

### How AI behaviors influence player strategy and decision-making.

For my AI state I made a basic enemy that chases the player but decided to have that enemy enter a new state once it catches the player, for that state I chose self destruction. Not only is this an interesting way to have enemies deal with the player but can be turned into a very interesting mechanic depending on what genre the game is. For an sandbox the explosion should damage structures this can apply to any game with destroyable terrain but Minecraft is a great example of an explosive enemy in the sandbox genre, for a horror game we could use the explosive skulls from R.E.P.O. that can kill the player break your stuff and might cause the player to panic giving away their position. There are many ways to apply a simple self-destruct state to a game, platforms that disappear is a common one but jumping off an enemy that's about to explode could make something very interesting, maybe damaging them could switch the AI state back by stunning. The general idea of a bomb can create a lot of interesting behaviors, bombs also typically have timers which depending on the task given it could create an interesting scenario requiring the player lead the bomb to destination.

### How player actions dynamically alter AI states and responses.

Players from what I've seen typically get very silly with AI states find every way to humiliate the poor bot, having a state like could let the players a lot more fun with the silliness that can be achieved whether that involves blowing up the fellow teammates or trying to have the enemy kill his allies or even have a chain reaction of events by creating an even larger explosion.

### Challenges faced during implementation and their solutions.

Biggest challenge was first creating an AI state that felt doable in Unity I wanted to change the colors of enemy but the material needs something to attach too, so I had to scrap that idea. After that the next challenge was to creating the code itself even now it's still not fully working at the time or writing "hopefully it will change"