#### Developer’s wishlist

##### V1.0 – V1.2

**Developed by:** Kory

**Focus:** Making it calculate the results

**Release date:** ~ 2018 with a couple of minor updates since then

**Status:** Abandonware. No longer maintaining this

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| **Implemented** | **Feature** |
| **Storing information about battle participations** | |
|  | **Using struct to store:**   * The name of the entity **(1)** (including civilization) **(4)**   string unitName   * The armour class **(4)**   bool armorClass[20];   |  |  | | --- | --- | | * Archer [0] * Building [1] * Camel [2] * Castle [3] * Cavalry [4] * Cavalry\_Archer [5] * Eagle\_Warrior [6] * Gunpowder\_Unit [7] * Infantry [8] * Monk [9] * Ram [10] | * Ship [11] * Siege\_Weapon [12] * Spearman [13] * Standard\_Building [14] * Stone\_Defence [15] * Turtle\_Ship [16] * Unique\_Unit [17] * Wall\_&\_Gate [18] * War\_Elephant [19]. |  * The attack bonuses vs amour classes **(5)** * The health **(7)**   int unitHealth;   * The ranged damage (RD) value **(8)**   int rangedDamage;   * The standard damage (SD) value **(9)**   int standardDamage;   * The Age pre-requisite of the card **(10)**   int unitAge;   * The point value **(12)**. Sum of resource cost. What’s awarded for killing the entity   int pointValue;   * The garrison value, which appears on some buildings in case it’s ever relevant   int garrisonValue;   * The quantity of the entity   int unitQuantity;  **Example “Crossbowman” card**    Using struct as I can store multiple data types per entity and return this entity. |
|  | Having a blank entity, which can be used to reset the values of a selection |
|  | Having two entities that represent what players 1 and 2 are putting into battle |
| **Applying the effects of modifiers (attack bonuses, event cards, and technologies) as well as the quantity of units** | |
|  | Modifying the values of player 1’s selection and player 2’s selection based on modifiers  Approach works because two targets cannot attack one simultaneously |
| **Calculating the outcome of different round of combat** | |
|  | Calculating the outcome of an archer round of combat (ranged entities may attack and may retreat). The round is negated if fighting cavalry |
|  | Calculating the outcome of the standard two rounds of combat (can retreat after 1 round) |
|  | Calculating the outcome of a monk round of combat |
|  | Calculating the outcome of a bombardment round of combat |
| **Getting information about each player’s “play state”** | |
|  | **Reading info from .csv files:**   * Each player’s entities * The quantity of each player’s entities * Each player’s technologies * Whether these technologies are in play   Not using std::cin for this as there’s too much that would need to be entered and it inserts odd symbols for capitals and underscores https://cdn.discordapp.com/attachments/442575858096668672/442694350489518085/unknown.png |
|  | **Validating the input**   * Converting names to uppercase format. Seeing if the name entered matches one of the accepted names of entities (in uppercase). * Making sure the user fills out all the fields and that there’s not too little or too much input * Making sure the names of entities put in are recognized * Making sure that there are no spaces as I’m using the spaces to split up the fields. * Making sure that the quantity of participating entities (except assisting monks) is > 0 * And < 2 for buildings * And < 6 for all other entities |
|  | Using the info from the .csv files to search for the corresponding thing and filling in the rest of the details so no user input is needed for that   |  | | --- | | **Example** | | if(entityName == “Archer\_(Saracen)”) then{  currentSelection = {“Archer\_(Saracen)”,1,entityQuantity,6,4,5,2,  true,false,false,false,false,false,false,false,false,false,false,false,false,false,false,false,false,false,false}; // One of the player’s entered Archer\_(Saracen)  } | |

##### V2.0

**Developed by:** Kory & Phillip

**Focus:** Converting it from a terminal application into a cross-platform GUI application

**Goal:**

* Making it easier for users to use through the addition of a GUI
* Making it faster for users to perform actions like entering players' battle-relevant information and calculating the results based on this by using hotkeys and UI elements
* Making it easier for users to run it.
  + Running the program via clicking an executable (.exe) file, not via typing "./run" in a Linux shell
* Making it easier for users to install / uninstall through software packaging
* Making it handle the last few event cards I haven't implemented (e.g., *"Back from a Foreign Land"*)
* Making it so users can run it on a range of devices with different operating systems
* Making it more customizable (e.g., being able to set player names)
* Making it prettier

**Status:** In development

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| **Implemented** | **Feature** | | |
| **Adding essential functions** | | | |
|  | Exit button | | |
|  | About button | | |
|  | View user guide button | | |
|  | View developer guide button | | |
| **Getting information about the player’s *“play state”*** | | | |
|  | Getting the entity (unit, building) names | | |
|  | Getting the quantities of entities | | |
|  | Getting the quantities of monks | | |
|  | Setting up a filter for the entity names | | |
|  | Making it easier to search for entity names   * Being able to use aliases so “Temple of the Sun at Macchu Picchu (Incan)” can be found by searching for “Wonder (Incan)” * Making it so the capitalization doesn’t matter | | |
|  | **Validating the input:**  Limiting what can be entered for the quantity of entities to 1 - 5 | | |
|  | **Validating the input:**  Limiting what can be entered for the quantity of monks to 0 - 5 | | |
|  | CheckedListBox in QT for events & technologies <https://www.walletfox.com/course/qtcheckablelist.php> | | |
|  | Setting up the initial state of the UI elements with what’s in the .csv files  (Done with exception of player colour) | | |
| **Sending information about the player’s *“play state”* to the files so that the backend can read it.** | | | |
|  | Converting entered entity names into names with underscores between it | | |
|  | Sending what the user has entered to the .csv files  (Done with exception of player colour) | | |
| **Getting user input** | | | |
|  | Supplying variables with answers the user provides. Was using std::cin for this. Perhaps we’d need to use a popup if we’re using QT framework. The QInputDialog class seems to be what we want. Would prefer it if there were like buttons corresponding to the number of options, however (Partially done. Would like to use QmessageBox instead now) | | |
| **Having hotkeys** | | | |
|  | Having a hotkey for the press of the calculate button | | |
| **Displaying output** | | | |
|  | Writing std::cout statements to the GUI | | |
|  | Making it so it clears the existing output when clicking the “Calculate results” button again. Don’t want to see the same output twice or irrelevant output | | |
|  | Making it so the output text is coloured, perhaps using HTML (Partially done) | | |
| **Making it prettier** | | | |
|  | Adding colour to the UI elements   * Having a light and dark mode | | |
|  | Adding an application icon | | |
| **Making it easier to identify the players in the output window** | | | |
|  | Having an option for player name in playerDetails.csv | | |
|  | Having an option to set the player colour  (Partially done) | | |
| **Making it usable on a range of devices of different screen sizes** | | | |
|  | Making it responsive | | |
| **Playing sound effects from Age of Empires 2 (in moderation, don’t want it to be obnoxious)**  [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bczdFQksnbLnjI5zAkw-mSpb9MnnxxEkHDiz1PftIHw/edit#gid=123661276](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bczdFQksnbLnjI5zAkw-mSpb9MnnxxEkHDiz1PftIHw/edit%23gid=123661276) | | | |
|  | | Having AoE II sound effects for the UI | |
|  | | Having AoE II sound effects for RNG elements   * Successful “conversion attempt” * Successful “healing attempt” | |
|  | | Having AoE II sound effects for significant events   * Destruction of a wonder | |
|  | | Having an option to enable and disable SFX | |
| **Covering what I haven’t covered and should have covered in a v1.0 – v1.2 release** | | | |
|  | Add this event card   * **"Back From A Foreign Land":** “Use 1 Civilization bonus from target player for this turn. Bonus may not be used if it is a starting bonus **or requires civilization specific cards**. Play anytime.”. **Really only 3 battle relevant bonuses to choose from in that case** * **Byzantine bonuses to choose from:** * Monk Healing Rate has a +2 modifier, thus making it easier to heal units * All building get a HP bonus: Age I – 10 HP, Age II – 20 HP, Age III – 30 HP, Age IV – 40 HP * **Teuton bonuses to choose from:** * Conversion rate modifier is -1, thus making it harder to convert | | |
|  | **Add this event card**   * **“Holy War”**: "For the next 3 turns (not including your current turn) all of your units get +4 AP during this time. | | |
|  | **Add this event card**   * **“Black Knight”**: “Play this card when you are the attacking Cavalry unit. Two tokens on the defending unit have 0 AP for the first round of normal combat. | | |
| **Fixing bizarre problems (if possible)** | | | |
|  | | | Menu items appearing on second monitor |
| **Making it easier to run and install** | | | |
|  | Deploying it and packaging it with Inno Setup | | |
| **Making it so.docx files are instead opened as PDF files within the application**  [**https://doc.qt.io/qt-6/qtpdf-index.html**](https://doc.qt.io/qt-6/qtpdf-index.html) | | | |
|  | Implementing a PDF viewer for the user guide, developer guide, and developer wishlist files | | |
|  | Having an option to filter all the ticked events and technologies | | |
|  | Having icons for entities, which would consist of attack animation for units / still pictures for buildings   Can refer to this AoE 2 database for an example of that <https://www.aoe2database.com/unit/129/-1/en> <https://www.aoe2database.com/building/7/-1/en>   Wouldn’t want it to rotate, however  (partially done) | | |
|  | Having icons for the technologies  <https://www.aoe2database.com/tech/115/-1/en> | | |
|  | Having option to select your civilization  Filters out entities that don’t belong to one’s civilization  (Done quite poorly IMO) | | |
|  | Making it so user can't have multiple technologies activated. Like higher level technologies are often supposed to take the place of lower level technologies. For example, "Bracer" takes the place of both "Bodkin Arrow" and "Fletching" while "Bodkin Arrow" takes the place of "Fletching" | | |
|  | Having an option to automatically set whether a player is retreating or not | | |
|  | Having an option to automatically set whether a player is converting or healing | | |
|  | Making it so it doesn’t ask if player will retreat if opposing entity has died | | |
|  | Making it so it doesn’t ask if player will retreat if building vs building battle | | |
|  | Making it so archer round of combat only applies to buildings | | |
|  | Making it so if archer retreats in a hit and run attack (vs non-cavalry), it doesn’t show the first round of combat | | |

##### V3.0

**Focus:** Connecting a SQL database to a C++ program

**Goal:**

* Making it easier for designers to add, modify, view, and delete entity (unit, building) values

**References:**

Chapter 7 of “Learn QT 5”. Opting to use this one first as it talks about using SQLLite

<https://doc.qt.io/qt-6/qtsql-index.html>

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| **Implemented** | **Feature** |
| **Having data about the entities (units, buildings) stored in a SQL database instead of hard coded into the program** | |
|  | Units table |
|  | Buildings table |
| **Supplying the program with this data** | |
|  | Perhaps running a SQL query in C++ and storing the result of this as a variable |
| **Having a developer window** | |
|  | Add new entities |
|  | Delete existing entities |
|  | Modify the entity values |
|  | View the entity values |