

AI Tryout

Duration: 3 hours

Teams of 2

In this challenge, you will create a bot that will manage an ant colony. Your language choices are Java or Python. The Python starter code is slightly better documented. The game can be downloaded from here:

<http://ants.aichallenge.org/tools.tar.bz2>

Starter code for Python Bot: [Python 3](#)

Starter code for Java Bot: [Java](#)

The problem statement/game objective can be found [here](#) and more details on the workings of the game and your future bot [here](#).

Python bots don't need to be compiled, however Java bots require compilation. Included in the starter code is a makefile that will compile all necessary files for the bot. Simply run the *make* command in your bots directory to compile it.

The name of the file will be the name of your bot, please choose a unique team name.

To test your bot in battle the following script can be used:

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./playgame.py --player_seed 42 --verbose --log_dir game_logs --turns 1000  
--map_file maps/random_walk/random_walk_p02_01.map "$@" "python  
mybots/python/MyBot.py" "java -cp mybots/java MyBot"
```

The command above will run two bots against one another. One in python and the other, Java. After the run is complete, a browser window will open and display the simulated game. The map can be customized and you can test your bot against a sample bot provided in the tools folder.

Grading

Bots will be played 1v1 in a tournament tree style. Five games will be played for each matchup and the winner will proceed to the next round. Your position in the tournament will account for 60% of your grade.

Another 5 games will be played on a 10 player map and will pit every bot against the one another. The average placement of your bot in these 5 matchups will dictate the other 40% of your grade.

Submission

Compress all of your bot's code in .zip or .tar.gz format and email the resulting archive to competitions.scs@ecaconcordia.ca with the subject line "AI - <insert team/bot name here>"