Starter Kit

Starter Als are available in the Starter Kit. They can help you get started with your own bot.

Introductory video by Mathis Hammel: https://youtu.be/MyHjWftmMfQ

The Goal

Protect your base from monster attacks and outlive your opponent.

Rules

Both players controls a team of **3 heroes**. The teams start out at opposite corners of the map, near their **base**. Throughout the game **monsters** will appear regularly on the edges of the map. If a **monster** reaches your base, it will deal **damage**. If your base takes too much damage, you lose.

Thankfully, your heroes can kill monsters.

The map

The game is played on a rectangular map where the coordinate X=0, Y=0 is the top-left pixel and X=17630, Y=9000 is the bottom-right pixel.

Fog makes it impossible to know the positions of all **monsters** and rival **heroes**. You need to have them within **2200** units from one of your **heroes** or **6000** from your **base**.

Each base can take a maximum of 3 points of damage before being destroyed.

Multiple **entities** (heroes & monsters) can occupy the same coordinates, there is no collision.

Heroes

Every turn, you must provide a command for each **hero**. They may perform any of the following commands:

- · WAIT, the hero remains where they are.
- MOVE, followed by map coordinates will make the hero advance towards that point by a maximum of 800 units.
- SPELL, followed by a spell action, as detailed in the Spells section further below.

Heroes cannot be killed and cannot leave the map.

After a hero's move phase, any monsters within 800 units will suffer 2 points of damage.

Monsters

Every **monster** appears with a given amount of **health**. If at the end of a turn, a monster's **health** has dropped to zero or below, the **monster** is removed from the game.

Monsters will appear randomly, but symmetrically from the map edges outside of the player's bases. They appear with a random moving direction.

Monsters will always advance in a straight line at a speed of 400 units per turn.

If a monster comes within 5000 units of a base at the end of a turn, it will target that base.

When targeting a base, a monster will move directly towards that base and can no longer leave the map.

If a **monster** is **pushed** (with a **WIND** command) outside the radius of a **targeted** base, it will stop targeting and start moving in a randomly selected direction.

If a

monster comes within 300 units of a base at the end of a turn, as long as it has not been killed on this turn, it will disappear and deal the base 1 point of damage.

Each subsequent monster may have slightly more starting health than any previous monster.

Spells

Your team will also acquire 1 point of **mana** per damage dealt to a monster, even from monsters with no health left.

Mana is shared across the team and heroes can spend 10 mana points to cast a spell.

A spell command has parameters, which you must separate with a space.

command	parameters	effect	range
WIND	<x> <y></y></x>	All entities (except your own heroes) within 1280 units are pushed 2200 units in the direction from the spellcaster to x,y.	1280
SHIELD	<entityid></entityid>	The target entity cannot be targeted by spells for the next 12 rounds.	2200
CONTROL	<entityid> <x> <y></y></x></entityid>	Override the target's next action with a step towards the given coordinates.	2200

A hero may only cast a spell on entities that are within the spell's range from the hero.

WIND Example

A hero uses WIND at position (6000, 6000) towards (6000, 5000).

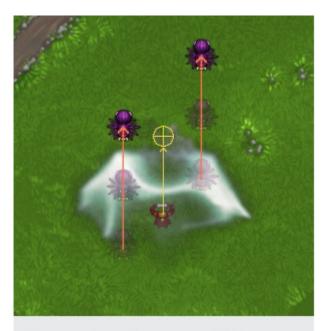


There are 2 monsters within 1280 units around the hero.



SPELL WIND 6000 5000

The vector (0,-1) describes the direction between the hero and the target point.



The monsters all move **2200** in the direction defined by the vector.

Victory Conditions

- · Your opponent's base health has dropped to zero.
- · You have more base health points than your opponent after 220 turns.
- In case of a tie, you have gained the highest amount of **wild mana**: mana gained outside the radius of your **base**.

Defeat Conditions

- Your base's health reaches zero.
- Your program does not provide a valid command in time.

Debugging tips

- · Hover over an entity to see extra information about it
- · Append text after any command and that text will appear above your hero
- Press the gear icon on the viewer to access extra display options
- Use the keyboard to control the action: space to play/pause, arrows to step 1 frame at a time

Technical Details

- After an entity moves towards a point, its coordinates are truncated (when below halfway across the map)
 or rounded up (when above halfway across the map), only then are distance-based calculations performed
 (such as monster damage).
- Spells are cast in the order of the received output. This means a spell may be cancelled if another hero spent the necessary mana earlier in the turn.
- If an entity is being moved via a CONTROL from multiple sources at once, it will move to the average of all computed destinations.
- If an entity is being moved via a wind from multiple sources at once, it will move to the sum of all given directions.
- SHIELD also protects entities from receiving a new SHIELD.
- · Using a spell against a shielded entity still costs mana.
- Players are not given the coordinates of monsters outside the map.
- A monster can be pushed outside of the map, unless it is within a base radius, in which case it will will be moved no further than the border.
- In case of a tie, the player who gained the highest amount of mana outside the radius of their base will win.
 this is called wild mana.
- The source code of this game is available on this GitHub repo.

Action order for one turn

- Wait for both players to output 3 commands.
- CONTROL spells are applied to the targets and will only be effective on the next turn, after the next batch of commands.
- SHIELD spells are applied to the targets and will only be effective on the next turn, after the next batch of commands. Does not protect from a spell from this same turn.
- MOVE all heroes.
- 5. Heroes attack monsters in range and produce mana for each hit.
- WIND spells are applied to entities in range.
- 7. MOVE all monsters according to their current speed, unless they were **pushed** by a wind on this turn.
- 8. SHIELD countdowns are decremented.
- 9. New monsters appear. Dead monsters are removed.

Game Input/Output

Initialization Input

Line 1: two integers baseX and baseY for the coordinates of your base. The enemy base will be at the opposite side of the map.

Line 2: the integer heroesPerPlayer which is always 3.

Input for One Game Turn

First 2 lines: two integers baseHealth and mana for the remaining health and mana for both players. Your data is always given first.

Next line: entityCount for the amount of game entities currently visible to you.

Next entityCount lines: 11 integers to describe each entity:

- · id: entity's unique id.
- · type:
 - o: a monster
 - · 1: one of your heroes
 - · 2: one of your opponent's heroes
- x & y: the entity's position.
- shieldLife: the number of rounds left until entity's shield is no longer active.
 when no shield is active.
- isControlled: 1 if this entity is under a CONTROL spell, 0 otherwise.

The next 5 integers only apply to monsters (will be -1 for heroes).

- health: monster's remaining health points.
- vx & vy: monster's current speed vector, they will add this to their position for their next movement.
- nearBase: 1: if monster is targeting a base, 0 otherwise.
- threatFor:
 - With the monster's current trajectory if nearBase is 0:
 - 0: it will never reach a base.
 - 1: it will eventually reach your base.
 - 2: it will eventually reach your opponent's base.
 - If nearBase is 1: 1 if this monster is targeting your base, 2 otherwise.

Output for One Game Turn

3 lines, one for each hero, containing one of the following actions:

- WAIT: the hero does nothing.
- MOVE followed by two integers (x,y): the hero moves 800 towards the given point.
- SPELL followed by a spell command: the hero attempts to cast the given spell.

You may append text to a command to have it displayed in the viewer above your hero.

Examples:

- MOVE 8000 4500
- SPELL WIND 80 40 casting a wind spell!
- SPELL SHIELD 1
- WAIT nothing to do...

You must provide a valid command to all heroes each turn, even if they are being controlled by your opponent.

Constraints

Response time per turn $\leq 50 \, \text{ms}$ Response time for the first turn $\leq 1000 \, \text{ms}$