Project 7

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FINAL PROJECT REPORT

Title.

Object Oriented Civilization Game Clone

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Final State of System Statement.

We were able to implement most of the proposed functionality.

- There is a complete board with 3D models.
- There are four distinct players on the game board, three being AI-controlled and one human-controlled.
- The AI makes decisions on its own regarding how to spawn and move units.
- The player can move units with arrow keys and spawn with number keys.
- Player-controlled units correctly detect cells they can't move into, attack selected targets or move into free cells.
- The player can spawn units with number keys (1, 2, 3).

What wasn't implemented implemented:

- We wanted to give the project more visual fidelity, but had to cut down on this aspect due to time constraints.
- We wanted to implement end-game statistics, but couldn't find time for it due to a heavy workload in other classes.

Project 5 was a design submission, and our goals or design elements did not really change. Project 6 was almost a complete submission of the project, and since then we dialed in some AI elements and added human controls. However, due to time constraints, we also had to deprecate UI buttons for now – they were supposed to be implemented with the command pattern, which has some of the necessary code already in place.

Final Class Diagram and Comparison Statement.

See Appendix A: Demonstration Class Diagram for our class diagram.

The most notable difference between this new class diagram and the one from Project 6 is the addition of the Players package, which includes logic for the human players. We intended for it to be command-pattern-like on the inside, but didn't have time to break out relevant functionalities into other classes so as to adhere to the design pattern.

Third-Party code vs. Original code Statement.

We are using the Unity3D game engine for this project. However, we purposely limited involvement of Unity's bloated MonoBehavior class. It is conventional for Unity developers to have every class in the program inherit from MonoBehavior, but we are keeping the overwhelming majority of our code pure C#, and where possible use the adapter pattern to interact with MonoBehavior.

Statement on the OOAD process for your overall Semester Project.

- (1) Throughout the development of the project, we held biweekly meetings lasting anywhere from 18 to 24 hours. During out meetings, we primarily discussed the state of our project, design approaches to consider moving forward and how OO patterns could solve the problems we envisioned. This level of dedication secured a robust design for our project early on and helped us stay on track during development.
- (2) A major part of our design process was sticking at least to the following OO principles:
 - Program to an interface, not implementation
 - Encapsulate what varies
 - Favor composition over inheritance
 - Aim for loose coupling, strong cohesion
 - Single Responsibility Principle
 - Open-Closed Principle
 - Liskov Substitution Principle

Generally speaking, it worked well for us, although we cannot state with absolute certainty that none of our code violates the said principles. However, we feel that we still managed to write a rather clean and maintainable codebase.

(3) We felt that as our project grew, the readability of its UML class diagram greatly deteriorated. In fact, at one point, after an intense coding session which involved inclusion of a

number of unforeseen classes, we were flabbergasted to find out that the new class diagram looked twice as convoluted as before.

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APPENDIX A: DEMONSTRATION CLASS DIAGRAM

