# Lab 1: Your First Agent

### Task 4. Copy Files

Please, copy the files from the downloaded lab directory to your cs440 directory. You can just drag and drop them in your file explorer.

- Copy Downloads/lab1/lib/scripted.jar to cs440/lib/scripted.jar. This file is the custom jarfile that I created for you.
- Copy Downloads/lab1/data/labs/scripted to cs440/data/labs/scripted. This directory contains a game configuration and map files.
- Copy Downloads/lab1/src to cs440/src.
  This directory contains our source code.java files.
- Copy Downloads/lab1/scripted.srcs to cs440/scripted.srcs.

  This file contains the paths to the .java files we are working with in this lab. Files like these are used to speed up the compilation process by preventing you from listing all source files you want to compile manually.
- There is no documentation for this lab (all I am providing for you is the enemy agent this time).

After copying, your cs440 directory should look something like this:

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cs440/
data
labs
scripted
game.xml
lib
scripted.jar
septia.jar
scripted.srcs
src
labs
scripted
agents
ScriptedAgent.class
ScriptedAgent.java

8 directories, 7 files
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(don't worry if there is no .class file. Those are autogenerated by Java when you compile .java files).

#### Task 5. Test run

If your setup is correct, you should be able to compile and execute the given template code. You should see the Sepia window appear.

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# Mac, Linux. Run from the cs440 directory.
javac -cp "./lib/*:." @scripted.srcs
java -cp "./lib/*:." edu.cwru.sepia.Main2 data/labs/scripted/game.xml
# Windows. Run from the cs440 directory.
javac -cp ./lib/*;. @scripted.srcs
java -cp ./lib/*;. edu.cwru.sepia.Main2 data/labs/scripted/game.xml
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#### Task 6: Agents in Sepia

It is essential that you become familiar with the Sepia API (generally found here. Agents (AIs) are Java classes, and they must somehow inherit from the Agent type built into Sepia. Your Agent(s) are run as plugins to the Sepia game engine, and they are given control of units, etc. through configuration files (found in the data directory). Every Agent implements a (surprisingly simple) state machine. While the Agent type is an abstract type (and therefore cannot be instantiated), your child type (or derived type) will be a concrete class. The state machine that every agent obeys is as follows:

- 1. A concrete agent type (specified by the game config .xml file) is instantiated using that types constructor.
- 2. All agents in the game are collected and added to internal Sepia data structures.
- 3. Sepia then creates the game itself (initializes a state from a different .xml file called a "map" .xml file)
- 4. A special method that all agents must override (declared abstract in the Agent type) is called: initialStep(StateView state, HistoryView history). This method is often used as a secondary constructor for an agent. If an agent needs to keep track of the units it controls, units the enemy(ies) control, etc., that information is not available at the time of the constructor call. Instead, this method provides a place for fields that rely on state information to be set. This method returns a Map<Integer, Action>, which maps each unit (which has a unique id) to the action that unit should perform the very first turn of the game.
- 5. For every remaining turn in the game, a special method that all agents must override (declared abstract in the Agent type) is called: middleStep(StateView state, HistoryView history). This method primarily contains "action logic" (i.e. what should each unit do in this turn), and also produces a Map<Integer, Action>.
- 6. Once the game has ended, a special method is called (also declared abstract in Agent): terminalStep(StateView state, HistoryView history). This method is typically used to analyze the outcome of the game. Who won, what happened, how well did my agent do, etc. are all questions that terminalStep is designed to answer. Since the game is over, this method returns nothing (void in java).

#### Task 7: Scripted Agent (50 points)

In this task, I want you to complete the src/labs/scripted/agents/ScriptedAgent.java file that I have provided for you. I have partially implemented ScriptedAgent.initialStep to give you an idea of how to discover units, enemies, etc. I first want you to complete this method so that the only gold deposit on the map is discovered (i.e. you set the field for its id).

I then want you to implement middleStep so that your agent moves to a square adjacent to the enemy unit. You will need to issue primitive move actions (please see here for an explanation of actions in Sepia). You are welcome to follow a predetermined path to get there (i.e. you don't need to use BFS/DFS/Dijkstra/A\* to find the *optimal* path) as the starting coordinates of your unit and the enemy unit will always be the same for this game. To be clear the purpose of this assignment is not to do anything fancy, just get used to using the sepia api. So, you are encouraged to hard-code a sequence of moves (called a script) to complete this task. This script can be as simple as "go up three times then left two times" etc.

I then want you to modify your middleStep so that when you are adjacent to the enemy, issue primitive attack actions to have your unit attack the enemy unit. You will want to repeat this

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until the enemy unit dies (at which point the game will end). Side note, when units die, one easy way to check is to try to get the UnitView for a unit from the state. If the unitview is null, then the unit does not exist on the map.

## Task 8: Extra Credit (20 points)

Before moving to the enemy unit and killing it, I want you to first move to a square adjacent to the gold deposit on the map. Once your agent is adjacent to the gold, I want you to issue primitive gather actions to gather all of the gold from the deposit (your middleStep should issue this gather action until the gold no longer exists on the map). Once the gold is gone, you are free to move to the enemy unit and kill it like normal.

### Task 9: Submitting your lab

Please submit your ScriptedAgent.java file on gradescope (just drag and drop in the file).