corporate branches) can't be | |
| | established during disorder. | |
| Tbd. | Would be better to show the Spread Religion button grayed out with explanatory text. Currently, the button isn't shown when a city is in unrest. | |

| 099e | Al for promotions that reduce revolt chance | |
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| AdvCiv | | Warlords |
| promotions and when moving units. | | A promotion with revolt protection is chosen based on whether the cultural owner of the current tile differs from the actual owner. |
| | | When moving units, revolt protection is ignored. |
| | | Revolt protection from promotions was added in Warlords but remained unused. K-Mod gave the Leadership promotion 50% revolt protection. |
| Rationale | Too much work to do this properly (see <i>Tbd.</i> below). What Warlords does is worse than nothing. | |
| Tbd. | The promotion should be selected based on the revolt chance in a nearby city, the number of units already stationed there and the revolt protection percentage. When there is a city with a high revolt chance, a unit with revolt protection should be given a defensive Unit AI type and stationed in that city. | |

| 099f | Culture display on unowned tiles | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS/K-Mod |
| percentages are shown on unowned tiles that | | Culture percentages are shown on owned, actively visible tiles. No way to see the culture of unowned tiles. |
| No change to the culture layer; still doesn't color | | In BtS, culture can't spread to unowned tiles, but revolts and razing can still result in unowned tiles with culture. In K-Mod, culture spreads to unowned tiles all the time. |
| Config | Option on the "Map" tab of the BUG menu to show the percentages always. | |
| Rationale | Occasionally helpful to know, i.e. when considering to settle in no man's land near a foreign border or cleared through razing. Such cities can't revolt in BtS and K-Mod, but they can in AdvCiv. | |

The absolute culture values would be even more helpful, but I guess players really aren't supposed to see those.

Culture layer: While it would make sense for a layer called "culture display" to prioritize info about culture over info about ownership, there has to be some way to see tile ownership in Globe view, and, currently, the culture layer is the only way (cf. 004z).

| 099g | Order of tile culture percentages in help text | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| Show the tile owner's percentage on top, then the percentage of the active player and the rest in descending order. | | Tile owner on top, the rest in turn order. |
| Rationale | Not sure if ordering by culture is really an improvement. I don't think it hurts as lines don't align anyway when moving the mouse from one tile to another; so a uniform order doesn't really help. Showing the active player second (or first if it's the tile owner) should be an improvement in scenarios when the active player isn't in slot 0. | |
| See also | I also wanted to try putting all percentages on a single line – to make more room for the unit list (<u>061</u>). However, the single line seemed quite a bit harder to read or would at least take some getting used to. So the code for that remains commented out in CvGameTextMgr::setPlotHelp. | |

| 100 | Changes to sponsored wars | |
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| See also | 146: Peace treaty between sponsor and the civ that declares war. 210a: Alert about AI willingness to be hired for war. | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| another civ message in | civ declares war at the request of (hired/bribed for war), the DoW forms the human players about this o: "declared war on at the lexander." | Humans don't learn about AI bribes. |
| Rationale | The information isn't terribly relevant strategically, but makes it easier to make sense of the AI, and makes it clear that the AI actually does sponsor wars. Moreover, if AI civs learn about sponsored wars ("You brought in a war ally against us!"), the human civs should be allowed to know this too. | |
| Al cive are reluctant to be hired for war against a wars against powerful cive. An Al civ does | | consider its individual military power but only the |
| Rationale | War against a considerably stronger civ is a big risk, even as part of a coalition, and, in any case, the weakest link is unlikely to conquer any cities. Moreover, sponsoring wars was too cheap overall. | |
| Config | WAR_TRADEVAL_POWER_WEIGHT in GlobalDefines_advc. | |

| against third "Declare Wa screen. | ating peace, no declarations of war parties can be discussed: no r On" items are shown on the trade | Normally blocked by "we don't like you enough" or "will never trade with our worst enemy," but it may occasionally be possible to hire an AI civ for war as part of a peace treaty. |
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| | Shouldn't show the option if the AI practically always refuses, and Cautious attitude despite war is an oddity that shouldn't matter. Could instead remove the attitude checks while at war. Seems more realistic that such options can't be discussed. Would also take a bit of implementation work because the the war trade should be evaluated assuming that the peace treaty is already signed. | |
| 100b | Brokered peace shown in replays | |
| Brokered peace is shown in the replay log Replay log only says "has made peace with". ("brokered by"). | | |

| 101 | Revolt after conquest | |
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| See also | 210b shows an alert when revolt probability changes from 0 to a positive value. ctr shows positive revolt probabilities on the Comestic Advisor. | |
| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| probabilities, so that foreign culture strength approaches 100% as the city owner's tile culture consequence, sometimes no stack is large enough to keep a city from revolting, or at least once the revolt probabilities, so that foreign culture strength approaches 0%. As a consequence, sometimes no stack is large enough to keep a city from revolting, or at least once the revolt probabilities, so that foreign culture strength owner's tile culture approaches 0%. As a consequence, sometimes no stack is large enough to keep a city from revolting, or at least once the revolt probabilities. | | consequence, sometimes no stack is large enough to keep a city from revolting, or at least not large enough to reduce the revolt probability to 0. On the other hand, a medium-size stack is often enough to reduce the revolt probability |
| Rationale | The K-Mod behavior is intended, i.e. it's not that karadoc hadn't considered flipping after conquest; see discussion here . I can see how keeping a city can be harder than conquering it in the first place — but not that much harder. Say, ten good units should generally suffice to hold on to a city. If this makes revolts easy to prevent late in the game — fine; it's mostly early expansion that needs to be paced. The exponentiation is supposed to balance out changes to the culture garrison strength formula (see below). | |
| Config | The exponent and normalization factor can be adjusted through GlobalDefines_advc.xml (FOREIGN_CULTURE_STRENGTH_EXPONENT, FOREIGN_CULTURE_STRENGTH_FACTOR). The factor can also be used to adjust how difficult it is to suppress revolts overall. | |
| AdvCiv | 1 | BtS |

CGS values are set in XML (iCultureGarrison) The culture garrison strength (CGS) of a unit equals its current combat strength with the to e.g. 3 for Warrior, 4 for Archer, 6 for Maceman, following modifiers: 9 for Rifleman, 12 foor Tank. The total garrison City defense modifiers (Archery units, Garrison strength of a city is the sum of these values. promotions) Generic strength modifiers (Combat promotions) E.g. Catapult has iCultureGarrison 4. same as -50% for non-lethal units (Siege units except Axeman; Machine Gun 9, same as Rifleman. Machine Gun) The iCultureGarrison values in XML are ignored except that iCultureGarrison=0 in XML still means 0 CGS. All non-land units have 0 CGS (as in BtS). Hover text on the main map and city screen Hovering on the nationality bar shows the revolt probability; other than that, no help text. (nationality bar) says how much more garrison strength is needed to bring the revolt chance down to 0, or, if it's already 0, how many units could be safely relocated. See also 023 reduces the CGS of damaged units. 500b (disabled by default) introduces a defensive strength (DS) value that determines whether citizens fear for their safety. It seems that using the exact same formula for CGS and DS wouldn't work well. In particular, while some effect of Walls and Castle on CGS is plausible, they shouldn't be a major factor (cf. this CFC post of mine). It's mainly about the help text. Players will often want to station exactly as many units Rationale as necessary to bring the revolt probability down to 0. By making CGS nearly equal to combat strength, players don't need to be aware of the values set in XML. The BtS XML values also increase too slowly over the course of the game. This makes outdated units too useful for revolt suppression. Combat strength increases too steeply throughout the game compared with foreign culture strength. I'm balancing that out through a change to the foreign culture strength formula (see above). That formula is now very complicated (see also below; referred to as "revolt strength" there), but it was already fairly complicated in BtS, and the crucial thing is that CGS has a simple, predictable effect so that players know how many units they need in each city. As for the Siege modifier, siege units just seem badly suited for quelling revolts. It's asymmetrical warfare. Credits Elkad and VDNKh have asked for help text to be added (CFC link). Tbd. Currently, the main map doesn't show how much CGS is needed while a city is in occupation; perhaps that should be changed. Should perhaps explicitly show the effect of revolt protection (Leadership promotion) in the hover text of the nationality bar. Perhaps wait with this until I add revolt protection to Jail. Armored units having the highest CGS values is perhaps a bit counterintuitive (and

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before conquering the city, which requires some foresight.)

effective at suppressing revolt though ...

makes them even more powerful). There are historical examples of tanks being

Consider giving Spy a positive CGS, possibly also recon units. Espionage should somehow help against revolts. ("Spread Culture" does in K-Mod, but needs to happen

| Config | I've written code for a partial breakdown of the revolt probability but didn't find it helpful enough in the end. The code is commented out in CVDLLWidgetData::parseNationalityHelp. | |
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| through the | ce is adjusted to game speed Golden Age modifier (e.g. revolt ded by 125% on Epic speed). | Through the victory delay modifier; e.g. divided by 150% on Epic speed. BtS didn't have any speed adjustment. |
| Rationale | Culture spread is arguably the most speed has no impact on culture spre | important factor for revolt supression, and game ead. |
| of techs kno player has b shifts toward cultural own | ure strength increases with the ratio own to the cultural owner (even if that been defeated). Over time, that ratio d the maximum of the owner's and er's known-tech ratio. The ratio gets a number between 0 and 10. | Increases with the game era. |
| Rationale | parties (game era) isn't really plausil | e, so plausibility matters. Involvement of third ble: if the city owner hasn't been able to acquire is be able to. The one civ that would be likely to is the cultural owner itself. |
| | player from reaching a new era. Era | is undesirable because it could discourage that numbers are also a bit too coarse. However, a es would be even worse because it would anges to city garrisons all the time. |
| | | wner would encourage the city owner to defeat or entive for that is probably a good thing, but I don't me. |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| city tile cultu have a near owner of a c and the only but also not | ire of any civ, even if that civ doesn't by city. For example, when the | Only tile culture of nearby civs matters. The 10% in the example would lead to a high revolt probability because it's much more than the owner's 1%. |
| Rationale | | % (or so) culture, especially not uninvolved parties would find sufficient support for a revolt. |
| See also | A somewhat common issue because | e of <u>099</u> (culture of dead civs sticks around). |
| Revolt strength reduced if foreign tile culture isn't far higher than owner's tile culture. E.g. if foreign tile culture is just 25% greater than owner's culture, revolt strength is reduced to 25%. | | |
| a couple of ι | revolts easy to suppress with one or units when the owner's tile culture is foreign tile culture. | Cities with up to 49% tile culture of the owner car still have a high revolt chance. |

Rationale

parity.

Counterintuitive that a city could easily flip at nearly 50-50 tile culture. The change

rewards the owner for building up culture, even if the owner hasn't (yet) reached

| (Actually, flip | | The option is called "City flipping after conquest" and disabled by default. | |
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| Rationale | Part of my efforts to weaken military mechanism, so it should be (fully) er | strategies. I want to build on the revolt nabled by default. | |
| When a city flips while at war, the garrison is bumped (moved to the nearest legal tile). Only Barbarian garrisons are killed. | | The garrison is killed. Bumping only happens when flipping at peace-time. | |
| Rationale | | ndish. Bumping Barbarians would be unusual, and game balance. I guess they just lay down their | |
| Credits | The issue had been pointed out (and | d narrowed down) by DarkLunaPhantom <u>here</u> . | |
| Nationality h | Added the number of prior revolts to the Nationality help text, and whether the city will flip on the next revolt. | | |
| All civs that know a city are notified about a revolt. | | Only the actual owner and the cultural owner are notified. | |
| Revolt probability (if > 0) shown on the main interface as part of the plot help text. | | Need to enter city screen to see revolt probability; no way to see revolt probability of a foreign city. | |
| See also | advc.ctr shows revolt probabilities on the (non-BUG) Domestic Advisor screen. | | |
| | MNAI shows a projection of the number of turns until 50% nationality is reached in help text (<u>Git commit</u>). Might be helpful(?); not so easy to compute in AdvCiv because of tile culture decay (<u>099b</u>). | | |
| Rationale | Revolt probability in visible foreign cities shouldn't be secret – all factors are public knowledge. | | |
| Tbd. | Perhaps the city bar should show a revolt chance indicator (change <u>002f</u> makes room for another indicator). | | |

population of the city. If the city has ever had a higher population than currently, then, over the course of 37 turns (slightly longer or shorter on speed settings other than Normal), a gradually higher population is assumed, up to a maximum of the highest population ever. Then the assumed population decreases again toward the actual population.

Revolt probability is initially based on the current Always based on the highest-ever population of the city.

Culture in the eight adjacent tiles factors into foreign culture strength; the effect increases over and can increase culture strength significantly. time (same mechanism as above for population). Culture points in those tiles don't count directly. After 50 turns (on Normal speed), culture strength is further increased when adjacent tiles are *owned* by the foreign civ.

Ownership of the adjacent tiles always counts.

Each citizen angry about sacrificed population ("we cannot forget your cruel oppression"), is counted as 2.5 population (instead of just 1) and the resulting foreign culture strength is increased citizens angry about foreign culture for the price by a modifier based on the square root of the oppression anger and speed-adjusted; e.g. 50% for one angry citizen on Normal speed. The Al doesn't use Slavery in cities that already have a positive revolt chance.

Sacrificing population doesn't lead to a lower revolt chance because only the highest-ever population matters for that. It can get rid of 2 of 1 being angry about oppression.

Rationale

I think the BtS rules are supposed to make cities flip faster once the adjacent tiles have flipped. Loss of tiles will often lead to population loss, which would normally reduce culture strength. Also wouldn't want to outright punish players for growing population in conquered cities and certainly don't want them to starve the population on purpose. (My guess as to the original intention behind ignoring the current population is that the designer saw it primarily from the perspective of a player trying to flip a border city – don't want culture strength to decrease as as food production tiles around the city flip.) However, eventually, when a city stays at a small population count, it's revolt chance should decrease accordingly, and using the highest-ever population directly after conquest contributes to the problem of a scarily high initial revolt probability. Hence the sawtooth curve.

I agree that cities enveloped by foreign culture should flip quickly, but I don't want conquered cities to be untenable, and I don't want players to feel compelled to continue their wars in order to push back foreign borders. My rules are supposed to give the conqueror time to build up some culture.

Slavery would be an easy way to get around anger from foreign culture, and to keep the population small, making the city easier to pacify. Also, Slavery could be used to raise units for revolt suppression in the very city that needs to be suppressed.

Prior to AdvCiv 0.97, hurry anger (regardless of the number of angry citizens) had caused the population to be treated as 5 greater and there was no speed adjustment. (Note that anger duration is e.g. three times longer on Marathon than on Normal speed.) That turned out to be too punishing (and too implausible). Slavery should should be an option for urgent production orders, in particular Courthouses.

That's all overly – and really unacceptably – complicated (already in BtS). It's OK for now; players don't really need to know the details. But eventually this should be greatly simplified.

| See also | If <u>035</u> is enabled, it's <i>cultural</i> ownership (highest tile culture that matters for the revolt chance after 50 turns. 912d allows Slavery to be disabled. <u>CFC post</u> (response to Elkad) about the effect of hurry anger. | | |
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| Tbd. | Maybe the penalty for using Slavery is now a bit too small. Losing one or even multiple citizens lowers the revolt chance substantially in small cities; the increased anger can't always (over-)compensate for that. | | |
| | Should population growth increase the city owner's city tile culture? A supressed population would typically not grow as fast as its supressors However, this could encourage sacrificing or starving the city population. | | |
| Hover text strength. | for the nationality bar shows when sacrificed population increases foreign culture | | |
| Rationale | Players who normally use Slavery all the time are unlikely to notice that revolt chance is lower without hurry anger; need some UI support for this. Ideally, players should be aware before sacrificing population, but I don't think they'd necessarily read hover text for the hurry button. They'll likely inspect the nationality bar though (sooner or later) when cities have much higher revolt probabilities than in BtS. | | |
| | I'm not showing <i>how much</i> hurry and conscript anger add to foreign culture strength. Culture strength isn't really part of the UI's vocabulary, so it would have to be expressed as additionally required garrison strength. In any case, it's awkward to implement and that time would be better spent re-designing the culture strength formula or replacing Slavery. | | |
| city is conq has has 0 r to game sp | cities flip on the second revolt. After a puered or founded by Barbarians, it revolt probability for 8 turns (adjusted beed through the Golden Age modifier). When within the culture range of the city's cultural owner). Barbarian units have 0 culture garrison strength (but this doesn't affect the occupation timer). | | |
| Rationale | Given the increased revolt probabilities in K-Mod and AdvCiv and the removal of the range restriction for revolts (099c), a single Barbarian revolt happens (way) too quickly. A holy city conquered by Barbarians in the early game would flip back in something like 10 turns. Two revolts are still too quick, and, even for cities that can't flip, it looks strange if they go into revolt so easily. | | |
| | I've tried some other remedies (letting Barbarians eliminate some of the former owner's tile culture upon conquest; increased chance for decreasing the occupation timer in Barbarian cities), but a grace period seemed likethe most effective approach in tests since Barbarian conquests tend to happen in the early game when a Barbarian city can quickly generate some tile culture if they're not interrupted by revolts. | | |

023 changes to the occupation timer.

See also

The revolt chance is increased on account of city Only a) increases the revolt chance, and also religions if

- a) the civ to whom the revolt culture belongs is alive, not a capitulated vassal of the city owner, has a state religion and that religion in present in the city; or
- b) if the city owner has a state religion, and that religion is not present in the city but some other religion is.

In case b), the increase is only 2/3 of case a).

No change: The revolt chance is decreased (which may cancel out the above) if the city owner has a state religion, and that religion is present in the city.

In case a), the revolt chance is also decreased (but only half as much) if the city owner has no state religion.

Al city owner is slightly inclined to switch to the religion of the foreign population.

Hover text on the nationality bar shows when, on balance, religion modifiers increase foreign culture strength.

applies to capitulated vassals. Dead culture can't cause revolts.

When there is a non-state religion in the city, then an oppressive state religion (which is not present in the city) is no worse than no state religion.

The UI shows only a revolt chance, no information about how it gets computed.

Rationale

almost removed this complicated stuff entirely, but it's kind of nice that spreading one's state religion can help flip a city. The BtS rule doesn't work for dead culture, so I felt that some replacement was needed to balance out the decreased revolt chance from owner's state religion. The BtS rule also doesn't work well for capitulated vassals of the city owner: The owner can just tell the vassal to switch to a different religion; not an interesting decision, and players that aren't aware of the religion/revolt rules get confused or screwed.

Halved the religion-based modifiers (see above).

| Rationale | Spreading one's state religion had made a huge difference previously, going from doubled to halved foreign culture strength, i.e. a factor of 4. | |
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| Config | STATE RELIGION MODIFIER parameters in GlobalDefines advc. | |

| 102 | Show fewer foreign moves | | |
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| Tbd. | Perhaps enforce "Quick Moves" for non-hostile foreign units. | | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS | |
| an invisible plot, the camera is centered on the | | Only moves ending in visible plots are shown. In the case of a multi-tile move ending in an invisible tile, not even the visible portion of the move is shown. | |
| | Units that begin and end the turn in es, i.e. move only through a visible tile. | | |

| Rationale | Would make sense to show units passing through, but difficult to implement; can't catch the unit as it moves. What's easy to do is show the empty traversed tile, but that's confusing, and it doesn't make sense that the player learns about the tile but not the unit that moved. Better not to show those moves at all. | |
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| Tbd. | Often the unit moving out of sight is already gone when the camera jumps there. Not sure if this can be helped. | |
| See also | Implemented based on <u>003k</u> , which CvSelectionGroup. | allows data members to be added to |
| won't patrol | atrolling within its own borders and beyond a 10-tile radius around its for pillaging don't normally patrol. | Al constantly patrols within its own borders and those of other civs, especially with fast pillagers like Knights. |
| | nits tend to move in a consistent eads to wider patterns. | Patrol movement is memoryless; narrow patters. |
| Rationale | point. After all, borders grant visibilit scale surprise attacks (can't be sure | ndly moves" unusable, and there isn't much of a cy. I guess patrols add some uncertainty to smalle how many units exactly are going to be near a against nukes. Well, anti-nuke AI behavior needs vay. |
| | good enough reason. Patrols in unc | ne AI visibility cheats less obvious, but that's not a owned land can keep Barbarians away from the ly be patrolled if it's not too far away from the AI's |
| Tbd. | I didn't disable inner-border patrols entirely because, in order to patrol unowned land, Al units may have to traverse owned land. Moving in one direction for a longer time also helps with that. That said, patrols in unowned land don't seem crucial either. Against Barbarians, the guard-city-site Al routine is probably more effective. | |
| | | erhaps also consider cities of (non-human) be worth the extra computing time though. |
| Executives are no longer moves" opti ships, move are always are of ot | on-hostile Workers, Missionaries and within their owners' cultural borders er shown when the "show friendly on is enabled. As for non-hostile es of human ships and cargo ships shown (except AI ships on patrol), her ships only when moving into sight or inside the borders of the layer. | All unit moves are shown. |
| Rationale | These land moves are practically never interesting. Even if Worker stealing we disabled (change <u>010</u>), I doubt that seeing rival Worker moves would help. For it's a bit trickier because a passing Caravel could matter (target for Privateer, or be carrying a Spy), but mustn't show patrolling Destroyers. Cargo units that car city attackers need to be shown in any case. | |
| | 1 . | os on patrol, I'm giving away some info about the e cargo ship is practically always a patrol, and noying to watch. |
| Config | SHOW_FRIENDLY_WORKER_MOVES and SHOW_FRIENDLY_SEA_MOVES in GlobalDefines_advc | |

Tbd. Could be an issue for enemy moves as well when there is city visibility from espionage. So, should perhaps apply the change to enemy moves too.

Related: Fixed a bug that caused AI non-combat units to oscillate between safe cities when at war. Seechange 001.

(Also fixed in K-Mod 1.45, now using the K-Mod fix.)

"show friendly moves" can be toggled using Shift + M. If the option is toggled this way, the change won't be visible in the Options menu, and won't be saved upon leaving the game.

(Disabled through a switch in GlobalDefines advc.xml. Turned out I had never used this.)

No moves are shown when in Globe view. If the Unit layer is active in Globe view, then the layer colors and indicator positions are updated as foreign units move (without a delay and regardless of the show-moves options).

The camera jumps around, but the moving units aren't visible in Globe view. If the Unit layer is enabled, the positions of the unit indicators are updated as foreign units move, but the layer colors aren't updated.

See also

Requires <u>004m</u> to be able to tell if the Unit layer is active.

| 103 | Spy unit can investigate cities | | | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS Vanilla/Warlords | | |
| There is a passive mission that works as in BtS and an active mission with a base cost of 40 espionage points and guaranteed success. (For comparison, Counterespionage costs 100 and also guarantees success; as in BtS.) The Al doesn't use this new mission, i.e. still, to an extent, cheats with the information that is taken into account. Once the player closes the city screen, the Spy unit has its movement points spent but isn't teleported anywhere. The owner of the Spy can enter the city | | (passive "Investigate" mission). That said, the "Sabotage Building" and "Sabotage Production" missions (and the cost of these missions) give away some information. The AI code for some of the active missions (e.g. "Foment Unrest") use information about the attacked city that the AI doesn't explicitly have, though that information can mostly be deduced. (E.g. the happiness level of a city is mostly a matter of civics and luxury resources, both | moved. City religion can also grant visibility. No visibility from espionage points. | |
| | ree any number of e remainder of the | cause the Spy unit to be teleported to its owner's capital. | As far as I remember, Spy units aren't teleported anywhere after a mission. | |
| When investigating a city, the research bar, income and treasury are hidden. Slider settings are still visible. | | When investigating a city, the owner's commerce slider positions, current research, gold in treasury and per-turn income are shown on the city screen. | Same info revealed as in B I suppose. | |
| Investigate mission added through GameInfo\CIV4EspionageMissionInfo.xml. C remove it there or adjust its cost and success chance. To allow free investigation, or can set bInvestigate to 1 for the Spy unit and Great Spy unit in Units\Civ4Unit Infos.xml. I had done this until v0.95 along with a change in the DLL (which is still place) that prevents spies from investigating if they've spent any movement points. After some testing, I felt that this made investigation too easy and added the active mission. | | allow free investigation, one by unit in Units\Civ4Unit ge in the DLL (which is still in ent any movement points. | | |

| Rationale | To make Spies more useful for players that don't invest heavily in espionage. Also, constructing wonders is more fun when one can find out who else is in the race. Players don't spend thousands of espionage points just to find out if someone is currently building a wonder. |
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| | In Vanilla/WL, investigation was too easy though, hence the cost. I've disabled the teleport so that players can investigate a city to find out its weaknesses and then execute one of the take-that missions on the next turn. |
| | No gratuitous info about foreign research because this would supersede the passive (and more or less reasonably priced) "See Research" mission. |
| Tbd. | Perhaps the cost needs to scale with the game progress somehow, e.g. the era of the city owner. |
| | Confusing: When inspecting a city that has just grown, the new citizen has no job at all (not listed as a Citizen specialist either). |
| See also | 120d: Mission cost for Sabotage Production no longer shown on the Espionage screen. It had previously been possible to guess based on that cost whether a city was close to completing a wonder. |
| | 001: Bugfix in CvPlayer::getUnitArtInfo that shows unit art on the city screen in the owner's art style. |

| 104 | UWAI: See chapter <u>Utility-Based War AI</u> |
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| | Most of the changes are in newly created classes. I've added a few auxiliary functions in pre-existing classes too. Technical documentation only inline. There are also some changes in unlikely places, which I've marked with the following sub-ids. |
| | One thing I guess I should explictly document somewhere in this manual: When an AI civ refuses to capitulate with the reason "Not right now", then that civ will capitulate on the next turn of the would-be master unless it can manage to improve the power ratio until then. This way, only the game state at the end of the capitulating civ's turn is decisive. If the capitulating civ thinks that the would-be master wants to end the war badly, then it may respond "Not right now" for several turns. Related CFC post |
| See also | 210a: UWAI changes that make the war trades alert less noisy. |
| Config | By checking "Aggressive AI (Legacy)" on the Custom Game screen, UWAI can be disabled. Can also disable it through XML, even in a running game (after saving and exiting), by setting either <code>uwai_in_background</code> or <code>disable_uwai</code> in <code>Assets\xml</code> GlobalDefines_devel.xml. |
| | UWAI settings in AI_Variables_GlobalDefines.xml. |
| Tbd. | Would be nice if the per-turn UWAI log file (configured in GlobalDefines_devel.xml) could be closed at the end of a turn, so that it can be deleted without having to exit the game first, but the logs are handled by CvDLLUtilityIFaceBase, which doesn't seem to allow files to be closed. |
| | Since the skeleton of the code was written before I thought of the name "UWAI", the identifiers in the code were originally prefixed with "wpai" or "WarAndPeace(AI)". There might still be remanents of that. |
| 104b | Code for measuring path lengths for troop deployment from friendly cities to the cities of a (potential) war target. (A hack that measured distances between cities by generating paths for garrisoned units was removed in v0.94. Until v0.99, the FAStar pathfinder in the EXE had been used along with a tweak for aborting the |

| | search upon reaching a distance limit.) | |
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| See also | Now uses the TeamPathFinder described under <u>advc.pf</u> . | |
| | Some vague ideas by Nightinggale fo | or faster pathfinding: <u>CFC post</u> |
| Tbd. | Until AdvCiv 0.99, scalability was a real issue with more than 18 players. That issue is now resolved insofar that AdvCiv (with UWAI) runs as fast (or at least nearly) as K-Mod even with 48 players. Nevertheless, the computation of deployment paths remains the biggest time sink on super-Huge maps. The pathfinding code can't be optimized much further. I've given Dijkstra's algorithm a try (Git branch) – which is potentially faster than A* when paths are needed for multiple destinations, but that turned out to be not much faster than Firaxis' FAStar class in the EXE and considerably slower than K-Mod's A* implementation in the DLL (which TeamPathFinder is based on). So, to save further time, fewer paths should be generated. | |
| | The most promising approach is to catargets. There's a bullet toward the e | onsider only cities of the best potential war nd of the WIP section about that. |
| | Two more ideas: | |
| | Don't update distances for every one of our cities on every turn. Distances changer gradually through tiles being revealed, routes constructed, border expansion and factors – it should be OK to skip a city with, say, an 80% probability (adjusted to general). Major changes in diplomacy should result in an immediate full update: Opporters, Vassal, Permanent Alliance, declaration of war. Only if we're directly invoin one of those. Also: upon the discovery of certain technologies. A tech is discovery 4 turns or so, so doing it after every tech is undesirable. | |
| | Try parallelizing the distance comput the cached distances) could also be | ations. On that note, AI war evaluations (based on suitable for parallelization. |
| | (This one no longer sounds promising now that pathfinding has become much faster.) Take advathe triangle inequality: If we have computed a path distance from A to B and from B to C, we cout that as an approximation of the distance from A to C if B is a non-hostile city, i.e. not owned by the prospective war target or a current war enemy. One might first let a new class CityGraph compute sparse graph with edges chosen based on area id, air distance and city size. Edges between out cities will have to be allowed too. Graph updates: Local updates for changes that occur through and a full update when updating the UWAI cache: Go through all relevant pairs of friendly and proposed in the cities as before and make the graph compute a shortest distance using a standard graph (Kruskal/ Prim or something to compute all shortest paths). Turn that shortest graph distance into something slightly optimistic to account for direct paths being shorter than triangular ones. | |
| 104c | AI avoids military victory strategies ir | order to spare friends |
| AdvCiv/ UW | /AI | BBAI/ K-Mod |
| When weighing its victory strategies, the Al considers whether a military victory (esp. conquest) will require an attack on a friend. If so, the Al will pursue different strategies instead. | | The AI doesn't take friendships into account when choosing victory strategies. |
| If the AI still comes close to a military victory, it may ultimately attack friends, depending on the specific circumstances. | | Once stage 4 out of 4 of a military strategy is reached, the AI ignores attitude when it comes to war targets. |
| Rationale | See the UWAI chapter. Victory strategies aren't within the scope of UWAI, but, in this case, the strategy weights need to be aligned with the DoW policy. | |
| Config | Only effective if UWAI is enabled. | |
| See also | 115: Al commitment to victory strategies | |
| 104d | Changes to AI_targetCityVal. That function is not part of the UWAI component, but | |
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| | it's now based on heuristics that are into the UWAI projection of war outcome. | part of UWAI (if it is enabled), and it feeds back omes. |
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| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| that evalua | nction AI_assetVal to CvPlayerAl tes cities as economical assets, ode in AI_targetCityVal and adeVal. | AI_cityTradeVal (AI evaluation of cities for end-war trades) is almost just a stub in BtS, but has begun to overlap with AI_targetCityVal (AI evaluations of enemy cities to attack) in K-Mod. For example, K-Mod has added an evaluation of wonders to AI_cityTradeVal — which was already present in AI_targetCityVal in BtS. |
| See also | advc.ctr revises AI_cityTradeVal. | |
| | iges to AI_targetCityVal that make lly on cities of rivals en route to a peac | an AI fighting or considering multiple wars focus ceful victory. |
| Rationale | | military victory are able to pivot from war against ote target that is getting close to a peaceful |
| Tbd. | | t of the problem is that the militarily powerful civs atic relations with their neighbors and pretty |
| when the e will also dis | ntinent AI target cities get updated nemy status of a rival changes. This card any target city of a vassal set by master ("we'll do our best"). | K-Mod updates the best target city on each continent only every few turns, presumably in order to make AI offensives more focused. |
| Rationale | Looks like an oversight. It doesn't ma no longer an enemy. | ake sense to cling to a target city whose owner is |
| | • | Tile defense factors into the targeting decisions of individual stacks, but is not a factor in AI_targetCityVal and thus not a factor for the per-continent target cities of an AI civ. |
| Rationale | | are only intended as intermediate targets, it still city with a Castle when the power ratio is nearly |
| See also | cdtw.2 gives cities with very low defe Movers" AI strategy. | ense extra weight as target cities when in the "Fast |
| favor of the that require | military power ratio is very much in attacker, among potential target cities a naval assault, the AI prefers to nents with few enemy cities. | In BtS/ K-Mod, AI_targetCityVal can't even tell whether a city will have to be assaulted from the sea. |
| Rationale | Should help the AI pick up lightly def main continent isn't feasible. | ended islands when an invasion of the enemy's |
| | I somewhat inclined to target cities gic resources. | Resources near potential target cities are evaluated, but only from the point of view of the attacker. |
| Rationale | resource from the point of view of an | nere is no (non-cheating) AI code for evaluating a nother civ, and writing such code (and making it run difficult to predict whether conquering a city will |

| | actually change ownership of nearby | resource tiles; so I'm not even trying. | |
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| AdvCiv | | BBAI | |
| Increased the impact of distance. Now probably about the same as in BtS. | | BBAI had reduced the impact of distance so that (comment in the code) it "scales sensibly with map size". | |
| Rationale | The BtS formula was flawed (mainly when it came to naval attacks I think), but I don't think the map size should matter. Even on the biggest maps, the AI shouldn't generally target cities that are one or two dozen moves into enemy territory. (AI attack stacks will opportunistically attack cities along the way, but it's still not a good idea to try and cut deeply into enemy territory.) | | |
| 104e | Halved military power values of ships | s through the DLL. | |
| | Reduced military power (not combat str.) of Maceman from 9 to 8; Samurai at 9 (no change), Berserker at 9 (was 10), Jaguar at 5 (was 6). Increased power of Infantry to 22 (was 20). | | |
| Rationale | UWAI handles naval and land power separately, so the power of ships relative to units doesn't matter. But the K-Mod AI uses a single power rating, and, considering that ships are only useful in certain situations, ships contribute too much power. A even if UWAI is enabled, some strategic AI choices are based on a single power rating, and the Statistics screen shows only one rating as well. | | |
| High power of Maceman makes UWAI overestimate Maceman when build-up; appears as a better offensive unit than Grenadier. The bonuisn't that useful for this type of unit at that point of the game (whereas Crossbowman seems OK). UWAI (if enabled) increases the power vanified units that can receive city raider promotions; this gives Machboost. | | ve unit than Grenadier. The bonus against melee that point of the game (whereas 7 power for enabled) increases the power values of all | |
| | The 25% bonus of Infantry vs. Gunpowder is very valuable, whereas Woodsman I shouldn't be enough to bring Jaguar to the same power as Swordsman (which has 1 more strength). Montezuma is suicidal enough without overestimating his unique un | | |
| Config | Civ4UnitInfos.xml | | |
| See also | 131 also makes some changes to XML AI settings, e.g. the asset value of Infantry. The BASE mod also halves the military power of ships (but I didn't get the idea from there). 131c changes some power values of buildings. | | |
| 104f | More narrow conditions for Dagger s | trategy | |
| | while in a chosen war; Dagger | Having started a war doesn't affect Dagger. | |
| disabled entirely when UWAI is enabled. | | The Dagger strategy can overrule the "Get Better Units" strategy; that's why the K-Mod AI can make Archer rushes. | |
| Rationale | Staying in the Dagger strategy while at war doesn't make much of a difference K-Mod AI, but it gets in the way of my UWAI testing (UWAI running in the bawhile K-Mod decides). | | |
| The purpose of the Dagger strategy seems to have shifted from BAI to B Here's the original description by Blake. The latest purpose was probably units without having a war plan, and thus also without giving away war plan, through WHEOOHRN; then a sudden strike. UWAI solves this problem described by the purpose of the pu | | ke. The latest purpose was probably to build up thus also without giving away war preparations | |
| 104g | Don't demand tribute from unreachable civs (implemented based on UWAI code) | | |
| 104h | Moved the BtS and K-Mod code for negotiation of peace terms into a separate function, and made some minor functional changes (that also take effect when UWAI | | |

| | is disabled): | |
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| | If the winning side doesn't have much interest in continuing the war, gold (and no tech) | |
| | is considered as reparations. | |
| | The choice of tech for reparations is less randomized and more based on matching the target value for the reparations. | |
| 104i | Refusal to talk (RTT) when at war. A new AI memory type, MEMORY_DECLARED_WAR_RECENT is used for distinguishing a DoW at the request of a third party or through a defensive pact (DP) or a vote from a normal DoW. | |
| Config | The MemoryDecayRand value of the new memory type determines the RTT duration in wars on behalf of a third party. This value can be set through Civ4LeaderHeadInfos.xml, and a default of 11 is hardcoded in the DLL (CvLeaderHeadInfo::getMemoryDecayRand). That default value corresponds to an expected RTT duration of 11 turns. (Though, as in BtS, war success and Al personality can shorten the duration.) | |
| Tbd. | When the AI is already willing to talk according to the BtS rules, adding DECLARED_WAR_RECENT memory has no effect. Thus, a civ could e.g. make peace with the target of a force-war resolution right after the vote. Not sure what to do about this. For a start, the turn on which a vote takes place or a war ally is brought in should be remembered. | |
| just those t | Pleads to a DoW, then declared-war-recent memory is added for all involved parties, not hat join the war through the DP. When peace is made between two civs, the civs lling to talk to the other side's DP allies. | |
| Rationale | Otherwise, the target of the original attack would be free to negotiate peace, while the allies that declared war because of the DP would be forced to continue the war. | |
| See also | kekm.3 allows DP despite war | |
| Tbd. | War votes should arguably lead to a (10-turn?) period of forced war. The current code based on AI memory can't enforce war between two human civs (or just for 1 turn). | |
| | civs make peace, all their declared-war-recent memory is set to 0, i.e. both become alk to everyone (unless war utility is too high). | |
| Rationale | Refusal to talk is a matter of fairness toward a third party (sponsor, DP ally, voting members of the AP). When a war party bows out (possibly said third party itself), it's a big enough change in circumstances to disregard any commitments for continuing the war. | |
| 104j | Change in a master Al's war plans affects war plans of its vassals. The unit stacks decide where to invade first. Active even if UWAI is disabled, meaning that BBAI's CvTeamAI::AI_isOkayVassalTarget function ("Block AI from declaring war on a distant vassal if it shares an area with the master") no longer works. | |
| Rationale | With K-Mod's AI changes, I doubt that isOkayVassalTarget is really needed, whether UWAI is enabled or not. | |
| | I'm not allowing unit stacks to anticipate wars triggered by Defensive Pacts (DP) because diplo penalties need to be taken into account, so the strategic side of the Al needs to choose the target for the declaration of war and the tactical side needs to respect that decision. | |
| See also | 003b: It could be important for performance that CvTeam::getMasterTeam is precomputed. | |
| 104k | Moved rounding of trade values into an auxiliary function (no functional change) | |
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| 1041 | Caching of war utility to keep the user interface fully responsive when checking if a civ is willing to talk or willing to trade certain items. No functional change outside UWAI, but had to put some code to switch caching on and off into CvDLLWidgetData.cpp. | | |
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| 104m | Handling of tribute demands redirected to UWAI; fewer random AI requests. | | |
| | Regardless of whether UWAI is enabled: AI doesn't ask for help, an embargo or (no change) tribute if it's about to declare war on the player (war preparations complete). On Noble difficulty and higher, the AI only makes tribute demands with a significant trade value; e.g. won't just ask for a food resource or some small sum of gold. | | |
| | The AI can demand gold per turn (not possible in BtS). The demanded sum is based on the human player's commerce rate and expenses (not on the current gold income which is often negative or near 0). | | |
| Rationale | This should also address problems with players pillaging their own roads in order to cancel a deal that results from a tribute demand for a resource. That trick doesn't always work (the resource could be next to a river or in a city tile) and requires two roads to be pillaged, which is somewhat costly in the early game. So AI resource demands can make sense; don't want to disable them entirely. | | |
| See also | advc.ctr: The AI can also demand cities. | | |
| AdvCiv (reg | ardless of whether UWAI is enabled) BtS | | |
| as tribute a | The AI may demand multiple resources at once as tribute and resources that the human player has only one of aren't off-limits. The AI demands only a single surplus resource. | | |
| | demand the human player's map in a technology. Only one tech <i>or</i> the map. | | |
| Rationale | A map or a single surplus resource isn't nearly valuable enough for +1 relations and a peace treaty. | | |
| | The peace treaty gets signed as a separate deal in response to a "diplo event" that triggers when a human agrees to give help or tribute. | | |
| Rationale | So that annual tribute and help deals can be identified (through the peace treaty) and canceled automatically. Also more transparent this way: The peace treaty appears on the trade screen. | | |
| Config | The display string for a peace treaty offered by the AI at peacetime is set by <code>TXT_KEY_TRADE_SIGN_PEACE_TREATY</code> in <code>Civ4GameText_advc.xml</code> . Currently says "Sign Peace Treaty (10 Turns)" whereas, in other contexts, it says just "Peace Treaty (10 Turns)". Players have gotten confused (CFC posts <u>1</u> <u>2</u>) by the AI "offering peace" despite not being at war. Hopefully the word "sign" puts more emphasis on the offer being a (lasting) treaty. Don't want to invent a new term – it is very much a Peace Treaty like the one signed upon ending a war. | | |
| See also | City trades (<u>advc.ctr</u>) and war trades (<u>146</u>) also imply a peace treaty and show it on the trade table. | | |
| Tbd. | Should perhaps also add a peace treaty to the trade table as soon as a human player lets the AI side put something on the trade table if nothing has been added to the human side yet. When something else is added to the human side, the peace treaty should be taken away. So that a peace treaty is on the table if a human player asks for tribute or a gift. Or maybe this is too distracting | | |
| | ties are canceled by CvDeal::verify of a game turn – players never have of their turn, which usually means that the peace treaty remains in place during the preceding | | |

| | human turn unless the human player cancels it manually. | | |
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| Rationale | More convenient in general, and will auto-cancel expired annual tribute and help. | | |
| | on't ask a human civ for help unless asset score is at least ¾ of the AI civ's half as much as the AI civ's asset score. | | |
| Rationale | Feels unfair to be asked for a handout by an AI civ that is clearly doing better. | | |
| 104n | Diplo votes | | |
| 1040 | Handling of sponsored wars and conditions for vassal agreements when UWAI enabled. | | |
| 104р | Target size for invasion stacks based on difficulty and less random (even when UWAI is disabled). Always choose a target city while war is imminent. (BtS sets no target with one chance in three.) | | |
| Rationale | Except on high difficulty settings, the AI often took too long to get invasions started after finishing preparations. | | |
| 104q | Changed some K-Mod uses of WarPlanStateCounter to AtWarCounter | | |
| 104r | Handling of empire split | | |
| 104s | Propagate UWAI decisions about limited, total and naval war to other parts of the AI: | | |
| | Treat faraway land targets as only reachable by sea. Treat preparations for "total" war the same as ongoing or imminent "total" war in | | |
| | AI_maxUnitCostPerMil. Change Area AI from Offensive or Massing to a naval assault type when UWAI thinks that the attack should be made via sea. Increase train-invader chance when preparing a total war. (K-Mod: Chance only increased once the war has started.) | | |
| 104t | Handling of team changes: Permanent Alliances and elimination of a team member | | |
| 104u | Fixes initialization issues with scenarios | | |
| 104v | Messages about AI war preparations in all-AI games | | |
| See also | Chapter about all-Al games | | |
| 104w | Make all the Al's cash and gold-per-turn (up to a limit based on total commerce) available for peace deals, and trust the UWAI code not to spend more than peace is worth. | | |
| See also | 039 announces the conditions of peace deals to third parties. 036 and 550f make more gold available for trades other than peace deals. | | |
| 104x | Loading of Al-related parameters from AI_Variables_GlobalDefines.xml | | |

| 104y | No-war probability without Open Borders | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| | | If the no-war probability is 100%, then the AI |
| Civ4LeaderHeadInfos.xml would be 100% for | | tends to behave non-aggressively. Depending on |
| a civ that the AI doesn't have Open Borders with, | | Al personality, Pleased or Friendly attitude is |
| the AI computes its no-war probability as if its | | needed for 100%. |
| attitude toward that civ was one level lower than | | |

| it actually is. | | |
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| | Don't want humans to take advantage and thus, possibly, preventing the ne | ge of a friendly AI neighbor by closing the borders eighbor from attacking anyone. |

| 104z | | d to war/ peace: "Spy Discovered", "Wedding esture". Random Events disabled by default. |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS/K-Mod |
| Spy Discove | red – No change | There is some BtS code for deciding if the Al wants war, and K-Mod improves that code a bit. |
| Wedding Feud – Fixed a bug: When a response to a random event will anger a rival civ that the AI dislikes, the AI picks that response only if the | | The event data doesn't say that one of the responses can lead to a DoW; the AI only knows that the response is going to worsen relations. |
| rival is not to | oo powerful. | If a rival is powerful, the AI is all the more inclined to anger that rival. As a result the AI will, on rare occasions, get into a war with a far too powerful rival. |
| Great Mediator, Heroic Gesture – Reduced the probability for peace from 50% to 33%. | | The DLL gets no info at all about this event, so the AI has to decide based on the "AIValues" of the two possible responses. Both have the same value, so the AI ends up picking a response at 50-50 odds. |
| No Change | | The other side can still decide to continue the war but, if that's also an AI civ, it never does (no change in AdvCiv). |
| No Change | | Through, what karadoc calls "an ugly hack" in the respective canTrigger functions, K-Mod prevents the event from triggering when either side refuses to talk. |
| Rationale | random events; the sane approach | ause there are serious issues with almost all is really to disable them. The war/ peace events a, so I'm applying some more band-aids. |
| | I'd like to add that the war/peace events more or less hinge on irrational AI behavior. Giving the opponent an option to make peace is pointless – the two civs could just negotiate via the trade table. And Wedding Feud lets one civ pay 60 gold for a relations penalty, and the other civ is simply asked whether it wants to declare war (diplo penalties still apply). | |
| | The proper way to handle the last three events would involve adding tags to the EventInfo schema so that the DLL can tell what the events actually do. (The DLL could probably also identify them based on EventTriggerData, but that's messy.) And CvRandomEventInterface.py would have to call some new Python-exposed DLL function instead of just always starting a war (in the case of Wedding Feud) or always making peace. | |
| | If I wanted to overhaul the events, <u>MongooseMod</u> (see "Event Overhaul" in LunarMongoose's feature list) would have to be the starting point. <u>This</u> Rise of Mankind revision could also be of interest. I don't think it fixes the war/peace events though (or only through his DLL, which is closed-source). | |
| | I'd tend to throw out the diplomatic e | events (which require the AI to role-play; better |

| | work more on the <u>DDiplo</u> changes instead). Similarly, tile yield changes could be better handled by separate mechanisms for depletion/ degradation, prospecting and propagation. Pandemics and uprising would also deserve separate treatment. In the end, mostly events that ask a player to pay gold should remain (though these will only make sense if binary research can be discouraged somehow) and events representing natural disasters. | |
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| See also | 106g is responsible for recording war/peace events in replays. | |
| | This open Git issue of the "We the People" mod mentions the problem of missing XML tags for certain random events. | |
| "No Rando | m Events" enabled by default. | All options on the Custom Game screen are disabled by default. |
| Rationale | I feel that at this point (v0.94), the mod makes improvements in so many areas that players might expect that Random Events have also been overhauled. So I want to signal somehow that this isn't the case. Renaming the option to "Random Events" (disabled by default) would be more consistent, but players who update from v0.93 would have to toggle the option then. | |
| | Random Events, but I've noticed that | y default. I haven't improved anything about t games started via "Play Now" always use the y been to show the option as disabled the first Game screen. |
| See also | 101 renames "City Flipping after Conquest" to "No City Flipping after Conquest". That was done earlier in the mod's development when updating was less of a concern. | |

| 105 | Al relies less on getAnyWarPlanCou | unt |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| and some of function AI_ | ost calls of getAnyWarPlanCount f getAtWarCount with a new isFocusWar that ignores wars that ont worth focusing on. | |
| (Other parts | of the AI code already take care of | The AI assigns lower utilities (found values) to settlement spots when at war, to the point that AI civs practically don't expand while at war. |
| Settlers may move to join a group of units so long as that group isn't in immediate danger of being attacked. | | |
| Rationale | Just being at war doesn't imply that the AI needs to build up units or switch to wartime civics. It could be that the war enemy can't even reach the AI civ, or has just one city left, is hopelessly backwards etc. In particular, don't want human players to declare meaningless wars in order to hamper the economical development of an AI civ. | |
| See also | 001j replaces ALWAYS_PEACE checks in Al code with AI_isWarPossible calls. 003b has replaced the remaining calls to getAnyWarPlanCount and getAtWarCount with CvTeamAI::AI_countWarPlans, AI_getNumWarPlans and AI_isAnyWarPlan. | |
| Tbd. | Should've written an int function inscale. That could e.g. also be used for CvCityAI::AI_updateSpecialYie | |

| The AI checks if its own military power is greater than the target's defensive power before demanding tribute. The target's defensive power accounts for ongoing wars with third parties, but apply in a grade unreliable manner. |
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| only in a crude, unreliable manner. |
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| 106 | Announcements and replays | | |
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| See also | but I don't want to fix this because I 127 records start and end of AI Auto 127b stores jump-to info about most in the Event log to jump to the captia 120f announces and records spy mid 210: Civ4lerts 071 shows a message when first me | announcements (e.g. click a DoW announcement al of the civ that declared war). ssions that cause a revolution. | |
| | The "Dawn of Civilization" mod has added BUG settings for customization of announcements about Great People, religion spread and random events. CFC post (For AdvCiv, I think I have a sensible middleground and no need for customization.) | | |
| Tbd. Would be nice to show and record messages about captured and razed think Civ 3 had those. I've already written the code and translations (not but it turns out that CvPlayer::acquireCity isn't the proper place for resolved until later. This really complices | | ritten the code and translations (not on GitHub), aireCity isn't the proper place for my code | |
| | The random events that spawn Barbarians should be announced even if the playe that triggered the event hasn't met the active player. (Maybe, ideally, not if the active player's capital is on a different landmass.) | | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS | |
| | s stated if the city isn't revealed, e.g. | All GP births are reported; "in a faraway land" if the city is unrevealed. | |
| | | Entire message in yellow. Makes it harder to pick out the yellow BUG gold-trade alerts. | |
| Rationale | Gotta kill some messages. This one undiscovered continent?), and does | is implausible (how do you learn about GPs on an n't have great strategic value. | |
| Finished wonders are always reported (no change); the city is stated if revealed. | | Message says "faraway" when the city isn't revealed. If the owner is known, it is listed on the Statistics Screen. The message never states the city, but highlights it on the map. | |
| , | | When a religion or corp. is founded, if the holy/ HQ city is unrevealed but the city owner known, report only "faraway". | |
| The name of the city where a GP is born is no longer recorded in replays. Record it as "The Great Scientist Antony van Leeuwenhoek has been born in the Russian Empire." (important info at the start and the end) | | "Antony van Leeuwenhoek (Great Scientist) has been born in St. Petersburg (Catherine)!" | |

| Rationale | "In the Incan Empire" is extra information. Reporting "faraway" (as in BtS) is misleading in this case. Not reporting them at all would also be bad. Should either report all GP births of a civ or none. The crucial info is how many GPs a rival civ produces, and not so much which GPs specifically. | |
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| | Wonders: just to be consistent. | |
| | GP in replay: In order to shorten the | message a little. The city is irrelevant. |
| Tbd. | Perhaps remove the GP name from in the Russian Empire". | replays, i.e. just "A Great Scientist has been born |
| Relocation of a civ's capital is announced to other players (but not recorded in replays). Regardless of whether the old capital was conquered or razed or whether a new Palace was constructed. | | Conquered and razed cities are announced; without special mention of the capital. Constructed Palace isn't announced. |
| | | tell from the city name when a capital gets oll around the map to find out the name and |
| See also | 127: In spectator mode, the announc | cement is shown regardless of map knowledge. |
| AdvCiv | | BUG/ Civ4lerts |
| No more BU to trade a res | | The alert about resource trades triggers whenever the set of resources offered by a rival changes from one turn to the next. |
| See also | 210e makes the alert trigger also wh | en the AI becomes willing to import a resource. |
| Rationale | It's a helpful alert, but fires too often. Typically, the willing-to-trade part is more important. The player then either trades for the resource or decides not to. In the latter case, it's not immediately helpful to know that it's no longer available. | |
| Tbd. | The same reasoning can be applied to the tech trade alert, though techs seem to become unavailable less frequently. Unavailable techs and resources hint at intertrades and/ or changes in AI attitude. The proper solution is to implement a new alfor AI attitude changes and one for inter-AI trades. (Update: The latter has been implemented by now, 210d, but turned out to be too noisy.) | |
| | Will probably still need the "no longe started building a wonder. | r willing" alert because the AI could also have |
| Civics chang from the repl | es except to Free Religion excluded ay log. | |
| Replays reco | ord when a leader enters a new era. default) | Except for Liberalism, technological progress is only recorded indirectly through civics changes |
| | | and constructed wonders. |
| | | Cities founded in green, religion and civics changes and random events in white. |
| Cities hit by nukes, meltdowns recorded. And report meltdowns to all players that know the city, and record when a city reaches Legendary culture. | | Only announcements; not mentioned in replays. Meltdowns are only reported to the city owner. |

| Rationale | Civics changes are not very important and occur very frequently; make replays difficult to follow. (Religion changes tend to be rarer and more consequential.) | | |
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| | Replays should give some indication of technological progress. Era transitions wer my first idea, then I thought first-to-discover would be even better. There's some redundancy when techs cause religions to be founded, but I guess that can't be avoided. | | |
| | Colors: Green should be the color of research. For cities founded, I've tried magenta (the color used by the disabled city-founded Civ4lert) and <code>color_culture_rate</code> , but they're too hard to read against the brown background of the Replay screen. I've also tried white (now that civics changes and random events are no longer reported), but found player colors easier to follow. (Although replay messages are otherwise not color-coded based on the affected civ; so it's inconsistent.) | | |
| See also | ctr uses COLOR_CITY_BLUE for city trade alerts. | | |
| Config | SHOW_FIRST_TO_DISCOVER_IN_REPLAY, SHOW_ENTERED_ERA_IN_REPLAY and | | |
| | USE_PLAYER_TEXT_COLOR_IN_REPLAYS in GlobalDefines_advc. | | |
| Tbd. | Perhaps recording every tech is too much and era transitions too little. Could do era transitions plus Liberalism plus first discovery of techs granting a free GP. | | |
| EVENT_MES | MESSAGE_TIME_LONG is no longer used. Extra long display duration for e.g. founded religions and corporations. Originally also for religion spread (duration reduced by K-Mod). | | |
| Rationale | Annoying; not a good way to draw attention (nor are the events in question that important). | | |
| See also | 106c: Civ4lerts had also used EVENT_MESSAGE_TIME_LONG. | | |
| 106b | Message limit | | |
| This chang | nge only applies when playing with the "Minimize Pop-Ups" (MPU) option. | | |
| Rationale | It's awkward when the Event Log opens along with a popup because then the Event Log can't be closed until the popup is dealt with. This happens all the time when playing without MPU. Also, I suppose players who don't use MPU are fast players that don't pay a lot of attention to each individual message. | | |
| Config | Override: MESSAGE_LIMIT_WITHOUT_MPU in GlobalDefines_advc.xml | | |
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If more than 3 messages are waiting at the beginning of a turn, don't display them on the main interface; open the Event Log instead. Exception: Messages about most major events are always displayed on the main interface.

The following major events are *not* shown on the main interface when the Event Log is opened:

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- · Golden Age begun
- · city founded
- · city liberated, ceded
- · foreign city flipped
- · city captured/ razed
- · war declared on or by a vassal
- · peace with a vassal
- · wonder built

Also not shown, and now only a minor events: when a religion or corp spreads in a city, birth of a GP, civics changes, tech discovered.

The signing of a Permanent Alliance is now a major event.

Also open the Event Log when there are 1 or 2 messages along with a diplo popup (unless that popup is just an Al civ making first contact with the human civ).

In Hotseat, always open the Event Log when there is a new message.

No limit on the number of messages. The Event Log is only ever shown when the player opens it.

Major events are kept in the Event Log indefinitely, whereas minor events are cleared after 20 turns and info messages after 2 turns. The following events are major:

War started/ ended, alliance formed, defensive pact signed, capitulation/ vassal agreement signed/ broken, tech discovered, first to discover Liberalism, circumnavigation, wonder/ team project built, city founded, civics or state religion changed, revolution started/ ended, Legendary culture reached, religion or corp founded, city religion/ corp spread or removed, city liberated/ flipped, game won, GW sustainability reached (K-Mod), vote source established (UN, AP), city captured/ razed, Golden Age begun/ ended, civ conquered, GP born/ GG killed, empire split, spaceship launched/ failed, nuke.

The Event Log button becomes inaccessible when a diplo popup opens (hotkey also blocked).

On-screen messages are cleared in between turns, including those that haven't been displayed yet. This means that a player who follows another human in the turn order misses most messages.

Rationale

The main interface really isn't suitable for displaying frequent messages. It's obtrusive; the display delays add up; messages can disappear too fast. My limit guarantees that after waiting for 3 messages, no further messages can arrive.

When a diplo popup opens, any messages on the main interface become difficult to read, so it's important to provide access to the Event Log. The player should be able to learn what happened during the AI turns before making any decisions.

Major events on the main interface: These can easily get buried and missed in the Event Log because they occur already during opponent's turns. Especially when playing without sound. The ones that I've excluded are either not that important or there is some additional mechanism that alerts the player (e.g. tech splash screen when a tech is discovered). Religions are spread all the time; that's not a major event at all.

Config

Option "Open Event Log" on the "General" tab of the BUG menu

Thd.

Could repair message delivery in Hotseat; opening the Event Log is only a workaround solution. Would have to store messages within the DLL when they are triggered, and call CvInterface::addMessage only at the start of the recipient's turn. Can also rewrite that function in the DLL if necessary; probably just wraps data into a CvTalkingHeadMessage **object and calls** showMessage.

Messages about major events don't appear on the main interface until all diplo popups are through. Same problem in BtS. CvPlayer::postProcessMessages already gets called before diplo popups are displayed and already tells the EXE to show major event messages. Still, when CyGame::update returns, the messages get held up by the diplo popups. This issue will hopefully be easier to resolve once Al-to-human diplomacy is moved to the start of the human turn (see *Tbd*. under <u>001e</u>).

See also

The "We the People" developers are considering improvements to the message delivery system: GitHub issue. Doesn't sound like they'll add something that AdvCiv could adopt. Sorting messages by importance can mix up causes and effects.

got the following idea (and uploaded a mockup here): When there are more than three new messages at the start of a turn, don't to select any unit and don't display any popup; instead show all new messages in the unit command area and put all minimized popups in the info pane, along with a button to start unit cycling, instruction abels if needed, and any further buttons that could be helpful at the start of a turn (e.g. buttons for cycling through unhappy and unhealthy cities). Remove all those widgets when a unit is selected (but show them again when no unit is selected). Could also have little buttons next to each message for dismissing only that message, and tiny versions of the button graphic that comes with some of the messages (to communicate that the message can be clicked). Not sure if all this is doable in the SDK. Main problem: Diplo popups. I don't think it will be possible to give the focus to the command area or any panel therein when the Diplo screen is up, meaning that the player will be unable to scroll through the new messages before dealing with the Diplo screen, and there's only enough space for four messages at once. That's an advantage of the current solution: The Event Log can take the focus.

All messages are cleared from the main interface Once displayed, messages only disappear when at end of turn.

they've been on display for the proper amount of time (depends on message type).

Any messages still queued for display are flushed before that (i.e. cleared without having been on display).

When a human player's turn ends, all messages still waiting to be shown to that player are displayed at once (delay skipped).

Rationale

When turns are ended in quick succession, in BtS, messages from different turns get displayed together, which can be confusing. Dropping messages without ever displaying them isn't much of a problem anymore because the Event Log tends to open periodically and the missed messages are in there.

At the end of each human turn, a special message with text "Older messages:" is put into date. All messages with the current turn's date the Event Log. On the next turn, the player can tell from this message which messages are new. turn's date may or may not be new. E.g. tech The special message never appears on the main discovered is sent at end of turn and appears at interface and it expires after 1 turn, meaning that the start of the next turn. only one such message is ever in the Event Log.

Each message in the Event Log is preceded by a are certainly new, but those with the previous

| Rationale | By the midgame, there are more than three messages on most turns, so scanning log for new messages is something the player does all the time, and it's vexing wit's not clear which messages are new. Also easy for a message to slip by unnoting live tried some things (backspace characters, setting the message turn to -1, sar text color as the Event Log background) to get rid of the date in front of the specimessage, but it appears to be impossible from within the SDK. | |
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| 106c | No more alerts upon loading savega | me |
| AdvCiv | | BUG |
| The BUGEv | entManager fires | BeginActivePlayerTurn fires after the end of |
| | rePlayerTurn only right after the n ends, not when loading a | the previous turn, and when loading a savegame. |
| Consequently, alerts aren't checked (and aren't displayed) when loading a savegame. | | Alerts are checked after loading. Since Civ4lerts doesn't store data in savegames, the alerts assume a blank slate, and display a bunch of messages, e.g. for all technologies that anyone is willing to trade. |
| Alerts have t events: 10 s | the same display duration as normal econds. | Alerts are displayed for 20 seconds. |
| Rationale | Arguably a bug. BeginActivePlaye that's what happens whenever a sav | rTurn shouldn't fire multiple times per turn, but regame is loaded. |
| | Listing all trades upon loading can't be considered a feature either. That info presented better by the Foreign Advisor. | |
| See also | 127: Other changes to Al Auto Play | |
| When cycling to another player with Alt+Z, BUG alerts fire. Should instead silent check (and fire only after ending the turn). For the alerts added by this is already fixed; see comment in CvPlayer::setIsHuman - though alerts will require a change in Python. | | ng the turn). For the alerts added by AdvCiv (210), CvPlayer::setIsHuman - though the BUG |
| | As a special case of the above, cycling after the creation of a colonial vassal can result in a (harmless) Python crash because Civ4lerts.py isn't yet aware of the new player. | |
| 106 d | Civ4lerts and Scoreboard settings changed | |
| See also | 004v also makes changes to the scoreboard. kekm.30 adds an option for civ and leader icons. | |
| AdvCiv | 1 | K-Mod |
| Enabled some alerts by default, namely Worst Enemy and all those from the second batch ("MoreCiv4lerts") except domination and map trade. | | K-Mod disables all alerts by default (whereas standalone BUG enables them all). |
| Enabled the "willing to talk" alert by default, and disabled "peace treaty" by default. | | It's the other way around. |
| Refusal to talk not reported when it happens at the start of a war. | | |

| Rationale | The ones I've enabled are essential for intermediate players, whereas domination at the first batch of alerts (city management and trade gold) are only essential for perfectionists. | |
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| | | implies willingness to talk. Additionally, the mbargoes; very helpful to learn about those. |
| | | out so that open borders (B), espionage advantage whether they have any vassals (V) aren't |
| Default line | height lowered from 22 to 20. | |
| Rationale | | e, and I find it difficult to imagine that players can't elations with. The vassal indicator is redundant as is the case by the K-Mod default). |
| Config | The in-game BUG menu contains a removed (B, E, D, N, V). | formatting string. See above for the letters I've |
| See also | See <u>120h</u> about the espionage icon. 085 shows B, D and N by default if "Expand on Hover" is enabled on the BUG menu (disabled by default). | |
| Reduced th | e vertical space between Minimap bu | ttons and Advanced Scoreboard. |
| Rationale | | naller fonts but greater line height and the vertical 't even fit on my screen when playing with 18 civs. |
| Tbd. | When the BUG Advanced Scoreboard is disabled (default: enabled), then the space is now larger than before. I can't figure out where to change the text position in that case. | |
| | The icons on the scoreboard are positioned a bit too high. The issue could be in BUG's <code>scoreboard.py</code> or in <code>CvMainInterface.py</code> though I can't spot any obvious problem. If the tabular layout is disabled, the issue goes away. | |
| | It would be very nice if additional icons were shown when mousing over a leader on the scoreboard – either just for that leader or for all of them. The format string should then support (through BUG\Scoreboard.py) a preceding underscore for info that is only supposed to appear while hovering. | |
| AdvCiv | | K-Mod/Civ4lerts |
| event is abo | out to happen: when a city is about to | Trigger also when a city is about to become happy or healthy or is about to grow. |
| shrink. | happy or unhealthy or is about to | The non-"pending" city alerts trigger when a city becomes healthy, unhealthy, happy or unhappy or when a city shrinks or grows. |
| Rationale | When something bad is about to happen in a city, the player may want to do something to prevent it, and when something bad has happened, the player may want to do something to repair it. I think that's the purpose of these alerts. Presumably, the triggers for positive pending events were only added for consistency – most (all?) alerts trigger on some condition and the negation of that condition (e.g. willing to trade/ no longer willing to trade). However, reducing the noise from alerts is more important than consistency. | |
| | I'm not removing any non-"pending" triggers because players may want to check the job assignment when a new citizen is born or when an angry citizen goes back to work. I don't think this reasoning can apply to has-become-healthy, but in this case, I don't want to break the pattern. | |

| Config | Added a single BUG option for all three "pending" alerts that restores the K-Mod behavior. This has been requested in here (CFC). | |
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| See also | God knows what the "Borders Pending" alert was supposed to be good for. I've removed that to make space for <u>210</u> . | |
| AdvCiv | 1 | K-Mod |
| | Pending" (i.e. about to become nabled by default. | All Civ4lerts are disabled by default in K-Mod. (I think BUG as a standalone mod enables them all by default.) |
| Rationale | "About to shrink" is often helpful to k cities. | now too but annoying in recently conquered |
| Tbd. | One reason why it pays to be alerted about cities that are about to shrink is that the AI (and thus the governor) doesn't take into account that cities can lose only 1 population per turn. Once it's decided that a city will shrink, the correct play is normally to deprioritize food for one turn. This is tedious, so the governor should do it automatically or there should be some additional penalty for a food deficit when the food store is empty. | |
| AdvCiv | 1 | BUG |
| | eption of the revolt alert, the city rigger for cities under occupation. | l've seen "has become happy" trigger under occupation. |
| Rationale | Potentially confusing, and the new owner is probably going to take a look at the city once occupation ends, so there's no need for tracking its status in betweentimes. | |
| 106e | Report all religion and corp changes | |
| revealed city the religion or religion, or if city. Once th announce re | Show a message whenever a corp spreads in a revealed city. Announce religion spread only if the religion differs from the city owner's state religion, or if the player owns the city or the holy city. Once the player is in the Industrial era, announce religion spread only if the player owns the city or the holy city. Message only shown to city owner and to play that have the religion as their state religion or own the holy city (in the case of religion spread or to players that own the HQ (corp spread). | |
| • | wner, the city becomes revealed to | HQ owner may receive messages about unrevealed cities. |
| | | one for establishing the HQ and one for spreading the corporation. (K-Mod already got rid of a redundant message upon expansion of a |
| Rationale | Update (v0.91): The foreign religion spread messages get too annoying in the mid-/endgame; therefore disabled post-Renaissance. Perhaps there should be a "Show foreign religion spread" Civ4lert, but that would have to be enabled by default, and then players would have to manually disable it in the midgame – if they'd even realize that this is possible. | |
| | Update (v0.92): It's actually also too annoying before Renaissance. No longer announcing if the religion is already the city owner's state religion. | |
| Tbd. | Does a holy city generate gold from unrevealed cities? | |

| Config | The era threshold for foreign religion spread messages can be changed throug STOP_RELIGION_SPREAD_ANNOUNCE_ERA in GlobalDefines_advc.xml. | |
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| | The v0.92 update can be disabled b GlobalDefines_advc.xml. | y toggling announce_state_religion_spread in |
| 106f | Announce canceled Defensive Pact | (DP) |
| AdvCiv | 1 | BtS |
| | P are publicly announced and the replay log. | DP are announced and recorded when signed; only the parties involved are notified of cancelation. |
| 106g | No random events in replays | |
| Random eve | ents aren't recorded in replays. | All random events are recorded in replays. |
| when a decl | The replay says "in response to a random event" when a declaration of war or a peace treaty was riggered by a random event. | |
| Rationale | Most of the random events are unimportant, and many are quite wordy, making replays difficult to follow. The war and peace events are exceptions. | |
| Tbd. | There are some other important eve | nts, e.g. fulfilled quests. |
| See also | 104z improves the AI response to war and peace events a little. | |
| 106h | Replay lists game settings | |
| | In the first entry of a replay. The relevant info is stored in the replay file but not displayed anywhere. The Hall of Fame screen only shows difficulty, world size, starting era and game speed. | |
| Rationale | For old replays and replays shared v | with other players. |
| Config | SETTINGS_IN_REPLAYS in GlobalDefines_advc.xml | |
| See also | 004 adds custom map options to the Settings tab. Those options are included in the replay entry. | |
| Tbd. | Would be nice to indicate which color is the player color, but I don't think replays support the <color> tag, and I don't want to show an entire entry in the player color.</color> | |
| 106i | Replay file format | |
| See also | CFC post by me about the format | |

| that AdvCiv loading (or e By storing a file that BtS CVDLLUtili in the DLL), without a me | me is stored in replay files, meaning replays can be viewed without even installing) the AdvCiv mod. mod id number in a part of the replay ignores and through a hack (as tylFaceBase::loadReplays is not AdvCiv is able to load replay files od name and to distinguish AdvCiv in unmodded replays. | The result of gDLL->getModName() is stored in replay files. When no mod is loaded, that call returns an empty string. All mods share a single Replays folder. The Hall of Fame screen loads all replays from that folder, compares the mod name stored in each replay file with the current result of gDLL->getModName() and displays only those that match. Double-clicking a replay file appears to bypass the name check, so there is a way to view replays created by a mod without installing the mod. But this doesn't work on Steam installations (not sure about Windows 10), and it doesn't work via the Hall-of-Fame screen. |
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| Config | Can be disabled through GlobalDefines_advc.xml. Automatically disabled if a mod-mod adds map sizes, victory conditions, handicap or game speed settings. May also be automatically disabled if a mod-mod adds colors that BtS can't display; see comments in GlobalDefines_advc.xml. | |
| Rationale | Mainly makes it easier to share AdvCiv replays with other players. Whether it's generally desirable to show replays from different mods on the same HoF screen is debatable. I think I'd prefer it, provided that replays from different mods are easy to distinguish, but I'd rather not inflict this on others. However, if the option was disabled by default, players would probably only find out about it when it's too late, i.e. when they have a replay that they'd like to share and that doesn't have the right format. (If a savegame from just before victory is kept, one can recreate the replay after enabling the option, but that's a long shot.) Player who don't like AdvCiv replays showing up in the BtS HoF can remove the offending replay files manually; the file names start with "[AdvCiv]" (see below). | |
| See also | 003k is a prerequisite as, otherwise, no data can be added to the CvReplayInfo class. 106 (see above) uses player text colors in city-founded replay messages. This doesn't make the compatibility issues worse because player colors are used in any case for the minimap and score graph. | |
| | 106h (see above) ensures that AdvCiv replays are identifiable as such by showing the mod name in the first replay message. | |
| AdvCiv is al | 106m stores the minimap resolution in replay files. s able to load unmodded replay files and those from other mods. | |
| Config | Disabled by default; can be enabled through GlobalDefines_advc.xml. Not all replays can be loaded; see the comments there. | |
| Rationale | Certainly nice to have the ability to show replays from any mod without having to install it, but this doesn't have to be enabled all the time (see the previous "Rationales" box). | |
| Tbd. | If loading of non-AdvCiv replays is enabled, the HoF screen should show mod names somewhere and offer a filter-by-mod menu. The HoF screen is in the SDK, so this is doable – but a bit of work. | |

| | | BtS relies entirely on a try-catch block to filter out files that don't have the proper format. |
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| When a game is started, loaded or exited, any replay data loaded by the Hall of Fame screen is cleared. | | After entering the Hall of Fame screen (from the main menu or at the end of a game), all replay data is kept in memory until the program is exited. |
| Rationale | | AdvCiv, but there could be a lot of replays are loaded too), and each could contain p color changes. |
| Replay file n | ames start with "[AdvCiv]". | The replay name is composed of the player name, year of the final turn and, apparently, a two-digit random number to avoid name collisions with earlier replays. BtS associates the .CivBeyondSwordReplay file ending with Civ4BeyondSword.exe, but this does not cause the proper mod to be loaded. |
| Config | TXT_KEY_REPLAY_PREFIX_ADVC in C | iv4GameText_advc.xml |
| See also | 190a shows the mod name on the S | ettings tab (Victory screen). |
| Tbd. | Known issues with the Hall of Fame | screen: |
| | Crash to desktop when clicking directly next to a replay button (e.g. in between two buttons): Microsoft C++ exception:no_rtti_object in KernelBase.dll; msvcr71.dll on the call stack. I get this crash also with unmodified BtS. It seems to occur before any of the handleInput functions in the SDK are called, so, if it can be fixed, it would have to be through the code that sets up the table with the replay buttons in CvHallOfFameScreen.py. Another Vanilla/BtS bug: Any replays listed so far down the table that scrolling is necessary can't be started. CvHallOfFameScreen.py doesn't receive any input when the replay button is clicked. It looks like the addTableControlGFC function (in the EXE) can't handle buttons outside the initially visible area of a table. The bug could then also affect the Domestic Advisor screen. There should be some way to work around this | |
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| | Temporary solution: Hover text added to the replay button that warns about the bug for entries beyond the 23 rd . On higher resolutions (I have a height of only 1024 pixels) 23 may not be the correct value, i.e. the warning can be a false positive. | |
| | K-Mod has fixed a somewhat similar | crash; but I doesn't seem helpful here. commit |
| | The column with the "start replay" buttons is nidden when viewing the HoF screen at the end of a game. The column is shown but the buttons have no effect; can't start replays at that point. | |
| 106j | A deal canceled during an AI turn is only immediately announced if it's an open borders agreement, defensive pact or peace treaty; canceled gold and resource deals aren't announced until the start of the next human turn. Exception: If a resource deal is canceled because the trade connection was lost, the announcement is shown immediately. | |
| Rationale | Only important events should get an immediate announcement. Canceled resource deals are (typically) followed by either a diplo popup or a declaration of war – unless the trade network was severed. | |

| 106k | City name changes in replays | |
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| At the end of each turn, the game checks if the name of any city has changed since the start of the turn. If so, the name change is recorded in the replay log. | | City name changes are not recorded in replays. If a city is renamed, future replay messages refer to the city by its new name, but older messages remain unchanged. |
| | l'm recording the change at end of turn because a player who renames a city might change his/her mind once he/she sees the new name on the main interface; don't want to spam the replay log with temporary changes. | |

| 106l | Messages upon saving the game | |
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| Config | AUTO_SAVING_MESSAGE_TIME in Ass | ets\XML\GlobalDefines_advc.xml |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| No messag | e when autosaving | Autosaving message at end of human turn |
| Rationale | Players who rely on autosave tend to set narrow intervals via CivilizationIV.ini, which makes the frequent messages disruptive. Autosave is known to be reliable; no need to report success. It would be nice to show a message when the interval is, say, greater than 2, but the DLL doesn't have access to that setting (and I don't want to write code for loacting and parsing the INI file). | |
| Tbd. | Should add an option on the BUG menu when I merge the other autosave options from BULL. | |
| 'Saving" messages about quicksaves and regular saves are displayed for 4 seconds. For 10 seconds, like most of the on-screen messages. | | |
| Rationale | Too long for such a short message that the player knows is about to appear. The message arguably also has the purpose of warning the player against terminating the process while the savegame is being written, but that can't take more than a couple of seconds. | |

| 106m | Replay screen takes up the full (display) screen | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| The dimensions of the replay screen are set based on the display resolution. Hardcoded to 1024x768 like most Ad screens. | | Hardcoded to 1024x768 like most Advisor screens. |
| Rationale | For some of the Advisor screens, it can be helpful to see parts of the main map and HUD in the background and some can't easily be scaled up. Otherwise, as is in the case of the replay screen, there's no reason not to adjust them to the available space (except that it takes some work). | |
| Credits | Somehow I never thought of scaling up the replay screen (easy to forget that it's in the SDK because neither the expansions nor BUG modify it) until I read this post by Kjotleik. I didn't ask him for his code because I'm assuming that it, again, only works for one screen resolution. The idea to increase the minimap resolution came from CFC user VDNKh (link). | |

When the HOF_STORE_REPLAYS_AS_BTS option (see 106i) is not enabled, then replay files store the MINIMAP_RENDER_SIZE value that was used to generate the terrain texture. This allows players to change the texture resolution without breaking compatibility.

The background texture for the replay minimap is (apparently) stored as bitmap with 8-bit color depth, an aspect ratio of 2:1 and a width determined by MINIMAP_RENDER_SIZE, 512 pixels by default. (I suppose the margins are set to black when the map doesn't have a 2:1 aspect ratio.) The game can only read replay files whose texture dimensions match the current MINIMAP RENDER SIZE.

| Config | The XML settings mentioned above are in GlobalDefines_advc.xml. | |
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| Rationale | I haven't changed the default MINIMAP_RENDER_SIZE because I want to stay compatible with BtS. But at least players who don't care about that can use a higher resolution and maintain replay compatibility within AdvCiv. (Another concern with a higher resolution is that the same resolution is used for the minimap on the main interface, where the BtS resolution is sufficient and a higher resolution might carry a slight performance penalty. Switching back and forth between resolutions as the replay screen is entered and exited doesn't seem to be possible.) | |
| Credits | VDNKh made me aware that maximizing the replay screen has made the terrain texture a bit blurry. (CFC post; under "requests") | |
| See also | 106i deals with other changes to the replay file format. | |
| 106n | Replays can show terrain texture from before the end of the game | |
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If REPLAY_TEXTURE_ERA is set to an era number, then the minimap texture for the replay is stored when a player first reaches that era. The texture is included in savegames and written into the replay file when the game ends. This does not break compatibility with the BtS replay format. The texture has a size of 128 KB (unless MINIMAP_RENDER_SIZE is increased; see 106m); the EXE might compress that a bit when appending the texture (bitmap) data to a savegame.

By default, no texture data is stored in savegames and the texture generated at the end of the game is written into the replay file (as in BtS).

Replay files include a terrain texture generated at the end of the game. That texture may show roads, railroads and the effects of deforestation and global warming.

| Config | REPLAY_TEXTURE_ERA in GlobalDefines_advc.xml |
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| | I'd prefer to use a pre-industrial texture, i.e. REPLAY_TEXTURE_ERA=4, because railroads are very noticeable (and blurry) on the maximized replay screen and didn't exist for most of the time period covered by the replay. However, I think using the final map is also a logical choice and getting rid of the railroads and global warming effects isn't worth a substantial increase in savegame sizes. |
| See also | This post outlines some obstacles against showing terrain changes in replays. |

| 107 Fewer AI defenders | | |
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| | Table 1 | | |
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| See also | | ll when there are already a lot. paranoia, which also affects garrison sizes. | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS | |
| | re now assigned like under the | Floating defenders in defensive wars are assigned as under Alert2. | |
| offensive (of no longer re | fensive Area AI), even when a war is cent, and war success has been | Once an enemy DoW is no longer considered recent, the AI relies on its war success rating for selecting its stance (offensive or defensive Area AI). | |
| • | ty (LimitedWarPowerRatio) slightly the choice between defensive and ea Al. | | |
| Rationale | wars; successes from an initial surp | n't rely much on war success even in long-ish rise attack can give a false impression (see also ratio is highly unfavorable, just sitting there isn't boring to play against. | |
| | | f character for some leaders, and very much in er personality factor. Use LimitedWarPowerRatio ave limited objectives. | |
| See also | 104p changes the stack size require | d for launching an attack | |
| | ess willing than in BtS to go on the denoted number of cities owned by the AI civ | efensive when the number of nearby enemy units . | |
| Credits | From More Naval AI (Tholal) | | |
| | e impact of the era number on the oating defenders. | The baseline was something like 6 floating defenders per city by the Industrial era – in addition to the stationary defenders. | |
| Rationale | This was probably the worst part of the BtS formula for floating defenders. Often, a third of an AI civ's units were floating defenders in the late game and thus unavailable for offensive operations (except through the "Crush" strategy). | | |
| | ring a land war, the number of nders is increased only slightly. | No distinction between a land war in preparation and an ongoing land war. | |
| Rationale | Once war is imminent (preparations train some extra defenders before a | complete), there is usually still enough time to counterattack is (maybe) launched. | |
| AdvCiv | | BBAI | |
| | An AI civ following the "Turtle" strategy stops building defenders until they can make peace or the power ratio shifts in their threshold. Turtling AI civs keep building defenders until they can make peace or the power ratio shifts in their favor. | | |
| As a result, the Turtle strategy seems to get used only rarely and briefly. | | | |
| Rationale | A turtling civ can't recover economic | ally from building Archers for 50 turns. | |
| AdvCiv | - | BtS | |
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| AI doesn't try starts looking | to guard non-city tiles when a war g hopeless. | Nothing to prevent guarding of resources or Forts. Not sure if an urgent need for defenders elsewhere can cause the AI to stop guarding non-city tiles. | |
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| Rationale | | d actually be crucial to keep them, but I don't think gets beaten badly. It's normally more useful to | |
| Reduced implements defenders. | pact of Space victory stage 3 on city | Extra defenders in capital and all cities building spaceship parts. | |
| Rationale | Space victory is a lengthy process, a Doesn't usually mean that the AI just | and stage 3 begins with the completion of Apollo. t needs to survive in order to win. | |
| between two | When the Al computes the (spatial) closeness between two civs, cities on different continents are considered to be less close to each other. Cities on different continents are considered to be closer to each other than those on the same continent. | | |
| | | Closeness mostly affects the distribution of Al defenders, the Alert strategy, raze decisions and the price of sponsored war. | |
| Rationale | Arguably an oversight by S. Johnson (or whoever wrote the PlayerCloseness code). The intention was probably to use a wider search range for cities on other continents, not to treat them as being nearer. | | |
| See also | In some situations, the impact of a land connection is further increased: 022: Alert strategy 1040: WHEOOHRN when already fighting a war (currently disabled) | | |
| | The AI counts units that temporarily guard a city as defenders in certain situations. Only units with the appropriate (permanent) Unit AI type are counted. | | |
| Rationale | l'm not sure how often this comes up, but I think the change can't hurt. | | |
| Credits | Merged from "RoM: A New Dawn" (A | Afforess). SourceForge revision: <u>link</u> | |

| 108 | Starting site normalization and re-assignment | |
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| See also | For many maps, <u>027</u> handles the selection of starting sites will then also decide how to reassign the sites and which sites need to be improved through extra resources or features during normalization. <u>kekm.35</u> deals with starting site assignment as well. <u>129</u> makes starts with multiple Gold or Gem resources or numerous Flood Plains much less likely. | |
| Config | Several parameters in GlobalDefines_advc.xml; can (largely) restore BtS normalization too. Selecting "Balanced" on the Custom Game screen will also have that effect. | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| Transform most but not all bad terrain (Tundra, Desert, Snow), bad features (Jungle) and mountain peaks around starting sites. Ice is always cleared. In multiplayer games, all peaks are cleared, too, and almost all bad terrain and features. | | Ensure that all land tiles around starting sites are decent tiles. |

| | | arting region look unnatural. A few bad tiles give a bre variety without hurting the player much. (Until main unworked anyway.) |
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| | | ner for these terrain upgrades. It fits better for the extra bund-city value. Anyway, it's all referred to as "normalization" |
| resources ar | s never replaced under a precious and a bad feature on a precious only removed in the inner ring around ocation. | Desert Gold always gets upgraded to Plains Gold, and Jungle is cleared from Grassland Gems. |
| See also | The "precious" resource class is intro | oduced by change <u>129</u> . |
| | 1 - | capital tend to be too powerful. If they happen to tter and that drawback shouldn't be taken away. |
| placed arour Also don't pla | on the number of extra Forests and a starting site deemed too weak. ace (too many) extra Oases when eady a lot of Flood Plains or Oases. | Places Forests almost everywhere unless the Forests increase the found-city value sufficiently, i.e. if the site is no longer too weak. |
| | essentially creates a dense forest ar | will close the gap in found-city values, so BtS ound every weak starting site. Too obvious. Could he found-city value more when normalizing, but I uch out of Forests near their capital. |
| | | tion and starting site reassignment in the future; bund-city value of Forests during normalization is |
| types that alr probabilistica adjacent to tl | When placing additional resources, resource types that already exist in the city radius are probabilistically avoided, especially in tiles adjacent to the existing resource, and especially for resources that don't normally form groups. | |
| | | ural. Also, clusters of food resources or Stone/ ly allowed to occur for good reason. Weird casionally; good for variety's sake. |
| randomized. but only prob | , and the second | The placement of food resources (normalizeAddFood) is, shockingly, not randomized and K-Mod hasn't fixed that either. Meaning that, if possible, food always gets added east of the starting site. Specifically, Corn gets added. Thus, the inner ring has absolute precedence for food; for "extra" resources (normalizeAddExtra), tiles in the city radius are tried in a uniformly randomized order, meaning that the outer ring has a chance of 60% (12/20). |
| Rationale | Prefer the inner ring so that players have more leeway to move the starting settler. | |
| See also | so 129 randomizes the order in which resource types are considered. | |
| Normalizatio total of 3 (no | n can add at most 2 hills; up to a change). | Normalization ensures at least 3 hills within the city radius. |
| | For more variety; having just 2 hills is with 0 hills initially are probably very | sn't a major handicap. That said, starting sites rare. |

Food resources (except seafood) and hills placed during normalization have to be placed on island in the city radius. PerfectMongoose does the same landmass as the starting site. Other extra resources also aren't placed on other landmasses – if it can be avoided.

BtS doesn't check this; may place extras on an have such a check.

Rationale At least food resources can be crucial for making a starting site playable.

When the decisions about placing extra resources and features during normalization isn't 80% of the best. made by starting position iteration (027), then the aim is to make the worst starting site at least 75% as good as the best in terms of found-city value; 80% in multiplayer games (no change).

Tries to make the lowest found-city value at least

Rationale

Should magnify the impact of difficulty (StartingLocPercent) a little.

Starting locations near bad terrain are more strongly discouraged than in BtS and Ocean counts as bad in this context (K-Mod: half bad). Food resources are more strongly encouraged than in K-Mod (not sure about BtS).

Rationale

To further steer starting sites away from extreme latitudes. They're not historically plausible and normalization is especially noticeable there. Ocean can't be fixed through normalization at all. Extra food placed during normalization is not so conspicuous; that change is more about not leaving sites with a lot of food without a starting site and, perhaps, to avoid having too much food on the map overall.

The city cross around the starting site is revealed when the game starts.

No tiles are revealed other than those that the starting units can see.

Rationale

Makes it more attractive to move the starting Settler. Don't want players to settle blindly and hope for the best (or regen) when a starting site looks poor. When all citycross tiles are revealed upfront, and hidden resources are unlikely (see below), there isn't much to hope for. Can accept the starting site for what it is or go find a better one.

Config

START SIGHT RANGE **in** GlobalDefines advc

In singleplayer games, initially hidden resources are disregarded when choosing and normalizing starting sites. Initially hidden resources are thus no more likely to appear around starting sites than anywhere else. (Less likely, in a way, because Horse, Copper and Iron can't be occur on rivers.)

As far as I can tell, yields from all hidden resources are fully factored into the found-city value when choosing starting sites. Only their strategic value is discounted. A poor starting site can hint at a hidden resource in the surrounding city cross.

Rationale

A poor starting site hinting at hidden resources breaks immersion.

It seems that BtS and K-Mod don't even take into account in which era a resource is going to be revealed, i.e. Coal would be valued about as highly as Copper. This needed to be fixed one way or another.

The flip side is that AdvCiv can theoretically produce very strong starting sites because addExtras is unaware of hidden resources. That's something to keep an eye on. That said, at least for the AI, the city radius of the capital isn't much of a predictor of, say, the a civ's score in AD 1.

The AI moves its starting Settler if it sees a better The AI always founds its first city on turn 0 site on turn 0 after moving its exploration units (if without moving the Settler. any). Most of the time, the AI still founds its first city on turn 0 (possibly after moving the Settler just 1 tile), and it practically always has a city at the end of turn 1. I've made a few adjustments in the found-value There is special code in AI foundValue for function to help the AI evaluate potential sites for selecting starting locations, but that's not really AI its capital. code. E.g. it evaluates also tiles beyond the city In particular, a low-ish value is assumed for radius. unexplored tiles. Unexplored tiles are normally treated as having 0 value. This change does not apply to scenarios; AI always settles in place as in BtS. The starting site isn't assured to be locally optimal, and moving the Settler is Rationale sometimes, rarely, very advantageous, (More often, moving the Settler is only slightly better than settling in place.) Put differently: The AI's ability to move the Settler means that the starting site selection and normalization code doesn't have to try hard to find or create a local optimum. Credits Merged from the Better BUG AI mod, mostly by copying the code by Fuyu and Afforess. I've made a few adaptations and added some special clauses to the foundcity value function because neither the tile evaluation for starting tiles nor the normal evaluation was quite right for this AI decision. AdvCiv Better BUG AI The AI is reluctant to move its starting settler It can happen that can AI civ moves its settler farther than 1 tile on crowded maps. very close to another civ's capital. Since borders haven't expanded yet, the AI won't necessarily be aware of the nearby rival capital. Rationale Capitals at a close distance can be a major (random) handicap for both civs involved. Credits Elkad reported a game that (s)he quit after Al Willem had founded his capital at a very close distance. link AdvCiv BtS Exploration units that civs receive at game start All units that an AI civ receives at game start are are placed on a different tile than the starting placed in the same tile. For humans, only the Settlers, Workers and defensive units. If more Settlers are placed in the same tile; every nonthan one exploration unit is received (AI on Settler unit is placed alone on a separate tile. Immortal and Deity), each one is placed The UnitAI type (City Defense, Explore, Worker) separately. of the non-Settlers doesn't matter. Since the starting Warrior that humans receive counts as an exploration unit, nothing changes for human civs under typical game settings. If a human civ receives free defensive units or Workers (low difficulty settings or later-era start). then there is a slight change: Those units are placed on separate tiles in BtS; now they're Can't be placed on a different landmass than the placed together with the Settler(s). starting site, but can, in rare circumstances, be Exploration units can be placed at most 3 moves placed across a large bay, i.e. a long (walking) away from the starting site. distance away from the future capital.

| Rationale | My guess is that the separate starting tiles for human units were implemented in order to nudge beginning players away from immediately fortifying the starting Warrior in the first city. The separate placement also reveals a few more tiles and thus makes it easier to move the starting Settler; I like that (though it may not have been the original goal) and, now that the AI knows how to move its starting Settler, I want the additional visibility also for the AI. | |
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| | And of course it's always nice to ma | ke the rules for human and AI civs more alike. |
| Config | BtS has a Python callback "startHur start in a single tile. That should still | nansOnSameTile" that can make human units work, but won't affect AI units. |
| See also | The path distance check is based o | n pathfinding code written for <u>104b</u> . |
| result in mor unlikely. Coa | burces added during normalization can't it in more than 3 seafood; more than 2 ely. Coastal seafood resources now count high-food" resources. More than 3 coastal food ruled out, and more to 3 ocean food ruled out, but both taken together practically unlimited (up to 6). | |
| Rationale | Cities with more than 2 seafood gro happens too often. | w unrealistically fast; doesn't play well either. This |
| Tbd. | When I get around to XML balance changes, I intend to reduce the food yield of Pig Pasture and Fishing Boats by one. Should make starts with overabundant food less common. | |
| See also | 001: Whale doesn't count as a food | source at all. |
| Try to avoid to be buffed. | | n a site already has enough food and just needs |
| Rationale | As above; don't want sites with very much food that often. Note that a high proportion of resources allowed for normalization are food resources. | |
| Gold can't be | e placed during the normalization ste | ep. |
| Config | bNormalize flag in Civ4BonusInfos.xml. | |
| Rationale | There's a pretty good chance that a Gold resource will turn a relatively weak site into one that is too powerful. | |
| Tbd. | Don't want to block Gems entirely, but would probably better not to place them at rivers during normalization. (I wouldn't want to prohibit river Gems in general.) | |
| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| Reduced the chance of lakes as extra freshwater sources (in favor of rivers). | | 30%-50% chance of a lake instead of a river, depending on whether the starting tile is coastal. |
| | | (And civs will also start at a lake when there happens to be one already before the "normalization" step and when no river can be placed. In BtS, starts next to a lake had occurred only in these circumstances.) |
| Rationale | Lakes do have the advantage of granting freshwater to up to 8 tiles while a coastiver (single segment) only affects 2 or 3 tiles. Therefore lakes make it easier for players to move their starting settler and support more Farms. | |
| | I'm still dialing the lake chance down because most of the early civilizatio near rivers. | |

| When adding a lake for freshwater, tiles adjacent K-Mod randomized the placement without regard to the starting site are (strictly) preferred. BtS had for distance from the starting site. karadoc was also done that, but K-Mod had randomized the aware of that: "[S]ince the lake placement can be | | | |
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| placement of | | aware of that: "[S]ince the lake placement can be anywhere in the fat cross, it is less likely to be | |
| already a fre | er source gets added if there is eshwater tile adjacent to the starting eshwater source two tiles away from site). | adjacent to the city and so that's why you might see fewer fresh-water starts." source | |
| Config | If NORMALIZE_STARTPLOTS_AGGRESSIVELY is set in GlobalDefines_advc.xml, then the game tries to guarantee a freshwater source adjacent to every starting site. | | |
| Rationale | The K-Mod change may have been partly motivated by convenience, but I think karadoc also wanted to increase the variety of starting locations. I'm in favor of that too, especially now that the AI knows how to move its starting settler. Though even it player chooses not to move the settler onto a freshwater tile, adjacent freshwater castill be useful for irrigation. | | |
| | happened too often with lakes (abou |) were being placed two tiles away and I think it t a 12 in 20 chance when placing a lake). Also, arting site can look a bit strange. (Can still happen | |
| Tbd. | Place a 2-tile lake in some situations? | | |
| 108b | Starting site swaps based on difficult | У | |
| See also | 027: If starting position iteration is used, then the volatility value of a starting site can also affect whether the site gets swapped and to whom. | | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS | |
| difficulty leve | Slightly increased StartingLocPercent for most of the starting locations selected by the map scrip are reassigned by the DLL based on the difficult selightly worse starting locations than in BtS. StartingLocPercent is a percentile rank for the human civ. | | |
| E.g. on Noble, humans receive the median location if the total number of civs is odd; one better than the median if the total number of civs is even. | | On Noble, humans always get locations that are slightly better than the median (40% rank), i.e. they get an advantage over the AI civs. (In as much as the game can't accurately determine whether one starting location is better than another.) | |
| Rationale | Noble should only favor human or AI when there is an important reason to do so. And I like giving humans rather bad starts on the higher difficulty settings; it's a more organic handicap than e.g. free tech (see also chapter SPaH about this). | | |
| See also | 250d slightly reduces some AI advantages from the difficulty setting. | | |
| Config | Through Civ4HandicapInfos.xml; though I've also changed the way these values are handled by the DLL a bit (see below). | | |
| If the difficulty level sets StartingLocPercent to Human players only ever receive the second worst starting site. the worst starting sites. | | | |

| Rationale | about players getting unplayable sta (rewrites the starting site heuristic). | idn't trust their starting site heuristic and worried rts. This shouldn't be an issue with K-Mod gLocPercent isn't 100 on any difficulty level. |
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| locations to specific civ leaders, the starting sites assigned to human players are selected based on the difficulty setting. In team games, an initial assignment of starting sites is made either by SPI (see <u>027</u>) or through the BtS algorithm (see on the right; with a couple | | closer together geographically. In non-team singleplayer (no change), human starting sites are assigned based on difficulty (StartingLocPercent). In non-team multiplayer, |
| Rationale | I see no reason not to use StartingLocPercent in multiplayer and team games. (Other than the implementation effort to make it work for team games.) | |
| See also | 135c: other multiplayer changes CFC post about issues with the BtS algorithm for assigning starting sites to teams. | |
| assigning starting sites, the DLL reassigns those sites through swaps based on team membership and difficulty (see above). I thin Find Assi | | The DLL will select new starting sites (based team membership and difficulty) and ignore the sites selected by the map script. I think the script could implement FindStartingPlot and leave AssignStartingPlots entirely to the DLL. The PerfectMongoose (PM) script doesn't do this though. |
| Rationale | This seemed like the easiest way to | let PM use the standard reassignment algorithm. |
| See also | <u>Chapter</u> about PM | |

| 109 | Al improvements for isolated starts | |
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| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| | | Optics is prioritized when isolated but not Science in general. |
| victory. | | Al civs that haven't met anyone adopt Economy Focus; I don't think that strategy is reliably adopted when there are Friendly or faraway neighbors. Economy Focus (a BBAI-introduced strategy) reduces the production of military units. |
| | All naval technologies have a Science flavor, and faster research will reach Optics faster. | |

| See also | 130n delays penalties from different religion. 130p decouples enemy trade penalties | |
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| | from the has-met counter. Both should make it easier to find partners abroad. | |

| 110 | Changes to AI military build-up | | |
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| See also | 104s increases military build-up when preparing for a "total" war. 017: Al trains fewer military units in general | | |
| AdvCiv | Civ K-Mod | | |
| Increased the target commerce surplus for research in the early eras of the game. (If the target isn't met, the AI is reluctant to build more units, including Settlers.) | | The same target for all eras. | |
| Gold reserv has a lot of | • | Only a matter of the commerce rate and expenses. | |
| Added a function AI_financialTroubleMargin that says how close the AI is to being in financial trouble. So far used only in one place: To make the city AI choose gold buildings more often. | | AI_isFinancialTrouble is a boolean function. | |
| Rationale | Don't want the AI to expand too rapid | lly in the early game and fall behind in research. | |
| Credits | The code for the gold reserves is from revision | m the Caveman2Cosmos mod (by Koshling). <u>SVN</u> | |
| | The change to the city AI is from "Rise of Mankind: A New Dawn" (by Afforess) via SVN revision by alberts2. | | |
| Al production financial tro | • | % of the commerce weight (except when in | |
| AI food weig | ght lowered, in part, to match the redu | iced AI use of Slavery (change <u>121b</u>). | |
| Rationale | Still high, but the AI is better at growing cities than at choosing sensible tech or ci production. Would make sense to increase the production weight when Slavery is less, but 270% was way too high, and resulted in post-Chemistry Workshop span (without supporting civics). Huge outdated AI armies don't exactly make the game enjoyable either. | | |
| In the late game, it doesn't normally make sense to g food a fairly high weight because the AI should only a cities (leave that to human players who know what th | | Al should only avoid growth, not actually shrink | |
| Per-turn limit (equal to the current era number) When in financial trouble, the AI will immediately disband as many units as it takes to reach its desired upper bound on military spending. | | | |
| when already in strike.) When in financial trouble while losing a war, the AI may still disband units but is hesitant to do so. | | The AI won't disband any military units when losing a war (except when forced by the rules in a strike). | |
| Rationale | Allowing the AI to disband an arbitrary number of units is clearly dangerous. Income may well increase (gradually) in response to financial trouble. Not disbanding at all in a bad war will eventually lead to strike (and then the AI doesn't get to pick the units). | | |
| So long as t | he AI has any undeclared war plan, it | tries to cap its military spending. | |
| Rationale | _ | unds of the AI through canceled trades or angry expenses (though the AI gets a 50% discount on | |

| | supply costs). Declaring and then having to disband units is really bad. | |
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| See also | vedg <u>posted</u> a savegame where this happens to the K-Mod AI. | |
| takes unit lo rudimentary | When deciding which units to disband, the Al cakes unit locations on the map into account (in a rudimentary way – plot danger, city threat, mission target plot). Based on production cost, XP, unit Al type and mission Al type. And every city has to retain at least one defender. | |
| Rationale | Try not to disband units that might be about to die in combat. | |

| 111 | Changes to pillaging | |
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| See also | 004: Pillage gold can't randomly be 0. 004c: Minor tweak to group pillage missions. 004g: Announce pillaged tiles immediately. 004k: Disable Sea Patrol mission 005c: Can't pillage City Ruins. 033: Always-Hostile units can't pillage vassal's, master's tiles. 064d: Block exploit involving pillaging of own resources. | |
| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| pillaged before improvements. doesn't; but I think it allows improvements | | K-Mod allows pillaging one's own route (BtS doesn't; but I think it allows improvements to be pillaged), but improvements always get pillaged before routes. |
| Rationale | Pillaging one's own improvements can, in theory, be useful as part of a scorched-earth tactic. I've never once used that though and never read about anyone using it. It seems that roads do get pillaged occasionally. The K-Mod changelog mentions Forest Preserves. Knocking out a road can also disconnect Coal without destroying the Mine (that said: Coal at a river can only be disconnected by destroying the Mine), or can slow down rival units. Or maybe the best argument is that it's logical to destroy the cheaper structure first. | |
| Credits | Inspired by this post by CFC user P&enny. | |
| See also | This CFC post suggests that players may not even realize that they can pillage their own roads when improvements take precedence. | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| Can't pillage routes on unowned tiles that contain No special restrictions for pillaging unown a (non-Spy) unit of a different team. Can, in particular, pillage routes in order to down another civ's units. | | Can, in particular, pillage routes in order to slow |
| Rationale | Not an important change. Yanking out roads from under other civs' stacks is pretty bizarre, and occasionally exploitable. | |

| 112 | Al changes for voluntary vassal agreements (VVA; "peace vassalage") | |
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| Tbd. | The VVA code was already messy in K-Mod, and it's worse now. Should be rewritten based on a utility value that replaces the dozens of exclusive clauses. | |
| See also | 037: Rule changes to prevent masters from sabotaging voluntary vassals. | |
| AdvCiv | K-Mod | |

Al lowers its VVA attitude threshold (Friendly or Al lowers its attitude threshold when it is among Pleased for most leaders) only when feeling those civs with the least military power. powerless (as in BtS) and acutely threatened. particularly when in a losing war against a third party. A civ that has at least one Defensive Pact and is Defensive Pacts don't matter for VVA decisions. not at war with anyone refuses to sign a VVA. Once a VVA is signed, Defensive Pacts of the vassal get canceled. No leader is willing to sign a VVA when Cautious E.g. Frederick signs a VVA at Cautious. and not threatened. Leaders that have their threshold set to Cautious in XML are instead a bit more willing to lower their threshold when threatened. VVA happen too quickly in K-Mod, probably also owing to increased military budgets. Rationale The idea that civs without prospects for winning the game should become vassals asap comes from Warlords though. Perhaps they're supposed to catch up under the protection of their master, and then break free again, but it doesn't usually work this way. The AI should certainly prefer independent survival over becoming a vassal and helping another civ win. 133 cancels tribute deals once vassalage ends. See also 143 adds recently-canceled memory for vassal agreement. AdvCiv BtS 'Grown-too-powerful" restriction removed. On Al leaders refuse to sign VVAs when the would-be the contrary, when a civ gets close to master gets close to a Domination victory: "You've Domination, its vassals only cancel the grown too powerful for us." I think they may also agreement if they're getting close to a peaceful cancel the agreement when the master victory – so long as those vassals are at least approaches Domination. Pleased with the master. Rationale Just prolongs the inevitable. "Your land is too far away" rules out vassal The AI refuses to become the vassal of any civ agreements only until the Industrial era. If the that it doesn't share a continent with. prospective master is in the Industrial era or later. its power rating is decreased when not sharing a continent with the vassal, but a vassal agreement is possible. Master refuses to accept voluntary vassal whose Only considers refusal when acceptance means population is much smaller than the master's war. unless aiming for Conquest victory or liking the vassal. Peace vassals are fickle and may lead to wars with third parties. Not worth the hassle Rationale unless they bring a considerable economic value. When deciding whether a vassal breaks free, the A capitulated vassal with, say, 12 tiles initially territory of the vassal is treated as at least 10 gets to break free after losing 6 tiles (from war or tiles large. Thus, a vassal that has fewer than 15 culture pressure). Voluntary vassals don't care if tiles left when becoming a vassal can only break they lose tiles. free by gaining land, not by losing land.

| Rationale | Rationale Through change <u>143</u> (cancelation of voluntary vassal agreements), vassals with very little territory left can end up changing hands a lot. | | |
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| Civs that are at stage 3 or 4 of any victory strategy refuse to sign vassal agreements, and break free if they can: "We'd rather win the game." | | Civs that are close to domination victory refuse to become vassals (such civs will normally also be way too powerful to accept, so this is pretty pointless). In K-Mod, civs refuse to accept | |
| The leader o | of AP or UN also refuses/ breaks free. | vassals that are at stage 3 or 4 of Culture or Space victory ("Surely, you must be joking"); may also cancel the agreement. Diplo victory not covered. | |
| Rationale | Don't want a civ to win the game while hiding behind a master who can't cancel the agreement, especially not a human master. Important to let the vassal refuse (not the master) because the master could be human. | | |
| See also | 115 prevents civs with too little production capacity from pursuing a Space victory, which is important for this change: Technologically advanced civs might otherwise refuse to ever capitulate once they have the Apollo Project. 143b prevents vassals from having nukes. 014 prevents capitulated vassals from pursuing victory strategies. | | |
| voluntary va less impact a | A colonial vassal can break free like a normal voluntary vassal, but the vassal's personality has less impact and stricter piower and attitude thresholds apply. Only attitude can cause an independent colon break away. And since the +10 "granted us independence" bonus doesn't decay, this happens practically never. | | |
| Rationale | A War of Independence should at lea | ast be a possibility. | |
| See also | 130r causes "granted us independer | nce" memory to decay. | |
| prospective probability. T scoreboard if if the master scoreboard, | An Al civ ready to become a vassal contacts the prospective master only with a per-turn probability. The probability is based on the scoreboard rank of the master – between 1 in 20 if the master is ranked in the middle of the scoreboard, and 1 in 40 if the master is at the top. Increased by 400% if at war with anyone. The same contact-delay is used for vassal agreements as for permanent alliances, but the only affects offers to human players. There is only a 1 in 80 chance of implementing a permanent alliance but no such probability for voluntary vassal agreements; they're checked each turn and are directly implemented. | | |
| probability also for vassal agreements and nit may, civs are too quick to sign vassal agreedip, which doesn't only happen in defensive economy (AI strategies Economy Focus or Caggressive war. The change only affects AI-AI vassal agreenthat makes civs more reluctant to become variable. | | opers had meant to use the permanent alliance ts and misplaced a closing curly brace. Be that as sal agreements when their power ratio takes a fensive wars, but also when an AI focuses on its ocus or Get Better Units) or after an unsuccessful | |
| | | I agreements. Could also implement it in a way come vassals of human civs, but that's a bit more ugh for humans to obtain AI vassals because enough armies to impress the AI. | |
| | Probability based on rank should red | luce snowball effects. | |
| When a vassal is more advanced than its master, The master may gift techs to the vassal but not the vassal may decide to gift tech to the master vice versa. from time to time. This is contingent on a sufficiently high relations value (Cautious when capitulated, otherwise Pleased). | | | |

| Rationale | The master should gradually catch up with a technologically more advanced vassal. Normally this happens through tech trading, but sometimes the vassal is too far ahead. Not (historically) plausible that it takes a civ forever to absorb the tech of its vassal. From the vassal's point of view, one can argue that a voluntary vassal is – to an extent – invested in its master's success. A capitulated vassal prefers to break free, but this is always a long shot and, if relations have thawed, helping the master win is still better than a rival victory. | |
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| See also | 130v makes vassals always Friendly toward their master – this does not apply when deciding whether to gift tech. | |
| | In this demo game of mine with an earlier version of AdvCiv, Tokugawa managed to make Willem capitulate in the midgame despite being some 10 techs behind; the two remained unable to trade tech for much of the rest of the game because it took Tokugawa too long to catch up. | |
| | 130z deals with tech gifted between | en non-vassal rivals. |
| AdvCiv | BBAI (<u>v0.83</u>) | |
| themselves as vassals to an AI roption was disabled by default (to K-Mod enabled the option, but K CvTeamAI::AI_surrenderTrad broken it. At least in K-Mod 1.45 AI civ to accept a human vassal. | | This option had allowed human players to offer themselves as vassals to an AI master. The option was disabled by default (through XML). K-Mod enabled the option, but K-Mod AI changes CvTeamAI::AI_surrenderTrade seem to have broken it. At least in K-Mod 1.45, I can't bring any AI civ to accept a human vassal, and the explanations (denial text) don't make much sense. |
| Rationale | Looks like too much work to make this work. Also, it's rarely smart to accept a human vassal – it's not going to send military assistance and will work hard on breaking free. | |
| See also | Rise & Fall and Debug mode allow human players to take control of a vassal. This still works; I've only disabled the option of becoming a vassal through diplomacy. | |
| Config | Can re-enable it through BBAI_Game_Options_GlobalDefines.xml, but I don't think the AI is ever going to accept. | |

| 112b | Al changes to surrender decision | |
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| See also | 123d blocks an exploit where cities gifted to a war ally can lead to faster capitulation. | |
| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| numerous er | nemy units in its territory on an | Enemy positions matter for peace treaties, but surrender is only a matter of power and war success. |
| | to surrender If 30% or more of the ion are on a landmass with few . | |
| · | | That response isn't used anymore at all. BtS used it for cities that the Al didn't want to trade. |
| Rationale | Rationale Let the enemy demonstrate that they can reach our important cities before capitulating. | |

| See also | CFC post about the refusing-to-surre | ender response. |
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| Don't surrence the master's | | This is checked before signing peace treaties but not when considering surrender. |
| If a war enemy is the worst enemy of an AI civ and the attitude toward that enemy is Furious, the enemy's power is treated as 10% lower than it actually is. I.e. the enemy needs slightly more power in order to achieve capitulation. | | The worst enemy's power is treated as 25% lower regardless of attitude. |
| | flavorwise, but makes capitulation ea has a much larger army when the wa hand, and "This war spoils our relation | djustment entirely. It makes some sense asier to achieve when the winning side already ar starts; otherwise, it'll take time to get the upper onship" will typically lead to a Furious attitude. he AI won't capitulate when a war has already |
| Tbd. | Attitude could play a bigger role whe | n there is more than one powerful war enemy. |
| When considering capitulation, the power modifier based on war success is applied to the vassal's power, meaning that war success matters not just for the vassal-master power ratio but also when comparing the vassal's power with the average power of other civs. | | The master's power is modified based war success, and therefore only matters when comparing the vassal's power with that of the master. |
| | to capitulate unless its power rating % of the global average power | The threshold is 80%. |
| The impact of war success on capitulation is reduced a bit overall. Can reduce the vassal's power by at most 45%. | | Can increase the master's power by up to 100%. |
| | Perhaps the average power shouldn when the master's war success is high | 't matter at all for capitulation. Now matters less gh. |

| 113 | Al worker production and worker assignment to landmasses and cities | |
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| See also | 251 reduces the AI work rate bonuses from the difficulty setting. | |
| AdvCiv | iv BtS | |
| | | Workers prioritized only when there are far too few of them; otherwise, any decent building takes precedence. |
| Rationale | The K-Mod AI tends to train 1 worker per city (BtS: fewer), which is about right for an experienced human player, but the AI isn't good at scheduling its workers, so 1/city isn't enough. Also note that the AI generally isn't good at choosing city production. Can't go too wrong with a worker – except in the very early game and unless there are evidently too many already. | |
| | Should be about 1.5/city now. (Also a matter of traits, leader personality – especially BuildUnitProb –, coastal cities, colonies so it varies a lot.) | |

| | Can be tweaked through <code>WORKER_RESERVE_PERCENT</code> in <code>GlobalDefines_advc.xml</code> , but that only affects the upper limit for the total number of workers that an AI civ may produce and not (or only indirectly) the number of workers assigned per city and how worker production is prioritized. | | |
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| Tbd. | Should take into account currently researched tech (e.g. Calendar, Railroad). | | |
| | building a road toward any guarded | should flock to a settler (if any) or even start city sites (CvUnitAI::AI_guardCitySite); will w city has been founded (except for colonies: ogether with settlers). | |
| See also | 117: Al chopping; 121: Forts; 040: In | nprovements on landmasses without cities | |
| | code supersedes his; haven't looked | more Workers as well, but I think, by now, my own I at the details though. The <u>code</u> in question is in more Workers" (also "Worker Counting"?). | |
| having near a | The number of Workers that the AI aims at naving near a city takes into account Forests and the missing improvements will require extra work for clearing terrain features isn't checked. | | |
| Made the Al | more reluctant to chop Forests near | a city that is producing a Worker. | |
| Rationale | If the AI has time to chop, then it car | i't be that short on Workers. | |
| only 1, the Al workers to ar | I considers assigning one of the nother city. | long as there is anything left to improve near the current city. The code for reassignment is apparently erroneous (K-Mod comment: "Is it just me, or did they get this backwards?") The K-Mod code still got it somewhat backwards I think (see my own comment in CvUnital::AI_workerMove) and doesn't allow reassignment when a city has 2 workers and needs only 1. | |
| | BtS comment (by Blake probably) at "Workers have/needed is not intendenceded is at least 1 that means a wo | worker management quite a bit less inefficient. A DOVE CVCityAI::AI_getWorkersHave Says: ed to be a strict target but rather an indication. if orker will be doing something useful" is a conservative estimate; more workers than that | |
| pefore a settler or worker, the AI anticipates the tile that an additional citizen would work. | | Unowned tiles are disregarded and only existing | |
| | | BtS has an extra clause that prevents cities below size 3 from producing any workers or settlers until the owner has at least 3 cities. K-Mod and AdvCiv have mostly removed this restriction. | |
| Rationale | Especially relevant for the capital at | game start. | |
| | A bugfix in the tile evaluation code (CvCityAI::AI_getPlotMagicValue) has been tagged with "advc.001". | | |

| Made the AI reluctant to produce Workers in colonies that had already been fully improved at an earlier time and need more Workers only due to a new tech or a change in AI yield weights. | The number of other cities on the same landmass isn't taken into account when the Al decides whether to produce a Worker. |
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| Added code to avoid shipping out more Workers than a landmass can spare. | All idle Workers can get shipped out and are then urgently replaced because BBAI has added some high-priority clauses for landmasses with 0 available Workers. |
| Fixed a likely bug in the code for ferrying Workers in between cities: Only the Workers needed by each potential target city had been counted, not the workers already available there. | The number of needed Workers decreases as improvements are built, so the error is self-correcting. However, in the late game, the AI may quickly ferry all idle Workers to some small landmass and delete most of them once they become idle again because the landmass will then have far more Workers than needed. |
| starting in the Modern era. The Al el some Workers is reasonable under late in the game and a colony (with large Jungle-covered island needs a | test on an Archipelago map with Tropical climate nded up deleting dozens of Workers. Deleting these settings – Workers are relatively cheap this free initial population due to the start era) on a large group of Workers a.s.a.p. However, the Kand deleting Workers even once all land was |

| 113b | Changes to the computation of workers available to a city | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| AI_updateWe | AI_updateWorkersNeededHere tO | BtS comment: "How slow is this? It could be almost NUM_CITY_PLOT [i.e. 20] times faster by iterating groups" |
| | A profiler run suggests that this char 1.5%. | nge might reduce late-game turn times by 1 to |
| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| Idle Workers that have retreated to a city tile are counted as available to that city; Workers in cargo destined for another landmass are not counted as available. | | Workers that have retreated to a city (which is what idle Workers normally do) are not counted. Workers in cargo are counted regardless of the transport's destination. The BtS code had worked differently, but probably also incorrectly. |
| Rationale | A bugfix really. | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| | of Workers available to a city is r the course of a turn. | There's an update once per turn (still true in AdvCiv); updates throughout a turn happen in CvUnitAI::AI_improveLocalPlot and AI_nextCityToImprove, which covers only a fraction of the possible Worker moves. |
| Rationale | Mainly to avoid transporting or delet | ing too many Workers in one turn. |

| 114 | Changes to AI attack courage | |
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| 114a | Breaking sea blockades | |
| AdvCiv | | BBAI |
| | | Al keeps building e.g. Triremes but never dares to attack even a single Privateer. (Not sure if it would attack with Caravels.) |
| | Known issue in BBAI, not fixed by K code I posted there is now outdated | -Mod. I've also posted about this on <u>CFC</u> , but the ; doesn't fully solve the problem. |
| | | ouilding primitive ships, and wait for better tech. code for breaking blockades – why should the toe inadequate for this? |
| 114b | Attacks on valuable units at poor od | ds |
| AdvCiv | | K-Mod/ Lead From Behind |
| expected va with a Warr Tank is muc | | |
| | Warrior against Tank doesn't matter much, but K-Mod Barbarians are also too happy to attack advanced units in fortified positions. | |
| | koshling has addressed this by making the attack odds increase multiplicative; see this revision of "RoM: A New Dawn". | |
| 114c | Currently unused | |
| 114d | Decreased random portion of attack | courage |
| The random summand added to AI attack courage is between 0 and 12 for AI civs and between 0 and 27 for Barbarians. Increased the base attack odds change of Barbarians by 2. Barbarians) and 6 (Ragnar and Napoleon) and 32 for the Barbarians and between 0 ard 16 for all civ leaders. | | |
| Rationale | If the AI attacks completely rationally, defensive tactics won't really work anymore; but I think making the AI a bit more rational won't hurt. | |
| Config | Partly through the DLL, partly through Civ4LeaderHeadInfos.xml. | |
| | City attackers in a friendly city may opportunistically attack enemy units approaching the city ("leave attack"). | |
| Credits | More Naval AI (Tholal) | |

| 115 | Al less willing to commit to victory strategies |
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| | 112: Al civs less willing to become vassals. 018: Al uses Crush strategy less. 019 makes the Al a bit less inclined to use military strategies in Aggressive Al mode. |

| AdvCiv | | K-Mod | |
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| In a game with 7 civs, the AI enters stage 3 (of 4) of the Domination victory strategy when meeting 55% of the (land and population) requirements. More generally, the target percentage for stage 3 is 62 minus the number | | The thresholds are 50% for stage 3 and 80% for stage 4, and don't depend on the number of civs. However, the requirements themselves do depend on the number of civs (e.g. 64% with 7 civs, 51% with 16). | |
| stage 4. | 87 minus the number of civs for | Victory strategies with stages 1 to 4 were introduced by BBAI. At stage 4, victory is imminent. | |
| Rationale | | ries too often (or early) for my taste. The BBAI rationally is fine, but let's not turn it into a | |
| | | ation and 32% of the land, i.e. about a "double 28.5%. This shouldn't quite be enough to trigger | |
| | 55% means that 35% of the land is (42.8%) and 2 in 7. | needed for stage 3. That's right between 3 in 7 | |
| | 1 | ecause it is easier to conquer more land when that opponents than when it is owned by a few | |
| to go for Co | Added a condition that makes the AI less willing to go for Conquest victory if there are many rivals on other continents. | | |
| stage is essentially one less than in BBAI/K-Mod. stage 4 (which becomes stage 3 in AdvCiv) Added requirements for stage 4: half of the initial there are also alternative conditions for that | | | |
| Rationale | | commonly pursued. Also: It's problematic when an ore naval invasions become feasible, because it's inents to interfere in time. | |
| Made the conditions for culture victory strategies more narrow. | | more narrow. | |
| Rationale | Culture-loving Als can be unpleasant to play against (culture pressure, wonder grabbing), so the Al should only go for it when there is a realistic chance of success. | | |
| (Only releva | nt if UWAI is disabled.) | | |
| When in multiple wars at once, the AI ignores its military victory stage and applies the normal decision process to any war that is no longer recent. I.e. multiple wars are still possible, but the AI won't just refuse to talk. | | chosen war so long as war successes are | |
| Rationale | It's OK that an AI close to a military insist on fighting everyone at once. | victory likes to fight wars, but it doesn't have to | |
| Conquest 4 only when owning at least half of the world's cities. | | | |
| Rationale | Even when militarily superior, conqu | uering so many cities is going to take time. | |
| Space victor clearly insuf | ry not pursued if total production ficient. | Once Apollo Project is built, stage 3 can be reached just through technological progress. | |

| Rationale | To discourage small civs, say, with just three cities, from pursuing a space victory. If they want to have a chance, they'll need to expand instead. | |
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| | a very large total production rate in the e a bit more advanced technological | e endgame, Space victory is considered even if y. |
| Rationale | Mostly to allow civs that are pursuing they run into a stalemate with another | g a military victory to switch to Space victory if er very powerful civ. |
| Domination third of the s | 2 requires the AI to be in the upper coreboard. | Upper half suffices. |
| Rationale | Military victories can't really be won the middle of the scoreboard should | from way behind. (Which isn't to say that civs in n't start wars.) |
| 115b | Stages for Diplo victory revised | |
| AdvCiv | | BBAI/K-Mod |
| of the own to and random | ly on the current (voting) population eam, vassals and friends. Personality ness still factor in; game options s Diplo victory disabled). | Based on leader personality, randomness and, a little bit, on Aggressive AI and Always Peace game options. |
| Stages 3 and victory stage | d 4 can be run regardless of other es. | Stages 3 and 4 are impossible if already in stage 3 or 4 of another victory condition. |
| AI prioritizes | food a bit at stage 4 (grow votes). | K-Mod takes into account the favorite civics of rivals when evaluating civics at stage 3. |
| Rationale | ale This part of the victory-stage code hadn't been revised by karadoc and it didn't d anything intelligent. Checking for peaceful game options isn't good: Diplo victoric usually half conquest, half diplomacy. | |
| | | e for the AI. I've made the changes mostly for estimating voting populations for <u>UWAI</u> . |
| build AP and | Diplo victory stage 2 factors into the decision to build AP and UN. The AI avoids building AP/UN if avoidance. another civ seems closer to Diplo victory. (NB: Building evaluation also affects AI tech paths, i.e. the AI is able to aim at Mass Media it can properly evaluate the UN.) | |
| Tbd. | Doesn't look reliable; at best, it'll no blunder. | longer build the UN when it's <i>obviously</i> a terrible |
| See also | also 178 is supposed to improve CityAI decisions about the AP. 031 makes the AI more willing to found cities when near Domination. | |
| AdvCiv BtS | | BtS |
| When near a religious victory, the AI is more nclined to pursue the "Missionary" strategy, and ts vassals switch out of Theocracy. "Missionary" is a BtS strategy that is adopted based on AI flavor and the number of civs with Open Borders and whether they've already converted. Victory doesn't play a role. | | |
| | | The AI makes no effort to deal with Theocracy. |
| Rationale | Should at least allow the AI to win an AP victory when all human players are already members of the AP. Will otherwise have to use Holy Wars to bring down the humans. | |
| Tbd. | AP victory conditions need to be overhauled. It's silly that a single converted city makes all the difference in victory votes. (War votes are already addressed by kekm.25.) | |

| 115e | Minor misc. changes to AI decisions about victory strategies | |
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| Tbd. | The AI_calculateVictoryStage functions aren't ideal for determining how close a civ is to victory. The main purpose of these functions is to determine whether and how much the AI should focus on a particular victory condition; therefore, e.g. AI flavor values factor in. Would be better to write separate code for measuring the progress toward victory. | |
| | Stage 1 and 2 are probably too unreliable and might lead to peculiar decisions from Al governors of human cities. I'm guessing that's why BBAI restricts human victory stages. Fair enough; the Al only needs to know when a human is close to victory; 0, 1 and 2 don't (need to) make a difference. | |
| Rationale | Since <u>R&F</u> , <u>UWAI</u> and other parts of the AdvCiv AI code use victory stage in order to determine whether a (rival) civ is getting close to a victory condition, it's important to see the human victory stage the same way that the AI sees it. | |
| (No change.) | | Also, human civs can never be at stage 1 or 2 of a victory strategy, only 0, 3 or 4. |
| Debug mode has no bearing on victory stages. | | The victory stage of human civs is computed as if they were AI civs when in debug mode. |
| 115d | Show human victory stage in debug | mode |
| Rationale | Both only really relevant for games a | against a single AI opponent. |
| | one other team to begin with. | Conquest1 requires at least one civ to be a vassal or eliminated; doesn't work if there are only two teams at game start. |
| • | ursue Diplo victory when there's just am left; Al does pursue Conquest if | Diplo2 possible with just one rival, but UN and AP require at least two other teams. |
| 115c | Victory strategies in zero-sum games | S |
| | for the active player. Could call the o | , should allow asking the AI whether it would vote ption sth. like "If there was an election next AI::AI_diploVote (should make that const too). would be nice. |
| Tbd. | The AI still proposes random resolut to watch. | ions in all other cases, and this is often agonizing |
| Also abstain condition. | s when at stage 4 of a victory | May vote for someone else's diplo victory even e.g. after launching a spaceship. |
| Voting AI abstains if it likes two candidates equally. | | Votes for the candidate with the lowest internal id; normally humans have lower ids than AI civs. |
| The AI proposes the victory resolution when it gets the chance and a team member is at Diplo victory stage 4. | | Al chooses uniformly at random from all the resolutions that it supports. |

| 116 | Changes to raze decisions |
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| See also | 250b moves the No City Razing option to the bottom of the Custom Game screen. ctr makes the AI raze cities in awful sites. 300 deals with razing by Barbarians. cdtw.1: razing by vassals. |
| Tbd. | Try to use CvPlayerAI::AI_assetVal. |

| AdvCiv | | K-Mod 1.44 |
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| between 0 | and 5 is above 0, the city is razed. 0 | Raze value is used as the probability of razing a city, i.e. even if the value is just 1, the city might be razed (with probability 1%). |
| The AI leader's RazeCityProb adds at most 15 to the raze value. Settled Great People count as 5 against razing. | | RazeCityProb adds up to 75 to raze value. Settled GP count as 2 against. |
| • | istance and finances lowered; impact adjusted to map size. | Cities past a distance threshold are usually razed. |
| _ | raze when controlling fewer than 5 n the early game. | Cities conquered in a very early rush are usually razed because of the distance. |
| the conque away from t predict if otl | ring AI civ or when the city is very far that civ's territory, the AI tries to her cities in the vicinity are going to | K-Mod has a similar clause, but it only checks if the war plan type is "total". |
| be conquer razed. | ed. If so, the city is less likely to be | (Some improvements in K-Mod 1.45, but my changes are more comprehensive.) |
| Rationale | complaints about K-Mod. Leader per has 75 RazeCityProb while some lea | omly, and this is among the most common sonality has far too much impact: Genghis Khan aders have 0. A city would have to have e.g. 15 ence (assuming each GP counts as 5; in K-Mod it's (each counts as 15). |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| Reluctant to or with major | o raze cities with own majority culture | Tile culture is ignored. The AI incurs diplo penalties by razing cities with cultural majority of a third party. |
| Rationale | The Diplo penalty is usually not worth costly. (The AI knows how to do that | h it. Can give the city away if it becomes too too.) |
| AdvCiv | | BBAI |
| reconquere of the previ the city if re | I civ conquers a city that, if ed, may soon lead to a Culture victory ous owner, the conquering civ razes econquest seems plausible (based on s and nearby units). | The dangerous city is razed in any case. |
| Rationale | The BBAI comment actually said to r check was there. | aze unless we "overpower" them, but no power |
| AdvCiv | I | K-Mod |
| The AI is ex | ktra reluctant to raze Barbarian cities. | already directly or indirectly take into account whether the city is Barbarian. |
| Rationale | by the K-Mod code. E.g. they tend to Barbarian cities hardly exert any cult | es from Barbarians probably aren't fuily covered have smaller tile culture values and other ure pressure. Also, it practically never makes that the Barbarians can't ever get it back. |

| | More importantly, the AI doesn't currently evaluate whether Barbarian cities are worth conquering (or if it does, it's not working well). When a city is razed, this AI flaw becomes obvious to the human player. Better try to cover that up than to break immersion. |
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| See also | <i>Tbd.</i> -note toward the end of change <u>300</u> about improving the AI for targeting Barbarian cities. |

| 117 | Al chops more Forests | | |
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| AdvCiv | | K-Mod | |
| | somewhat willing to chop depending Workers and competing Worker | Only chops while building something urgent, or a building in a small city. Then assigns a priority P that is proportional to the chopping yield. | |
| More specifically, assigns a priority of 0.5 * P in situations where the K-Mod AI is unwilling to chop, and 1.5 * P otherwise. | | | |
| chopping opportunities are taken into account. | | Chopping seems to happen only opportunistically, i.e. when a Worker is assigned to a city in order to build improvements, it may (afterwards) be instructed to chop if there happen to be Forests. | |
| Rationale | K-Mod tries to discourage extensive chopping, but I don't think this can work with reducing or delaying chopping yields further (beyond what patch 1.61 did). As it stands, the K-Mod AI is missing out on early chopping yields. See also this discuon CFC. | | |
| In particular, there are few reasons not to cut down Forests along rivers With Replaceable Parts, a hill Lumbermill yields only one more comme Mine, and, in part due to change 902, a river Lumbermill can't compete As a result of my changes, AI Lumbermills on hills/ at rivers don't seem anymore at all. The other Forests remain largely intact. | | ermill yields only one more commerce than a 2, a river Lumbermill can't compete with Watermill. ermills on hills/ at rivers don't seem to occur | |
| Tbd. | Chopping along rivers is historically sound but on hills not so much. Perhaps I'l Mines to coexist with Forest (though some areas were deforested for producing charcoal for smelting ores). | | |
| | The AI should arguably chop even more. I intend to nerf chopping instead, probably by restricting the yield to apply only to buildings and ships. | | |
| | | peed up the current city production, i.e. if it isn't lemented that for the decision to chop while so far. | |
| See also | | nities in the estimated Worker tasks. from being converted into overflow gold. | |

| Al chops Fo Restrictions: | rests outside of city radii. | The AI never chops Forests on tiles that no city can work on. |
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| Only wher | n there is nothing else to do. | |
| | automated and chopping is I in options. | |
| Not if there warming. | e is already anger from global | |
| Not near p | planned city sites. | |
| Not on imp | proved tiles (e.g. Fort). | |
| The AI bui chopping. | lds a route to the tile before | |
| | ure cities, distance and the correct chop aren't considered. | |
| Rationale | My conditions are simplistic and rather conservative. At least the AI now fells unworked Forests within its own borders at some point. | |
| Tbd. | Considering to set 0 yield from chopping outside the BFC; then this change will be obsolete. | |
| See also | 119 prohibits chopping on unowned tiles, i.e. the AI doesn't have to worry about those tiles. | |
| | 012 gives Forest and Jungle a defensive bonus that only the tile owner benefits from. Therefore this change in K-Mod 1.45, which makes the AI more inclined to chop Forests in the inner city ring, has no effect unless change 012 is disabled. (I've still merged that K-Mod change.) | |

| 118 | Al changes regarding peacekeeping and city votes | |
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| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| • | and votes for peace if it likes both either side is clearly winning or | Al only seeks peace if it likes the losing side or dislikes the winning side. |
| _ | s that the attitude is strictly greater eWarThemRefuse- reshold. | "Like" means attitude greater than or equal to DeclareWarThemRefuseAttitudeThreshold. |
| Rationale | A minor thing that vexed me in one game. The AI should stop inconclusive wars between its partners. | |
| | The second part is probably a bug in enough to not declare war on them" | n K-Mod. A comment says, "if [we] like them , and this isn't what the code does. |
| See also | UWAI (<u>104n</u>) partly handles peace vote decisions, but 118 still applies. | |
| | always defy when its last city is to to another civ. | 1 chance in 3 to defy when a city owned by the Alciv or its teammates is to be reassigned. That's all. |
| Credits | krikav managed to eliminate an AI civ through an Apostolic Palace vote: CFC <u>link</u> | |

| Tbd. | Check how important the city is relative to the AI civ's total economy and how much |
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| | defiance will hurt etc. BBAI comment: "Wonders, holy city, aggressive AI?" |
| | Ideally use existing city evaluation functions. |

| 119 | Can't chop Forest, Jungle outside borders | |
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| Worker builds that remove features can only be built in plots owned by the Worker's team. Features can be removed from unowned plots and even from plots owned by a war enemy. | | |
| Rationale | Forests being chopped for marginal gains by idle Workers isn't realistic. In part, the problem lies with Workers working for free, but large-scale deforestation without nearby human settlement is strange in itself. Moreover, the AI doesn't chop outside of its borders, and it's easier to change the rules than to change the AI. | |
| Part of an overall effort to reduce and delay deforestation (without inhibiting the | | d delay deforestation (without inhibiting the AI). |
| See also | 117: Al chopping on owned tiles that aren't workable. | |

| 120 | Usability and AI improvements for espionage | | |
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| See also | 132 makes the AI use the force-religion mission less (also changes the mission cost). | | |
| Rationale | Espionage in BtS is beyond redemption. Focus on the few parts that somewhat work, and try to make the rest easier to ignore. | | |
| AdvCiv | | K-Mod | |
| Default espi | ionage weight set to 0. | 1 in K-Mod (since v1.30), was 0 in BtS. | |
| Rationale | Important in the (frequent) situation where a player sets some espionage weights before meeting all rivals. When meeting another rival, a default weight of 0 means that no points are assigned to that rival until the player readjusts the weights in the espionage screen. 1 could mean that a few points are assigned or a lot, depending on the weights set previously. | | |
| | Al less worried (50%) about war opponents having a leg up in espionage. | | |
| | | War plans increase the odds for training a Spy as if running the Espionage Economy strategy. | |
| Rationale | lt's better to focus commerce on research or entertainment when at war, and production on military units. Espionage is for cold-war situations. | | |
| | That said, when war is declared, relations take a dive and the enemy may quickly order some malicious Spy missions. It's good to prepare for that, and some extra Spies for lowering city defenses could also be helpful (although the AI rarely manag to use that mission). | | |
| Messages about rival counterespionage missions are shown in white, not in red. | | | |
| Rationale | Often, the affected player isn't even using espionage, so a counterespionage mission shouldn't use the color of alarm. | | |
| | vassal disregard their master and ls of the master when checking for argets. | Not sure if there's something to prevent capitulated vassals from trying to steal their master's tech (or anyone's). | |
| Rationale | When a vassal switches to an espionage economy to steal tech from the master, then the commerce generated by that vassal is essentially lost to the master. This would be | | |

| | too much of a disadvantage, potentia | ally discouraging players from accepting vassals. |
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| Tbd. | Capitulated vassals should only ever attempt to steal techs that the master doesn't already have. | |
| Made some tweaks that reduce the weight that the AI assigns to espionage commerce (now in a function CvPlayerAI::AI_calculateEspionageWeight). | | |
| Rationale | My impression is that, on average, the AI weight should be as defined in CIV4CommerceInfo.xml: 1 gold being worth 0.25 espionage. There are situations when espionage is worthless or almost, so the average weight excluding such situations should be a bit higher, somewhere between 0.3 and 0.4. The K-Mod code seemed to end up at the upper margin of that range. | |
| See also | Actually, the average weights assigned by K-Mod were quite a bit higher, but that was due to a bug described under <u>001</u> . | |
| 120b | Al Spies less malicious | |
| Tbd. | Higher AI diplo penalty for malicious missions, and no diplo penalty for failed missions. E.g. 2/3 chance of a diplo penalty (and spy identity revealed) for successful malicious missions, 1/3(4?) for successful non-malicious missions. Espionage screen should then indicate which missions are considered to be malicious. | |
| See also | 130v makes Spies less likely to attac | k capitulated vassals. |
| AdvCiv | | BBAI |
| malicious a malicious a Aggressive (Al may als | eshold. (If no war at Pleased, then at Annoyed; if no war at Friendly, then at Cautious.) Al has no impact on Al malice. The "take that" missions are rarely be | otherwise malicious unless at least Pleased. eneficial for the AI (although the K-Mod AI uses |
| ransmars | them quite well). I like them for flavor, but, flavor-wise, malicious espionage only makes sense against enemies. Aggressive AI still has an indirect effect because war plans enable malice, and Aggressive AI leads to more AI war plans. | |
| | ed unrest, poisoned water or building while a city is in disorder. | Cities in disorder are only exempt from sabotaged building K-Mod comment: "disorder messes up the evaluation of production and of building value" |
| Rationale | Cities in disorder won't lose food. | |
| | ncited when city defenders are ed by a factor of 8:1 or worse. | The K-Mod code only make sure that the defenders aren't too powerful. Will even use the revolt mission against undefended cities. (Whereas BBAI had a clause – disabled in K-Mod – that blocked the revolt mission when the attackers were more than twice as powerful as the defenders.) |
| Rationale | 2:1 as in BBAI would be too strict. Juinciting a revolt doesn't mean that a r | evolt isn't worthwhile. |
| | age Economy strategy greatly espionage weights against civs from | K-Mod added this strategy; comment in AI_Defines.h: "run high espionage slider to |

| whom no techs could be stolen. | | steal techs at a discount." |
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| | | When hoping to steal a tech from a particular civ, the weights of other civs are halved. |
| | | Espionage Economy already decreases the chance of malicious missions. |
| Rationale | Espionage Economy tends leads to a much higher espionage output than normal. Even 10% of that can amount to a lot of wasted commerce if it's spent on frivolous missions. | |
| 120c | Hide the espionage slider when it's at | : 0 |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| • | | Once Writing is discovered, the Espionage slider is shown on the main interface, city screen and Finance tab of the Economics Advisor. |
| Rationale | More room on the main interface. Many players hardly ever touch the espionage slider. | |
| Config | Optional through the "General" tab of the BUG menu. Since AdvCiv 0.98, the slider is again always shown by default. | |
| See also | 120g requires Alphabet for adjusting the slider. History Rewritten also places the espionage slider on the Espionage screen (though I don't suppose it's removed from the main interface). | |
| Tbd. | Occasionally (rarely?), the Espionage screen gets garbled when the slider is moved from 0 to 10. See comment in CvPlayer::setCommercePercent. | |
| | | Positioned so that there is room for three sliders; unit icons are half-obscured. |
| Rationale | Even if the espionage slider is shown on the main interface, I don't think it's important to show it when the Domestic Advisor is open. | |

| 120d | Info on Espionage screen revised | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| _ | above the point thresholds for ionage is "Threshold". | Says "Cost"; same as the heading for the espionage mission cost. |
| | that the player has reached and is that he/she could pay are shown in | All in white. |
| Rationale | If it isn't paid, it isn't a cost. | |
| Credits | The green numbers I've seen in another mod, probably BULL or BUFFY. | |
| No mission costs are listed if the player can't train Spies (i.e. prior to Alphabet). Exception: Costs are shown if the player controls a Great Spy. Mission costs are listed as soon as the player can't learns the location of a rival city. | | Mission costs are listed as soon as the player learns the location of a rival city. |
| Rationale | Rather distracting to see the costs early in the game. | |
| See also | Ties in with change <u>004w</u> (uncluttering the UI). | |
| | A Great Spy prior to Alphabet is a rath | ner academic possibility since the Great Wall no |

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| longer provides Great Spy points (change <u>310</u>). | | | |
| Production/Improvement/Building missions are shown as a single item "Sabotage" with mission cost "?". | | Three separate entries. Costs are shown for all except Sabotage Improvement. The cost for Sabotage Production gives away the number of hammers spent on the target city's unfinished production. The cost for Sabotage Building is based on the cheapest building in the city. | |
| Rationale | The Sabotage Building cost is mostly unhelpful – unlikely that the player wants to sabotage the cheapest building. | | |
| | The amount of invested production is Wonder?) – but arguably information | useful information (close to completing a that the player shouldn't get for free. | |
| | The cost for Sabotage Project doesn't give anything away I think; Spaceship Parts a listed on the Victory screen. | | |
| See also | 103 allows Spy units to investigate cities; that's the fair way to find Wonders under construction. 045 hides buildings in rival cities (meaning that the Sabotage Building cost does give away secret information) | | |
| See also | Should show the missions as in BtS when able to investigate the city. And should additionally name the cheapest building and the current production and its progress as "hammers/hammers needed". | | |
| player is una the target ci tech (on wh | Steal Technology" is shown without a cost if the player is unable to trade techs with the owner of the target city. If they can trade, the cheapest tech (on which the mission cost is based) is shown in parentheses in addition to the cost. | | |
| would curre | 'Steal Treasury" shows the amount of gold that would currently be stolen (and on which the shown mission cost is based). Can compute the amount of gold from the shown mission cost. | | |
| Rationale | Don't want to give away the cheapest tech in situations when tech is otherwise secret (pre-Alphabet, No Tech Trading option). If a cost is shown, the cheapest tech can be deduced; more convenient and transparent to just name the tech. Same with gold. | | |
| See also | 004i tells a player from whom gold was stolen how much was stolen. | | |
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| 120e | Al response to poisoned water and unrest | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| unrest don't affect the AI population target, meaning that the AI tends to prioritize food more setting a population target, | | The effects of spy attacks are treated just like other causes of bad health and anger when setting a population target, meaning that the Al lets its population shrink after a spy attack (may deven de-prioritize food). |
| See also | 160 slows down starvation | |
| Tbd. | The AI should be more upset about poisoned water and fomented unrest than about other spy missions. Could implement that, but spies get identified too rarely (25%; ESPIONAGE_SPY_REVEAL_IDENTITY_PERCENT) for it to matter. Perhaps give these | |

missions a 50% chance of revealing spy identity even when the spy isn't caught? See also *Tbd.* under 120b.

| 120f | Spy missions announced to third part | ies |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| announced target. The o | owner of the spy unit is not named in on. Missions that change the religion | Third parties are notified of revolutions (and they're recorded in replays), but only the target of a spy mission learns about the mission, and no missions are recorded in replays. I'm not sure if the BtS AI uses the revolution missions much; the K-Mod AI does use them from from time to time. |
| | | of a spy mission and to assume that something civ switches to a suboptimal civic or religion, turns. |
| I don't think there is generally a way to infer whether a revolution was t spy. A normal revolution causes anarchy, but that anarchy has normally when the next human turn starts. So this change reveals information th have in BtS. I don't like that, but I like an AI that looks incompetent eve | | chy, but that anarchy has normally already ended this change reveals information that players don't |
| Config | Switch in GlobalDefines_advc.xml (d | loesn't affect the replay message though) |

| 120g | The espionage slider requires Alphabet | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| In games started with AdvCiv 0.95 or later, the espionage slider can't be adjusted until Alphabet. | | The espionage slider can be adjusted as soon as another civ is encountered. (This condition is implemented, unusually, in CvMainInterface.py.) |
| Rationale | Don't want to clutter the main interface with this slider long before it is needed. | |
| See also | 120c hides the slider from the main interface when it's 0, but that's optional. And, if 120c is enabled, having an icon for the adjust-slider ability on the tech tree allows me to place a hint in the hover text about the new location of the slider. | |
| Config | Can be reverted through CIV4TechInfos.xml and CIV4CommerceInfo.xml. | |

| 120h | Keep espionage-against ratios secret | t . |
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| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| (as in K-Mod scoreboard the active pl | against ratios aren't shown anywhere d) and the espionage icon on the (disabled by default) is shown when ayer has set a positive weight on the screen against a rival. | BtS shows as a ratio on the scoreboard and on the Foreign Advisor screen how many espionage points the active player has accumulated against each rival (that info is still available on the Espionage screen) and how many espionage points the rival has accumulated against the active player. Since K-Mod 1.26, this espionage against ratio is no longer shown. The espionage icon on the scoreboard is disabled by default in K-Mod, but, if enabled, it shows whether the |

| | | espionage-against ratio is greater than 1. |
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| | | On the Espionage screen (no change in AdvCiv), an espionage icon is shown next to rivals against whom the active player has set a positive espionage weight. |
| Rationale | The K-Mod change seems to irk some players greatly, but I don't see why. One reddit user writes that "it makes espionage much more difficult, annoying and non-worthwhile." That sounds like tech stealing strategies depend on the espionageagainst ratio somehow, but the cost of espionage missions isn't based on that at all, it's based on the total espionage ratio (points that active player and target respectively have ever accumulated against anyone) and that ratio is still shown on the Espionage screen. (Plus, in K-Mod, it's cheaper to conduct missions against civs with a large population.) Also, how hard can it be to guess, approximately, the AI espionage weights? | |
| | (suggests that the ratio of points according away information about unmet rescoreboard probably can't really give straightforward to keep the espionage condition for showing the icon was diespionage ratio shown prominently of | e-against ratio entirely secret. Also, the BtS fficult to guess (as there's also the total in the Espionage screen) and nearly impossible to are hidden. The new meaning of the scoreboard |
| Tbd. | or let a right-click on the icon set the | ery useful now. Perhaps add some hover text and/ weight to 0. Note that the passive missions ready covered by other scoreboard columns |
| AdvCiv/ Vanilla Civ 4/ Warlords BtS | | |
| | about spy missions against a human shown at the start of that player's turn alse). | Messages are shown immediately when the missions are executed. |
| Rationale | | vner from the timing of the messages. The original nit::destroy) had gotten this right; BtS mucked |

| 120i | Steal tech cost based on partial research progress | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| The cost for stealing a technology is based on the Same, but partial progress is ignored. number of research points that the recipient would need in order to discover the technology, i.e. partial progress counts. | | |
| Credits | VIP mod | |
| | More intuitive to me. As for balance, this could make quite a difference for players who never increase the espionage slider. The espionage points generated from buildings alone are usually too few for stealing a technology or, often, carrying out any useful mission. If partial progress counts, then even small amounts of espionage can be converted into research. This will require some attention to detail on the player's part, and that could actually annoy players who dislike the espionage system; but I'd like to | |

| give it a try. |
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| 121 | Misc AI changes to Worker builds and citizen assignment | |
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| See also | 131: Other minor misc. Al changes 901 tweaks the evaluation of happiness from improvements. | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS/ K-Mod |
| improvemer the AI uses | · | The Worker AI frequently builds Forts on resources that aren't (yet) workable. Forts are always preferred on these tiles. |
| How busy | Workers currently are overall; | |
| whether th | ne tile has natural defenses; | |
| whether a | city is planned on or next to the tile; | |
| and wheth | ner a Fort would function as a canal. | |
| Al always prefers any improvement with a positive yield over Forts on workable tiles, and replaces the Fort when a tile with a Fort becomes workable (once a Worker finds time to do it; not necessarily high priority). (Fixed a possible bug that may have prevented improvements that connect a resource – like Forts – from being replaced – even by an improvement that also connects the resource). Probably not a bug after all. I think my change only gives higher priority to replacing Forts. | | Once Fort tiles become workable, the AI is hesitant to replace Forts with yield improvements Also likes to build Farms and Cottages on revealed but yet unusable resources, and doesn' replace them with improvements that connect the resource later on. |
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| | should be hesitant to build them. Po | often have to be replaced later on, so the Al essibly a bug in BtS: The Al picks the most ps intended to be the cheapest (hard to say). |
| | My heuristic using natural tile defense leads to a reasonable number of Forts in reasonable locations. Not really smart, but looks good on the surface. | |
| Forts can theoretically be better than yield improvements even on workal Silk Fort preserves the underlying forest, which is worth 1 production vs. commerce from a Plantation. 3 commerce is generally preferable to 1 pro I don't think the AI can figure out when 1 production is better. Better stick obvious improvements. | | prest, which is worth 1 production vs. the 3 merce is generally preferable to 1 production, and |
| Tbd. | I'm still seeing Forts on workable Silk. I intend to add one commerce to Silk Plantation and Fur Camp anyway, will hopefully no longer happen then. | |
| | Could also look into Fuyu's Better BUG AI code marked with "Forts Connect Resources but should never be built"; seems to address the same problem as my code. | |
| | I don't think I've actually seen an AI canal yet (not through CvPlayerAI:: AI_getPlotCanalValue either). | |

| choosing job | e value assigned to GPP when os for citizens by 38%, but made the ase faster with each additional GP. | K-Mod comment: "[] because of the flawed way that food is currently evaluated, I need to dilute the value of GPP so that specialists don't get value more highly than food tiles. (I hope to correct this later.)" |
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| Rationale | | e enough GPs in the first half of the game and didn't look into the food evaluation issue still seem to grow normally in tests. |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| to high expe | d priorities are adjusted in response nses, then the adjustment is done er the course of several turns. | The city AI may lower the priority of production yields when (overall) expenses are high. The priorities are fully recomputed each turn without any inertia. |
| Rationale | in general. if it causes a wholesale n | NLN - this causes a few issues in DuneWars and move towards commerce, the ratio changes next ling to a possible endless seesaw [e]ffect" |
| | I haven't observed such a seesaw e (I didn't adopt any code from Dune \ | ffect, but it sounds plausible. Wars; I think their solution is specific to that mod.) |
| Made the cit population. | y AI prioritize food more in situations | when happiness and health allow for a lot of extra |
| (AI_routeTer the AI priorit and up to 3 v | ng "territory" railroads ritory(/*bImprovementOnly=*/true)), izes worked tiles over unworked tiles workers can team up depending on e (i.e. mostly on slower game speed | Railroads on worked tiles should arguably be handled primarily by workers assigned to cities, but those workers can't always immediately build all railroads that increase production yields, so workers that improve their owners territory in general end up building such railroads as well. Those workers prioritize tiles solely based on the distance to their current tile. Tiles that another work is already building a route at or adjacent to are disregarded. |
| Credits | ldea by Elkad (<u>CFC post</u>) | |
| When the AI gains access to a new worker build through a tech trade (or the WorldBuilder), the AI updates the best build and best route-to target stored for each city immediately. Those AI caches are normally updated at end turn, which works nicely when a tech is discovered through research. If a tech is receduring another player's turn, AI workers will spend a whole turn with cached data that ign the new build. In the case of railroads, AI worked terrain improvements. | | |
| Rationale | Mainly for railroads. For other builds | , it's normally just a 1-turn delay. |
| which AI (an | tweaked various conditions under d automated) workers had placed moving to a target tile. | In most(?) cases, AI workers headed for a target with the best build value lay down routes connecting their current location to the target tile. |
| Rationale | The BtS behavior can result in long | delays for important builds. |
| Credits | Elkad pointed out that the BtS behavior is far from optimal when it comes to railroads. | |
| Tbd. | Further improvements regarding railroad constructionsuggested by Elkad: CFC post | |

| 121b | Al uses hurry production less aggressively, especially Slavery | |
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| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| is nonurgent, I'm reducing the value counted for overflow production because the subsequent orders are probably also not going to be urgent. Decreased the urgency factor for units so that the AI will mostly only hurry them when there is a war plan. Except Settlers and Workers, which are usually hurried. Buildings that primarily grant happiness and health are only hurried if the city immediately needs happiness or health. And specialist slots are ignored when evaluating the benefit of getting a building earlier (because the population | | K-Mod replaces the lengthy case-by-case BtS code (e.g. "Rush Courthouse if maintenance is at least 10") with a general calculation of lost and gained yields. The benefits of getting a building a couple of turns earlier are evaluated through the same function that is used for choosing production orders (AI_buildingValue). For units, it's a matter war plans and Area AI, but cities that |
| | | can use Slavery efficiently (Granary and low population) will normally hurry units even when there is no war plan, and all buildings too. Wonders are usually hurried despite the penalty because their building values are extraordinarily high. |
| is thus desirable to get earlier, the AI will not hurry the building if that's inefficient in terms of lost food versus gained production – i.e. when | | Will hurry too readily in the early game when Workers aren't quick enough to improve tiles. This is a bit of a feedback loop because unimproved worked tiles are a main driver of training additional Workers. Also, in general, if Slavery is used a lot, cities stay small, and thus Slavery remains efficient (small cities need less food to regrow population). |
| Rationale | The K-Mod yield calculations are very well done I think (certainly better than anything could write), just the part that evaluates how urgently the city needs production is bare-bones. The AI doesn't hurry as much as a highly competent player now, but that makes sense to me because the AI generally produces units and buildings ahead of time (or for no particular purpose) and thus doesn't benefit much from getting them a couple of turns earlier. Not sure how much the AI uses rush buying now. (Well, basically, hardly ever as in K-Mod because the AI won't adopt Universal Suffrage, and I can't blame it.) | |
| See also | 064b changes the interaction between hurry production, chopping and overflow a bit (rules-wise). 110 shifts yield priorities, in part, to match the use of Slavery. 912d allows Slavery to be disabled for human players. Civ 4 Reimagined also tones down K-Mod Slavery: "Al doesn't use slavery as extensively as before which results in bigger cities and stronger Al overall." (source) | |

advc.ctr Changes to city trades (change id was originally "advc.122")

| Tbd. | Software design: Would be nice to move the AI code for city trades out of CvPlayerAI through object composition and an abstract "TradeAI" class that other trade evaluation classes could be derived from as well in the future, e.g. if the rules for tech trades are changed (that would be under change id 550) so that a rational AI can be put in place. TradeAI should have functions willGive, willReceive, giveVal, receiveVal, imposing the structure described under ctr (AI), and should be serializable. | | |
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| Any non-ar exchange f | nnual trade items can be offered in or a city. | Cities can be traded only as part of a peace deal; otherwise they have to be gifts. | |
| Rationale | Mainly to make diplomacy more rewarding when tech trading isn't possible, i.e. when playing with the "no tech trading" option, but also when a civ has fallen behind. (I'd also like to move tech trading from Alphabet to Scientific Method and add a tech diffusion system.) Could also make culture-based strategies more rewarding and interactive: Flipping cities through culture often isn't feasible, but a combination of culture pressure and payment can work. | | |
| See also | | case for city trades <u>here</u> and <u>here</u> . Their c to mods based on Rhye's and Fall though. | |
| a civ needs culture ther have at lea | n order to be able to receive a city through trade, All cities can be traded between humans. The All active needs to have at least 10 percent tile accepts all cities from humans where it has at least 1 culture there. Unless at war, the civ also needs to least 1% culture, and otherwise refuses only if the city is 10 or more tiles away from the nearest current owner. (Exception: Liberation to colonial vassal.) All cities can be traded between humans. The All accepts all cities from humans where it has at least 1% culture, and otherwise refuses only if the city is 10 or more tiles away from the nearest All city, or when in financial trouble (which rarely occurs). | | |
| For trades between human players, the recipient is required to have higher culture if that player has already owned the city at some earlier time and the two players aren't at war. | | Outside of peace negotiations, cities change hands between AI civs only through liberation (which requires much more than 10 percent tile culture). Vassals can only receive cities through liberation; see next blue box. | |
| Config | The 10% are set in GlobalDefines | advc.xml (CITY TRADE CULTURE THRESH). | |
| Rationale | | | |
| Ceding a city to a civ whose nationality is clearly a minority there is also im except when negotiating peace terms. Nowadays, ceding even uninhabited tends to prompt frantic popular opposition, but this was not so in pre-moder Therefore any stricter nationality conditions should be part of the trade den that leader personality can be factored in. Generally, only culturally contested cities should be tradeable; too many trapossibilities otherwise I expect. | | s. Nowadays, ceding even uninhabited territory sition, but this was not so in pre-modern times. ditions should be part of the trade denial check so | |
| | | ities should be tradeable; too many trade | |
| | The special condition for human-to-human trades is intended as a safeguard against back-and-forth trades (e.g. for bumping units forward). | | |
| where the ι | A master civ can trade any cities to its vassal where the vassal has more culture than the naster. The vassal may reject the city. Can only liberate cities to vassals. If a vassal isn't the civ that would receive a city upon liberation, then the vassal can't receive the city at all. | | |

| Rationale | I suspect that the restriction was put in place to prevent masters from demandi vassals' cities, and that the inverse direction had been assumed to be covered liberation. Not true in the case of a city that is culturally contested between a value and a third civ. | |
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| | Giving cities to vassals means less he (and allowed, to begin with). | uman city management; should be encouraged |
| | The stricter culture clause is just flavor to be ruled by the vassal. | or. I suppose the master population wouldn't want |
| | | Vassals can't cede cities to anyone but can accept cities – except from their master. |
| Rationale | A vassal gaining extra cities should b vassal are allowed to work toward inc | e fair enough. The master may not like it, but lependence. |
| | A vassal giving cities away would be decide that a vassal's remaining cities | problematic because the master doesn't get to sare no longer worth protecting |
| See also | Consequences of a city traded to a va | assal: doesn't trigger a peace treaty. |
| are near a | city (within a 5x5 square), that city can | Only liberation cares about hostile units, and that clause is only about units hostile to the new owner. |
| that city car | ar with the previous owner of a city, n't be traded to civs that aren't at war evious owner. | |
| The former condition w | restrictions don't apply to liberation. is implemented as a trade denial ith explanation text "We are afraid of es" or (for a human recipient) "it's out is". | |
| Rationale | | ened (and possibly untenable) cities to an (including the enemy at the gates) would simply ership. |
| | Not sure about the liberation exception | n. |
| Only reveal | ed cities can be traded for. | Can receive previously unknown cities as part of a peace deal. Al civs accept unknown cities from human civs as gifts. |
| " make a trade proposal" option hidden when there are no eligible trade items. | | Proposal can lead to an empty Trade Screen. |
| Rationale | | ausible that the AI is (supposedly) able to decide knowledge of. Moreover, unrevealed cities are, Trade screen can leak that info. |
| | the early game after I excluded unrev | sing, and became a more common occurrence in realed cities. "What do you think of" - "Yes?" confusing (when there is no third civ to talk lone. |
| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| of a city are eligible for receiving it through | | K-Mod added a "base culture [value] to dilute the true culture values." (Git commit) As a result, civs with 0 culture level can be eligible for liberation. |

| Rationale | | K-Mod change was intended. I think allowing scure circumstances only complicates matters. |
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| Tbd. | always liberate to a colonial vassal the Otherwise, the liberation player is is a current owner has the highest score. K-Mod, biased for the original owner against rivals of the current owner, to team' culture in the city tile (K-Mod) adoubled if colony). Maybe do something based primarily visible on the UI). That already accounts | yer is still highly obscure. In summary: Can nat has its capital on the same landmass. The one with the highest score – unless the The score is city culture with a dilution factor from when liberating upon conquest, strongly biased then times a factor between 1 and 2 based on the and divided by capital distance (air distance, on tile culture (city culture of other civs isn't even unts for distances – though nearby cities may listance factor or sanity check would still be |
| A al a Cita | needed. | Dic |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| sure that the (implicit) city trade is legal. Cities ceded this way count as liberated for the "you liberated our cities", "traded fair and forthright" and "traded with our worst enemies" relations modifiers. The raze popup says "liberate" in parentheses to clarify this. The popup says "let the empire assume control" if the new owner hasn't owned the city before. (This can only happen with colonial vassals; see the previous box.) When the liberation player upon conquest differs from the peacetime liberation player, the popup choice of keeping the city is followed by a note saying that liberation to the original owner won't be possible at a later time. if the player that conquered the city is able to enter the territory of the liberation player. The liberation player is computed with a bias for the city counts for "you liberated our cities" only the liberation player would be the same without the bias for the original owner. It never counts fair trade and enemy trade. The raze popup says "return control to the empire" even if that player has never owned the city. The recipient can't refuse. (no change) The option to cede a city after conquest was already present in Vanilla Civ 4; when BtS add the notion of a liberation player instead | | raze popup includes an option to liberate the city if the player that conquered the city is able to enter the territory of the liberation player. The liberation player is computed with a bias for the city's original owner (i.e. the founder). However, the city counts for "you liberated our cities" only if the liberation player would be the same without the bias for the original owner. It never counts for fair trade and enemy trade. The raze popup says "return control to the empire" even if that player has never owned the city. The recipient can't refuse. (no change) The option to cede a city after conquest was already present in Vanilla Civ 4; when BtS added |
| Rationale | and AI, human players would have to receive a popup allowing them to reject a city; way too much work, and it's fair enough to say that the new owner is somehow taken by surprise. The bias for the original owner is an obscure rule – until I read the code, I had assumed that liberation through the raze popup worked just like through the trade screen. That said, it's flavorful to restore a city to its original owner after/ as part of its "liberation." (Perhaps there should be some simpler advantage to it.) The relations boost from liberation has to apply in any case; otherwise, the raze popup is a trap. The trade modifiers aren't all-upside, but treating them differently from liberation would add to the confusion and getting around the enemy trade penalty this | |
| Tbd. | way also wouldn't be particularly plausible. Perhaps remove the bias for the original owner (bConquest in CvCity:: getLiberationPlayer). | |

| | oat unit visible from the city. | There must not be any unit hostile to the prospective city owner visible from the city. Otherwise, the city can still be traded, but it doesn't count as a liberation (no diplo bonus). |
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| Rationale | The visible-enemy restriction is reasonable – if the new owner has to fight for the city, it's not really liberated –, but units that can't attack the city shouldn't block liberation. | |
| | Disabled this in AdvCiv 0.97 because trade denial handles hostile units now. That said the trade denial check ignores all ships. I've left the old code as a comment in CvCity::getLiberationPlayer in case that I want to merge it into the denial check. (Removed that comment too on 22 Mar 2020.) | |

| ctr (cont.) | Consequences of city trades | |
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| owner is detiles), excepthat don't be contested tile only if the tr | r is traded, the tile culture of the old creased in the full city radius (21 of for tiles contested by other cities elong to the new owner. Those rivalles are affected by the trade if and aded city has a higher priority based and (tie-breaker) age. | The old owner's tile culture is set to 0 in the city tile and in the inner circle. The outer circle remains unchanged. |
| the same ar decreased. equal to 50% of the new and the old 33% of the into culture the city's total | ure of the new owner is increased by mount that the old owner's culture is The amount of converted culture is of the old owner's culture or 100% owner's culture, whichever is smaller. Towner's culture can at most triple, owner's culture can at most halve. old owner's city culture is converted of the new owner. This doesn't increase culture (sum over all civs), so it should be | The new owner doesn't gain any tile culture. If the city is liberated, then the new owner's city culture (not: city tile culture) is increased by 50% of the old owner's city culture. The old owner doesn't lose any city culture. K-Mod disables the culture increase when the new owner had already owned the city at some earlier time; this was done to block an exploit in multiplayer mode. City trades that don't count as liberation don't affect city culture. |
| safe in multipl Rationale | safe in multiplayer. | |
| | | on the population, so I'm halving the removed lead to strange borderlines with foreign enclaves. |
| | for the consensual change in owners | city suffer less from culture pressure, to account hip (as opposed to violent conquest), to avoid arties, and because culture shouldn't just vanish. |
| | - | ased on the new owner's city culture because the y city culture. Therefore, I'm not using the tile lture. |
| Config | CITY_TRADE_CULTURE_THRESH in GlobalDefines_advc.xml | |
| See also | kekm.23 removes the distinction between liberation and regular city trade when it comes to city culture. Also removes the free defenders that cities used to receive whe traded to a vassal. | |
| When a city is ceded, reset the anger timers for Slavery, Drafting and defied resolutions unless both the old and new owner are human or the new owner is human and the old owner an Alexammate. The timers are reset only if the new owner is an Al civ (and always after conquest; no change). | | |

| Rationale | Don't want to treat human and AI civs differently without a good reason, and don't wan players to be confused by "We can't forget <u>your</u> cruel oppression" anger from actions of the former owner. | | |
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| | Two human players could collude to trade cities back and forth in order to reset anger timers. That needs to be prevented. I don't think this trick will work with a human player and an AI teammate, but let's make sure (I guess). | | |
| occupation status is set before bumping out any units. | | Units are bumped before setting the occupation timer, meaning that units in surrounding tiles are teleported away although a city under occupation doesn't have a culture range. | |
| Rationale | Arguably a bug. | | |
| | liberation city trade between non- beace treaty is signed automatically. | No peace treaty (unless the city was granted to a human player as a gift or tribute). | |
| Rationale | | ty to the AI and immediately declare war and oblem in BtS because the AI won't pay for cities. | |
| | I want vassals at least to be able to accept cities from rivals, but they mustn't force a peace treaty on the master. A human selling cities to a vassal before a declaration of war doesn't seem like much of a problem; the vassal isn't going to have much to trade | | |
| See also | 146 signs a peace treaty after a war | rade. | |
| ctr (cont.) | .) UI support for city trades | | |
| AdvCiv | or support for only trades | BtS | |
| | traded cities on-screen and in replays. | | |
| Tbd. | Would be nice to announce the terms of the trade, like it's done for reparations (cf. change <u>039</u>). Not so easy to do; currently, the city-ceded announcement comes from CvPlayer::acquireCity. | | |
| peacetime, to the trade | When a city is put on the trade table at peacetime, a peace treaty is automatically added peacetime. To the trade table as well (and can only be removed by removing the city item). | | |
| Rationale | To make sure that players are aware | of the implied peace treaty. | |
| See also | Same for war trades (<u>146</u>). <u>104m</u> shows a peace treaty on the tra | ade table when the AI asks for help or tribute. | |
| | Related <u>CFC post</u> . The technical difficulties mentioned are resolved now. I had simply forgotten to set the peace treaty item to boffering=true. Overall, this was more tedious than difficult to implement once I realized that the offer lists (despite being const parameters) can be modified in CvPlayer::updateTradeList at the appropriate time. | | |
| New tab "Cities" on the Foreign Advisor screen. Shows a table with all cities that the active player can trade much like the "Tech" tab does for technologies. An occupation (fist) icon indicates when a city can be liberated. When an AI civ is unwilling to cede or receive a city, hover text shows the denial reason. When not all cities fit into a table cell, points of ellipsis are shown and hovering on those points shows the omitted cities. | | | |
| To implement the city table, BUG's IconGrid module has been extended, allowing multiple text elements (with hover text and on-click action) to be added to a single table cell. | | | |
| Config | The "Cities" tab can be disabled through the "Advisors" tab of the BUG menu. | | |
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| Rationale | A bigger role for city trades requires better UI support. The only place that dealt with city trades was the "Liberation" column of the Domestic Advisor (more about that below); not the right place for information about trades, and the Domestic Advisor was already too cluttered. | |
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| Tbd. | Perhaps it's habit-breaking that the "Tech" tab is no longer right next to the "Exit" button. That could easily be amended by switching the "Tech" and "Cities" tab. | |
| | • | s" tab could later be removed to unclutter the BUG novel, it makes sense to have an option. |
| Advisor and | | s cities opens the city screen behind the Foreign licking on the same city name again or right- |
| Rationale | Want to help player locate the cities. Unfortunately, the camera can't move (ensured by the EXE I think) while an Advisor screen is open. The Foreign Advisor obscures all the interesting parts of the city screen, so the city screen in the background isn't helpful. However, as a side-effect, the city gets highlighted on the minimap (visibility circle and larger city blot) and the player can close the Foreign Advisor to inspect the city and can then close the city screen with right-click (see <u>004t</u>) to see the city on the main map. | |
| Tbd. | Clicking a foreign city's name does nothing; should at least highlight that city on the minimap, but I'm not sure how to do that (without opening the city screen, which can't be allowed for foreign cities). | |
| | Perhaps clicking a city owned by the active player should close the Foreign Advisscreen and then center the camera on the city (like the BUG Wonders tab). And r click for the current behavior (opening the city screen in the background). | |
| | An alternative approach would be to show just a near-fullscreen minimap on the "Cities" tab with cities that can be traded highlighted through colored blots; all other info in hover text – but could blots on that map have hover text? Also sounds like too much work. Though a nice large minimap could also be useful for well, screenshots? | |
| Domestic A cities with a | ost column of the (non-customizable) advisor shows the revolt probability of a positive revolt probability. The (fist) icon is used as the heading for n. | The rightmost column instead shows a fist icon for all cities that can be liberated to an existing civ. (Prior to AdvCiv 0.97, the icon was also shown next to cities that could be split off as an independent colony.) |
| Rationale | Liberation to existing civs is now handled by the "Cities" tab. Liberation to a new civ is presented better by the "Liberate" button on the Domestic Advisor screen. It wouldn't hurt to show that information redundantly, but it's not really within the purview of the Domestic Advisor, the icons are pretty obscure and revolt probabilities are more useful (they also require a bit more space, but everything still fits even at screen width 1024 pixels). | |
| See also | The <u>Immortal Culture</u> changes make | revolts more relevant than in BtS. |
| Tbd. | The Domestic Advisor could use hover text to explain its headings and maybe also for some additional information. | |
| Alert for city | y trades added. | When a conquered city can be liberated, the raze popup shows an option for that; similar enough to a notification – in that one special case. |
| | | (Since the BtS AI only trades cities when at war, notifications aren't really needed.) |

| Config | Can be disabled on the "Alerts" tab of the BUG menu. | | |
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| See also | Implemented based on the AdvCiv4lerts class (210). | | |
| | lert messages in the previously LOR_CITY_BLUE. | Some parts of the game are color-coded pretty reliably, e.g. green for research and technologies. I don't think cities are part of that color scheme; in replays, founded cities used to be shown in green. BUG used magenta (normally used for culture) for city-founded alerts. | |
| See also | 106: For city-founded messages in replays, I use the player-specific text colors.210c: City-founded announcements are shown in plain white. | | |
| Rationale | Colored alerts stand out more at first (which is not what I want), but, after a bit of getting used to, are easier to identify at a glance to (usually) ignore them. That's my experience with the BUG tech trade alerts anyway. COLOR_CITY_BLUE is surprisingly easy to read against the blue background of the Event Log but doesn't stand out much. For game text, blue tones weren't used much at all (I guess because of the blue backgrounds and water tiles). Other ideas would be COLOR_CITY_BROWN, COLOR_CULTURE_RATE or a similar new COLOR_CITY_VIOLET with r=50%, g=30%, b=100% – that's not too similar to the player colors of Sumer and Rome. | | |
| | Show an alert when another player becomes willing to cede a city. When at war with that player, show the alert only if the war enemy would be willing to give the city in exchange for peace. | | |
| Rationale | Since the rules for city trades are fairly narrow, I'm not restricting the alert to AI players There's no way to get a city from the AI while at war if the AI won't make peace in exchange for the city because only one side can give items in a peace deal. | | |
| | No " will no longer cede" alert. Doesn't sound too helpful and might flicker while at war. (If it's needed after all: Don't report cities whose owner has changed, nor cities that have become the capital. Perhaps don't report anything after making peace.) | | |
| Show an al | ert when another player becomes willi | ng to accept a city in trade. | |
| Rationale | Mainly so that players know when a city becomes tradeable through the gradual spread of a foreign culture. | | |
| Show an al | Show an alert when it becomes possible to liberate a city to a player other than the city's previous owner. | | |
| Rationale | Liberation to the previous owner – typrarely desirable. | pically after a war – is almost always possible and | |
| AdvCiv | | K-Mod | |
| | ties that can be traded on the traded on the "Cities" tab). | Exclude "take it from our cold dead hands" cities. | |
| Rationale | It was a good change for K-Mod (and for AdvCiv until v0.97) because the AI said that about nearly every city when at peace, and those untradeable cities were cluttering the trade screen. It may also have been part of the K-Mod changes to make unrevealed cities secret. These things are now addressed by the game rule restrictions on city trades: Can't trade for unrevealed cities and can't trade for cities without a significant amount of the new owner's tile culture. | | |
| When a hui up. | man tile flips to a different owner, sleep | oing and fortified units of the old owner are woken | |
| Rationale | So that human players can't forget about units fortified in or near a traded city. Should also be useful when border tiles flip through culture pressure; units forgotten on such tiles can even increase away-supply costs. | | |

| See also | 163 wakes up teleported units |
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| | What if a human player has units fortified on a teammate's or vassal's tile and that tile flips to a third party? |

| ctr (cont.) Al for city trades | | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| | en at war, an Al civ may refuse to cede d on its attitude toward the recipient: | Attitude doesn't matter for city trades. |
| For trade mustn't threshold stricter current culture. For libe | rade or liberate to the worst enemy le, attitude toward the recipient be below a personality-based ld. For some leaders, the threshold is (or even much stricter) when the owner has at least 20% city tile ration, the current owner mustn't be toward the recipient. | |
| (The AI doe disliked civ. | es not refuse to <i>accept</i> a city from a) | |
| Config | The tile culture percentage that enably NATIVE_CITY_CULTURE_THRESH in Ci | es the stricter attitude threshold is set through v4GlobalDefines_advc.xml. |
| | The personality-based thresholds are set in <code>Civ4LeaderHeadInfos.xml</code> . The respective XML tags are optional; see comments in <code>Civ4CivilizationsSchema.xml</code> about the default values. | |
| Rationale | Rewarding good relations, especially one of the main goals of making city t | Friendly relations (which are difficult to attain), is rades more flexible. |
| | About liberation see under AI trade value below. | |
| | The personality-based thresholds were chosen as follows: There are 10 reasonable combinations – AA, AC, AP, AF, CC, CP, CF, PP, PF and PP, where "A" means that the owner's attitude needs to be (strictly) better than Annoyed, "C" better than Cautious, "P" better than Pleased and "F" better than Friendly (which is impossible; AI response: "That would go against everything we stand for"). For variety's sake, I've tried to distribute the leaders somewhat evenly among these combinations – though some are too extreme to be justified for more than a couple of leaders. My assignment is mainly based on what notion of ethnicity a leader might have possessed. (Caveat: I'm no historian.) Consequently, it's more based on the era that they lived in than on personality. I didn't want to just make the "difficult" leaders more difficult and the "easy" ones even easier to get along with; BtS (or rather especially Vanilla Civ 4) is too one-dimensional in that regard. | |
| | country, and rulers of city states. CP: Alexander, Augustus, Cyrus, Dar Emperors of classical antiquity. Enlarge with little tile culture may yet be accul of the emperor. AC: Mansa Musa, Pericles – Pericles sense of Hellenic identity. Mansa Musa doesn't easily part with land, but he acculting to the country of the sense of Hellenic identity. | ima – Chieftains that care more about clan than ius, Huayna Capac, Hannibal, Julius, Justinian ging the inherited realm is a point of pride. Cities turated. However, in the end, it's up to the whims ruled over a city state, but there was also a sa is more of a classical emperor, meaning he lso can't resist a good deal. i, Gilgamesh, Ramesses, Suryavarman, Ragnar |

Mostly pre-classical emperors: less interested in colonizing acquired land. Conquered cities especially are to be exploited (e.g. sold), not integrated.

CC: Charlemagne, Isabella, Joao, Mehmed, Saladin, Suleiman, Wang Kon, Zara Y. Medieval sovereigns. Care more about feudal ties than country. They do worry that the recipient of a city might plot against them; or worse: they could be heathens.

CF: Frederick, Louis, Willem, Elizabeth, Mao, Tokugawa

The first four are rulers over early (proto-)nations. They only abandon their citizens under duress. Conquered lands are negotiable, but they're also interested in expansion. Mao: As a modern ruler also not happy to cede land, but he did cede some land to the USSR when relations weren't entirely friendly. Tokugawa: Tough one. Giving up Japanese citizens should be taboo. To minimize contact with foreign cultures, it would seem best to trade conquered cities away. Though he doesn't really like to trade either, nor does he like foreign cities at his borders ...

AF: Bismarck, De Gaulle, Napoleon, Victoria, Boudica, Sitting Bull The first four are leaders of colonial nations, but arguably not too keen on cementing colonial rule and willing to engage in politics. And, let's say, two proud chieftains to whom the land of their forefathers is sacred.

PF: Churchill, Stalin, Peter, Catherine, Gandhi, Lincoln, Roosevelt, Washington The first four have an aversion against giving up what they've once taken, except perhaps to a "fraternal country." The other four are modern democratic rulers that are reluctant to put a liberated people under the thumb of some less enlightened ruler. PP: Kublai Khan, Qin Shi Huang – Want to give this combination to someone. Not sure about Qin. Kublai was practically a Chinese emperor but didn't have Chinese roots, so he shouldn't be absolutely attached to any ethnicity. On the other hand, he was an extremely powerful emperor, so he doesn't quite see why he should give anyone anything.

FF: Genghis Khan – Maybe due to his fierceness; or arrogance since his campaigns were so successful.

As for the 20% nationality threshold, I've tried 10%, same as the threshold for being able to receive a city in trade (CITY TRADE CULTURE THRESH), but that didn't work well in situations when two war allies divvy up the spoils of a successful war. If both owner and potential recipient start at 0 nationality, then the latter would have to increase its nationality faster than the owner in order to receive the city before the stricter attitude threshold applies, which often isn't doable and also isn't consistent with the idea that having half as much nationality as the owner should suffice for a trade.

20% also has some supporting precedent in history. For example, the parts of Ukraine that Russian nationalists have been seeking to "reclaim" all have a population of at least 18% ethnic Russians (map on Wikipedia).

The AI refuses to trade away cities with a trade capital except when at war. If the other side is a rival, the denial reason is "you'll have to take it from our cold dead hands," otherwise "surely you hands" except when negotiating peace. ask too much."

The AI refuses to accept cities with a negative trade value ("we don't want to trade this"). Even if want to trade this"). Cities with 0 tile culture are the trade value is positive, the AI rejects small cities in very poor surroundings.

Neither of these conditions apply to liberation.

The AI reponds "surely you ask too much" when value greater than 4/7 of the trade value of the Al asked to trade a city where its city culture is more than 50%. This only applies to teammates. Rivals are told to take any city "from our cold dead

> When in financial trouble. Al civs refuse to accept cities where they have 0 tile culture ("we don't also rejected when they're too far away from every currently owned city.

None of the AI denial checks apply to liberation.

Rationale

Want to exclude major cities in order to limit the possible gains from tech-for-land deals. One could just assign very high trade values to large cities, but excluding those cities through a denial condition should be more convenient for players; don't need to

bother making offers then. I could think of various heuristics for identifying important cities (e.g. the score computed in CvCity::getLiberationPlayer could be a starting point), but using trade value is the easiest to implement. That's also the approach taken by UWAI for war trades – trade denial based on trade value. Cities in disorder are are problem, but the trade vaue computation needs to deal with that in any case. Performance could be a problem, but I don't think it will be. A more likely issue is a flickering city trade alert when the value of a city is near the threshold. Let's hope that this will be rare (would be a bit tedious to smooth that over). The special condition for cities on poor land (CvPlayerAI::AI isAwfulSite) was added prior to AdvCiv 0.97 in order to discourage players from founding cities in the worst possible spots and then gifting them to the AI to improve relations. I was going to remove it in favor of a trade value check, but now I think it's safer to apply both checks. I've considered merely relaxing the trade value threshold when at war (instead of waiving it), but at least the UWAI code usually doesn't value peace highly enough (even when losing badly) to give up any major cities in peace deals. Saying "take it from our cold dead hands" could look bad when it's obvious to the human player that the respective city is about to fall. The 0-culture conditions are obsolete because the game rules now prohibit such trades. Recognizing cities that are more trouble than they're worth is, again, something that the trade value computation can handle better than some ad-hoc heuristic. Thd. A downside of denial based on trade value is that no specific reason can be stated. But maybe the AI could still somehow respond with "your land is too far away" (DENIAL TOO FAR) in some situations. The AI refuses to accept cities in trade when Nearby enemies (any units, not just land units) prevent liberation, but there is no such trade there are hostile land units nearby and nearby potential defenders don't clearly outnumber the denial check. potential attackers: "We are afraid of their military might." Doesn't apply when negotiating peace. To eliminate loopholes that can make the Al look bad. Ideally, hostile transports should Rationale be counted as well and the condition should be checked in peace negotiations to make sure that the winning side isn't gaining a city that it will immediately lose to some other war party. That could be implemented, but isn't worth the effort I think. Uses code similar to the city safety check (139). See also A similar trade denial condition described among the <u>rule changes</u> deals with units hostile to the *current* city owner. The AI refuses to accept cities that are under Occupation and disorder don't affect trade denial. occupation if the resistance is coming from a third party: "Maybe we'll change our minds in a few years." Rationale Computing trade value during disorder isn't a problem, but don't want humans to deliberately let a revolt happen before trading a city to the AI. It's tempting to prohibit all city trades during disorder, but it would seem strange for the recipient to insist that a revolt in its own favor be suppressed before accepting the city. One could argue that the city might flip on its own, but it's better to address that angle through the trade value computation (certainly the AI should accept a city as a gift even if it will flip). Capitulated vassals refuse to trade cities to their Vassals can't cede cities to anyone and can't master unless the capitulated vassal is above the accept cities from their master. population threshold for breaking free and will still

be above the threshold after losing the city: 'Surely you ask too much." Al civs don't trade cities to their capitulated vassals if that would put the vassal above the threshold for breaking free or if the vassal is already above the threshold: "You've grown too powerful for us." 130v about the mod's general approach to capitulated and voluntary vassals. See also See the <u>rule changes</u> to city trades about restrictions that apply to all vassals. Capitulated vassals shouldn't ruin their chances of breaking free. Master civs shouldn't Rationale help their capitulated vassals break free. When close to a Conquest victory, the AI refuses to trade away any cities except when negotiating peace. When close to a Space victory, the AI refuses to trade away high-production cities and cities that are producing a spaceship part. Stated reason in both cases: "We'd rather win the game" The Space conditions will rarely matter, I expect, because the trade value conditions Rationale already prevent the AI from ceding major cities. For Culture victory, that should 100% be the case. An AI civ with a war utility value above 30 may refuse to accept a city in a non-liberation trade when the city is insignificant compared to the economic output of the recipient and the war utility value. (If UWAI is disabled, a coarser heuristic based on attitude and military power is used instead of war utility.) Stated reason: "We have our reasons" To avoid signing a peace treaty. On the one hand, gaining one decent city is usually Rationale more than the AI will accomplish by actually declaring war on a human player; on the other hand, when humans can rely on getting a peace treaty in exchange for a city, they may exploit that by recklessly exposing themselves or by buying time for a peaceful victory in the endgame. 'We have our reasons" will alert humans about the high wa rutility value; probably obvious anyway in the rare cases when this will come up. Tbd. Should perhaps still add a special message to the city trade alert – to make sure that players don't feel encouraged to keep an eye on the City Trades tab for AI war plans. By default, 0 trade value is assigned to liberated At peacetime, the game rules and UI prevent cities, meaning also that the AI will respond that cities from being traded (except between two no trade is possible when asked what it will give human players). in exchange for liberation. When negotiating terms for peace, liberation has Liberation never affects a city's trade value. no impact on a city's trade value. Rationale Mainly because I don't want to render the liberation choices in the conquest and colony (Alt+F1) popups useless. If the Al pays for liberation, even if it doesn't pay much, it'll always be preferable to liberate cities through trade. Therefore, I'm interpreting liberation as the recipient having a rightful claim to the city and insisting on getting it for free (granting peace isn't really a payment). Admittedly not very realistic. In gameplay terms, the reward for liberating a city is the relations boost (see a few boxes below). It would be easy enough (by reverting a one-line change in CyplayerAI::

AI counterPropose marked with advc.ctr) to let the AI make a proposal that leaves

| | city, but stating that no trade is possil | when asked what they'd give for the liberation of a ole (as in BtS) seems less confusing to me. ossible, namely, when the AI has a city that it can |
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| Tbd. | whether to trade a city away, players will soon become eligible for liberatio anymore. That's currently impossible | |
| a human he based on a | idering to liberate a city in response to elp or tribute request, the AI decides reduced trade value that only takes t how valuable the city is to the AI civ. | Human can request liberation, but the AI will decide based on the regular trade value of the city. |
| Rationale | | ties for free, there should be a real possibility of will also liberate cities without human importuning; |
| liberates at is counted f accounts or current own human, the | idering a trade in which each side least one city, a reduced trade value for all liberations. That trade value hly for the value that the city has to its ner; although, if the current owner is n that value is capped at 50% of the he city has for the AI recipient. | Regardless of liberation, the AI can never trade cities for other cities. |
| Rationale | To facilitate reciprocal liberation, which | ch is a win-win. |
| city and offe the AI for a | man player asks the AI to liberate a ers trade items in exchange or asks price, the AI computes the city's full, i.e. as if the liberation conditions | The UI doesn't allow humans to propose city trades and the AI will say that no such trade is possible. |
| Rationale | | ap for the liberation player. Unlike AI players, oo entitled to pay" for a city, so they should be n. |
| broken dow value expre want to kee how much t When evaluare added t capped at to city. | For non-liberation trades, the AI evaluation is proken down into two similar components: One walue expressing how much the current owner want to keep the city and one value expressing now much the recipient wants to acquire the city. When evaluating a trade proposal, both values are added up and, if the AI civ is the recipient, capped at two times the value of acquiring the city. K-Mod comment: "The way this function is currently used is that it actually represents how much the current owner values not giving the city to this player. For example, if this player currently used is that it actually represents how much the current owner values not giving the city to this player. For example, if this player currently used is that it actually represents how much the current owner values not giving the city to this player. For example, if this player currently should be lower rather than higher, so that the current owner is more likely to give up the city. Ideally the value of receiving the city and the cost of giving the city away would be separate things; but that's currently not how trades are made." | |
| Rationale | the other – so the trade value is essewhich is mostly zero-sum – the trade | ch, which mostly benefits one side without hurting entially equal to the tech cost –, and for gold, value is two times the amount of gold –, but illero-sum, but can also involve cities that would be than to the current owner. |
| | The cap based on the recipient's valuable high price for a city that is more valuable. | ue is supposed to ensure that the AI doesn't pay a able to its current owner. |
| See also | Afforess has added a function AI_ou | rCityValue to Rise of Mankind – which is mostly |

| | a copy of AI_cityTradeVal. | |
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| Tbd. | Ideally, all trade evaluation functions (perhaps also the ones checking denial conditions) should be broken down into the perspective of the giving and the receiving side. E.g. how much the recipient civ benefits from a traded tech versus how much he civ imparting the tech would like to withhold it from the recipient. This structure could be imposed through a simple object-oriented framework. | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS/K-Mod |
| The trade value computation is further broken down into an economic "asset" value, an amortization modifier and modifiers for strategic considerations. The asset value doesn't just cover the current economic value, but also tries to (crudely) estimate its economic potential (possibly hampered by culture pressure). Estimated expenses are subtracted. | | A simple, yet arcane, formula based on population (K-Mod: also highest-ever population) city culture, city tile culture, game turn (K-Mod: also turn founded and turn acquired), prior ownership of the recipient and the trade values of all bonus resources in the full city radius (K-Mod: lower weight for the outer ring). K-Mod added an evaluation great wonders and Holy City status (but national wonders of the current owner and mundane buildings still weren't covered). |
| | zation modifier accounts for speed game settings. | No meaningful game speed adjustment. |
| new) owned the same land the s | gic modifiers account for the (old or r's total city count, number of cities on andmass, whether the city might flip, e extra population might soon let the win (Domination or Diplo victory), the lation (city imminently threatened or ing evacuated) and relations – in whether the either side could easily e city instead of making a trade or it) after making the trade. | None of these are directly addressed. |
| Credits | l've reviewed Afforess' code in Rise of Mankind (RoM; <u>SVN revision</u>) but only adopt (in part) code dealing with religions and corporations present in the city. The RoM co takes into account production costs of buildings, but buildings aren't public knowled in AdvCiv. Therefore, and to save time, my code uses the building count for a vague estimate of building utility. There are checks for imminent danger of conquest, sar landmass as capital and financial trouble; the new AdvCiv code handles these thin in a slightly more sophisticated manner. This CFC post suggests that the RoM AI oft overvalues cities. | |
| See also | 104d: The asset value is also used by UWAI. The tactical evaluation when at war is based on 139. 045 makes most city buildings secret. | |
| Rationale | The K-Mod formula doesn't seem adequate now that city trades will be more commonplace. (Apparently, the K-Mod hadn't been tested much either; there was major bug in the computation of a city culture multiplier. That code is now deleted; final version is from 22 Mar 2020, after this Git commit.) | |
| | I don't think the exact numbers matte important for preventing the AI from o | r much, but some of my additions could be overpaying for human cities. |
| _ | evaluation is a bit stacked against owners through a distrust multiplier | No anti-human bias in AI city evaluation. |

| ÀI refusal to | and 5/6 depending on attitude) and compensate humans for avoidable e.g. losing a national wonder). | | |
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| Rationale | , , , | Al: The human player probably knows better how aldn't give cities away that are very valuable. | |
| computatior secret facto unpredictab | ng with a human, the AI trade value on ends with a multiplication by a r near 1 that gets re-randomized ly (hopefully) every few turns. Then unding to a multiple of 5 is applied | The final result is rounded to a multiple of 10 and the computation doesn't use any sensitive information. | |
| Rationale | | utation. In particular so that the AI prediction of a lation cheats (when evaluating human cities) | |
| See also | 136b changes the standard rounding of 5. | of trade values from a multiple of 10 to a multiple | |
| | gnizes awful city sites, doesn't accept n trade and razes them after | If a city is close enough and has enough culture, the AI accepts it, and doesn't normally raze it. | |
| Rationale | The BtS behavior can be abused by be thankful for it (fair trade diplo bond | gifting the AI useless cities, and the AI will even us). See strategy advise here (CFC). | |
| | That strategy still works, the city site | just mustn't be <i>extremely</i> bad. | |
| AdvCiv | 1 | K-Mod | |
| price for peacan add mo only if a sing items aren't trade values | When "making this deal work" or determining "the K-Mod comment: "We're only going to allow one orice for peace" (AI_counterPropose), the Al can add more than one city to the trade table, but only if a single city and all available non-city trade on the table when at war; K-Mod only adds the tems aren't enough to cover the current gap in trade values. (This doesn't apply to peace deals between Al civs. There's a separate logic for those, which still advices only and only one of the table when at war. Looks like BtS had always put a civity to a list of trade items and later greedily pick items from that list to find the best fit for the gap in trade values (that's still the basic approach in AdvCiv). | | |
| allows only | one city to change hands.) | | |
| Rationale | Seemed like the easiest way to allow algorithm. Don't want the AI to propos | multiple cities without changing the basic se a city trade over a tech trade. | |
| | just so that the AI doesn't wrongly cla | y ever makes sense. I want to allow it for humans tim that peace isn't possible. At peacetime, in the one city for two or two small cities for a so unusual. | |
| See also | 104h: Slightly changes the conditions proposal for a peace deal. | s under which the AI adds cities to its initial | |
| based on th trade value | e Propose prioritizes cities for trade e difference between the owner's and the recipient's trade value, i.e. it positive-sum (as opposed to zero- | The single city that the AI will propose is chosen based on AI_targetCityVal. | |
| Rationale | | nportantly, using AI_targetCityVal leaks cus its attacks. Not a well-known exploit, but, in | |

this CFC post, one player is onto it.

AI counterPropose doesn't add city liberations to the trade table except (see a few boxes above) when the trade value computation ignores liberation.

Rationale

This only applies in the rare situation when a human and AI civ both have at least one city that they can liberate. It's difficult for the AI to decide which cities the human player might want to liberate or accept – at least in some situations, and it's in any case a bit tedious to implement. Letting the human player put the cities on the table shouldn't be too much of an inconvenience: the AI will then fill in other trade items as needed.

Al diplo memory about liberation is increased or reduced by 50% depending on the (non-liberation) trade value of the liberated city.

See also In line with similar changes to raze and nuke memory: 130g

When computing the effect of a liberated city on trade memory ("fair and forthright", "traded with our worst enemies"), the trade values of both sides are counted (not just the value of the old owner as in some other cases -- see higher up in the boxes about liberation trade value), but the total is reduced a bit.

To my knowledge, the full trade value is counted by BtS and K-Mod.

Rationale

The AI shouldn't be too grateful or upset when a city is returned to its rightful owner (but +2 from liberation alone would seem a bit too meager).

Counting only the loss of the old owner wouldn't make sense for the enemy trade value. Actually, it would make sense to count only the *new* owner's trade value (that's the player whom third parties resent), but that would be awkward to implement as BtS normally uses just one trade value that accounts for both sides.

that city has significantly higher value for the Al civ than for the human civ, and if its trade value isn't much higher than that of the tech that the AI would otherwise ask for or if there is no tech that the AI could ask for.

When asking for help, the AI may ask for a city if The only asks for help in the form of free tech.

Rationale

No important reason. To incentivize liberating AI cities, for more variety in help requests and to enable help requests when tech trading is disabled. I feel that the Al shouldn't ask for help in the form of zero-sum trades, e.g. gold per turn. Cities can help the recipient much more than their current owner.

When demanding tribute, the AI may demand a Tribute can take the form of tech, world map, a city if that city isn't far more valuable to its current resource or gold (lump sum). owner.

Rationale

Flavor, variety, give players that are behind in technology some option to avert war. The demanded item being too valuable is less of a concern than with help requests.

See also

104m allows the AI to demand gold per turn and lets the AI consider the various types of tribute demands in a randomized order until a valid demand is found.

For each city that can be ceded, its AI owner checks every 20 turns, the first time being based predictable). Due to the trade denial conditions, on the city's id and thus unpredictable, whether that city can liberated or is significantly more valuable to another civ. If so, the owner may contact that other civ, offering the city.

Same rhythm (though, in principle, entirely only liberation is considered. Liberation to the previous owner is ruled out. So, typically, it'll be liberation to the original owner of a city.

Rationale

I'm extending the contact-to-liberate mechanism to cover also AI offers for city trades

| | to both human and other AI civs. | |
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| While a city is evacuating through change $\underline{139}$, the AI checks on every turn for a third party that the current owner might want to cede the city to through liberation. | | |
| Rationale | What a human player would also do. Non-liberation trades of a threatened city to a third party are disallowed by the (new) city trade <u>rules</u> . | |
| recipient to Usually, it's | ng a city for liberation, the AI asks the also liberate a city if possible. not possible and then the AI offers to city for free. | If the AI offers a city, it's always for free. |
| Rationale | Consistent with how the AI treats huma | an offers for liberation (see somewhere higher up). |
| city is of cor if it's almost to the libera new owner. condition is | s not offer (free) liberation when the nsiderable value to its current owner, as valuable to the current owner as ation player or if it's too valuable to the The value threshold for that last based on attitude. All the thresholds the game progress and speed. | For offering liberation, the AI owner needs to have at least Cautious attitude toward the liberation player. |
| Rationale | Don't want the AI to hurt itself severe rival too much. | ly through a city gift, and don't want it to boost a |
| owner (trade denial: "Maybe we'll change our liberation. It | | The AI never contacts the previous owner for liberation. It could, in theory liberate to a previous human owner who asks for the city as a gift or tribute. |
| when it thin | sn't offer to liberate a city for free ks that war with the liberation player ity in the medium term. | No such strategic considerations. |
| Rationale | I'd like the AI to be able to return a conquered city to its previous owner, even without payment, when the two civs are no longer at each other's throat and the city isn't doing much for the new owner. The AI being too quick to return a city will look very bad, so perhaps these conditions will have to be tightened further. Conquered AI cities permanently enclosed by foreign culture also look bad though. | |
| After conquering a city, the AI may immediately liberate it if the liberation player is a third party. The same conditions as described above for free liberation apply except that no trade denial checks are performed. | | |
| See also | | s, the (unchanged) BtS special rules for liberation rules also apply when the AI considers liberation |
| Rationale | Easy enough to do; as a rule, human | and AI should play by the same rules. |
| The AI may offer a city for trade if it is much more valuable to the recipient or if the city isn't much more valuable to its current owner and the recipient has far more assets (population, land, tech, buildings) than the current owner. The AI then tries to find a city of the recipient that satisfies the same conditions – to propose a one-for-one city trade with additional trade items for the side that gets the less valuable city. Usually, there is no such city, and then the AI looks for arbitrary trade items (i.e. tech, gold) that the recipient can offer in return. AI city trade offers to human players include a discount. | | |
| Rationale | See the rationales given at the start of | of the city trade documentation. |

| | Al-to-human trades aren't crucial, but make the Al appear a bit more alive. | |
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| See also | The discount is the usual incentive for humans to actually consider the AI offer. Through <u>026</u> , the AI may also offer more gold than it normally would. | |
| civ that is al principle sevexchange for other city tra be more val | When two Al civs are negotiating a joint war, the iv that is already at war may offer a city (in rinciple several, but I doubt that will happen) in xchange for the declaration of war. Unlike in ther city trades, the offered city doesn't have to e more valuable to the recipient than to the urrent owner, at least not when the war is going adly. | |
| Rationale | Not sure how frequently this will come about, but it could be pretty awesome when an AI civ that seemed already doomed brings in a powerful neighbor as a war ally by ceding a city. | |
| Tbd. | Such trades would work as a matter of course due to my changes to CvPlayerAI::AI_counterPropose — but that function isn't actually used for war trades; perhaps it should be (see comments in CvPlayerAI::AI_proposeWarTrade). | |

| 123 | Close loopholes | |
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| See also | Meatgrinder: 139. Worker stealing (010) is a bit of a loophole too I guess. Flat maps for lower distance maintenance: 140. Gifting GP for diplo victory: 141. Neutral units shielding cities from nukes: kekm.7. Gifting the AI useless cities: ctr. Gifting nukes: 143b. Extra gold in Advanced Start with Expansive trait: kekm.11. Rival wonders under construction deduced through Sabotage Production mission cost: 120d. Bumped units have all their movement points spent: 163. Surrounding a city with friendly units doesn't stop Barbarians from trying to conquer that city: 083. Can't pillage own resources to stack up overflow production: 064d. AI peace proposal giving away current target city: ctr(AI). No extra Golden Age turn when completing the Taj Mahal during a Golden Age: 001x. Loopholes closed by K-Mod (not a complete list I think): Prevent overflow shenanigans (or at least rein them in) by allowing multiple units to be produced within the same turn. AI never agrees to Cease Fire. Spread Culture spy mission doesn't increase city culture. | |
| Tbd. | If I ever want to write AI code for Cease Fire: CvPlayerAI::AI_considerOffer would be the place (see comment near the start of that function). | |
| 123a | Can't gift Missionaries to bypass Theocracy | |
| AdvCiv | BtS | |
| | Missionary to a civ in Theocracy Missionary matches their state | Can bypass the Theocracy restriction by gifting Missionaries. The AI will normally use them too. |
| Can't gift Caravels to a civ without an OB agreement. | | Can gift Missionaries inside Caravels in order to spread a religion without OB. |
| Rationale | The Theocracy restriction is pretty pointless this way. And keeping borders closed should keep Missionaries out, period. | |
| Credits | Kek-Mod fixed the Theocracy part independently. I hadn't thought of cargo units (other than Caravels), so I've adopted part of the Kek-Mod fix. | |

| See also | kekm.4 | |
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| 123b | Unused | |
| 123c | Chains of cargo units | |
| | | Loading and unloading don't require moves (although Loading consumes all moves). |
| No change to after rebasin | o air units; can still be loaded right | Can exploit this to move land units across arbitrary distances over water within a single turn by using a chain of dispersed cargo units. |
| 123 d | Reduce war success when trading a | away a city while at war |
| When a city is traded away, and the old owner is at war with any earlier owners of the traded city, the war success of the old owner against these earlier owners is reduced by 25. | | A player can conquer a city (+25 war success against the enemy), gift it to a war ally (no change to war success), wait for the enemy to conquer the city again (+25 war success against the player's ally), and repeat. The war enemy will then assume that the war against the player is going very badly. |
| Rationale | Not so easy to exploit, but occasion | ally leads to quick capitulation. |
| | Reducing the war success against a to avoid. | all earlier owners can be overkill, but this is difficult |
| | The war success counted for a conquered (or traded) city should be based on the importance of the city. Currently, every city counts as war_success_city_capturing — which should remain the base value, to be multiplied by some modifier — except the capital, which already has a modifier of 1.5 (was 2 in BBAI; I've reduced it). The function that records war success is CvUnit::setXY. | |
| 123e | Can no longer plunder gold from Barbarian cities | |
| Credits | Civ 4 Reimagined <u>1.2</u> | |
| See also | 033 prevents Privateers from plunde | ering vassal cities. |
| 123f | Fail gold only for great wonders and | at most once per wonder |
| Tbd. | Perhaps convert only 50% of the invested production into gold and the rest into city culture. That should be a separate change id though because it's a balance change rather than just blocking an exploit. For now, fail gold remains a valid tactic, and this gives wonders with very weak abilities (e.g. Chichen Itza) at least <i>some</i> use. | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| When a great wonder is completed in a city, that wonder is immediately removed from the production queues of all other cities, generating fail gold. | | After a message about a rival finishing a wonder, another turn passes before the game removes the wonder from production queues and generates fail gold. |
| Exception: Members of the team that has completed the wonder never receive fail gold. | | No such exception. |
| wonder but removed that wonder from the | | Fail gold is generating regardless of whether the wonder is queued. This allows <u>crafty players</u> to cash in multiple times per wonder. |
| World projects are treated just like wonders. Units and national wonders never produce fail gold. | | Units, national wonders, great wonders, world and team projects are all treated alike, meaning that fail gold can also be obtained from e.g. |

| | | Missignaries (see this CEC thread) |
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| | <u></u> | Missionaries (see this CFC thread). |
| Rationale | The Wealth process should be used for converting production into gold, and that's already a pretty efficient conversion. Award fail gold only when it has to be done, namely when a civ is beaten to a wonder by a rival. If there was no such compensation, wonders would become too unattractive and frustrating. (Civ 6 reportedly has that problem.) | |
| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| | | K-Mod uses excess production on additional units of the same type. Overflow can still occur I think, but only on units with a national limit. |
| | | As for buildings (no change): BtS 3.19 with the unofficial patch converts production into gold, but cancels out building-specific modifiers like Stone for Walls. |
| Rationale | A side-effect of disabling fail gold for units, and I don't think that overflow gold should be a worthwhile tactic. | |
| Config | MAXED_UNIT_GOLD_PERCENT in Glob | palDefines_advc.xml. |
| Tbd. | Once I remove the whip ability (hurry through population), it should be all but impossible to use the overflow rules for converting production into gold. | |
| | Need to choose research a.s.a.p. at the start of a game | |
| 123 g | Need to choose research a.s.a.p. at | the start of a game |
| Once the play research pop turn without a research bac with the popuplayer and that turn. After founding | yer has founded a city, a choose- up appears. If the player ends the addressing the popup or sets k to "no technology" after dealing up, the AI chooses a tech for the e popup appears again on the next g the first city, the choose-research | A choose-research popup appears one turn after founding the first city. If the player manages to avoid choosing a tech to research, then, during the first five turns, research is stored as overflow research; that research is spent once the player does select a tech and research modifiers are applied based on the selected tech. After five turns, the AI chooses for the player. Not choosing a tech for five turns can yield a little bit of extra research due to known-tech modifiers; see the description here on CFC. |
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| 124 | Restrictions on trade | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| in order to e the first city | establish a trade route, the owner of needs to explore the second city and | Plots owned by another civ don't need to be revealed. I.e. by revealing a path of road, river and coastal tiles up to any foreign tile connected |
| the roads/riv | vers/coast leading there. | to the foreign capital, trade routes are established |

| | | with all foreign cities connected (along owned tiles) to the foreign capital, including unrevealed cities. |
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| · | | Resource trades require a connection to the foreign capital. |
| | outes with cities in occupation, and no s with cities whose owners are in | |
| Rationale | side the other half, trade can be cond | ducted in the middle. Soren Johnson explained between Han China and Rome as example. |
| | rewards repeated exploration of rival | the other city has to be revealed because this territory, and the game tends to be more fun vities. Also makes Scouts more useful. Trade modeled as resource trade. |
| | The BtS rules are also inconsistent v secret; the trade routes listed on the | vith K-Mod's treatment of unrevealed cities as BtS city screen give the cities away. |
| | blockaded and plundered cities as w | for added plausibility. I've considered excluding ell, but such cities could still trade across land, i.e. d, in which case trade routes are already severed. |
| | BtS rule (trade with third parties only | rade unless there is an OB agreement? I think the blocked when at war) plays better and is arguably Hormuz remained open despite the 1995 sanc- |
| Tbd. | long-distance trade routes between I borderland trade hubs that would rea | ties are matched. The current algorithm creates arge cities, but these cities aren't usually the alistically profit from trade passing through. Boils should be represented from end to end or hop by |
| | ce trades, only one side needs to be ch the other. | Trade connections are always symmetrical, so this isn't an issue. |
| Rationale | | onnection to be able to trade resources right away for the other civ to e.g. also research Sailing. |
| | g rivers doesn't require any tech; back orked prior to BtS. | Trade along owned rivers works from the beginning, along unowned rivers only with |
| Trade along unowned coasts still requires Sailing. Help text says "Enables trade on Coasts outside own borders". | | Sailing. Sailing help text just says "enables trade on Rivers"/ "Coasts". |
| Rationale | Rationale Not sure why this change was made in BtS. The distinction between owned and unowned rivers is pedantic, and confuses players (people ask about this now and on CFC). Rivers now work just like roads when it comes to trade. | |
| Tbd. | Want rivers to speed up movement a | as in Alpha Centauri. Fishing could enable this. |
| another civ owned by t | willing to sign Open Borders with only once it has revealed a land tile hat civ, or if AI attitude is one level normal OB threshold, i.e. at Pleased in | OB based only on a personality-based attitude threshold. |

| most cases to gain." | . Otherwise: "We would have nothing | | |
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| Exception (added in AdvCiv 0.99): If all revealed tiles are located on continents where the AI civ doesn't have any cities, then the tile will only cause the AI to open its borders if a trade connection exists between the AI capital and the tile (through Sailing or Astronomy). | | | |
| unit adjacer enter and w the AI is will attitude thre tile and doe | ostly for mod-mods: If the AI has a not to a tile that the unit can't currently will be able to enter through OB, then ling to sign OB based on the normal eshold. (Even if the tile is not a land esn't have a trade connection. I don't an easily happen with the BtS/AdvCivits.) | | |
| normal OB | at attitude one level below the threshold when sharing a war but, if there is a revealed owned tile. | AI signs OB regardless of attitude when sharing a war. | |
| OB to a hur | tes OB with another AI (or proposes man) 10 turns (on average) after villing to agree to an OB proposal. | 20 turns | |
| Rationale | Don't want the AI to sign OB when it clearly won't benefit from the trade – at least not at Cautious attitude. | | |
| | Once the AI is willing to sign OB with 20 turns. | another AI, it shouldn't wait for another (up to) | |
| Credits | Got the idea for signing OB more quickly from Civ 4 Reimagined <u>1.3</u> . They even set it to 5 turns. | | |
| See also | 130r: Without the game speed adjustment to contact delays, this change would make Al-to-human Open Borders requests too tedious. | | |
| Tbd. | The condition for being able to immediately enter foreign borders with a unit is at best a kludge. Let's assume that some mod-mod has a Medieval Cog unit that can reach foreign lands across Ocean but (unlike Caravel) can't enter foreign borders without OB, and assume that Astronomy is still required for cross-ocean trade. Don't want the AI to be unwilling to sign OB when a Cog reaches another continent. The current AI code will only make the AI willing to sign OB when the Cog is right at the borders; as soon as it turns around, the offer will be off. I don't think it makes much sense to allow cross-ocean movement without allowing cross-ocean trade, so maybe I should just remove the kludge. It's also potentially expensive in terms of computing time. | | |
| | The AI makes it a high priority to build at least one naval explorer once it knows Sailing. The AI prioritizes exploration only until meeting all civs. | | |
| Tr Cr | | Unit AI types for Galley are only Transport and Attack. Before Caravels, only Work Boat and Trireme have the Explore AI type. (Though CvPlayerAI::AI_unitValue may have considered Galley as an exploration unit regardless of the types listed in XML.) | |
| Rationale | | ne AI needs to explore coasts more reliably. K Boats get picked off by Barbarians at some | |

| | point and Triremes come too late. | |
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| See also | 905a increases the speed of Galleys | ; this makes them more suitable as explorers. |
| plots are at that is not l | pass through hostile plots if these ffected by a naval blockade by a party nostile to the trading civ. In particular, civ itself could blockade the plots. | Trade can never pass through hostile plots and blockades can only prohibit trade. |
| The AI doe | s not use blockades to enable trade. | |
| | th a friendly unit can be worked despite being- isabled again. It's a bit more sensible but too o bother. | Blockade prevents tiles from being worked despite the presence of units protecting the tile. Those units will have to engage the blockading unit to make the tile workable. |
| Rationale | | vers important maritime trade connections es or with some third party. This should not ority. |
| | Would be too much work to get the A | I to use blockades this way. |
| | How do you operate, say, a winery in argue that wine remains available from enemy has had an opportunity to pilla Would be nice to have the option of building but I worry that resources we causing (human) trades to be cancel | plocking a resource for several turns without vould get disrupted too frequently for just one turn |
| | e network, if that structure is revealed | If the tile is owned by another civ, then not even the tile needs to be revealed in order to carry trade. Otherwise, it's sufficient if the tile is revealed, even if the tile is fogged and no structure existed the last time that it was visible. (Structures on unowned tiles are unusual though so this isn't really a problem in BtS.) |
| Rationale | Consistent with the (AdvCiv) rule that only be conducted with revealed cities | t trade only works along revealed tiles and cans. |
| See also | · · | lets the trade layer show trade connections on layer to give away structures hidden in the Fog of |
| | 001i fixes other issues with routes in | the fog of war. |
| a route. This means, a resource on an island within the workable radius of a (mainland) city doesn't require a fort in order to be connected. and water requires a river, city or fort. This means, an offshore resource that is worked be mainland city can (unless there is a river on the island) either be worked for its maximal yield. | | trade connections. A connection between land and water requires a river, city or fort. This means, an offshore resource that is worked by a mainland city can (unless there is a river on the island) either be worked for its maximal yield (no fort) or be connected to the trade network (fort) – |
| Rationale | awkward choice between connecting yields. It doesn't remove the confusion | g. this thread on CFC. My change removes the the resource and exploiting its improvement on in situations when a tile is owned by the player would connect to coast – see the notes below iv 0.95 to 0.96 about that. |

| | The different-landmass clause wasn't added until v0.96. At first (v0.95), I thought I wouldn't need to make this a special rule for islands. However, allowing all workable tiles to be connected to water through a route meant that no coastal city/ fort was required for a long-distance coastal trade connection in the early game and that a single route sufficed for connecting any coastal resource. In v0.96, there was the additional requirement of owning no cities on the resource's landmass. That seems like a needless complication to me now. | |
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| See also | 040: The AI transports Workers to wo | rkable tiles on other landmasses. |
| | Other mods have addressed this problem as well, Realism Invictus at least, though I don't remember how exactly. | |
| Naval trade | passing through a fort doesn't | Trade can pass through land tiles only through a |
| require a ro | oute on the fort. | route, river or city (has a route built in). |
| Rationale | Looks like an oversight that happened when forts were given their additional abilities by the BtS expansion. | |
| Credits | Bug report (toward the end of the post) with screenshot | |

| 125 | Culture from trade routes disabled | |
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| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| Trade routes generate only raw commerce. Trade routes only generate culture if the city tile already has some culture (more than 0 points) of the trade partner. (Decided to disable it entirely instead.) | | Trade routes generate foreign tile culture in addition to raw commerce. |
| Rationale | The only real upside of trade culture is flavor, and I don't think this justifies the added complexity. The confusing part is that trade culture could also be added to city culture (but it isn't). Tile culture from faraway trade partners may be a disadvantage in local border disputes; difficult to say. Unimportant culture in plot help text is another problem. Very small percentages aren shown, but this means plot culture sums up to just, say, 97% sometimes, which is confusing. (99% is OK – everyone's used to that.) | |
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| Another issue: The Nationality bar on the city screen can show only culfour different civs, and this can't be changed within the SDK. | | • |
| Config | USE_KMOD_TRADE_CULTURE in GlobalDefines_advc | |

| 126 | Changes to the later-era start option | |
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| See also | 138 changes the religion assignment when starting in a later era 307 makes Machine Gun ineligible as a free starting unit (because it can't stop Barbarians from pillaging). 314 allows tribal villages when starting in the Medieval era. | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| (except Furgrants free | free tech for each era after Ancient ture) to each difficulty setting that technology to the AI. These free only granted when starting in the era. | When starting in a later era, every civ receives at least all Ancient techs. Neither human nor Al receive free techs beyond those. |
| | ne human player receives additional on Chieftain and Settler. | |
| the new fre Mathematic | to Chieftain and Monarch to Immortal, se techs are cs, Machinery, Printing Press, er and Plastics. | |
| receive Ironworking | to those, AI Deity and human Settler g (only AI), Alphabet (only human), , Gunpowder, Steel and Refrigeration. | |
| AI, more ui later era: a beyond An | y settings that grant free units to the nits are granted when starting in a nother defensive unit for each era cient, another Worker for every 2 eras er Scout or Explorer for every 3 eras. | Every civ receives additional free units in later eras. Al civs also receive free units granted by the difficulty setting. All free units are chosen based on the start era, e.g. Riflemen as defensive units when starting in the Industrial era. |
| Rationale | Games starting in later eras tend to be much easier to win than normal games, surely in no small part, because the AI doesn't get a proper head start. No tech advantage, and the extra free units are relatively few compared with the total number of free units, which may even allow a human player to conquer a high-level AI right away. | |
| Config | The free tech is configured in Civ4Ha | andicapInfo.xml. |
| See also | 301 prevents Barbarians from using Copper and Horse until these resources are connected by some city. This used to be a problem with Classical starts – Barbarians would have Axemen and Horse Archers right away, whereas the (AI) civs needed some 50 turns to establish access to Copper or Horse. | |
| Tbd. | The free techs aren't carefully chosen. At some point, I want to change the era of some techs; can reconsider the freebies after that. | |
| | difficult to win; I've never even finishe | alance issues that make them too easy or too ed a test game starting in a later era. Would be Medieval starts playable; these aren't <i>that</i> different ferent enough to be refreshing. |
| | only fulfill a requirement of another all tech required by the first tech are | For example, in the Earth1000AD scenario, India starts with Paper but doesn't have any of its prerequisites. This does not prevent India from researching Education (enabled by Paper). |
| Rationale | I'm not sure why I've placed this change under this change id. It seems that I didn't document it at the time. Could be relevant for free techs granted in later eras but isn't currently relevant. Also not relevant for Archery as a free tech on Monarch difficulty in | |

| | the Ancient era because Archery is a "King" difficulty (250a), but that diffic | a dead-end. Used to be relevant for free Pottery on ulty setting no longer exists. |
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| The point and XP thresholds for Great People (GP) are not affected by the start era. | | When starting in Renaissance, the GP thresholds are decreased by 10%, by 20% for Industrial, 30% Modern and 40% Future. |
| Rationale | The initial GP threshold is much lower when starting in Renaissance (namely 100) than when a normal game reaches that era, and, with the two initial cities with two population each, free Forges and Mercantilism, civs can and will immediately breed Engineers. This is pretty strange, so I was going to increase the initial GP thresholds for Renaissance and later starts. However, when starting in Renaissance, it takes way too long to discover essential Renaissance techs like Astronomy, and easy access to Great People can mitigate this problem. Now I'm simply using the standard thresholds as a compromise. | |
| Config | Civ4EraInfos.xml | |
| See also | 005b skips early GP names when stone 008a makes minor changes to the w | |
| | The non-Ancient scenarios of the Danumber of GP have already been bo | awn of Civilization mod pretend that a certain rn. Git commit: <u>GitHub</u> |
| Free buildi | ngs per start era: | When starting in the Medieval era or later, all cities founded throughout the game receive some free buildings. |
| Medieval: Granary, Walls Renaissance: Market, Library Industrial: Aqueduct, Forge Modern: Courthouse, Grocer Future: Factory, Recycling Center | | Medieval: Granary, Lighthouse (if coastal) Renaissance: Aqueduct, Forge Industrial: Market, Harbor (if coastal) Modern: Library, Courthouse, Jail Future: Factory |
| Rationale | Want to keep it at two buildings added per era. Walls kind of spoil the fun, but Medirush tactics seem too potent in BtS. Free Walls in the Industrial era are immediately obsolete but still raise city defense. No more room then for the coastal buildings. I a don't like that these give a somewhat obscure extra incentive (an additional free building) for settling at the coast. Library instead of Forge in Renaissance should help jump-start research, especially through Great Scientists. Aqueduct should stick with Forge as it helps against the health penalty. | |
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| | I suspect Jail was added in the Mode when the later-era start option was in | ern era because espionage was the big novelty mplemented. |
| Config | Civ4BuildingInfos.xml; to disable MaxStartEra to ERA_RENAISSANCE. | e Walls (and Dunn) in the Industrial era, set their |
| Tbd. | Test this to see if the tech cost modif | fiers based on start era need to be adjusted. |
| Decreased the start turn for Medieval and Renaissance start a little. | | |
| Rationale | Should match the tech pace better (| or less badly). |
| Config | Civ4EraInfos.xml | |
| reduced wl | el thresholds (except "Fledgling") are hen starting in the Medieval era or | The start era does not affect culture level thresholds. |
| | xample, starting in the Modern era culture level thresholds. | There was an unused tag iCulture in Civ4EraInfos.xml that may have been intended as a multiplier for culture level thresholds. |

| The victory needed for | screen shows how much culture is victory. | Another unused iCulture tag, in Civ4GameSpeedInfos.xml, remains unused (but that one is arguably superseded by Civ4CultureLevelInfos.xml). The victory screen only says that "Legendary" culture is needed. |
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| Config | Civ4EraInfos.xml; I'm using the iC | ulture tag. |
| Rationale | To make Culture victory viable regardless of the start era. To this end, it would be enough to change the "Legendary" threshold, but might as well change the others too for a smooth progression. Don't change the first threshold ("Fledgling") unnecessarily though; players know that one by heart. Space victory arguably comes too early when starting in the Modern or Future era. This can't really be fixed; players arguably should disable Space victory. Looking at it this way, lowering the threshold for Culture victory may mean that players will also | |
| | want to disable Culture victory; inconvenient. That said, I don't want to base the culture level adjustment on the assumption that Space victory will be disabled. | |
| Tbd. | | threshold is enough to make a Modern-start d (Al Auto Play) any of the values so far. |
| See also | 251 adjusts the culture level threshol | ds to the game difficulty level. |

| 127 | Changes to Al Auto Play | |
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| Tbd. | Options One City Challenge and Always War should apply while in Auto Play. Lots of isOption(GAMEOPTION) & &isHuman() checks to be replaced with new functions like CvPlayer::isOneCityChallenge and CvPlayer::isAlwaysWar that check isHuman() isHumanDisabled(). | |
| | It would be nice if Al Auto Play could be interrupted more reliably. No clue how to go about that, | |
| | "Lock Modified Assets" seems to kee the main menu and starting a new g | ep Al Auto Play disabled even after returning to ame. |
| See also | devolution has added benchmarking | functionality to Al Auto Play. |
| | Some of the Debug mode tweaks (0 | 07) are also potentially helpful for all-AI games. |
| | CFC post describing the contortions that players have to go through in order to follow an all-Al game without mods. | |
| AdvCiv | | Al Auto Play mod |
| | uman-controlled) adopt the Al | Auto Play doesn't affect player handicaps; however, proxy AI civs do benefit from AI bonuses defined by the game handicap. |
| difficulty, th inflation, an The 90% co and the 809 handicap (E | e human civ normally incurs 100% | In the example, the proxy AI civ incurs 100% times 80% = 80% inflation. Both factors come from Emperor. |

| Rationale | For simulating all-AI games, proxy AI civs should play by the exact same rules as the normal AI civs. AI Auto Play could also be used for fast-forwarding a normal singleplayer game e.g. when a human victory looks inevitable. In this case, the human AI civ should play by the same rules as a normal human. That's not what the original AI Auto Play does (see example above), and implementing it like that actually looks difficult. For development purposes, it's far more useful to treat proxy AI civs like normal AI civs. | |
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| | 1 | to take the human AI civ out of the game (e.g. by g a "Battle Royale"-style AI tournament. |
| Tbd. | Should scenarios with unequal AI handicap settings (e.g. Earth1000AD) be exempt from this change? E.g. the default handicap of France is Chieftain. If a player plays as France, sets the game difficulty to Emperor and starts AI Auto Play, what should the A handicap be? Currently, it's the average of the other AI handicaps: Prince. I don't think the difficulty from the scenario is accessible from the DLL if the player configures a different one on the Custom Game screen. | |
| "Workers lea | | Proxy AI civs don't replace improvements and don't chop Forests if the respective options are set. |
| | opups (from the "minimize-popups" cilled when Auto Play starts. | Minimized popups can remain on the screen for some time. |
| Reminders (Play. | Alt+M) are not shown while in Auto | Reminder messages and popups scheduled before starting Auto Play appear during Auto Play. |
| Rationale | Probably just things jdog hadn't thou | ight of. |
| that precede i.e. normally | es the active player in the turn order, at the end of a Barbarian turn. That | Auto Play ends at the end of a proxy-Al turn. During the subsequent round of Al turns, the human civ is already treated as human. |
| during the A can't send d | numan civ is treated as an AI civ I turns. In particular, other AI civs iplo messages to the human civ, and an't be diplo popups when human mes. | If the human civ is not in slot 0, e.g. in a scenario, it is also already treated as human during the Al turns in lower slots. |
| Rationale | It's counterintuitive that e.g. running human turn but not the Al turns. | Auto Play for a single turn only skips over the |
| | to make decisions. Makes it imposs turns without any human influence. | problematic because they force the human player ible to simulate an all-Al game in chunks of e.g. 50 More generally, running Auto Play in multiple short results than a single long run; not good. |
| | are unusually frequent on the next to | opups anymore right after Auto Play ends, popups urn. This is because the last-contacted timers of Auto Play. Put differently: The AI has much to say if |
| | Auto Play on turn 0; for other difficul human civ the same initial freebies | rince difficulty, it should now suffice to activate ties, the WorldBuilder is needed for giving the as the AI civs. Could automate this (special ut it seems not quite worth the effort. |
| Config | A Python change (AIAutoPlay.py) | |
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| | The player can still be forced to make a proposal or vote on one right after Auto Play ends. | | |
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| | (Not sure if this still applies to the latest version of AdvCiv. Generally, I think there is no difference anymore between a single long Al Auto Play run and multiple short ones.) | | |
| See also | 044 creates autosaves also at the start of the active player's turn. | | |
| | de cache is updated when Al Auto Pla during Al Auto Play is loaded. | ay starts and ends and when an autosave that | |
| | Some of the "first impression" relatio and should apply during AI Auto Play | ns modifiers don't apply to humans (i.e. they do '). | |
| Disable the (| Ctrl+Shift+M shortcut. | That combination causes 1 turn of Al Auto Play, billed as "auto moves"/ "moving your units". | |
| | One turn of AI Auto Play is not the same as letting the AI move the human units – see the notes above about handicaps and the AI Auto Play lasting through the AI turns. It might still be kind of handy to have a shortcut for 1 turn of AI Auto Play, but it shouldn't involve the M key. Ctrl+Shift+1 collides with unit grouping shortcuts, Ctrl+Shift+F1 is taken by the GameFont display Anyway, considering that 1 turn is the default duration for Ctrl+Shift+X (a K-Mod change? I think it was 10 turns originally), I don't think a separate shortcut is needed, and it seems safer to always require another click for confirmation before starting AI Auto Play for any duration. | | |
| | Tor committation perore starting, and | to riay for any daration. | |
| See also | Also want to avoid confusion with the | e similar key combination for the <u>savemap</u> of Al Auto Play instead of saving the map would | |
| See also | Also want to avoid confusion with the function. Accidentally running 1 turn | e similar key combination for the <u>savemap</u> | |
| See also AdvCiv Renamed cv addMessage the wrapper (Some of the | Also want to avoid confusion with the function. Accidentally running 1 turn be bad. | e similar key combination for the savemap of AI Auto Play instead of saving the map would BtS/ K-Mod Apparently there is a function CvInterface:: addMessage in the EXE, which is responsible for displaying on-screen messages (immediately through the bForce parameter, otherwise, the message gets stored at a CvPlayer object). That function is exposed to the DLL through a class CvDLLInterfaceIFaceBase, and gets called in numerous places. The call locations don't check if the recipient of the message is human, which is wasteful and results in a minor memory leak. K-Mod fixes that through a wrapper function | |
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human player receives messages about the following major events regardless of whether the the player's civ. civs and cities mentioned in the messages are known to the player's civ: war/peace, Defensive Pact or Permanent Alliance signed, vassal agreement started/ended, city conquered/razed, capital relocated (though not a major event; cf. 106), city culture-flipped, city or colony liberated, wonder completed, Golden Age started/ended, religion founded, state religion changed, resolution of the Apostolic Palace or UN passed, Legendary culture reached, nuke launched/intercepted, meltdown.

When both in Al Auto Play and Debug mode, the Messages are displayed as if the player was in control, i.e. based on the information available to

can be located on the map once Auto Play ends location info were also removed. by clicking on them in the Event Log.

I think the original Auto Play mod delivered messages as if the human player was in control, including indicator bubbles on the map that weren't cleared until Auto Play ended. No The messages are shown in the usual colors and indicator bubbles in K-Mod (good), but colors and

| Rationale | Civics changes (except Free Religion) and random events aren't reported because they occur too frequently. |
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| | It would be nice if messages did not refer to the player's civ as "you" (e.g. "You declared war on Alexander!"), but it's too much work to change this. |
| | Sadly, one can't use the Event Log to jump to locations that aren't revealed to the active player. The EXE checks <code>isRevealed</code> with <code>bDebug=false</code> before moving the camera, without calling any DLL code beforehand. (CvDLLWidgetData:: doGotoTurnEvent isn't called either.) |
| See also | 104v shows messages about AI war plans when in Spectator mode. 007b requires Debug mode for some debug/ cheat key combinations. This should allow players to keep cheats ("chipotle") permanently enabled without using them by accident. 106 added the notification about meltdowns for players other than the city owner. |
| Tbd. | Also show messages about diplo resolutions that don't pass? Known issue: CvRandomEventInterface.py calls CvInterface::addMessage directly, which means that the code in CvDLLInterfaceIFaceBase::addMessage for suppressing info messages during Auto Play has no effect on messages generated by random events. Would have to expose the DLL's addMessage function to Python to fix this, but that's a bit laborious because of all the non-primitive call parameters. |

| ENABLE_AUTGlobalDefi | Auto Play in multiplayer by setting OPLAY_MULTIPLAYER to 1 in nes_devel.xml. All players become nd de-automated at once. | Multiplayer is supposed to be supported in the final version (2.0, which is, as far as I can tell, the version included in K-Mod): "AlAutoPlay is now multiplayer compatible []: it will apply to all players, not just the one who activates it." (source) |
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| | | This final addition probably wasn't tested much; due to what looks like a bug, only one player gets automated at a time, and only one can be returned to human control. |
| implemented in multiplaye | cheat mode check wasn't I correctly. Cheats weren't disabled r when a singleplayer game was ehand. Now fixed. | Moreover, K-Mod 1.30 made this change: "Autoplay and change player functionality is now only available in cheat mode." However, cheat mode ("chipotle") isn't recognized in multiplayer games. |
| See also | 135c allows Debug mode and World | Builder in multiplayer. |
| Tbd. | Modified Assets" option because Al A Noble. However, if it's disabled throu remain disabled after exiting to the r | singleplayer mode when playing with the "Lock Auto Play can work as a cheat in difficulties below ugh BugEventManager.py, Al Auto Play will main menu and creating a new game without to disable it somehow in the Al Auto Play |
| | Known issue: Interrupting Al Auto Pl on one machine. | ay through Ctrl+Shift+X stops Al Auto Play only |
| Start and en | d of Auto Play are recorded in replay | S. |
| See also | Relevant mostly for <u>R&F</u> | |
| | not updated during Auto Play and sages are displayed right after Auto | Al civs don't have attached Civ4lerts, but when a human civ comes under Al control during Auto Play, its Civ4lerts keep getting updated. When Auto Play ends, alerts are displayed based on the differences between the current game state and that on the last turn under Al control. |
| Rationale | The updates during Auto Play are a waste of CPU time. And the game state after Auto Play ends can be completely different from the game state before Auto Play started; alerts shouldn't try to communicate that difference. | |
| See also | 106c prevents alerts from being shown right after loading a savegame. | |
| Tbd. | The cleaner (and faster) approach w being notified of game events when | every onEvent function in the two Civ4lert scripts. would be to unsubscribe the Civ4lert objects from Auto Play starts and to re-register them when esign pattern.) My Python skills aren't quite up to |
| | (The alerts added by <u>210</u> are disable AdvCiv4lerts class.) | ed during Auto Play in a clean manner through the |

When the active player is defeated during AI Auto When the checkPlayer method recognizes that Play, the (non-human, non-Barbarian) player with the active player has been defeated, it creates a the next highest id becomes the active player. Al Settler unit for that player at coordinates (0,0) in Auto Play continues uninterrupted. (If this order to prevent the game from ending. A popup procedure fails somehow, checkPlayer in for selecting a different player is launched and gets displayed at the start of the (defeated) active AIAutoPlay.py is used as a fallback.) player's turn. Not sure if that had been working correctly in K-Mod. If it fails, the active may end of with a Lion unit; I guess that happens through BtS code. I think AI Auto Play is mostly used for testing and for watching all-AI games. In those Rationale cases, it doesn't really matter which player is the active (human) player, but interrupting Al Auto Play can be annoying when it runs unobserved. It's also difficult to ensure that the original procedure works smoothly. See also A bugfix in CvPlayer::acquireCity (listed under 001) causes players to be defeated as soon as they lose their last city – rather than delaying defeat until the start of the next game turn. This makes it more difficult to get checkPlayer to work correctly and without failed assertions.

127b Store location info (iFlashX, iFlashY) for most announcements

When the player clicks on an announcement in the Event Log, the camera will normally focus on in a particular tile don't get associated with any a tile that has something to do with the respective tile on the map. Clicking on such an event:

Anarchy, Golden Age begun/ ended, project completed, civic/ religion change, circumnavigation: Jump to the capital of the affected civ.

DoW, war trade alert: Jump to the capital of the civ that started the war (unless it's the active player) or has become willing to start a war.

Peace made, PA, DP, vassal agreement signed/ broken: Jump to the capital of the civ that has initiated the treaty/ cancelation. (One might as well jump to the other capital; this is pretty arbitrary.)

Colony liberated: Jump to the location of the new capital.

Diplo vote: Jump to the location of the vote source (AP or UN); when a resolution passes. also show an indicator bubble on the map.

Announcements about events that don't happen announcement in the Event Log has no effect.

Apart from the click-to-jump behavior, announcements with an associated tile will highlight that tile with a flashing dot on the minimap (no change in AdvCiv).

Rationale

No harm in allowing these camera jumps via the Event Log. (The flashing dot doesn't amount to a distraction.) Mostly helpful for following Auto Play games, in order to jump back and forth on the map as wars are declared, ended etc.

Indicator bubble for passed resolutions: "This is the city you need to conquer in order to stop such resolutions in the future."

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Changes to the ChangePlayer component

| Credits | The ChangePlayer mod is originally by jdog5000. I'm not aware of a standalone version. Looks like karadoc merged it into K-Mod; not sure from where exactly – perhaps from the Revolution mod. | |
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| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| | the ChangePlayer shortcuts when entered. | The shortcuts Ctrl+Shift+P (change the active player's civ or leader) and Ctrl+Shift+L (take control of another player) are always enabled. |
| Rationale | No cheat code should mean no deb | ug/ cheat/ god mode tools. |
| Tbd. | Would be better to let a BUG config Civ4ControlInfos.xml handle the | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
| Disable the (Ctrl+Shift+L | "update graphics" shortcut J). | Not sure what graphics are updated exactly. I don't see any difference. Also, the key combination doesn't work when cheats are enabled because the unit debug menu blocks all combinations that involve Ctrl+U. |
| Rationale | Since ChangePlayer now requires the cheat code for everything, a different shortcut would have to be used. Ctrl+Shift+G is available. However, it seems that the automatic graphics updates after changing a civ or leader are sufficient. When there is no visible effect (except for a harmless failed assertion from change 210), the shortcur will only cause confusion. | |
| flag for ever graphics. (Prior to v0.97, | that temporarily sets a Barbarian unit y plot in order to update the flag I had instead added a bGraphicsOnly vPlayer::setCurrentEra that caused the | After a civ change, flag graphics are updated by temporarily changing the active player's era. During the era change, Al Auto Play is enabled in order to suppress the new-era popup. |
| Ī. | Irn after setDirty(Flag_DIRTY_BIT,).) | |
| Rationale | The new hack seems less intrusive. separately from the civilization. | Also allows the flag graphic to be changed |
| See also | Brief discussion about updating flag | graphics in the Realism Invictus thread |
| No option to | change a player's team. | The Ctrl+Shift+P popup allows teams to be reassigned. However, the reassignment is ignored by the code that processes the popup and therefore has no effect. |
| Rationale | I'm not interested in that feature, so I'm not going to fix it. | |
| | Al attitude cache for both civ after uman control. | No update of the AI attitude cache. |
| Rationale | Some of the first-impression modifiers don't apply to human players, so the cache needs to be updated. | |
| See also | 127 updates the AI attitude cache at the start and end of AI Auto Play. | |
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| 128 | Al cheats less obviously with visibility | |
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An AI unit can't target units on invisible tiles unless those units are within a randomized subrange of the search range around the AI unit. Units in visible tiles (e.g. visible by a different Al unit) can be targeted within the whole search

The Unit AI treats all tiles within a unit's search range as visible.

Rationale

range; no change.

This (well known) AI cheat becomes very obvious when AI ships pursue human Privateers or intercept human cargo. (The search range is a multiple of the number of movement points, and ships have lots of movement points.)

Can't just exclude all invisible tiles because this would leave the AI completely unable to pursue units. I also doubt that AI patrols could search for enemy cargo ships effectively.

With my change, the AI sometimes finds targets on invisible tiles, and sometimes doesn't. This looks similar enough to human guessing and deduction, which also isn't always successful.

When checking for possible enemy attacks (plot danger functions), the AI treats enemies in tiles that are not currently visible as if they were visible with a probability of 50%. This is implemented through a hash value salted with the game turn number, meaning that the outcome doesn't change if the plot danger functions are called several times for the same tile on the same turn.

Plot danger is usually only checked within a 2-tile range, so most of the tiles are visible, but this isn't enforced.

When plot danger is checked for human units (e.g. to wake up a threatened Worker), only visible threats are considered (no cheating).

E.g. if a human Worker builds a road on neutral territory, an approaching Wolf or Panther will cause the game to interrupt the Worker, even if the animal is still 2 tiles away and out of sight.

| Rationale | Same as above. |
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| | 001k fixes a bug in the plot danger functions. 001i prevents the plot danger functions from taking into account roads in the fog of war. |

When checking if human units are in danger, the Same treatment for human and AI: To decide pathfinder is used for greater accuracy. This mostly (only?) applies to Workers getting interrupted. Danger from more than 3 tiles away is ignored.

whether an enemy unit (on the same landmass) is a threat, the air distance is compared with the movement points. If the unit is standing on a road or railroad, its movement points are treated as 1 greater. Terrain and whether the route connects to the target isn't checked, so false positives can easily occur.

During the first two eras, the AI also uses the pathfinder but only when the potential threat is a human unit.

Will not notice possible attacks by units with terrain movement bonuses (e.g. Woodsman II promotion).

| Credits | Leoreth brought up the issue of false positives <u>here</u> on CFC. |
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| | See the link above. I'd like to use the pathfinder always, but, at longer distances, this could give away information about fogged or unrevealed tiles along the way, and the plot danger functions are called very frequently by AI code. In profiler runs, using the pathfinder for the AI (when the air distance is 3 or less) added something like 5% to the total runtime, which is clearly not worth it. The pinpoint change to address early attacks by human Woodsman units on AI Workers isn't going to affect performance. |

| Tbd. | Perhaps increase the 3-tile limit to 4. | |
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| information of | | Always ignores the fog of war when checking for enemy interceptors. |
| Rationale | At least for the paradrop mission, playing fully by the rules would seem too easy for human players to take advantage of. The AI could also look bad with Airships against a sparse human Fighter force. Cheating always, on the other hand, can be noticed. (Though I think few players if any have ever noticed. So I wouldn't really mind simply reverting this change if it turns out to hurt the AI significantly.) | |
| See also | Based on code written for <u>004c</u> (enemy interception chance in help text). | |

| 129 | Changes to resource, feature and river placement during map generation | |
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| See also | 021b prevents Fur from being placed on hills and allows Banana, Sugar and Ivory or Plains Jungle. tsl makes some changes to the Fractal landmass generator. 108 makes changes to starting site normalization 191 changes how random civs and leaders are chosen | |
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| of eligible til placed abur maps with lo resources o | copies of resources that have a lot les, and thus would normally be ndantly. E.g. a bit less seafood on lots of coastline, and sparser liverall on Huge maps (but still far all than on Large maps). | The number of copies of a given resource is proportional to the number of tiles where the resource could be placed. |
| Rationale | Make unusual maps a little less unu | sual and more playable. |
| Config | SUBLINEAR_BONUS_QUANTITIES in (| GlobalDefines_advc |
| The map generator avoids placing several resources of a kind adjacent to each other, in particular when placing a cluster of resources on a 3x3 square. | | It seems that a cluster can theoretically fill an entire 3x3 square. The number of copies to be placed on the map in total puts a cap on this, but not on large maps. |
| Added a separate resource class for Gold, Silver Nothing to ensure that clusters are placed and Gems. Clusters of these resources are now kept at least 4 tiles apart. Can still overlap within a city's radius, but not in a way that would allow the city to work every resource. | | |
| Can certain Gems withir | ly still get more than 1 Gold/ Silver/ n a city's radius, but 3 or more are | The map generator can produce large clusters of precious metals/stones that make for very powerful (starting) city plots. 5 such resources aren't that uncommon. |
| Rationale | Starting plots with more than one Gems or Gold tend to be overpowered. Could also be fixed when assigning starting plots or during normalization; however, the cluster placement algorithm also scaled badly with map size, so it needed work anyway. | |
| See also | 108 never removes bad terrain or features from precious resources when normalizing starting locations. Also weakens starting locations overall, and increases the value counted for commerce a bit when evaluating starting locations. | |
| | e probability of Gold, Silver, Gem and es getting placed in a group. | Those resources sometimes, randomly, get placed individually, sometimes in groups. |

| Rationale | Minor balance tweak. Arguably not really needed for Silver, but exploitable silver deposits don't seem to cluster that much on Earth, so groups of three or more look strange to me. | | | | | |
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| | For Ivory, the issue is that large clusters aren't really useful and look a bit strange. (That said, War Elephants mustn't become to widespread either.) | | | | | |
| Relaxed the | latitude restriction for Crab. | Crab can only occur at latitude above 40°. | | | | |
| Decreased t | he overall frequency of Fish a little. | Fish tends to be the most common resouce. | | | | |
| Rationale | · · | han Clam. A latitude restriction for Crab isn't the world. That said, keeping the range of Crab arguably good for gameplay. | | | | |
| | Decreased Fish frequency to compe (potentially), it also has too much im | nsate for the Crab change. As an Ocean resource pact on city placement. | | | | |
| Tbd. | historically, mainly fish from the Nort | ge of Fish. That would be realistic insofar that, h Atlantic was used as a (long.distance) trade was a major food source for the Norte Chico | | | | |
| | Livestock resources can only be placed at a latitude of at least 9°; Sheep: 25°. No lower bound for Horse and Cow. Pig had required at least 10°, Sheep 30°. | | | | | |
| Rationale | To account for the tsetse fly. That only affects Africa, but there also aren't a lot of large farm animals in equatorial Brazil, Malaysia and Indonesia (though there probably are some regions there with plenty of water buffalo or pigs). 9 or 10° makes a difference on Standard-size maps (at least on Fractal). 9° only excludes livestock from 4 map rows, 10° from 6 map rows. | | | | | |
| | Sheep are commonly kept in southe strict. | rn Iran and northern India, so 30° is a bit too | | | | |
| Tbd. | Equatorial "jungle" (rainforest) is still | far more productive than it should be. | | | | |
| Horses can l above) to 68 | be placed at a latitude of 9° (see | 0-90° | | | | |
| Rationale | | ne world's "nothernmost Equine veterinarian". I llso aren't kept farther north than that. | | | | |
| | The restriction won't matter much as | there isn't much Tundra beyond 68° latitude. | | | | |
| Reduced the little bit. | unique range of Horse and Oil a | There have to be at least 6 tiles in between two Horse resources and 7 in between two Oil resources. | | | | |
| Rationale | Understandable for gameplay reasons, but quite unrealistic. Now a little less so. The steppe belts of the Earth are vast grazing grounds for horses. | | | | | |
| Tbd. | I have some plans for making (native) access to Oil less crucial. Eventually, Oil should actually form clusters. | | | | | |

Map scripts try to place at least 0.78 Silver 1 Gold per player and 0.67 Silver. resources per player, and only 0.78 Gold resources. Gold can appear on Snow, Desert and Gold only on Desert and unforested Plains, and unforested Plains, river possible, whereas Silver Silver on Snow and unforested Tundra. Both can can appear on forested Grassland and on Tundra appear next to rivers. regardless of Forest, but not along rivers. Adjusted AI tech value so that Bronze Working is prioritized when starting next to a Silver Forest. Rationale Gold was arguably more rare throughout most of history. More importantly, Gold is very powerful, and fewer occurrences should improve the game balance a bit. That said, Grassland Silver Hill is nearly as powerful as Desert or Snow Gold Hill. Therefore I haven't made Silver more abundant than Gold; don't want to make it too much more important than in BtS. Allow Silver to appear on forested Grassland to make it more common. Also, restricting Silver to extreme latitudes is, as far as I can tell, completely unrealistic; should really appear on just the same tiles as Gold. The intention was probably to make Gold and Silver more distinct. I'm trying to keep them distinct but make the distinction more historically informed. The most famous gold rushes happened in the Australian desert, Alaska and maybe "on the banks of Sacramento," as a shanty says. Silver can't be or isn't commonly panned from rivers. The densely forested Central European mountain ranges have seen silver rushes in the Early Modern era (Berggeschrey). Grassland Forest also fits with Colorado and British Columbia. Indeed, silver mining might be more reliant on charcoal for refinement than gold mining. Ancient Egyptian gold deposits and silver in Attica and Baetica also fit. Gems can only appear on Jungle Grassland (though the Jungle can get cleared near a starting plot); thus distinct from Silver. Credits Inspired by Civ 4 Reimagined 1.2, which also makes Silver more common than Gold. See also The BASE mod also allows (my translation) "Gold in cold areas and Silver in warm areas" – though I didn't get the idea from there. rom3 enforces terrain restrictions also when Mines make random discoveries. As Mines remove Forest and Jungle, feature requirements are not enforced. When placing a cluster of resources, the The targets are processed in clockwise order, probability of placing an additional resource and each one gets the same probability (25 or decreases exponentially with each resource 50%, depending on the resource) until the upper already placed. The potential target plots are limit is reached. processed in a randomized order. Make large clusters less likely, especially on maps that have large areas of uniform Rationale terrain because such areas are especially likely to receive large resource clusters (e.g. Ivory in a large area of Plains). When the same placement priority is set for two BtS relies on the order of the XML file (mostly types of resources in XML, decide randomly alphabetic) in these cases. That results in a bias which type to place on the map first. for certain resources near starting locations and causes Sugar (one of the last resources in the Similarly, during starting site normalization, go file) never to be placed on extremely crowded through the resource types in a random order maps. when looking for a suitable food or extra resource.

| See also | Prompted by this CFC thread about certain resources never appearing on very crowded maps. | | | |
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| Rationale | Having a great variety of starting locations (or rather – among balanced and historically plausible starting locations) is pretty important, so arbitrary biases should really be avoided. | | | |
| | With my changes, some resource ty maps, but it won't always be the sar | pe may still be omitted on extremely crowded ne type. | | |
| See also | advc.enum: The FOR_EACH_ENUM_RAND macro makes it pretty painless to randomize the order in which alternatives are considered. During normalization, 108 also avoids placing resource types that already exist around the city. | | | |
| | rating river sources, ties in the order considers tiles are broken randomly | For rivers sources, certain tiles are prioritized, especially hills and peaks, but e.g. among all hill and peak tiles, those with the lowest map index are tried first. | | |
| Rationale | Should increase the variety among of | generated maps a little. | | |
| When deciding where to place a river segment, all four tiles (or rather: their terrain types) at whose corner the segment will arrive are given equal weight. Rivers tend to flow away from peaks and his and toward flat land and water. The terrain tile at whose southeastern corner a segment arrive is given much higher weight than the surrounding tiles. This gives one riverbank weight than the other and sometimes gives terrain orthogonally adjacent to the river se more weight and, at other times, the terrain diagonally ahead of the segment. | | | | |
| Rationale | Probably just laziness on the part of the Firaxis developer; obviously both sides of a river should be treated equally, and the terrain next to and ahead of the river should always matter, or at least it shouldn't make a difference whether the segment goes west-to-east or south-to-north etc. | | | |
| Increased th | ne attraction of rivers to water tiles a k | pit. | | |
| Rationale | Should result in somewhat shorter rifrequently for my taste. | ivers overall. BtS generates very long rivers too | | |
| Fur, Gold, Silver and Gems can appear on multiple landmasses. Fur, Gold, Silver, Gems, Banana, Corn, Co Deer, Pig, Rice, Sheep, Wheat, Dye, Incen Ivory, Silk, Spices, Sugar and Wine (19 out resources) get placed only on one continer | | | | |
| Rationale | The single-continent restriction doesn't match the distribution of those resources on Earth at all. As for encouraging trade, Fur isn't really a concern because it often appears in groups. The precious minerals at least sometimes appear in groups and their terrain restriction also tend to cluster them a bit. | | | |
| Tbd. | For Spice, Wine, Incense and Dye, the single-continent restriction is also dubious, and they also appear mostly in clusters. (The restriction is defensible though by arguing that e.g. Spice represents only black pepper and other spices of southern Asia; that Wine refers only to Old World vines; Incense only to frankincense; and Dye only to indigo.) Perhaps just remove the restriction for Wine, Incense and Dye; that would still leave more than 1/3 of the resources overall unique to one continent. | | | |

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| | bArea in Civ4BonusInfos.xml | | | | |
| Added a limit for the number of resources of one type to be placed on a landmass: Can only place up to | | restriction, as many resources are placed as there are valid locations. Resources that can't be | | | |
| 2 + ((numbe | r of tiles on the landmass) / 25). | placed on the target landmass aren't placed at all. | | | |
| Excess resources are placed elsewhere; that can include small islands. | | The target landmass is chosen randomly with a bias for large landmasses. K-Mod has added a clause that rules out small islands entirely. | | | |
| Rationale | Mainly so that single-landmass resor Spice Islands hadn't been possible v | urces can also appear on small islands. E.g. the vith the BtS/K-Mod rule. | | | |
| only suppose into account | | Only based on total landmass size and the number of single-landmass resource types have already been assigned to each landmass. | | | |
| Rationale | e Especially Banana was sometimes placed quite densely on landmasses with very little Jungle. Can still happen though. | | | | |
| Decrease the variance in the number of Banana and Fish resources placed. | | The number of resources placed is based in part on player count (fully predictable), in part on the number of tiles eligible for receiving the resource (somewhat unpredictable). Further variance is explicitly added through the RandApp (random appearance) XML elements. | | | |
| Rationale | 1 | especially high number can look bad. I think s isn't very interesting either. Similarly, neither cularly well. | | | |
| 129b | No flood plains on river bends | | | | |
| orthogonally are only diag | appear only on Desert tiles that are adjacent to a river. Desert tiles that gonally adjacent to a river still get 1 om the river but no Flood Plains | Also on river bends and tiles diagonally adjacent to a river mouth. | | | |
| Oasis can appear diagonally adjacent to a river (but is nomore common there than on non-river tiles). | | Oases can't be adjacent to rivers. | | | |
| This change also <u>Perfectl</u> | affects all standard map scripts and Mongoose. | | | | |

| Rationale | Cities with too many Flood Plains don't play well, and, in reality, not every flat desert soil becomes fertile when irrigated. This could be addressed by reducing the appearance probability of the Flood Plains feature from 100% to, say, 67%. I like the river-side rule better because, graphically, Flood Plains on river bends can be difficult to see and bending rivers are the ones that produce the highest number of Flood Plains within a city radius in BtS. I've thought about an exception to allow Flood Plains diagonally adjacent to river mouths as the flood plain is usually widest at the mouth: | | | | | |
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| | | pict a river delta; should use distributaries instead. diagonal to the river mouth leaves room for a city t the river mouth. | | | | |
| | always useless, and because oases (e.g. Faiyum, Merv/ Murghab, Tarim) | Added an XML tag to allow Oases on river corners so that Desert river corners aren't always useless, and because oases near desert rivers seem pretty common in reality (e.g. Faiyum, Merv/ Murghab, Tarim). Left the tag unused after realizing that a 3-commerce Oasis can be quite powerful at a starting location, especially with the | | | | |
| Config | Civ4FeatureInfos.xml, PerfectMo | ongoose.py | | | | |
| Tbd. | Shorten the Flood Plains texture so that it doesn't get so close to the tile corners. Currently, Deserts on river corners look (almost?) the same as in BtS, so it's easy to forget that corner tiles no longer receive Flood Plains. The 1 commerce on river corners is pretty pointless. Could give the Desert terrain +1 food next to river through XML (RiverYieldChanges). That would only apply when refeature is present, and a hill would eliminate the 1 food, so it wouldn't stack with anything. However, there aren't always adjacent Flood Plains, and, without those, the graphics look completely dry. Such dry stretches do exist in reality as well, e.g. along the Nile cataphracts separating ancient Egypt and Nubia. At least for scenarios, barren desert river needs to be possible. Perhaps I should revert the change to the map generator, i.e. again place Flood Plains on river corners, but grant only +1 food there. This would require a new XML tag though, say, "RiverSideYieldChanges". | | | | | |
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| | Would be nice if the Fractal map generator would sometimes create distributaries at a river mouth. I think, currently, this can happen but is very rare. | | | | | |
| Config | Civ4TerrainInfos.xml | | | | | |
| AdvCiv/ BtS | | Unofficial Patch | | | | |
| Founding a city on a Flood Plains causes the Flood Plains to be removed forever (just as any other terrain feature). If the city is razed, an empty Desert tile remains. | | Founding a city still removes all features, but, when a city is razed, a Flood Plains is placed in the city tile if a Flood Plains can be placed there. Comment by jdog in CvCity.cpp: "replace floodplains after city is removed" | | | | |
| Config | Can enable the code from the Unoffi | icial Patch through GlobalDefines_advc.xml. | | | | |
| Rationale | Don't want to encourage players to raze cities that were founded on Flood Plains just so that the Flood Plains can be worked. Tedious micromanagement. In scenarios, the Unofficial Patch may "re"place Flood Plains where none have ever existed. And players may get the impression that Flood Plains aren't removed in the first place and get confused about why founding on a Flood Plains doesn't yield extra food in the city tile. | | | | | |
| | The disappearance of a Flood Plains also isn't necessarily more implausible than disappearance of other terrain features: The citizens may well have engineered the river or degraded the soil so that it's no longer arable. | | | | | |

| 129c | Climate/ terrain adjustments (for all standard map scripts) | | | | |
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| See also | 021a allows Jungle to appear on Plains | | | | |
| Config | All changes below can be disabled by setting bEarthlike to False at the start of CvMapGeneratorUtil.py. They're automatically disabled when playing with a map script that overrides any essential method of the standard terrain generator. From among the official and bundled scripts, the following are not affected by the AdvCiv changes: Rainforest, Highlands, Earth2, Donut, Boreal, Arboria, Fantasy, Great_Plains, Hub, Oasis, Ring, Wheel, Ice_Age, RandomScriptMap, Team_Battleground. | | | | |
| | , , , | o a new climate type, but it wouldn't have been do. Also, my changes are more subtle than those | | | |
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| equator (unle fGrassLati default value | | The Python TerrainGenerator ("the only primary method for generating terrain types" according to a comment in CvMapGeneratorUtil.py) reserves the +/-10 latitude region around the equator for Grassland. Map scripts can set a different latitude | | | |
| | eased the frequency of Plains overall sed the grain value, meaning that | interval (not sure if any do). | | | |
| Plains tend to clump together a bit more than in BtS. Deserts have an (explicit) tendency to appear | | Since Deserts don't appear near the equator and tiles near the equator are 100% Grassland, Deserts appear more commonly next to Plains | | | |
| next to plain | S. | than one would assume based purely on the overall terrain frequencies. | | | |
| Rationale | Plains seem like a slightly more realistic representation of soils with jungle or rainforest cover than Grassland. Such soils are usually not well suited for food production. As for game balance, I don't think it's a fundamental change: Grassland is generally a bit better than Plains, but 100% Grassland can easily result in too little production. The change also makes maps more varied. | | | | |
| | Additional Plains near the equator imply fewer Plains elsewhere. Since there walready a lack of anything resembling the Earth's steppe belts, I've increased the Plains frequency. | | | | |
| See also | Experience with the PM script (<u>021b</u>) suggests that steppe and desert belts of realistic proportions disadvantage nearby starting locations too much – unless more sophisticated code is written for the selection of starting locations. | | | | |
| Increased the frequency of hills a tiny bit. | | | | | |
| Rationale | Don't want to change the balance to more realistic. | o much, but more non-arable land would feel | | | |
| 129d | No unreachable resources | | | | |

| 129d | No unreachable resources | |
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| on an impassable tile (Peak) are counted as unworkable, meaning that they have 0 yield and no resources can be placed there. | | All water tiles that aren't within a city radius around any land tile are considered as unworkable, have 0 yield and can't receive resources (well map scripts can ignore this). Doesn't check whether a city could actually be founded on the land tile. | | | |
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| Rationale | Just makes players regretful to see unworkable resources. Could've removed them after map generation, but it turns out that it's actually easier to prevent them from being placed. | | | | |
| | On a related note: Unworkable tiles having 0 yields means that players can the yields of an Ocean tile whether there is land nearby. If an Ocean tile is withere has to be an adjacent Coast tile. I'm not sure if such a Coast is always via graphical bleed anyway, or if the yield display actually leaks information. The be easy to fix. | | | | |
| Tbd. | Not covered: Water tiles workable by a city - but fully enclosed by Ice and thus not reachable for Work Boats. Such tiles shouldn't receive resources, but that's not so easy to prevent. | | | | |
| See also | Brief exchange about unworkable seafood on CFC (toward the end of the post): link | | | | |

| 130 | Changes to AI diplo modifiers (<u>DDiplo</u>) | | | |
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| See also | 112: vassal agreements (especially voluntary ones, whereas 130v and 130d focus on capitulated vassals) 141: No diplo effect from gifted GP 553: "Shared discoveries" relations modifier | | | |
| Config | Some XML values defined in Civ4LeaderHeadInfos.xml get modified in the DLL. See comments in Alexander's section of the XML file. | | | |
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| 130a | Sustained peace | | | |
| civ is met. T decrease fr | Years of peace" only start to count when an AI years of peace are counted from the beginning of the game. The turns needed per relations bonus the game. The relations bonus is one for every 60 turns (and at most 2). He game (normally AD 1700) and then stay at 30. | | | |
| Rationale | Being ignorant of each other's existence shouldn't "strengthen relations," and civs that have just met shouldn't have strengthened relations. That said, don't want to make it too difficult for civs that start isolated to find partners on other continents. The decreasing threshold should also help keeping "years of peace" relevant after war in the late game – when the game may end in 100 turns, it's almost irrelevant whether relations are going to improve 60 turns from now. | | | |
| See also | 130k adjusts this counter to the game speed setting. | | | |
| 130b | Personality-based modifiers | | | |

| weight between -2.7 and 1.8, warmonger respect between 0 and 1.5 and their rounded sum between -3 and 3. To this sum, a modifier from handicap is added (see 148) and a base modifier (e.g. Gandhi +2, Tokugawa -1; no change). | | Diplo modifier from peace weight between -6 and +4, warmonger respect between 0 and 2. (The peace weight of an AI leader is apparently a measure of that leader's love of peace. It's partly randomized at game start. Leaders with similar peace weight like each other, and leaders with dissimilar peace weight dislike each other. Warmonger respect says whether a leader is considered to be a warmonger, and warmongers like each other.) | | | |
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| Rationale | I think these modifiers are intended to prevent warlike leaders from fighting inconclusive wars among each other while the peaceable leaders get ahead economically. Fair enough, but it's overdosed, sometimes leading to practically inseparable bonds between peaceful civs. The excessive modifiers make diplomacy overall too predictable from the beginning. | | | | |
| Tbd. | When there is a large majority of either warlike or peaceable AI leaders in a game, the small minority doesn't stand much of a chance. Can easily happen when AI leaders are chosen at random. It's less of a problem with the change above, but I'm still considering to adjust the hidden modifiers based on which leaders are in the game. Could adjust the modifiers versus all AI leaders that are too popular or too unpopular overall. Don't want every game to have perfectly balanced diplo though | | | | |
| | Another problem: Don't want the modifier to give away info about the leaders that the player hasn't yet met. If only met civs are taken into account, the first impression modifier may change upon meeting a civ. But "a first impression is a lasting one" suggests that the modifier doesn't ever change. | | | | |
| | Could I bias the random leader selection instead? | | | | |
| | Perhaps gradually lower the first impression modifiers throughout the second half the game: brief CFC discussion">brief CFC discussion | | | | |
| See also | Explanation of Civ 6's "first impression of you" modifier (only conjectures as the source code isn't released): CFC post | | | | |

| 130c | Rank-based modifiers | | | | |
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| | es civs that are ranked higher on the I but not those ranked far higher. | Civs on the bottom dislike those on top; the greater the rank difference, the greater the hate. The second doesn't dislike the first, but the last does. | | | |
| No rank-based modifiers in the first game era. | | Modifiers change a lot in the Ancient era because ranks change a lot. | | | |
| The AI assumes that civs not yet encountered are ranked on the very bottom (or top) of the leaderboard; i.e. these civs don't affect relations. | | The AI magically knows the ranks of unknown civs. Humans can sometimes use inter-AI diplo values to deduce the ranks of unknown civs. | | | |
| ranked 7th at the start of the Classical era, and gradually climbs to rank 1 over the course of the | | +1 until the player reaches rank 3, then 0, and -1 when the player takes rank 1. I suspect that the initial +1 is due to a bug and should be +2 until the player reaches rank 6. | | | |

| all his rivals during the Ancient era. Peter's modifier toward the player then starts at | | | | | | |
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| +1, changes to 0 when the player reaches rank | | | | | | |
| | en Peter is overtaken, -2 when the | | | | | |
| | hes rank 3, -1 again at rank 2, and 0 | | | | | |
| | er takes rank 1; see the <u>table</u> below. | | | | | |
| D. 1' | | | | | | |
| Rationale | | ne AI to gang up on the leader of the field was oesn't work: Civs that are far behind can't do ey just hurt themselves by sulking. | | | | |
| | It's not necessarily wise for civs in the is just one way to improve, war anot | ne lower half to stick together either. Cooperation her. | | | | |
| Tbd. | Should be based on score ratio inste | ead of rank difference. | | | | |
| certain lead based pena | lers still grant a relations bonus to civs | r have +1 relations with each other. However, s ranked beneath them (no change), and rank- ower half. They're only slightly reduced though so | | | | |
| Rationale | It's not necessarily wise for civs in the lower half to stick together either. Cooperation is just one way to improve, war another. That being said, there mustn't be high penalties for civs that are themselves struggling to keep up. | | | | | |
| Tbd. | Perhaps peaceful leaders should gra Inthegrave <u>here</u>). Though not in the | ant the bonus after all (as proposed by CFC user Ancient era. | | | | |
| likes civs th | Willem dislikes civs that are ahead of him and likes civs that are behind him, just like all the other leaders. Willem is the only leader that dislikes civs that are behind him, and likes those that are ahead other leaders. | | | | | |
| Rationale | Probably a mix-up by the BtS develo | ppers. | | | | |
| No diplo bonus from rank when the low-ranked civ is already at stage 3 or 4 of a victory strategy. Conversely, AI civs at stage 3 or 4 of a victory strategy only assign a diplo penalty to civs at victory stage 4. | | | | | | |
| Rationale | In the endgame, score and rank bec doing. | ome unreliable measures of how well a civ is | | | | |

| Rank player vs. Peter | 7-4 | 6-4 | 5-4 | 4-5 | 3-5 | 2-5 | 1-5 |
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| Modifier AdvCiv | +1 | +1 | 0 | -1 | -2 | -1 | 0 |
| Modifier BtS intended(?) | +2 | +1 | +1 | +1 | 0 | -1 | -1 |
| Modifier BtS bugged(?) | +1 | +1 | +1 | +1 | 0 | 0 | -1 |

Example 130c

| 130d | A master can't be its own vassal's worst enemy, and capitulated vassals can't be anyone's worst enemy. Can't ask civs in a vassal-master relationship to stop trading with each other. If a vassal has either a forced (by the master) or unforced attitude of Cautious or better toward a rival, then that rival can't be the vassal's worst enemy. | |
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| Rationale | Most of the consequences of worst-enmity don't apply to the master anyway, in particular, the vassal will always trade with the master. That means, a vassal with its master as worst enemy effectively has no worst enemy at all. Perhaps OK, but certainly don't want a vassal to promote trade embargoes against its master. | |
| | <u>UWAI</u> ignores relations with capitulated vassals; to be consistent with this, capitulated vassals should not be worst enemies. Capitulated civs are already marginalized; their enemies should be content with this. | |
| 130e | Worst enemy updated upon relations change | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| | ne relations value of an AI civ at civ's worst enemy is immediately | Worst enemy is only updated at the end of an AI team's turn, i.e. never during a human turn. Attitude is updated immediately though, so, e.g. after making peace with a human civ, if the AI attitude changes from Annoyed to Pleased, the AI will still consider the human its worst enemy for the rest of the human turn. |
| Rationale | Attitude and worst enmity should be | consistent during human turns. |

| 130f | Trade embargo changes | |
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| See also | 130m: Al requests an embargo when at war and too Annoyed to ask for military aid. 001: Bugfix in the computation of the price charged for an embargo. 001e fixes a bug that causes the Al to make a stop-trading demand against a civ that has just stopped being its worst enemy. 1040 uses the Al embargo trade value as a lower bound for the Al war trade value. | |
| Tbd. | Would be nice to let the Foreign Advisor show the time-to-cancel for deals between other civs. Would have to happen in CvGameTextMgr::getDealString. | |
| | other civs. Would have to happen in CvGameTextMgr::getDealString. A dozen Al leaders have stricter attitude thresholds for embargoes than for sponsored war (Alexander, Brennus, Hammurabi, Mansa Musa, Mehmed, Peter, Roosevelt, Saladin, Suleiman, Suryavarman, Wang Kon, Zara Yaqob; maybe more when THEM_REFUSE_ATTITUDE is counted as well). E.g. when Mansa Musa is Pleased or Cautious, he can be persuaded to begin a war but says "We don't like you enough" when it comes to embargoes. He likes to trade, and I guess war is seen as a trade in this context (hired for war) and embargo as sth. that severs trade; but of course an embargo is also a kind of trade and a hired war also severs trade These leaders should perhaps be willing to stop trading when willing to go to war, but only for a high price. An alert (see 210) about Al willingness to stop trading would be helpful. | |
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| • | vassal and peace treaties, a trade ncels all deals, including those ned. | Embargo doesn't affect deals with a positive number of turns left to cancel. |
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| receiving re to the target | es to stop trading if it is currently parations from or paying reparations : "Not right now Maybe we'll mind in a few years." | |
| Rationale | players can't see which inter-Al deal | n't canceled, especially between AI civs because is are recent. This contributes to embargoes being to undercut AI embargo requests by renewing |
| Tbd. | Or rather treat reparations as in BtS | ? |
| trading with proposed th i.e. the targe there is no c | e embargo is affected by it as well, et won't talk to the instigator, though liplo penalty for having "stopped us", only the penalty for negotiating a | Except for the diplo penalty (negotiated a trade tembargo), the embargo does not affect the civ that proposes it. |
| capitulated vidisrupt the ticapitulated via sking for correceives a different correceives a different correceives and correct | A master can always tell its vassals to stop trading; this does not rades of the master. Moreover, the vassal agrees to the embargo without ompensation. The master still liplo penalty from the embargo target gotiated a trade embargo"). | The vassal asks for compensation. |
| civ capitulat | itulated vassal breaks free or when a es, all stopped-trading memory of nat civ is deleted. | If e.g. a master asks its vassal to stop trading with a rival, the rival continues to not talk to the vassal even if the vassal breaks away. |
| Rationale | Trading with a civ after negotiating a | n embargo seems implausibly hypocritical. |
| | The precondition for proposing an embargo (having no current deals with the target) in needed because, otherwise, embargo proposals could be employed to terminate uncancelable trades at will. This would be problematic in the case of per-turn war reparations. | |
| | with the mainland was a common pr | ted vassals: Colonies being allowed to trade only actice in mercantilism. I'm keeping the diplo s to routinely enact embargoes after accepting ous. |
| Tbd. | Should embargoes affect all players on the team that agrees to stop trading? Currently, due to CvPlayer::isTradingWithTeam, embargoes only affect all team members on the target side. | |

| signed deals resolution fro civ that prop deals with th canceled. The commitment | s, and such deals don't prevent the om being proposed. Exception: The oses the resolution mustn't have the target that are too recent to be ne other Al civs try to honor their s by voting against the resolution if eals with the target that couldn't | Recently signed deals don't prevent resolutions, but resolutions also don't cancel such deals. |
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| Rationale | | m gifting 1 gold per turn to an AI in order to block and to prevent human players from proposing a arations. |
| See also | Consistent with <u>kekm.25</u> : war resoluciv mustn't have a peace treaty. | tions overrule peace treaties, but the proposing |
| of a peace to account of a enemy and t | reaty, the AI doesn't refuse on tititude. Attitude (toward the war toward the target of the embargo) still the trade value that the AI assigns to | Normally refuses: "We don't like you enough" or "we couldn't betray our close friends". |
| Rationale | enemies of the winning side, and the | n a war to stop trading e.g. with remaining war losing side should be open to this. Similarly, the asked to change its religion as part of a peace |
| See also | Similar issue with war trades as part Similar rationale for <u>132</u> (change civ | |
| Tbd. | | rious and at war with the target or when the target ing war. <u>039</u> might have to be adjusted. |
| greater trade Exception: to civ that asks | to stop trading, the AI assigns evalue to OB while at war. Tade value not increased when the for the embargo is at war with at the contacted civ is at war with. | OB doubles the trade value of the embargo, regardless of war. |
| Rationale | | r. Canceled OB can prevent the AI from reaching lem when the civ who's asking is a war ally. |
| Tbd. | implement. But the AI should genera | nent while at war would be too much work to Ily be very reluctant (possibly refuse) to sever OB g war. The latter part is problematic because it |
| reduced by 2 | charged by the AI for an embargo is 25% if Pleased toward the (human) for the embargo, by 50% if Friendly. | No impact of attitude toward the civ that pays; only the attitude toward the embargo target matters. |
| Rationale | stricter), and both attitude values sho | ted overall (now that the preconditions are buld matter. At Annoyed attitude, the AI refuses o point in a cost increase when attitude is low. |

| on average. | lk duration after embargo is 18 turns The trade value charged by the AI is to this expected duration (apart from). | |
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| | to stop trading with our worst membered for 50 turns on average. | 100 turns |
| Rationale | | macy is now more dynamic overall. And can let the onable cost now that the duration is shorter. |
| See also | 130r makes the embargo target forget that the player stopped trading after 60 turns on average. (The BtS AI never forgets this.) | |
| Tbd. | Should perhaps use the same AI memory decay rate for "You agreed to stop trading" as for "You stopped trading." Not sure if 50 or 60 would be the better expected duration though. | |
| Config | Civ4LeaderHead.xml; will have to cthough. | change the values for each of the 52 leaders |
| turns (no cha | | argo is normally remembered for an average 60 ninst a war enemy is forgotten twice as fast by that |
| | | war parties is reduced to 1, meaning that turns after the war ends (on average). |
| Rationale | players don't want third parties to tra | d to help reconciliation after a war. Of course ade with their war enemies – this shouldn't upset ing upset with a third party that agrees to the |
| also doesn't value toward | vs don't ask for embargoes. The Al ask for an embargo if the relations I the human is the same as toward emy or only one higher. | Typically, if the AI is Furious toward a player, then that player is him-/herself the worst enemy. When the AI is Furious toward multiple teams, and the player is not the worst enemy, then the attitude toward the human doesn't prevent embargo requests. |
| Rationale | Not trading with other enemies of the And shouldn't keep digging when re | e AI is expected too much when already Furious. lations are already at rock bottom. |
| | The relations-value clause should pr | revent worst-enemy oscillation. |
| proposes an threshold (i.e attitude thres reduced by 1 Al leader stil | ude toward the (human) player that embargo is strictly greater than the e. Friendly in most cases), the shold for the embargo target is L. However, except for Tokugawa, an I won't agree to stop trading with a r she is Pleased with. | The most common attitude thresholds require that the AI is at least Pleased with the human player and Annoyed or worse with the target of the embargo (else: "we couldn't betray our close friends"). Some AI leaders require Friendly or only Cautious attitude toward the human and are willing to stop trading at Cautious attitude toward the target. Only Tokugawa is willing to stop trading despite being Pleased with the target. |
| Rationale | | rd the target are a bit strict – when Annoyed, there ay. This change also makes Friendly relations a bit |

| trading if this | of attitude, the AI refuses to stop s means canceling Open Borders erous civ: "We're afraid of their at." | Military power isn't taken into account. | |
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| Rationale | Should make it harder to abuse the | Al as a meat shield. | |
| Power ratio i charges for a | s factored into the cost that the Al an embargo. | Only the game turn, number of cities, attitude values and current deals matter. | |
| Rationale | Even if a civ is not an immediate threat, an embargo makes a war at a later time more likely. Don't want humans to set a peaceful AI that is getting ahead in tech on a collision course with a militarily more powerful civ through an embargo; or at least not so easily. | | |
| The number | of civs in the game factors into the e | mbargo trade value. | |
| Rationale | An embargo is more consequential v | when there are few civs to trade with. | |
| Tbd. | Just counting the civs alive is a bit si IllWill::preEvaluate for a start. | mplistic. Could copy code from | |
| 130g | Relations penalty for rejected demar | nd lifted during war | |
| turns, and it' about tribute | civ has been at war for at least 10 s a war the Al civ started, it forgets demands rejected before the war. | Rebuked demands are remembered for 150 turns on average regardless of war. | |
| civ signs a v that its dema | out demands is also erased when a assal agreement. The vassal forgets ands were rejected (but other civs emember demands that the vassal | | |
| Rationale | To make reconciliation after war eas common with UWAI.) | ier. (Also, tribute demands are perhaps more | |
| | | has been avenged through war. (If the war was y, had been wrong to make demands.) | |
| | Erasing the rebuke memory directly upon declaring war could obscure the fact that the rebuke contributed to the DoW; the rebuke wouldn't be visible anymore on the Foreign Advisor screen. Hence the 10 turn delay. | | |
| 130h | War-on-friend penalties | | |
| See also | ee also 130y deals with reduced declared-war-on-us penalties from vassals | | |
| civs ignore tl | When assigning war-on-friend penalties, master civ is attacked, the aggressor gets a diplo penalty for declaring war on the their master and the master's other vassals. | | |
| | Bringing in a war ally does not lead to a penalty rom vassals of the target (no change). penalty for attacking the vassals. Similarly, the vassals of the target (no change). penalty for attacking the vassals. Similarly, the vassals resent the attack on their master, and each vassal may resent the attack on the other vassals (of the same master). | | |
| | No war-on-friend penalty from anyone for attacking a capitulated vassal. Can get a penalty both for the master and its capitulated vassal. | | |
| Rationale | The "You declared war on us!" penal normal relations with a vassal after h | lty suffices. Should make it a bit easier to have nelping it break free. | |
| War on capitulated vassal: Relations toward a capitulated vassal should basically never matter; see change $\underline{130v}$. | | | |

| No penalty if the AI civ has war-on-friend memory about the attacked civ and the attacked civ has recently attacked a liked civ (i.e. the liked civ has war plan "attacked" or "attacked recent"). | | |
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| Rationale | If the AI is unhappy about a civ under attack, it shouldn't be unhappy about a third civ attacking the aggressor (even if the AI still likes the aggressor). | |
| Tbd. | Not nice that this depends on information that the player can't see (Al war plan type). The following should help a little (but still): | |
| Vassals are upset about nukes dropped on their master only if the vassal's true attitude is Pleased or greater. | | |
| Rationale | As above, to decrease war-related d | iplo penalties from enemy vassals. |
| lists all AI civs that are going to disapprove (if any). Triggered Defensive Pacts are also listed. head would look good") or Alt+Click on the scoreboard, the "Does this mean war" popup appears. When attempting to enter closed borders, the "Entering will trigger war" popup appears along with "You can peacefully enter | | borders, the "Entering will trigger war" popup appears along with "You can peacefully enter if you sign an Open Borders Treaty" if OB trading is |
| Rationale | The list could be especially helpful in team games because the penalty is based on team-toward-team attitude and I'm not sure that these attitude values are shown anywhere on the UI. | |
| Tbd. | Perhaps something similar could be done with the raze-city popup when the city is a holy one. Nukes also. | |

| 130i | Diplo modifier from Open Borders (OB) | |
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| Each turn that an AI civ has OB with another civ, the OB counter of the AI is incremented twice, each time with the same probability (cf. 130k). This probability is based on the AI civ's profit from trade routes with the other civ and the (spatial) closeness value (cf. 107) between the two civs. | | The counter just counts the number of turns that the two civ have had OB. |
| Rationale | It had been too easy to please the AI, and, consequently, there wasn't enough warfare overall. See for example this game report of mine played with v0.87, prior to change 130i. In particular, civs that never had much to do with each other were often unwilling to go to war when they came in closer contact through Galleons or conquest. | |
| See also | 149 has the same aim. | |
| when borders are no longer open. | | OB memory never decreases. When borders are closed, the relations bonus is suspended until they are open again. |
| The OB memory has an upper limit of 60. | | The relations bonus is +1 for every 25 turns. Although the bonus is capped at 2, the OB memory keeps increasing after 50 turns with OB. |

| Rationale | | ory and counters decay (130r, 130k). Regarding ve lasted for, say, 250 turns would never decay to nus. |
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| 130j | Friendly AI more resentful about bad actions, Annoyed AI happier about good actions Changed scale of AI memory | |
| Tbd. | The scale factor of 2 is currently hardcoded in several places and a higher factor (3) is used for declarations of war (DoW). Should either directly store the effect on relations in the memory counters (e.g. decrease the DoW counter by 300 when war is declared on the AI) or set a single scale factor in GlobalDefines. The latter approach would have the advantage that any changes that a player makes to the AttitudePercent values in XML would affect ongoing games and that there would be no danger of overflow. A scale factor of 10 should suffice, and then it would take e.g. 3000 nukes to cause an EnumMap <short, memorytypes=""> to overflow.</short,> | |
| corresponding Furious, 3 if it action pleases Annoyed or w This results e | on displeases the AI, it adds 1 together the AI, it adds 1 together the AI, it adds 1 together the AI, it adds 1 if already Friendly, 3 if the AI, it adds 1 if already Friendly, 3 if the AI, it adds 1 if already Friendly, 3 if the AI, it adds 1 if already Friendly, 3 if the AI, it adds 1 if already Friendly, 3 if the AI, it adds 1 if already Friendly, 3 if the AI, it adds 1 if the AI, it adds 1 together AI, it adds 1 if already Friendly, 3 if AI, it adds 1 | The AI stores separate memory about each civ and for each type of action, e.g. DoW or an accepted tribute request. When a diplo action occurs, the respective memory is increased by 1. The current AI attitude has no impact on this. (Although the AI e.g. doesn't make tribute demands at Pleased.) |
| (Disabled the increased by | attitude-based logic again.) Memory is 2 in all cases. | |
| 100% faster types, and th action is halv Since each a | decay than in BtS for all memory ne impact of each remembered wed. | The decay speed depends on the memory type and leader personality. E.g. Alexander remembers accepted tribute for 50 turns on average. That said, he could also forget about it within just 5 turns or still remember it after 115 |
| completely for | ue of 2, it's unlikely for an action to be orgotten after a few turns, or to be I fully for a long time. | turns (both ca. 10% probability). |
| completely for remembered "You razed o | ue of 2, it's unlikely for an action to be orgotten after a few turns, or to be If fully for a long time. Our cities/ a holy city" and "You nuked erently; see 130q. (But not "You | |
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Counters relevant for diplo increase and decrease probabilistically by either 0, 1 or 2 per turn.

When the condition for increasing a counter is not met, the counter is decreased by 1.7%.

For every civ, the AI keeps track of the number of turns spent in various relationships with that civ: war/peace, shared/opposed religion, shared civics, resource trade, defensive pact, OB, shared war. E.g. the defensive pact counter is increased by 1 on every turn that the two civs have a defensive pact, and decreased by 1 otherwise.

Rationale

While memory decay (130j) is too unpredictable in BtS, the counters are too predictable. E.g. the "years of peace" bonus kicks in after exactly 60 turns. Exponential decay should make diplo bonuses from counters less sticky.

The probability of increasing or decreasing a counter is adjusted to the game speed setting. While an AI civ is in the Ancient era, the probability is divided by the Growth modifier (e.g. 150% on Epic speed); after the Classical era, the divisor is the Golden Age modifier (e.g. 125% on Epic speed); and, *in* the Classical era, it's the mean of Growth and Golden Age modifier (e.g. 137% on Epic).

No game speed adjustment.

Rationale

On slower speed, more trades and wars tend to happen throughout the game than on faster speed, but the difference is not that great, so the Golden Age modifier seems like a good compromise. The early game is special because early wars are rare, so the peace and Open Borders counters usually increase monotonously until the Iron Age or so, and at that point, the relations bonuses often make AI leaders unwilling to attack each other on Epic and Marathon speed. Hence the extra slow increase during the first game era.

See also

1001

130r factors game speed into memory decay.

| 1301 | Accepting an Al request reduces me | mory about a past rebuke and vice versa |
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| (disabled by default since v0.85) | | |
| civ, memory the same ty denied requ granted req adds 2 occu | diplo request is approved by another about previously denied requests of the is reduced by 1. Likewise, a liest reduces memory about previously uests. Since each request normally urrences to memory (see 130j), 1 does not always have a visible | |
| change: hel civics, join v types do no | ng request types are affected by this lp, tribute, change religion, change war, stop trading. Requests of differing a fact each other; e.g. granting a not erase memory about denied | |

| Rationale | Another means to turn bad relations around, and vice versa. Fairly low-key, I think. Multiple AI requests in a row don't happen often, and only 1 memory is subtracted. |
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| | After some testing, I find that I never pay attention to this, and the other mechanisms for more dynamic relations seem sufficient. Disabled in order to make the mod a little less complex. |
| Config | Can enable this change again through ENABLE_130L in GlobalDefines_advc.xml. |

| 130m | Shared-war diplo bonus based on w | ar success |
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| AdvCiv | ' | BtS |
| change), mo had losses in need of assishad losses of enemy (both complicated; CvPlayerAI capped base Moreover, thunless the te | see AI_getShareWarAttitude in .cpp. The total relations bonus is ed on leader personality (no change). The bonus can't go higher than 2 eams have shared a war for at least 8 er 8 turns are required for every | The AI counts the turns spent together at war (shared-war counter), and for every 8 turns, increases relations by 1 up to a limit that depends on the AI leader. This counter never decreases, meaning that the relations bonus remains for the entire game. It is only suspended while the former war allies are at war with each other. The shared-war counter also matters for Permanent Alliances. The AI only agrees to those after at least 40 turns of shared war. |
| remembered but decay by still lasts). Th shared war is current war b war. | d losses) in the shared war are I by the AI beyond the end of the war 1.5% per turn (even while the war ne relations bonus for a remembered is reduced if the AI needs help in a but the former ally hasn't joined the war counter decays by 0.1 per turn | |
| |) when no war is being shared. | |
| Rationale | Patch 3.13 but didn't get patched, ar deliberate. That said, a permanent restaying at war. My change should en (somewhat) good faith in order to ge | reported as a potential bug for the Unofficial and I agree that the BtS behavior is probably elations bonus is clearly too big a reward for just usure that you need to fight alongside the AI in t a relations bonus. |
| | works pretty intuitively. | • |
| | | Shared wars can bring a master and its capitulated vassals closer together. |
| No defensive | e pact bonus for capitulated vassals. | All vassal agreements are treated as defensive pacts when it comes to relations bonuses. |
| Rationale | | war by their masters. They should generally be red war experience can make up for this |

Al less likely to ask for military aid if the war is still recent: same frequency overall. If Annoved toward the player, the AI asks for an embargo instead of joint war. Past wars by the human don't matter.

Al civs on whom a human civ has declared war in the past don't ask that human civ for military aid. but the current attitude isn't an obstacle.

the player recently made peace with.

Also less inclined to ask for war against a civ that Can't ask if there's peace treaty, i.e. for 10 turns; beyond that, recent peace doesn't matter.

Rationale

A joint war is asked too much from a civ that the AI considers to be an adversary. (Or they could ask, but they shouldn't be mad when denied.) Embargo requests should generally be more common when the AI is at war.

If the player has recently been at war with the target, then, apparently, the player is unwilling or unable to defeat the target. Also don't want the AI to drag players into the same war repeatedly.

is extra effective at increasing the shared-war memory. Of course, these units need to be hostile to the tile owner. Losing a unit in such a fight counts as much as defeating a hostile unit.

Fighting against units inside another civ's borders War success has no impact on the shared-war diplo, no matter where it occurs.

Barbarians count as hostile in this context, i.e. it's possible to get a "mutual military struggle" bonus without even sharing a war, just by fighting Barbarians inside the other civ's borders. Fighting Barbarians elsewhere doesn't help though, and the bonus won't exceed +1 unless there is or was previously a shared war.

Units with hidden identity (i.e. Privateers) also count (but not if the Privateer belongs to the plot owner).

Rationale

If someone engages enemy units in the Al's territory, that someone is really being helpful, and not just competing for loot; the AI should appreciate that. Regarding Barbarians, I sometimes find that my, say, scouting Chariot could help an AI civ against Barbarian invaders, but BtS gives me no incentive to do so. The change should make these situations more interesting.

The relations breakdown says "Our mutual military struggle has brought us closer together" when not currently sharing a war.

Always present tense.

Rationale

'Our struggle brings us closer" sounds a bit strange when not currently struggling together. Might also help get across that the relations bonus is bigger while at war.

If UWAI is enabled, the AI does not ask the player to join a war when it thinks that this would be disastrous for the player. This is checked by letting the proxy AI (see 130u) compute the player's war utility. The AI may ask for an embargo instead.

The human position is not considered by the AI.

Rationale

Would prefer to let the player decide whether a joint war is a bad idea, but the player shouldn't be punished with a diplo penalty (help refused) for not being stupid.

| 130n | Religions that the AI has only recentl | y encountered cause a lower diplo penalty |
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| that don't kno Once they do (from explora | nalty for different religion from AI civs ow a single city with that religion. o encounter the religion in a city ation, map trade or because the ads), it takes 8 turns for the diplo witch on. | The diplo penalty applies almost fully (up to -3) upon meeting a civ with a different state religion. After 5 turns, it gets 1 worse. |
| Rationale | meet their rivals. In BtS, everyone te | civs to catch up through tech trade once they nds to be Annoyed toward the newcomer. Should early game, but won't delay it for long. |
| | Also doesn't make sense to me that he/she first hears about it. | a civ leader instantly hates a religion when |
| Tbd. | I've had a better idea for this: The pe | enalty should be based on the ratio |
| | min{ known population with the offen known population with the AI religion | |
| | time-based progression (variable Re. | t but not tolerated. Can then remove the clunky ligionKnownSince). Will need a cache for the end of each turn before updating the attitude |
| 130 o | Changes to made-demand memory | |
| See also | 130v prevents vassals from acceding 144: refusal of gift request. | g to tribute demands from rivals. |
| (primary Doloremembers I AI civ and all set their rece to 8, which (o won't consid | W; not through DP), and that AI cive having paid tribute to the player, the II non-vassal AI civs that it has met ent-demand memory about the player due to change 130j means that they er any requests for help or demands the player for (on average, on | Accepting tribute results in a 10-turn peace treaty. After that, there is no particular penalty for declaring war despite tribute. |
| | war confirmation popup warns the er about recent-demand memory | |
| player does granted tribu demand", an on average. | ies a demand for tribute, the human not receive a diplo penalty. Only ite results in "You made an arrogant of this memory decays after 30 turns I.e. the only negative consequence demand is that the recent-demand reases. | "You made an arrogant demand" regardless of whether tribute was granted; never goes away. |
| Accepting tri | bute still results in a peace treaty. | |
| | civ declares war (primary DoW) or al agreement, it sets all its arrogant- mory to 0. | |

| Rationale | The BtS mechanism incentivizes players to demand tribute from civs about 10 turns before attacking them anyway. Not at all how tribute should intuitively work, not how it works when the AI asks tribute from a human player, and not an interesting decision. | |
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| | Could go about improving this in many ways. My approach is supposed to be low-key and low-effort. I've removed the penalty for failed demands because players need to be able to tell if a civ has actually paid; if it hasn't, it's OK to attack. Moreover, a penalty for a failed demand encourages reloading. | |
| | Not sure if the penalty (no requests for 80 turns) is painful, but at least it makes it impossible to routinely receive tribute before going to war. | |
| | Not ideal that the safety period is tied to memory decay, and thus randomized. | |
| | Wouldn't make sense to apply this change to AI civs that declare war after receiving tribute from humans; AI civs never request or demand anything from each other, so increasing AI-to-AI recent-demand memory would have no effect. | |
| | An earlier implementation kept the "arrogant demand" penalty for unsuccessful tribute demands, and added a new type of diplo memory ("exacted tribute") to distinguish the two outcomes. | |
| Config | The 80 turns are customizable in GlobalDefines_advc.xml. | |
| Tbd. | Arrogant demand should be remembered for a non-randomized period of time. Also, 30 turns is too long; try 25. | |
| | Would be nice to show info/ a reminder about this change on the diplo screen, before or after the player makes a demand; however, the text with which the AI responds to a demand is also used for vassal tribute (which doesn't cause "arrogant demand" memory) and "We demand that you give us this in tribute" mustn't take up more than one line because it's always shown while the player arranges trades. Could show a message I guess (outside the diplo screen) | |
| | Would like rejected gift requests to add only 1 to recent-demand memory; lower stakes that way. Would have to move code from CvPlayer::handleDiploEvent into CvPlayerAI::AI_considerOffer for this. | |
| See also | 130h also adds warnings to the DoW confirmation dialog. | |
| on average, | mbers granted tribute demands for, 30 turns/ 150 turns 30 turns. Rebuked demands are for 120 turns. | |
| Rationale | To match the arrogant demand memory. And the rebuke memory decay was just too slow generally in my opinion. | |
| Config | Implemented by reducing the BtS values read from XML to 60% in the DLL. Because I didn't want to change the values for every single leader in XML. | |
| | as upset as most other Al leaders ons) when he pays tribute. Gandhi is the only leader who doesn't mind tribute demands. | |
| Rationale | Otherwise, the new mechanism couldn't apply to Gandhi, which would be strange: why do the other AI civs not care when Gandhi is attacked after paying tribute? Gandhi has still enough other quirks; he may well be the leader with the most extreme personality overall. | |

When the AI disregards a request for a gift or a Each request adds fully to the recent-request tribute demand because it still remembers a memory, meaning that, if the AI still remembers recent request or demand (both based on recent-one recent request when a new request is made, demand memory), recent-demand memory is it takes 40 turns on average until another reguest only increased by one, meaning it'll take half as is considered. long as in BtS until the next request/ demand is Also, each tribute demand (regardless of considered. success) further worsens relations, up to a Making requests and demands can't increase the maximum of 10 demands. I.e. one can worsen recent-demand memory beyond 2. relations almost arbitrarily within a single turn. Thanks to change 130j, there's now a lighter punishment available for aggressive Rationale begging, 40 turns is awfully long. If UWAI is enabled: The AI remembers for 10 turns on average (plus Only remembers "You gave us tribute" (for 50 the duration of the peace treaty) whether a turns on average) but not whether the tribute was human has recently accepted a demand. granted recently. While the peace treaty from the demand lasts. The BtS AI never plans war during a peace treaty, but the K-Mod AI does; and the K-Mod AI the AI doesn't plan war against the human. After the peace treaty, so long as the demand is is able to declare war shortly after the peace remembered as recent, the AI treats the human treaty ends. as if its attitude was at least Pleased (as far as war planning is concerned). Since humans are now encouraged not to attack shortly after receiving tribute, it Rationale seems like a double standard when the AI does it.

| 130p | Fair-trade bonus and enemy trade penalty reworked | |
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| Rationale | Hopefully, in the end, the bonuses work as one would intuitively expect. The details have gotten pretty complicated (and especially complicated to describe). | |
| AdvCiv | BtS | |
| Each time a trade is made, a score based on the normalized gold value of the traded items and the current asset totals of both parties is recorded. The accumulated score decays by 1.45% each curn (Normal speed). The relations modifier computed from the remembered score is subject to diminishing returns, meaning that more trading is needed in order to get from e.g. +3 "fair and forthright" trade to +4 than from 0 to +1. The modifier is increased a bit if the two civs have only recently first met. | | |
| See also | 131 makes some minor adjustments to asset totals. | |
| Rationale | The BtS formula works OK for Normal speed in the first third of the game but becomes too sensitive later in the game (because trade values increase faster than the has-met counter), and on slower game speed settings. It also produces weird results for civs met in the middle of the game; a small gift can be enough for a +4 bonus or -4 penalty, and modifiers can decrease rapidly as the has-met counter increases. | |
| | I'm taking a more explicit approach by recording normalized trade scores and applying | |

exponential decay each turn (instead of implicit decay through increasing trade values and has-met counters). Asset totals seem well suited for computing trade scores because they tend to increase at a similar pace. Despite the decay, trade scores still tend to be higher between civs that have known each other for a long time than between civs that have recently met. It does, therefore, make sense to take into account the has-met counter, but the effect is now much smaller than in BtS. Thd. Make this more sensitive when tech trading isn't allowed. The fair-trade relations modifier is multiplied by Not based on personality at all, neither through a MemoryAttitudePercent-EVENT GOOD TO US in multiplier, nor through bounds. (The bounds are Civ4LeaderHead.xml, which, however, is 100 for hardcoded as -4 for enemy trade and +4 for fair trade; this is still the case in AdvCiv.) all leaders, so this matters only if a mod-mod changes some MemoryAttitude values. For enemy trade, MemoryAttitudePercent-EVENT BAD TO US is used instead. This is also 100 for all leaders. The fair-trade modifier is based on the difference 100% of what the other side received is between the recorded values of items that the Al subtracted, i.e. a human who makes only deals has received in trade minus 5/6 of the recorded with the AI that the AI finds perfectly fair never values of items that the other side has received. receives a "fair and forthright" relations bonus. Rationale It's clear enough that "fair and forthright" is supposed to be a bit of a euphemism, but trades that are actually fair should still have some impact. This should also make it a bit easier for AI civs to reach mutually Friendly relations (despite change 148, AI-AI friendships are a bit scarce). Open Borders (OB) with a worst enemy OB and DP factor into the trade memory for both contribute significantly to the relations penalty. fair trade and enemy trade, but the deal value is The impact is based on the number of turns that so small that the impact is negligible. the two civs have had OB. None if the borders aren't currently open. OB (and Defensive Pact; DP) have no impact on Resource trades don't matter for trade memory. the fair-trade bonus, and don't contribute to trade All ongoing deals can cause the Al to demand a memory. Resource trades add to trade memory, trade embargo. though the impact is normally small. The trade value for the first ten turns is processed when the deal is signed, then, once the deal can be canceled, trade value is added turn by turn. The AI refuses to sign a DP if a DP was recently. The AI refuses to sign recently canceled OB, but, canceled (explicitly canceled or through a war for DP, there is no such restriction. declared by one of the signatories). Rationale OB can be very helpful for the enemy civ, may even be crucial at wartime, so I don't think the potential -1 from refusing a trade embargo is a sufficient penalty. prefer to keep OB and DP out of the trade memory, so that cancelation of those deals immediately reduces the enemy trade penalty. This can't be abused by suspending OB and DP just for one turn because of the AI's refusal to sign OB and DP if recently canceled. DP needed this kind of restriction anyway; too easy to flick DP on and off in BtS. See also 130t factors attitude and worst enemy into anger about rival DP. kekm.3 keeps DP intact after a foreign DoW.

550a gives civs that have fallen behind better deals by adjusting trade values. This

| | adjustment factors half into the trade | e score relevant for relations. |
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| Tbd. | | tate OB/ DP if the other side cancels them. Not ion memory is added in CvDeal::endTrade; erAI::AI_doDiplo. |
| | Peace treaties should perhaps also for a gift or tribute to avoid getting as | add to the enemy trade penalty. Can currently ask sked to join a war. |
| | May have to dial this up once there | is tech diffusion from OB. |
| "Our defens currently in | • | Doesn't check if currently in a DP. The relations bonus is based on the number of turns spent in a DP. That number counts backwards when not in a DP. |
| Rationale | More intuitive this way, and consiste | nt with how the OB relations bonus works. |
| Reduced in with many o | • | ne enemy trade penalty if the worst enemy has OB |
| Rationale | An Al civ can't afford to be mad at exbecause one civ can only do so muc | veryone. This is less of a problem for tech trades ch tech trading. |
| | the impact of gifts vs. trades on e memory a little. | The AI tracks gifts and traded items separately. Gifts are hated three times worse than traded items. |
| Rationale | | so bad because the worst enemy has to give dominated by tech trades, and giving away tech it's very much win-win. |
| relations to | npact on enemy trade if the AI ward the enemy and the enemy's er are similarly bad. | When an AI civ dislikes two civs equally, and one of these enemies trades with the other, the distinction of "worst enemy" can oscillate between the two. |
| civ reduces | | Even if the AI reconciles with its worst enemy, it scontinues to be mad at civs that previously traded with its former enemy. |
| Rationale | worst enemy becomes itself the wor when the worst enemy changes, "yo | ng situations where a civ that trades with the st enemy. This can seem erratic. (That said, even bu've traded with our worst enemies" remains emory, but that could drop a -3 penalty to -1 due to |
| See also | 130f prevents stop-trading demands almost as bad as toward the worst e | when relations toward the player are already enemy. |
| the AI is at AI isn't at w wars (e.g. c | ng the worst enemy, civs with whom peace are only considered when the var with anyone. Exception: Dogpile on request of another civ) have no worst enemy. | Worst enemy chosen only based on attitude. |
| | le memory is increased more when war with the worst enemy than when eace. | Whether the worst enemy is a war enemy doesn't affect enemy trade memory. |
| memory ev | n a war enemy increase enemy trade en if that war enemy is not the worst ugh not as much as trades with the | Only trades with the worst enemy count as enemy trade. |

| worst enemy | do. | |
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| Rationale | Trades with a war enemy are more li war foe. | kely to harm the AI than trades with some cold- |
| See also | 552 increases the AI trade value of n | nilitary tech. |
| brokered by memory (but | a third party) increase enemy trade not fair-trade memory). Exception: | Peace deals don't count for trade memory. |
| | ount enemy trade memory if they like whom peace has been made tude). | |
| _ | two-party peace deals don't count my trade memory. | |
| | | trade penalties by piggybacking regular trades sense to me that a civ gets upset when its worst |

| 130q | Nuke and raze memory based on cit | y size |
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| See also | 650 deals with other changes to nuclear war (minor so far). 130j (partly disabled) exempted raze and nuke memory from being affected by attitude. advc.ctr bases liberation memory on the trade value of the liberated city. | |
| AdvCiv | 1 | BtS |
| this as 1 to 3 | is nuked, the AI owner remembers 3 bad actions depending on the of the city. Nukes that don't affect a nted as 1. | Each nuke counts as 1 bad action (which is equivalent to 2 bad actions given change 130j), even if it only hits a ship in the middle of the ocean, and nukes always trigger "you nuked our |
| | s counted as 1, partners of the nuked upset ("you nuked our friends"). | friends". Each razed non-holy city counts equally (unless it |
| | count as 2 bad actions in the case ant city, otherwise 1. | has 0 city culture and a dead civ has the highest city culture; see change <u>099</u>). |
| Rationale | It should make a difference whether a city is hit at all, and whether it's, say, the capital, or some backwater. | |
| | Raze anger generally seems a bit hi now, lower the anger a bit overall by | gh, or just ineffective at discouraging razing. For exempting minor cities. |
| Tbd. | The raze mechanism needs to chan units). | ge so that it takes multiple turns (or multiple |
| | The raze popup should say how gre | at the anger will be. |
| | Hover text while firing a nuke ("Nuke upset. | e Mode") should say which civs are going to be |
| neither prod (That means | Its in 0 memory only if a city has uced any culture nor population. s, 0 memory is only possible when but the converse is not true.) | 0 memory for razing cities with 0 culture – no matter the size. |

| | without producing any culture, and the city. I still want 0 raze memory for cit | ne, growing population, constructing a Granary, ne AI should not be indifferent about losing such a ies that have really just been founded (not much that have been founded in awful terrain (can't). |
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| See also | | aze on the map (Git <u>commit</u>). While my change know whether a city will auto-raze, I still don't |
| owner of the | ipset about a nuked friend if the nuke is or used to be a friend that en nuked at least as badly. | The AI only checks whether it's at least Cautious toward the victim. |
| Rationale | Don't hate both sides of a nuclear wa | ar if it's just tit for tat. |
| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| | sband nukes when in financial ss no units other than cargo units | As far as I can tell, nukes are disbanded before most other units. BtS tried to save expensive units, which is fine in the case of nukes, but K-Mod focuses on XP, which is generally better, but fails for nukes. |

| 130r | All Al diplo memory decays; see the | table in the DDiplo chapter. |
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| See also | 130y counts less declared-war memory in certain situations. 130o deals with memory about tribute demands. | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| the faster it t example, a s expected cas after it ends; | ends to forget each of them. For | The probability of decreasing the momery count does not depend on the current memory count. So three |
| | nemory ("shared discoveries", "fear ning too advanced") is exempt from | |
| Rationale | At least before the late game, there s (though it doesn't always have to be | should generally be a route to reconciliation worth following). |
| See also | 553: Changes to the "shared discove | eries" modifier |
| adjusted to g (moderate) n slower decay 20% faster o | game speed using the same modifier as for Golden Ages: 100% y on Marathon, 25% slower on Epic, on Quick. Ijustment for contact probabilities (as | The various AI memory values are decremented each turn, each with its own probability from Civ4LeaderHeadInfos.xml. The probabilities are the unaffected by the game speed setting. After contacting a human player, the contact delay prevents the AI from contacting the same human player with the same type of request. Not speed-adjusted. |

| Rationale | frequently on slower speed settings; requests, e.g. for joining a war or enadiplomacy, which is not nearly as much modifier seems like a reasonable cor | ne of AI request – should not really be made more they should match the research speed. Other acting an embargo, should match the pace of ch affected by game speed. The Golden Age mpromise. I don't want to adjust the contact are the AI slow to respond to game state changes in enemy. |
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| | arguably be remembered longer so the unaffected by game speed; at least, the slower game speed. And a granted h | y is reduced, then individual requests should hat the typical number of active diplo modifiers is there shouldn't be <i>fewer</i> active modifiers on elp request shouldn't be forgotten as fast on a the gifted technology took longer to research. |
| | contacts human players three times r BtS. Apart from a successful dice roll to be true for each specific request. F | down the decay rates: I don't think the AI really more often on marathon than on Normal speed in and expired delay, certain other conditions need for example, an AI civ can only make so many es too advanced to receive further help. |
| | memory, e.g. "you declared war on us declarations of war don't happen as o | inst slower decay on slower speed: Some diplo s", isn't affected by contact delays. Still, I think often (in terms of game turns) on slower speed as ower decay shouldn't lead to problems with |
| See also | 130k factors game speed into state counter (e.g. "years of peace") increments. 130p: Remembered trades ("fair and forthright", enemy trade) don't use the MemoryDecay system. The remembered trade values match the game speed because e.g. techs have higher cost and thus higher trade value on slower game speed settings. CFC post of mine about game speed adjustment of diplo parameters. Discussion specifically about Open Borders contact delay. | |
| memory-bas as 10 memo | • | A liberated colony is forever +10 grateful to its old homeland. |
| Rationale | To be consistent with the "everything | decays" paradigm. |
| | 75% after 10 turns. It's still set to 0 at | War success doesn't decay; only reset to 0 when a war ends. |
| Rationale | In long wars, initial successes tend to | have too much weight. |
| Tbd. | | gnored entirely, or decay very quickly because us not a good estimate for the future course of |
| | 1 | a war isn't smart because war could break out access while at peace might be assumed by some y it would be to change this. |
| See also | UWAI remembers the overall outcom | e of a war before war success is reset. |
| | goes for war-on-friend memory while | No decay of either memory type ever. |

| | Plausible that forgiveness can't happ on-us memory was decaying too fas | pen while the transgression is ongoing. Also, wartwithout this restriction. |
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| | nceled memory (about OB, DP and ly decay half (from 2 down to 1) | No recently-canceled memory about DP and VVA. AI often willing to sign OB right after a war ends. |
| | | nemory for DP and <u>143</u> for VVA. <u>130j</u> counts is why canceling a deal sets recently-canceled |
| Rationale | Al shouldn't generally be willing to si | gn agreements right after a war ends. |
| TRADING) is I average, san embargo," ai is recent stop | You stopped trading with us" (MEMORY_STOPPED_ When a team agrees to an embargo, the invisible memory is remembered for 60 turns on memory stopped_trading memory while there seems stopped-trading memory memory_stopped_trading_recent). When a team agrees to an embargo, the invisible memory_stopped_trading_recent count is incremented and lasts for an average 25 turns. Additionally, the memory_stopped_trading to the relations penalty. | |
| Rationale | The relations penalty shouldn't disap | pear while the embargo is still in effect. |
| See also | 130f makes memory_stopped_trad: | ING_RECENT decay a bit faster than in BtS. |

| 130s | Accepting to join a war gives +1 rela | tions |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| war aid, this come to our | nan player accepts an AI request for is remembered as "You agreed to aid in wartime." for 100 turns on Normal speed). | The relations effect, including the explanation text, is implemented, but disabled in Civ4LeaderHeadInfos.xml. The duration is set to 150 turns on average. |
| isn't sharing | s suspended when the human civ any war with the AI civ and the AI civ least one war. | |
| Rationale | treated as a matter of course – that's original developers felt that the share of war, but now that the shared-war l | some players; military assistance shouldn't be what defensive pacts are for. Perhaps the ed-war bonus is enough reward for a declaration bonus is harder to get (change 130m), it should the directly. 150 turns seems a bit much though. |
| Config | | advc.xml. (Or in Civ4LeaderHeadInfos.xml, be made for each leader individually.) |
| See also | 130m should make the timing of help 104i (UWAI) makes the target of a jo the hired civ from making peace imm | int war refuse to talk as in BtS, thus preventing |
| | join-war requests from Gandhi e same relations boost as from the lers. | No relations penalty for denying a join-war request by Gandhi. |
| Rationale | Gandhi specialty is that he doesn't resent denied requests – which may fit well enough with his ideas about self-sufficiency. If there were also no consequences for accepting his requests, then they might as well be disabled. But I see no problem with him being grateful for help, even military aid. | |

| Tbd. | The contact frequency is a different question. Gandhi generally asks for handouts too |
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| | often. |

| 130t | Diplo penalty for Defensive Pact based on relations toward third party | | |
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| See also | 130p makes the AI refuse a DP if recently canceled, and exempts DP from enemy trade and fair trade diplo. | | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS | |
| civ Y for have X is based on penalty if DeclareWar a DP with Z regardless of The Declar e.g. Darius, Pleased for for Catherin Pleased in t | on the attitude of X toward Z. There is the attitude is one higher than the atthem threshold, or when X also has, or when X is too weak to attack Z of the DP. Warthem threshold is at Annoyed for at Cautious for e.g. Hannibal and at e.g. Julius Caesar. (And at Friendly e, but this is no different from his case because I'm using the us 1, and Friendly is the highest | | |
| Rationale | the negative DP diplo in one place at satisfy X and Z unless they like each if X should attack Z, which should off covered by the DP relations bonus (r | nnemy trade diplo, and I think it's better to have all nyway. A DP of Y with both X and Z shouldn't other. In this constellation, Y threatens war on X fend X. Y also promises to protect X; but this is no change to that). using the DefensivePactRefuse threshold from | |
| | Civ4LeaderheadInfos.xml, which is Cautious for some leaders, but a lead quick to sign a DP shouldn't necessarily be forgiving about a rival DP. (The could be true: these leaders think that DPs are important, and are therefore about rival DPs.) | | |
| | Warmongers tend to have high DeclareWarThem thresholds (easy to convince to declare war). These leaders should be bothered most by DPs. | | |
| Al refuses to | o sign a DP without OB: "Surely, you r | nust be joking." | |
| Rationale | How are you going to defend us with | out entering our borders?? | |
| Al refuses to | sign DP when no rivals remain. | Refuses when no other teams remain. | |
| Rationale | Probably an oversight; should've been introduced in Warlords. | en changed when vassal agreements were | |
| Credits | crullerdonut reported the issue in this | S CFC post. | |
| | rival peace vassals works the same er about defensive pacts. | see <u>130w</u> | |
| Rationale | Voluntary vassal agreements are mu | ich like defensive pacts. | |
| See also | About capitulated vassals, see 130w | !. | |

| 130u | Proxy AI attitude | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| over for a hu | ng in the background, ready to take ıman player, is Friendly toward | The proxy AI computes its attitude just as if it were in control. |
| rivals and eit | its team, Annoyed toward its human ther Cautious or Annoyed toward its ending on the AI attitude toward the | K-Mod 1.46 instead makes the proxy AI Cautious toward everyone. |
| human. | g | The proxy AI attitude factor into various AI calculations that determine how threatening a rival player is. |
| Rationale | The true attitude of the proxy AI isn't a good predictor of human behavior; in particular the AI should never assume that a human rival won't declare war. | |
| | Before setting the human attitude in CvPlayerAI::AI_getAttitudeVal, I added custom code in a bunch of places for setting the attitude that the AI should assume for a human player. Most of that code is probably no better than the newer code in AI_getAttitudeVal, i.e. at best redundant, and should therefore be deleted. | |
| See also | 130v lets capitulated vassals adopt t | their masters' attitude toward other civs. |

| 130v | Masters are held responsible for the | eir cap. vassals; cap. vassals as zombies |
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| See also | K-Mod disables vassal-master attitude sharing; <u>UWAI</u> disregards capitulated vassals as war targets; <u>130d</u> makes capitulated vassals ineligible as worst enemies. <u>130t</u> bases the "vassals to your empire" penalty on attitude in the case of peace vassals, and 130w penalizes expansionism through vassals and conquests. <u>130y</u> and <u>130h</u> reduce war-based diplo penalties for vassals, recognizing that vassals don't have a choice in starting wars. <u>099c</u> prevents master cities from flipping to a vassal, and <u>025</u> reduces the culture spread of capitulated vassals. <u>143b</u> prevents capitulated vassals from building nukes. <u>014</u> makes capitulated vassals ineligible for team votes, stops them from pursuing victory and from building great wonders. <u>kekm.25</u> prevents capitulated vassals from defying resolutions. <u>112b</u> changes conditions for capitulation. <u>130f</u> lets capitulated vassals agree to embargoes for free. <u>036</u> (gold available for trade based on attitude) disregards the attitude of capitulated vassals. <u>033</u> stops capitulated vassals from training Privateers. | |
| | CFC discussion about the relationshink | nip between capitulated vassals and their masters: |
| Tbd. | perhaps after 30-40 turns. Would or to sign the new agreement or else f | assals into voluntary vassals after some time; ally need to implement a popup asking the master ree the vassal. A capitulated vassal that reaches d should then also into a voluntary vassal. |
| | Capitulated vassals should perhaps only be allowed to trade tech with their masters. Or just prevent them from brokering to other civs. That said, the AI currently keeps its vassals (capitulated ones too) at arm's length tech-wise; that might have to be changed if vassals can't trade or broker. | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| If a capitula • razes a (| ated vassal (holy) city; | Actions of a vassal don't reflect on the master, but civs are generally upset about "rivals" being vassals to the master's "empire", and vassals are |

- trades with someone or someone's enemy;
- has OB with someone's enemy; or
- nukes someone (but not just someone's friend)

half of the resulting relations modifier is applied to the vassal, and half to the master.

Relations penalties about shared borders are also shared between vassal and master.

In team games, the penalties apply to the leader of the master team.

possible war targets. Prior to K-Mod, the Al attitude toward the master was generally lowered based on the attitude toward the vassal.

Rationale

My thinking is that there shouldn't be grudges against capitulated vassals because they're basically dead already. This opens up a loophole: A human master could let vassals do the dirty work (razing), or use them as buffers against shared-border anger. BtS attitude averaging would fix this issue, but would also punish the master for e.g. the vassal's religion and any bad deeds prior to the vassal agreement.

The change about nukes is obsolete because 143b now prevents capitulated vassals from having nukes.

and capitulated vassals share the master's attitude toward rivals, but their attitude can be at free. The attitude of and toward capitulated best Cautious. Al civs project their attitude toward vassals is computed normally but rarely matters. a civ onto the capitulated vassals of that civ.

This does not apply when a vassal is deciding whether to break free.

Masters are Pleased toward their capitulated vassals, and capitulated vassals are Pleased toward fellow vassals with the same master.

Vassals never grant gifts to rivals and never ask gift to its master (no matter if capitulated), the vassal checks its actual attitude (what the attitude would be if it weren't for the vassal treaty).

cities, especially on other continents.

Al Spies are reluctant to attack a rival's capitulated vassals.

Vassals are always Friendly toward their master, Voluntary vassals are Friendly toward their master except when deciding whether to break

> Sometimes a (capitulated) vassal has a much more positive attitude toward another civ than its master, and will trade away technologies that the master wouldn't trade.

When a vassal grants a gift to a rival or receives rivals for gifts. When deciding whether to grant a one, a peace treaty is signed between the master and the rival. Thus a civ with multiple vassals can sometimes be kept at peace indefinitely.

Capitulated vassals with few cities left tend to found cities in marginal spots because the Capitulated vassals are slightly reluctant to found additional expenses (esp. for number of cities and civics) are small. The additional maintenance for the master isn't taken into account.

> Al doesn't attack it's own vassals (still the case in AdvCiv).

Rationale

Given my other changes, the attitude of and toward capitulated vassals really doesn't matter anymore, and showing them, as is often the case, Annoyed toward their master is misleading. I'm still showing the actual relations value (e.g. "Friendly (-2)") and modifiers because they do matter again if a vassal breaks free.

If vassals are supposed to be zombies, they shouldn't be relevant for tech trading, and they generally shouldn't undermine the master's foreign policy. Until v0.85, I had capitulated vassals share the master's attitude toward other civs, but this made it too easy for a human player to dictate civics and siphon gold from vassals with Al masters: now they're at best Cautious toward rivals.

Civs that can't declare wars can't sign peace

Apart from tribute and gift requests, vassals sign

| treaty. This a when a game passed force | I. Their wars end without a peace applies to both types of vassals and e option prevents war. Exception: A e-peace diplo vote will still result in es for vassals. | a peace treaty when their master ends a war (I think). Perhaps also in other situations that I can't think of. |
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| Rationale | 10 turns of that – fair enough, the va | peace treaty. If a vassal agreements ends within ssal shouldn't be bound by the master's treaties ly to diplo votes). This change also makes sure ed into a peace treaty via its vassal. |
| | | ou that much" for cases in which the true attitude all threshold whereas the forced attitude would |
| See also | Only used for <u>ctr</u> so far; and I'm not s | sure it'll ever matter there. |
| - | vassals are not shown on the of the Foreign Advisor. | The Glance tab shows relations between all living (non-minor) civs. |
| Rationale | | n large games, and capitulated vassals don't ney follow their masters in matters of diplomacy. |
| • | onage weight against vassal set to 0 ng capitulation. | No automatic changes to human espionage weights ever. |
| Rationale | | player would want to continue espionage against extremely rare. I'm not making the same change agreements are often fleeting. |
| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| Capitulated vassals support all resolutions proposed by their master. | | Team members of the Secretary-General (SG) support all resolutions. Civs Friendly toward the SG support some proposals, but not all (non-proliferation, force-civics). |
| Rationale | Since all votes are cast simultaneous master – they don't know how the m | sly, vassals can't always vote along with their aster is going to vote. |
| See also | kekm.25 allows vassals to support them to vote "No" on the master's pr | ne master in repealing resolutions (which requires oposal). |

| 130w | Penalty for expansionism: "We oppose your ruthless expansionism" | |
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| AdvCiv | BtS | |

Up to -4 based on the number of owned cities with foreign majority culture (depending on the difference between highest culture and owner's culture), the total number of cities, and the personality of the AI leader (peace weight minus warmonger respect). The penalty is reduced if the AI civ's military can't compete with that of the expansionist civ.

The AI is (much) more sensitive about cities it previously owned. Other than that, so long as just about a quarter of a civ's cities are foreign, none of the other civs will mind.

Up to -5 for the number of capitulated vassals, typically about -1 per vassal, but it depends on the number of cities owned by the vassal, the initial number of civs, and (as above) AI personality and power ratio. This penalty is added to the one for voluntary vassals (130t), and they're displayed together as "We are worried about our rivals being vassals to your empire".

If a civ has at least one vassal, the "vassals to your empire" penalty is based on the military power of the master and all its vassals. Other than that, there are rank-based penalties (130c).

| Rationale | Not fair to give a penalty based on military power only to civs that control a vassal. A civ that just conquers all cities isn't less threatening. Since I don't want to remove the vassal penalty, I'm adding a counterpart that penalizes conquered cities. In any case, penalizing military power isn't good because that hardly affects human civs. |
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| | The personality-based term means that e.g. Genghis Khan won't easily get upset about expansionism, which is consistent with his own behavior and his first-impressions bonus with other warmongers. Moreover, I don't want all leaders to increase the penalty synchronously because, then, conquering a single city could have a big negative impact on relations overall; the personality factor makes sure that the overall effect changes smoothly. |
| | Power ratio is factored in because it doesn't help if small civs stop trading with the expansionists – this mostly hurts the small civs. |
| | As razing doesn't remove tile culture, this penalty can't be circumvented by razing (and razing carries its own diplo penalties too). |
| | I've considered ignoring cities culturally owned by an enemy (war enemy or worst enemy) of the AI civ that opposes expansionism, but concluded that this shouldn't make a (big) difference; territorial expansion needs to be opposed even if it has happened at the expense of an enemy. |
| See also | Without <u>099</u> (culture of dead civs stays in the game), this change wouldn't really work because cities conquered from eliminated civs wouldn't count. |
| Tbd. | Should perhaps be reduced if the AI civ that opposes expansionism has conquered much more territory. Can seem a bit hypocritical the way it is now. |

| 130x | Normalized diplo from shared/different religion and civics | |
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| See also | 130n delays the diplo penalty from "heathen" religion | |
| AdvCiv | BtS | |

| religion and civs have th penalty for l | al relations bonuses from shared levics are reduced if many known his religion or civic. The maximal having a different religion is reduced in civs have a different religion. | The AI counts the turns that religion and civics have been shared or have differed. The relations modifier is based on that turn count, but limited if by a leader-specific bound. That bound is between +2 and +6 for civics (+6 only for Stalin, Mao and Gandhi), between +2 and +7 for shared religion (+7 only for Ashoka and Zara Yaqob) and between 0 and -2 for differing religion. Unaffected by the bound: +1 for shared |
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| | | religion/civic and -1 for differing religion regardless of the number of turns. The civ with the holy city adds another +/-1 for religion. |
| Rationale The high diplo bonuses from early civics, especially Hereditary F get, and BtS diplomacy gets boring when everyone's in the sam | | |
| | _ | everyone shares a trait, it gets taken for granted, to infighting. And it's unwise to eschew everyone ons. |
| Tbd. | Should probably dial this up a bit, i.e | e. further reduce the relations bonuses from civics. |
| Diplo bonuses for religious civics should be reduced (or disabled) if the state reducesn't match. Shouldn't get a net relations bonus for sharing, say, Organized Religion with Suryavarman and running a different religion. | | elations bonus for sharing, say, Organized |

| 130y | Lower diplo penalties for wars involv | ing vassals, DP or seeing little action |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| penalty is red side has had than 0.3 time times the era | duced (but not beyond -2) if the other | The declared-war penalty is solely based on the number of declarations of war; only the (unimportant) hidden "this war is going badly" penalty is based on war success. |
| capitulated v reduces its d | is also reduced if either side is a assal. And a capitulated vassal eclared-war penalties when it dependence. | When declaring war on a master civ, war against the vassal civs is implied, and the aggressor gets the full (never decaying) -3 "You declared war on us" from each vassal, even if the war takes place |
| capitulated to automatically | freed because its master has a third civ, the third civ makes peace with the vassal, but ng a peace treaty. | entirely in the master's territory, and ends up freeing a capitulated vassal. Likewise, when a master declares war, its vassals suffer a -3 relations penalty. |
| against the fi been a capiti | v doesn't have much war success reed vassal, and the free vassal had ulated vassal, the third civs gains +2 ted us independence" from the freed | When a civ capitulates, the vassals of that civ are freed. They remain at war with the master of their former master, and the former master declares war on the former vassal. |

| Rationale | Shouldn't hold civs fully accountable for declarations of war if these declarations were enforced by the vassal system, especially not for capitulated vassals. The change should make it easier to free vassals and have a cooperative relationship with them henceforth. | | |
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| | I'm factoring in war success because vassals should not be happy about being liberated when that involves killing most of their units or taking away their cities. | | |
| | The reduced penalty for non-vassals practically only applies to wars where neither side sent any units or an invader changed its mind in the face of tough defenses. Not plausible for such wars to have long running repercussions. | | |
| See also | 130h disables war-on-friend penalties for attacking master/vassal alliances; sha reduces "war spoils our relations" penalty if there is little war success. | | |
| Tbd. | Should perhaps also add "granted us independence" memory when the master is eliminated. | | |
| -2 relations | red by honoring a DP leads to only a penalty from the civ that triggered the nge to "war on friend" penalties.) | | |
| Rationale | Diplo penalties for fulfilling a DP seem justifiable, or at least not wrong enough to change radically. I'm just reducing the penalty a bit. | | |
| Tbd. | Should probably not assign war-on-friend penalties when war is triggered by a defensive pact, and perhaps not for wars declared by capitulated vassals either. | | |

| 130z | Al gives help also to other Al civs | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| vassal civ tha leader is at le a low difficult | at has fallen behind and that the Aleast Pleased with. Friendly relations, | Only human civs can benefit from this. Pleased attitude is required, Friendly and difficulty don't matter. (Although a low difficulty makes the Al easier to please.) |
| The choice o | of the tech is biased toward low st. | The tech chosen uniformly at random. |
| (No change t vassals.) | to the AI routine for gifting tech to | |
| See also | 112 deals with tech gifts between vassal and master. The gifted tech is also chosen randomly based on cost in that context. The part that takes into account the difficulty level is based on 250a. | |
| Rationale | Especially with <u>SPaH</u> , it's not so unlikely for experienced players to trigger this AI behavior, and I don't think those players would want the AI to help them compete. So one could either disable the help routine for medium and high difficulty settings, or extend it so that AI civs can benefit too. I've done the latter because it can actually make sense for an AI civ to help a weaker partner; humans do that too sometimes. | |
| Tbd. | Should perhaps ask for gold in excha | ange if the recipient happens to have some. |

| 131 | Misc. changes to AI evaluation of units, buildings, techs, civics, religions | |
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| See also | cdtw and rom for such changes adopted from other mods. 121: Al changes to Worker builds and citizen assignment 042: Anticipate border expansion when evaluating Work Boat | |
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| Credits | A few minor changes adopted from MNAI are tagged with "advc.131" (and credited to MNAI in the source code). | |
| Tbd. | Open K-Mod issue: "Fix AI's tech evaluation" (link) And regarding the Caste System SpecialistValid ability (comment in CvPlayerAI.cpp): "todo: the current code sucks. Fix it." True, but I'd like to remove that ability at some point (it's about the opposite of what Caste System should do), so I'm not going to fix it. | |
| Al more likel | y to build a high-utility building than a | an arbitrary XP or gold building. |
| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| build certain | National Wonders in its capital, in | Moai Statues in capitals are fairly common in K-Mod. If Globe Theater is also built in the capital, the AI can't build Oxford University there. |
| at least 7, the | e AI considers building the National reshold increases by 2 with each era | The threshold is 10 (flat), and the AI often doesn't build the National Epic until late in the game. |
| | 7 GPP could be two specialists and one wonder or three specialists. Could happen in the capital, which is OK with me; an early "GP Farm" in the capital isn't bad. | |
| Tbd. | Oxford in the capital shouldn't alway by a balance change. | s be the best choice; that needs to be addressed |
| | | with a lot of good unworked land tiles. ChangeWeight would be the place for that |
| | National Epic is probably still not giv | en enough priority. |
| Al tech evaluation: Reduced the value assigned to units whose resource requirements aren't met. E.g. to make the Al less inclined to research Horseback Riding when it doesn't have a Horse. | | K-Mod: Already reduced; I'm reducing it more. |
| on the ratio o | of the utility of the new religion to the current one. Increased attraction to | Current state religion is counted as having between +33% and +50% utility to create inertia and avoid revolutions. However, once another religion reaches higher utility despite this bonus, the AI switches immediately, leading to occasional back and forth switches as cities are conquered and lost again. |
| _ | tive utility values correctly. | The inertia mechanism has the opposite effect when dealing with negative utility values. Negative values probably don't occur though (nor in AdvCiv I think). |

| Rationale | The values of religions can fluctuate when two religions spread in parallel or when cowners change repeatedly in a war. Probabilistic switching means that the AI tends wait for some turns when the one religion isn't far better than the other. | | |
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| | I had implemented the same thing for civics but removed it again; see my post <u>here</u> in the K-Mod subforum (the "Update" part under No. 1). | | |
| Credits | The change for negative utility value Dawn" by koshling. SourceForge rev | s is inspired by a similar change in "RoM: A New vision: <u>link</u> | |
| Tbd. | AI_setReligionTimer) and civics | ery 15 turns unless Spiritual (see calls to every 20 turns. Would be better to lower the pern the turns elapsed since the latest switch. | |
| See also | 001r fixes a bug that had caused the | e AI to switch civics too readily. | |
| gold in the t | The AI only starts a revolution if it has enough gold in the treasury to prevent the strike counter from reaching 2 during anarchy. During anarchy, civs have 0 income and expenses except that gold deals still need to be paid. This means that anarchy leads to a strike when a civ has no gold in its treasury. If anarchy lasts only one turn, the strike has no immediate effect, but multiple turns of anarchy lead to disbanded units. Moreover, the strike turn counter is never reset, so once there has been a strike, even a single turn of anarchy can lead to disbanding. | | |
| Rationale | l've thought about suspending gold deals during anarchy, but then what about the that is supposed to receive gold? For a human player, it could be confusing if an a pays no gold during anarchy. If gold is received without having been payed, then could exploited in multiplayer (team) games. | | |
| | Perhaps the strike counter should be reset or counted backwards (probabilistically?) when there is no strike; but then a single turn of strike now and then would have no negative consequences at all. | | |
| See also | 132b: Vassals with a human master reluctant to switch civics. 133: Gold-per-turn deals are canceled when broke | | |
| AdvCiv | | Vanilla Civ 4 | |
| ability. In particular, the current Government civic each unlocked civic. A tiny fraction, conside is taken into account. that building and civics values aren't on the scale. | | that building and civics values aren't on the same | |
| Rationale | Was greatly underrated and the AI was building the Pyramids very late (late Classical era usually). Actually had to make the AI underrate the Pyramids again by afactor of more than two after some tests. In BtS, they're something that human civs without much land and mediocre terrain can reliably fall back on so long as they have decent food sources; not good for balance to let the AI build them aggressively. | | |
| Tbd. | May have to discourage the AI further from the Pyramids. | | |
| See also | This CFC post noting that good wonders are not being prioritized by the AI might refer to the Pyramids. I suppose the BtS AI builds them a bit sooner than K-Mod through non-intelligent factors (flavor, building focus, culture). | | |

Reduced the tech value counted for buildings when an AI civ hasn't founded a second city yet and the population of the capital hasn't grown beyond size 3.

Don't count tech value for potential domestic trade routes when having only 1 city.

The AI assumes that it is not geographically isolated when more than 25% of its continent remains unexplored. Consequently, naval exploration is not prioritized in the very early game on account of being isolated.

So long as the AI isn't sure whether it is isolated (no one met and 30 turns not yet passed), the values counted for military units are reduced.

Reduced the utility counted for working water when the average city population is small.

| r toddood trit | dunity dodnitod for Working Water Wir | on the average only population to small |
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| Rationale | | stimating Fishing and Sailing in the very early rly discovery of Sailing can lead the AI to waste at Statues in the capital. |
| Swordsman and Legionary have Attack City as their default AI type. Non-default AI types are Attack and Reserve. | | For all Swordsman units, the default is Attack, non-default Attack City and Reserve. The earliest non-siege unit with default AI type Attack City is Maceman, the next one Grenadier. |
| | | The default AI type seems to matter mostly when the AI evaluates units that it can't train yet. Will then, for each AI type of the new unit, compare the new unit with the best current unit that has the matching default AI type. |
| Rationale | The main advantage of Swordsmen over Axemen and other early units is that Swordsmen are better at attacking (AI) cities held by Archers. | |
| See also | 907a renames Praetorian to Legiona | ary. |
| Battleship has the (non-default) AI type Escort. | | Destroyer is the only late-game unit with Escort AI type. I don't think the Escort type is required for accompanying cargo ships, but if more escort ships are needed, the AI will only train ships with the Escort AI type to fill the ranks. |
| Rationale | Battleships don't come much later than Destroyers and aren't that much more expensive. They can handle enemy Battleships, and a mix of Destroyers and Battleships can stand up to the endgame ships (Missile Cruiser, Stealth Destroyer) and air attacks. | |
| See also | 905a removes the Escort AI type fro | m Caravel. |
| The evaluation of an extra trade route granted by Looks like the K-Mod formula only accounts for a technology takes into account future cities. | | |
| Rationale | The AI is sometimes very slow to discover Currency. | |
| Tbd. | Currency still seems to be underrated (and Code of laws overrated). | |
| Al building evaluation takes into account Bureaucracy when evaluating special commerce modifiers. And some value is added to account for future increases of the city's base commerce. weight increases (slider position), and accounts for future growth when evaluating base yield | | |

modifiers.

modifiers – but not for special commerce

| Rationale | The AI had tended to omit the Education tech entirely. | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| Ancient technologies and Horseback Riding have 8, 16, 24, an asset value of 6, Classical techs 12, Medieval 18, Renaissance 24, Industrial 30, Modern and Future 36. | | |
| The Infantry | unit has an asset value of 4. | 3 for Infantry but e.g. 4 for SAM Infantry. |
| | | The total asset value of a civ is computed as 2 per citizen, 1 per land tile, up to 48 per technology, 1 to 5(?) per non-wonder building, 16(?) per great wonder, 8(?) per national wonder. For units, the asset value usually corresponds to the square root of its power, rounded down; though e.g. not for Infantry. |
| See also | 130p uses asset totals for computing trade-based relations modifiers. | The total is used only for deciding whether an Al civ asks for a free technology or offers one. |
| Rationale | BtS asset values are heavily skewed toward technologies. E.g. early technologies cost only 60 research and count as 8 assets, whereas 4 population (also worth 8 assets) cost at least 88 food and 8 Archers cost 280 production. This is probably intentional: when the human player gets ahead technologically, the AI is supposed to ask for help even if it has more units and citizens. It was just a bit too extreme, at least for the purposes of 130p. | |
| | Horseback Riding being treated as a | an Ancient tech might be deliberate (*shrug*). |
| Tbd. | The asset values for buildings look crazy; e.g. 1 for Drydock but 2 for Barracks and 3 for Lighthouse. Hard to say how the original developers came up with these. | |
| 131b | Al weights in Civ4TechInfos.xml | |
| AdvCiv | ı | BtS |
| | weights for Iron Working and And slightly increased the cost of Iron | All weights are 0 in BtS and K-Mod. Al weights are added to the utility values computed in Al tech evaluation. The intention was probably to give non-DLL modders a way to bring the Al to research techs with novel abilities. |
| Rationale | In test games before releasing v0.93, half of the AI civs were researching Iron Working right after Bronze Working, and Feudalism was practically always researched before Machinery. This is out of step with the historical development and, more importantly, makes these techs unattractive to research for human players as they're easy to get in trade. | |
| Tbd. | 1 | re how to fix this more permanently though. dom really are very useful for the AI. Eventually, chs; see <u>tech-tree.pdf</u> . |
| | The AI weight should arguably be multiplied by the number of cities in the DLL in order to match the scale of the tech utility values. Currently, a non-zero AI weight for a late tech would have less impact on a map that gives civs a lot of room to expand. Shouldn't be much of a problem for early/ midgame techs because civs can't expand that quickly. | |

| 131c | Power values of buildings | |
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| See also | UWAI uses its own power ratings (cf. <u>104e</u> , also for some other changes to power values), but the power graph (Info screen) still shows the BtS power ratings and they're still used for many AI decisions. | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| weariness a | y buildings with defense, XP and war ariness abilities contribute (a little) to the tary power value (power graph) of a civ. Some buildings with production abilities also have power values, e.g. Forge. | |
| Rationale | Counting some military power for buildings seems fair enough in general, may help a little to deter the AI (and humans) from attacking difficult targets. Production abilities are reflected by the production curve though and both UWAI and K-Mod's AI_startWarVaI function take the production curve into account. (Arguably, they should also take into account XP abilities, but, so far, they don't.) | |
| Config | iPower tag in Civ4UnitInfos.xml. Note that the DLL does <i>not</i> scale those values according to the game progress; therefore, a late-game building like the Pentagon, contemporary with e.g. power-22 Infantry units, needs to have a high power value to have any noticeable impact. It would be better to let the DLL compute a power value from the various militarily relevant building abilities and adjust that value to the game progress, but this isn't worth the implementation effort (in particular, updating the caches at CvPlayer and CvArea would take some effort). | |
| See also | This CFC post by made me aware that the Great Wall's power value is too high – especially since 310 usually disables the Great General ability. | |

| 132 | Changes to civics and religion trades | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| Can (a) bring vassals and war enemies (peace negotiation), or (b) any civ through a Spy, to switch to any economy and religion civic except the initial ones, and to any major religion (same threshold as for "not enough of our people follow that faith"). Exception: A master with a state religion can't ask its a vassal to accept a different state religion. A civ with a state religion can still (as in BtS) try to force another civ into that religion if the other civ has at least one city with that religion. | | Can only ask anyone to switch to own civics (except the initial ones) and own religion (unless "not enough people"). |
| The petitioned side charges twice as much trade value in case (a) if the petitioner is not running the target civic or religion. In case (b), twice as many espionage points are needed. | | |
| multiple civics changes in the same column. In | | As the trade table is not part of the SDK, mods can, to my knowledge, block only individual trade items, not combinations of trade items. |
| Rationale | it makes sense to demand a switch | ensible – but only when negotiating as peers. E.g. to Pacifism as part of a peace treaty, or to ask a or Theocracy so that the master's corporations |

| | | are yet another matter. I think there are few, if vics that would work well and make sense.) | |
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| | Also more interesting (and entertaini | ng) options this way. | |
| | A higher cost for switching to an unused civic makes sense in case (a) because the other side will suspect bad intentions, and (somewhat) in case (b) because the Spy owner lacks familiarity with the target civic/ religion. | | |
| | seems far-fetched to switch someon civ in the game has been in Vassala | that many options on the diplo screen. Also e to, say, Vassalage in the Modern era, when no ge for 500 years. Assume civs to be somewhat onomics. These are also the columns with the Property and Theocracy. | |
| Config | New tag bCanAlwaysForce in Civ4C | CivicInfos.xml. | |
| | n to be present in the city where the | The target religion has to be present in any one city. | |
| Rationale | More plausible this way; don't think i | t matters much for game balance or AI behavior. | |
| | e impact of the number of cities with igion on the mission cost. | K-Mod already adjusts the mission cost but rarely increases it by more than 100%. | |
| Increased th force-civic by | e base cost of force-religion and / 25%. | | |
| the target rel | • • | The AI uses the mission even if just 1 city has the target religion. The affected civ usually switches back to its former religion after 5 turns. | |
| Rationale | | spread religion into one with just a single city can wing only major religions as the target religion, but behavior should suffice. | |
| Config | Partly in Civ4EspionageMissionIn: | fos.xml | |
| Tbd. | the base cost, because the UI shows the city count could then be displaye | d be factored into the mission cost modifier, not is a breakdown of the modifier, i.e. the impact of its d by CvGameTextMgr::setEspionageCostHelp. is Spy owner doesn't run the target civic or religion. | |
| predicts the | to change civics or religion, the Allosses from anarchy based on the ced (production) and GNP (gold + 4s) curves. | Based only on city counts, both of the AI civ and the human who's asking for the change. Can underestimate the cost by a factor of 10 in the late game. | |
| | ncrease the multiplier for the difference between he current and the new AI civic value. The cost of running a bad civic is also underestimated by a factor of 10. | | |
| Rationale | The human cities shouldn't play a ro during the second half of the game, | le, and the AI city count could well stay the same but the cost of anarchy doesn't. | |
| Tbd. | The AI should charge extra or refuse when asked to switch out of a hurry-production civic by a player who may well be about to declare war. Or perhaps the change-civics attitude threshold already covers that wariness Different tack: Tack a peace treaty onto change-civics and change-religion trades. | | |
| 132b | | | |
| Al vassals a | re reluctant to switch civics if their | Vassal/master status doesn't affect civic choices. | |

| master is h | uman. | The diplo bonus from sharing a religion with the master factors into the religion choice of the vassal. |
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| Rationale | Humans tend to ask vassals to adopt certain civics; switching back and forth doesn't help either side. | |
| 132c | Switching to a state religion requires at least one city with that religion; doesn't suffice if another team member has a city. | |
| Rationale | No special need for team members to align their state religions. Major religions are also determined based on per-civ city counts, and not per-team. | |

| 133 | Al cancels more deals | |
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| AdvCiv B | | BBAI |
| tribute") once a vassal agreement ends. | | Tribute deals remain in place until (if ever) the AI reaches so much military power that it wouldn't have agreed to the deals in the first place. |
| Rationale | BtS/Warlords custom code for deal | have been introduced by BBAI, which replaced cancelation with calls to AI_considerOffer. Ils from non-vassal tribute demands and gifts do |
| | | Trade value is checked every turn, but not denial conditions like those based on attitude. There's a special clause that cancels deals with the worst enemy of an AI civ. |
| Rationale | I think this was the intended behavior from the beginning, but a bit awkward to implement. (Comment by karadoc in CvPlayerAI.cpp: "getTradeDenial is not equipped to consider deal cancelation properly.") | |
| | The denial check also cancels deals when a player imports Rice and late | that no longer make sense for the other side, e.g. r settles on a Rice resource. |
| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| The tolerance for continuing resource deals when the trade values have become uneven starts at 50% and decreases to 20% over time. | | 10% in BtS, 25% in K-Mod; doesn't change over time. |
| Even if the tolerance is exceeded, deals with human players aren't necessarily canceled. A cancellation probability is computed based on the ratio of the trade values, the absolute difference of the trade values in relation to the AI civ's total per-turn commerce, the game speed setting and the number of civs that the human player is in contact with. | | |
| Rationale | The changes to AI resource evaluativalues; hence the increased toleran | on (change 036) lead to more fluctuation in trade ce and randomness |
| Credits | xyx and Bestban made me aware of problems with the formulas I had used in AdvCiv 0.96e and earlier. CFC link | |

| See also | Relies on code written for <u>036</u> . 155 allows the AI to cancel deals with members of its own team. | | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS | |
| with a huma | civ cancels several resource deals n civ at once, only one renegotiation own. That popup lists the trade items ed deals. | A separate popup for each canceled deal. | |
| Rationale | Mainly to make sure that the human renegotiating. | player is aware of all canceled deals when | |
| See also | Of some importance for <u>074</u> (show r they've just been canceled). | nust-be-joking resources on the trade table if | |
| | source deal is canceled, the Al tries to make a new deal. | Depending on the AI personalities, regardless of cancelation, a resource deal between two AI civs is considered every 1-5 turns on average. | |
| Rationale | | to some back and forth in the city management of but better to avoid it. Should also lead to more to keep track of for human players. | |
| deals betwee | sal agreement ends, all remaining en vassal and master can be either side (turns-to-cancel set to 0). | Deals with a minimum duration can't be canceled until the 10 turns are over, regardless of the vassal agreement. This includes resource gifts to the vassal. | |
| Rationale | | ced to continue free resource deliveries. For ree resource trades continue between two AI civs nent. | |
| Permanent A the threshold agreements. turn probabil | Al cancels Open Borders, Defensive Pact and Permanent Alliance when Al attitude drops below the other side becomes its worst enemy. Otherwise, Al attitude doesn't lead to cancelation agreements. Cancellation is delayed with a perturn probability except when the other side has become the Al civ's worst enemy. Al cancels these agreements immediately when the other side becomes its worst enemy. Otherwise, Al attitude doesn't lead to cancelation (though other considerations may). Borders cancellation open indefinitely despite Annoyed attitude. | | |
| Rationale | I think the original idea was that dea met anymore; they just didn't get the | ls get canceled when their attitude threshold isn't implementation right. | |
| | | ther side time to amend relations before canceling cult to get them back because the "brought us | |
| enough gold to pay for an active gold-per-turn deal, not even after (force-)increasing the gold into strike. The recipient keeps receiving the slider to 100%, the gold-per-turn deal gets deals (typically after losing cities at war) will enough gold to pay for an active gold-per-turn deals (typically after losing cities at war) will enough gold to pay for an active gold-per-turn deals (typically after losing cities at war) will enough gold to pay for an active gold-per-turn deals (typically after losing cities at war) will enough gold to pay for an active gold-per-turn deals (typically after losing cities at war) will enough gold to pay for an active gold-per-turn deal gold into strike. The recipient keeps receiving the gold even if it isn't paid. | | A civ that can no longer pay for gold-per-turn deals (typically after losing cities at war) will go into strike. The recipient keeps receiving the gold even if it isn't paid. The AI will cancel gold-per-turn deals, but only once they're no longer too recent to cancel. | |
| Rationale | It's not uncommon for small civs in the late game to pay a large portion of their budget for imported resources. When a big (human) civ quickly takes cities from such a small civ, the effect of the subsequent strike can be noticeable and confusing. It's also illogical that the gold keeps getting received without getting paid. I don't see a credible way how this new rule could be abused (i.e. to cancel war reparations). | | |
| See also | This situation might be exceedingly trades (036). | rare if it weren't for the changes to AI resource | |

| 134 | Changes to Al-to-human offers | | |
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| See also | 136b also fits here (map trades offe 550 deals with tech trades. | 136b also fits here (map trades offered by the AI) 550 deals with tech trades. | |
| 134a | Workaround for a bug in the EXE that prevents AI peace offers | | |
| See also | 001e deals with similar bugs. | | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS | |
| civs based of ContactDel Infos.xml. leaders: Delay decreased belay increed pelay increed and decreased decreased decreased boao, Hater Rand decreased boao and decreased board an | s peace and capitulation to human on the ContactRand and Lay values in Civ4LeaderHead I've changed the values of some eased to 8: Gandhi ased to 15: for eleven leaders ased to 20: Sitting Bull, Tokugawa ased to 10: Gandhi ased to 12: Mansa Musa, Pacal, shepsut, Ashoka, Huayna Capac ased to 15 for sixteen leaders sed to 20 for seven leaders | The AI never contacts a human player to offer peace or capitulation. I think in Vanilla Civ 4, peace offers still worked. Perhaps the Warlords developers introduced the bug when adding capitulation offers (and broke the capitulation offers too), or some patch is responsible, but the BtS expansion seems like the likeliest culprit. The contact values were 20 (ContactRand; i.e. 1 chance in 20) and 10 (ContactDelay) for all leaders. | |
| The <u>UWAI</u> pinto accoundisabled, the timing of pe | timer is reset when peace is made. brobability of peace offers also takes t war utility. Note that, if UWAI is a ContactRand values also affect the ace offers between AI civs. | The contact timer isn't reset, but the delay value equals the peace treaty duration, so having contacted the human player in one war can't really affect contact behavior in a subsequent was | |
| human turn to verify that the peace offer still makes sense for both sides; if it doesn't the offer is silently discarded and the AI contact timer is reset, meaning that the AI can make a new peace offer directly on the next turn. | | | |
| the DLL feign peace between the two civs at just the right moment. This has no observable side- effects (assuming that I've implemented it | | It seems that, before displaying any AI trade offer, the EXE (class CvDiplomacyScreen?) verifies that the two civs are either not at war or that the trade includes an item that implies peace. The latter part is somehow not correctly implemented. | |
| Rationale | I guess I fixed it mainly because it was challenging to do. AI trade offers (including peace) don't have an important function in the game, though they're nice to have for flavor. | | |
| | As for AI personalities, I'm setting lower Rand values for leaders whose historical counterparts have actually sued or peace. Higher Rand values for especially dogged personalities. Higher Delay for some leaders to ensure that they don't appear to be groveling by asking for peace repeatedly. | | |
| See also | K-Mod has introduced a similar discount for other Al offers. A good idea; without such an incentive, the Al might as well not contact human civs at all. See the 2 nd page of the K-Mod <u>chapter</u> . | | |

| | CFC thread about the lack of AI pea | ce offers in BtS. | |
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| | Humans can't currently receive multiple peace offers in one turn. Moving AI diplomacy to the start of the human turns (see Tbd. under <u>001e</u>) would fix this. | | |
| Tbd. | In networked multiplayer, the peace offer sometimes seems to get through without checking at-war status. I haven't seen this lead to any problem, but I'm not sure what's going on there. | | |
| | UWAI sends a capitulation offer as soon as the AI becomes willing to capitulate. I don't think this totally obsoletes the capitulation Civ4lert, but it would be nice if the alert could be suppressed when a capitulation popup has just been shown. | | |
| However, if a is slightly inc | Al peace offers can come with a discount. However, if a peace offer is rejected, Al war utility rejection. Is slightly increased (by up to 4 depending on the Al leader's contact delay value) until the contact timer is back at 0, i.e. for 8 to 20 turns. | | |
| | The AI adds to capitulation offers whatever trade tems it is willing to give based on war utility. When offering capitulation, no reparations are offered. | | |
| | K-Mod has introduced a similar discount for other AI offers. A good idea; without such an incentive, the AI might as well not contact human civs at all. See the 2 nd page of the K-Mod <u>chapter</u> . | | |
| Tbd. | Could add an AI memory type with a -1 relations modifier to communicate the effect of a rejected peace offer more clearly. But I can't come up with a snappy phrase for the explanation text; "You rejected our peace offer." is too lame. | | |
| 134b | (Disabled) No discount if recently begged | | |
| AdvCiv | | K-Mod | |
| | | The AI doesn't grant gift requests by civs that have recently asked for a gift, but discounts aren't affected by gift requests. | |
| time than to wa mostly disable (| I'm afraid it's usually more profitable to ask for gifts all the time than to wait for discounts. If so, this change would mostly disable discounts, which isn't what I want. (I want to disincentivize periodic gift requests.) | | |
| Rationale | An attempt to disincentivize gift requests by e.g. this CFC thread. | the clock. Some players set alerts for this every 25 turns; see | |

| 135 | Changes to multiplayer | | |
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| See also | 004v removes square brackets around the names of human civs on the scoreboard. 108b applies StartingLocPercent from handicap in multiplayer. 054 removes some options from the Staging Room screen. | | |
| No Civ4lerts | about humans willing to become a v | assal. | |
| AI won't ask | Al won't ask one human to stop trading with another human. | | |
| AdvCiv | dvCiv BtS | | |
| 135a | Resource bubbles | | |
| f a player activates resource bubbles in Hotseat, Resource bubbles are deactivated at the end of each human turn. Other map layers (e.g. yield display) are not reset. | | | |

| Rationale | The BtS behavior is annoying if all players want to play with resource bubbles. Otherwise, the players could still agree not to activate them, or one player flicks them on and the next one flicks them off. | |
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| Tbd. | The proper solution might be to remember each player's active layers at end of turn, and restore them at the beginning of the next turn of that player. Same for player options and BUG options, which are currently shared by all players. Could store layers and options in savegames, but storing them in non-serialized data members of CvPlayer would already be an improvement. | |
| See also | 004m increases the default zoom dis | stance (also reset each turn in Hotseat). |
| 135b | MoreCiv4lerts in Hotseat | |
| AdvCiv | | BUG |
| the MoreCiv | | MoreCiv4lerts fire every turn in Hotseat; unusable. |
| Rationale | The first package of alerts seems to but not the "More" ones. | have been implemented with multiplayer in mind |
| | This might also be fixed in the BUG main branch (see this commit). | |
| Tbd. | Don't know if the alerts also work for networked multiplayer. | |
| See also | 106c also fixes issues with Civ4lerts. 106b always opens the Event Log when there is a new message in Hotseat. | |
| 135c | Debug tools in multiplayer | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| multiplayer if ENABLE_DEBUG_TOOLS_MULTIPLAYER is set in GlobalDefines_devel.xml. (I guess all players should set it if multiple PCs are involved.) In networked multiplayer (i.e. anything except Hotseat), "chipotle" needs to be set as the game | | through CivilizationIV.ini (code "chipotle"). In multiplayer, both WB and Debug mode are blocked through a cheats-enabled check outside the SDK and several checks inside the SDK, presumably to make certain that cheating is impossible. |
| even slot id I If a player ch through the i | name is "chipotle", only players with numbers create autosaves. nanges the game name to "chipotle" in-game menu ("Game Details"), an ent informs all players that debug | When testing multiplayer on a single machine, both players try to write to the same autosave file, leading to annoying error popups. |

| Rationale | Debug tools are indispensable for multiplayer testing. Not sure if the OOS issue wi the WB can be fixed; could just be a side-effect of my hack to make the WB accessible. | |
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| | Still missing: Python console (impossible?) | |
| | Autosaves: Don't know how to check if both instances run on the same machine, so I'm assuming that the game name "chipotle" is only used for such test games. | |
| See also | 127 allows enabling AI Auto Play in multiplayer. 001n fixes OOS errors. 007 describes how OOS errors can be debugged on a single PC; and there's a short guide about the various log files. | |
| setPlotHel | To get rid of the cheat level checks in the CvGameTextMgr class more easily, I've split the setPlotHelp member function into several subroutines and made some changes to const qualifiers. That could make it a bit difficult to merge this change into another mod. | |
| 135d | In multiplayer games, the Settings tab (Victory screen) shows the game end turn only if it's different from the default (500 on Normal speed). | |
| Rationale | Tidiness. | |

| 136 | Changes to map trades | |
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| 136a | Circumnavigation checked at end of turn | |
| AdvCiv | | BBAI |
| through a map trade, two civs meet the circumnavigation conditions on the same turn, only that civ is rewarded on whose turn the map | | turn. If two civs are eligible through a map trade, the civ on whose turn the trade is completed misses out (always the human when it's a human-AI trade). That civ even misses out if it has completed circumnavigation through unit movement earlier on the same turn (before |
| So long as no one has achieved circumnavigation, the AI refuses to trade its map if it can train Caravels. ("We have our reasons.") If it can't train Caravels but the other side can, the AI charges twice as much for its map. | | Whether an AI is willing to trade it's map depends entirely on the leader's attitude threshold. |
| Rationale | The BtS rule leads to the trap sketched on the upper right. Checking at end of turn instead puts the AI at a bit of a disadvantage because human-AI trades can't be completed on an AI turn. That said, the AI suggests map trades to human civs relatively rarely, and never with an intention of completing circumnavigation, so the change doesn't really hurt the AI. The trade refusal should make it harder for a human to steal circumnavigation from a AI that is already close. | |
| 136b | Al doesn't pester human with unattractive map trades | |

| The AI proposes no trades to a human civ where the human side receives only the AI map when the human value of that map is 5 gold or less. | | The AI occasionally asks human civs to exchange maps even if the AI map has no value to the human. |
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| Changed the rounding of AI trade values to multiples of 5. Makes the implementation of the above change a bit easier. | | Trade values are rounded to a multiple of 10. |
| The AI refuses to accept trades with a value of less than 10 (the equivalent of 5 gold). | | |
| Rationale | These map trades are pointless distractions. | |
| Config | The rounding change is implemented in GlobalDefines_advc.xml. | |
| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| No low-value map trades between AI civs either. | | I think K-Mod added calls to AI_counterPropose to AI deal negotiation. That function will usually insert the map of one side into the deal. |
| Rationale | Going through all tiles on the map is slightly costly (though not nearly as costly as CvPlot::updateRouteSymbol for a human player's map). | |

| 137 | Default/ recommended player counts; help text for difficulty levels | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| menu for the sea level includes recommended changes to the number of players. ("+x% players recommended") | | When the world size is changed, some player slots are automatically opened or closed in order to match the recommended number of players. No such thing happens when the sea level is changed. |
| Rationale Having the proper number of civs is imo pretty important, and sea level impact on this. The recommendations, if followed, should lead to about number of cities per civ as with Normal sea level. | | ns, if followed, should lead to about the same |
| | Recommendations weren't my first choice; I had wanted slots to be opened and closed automatically when the sea level changes. This can't be done because the Custom Screen isn't part of the SDK. When slots are opened/closed in response to a world size change, it's possible (through a hack) to also factor in sea level, but then the sea level needs to be configured before the world size, which isn't what players normally do. | |

| Standard-size maps to 8 (+1), Large maps to 11 (+2) and for Huge maps to 16 (+5). To fine-tune the space per player, I've also reduced the default grid dimensions for some map sizes a little bit: Duel 36x24, Tiny 48x32, Small 60x40, Standard 80x52, Large 100x64, Huge 124x80. This results in the following ratios (width * height) / n (where n is the default player number; | | Default player counts are Normal - 7, Large - 9 and Huge - 11. Default dimensions: Duel 40x24, Tiny 52x32, Small 64x40, Standard 84x52, Large 104x64, Huge 128x80. | |
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| i.e. tiles per Duel: 432 Tiny: 512 Small: 512 Standard: 5 Large: 582 Huge: 620 | | Tiles per player: Duel: 480 Tiny: 555 Small: 512 Standard: 624 Large: 740 Huge: 931 | |
| Rationale | It's probably intended that larger maps leave more room for expansion, but the differences shouldn't be anywhere near that great. Settling lots of unclaimed land is a drag regardless of map size and shouldn't be the default game experience. Especial for players new to the mod who want to get an impression of the <u>UWAI</u> changes. | | |
| | (As for which is more challenging, protracted confrontation probably helps the AI high difficulty settings. That said, a higher number of civs increases the chances some civ getting especially lucky with its starting position, and usually, the strong adversary presents the main challenge.) | | |
| | The choice for a low player count on Huge maps may have been made for performance reasons; less of a problem with current hardware. | | |
| | Until AdvCiv 0.98, I had also reduced the grid size on Standard size. This may have been closer to the average city count per player that I had in mind, but players with less than average room for expansion were too often compelled to start an early war. (Early war is good in my book, but there should be a choice, at least for human civs.) Ideally, I'd like each civ to be able to found 5-point-something cities near its starting site; enough to stay competitive into the midgame but not the endgame. | | |
| Config | Civ4WorldInfos.xml Also reduced the STARTING_DISTANCE_PERCENT parameter through GlobalDefines_advc.xml to match the increased player density. Can't expect starting sites to be as far apart anymore. | | |
| See also | The number of <i>resources</i> per player increases more slowly with the default player count than the number of tiesl. This is because 129 places fewer resources per tile when there are many eligible tiles. 140 adjusts various map size modifiers to match the new player count recommendations. 165 tweaks the dimensions of some particular map scripts to make them work better for the default player counts. 031 fixes an issue in the formula for the target distance between starting sites. | | |
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| Rewrote the English and German help text for each difficulty and speed setting and [unused] for each map size and sea level setting. | | The help text for the sea level and map size settings doesn't seem to be shown anywhere. Help text for difficulty and game speed settings is shown on the final screen ("Snapshot") of the "Play Now" dialog chain. |
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| | | Some of the info is misleading, e.g. it says that Monarch difficulty makes the AI "much smarter" or that Marathon has an entire game's worth of turns in every era. |
| Rationale | I imagine that most players of this mod (wisely) never use "Play Now", but players that do use it might actually believe the info provided in the help text. | |
| | My texts about the difficulty settings are a bit clunky but at least somewhat information and not highly misleading (I hope). | |

| 138 | Religion assignment when starting in later eras | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| When starting in an era other than Ancient, the automatically founded religions are assigned based on handicap, Spiritual trait and favorite religion. More specifically, on difficulty settings above Noble, the game prefers to assign religions to AI civs, and on lower difficulty to human civs; always prefers Spiritual leaders and AI leaders whose favorite religion is among those to be founded. The top priority is still to give each civ the same number of religions. The above change only | | After assigning the same number of religions to everyone, the remainder is assigned to a random subset of civs. In particular, favorite religions don't play a role (except possibly with the choose-religions option). |
| | that is impossible. | |
| Rationale | Religions are hardly shared in games starting in in the Medieval era or later because almost everyone founds a religion. Assigning the religions to civs that like to spread them (Spiritual, favorite religion) should lead to more block-building like in normal games (Ancient start). | |
| Also want to make it more predictable for human players whether they'll get if there aren't enough to go around: On Emperor difficulty or higher, probably Otherwise, choosing a Spiritual leader should guarantee a religion. | | On Emperor difficulty or higher, probably not. |

| 139 | Al evacuation of cities | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |

| next turn, the combat units receive defe dedicated de units, the tile defense can evacuate if t dangerous. | The AI only evacuates noncombatants; may even reinforce hopeless cities. The AI only evacuates noncombatants; may even reinforce hopeless cities. The AI only evacuates noncombatants; may even reinforce hopeless cities. The AI only evacuates noncombatants; may even reinforce hopeless cities. | | |
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| Rationale | Evacuating units without defensive bonuses and badly injured units seems like a clear improvement. Units with high defensive bonuses can be expected to cause losses to the attacker even when badly outnumbered; might, in particular, draw out the attacker's siege units. | | |
| | It's important that a Stack of Doom can't scare away all defenders from several cities, and settle for peace when the evacuated defenders gather for a last stand. Sounds fairly realistic, but, given the other dynamics of the game, would make conquests too cheap. | | |
| | Fixes the " <u>meatgrinder</u> " exploit, which was still on the BBAI to-do list when the mod was discontinued. | | |
| Config | AI_EVACUATION_THRESH in GlobalDefines_advc.xml | | |
| See also | 107 (more offensive Area AI) could help reclaim evacuated cities. | | |
| | 159 tweaks the AI stack strength evaluation, which is the basis for evacuation decisions. | | |
| The AI tries | not to leave behind more than 4 units (but there is no hard limit). | | |
| Rationale | A small group of well-fortified defenders should be enough to force the attacker to use siege units; larger groups aren't worth sacrificing. | | |
| Credits | Reported about the AI sometimes leaving sizable stacks of defenders behind; e.g. by Cruiser76: CFC post | | |
| sequence ar | heck at the start of the AI turn nticipates promotions and units in nat will appear at the end of the turn. | | |
| When deciding whether to let a Great Person join a city or construct/ hurry a building there, the Al skips all cities that are seriously threatened by hostile units. There is some code presumably with the same intention, but it only checks for hostile units inside the potential target city – where none can exist. | | | |
| Credits | Prompted by this CFC post by Elkad. | | |
| After each attack by an AI unit, the unit owner checks if the attack has provided relief to any nearby threatened city – by repeating the safety check for that city. (This will matter very rarely.) | | | |
| Reduced AI | trade value for evacuating cities. The tactical situation does not factor into the AI trade value of a city. | | |
| Rationale | The AI should be more willing to give a city away when it thinks that it can't hold onto it, and the recipient (which may or may not be the civ about to conquer the city) should be less willing to pay for such a city. | | |
| See also | ctr deals with other changes to city trade value. | | |
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| The AI stations ships only in cities that, for the moment, appear safe from conquest. Also prefers to use such safe cities for upgrading ships. If no city looks safe, idle ships are kept at sea. | | BtS stations ships in cities that are either threatened by no hostile units at all or by fewer units than the ship's current tile. Some idle ships are used for guarding resources and patrol, but the rest is moved into some city even if none are safe. |
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| | | Upgrade cities are chosen only based on proximity, safety doesn't matter. |
| See also | In K-Mod, an interaction between a K-Mod and a BBAI change causes idle ships to be stationed in the nearest city regardless of danger. <u>001s</u> deals with that issue and similar ones. | |
| Rationale | The careless positioning of ships can hurt the AI greatly against savvy players. | |
| Tbd. | Should perhaps use a greater maximal range when checking for potential attackers, is currently 3 tiles. Embarked attackers are counted but could be outside this range (still. able to reach the city). | |
| | Rather than just flagging cities as safe or evacuating at the start of a turn, a scalar safety rating should be (pre-)computed. | |
| While gathering forces for a naval landing, the Al soon as they reach a tile with a ship; then the unit This is a needless risk. | | |
| See also | This change doesn't cover threats from civs that the AI isn't at war with, i.e. surprise attacks on the AI navy on the same turn that war is declared. 162 addresses these. | |
| | advc.ctr reduces the trade value of cities based on their safety/ evacuating status. | |
| The AI only spends Great People (super specialist, special building, hurry production, Great Artwork) on cities that, at the moment, appear safe. | | No such safety checks, neither in the BtS code for Great generals nor in the K-Mod code for the other Great Person types. |
| Credits | Credits Elkad made me aware of the problem in this CFC post. | |

| 140 | Map-size adjustments (Civ4WorldInfo.xml) | | |
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| See also | 910 handles the research modifier based on map size. | | |
| | When Civilopedia is accessed from the main menu, <u>004y</u> shows numbers that depend on the map size as a range from Duel-size to Huge. | | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS | |
| with a new f that is less s cylindrical/ to Maintenance religion spre formula is ra dimensions the map in to taken into ac | unction CvMap::typicalDistance sensitive to world-wrap options (flat/oroidal) than maxPlotDistance. e, espionage mission costs and | maxPlotDistance is the maximal possible distance between two tiles. That's e.g. 55 on Small cylindrical, 72 on Standard cyl., 89 on Large cyl. and 82 on Small flat. I.e. the worldwrap type has a big impact on distance maintenance. | |

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| Small, cylind | L0 civs: 71 | | |
| rational alpha smissains alphan all illei | | 50% on Duel, increases in steps of 10 to 100% on Huge. | |
| Rationale | maps or maps without world-wrap. \ | ve. Empires tend to be circular even on oblong What leads to high distance maintenance is mostly has lots of space for each civ, civs shouldn't be | |
| | Flat maps are <u>known</u> as a trick for reducing distance maintenance; on high difficulty settings, AI civs pay much less for city maintenance than human civs, and thus the AI civs benefit less from additional maintenance reduction. | | |
| | I'm not sure how to set the distance maintenance multiplier in XML; that multiplier and the one based on map diameter cancel each other out to an extent. Usually, BtS adjusts too strongly to map size, so I've reduced the step from one map size to the next a bit. | | |
| Tbd. | Not sure if DistanceMaintenancePercent in Civ4WorldInfo.xml should be changed as well. Currently 50% for Duel and increases in steps of 5 to 100% for Huge. This is countered by the maxPlotDistance formula, but only partly I think. | | |
| See also | The Tides of War mod also changes the maxPlotDistance formula; this Kek-Mod Git commit merges that formula into K-Mod. I haven't looked at it in detail, but I think I'm good with my own formula. | | |
| government center) is now capped at around 25 | | There is an XML parameter MAX_DISTANCE_CITY_MAINTENANCE, but this only serves as a weight on maintenance costs; there is no actual limit on the distance or the cost. | |
| Rationale | If a city is very far away from a gove exactly. The BtS cost punishes (very | rnment center, it shouldn't matter how far away /) remote colonies too much. | |
| Config | The distance cap is tied to MAX_DISTANCE_CITY_MAINTENANCE (in GlobalDefines.xml); changing that value will also change the cap. | | |
| maintenance steps of 4 to (hardcoded) maintenance initially than recommends and slightly omaps. | e on crowded maps (more players the Custom Game screen s based on map size and sea level) decreases maintenance on sparse | 45% on Duel, 20% on Huge, steps of 5. Sea level and initial player count don't matter, | |
| See also | that. Also addresses the crowdedne | ed the modifier in steps of 3. <u>CFC discussion</u> about ss factor. ies maintenance for very large empires. | |
| | With Humber-Of-Cit | iso maintenance for very large empires. | |

| Rationale | Steps of 5 percentage points would be OK if Duel was at 100%; as it is, the ratio e.g. between Small (35%) and Large (25%) is too large. Or perhaps it would also work if only 9 civs were placed on a Large map, however: | | |
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| See also | 137 changes the default number of civs per map size. | | |
| | units per turn on Duel-size and Tiny Small, Standard and Large, and 4 on | 1 on Duel, 2 on Tiny, 3 on Small and Standard, 4 on Large, 5 on Huge. | |
| Reduced the number of free bonuses from national wonders (Broadway, Rock'n'Roll, Hollywood) by 1 on Standard, Large and Huge maps. | | 5 on Standard, 6 on Large, 7 on Huge. | |
| | ss multiplier 137% on Duel, n steps of 12.5 to 75% on Huge. | 150% on Duel, decreasing in steps of 20 to 50% on Huge. | |
| | multiplier 70% on Duel, decreasing ir to 33% on Huge. | 80% on Duel, decreasing in steps of 10 to 30% on Huge. | |
| Rationale | As above; don't expect the average number of cities per civ to be that much higher on larger maps than on smaller ones. | | |
| Tbd. | Corporation maintenance decreases rapidly with increasing map size: 400% on Duel, 50% on Huge. That's probably not ideal. | | |
| buildings red Tiny maps, 5 Standard (11 | The six national wonders with prerequisite puildings require 4 buildings on Duel-size and Tiny, 5/4 on Small (no change), 6/4 on Standard (11/8 rounded up), 6 on Large (12/8) and 7 on Huge (14/8 rounded up). The map-size multipliers are 4/4 on Duel and Tiny, 5/4 on Small (no change), 6/4 on Standard (11/8 rounded up), 6 on Large (12/8) down. | | |
| Cathedrals and the Statue of Zeus require 3 Temples/ Monuments on Small maps. | | Consequently, Cathedral and Statue of Zeus, which have a base requirement of 2 buildings, require only 2 buildings on Small maps. | |
| Rationale | Oxford University is almost indispensable for competing in the Industrial era, and e.ç on a Large map with 11 civs (now the default number), it's difficult to acquire peacefully 7 cities where a University makes sense. | | |
| | The change to Cathedrals and Statue of Zeus is just a side-effect. | | |
| See also | 310 gives the Great Wall a (base) requirement of 1 Wall. | | |
| Config | The base numbers of prereq. buildings are set in Civ4BuildingInfos.xml, but I didn't change these. The map-size modifiers are in Civ4WorldInfo.xml. The change to the rounding behavior is in the DLL (CvPlayer.cpp). | | |
| Tbd. | Would prefer abilities that scale with the number of buildings, e.g. "Oxford University: +10-15% research (based on map size) per University up to a maximum of 60%". No required number of buildings necessary then. | | |

| 141 | No diplo bonus from gifting GP | |
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| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| Gifting a Great Person (GP) to an AI civ does not affect relations with that AI civ. Like in BtS, only units with positive production cost can boost relations when gifted. | | +1 relations for each gifted GP. |

| Rationale | Too easy to exploit for a diplo victory. | |
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| Tbd. | Gifted military units should only boost relations when the AI has an immediate not for military aid. The relations bonus should probably also be capped; seems exploitable. | |
| | Comment by karadoc in CvUnit::gift: 'It would nice if there was some way this could also reduce "you refused to help us during war time", and stuff like that. But I think that would probably require some additional AI memory.' I don't think this is worth the effort, but perhaps gifted units should count for "you gave us help" instead of "fair trade". | |
| | Imp. Knoedel has implemented a new memory type for his Sunset of Civilization mod: <u>Git commit</u> That looks very basic. The main thing of interest would be his iUnitValue formula. | |

| 142 | Master gets a happiness bonus only | from the first peace vassal |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| The master of a vassal civ receives a happiness bonus only from voluntary vassals, and only the first one counts, i.e. at most +1. | | |
| | resources from vassals, can let master civs ignore happiness altogether. I also do like that the bonus applies even if just one city is left; this provides an incentive to keep tiny vassals around, which lead to some oddities in global diplomacy (despit efforts to fix such issues). Also, oppression of capitulated vassals is hardly a point pride. Should perhaps remove the bonus entirely, but for voluntary vassals "We influence other civilizations" makes some sense, and these vassals are harder to | |
| | The anger at the vassal side seems sensible (though unimportant) and can't stack. Change 130 and related changes (see under 130v) remove several disadvantages of vassal agreements for the master, so, as far as game balance goes, I don't think a happiness bonus is needed at all. | |

| 143 | Recently-canceled memory for voluntary vassal agreements (VVA) |
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| If a vassal loses 35% of its territory, it cancels the Only capitulated vassals revolt when losing VVA with a per-turn probability of 15%. Cancels immediately when losing 45%. | |
| | The vassal can then make peace independently (possibly by capitulating), while the master is justly punished for not having protected its vassal. The third party (possibly human) is faced with a strategic decision: focus attacks on the vassal or the master? In BtS, only attacks on the master can break up the VVA (by lowering the master's power rating). |
| Config | VASSAL_DENY_OWN_LOSSES_FACTOR in GlobalDefines_advc.xml |

When a vassal cancels a vassal agreement for no particular reason (i.e. vassal feels safe or powerful enough on its own), the (AI) master remembers this for, on average, 20 turns, and refuses to sign a VVA during that time. When the threshold for a VVA, the agreement can flicker on agreement is canceled because the master hasn't protected the vassal, including the case where a capitulated vassal breaks free after losing too much territory, the vassal remembers this for 30 turns (on average), and refuses another VVA. (Whether the master or the vassal remembers is only relevant when the master is human.)

No memory about canceled vassal agreements. When a capitulated vassal breaks free, it often signs a VVA with the same master on the same turn. When a voluntary vassal is near the power and off every few turns.

| | The flickering isn't only goofy, it also means that war preparations against a former vassal can easily get interrupted by a new VVA, which is frustrating. Also, some mechanism is needed to keep a vassal independent for a while when the master has failed to protected it. |
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| 143b | Cancelation and nukes |

VVA canceled also after being nuked repeatedly. Only lost territory counts (and only for capitulated The threshold is randomized; usually, the vassal vassals). doesn't break away until more than half of its cities have been hit. Doesn't cancel if the master has SDI and the vassal does not.

Master's SDI protects vassal.

Vassal cancels VVA if it has any nukes unless master has SDI and vassal doesn't: "doing fine on our own."

Capitulated vassals don't build nukes. When a team capitulates, all it's nukes are scrapped. Nukes can't be gifted (between any civs).

SDI is a team project, but doesn't protect vassal teams.

Vassal's nukes factor into its power rating, but a single nuke doesn't usually make a difference.

Vassals don't hold back on anything.

Can gift nukes to circumvent the diplo penalties.

| Rationale | SDI is supposed to be an array of space-based lasers. Should be able to intercept any nukes that the SDI owner wants to intercept. Vassals that are powerful enough to build nukes should stand on their own. | |
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| See also | 130v makes the master responsible for nukes fired by a capitulated vassal (obsolete now that vassals can't have nukes). 112 cancels VVA when near victory and stops capitulated vassals from pursuing victory. | |
| Tbd. | A cancelation condition based on present population vs. population when signed might be better. | |
| | May want to scrap other units upon capitulation too, probabilistically. E.g. when France surrendered to the Third Reich, the French navy was partly scuttled. | |

144 Al gift request (part of the <u>DDiplo</u> changes)

See also

130v exempts vassals from this change and prevents vassals from granting gifts to rivals or to a disliked master.

130o deals with memory about tribute demands. Clears recent-demand memory (which is also relevant for gift requests) when war is declared on an AI civ. 104m: Some gift requests are triggered during war planning.

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Without considering any specifics, the AI refuses The only randomized aspect of the AI response to gift requests with a leader-specific probability. That probability is based on ContactRand: CONTACT GIVE HELP and between 5% (Gandhi) and 32% (Sitting Bull, Montezuma). I'm capping the probability at 50% for Tokugawa, otherwise he'd always refuse.

a gift request is the decay of recent-demand memory: The request is refused if the AI still remembers an earlier request (or tribute demand). So, the first request is handled without randomness, and if a previous request is far enough in the past, it's very likely forgotten (the expected time to forget is 20 turns).

Requests are always refused while preparing war against the player (no change).

CONTACT GIVE HELP determines only how frequently an AI leader offers a gift to human civs that have fallen behind.

Rationale

Shouldn't be able to use requests to determine reliably if the AI is preparing war. It's semi-decidable now – if a request is granted, then the AI certainly isn't plotting. That said, they might start on the very next turn ...

In BtS, CONTACT GIVE HELP is irrelevant for experienced players; it's nice to give this an actual use.

Memory about requests and rejected demands is Can decrease on any turn. Al may grant gifts not decreased while there is a peace treaty between the two civs. Gift requests are rejected during a peace treaty unless the AI remembers receiving a gift from the player (and that case the peace treaty may well result from a gift to the AI).

when there is already a peace treaty.

Likewise, the AI won't ask for a gift during peace treaty unless the human player (i.e. the proxy AI) remembers having received one or when fewer than 4 turns of peace remain. Will only ask for tribute during a peace treaty if it's about to expire (1 turns remaining).

Rationale

To increase the time in between granted requests. A bit too easy in BtS to keep a Pleased AI from planning war: can reliably sign a peace treaty about every 25 turns. which leaves just 15 turns in between, which can sometimes be bridged by asking the Al to attack a third party (which results in a peace treaty; see change 146). My change makes this tactic unsustainable.

Could argue that "begging for peace" shouldn't ever be a tactic. I like that it makes Pleased attitude relevant even for warlike leaders. Think of it as a Reinsurance Treaty. don't like that this is something only humans can use.

(Could alternatively merge Kek-Mod's <u>one-sided peace treaties</u>.)

K-Mod AdvCiv Al refuses gift request if planning war against the Only refuses if already planning war against the player. (In BtS, the AI doesn't take the resulting player, and refuses with a high probability if war utility is positive (but not yet planning war). peace treaty into account at all; grants request regardless of war plans.) BtS AdvCiv

| | g for a gift, the AI asks for the tech most, with a bias for cheap tech. The requested tech is chosen uniformly at random. | | |
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| Rationale | Which tech the AI asks for doesn't have to be unpredictable; no need for any random element (though the AI function that I'm using now, AI_bestTech, does have a random element). If cost is ignored, the most useful tech tends to be expensive, and I don't want the AI to ask for expensive tech all the time. On the other hand, the AI shouldn't ask for cheap tech often because this makes the decision of the human player too easy. Hence tech cost is given some weight but not full weight. | | |
| increased pr needs most, | When asking for tribute, the AI is likely (threefold increased probability) to demand the tech that it random from among those techs that at least two needs most, though techs that no other civ knows yet remain off-limits. | | |
| Rationale | Not quite the same procedure as for gifts because I wanted to keep the exception for cutting-edge tech; picking (with certainty) the most useful tech that is known to at least two civs would've been a bit awkward to implement because of the signature of the CvPlayerAI::AI_techVal function. Is the exception really a good idea? Maybe yes: The civ that receives tribute remains a threat in the medium or long term, so yielding to that civ an edge in (military) tech is rarely going to be prudent. | | |
| • | ts granted by human player are 200 turns I for (on average) 150 turns. | | |
| Rationale/ See also | For <u>130r</u> , I've thought a bit about and experimented with the memory decay for declared wars, and ended up setting it to 150. I don't think granted gifts should be remembered longer than declared wars. | | |
| Config | MEMORY_GIVE_HELP (LEADER_DEFAULTS) in Civ4LeaderHeadInfos.xml. | | |
| Tbd. | Ideally, the duration would depend on the trade value of the gift, how harmful it was to the human player (tech gifts normally are pretty painless) and how badly the AI had needed the gift. | | |

| 145 | No diplo bonus from accepted favorite civic/ religion if no longer in that civic/ religion | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| civ's religion or favorite civic decays much faster reg | | The bonus lasts for an expected 100 turns, regardless of whether the player keeps the civic/religion. Can switch out after 5 turns. |
| Likewise, the penalty for refusing the fav. civic/ religion decays faster if the human civ is now in that civic/ religion, or if the AI civ has switched out of it. | | |
| Rationale | Switching right back is a bit cheap, especially with the Spiritual trait. Until v0.95, the relations modifier was suspended instead of decaying faster, but I think that made it too unattractive to accept AI requests. | |
| See also | Part of the <u>DDiplo</u> changes. | |

| 146 | Hired (sponsored) war results in a p | eace treaty |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| When a civ agrees to declare war on another civ at the request of a third civ, the civ declaring war and the third civ automatically sign a 10-turn peace treaty. The peace treaty is automatically added to the trade table when a human player adds a war trade to the trade table. | | No peace treaty; can ask someone to start a war, and immediately attack that someone. |
| | A bit of a loophole in BtS. Also want to be sure that the AI doesn't attack a human that has just paid it to attack someone else; not a problem in BtS because the AI only fights one war at a time, but could be a problem with UWAI. | |
| | Part of the <u>DDiplo</u> changes. Change <u>100</u> is also about sponsored wars (mostly UI changes). When there is already a peace treaty between the sponsor and the civ declaring war, <u>032</u> causes that peace treaty to be prolonged. ctr causes a peace treaty to be signed after city trades. The implementation of the UI | |
| | support (trade table) for 146 is base | |

| 147 | Changes to border tensions | |
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| See also | 004g changes the explanation text from "close borders" to "shared borders". (The formula works a bit differently if <u>035</u> is enabled.) | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| The number of lost tiles counted per city can be at most equal to the mean of the city's current population and its highest-ever population, or at most 6, whichever is higher. | | No such per-city limit. A size-1 city enclosed by foreign borders can contribute 20 lost tiles. The number of lost tiles is then divided by the total number of owned tiles and multiplied by a personality factor to compute the diplo penalty from border tensions. |
| Rationale | Shouldn't get -4 relations from a single city choked city; this can easily happen in BtS, even in the late game. I generally don't like when high culture leads to painful diplo penalties. | |
| | This change reduces border tensions a bit overall, and the following change should even that out: | |

| When an Al civ steals tiles from a neighbor that There's only a diplo penalty for stealing tiles from | | |
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| the AI civ can't work because they're too far away from its cities, then the AI civ is slightly upset about this. The multiplier for those tiles is 5, whereas the multiplier for tiles stolen <i>from</i> the AI civ is 8. Both weights are multiplied by a percentage based on the size of the AI civ's territory and the map size; this multiplier decreases as more territory is acquired and tends to be near 50% by the end of the Classical era. | | The weight for stolen tiles is 3. |
| with another civ (no matter if tiles are stolen) is 5. 40 is counted. In the end, the total penalty divided by 100 and multiplied by the AI least are counted if the border length is less than 5 | | If the border is longer than 7 tiles, a flat penalty of 40 is counted. In the end, the total penalty is divided by 100 and multiplied by the AI leader's CloseBordersAttitudeChange value (between 1 and 4; no change). |
| Rationale | Count unworkable tiles because I don't want change <u>099b</u> (culture decay in foreign city radii) to reduce border tensions. Should also encourage civs to put at least enough effort into culture to prevent a no man's land that no civ can work (which is implausible at peacetime). Makes sense to me that the AI is annoyed by not being able to work the tiles that it owns and is inclined to remedy this by conquering the cities near those tiles. | |
| | | e total size of the territory because, to a civ that be a big deal, but not to a civ with 10 cities. |
| | | mmon border penalty to stolen tiles because, eally shouldn't be much bad blood. The BtS |
| Tbd. | Perhaps let the relations penalty increase sublinearly with the weighted sum of stolen tiles. Easy enough to do in CvPlayerAI::AI_updateCloseBorderAttitude by e.g. exponentiating iPercent in the end with 0.7 and then times 3, but maybe a penalty of 1 or 2 already happens much more easily than -3 or -4 (this would be the goal). | |
| Stolen tiles with a bonus resource are counted double. Every stolen tile counts as 1 tile. | | Every stolen tile counts as 1 tile. |
| Tbd. | | tile fractional and take into account yields as well. ile evaluation function in the CvCityAI or |

| 148 | Relations to attitude mapping of the AI changed | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| At a relations value of 4, the AI becomes Pleased, at -2 Annoyed, at -8 Furious, at 10 (no change) Friendly. Human players receive no | | Pleased at 3, Annoyed at -3, Furious at -10. On Noble difficulty and above, all relations suffer a penalty of -1. On Chieftain, humans get +1 relations from AI civs and on Settler +2. |

| increases from 0.4 to 0.9. Rationale This was a bit of an accident. Until v0.93, I had assumed that the BtS relations penalt (-1) applied only to human-AI relations, and I had meant to replace this with a +1 bonus on AI-AI relations. Now that diplomacy overall is balanced around the inter-AI bonus, I'm finding it a bit difficult to remove it entirely; I don't like when AI leaders are Annoyed at each other from the beginning. Relations bonuses from "fair and forthright" trade are generally easier to attain for humans than for the AI, and some relations bonuses tied to AI requests are only available to humans. This is evened out by relations penalties for rejected requests, but not entirely, one could argue. Let's say that the AI bonus makes up for these asymmetries. | | | | |
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| Annoyed (and Friendly and Furious) are no longer symmetrical. Tough call. At first, I had meant to increase the Pleased threshold by one more for balance reasons, which would've broken the symmetry anyway. It turned out that this made it too hard to please the AI, so I rather made the bonuses from OB and resource trade more difficut to attain, but kept the change to first-impression diplo. Furious at -8 (not -9) means that the AI gets Furious a bit faster than previously. I'm not sure if that's an improvement, but I don't want the fury threshold to be almost symmetrical with the friendship threshold (-9 vs. +10)10 would make the Annoyed interval too long and Friendly/ Furious being symmetrical when Pleased/ Annoyed aren't wouldn't be good either. See also The DDiplo changes to relations modifiers arguably make it a bit harder to have very good relations with the AI. The Show Hidden Attitude mod makes the BtS relations penalty from difficulty visible to the player. Config The attitude thresholds can be set in GlobalDefines_advc.xml. Friendly attitude causes the AI to vote for someone in a victory vote; Pleased is not enough. Rationale This makes it 1 harder to get the victory vote, which should still be manageable. More importantly, the +8 threshold was a bit of an obscure oddity; much easier to remembe that Friendly attitude is required. See also 115b: AI won't vote for victory when itself at victory stage 4. AI civs have a +0.3 bonus to "first impression" relations (cl. 1300) on difficulty settings lower than Prince. From Prince to Deity, the bonus increases from 0.4 to 0.9. Rationale This was a bit of an accident. Until vo.93, I had assumed that the BtS relations penalt (-1) applied only to human-AI relations, and I had meant to replace this with a +1 bonus on AI-AI relations. Now that diplomacy overall is balanced around the inter-AI bonus, I'm finion it a bit difficult to remove it entirely; I don't like when AI leaders are Annoyed at each other from the beginning. Relations bonuses from " | Rationale | was too much considering that most AI civs are already very unlikely to start a war Pleased and are willing to trade tech. The additional benefits of Friendly aren't that great. Apart from this, the main benefit is that the player sees the "A first impression" line much less in the game. It was a bit silly to tell the player that | | |
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| 149 | Diplo modifier from resource trade |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
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| When an AI civ receives one or more resources from another civ, the resource trade counter of the AI is incremented twice per turn, each time with the same probability (cf. 130k). This | | The counter is incremented once (with probability 1) per turn for each received resource. It doesn't matter how many resources the AI civ already has, how useful they are or how many resources the other civ has. |
| The resource trade counter is decreased by 1.7% per turn when no more resources are received through trade, but can also decrease if the increment probability becomes too low. | | The counter is only decreased if 0 resources are received through trade. The decrement is 1 plus one quarter of the number of cities owned by the AI civ. |
| The resource trade counter can't increase beyond 125. | | The counter can increase indefinitely. |
| Resources from vassal tribute deals are counted only partially. | | |
| Rationale | Same as <u>130i</u> : Make the AI harder to please. The exponential decrease is consistent with <u>130k</u> . | |
| See also | Part of the <u>DDiplo</u> changes. 036 changes the evaluation of resource utility. 007 shows AI resource trade counters in Debug mode (Alt+Ctrl on an owned tile). | |

| 150 | Additions to the replay log | | |
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| See also | 100 adds sponsored wars and brokered peace to the replay log. 106 excludes some things. | | |
| AdvCiv | BtS | | |
| 150a | Switch to no state religion | | |
| when a civ re | Replay and on-screen announcement indicate when a civ renounces its state religion, i.e. witches to no state religion. Religion changes are logged and announced, as are civics changes to Free Religion. | | |
| Rationale | Can also switch to no religion without adopting Free Religion, and that's worth logging. | | |
| See also | 151 below | | |
| 150b | Results of diplo votes | | |
| proposals ind city to be rea | Record successful UN and Apostolic Palace proposals including targets (e.g. the name of the city to be reassigned), the civ who made the proposal and the vote tally. | | |
| Rationale | Since I'm including the name of the Secretary-General/ AP Resident when recording proposals, there should be no need to record the Secretary-General elections. | | |

| Message about changed religion or civic indicates the earlier civic or religion | |
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| 152 | War trade (sponsored/hired war) indicators on Glance tab | | |
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| AdvCiv | | BUG | |
| tab (enabled tab (Foreign | New BUG option "War Trades" on the Advisors ab (enabled by default). If checked, the Glance ab (Foreign Advisor screen) shows a fist icon when a leader is willing to declare war on another eader. The Glance tab shows icons for war and worst enemies. The BUG Military Advisor shows war trades (and embargo trades) on the Sit-Rep tab. | | |
| | AdvCiv never shows a fist icon on the scoreboard The fist icon is shown on the scoreboard when (neither did K-Mod prior to v1.46). AdvCiv never shows a fist icon on the scoreboard The fist icon is shown on the scoreboard when an AI civ is <i>not</i> willing to start any wars. | | |
| Rationale | Don't want to use the BUG Military Advisor; too much stuff. On the Glance tab, the indicators don't require extra space because ongoing war (swords icon) and willingness to start a war (fist icon) are mutually exclusive. | | |
| See also | 210a adds an alert for war trades, but this is no use when a savegame is loaded or when the player loses track of the trades mentioned in alerts. | | |

| 153 | Split human units group at convenient times | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| bomb missio automated) h further missio moves are sp group is either mission has unit (group) of For missions move-to missions moves are in all units are a split up howe | ker build, pillage, bombard or air in is completed by a group of (non-numan units, if the group has no ons queued, any units with available plit into a separate group and that er immediately selected (if the just been ordered) or included in the cycle. Is not listed above, in particular for sions, groups that have available included in the unit cycle even if not able to move. Such groups are not ever, and the whole group gets en it comes up in the cycle. | When a group of units is ordered to execute a mission, then as many units as possible execute the mission. If all units use up all their movement points this way, then (no change in AdvCiv) unit cycling continues with a different group; otherwise, the whole group remains selected. When a group completes its mission at a time when it isn't selected (multi-turn move or worker build; queued orders), then the group does not get selected through unit cycling, even if some units still have available moves. No change: Units in automated groups, groups with multiple queued missions and worker groups on a route-to mission will begin with the next task even if not all units in the group have available moves. However, a unit will never move to a different tile ahead of the whole group (as this would cause the group to split). |
| Credits | Proposed at CFC by Leoreth: post (i | tem 1, last part of item 3) |

Rationale The goal is to make sure that the player is aware of unspent movement points and to help him or her spend those points by selecting a sensible set of units. However, the game must not split up large groups that the player may want to keep intact. Aside: There is a distinction between selecting units (yellow frame on the UI) and forming a group. Technically, the currently selected units are stored in a CvSelectionGroup object (CvDLLInterfaceIFaceBase::getSelectionList; group id 0), but that group gets overwritten as soon as a different unit becomes selected. As soon as a player gives an order (skip will do) to the current selection, those units form a persistent (CvSelection-) group. It's preferable not to directly split up human groups and instead to just select a subset. That said, a player who doesn't want to move the selected subset (and therefore probably doesn't want to split the group), is probably going to order the selected subset to skip its turn, thereby splitting the group. So it doesn't make a big difference. and I do split them up directly because it's easier to implement. For build, pillage, bomb(ard), it seems fairly likely that the player will want to give orders to any units with movement points left, and those groups are unlikely to be very large or, if they are, the split is likely going to be uneven (only so many units can bombard or pillage a tile). For movement (including attacks), groups can be arbitrarily complex and it may well be that the player wants to keep the group together in one tile. (See also Leoreth's arguments linked above.) Oueued missions already work pretty well in BtS; e.g. when ordering a group of workers to first build a Mine and then a Road, no worker turns can get wasted in between the two builds. If group automation and group route-to were allowed to break up the group, then the easiest implementation would be to split the group (permanently) as soon as automation or the route-to mission starts. It's easy enough for the player to do that manually for these high-level commands; and perhaps there can be reasons for wanting to keep a group of workers in a single tile. Tbd. Maybe there really are no good reasons for group route-to or group automation and groups should be force-split upon those commands. Smarter order of execution for group missions: 004c See also When a human group of attackers (regardless of All selected units advance. the Stack Attack option) destroys the final enemy K-Mod has fixed a BtS problem with Gunships

When a human group of attackers (regardless of the Stack Attack option) destroys the final enemy defender, only the most recent attacker moves into the defending tile. The remaining units split up into one group with units that still have moves left and another without moves left. Unit cycling will normally continue with the former group if the most recent attacker is out of moves.

When an attack into a non-adjacent tile is ordered, then this change does not prevent all selected units from moving into a tile adjacent to the enemy. From that adjacent tile, only one attacker will advance.

K-Mod has fixed a BtS problem with Gunships (which can't capture cities) getting left behind after a successful group attack against a city.

Credits Proposed at CFC by Leoreth: post (item 2)

| Rationale | Often, the best play is to split the victorious stack between its original tile and the target tile so that no (potentially damaged) units are left exposed. The BtS behavior makes the Stack Attack option pretty much unusable in some situations, and, when group attacking one by one, it's also easy to miss the point when there is just one defender left and to move all remaining attackers by accident. |
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| | Splitting units with remaining moves from units that (probably) have fought should often be a welcome convenience (though there can be cases where it's undesirable). |
| | Sending only one attacker forward when attacking across one or several intermediate tiles sounds reasonable, but probably would be unexpected when the attack comprises a multi-turn move. And, with the Stack Attack option, everyone will have to move. So this would get pretty inconsistent. Also seems a bit difficult to implement. |
| See also | 004c may interrupt group missions upon air interception. |

| 154 | Unit cycling button | |
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| Credits | <u>Discussion</u> on CFC with mockups, screenshots. <u>Another discussion</u> ; user Set making a case for a unit cycling button. | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| (i.e. at the ricycles to the orders. The head unit as still has all i otherwise. Figroup precein the cycle. | ton to the left of the big flag button ight end of the command area) that e next group of units that needs button shows the icon of that group's nd a dot indicator in green if that unit ts moves available and yellow Right-clicking the button cycles to the eding currently selected group (if any), i.e. normally the most recently oup before the current selection. | Unit cycling can be forced only through the hotkeys W (I guess for "let the current selection wait"), Num5 or Enter. (Enter will instead end the turn when the End Turn button flashes red.) The backslash key (^ on German keyboards) cycles backwards. |
| When no group needs orders and none is selected, the unit cycling button disappears. If one or multiple units are selected and none need orders, the unit cycling button shows the icon of the head of the current selection with a white dot if that unit has moves left and with a red dot otherwise, and causes all units to become unselected when clicked (left or right). | | Pressing a unit cycling hotkey will unselect all units if the unit cycle is complete. |

| Rationale | Experienced players need this fairly frequently, and, judging by questions posted on CFC, some are unaware of the keyboard shortcuts (the Enter shortcut seems to be less widely known than W), keep forgetting them or are even unaware after years of playing that unit cycling can be forced. Also, any player will sometimes, maybe by accident, select a unit that already has orders and whose orders they don't want to change, and, without knowing the unit cycling shortcuts, they'll be at a loss as to how to continue with the unit cycle (see this post in the thread linked above). And some few players prefer to control the game entirely through the mouse. | | |
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| | It's also preculiar that the game allows players to disable automatic unit cycling but doesn't provide any visible UI support for manual unit cyclic. | | |
| | I don't know (yet) if showing the icon of the next unit in the cycle is really helpful, but it's an intuitive way of communicating the functionality of the button. The overlayed dots make the button look just like the unit buttons listing units in the same tile as the current selection. Also, the dot is usually green, which matches the color of the End Turn button so long as the unit cycle isn't complete. That and the placement to the left of the End Turn button communicate that cycling through units that need orders is part of the turn sequence. The city cycling arrows from BUG are also located nearby, and cities that need production orders are shown as building buttons (when playing with minimized popups) – albeit at the right edge of the screen. | | |
| | On low resolutions, the command area can be filled with promotion buttons. In that case, there is still enough room for the unit cycling button in between a vertical scrollbar and the big flag. That's also where the production filter buttons are placed when the city screen is up. | | |
| | I didn't want to show unit cycling as a command button ("Wait" command) because it's just the point of cycling away that it does not give the current selection any command for the time being. | | |
| | The right-click behavior is a bit obscure, but, if one is aware, right-click to go backwards feels pretty natural. The other reasonable behavior I can think of (which I've tested and left as a comment in CvDLLWidgetData.cpp) is to focus the camera the next group without changing the current selection. Neither of these functions are really needed, but going backwards seems a bit more useful and lets the button covall unit cycling commands that BtS allows through hotkeys. | | |
| Tbd. | Could show in the button's hover text how many groups still need orders. Will have to play with the button enabled for a while to figure out what extra info, if any, would be nice to have in the hover text. | | |
| Config | The button can be disabled through the BUG menu ("General" tab). In the same place, a second button for worker cycling can be enabled (see below). | | |
| See also | The deselection behavior is based on the unselect-all global control implemented by change <u>088</u> . | | |
| cycling butt there is any Workboat u button will s cycle. The behavior. If to the same overall unit | widefault: Underneath the (all-) unit on, a worker cycling button is shown if (# on German keyboards). Worker cycling is available through the slash key of (# on German keyboards). Worker cycling is available through the slash key (# on German keyboards). Worker cycling is available through the slash key (# on German keyboards). Worker cycling is available through the slash key (# on German keyboards). | | |

| Rationale | To give the player a choice in how to proceed in the unit cycle, and so that all unit cycling commands available through shortcuts are represented by a virtual button. (There are also shortcuts for cycling through individual units in the current selection group, but that can already be emulated by clicking through the buttons in the unit list. It's also a bit of a different feature and not widely used I think.) |
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| | Testing will show if this is really useful or if players would perhaps prefer some other choice. |
| | Going backwards in the worker cycle isn't implemented. Wouldn't be difficult to do, but I don't think I want to bother with this. Therefore no right-click behavior. |
| | Similarly, it might be nice to exclude non-worker units from the unit cycle controlled by the upper button when the worker cycling button is enabled, but I'm not going to implement that. (I also don't really think that cycling through all units is dispensable, and I wouldn't want to add a third button.) |
| Tbd. | Perhaps add a button for triggering auto-missions (missions of automated units and of units with queued orders). There isn't really room for such a button in addition to the two unit cycling buttons though. I guess two choices could be added to the current BUG dropdown menu: One for just the auto-missions button and one for unit cycling plus auto-missions (never mind the combination of worker cycling plus auto-missions). |
| | Anticipating which unit will have moves after auto-missions is too difficult to do, so the button icon shouldn't show any unit graphic. It could show a variant of the Automate button graphic with the big yellow dot in the middle edited out (because that dot represents the currently selected unit, which is not going to have an auto-missions). The hover text could show the Ctrl+A shortcut. |
| | Note that K-Mod triggers auto-missions when the unit cycle wraps around. I think this only happens when the last group that needs orders is either given orders or when the players tries to cycle away from that group (using a hotkey). I think BtS triggers automissions as soon as a player cycles manually to another unit. |

| 155 | Changes to team games | |
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| See also | Also merged some changes to team rules from Kek-Mod; see <u>kekm</u> . | |
| Tbd. | Hardly tested. | |
| AdvCiv | 1 | BtS |
| team are co trades propo | osed to the AI by a member of its nsidered with more goodwill than used by members of other teams, but if they're very uneven. | The AI accepts gift requests ("sure would come in handy") and gifts from team members. Can't even ask the AI to offer a trade. |
| remembers twice as fast The diplo te | xt for a gift request to a team member | Always accepts gift requests and doesn't remember them; i.e. the human can ask as frequently as he/she likes. (Whereas the Al remembers both granted and rejected requests from non-members and refuses to consider further requests while still remembering an earlier one.) |

| Rationale | Don't want the AI to behave like a puppet in human-AI teams. Should feel more like playing together with another human being, and these have their own opinions and tend to behave not entirely selflessly. Kept the special diplo text because gift requests to team members still get a special | |
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| | treatment (e.g. forgotten faster). | |
| AdvCiv | | Unofficial Patch |
| A human can't offer to an AI teammate to switch civics or religion. | | Can offer this to the AI. Not sure if the AI appreciates it in any way. Probably a bug. |
| Rationale | The AI can't judge whether it benefits from a human civics or religion change. | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS/BUG |
| In team games, team membership is color-coded on the scoreboard: Civs belonging to the same team (and also their vassals) have their score shown in the text color of the (master) team leader. | | BUG adds an option for grouping vassals with their masters (enabled by default in AdvCiv), but there's no way to indicate team membership on the scoreboard. Scores are always shown in white. |
| Rationale | Hard to tell which team is doing well when team membership isn't shown. | |
| Config | Can be disabled through the "Scores" tab of the BUG menu (option "Color-Code Teams"). | |
| Tbd. | The colored scores can be a bit difficult to read. Perhaps Kek-Mod's "option to add team number to BUG scoreboard" is a bit better (Git commits $\underline{1}$ $\underline{2}$)? It's very low-key when disabled, so I could also offer it alongside the color-coding option. | |
| See also | 004v: Other changes to scoreboard text. | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| Teammates cause Emancipation anger when not all members of a team are in Emancipation. Teammates are exempt from causing Emancipation anger. | | |
| Rationale | Seems a bit more intuitive. | |

| 156 | Penalty for shared research goals in | a team |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| When multiple members of a team are researching the same technology, their research modifiers are decreased by 10 percentage points. The AI disregards the research goal of teammates; may or may not choose the same tech. | | The research cost modifier of a team is increased by 50 percentage points per member beyond the first (still the case in AdvCiv), but whether the team members are researching the same technology isn't a factor. When an AI civ needs to select a tech to research, it always picks one that another team member is already researching. |
| Rationale | The BtS mechanism (teams basically always research one tech at a time) is OK, but the penalty should result in more interesting decisions. | |
| Config | Can be tweaked or disabled in GlobalDefines_advc.xml. | |
| See also | 910 shows a breakdown of research modifiers in tech hover text. | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS/ K-Mod |

| sound is pla | er games, the "you have discovered" ayed when a tech is discovered by a Otherwise, the tech quote is played. | The tech splash screen is never shown in networked multiplayer games (still true in AdvCiv). BtS always plays the "you have discovered sound" along with the message about any newly discovered tech. K-Mod instead always plays the tech quote. (Comment in the code: "the 'MP' sound is boring.") |
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| Rationale | , | ed" sound <i>some</i> use. Should make it easier to s and those of teammates – now that the different technologies each. |

| 157 | unassigned |
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| 158 | Revised AI strength memory map | |
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| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| | | From the K-Mod changelog (v1.08): "Added some basic AI memory so that it can remember to walk around well defended chokepoints without having to cheat." Implemented as a std::vector that stores a total combat strength value for every player and for every tile. Mostly disabled for human civs "because it may cause OOS errors" (comment in CvTeamAI.cpp) and minor civs. |
| Rationale | Having the code in a separate class made it easier to experiment with the data structure. Normally, no strength value is remembered for the vast majority of tiles, so suspected that a vector would lead to unnecessary CPU cache misses. In tests, a hash map was only slightly faster, so it seems that there wasn't much of a problem, but at least there appears to be a small improvement now. For human civs, I see only one potential out-of-sync issue (in the cost function of the | |
| | | worked around that, so disabling updates of ave been an abundance-of-caution decision. |
| | I don't know why it was partially disa decision. | bled for minor civs; perhaps just an ad-hoc |
| | l don't think Barbarians need to be a other plans for Barbarian strength m | ble to bypass well-defended tiles, and I have emory (see below). |
| See also | placement near tiles where Barbaria accesses to strength memory from C | strength memory map to throttle Barbarian ns have appeared or died recently. The current cvUnitAl will then also cause Barbarian unit parian spawns/ kills, that could be a nice side- |

| 159 | Al heuristic for stack power | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |

| AI_currEffectiveStr that replaces most calls to CvUnit::currEffectiveStr. Moved duplicate K-Mod code for counting first strikes and collateral damage into the new function. AI_currEffectiveStr takes the per-unit strength values to the power of 1.25. | | CvUnit::currEffectiveStrength is equal to the unit's combat strength minus a penalty for lost hitpoints (if damaged). |
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| | | K-Mod The AI stack evaluation functions CvPlayerAI::AI_localDefenceStrength and CvPlayerAI::AI_localAttackStrength essentially sum up the values returned by CvUnit::currEffectiveStrength. |
| Config | The exponent is computed as 0.75 times the POWER_CORRECTION value set in AI_Variables_GlobalDefines.xml. | |
| See also | UWAI uses the full POWER_CORRECTION value. This post of mine explains why I think that a higher exponent needs to be used for strategic decisions (war planning) than for tactical decisions (imminent stack-on-stack combat). | |
| Rationale | The AI had probably been overestimating the effectiveness of larger stacks of low- strength units against smaller stacks of high-strength units. Two Swordsmen don't have a 50% chance of killing a Cuirassier. | |
| Credits | Elkad reported a game of his where the AI evacuated too readily against a stack of outdated units. CFC post | |
| Tbd. | There may still be AI code left that estimates stack combat outcomes by comparing raw combat strength values. | |
| Should perhaps set a slightly smaller exponent below Prince difficulty – for tha "Connecticut Yankee" feeling (men-at-arms being shredded by Gatling guns). | | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |

| 160 | Food after starvation | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| starvation, the emptied into | ne food store of the Granary is the city's food store. I's capacity is only 40% of the city's | Whenever food is added to the city's store, the same amount of food is added to the Granary's store. The maximal capacity of the Granary is 50% of the city's store (whose capacity is 10 + 2 * population). After growth, the Granary's store is added to the city's store, but the store of the Granary isn't emptied. The Granary provides no food after starvation. |

| Rationale | The Granary already provided some protection against starvation by providing a cushion after growth and helping regrow lost population. However, the cushion is just 15 food in a size-10 city. If such a city has balanced health and can't get extra food by reassigning citizens (the AI often doesn't have unworked Farms), a poisoned water supply will consume the 15 food in two turns, and then kill 6 population. My change essentially doubles the cushion, meaning that only 3 population would be killed, which seems much more reasonable. It's not a big issue for human players, but, in the |
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| | Industrial era, the AI can become very vulnerable to poisoned water. It's strange that the Granary isn't emptied when a city grows, but normally irrelevant (it would be refilled by the time the city grows again), and actually convenient for my antistarvation mechanism; don't need a separate food store this way. |
| | Since the Granary is already considered to be the most powerful building in the game, I didn't want to make it even better; and I had planned to reduce the amount of stored food at some point anyway. |
| Config | The capacity change is an XML change (Civ4BuildingInfos.xml). |
| Tbd. | Nerf Slavery and Drafting; this will make Granary far less powerful. |
| See also | 912d: No Slavery option |

| 161 | Probability of war trades check | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| with a per-turhireling comp p(t) = 10 / (D where t is the DWTR is Dec Civ4Leaders this results in just started (inext turn etc | outed as follows: WTR + 10 * min{10,t}), | DeclareWarTradeRand is 40 for all leaders except Pacal, whose DWTR value is 60. Regardless of DWTR, the BtS formulas result in p=1 when the war is 0 turns old. For DWTR=40, p is 1/(t+1) for the next three turns, and, for t=4 to t=10 gradually decreases to 1/40. |
| Rationale | the checks on subsequent turns were reasons – the number of (hireling, wounder of civs. That said, most of the (attitude toward the sponsor and t | after 0 turns was intended. If so, then perhaps re made probabilistic only for performance var target) pairs grows quadratically with the ne pairs are usually eliminated by attitude checks ward the target), so I'm not too worried about tems too high to me in the beginning and to low an accident. |

| Tbd. | Considering to set leader-specific DWTR values so that some leaders tend to wait and see before bringing in help (DWTR=60), some hardly ever do (DWTR=80 or even 100) and some take all the help they can get asap (DWTR=20). Proud and miserly leaders would get a high DWTR, and profligate leaders a low one. I'm finding it difficult to fit the leaders into these categories though. Tentative: |
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| | 3xDWTR=20: Huayna Capac, Louis, Justinian 11xDWTR=40: Hannibal, Suryavarman, Mansa Musa, Hatshepsut, Hammurabi, Montezuma, Saladin, Churchill, De Gaulle, Roosevelt, Augustus Caesar 14xDWTR=50: Cyrus, Brennus, Julius Caesar, Willem, Pericles, Pacal, Catherine, Washington, Joao, Boudica, Frederick, Bismarck, Wang Kon, Peter 6xDWTR=80: Alexander, Shaka, Genghis Khan, Qin Shi Huang, Gandhi, Kublai Khan, 2xDWTR=100: Tokugawa, Sitting Bull 16xDWTR=60: the rest |

| 162 | Rule changes against surprise attac | ks |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| enemy borde spent. That i be unloaded units that car Carrack, Sub | ncludes units in cargo, so they can't right away. Exception: Air units and | Through cargo ships, one can attack any coastal city right after declaring war. In particular, the attacked civ doesn't get a chance to relocate civilians, missiles and ships in port, nor to engage the cargo ships (and their escort) in a naval battle. |
| Config | Disabled by default through Civ4Gl | obalDefines_advc.xml. |
| Rationale | not an obstacle, so the loss of move naval invasions and bombardment fi share a land border) are affected by navies in a land war. | e from the start. A border (in the sea) is very much ement points is implausible. I also don't like that from coastal waters (i.e. when the two war parties this. Fast deployment is the only reason to use get about the change. It does what it was |
| | , , | der an extra turn for attacks on unescorted |

| Tbd. | Have ships that unload units outside a friendly city or fort spend all movement points and maintain a connection between the ship and its cargo for another turn, depicted by the UI as some sort of overlay and labeled as "disembarking". When a disembarking ship is destroyed some or all of its cargo is destroyed as well. The idea is to expose the transported units to naval attacks for another turn without making them invulnerable to attacks by land and without slowing down unopposed landings. Will have to make sure that the AI considers naval attacks on ships that are unloading before considering land attacks on the disembarking units. Amphibic units should probably be exempt, i.e. debark instantly and perhaps even with full moves. |
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| | Alternatively, some super-light version of zones of control might work, e.g. "Transport ships can't unload next to a hostile ship with equal or higher strength (unless they have full moves?)" or, disregarding ships in cities: "Transport ships can't unload next to a water tile with a hostile unit (unless they have full moves?)." Such a rule is more plausible than the current one based on border crossings, should be easier to remember and doesn't affect naval bombardment in land wars (nor transportation if only one side has ships). Would require some work on the AI though – escorts will have to decide whether to attack defending ships (possibly leaving the transports unguarded), transports have to decide whether to wait for a landing spot to be cleared or to find a different one, and CvUnitAI::AI_guardCoast should at least show an effort to protect the AI's coast against surprise landings. |
| | More important: Find some way to prevent surprise attacks on Workers. E.g. allow civilians (probabilistically?) to "escape" to a nearby friendly city when attacked. |
| See also | 010 disables Worker stealing, but I don't necessarily want to keep it that way, and Workers can still be killed. |
| | 164 makes the Blitz promotion easier to access; that promotion is helpful for destroying unescorted cargo ships before they can unload. |
| | 098 changes the rules for culture spread across water. A similar rule change could allow borders to spread farther onto water, making it more difficult to reach the shore on the same turn as declaring war. |

| 163 | Teleported ("bumped") units have all their movement points spent | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS/K-Mod |
| when Open Borders are canceled –, all movement points of the unit are spent, its automation is removed (e.g. if it was set to autoexplore) and it is woken up so that it'll ask for orders on the next turn. | | The movement points of the unit are unaffected by the forced move. K-Mod deletes all missions queued for that unit, but doesn't de-automate it and doesn't wake it up; e.g. a Scout that was fortified in foreign territory will continue to fortify after getting teleported and won't ask for new orders. |
| | Don't want players to use teleportation as a means of re-deploying units; can't prevent this entirely, but using up movement points is a start. It's also more plausible that even a forced move costs movement points. The wake-up and de-automation are just usability improvements. | |
| | 046 makes minor changes to the selection of the tile that a bumped unit teleports to. ctr fixes an issue with units getting bumped out spuriously after liberating a city under occupation, and wakes up human units after tile ownership changes that don't lead to bumping. | |

| 164 | Changes to the Blitz promotion | |
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| Config | Civ4PromotionInfos.xml | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| • | romotion requires Military Science and either Combat III or Drill I. | Military Science and Combat III. (K-Mod had allowed Drill III as an alternative requirement.) |
| Rationale | | s, Battleships, Submarines) more common ercept an (unescorted) naval invasion; cf. <u>162</u> . |
| Tbd. | Or perhaps requiring Drill II would a | good compromise. |
| can receive the proper co Helicopter or | ore than 1 move and paratroopers the Blitz promotion if they also have ombat class (Mounted, Armored, r Naval; no change). The extra move om the Morale promotion. | No special clause for paratroopers, and the unit type needs to have more than 1 move, i.e. Morale doesn't help. |
| Tbd. | This still doesn't allow Paratroopers and Gunpowder units with a Great Warlord to receive Blitz because Gunpowder units aren't allowed to have Blitz. I'm reluctant to change this because Mechanized Infantry could become too similar to Tank if it's allowed to have Blitz. Not sure how to solve this problem. | |
| Blitz allows ι turn. | units to make one extra attack per | The number of attacks is only limited by the number of movement points. E.g. a Destroyer could make 7 attacks per turn or (depending on promotions) even more. |
| Rationale | Blitz Destroyers are too goofy and also a bit too powerful; can't have that if Blitz is accessible for level-3 units. | |

| 165 | Dimensions of individual map scripts adjusted | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| Adjusted the grid dimensions of Hemispheres, Not Too Big Or Small, Pangaea and Tectonics. | | These maps use the default dimensions set in Civ4WorldInfos.xml. Their land/sea ratios are also comparable, however, e.g. Not Too Big Or Small (K-Mod's version of Big Or Small) has a much longer coastline than Pangaea and thus a higher number of resources, of decent tiles and, ultimately, of city sites. |
| Terra uses the dimensions only slightly larger than the new defaults (see change 137). | | Terra was using the grid dimensions of the next higher map size; e.g. a Large Terra map resulted in Huge dimensions. Developer comment in Terra.py: "Enlarge the grids! According to Soren, Earth-type maps are usually huge anyway." |
| See also | 137 changes the default grid dimensions and player counts for each map size. The default dimensions are tailored for Fractal and Continents; therefore, these scripts don't need custom grids. 021b: Perfect Mongoose uses the default dimensions, but I've tweaked the land/sea ratio. 021a: Other small changes to the Tectonics script. | |

| Rationale | So that the default player counts result in a about the same amount of space for peaceful expansion on all these maps. Those with uninhabited continents (e.g. Terra) should, in my opinion, have a more room once these continents become reachable, but less room initially (compared with e.g. Pangaea). I'm not sure if it's the land ratio or perhaps the resource placement, but the Old World in Terra isn't usually very crowded with the default grid size and player count. "Earth-type map = huge" may be true about scenarios (because the coastlines become unrecognizable at smaller sizes), but shouldn't matter for randomized scripts. |
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| | I haven't adjusted any scripts that start with a letter before "F" because I want Fractal to be on top of the list on the Custom Game screen. The ordering can't be modded and the script names can't really be changed (see below). |
| | Instead of adjusting the grid sizes, one could add player count recommendations to the map description (in fact I had done this for a few maps until AdvCiv 0.95), but such recommendations are only shown under "Play Now", so most players never see them. As for adding a recommendation on the Custom Game screen: The displayed map name ("Terra") is the name of the map script file, and changing this file name (to e.g. "Terra - extra players recommended") would result in a second map, listed in addition to Terra. I've tried adding a dummy drop-down menu with a single choice, but apparently at least 2 choices need to be given. Such a menu would also be easy to miss because the default menus (which all maps have) are displayed first. |
| Config | Through copies of the respective map scripts in AdvCiv\PublicMaps. (My understanding is that it is the best practice to place modified BtS map scripts in the PublicMaps folder so that the game remembers the most recently played map even when no mod or a different mod is loaded. CFC thread on the subject; "We the People" Git issue) |

| 170 | (Reserved for an overhaul of religion) | | |
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| 170a | Diplomacy | Diplomacy | |
| See also | 145 applies accepted-religion memory only so long as the religion is shared. 115b changes how a favorite religion affects the utility of the Theocracy civic. 150a: religions in replays 106e, 151: notifications about religions 131: Al switches its state religion probabilistically | | |
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| Rationale | | | |

| 171 | Founding and spread of religions by the AI | |
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| Tbd. | Al shouldn't found religions before founding a second city or hitting the happiness cap in the capital. Al with a favorite religion should avoid founding earlier religions. | |
| AdvCiv | iv BtS | |
| When an AI leader gets to choose which religion to found ("Choose Religions" game option) and the favorite isn't available (already founded or none specified), that leader chooses the religion with the cheapest tech requirement. | | Chooses uniformly at random. |
| Rationale | If the preference of the leader can't be matched, at least try to match the game year by picking religions in chronological order. | |

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| ries tend to a | ring war against a civ, AI missiona- avoid spreading religions to the war eligion spread when war is imminent. | War plans don't affect AI religion spread. |
| Tbd. | Merge parts of CvPlayerAI::AI_missionaryValue and CvUnitAI:: AI_spreadReligion into a single target evaluation function. Not an easy task because they implement the same ideas differently and the results aren't on the sam scale. | |

| 178 | Changes to Apostolic Palace (AP) and United Nations (UN) votes | | |
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| See also | kekm.25 allows AP war votes against voting members. 130f allows embargo votes to sever recent deals. | | |
| Tbd. | Several gameplay changes, most importantly to the membership rules. The only thing done so far (apart from kekm.25): A temporary adjustment of the City AI evaluation of the AP as a vote source. Assigns 0 value when the state religion is shared by no other civ. Will have to replace that with code estimating the potential for spreading the AP religion after/ while building the AP. (Don't want to force an AI civ that has just founded Christianity to spread that religion around before being allowed to build the AP.) | | |
| | Some players really hate the AP vict address this. | tory. The change to the membership rules will | |
| See also | 115b only counts vote source utility when aiming at a religious victory; that'll also have to change. | | |
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| | UN and AP don't require Diplo victory to be enabled, but the victory votes do. Can't build AP and UN when Diplo victory is disabled. | | |
| Rationale | The AI can handle this. Disabling Diplo victory without disabling all votes is requested on the CFC forums from time to time (two examples). Seems like players generally don't dislike voting, just the victory votes, either for reasons of game balance/ fairness (mostly AP) or because they find it irrational that the AI civs will vote for a rival's victory. That said, some non-victory AP votes appear to be problematic in multiplayer (the RtR mod disables them; see under "Miscellaneous" here); will have to disable them through XML then. | | |
| Config | Can be reverted through Civ4BuildingInfos.xml. Individual votes can be disabled through Civ4VoteInfos.xml (though this may break savegame compatibility). | | |
| The "None" option in the popup that asks the player to select a resolution explains that this will trigger an early election. (Unless the vote cycle is ending either way.) | | | |
| Rationale | The early-election mechanism is OK | , but needs to be communicated to the player. | |
| • | The force-peace vote requires a non-vassal full member to be at war with a non-vassal voting member. The voting member can be a vassal and, then the master of that vassal will be forced to mak peace even if it isn't itself a voting member. | | |
| Rationale | Shouldn't compel a civ that has no vote in the matter. | | |

| 179 | Changes to the production ability of Apostolic Palace (AP) | |
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| The production bonus to religious buildings is shown in the AP's help text, Civilopedia text and actual-effects text (<alt> key).</alt> | | The only mention of the production bonus is buried in the "BtS Concepts" page about the Apostolic Palace. Actual-effects (BUG mod) shows the bonus when hovering over religious buildings but not when hovering over the AP. |
| The AI evaluation of the AP includes the production bonus, taking into account religious buildings that already exist and that could still be built, future religion spread and the effects on other civs and diplo relations with those civs. | | The production bonus is ignored by the BtS AI. There is BBAI code that factors the bonus into the evaluation of religious buildings but not the evaluation of the AP itself. |
| | The ability is quite powerful; shouldn't be a secret. It's tied to the AP vote source (Civ4VoteSourceInfos.xml), not the building, but that's a technicality that players shouldn't have to worry about. | |
| | Reduce the production bonus to 1 and give religious buildings +1 production from a trait once/ if I get around to revising the leader traits. | |
| | 008a shows some of the restrictions for AP only when they apply. 008e drops the "The" from the AP's name. | |

| 180 | Damage to cities upon conquest | |
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| See also | 139: Al evacuation of cities | |
| | <u>001f</u> : Cities remain revealed after conquest | |
| | 023: Occupation countdown after conquest | |
| | <u>099</u> : Immortal culture | |
| | 101, 099c: Revolt probability | |
| | 116: Al razing | |
| | 130w: Relations penalty for cities with foreign culture | |
| Tbd. | Damage shouldn't be caused primarily upon conquest but during attacks, bombardment and unrest. Dawn of Civilization and Civ 4 Reimagined have already implemented such changes. | |
| | Capture gold needs to be reduced; perhaps only grant it when razing. | |
| | Shouldn't be possible to raze in a single turn. (Use a separate change id for that though.) | |
| | Bombardment and razing should perhaps also affect war weariness. | |
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| | | "Reconquest" means that the new owner has the highest city culture – indeed, that can't happen if the new owner hasn't owned the city at some earlier point. |
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| | | Defensive buildings have a iConquestProb of 0%, which means that they're always destroyed except upon reconquest or cession. Buildings with the bNeverCapture flag are destroyed even upon reconquest. (In ceded cities, even the nevercapture buildings remain intact.) Only cultural buildings (Monument, Library, University, Theater, Temple, Monastery, Cathedral) have the nevercapture flag. |
| Config | Civ4BuildingInfos.xml | |
| Rationale | Since there has to be a conquest before a reconquest, <code>iConquestProb=0 vs</code> . <code>bNeverCapture=true</code> really only makes a difference for buildings that the "transient" owner has constructed. Don't want Walls of that player to benefit the "new old" owner because its somewhat unexpected and because I don't want to discourage players from fortifying newly conquered cities. | |
| | For unique buildings, the never-capture flag is mostly superfluous – but not entirely: when two or more players have the same civilization type, unique buildings can be captured. | |
| | Don't want to destroy Bunkers and Bomb Shelters upon reconquest because those are notoriously difficult to demolish in reality. They have an iConquestProb of 66%. | |

| 183 | Effects of forts | |
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| See also | 124 deals with the effect of forts on the trade network. 121: worker AI changes for forts. | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| Open Borders allow sea and air units to move through foreign forts, even if the fort owner is a rival. Only non-rival sea and air units are allowed in i.e. only units of the fort owner's team or that team's master or vassals. | | |
| Rationale | Streamline the rules by making forts more similar to cities. Disallowing naval movement is also inconsistent with forts allowing rival naval trade to pass through (a rule that, admittedly, rarely ever matters). Air capacity is counted per team, so that's not much of an issue (and surely no more of an issue than in cities). One problem: Unlike a city, a fort can easily be pillaged by its owner (if that were disallowed, the owner would still have to be allowed to replace the fort with another improvement). Pillaging a fort could allow a human player to trap a stack of foreign AI transports in a lake or small inland sea. (Air and sea units inside a fort get bumped out when it's pillaged; that's OK.) Easier to pull off than through canceled Open Borders – but still seems like a pretty elusive scenario. | |
| See also | 046 makes teleported sea units less likely to end up in lakes. advc.pf: The fort rule change has made the team-based pathfinding code a bit easier to write. | |

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| | | TeamTypes) with separate functions (members spects of cities, e.g. CvTeam::isCityDefense. e tagged with just "advc". |
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| Tbd. | If AI units trapped in a lake ever become a problem in an actual game, perhaps I ca get the AI to unload its transports. | |
| | | ers of a third party (that is a rival of both war ch fighting shouldn't be allowed; not plausible. |
| When a fort | gets replaced or destroyed, it is | Can find forts and cities in the fog of war by hovering with the cursor in Rebase mode. Other than that, forts are subject to fog-of-war rules (like all other terrain improvements). |
| | es some other info leaks, e.g. the n recommendation. | |
| Rationale | These info leaks get more problematic when Open Borders allow aircraft to enter rival forts. With the info leaks closed, destroyed forts can't be secret – otherwise aircraft would be able to move to tiles where a fort had once existed. | |
| | Unowned fort tile benefit from all efensive advantages of forts. Unowned forts grant +25% tile defense; the oth defensive advantages are tied to the acts-as-cit ability and apply only to non-rival units: City defense modifiers (e.g. Archer; also: City Raide promotion on the flipside), immune to Flank Attack, immune to targeted attack (Ballista Elephant). | |
| Rationale | Counterintuitive that the 25% apply but not the other defensive abilities. Arguably a relic from Warlords when the defensive modifier was the only ability. Workers being allowed to build forts on unowned tiles also seems like a bit of a relic. If the defense modifier on unowned tiles were taken away, there would be no point in building unowned forts at all. Through city razing, forts could still end up without an owner though, and then it would be rather strange that units can't get any use out of an abandoned fort. | |
| Tbd. | Disallow forts building on unowned tiles? Then players wouldn't have to wonder whether such forts can function as ports or air base (they cannot). Forts that end up unowned through razing could still grant defensive benefits. | |
| See also | 119 prevents chopping on unowned tiles. | |
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| 184 | Military happiness only from units of the same team or vassal/master | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| A city that fears for its safety or that is under Hereditary Rule can receive happiness from military units only if those units belong to the same team as the city or to a vassal or master of that team. Any (non-hostile) units cause military happines Any (non-hostile) units cause military happines | | |
| Rationale | nale Comes up rarely, but highly counterintuitive when it does. | |
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| 185 | Changes for mods with modified era progression; tagged with "advc.erai" in the code. | |

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| absolute era to make it w | ome AI code that made use of a numbers or era differences in order york better for mod-mods with more or han BtS/AdvCiv. | Era numbers (0 for Ancient, 6 for Future) are used pretty commonly in AI code as a coarse measure of the game progress or the technological progress of a particular player or team. Usually, AI modders have used ratios involving the current era number and the total number of eras. Such code can be expected to work (somewhat) well in a mod-mod with a different total number of eras. In some cases, however, only the current era number is used, or a difference between the current era number and some threshold or target value. |
| Rationale | I'm aware of only one AdvCiv mod-mod with a different era count – "These Fractured States of America" (CFC thread), and development didn't get very far on that. There are plans for a merge of Greek World with AdvCiv (CFC post). So these AI changes might matter; they should have no effect in AdvCiv itself. | |
| Config | so mod-modders can't easily change CvEraInfo::normalizeEraNum COV necessary. Other AI code uses funct encountered in a game to the BtS er AI code was written for. All the AI_gacvPlayerAI::AI_getCurrEraFactor that function either because it uses a file also designates some special eracan expect oceangoing transports to those XML settings. They're docume | rers only a few cases). Hopefully no changes are ions AI_getCurrEra to map era numbers a numbers (between 0 and 6) that the bulk of the etCurrEra functions ultimately call or. However, it shouldn't be necessary to modify era numbers set in Civ4EraInfos.xml. That XML as, for example the era (if any) during which the All become available. Mod-modders should review ented in Civ4GameInfoSchema.xml. (Setting s.xml would've been a bit cleaner, but I wanted to |
| Credits | In part based on this Kek-Mod Git commit. (A small part of that commit has been adopted directly under id kekm.36.) I've revised a lot more code than DarkLunaPhantom, but that may have been mainly older AdvCiv code. About half of the BtS/K-Mod code modified by Kek-Mod I've left alone. Some of it merely replaces code that was already based on the total number of eras with a call to a normalization function. That's cleaner I guess, but usually not quite equivalent and, to me, not worth the risk of breaking something. In other cases, I think it's better to keep using absolute era numbers. Hard to say sometimes. I expect that a mod with fewer eras is still going to give players enough time to settle the whole world, so the eras are going to last longer than the BtS eras. The mod could achieve that through additional techs – or through higher tech costs. On the bottom line, I would expect some statistics, e.g. tile yields, to develop within a more narrow span than in BtS when there are fewer eras. | |
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| | through higher tech costs. On the bottom line, I would expect some statistics, e.g. tile yields, to develop within a more narrow span than in BtS when there are fewer eras. |
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| 190 | Additions to the Settings tab (Victory screen) |

| See also | 106h shows part of the Settings info | in the first replay message. |
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| | 251 may show the game start turn. 135d may hide the game end turn in multiplayer. K-Mod shows the game difficulty in multiplayer (in addition to the player difficulty). 300 used to show the earliest turn on which Barbarians can appear. | |
| 190a | Show mod name, disabled victory co | onditions |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| List any disa options colur | nn. | Victory conditions only covered by the Victory tab – which doesn't explicitly say which victory conditions are disabled. |
| Show the mod name. | | The mod name is shown on the main menu screen; from within a game, it's not visible. (Some mods show it when hovering over the main screen flag button.) |
| 190b | Show custom map options | |
| the Settings from the defa "Cylindrical" | of custom map options are listed on tab (Victory screen) if they differ ault. For example, normally, (world wrap) is not listed because fault value, but "Toroidal" gets listed. | BtS doesn't show custom map options anywhere once the game has started. No way to tell what the options were after loading a savegame. |
| 190c | More info about unmet players | |
| and leaders have been assigned randomly. For players whose civ or leader has been set manually (as opposed to randomly), show that civ and leader information even for players that | | Once a game has started (or after loading a savegame), the number of players that haven't yet been met can only be determined by revealing the map. (Well, there are some information leaks in BtS; most of which should be fixed in AdvCiv; cf. 077 – Demographics tab.) |
| Tbd. | | he RiseFall component should keep track of yers and show the civs and leaders of those ney were randomly chosen. |
| on the scoreboard if that info would give away the Random civ or leader of an unmet human rival. Don't use player colors either. the scoreboard if that info would give away the scoreboard rival. The color of the rival civ. BUG of | | In multiplayer games, human rivals are shown on the scoreboard even if they haven't been met. The color of the display name gives away the civ of the rival even if that rival is playing a random civ. BUG options for showing the leader name will also give away the leader. |
| | | K-Mod already ignores the BUG option that gives away the leader name (regardless of whether the leader was already revealed on the Staging Room screen); doesn't protect the civ name. |
| | choosing random civs and leaders, I better to pick a strong leader by han | information concealed. Provides an incentive for but, in a competitive match, it is probably still far d. I also don't think it's vital to know that a human ugawa. So I don't see a balance or fairness ready gone down this road a bit. |

| 191 | Changes to the selection of random civs |
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When both the civ and leader of a player are set The randomization procedure is hidden away to "Random" during game setup and the Unrestricted Leaders option isn't checked, then the selection of the civ is biased toward civs with random civs and then, in a second step, multiple available leaders. Such civs are given a random leaders to match the (randomly or 20% greater weight for each leader beyond the first than civs with only a single available leader.

in the EXE. Judging from calls to CvRandom in the DLL, the EXE apparently first chooses manually) chosen civs.

| in or than or | vs with only a single available leader. | |
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| Config | PER_EXTRA_LEADER_CIV_SELECTION_WEIGHT in GlobalDefines_advc.xml. | |
| Rationale | Leaders of the same civ have similar personalities for the most part, so, for maximizing variation in AI behavior, favoring civs with multiple leaders isn't all that helpful. The main advantage is arguably that humans will receive a greater variety of traits. (One could argue that repetitive human traits can be prevented by restarting. I think many players don't like restarting.) The main argument I see against a bias, apart from simplicity, is that a uniform selection among civs leads to the greatest variation in unique units and buildings. This is also an argument against using a greater bias when selecting human civs than for AI civs. | |
| See also | Implementation based on <u>190c</u> | |
| Tbd. | BUG option to reRandomizeCivsAndLeaders (CvInitCore) when regenerating the map. Can use CvPlayer::changeCiv, changeLeader for that. However, the current randomization code only handles players that have both their civ and leader set to "Random". It also bails on various edge-case conditions. Synchronization: CvGame should pass a random number from CvGame::getSRand to reRandomizeCivsAndLeaders to avoid including CvGame.h. in CvInitCore.cpp. | |

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| 200 | Reverted K-Mod changes; see chapter on <u>K-Mod</u> |
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| See also | Some of the K-Mod changes are explained in the changelog. In some cases, further rationales can be found on K-Mod's GitHub page, e.g. regarding corporation maintenance: Git commit |
| | Prior to AdvCiv 0.98, I had restored the BtS tech requirements (Mass Media + Corporation) for Civilized Jewelers. Now the K-Mod requirements apply again (just Corporation). See CFC discussion here . The essential arguments to me are that, at Mass Media, a Great Artist will virtually always do more good through a Great Work than by founding Jewelers, and that Mass Media already had two powerful culture effects prior to the BtS expansion — outweighing the (valid) counterarguments that Jewelers, being annoying in the hands of the AI (corporation spread, culture spread) and having only narrow uses for humans, shouldn't be the easiest corporation to access, and that Mass Media is a historically plausible requirement. While it is now the easiest corporation to access, it is still not exactly easy to access, especially for the AI, because a particular Great Person (Artist) is required. Insofar, an early Industrial extra tech requirement representing machine shops wouldn't make much of a difference. Requiring a Merchant would make the corporation far less useful for a culture victory without necessarily making the AI less likely to stumble onto it. |

| 210 | Additional Civ4lerts | |
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| See also | 135b makes MoreCiv4lerts work in Hotseat |
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| | 106c prevents Civ4lerts from triggering after loading a savegame |
| | 106d changes the default settings for BUG alerts and disables some alert triggers. 127 suspends alert updates during AI Auto Play |
| | 071 shows a message when first meeting a rival; configurable on the "Alerts" tab. ctr adds a city trade alert |

I'm not adding a second Alert tab to the BUG menu for the new alerts – the BUG menu is already huge. Instead, I'm removing BUG alerts to make room; some aren't really useful in a mod like AdvCiv, others are made obsolete by the new alerts.

Disabled although the space isn't needed yet: "peace treaty", "pending border expansion". I don't see how the latter could be useful, and the former is subsumed by the "willing to talk" alert.

And I've made the Reminder options a bit more compact.

Tbd.

Get rid of the "willing to sign Open Borders" and voluntary vassal alerts. Instead simply have the AI contact humans right away when it becomes willing (the turn on which a human discovers Writing will need special treatment). Merge the Permanent Alliance, voluntary vassal and capitulation alerts in order to make more room.

"<team1> has signed|canceled Open Borders with <team2>."

"You have gained lost access to a source of <bonus> (now <n> sources)."

"The peace treaty between <team1> and <team2> has ended."

"<team1> is willing to make peace with <team2>."

"Can now|no longer access demographics about <civ>."

"<team1> has discovered <tech> [(trade from <team2>)]. [Obsoleted wonders: ...]" (Try merging this with the tech trade alert. Should then also stop reporting "will no longer trade" and add a willing-to-talk check like the one for city trades [ctr].)

"<team1> is willing to stop trading with <team2>."

(But what about embargoes that the AI would agree to if the player didn't have any deals with the target?)

"5 turns have passed since the last revolution; it's again possible to change civics."

"<leader> can be convinced to convert to <religion>."

"The enemy has been spotted near <city>." (Currently, the game reports the same enemy time and again; should work better as a Civ4lert that remembers which enemy units had already been visible on the previous turn. Sentry [0041] already works this way.)

"Temporary [anger_icon] has subsided in <city>." (<u>idea</u> by CFC user BaneFire) and possibly:

"A tile near <city1> has flipped to <city2>." (How to describe the tile?)

"<leader1> is now [e.g.]furious toward y (was annoyed)."

"Can cancel this deal with <leader>: you're receiving <item list1> for <item list2>."

"<leader> has constructed a <building>|the <national wonder> in <city>." (cf. 045)

"You|<leader> have|has overtaken <leader>|you in military power."

"The military power of <leader> has increased substantially over the last 10 turns." (probably too noisy)

"The effect of our counterespionage mission against <leader> has ended."

(A message about enemy counterespionage ending would be difficult because we only learn that "enemy spies appear to be extra vigilant to our espionage efforts," but not whose spies, and the durations can overlap.)

| | " <leader> has acquired the <wonder> of <city>." (The <i>Tbd.</i> under <u>106</u> would be preferable, but an alert that is checked at the end of turn would be easier to implement.)</city></wonder></leader> | | |
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| | read and write functions, call them Python upon loading a savegame. A implementation entirely into the DLL the original (BUG) Civ4lerts into the do that though; I don't think storing the | vegames. Not challenging to do; just add virtual from CvPlayer and disable the check calls from ctually, it would be best to move the; there's no reason for involving Python. Moving DLL would be a much taller order. Don't need to he AdvCiv4lerts data in savegames will make any t be an apparent inconsistency with the BUG | |
| 210a | War trades (= hired war/sponsored v | var/joint war) | |
| See also | The RevolutionDCM mod also has such an alert, but I didn't know this when I implemented the alert for AdvCiv. | | |
| | <u>UWAI</u> uses a different procedure that war offers (but this alert works in any | n BtS/ K-Mod to decide whether to entertain joint- / case). | |
| | 152 shows currently offered war trad | | |
| AdvCiv | | BUG/ K-Mod | |
| | en an AI civ becomes willing to on another civ at the player's | No alert about this, but BUG shows a fist icon on the scoreboard when a civ is unwilling to declare war on account of "having too much on [their] | |
| Shown in the tab; enabled | e "Trade" column of the BUG Alerts I by default. | hands." Prior to v1.46, K-Mod did not show this icon (not even as an option). K-Mod 1.46 reverts to the BUG behavior (icon enabled by default). | |
| Removed the "Victory" alerts to make room. | | | |
| Rationale | | pport for joint wars) certainly wasn't ideal, and UWAI, "too much on ours hands" doesn#t say specifically for that isn't useful. | |
| | The victory alerts seem useful only in | n HoF games. | |
| Config Can also show an alert when the AI stops being willing to declare war: ALERT_ON_NO_LONGER_WAR_TRADE in GlobalDefines_advc.xml. | | | |
| | K-Mod if UWAI is disabled – with one | e scoreboard string (letter 'M') and will work as in e small modification: No indicator is shown next to ous that they have "enough on their hands." | |
| UWAI rejects war trades when already in a war and the new target is not at war with the sponsor and farther away than the closest current war enemy: "We have enough on our hands right now." | | regardless of other circumstances. (This is still | |
| Rationale | | ages produced by this alert. War against an ; the hired AI civ isn't going to send units. | |
| alert is also have enougl | sabled (legacy AI option), then an shown when the AI will respond "we n on our hands" to any war trade and no longer gives such a response. | No alert; just the scoreboard indicator. | |
| Rationale | | s way one doesn't have to keep an eye on the or may still be useful in addition so that players | |

| | don't have to remember which rivals | are currently preparing for war. |
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| 210b | Revolts | |
| to greater that (from conque city also nee | en revolt probability changes from 0 an 0 in a city, or when occupation est or revolt) ends in a city unless the ds orders. e "City" column, taking the spot if the | The only way to learn about changes in revolt probability is to check the city screen each turn. The Pacification alert triggers when occupation ends in a city; the pending version when occupation is about to end. Without the alert, |
| BUG "Pacification/ Pending" alert. Until v0.94, the alert also triggered when the revolt chance became 0. | | there is no notification about ending occupation, although a conquered city will ask for production orders when occupation ends (unless the new owner has already put something in the queue). |
| Rationale | Pacification alert seems fairly unimp | ent role (see <u>099c</u>), an alert is direly needed. The ortant to me, but I've still included it with the new on; I don't see why one would want that. |
| | No pacification alert when the city also needs orders; seems superfluous then. | |
| 210c | City founded alert removed | |
| revealed to t message ab | ign city is founded in a tile that is he player, the game shows a out this to the player. No option to No messages about cities founded d tiles. | The description says that the alert is triggered when "a rival founds a city," but I think it also works for vassal cities (which aren't rivals). K-Mod prevented the alert from showing cities founded in unrevealed tiles and set it to disabled by default. |
| Rationale | AdvCiv sticks with the K-Mod principle that unrevealed cities should be secret. No need for an optional alert then. Frees up space for a new alert (see <i>Tbd</i> . under 210). | |
| See also | 106: City-founded messages in replays ctr: City trade alert messages | |
| 210d | Third-party resource trades | |
| Triggers when a civ starts or stops trading a strategic resource to another civ, and when a civ starts trading any resource to a civ that it was previously not trading any resources to, or when the only resource trade between two civs is canceled. | | Resource trades are public knowledge and can be looked up on the Foreign Advisor screen. The BUG Resource Trade alert triggers when an AI civ becomes willing to trade a resource to the player or stops being willing (106 disables the latter part). |
| Rationale | Was helpful for testing <u>036</u> . Triggers way too often when all started and ended resource trades are reported. Reporting only strategic resources and the first and last trade is OK, but not quite as interesting as I thought it would be. | |
| Config | Disabled by default. Can be enabled from the BUG menu, Alerts tab, column Trading. There's also a debug mode for reporting all resource trades, but that can only be enabled in the DLL (AdvCiv4lerts.cpp). | |
| Tbd. Perhaps this alert should only cover strategic resources; the current scope is complicated. | | strategic resources; the current scope is a bit |
| | A "third party" checkbox for an alert about inter-Al tech trades (cf. <i>Tbd.</i> under 210) could be placed in the same column of the BUG menu. | |
| 210e | Al willing to import from human | |

| The resource trade alert (enabled by default) triggers also when an AI civ becomes willing to import a surplus resource from the player at a price of at least 3 gold per turn. | | The alert only checks AI willingness to export resources. |
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| It doesn't trigger when the resource is consumed by one of the player's corporations, nor when an AI civ stops being willing to import a resource. | | |
| See also | Such an alert wasn't necessary prior to <u>036</u> because the AI was always willing to import human surplus resources. | |
| 106: The alert doesn't trigger when the AI stops being willing to export | | ne AI stops being willing to export a resource. |

| 250 | Changes to handicaps | |
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| See also | 104p sets the target size for AI invasion stacks based on difficulty. 126 deals with free AI techs when starting in a later era. 108b increases the bias toward better starting locations for the AI. 313 gives human units an anti-Barbarian bonus on Monarch, Emperor and Immortal, and reduces human and AI bonuses against animals. 148 Makes inter-AI relations improve slightly with each difficulty level. | |
| 250a | King handicap | |
| advantage (the worst st | Initial AI advantage and ongoing advantages go (free Worker, free Pottery, humans get hand in hand for the 9 BtS difficulty settings. arting plots), and moderate ongoing jes (akin to Monarch). | |
| difficulty rati explicitly thr Immortal at | difficulty rating from handicap id. A larger from 0 to 100 is now assigned rough a new XML tag. Settler to difficulty 0, 10, 20,, 70; Deity at 85 anallenge. Handicap ids from 0 (Settler) to 8 (Deity) are used as a measure of difficulty, e.g. when computing player scores at the end of a game. This method breaks when handicap settings are added. If added at the end of Civ4Handicap if added in the middle, all the handicaps below increase in difficulty. | |
| Rationale | for Pottery: Free tech from the first row (e.g. Hunting or Agriculture) puts those AI civs at a disadvantage that always start with these techs. Pottery should also put the AI on a path to long-term development (Granaries, Cottages), rather than using its initial advantage to choke the human players. | |
| Config | I've removed this difficulty level in v0.90. Left is commented out in Civ4HandicapInfos.xml at first, deleted that too in v0.98. Monarch combined with SPaH has a pretty similar result, and I wanted to reduce the complexity of the AdvCiv mod, at least on the surface. (An additional difficulty level is a very visible change from BtS.) | |
| Tbd. | The victory score should take into account other game settings (through difficulty or directly), e.g. Always War. | |
| See also | 108 allows the game to give the worst starting plot to a human civ. kekm.22 rounds the difficulty setting in multiplayer to the integer nearest to the average. 126 prevents civs from continuing research paths that start at free tech whose requirements aren't met (e.g. can't go from free Pottery to Archery when missing the | |

| | Wheel). | | |
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| 250b | SPaH; see also chapter Start Points as Handicap. | | |
| Config in scenarios | Since v3.17 (reportedly), the Base Points box is grayed out on the Custom Scenario screen unless Advanced Start is set as a default option by the scenario. As a consequence, Advanced Start and SPaH (which builds on Advanced Start) are unavailable in most scenarios. I haven't found a way to work around this. However, it's easy to add Advanced Start as a default option in a scenario file: Locate the file in Sid Meier's Civilization 4\Beyond the Sword\PublicMaps (CivBeyondSwordWBSaves) or Sid Meier's Civilization 4\PublicMaps (Civ4WorldBuilderSaves). This also works for EuroWorld.CivBeyondSwordWBSave . Open it file in a text editor. (Or better make a backup copy first.) Somewhere between BeginGame and EndGame , add this line: Option=GAMEOPTION_ADVANCED_START | | |
| See also | <u>Chapter</u> Start Points as Handicap | | |
| | Advanced Rivals mod, precursor of Advanced Civ | | |
| Tbd. | Allow players to enter arbitrary point distributions, in particular ones that assign start points to human players. Obstacles: | | |
| | • Can't add a drop-down menu for this to the Custom Game screen; if it's done ingame, it will have to happen after game start. For multiplayer, it's not clear who should enter the points; and they'd have to be explicitly synchronized. | | |
| | • I've tried an XML file, but that doesn't work well for multiplayer – not clear to the players if they should all use the same XML file, or if XML data of the host will be synchronized with the others. I'd rather avoid using XML for custom game settings. | | |
| | Caveat: Code added in CvPlayer.cpp assumes that only AI civs can have Advanced Start when SPaH is enabled. | | |
| The new SF moves to the | PaH option takes the spot of No City Razing (NCR) on the Custom Game screen; NCR e bottom. | | |
| SPaH can't Scenario sc | be used in scenarios because the Base Points box isn't available on the Custom reen. | | |
| See also | 250c changes the default start points on the Custom Game screen, and increases the start turn based on the number of start points. | | |
| Tbd. | Not sure if the default start points are appropriate for later-era starts. | | |
| SPaH suppi start points. | resses the difficulty adjustment of Al | | |
| | on free wins against Barbarians and production when SPaH or R&F is guaranteed to win their first combat against a Barbarian unit (regardless of Advanced Start). On all difficulty settings, the AI receives some free production (akin to a chopped Forest) in its capital. | | |
| Rationale | When playing with SPaH, any free initial items and any AI head start in terms of initial items should be covered by the start points configured for the AI. | | |
| | The free win is also a kind of free item. More importantly, advanced players might want to combine a medium difficulty setting like Prince with a big AI head start (or with the R&F option), and those players might find the free win cheesy. | | |

| See also | | ulty setting when using (any) Advanced Start |
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| | option. | |
| (Just restatii SPaH <u>chapt</u> | ng what's already described in the <u>er</u>) | |
| e.g. a Settle era, and Advanced for the Al civs roughly the Al civs roughly the Al civs roughly for the Al civs roughly roughly roughly roughly rand for the Al civs roughly r | the human civs normal starts with r and Warrior/ Scout in the Ancient vanced Starts to the AI. If less than points are entered, all AI civs get the er of points (flat distribution). If a 5- or 6-digit number is entered, eccive unequal amounts of points. It is assigned to the AI civ in the slot. The last two digits are as a percentage of the max. The number is for the AI civ in the start in the others receive values in and max, linearly distributed and omized. | There is no SPaH option; all civs, human and AI, receive the same number of start points. |
| | of the Victory Screen. | |
| | assignment of start plots easier. The placed first, and the other civs were generalize well for multiplayer, so I've | iginally, this was supposed to make the human civ and the bottommost AI civ were evenly distributed in between. This doesn't e abandoned it. Given the current start-plot enceptually simpler to use a linear distribution |
| Config | The randomization of start points is configurable in GlobalDefines_advc.xml. | |
| specifically, 0 and 90 (se start point d game has ne start points t increased by | tored into the game-end score. More the difficulty factor, normally between the 250a), is increased based on the istribution. For example, a Noble formally a difficulty of 30; with 1000 for every AI civ, that difficulty is y 20, which results in the same score th game without SPaH. | Game-end score doesn't account for Advanced Start. |
| Rationale | little bit as a rough indicator of how v | us issues, but I think players still care about it a vell they did. So, the formula doesn't have to be handicap, they should be accounted for |
| | I haven't thought about scoring in muabout. | ultiplayer games – not important enough to worry |
| AdvCiv | 1 | BtS |
| | Default number of start points for Ancient-era 600 start set to 400. | |
| Rationale | I want this default for SPaH. For regular Advanced Start, 600-800 would be better (considering that 250c increases start point costs), but this can't be set dynamically. | |
| 250c | Changes to (regular) Advanced Start | |
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| No impact of difficulty setting on the human start points. | | Extra start points for human civs on low difficulty settings (150% on Settler), reduced start points on high difficulty (75% on Deity). |
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| Al start point bonuses increased to Prince 125% Monarch 145% Emperor 175% Immortal 210% Deity 270% (and they're actually applied). Al start point penalty added on difficulty levels below Noble. | | Set to 110% 120% 135% 150% 170% but aren't applied because of a bug. |
| Rationale Want to reduce the number of modifiers that affect human civs fewer points on higher difficulty setting civs a lot more. This is also to account for the free Advanced Start (see below). | | ifficulty settings and AI civs more, I'm giving the AI |
| | The higher amount of start points for an increased point cost for units, bui | human civs on Prince and above is countered by Idings and cities (see below). |
| Credits | I had at first forgotten (not bothered?) to add an AI penalty on the low levels; added them after seeing this Kek-Mod commit. | |
| No free initial items in Advanced Start except for the technologies of previous eras when starting in the Classical era or later and civ-specific tech when starting in the Ancient era. | | No free units, but free technologies from the difficulty setting are granted in addition to start points. |
| Rationale | | ntly than free units. Obviously, free tech from my solution isn't entirely consistent either. |
| Charge 1.5 start points per production (units, buildings, cities). | | The ratio is 1 for 1. 1 Food (population) costs 1.5 start points though. |
| 1.5 start poir | nts per 1 culture. | 1 culture costs 2.5 start points. |
| · | | 2 * (100 + 3 * number of revealed tiles) / 100 rounded down, i.e. 5 initially. |
| Can't reveal Ocean tiles that aren't adjacent to Coast when starting in Renaissance or earlier. | | Can reveal any tile that isn't adjacent to a previously revealed tile (no change). |
| Start point cost for routes and improvements reduced to 67%. | | E.g. a Mine costs 24 start points, a Farm 30. |
| Techs cost 1 start point per research point (no change). | | |

Rationale Units seemed extremely cheap compared with tech. It's not that dangerous because units can only be placed in cities, and each city has a limit of two military units: still. makes lots of Workers and Settlers a too obvious choice. 1 start point essentially corresponds to 1 gold, so 1.5 per 1 production is still a bargain. Should perhaps be 2 for 1 – not sure if there's a good reason to make techs relatively unattractive during Advanced Start. Similarly, 1 revealed tile per 2 start points is still pretty expensive; seems better to buy Settlers and found later than to pay some 50 points extra for revealing the surroundings of a potential city site. A Mine for 24 is too expensive when a Worker costs 60. Now Workers are at 90 and Mines at 16. With cheaper visibility, it could make sense to reveal a diagonal across the entire map under the BtS rules. That would spoil all the surprises, so I'm prohibiting the oceans from being revealed. 2 culture per 3 start points is still expensive – except for the first border pop, which I don't want to turn into a complete no-brainer. Config Costs for culture, revealed tiles and Worker builds are set in GlobalDefines advc.xml. Start points shown on the Custom Game screen Shown points are adjusted to game era, game are only auto-adjusted to match the start era. speed (silently) and world size. The impact of world size is minor; the multiplier is between 80% All start point costs are reduced based on game and 120%. speed. Rationale A large world isn't necessarily less crowded than a small one. The BtS autoadjustment is generally problematic because it overwrites any start point value that the player may have already entered. Also gets in the way of 250b – don't want the player handicap to increase with the world size. The silent game speed adjustment can be a bit confusing – the player ends up with a start point budget that differs from the value shown on the Custom Game screen. I think it's a bit more elegant to change the costs instead. Makes no functional difference (apart from rounding). Dawn-of-Man Screen always shown. The "since Dawn-of-Man only shown for normal start, i.e. time immemorial" text and initial techs are only non-Advanced in the Ancient era. shown when starting in the Ancient era. While in Advanced Start, players can only infer their leader from the text color or by using While in Advanced Start, scoreboard help text shows the player's leader. keyboard shortcuts to access Advisor Screens or Civ Description (Alt+D).

Rationale

Players need to know their civ and leader upfront, especially if it was set to Random on the Custom Game screen.

The initial techs are meaningless when starting in a later era.

The start turn is based on the number of start points, more specifically, the maximum and the mean of the start point distribution. Only applies when starting in the Ancient era (and only when the average of mean and maximum is greater than 500).

Example: If everyone receives 750 points (max=mean=750) on Normal speed, Emperor difficulty, then the start turn is 20, i.e. 1880 B.C.

The start turn only depends on the start era.

| Rationale | Should match the historical time line better, and, in the case of SPaH, gives the impression that some of the AI civs have been on the map since 4000 BC, whereas the human civs are late arrivals. | |
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| Config | INCREASE_START_TURN in GlobalDe | efines_advc |
| | d when population is added to a city ranced Start. | Whenever the population of a city is increased in Advanced Start, half of the city's food store gets filled. 0 food in newly placed cities. |
| Rationale | then the cost for increasing populati (and it isn't). Anyway, the rule is too population. If adding population isn't | d to make Granary useful in Advanced Start? But on should also be based on the present food store obscure; no one expects free food when adding powerful enough, one could always adjust $_{\mathbb{T}}$, but 1.5 points per 1 food seems fine now that 1 |
| Credits | Kek-Mod (Git commit <u>1</u> <u>2</u>) | |
| | listic trait reduces the point cost for s except for the first city. | The Imperialistic trait reduces the point cost for Settlers but not for cities. Civs are forced to place at least one city before they can buy Settlers. |
| | | When not in Advanced Start, the Imperialistic trait only increases the production invested in Settlers, not food. Thus, the production bonus is closer to 25% in the early game than to 50%. |
| Rationale | lnconsistent to apply the bonus to Settlers and not to cities. No bonus for the first obecause, in non-Advanced Start games, Imperialistic leaders don't get an advanta from the initial Settler either. | |
| | I'm OK with the 50% bonus (rather t weak trait. | han e.g. 25%) because Imperialistic is a fairly |
| Credits | Kek-Mod (Git commit); I've only add | ed the exception for the first city. |
| | n't spend start points on culture in its ss it has a lot of points to spend. | The AI expands the borders of every city that it places. |
| Rationale | The border pop is normally a good investment but not really needed in the capital (although it's so cheap that this was barely worth changing). | |
| Credits | Afforess (RoM: A New Dawn mod); | SourceForge revision: <u>link</u> |
| Tbd. | Afforess makes some other changes in the Advanced Start AI code. I think these are mostly for dealing with very high numbers of start points, say, more than 10 000. A lot of magic numbers in his code that would probably have to be adjusted to AdvCiv. | |
| | CvPlayerAI::AI_advancedStartPinstead only reserve some points for | pe fixed: The AI currently places improvements (in laceCity) before purchasing any techs. Should r improvements at first (could use the current code inprovements) and select and place them after |
| | e removed" warning to building to tech tree button in Advanced | Add visibility, add city and add culture have such warnings. Units, improvements, routes and population don't – and can be removed throughright click. |
| Rationale | Not obvious that buildings and tech them to be removed, but I'm not goin | can't be removed. (Could probably allow some of ng to bother with that.) |

| Tbd. | Should mention somewhere in help text that removal works through right click. Loading screen hint? | |
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| | ed Start receive the UnitAIType | Units purchased for exploration receive the default UnitAlType. For Warriors, that's "Attack". Consequently, the Warriors aren't used for exploration but, at best, for patrols, and uusually they just guard the capital. |
| Rationale | It's embarassing when the AI fails to | clear goody huts close to its capital. |
| 250d | Al unit supply and upgrade cost not a | affected by game era |
| difficulty set supply and AI game pro | antages that are the same for all tings, namely the discounts on unit upgrade cost, are unaffected by the ogress modifier (per-era modifier in me turn since change 251). | The per-era modifier increases most of the AI advantages with each passing era. |
| Rationale | I wanted to apply the AI supply cost modifier to the gold paid for Pacifism (change 912b). The era progression complicates this. And perhaps AI upgrades also happen a bit too swiftly in the late game on Emperor and above. | |
| | It's also conceptually simpler to have these two AI modifiers apply regardless of difficulty, i.e. also regardless of the per-era modifier (which does depend on difficulty, i.e. also regardless of the per-era modifier (which does depend on difficulty, i.e. also regardless of the per-era modifier (which does depend on difficulty, i.e. also regardless of the per-era modifier (which does depend on difficulty, i.e. also regardless of the per-era modifier (which does depend on difficulty, i.e. also regardless of the per-era modifier (which does depend on difficulty, i.e. also regardless of the per-era modifier (which does depend on difficulty, i.e. also regardless of the per-era modifier (which does depend on difficulty, i.e. also regardless of the per-era modifier (which does depend on difficulty, i.e. also regardless of the per-era modifier (which does depend on difficulty, i.e. also regardless of the per-era modifier (which does depend on difficulty, i.e. also regardless of the per-era modifier (which does depend on difficulty, i.e. also regardless of the per-era modifier (which does depend on difficulty). | |
| | difficulty or higher) because the upgr | ease over the course of a game (on Prince ade cost is computed based on unit production ction increase as the game progresses. |
| See also | 251 exempts all AI gold costs from g | ame progress adjustments. |
| 250e | Fewer free AI units | |
| On Empero receives 1 f | | 2 Scouts; same as on Deity. |
| Rationale | To make Scouts more attractive for human civs; especially the initial Scout from Hunting. I don't think extra AI exploration units are a good way to ramp up the difficulty. Also note that, on Monarch, most AI civs don't start with Hunting and thus ge 0 free Scouts. 0 to 2 is quite a jump when going from Monarch to Emperor. | |
| | As for the extra Scout on Deity, it's w for exploration. | orth noting that the AI won't use its free Archers |
| Archery but defensive u | without Hunting receive an Archer as init and a Warrior as exploration unit. start with Hunting receive a Scout | Monarch AI civs without Hunting receive two Archers, one for defense, one for exploration. Those with Hunting receive an Archer and a Scout. |

A Scout is arguably less valuable than a second Archer, and starting with Hunting

Rationale

shouldn't be a disadvantage.

| | difficulty, the AI starts with 2 free ne as on Emperor) and on Deity with rs. | 3 on Immortal, 4 on Deity. |
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| On Immortal defenders. | , Barbarian cities start with 3 | 4, same as on Deity. |
| Rationale | That many initial defenders just seen | n pointless to me. |
| See also | The <u>table</u> in the chapter about the SPaH option lists the AI freebies for each difficulty setting. | |
| No second free Settler unit for the AI civs on Deity. I.e. the AI starting units are the same as on Immortal except for an extra Archer. The second Settler means that the AI head so on Deity is much greater than the (already substantial) head start on Immortal. | | |
| See also | The Deity research rate set by <u>251</u> is adjusted to this change. | |
| Rationale | While the changes to human and AI bonuses (change 251) weren't intended to make the (early) game harder, they may still have had that effect. The changes to map sizes (137, 165) may also play a role, or it's just smarter AI behavior – anyway, with the second Settler unit, Deity wasn't really playable on a normal map with the default player count as the human player was immediately boxed in. | |
| | I'm not sure if Deity is now a reasonable difficulty to play on in AdvCiv. It still seems very difficult to beat. (Ultimately, i.e. after some more balance changes, I hope that even the most competent players would be able to find a challenge on Immortal, if not Emperor. Deity would then just serve as a demonstration of what happens if the Al advantages are increased beyond Immortal.) | |

| 251 | Pacing adjustments for difficulty levels | |
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| See also | 910 adjusts the per-era tech modifiers (which apply to everyone, not just the AI) and the game year increments. | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| The start turn is advanced by 10 (on Normal speed) for every free Worker and Settler (beyond the first) that the AI receives. This only applies when playing without Advanced Start (about the start turn in Advanced Start, see 250c). | | The start turn is only affected by start era, not by difficulty. |
| | The "Settings" tab (Victory screen) shows the start turn number when it isn't 0 (for any reason). | |
| Config | INCREASE_START_TURN in GlobalDefines_advc.xml | |
| difficulty settings, and increased on the highest three. I've adjusted the human tech cost three tech costs are reduced to 60% (Settler) to 9 (Warlord) on difficulties below Noble, and | | increased to 110% (Prince) to 130% (Deity) on |
| Rationale | The overall progress had been too fast on difficulties above Monarch and too slow on difficulties below Prince. It's an aesthetic issue (AI tech matching game date), but also a matter of pace: How much time there is for deploying combat units until another tech is discovered. I don't think that, say, Warlord and Immortal should have fundamentally different pace (that's what the game speed setting is for). Deity still gets | |

| | ahead of the historical time line, but not all too far. | |
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| See also | karadoc seems to have thought so too; in K-Mod <u>1.45</u> , he tied inflation to the global technological progress. I don't like this solution; see the discussion <u>here</u> . | |
| | Civ 4 Reimagined appears to do something similar to my change ("tech costs for all players scale with handicap setting;" Bitbucket <u>link</u>). And Caveman to Cosmos also (SourceForge <u>link</u> ; 12 th bullet from the top). | |
| Config | AIResearchPercent and ResearchPercent in Civ4HandicapInfos.xml | |

Starting on Emperor difficulty, production costs, city growth thresholds and Great Person (GP) thresholds of human civs are increased by 10% (Emperor), 20% (Immortal) or 30% (Deity). Exception: Building production costs aren't increased as much. Al production discounts are lower than in BtS, e.g. just 5% on Emperor (at game start).

The AI discounts for wonders are the the same as for other buildings and units. (Except for a 5% discounts on wonders. The per-era discounts do production discount on Prince difficulty that doesn't apply to wonders.)

The modifier for human city growth only affects the base threshold (20 food) for growing a city. That threshold increases by 2 food per population regardless of the difficulty setting. The Al growth modifier works as in BtS, i.e. it also applies to the extra food from population.

The production (and Advanced Start) cost of Settlers is partly affected by the growth modifier (as in BtS) and half affected by the production modifier. This results e.g. in a cost of 130 on Deity.

The GP thresholds of the AI are adjusted by the same percentages as the city growth thresholds.

On the lowest two difficulty levels, human production costs and growth and GP thresholds are lowered. Free happiness and health on Settler difficulty lowered by 1; now the same as on Chieftain.

Human production costs and growth thresholds aren't affected by difficulty, and neither human nor AI thresholds for GP are affected by difficulty. The AI production discounts are e.g. 15% on Emperor and 40% on Deity. These discounts increase over the course of the game, so that, by the Modern era. Al production costs on Emperor are only about 70% of the normal cost.

At game start, the AI receives no production apply to wonders.

The AI city growth threshold is decreased by 5% on Monarch, 10% on Emperor, 15% on Immortal and 20% on Deity; same in AdvCiv.

For each 1 food that the initial city growth threshold differs from 20, the cost for a Settler is adjusted by 5%. Production modifiers don't apply.

Rationale

To reduce overcrowding of the map on the high difficulty levels and to match the increased research costs. If only research becomes more expensive as the difficulty level increases, the game balance skews toward warfare in a similar way as on Marathon speed. Perhaps Noble difficulty (on Normal speed) makes it a bit too rewarding to focus on research, but the human research cost modifier on Deity (now 160%) would definitely be too high without a production cost penalty, and on Emperor (125%) arguably also.

Similarly, the human costs for growing cities and GP need to match research costs to an extent. The game speed settings, for comparison, have growth and GP modifiers too, and also modify Worker speed (see below), Cottage growth, culture level thresholds, chopping production, hurry production and GP effects. I don't see a need for making all these values dependent on difficulty; it's actually fine if chopping and

Slavery become less efficient on the high difficulty levels. Building production costs don't get adjusted as much as unit (and project) production because the full adjustment would make too many buildings categorically unusable on Immortal and Deity. Buildings tend to provide predictable but slow returns, which isn't good enough on the highest difficulty levels. Also, keeping relatively high AI discounts on (non-wonder) buildings isn't much of a problem; won't contribute much to Stack of Doom problems. No production/ growth/ GP penalties on the medium difficulty levels because a small (say 5%) increase would be barely noticeable due to rounding (see next blue box). Given the lower AI production discounts, exempting wonders should no longer be necessary. I'm only doing it on Prince to differentiate Prince from Monarch: these two levels would otherwise have the same AI production discounts (5%). The human growth penalty is applied only to the base food needed for growth because I want to keep the formula for the food per population simple (2 food per population, same as the food consumption). For the AI, simplicity isn't so relevant, and a growth bonus that applies also to the food per population helps the AI in the midgame and late game. The GP discounts and penalties make the high difficulty levels harder and more unfair than in BtS. Changes to the per-era modifier (see below) might even this out. Config I've added tags TrainPercent (for units), ConstructPercent (for buildings, incl. wonders) and CreatePercent (for projects, incl. world projects) to Civ4HandicapInfos.xml. These apply to all civs that play at the respective handicap (Al civs play at Noble unless a scenario gives them a different handicap). For GP and growth thresholds, I've added GPThresholdPercent and BaseGrowthThresholdPercent (for all civs) and AIGPThresholdPercent (for Al civs). See also Since these modifier changes don't affect Barbarians, change 300 decreases the Barbarian activity on the high levels a bit. Tbd. I'm not sure if the Processes (e.g. Wealth) need to be difficulty-adjusted. When both research costs and production costs increase with the difficulty level, one would think that the conversion rate between them can stav the same. But I think there's still a problem of buildings becoming less attractive as the difficulty level increases, and the processes are generally recognized as more efficient than buildings, so perhaps something like 100% Prince, 90% Monarch, 80% Emperor, 75% Immortal, 70% Deity, maybe coupled with a 20%(?) boost at Computers. Perhaps not good to punish players for running out of things to produce in the endgame. Unlike the other human production penalties, No modifiers for human project costs. The Al those for team projects only apply on Immortal modifiers for projects are equal to those for other and Deity difficulty. On Emperor and below, the types of city production. Al receives higher team project discounts instead (the same as in BtS or similar). Don't want to make Space victory even more grueling than in BtS. See Rationale CultureLevelPercent below about balancing Space and Culture victory. Human worker build times are increased by 10% Human workers aren't affected by the difficulty on Emperor, 15% on Immortal and 20% on Deity, setting. The AI work rate bonus is 10% on Prince, The resulting build times are rounded down to to 20 on Monarch, 50 on Emperor, 75 on Immortal, a multiple of 50 before modifiers from game 100 on Deity. Build times aren't affected by speed and start era are applied. The AI work rate difficulty. Since the base build times (e.g. 200 bonus is 5% on Prince and increases in steps of time units for Road) are a multiple of the work

| 5 percentaç | ge points to 25% on Deity. | rate of the Worker unit (100), even a 1% build time penalty results in at least one extra Worker turn for all builds. |
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| Rationale | for human civs. Otherwise, civs that unplayable and players can't afford | should somewhat match research times, especially to don't receive any free worker tech can become to research any other techs. Also, the very fast Alet ahead too fast and could provide an extra |
| | Later on, quick AI build times mostly every tile, which looks ugly and rath | y mean that the AI quickly improves and routes per unintelligent. |
| | result in an extra turn for everything can still be built in 2 turns, but Farm | uild turns is calculated, a work rate penalty would ; something smoother is needed so that e.g Road may require an extra turn. The build time increase ccomplishes that. Work rate bonuses are fine in |
| Config | New XML tag BuildTimePercent i | n Civ4HandicapInfos.xml |
| | duction and research costs and GP are rounded to the nearest multiple o | Human production costs and GP thresholds are fonly modified by game speed and these modifiers usually result in multiples of 5, though e.g. an Archer costs 37 production on Epic speed. The research cost modifier from difficulty can result in odd research costs. |
| Rationale | Easier to remember and calculate. production will make a big difference | The game balance isn't so delicate that +/-2 e. |
| costs and of percentage difficulty, exturns on En and every 2 start on turn retroactively decisive, not also, the not speed setting specific). The turn replace | ounts on production costs, research ity growth thresholds increase by 1 point every 100 turns on Prince very 50 turns on Monarch, every 33 apperor, every 25 turns on Immortal 20 turns on Deity. If the game doesn't in 0, these increments are applied by, i.e. the current game turn is not the number of elapsed game turns. Imbers are adjusted to the game and (to VictoryDelayPercent to be nese increments based on the game of the BtS per-era modifiers. | |
| See also | 250d: Al unit supply and upgrade co | osts are independent of the game progress. |
| Rationale | The per-era mechanism is self-reinforcing because the sooner an AI civ reaches a new era, the sooner it benefits from increased discounts; such snowball effects are undesirable. Using the game era instead of civ era would also be problematic because of possible human manipulation, and any average gets distorted by vassals/small civs. The game-turn-based mechanism doesn't have these problems and works more smoothly. One potential issue is that high-difficulty games tend to reach the endgame eras earlier than low-difficulty games, meaning that the game progress adjustment may not take full effect. However, the current difficulty-based research cost increases seem to be quite effective at giving games across all difficulty levels a similar length. | |

Now that AI research costs are affected by the difficulty setting, it's conceptually simpler to adjust the AI research cost to the game progress than to adjust the various

| | expenses. Also, lower expenses have side-effects on the civics that the AI chooses and how many units it trains. As for war weariness, I don't think that's an issue for the AI even in the late game. As for GP thresholds, I worry that progressively lower thresholds would draw too much attention to the AI discounts (as every GP birth is announced). | |
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| | Additive modifiers seem a bit simpler to me than multiplicative ones and lead to fewer rounding artifacts. | |
| | I'm not sure if these changes lead to higher or lower AI bonuses overall. For example, if an Immortal game reaches the Modern era by turn 350, the AI growth (threshold) modifier is now (85-350/25)%=71%; in BtS it's 85%*(100-5*4)%=68%, but also 71% just before entering the Modern era. It seems that the BtS effect is generally a bit greater. This should be evened out by the new GP threshold discounts/ penalties. | |
| Config | I've renamed AIPerEraModifier in Civ4HandicapInfos.xml to AIHandicapIncrementTurns and changed its semantics, so it's not possible to return to the BtS mechanism through XML. | |
| ` , | The civic upkeep modifier is 5 to 10 percentage Monarch; now the same progression points smaller than the inflation modifier. On Monarch and all levels above, the inflation modifier is 100%. | |
| Rationale | Civic upkeep is generally too insignificant. | |
| See also | 570 deals with other changes to expenses. | |
| Config | CivicUpkeepPercent in Civ4HandicapInfos.xml | |
| | The AI civic upkeep and unit cost modifiers on 60% Deity are 75%. | |
| Rationale | Don't want the Deity AI to favor high-upkeep civics and don't want to encourage it to train very large armies. | |
| Config | AIUnitCostPercent and AICivicUpkeepPercent in Civ4HandicapInfos.xml | |
| (except "Flee | On Monarch and above, culture level thresholds (except "Fledgling") are adjusted to the game's difficulty level. Culture level thresholds are only adjusted to game speed and the "No Espionage" option (disabled by change 309). | |
| Rationale | If tech costs are increased, then the Legendary culture threshold will also have to be increased (though I guess not as much?) to keep Space and Culture victory balanced. No special adjustment for the AI; I reckon that the other AI advantages give the AI a sufficient edge when it comes to Culture victory, and explicitly making a victory condition easier for the AI would be (perceived as) a new quality of AI "cheating". | |
| Tbd. | Not sure if the base value of 50000 (set in <code>Civ4CultureLevelInfos.xml</code>) is well-balanced. The tech cost changes under 910 have made Space victories costlier, but K-Mod has nerfed various important culture sources; so perhaps it's OK. In any case, I'd like to keep it at 50000 and instead nerf or boost the available sources of culture. | |
| Config | CultureLevelPercent in Civ4HandicapInfos.xml | |
| See also | 126 adjusts the culture level thresholds to the game's start era. | |
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| 297 | (unassigned) | |
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| 298 | Tweaks to opportunistic AI attacks (AI_anyAttack) | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| Non-lethal units do not go out of their way to attack weaker enemy units – unless there are lethal units nearby that might finish the job. | | Sometimes, individual siege units move into enemy lines in order to make some attack with high survival odds. |
| Rationale | Even when a non-lethal attack is safe, the attacker is likely to be vulnerable to counterattacks; not worth it. | |
| Credits | CFC user eXalted reported the problem and provided a savegame: here | |

| 299 | AI tweaks for healing |
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| When deciding whether to heal a unit, the AI takes into account the defensive modifiers of the current tile. (Does not apply to automated human units.) | |
| Credits | Inspired by similar changes in "More Naval AI"; Git commits <u>1</u> <u>2</u> |
| See also | 300: Al prefers to guard city sites from tiles with a defensive modifier |

| 300 et sq. | Overhaul of Barbarians; see chapter <u>Better Barbarians</u> . I've structured the changes a bit through sub-ids, but I doubt they could all be merged separately. | |
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| Config | A few parameters in GlobalDefines_advc.xml | |
| See also | <u>250e</u> reduces the number of defensive units placed in Barbarian cities on Immortal difficulty. | |
| 300 | The fundamentals: gradually increasing activity, ships placed per shelf, food yields matter, fogbusting nerf, game speed scaling, city placement bugfix, New World Barbarians, no cooperation between Barbarian cities, misc. Al improvements vs. Barbarians | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS (K-Mod hardly changes Barbarians) |
| Barbarian activity reaches its peak when 56% a continent are owned by civs (or Barbarian cities). With Raging Barbarians, the activity peak is a little later. | | Barbarian activity peaks shortly after they first appear, typically around turn 50. |
| The difficulty setting determines on which turn Barbarians first appear. I've increased the start turn set there by 5 for all levels, bu, on high difficulty settings, they still appear quite early, e.g. after 15 turns on Deity. They initially appear only in small numbers though, and don't immediately attack cities. | | Barbarians can't appear until there are 1.5 cities per civ. Thus, the early start turns set for high difficulty settings through XML have practically no effect. |

| Rationale | Since Barbarians start slowly, the 1.5-cities rules isn't needed anymore. | | | |
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| | migration" better, but, considering th in no sense of urgency while foundir produce Warriors while growing the | nat may have matched the time line for the "age of e higher default player count (<u>137</u>), often resulted ng a 2 nd and 3 rd city and made it undesirable to capital to size 3. (It's often better to grow to size 3 anytime soon, but it feels bad to produce | | |
| shelf, i.e. th | ships are created for each continental ne ring of coastal tiles surrounding mass (or enclosed in the case of s). | Barbarian ships are created for each water body; usually, there is only one large water body. | | |
| Rationale | | continent from affecting Barbarian activity on the prevent Barbarian ships from piling up near do in BtS). | | |
| Tbd. | Ice tiles. Need to treat such pockets a temporary solution, no Barbarian s | arbarian ships can stile accumulate in between as separate shelves (akin to what <u>030</u> does). As ships are placed if the total size of a shelf is far re a Barbarian ship can legally appear. | | |
| (RB), the B | When playing with Raging Barbarians arbarian start turn is shown on the of the Victory Screen. | The game never tells the player on which turn Barbarians start appearing. | | |
| Rationale | difficult to tell how many turns have puppled (v0.94): Not crucial to know gradually. And after the turn on which | because even Raging Barbarians start appearing h Barbarians could theoretically first appear ay take another 10 or 20 turns until a unit actually | | |
| See also | 251 shows the start turn on the Setti | ngs tab if it isn't turn 0. | | |
| land units a tiles are dis "unhabitabl | and cities per continent, unhabitable cregarded. I'm referring to tiles as e" if they have 0 natural food yield ing hill yield changes. Coastal water | All land tiles count equally, and water tiles count only for sea units. | | |
| On tiles wit and Tundra than on tile yield sum to excluding fo way, all Tur | units can't appear on unhabitable tiles. h a yield sum of 1, in particular Jungle a, Barbarians are less likely to appear s with higher yields. I'm computing the wice, once including and once eatures, and take the minimum. This ndra except Tundra Hill Forest and ra gets fewer Barbarians. | | | |
| Civ units or on visible ti | • • | Barbarians can't appear in a 5x5-tile square surrounding each civ unit ("fogbusting" range). Visibility practically doesn't matter. | | |
| Animals on yield or fres | ly appear on tiles with a positive food shwater. | A passable tile not visible to any civ is chosen at random, then an animal suitable for that tile's | | |

terrain is chosen.

Rationale

Want Barbarians to work as a corrective for starting positions that have much room for expansion. To this end, foobusting needs to be nerfed, and decent tiles need to be distinguished from bad tiles.

It's also rather implausible that large numbers of Barbarians would appear in the polar region or desert. The early civilizations were frequently raided by pastoralists from marginal (but not desertic) lands, which is why I'm not distinguishing between e.g. Plains, Grassland and Flood Plains.

'Habitable" tiles: Until AdvCiv 0.97, those were tiles with a positive final food yield (including terrain, features, hills, improvements). That was nice and simple, but I think Plains Hill not spawning Barbarians is counterintuitive and treating Tundra Hill differently than flat Tundra is also dubious.

Animals: A problem in Earth scenarios; the Sahara gets filled up with Lions. One could look at this as a representation of the harsh conditions there, making the desert difficult to explore, but, ultimately, the lion-filled Sahara looks too silly, and the Sahara lions prevent animals from spawning elsewhere.

The target number of Barbarians per continent (upper bound) remains independent of game speed. Barbarians start appearing roughly in the same year for all speed settings.

Barbarian creation rate adjusted to game speed. Creation rate and target number are independent of game speed. Barbarians start appearing later on slower settings.

Rationale

On Epic and Marathon, it takes civs longer to train units, but Barbarians are (re-)placed just as quickly as on Normal and Quick. The original developers may have intended to even this out through a later start year. This doesn't work well – BtS Barbarians are a lot harder to deal with on Marathon than on Normal speed, and I don't see why they should be.

The creation rate does not take into account how densely or sparsely the civs are placed. It's plausible that more Barbarians appear when there is room for them, and I want to allow players to create games with extra tough Barbarians by placing civs far apart.

The creation rate of Barbarian cities increases slightly with the game era.

Static creation rate configured in XML.

No Barbarian units are created on continents without civ cities (nor in the surrounding waters). but Barbarian cities appear earlier on such continents and more densely than in BtS.

If a continent (or shelf) becomes very densely populated with Barbarian units, the game starts culling them. The greater the density, the higher the per-turn probability of removing a unit. The Barbarian AI never disbands units for financial reasons, and Barbarians are immune to strikes.

Plenty of Barbarian units are created on continents without cities because these continents have 100% unowned tiles. While Barbarian units are created independently for each continent, cities are placed globally, and the game prefers to place them on continents with civ cities.

The game might eventually remove Barbarian units through strike, and the Barbarian AI can disband units. Not sure how frequently that happens; perhaps not at all.

Rationale

Want terrae incognitae to look more like in Colonization, i.e. with lots of Barbarian cities but not so many units. The cities actually produce too many units, hence the scrapping mechanism; it's also a general safeguard against implausibly large Barbarian stacks. Could interpret the removed units as a result of Barbarian infighting.

Disbanding based on finances isn't good because it may leave high concentrations in some areas, and because Barbarians aren't supposed to have an overarching economy.

Tbd.

Barbarians can currently be removed from tiles visible to a player, which is a bit arring. Should show a message then, e.g. "A Barbarian Galley has been destroyed as a result of infighting." Can't simply exclude visible tiles from removal: In one game, for example. Barbarian Galleys kept spawning around an uninhabited continent and moved from there to an inhabited continent. In such a case, naval stacks of arbitrary size can form on visible tiles.

Or simply program the Barbarian AI not to move into overcrowded non-city tiles.

Barbarian units are never upgraded.

Upgrades are possible using commerce from Barbarian cities but seem to happen rarely because resource requirements are checked when upgrading; cf.

Rationale

Don't want a Barbarian economy. Outdated units are still killed eventually, either in combat or removed by the scrapping mechanism above. A mixed bunch of Barbarian units is more flavorful than a uniformly upgraded army; I imagine that Barbarians acquire sophisticated weapons from the civs (through trade) but also continue making their traditional weapons.

It can happen that civs keep trained and spawned Barbarians on a continent in check, thus preventing scrapping, but don't attack (all) the Barbarian cities. Then, early-game garrisons will remain unupgraded indefinitely, which starts looking weird once the Barbarians reach Gunpowder. Too rare to worry about.

Fixed two BtS bugs that lead to Barbarian cities being placed either in completely arbitrary locations (like a snow island without seafood), or in ideal locations (as far as the AI is able to figure those out).

See also

Thread on CFC

The aggressiveness of Barbarian units escalates There are essentially three levels of Barbarian independently for each continent based on the number of local civ cities.

aggressiveness: Initially, Barbarians avoid civ cities, then they attack them opportunistically, and eventually they seek cities out. This escalation is based on the total number of civ cities, and affects all continents alike.

Barbarians avoid approaching civ cities on continents with more Barbarian cities than civ cities, even when playing with Raging Barbarians cities is decisive, not the ratio of civ cities to (RB).

With RB, the Barbarians usually seek out cities right away. Without RB, only the number of civ Barbarian cities.

Rationale

To remove implausible repercussions of civ development on one continent for the Barbarian behavior on another continent.

New World Barbarians shouldn't immediately attack colonies. Now only turn aggressive when half the continent is colonized.

Barbarians that look for a city to attack ignore the Barbarians have a per-landmass target city like unless there is at least one Barbarian city on the landmass.

per-landmass target city of the Barbarian player | all other players. Units looking for a city to attack try to either attack that city directly or to capture nearby cities.

| Rationale | I haven't looked into the details, but I expect that computing a target city for a player without local cities would have a pretty arbitrary result that would lead to arbitrary (and possibly unfair to the owner of the target city) Barbarian behavior. | | | |
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| | Not sure what else the target city is for landmasses without Barbarian c | used for, so it seems safer not to just set it to ${\tt NULL}$ ities. | | |
| | The above is obsolete. As of v0.99, at all. | Barbarians don't have a per-continent target city | | |
| See also | The "More Naval AI" mod increases the impact of randomness on the choice of Barbarian target cities. (Git commit) | | | |
| For Barbariattack") is h | | for attacking from within a Barbarian city ("leave | | |
| Rationale | When an AI civ brings an inadequate attack stack to a Barbarian city, there is often a lengthy standoff (since they can't make peace). This change may help a bit. That said, Barbarian Archers will often have near-0 odds, so I doubt that this change will make a big difference. | | | |
| | Vorkers don't connect cities with fewer Forests and prioritize | Barbarian Workers build road networks between Barbarian cities and builds lots of Cottages. | | |
| Rationale | A road network makes it look like a Barbarian empire, but it's supposed to look like independent cities. Cottages are nice for pillaging, but don't make much sense for the Barbarians. Chopping: Don't want players to discover a deforested New World. | | | |
| See also | Kek-Mod has made a similar chang still want Barbarians to build some (| e (Git commit <u>1</u> , <u>2</u> , <u>3</u>); haven't merged it because I Cottages. | | |
| Tbd. | Barbarian Workers still tend to gather in a single city once all tiles are improved. | | | |
| | eTeam==BARBARIAN_TEAM. Currently | k should not return true for unowned tiles if y, Barbarian cities can share strategic resources ye Sailing. Kind of inteeresting. Perhaps leave it as | | |
| guard cities another civ. | bled, AI civs assign fewer units to unless threatened militarily by New AI routine for guarding high- | The AI defends its cities against Raging Barbarians but doesn't defend crucial improvements. | | |
| yield improv | vements against Barbarians. | Often allows Barbarians to move onto Mines or onto improvements across a river, negating the 25% combat bonus that the AI gets against Barbarians on all difficulty levels. | | |
| Rationale | Also frees up units for guarding future city sites, which is similar enough to human fogbusting. | | | |
| Tbd. | Doesn't help much. Early on, when it matters most, the AI still needs most of its defenders to protect its cities, and doesn't reliably identify the most precarious improvements. Would be better to move from the city onto a threatened improvement only when a Barbarian unit approaches. Need to be careful not to expose AI cities to Barbarian or human attacks though. | | | |
| See also | 315 gives Scouts a defensive bonus against Barbarians and allows them to guard city sites. | | | |

| , , | | Willing to guard any tile with a positive found value. Found values are 0 near tiles that the AI currently wants to settle, so the guarded tiles are either proper city sites or sites in an area not currently worth settling (too remote or too marginal). | |
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| Rationale | Don't want the AI to guard remote cit may help other civs (by keeping awa | y sites because this rarely helps the AI civ and y Barbarians). | |
| | d a tile adjacent to a proper city site it a higher defensive bonus or visibility. | Only city sites can be guarded. | |
| Rationale | | is fogbusting; should prefer hills and forest/jungle numans where exactly the AI is going to settle. | |
| AdvCiv | | K-Mod | |
| | avoid tiles adjacent to a Barbarian f there is a concrete danger. | Al Workers avoid tiles at a hostile border even if those tiles aren't immediately threatened (as far as I understand the code). | |
| Rationale | , , | y to disturb Workers or pillage improvements. conquer a neighboring Barbarian city; don't want time. | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS | |
| Al civs are more willing to target Barbarian cities on other landmasses when there is nothing else to do or when it doesn't take much effort. | | Al civs hardly ever conquer Barbarian cities on landmasses where they don't have their capital. | |
| Tbd. | doesn't have enough city attackers a of training city attackers based on nu perhaps through an AI strategy flag f | oo rarely, even on the same landmass. Just at peacetime. May have to increase the probability amber and attractiveness of Barbarian cities, for fighting Barbarians/ Minor civs and/ or by non-civ city (currently happens rarely, if ever). | |
| | | nt to attack remote Barbarian cities. (Once this is be extra reluctant to raze Barbarian cities; see | |
| | | sses, code for preparing and executing small- fare between civs on maps like Archipelago could | |
| AdvCiv | | K-Mod/BtS | |
| Barbarians raze cities based on the difference between the city owner's era (1 for Ancient, 2 Classical) and the city's population. The difference is multiplied with RazeCityProb =10%, the base probability for Barbarian razing. I.e., Barbarians only raze Ancient and Classical | | In K-Mod, the 10% probability applies regardless of population, but closeness to other Barbarian cities can reduce the probability. BtS used the same procedure for Barbarians as for AI civs, just with 10% increased probability. There were some fairness clauses to prevent | |
| cities when they have to (size < 2), and can raze size-2 in the Medieval era and up to size-3 in Renaissance. I'm capping the era number at Renaissance. | | razing in the early game. | |
| Rationale Closeness shouldn't matter; different Barbarian cities aren't supposed to cooperate. Want razing only for flavor reasons; balance-wise, losing a city to Barbarians temporarily is already big setback. | | | |

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| Config | RazeCityProb iS in Civ4LeaderHea | dInfos.xml. | | | |
| Decreased the number of tiles per Barbarian land unit and animal on the high difficulty levels a bit. | | | | | |
| See also | To match the increased production costs that <u>251</u> imposes on the civs. | | | | |
| 301 | Early Spearman fix, no spawning of units older than the previous era | | | | |
| requirements tech that rev only affects \$ | The game creates Barbarian units with resource requirements only once the Barbarians have the tech that reveals the required resources. This only affects Spearman, which now requires Bronze Working. Only the techs for trading the resource requirements are checked, i.e. Mining for Coping Iron in hte case of Spearman. | | | | |
| can only app civ has acce | arbarian units requiring a resource bear on continents where at least one ss to that resource (or where a by has access to it). | The same Barbarian units appear on all continents, and the game only checks if the Barbarians could work the necessary resources, not if they're actually available anywhere. | | | |
| Rationale | | bably not intended by the BtS developers. The make Chariots more useful against Raging | | | |
| | also a game balance problem when | don't exist on a continent is highly implausible. It's starting in the Classical or Medieval era. In BtS, horse, bronze and iron units while it usually takes a military resource. | | | |
| The game only creates Barbarian units from the Barbarians' current tech era or the previous era, i.e. no Warriors and Archers in the Medieval era. Spearman is treated as a Classical-era unit because of its resource requirement. The unit to be created is chosen uniformly random from among the allowed units, included the company of the | | | | | |
| Rationale | Ancient Barbarian units become a po | pintless distraction at some point. | | | |
| 302 | Tech diffusion only from civs sharing | an area with Barbarians | | | |
| Barbarians get research only from civs they share a landmass with. The specific conditions (for a shared landmass) change as the game progresses. For the first 100 turns, any Barbarian land unit on a landmass with a civ city suffices (or a ship on the surrounding coast), later on, a single Barbarian city isn't necessarily enough. See CvTeam.cpp for details. The intention is that research of New World Barbarians stops once they're driven out of the Old World. | | | | | |
| slowed dowr with a civ. (B | 93): Barbarian research is now only on when they don't share a landmass ecause Longbowman is arguably a sentation of American Indians than | | | | |
| Rationale | | rbarians to stop once they're (nearly) eliminated in orld will usually only have Classical-era Barbarian | | | |
| See also | 300: Barbarian aggressiveness now other landmasses) kekm.28 grants Barbarians some ini | escalates based only on local cities (not those on tial tech in Advanced Start games. | | | |

| Tbd. | If I really want New World Barbarians to have Longbows, I could give Barbarians more original research capacity (they already have a little, maybe by accident) and give the Barbarian leader a flavor value that matches the flavor of Feudalism. | | | |
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| 303 | Never build culture, can't build cultural buildings, found value considers only inner ring | | | |
| See also | 003n simplifies some AI code for Barbarians, e.g. just sets espionage and culture weights to 0. | | | |
| Barbarians never build culture. Can only build the following buildings: Barracks, Granary, Lighthouse, Walls, Forge, Stable, Aqueduct, Colosseum and Bunker. | | eCan build all mundane buildings except: religious and research buildings, Theater, Security Bureau, Int. Agency and Broadcast Tower. Can expand its borders through Monument (or Castle); not sure how often they actually do that. The K-Mod Barbarians immediately expand their borders by building culture if they have the Music tech. | | |
| Rationale | borders as in K-Mod, the borders cal like a unified empire. Aqueduct, Colosseum: Want Barbari | as an independent entity. If they expand their n easily touch, and then Barbarian cities appear ans to occasionally have populous cities (think | | |
| | • | ne health and happiness they can get. | | |
| See also | Important for the New World because change 300 places Barbarian cities more densely on uninhabited continents. 300 also prevents Barbarians from building a road network. | | | |
| Config | Buildings are disabled through Civ40 | CivilizationInfos.xml. | | |
| nlacing Barbarian cities | | All 21 tiles in the city radius are considered. K-Mod: There is already some special code for | | |
| | inor adjustments to the computation found values. | | | |
| Rationale | | nd, it doesn't make sense to consider the outer arian city sites distinct from normal city sites, and | | |
| See also | 300 fixes Barbarian city placement b | ugs. | | |
| 304 | synchRandPlot rewritten | | | |
| If no maximal number of trials is given (iTimeout parameter), then CvMap::syncRandPlot is guaranteed to return a tile when there is at least one satisfying the selection criteria. syncRandPlot then returns the number of valid tiles as well. | | Picks tiles at random until it finds one that satisfies the criteria, or gives up after 100 trials. | | |
| • | g Barbarians, no iTimeout is set, but aced when fewer than four tiles are | | | |
| Rationale | plot, so a probabilistic failure to retur failure is too high in BtS and shouldr | on every turn (or every other turn) in the same n a tile is good. However, the probability for a't depend on the map dimensions – if a chance of ased on the proportion of valid tiles in the target | | |

| | where Barbarian cities were | Barbarian cities can appear again and again on landmasses that civs don't want to settle. | | | |
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| Tbd. | A similar mechanism could rein in XP farming (cf. 312); e.g. keep a (decaying) cour of the number of Barbarians created and destroyed per tile, and base the per-tile spawn probability and overall creation rate on these counts. Could use AI strengthMemory for this (currently unused for the Barbarian player). | | | | |
| | Could then also remove the special to synchRandPlot. | treatment of Barbarian spawn locations in | | | |
| | ty placement treats all resources as I trade value. | Resource evaluation as if the Barbarians were a proper civilization, i.e. high value for strategic resources like Iron or Marble. | | | |
| Rationale | aren't in a good position to conquer a | ces isn't good for gameplay: Civs that lack Iron an Iron source claimed by the Barbarians. because the Barbarians obviously won't use that | | | |
| See also | CFC post with an attached screenshot that shows a Barbarian city with Marble as the only resource in the city radius. | | | | |
| 305 | Barbarian Work Boats | | | | |
| to build then military units | | Can't build Work Boats. Usually build Worker after 15 turns. re population. The original developers had | | | |
| | r · | ats would distract Barbarian cities too much from r that distraction, I have Barbarian cities build | | | |
| 306 | Units spawned on Galleys, Barbaria | n naval Al | | | |
| See also | The Mongoose SDK PirateMod work about this mod component after imp | s similarly but hasn't been merged; I only learned lementing my own changes. | | | |
| | 905a increases the speed of Galley the Disorganized promotion. | but keeps Barbarian Galleys at 2 moves through | | | |
| in the fog of units are pla number of B way. Barbari city with a na also be drop Once unload assault mod | nd units can be placed aboard ships far. If there is no such ship, the land ced on land tiles instead; the total arbarians placed is the same either an ships with cargo target a nearby aval assault, though the units can sped along the way to the target. ded, the ships switch back from e to "attack" mode, which works as in a city for a while, then move on and | Barbarian land units can only be placed on land tiles, and their AI does not allow them to enter cargo units. Created cargo units only harass cities and patrol. Units produced in Barbarian cities, however, can undertake naval assaults, which is why naval assaults do happen in BtS, but very rarely. | | | |
| patrol. Ships on pat | trol seek out unobserved tiles where eive new cargo. | ore interesting and harder to ignore; allows them | | | |

| Tbd. | When a Barbarian ship has been on the map for a long period of time, say, 20 turns, it should stop patrolling and just blockade a city; can get annoying if a player just can't build a ship for lack of a coastal city. | | | | |
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| See also | 102 makes Al units on patrol more likely to move in a consistent direction. | | | | |
| Damaged Barbarian units gradually heal by resting for a turn from time to time (probabilistically). | | Apart from hitpoints received from a received promotion, Barbarian units heal only in cities or when they can heal fully in one turn. Near civ cities, badly damaged Barbarian units never attempt to heal. If they're too weak to make an attack, they may patrol indefinitely. | | | |
| Rationale | lf the civs fail to finish a Barbarian ι heal. | unit off, it should eventually do the smart thing and | | | |
| | e cost of Metal Casting (MC), e cost of Optics and (a tiny bit) | MC is almost 4 times as expensive as its prerequisite Bronze Working and about two thirds as expensive as Machinery, the tech that MC leads to. In Warlords, Trireme was at Sailing with Bronze Working (BW) as an additional requirement, BtS moved Trireme to Metal Casting. | | | |
| See also | CFC discussion | | | | |
| Rationale | | Also to make Metal Casting more attractive to d via Great Person or Oracle) in general; earlier also a plus. | | | |
| | Can't reduce the cost drastically because that area of the tech tree is quite sparse. Specifically, I don't want to shorten the path to Machinery (a Medieval-era tech) too much. The path to Optics (via Machinery) is also problematic. Machinery is already an expensive tech; can't just shift beakers there from MC. Optics had some leeway for a cost increase though. | | | | |
| | such a time that Slavery is moved a an essential feature of triremes and casting molds that weren't develope a copper smelting tech would be to | because that tech already does too much (until away; cf. 010/ wip section) and because rams were I did require exactly what the MC tech represents: ed until the first millennium BC. Converting MC into big a change at this time (and, if big changes there might still be better ways to nerf BW). | | | |
| 307 | Post-Medieval Barbarians | | | | |

Barbarian units can be created by the game in all Can only receive and train Warrior, Archer, eras. Barbarians can receive and train Spearman, Axeman, Swordsman, Horse Archer, Musketman, Cavalry, Anti-Tank and SAM-Longbow, Maceman, Galley, No Barbarian units Infantry. created by the game in Renaissance and Cannot train Rifleman, Grenadier, Paratrooper, beyond. Can train Rifleman, Grenadier and Frigate. As of **v0.94**, Musketman is the only post- Frigate. Medieval unit that Barbarians can receive or train. Barbarians can't receive cities in Renaissance Barbarian cities still appear in the Industrial era. and beyond. Starting from Renaissance, Barbarian research In BtS, Barbarian research always ignores tech ignores tech prerequisites. preregs, i.e. Barbarians can research e.g. Pottery and the Wheel simultaneously. K-Mod has The Raging Barbarians option creates more changed this, so that Barbarians only make Barbarian units in later eras: the tiles-per-unit progress on techs that they could research if they divisor is reduced to 60% in the Ancient era, were a civ. Renaissance, 30% in Industrial, 22.5% in Modern and 15% in Future (relative to the divisor without RB). Rationale Gunpowder units mostly for Terra and similar maps – on normal maps, there is typically no land left for post-Medieval Barbarians to appear on. Therefore the reduced divisor for later eras with RB; so that RB players get to see the occasional post-Medieval Barbarian. Muskets are supposed to represent natives that have acquired firearms (through trade or as spoils). Until v0.94, Barbarian Cavalry and (as a fairly ineffective type of infantry) Anti-Tank and SAM were also allowed. I'm reverting this because Cavalry practically never appears (requires a local Horse resource to train), and because advanced weapons like bazookas and MANPADS are jarring in the hands of the Barbarians. Would have to create custom units for the Barbarians to represent adequately e.g. mounted post-Columbian Amerindians or Daesh insurgents. Don't want Barbarians with firearms to be on par with properly trained armies, hence no Rifle, Grenadier and Frigate. No Pikeman: Two Medieval Barbarian units (Longbow, Mace) are enough, and I want mounted units to be effective against Barbarians, especially Cuirs/ Conquistadores. Barbarian research ignoring tech prereqs allows Barbarians to catch up quickly once colonies are founded. By the time New World Barbarians turn aggressive, they'll typically have Muskets. Interestingly, <u>Chronis</u> seems to have had the same idea years before me (though I haven't checked if he implemented it in the same way). No Barbarian cities past Renaissance: Seems more realistic, and enough cities are created in the New World during the early eras. See also 302 stops Barbarian research if they stop sharing a continent with any civ. 301 lets Barbarians only build units that some civ on the same continent can build. kekm.6 disables Barbarian Spies. Marines (or is it Infantry?) as free defensive units Machine Gun as free defensive unit. in Modern-era starts. Rationale Can't use Machine Guns to prevent Barbarians from pillaging.

Tech costs adjusted to Barbarian settings

308

Increased tech costs for all civs in games with Raging Barbarians in the Classical in Medieval era.

Slightly decreased Ancient and Classical tech costs for all civs in game without Barbarians.

Rationale

RB forces the civs to dedicate resources into fighting Barbarians, and as a result, global research tends to lag behind the historical time line.

| 309 | No Animals option, patrolling animals prefer their native terrain/features | | | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS | | |
| (i.e. animals do appear by default). "No Espionage" option removed. "No Barbarians" | | Can't disable just animals, only all Barbarians. "No Espionage" was added with patch 3.17; converts espionage points to culture. (The game counts animals as Barbarians when | | |
| NB: Without a bit quicker. | • • | deciding how many Barbarians to create on a given turn. Therefore, the presence of animals slows down the placement of proper Barbarians.) | | |
| Rationale | | iers how combat works, but too silly for some ine they're "really" human nomads, say, "lion | | |
| | Don't want to clutter the Custom Game screen with options. The No Espionage option wasn't properly implemented and can't be recommended in its current state. Players who dislike espionage are arguably better off just ignoring it. | | | |
| Config | Can get the option back by setting by Assets\XML\GameInfo\CIV4GameOp | Visible to 1 for GAMEOPTION_NO_ESPIONAGE in otionInfos.xml. | | |
| Patrolling animals favor their native terrain and features (as defined in Civ4UnitInfo.xml). They still enter other tiles, but with a smaller probability. | | Animals spawn only on their native terrain and features but move indiscriminately. | | |
| Rationale | Flavor | | | |
| Credits | ldea from <u>Mongoose SDK</u> AnimalMo | d | | |
| | less the landmass gets too crowded | Once the game stops creating animals, it removes one animal per turn from each landmass. | | |
| Rationale | Buffalo flavor for the New World. On | ce colonized, the animals will start disappearing. | | |
| Animals may peacefully enter unowned tiles with - a resource if that resource requires a tech to be revealed or - an improvement unless it's a goody hut. | | | | |
| May always attack (no ch | enter unowned tiles through an nange). | | | |
| Rationale | Could simply always allow animals to | vay hidden resources; no fun to keep track of this. o enter resources – it's not like this prevents ources –, but predators coexisting peacefully with trange to some players. | | |
| | | occurs, but animals reclaiming abandoned ant them to block goody huts though. | | |

| 310 | Great Wall reworked, balance changes to Great Lighthouse and Colossus | | | | |
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| Config | Can be reverted in CIV4BuildingInfos.xml. The abilities that require a game option are handled by the DLL. That can be disabled in XML by setting the bConditionalAbilities element to 0 for the Great Wall. Then the Great Wall will always have whichever abilities are set in XML. | | | | |
| size, 3 on Huobs. with Co 2 Great Mercabilities base i. +1 trade reexcept where (RB). This routes" abunused. No continent. ii. Prevents Entry borders or when play iii.+100% encowner's borders or No Barkability any | 2 Walls (1 on Duel and Tiny world uge), rporation, | Cost 150, Masonry, no prereq. buildings, no obsoletion, 2 Great Spy points, abilities (ii) and (iii) regardless of settings. Can be built on Ancient and earlier starts. | | | |
| Rationale | A strangely cheap wonder in BtS considering that it represents (arguably) the most massive building on Earth. Can be costlier now that Barbarian activity peaks later (an OK to allow it with Classical era start). Removing the GG ability under normal settings keeps the rules complexity in check (wouldn't be a problem wrt. game balance). | | | | |
| | Trade route flavor: One purpose of the Chinese Great Wall was to protect traders. Some segments protected a portion of the Silk Road. Similar to Castles providing an extra trade route. GM points go along with this, but the goal is also to further sideline the awful espionage system. A nice side-effect of the Wall prereq. is that Protective leaders get an implicit discount on TGW. Also makes sure that TGW can't be built before founding a second city – players should analyze whether they're exposed to Barbarian attacks before deciding to build TGW. | | | | |
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| | The Archery req. is to make Archery a bit better, and to make Masonry less cluttered visually; TGW still requires Masonry for the prereq. Walls. I believe this makes some sense historically as well – walls (with protruding towers) are much more useful with effective projectiles. (But this doesn't explain why ordinary Walls don't require Archery.) | | | | |
| See also | Without <u>140</u> , which changes the formulas for the number of prerequisite buildings, only 1 Wall would be required on Standard-size maps. <u>131c</u> decreases the military power value of TGW. | | | | |
| Tbd. | | ot being subject to the Great Wall; but I think this ge as it involves pathfinding code. A start would tances of "BorderObstacle". | | | |

| map is not sl and not alon | hic for the Great Wall on the main hown along borders with other civs g unhabitable tiles. Tiles that are It to unhabitable tiles and border tiles luded. | Along the full length of the owner's cultural borders on the same landmass as the Great Wall city except at the coast. | | |
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| Config | GREAT_WALL_GRAPHIC_MODE in GlobalDefines_advc.xml | | | |
| Rationale | Rationale If the Great Wall isn't constructed in the early game, the graphic can get very long in BtS. Since the (primary effect of) the wall helps only against Barbarians, which don't normally enter from the territory of another civ, it makes sense to me to omit civ-to-ci borders. If this means that no wall segments are shown at all, then that's also OK wime. | | | |
| | | segment is supposed to prevent Gaza-like strips I and some other type of frontier or obstacle. | | |
| See also | "Habitable" tiles are tiles with 0 natur as for Barbarian placement (<u>300</u>). | e yield when hill yield changes are ignored; same | | |
| Credits | I took the idea for the implementation Dawn of Civilization code, but it was | n from Leoreth (<u>link</u>). I also took a look at the n't easily portable. | | |
| The Great Li cost 250; obs. with Ast | ghthouse (GLH): cronomy | cost 200 in BtS, 300 in K-Mod; obs. with Corporation | | |
| Rationale | Too powerful in BtS, at least compared with most other wonders. And I don't like that this ancient wonder becomes most effective in renaissance (with Astronomy). I meant to nerf this later on (along with other balance changes), but with TGW obsolete at Corporation, GLH obsoletion needs to be moved right away. | | | |
| cost 250 (as | The Colossus: cost 250 (as in K-Mod); obs. with Chemistry. cost 150 in BtS, 250 in K-Mod; obs. with Astronomy. | | | |
| Rationale | Don't want both Colossus and GLH of seems reasonable; it's an extraordin | obsolete at Astronomy. The K-Mod cost increase arily cheap wonder in BtS. | | |
| Tbd. | Perhaps Forge should be nerfed inst Colossus wouldn't be such a small in | tead – if Forges weren't spammed everywhere, nvestment. | | |
| Versailles generates G | reat Spy points | Great Merchant points | | |
| Rationale | Compensation for the change to the much later and less useful wonder the | Great Wall. Rather symbolic as Versailles is a nan the Great Wall. | | |
| 311 | Number of units from uprising events | s reduced (now independent of world size). | | |
| | Vedic Aryans require a civ to have P | riesthood instead of Polytheism. | | |
| Credits | The requirements change is from BL | JFFY v003. | | |
| Tbd. | These events could use additional checks and balances. | | | |
| 312 | XP from Barbarians counts half for Great General | | | |
| XP from combat against Barbarians counts 50%, rounded down, toward Great Generals (GG). Rounding down means that 1 XP (i.e. after combat with very one-sided odds or withdrawal) doesn't count at all toward GG. Units that already have 10 XP can't gain further XP from Barbarians | | | | |

(no change), and thus can't contribute to a GG either. XP multiplier for attacking Barbarians reduced to XP multipliers are 4 when attacking and 2 when 3: no change when defending against defending. Can expect to gain 2 XP from Barbarians. Thus, can't hope to gain more than 1 attacking a Barbarian unit even at 95% odds. XP (0 GG points) by fighting a Barbarian unit at odds above 90%. Upper limit for XP gain per combat set to 6. Can gain up to 10 XP from a single attack. Consequently, can gain at most 3 GG points per Barbarian combat. It's not plausible that wars against Barbarians should produce no GG. Ancient China Rationale had plenty of GG that only fought against peoples that Civ would represent as Barbarians. I'd also like to give players a (fighting) chance to get a GG without starting a war. The original developers must've been worried about Barbarian XP farming, and for good reason. Having Barbarians respawn in some cul-de-sac isn't difficult. Can be worthwhile to exploit just for getting units to 10 XP; which is why I think some restrictions were needed regardless of GG points. Tbd. Farming may still be feasible; is a 15% risk of losing a unit worth 2 XP and 1 GG point? Could be, especially if it's an outdated unit. Cf. Tbd. under 304.

Reduce upper bound for per-combat XP to 5 (2 GG points)?

general in order to lower the stakes in combat.

| 313 | Difficulty-based combat bonuses vs. Barbarians | | | | |
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| Set the Barbarian combat penalty against humans to 5% on Monarch, Emperor and Immortal. This is in addition to the 10% penalty for Barbarian Galleys from K-Mod ("Disorganized" promotion). No change to the other difficulty settings and no change to the Barbarian penalties against the AI. | | The penalty is 40% on Settler and drops by 10 percentage points with each difficulty level to 10% on Noble. Then 5% on Prince, and 0 on all levels above Prince. | | | |
| Rationale | Despite the nerf to fogbusting (300), it still seemed best to rely mostly on fogbusting on the higher difficulty settings because fighting Barbarians at tech parity is very costly. This slight change to the combat penalty should make a significant difference because, when units are evenly matched, even a slight change in combat strength tips the combat odds from 50:50 to 60:40 or more. | | | | |
| | I haven't changed Deity because degenerate tactics (such as excessive fogbusting are normal on that difficulty. Also matches the degression of the animal penalty, we reaches 0 only on Deity (see below). | | | | |

Perhaps apply the XP restrictions to all combat; would like to reduce combat XP in

| The combat pe | nalty that animals | receive is: | | | |
|--|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| difficulty | vs. human | vs. Al | difficulty | vs. human | vs. Al |
| Settler | -60% (-100%) | -25% (-50%) | Settler | -70% (-110%) | -40% (-65%) |
| Chieftain | -45% (-75%) | on all difficulty settings | Chieftain | -60% (-90%) | on all difficulty settings |
| Warlord | -30% (-50%) | Jettings | Warlord | -50% (-70%) | Settings |
| Noble | -25% (-35%) | | Noble | -40% (-50%) | |
| Prince | -20% (-25%) | | Prince | -30% (-35%) | |
| Monarch | -15% (-20%) | | Monarch | -20% (-25%) | |
| Emperor | -10% (-15%) | | Emperor | -10% (-15%) | |
| Immortal | -5% (-10%) | | Immortal | -5% (-10%) | |
| Deity | 0% (0%) | | Deity | 0% (0%) | |
| The numbers in parentheses include the penalty for Barbarians, which, as in BtS, also applies to Animals. | | | | | |
| Rationale The total penalty against AI units and to difficulty settings seemed needlessly he then won't hurt the AI much and could civs. | | | high to me. L | osing an exploratio | n unit now and |

| 314 | Tribal villages ("goody huts") revised | |
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| See also | 315b makes it easier for Explorers to enter guarded Tribal Villages. | |
| Config | Most of the specific changes to the Tribal Village outcomes are customizable and revertible through Civ4GoodyInfo.xml. I haven't added any new tags; instead, I'm e.g. using the Gold and Tech tags together to represent tech progress. | |
| AdvCiv | | Vanilla Civ 4 (no changes in WL/BtS/K-Mod) |
| game progre first 50 turns speed; these Most of the a multiplier tha turn. That me increases su | adjustments happen through a | The Warrior outcome is blocked until 20 turns have passed (not speed-adjusted), and Barbarians can only appear at a certain distance from cities. Apart from that, only the Tech outcome somewhat scales with the game progress (by granting a tech that can currently be researched). |

Rationale

The main goal is to make huts discovered via Caravels or Galleons more rewarding. and thus also give Explorers a better use. And some of the free techs granted in BtS are too powerful in the early game – I quess that's why players commonly play without goody huts.

I'm tying the adjustment factor to the game turn rather than e.g. era because I don't want players to wait for an era transition before entering a goody hut. That's also the reason for the flat effects during the first 50 turns. Gold doesn't have any use in the very early game, so players might decide to let a hut "grow" before entering it.

The power-law function is supposed to mirror the overall economic growth, which is superlinear. I'm freezing the effects on turn 250 because I don't think that industrial civilizations can gain that much from visiting or raiding Bronze Age (or Chalcolithic) villages. "Times 10" is a nice and simple maximal effect (and one can kind of tell that the maximum is reached when a multiple of 10 gold is payed out).

Config

Start turn, peak turn and maximal multiplier are set in GlobalDefines advc.xml.

The High gold outcome grants between 40 and 100 gold, and the speed adjustment is based on 60 gold and High gold is between 20 and 120. the training cost modifier, i.e. only 200% on Marathon, Other than that, the payout during the and high difficulty settings (no change); e.g. on is multiplied by ten (after being multiplied by the training cost modifier).

The Low gold outcome grants between 20 and Low is the more likely outcome on the medium first 50 turns is as in BtS. By turn 250, the payout Monarch, Low is four times as likely as High. The amount of gold is fully adjusted to game speed. i.e. tripled on Marathon.

Rationale

120 gold is too much early on, but expected values between 40 and 50 are OK I think. considering that gold can't be utilized until city maintenance becomes a factor. whereas e.g. a free Scout worth 15 production (=30 gold?) is immediately useful.

Marathon games tend to be played on larger maps with more huts per civ, hence the smaller speed-adjustment factor than in BtS.

During the first 50 turns, goody huts grant 35 to 75 progress toward a tech. The tech is directly discovered only if that progress is enough to cover at least 80% of the (remaining) tech cost. The granted progress is adjusted to the game speed and game turn in the same way as gold (see above).

The tech is chosen uniformly at random from all pre-Industrial techs that the civ entering the Village is able to research, including the currently researched tech.

When the Tech outcome is rolled, the hut grants a free tech regardless of that tech's cost. The tech is chosen uniformly at random from among those currently researchable techs that are flagged as bGoody in Civ4TechInfos.xml. No game speed or progress adjustment, but tech costs increase with the game speed and progress. That said, the only post-Classical bGoody techs are Music and Astronomy, so the only way to benefit significantly from huts across the ocean is by reaching them in between Optics and Astronomy, and even then it's a long shot.

Note about a K-Mod change (from the summary in the K-Mod thread): "Free technology bonuses from goody huts are now allowed without settling a citv first."

| Rationale | The expected amount of research is about the same as the expected amount of gold (considering that some research can go to waste when the tech is cheap or already nearly discovered). In the early game, research is going to be more valuable because gold can't be spent immediately; in Renaissance, gold is going to be more valuable because civs can funnel it into a tech of their choice via the research slider. | | |
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| | I guess the bGoody techs were chosen based on whether a "primitive" civilization could plausibly possess them. I don't think this works for Astronomy, which unlocks Galleon and Observatory, nor for most other post-Ancient techs. Tech progress somewhat gets around this plausibility issue by merely suggesting that the primitives contribute to the discovery, maybe like modern astronomers employing knowledge from ancient Babylonian records. Such contributions strain credibility for techs like Radio, so I've taken the Industrial and Modern techs off limits. | | |
| Config | bAllGoodyTechs flag in Civ4EraInfos.xml. If that flag is not set, then techs from the era can only be obtained from a goody hut if they're set to bGoody in Civ4TechInfo.xml. I.e. it's also possible to revert to the BtS system by setting bAllGoodyTechs to 0 for all eras. | | |
| Tbd. | Should perhaps also adjust the outcome to the map size. Tech costs are higher on larger maps (e.g. 100% on Duel, 130% on Standard), and the current payout is going to grant a full tech only rarely on large maps, particularly on high difficulty settings. Then again, one could argue that larger maps have more huts and therefore each hut should provide less research than on smaller maps, if anything. | | |
| | Might also want to adjust to game era; see <u>910</u> . | | |
| straightforwa Scout, get a occur later t reaches 100 Heal, an upgoutcome is a applied. For free Worker | hat can't be scaled up in a ard way, namely Map, XP, Heal and a chance of being "upgraded" if they han turn 50. The upgrade probability han turn 160. For Map, XP and grade means that another positive chosen at random and both are the Scout outcome, the upgrade is a instead of the free Scout. | | |
| Rationale | These four are pretty worthless when triggered by an Explorer; can't have so many dud outcomes. A higher amount of XP wouldn't help (not needed on an Explorer) and would be too similar to a Great Warlord. | | |
| | A free Scout seems out of place when that unit is already obsolete; better to replace that outcome entirely than to roll an additional one. In Renaissance, a free Worker is not as valuable as tech progress or gold, but it should work well enough as a consolation prize. | | |

| chosen base randomness combat units which the Batechs, i.e. Wand Musketman. playing with | outcome produces a free unit ed on combat strength and from among those pre-Industrial that don't require resources and for arbarians have all the prerequisite arrior, Archer, Longbow or (The same procedure is used when "No Barbarians" as that option does the Barbarians from discovering | Always produces a Warrior. |
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| are also chos the number of increases a l | hostile units (Barbarians outcome) sen as above. The lower bound for of hostile units (iMinBarbarians) little over time, but there's also an of 2 + iMinBarbarians. | Hostiles are always Warriors. The Weak Barbarians outcome usually spawns 1 or 2 Warriors and Strong 2 to 4, though as many as 8 are possible. |
| up to two fre- promotions is half the upgr a promotion chosen rand Guerilla2, Wo The surround | e free unit has a chance of receiving e promotions. Each of the two is assigned with a probability equal to ade probability (see Scout above). If it is assigned, the specific promotion is omly from Combat1, Guerilla1, oodsman1, Woodsman2 and Cover. It is did the composition of the che promotion. | |
| Rationale | Choosing the unit based on the gam Archers would appear too early (eve | e era would be simpler, but then Barbarian if game era minus 1 was used). |
| | useful; the free promotions should m | Il usually have to be upgraded in order to be nake such an upgrade worth considering. I've vor. The selection algorithm is pretty complicated, by about that. |
| See also | 302 curbs Barbarian research when this doesn't apply when playing with | civs don't share a continent with Barbarians. (But "No Barbarians".) |
| The Worker Normal spee | • | Only the Warrior outcome has such a restriction, presumably to prevent a super early rush. The |
| | robability of the Settler outcome on d Settler difficulty and set it to 0 on | Worker outcome can't occur on Prince difficulty and higher (no change). |
| Rationale | | Noble difficulty, but, for a R&F game, it could so that difficulty setting shouldn't have grossly |
| Config | The Settler changes are implemente | d through CivHandicapInfo.xml. |
| the expense | Increased the probability of the Tech outcome at the expense of the Gold outcome so that Gold is likely as Tech. For most difficulty settings, Gold is three times a likely as Tech. | |
| Rationale | The Tech outcome is more interestin Tech can be awarded more frequent | g than Gold. Now that their power level is similar, ly. |
| Config | Through Civ4HandicapInfo.xml | |
| Increased th | e size of the Tribal Village 3D model | on the map. |

| Rationale | They're hard to spot on Forest tiles. I've also tried a more reddish, saturated color, but the increased size seems sufficient and a color change alone doesn't help because the BtS-size huts barely poke out of the trees. | | |
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| See also | By now, I've added a Tribal Village "bubble" to the Resource layer (change $\underline{004z}$), so the size of the 3D model isn't so relevant anymore. | | |
| Config | Through XML\ArtCiv4ArtDefines_Improvement.xml | | |
| Ancient, Cla | Tribal villages are placed when starting in the Ancient or Classical Ancient, Classical or Medieval era (unless liabled through game options). | | |
| Rationale | Now that the effects scale, I don't see a reason to place huts in the Classical era but not in the Medieval era. In both cases, the human player starts with a single exploration unit. I like the huts as rewards for discovering unclaimed continents. When starting in Renaissance though, this is too easy as Caravels are available from the beginning. | | |
| The minimal distance between two Tribal Villages gets adjusted to the feature grain value of the map size. The feature grain value depends on the map and affects the size of clusters of terrain fe lt's -1 for Duel and Tiny size and +1 for Lar Huge size. It doesn't affect Tribal Villages, technically are terrain improvements. | | | |
| Rationale | Space them out more when there is more space. Didn't want to add an improvement grain value just for this purpose. | | |
| Config | The base value for the minimal distance between Tribal Villages is set through iGoodyRange in Civ4ImprovementInfos.xml, the feature grain in Civ4WorldInfos.xml. AdvCiv doesn't modify any of those values. | | |

| 315 | Recon units | |
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| Rationale | To make these units more useful. Scout has the problem that Warrior provides sufficient exploration early on while also being highly useful for military happiness, city defense and for staving off Barbarians. Moreover, on high difficulty settings, the Al grabs most of the goody huts. Explorer is rarely used at all. | |
| 315a | Scout can attack Animals. | |
| Rationale | Makes it easier to get promotions. Plus Scout requires Hunting, so it should know how to hunt. | |
| Config | I've added a new tag bonlyAttackAnimals to Civ4UnitInfos.xml. | |
| Tbd. | Give Scout the ability to enter Peaks. Will probably have to adjust the global pathDestValid function. Apart from that, I've already gone through isImpassable checks in the code – should be OK. Might want to go through isPeak checks as well. | |
| | Since <u>030</u> , the AI code doesn't 100% support the ability to cross peaks that separate two land areas. This doesn't apply to any of the AI routines relevant for recon units though; should be fully functional. | |
| See also | Change 500b, once enabled, will make Warrior less useful for military happiness. 912c already reduces the military happiness from Hereditary Rule. 124 (trade routes only through revealed tiles) and the increased AI aggressiveness of K-Mod/UWAI compared with BtS reward repeated exploration. 250e reduces the number of free AI Scouts on Emperor difficulty. | |

| 315b | Explorer can attack Barbarians, but Culture garrison value: 3 (0 in BtS; \ | can't capture cities and gets no free promotions. Narrior 3, Archer 4, Axeman 4) | |
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| Rationale | It's quite common for goody huts to be guarded by a Barbarian unit by the time Explorer becomes available. In BtS, there is no way to enter such goody huts with an explorer. That's kind of realistic – one can't expect friendly relations with the villagers after killing their guards –, but the Explorer needs a buff, and it should be a buff that makes it better at exploring rather than giving the Explorer some auxiliary use in warfare. It's also wrong to imply that the European explorers engaging in combat with American Indians always acted in self-defense. | | |
| | With "no capture" as an additional ability ("attack only Barbarians" merely replace "can only defend"), the unit gets too complicated, or at least too verbose, so I'm removing the promotions. They're not really useful anyway because Barbarians attack Explorers, at least not on Forest, Jungle or Hill tiles, and Guerilla2 and Woodsman2 are unattractive for a unit that already ignores terrain movement co | | |
| | Culture garrison value: E.g. Columb low value, but the same value as Ax | us became governor of Hispaniola. It's a pretty reman seems a bit high. | |
| Config | I've added a new tag bonlyAttackBarbarians to Civ4UnitInfos.xml. | | |
| Tbd. | Replace the "ignore terrain movement cost" ability with a free Sentry promotion. (Does that work inside a Caravel? Should it?) When Scout gets the ability to enter Peaks, Explorer will have to get it too. | | |
| | Are huts sometimes guarded by Archers? Even if an Explorer starts with a promotion from Barracks, a fully fortified Archer is a tough opponent | | |
| See also | 314 makes overseas goody huts dis | covered in Renaissance more rewarding. | |
| AdvCiv | BtS | | |
| from capturi | The move-all-terrain ability prevents Gunship rom capturing Workers. Explorer can capture Gunship (and any other unit that can't capture cities) from capturing Workers. | | |
| See also | Not relevant for now because 010 c | urrently causes captured Workers to be destroyed. | |
| Rationale | I'd like to enable Worker stealing again somehow in the future, and then another (rare) use for Explorer could be to steal Barbarian Workers for nearby colonies. | | |
| 315c | Scout gets +100% combat strength against all Barbarians, not just against Animals. The AI may use Scouts and other exploration units to guard city sites (i.e. for fogbusting) when there is nothing to explore. | | |
| Rationale | Warrior is still the better unit against Barbarians (as it should be) in every regard except mobility: greater benefit from combat promotions due to greater base strength; can attack pillagers; +25% city defense. | | |
| 315d | Cap on early Scouts from huts | | |
| outcome if t | Recon units entering a hut can't get the Scout Scouts can beget more Scouts, and, in the first 20 or so turns, it's not so rare to end up with a exploration units. Scouts can beget more Scouts, and, in the first 20 or so turns, it's not so rare to end up with a total of three Scouts when starting with a Scouts can beget more Scouts, and, in the first 20 or so turns, it's not so rare to end up with a total of three Scouts when starting with a Scouts can beget more Scouts, and, in the first 20 or so turns, it's not so rare to end up with a total of three Scouts when starting with a Scouts can beget more Scouts, and, in the first 20 or so turns, it's not so rare to end up with a total of three Scouts when starting with a Scouts can beget more Scouts, and, in the first 20 or so turns, it's not so rare to end up with a total of three Scouts when starting with a Scouts can beget more Scouts, and, in the first 20 or so turns, it's not so rare to end up with a total of three Scouts when starting with a Scouts can beget more Scouts, and, in the first 20 or so turns, it's not so rare to end up with a total of three Scouts when starting with a Scouts can beget more Scouts, and, in the first 20 or so turns, it's not so rare to end up with a total of three Scouts when starting with a Scouts can beget more Scouts, and, in the first 20 or so turns, it's not so rare to end up with a scouts can beget more Scouts, and, in the first 20 or so turns, it's not so rare to end up with a scouts can beget more Scouts, and, in the first 20 or so turns, it's not so rare to end up with a scouts can beget more Scouts, and, in the first 20 or so turns, it's not so rare to end up with a scouts can beget more Scouts, and, in the first 20 or so turns, it's not so rare to end up with a scouts can beget more Scouts, and it is a scouts can be get more scouts. | | |
| Rationale | The third Scout is a weak outcome, fast. | and no fun because the map gets explored too | |
| 315e | Huts within 3 tiles of the edge of a noutcome. | on-wrapping map can't yield the reveal-map | |
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| Rationale | The reveal-map outcome is weak in any case. When one direction is blocked, it gets |
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| | too weak I think. |

| 500 | Dormant changes; to be enabled sometime in the future. | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| 500a | Land of two rivers | |
| the commer instead of 1 also works. qualify. Exac aren't conne | ce yield from rivers, i.e. 2 commerce. A shortcut on a far-winding river. Normally, only a few tiles per map ct condition: two river segments that ected along the tile in question. | A tile is either river-side (+1 commerce) or isn't. |
| _ | a double-river tile leads to 2 on the city tile (akin to settling on | |
| Rationale | Plan to nerf the Financial trait further double commerce bonus will make u | r (<u>908a</u>), which will make rivers less useful. The up for that a tiny bit. |
| | But mostly just for added flavor. | |
| Update: Probably won't ever enable this. Would provide too much e Earth scenarios. | | this. Would provide too much extra commerce in |
| Config | Disabled in CvPlot.cpp (calculateNatureYield, isConnectRiverSegments) | |
| 500b | Demand better protection | |
| the defensiv population s | e strength of the local units and ize. A single weak unit doesn't ce to avoid "We demand better | Any one military land unit (except Recon, Helicopter; based on the MilitaryHappiness flag in XML) suffices to avoid "We demand military protection". |
| at least its p computed a defensive m Garrison pro defense). Fo | es a total defensive strength equal to opulation. Defensive strength is s combat strength increased by odifiers (e.g. from Archer, Wall, omotion – but not from culture-based or units that can't receive defensive one are counted. | |
| cause of fra early game, fully sufficie | o long as far for safety is the only ctional anger in the city, i.e. in the rounding will make e.g. a Warrior at still at size 5 (not 2 or 3 as one of the form its defensive strength of 2.5). | |
| | s proportional to the lacking defensive g. an almost sufficient garrison will 1 anger. | |
| positive cult | Helicopter units count if they have a ure garrison value (i.e. Explorer as <u>315b</u> , Gunship). | |

| Rationale | Requiring just any military unit becomes a pretty nonsensical rule by the Medieva Can either abolish it, or change it so that credible garrisons are required. | | |
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| | Not sure if unit health should matter. I think it would create unnecessary distraction if a city, e.g. after a Barbarian attack, would clamor for better protection for a couple of turns. Likewise, bombardment damage to city defense and fortification bonus shouldn't matter. Fear-for-safety anger isn't supposed to punish players whose cities come close to being conquered (that risk is punishment enough), it's supposed to punish careless/ precarious precautions before the city actually comes under threat. | | |
| | Counting Walls and Castle buffs those buildings a little. Counting promotions has the side benefit of encouraging promotions at peacetime. | | |
| Config | Disabled through DEMAND_BETTER_PROTECTION in GlobalDefines_advc. Can also enable a penalty for outdated units there and tweak the defensive strength target. | | |
| See also | Defensive strength is already used for revolt probabilities; see <u>101</u> . However, tile defensive doesn't count for revolt probabilities and unit health does count. | | |
| | CFC post by me laying out rationales and explaining why I'm not quite happy with this change. | | |
| | The mod component <u>Scaling Garrison Unhappiness</u> by Imp. Knoedel uses culture garrison values instead of defensive strength. (But in my estimation, culture garrison strength increases too slowly over the course of a game, and it's another value to be displayed by the UI.) | | |
| Tbd. | Defense from obsolete buildings shouldn't count. Will have to add a data member CvCity::m_iNonObsoleteBuildingDefense for this because building defense is cached in m_iBuildingDefense. | | |
| | Perhaps the Nationalism tech should have the ability "Cities don't demand protection". Keeping garrisons at the proper strength could become annoying toward the late game. Or, alternatively, cities that don't have a non-friendly tile within a range of [how many?] tiles should not require any garrison. (Idea from CFC user Zeta Nexus) | | |
| | Need to show "Garrison strength x.x, population: y" in help text when there is anger. Otherwise it's too difficult to learn. | | |
| | Performance was slightly problematic until I disabled the check for outdated units. Should check sometime if there is still any issue now. If so, then the result of CvCity::getNoMilitaryPercentAnger should be cached. That cache will have to be updated once per turn (sufficient for dealing with defensive buildings and unit obsoletion); and in CvUnit::setXY, CvCity::setPopulation; and after assigning a promotion. | | |
| | I've been thinking about making unit upgrades mandatory (if not upgraded in time, units refuse to fight with outdated equipment and defect). Then this change will be important because otherwise players could try to play around unit obsoletion (e.g. don't get Hunting so that Warriors can be trained indefinitely) so that they don't have to upgrade their city garrisons. | | |

| 550 | Changes to tech trading | |
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| See also | 130z deals with tech gifted by the AI to rivals | |
| 550a | Tech trade value dependent on tech score and power | |
| AdvCiv | BtS | |

| cheaper) when the receiving side is less advanced and powerful than the giving side; charges more if the receiving side is more advanced/ powerful. The effect is small in the early game and increases as the game | | Tech trade value is independent of how well the involved civs are doing. (Vassals can receive free tech from an AI master if they're behind, but that's not a matter of trade value.) BBAI and K-Mod let AI civs that are falling behind technologically check for tech trades more frequently (no change in AdvCiv). |
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| | | Vassals charge less from their master for resources, trade embargoes and civic/religion changes. Tech trades are unaffected by vassal/master relation. |
| Rationale | A little extra catch-up mechanism. A smarter to be generous than to insis | lso, when dealing with a backwards civ, it's t on a square deal. |
| | For vassal-master, the basic idea in vassal. Don't want to turn this upside | BtS is that the master can trade favorably with the down. |
| 550b | Al doesn't make bad offers for huma | ın tech |
| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| trade to a hu | n't propose or counter-propose any man civ that gives tech to the AI civ than 50% in favor of the AI civ. | The AI can (counter-)propose trades that are up to 300% in its own favor. |
| The AI always offers something when proposing a trade. | | May offer nothing at all. |
| Rationale | ationale I used to accept bad AI offers for tech because I believed that they're due to partial research progress of the AI. That can be the case but often isn't; so it's a bit of a tra | |
| Tbd. | The AI probably shouldn't contact players with bad non-tech deals either. | |
| 550c | Changes to tech monopoly threshold | ds ("don't want to trade just yet") |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| Al is more willing to trade tech if it has contact with few civs and still hasn't met most civs. | | Al willingness to trade a tech is based on the percentage of known civs (excluding itself) that already know the tech. |
| acts as if 40% of the other known civs already knew the tech (when in fact it's 0%). | | If the AI knows only one civ, the AI will hardly ever trade (unless Friendly) because the percentage is either 100%, meaning the other civ already knows the tech, or 0%, meaning the AI tries to monopolize the tech. |
| Rationale | This should make civs on small cont | inents fare better. |
| The AI leader-specific thresholds for monopolies (TechTradeKnownPercent; between 0 and 100) are randomly increased or decreased by up to 15 points. This random adjustment is applied once per game to each tech separately, i.e. it's not the same for all techs, and can't be manipulated through repeated trade requests by a human player. | | TechTradeKnownPercent is only adjusted for techs that the AI wants to monopolize badly, in particular military techs. There's no random component. |

| Rationale | The BtS monopoly thresholds are a bit too predictable in some cases, especially when there are just two or three civs on a continent. And e.g. Pleased Tokugawa <i>never</i> trading anything useful is depressing. | | |
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| Tbd. | Perhaps the issues with small continents are already taken care of by the change above; not sure if the randomization is still needed. | | |
| Al considers the unique unit and building of the prospective recipient of a tech when computing a monopoly value. | | Only looks at the default units and buildings that a tech unlocks when computing the tech monopoly value. | |
| Rationale | A small tweak. Taking into account m | nore specific information can't hurt. | |
| 550d | Tech costs reduced if tech trading dis | sabled | |
| on the Custo decreased b the map for a The research | When the "No Tech Trading" option is checked on the Custom game screen, tech costs are decreased based on the default player count of the map for all eras except Ancient and Future. The research bonus is the highest for Medieval and Renaissance tech. | | |
| Rationale | A lower bonus in the early game because tech trading doesn't become available until the middle of the Classical era even if it's enabled. A lower bonus after Renaissance because tech progress tends to get more disparate the longer the games lasts, and so fewer and fewer tech trades happen. | | |
| Config | Can be adjusted or disabled through | GlobalDefines_advc.xml. | |
| Tbd. | Would be unnecessary if there was a proper tech diffusion system to replace tech trading. | | |
| See also | 910 makes various adjustments to te | ech costs based on game options. | |
| | CFC post laying out the formula for r | my no-tech-trading modifier: <u>link</u> | |
| 550e | Era threshold for "fear you're becoming too advanced" based on the recipient's era | | |
| AdvCiv | | K-Mod | |
| When a civ receives a tech in trade, all third parties who know the recipient increase their received-tech memory about the recipient (as in BtS), except when (as in K-Mod) the recipient had already researched 2/3 of the tech, or when the era number of the tech is at least 2 lower than the era number of the recipient. E.g. when a civ is in the Medieval era and receives Archery, no tech-received memory is increased. The recipient's tech-received memory (for "You've shared your discoveries") is also not increased when one of the exceptions above applies. | | Tech-received memory leads to "We fear you are becoming too advanced" (as in BtS). K-Mod adds the two exceptions. In the second one, game era (averaged over all civs) is decisive, not the recipient's era. | |

| Rationale | A-Mod comment in CvDeal::startTrade: "This is to prevent the AI from being rippled by human players selling them lots of tech scraps." | |
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| Good reason, but this also affects human players receiving ted able to tell whether a trade is going to count, and the game era and tedious to determine later on. | | |
| | I've extended the exceptions to "shared discoveries" because that's also exploitable in BtS. | |
| behind; see above) are unaffected by the no- brokering game option. Regardless of the brokering option, such techs can be passed along on the same turn that they've been When the | | Techs can't be traded on the same turn on which they've been received in trade. When the AI has already 50% or more progress toward a tech, it refuses to accept that tech in |
| The AI does not reject any tech trades on account of the no-brokering option. | | trade when "No Tech Brokering" is enabled: "We would have nothing to gain." |
| Insignificant tech can also be traded immediately when it's received through some mechanism other than trade, e.g. the Internet or after the creation of a colonial vassal. | | The tech brokering restrictions apply to all techs that a civ doesn't discover through its own research or Great People. |
| Rationale | Removing the 1-turn delay made it much easier to implement the change to "no brokering". Also makes sense to treat techs that are traded when 2/3 complete the same way as techs discovered entirely independently. | |
| See also | Tech received through the Internet is actually not subject to any trade restrictions in BtS; kekm.31 removes that inconsistency. | |

| 550f | Tech purchases | |
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| See also | 036 also affects the amount of cash that the AI is willing to trade. | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| keep in its tr | mount of gold that the AI tries to reasury can be increased beyond the epending on the potential for tech | Based on civ size, leader flavor and units needing upgrades. |
| When the an AI civ checks for possible tech trades with another AI civ, if it doesn't find a techfor-tech trade, then the first AI civ tries buying the tech that it is currently researching for gold (if the second AI civ knows that tech). | | |
| Rationale | Should help against AI civs falling far behind in tech. On the flip side, it means extra gold for the tech leader. That said, the AI doesn't pay very well for tech, especially when it has fallen behind (see 550a, 551). | |
| The portion of its treasury that the AI is willing to trade to a human player is tied to the research progress of the AI. The portion is maximal when the AI has researched 75% of a tech and minimal at 25%. Based on civ size, finances, gold previously traded (all still the case in AdvCiv). | | |
| Rationale | Should make it more likely that a sor the BUG gold alert triggers. | newhat fair gold-for-tech trade is possible when |

| 550g | Al tech trade value adjusted to tech discovery value | |
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| See also | CFC post by me | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS/ K-Mod |
| -33% trade value (Al pays less if it has no real use for a tech). Based on intermediate results cached in AI_bestTech. For better or worse, those results are biased toward cheap techs, so the Al will be more inclined to pay extra for cheap techs and to pay less for expensive techs. Also, the cache only gets updated when the Al chooses new research, so the information can be outdated. | | completely separate functions. The former is mainly based on research cost, the latter performs a complex evaluation of the effects of a tech. Tech path, i.e. the utility of becoming able to research more advanced techs, are only evaluated by AI_bestTech, which returns a single best tech that the AI wents to research |
| | | ljustment. It's smart to pay for tech based on its ke weak techs like Divine Right even more |

| 550h | Al research decision puts greater emphasis of possible tech trades | |
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| Credits | Suggested by Lanstro (CFC post) | |
| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| possible tec research. Te about every | more likely to take into account h trades when choosing a tech to ech trades now matter, typically, for third research decision. The s still personality-based. | When the AI chooses a tech to research, it decides randomly whether or not to take into account possible tech trades. The probability is equal to the contact probability for AI tech trades, which is between 5% (Tokugawa) and 100% (Mansa Musa); 20% for about 20 of the AI leaders; i.e. typically, tech trades are taken into account for every fifth research decision. |
| Also increased the utility value counted per possible tech trade. | | K-Mod 1.46 had already increased the utility value counted per possible tech trade. |
| Rationale | To make it a bit harder for human players to take advantage of unpopular techs like Aesthetics. Mustn't take this change too far though 8see rationale under 550g). | |

| 551 | Al trade value of tech reduced | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| | nultiplied by 1.25 as part of the trade | The multiplier is 1.5. For comparison, traded gold gets multiplied by 2. |
| Depending on how widely a tech is known, its trade value is multiplied by a factor between 1 and 4/3. | | The multiplier is between 1 and 1.5. |

| Rationale | Could argue that research and gold should have the same modifier because gold and beakers are essentially interchangeable. But gold should be more valued in trade because the other side loses the gold whereas imparting a tech costs nothing. By reducing the trade value of tech, I'm making it harder to conduct diplomacy (sponsored war, brokered peace, fair trade bonuses) through tech, and easier to buy tech with gold. I'm not setting the multiplier even lower because change 550a already makes it easier to buy tech (for civs that have fallen behind). |
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| Tbd. | The underlying issue is that it doesn't cost anything to share tech. |

| 552 | Al trade modifiers (XML) revised | | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS | |
| Al trade modifier reduced from 10 to 0: Archery, Horseback Riding, Guilds, Military Tradition, Ecology, Electricity, Advanced Flight, Composites, Stealth, Genetics, Fiber Optics, Satellites, Robotics Increased from 0 to 10: | | In trades, the AI treats some technologies as having a 10% higher value than their beaker cost would suggest, namely those listed in the left column and (no change): Feudalism, Flight, Machinery, Gunpowder, Rifling, Steel, Assembly Line, Railroad, Artillery, Industrialism, Rocketry, Fission, Fusion. | |
| Civil Service, Nationalism, Chemistry, Military Science | | , | |
| Rationale | Rationale The BtS weights seem to be aimed at military techs, especially nuclear war, and Space victory. I think this should be (and is at least in part) handled by the DLL; don want an AI civ that isn't aiming at a Space victory to pay extra for e.g. Genetics. | | |
| I'm keeping the modifiers for military tech and I'm adding a few more, but not for predicted tech as pre-Medieval AI warfare is fairly rare. There is also CvTeamAI::AI_getTechMonopolyValue, which makes the AI not "want to start trading away this technology just yet," but if the AI still agrees to the trade, I want there to be an extra high penalty if it's a trade with someone's worst enemy. | | arfare is fairly rare. There is also alue, which makes the AI not "want to start";" but if the AI still agrees to the trade, I want | |
| Tbd. | +10% trade value is not going to affect the enemy trade penalty much. Perhaps 130p should give the AI trade modifier some extra weight when recording trade values (peacetimeTradeValue). | | |
| Config | CIV4TechInfos.xml | | |

| 553 | "Shared discoveries" relations modifier accumulates faster, decays faster. | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| decays by or average). Ea | s modifier from "shared discoveries" ne technology every 30 turns (on ach imparted tech adds between 0.08 e relations modifier. | The memory count decays by one every 100 turns. Each tech adds a fraction between 0.05 (e.g. Alexander) and 0.2 (only Mansa Musa and Peter) to the relations modifier. (The sum of those fractions is rounded down.) |
| | Fractional relations modifiers are rounded to the nearest integer by <u>130j</u> . This makes much easier to reach +1 from "shared discoveries". | |
| | To balance out change 130j, and in the spirit of making diplomacy (a bit) more dynamic. | |

| _ | The respective MemoryAttitude values are modified through the DLL. (To avoid having to change the XML values of every individual leader.) |
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| | Should change the MemoryAttitude values in Civ4LeaderHeadInfos.xml eventually, i.e. when I feel confident in my adjustments. |

| groundbr | XML options for a research rate penalty when breaking new ground (disabled by default) |
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| Credits | Based on the getSpreadResearchModifier function in "Dawn of Civilization" |
| Rationale | As a rubberband. I don't really think AdvCiv needs this; mainly for mod-mods. |
| See also | Discussion in the AdvCiv thread, on and off over several pages, starting with this suggestion by Cruiser76. |
| Config | See TechDiffusion_GlobalDefines.xml. The comments there also describe how the penalty is computed. |
| Tbd. | I don't think the AI takes research penalties into account when choosing its research. |

| 570 | Changes to expenses (tagged with "advc.exp") in the code | |
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| advc.exp.1 | Cap on number-of-cities maintenance | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS/K-Mod |
| The city count in the formula for number-of-cities maintenance counts vassal cities half (as in K-Mod) and is capped at a map-size-based upper bound between 36 (Tiny) to 42 (Huge). BtS counts vassal cities fully but caps the total 4 to 8 cities (depending on the difficulty level) – i.e. vassal cities often don't matter at all. K-Mod halves the vassal city count and entirely remove the upper bound on the total city count in order to, as the changelog says, "weaken the power huge civs." | | |
| Credits | Elkad made me aware that, without a cap, city maintenance makes Domination victories on Huge maps too difficult and incentivizes city razing. CFC post | |
| Config | MAX_CITY_COUNT_FOR_MAINTENANCE in GlobalDefines_advc.xml. | |
| | A short-term measure. If I just restore the BtS cap, it'll (again) be far too easy, for large civs and in general, to max out the research slider. | |
| | A slightly better formula (for game balance) would take the city count to a power slightly below 1, e.g. 0.9, instead of capping the city count. Or some other soft-cap mechanism. See the second half of this CFC post of mine. However, opinions seem to differ on whether costs should simply grow quadratically as in K-Mod; so players may want to customize the formula, and a complicated formula would make that more difficult. | |
| See also | 140 adjusts number-of-cities maintenance to the crowdedness of the map. | |

| Tbd. | Number-of-cities maintenance isn't the best tool for increasing the expenses of large civs. I surmise that it was intended only for pacing early-game expansion. I'd like to get rid of number-of-cities maintenance entirely; it's a clunky and slightly confusing concept. I hope that a fixed cost per city, 2 gold perhaps, or a bit less, say 5/3, would work well enough. Part of that cost should be paid by the capital in order to encourage a Courthouse there, or more generally, government centers should pay a maintenance cost for the number of cities in their vicinity (Voronoi cell). |
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| | To increase expenses, civic upkeep should be increased, especially for civics in the Medium and High upkeep class. Ideally in a way that takes into account how spread out the population is; that could avoid punishing small cities that are mostly intended to claim resources. On that note, population should have a greater impact on distance maintenance and something needs to be done with colony maintenance, which discourages colonies too much. |
| | The trade route commerce fomula also needs work. There's generally too much trade route commerce in the midgame and late game, and coastal cities aren't rewarded enough. |
| | Inflation should be replaced with even higher costs for city population and civics and increased maintenance costs for units starting sometime in Renaissance (when units begin representing increasingly large numbers of soldiers. Also, air missions should have a small gold cost. |
| | (I've more detailed notes about all that, but no definite proposal.) |

| 650 | Changes to nuclear warfare | Changes to nuclear warfare | |
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| Tbd. | Nukes need major balance and AI changes. My changes so far are very minor. | | |
| See also | 130q, 130h about diplo effects of nukes 031 changes the AI evaluation of resources in a way that makes Uranium more attractive (once nukes can be built). kekm.7: Neutral units not hurt by nukes kekm.16: Minor AI changes 906 moves missile-carrying submarines to Rocketry and lets Stealth Destroyer carry missiles. 045 hides city buildings from rivals. That means, CvUnitAI::AI_nukeValue shouldn't be based on non-visible buildings. See <i>Tbd</i> . under 045. 002m cuts the nukes animation short. | | |
| AdvCiv | · | BtS | |
| Academy, Military Academy and Scotland Yard are immune to nuke damage. | | Great Wonders (incl. Shrines and corp. HQs), Bunkers and Bomb Shelter are immunte. | |
| Rationale | Seems a bit too punishing to remove GP buildings, and consistent with Shrines and settled GP not to remove them. Ironworks getting destroyed is also brutal, but can't plausibly be protected either. | | |
| | Regular bunkers cannot plausibly withstand a nuclear explosion, but, given the ability of Bunker, it may well represent air raid shelters. While those aren't a sufficient protection against a nuke, it's plausible enough that they wouldn't be utterly destroyed. | | |
| Credits | Idea from <u>Dawn of Civilization</u> | | |

| | | solete wonders and settled GP, but will need nders also shouldn't be immune to capture-city |
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| | Bomb Shelter should be renamed to | "Fallout Shelter." |
| | econ along its coast. Based on BBAI man) auto-recon. | Al seems to use air recon only on rival cities. |
| Rationale | Could reveal enemy submarines. No Nukes, but the BtS AI doesn't even s | t enough to properly defend against Tactical seem to try. |
| See also | A bugfix in CvUnitAI::AI_exploreA | AirPlotValue is tagged with "<u>advc.001</u>". |
| | ations for "total" war the same as ong :: AI_nukeWeight. | going or imminent "total" war in |
| AdvCiv | | K-Mod |
| Al willing to build the Manhattan Project unless it looks like it will win the game anyway, | | Al considers the Manhattan Project only when in the Dagger or Crush strategy, or when close to a Conquest victory. |
| | The AI shouldn't take risks with nukes when it's winning anyway (Conquest, or crushing its current war opponents). | |
| that aren't (p deciding who Not worried a that are abou Utility value f | | The K-Mod AI checks the attitude of all rival civs; divisor is 2. Utility for nuke access is a constant. |
| | he/she wants nukes in the game. I de | d be up to the human player to decide whether on't agree with that, but I mustn't make the AI so n most of the time; or at least not until the game is |
| | Generally, I'd like the AI to unlock nu | kes when a disliked civ is about to win the game. |
| | ss the only other remaining units are | As far as I can tell, nukes are disbanded before most other units. BtS tried to save expensive units, which is fine in the case of nukes, but K-Mod focuses on XP, which is generally better, but fails for nukes. |

| 651 | Changes to the Fallout Feature | |
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| Tbd. | Would like to rename this to "Exclusion Zone", remove the Scrub action and place only a single one after a meltdown and none after a nuke. | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| Can't found cities on Fallout. Nor on Ice. | | Oasis is the only feature that prevents cities. Coast and Ocean terrain also prevent cities. |
| Rationale | I think it's a bit more intuitive this way. (Ice only matters for the Civilopedia text; if water is explicitly forbidden, it seems cleaner to also forbid Ice.) | |

| 652 | Rule changes to Meltdowns | | |
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| See also | 106 reports meltdowns more widely. kekm.5 disables the meltdown chance when there is a clean alternative power source. | | |
| AdvCiv | BtS | | |
| Adjust the | meltdown probability to game speed. 0.005% per-turn probability regardless of game speed. | | |
| Rationale | For balance – to match the higher re-construction cost and amortization time; for immersion – nuclear disasters shouldn't be more common on slower game speed. | | |
| Tbd. | Show the meltdown chance in help text (TXT_KEY_BUILDING_NUKE_EXPLOSION _CHANCE). Also indicate when it doesn't apply due to a different power source. | | |
| | Should arguably increase the probability a bit. Not sure how much though. At most to one permille. | | |
| | On Normal speed, there are 125 turns left in 1955 (turn 375), but games hardly ever last that long. A more typical end date for a peaceful AdvCiv game is 2005 (turn 425), i.e. just T=50 turns of nuclear power. If p is the meltdown probability and one assumes (for simplicity) a constant number N of nuclear plants throughout the T turns, then the total number M of meltdowns is distributed binomially with success probability p and N*T trials and thus an expected value of EM = p*N*T. Aim at EM=1 (Chernobyl), then N as a function of p becomes N(p) = $1/(50*p)$. Table: | | |
| | 1/2000 40 (BtS) 1/1500 30 1/1250 25 1/1000 20 1/750 15 1/500 10 | | |
| | A Standard size map only has about 50 cities in the late game. Considering that some civs will reach Fission extra late or never and that one (big) civ may build Three Gorges, N=10 might be a realistic assumption for an all-AI game. In this human game, there were 33 Nuclear Plans at game end, which seems unusually high, – but half of those are out of order due to another power source. | | |
| | However, if the meltdown probability is greatly increased, then long games on larger maps could end up with a high total number of meltdowns, and already an expected M=1 on Standard size can easily result in multiple meltdowns. You'd think that, after the first one or two meltdowns, people would so something to secure those plants or else abandon them | | |
| | A map size adjustment could be justified by arguing that a single Nuclear Plant represents several plants on smaller maps, but it would still make Nuclear Plants less useful on smaller maps than on larger maps, which is counterintuitive. | | |
| | Looking at it from the point of a single plant, the chance d of dying to a meltdown over a 50-turn span is 1-(1-p)^50, i.e. p d $1/2500 1.9\%$ $1/2000 2.5\%$ (BtS) $1/1500 3.3\%$ $1/1250 3.9\%$ $1/1000 4.9\%$ $1/750 6.5\%$ $1/500 9.5\%$ | | |

| At some point, it becomes implausible that someone would construct such a time bomb. |
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| In the 4 th bullet from the end, <u>this</u> post mentions an experiment to assess the proper meltdown chance. (Better to stick to the math though.) |

| 700 | Rise & Fall game option; see chapter <u>Rise & Fall</u> . Id 700: the fundamentals. Other ids only for code outside the R&F classes. Except for those highlighted in blue, all changes in the following are only relevant if R&F is enabled. | | |
|---|---|---|--|
| Rationale | For the term "intermediate period": Ancient Egyptian periodization (Wikipedia). | | |
| Config | The number of chapters, interlude length and scoring delay are configurable through GlobalDefines_advc.xml. | | |
| Tbd. | d. Earth1000AD scenario not currently supported. During initialization, CvPlaye verifyAlive kills all civs because no cities have been created yet. I don't se the R&F code causes this, but apparently, it does. Also, the unequal AI handi aren't currently supported by R&F. Would have to store the AI handicap (in RI and in savegame) before human takeover and restore it when AI control resu | | |
| | Should perhaps factor game settings other than difficulty into the Rise score, in particular the number and length of chapters. For now, my assumption is that a high number of chapters implies a lower number of turns per chapter, which makes it harder to maximize the chapter score, and that this about cancels out. | | |
| Credits | Inspired by board games like <u>Peloponnesian War</u> and <u>History of the World</u> (both from 1991) and Kael's Assimilation mod (which is included in <u>Fall From Heaven II</u> and <u>RoM</u>). | | |
| See also | Since R&F scoring is partially based on victory stages, it somewhat hinges on change 115, which revises the computation of those stages. | | |
| | 250b disables free wins against Barbarians when the SPaH or R&F option is enabled. | | |
| | 044 autosaves at the start of the active player's turn. R&F does so too, but the exact timing is a bit different. | | |
| 701 | "Require complete kills" option replaced by the R&F option | | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS | |
| When the last city of a civ is captured, all its remaining units are removed, and the civ is eliminated; there is no option for changing this behavior. | | When "Require Complete Kills" is checked, units remain in the game when the final city is captured. A civ is only eliminated when all of its units are killed and all cities captured. The option was added by patch 1.61. | |

| Rationale | I had already disabled the complete-kills option (for the reasons stated below) before adding the R&F option. Removed it entirely now because it's easier to replace a game option than to add a new one (while maintaining savegame compatibility). |
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| | Too much of a hassle to keep the complete-kills option in mind for all the AI code. I doubt that the WL, BtS, BBAI and K-Mod code can really handle it either, especially in team games when some team members still have cities and others don't. Not sure if this option was ever intended to be more than a gimmick. You even need to kill every enemy Spy (or since BtS: hope that the Spy kills itself somehow). |
| | Now, in principle, the AI still needs to be able to handle civs without cities because a human player could decide to never found a city. Through Advanced or later-era start, the player could even have a sizable army, not to mention scenarios. I'm trying to have the game at least not crash in such cases, but it's not really supported. (Barbarians don't necessarily have cities either, but get special treatment in most of the AI code; this works.) |
| Tbd. | Instead of just removing the units, remove some, turn some into Barbarians and turn some over to any teammates or (war) allies that the dead civ might have had before its demise. This is more plausible and doesn't create issues for the AI. |
| Rise & Fall | option not visible on the Staging Room screen. |
| Rationale | Not multiplayer-compatible. |
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| 702 | Error handling if game settings are incompatible with R&F |
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| Not compat SPaH. | ible: multiplayer, team games (including Permanent Alliances), One-City Challenge, |

| 703 | "Score" tab on the Victory advisor screen |
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| enabled, the | res of past chapters and the start dates of chapters still to be played. When R&F is tabs "Resolutions" and "Members" are merged into one in order to make room for |
| another tab. | |

| 704 | Changes to Dawn of Man (DoM) screen | |
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| Show the s | screen at the start of each chapter. | |
| Tbd. | In the later chapters, the DoM can appear with a few seconds delay. Seems like the EXE is too busy with something else. Perhaps this wouldn't happen if I'd launch the popup earlier. | |
| See also | 004j: DoM screen shown after regenerating map 004x shows a choose-civics popup after the DoM screen when starting in a later era. | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| Heading of Civilization | the DoM screen says "The Dawn of ". | "Dawn of Man" |
| Rationale | Perhaps they were thinking of Kubrick's "2001", which shows a subtitle "The Dawn of Man"; but that is followed by a scene with apes | |
| | | |
| 705 | Rules and AI changes to prevent self-collusion (helping a civ from the previous chapter that hasn't been scored yet, or one about to be taken over) | |

In addition to the AI behavior described in the R&F chapter:

The AI is a bit more lenient in pre-Currency tech trades – accepts if it receives only 90% of what the player receives.

If <u>UWAI</u> is enabled, the AI refuses to talk when war utility is 20 or greater.

Rationale

During a chapter, the player should (ideally) only have to consider the interests of his/her current civ. The AI changes described above (and in the R&F chapter) combined with intermediate periods can't completely prevent self-collusion but make it much less relevant.

Restrictions don't apply to cive that the player is probably not going to want to play in the next chapter..

Trade acceptance: With R&F, it can be extra annoying when the AI refuses to trade two techs of (almost) equal value, but won't accept a 2 for 1 either because this would already favor the AI too much.

War utility threshold: Don't want players to bypass trade restrictions through reparations.

Would be nice to give the player more feedback, e.g. a grayed-out "gift" button, or the AI responding "you're being too generous" when an offer is too good, but these things seem almost impossible to implement. I did manage to get the AI to say "no thanks" to gifts.

Tbd.

Perhaps the AI should always show some leniency in pre-Currency trades, i.e. regardless of the R&F option.

Perhaps reduce or remove the penalty for playing a civ multiple times.

Should the AI be willing to talk when all potential peace deals are too favorable for the AI? E.g. when the AI wants the equivalent of 1000 gold and the player doesn't have that much gold but does have some 5000-beaker technology. Currently, the AI is willing to talk then, and that's a bit confusing. Though refusing to talk would also be confusing I think – "How is that big technology not enough?"

The AI currently accepts certain resource trades that have a benefit for the AI side but no benefit for the human side. For example, if the AI has 2 Rice and needs more health, and the human has 0 Rice, the AI will accept a human non-surplus health resource in exchange for the Rice. Such a trade could make sense for the human player because of buildings like Granary, but, normally, it'll only help the AI. I have some notes archived (offline) about how to fix this, but I'm not sure if it comes up often enough to bother.

| 706 | Changes related to Al Auto Play and switching the human-controlled civ |
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| | layer "Retires", the current chapter completes on Al Auto Play. The intermediate periods chapters aren't actually Al Auto Play; there simply isn't a human-controlled civ at all. |
| | UI interface elements during intermediate periods and suppress advisor screens and is has required changes in a bunch of different places. |
| Rationale | The player may simply want to end a chapter because he/she doesn't feel like completing it. But retirement is mainly intended for situations when things are going too well. The civ could then become a huge obstacle in later chapters (or just win the game for the AI). Don't want the player to sabotage his/her own civ then. |
| Tbd. | After retiring, the player's civ keeps the game handicap, e.g. Prince, but, since the civ is treated as an AI, the AI modifiers from the game handicap also apply, e.g. 5% faster training of units on Prince. This is confusing, but difficult to change because the AI modifiers get applied in many different places. AI Auto Play without retirement applies the AI handicap (change 127), which is consistent, however, a retired civ should generally do rather badly because retiring is supposed to help when the player's civ gets dangerously far ahead. Perhaps set the handicap after retiring one higher than the game handicap (or always Monarch?) to somewhat cancel out the AI modifiers. |
| | Known issue: When taking control of a civ via Civ Changer (Alt+Z) for debugging purposes, all non-expired messages that that civ ever received are displayed on the main interface. Calling CyInterface().clearEventMessages() from ChangePlayer.py doesn't get rid of them. |
| See also | Hinges on 127, which allows MoreCiv4lerts to work when the player takes control of an AI civ. Also records start and end of AI Auto Play in replays, which makes it unnecessary for R&F to record early retirement in replays. |
| | The K-Mod code that <u>058</u> (re-)moved was messing up the interface messages sent to AI civs (which the human player may eventually read after switching civs). |

| 707 | Changes to the game end sequence | | | |
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| No game end upon defeat; Rise score shown als "final score" in HoF, scaled up ("normalized score") for the Dan Quayle screen. | | | | |
| See also | 043: Uses stricter thresholds for the titles on the Dan Quayle screen. | | | |

| 901 et sq. | Changed stats | | |
|-----------------|--|---|---|
| Config | mostly XML-based | | |
| See also | 310 (Great Wall, Great Lighthouse, Colossus) would also fit here. 160 lets Granary store less food. | | |
| Tbd. | See this draft of long-term balance and historicity changes. | | |
| 901 | AdvCiv | K-Mod | BtS |
| Forest Preserve | at Biology; +1 commerce | at Scientific Method; +1 commerce; +1 commerce if riverside | at Scientific Method; +1 commerce if riverside |

K-Mod 1.45 has added a 7th effect to Scientific Method, and enlarged all tech boxes to make room for a 7th icon. Not a good solution; surely no single tech needs to do 7 things.

Nature reserves originated in the early 19th century according to <u>Wikipedia</u>, which fits with Biology. I also don't see much of a connection between scientific method and forest preserves. Not a question of game balance really because Forest Preserves are rarely useful.

Removed the riverside commerce while I was at it. Simpler this way. Not much of a loss because Forests along rivers get chopped anyway (see also change <u>117</u>). Consistent with Lumbermills, which also provide commerce regardless of river in AdvCiv.

| which also | provide commerce regardless of river | in AdvCiv. | |
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| AdvCiv BtS | | BtS | |
| | | Tile ownership never matters; a Forest Preserve benefits even cities of a war enemy if it is in their radius. | |
| Rationale | Unexpected that other civs can benefit from Forest Preserve – but perhaps not so unexpected for Forest health, and I want the same rules for both. Based on Open Borders as a compromise and because it makes sense that all citizens who are able to visit a Forest or Forest Preserve are healthier or happier than any citizens are unable to go. | | |
| Negative ef | fects apply regardless of ownership (| as in BtS). | |
| Rationale | | oad health from Jungle by keeping their borders ostly insects; borders don't stop them. | |
| | with a happiness or health effect bec ess aren't updated until end of turn. | omes accessible or inaccessible, the city's health | |
| Rationale | Too much work to make sure that up membership, vassal agreements or | odates happen whenever tile ownership, team Open Borders change. | |
| health inste (rather than because of cities being evaluating t | ead of happiness. That health can be for being rounded separately). With Al a rounding – separately for good and be affected). For now the tag remains up | ementInfo so that Forest Preserve can grant fractional and is added to health from features and UI support (both of which were horrible to write ad health effects – and the possibility of muliple nused, but some of the new AI code is used for ness ability of Forest Preserves. Negative effects | |
| Rationale | Preserve becomes available, extra l happiness. Livability can be represe happiness. (I'd prefer to use happine | e AdvCiv version 1.0. By the time that Forest health tends to be more valuable than extra ented just as well through health as through ess mostly for effects with a fairly direct political um, luxury resources handed out as perks.) | |
| See also | Some discussion about this on CFC (1 2 3) UI code based on 059. 055 adds an (unused) improvement ability that protects terrain features from Global Warming. | | |
| Config | It's an optional tag. See Civ4Terra. Civ4ImprovementInfos.xml. | inSchema.xml to find out the proper position in | |
| Tbd. | Health is is currently overcounted; s CvCityAI::AI_healthHappyImpro | | |
| | Make the Forest spread ability more of happiness. <u>CFC post</u> | e predictable and more useful. Grant health instead | |

| 902 | AdvCiv | K-Mod | BtS |
|-----------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Watermill | +1 commerce and | +1 commerce and | |
| | +1 production initially; | +1 production initially; | +1 production initially; |
| | +1 commerce with | +1 commerce with | +2 commerce with |
| | Electricity; | Electricity; | Electricity; |
| | 4 turns to build; | 8 turns to build | 8 turns to build |
| | +1 production with | +1 production with | +1 production with |
| | Replaceable Parts | Replaceable Parts | Replaceable Parts |

Watermills are decent with Replaceable Parts but rarely useful before that (whereas, historically, they were highly useful throughout the Middle Ages). The K-Mod change to Serfdom (+1 commerce from Farms) exacerbates this. One commerce at Machinery (also a K-Mod change) is the least that needs to be done.

Commerce from Electricity is apparently supposed to get the shift from waterwheels to turbines across (similar for Windmill). That's OK (electricity can be sold), but doesn't have to be so pronounced. Electricity boosting local production is also plausible.

Never saw why Watermills should be slow to build. Perhaps originally an attempt to make Serfdom attractive – well, that didn't work. Reducing build time is a way to make Watermill better early on without making it too good later on.

Tbd.: Still a bit unattractive. 6 turns to build but +2 production earlier?

| Lumbermill | at Guilds +1 commerce initially; +1 production with Replaceable Parts; | at Guilds +1 river commerce, +1 production initially; | at Replaceable Parts +1 riverbank commerce, +1 production initially; |
|------------|---|---|--|
| | 5 turns to build | 8 turns to build | 8 turns to build |
| | +1 production with | +1 production with | +1 production with |
| | Railroad track; | Railroad track; | Railroad track; |
| | doesn't remove Forest | doesn't remove Forest | doesn't remove Forest |

The middle column is K-Mod 1.45; I'm keeping the earlier version (not shown above) and I'm reducing the build time in order to give Lumbermill a little extra push. Also, Replaceable Parts is just one tech away from Steam Power, which grants +50% Worker speed, but since Lumbermills are now at Guilds, that bonus is still out of reach, so they really take a long time to build in K-Mod.

I don't think players can be incentivized to not chop all Forests along rivers; not without making Lumbermills too strong in the late game. Therefore, I don't like the river commerce ability (not on Forest Preserve either).

Tbd.: Want to move both Lumbermill and the +50% chopping yield (currently at Mathematics) to Machinery eventually, and apply chopping yields only to buildings and ships (not land units).

| 903,904 | reserved | | |
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| 905a | AdvCiv | K-Mod | BtS |

| Galley | 3 moves, 3 cargo, | 3 cargo, | 2 moves, 2 cargo, |
|-------------------|---|---|--|
| | cost 45 Barbarians: Disorganized -10% strength, -1 move | Barbarians: Disorganized | cost 50 No penalties for Barbarian Galleys |
| Trireme | 3 moves, 3 strength, no bonus vs. Galley, upgrades to Caravel and Privateer, cost 45 | 2 moves, 2 strength, +50% vs. Galley, upgrades to Caravel and Frigate, cost 50 | |
| Caravel | 4 moves removed AI types "Reserve" and "Escort" | 3 moves | 3 moves |
| Carrack | 4 moves, 2 cargo, removed AI type "Reserve" | 3 moves, 3 cargo | 3 moves, 2 cargo |
| Navigation2 promo | Only available for units that can enter ocean | Available for all sea units | |

Should give Galleys a use in early warfare (fast deployment), and make them better explorers. If 3 moves aren't enough to make naval deployment useful in land wars, then 4 moves with Navigation1 should do the trick. Sea units moving twice as fast as infantrymen along roads is reasonable from a historic pov, but 5 moves might be a bit much, also gameplay-wise. Therefore, I'm restricting Navigation2. Makes sense that "navigation" benefits ocean-going vessels more.

4 moves for Caravel to keep it faster than the early ships. Now just as fast as Galleon, which is also more accurate historically. Carracks, caravels and galleons could travel at 4 to 5 knots, triremes at 2 to 3 (much faster during battle; see e.g. Olympias on Wikipedia).

3 strength for 45 production makes Trireme a viable warship (perhaps even the best) until Frigate, which should make Triremes more worthwhile overall and might help the AI, which tended to train too many Caravels previously. Should now train a mix of Triremes and Caravels, and use only Triremes for protecting resources and escorting Galleys. May still train too many ships, but at least Trireme is cheaper than Caravel. While I'm at it, the upgrade from Trireme to Privateer is a bit less painful than to Frigate because Privateer is cheaper than Frigate, and this should make AI privateering a bit more common.

Historically, trireme-based ships remained in use in the Baltic Sea until the 18th century, and their usage didn't decline until the 16th century. "[The Battle of] Lepanto [1571] marks the last major engagement in the Western world to be fought entirely or almost entirely between rowing vessels, the galleys and galeasses that were still the direct descendants of the ancient trireme warships." (Wikipedia)

Carrack: K-Mod had increased the cargo capacity along with the other transport ships, but I think this takes the unit unnecessarily close to Galleon, especially now that I've increased the speed (can't not increase Carrack speed if I increase Caravel speed). Back to 2 cargo spaces.

Tbd.: Require Optics or Astronomy for Navigation2; that's more elegant than the restriction to oceangoing ships. Galleys with 4 moves should be more common; remove the Flanking I requirement from Navigation I. But will then have to find another way to make Flanking I attractive, and Trading Post will have to change.

"Explore rival territory" of Carrack should perhaps not work with military units in cargo (unless those units somehow also have that ability).

See also: 124 assigns Galley the Explore AI type.

306 changes research costs to make Trireme a bit easier to access.

CFC post suggesting that 3-move Barbarian Galleys appear out of the blue too often.

| 905b | AdvCiv | K-Mod | BtS |
|-----------------------|--|--|---|
| Galleon (as in K-Mod) | 4 moves 4 cargo 4 strength cost 80 | 4 moves 4 cargo 4 strength cost 80 | 4 moves 3 cargo 4 strength cost 80 |
| Transport | 5 moves 5 cargo 14 strength cost 100 requires Oil can't attack | 5 moves 5 cargo 16 strength cost 125 requires Oil or Uranium | 5 moves 4 cargo 16 strength cost 125 requires Oil or Uranium |
| East Indiaman | unique Frigate 5 moves 3 cargo 8 strength bombard rate 12 cost 90 upgrades to Destroyer or Transport req. Astronomy, Chemistry, Iron | unique Galleon 4 moves 5 cargo 6 strength can explore rival territory cost 80 upgrades to Transport req. Astronomy | unique Galleon 4 moves 4 cargo 6 strength can explore rival territory cost 80 upgrades to Transport req. Astronomy |
| Privateer | 5 moves | 4 moves | 4 moves |
| Frigate | 5 moves 8 strength bombard rate 12 cost 90 upgrades to Destroyer req. Astronomy, Chemistry, Iron | 4 moves 8 strength bombard rate 8 cost 90 upgrades to Destroyer req. Astronomy, Chemistry, Iron | 4 moves 8 strength bombard rate 8 cost 90 upgrades to Destroyer req. Astronomy, Chemistry, Iron |
| Ship of the Line | 4 moves 10 strength +25% vs. Frigate bombard rate 16 cost 110 req. Astronomy, Military Science, Iron | 3 moves 10 Strength +20% vs. Frigate bombard rate 12 cost 120 req. Astronomy, Military Science, Iron or Copper | 3 moves 8 strength +50% vs. Frigate bombard rate 12 cost 120 req. Astronomy, Military Science, Iron |

Credits: CFC user vedg pointed out <u>here</u> that there aren't enough incentives for upgrading Galleons and East Indiamen.

Rationale:

Transport: Having just 25% more cargo space than Galleon doesn't justify a more than 50% higher cost. Often not worth upgrading. To balance out the lower cost, I've removed the offensive abilities, which aren't entirely unimportant against rivals without Combustion. The unit can still "besiege" water tiles, i.e. prevent them from being worked. The lower strength should give pre-Combustion ships a fighting chance against besieging Transports, and shouldn't make much of a difference against post-Combustion units. While I was at it, I removed the Uranium requirement for historical

accuracy; see this CFC discussion.

East Indiaman: Also no incentive to upgrade to Transport. On top of that, historically, East Indiamen appeared a century later than galleons, and were usually larger than frigates. Rather than a warlike Galleon, this is now a Frigate with cargo space. The ability to enter rival borders is messy on cargo ships because these ships (and their cargo) don't get bumped upon declaring war (see *Tbd.* under 905a). The Civilopedia states that "the East Indiaman was inevitably slower than its descendants: the Ship of the Line and the Frigate." This appears to be nonsense: East Indiamen were often full-rigged clippers that could sustain speeds of 10 knots, whereas ships of the line sailed at perhaps 5 knots.

Bombard rates: 8 is the same as Catapult, far too little for ships equipped with cannons. Did not increase Ironclad's bombard rate (12 as in BtS) because at least early ironclads weren't as heavily armed as ships of the line.

Speed increases: Even early frigates appear to have traveled at a speed of about 10 knots; much faster than galleons. According to Wikipedia, "a long hull-design, which relates directly to speed" was characteristic for frigates. While early privateers were galleons, the Privateer unit in the game is contemporary with Frigate and should therefore have the same speed. Ships of the line traveled at about 5 knots, which is much slower than frigates, but rather faster than galleons and caravels. Assuming some sort of logarithmic scale, speed 4 is justifiable. Speed 3 made it too difficult to use Ship of the Line offensively. See also this post of mine on CFC; thanks to Pepo for pointing out that Frigate needs to be faster.

Ship of the Line: I don't love the K-Mod change to strength; it makes Ship of the Line stronger, which is good, but does so partly at the expense of Ironclad, which is also too weak. 120 production seems pretty clearly overcosted. I've restored the BtS Iron requirement because it doesn't make sense from a historical point of view to require Iron for Frigate and not for Ship of the Line. The latter requires more metal parts (cannons, cannonballs, nails(?)), and thus has more need of a cheap metal. The K-Mod changelog says the goal was to give "ironless civs a decent naval ship if they go for the right tech." Fair enough – but not really important. I hope my other changes to Ship of the Line can give the unit more plausible (niche) uses.

Tbd.:

Bombard rates are still a bit too low. Ship of the Line and Ironclad need to be buffed further, and Frigate should upgrade to Ironclad. Want to allow Transport, Destroyer and Battleship with Coal, but with a movement speed penalty. Move Transport to Industrialism and Destroyer and Battleship to Artillery.

Could give Frigate and Ship of the Line +1 strength to make both more effective against Privateer and then restore Ship of the Line's 50% bonus against Frigate.

Frigate should be allowed to carry 1 "special" unit, or perhaps even a military unit, and should be able to enter rival borders (so long as no military units are carried). Caravel and Carrack should then upgrade exclusively to Frigate.

See also: 081 about AI changes to employ naval bombardment in land wars.

Config: Civ4UnitInfos.xml; note that East Indiaman is called NETHERLANDS_OOSTINDIEVAARDER in that file.

| Ironclad | 3 moves | 3 moves | 2 moves |
|----------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | +25% Coast defense | req. Steel and | req. Steel and |
| | req. Steam Power | Steam Power | Steam Power |

Rationale: To match the increased strength of Ship of the Line. The defense ability is a bit more flavorful than just +1 strength (and 13 would be an unusual strength value); ironclads had difficulty sinking each other and their battles tended to be stalemates. There is no generic defensive bonus in Civ 4 (though it would be easy enough to implement one), hence the terrain restriction. Note that cultural borders can allow an Ironclad to enter Ocean, so the restriction is not entirely irrelevant.

Removal of the Steel requirement gives Ironclad a longer window of utility. Also, the first ironclads, produced in 1862 for the US Civil War, were not clad in modern steel: the first steel mill in the US based on the Bessemer process was set up in 1865.

Tbd.: Stalemates aren't always fun; if it turns out that the ability plays badly, I could still just increase combat strength. It may also, despite the K-Mod change, still be too difficult to engage faster ships. Even early ironclads were only a few knots slower than frigates, so speed 4 would be justifiable; the restriction to Coast would still get across that ironclads aren't as mobile as frigates.

XML tag added for extra speed with access to a resource. Unused for now. "Access" means that either the unit's current tile or the owner's capital has access to the resource. The tactical side of the AI (CvUnitAI) is aware of the increased speed, but I haven't changed the strategic evaluation (CvPlayerAI) of resources and units.

Sevopedia articles about resources now have a "Units" box instead of "Allows" so that units can be listed in articles about resources. Buildings that require resources (none in BtS and, so far, also none in AdvCiv) are placed in the "Buildings" box instead of "Allows".

Tbd.: Should perhaps guarantee the extra move until the end of a turn if the resource was available at the start of that turn.

Use the ability for Industrial-era ships: allow them to be trained with Coal, but make them faster with Oil. Uranium should then be removed as an alternative requirement for Destroyer.

Rationale: Until AdvCiv 0.97, I had used this ability to represent auxiliary steam engines that were installed on ships of the line in the early 19th century (Wikipedia), but, when I realized that Frigate is too slow in BtS, this complication became unnecessary because, with Frigate at speed 5, Ship of the Line can have speed 4 without any special justification.

The details of what it means that a unit has access to a resource are a little messy. The trade network doesn't extend onto hostile tiles, but I don't want units to lose speed in hostile territory, especially not immediately upon entering. Relying entirely on the availability in the capital could lead to situations where a unit sits right on a resource tile in a friendly Fort or city, and still doesn't get the movement bonus when the tile isn't connected to the capital. With the current solution, a unit can, in theory, still lose its extra moves upon entering hostile territory, but this should be rare.

No strategic AI evaluation: I want to use this ability only for giving naval units (which are already fast) one extra move; i.e. the significance is going to be minor.

| 906 | AdvCiv | K-Mod | BtS |
|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Submarine | 24 strength | 24 strength | 24 strength |
| | 6 first strikes | +25% attack | |
| | 7 moves | 6 moves | 6 moves |
| | cost 210 | cost 150 | cost 150 |
| | req. Rocketry, Radio, | req. Radio, | req. Radio, |
| | Uranium | Oil or Uranium | Oil or Uranium |
| | renamed to | | |
| | "Nuclear Submarine" | | |
| Attack Submarine | 24 strength | 30 strength | 30 strength |
| | 6 first strikes | +25% attack | req. Rocketry, Radio |
| | 6 moves | 7 moves | 7 moves |
| | cost 160 | cost 200 | cost 200 |
| | req. Radio | req. Rocketry, Radio | |
| | | +50% vs. Submarine | +50% vs. Submarine |
| Switched graphics o | f (Nuclear) Submarine and | Attack Submarine | ' |

| Battleship | 250 cost | 225 cost | 225 cost |
|------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| , | 200 cost ignores first strikes | 200 cost | 200 cost |
| | 30 strength 1 first strike | 220 cost 36 strength 2 first strikes can see stealth ships requires Stealth and Robotics | 220 cost 30 strength 2 first strikes can see stealth ships requires Stealth and Robotics |

Rationale: The BtS submarines were too weak against Battleship and the role of Attack Submarine (hunter-killer) was too narrow. Now Attack Submarine is the ordinary submarine unit for the World Wars, and Missile Submarine a more expensive unit representing the cruise missile and ballistic missile subs of the Cold War. First strikes match the flavor of torpedoes and invisibility well; consistent with first strike on Stealth Destroyer. Strength 25 and 5 first strikes would have a nicer symmetry with the 50% withdrawal ability, but that would make Submarines a bit too effective against Destroyers, which, as anti-submarine units, get to ignore first strikes.

Increased the cost of Battleship in order to further weaken that unit against submarines. The BtS cost is also too close to that of Destroyer.

Stealth Destroyer isn't needed as an efficient combat unit, and this would also be unrealistic. The few stealth destroyers that have been manufactured are classified as multi-role guided missile destroyers, and have strong anti-air and anti-submarine weapons. These additional abilities make the Stealth Destroyer an expensive Swiss Army knife. Removed one first strike to make the multiple first strikes of the Submarines more special. The Robotics requirement seems nonsensical and makes the unit very difficult to access.

Credit: <u>Dawn of Civilization</u> lists Stealth Destroyer's submarine detection as a bugfix in its list of features: "Stealth Destroyers detect Submarines as (presumably) intended"

See also: 028 allows Submarines and Stealth Destroyers to defend weaker visible units.

I've only skimmed through <u>this thread</u> (title: "Submarine Confusion"), but I think the participants mostly agree that BtS has its two submarines confused.

164 makes the Blitz promotion easier to access (also for post-Renaissance ships).

Tbd.:

Destroyer is still a bit weak against Submarines. May have to give it an explicit combat bonus against Submarines (instead of relying entirely on first strikes vs. first-strike immunity), or give Submarines an Ocean attack bonus.

Would be nice to show the abilities shared by the two submarines more compactly in help text and Civilopedia:

"Submarine (invisible, reveals Submarines, can dive under Ice, can explore rival territory)"

Lower the strength of all post-Combustion ships a bit; they don't need to be *that* much more powerful than Ironclad.

Air recon shouldn't reveal Submarines so easily.

Would like to give Stealth Destroyer two missile slots, but so long as two Tactical Nukes can eliminate any stack, this seems a bit too dangerous.

Missile Cruiser needs work. Want to move it to Rocketry, but will first have to make room by moving the spaceflight stuff to Satellites.

| 907 : Uniques | AdvCiv | BtS | before patch 1.52 |
|---------------------------|--|--|--|
| 907a Praetorian | strength 7, cost 40, starts with March named "Legionary" | strength 8, cost 45, named "Praetorian" | strength 8, cost 40 named "Praetorian" |
| Rationale | and it worked, but this game balance. Suppl | e easy to recognize as powers mod isn't for new players, ants all pre-Renaissance ulus, I'm nerfing this unit befo | and the unit is toxic for nits plus Musketman. |
| | 7 strength for 40 would be fine, I think, but bland. March is a promotion that doesn't give the unit more raw power, but is still useful, and a good fit flavor-wise as the Roman army was known for its forced marches. (Trivia: The BtS manual incorrectly claims that Phalanx starts with March.) | | |
| | mentioned in a Twitch to avoid repeating to | ige (only in the English gam n video that "Praetorian" wa o many names from Civ3, a iously a better fit for the BtS | s chosen over Legion(ary) nd seemed regretful about |
| Tbd. | Short list of other unique units to be nerfed: Fast Worker – 2 moves, no extra movement cost from terrain Skirmisher – 0 first strikes (instead of 1.5) Immortal – +25% vs. Archery (instead of +50%) War Chariot – +5 cost, doesn't ignore first strikes | | |
| | | s a baseline, is already too cl. Preatorian) would have t | • 1 |
| See also | 3 3 | Attack City as its default Al | |

| | AdvCiv | K-Mod | BtS | |
|------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| 907b Quechua | cost 15, starts with Combat I named "Quechua Warrio | cost 20 starts with Combat I +100% vs. Archer r" named "Quechua" | cost 15 starts with Combat I +100% vs. Archer named "Quechua" | |
| Rationale | changes that. And play | The BtS unit is far too powerful, and I don't think the K-Mod nerf really changes that. And players who aren't willing to take advantage of the anti-Archer bonus end up with a unit that is worse than a regular Warrior. | | |
| | | "Quechua Warrior" because Quechua is just an ethnic group (like Oromo). Trivia: Free Combat I was added by the Warlords expansion. | | |

| Tbd. | Want to turn Holkan into the unique Warrior because such an early unique unit makes more sense for an early civilization like the Maya than for the Inca. Free Combat1 could still encourage rush strategies, so I'd rather give the unit an ability that lets it gain XP faster. The Quechua could then |
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| | become a unique Maceman with lower combat strength and easier tech requirements than a regular Maceman. |

| 908: Traits | AdvCiv | BtS | K-Mod |
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| 908a Financial | | +1 commerce in tiles with at least 2 commerce. | (as in BtS) |
| - | ean the yield from terrain not part of the natural yie | , feature, river and hill. Yield eld. | d from improvement, |
| Rationale | the point that games with historical time line, and, but exploit it. Plus, the K more powerful. For these ahead of a full overhaul Several mods, e.g. Rebafrom 2 to 3, which is eas | far the most potent trait in the several Financial leaders unlike most other top-tier trained change to Serfdom net reasons, I've decided to roof the traits that I might still that the Realms, raise the year to do through XML. In tercounts are granted in additional several readers. | get far ahead of the raits, players can't help nakes Financial even nerf the Financial trait do in the future. e extra yield threshold rms of power level this |
| | nerfed), but then there w | requiring the Colossus). | |
| Config | I've changed the semantics of the ExtraYieldThreshold ability through the DLL. So, not really configurable; sorry. | | |
| Tbd. | Would like to split Financial into two traits eventually, one dealing with coast and rivers (seafaring flavor), the other with terrain improvements (entrepreneurial flavor). | | |
| See also | 031 and 053 reduce AI f | ound values counted for riv | ers. |

| 909a: Late game units | AdvCiv | K-Mod | BtS |
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| Machine Gun | | +10% vs. Mounted +50% vs. Gunpowder | +50% vs. Gunpowder |
| | At 10%, Cavalry still was too effective against Machine Gun. Not a gameplay problem, but pretty unrealistic. It might be that charging machine guns on horseback is a better idea than doing so on foot, but it's still a bad idea. Also, 10% is an unusual modifier. | | |
| See also | CFC discussion Post by karadoc contemplating a 25% bonus vs. Mounted. | | |
| Tbd. | Cavalry is also too effective against Infantry. Machine Gun shouldn't be immune to collateral damage (none of the Siege units should be, but especially not Machine Gun). | | |

| | Era tech cost modifiers adjusted (increased overall). These modifiers were added by BBAI. There's one per era, and it changes the costs of all techs in that era. K-Mod has tweaked them, and eventually (version 1.45) tied them to the inflation rate, a change not adopted by AdvCiv. | | | |
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| Rationale | press was invented arour | To match the historical dates of discovery better. E.g. Gutenberg's printing press was invented around 1450, so the Printing Press tech shouldn't be discovered much earlier in a typical game of Civ. | | |
| Config | Set in Civ4EraInfos.xm | 1 | | |
| See also | 140 adjusts tech costs ba 308 lowers tech costs wh | 251 adjusts the AI research speed based on difficulty. 140 adjusts tech costs based on map size. 308 lowers tech costs when Raging Barbarians is enabled. 550d lowers tech costs when playing without tech trading. | | |
| Tbd. | | luration of the spaceship. 10 turns is a long time that like the spaceship launch comes as a surprise. | | |
| AdvCiv | | BBAI | | |
| The era tech cost most. | nodifier is applied to the tech | Applied to the every civ's research rate. | | |
| Rationale | More transparent this wa displayed. | y, as (modified) tech costs are prominently | | |
| changes have acce enough to almost m | t seems that various Al lerated the Al tech pace | prerequisite. (Only prerequisites represented by an arrow count in this context; called "or prereqs" | | |
| | | in the code.) As a BBAI comment observes, "this teffectively reduces] the cost of most techs on the tech tree [by 20%]." Not all techs because e.g. Astronomy has no incoming arrow, and the six techs in the very first column have no prerequisites either. BBAI has added an XML setting for disabling the speed bonus for the first known prerequisite. | | |
| | I want to leave the resear because the original deve around those research tir dangles in the air is a tec nor cost. | It [effectively reduces] the cost of most techs on the tech tree [by 20%]." Not all techs because e.g. Astronomy has no incoming arrow, and the six techs in the very first column have no prerequisites either. BBAI has added an XML setting for disabling the speed bonus for the first known prerequisite. The times (turns to research) mostly unchanged elopers and modders have balanced the game mes. Whether a tech has an incoming arrow or chnicality that should affect neither research speed | | |
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| AdvCiv | | BtS | |
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| Help text for technologies that the active player can research shows (also on the research bar) the research modifier for the given tech unless it's 0, and a breakdown of the modifier. Since all the static factors are now applied to the tech cost modifier instead of the research modifier, the only components in the breakdown are "from diffusion" (BBAI diffusion if enabled, otherwise the BtS research bonus from teams that already know the tech), "from tech prereqs" (more than one OR prereq) and "from teammate with same research" (see 156). | | | |
| Rationale | | ch speed is an important statistic. And need to ange <u>156</u> (in team games). | |
| On the research bar and the choose-research popup, help text shows when one researchable tech is going to speed up another. E.g. "Priesthood – Speeds up Writing by 20%" when Animal Husbandry already makes Writing researchable. Or "Code of Laws – Can be sped up through Priesthood by 20%" when Priesthood not yet discovered. | | Doesn't mention the link to Writing at all when Writing is already enabled by Animal Husbandry. No reminder about possible speed-ups. | |
| Rationale | I had at first thought that t I've come to realize that it | he "can be sped up" text wouldn't be needed, but 's an important reminder. | |
| See also | CFC post requesting the "can be sped up" text. | | |
| | | s Up info" shows essentially the same information, de because the text has to match the change in the one below. | |
| enabled by that tech ar order: 1. Techs that will be im- techs that have anothe | e listed in the following mediately enabled before | Ordered by tech id, which is determined by the order in Civ4TechInfos.xml, i.e. arbitrary. | |
| Example: "Mathematics – Leads to Construction, Currency and later Calendar, Music, Civil Service" | | "Mathematics – Leads to Music, Civil Service, Calendar, Currency, Construction" | |
| Tbd. | Would be nice to do something similar for enabled units (also taking into account resources?) and buildings. | | |
| | | speed: After AD 1400, the game continues in this is compensated by shorter steps later in the | |
| Rationale | The (AI) civs kept getting ahead of the historical time line in Renaissance, even after I had increased Renaissance tech costs by 25%. Now the game year counts a bit faster during Renaissance. | | |

| Config | Civ4GameSpeedInfos.xml | | |
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| Tbd. | Not sure if the other game speed settings need a similar adjustment. In some quick tests, the tech progress looked OK. | | |
| | Reduce the total number of game turns to something like 480? The turn limit for Time victory comes so late currently that it's practically irrelevant. | | |
| · | | Duel size has 100% tech cost, from there it's +10% for each size level. | |
| Rationale | Trial and error. I don't und research rates than Stand | erstand why Large maps lead to much higher ard size. | |
| See also | 140 deals with other map- | size adjustments. | |
| The map size modifier techs. | is ignored for Ancient-era | Applies to all techs equally. | |
| Rationale | In the Ancient era, the map size doesn't normally affect the pace of expansion, and the number of civs met doesn't matter yet because tech trading doesn't become available until the Classical era. | | |
| Credits | Got the idea from the BASE mod (v6.3 <u>changelog</u> ; in German). It sounds like BASE might also exempt Classical tech. | | |
| Tbd. | Perhaps apply the modifier half (or times 75%) for Classical tech. | | |
| If tribal villages are dis | abled, the cost of Ancient to | echs is reduced by 5%. | |
| In Always-Peace game | es, tech costs are increased | by 5% after the Ancient era. | |
| Tech costs are adjusted to the sea level setting (if The sea level affects the space available for cities. 15% with High sea level. | | | |
| See also | 137: impact of sea level of | n the number of supported players. | |
| Config | Added a tag to CIV4SeaLevelInfo.xml for the sea level modifier. The tag is called iResearch because that's how BtS usually names tech cost modifiers. | | |

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| Civics | | | |
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| Lots of problema | Lots of problematic civics | | |
| and owned Farn | Some projections in hover text would be helpful. E.g. number of worked and owned Farms, Plantations and Towns for Serfdom. Related <u>CFC post</u> (near the middle) | | |
| AdvCiv | AdvCiv K-Mod BtS | | |
| | Lots of problema Some projection and owned Farn (near the middle | Lots of problematic civics Some projections in hover text would be I and owned Farms, Plantations and Towns (near the middle) | Some projections in hover text would be helpful. E.g. number of wo and owned Farms, Plantations and Towns for Serfdom. Related <u>CF</u> (near the middle) |

| 912a Serfdom | Farm, Plantation -1 commerce from Town- +50% Worker speed | +1 commerce Farm, Plai 1 commerce +50% Workei Low upkeep | ntation from Town | +50% Worker speed Low upkeep |
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| Rationale | The switch to Emancipation is a bit too painful in the K-Mod version. At Low upkeep, Serfdom is usually still less powerful than Slavery, but that's not a good baseline, and, for the AI, I'd say Serfdom is more useful than Slavery even with Medium upkeep. | | | |
| See also | 131b assigns a negative popular now. | Al weight to I | Feudalism be | ecause the tech is too |
| 912b Pacifism | military cost 1 gold; only 0.5 gold for the Al | military cost | 0.5 gold | military cost 0.2 to 1 gold depending on difficulty (e.g. 0.2 on Settler, 0.5 on Noble, 1 on Deity) |
| Rationale | It's good that K-Mod decoupled the cost from the difficulty setting because the difficulty-based modifier was undocumented and needlessly complicated. However, the K-Mod change made Pacifism cheaper on all difficulty settings above Noble, and Pacifism had already been one of the more powerful civics in BtS, even on Deity. | | | |
| | The AI used Pacifism rarely in K-Mod, and the AdvCiv change might've made the civic unusable for the AI. Therefore, the AI supply cost modifier now applies to the Pacifism cost. This should be not nearly as confusing as the BtS approach because the human cost is always the same, and the AI cost is simply 50% of that. Since the AI needs far more units than the human players to guard its cities, I think it's fair to place a 50% discount on anything that punishes a high unit count. | | | |
| See also | 250d makes the AI supply | y cost modifie | er truly indep | endent of difficulty |
| Civics screen shows the cost per unit without inflation (i.e. shows just 1 gold) and shows the current total cost (hypothetical if not currently running Pacifism) including inflation. | | | Cost per unit without inflation, no total. | |
| 912c | AdvCiv | | BtS/K-Mod | |
| Hereditary Rule | 1 happiness per 2 military +25% happiness from res Low upkeep | sources | 1 happiness Low upkeep | per military unit |
| Config | Can restore the BtS abilit Unit is set to 2, the game | - | | l. lf iHappyPerMilitary per (one) military unit . |

| Rationale | The BtS ability is fiddly, encourages players to train lots of Warriors and never upgrade them (or generally to train more units than needed), makes it too easy to grow cities without buildings and is a poor fit flavor-wise (would fit for a military dictatorship). This ability should arguably be removed from the game entirely, but the replacement that I have in mind (see <i>Tbd.</i>) would require some other balance changes that I don't want to make yet. | | |
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| | I had to come up with a temporary solution after change <u>036</u> (AI trades away non-surplus resources if it doesn't need them) because there were too many civs offering happiness resources during the second third of the game and too few civs willing to import them. | | |
| | The bonus to resource happiness should make Hereditary Rule better than Representation at least in some (rare) circumstances, namely when a civ has a lot of luxury resources (and the matching buildings) and needs even more happiness (due to war weariness I guess). The bonus also means that civs can normally get 2 extra happiness out of Hereditary Rule without making a particular effort, namely by having at least 4 luxuries and stationing a second unit. | | |
| Tbd. | Would like to give it +1 happiness from Monument and Castle and +35% or 40% happiness from resources in the end (and nerf Representation a bit). Will first have to make changes to the Charismatic trait and to Castle. | | |
| 912d Slavery | New game option "No Slavery" prevents human civs from adopting the Slavery civic but allows cities with a Sacrificial Altar to sacrifice population regardless of civics. | | |
| Tbd. | A replacement civic; see <u>future gameplay changes</u> , specifically <u>this</u> file. The Kremlin will also need a new ability eventually. | | |
| Rationale | The balance issues with the hurry ability could probably be solved by allowing only 1 citizen to be sacrificed at a time and by basing the production yield on the city size, but the ability is also complicated, tedious to use (practically requiring the noisy can-hurry alert to be enabled) and highly unrealistic (less so with Sacrificial Altar). | | |
| | So long as I haven't implemented a civic to replace Slavery with, disabling Slavery needs to be optional. Treat the "No Slavery" option as an extra challenge for the human player for now. | | |
| | Of course one could simply not use Slavery, without the need for a game option, or use it only to train defenders in the event of a surprise attack; the game option is mostly intended to raise awareness. | | |
| Config | Can hide the option in Civ4GameOptionInfos.xml. For a simple balance change to Slavry, one could lower iProductionPerPopulation from 30 to 20 in XML\GameInfo\ CIV4HurryInfo.xml (Vanilla Civ 4 assets) as recommended here by Fippy. The AI should be able to handle it. | | |
| See also | 121 about how the AI uses Slavery. | | |
| 912e | AdvCiv BtS | | |
| turn of anarchy. | three civics can be changed in one Up to four. | | |
| Credits | From Civ 4 Reimagined (<u>Git commit</u>) | | |
| Rationale | While a turn of anarchy is brutal on Quick speed, allowing nearly all civics to be changed still seems strange. | | |

| 912f | AdvCiv | BtS | |
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| Can set cottage growth modifiers that are not a multiple of 100. Negative growth still isn't possible; no growth (-100% modifier) is possible. | | The Emancipation ability only works for positive multiples of 100 because the game counts the time that an improvement has been worked in whole turns. Letting a civic disable Cottage growth causes a crash in K-Mod AI code. (And any negative modifiers get rounded down to 0 growth.) | |
| Rationale | mod-mods. A downside is that this o | Civ, but it's an unexpected problem for change increases the memory footprint lible to count improvement turns at a | |

| 913: Unique buildings | AdvCiv | K-Mod | BtS |
|-----------------------|---|---|--|
| Tbd. | Plenty, but nothing really | urgent. | |
| 913a: Hippodrome | 1 Artist slot | 2 Artist slots | 0 Artist slots |
| Tbd. | Hippodrome should grar Theater, and Odeon sho | nt 0 Artists, but replace Colould replace Theater. | osseum instead of |
| | artistic performances. Or and Byzantine unique bu | -Mod change because cha n the other hand, I don't wa uildings as described above f Artist slots for Byzantium i nise for now. | ant to switch the Greek e yet (not prior to v1.0), |

| advc.mxc | Mixed continents map script | |
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| auvc.iiixc | whited continents map script | |
| See also | chapter <u>Mixed Continents</u> | |
| | 165 decreases the grid dimensions | of maps with long coastlines a bit. |
| Rationale | allows most players to place some 5 some land wars, and that isn't as presetting of Tectonics (or Eyeball Planmiddle also give everyone at most to sized continents (some of them mer | ater matters and that still (unlike Archipelago) core cities on their home continent and to wage edictable as Inland Sea or the Mediterranean et or Caldera). Scripts that place the sea in the wo neighbors. Mixing together small and mediumging into bigger continents) seems to work pretty Small" and "Not Too Big or Small" don't allow that, |
| Tbd. | Testing – I've looked at maps general haven't played even one full game o | ated for various settings and their statistics, but n the map. |
| | - | (should do at least German for completeness' ned (portable), the hardcoded English texts should |
| Mixed Cont | inents | Continents and Islands |
| Renamed some options to reflect that this isn't necessarily a map with continents <i>and</i> islands. Options named "continent size", "island size", "islands mixed in". | | Options named "continent size", "island size", "islands mixed in". |

| Allow all land | dmass sizes for both regions. | "Big and Small" allows only small ("snaky"), normal and massive continents for the first region and tiny and normal islands for the second. "Continents and Islands" allows all sizes for the second region, but no islands for the first. |
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| Rationale | l don't think a "Small & Small" map (better than Archipelago, but there's r | without any continents) is going to play much no harm in allowing it. |
| The maxima the map size | number of tiny islands is based on e. | Regardless of the landmass settings, some tiny islands are placed on the map. The number is chosen at random between a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 4. |
| region's land | grain value of each region on that Imass size: spread the hills out a bit islands, normal islands and snaky | Hills are spread out a bit more in region 2 than in region 1. |
| Rationale | however, for gameplay, it's important couple of hill tiles. On small landmas water tiles, which can't be hilly. So it' | esn't determine the ruggedness of its relief; that it's not too difficult to give cities access to a sees, a higher portion of the tiles in city radii are s sensible to adjust the hill grain to the landmass ontinents and Islands" code was only that region 2 idmasses. |
| Use the defa tundra. | ault latitude thresholds for snow and | Custom thresholds that are higher than in BtS, i.e. less Tundra and Snow. |
| Rationale | The BtS thresholds had been too lov addressed that through CvMapGener | v – or at least unrealistic –, but I've already atorUtil.py as part of <u>tsl</u> . |
| Tbd. | | lot Too Big or Small" that "[z]ones are now more and south poles." This buffer should perhaps be and snow latitude thresholds. |
| "Add Plains" removed. | and "Reduce Desert" options | Options "Terrain Clumping", "Add Plains", "Reduce Desert" added. |
| Rationale | added? What about all the other terr | useless but pretty random (Why can't Desert be ain types?) and thus confusing. Better to adjust ate option or adding a new climate type. (In be adjusted through climate.) |
| | "Terrain Clumping" seems a bit less | arbitrary, so I'm -tentatively- keeping that one. |
| Config | Shouldn't be too difficult to re-enable just commented out. | the removed options in Mixed_Continents.py; |
| World wrap | option added. | |
| Rationale | No reason why this script shouldn't h | nave that commonplace option. |
| See also | kekm.32 adds a world wrap option to | "Not Too Big or Small". |
| Mixed Contin | nents | Continents and Islands |

| approximate ratio as in m | el setting is used and has ly the same effect on the sea/ land ost other map scripts (regardless of verlap setting). | "Big and Small", "Medium and Small" and "Continents and Islands" all ignore the sea level setting. |
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| "Add Water" | option removed. | "Continents and Islands" has an "Add Water" option instead. |
| Rationale | oversight, or Sirian thought that the s | orming the player is terrible. May have been an sea level should be controlled through keeping nem together (the latter results in more land). Of control. |
| Config | Civ4SeaLevelInfo.xml. I haven't te | nough, more elements can be added to ested it, but I think the mod should be able to s will no longer be BtS compatible though (see |
| AdvCiv | 1 | K-Mod |
| "Not Too Big account. | or Small" takes the sea level into | Ignores sea level. No way to adjust the land/ sea ratio. |
| Rationale | Since "Not Too Big or Small" doesn't implement; strange that karadoc had | allow regions to overlap, this change was easy to In't done this already. |
| See also | Kek-Mod has added an "Adjust Wate commit | er Percent" option to "Not Too Big or Small". Git |

| advc.gfd | GameFont display |
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| Credits | By Nightinggale, adopted without any noteworthy changes. Original mod component: CFC link |
| Config | Shift+Ctrl+F1 opens the GameFont display window |
| Rationale | I use the GameFont.tga from BULL and have no plans of extending it, so I probably won't need this, but it could be handy for mod-mods and was very easy to integrate. |

| test | Temporary changes for debugging and testing are marked with advc.test. or advc.tmp. |
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| Tbd. | Most of the test code should be removed eventually. Currently, there are quite a few branches for recovering from invalid call arguments that don't ever seem to occur. Those should be turned into assertions. |
| | It would be nice to have a bit of a framework for unit tests. Currently, there is one such test (not tagged with "advc.test" but with advc.enum) executed in CVXMLLoadUtility::LoadPreMenuGlobals . There should arguably be a class of tests called PreMenuTest (from which EnumMapTest should be derived) and another called PostMenuTest and perhaps a third class for tests that execute only when a special savegame is loaded. |
| · • | a "Giant" world size setting commented out in Civ4WorldInfos.xml. I use it for tests with an 18 civs. It's from vincentz's 34-civ mod. |

There's a test switch for Permanent Alliances in <code>uwAlAgent.h</code>. (They're normally difficult to test through Al Auto Play because the preconditions are so narrow.)

Preprocessor define MONTE_CARLO_ODDS_TEST added to CombatOdds.cpp (new implementation file, for code moved from CvGameCoreUtils.cpp). This causes each calculation of combat odds to be verified through a randomized simulation that closely follows the procedure in CvUnit:: resolveCombat. I don't know if I've set a sufficient number of samples for those simulations; there might be false positives. Very small inconsistencies between combat odds calculation and combat resolution can't be found this way: It's already very slow with the current sample size; can't increase that by orders of magnitude.

| See also | Found bug <u>001I</u> this way. |
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| | 003: Refactoring changes to combat odds calculations. |

| advc.repro | Reproducibility test |
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| Rationale | To make sure that the course of a game can be reproduced. Important for debugging, performance tests and synchronicity in network games. It's tedious to pinpoint errors found in the test, but still better than relying entirely on observation and the debugger. |
| See also | 001n: Bufixes for OOS errors. |
| Config | See description in Reprotest.h. The DLL needs to be compiled with the ENABLE_REPRO_TEST flag set; otherwise, none of the test code gets executed. |
| Tbd. | There may still be false positives due to non-synchronized data being stored in savegames. |

| make | Changes to the DLL compilation process are marked with advc.make. |
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Compiler version: As of v0.96, AdvCiv's GameCoreDLL is compiled using the updated Visual C++ 2003 Toolkit that was included with Visual Studio 2003 SP1 (from 2006). The code can still be compiled with the original 2003 Toolkit (the one linked in the how-to-compile-a-DLL threads on CFC). The updated compiler seems to generate only marginally faster code, if at all. Who knows what other advantages it might have though.

As for the Windows Platform SDK, a bunch of different versions are available on CFC (see *Credits* below). On Win 8 with VS 2010 Express (and no other version of VS installed), I can use any of these for compiling the AdvCiv DLL and the DLL always ends up with the exact same file size (but not the same contents). Differences in DLL performance either don't exist or are too small to measure them reliably. As with the Toolkit, the files extracted from VS 2003 SP1 seem to be the most recent ones of the proper SDK version (6.0), appear to result in the fastest DLL (for what it's worth; see above) and take up the least amount of disk space. Until AdvCiv 0.98c, I had been using version 7.0A.

Credits

Got the files from alberts2, who <u>posted</u> them in the Caveman2Cosmos subforum. There appears to be no official download (of just the updated compiler) on Microsoft.com. Caveat: alberts2's download doesn't include some necessary libraries; see list here.

Windows SDK versions:

- v6.0 extracted from VS 2003 SP1 by Ang; this is the one I'm using. Link 1 2
- v6.0 from the "We the People" GitHub account (link), recommended by Nightinggale.
- "version 6" hosted <u>here</u> by Asaf. Too recent according to Anq's post linked above.
- The install wizard hosted here by Leoreth appears to install v7.0A.

(Not related to compilation, but I want to document this somewhere: I use a faster version of Python24.dll – uploaded here by alberts2. I've seen a speed-up of about 4% in an AI Auto Play test.)

The AdvCiv Makefile is essentially <u>Nightinggale</u>'s, which is in turn based on <u>DannyDaemonic</u>'s. (Firaxis didn't release any Makefile along with the SDK.) The Visual Studio (VS) project (.vexproj) and solution (.sln) files are also based on Nightinggale's.

Added by devolution (<u>Git commit</u>, <u>forum post</u>): Makefile target Final_Release that enables more efficient machine instructions and, crucially, whole-program optimization, which speeds up AI turns by about 10%. (Nightinggale eventually also adopted that – <u>Git commit</u>.)

Thd.

Test my own changes with VS 2019 (free "Community" edition); only tested with 2010 "Express" so far (available <u>here</u>). I'm not going to install VS 2019 anytime soon though; too much of a hassle. If I do, <u>these</u> look like good install instructions. Or maybe there's a nice free version in between 2010 and 2019?

Write a natvis file for VS 2011 onward. <u>microsoft.com</u> C2C has one, but it might not be easy to port.

alberts2 is <u>working on</u> splitting parts of CvGameCoreDLL.dll into a new DLL to be compiled with a modern compiler. If I adopt that change, then VS 2019 will be required. Another idea under consideration by the C2C programmers is a second EXE that will run in a separate process (<u>link</u>).

Perhaps replace the makefile with a FASTBuild configuration file, following billw2015's example: Git commit $\underline{1}$ $\underline{2}$

Or otherwise perhaps merge the renamed configurations from Nightinggale's <u>updated</u> makefile. I should test if this

Assert|Multi core compilation = Assert|Multi core compilation looks any nicer in VS than: Assert-fast|Win32 = Assert-fast|Win32

Use the /gs option (buffer security check) for debug builds? Since MSVC05, that option is enabled by default. Might slow the program down by a few percentage points. Probably not worth it as accidental security violations seem pretty unlikely.

Variable PROJECT Profile CFLAGS added to Makefile.project for profiler settings.

See also

Comments in Makefile.project

Minor tweak in "We the People" that avoids unnecessarily copying .pdb files: <u>Git commit</u>

Not merged because it requires a Perl interpreter.

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Nightinggale's files

| _NO_DEBUG_ file. | HEAP enabled through the project | Reportedly, Visual Studio 2015 and later versions have this enabled by default. |
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| | rnings as errors) added to compiler efile.project. | I haven't tried it, but I think compilation continues after compiler warnings. |
| Rationale | environment from setting uninitialized errors. And it noticeably slows down when the debug heap is disabled, de default values. E.g. I've seen a point | y recommended in order to prevent the debug d memory to a default value, which can conceal memory (de-)allocation. <i>Update</i> : Actually, even ebug builds still set uninitialized variables to er member get initialized to Oxcccccc. I ompiler option (disable optimizations). |
| | programmers (Makefile.settings, | ugh files that aren't shared with other .vexproj.user), but VS 2010 (which benefits ely used by Civ 4 modders and, as for wx, it is to resolve compiler warnings. |
| See also | The debug heap can be useful for di under <u>003k</u> . | scovering heap corruptions like those discussed |
| | Dynamically allocated memory is preoperators; see a few boxes below. | e-initialized in debug builds through overloaded |
| project. The it's not explice should be the std headers | ings that aren't appropriate for this code editor still uses $/ w3$. (I guess – citly set in the $.vexproj$ file; $/ w3$ e default.) The Windows, Boost and are also still compiled with $/ w3$ (they so of warnings with $/ w4$). | |
| Rationale | from there seemed like the best app types turned out to be useful. One co that Nightinggale seems to be taking | issing out on, so going to level 4 and working roach. About half a dozen of the level-4 warning ould add those to level 3 (which is the approach of for "We the People"; Git commit), but who knows out to be useful at a later time. I doubt that he trouble. |
| | I don't think there's an easy way to d without exceptions would be too strice | lisable individual warnings in the code editor; /w4 ct. |
| Tbd. | I now realize that warnings can also Perhaps better to do it that way than | be customized through the $/\mbox{w}$ compiler option. through a header file? |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| allocated me | set each 32-bit word of dynamically emory to OxDADADADA (-623191334 in ill only applies to Debug builds. | Dynamically allocated memory is set to 0 through an overloaded operator new in CvGameCoreDLL.cpp. K-Mod disables that behavior for non-Debug builds. |
| Credits | Based on this Caveman2Cosmos re | vision by billw2015. |
| Rationale | To make accidentally uninitialized modeliberately set to 0. | emory distinguishable from memory that was |
| | DADA is apparently not a widely upoint – to distinguish it from other all | sed <u>magic debug value</u> , but perhaps that's the ocation functions. |

| See also | 0030 moves the memory managem | ent code to CvMemoryManager.cpp. |
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| Tbd. | Perhaps merge improved memory to request | racking code from Caveman2Cosmos. <u>Git pull</u> |
| AdvCiv | | Nightinggale's files |
| Profile and There are no and slow con | compiled headers and jom for fast d Debug builds. Ow fast configurations for all targets infigurations only for Debug and e removed the slow Assert config. | From Nightinggale's thread: "Jom can't build Profile or Debug targets. This is because Microsoft decided that symbols are written to vc70.pdb by the compiler for each cpp file. This means jom tries to have multiple threads write to the same file at the same time. [] I recommend having two Release build rules, one with jom and one without it. The reason is that jom handles files in parallel, but they also write output in parallel. This makes reading error messages tricky []." |
| | | I.e. there are fast Release and Assert configurations, and only slow configurations for the others. |
| Credits | billw2015 explains <u>here</u> how to solve compiler option. | e the problem with vc70.pdb by using the /Z7 |
| Rationale | configuration at hand, but don't need | rarely a problem. It's nice to have a non-parallel d slow versions of each. A high number of e fiddly to switch between configurations. |
| Tbd. | Should perhaps also throw out the s | slow Release configuration. |
| | At least on my system and with VS2010, $/z7$ makes linking far slower than $/zi$. Not sure if the $/DEBUG:FASTLINK$ option introduced by the MSVC05 linker could be used with the EXE (I guess not) and whether it would help much. The non-parallel "debug" configuration should use $/zi$ instead of $/z7$. I guess a separate build target needs to be defined to accomplish that. | |
| memory. The | | crashes that result from accesses to uninitialized and enables assertions. Debug-opt can also be |
| Rationale | Even without _NO_DEBUG_HEAP, cert | ain memory errors don't occur in a debug build. |
| | Optimized assembly is useful for ev advc.inl and advc.enum. | aluating micro-optimizations like those under |
| Config | #PROJECT_DebugOpt_CFLAGS = /D | e enabled by uncommenting the line FASSERT_ENABLE mized assembly, it's normally better to keep the |
| with an inline Specifically, orinline o situations in mostly only with the state of the state | e keyword. In a test, this decreased the MSVC03 documentation says that, in a C++ member function, defined which /0b2 can apply inline expansi | his option allows the compiler to inline functions he turn time with attached debugger by ca. 30%. at /ob1 "expands only functions marked as inline within a class declaration." That covers nearly all on, but /ob1 seems to do so more reluctantly, i.e. rentlyforceinline works too). The difference to be enabled along with /ob2. |

| PROJECT_Debug_CFLAGS in Makefile.project Can enable further optimizations as needed, e.g. /ob2 or even /o1. |
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| I do most of my testing under the debugger and, toward the late game, turn times become a bit of hindrance. |
| all part of the CvInfo Python interface from CyInfoInterface3.cpp to rface2.cpp because the former appears to have been close to exceeding the allowed for a debug information module. |
| <u>This</u> CFC post by vaxerski suggests to me that the interface file was dangerously large. |
| kekm.34 splits one of the Python interface files for the same reason. |
| EDITOR added to the project file for all builds with assertions in order to make the nds macro work in the Visual Studio 2010 editor. |
| Comment in FAssert.h |
| unused debug flag from Makefile and .vcxproj: CVGAMECOREDLL_EXPORTS |
| Adopted from this Caveman2Cosmos revision by Anq. |
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| Rationale | Mainly to reduce compilation time. It | 's a trade-off: CvGameCoreDLL.h gets precompiled |
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| | (see PRECOMPILE_CFLAGS1 in Maket | file), so if more headers are included there, then But a change to any of the headers in |
| | That seems unwise, at least for my palso, unnecessary includes obscure | I headers into CvGameCoreDLL.h: SVN revision burposes, as some headers do change frequently. the actual dependencies and might pollute aders that are unlikely to change and frequently but large). |
| Tbd. | "CvGameCoreDLL.h" directives. Cou included headers, but that confusion | compiler option and remove all the #include all argue that it's confusing to have invisibly already exists in the .h files, none of which works because all the .cpp files that include those perforehand. |
| See also | 003x splits up CvInfos.h. Some of to CvGameCoreDll.h. (In BtS, the whole | the resulting header files are included in e CvInfos.h was included there.) |
| | | lesign of the AI classes to an extent, and that has headers less frequently in implementation files. |
| AdvCiv | | BtS (no significant changes in K-Mod/BBAI) |
| | eDLL.h and instead added them only of files that need them. | used header files, some from the Standard Library and Boost, but mostly from the Civ 4 game core. This means that all implementation files need to be recompiled whenever one of the headers in CvGameCoreDLL.h changes. |
| CvGameCore | nose headers remaining in PDLL.h from all implementation files luded them redundantly. | Many implementation files explicitly include headers that are already included through CvGameCoreDLL.h. |
| Replaced so forward dec | ome include directives in headers with larations. | |
| Rationale | I'm assuming that the headers remain permanently. | ining in CvGameCoreDLL.h will remain there |
| Wrapper he rule and Al o | <u>=</u> | added that include some frequently needed game |
| Rationale | To reduce the number of include state | tements. |
| implementa | the include statements in most tion files a bit so that related headers to each other. | Some patterns are discernible, like including the class's own header file first and EXE-to-DLL interface headers last, but it's mostly haphazard. |
| distance fun CvMap.h an CvGameCore making then | d by Nightinggale, I've moved the actions from CvGameCoreUtils.h to d removed the CvMap header from eUtils.h. I went a bit farther by m (non-static) member functions of th global wrappers for convenience. | CvGameCoreUtils.h contains global utility functions. Some of these deal with distance computations on the game map. Those distance functions operate on CvMap and CvPlot objects and they're inlined for performance, meaning that CvMap.h (which includes CvPlot.h) has to be included in CvGameCoreUtils.h and thus, through CvGameCoreDLL.h, in every cpp file. |

| | The distance functions don't operate on arbitrary coordinates – they require a CvMap object with specific dimensions for dealing with world-wrap. Tying them to a CvMap object communicates this relationship (which isn't entirely obvious). | |
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| See also | advc.pf: Moved the pathfinding functions out of CvGameCoreUtils. | |
| Renamed Be | etterBTSAI.h tO BBAI_Log.h. | |
| Rationale | For clarity; contains logging code that writes to BBAI.log. | |
| | Added some declarations to CvGameCoreDLL.h to make the Visual Studio Code Editor underline fewer Boost calls. | |
| Credits | Based on "We the People" code by Nightinggale; e.g. from this Git commit. | |
| | Adding the Boost header paths to Visual Studio shouldn't be difficult to do, but it seems that the (absolute, system-dependent) path will have to be stored in the .vcxproj file, which is under source control and should therefore be fully portable. | |

| advc.wine | Debugging support for the Wine cor | npatibility layer |
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| See also | Memory corruption as described under <u>003k</u> can have worse consequences on Wine than on Windows. | |
| All information about failed assertions gets printed to stdout. Disabled this again, though the code (not much) is still in FASSERT.CPP as a comment. | | Assertion popups are shown through the WinUser.h function DialogBoxIndirect, which isn't implemented by works also on Wine. |
| Information printed to the Visual Studio console is also printed to stdout. | | OutputDebugString in WinBase.h is used for writing to the console. These messages aren't visible on Wine. |
| Rationale | an assert build. I don't know for sure | users can be diagnosed by providing them with e if the BtS debug output is really inaccessible on by one (savvy) Wine user; I've never used it |
| | no proper console is attached. The so, considering that none of this hap is used only sparingly during startup | printf) is discarded by MSVC applications when format string doesn't seem to get evaluated either, opens in release builds and that logging to console o, there should be no need for checking which kind all both OutputDebugString and printf in any |

| "True Starts" map script. The idea is a script that generates a map based on in the game, e.g. with a map portion that resembles Egypt's geography when in the game. Not included in the AdvCiv mod so far; only a couple of preparate changes (see below). | |
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| | Update: I've stopped working on this. I do have a sort of proof of concept, but it would take too much work to complete and polish that. New idea: A game option that causes the most fitting civs to be selected <i>after</i> the map and starting locations have been generated. I should be able to reuse parts of the True Starts script. |
| See also | 129: Changes to the standard map generator (resources, features) |

| AdvCiv | | BtS |
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| The Fractal map script may generate land as far north and south as 75-80° latitude. Most map scripts (incl. Fractal) normally don't place any Tundra below a latitude of about 50-55° and the latitude bound for Snow is similarly increased (i.e. moved closer to the poles). | | All map scripts with polar caps place bands of water near the poles. For the Fractal script, those bands are so broad that there is normally no land beyond 65-70° latitude. Most other scripts (how?) place land closer to the poles, in particular Pangaea and Continents. On Fractal, Tundra may appear as far south as 44° latitude. |
| Rationale | evened out by land not extending as I'd like to use realistic latitude values compressed land has any advantage equator and tundra feels very small; by ship between a continent and a po | uth for Tundra. In BtS, this oddity is somewhat far north as it does on Earth. For my TSL script, but, regardless of that, I don't think the vertically e. On Small map size, the distance between the and it's rather more interesting when a passage ole isn't guaranteed to be possible. I think the dot ounnatural (truncated) continent shapes. |
| Config | I had to hardcode the first part in CvFractal.cpp because the code exposing CvFractal to Python isn't part of the SDK. Tundra and Snow placement are set in CvMapGeneratorUtil.py. | |
| Per-tile latitu | <u> </u> | The CvPlot class computes latitudes on the fly |
| | | based on the map dimensions. |
| | | The standard terrain and feature generators in CvMapGeneratorUtils.py have a function getLatitudeAtPlot, but overriding that doesn't affect resource placement. To place resources according to custom latitudes, map scripts need to reimplement much of CvMapGenerator.cpp (as far as I can tell); PerfectMongoose actually does that. |
| Tbd. | A map script dependent on a modifie another way later on. | d CvPlot class isn't nice. Maybe I can find |

| sha | Changes to the merged Show Hidden Attitude Mod (SHAM) | |
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| See also | 130c: Changes to rank-based modifiers | |
| AdvCiv | | SHAM |
| No display of the low-rank modifier because this has been disabled by change <u>130c</u> . "Developing nations should work together to catch up." | | "Developing nations should work together to catch up." |
| No option for hiding "spoilers". 130c changes rank-based modifiers so that they don't give away the ranks of unknown civs. Rank-based hate explained as "You're getting ahead of us". | | "We feel threatened by your large civilization." |
| First impressions and rank not shown when playing with randomized personalities. | | Shows the human first-impression penalty from the difficulty setting – which doesn't hurt but isn't exactly helpful. Hides rank-based modifiers. |
| See also | 004q hides unusually high memory-lrandomized personalities. | based relations modifiers when playing with |

| Config | SHOW_HIDDEN_ATTITUDE in GlobalD HiddenAttitudes_CIV4GameText.x | - |
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| | "This war spoils our relations" partly | -1 "going badly" if their war success is less than ours, "spoils relations" based only on how long the war has been lasting. |
| Rationale | 1 | a needless complication. The AI not getting as nore sense. Gameplay-wise, it's mostly a matter enemy becomes the worst enemy. |
| If a non-vassal AI civ would otherwise be Pleased War enemies can have any attitude toward each toward a non-vassal war enemy, " spoils our relations" is increased just enough to make the attitude Cautious. | | |
| Rationale | ı · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | r. Cautious is also weird, but less so, and <u>UWAI</u> peace a little ("Affection cost") if Cautious |
| | Vassals excluded because they don' much; conceivable that attitudes rem | t choose their wars, and may not participate nain non-hostile. |

| savem | "Savemap" function that saves the map of an ongoing game as a Python script | |
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| Credits | Courtesy of xyx (<u>CFC thread</u>); based on work by tywiggins (<u>Apolyton thread</u>) | |
| See also | See the links above for documentation and possible uses. | |
| | The description string of the exported map script is generated through DLL code from 106h. | |
| | 127 disables the Ctrl+Shift+M Al Auto Play shortcut, which easy to confuse with the key combination that I want to use for savemap. | |
| AdvCiv | xyx's savemap | |

Can press Alt+Shift+M at any point of a game to Needs to be invoked from the Python console. export the map into a Python script. This shortcut can be disabled on the BUG menu (Map tab).

Will first try to store it in \AdvCiv\PrivateMaps. If that location can't be written, PublicMaps under \My Games\Beyond the Sword is used. AdvCiv will not be able to load it from the latter location unless NoCustomAssets is set to 0 in \ AdvCiv\AdvCiv.ini.

An on-screen message says whether and where Feedback only through debug output. the new file was created.

Old files are never overwritten (if I've implemented that part correctly).

Regardless of the location, Civ 4 needs to be restarted before the exported script can be loaded.

The file name is generated from the name of the original script or scenario, the map dimensions (not if it's a scenario) and initial player count. A number between 1 and 9 is appended if a file with the generated name already exists in the target location. All settings shown on the Settings tab (Victory screen) are included in the description string of the exported scenario. (That string can be viewed in a text editor or through 'Play Now".)

Always save under My Games\Beyond the Sword\PublicMaps.

I think most mods set NoCustomAssets=1. so it's mostly just unmodded BtS that can load map scripts from \My Games\.

Will overwrite if file names clash.

(I don't think a restart can be avoided. In particular, a manual Python reload doesn't help.)

The file name can be entered through the Python console. The name of the original script, map dimensions and initial player count are saved in the description string.

Tbd.

Add options for using the original civs and leaders and original difficulty level to the generated scripts. See comments in savemap.py about that. For the civs and leaders, DLL functions added by the Change Player mod component will have to be exposed to Python.

CvGame could keep a list of tile changes made during the normalization step and then the generated script could reapply those changes depending on whether the original starting sites are used. Probably too much work. As it is, if the original sites aren't used, new sites are computed based on terrain that includes the original normalization changes and no normalization step is performed afterwards.

| Can't use sa | vemap in networked multiplayer. | The Python console also isn't normally available in network games. |
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| Rationale | Seems like a pretty convenient way are easy to find in the saved script. | to cheat. In particular, the names of the AI leaders |
| Config | Guard in savemap.py at the beginning of the savemap function. | |
| When choosing the option to ignore the original starting sites, the selection of starting sites is left entirely to the DLL. New starting locations are generated in Pytho through CvMapGeneratorUtil. findStartingPlot. | | |
| Rationale | So that StartingPositionIteration (cha | ange <u>027</u>) is used. |

advc.rh Modular XML loading bugfix merged from rheinig's mod (CFC link)

| Credits | xyx made me aware (<u>here</u>) of this fairly obscure mod. |
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From the mod's readme file:

"Some XML tables are loaded in two passes, and the code did load the second pass data into the wrong records for modular additions. Ever wondered why the tech tree or promotion prerequisites get mucked up if you modularize them? Now you *can* modularize those. The full list of Infos that define a second pass loader method and the values those load is:

CvTechInfo(OrPreReqs,AndPreReqs), CvPromotionInfo(PromotionPrereq,PromotionPrereqOr1,PromotionPrereqOr2), CvCivilizationInfo(DerivativeCiv), CvImprovementInfo(ImprovementPillage,ImprovementUpgrade), CvProjectInfo(PrereqProjects,AnyonePrereqProject), CvEventInfo(AdditionalEvents,EventTimes,ClearEvents).

Note Buildings and Units don't need to do that as their perceived self-referencing prerequisites actually refer to the respective "Class", and those are loaded far ahead. Otherwise, this bug may well not have slipped by QA.

Update - Version 3.1.7.3 now delays pass 2 of the monolithic XML until after pass 1 of the modules has finished, too. This finally fixes modular random events.

Changed modular XML load order:

Fixed CvXMLLoadUtility::LoadGlobalClassInfo to sort the list of files after enumerating them and before loading them. Why? Well, before the load order was determined by the file system and essentially unpredictable. You could easily be working on non-XML files in those directories and suddenly have units, buildings or whatever swap their IDs, thus having saved game incompatibilities the loader couldn't catch. The sort now is case-sensitive, which is bad, but I'll leave it at that as the rules governing the casing of returned names are deterministic and constant over any OS generation. You might still get into the effects I mentioned if you moved from, say, Windoze 9x (urgh!) to NT (sorry, I mean XP), but does cIV even run on 9x???"

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| Rationale | For mod-mods that use modular loading. The issue doesn't sound important, but, despite the lengthy comments, the code changes are very minor. | |
| Not merged | "Major Enhancement: Incremental modular loading" — That's a bit more work to merge and even more work to test as I don't know how modular loading is exactly supposed to work. For what it's worth, it seems preferable to the "XML COPY" code by MRGENIE in RoM-AND2. | |
| | Most of the non-XML bugfixes in the mod seem to have been included in the unofficial patches. The rest I seem to have fixed myself (some 10 years later). | |
| | The minor optional rule changes and changes to help text, ultimately, aren't worth including in AdvCiv. | |
| See also | This last item of the readme file has inspired a similar change tagged with "advc.006": "CyGlobalContext().getInfoTypeForString, when called with an unknown key string, formerly logged an error in xml.log citing the last xml file loaded even if the call came from Python and had nothing to do with XML." | |

| kekm | Bugfixes (and other changes) from DarkLunaPhantom's Kek-Mod [I had labeled these with "dlph" at first because Kek-Mod din't have a name yet.] |
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| Credits | Source (Kek-Mod) I've only adopted those changes that were easy to make (cost/ benefit), and none that only deal with PBEM or Pitboss. |
| Tbd. | The PBEM bugfixes would be nice to have too. Even if I don't test them; I doubt that they's break something. (The Pitboss changes might be too much work.) |
| See also | 250c also includes a couple of changes from Kek-Mod 001: My own misc. bugfixes I've reported some minor issues with Kek-Mod changes <u>here</u> . |
| kekm.1 | "Circumnavigation bonus is now always preserved when forming permanent alliance, previously it was only when the player having it had smaller team number." (also fixed in K-Mod 1.45) |

| kekm.2 | "Fixed a () bug which caused unremovable espionage city visibility after forming permanent alliance for all cities that the player with larger team number had visibility of at that moment." (As far as I understand, only kekm.26 fixes this properly.) | |
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| kekm.3 | Defensive pacts despite war | |
| AdvCiv | | BtS |
| BBAI option for defensive pacts despite war enabled, and adopted a bugfix and extension from Kek-Mod: | | When war is declared on a civ, the defensive pacts of that civ take effect and are then canceled. BBAI has an optional rule change that leaves defensive pacts in place after taking effect; disabled by default. |
| "now enable[s] defensive pacts to be signed while at war." But the AI only signs a DP when sharing all wars cancels DP when wars are no longer shared. | | A civ that declares war loses all its defensive pacts. Can't sign defensive pacts while at war. |
| And I'm allowing defensive pacts to be canceled (0 turns to cancel) after a DoW. | | |
| Rationale | May not make defensive pacts a lot more useful, but it's more plausible this way. As for my adjustment: "We'll aid you against any further aggression, but, in your current wars, you're on your own" doesn't sound like a typical military pact. | |
| | The immediate cancelation when no longer sharing all wars happens in CvPlayerAI::checkCancel. If that code is removed, then 133 will handle the cancelation, resulting in a probabilistic delay. This could give the DP ally enough time to make peace, preserving the DP. After a test, I think a DP will rarely survive a peace deal despite the delay, and it's cleaner to cancel the DP immediately. | |
| See also | 130y reduces the diplo penalty from DoW triggered by a DP. 104i makes the AI willing to talk with all DP allies upon making peace with one of them. kekm.25 allows DP votes while at war. | |
| Tbd. | What happens when A has a DP with B and C has a DP with D and A declares war on C? I suppose they'll all be at war (that's how it works in <u>Dawn of Civilization</u> too); is that desirable? | |
| kekm.4 | Can't gift cargo if it contains units that can't be gifted. | |
| See also | An addition to 123a | |
| kekm.5 | "Obsolete buildings and unused power plants (e.g. Nuclear Plant without Uranium or in a city that also has Hydro Plant or receives power from Three Gorges Dam) cannot trigger meltdown event anymore." | |
| See also | 652: Other rule changes to meltdowns. | |
| kekm.6 | Barbarians can't build spies. | |
| See also | 307 prevents the Barbarians from training some later-era units. | |
| kekm.7 | Can nuke despite neutral units; they take no damage. | |
| Rationale | If the neutral units took damage (without having to declare war), this would again be exploitable. Units in nuke range not taking damage is counterintuitive, but I don't see a better simple solution. Once the range of nukes is restricted to a single tile (a change I plan to make), it won't be so strange anymore that only hostile units are hit – one can imagine units of different owners are encamped separately. | |

| kekm.8 | "Fixed bug in AI evaluation of gifted unit for the purpose of relations bonus." |
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| Not merged | "Player cannot gift combat units to third party which in war with rival with whom the player has unbreakable (temporary or permanent) peace treaty. Also, the receiving player now must satisfy technology requirements (both for the unit itself and for the prerequisite resources)." [link?] |
| | "Free units from tribal villages cannot move in their first turn. Gifted units are immobile only if they change teams." Git commit $\underline{1}$ $\underline{2}$ |
| | These aren't restrictions that players would intuitively expect, and I'm not sure that they're necessary. (I do think that there should be diplomatic consequences for gifting units beyond "traded with our worst enemy.") |
| kekm.9 | "Fixed how AI and worker actions treat fallout feature. Fallout had bNoImprovement set to 1 signaling to AI that no improvements can be built there which didn't make sense since fallout can be cleared just like forest and jungle can. This made AI far less likely to scrub fallout (if at all) than to chop jungle although the features are similar. Improvements can now be built directly on top of fallout and fallout will be cleared in the process just like it is with forest and jungle. |
| | Fixed interface and AI bug that caused the game to sometimes wrongly show an improvement as unbuildable. Sometimes the game doesn't [realize] that an improvement can be built. E.g. plains jungle yields 0 food so farm cannot be built as it requires 1 food, but farm can be built there by chopping the jungle as the underlying plains terrain yields 1 food. AI followed the same slightly flawed logic as did the interface. My fix for fallout feature introduced many more such situations." |
| kekm.10 | "Added verification of state religion. Player shouldn't be able to keep their state religion when there are no cities with it anymore." |
| Rationale | Disabled this again. I don't want to force a civ out of its religion while it may still try to reconquer its holy city. |
| Config | Disabled through CvPlayer::doTurn. |
| kekm.11 | "Fixed advanced start bug with reduced unit costs. Advanced start code is bad in general so I just fixed the immediate problem. (There was a way to get extra gold by refunding a worker while having expansive trait.)" |
| kekm.12 | "Removed Disorganized promotion from free barbarians boats with hidden nationality. Hidden nationality units shouldn't be too obviously (non-)barbarian." |
| | (But I'm not allowing Barbarians to have Privateers.) |
| kekm.13 | "Fixed permanent alliance bug with AP/UN leader. Similar as with other permanent alliance bugs, if AP/UN leader had higher team number than its permanent ally an empty team would become AP/UN leader instead of the newly formed team." |
| Not merged | "Changed condition when is a team considered AP/UN full member (and thus eligible for election). Previously all team members had to be full members, but now at least one is enough." |
| | I don't have an opinion on how this should work. |
| kekm.14 | "Set barbarian unit [gold] costs to 0. These costs don't affect barbarians directly, but they still do influence some decisions." |
| | Git commit |
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| kekm.15 | "Moved the code for building missiles for missile carriers outside of assault only case. K-Mod made similar change for building planes for carriers already so I did the same for missiles. Also fixed a bug when checking whether there are enough missiles already." Git commit |
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| | "Fixed a bug (?) in missile production AI. Missiles for filling up missile carriers should be built in low productivity cities and not high productivity cities." Git commit |
| kekm.16 | "Bomb Shelter was previously always evaluated as almost completely worthless (!!!). I think that AI should build it as soon as possible pretty much everywhere as it is very cheap and effective." |
| | Git commit |
| Not merged | "SDI evaluation previously ignored that nukes can quickly obliterate entire militaries and there were some issues with estimating number of nuclear attacks." |
| | Too much work to merge considering that the rules for nukes will have to change at some point, and that the AI code will have to be revised afterwards. |
| kekm.17 | "Game era calculation changed from rounding down to rounding of all players' average era." |
| | Git commit |
| Rationale | I had always assumed that it worked this way, and I'm frequently referencing the game era in AI and Barbarian code, so this should be a significant improvement. |
| Not merged | "Added Advanced Settlers game option. When used, settlers behave similarly like in Advanced Era starts, i.e. new cities start with more buildings and population as the game progresses through eras. Settler era is a minimum of player's era and game era []" |
| | I want to add something like this, but I'm not quite happy with the implementation. Looks like it could reward stockpiling Settlers, and the cost of a Settler can increase while in production if the player or game era changes, which is a bit messy. Alternative solutions implemented in other mods: A second Settler unit ("Colonist") with a tech requirement in late Renaissance (which mod was that?) and Realism Invictus's Ministries. Another idea: A production bonus for Ancient and Classical buildings from e.g. the Steel technology. |
| kekm.18 | "Hidden game options are now always set to their default value as they cannot be changed or interacted with anyway and switching between mods can mess up those options." |
| | (But I've implemented it through CvInitCore::resetGame.) |
| kekm.19 | "Capital cannot be moved while spaceship is underway. Reason is the fact that capturing the capital destroys the traveling spaceship, so capital cannot be hidden in this way after the launch." |
| Tbd. | Would prefer to let the production cost of Palace increase over the course of a game. This could also make it easier to move the capital in the early game when starting in |
| | an awkward spot. |

| kekm.20 | probability of nuke destroying a non (these probabilities are not immedia is left for the reader) because some NUKE_NON_COMBAT_DEATH_THRESHOCOLOSE to average nuke damage to colose to destroy a result of the change of the change to destroy a result of the change of t | non-combat unit to exactly 79%, and Bomb Shelter y the same as average damage to combat units. DID is now unused." |
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| kekm.21 | "Show barbarian territory on the mir | nimap and in the globe view." |
| | Git commit | |
| kekm.22 | | ltiplayer] from round down to round." |
| | Git commit | |
| See also | 250a bases that computation on difficulty values assigned to each handicap through XML. | |
| kekm.23 | AdvCiv | Kek-Mod |
| Razing: Not merged; no tile culture is removed. Culture after trade is handled by change ctr, which converts only a fraction of city and tile culture. I've adopted the equal treatment of iberation and regular city trade from Kek-Mod. The merged this change. Cities liberated upon the creation of a colonial vassal still receive the free units; that's also the case in Kek-Mod. "Reworked how culture behaves when a city is razed or acquired. Razing a city will now erase (most of) its plot culture. Trading a city will transfer both city and (most of) plot culture to the new owner. Not all plot culture will be included because plot culture is generated by different mechanisms (e.g. trade routes and free plot culture) and increasing and decreasing city culture doesn't result in adding and removing the same amoun of plot culture. Also, liberated cities don't get free units just because a vassal acquired them and diplomatic votes resulting in changing of city ownership will leave old owner's culture intact. An attempt to get more consistent and sane plot city culture effects related to city trades." | | |
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| Rationale | alone culturally) "cleanse" a region. | Git commit azing a city shouldn't be enough to ethnically (let Likewise, city ownership agreed to on paper / cultural conflicts in favor of the new owner. |

| kekm.24 | "Colonies don't inherit espionage points from parent civ anymore (this didn't seem fair or necessary), but they do inherit EspionagePointsEver. |
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| | Colonies cannot reuse player slots anymore as this can cause weird bugs sometimes and this is the easiest fix. Number of players can be easily increased (it already is 48) so this is not necessary." |
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| | I'm still allowing human players to reuse a slot when creating a colony. |
| Rationale | The maximal civ count in AdvCiv is only 18 and increasing it comes with a performance penalty. Reusing slots is not really compatible with the Immortal Culture changes (I suppose culture will be set to 0 when the colonial vassal is initialized), but I don't want to disallow colonial vassals entirely in games with 18 civs. If the player doesn't like the result, he or she can hopefully reload a savegame. (Whereas the player would be unable to prevent the AI from reusing a slot – if that were allowed.) |
| Tbd. | Different approach: Store tile culture in an EnumMap <civilizationtypes, int="">. That'll add some 15*4 byte to CvPlot and may also slow down some algorithms. Peanuts though compared with raising the civ count. Upd.: But the same civ can be played by several players at the same time, so it won't work quite this way.</civilizationtypes,> |
| See also | 001: A couple of bugfixes pertaining to colonial vassals and the Random Personalities option. |
| kekm.25 | "Reworked resolutions. Fixed multiple bugs and inconsistencies with conditions for proposing and defying resolutions. [] Vassals cannot defy resolutions anymore. Players can defy resolution assigning them a city. Al can now choose (and vote) to repeal resolutions." |
| | Git commit |
| | Changed it so that only capitulated vassals are unable to defy. Voluntary vassals can defy everything except war and peace votes (in BtS, they can defy everything, in BBAI they can defy peace votes but not war votes). |
| | Regarding a comment in CvPlayerAI::AI_diploVote about vassals and friends of the Secretary General in repeal votes: "[O]nly important if the Secretary General plans to vote yes. Incorporating the other case properly would be a lot of additional work". I've tried to do that extra work; hope I got it right (so that friends and vassals help the Secretary General repeal resolutions). |
| | "Human vassals are forced to vote for their master. Unless they are also a candidate themselves." |
| | Git commit |
| | Only relevant for the $\underline{R\&F}$ option because humans can't normally become vassals in AdvCiv. |
| | I'm only applying this to capitulated human vassals. |
| | "War resolution can now be proposed against voting members (and non-members). Defensive pacts with attackers are cancelled before implementing war resolution." |
| | I don't think this ever works the way it's implemented in Kek-Mod. CvGame::canDoResolution checks if all voting members — including the target! — are able to declare war on the target. I've corrected that: Now only full members are checked, only they declare war and only they can defy the resolution. These change are tagged with "kekm.25/advc". Moreover, only peace treaties of the AP leader can block a war resolution; peace treaties of other members don't matter. (But the AI tries to honor its promises by voting against war when there is a peace treaty.) |

| Rationale | Shouldn't expect human players to keep track of peace treaties between AI civs, and don't want to allow players to block war votes by signing peace treaties (e.g. by asking for a gift). K-Mod already allowed vassal agreements to override peace treaties. |
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| See also | 130f deals with stop-trading resolutions in a similar way. |
| | CFC thread about a BtS bug fixed by the first commit listed above. |
| Tbd. | Looks like a human war vote target (non-full member) will now get to vote. Should be an automatic vote against instead. That's handled by CvGame::addVoteTriggered. |
| | Planned changes to membership rules (see <u>178</u>) will address the problems with war votes in a simpler way. And I don't think I want civs without a state religion to be eligible targets for war votes. |
| Not merged | "Religious population for votes in AP is now divided by number of religions in the city. Defiance penalty is now given to the whole team if one team member defies a passing resolution." |
| | This penalizes civs too much for heaving multiple religions and might weaponize Missionaries of non-AP religions. Also, a state religion tends to have larger communities than a non-state religion (and a civ with a state religion not matching the AP religion already has its votes reduced). |
| | Not sure about the defiance penalty. If civs vote individually, then it seems that they should also bear the consequences individually. |
| See also | 130v makes capitulated vassals vote along with their master and places many other restrictions on capitulated vassals. 178: My own changes to AP votes |
| kekm.26 | Git commit |
| | "Finally fixed the bug with espionage visibility. Adjusted CvTeam::shareItems so that only use is enough." |
| | (Cf. kekm.2) |
| | "Scaled third party counter towards new team with number of players in each team for consistency. |
| | Fixed bug with no tech brokering status not being preserved properly. |
| | Espionage points of the new team and towards the new team are now sum of the old ones instead of max." |
| | All this only concerns Permanent Alliances. |
| | "Changed how multiple war declarations work. declareWar used to nest war declarations, now they are queued to trigger defensive pacts and everything else in the correct order." |
| | This may also be an improvement in other situations; hard to say. There was a bug preventing updates of the attitude cache; fixed. The bugfix was also included in Kek-Mod <u>0.25</u> . |

| Not merged (for now) | "Increased victory conditions for permanent alliances. Number of required spaceship parts is multiplied by (1+0.5*(number_of_players-1)) rounded up. Number of required cities for cultural victory is multiplied by (1+0.5*(number_of_players-1)) rounded down." Git commit |
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| | "Adjusted domination thresholds for permanent alliances. Minimum land percentage is now 100*(1+n)/(3+n)+1 where n is number of players in the team. This used to be 51 for all teams. For domination population, in addition to 25% lead required, the population of the second best team is scaled with the standard ratio of (1+0.5*(n-1)) values for both teams (with a minimum of 1), i.e. larger lead is required in the case that the second best team has less players." Git commit 1 2 |
| | Perhaps very sensible changes, but it's difficult to say without really having played with Permanent Alliances. This would have to be mentioned somewhat prominently in the main part of the manual. |
| Not merged | "Changed how maximum distance is calculated" |
| | See <u>140</u> |
| Not merged | "Always show Dawn of Man when beginning a new game" Git commit |
| | Already handled by <u>704, 250c</u> . |
| kekm.27 | "Added OOSLogger. OOSLogger creates a file with all the data used for computing the sync checksum when OOS is detected. Idea from Fall from Heaven 2 by Kael. Implemented as a slight modification of the version in ExtraModMod by Terkhen. Implemented as a BUG module." |
| | Git commit 1 2 |
| | The log is created in the Logs folder and named "OOSLog". I've added a MessageLog check (to make sure that both players are aware of the logging), fixed a few of bugs and made some minor adjustments. These were also <u>adopted</u> by Kek-Mod 0.25. |
| Not merged | "Improved OOSLogger" <u>Git commit</u> Not really an improvement for my purposes. |
| Tbd. | The log is sometimes triggered because game scores don't match. On the next time slice, scores are updated by CvGame and back in-sync. Not sure if this is a false positive or a problem with CvGame::setScoreDirty somehow getting called asynchronously. |
| | Move this mostly into the DLL? A CvGame function would be easier to keep updated with the OOS checksum computed by CvGame. And in Python, syntax errors go unnoticed and then parts of the log is lost when an OOS error actually occurs. |
| | To be merged: A similar but hopefully more potent tool by Nightinggale: Git <u>commit</u> |
| | Logging of game net messages by alberts2: SourceForge <u>revision</u> |
| kekm.28 | "Barbarians also get some starting tech in advanced start. [] Techs they get in advanced start are the average of all player's tech status after advanced start." Git commit |
| | [] [D]on't try to give free units or advanced start points to barbarians." Git commit |
| See also | The rest of that second commit is covered by <u>250c</u> . |
| Not merged | "Barbarians require revealing and enabling tech for resources to be able to get units which require those resources." Covered by 301. |
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| kekm.29 | "Fixed a bug in target city evaluation for cities that would be autorazed." Git commit |
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| | Obsolete; fixed differently now. |

| kekm.30 | "Added leader and civ icons to scoreboard." Git commit |
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| | Disabled by default. |
| Not merged | "Unmet dead civs can now be shown in scoreboard." Git <u>commit</u> "Name, civilization and color of dead players are not concealed." Git <u>commit</u> Covered by <u>004v</u> . |
| kekm.31 | "No tech brokering for techs acquired by Internet." Git commit |
| Not merged | "Show a message when a player abandons its state religion." Git <u>commit</u> Covered by <u>150a</u> . |
| kekm.32 | "Added choice of map wraps to Not to Big or Small mapscript." Git commit |
| | Indeed strange that the map didn't have that option. A caveat: World-wrap for MultilayeredFractal-based maps is implemented through iTerrainFlags, so these flags mustn't be removed from generatePlotsInRegion calls. |
| See also | advc.mxc adds a world-wrap option to the "Continents and Islands" script. |
| Not merged | "[O]ption to adjust water percent in not_too_Big_or_Small. Default water percent in not_too_Big_or_Small is 74 and sealevel options can change that by -8/0/+6. Adjust water percent option can change that by 0/-5/-10/-15/-20/-25." Git commit Too extravagant. "Added a new climate [] called Warm and is mainly characterized by loss ico and |
| | "Added a new climate [] called Warm and is mainly characterized by less ice and tundra. It is available for all mapscripts that use default climate system. Created by AjmoCiv." Git commit Not as evocative as the other climate settings. |
| Not merged | "Added Gigantic map size. It is larger than Huge. A lot of values in CIV4WorldInfo.xml seem arbitrary, but I tried to preserve some kind of pattern." Covered by advc.test. |
| kekm.33 | "Changed espionage costs for teams. I want costs to scale with 1+0.5(number of members - 1), but since there are two teams (and two directions) involved, it will scale with the square root of the ratio of those values. Idea for formula by Fran." Git commit (Fran must be a player at "Zulan's Civilization corner") |
| | In BtS, mission costs aren't adjusted to the team size at all. K-Mod 1.45 multiplies the cost by the team size. The same handicap (+50% per team member) should apply as for tech costs – which is what the Kek-Mod formula does. |
| Not merged | "Changed how unit type for draft is determined. []" Git commit <u>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8</u> Too much work for too little gain. |
| kekm.34 | "Split CyCityInterface in two parts. Its size was obstructing compilation of debug DLL. Some minor spelling corrections in changed files." Git commit Large Python interface files can lead to a "debug information module size exceeded" error when compiling a Debug DLL. I've never encountered that error, but keldath has confirmed it. I guess it's code bloat caused by the boost::python macros. |

| kekm.35 | "Changed some details of how starting locations are picked. []" Git commit $\underline{1} \underline{2} \underline{3}$ |
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| | "Starting area picking system is changed so that it doesn't overvalue large, but very bad areas. When picking starting location, locations with very little food (before normalization) will be avoided if possible to avoid starting on the edge of very bad terrain (after normalization)." Due to 027, the choice of the starting areas normally only matters as an initial solution for my own starting position algorithm. Still, a better initial solution is better, i.e. may lead to a better final solution or may at least save time. |
| | "Fixed a bug in location evaluation in case when starting location needs to be picked again in advanced start." |
| | "In advanced start, the possibility of automatically exchanging starting location with a teammember under certain conditions is now removed. (Why was that even there?)" Merged but disabled . It seems that the BtS code doesn't have any adverse effect and perhaps it does somehow lead to a fairer turn order in team games. |
| | "Strengthened starting location (pre-normalization) food prerequisite. Instead of 5x5 area, the whole standard advanced start sized area is checked for food." |
| Not merged | "Starting location picking system is now the same in every game mode. After randomly assigning preplaced starting locations, it first picks locations for some number of AIs depending on handicap, then for all humans and then for the rest of AIs. Order doesn't depend on player id numbers. This is done this way because locations picked earlier are usually better." Covered by 108b except perhaps for team games, but all that is a bit complicated, so I'm not going to bother with it (again). |
| Not merged | "Require debug mode for cheat actions and tooltips." Git commit |
| | Covered by <u>135c</u> . |
| kekm.36 | "Wonder list now uses player text color instead of primary color." Git commit "[A]dded calculation for number of non-early religions, [] primarily for mod compatibility." Git commit |
| Not merged | "Adjusted era factors in calculations [], primarily for mod compatibility" Git commit |
| | Addressed by <u>advc.erai</u> . |
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| kekm.37 | "Fixed a crash when pillaging is intercepted by sea patrol. []" Git commit |

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"Fixed estimateCollateralWeight with non-combat units."

"Fixed potential divide-by-zero in Al_estimateBreakEvenGoldPercent"

"Fixed overflow bug in CvCity::doPlotCultureTimes100"

Not merged; AdvCiv had already fixed these.

"Adjusted of attitude of human players toward AI."

Not merged; I think I got this covered already.

"Restored WHEOOHRN scoreboard indicator."

Not merged; see 210a.

"Tweaks to default options."

Not merged: "Great person bars should be on by default." (Disagree. Perhaps for people with wide screens because the bars fit on a single row then, but not everyone has such a screen.)

"Increased trade culture rate. Instead of 1% per culture level, it's now the average of that and the max rate. ie. percentage = (current level + max level)/2;"

Merged although trade culture is disabled by default in AdvCiv (see 125).

"Updated loading hints: [...] added [...] alt-wake [...]"

That's the only new hint I've merged (press Alt to wake up units worldwide).

"changes to Al_techValue [...] Increased chop value."

I had to water this down a bit because, in combination with change <u>036</u>, the AI was prioritizing Bronze Working and Iron Working too much.

The remaining changes, i.e. the bulk of the update, are in the back end of the AI and I've merged them almost without adaptation:

"Fixed handling of AI_follow actions which split the group.

CvSelectionGroupAI::AI_update no longer assumes that the group stays intact with CvUnitAI::AI_follow actions."

This fixes a fairly rare non-reproducible crash-to-desktop bug.

"Added CvPlayer::haveResourcesToTrain

This is used to help with AI decisions when it isn't clear which city we'll be building in."

Used in just one place so far though.

"Decreased food devalue rate. (Fast growth is more highly valued.)

bEmphasizeFood causes more optimistic evaluation of slave-whipping.

SlaveryValue re-written to use a 'devalue rate' system.

growthValue now takes into account the food cost of worked jobs.

'plotMagicValue' now (usually) assumes fully-upgraded improvements.

'Emphasise food' should work better now.

CvPlot::getYieldWithBuild bWithUp now uses full upgrade rather than 2 stages."

"AI_updateCommerceWeights now better understands focused espionage.

Having very high values on the espionage weight slider are now taken to mean that you don't want to spend espionage on the other teams. This reduces the chance of the AI choosing to assign spies inappropriately. Previously, having a non-zero weight against a team was taken to mean that the player wanted to [have?] espionage points against that team - and thus espionage was more highly valued if the points were low. Now that is only the case if the weight is above a certain threshold. The threshold is based on total weight, and number of teams etc."

"Minor tweaks to CvCityAI::AI_buildingValue

Reduced building value of free-tech. (The evaluation for this is still just a very poor guess; but it is very difficult to evaluate it properly. A true evaluation would require details which we currently do not take into account.)

Reduced the value of espionage commerce multipliers."

"Many changes to Al techUnitValue

We now use slightly more detailed war state info: bLandWar, blsAnyAssault.

Default AI type max value weight increased from 100 to 250, but calculated weight decreased. (ie. Units that are good at their default role will now be valued much more highly; but units that are poor will be valued slightly lower.)

Increased max value weight for non-default types (from 100 to 150).

Adjusted most military values based on bLandwar status, as well as other strategy adjustments; such as for ECONOMY FOCUS.

Added an optimistic value bonus for tech which reveal required resources."

"For UNITAI_COUNTER, reduced value of attack modifier, added value for defence modifier. Reduced value of speed. For UNITAI_CITY_DEFENSE, added value for hills defence."

"Tweaked small-city yield evaluation. Yield evaluation now assumes that cities with population < 3 will want to grow, even if there are currently no good jobs. This helps prevent flip-flopping with food plots."

"Many changes to Al techValue.

Disabled the random value bonuses for techs with iPathLength > 1. (Raw bonus, and bonus from wonders). ie. techs for which not all prereqs have been met no longer get these random bonuses.

Note: This is partially to help the AI focus on real benefits; but a big reason for removing this randomness is a technical one. [...] changing the way multi-step research paths are evaluated. Having randomness in

preregs could upset the evaluations because the values will be used for several techs.

Decreased random wonder value.

Increased the value of gold trading.

Changed several constant values to scale with the number of cities. (These things don't necessarily have anything to do with the number of cities. We're only multiplying by cities so that the value scales like things which are evaluated properly.)

Moved project evaluations to a new function: Al techProjectValue.

Increased value of civic improvements.

Decreased the value of religions.

Rewrote evaluation of bonus techs. It's now based on the average of the max tech cost and average tech cost for currently researchable techs.

Renamed bignoreCost to bFreeTech, to better reflect what the argument is used for. Rescaled the return value so that it is roughly comparable for free and non-free tech.

Renamed "tech whoring" to "tech ground-breaking", to better reflect the concept. (ie. getting the tech first, for better trade options.) Slightly increased the value."

"Rewrote CvPlayerAl::Al_bestTech to better consider tech pathways.

Previously the AI would choose to beeline high-value techs within the depth limit without considering the prerequisites at all. This sometimes led to poor choices; eg. getting stuck on very high cost prereqs, or researching prereqs which would obsolete important bonuses. In the new system, the AI only ever chooses techs that they can research; but adds value based on which techs follow on.

NOTE: this is a totally new system which will require some changes and balance."

I had fixed these two bugs and another one mentioned here by Mattygerst, but replaced my bugfixes with the code karadoc released in early May 2018. I've decreased the DepthRate so that the AI is less interested in beelining toward powerful techs. I worry that a high DepthRate makes AI tech paths too predictable.

"Minor changes to AI unit movements."

Tweaked attack threshold for Al_attackCityMove. Increased the acceptable number of ship loading turns Al_attackCityMove

Disabled the 'smart' danger aversion in Al_pirateBlockade. (It was computationally expensive, and not particularly effective.)"

I've written a cheaper danger check as a replacement.

| kmodx | Bugfixes from K-Mod Extended |
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| Credits | By alberts2 <u>Git repository</u> These issues may to have been found through some code analysis tool. A lot of it just improves hazardous code, but there are also actual bugfixes, e.g. comparisons between different enum types and a mix-up of inner- and outer-loop variables. Hard to say how significant these bugs were, but good riddance! |
| | I'm listing the descriptions of the merged Git commits below. |
| | K-Mod 1.45 includes these fixes as well, but I had merged them separately before v1.45 was published. |

"Fixed a MemoryLeak in CvDllPythonEvents::reportSelectionGroupPushMission

Fixed a memory leak in CvGameTextMgr::setCombatPlotHelp

Fixed uninitialized variables in CvInfoWater.cpp

Fixed the CyGameTextMgr(CvGameTextMgr* pGameTextMgr) constructor

Fixed a few coding errors

Fixed various coding errors

Modified BUG's WidgetUtil.py to make it compatible with the traditional means of specifying custom Python widgets via WIDGET_PYTHON"

| See also | I've run the code through <u>Cppcheck</u> , went through about 1000 (style) warnings and fixed numerous minor oversights. My corrections are mostly unmarked (as the point of the changes is often to improve readability, and tags in the code would run counter to that), or else marked with id <u>003</u> (or <u>001</u> in the case of minor bugfixes). Several hundred warnings remain, which are more or less false positives as far as I can tell. |
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| | 003j deals with unused functions discovered through Cppcheck specifically. |

| Al changes by Dave_uk |
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| Source (LoR SDK ModMod) Dave's changes in the LoR code are tagged with "CD Tweaks". I'm not sure what the "CD" stands for – collateral damage? – but, anyway, hence my tag "cdtw". |
| I've adopted only a small portion of his changes because some are only important for LoR (with its focus on modern warfare), many superseded by K-Mod/AdvCiv and a few I didn't find worth having (e.g. because of a planned gameplay change or too minor). And I've made some small changes to the code I did adopt. |
| "vassals are more keen to keep [rather than raze] cities, as they can't declare war themselves to expand" |
| Regarding the AI choice of target city when in a Blitz or Fast-mover strategy: "when blitzing place higher value on cities with no defense modifiers" |
| 104d always takes into account tile defense when choosing a target city. |
| Al evaluation of tech that unlocks a process (Alphabet, Currency, Drama): "value good processes if we already have lots of units, and are not at war with anyone". |
| Disabled this again after some testing. Early unit spending doesn't seem to be an issue in K-Mod/AdvCiv. |
| Greater willingness to switch to Police State when war weariness is painful. |
| "if we're worried about being attacked, don't wait to sign defensive pacts" |
| "if we're going for a space victory let's quietly relocate our capital away from the coast" |
| Probably bugged in LoR SDK ModMod because AI_isDoStrategy had been confused with AI_isDoVictoryStrategy. |
| kekm.19 disallows moving the capital once the spaceship has been launched. So the AI can only move its capital prior to launch. |
| "if going for culture victory, build lots of fighters to avoid be[ing] blitzed" |
| Disabled again. I guess that's really only smart when playing with Dale's Combat Mod. |
| "if our best city attacker is crappy, be less likely to build invaders, unless we aren't paying support costs yet" |
| Disabled again; K-Mod seems to have this covered. |
| In Unit AI, a few checks for same owner replaced by same team. |
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| advc.rom | Misc. changes adopted from RoM-based mods |
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| Credits | Some of the largest Civ 4 mods are based on <u>Rise of Mankind</u> (RoM, started 2007), including <u>A New Dawn</u> (Rand), <u>Caveman to Cosmos</u> (C2C), <u>Vincentz Infinite Projects</u> (VIP) and <u>Dawn of the Overlords</u> (DotO). |
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| | RoM/Rand and C2C have had several AI programmers among their contributors. It seems that most of the AI changes are specific to the many features added by those mods, superseded by K-Mod/AdvCiv or not worth adopting from a cost-benefit angle. |
| | I'm listing some of the changes that I did adopt here; others are so minor that I'll only tag them with "advc.rom" in the source code. |
| See also | 107 and 110 use a bit of C2C and RoM code. advc.ctr (AI) uses a bit of RoM code. |
| Tbd. | I'm still in the process of sifting through the revision histories on SourceForge. The larger part (something like 1000 revisions) is still to be done. |
| rom1 | "% modifiers are undervalued by the AI for two reasons: 1) It only calculates its effect at the time of construction, but that discounts future increases as base research goes up 2) In the early game because this calculation only takes account of the absolute increase, not its proportion of the civilization whole, which will be substantial early on (indeed 100% with 1 city). We therefore apply a small boost to reflect futures, and compare to the whole and make an upward adjustment proportional to the ratio with the civilization whole. FUTURE - should we do this for other commerce types too? I am inclined to say no for hammers (since what you produce with them scales with civ size, which the tech tree does not except very indirectly via progression through it). Not sure about gold or espionage." |
| | SVN revision |
| | This change increases the utility assigned by the AI to buildings that increase a city's research rate. However, this applies only when the City AI wants to focus on research buildings, which is actually never the case in K-Mod. So I'm also adding this koshling change from the same revision: |
| | "increased priority for economic builds," |
| | which makes the AI choose city production with focus on all economy buildings, including research buildings. |
| | Removed this again; in multiple test games, it never had any effect. Looks like K-Mod already prioritizes economic buildings sufficiently. The AdvCiv code with the change still present: Git commit |
| Credits | Koshling |
| rom2 | Al doesn't reassign working plots while in anarchy as "plots return no yields anyway." |
| | SVN revision |
| | Reassigned working plots don't seem to be causing problems in AdvCiv, but it does save some CPU time. |
| Credits | Afforess |
| rom3 | Resources can be randomly discovered only on terrain where they can normally be |
| | placed. E.g. no Gold on Grassland. |
| Rationale | |
| Rationale Credits | The particular terrain restrictions for Gold, Silver and Gems are pretty nonsensical, but |
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| advc.rstr | Minor improvements for ranged strikes. For mod-mods. |
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| Credits | Inspired by keldath's DotO mod. See the end of this post and subsequent posts about |
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| | ranged strikes in DotO. I haven't adopted any major changes though; just small |
| | improvements (in a strict sense). |
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| advc.mnai | Various tweaks to the behavior of AI units from the "More Naval AI" mod |
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| Credits | Too laborious to document those separately. Fully or mostly merged: Git commits $\underline{1}\ \underline{2}\ \underline{3}\ \underline{4}\ \underline{5}\ \underline{6}$ Partly merged: $\underline{1}\ \underline{2}\ \underline{3}\ \underline{4}$ All by tholal. I've scoured the whole repository. There are some more things worth adopting; the links to those commits are scattered across the manual. |
| | More recent changes from MNAI-U ("unofficial" continuation of MANI) by lfgr: $\frac{1}{2}$ (more to come probably, eventually) |
| See also | Some other changes from MNAI have different tags; will have to do a full-text search on the manual to find them. |

| devolution | Contributions by Erik (cf. <u>this</u> post and subsequent ones in the AdvCiv thread) | | |
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| See also | advc.make: Build optimizations 003h: A performance tweak of his that I merged from the "We The People" mod | | |
| Crash while | Crash while exiting to desktop fixed (<u>link</u>). | | |
| OPT | Performance tweaks; merged: Git commit | | |
| BUG | Bugfixes; merged: Git commit Also merged this correction by vedg (Igor). And I've fixed a similar problem in CvPlayerAI::AI_techValue. | | |
| Al | Misc. Al tweaks; merged Git commit <u>1</u> <u>2</u> | | |
| ВМ | Benchmarking functionality added to Al Auto Play: Git <u>commit</u> I've added a new shortcut Ctrl+Shift+B to avoid confusing players who just want to watch the Al play. | | |
| | Note that this measures wall clock time, not just the CPU time spent on the Civ4BeyondSword.exe process. Measuring the latter doesn't really seem possible in Python 2.4 (and generally difficult on Windows). That means, applications running in parallel can significantly skew the result, especially video playback in my experience. | | |
| See also | 004y adds the shortcut to the list in Civilopedia. | | |

Work in progress

First off, misc. open issues to be addressed before v1.0 (ordered by priority). Above, the appendix lists many more open issues ("Tbd." boxes), but those are of lower priority. I also have a long list of small quality-of-life changes of even lower priority that I'm not even going to include here.

- [200] Consider changes to make culture victory easier and and not totally dependent on religions. <u>CFC discussion</u>
- [310] Consider adding another spy specialist slot to Courthouse or Castle. <u>CFC</u> discussion
- [652] Meltdowns might happen a bit too rarely. See *Tbd*. under 652.
- [kekm] Correct either the help text for the "Internet" project, or merge this Kek-Mod commit (thereby upgrading to v0.25b). In a game with 4 teams of 2, the Internet will currently only grant tech that 2 out of 4 teams already have. That's indeed a bit weak; but granting all techs that 1 out of 4 teams know seems too powerful.
- [183, 184] City attack/ defense modifiers built into units shouldn't apply in cities and forts in the borders of a third party that isn't at war with the attacker. CFC post
- [<u>UWAI</u>] The AI estimate of military build-up based on the power graph needs to account for units destroyed during war somehow. Those losses do not imply that a civ has stopped producing new units.
- [130i, 130p, 130m] Some of the DDiplo changes have made it more difficult to befriend AI players. Consider letting the relations modifiers from Open Borders and Defensive Pacts increase to up to +3. As for Defensive Pacts, the AI may then also have to be more discerning about signing them or the relations modifier will have to be based on how threatened the AI feels and who is protecting whom. Fair trade could be based more on the total trade value; it's still mostly based on the difference in trade values. Mutual struggle could be a bit more generous with the effect of war successes or could decay more slowly. Or decrease the Friendly threshold by one more. CFC discussion
 - [130i] Inparticular, Pleased attitude might be too difficult to reach in team games, perhaps because of my changes to the Open Borders relations modifier. CFC post
- [127] Upon restoring human control, Al Auto Play in multiplayer with simultaneous turns seems to lead to OOS game states sometimes. Not a big problem, but it would be good to at least verify that it's due to Al Auto Play and can't affect multiplayer games played by humans.
- [148] Is the AI too often Furious? Most of the time when at war? May have to decrease the relations value threshold from -8 to -9 even though it breaks symmetry with Friendly.
- [advc.inl, advc.enum, advc.agent] CvGame still has a fair number of functions that should be inlined. (Note that CvInitCore, which some CvGame functions forward to, is in the precompiled header.) Could do that alongside introducing EnumMaps. Once EnumMap and AgentIterator are used in all high-performance code, perhaps the penalty for using a higher civ limit (e.g. MAX_CIV_PLAYERS=31) will become small enough for me to stop distributing two versions of the DLL (18 civs, 48 civs). That said, the performance penalty is probably mainly caused by arrays that store data

- about each player slot (memory performance), and that's a problem that EnumMap will only solve for boolean arrays (implemented as bitfields by EnumMap).
- [0010] Perhaps resolved by now: The main map had been blacking out sometimes during AI Auto Play. Let's see if that still occurs. Workaround: (quick) save and reload.
- [UWAI] AI war planning needs to anticipate third-party interventions. I had originally decided against this because I worried that it would make stalemates too common. What I'd like to try now is a rather small negative war utility aspect named "looming menace" (I have some code archived for that) along with a delay in war planning (reduced drive value). Dangerous third parties could be identified by looking at their war utility values. That would be an information cheat, but, at least in the late game, most of the relevant information is public anyway. If only I had already implemented the intel ratio (cf. 082) ... The alternative would be to check for the Alert strategy or to reuse part of that code. (Not sure if the Alert strategy will currently respond to rivals with whom a peace treaty exists. A common scenario is that the AI will attack another target shortly after making peace. Example on CFC)
- [<u>UWAI</u>] Affection cost in team games should be based on the no-war attitude probability of the current team member, not the average of all team members. Related discussion
 - Problem with this: Call locations of CvTeamAI::AI_noWarAttitudeProb should be consistent with the behavior of UWAI's Affection::evaluate.
- Do something about rounding losses resulting from the positions of the commerce sliders. Perhaps tally the total rounding error, round that down and add it to the gold rate.
- [130r] Exponential backoff mechanism for AI contact delay? To ensure that the AI doesn't offer the same trade over and over. CFC post
- [sha] Rank-based AI relations penalties shouldn't abruptly go from -2 to 0 when an AI leader (e.g. Montezuma) falls very far behind. The score difference needs to result in a multiplier.
- [001] Civilopedia links to the page of the Spy unit when it should link to the page of the Spy specialist. Can be fixed in CvGameTextMgr.cpp. Already did so in one place (seach for TXT_KEY_CIVIC_UNLIMTED). Similarly(?), the pages for corporate HQs shouldn't link the "incorporates" ability to themselves; should link to the page of the respective corporation. Bug report (near the beginning of the post)
- [912] Add a colony maintenance modifier in XML. Maybe use it to let Mercantilism reduce or disable colony maintenance. It would be a bit anti-synergistic though because maritime empires benefit especially from the Free Market extra trade route. CFC discussion
- [BM] Consider limiting the Civ4BeyondSword.exe process to a single core for performance tests; maybe even in general if it turns out to be faster. Can try it through the Task Manager: "Details", context menu, "set affinity". Programmatically: see 2nd answer here.
- Does Global Warming begin way earlier than in reality? Should the population portion
 of the formula be tied to technological progress (or is it already), e.g. at least one
 player in the Industrial era? Some problem with map size or speed scaling? CFC
 discussion play report (with some sample numbers)

Perhaps the issue is mainly that tech costs are higher in AdvCiv than in K-Mod, at least on the higher difficulty levels, leading to longer games.

Future Tech should grant some Global Warming protection. Idea (CFC)

Tundra should be turned into Plains, not Grassland.

Perhaps add a "No Global Warming" game option.

- [200] Is the (K-Mod) Great Artwork ability too powerful when starting in a later era (since no culture has accumulated yet)?
- [001] Check if the Ctrl+Shift+L shortcut (Civ Changer) disables the "wait at end of turn" player option as reported here.
- [kekm.3] When a civ declares war and both sides have Defensive Pacts with (different) third parties, then the third party that has a Pact with the aggressor should not end up at war. Verify that this is what happens.
- [021b] PerfectMongoose: See if I can't get some better results with the PW2 terrain generator. Perhaps parts of the PW3 terrain generator can be combined with the old PerformTectonics function. If this works better, i.e. results in more Asia-like continents, then an option like "Continents: Massive / Snaky" could be added (taking the place of the now disabled "Landmass Generator" option).

May also want to give the "Hex Grid" option another look.

- [027] The starting site assignment based on StartingLocPercent should happen after the normalization step and should be based on ordering all civs (including AI) by StartingLocPercent. See *Tbd.* under 027.
- [077] Perhaps show info about foreign trade routes ("imports") on the Info tab of the Foreign Advisor screen. CFC discussion
- [312] Consider reducing the XP modifier on the attack from 4 to 3. This is already implemented for Barbarian units. CFC post
- [010] Perhaps re-enable worker stealing and add a tech requirement. <u>CFC</u> discussion

The best fit at the right time appears to be Monarchy; not very flavorful. Probably better to move Slavery to Iron Working (<u>CFC discussion</u>) and let Slavery enable worker stealing. If an icon is needed for the tech tree, use the Worker button graphic (or better: the active player's unit of the Worker class, default unit if no player active). Accompanying AI change: When losing badly at war, too many workers overall and too many assigned to a local city, then disband 1 local worker (only in the city tile?) per turn. May disband another if evacuating. Should probably keep 1 worker assigned per city in any case. See also *Tbd.* under 010.

- [131] The AI seems very slow to claim crucial resources through Monuments sometimes.
- [031] The AI might value strategic resources too highly when it has few cities and no prospects for expanding much; and perhaps not highly enough in the late game. The evaluation doesn't really take into account how many cities will benefit from a resource. See comment in AIFoundValue::nonYieldBonusValue.
- [082] The AI shouldn't embark units while gathering them for a naval assault. CFC discussion

Might it be enough to remove the AI_load call in CvUnitAI::AI_attackCityMove under "if no land path to enemy cities, try getting there another way" when pTargetCity is NULL? Or perhaps the loading happens somewhere else entirely most of the time ...

Potentially helpful: Git commit from MNAI

- [004] Some of the game text additions proposed in this post by CFC user crullerdonut for terrain improvement should be worth implementing. I'd probably want to be a bit more low-key, and some of it shouldn't appear only in Civilopedia. This post also flags the lack of information about Tundra Farms.
- [250a, 250e] Immortal difficulty seems like a big increase in difficulty from Emperor. Without Slavery, unfavorable human starts seem outright impossible to beat. Insert a difficulty "God Emperor" in between Emperor and Immortal, and boot Settler? The total number of levels should stay the same for replay compatibility (see 106i). I've created a Git branch for God Emperor. Deity probably is no fun currently, so simply making both Immortal (a bit) and Deity (maybe more than a bit) easier would be an alternative. I've already removed the 2nd AI settler on Deity.
- [UWAI] If add another game option, consider replacing "Aggressive AI (Legacy)". (Should then also change the prefix of loading screen hints from "UWAI" to "AdvCiv".)
- [UWAI] Too little warfare in team games? That may not be so wrong as AI teammates aren't good at coordinating their attacks; so even when two members of one team are on a landmass with just one member of another team, starting a war isn't a no-brainer. Risk aversion might be a problem if one teammate expects to gain 2 cities and the other to lose 1, the team typically won't go to war. Could simply increase utility from GreedForAssets artificially to get more wars going. That said, lately, there didn't seem to be that little war fare.
- [031] The AI incentive for settling coastal cities might be too small in cases when the AI already has enough coastal cities. I've made a small tweak, maybe that's already enough. <u>CFC post</u>
- [advc.ctr] One player has reported that the AI will occasionally give away cities too cheaply; not sure if there's really a problem.
 - Make some leaders extra thankful about city liberation, e.g. Gandhi. (Maybe also some slightly less thankful.)
- [153] Add a unit cycling button (or two) to the HUD. CFC post with attached mockups
- [002] On certain surfaces, the Farm graphic flickers during camera movement. I haven't checked yet whether this also occurs in BtS. The part flickers is a flat rectangle that seems to be related to the shadow cast by the barn. Perhaps it's too close to the ground; or maybe I can just throw that out somehow? Even that is difficult to do without any knowledge about .nif files ...
- [101] A couple of users report that it takes too many units or too much time to supress revolts, especially prior to Rifling. Consider buffing Musketman. $\underline{1}$ (in the middle) | $\underline{2}$

Perhaps foreign culture strength should be reduced a bit when the cultural owner has been defeated.

Consider slightly adjusting foreign culture strength or revolt probability to the map size. If there is more space to fill, there should be fewer incentives against rapid expansion. <u>CFC discussion</u>

- [099b] Should the decay rate of tile culture be increased a bit? <u>CFC post</u>

 I've had the impression, too, that it takes defeated cultures a bit too long to fade.
- [300] Disable the trade abilities of Sailing and Astronomy for Barbarians. Cf. *Tbd*. under id 300. <u>CFC post</u> (with savegame; can reproduce the situation by letting the Barbarians reconquer the city of Kazakh).
- [139, UWAI] Can CvCityAI::AI_updateSafety take into account remaining movement points and turn order? Currently, when negotiating peace, the AI is equally alarmed about units that can immediately take the city and units that will be able to do so on their next turn. Both is alarming, but not quite the same thing.

The AI should not just care about cities that are all but certain to fall. Need another CitySafetyTypes enumerator: CITYSAFETY TOSSUP.

Related **CFC** post

- [706] When the active (human) player gets defeated in a Rise&Fall game, another
 player (typically player 0 from the initial chapter) becomes active when the defeat and
 civ selection popups are shown, and this can give away part of the map. Not sure
 how to prevent that. CFC post
- [116] Should use the AI_assetVal function (introduced for city trades) also for raze decisions.
- [703] When loading a game or returning to the main menu, CvVictoryScreen.iscreen in Python should be reset. Perhaps this could be piggybacked on some existing dirty-bit. As it is, the R&F tab may remain active after loading/ starting a non-R&F game.
- [036] Perhaps modify the trade value that the AI assigns to gold based on the attitude toward the civ that pays the gold. Rationale (CFC)
- [036] To evaluate techs that enable a new terrain improvement, at least during the Ancient era, when performance isn't an issue, the AI should go through each city, check for tiles in the city radius where the new improvement can be built and compute the difference in yields between the new improvement and the worst currently worked tile. And then put the sum of those differences in relation to the total yield rate of all its cities.

CFC discussion

- [130w] The relations penalty for having capitulated vassals should decrease to -1 per vassal eventually. Based on the time since capitulation I guess. To be consistent with the "oppose your ruthless expansionism" penalty, which tends to decrease over time.
- [UWAI] When evaluating a sponsored war, a phase of military buildup should be assumed for all war parties because the hireling usually won't be ready to invade directly. The assumed duration could be something like 10 minus 1.5 times the tech era of the hireling. Also, the attackerUnprepared flag that already exists in InvasionGraph::Node::step should take into account whether it's a sponsored war.
- [UWAI] The limit for what the AI is willing to pay for peace should be increased when the tactical situation (clearly) favors the other side. Normally, it doesn't make sense to pay much for 10 turns of peace, especially not to a human player, but it does make sense to pay extra if it gets the AI out of a bad spot.
- [UWAI] UWAICache::City::estimateMovementSpeed assumes too early that railroads

are available. Add an array akin to <code>CvPlayer::m_pailmprovementCount</code> that keeps track of the number of routes of each type (road, railroad) owned by each player. Will have to go through all map plots in <code>CvPlayer::read</code> for savegame compatibility. Can then, in <code>estimateMovementSpeed</code>, set the railroad factor (currently 4.5 flat) partly based on the railroad coverage: Number of plots with a railroad (check <code>CvRouteInfo::getValue()>1</code>) divided by <code>CvPlayer::getTotalLand()</code>.

• [UWAI] InvasionGraph::Node::step sets its isNaval flag solely based on whether the target city is reachable (at all) by land. Worse, UWAICache::City doesn't store separate distances via land and via sea. UWAICache::City::updateDistance mustn't just set pwd=d in the cantrainAnyCargo branch. Should instead maintain a separate vector pairwDurationsLandOnly for distances computed assuming that cantrainAnyCargo=false, and store an additional distance value distByLand at the UWAICache::City object. Try encoding non-reachability through a distance value of -1.

Then Node::step could set isNaval if either there is no land-only path to the target city (as is the case now) or if (important) WarevalParameters::isNaval() and the distance by sea (i.e. by any means; sea or land) is significantly shorter than the land-only distance. Also UWAICache::City::attackPriority will have to use the land-only distance for cities reachable by land if WarevalParameters::isNaval() == false. Will probably need a separate comparator UWAICache::City::byLandAttackPriority for this.

- [UWAI] InvasionGraph::Node::resolveLossesRec Seems to use costly memory allocation.
- [<u>UWAI</u>] Limited war might be used too often and total war too rarely based on one user report. My own observations are inconclusive; the AI behavior is probably not way off.
- [130v] Now that vassals generally can't sign peace treaties and don't get a peace treaty from city trades (advc.ctr) either, I could allow voluntary vassals to hire war allies (as in BtS). Originally, my concern was that the vassal would force its master into a peace treaty through change 146.
- [130m, advc.sha] Through human attacks, the Al relations bonus for "mutual struggle" (CvPlayerAI::AI_getShareWarAttitude) can change throughout a human turn. This can lead to an outdated Al attitude cache. Try updating the mutual-struggle component of the cached value via CvPlayerAI::AI_changeCachedAttitude before/ after every human attack (for all war allies of the human). Also AI getWarAttitude.
- [130w] CvPlayerAI::AI_expansionistHate is based on the (BtS) power rating; will therefore change when a unit is killed or created. So, if that happens during a human turn, the AI attitude cache needs to be updated. Also, a map trade can increase the hate by revealing cities with foreign culture.
- [advc.sha] Perhaps bring back the relations bonus among civs in the lower half of the scoreboard for AI leaders with rather peaceful personalities. (Based on peaceweight? But what about Augustus?) Not during the game's start era though (ranks change too often).

CFC discussion

• [130p] Perhaps becoming an AI civ's worst enemy by trading with the current worst enemy shouldn't be entirely ruled out. It's not necessarily illogical. This would concern

the iAttitudeDiff formula in CvTeamAI::AI enemyTradeResentmentFactor.

- [700] When playing with the R&F option, the "Retire" button in the Retire popup should be labeled "End the chapter" instead.
- [UWAI] UWAI_SPECTATOR_ENABLED shows a high number of abandoned AI war plans. In the early game, ArmamentForecast should assume a smaller effect of the build-up intensity level because Workers and Settlers are going to slow war preparations down. And I should check in the UWAI logs if the build-up predictions are realistic in general by comparing the predicted power values with actual power values a few turns later. Should then either adjust the predictions or make <code>cvCityAI::</code> AI <code>chooseProduction</code> more focused on build-up when preparing war.
- [<u>UWAI</u>] Try implementing two simulation trajectories (one slightly optimistic, one slightly pessimistic) when performance isn't an issue, e.g. so long as there are fewer than 100 cities in UWAICache. In the late game, outcomes tend to be clearer (greater disparities in military power) anyway.

The constructors of MilitaryAnalyst and InvasionGraph should be the place to implement this.

CFC discussion

- An access violation upon closing the Civ 4 window has been reported here. Might've been fixed by 003k, but the CvXMLLoadUtility destructor apparently isn't called when closing the window; doubtful.
- Had a crash once right after generating a map using the (abandoned) <u>TrueStarts</u> map script with default settings (initial map; not regenerated). One of the operators string functions was called from the EXE; apparently one of the strings was a bad pointer/ reference. If this happens again, I need to check the contents of any valid strings in the debugger's context. I also remember one crash after/ upon map generation with the AdvCiv-based Dawn of the Overlords mod (no debugger attached). I've been starting tons of games, so this seems to be a very rare bug.
- [130f] Peace treaties should block embargoes. I think, currently, players could ask the AI to stop paying reparations to a third party.
- [UWAI] Should perhaps assume a higher guard ratio (in InvasionGraph::Node::step and in ArmamentForecast.cpp) for humans because, currently, wars against humans are usually judged by the AI as all (take several human cities) or nothing, which takes away the nuances from AI war evaluation. Possible side-effects: AI could become less alert about human attacks, less willing to pay for peace, less willing to attack in the early game (when a high guard ratio matters most). That might be OK.
- [UWAI] To (further) encourage AI civs with a very powerful military to fight multiple wars at once: If all war enemies (current and projected) are pushovers (UWAIAgent::Team::isPushover), force weld in InvasionGraph::Node:: findTarget to target WarEvalParameters::targetId() and force target=NO_PLAYER if InvasionGraph::isPeaceScenario. To evaluate and implement this, I'll need a game state where a civ that is way ahead militarily is being too slow mopping up.
- [104m] When asking for help, the AI should check if a package of human surplus resources would be valuable enough. (Also: Changes to tribute and help requests don't really belong under id 104m.)
- [700] When the R&F option is enabled, perhaps show the victory stage in the

- scoreboard help. Only show it if it's greater than 2. Maybe as a roman numeral after the score, e.g. "1744(III)", colored orange if it's a rival at stage III, red if a rival at stage IV and green if it's the active player at stage III or IV.
- [083] Should add a shortcut somewhere in <code>cvUnitAI.cpp</code> that makes the AI conquer empty cities in reach, perhaps just with a single unit hoping that the rest of the stack will respond appropriately to the conquest. The AI currently insists on going to an attack-from tile chosen in advance (not necessarily on the shortest path) before entering the city. Possibly related CFC posts 1 2
 - Similar problem: Al transports won't make opportunistic attacks on lightly defended cities while headed toward their target city. The selection of the target city may also be too predictable. <u>CFC disucssion</u>
- [UWAI] Try letting an AI civ estimate human military power more highly in situations when the AI civ is not itself at war with the human. This should avoid AI-on-human dogpile wars that are supposed to keep human cities from falling into a rival's hands. It should also make the AI a bit braver when fighting alongside a human (more ready to try and snatch away territory from a shared enemy) and more alarmed about human wars of conquest.
- [306] Barbarian ships on patrol should eventually just permanently blockade some city, or at least for a long time. Through CvUnitAI::AI_patrolMove, CvUnit::getGameTurnCreated and a coin flip.
- [<u>UWAI</u>] WarUtilityAspect::lossesFromBlockade should be generalized to also cover air bombing.
- [UWAI] MilitaryBranch::Logistics should store military power and cargo capacity separately. Currently, Logistics::power returns the cargo capacity.
 - I guess this'll mean adding a <code>capacity</code> function to MilitaryBranch and all its subclasses. Then go through all occurrences of <code>[LOGISTICS]</code> in the code and replace <code>power</code> calls with <code>capacity</code> where appropriate. Logistics power should continue to be included in Fleet power.
- [550] The relations bonus from "shared discoveries" should be based on the total cost of the traded techs.
- [550d] The research cost adjustment for team games (bTeamSizeModifiers) in CvTeam::getResearchCost doesn't seem strong enough. May have to apply a modifier to all research costs (not based on individual team size) in addition if team size is punished even more, Permanent Alliances may become unattractive. Could e.g. multiply research costs by sqrt(CvGame::countCivPlayersEverAlive()) / countCiv TeamsEverAlive()). Apply this factor regardless of whether the bTeamSizeModifiers parameter is set (I guess).
- [082] Implement UWAICache::updateRelativeNavyPower (see comments there) and an auxiliary function for the intel ratio. Currently, the AI magically knows how a civ's military power is split between land and sea units. The BBAI function CvTeamAI:: AI getRivalAirPower also has this fault.
- May want to force-disable HAPDebugger through gDLL->ChangeINIKeyValue in final-release builds. Causes the game to get stuck at launch unless the HAP debugger is actually running. Only a handful of modders have ever used it, and players sometimes enable it out of curiosity.

- [085] Icons (e.g. religions) on the scoreboard are a bit displaced toward the top. I took a quick look at CvMainInterface.py and BUG Scoreboard.py, but there is no obvious problem. Perhaps an issue with the GameFont file.
- [707] Not sure if R&F games will end properly on a time victory. Should be tested once with retiring (causing the game to end during Auto Play) and once without (player controls a civ when the time limit is reached).
- [UWAI] Do something with AIDeclareWarProb from Civ4HandicapInfos.xml; currently, it's unused. Just delaying AI war planning isn't good that may well lead to bigger attacks when they do happen. Perhaps make it into a preference for limited over total war.
- [133] If resource trades are still canceled too frequently, try increasing the inertia for keeping resource trades alive further. That said, it's probably already only canceling when "nothing to gain", so a tolerance parameter may have to be added to the denial function CvPlayerAI::AI_bonusTrade. Or simply reduce the cancellation probability even if "nothing to gain" (when trading with a human). For Al-Al trades, consider applying the inertia code that currently applies only to Human-Al trades canceled Al-Al trades could have a domino effect (unclear).

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- [001] There's probably a bug in the Change Player component (or perhaps, ultimately, a bug in the EXE): Sometimes, when using Alt+Z to switch to a different civilization, some trade items (usually gold, sometimes Open Borders, tech, resources) can no longer be placed on the trade table until Civ 4 is restarted; save, exit to main menu and reload don't suffice. The data that can be read from CyDiplomacy through the Python API looks OK. A Realism Invictus player experienced the same thing (link); don't know if she had used Alt+Z.
 - Perhaps setting a debugger breakpoint in CvPlayer::updateTradeList will reveal something about the cause.
- [102] To be tested: Enable "Show friendly moves" in networked multiplayer with simultaneous turns while the other human player is in Globe view. The result should be that the first player sees friendly moves (despite the other player's Globe view, which normally skips foreign moves) and that the other player does not see friendly moves -- but I guess there'll have to a delay while the moves are shown to the first player. Is this working correctly? What if both are in Globe view? The clauses I've added under the comment "Are these timers synchronized" in CvSelectionGroup.cpp might cause a delay in that case (although no moves are shown to either player). What if I remove those clauses? How about non-simultaneous turns?
- [123f] To be tested: Is fail gold for world projects (the Internet) working correctly?
- [kekm.25] To be tested: Do vassals and friends behave correctly in repeal votes? Are human vassals correctly forced to vote?

Larger features possibly to be included before v1.0 (not ordered by priority):

- Merge further UI conveniences from BULL-based mods and PlatyUI: See "Tbd." under change id <u>004</u>.
- · Adopt some misc. tweaks from the BASE mod. Or rather from the mod's changelog (in

German) – the DLL is closed-source.

- Roll out the EnumMap and FOR_EACH_ENUM macro and AgentIterator so that the whole Gamecore DLL code base uses them (cf. <u>advc.enum</u>, <u>advc.agent</u>).
- Adopt the improved savegame format (<u>explanation</u> | <u>Git commit</u>) from the "We the People" mod and perhaps also the revised <u>setup</u> for translations. Or at least <u>this</u> little change. And <u>UTF8 support</u>. (Or perhaps that's easier to adopt from "A New Dawn 2" UTF8 support. h/cpp). Currently, special characters in leader and city names aren't (always) displayed correctly if they're not HTML-encoded in the game text file. And the Japanese (Russian?) edition of Civ might not even be able to load a mod with certain special characters next to an XML angle bracket.
- BBAI includes a file unofficial patch list.txt with "outstanding issues". Most of it is incomprehensible, but a couple of items are worth looking into.
- Scour SVN revisions from the the early days of Caveman2Cosmos and revisions from RoM-AND from 2010/2011 for AI improvements and other useful tweaks that are easy to adopt.
- Revise the code for creating Barbarian units: Try repurposing the Barbarian strength memory map (see tbd. under change <u>158</u>) to keep track for each plot of the number of Barbarian units recently placed and killed near that plot. Factor the strength memory value into the local spawn probability.
- Complete the <u>EuroWorld</u> scenario. Still a lot to do though and I've run out of steam because the areas that interest me most are already done and because I regret a few of my choices regarding landmass sizes.
- In large games, human players get contacted too frequently by the AI. Ideally, before contacting a human player with an offer, the AI should compute some measure of confidence about the offer being of interest to the human and decide based on that and the number of players known to the human whether to proceed. Since offers can't hurt the human player, there could be an option on the BUG menu in addition to further discourage AI-to-human offers. I don't think the requests that come with a diplo modifier are a big nuisance, so I don't think that a "cease bothering us" option is ultimately needed. Known unhelpful offers: Trade offers for dead-end techs like Divine Right; repeated offers for Open Borders. CFC disucssion

Also: ContactRand and ContactDelay values should perhaps be adjusted to game speed. $\overline{\text{CFC post}}$

 Move Al-to-human diplomacy to the start of the contacted player's turn. See "Tbd." under <u>001e</u>.

CFC discussion

• To improve the performance of UWAI in games with far more than 18 civs, implement a heuristic for pre-selecting only the top 12 (or so) war targets. Top priority: current war enemies, then humans. Then, for a start, I could try using K-Mod's <code>CvTeamAI:: AI_startWarVal</code>. For the targets that are ruled out this way, any calls to UWAI functions need to be avoided; in particular, <code>WarEvaluator::evaluate</code> and <code>UWAICache:: update</code> mustn't be called. I might get away with updating the set of relevant targets only once per turn. When a decision on war and peace comes up suddenly, e.g. a war trade, war/peace vote or a tribute demand, K-Mod code could be used as a fallback, but it's probably better to use some safe default behavior instead, e.g. refuse categorically to

be hired for war. Another potential issue: Evaluating a war plan against a civ that has other war enemies could be problematic if no UWAI data is available about those third parties. See <u>104b</u> for other ideas to improve performance and scalability.

• Try removing the at-war checks in the code for AI-AI war trades (CvPlayerAI::AI_doDiplo), i.e. let the AI sponsor wars without declaring war itself. UWAI should be "smart" enough to handle that. Performance will be a problem though; may have to check a bunch of preconditions beforehand to save time, e.g. check UWAICache::warUtilityIgnoringDistraction. And can always make the check probabilistic to improve the performance by a constant factor.

Brokered peace might also be doable. And the AI could demand that a human player make peace.

- Al civs should ask other Al civs to stop trading with disliked third parties. Precondition: Must be at war with the third party or the third party must be the worst enemy. Then check denial (CvPlayerAI::AI_stopTradingTrade). Need to add a function AI_stopTradingThemTradeValue that says how much the Al wants another civ to stop trading. Embargoes will have to be win-win in terms of that value and AI_stopTrading TradeVal. Could base the contact frequency on the ContactRand value for CONTACT_STOP_TRADING (currently used for Al-to-human stop trading requests).
- Extend <u>advc.xmldefault</u> to some of the the large XML files like <code>civ4UnitInfos.xml</code>. This would make XML changes post-v1.0 more convenient.
- Improve the AI code that decides where to gather units for war or where to park them when no war is planned (CvUnitAI::AI_moveToStagingCity). Avoid putting them all into a border city with poor defenses.
- Make third parties less supportive of wars against their partners:
 - Disallow attacks inside the borders of a non-war party. Air attacks should remain allowed. Not sure about attacks at sea.
 - Perhaps restrict railroad movement in third-party borders somehow during a war (or always unless sharing a war, defensive pact or vassal agreement).
 - Being at war with a friend (Friendly attitude) should raise the AI attitude threshold for Open Borders by level. There may have to be some delay to avoid making an AI civ that starts a war look bad when its invasion is immediately stopped by canceled Open Borders. The friendly AI civ will also have to check if the aggressor is not too dangerous (e.g. check embargo denial).
- Tweak the AI personalities to make them more distinct and to match the historical background better. (But don't introduce new quirks that players have to be aware of.) I have notes for about one third of the leaders.
- Module with graphics from Varietas Delectat (VD) or BAT. Not sure what the best source would be. Leoreth has made some adjustments to the VD graphics that would be nice to have. Anyway, I won't do this on my own as I don't even want to play with those graphics. If someone else does a merge, I can look into making the process easier. <u>CFC discussion</u>; see also *Tbd*. under <u>002</u>j about some changes to unit graphics that I'd like to make.
- Add a (worst) "enemy of my enemy" relations bonus.
- Perhaps decrease the 300% modifiers on Marathon speed to 250%.

- Changes in preparation of a tech diffusion system (see also "city trades" above). Should only apply when tech trading isn't possible.
 - The AI should make more gold available for trade.
 - The AI should accept gold-per-turn as payment joining a war (now that joining a war results in a peace treaty due to change <u>146</u>).
 - When an AI civ is falling behind, it should be allowed to (occasionally) ask for a gift in gold per turn.
 - Gifted units should result in a sensible relations bonus (based on whether the receiving side needs the units) and penalty from war enemies of the recipient.
 - Increase the trade value of gold to make payment in gold (e.g. for civics changes, joint war) more affordable.
 - Make the "fair and forthright" and "traded with our worst enemy" modifiers more sensitive. And also the "years you've supplied us with resources" bonus.

The documents about future gameplay changes on <u>GitHub</u> are mostly intended for a version 2.0 of this mod (and, as such, unlikely to be ever implemented). The following could still implemented in v1.0 (or, say, 1.1):

- Various changes concerning religions, the Apostolic Palace and UN
- Various changes concerning nuclear war
- Forced Labor civic to replace Slavery when playing with the "No Slavery" option (through an XML tag list of game options required to be enabled or disabled in Civ4CivicInfos.xml).
- · Nerf some food resources
- Add an Islet terrain feature
- Don't require Flanking I for the Navigation I promotion
- Optional tech diffusion from tile culture
- Optional transaction cost for tech trades
- Limited Worker charges
- Drafting may consume stored food
- Changes to city conquest rules
- Reduce process conversion rates (e.g. Wealth)
- Penalize extreme commerce slider positions