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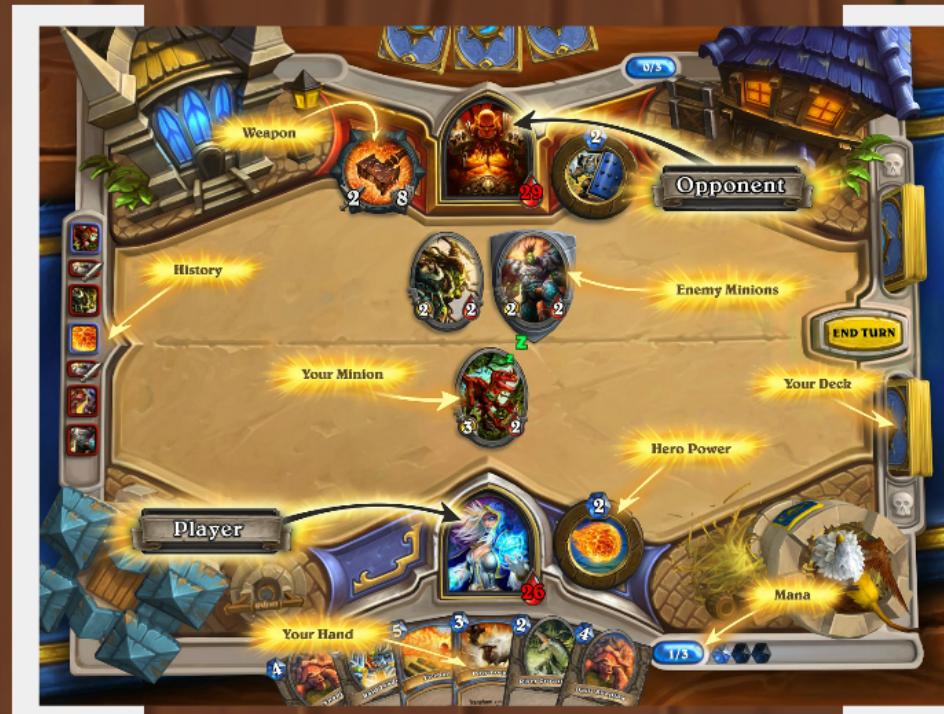
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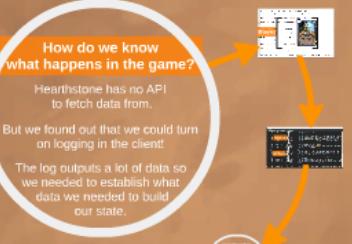
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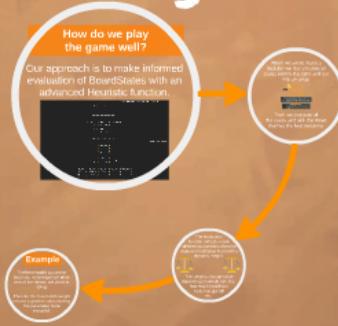
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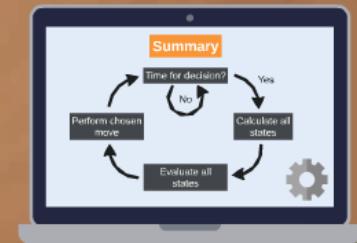
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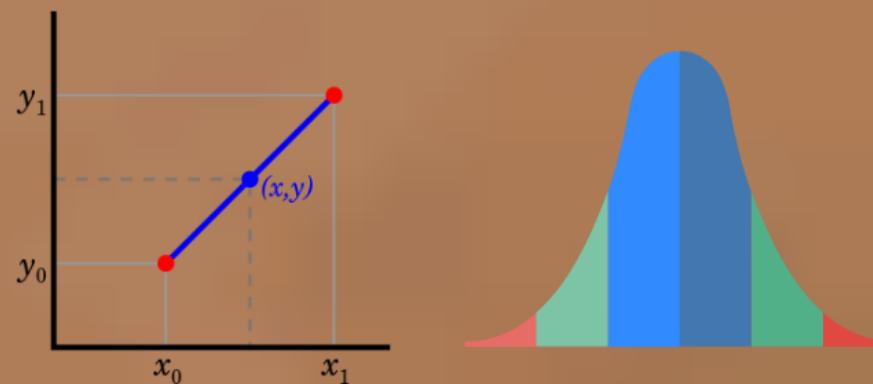
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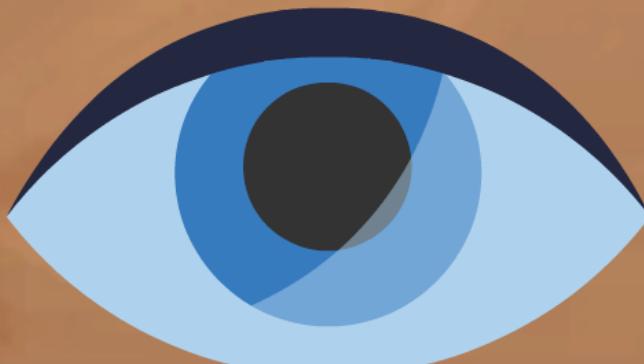
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5117
5118 [Power] GameState.DebugPrintPower() - TAG_CHANGE Entity=AlphaStone tag=MULLIGAN_STATE value=DEALING
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5126 [Power] GameState.DebugPrintPower() - SHOW_ENTITY - Updating Entity=[id=2 cardId=CS2_024 type=INVALID zone=HAND zonePos=0 player=1] CardID=CS2_024
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5130 [Power] GameState.DebugPrintPower() - tag=COST value=2
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5134 [Power] GameState.DebugPrintPower() - tag=ZONE value=HAND
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5138 [Power] GameState.DebugPrintPower() - tag=FACTION value=NEUTRAL
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5153
5154 [Power] GameState.DebugPrintPower() - TAG_CHANGE Entity=[id=32 cardId= type=INVALID zone=DECK zonePos=0 player=1] tag=ZONE_POSITION value=3
5155
5156 (Filename: C:/buildslave/unity/build/artifacts/generated/common/runtime/UnityEngineDebugBindings.gen.cpp Line: 65)
5157
5158 [Power] GameState.DebugPrintPower() - HIDE_ENTITY - Entity=[name=Azure Drake id=1 zone=HAND zonePos=3 cardId=EX1_284 player=1] tag=ZONE value=DECK
5159
```

Event



```
- SHOW_ENTITY - Updating Entity=[id=344 pos=0  
d/artifacts/generated/common/runtime/Unity  
- tag=COST value=2  
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- tag=ZONE value=HAND  
d/artifacts/generated/common/runtime/Unity  
- tag=FACTION value=NEUTRAL  
d/artifacts/generated/common/runtime/Unity  
- tag=CARDDTYPE value=SPELL  
d/artifacts/generated/common/runtime/Unity  
- tag=RARITY value=COMMON  
d/artifacts/generated/common/runtime/Unity  
- tag=FREEZE value=1
```



Action 3

```
lation] C:\Program Files\Java\jre1.8.0_25\bin\javaw.exe (21 maj 2016 21:58:05)
#ENT          #40   ACT_ID:28      -PLAY
#CHANGE        ENT_ID:2  #40   ACT_ID:28      -PLAY
#CHANGE        ENT_ID:17 #40   ACT_ID:28      -PLAY
#CHANGE        ENT_ID:30 #40   ACT_ID:28      -PLAY
#CHANGE        ENT_ID:14 #40   ACT_ID:28      -PLAY
#CHANGE        ENT_ID:2  #40   ACT_ID:28      -PLAY
#CHANGE        ENT_ID:28 #40   ACT_ID:28      -PLAY
#CHANGE        ENT_ID:28 #40   ACT_ID:28      -PLAY
#VENT          #40   ACT_ID:28      -PLAY
#VENT          #40   ACT_ID:28      -POWER
#VENT          #40   ACT_ID:28      -PLAY
#CHANGE        ENT_ID:2  #40   ACT_ID:28      -PLAY
#CHANGE        ENT_ID:2  #40   ACT_ID:28      -PLAY
#VENT          #40   NO_ACTION     BLOCK_END
#VENT          #41   ACT_ID:64      -ATTACK
#CHANGE        ENT_ID:1  #41   ACT_ID:64      -ATTACK
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#CHANGE        ENT_ID:1  #41   ACT_ID:64      -ATTACK
#CHANGE        ENT_ID:1  #41   ACT_ID:64      -ATTACK
#CHANGE        ENT_ID:2  #41   ACT_ID:64      -ATTACK
#CHANGE        ENT_ID:45 #41   ACT_ID:64      -ATTACK
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#CHANGE        ENT_ID:64 #41   ACT_ID:64      -ATTACK
#VENT          #41   ACT_ID:2      -TRIGGER
#CHANGE        ENT_ID:69 #41   ACT_ID:2      -TRIGGER
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#VENT          #41   ACT_ID:2      -TRIGGER
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#CHANGE        ENT_ID:69 #41   ACT_ID:2      -TRIGGER
#BLOCK_START BlockType=PLAY Entity=[name=Unearthed Raptor id=28 zone=HAND zonePos=2 cardId=LOE_019 player=1] EffectCardId= EffectIndex=3 Target=0
#TAG_CHANGE Entity=Molk tag=RESOURCES_USED value=3
#TAG_CHANGE Entity=Molk tag=NUM_RESOURCES_SPENT_THIS_GAME value=5
#TAG_CHANGE Entity=Molk tag=NUM_CARDS_PLAYED_THIS_TURN value=1
#TAG_CHANGE Entity=Molk tag=NUM_MINIONS_PLAYED_THIS_TURN value=1
#TAG_CHANGE Entity=[name=Azure Drake id=17 zone=HAND zonePos=6 cardId=EX1_284 player=1] tag=ZONE_POSITION value=5
#TAG_CHANGE Entity=[name=Southsea Squidface id=30 zone=HAND zonePos=5 cardId=OG_267 player=1] tag=ZONE_POSITION value=5
#TAG_CHANGE Entity=[name=Sap id=14 zone=HAND zonePos=4 cardId=EX1_581 player=1] tag=ZONE_POSITION value=3
#TAG_CHANGE Entity=[name=Shadow Strike id=31 zone=HAND zonePos=3 cardId=OG_176 player=1] tag=ZONE_POSITION value=2
#TAG_CHANGE Entity=[name=Unearthed Raptor id=28 zone=HAND zonePos=2 cardId=LOE_019 player=1] tag=ZONE value=PLAY
#TAG_CHANGE Entity=[name=Unearthed Raptor id=28 zone=HAND zonePos=2 cardId=LOE_019 player=1] tag=ZONE_POSITION value=1
#TAG_CHANGE Entity=[name=Unearthed Raptor id=28 zone=HAND zonePos=2 cardId=LOE_019 player=1] tag=EXHAUSTED value=1
#TAG_CHANGE Entity=[name=Unearthed Raptor id=28 zone=HAND zonePos=2 cardId=LOE_019 player=1] tag=JUST_PLAYED value=1
#TAG_CHANGE Entity=Molk tag=LAST_CARD_PLAYED value=28
#BLOCK_START BlockType=POWER Entity=[name=Unearthed Raptor id=28 zone=PLAY zonePos=1 cardId=LOE_019 player=1] EffectCardId= EffectIndex=3 Target=0
#BLOCK_END
#TAG_CHANGE Entity=Molk tag=COMBO_ACTIVE value=1
#TAG_CHANGE Entity=Molk tag=NUM_OPTIONS_PLAYED_THIS_TURN value=1
#BLOCK_END
#BLOCK_START BlockType=ATTACK Entity=[name=Valeera Sanguinar id=64 zone=PLAY zonePos=0 cardId=HERO_03 player=1] EffectCardId= EffectIndex=3 Target=0
#TAG_CHANGE Entity=GameEntity tag=PROPOSED_ATTACKER value=64
#TAG_CHANGE Entity=GameEntity tag=PROPOSED_DEFENDER value=45
#TAG_CHANGE Entity=[name=Valeera Sanguinar id=64 zone=PLAY zonePos=0 cardId=HERO_03 player=1] tag=ATTACKING value=1
#TAG_CHANGE Entity=GameEntity tag=NEXT_STEP value=MAIN_ACTION
#TAG_CHANGE Entity=GameEntity tag=STEP value=MAIN_COMBAT
#TAG_CHANGE Entity=Molk tag=NUM_OPTIONS_PLAYED_THIS_TURN value=2
#TAG_CHANGE Entity=[name=Loot Hoarder id=45 zone=PLAY zonePos=1 cardId=EX1_096 player=2] tag=DEFENDING value=1
#TAG_CHANGE Entity=[name=Loot Hoarder id=45 zone=PLAY zonePos=1 cardId=EX1_096 player=2] tag=PREDAMAGE value=1
#TAG_CHANGE Entity=[name=Loot Hoarder id=45 zone=PLAY zonePos=1 cardId=EX1_096 player=2] tag=PREDAMAGE value=0
#META_DATA - Meta=DAMAGE Data=1 Info=1
#Info[0] = [name=Loot Hoarder id=45 zone=PLAY zonePos=1 cardId=EX1_096 player=2]
#TAG_CHANGE Entity=[name=Loot Hoarder id=45 zone=PLAY zonePos=1 cardId=EX1_096 player=2] tag=LAST_AFFECTED_BY value=1
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#BLOCK_START BlockType=TRIGGER Entity=Molk EffectCardId= EffectIndex=3 Target=0
#TAG_CHANGE Entity=[name=Wicked Knife id=69 zone=PLAY zonePos=0 cardId=CS2_082 player=1] tag=PREDAMAGE value=1
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We learned that all things in the game are treated as **entities**.

An **entity** is built up by unique tags that are set to values. We chose to represent an **entity** with a:

HashMap<String, String> tags

A **boardstate** is built up by 70 **entities** from the start but as the game progresses more are added.

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Printing board with hashCode -829771274

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Hand

```
+ ( ) -----+ ( ) -----+
|           |           |
|           |           |
+-----+-----+
```

Hero

```
+ ( 3) -----+ +-----+ +( 2) -----+
| EX1_366   | | Uther Li | | Reinforc |
+ ( 1) --( 4)+ +(1) ---(30)+ +-----+
```

EnemyBoard**Minions**

```
+ ( 1) --zZZ--+( 3) -----+
| CS2_188   | | AT_087   |
|           |           |
+ ( 2) --( 1)+ ( 4) --( 1)+
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+ ( 1) -----+ +---zZZ----+ +( 2) -----+
| CS2_082   | | Valeera   | | Dagger M |
+ ( 1) --( 1)+ +-----(23)+ +-----+
```

FriendlyBoard**Hand**

```
+ ( 4) -----+ ( 9) -----+ (10) -----+ ( 5) -----+ ( 2) -----+
| OG_080    | OG_282    | OG_280    | OG_295    | EX1_096   |
| Xaril, Po| Blade of | C'Thun    |          |          |
| is        | C'Thun    |          |          |          |
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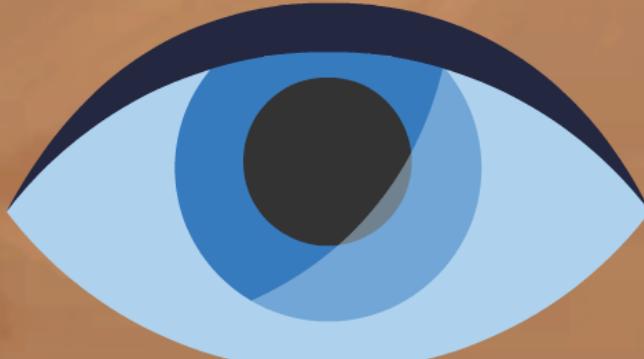
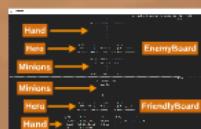
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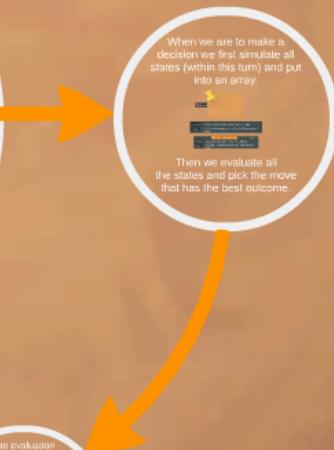
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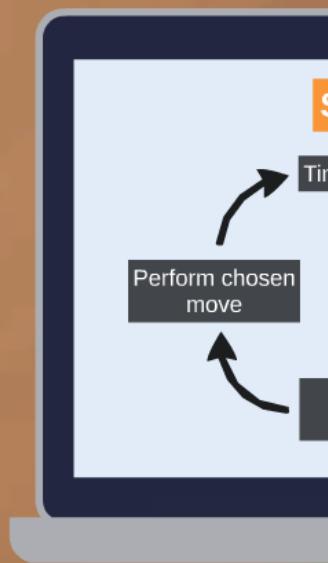
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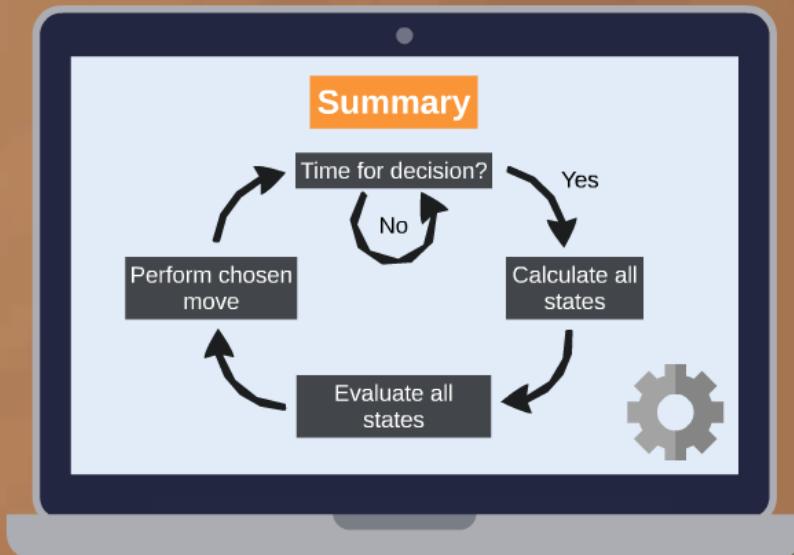
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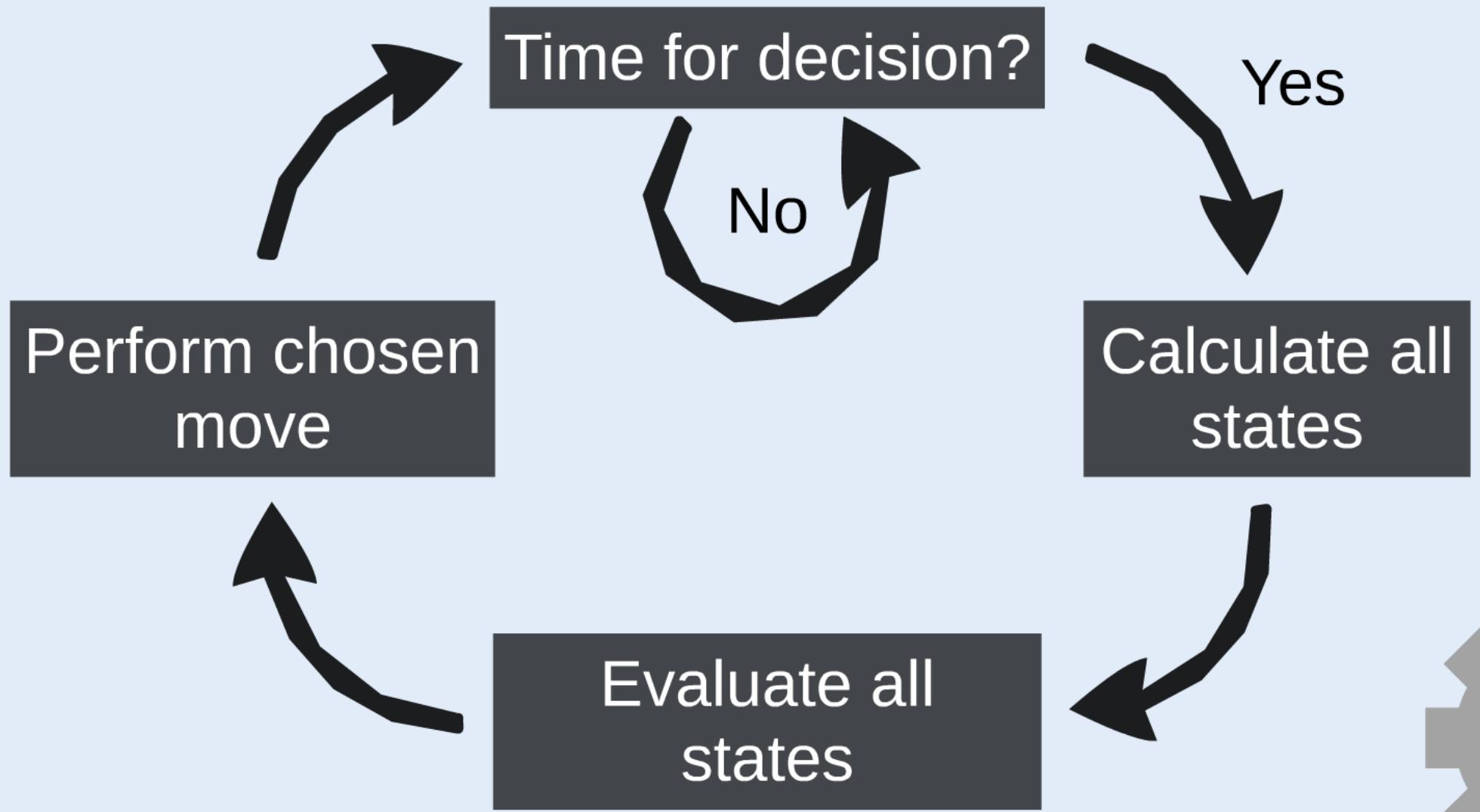
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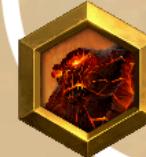


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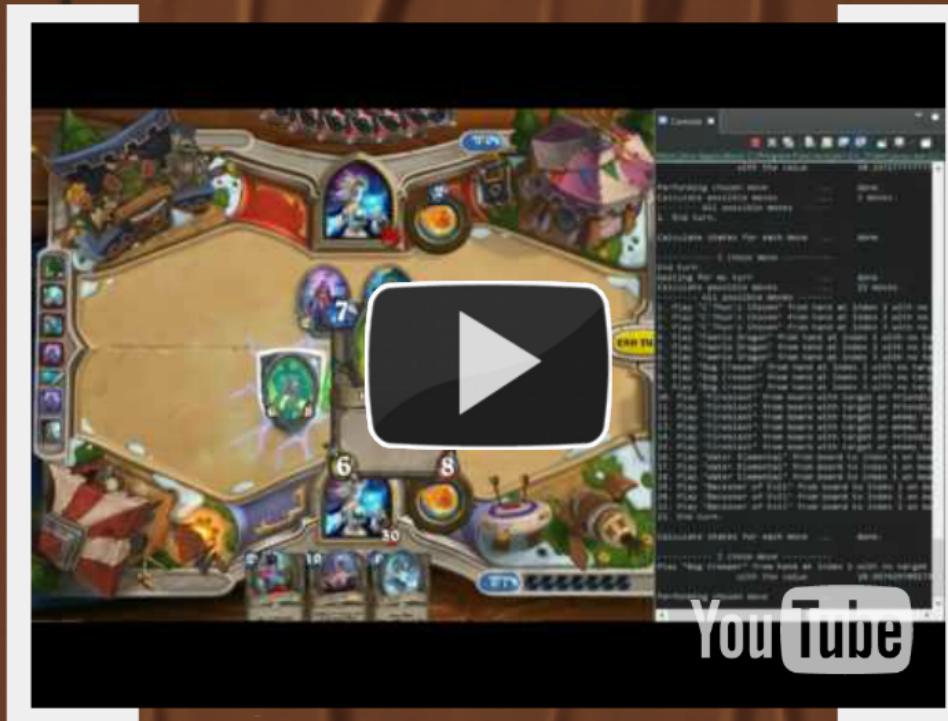
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