

Project Helena (alpha) help file

This help file has been created for version 130821-1, but it will do well for later versions.

Background

CRY T! " is an optical supercomputer, however its logic and physical principles are different from that of modern computers. Instead of using one silicon processor core for a single calculation thread CRY T! " uses a photon crystal for logical calculations with billions of simultaneous threads at a relatively low frequency. It is used at () * laboratory for physical modeling of weapons and armor.

+ , " , - ! is a CRY T! " Generation and thread synchronization algorithm. It also handles / O& and most of other routines.

However, there is no use for this information in the game...

The game

Project Helena is a turn-based Real Time Strategy game.

The goal of the game is to destroy all computer bots on a randomly generated map.

System requirements

- no less than 1.2 GHz processor

56 GB of free RAM

screen resolution no less than 1024x768

Main menu

Main menu offers most of the game setup. Short menu help can be found by clicking on : menu help; button.

In the main menu you can set the difficulty level.

:Resume game button; resumes the game. If the game has not yet started or if the

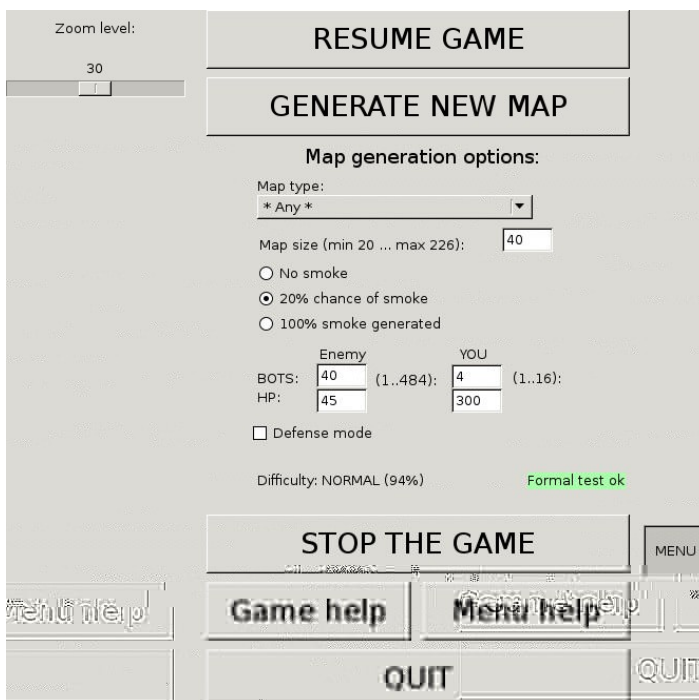
\$a#e is over the button is \$ra%ed out. The sa#e thin\$ is done b% clic9in\$:) enu; button.

: /enerate new #ap; button will \$enerate a new #ap with the specified para#eters discussed below.

: top the \$a#e button; stops the \$a#e <destro% s pla%er bots= and shows the #ap. Your pro\$ress will be lost.

:) enu help; and : / a#e help; buttons show a short hint on #enu options and \$a#e controls.

: >uit; button e7its the \$a#e



?i\$.1. / a#e #ain #enu

: @oo# level; slider sets the .oo# level of the \$a#e fro# 20 to A0 tiles per screen and #a% not be \$reater than current #ap si.e.

Game controls

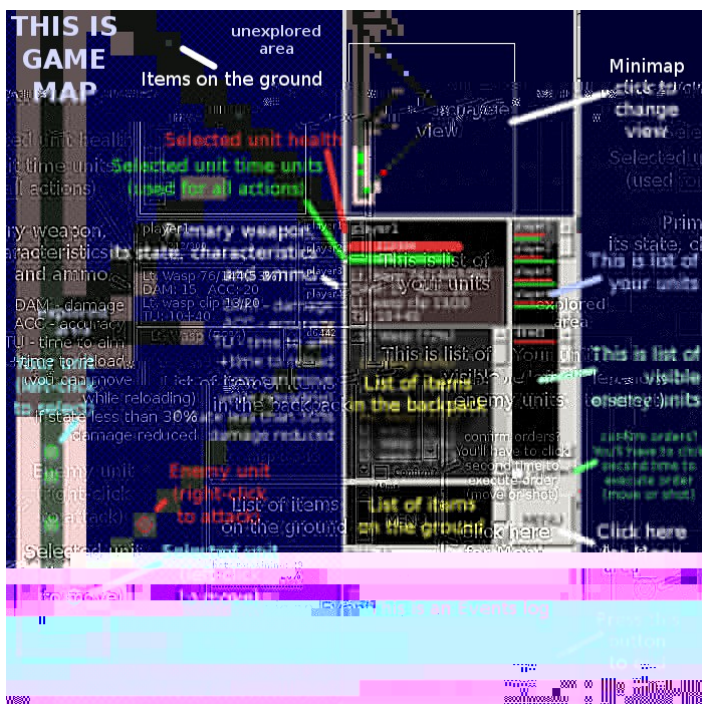
/ a#e is #ainl% controlled b% #ouse.

Left click will select %our bot or #ove it to a free space. You can also select %our bot b% Ifet-clicking in the top-ri\$ht list.

Right click will select and attach ene#%. You can also select ene#% bot without shootin\$ at it b% left-clicking in the #iddle-ri\$ht list. &f the bot is in the line of si\$ht then the selection cross will be red, else it will be %ellow. You can see ene#ies onl% in direct line of si\$ht of %our bots.

Middle click will center the #ap around the tile clic9ed. You can also #ove the #ap b% left-clicking on the #ini #ap in the rit\$ht-top of the / O&.

Clic9in\$: - e7t turn; button will start ene#% turn and replenish %our bots T0s. The \$a#e lasts until all bots of one of the sides are destro%ed.



?i\$.2. / a#e controls

Confir# chec9bo7 enables %ou to decide whether %our bots ta9e action <shot or #ove= i# #ediatel% after clic9 <' uic9er \$a#epla%= or after second clic9 <saves fro# errors=.

, vent lo\$ shows all events that happened this turn, ratio of the #ap e7plored and nu#ber of bots re#ainin\$. ?irst turn after #ap \$eneration event lo\$ shows #ap infor#ation and statistics.

tems operations

Left click at : "ist of ite#s in the bac9pac9; will select ite# and the ne7t left-click

will e'quip the ite# <chan\$e the weapon if weapon present or load a# #o if onl% a# #o clip is present=. &f an ite# is selected then clicking at a free space in the bac9pac9 will #ove it there.

!hift-left-click on ite# will drop it. !hift-left-click on e#pt% space in the bac9pac9 will unload a# #o clip fro# the pri#ar% weapon. "trl-left-click will re#ove a# #o clip fro# the selected weapon without e' uippin\$ it.

&f there are ite#s on the \$round at place where the bot stands <the list is not e#pt%= left click will select the ite# and another left-click will pic9 it up.

Right click at an e'uipped ite#, an ite# in the bac9pac9 or an ite# on the \$round show its characteristics and description. ?or weapon with a# #o char\$ed so#e basic esti#ates are also #ade.

Bot properties

, ach bot <%our and co#puter@s= has4

+ 1	+ it points.	(hen + 1s reduce to 0 the bot is destro%ed.
T0	Ti#e units	T0s are spent for all actions. , ach bot has e'ual a#ount of T0s <2AA=. You cannot e7ecute action if re'uired a#ount of T0s is \$reater than re#ainin\$ a#ount. The T0s reset bac9 to #a7 at the ne7t turn.
	peed	! t this ti#e each bot@s speed is e'ual to 30. This is the a#ount of T0s used for a hori.ontal or vertical step, dia\$onal steps will cost 1.61 ti#es #ore. &t will be possible to chan\$e this value b% up\$rades in later versions.
	1ri#ar% weapon	The pri#ar% weapon is the weapon used for attac9in\$ ene#% if the weapon has the a# #o the bot has enou\$h T0s to ai#Dshot.
	&te#s	! t this ti#e onl% weapons and a# #o ite#s are i#ple#ented.
	Eac9pac9	, ach bot can carr% 12 ite#s <includin\$ pri#ar% weapon=.

Map t#pes

The \$a#e offers several rando# #ap t#pes. : F !n% F ; option will rando#l% pic9 one of these. You can also choose the #ap t#pes #anuall%.

Map t#pe	\$ind	%escription	%ifficult#
F !n% F	-	Rando#l% pic9s an% of the below #ap t#pes.	-

Rando #	Rando #	Represents a rando# set of walls and passas\$. The #ost si#ple #ap t%pe.	! vera\$e
Rando# circles	Rando #	The sa#e as :Rando# ;, but \$enerates several open areas in the #ap. "ar\$e open areas re'uire careful attac9 for#ation.	+ard
Cocon	Rando #	The sa#e as :Rando# ;, but \$enerates a lar\$e wall ele#ent at center.	! vera\$e
Eloc9	Rando #	i#ilar to :Rando# ; but \$enerates lar\$e roo#s instead of s#all bloc9s. ! vera\$e shot distance is usuall% \$reater than for rando# #aps, however several bottlenec9s #a% be \$enerated	! vera\$e
Circles	Rando #	/ enerates lar\$e circular areas. "ar\$e open areas re'uire careful attac9 for#ation.	+ard
!nticircles	Rando #	/ enerates lar\$e areas between circular wall objects. "ar\$e open areas re'uire careful attac9 for#ation.	+ard
*ia#onds	ta#p	/ enerates dia#ond-li9e roo#s. "ot's of place to hide, however lon\$ shootin\$ ran\$es #a% be dan\$erous	! vera\$e
T-#ap	ta#p	) a.e-li9e #ap rese#blin\$ #ines. / enerates #an% deadens and lon\$ shootin\$ ran\$es. Re'uires careful unit for#ation.	, as%
"inearsinus	&rre\$ular	/ enerates #ap si#ilar to caverns. >uiet eas% #ap t%pe due to lar\$e a#ount of bottlenec9s.	, as%
Recta\$onal	Rando #	/ enerates a lot of strai\$ht passas\$. "on\$ shootin\$ ran\$es re'uire careful e7ploration.	! vera\$e
Roo#s	&rre\$ular	/ enerates a few strai\$ht passas\$ connectin\$ avera\$e-si.ed roo#s. Roo#s are usuall% areas of ene#% bots concentrations with little place to retreat.	! vera\$e
Concentric	Re\$ular	/ enerates a set of circular passas\$es with a pillar inside.	+ard
lant	ta#p	ta#p #ap t%pe. *ia\$onal variation of :T-#ap;.	! vera\$e
Eo7es	&rre\$ular	/ enerates recta\$onal passas\$. / enerates a lot of lon\$ shootin\$ ran\$es.	+ard
Concentric-full	&rre\$ular	Gariation of :Concentric; #ap. #aller shootin\$ ran\$es #a9es the #ap easier.	! vera\$e

, \$\$	Re\$ular	/ enerates a circular shape structure var%in\$ short and narrow passa\$es and lon\$ and wide ones which should be attac9ed with care.	! vera\$e
- et	Re\$ular	/ enerates a set of interconnected re\$ular passa\$es. "on\$ shootin\$ ran\$es and little place to hide.	, as%
1 lus	ta#p	) ap rese#blin\$ plus si\$n. hort shootin\$ ran\$es and lots of turnarounds.	, as%
#all roo#s	ta#p	) ap with lots of s#all roo#s. hort shootin\$ ran\$es and lots of turnarounds.	Ger% eas%
&- #ap	ta#p	Croo9ed #ap with s#all shot ran\$. Ger% short shootin\$ ran\$es and lots of turnarounds.	Ger% eas%
?our #ap	ta#p	Croo9ed #ap with s#all shot ran\$. Ger% short shootin\$ ran\$es and lots of turnarounds.	Ger% eas%
?ive #ap	ta#p	Croo9ed #ap with lon\$ shootin\$ ran\$es and narrow passa\$es	! vera\$e
*ash	ta#p	Croo9ed #ap with lon\$ shootin\$ ran\$es and narrow passa\$es	! vera\$e
Rotor	Rando#	) an% passa\$es at different an\$les. "on\$ dia\$onal shootin\$ ran\$es.	! vera\$e
, \$\$Re	Re\$ular	Recta\$onal variation of : , \$\$; with roo#s, var%in\$ short and narrow passa\$es and lon\$ and wide ones.	! vera\$e
nowfla9e	Re\$ular	! re\$ular set of star-li9e passa\$es. o#eti#es #a% \$enerate lon\$ shootin\$ ran\$es.	! vera\$e
! reas	&rre\$ular	! set of lar\$e interconnected open areas. , ach area #i\$ht contain a lar\$e nu#ber of ene#% bots, but presence of a hi\$h a#ount of bottlenec9s #a9es the #ap easier.	! vera\$e
(or#holes	&rre\$ular	! set of wor#hole-li9e passa\$es. ! vera\$e shootin\$ ran\$es but wide passa\$es.	+ard

: Rando# ; #ap 9ind \$enerates irre\$ular rando# #aps with no specific lo\$ic.

: &rre\$ular ; #ap 9ind \$enerates an irre\$ular set of passa\$es with so#e re\$ular lo\$ic.

: Re\$ular ; #ap 9ind is a #ap stron\$ly affected b% so#e \$eneral lo\$ic.

: ta#p ; #ap 9ind is a #ap consistin\$ of si#ilar ele#ents.

The difficult% for a specific #ap #a% be different fro# that of overall #ap t%pe and depends on peculiarities of the \$enerated #ap, a#ount and place#ent of bots. &.e. s#all a#ount of bots ta9esadvanta\$esof s#all shootin\$ ran\$es,while a,sw0 a#ount ta9esa aT0@waPTI

*difficult% is estimated based on two parameters comparison total player and enemy +1 and total player and enemy firepower. , enemy-to-player +1 ratio shows how much more damage enemies can take. , enemy-to-player firepower ratio is estimated based on :average enemy bot density; and :average shooting area; around the map which presumes that player firepower is concentrated while computer's is not. This presumption is the source of difficult% estimation error because due to map peculiarities or random fluctuations enemy fire may be much more concentrated than expected, while careful use of bottlenecks together with some luck may drop enemy firepower almost to zero. Firepower is also calculated relative to some :average weapon; weapon equipped and may be altered by use of different weapons.

Since version 130H0A-1 you can pre-set the map difficult%. The description of difficult% levels may be found in the table below.

Values	Qualit#	Description
0 I .. 8A I	,as%	>quiet easy battle. , enemies will hardly attack you in groups, mostly scattered around the map. (While being careful enough you will always win.
8A I .. 1A0 I	- or #al	+arder, but not much harder. This time there are more enemies in the map and consequently they will appear in groups. +owever, in case you are careful enough you will always win.
1A0 I .. 22A I	+ard	) ore enemies. ometimes you will be outnumbered. *ependin\$ on your luck and map peculiarities your chances to win are around 50 I -80 I with careful map exploration and good tactics.
22A I .. 320 I	Ger% hard	The map is swarmed with enemy bots. ,ven the best mistake-free tactics will sometimes fail. Chances to win are around 30 I -60 I .
over 320 I	&nsaneJ	Kn\$ strong luck may provide victory in this case.

Please, pay attention, that difficult% in :defense; or :battle part; may be much more depends on the map peculiarities and the estimate may be inadequate.

) oreover, it should be noted that true difficult% may be significantly different due to map peculiarities, which cannot be included in formal difficult% estimate. ,.\$. a map with 80 I difficult% may appear rather hard and 2A0 I difficult% estimated map may appear 'quiet easy%.

/ raphically difficult% may be presented as below based on 38 battles. The plot shows

percentage of +1s left after the battle versus difficulty level.

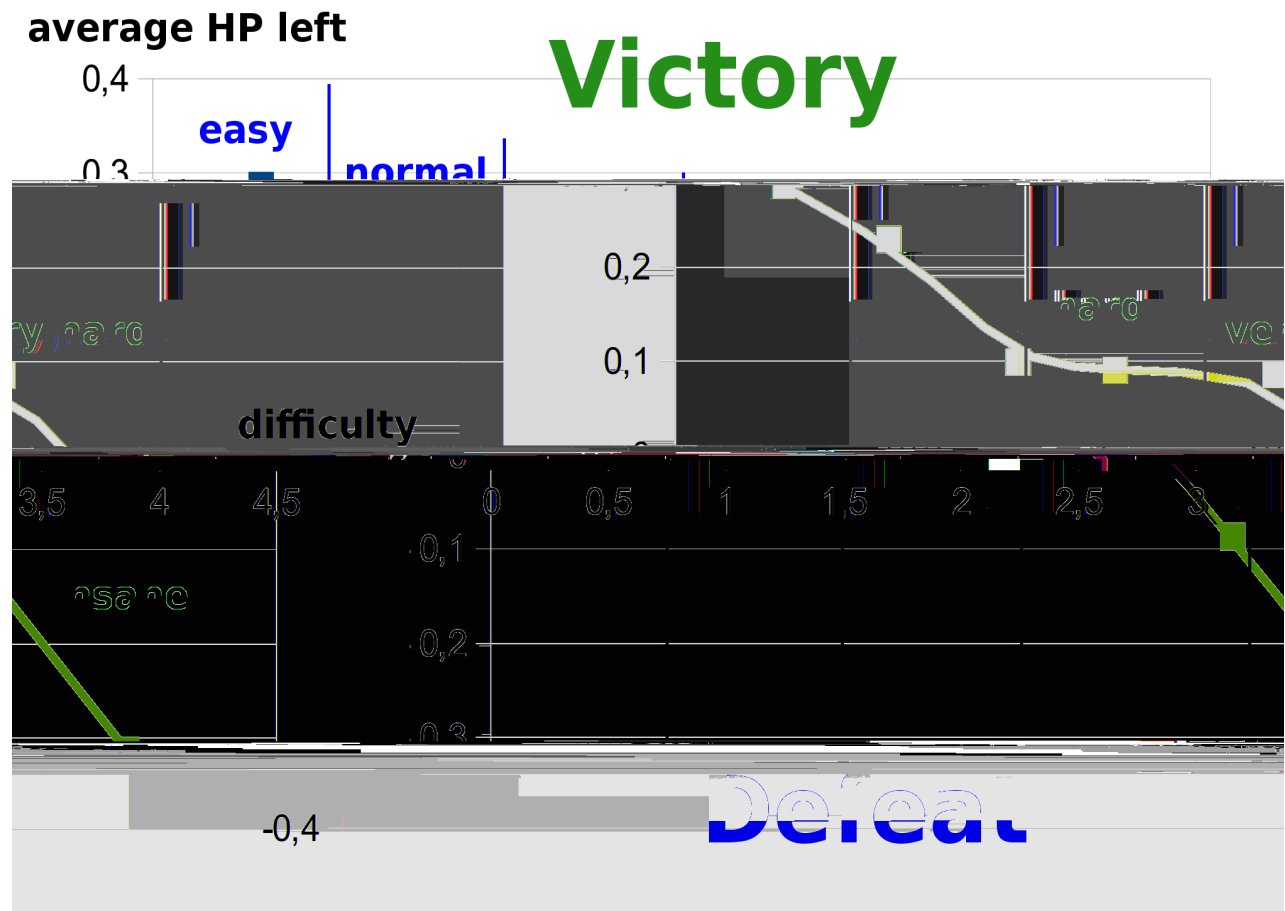


Fig. 3. Difficulty graph.

(eapons) ammo

(eapons are used to shot a# #o at ene#%. The weapons have the followin\$ characteristics4

* !)	*a#a\$e	*a#a\$e is the a#ount of da#a\$e caused b% the weapon in close-ran\$e shot. The stat bloc9 shows su# of weapon and a# #o * !) .
! CC	!ccurac%	The da#a\$e reduces with distance to tar\$et. +i\$her the accurac% enables less da#a\$e reduction with distance. You cannot attac9 ene#% too far awa% <further than current bot visible ran\$e> this is a bu\$=
	tate	(eapons are li\$htl% da#a\$ed b% shootin\$ and pri#ar% weaponr%
	) a7state	\$ets severel% da#a\$ed b% ta9in\$ da#a\$e. &f the bot is destro%ed the pri#ar% weapon is additionall% da#a\$ed and its a# #o a#ount is reduced. &f weapon state is less than 33 I then da#a\$e #ade will be reduced until weapon 2a# #ed and unable to shoot.
	T0	hootin\$ re'uies ti#e to ai# and to rechar\$e <TuL10M60 #eans 10T0 to ai# and 60 to rechar\$e=. (eapon is auto#aticall% rechar\$ed if a# #o clip is not e#pt%. !ttac9in\$ ene#% will force weapon to rechar\$e <if it's not read%= and then ai#. You can #ove while rechar\$in\$.
	Osable a# #o	,ach weapon can use specific a# #o t%pes. &.e. %ou can't use ?alcon a# #o for (asp.
	,7plosion	o#e a# #o are e7plosive. This #eans that after direct i#pact da#a\$e e7plosion deals additional da#a\$e to this and nearb% tar\$ets. &n avera\$e e7plosion da#a\$e is about : ,7plosion; value divided b% : ,7plosion area; value.
	#o9e	,ach e7plosion \$enerates s#o9e in its e7plosion area.
	,7plosion area	The e7plosion power is concentrated on a specific area. &f the e7plosion ta9es place at open areas the e7plosion stren\$th is dissipated 'uic9l%. +owever e7plosions at narrow passa\$es deal #uch #ore da#a\$e. ,7plosions can push tar\$ets if stron\$ enou\$h. Ee careful. ,7plosion can da#a\$e %our own bots and can burst fro# narrow passa\$es to lar\$er distances than e7pected. ,7plosions can also travel around the corners.

! s far as there is no weapon description in-\$a#e %et, the infor#ation #a% be found in this help file.

(asp *eapon class+

"t. (asp is a basic and average accurate weapon. (asp is a modified version of light armor piercing cannon.

+v. (asp is a heavy modification of "t. wasp. Less accurate but more powerful. Lower to recharge. It's the most powerful weapon in low-to-medium range.

niper (asp is a very accurate modification of "t. wasp. It's best for long-range shots.

	"t. (asp	+v. (asp	niper (asp
* !)	M0	MA	M0
! CC	M20	M0	M100
! i# ti#e	10 T0s	10 T0s	1A T0s
Recharge ti#e	60 T0s	A0 T0s	60 T0s
Charge clip	A0 T0s	100 T0s	100 T0s

(asps can use the following armor types

"t. wasp clip is a basic armor type with its modification as extended wasp clip with 30 instead of 20 armor.

+v. wasp clip is more heavy wasp armor with lower clip capacity.

! cc. wasp clip is an accurate version of "t. wasp clip. It deals slightly more damage than a "t. wasp clip it has much higher accuracy bonus.

	"t. wasp clip	7t. wasp clip	+v. wasp clip	! cc. wasp clip
* !)	M1A	M1A	M20	M15
! CC	M0	M0	M0	M80
Clip size	20	30	10	12

,alcon *eapon class+

t.?alcon is a standard heav% cannon. low rechar\$e rate enables onl% one shot per turn, but it deals a lot of da#a\$.

* !)	M0
! CC	M10
! i# ti#e	50 T0s
Rechar\$e ti#e	1A0 T0s
Chan\$e clip	200 T0s

?alcons can use the followin\$ a# #o t%pes4

	t. ?alcon clip	,7pl. ?alcon clip
* !)	M130	M10
! CC	M0	M0
Clip si.e	8	8
,7plosion	30	HHH
#o9e	10	A0
,7plosion area	3	25

tandard ?alcon clip is a re\$ular powerful a# #o dealin\$ hi\$h a#ount of da#a\$e with wea9 e7plosion dealin\$ A-8 points of da#a\$e.

,7plosion ?alcon clip does not do #uch direct da#a\$, but powerful e7plosion deals about 50 da#a\$e points to the tar\$et and over 30 da#a\$e to ad2acent tar\$ets. (hen concentrated in s#all passa\$es e7plosion can cause over 80 points of da#a\$.) oreover hi\$h e7plosion area #a% cause e7plosion wave to travel over a do.en #ap s'uares if e7plosion ta9es place in a narrow passa\$e.