WarCraft II AI Table version 5.51

Here is a brief description of the various types of AIs. Each lists what that AI builds, upgrades, what buildings it needs, and any relevant notes. If an AI doesn't have "Will build town" in its notes section, you should have it start out with any buildings it needs. If it does build a town, it is probably not a good idea to start it with anything but some Peasants, as to do otherwise might throw the AI off. Note: each AI is listed with human units for consistency; AIs perform the same way with either human and orc units. In addition, no AI is labeled as upgrading Knights, since that in covered under upgrading Footmen.

Two AIs were tested at a time; each AI had a "start from scratch" setup and a "already have it all" setup. AIs were labeled "very defensive" if they were not observed to attack. AIs were said to be "fond of (guard, cannon, scout) towers" if they built four or more of that type. AIs were stamped "fond of building type" if they were seen to seen to build three or more of that type.

Even if two AIs look identical, they differ in many respects, such as the rate of unit production and town building efficiency. As a general rule, the expansion AIs are a lot smarter than the original AIs; they are more prone to build towers and produce units faster. In addition, expect higher number AIs to be smarter than lower number AIs, since the game was designed to get more difficult after you solved the beginning scenarios.

If you have a correction or addition to make, mail me at **lemberg@bayserve.net** and I'll add it in. I am sure that there is a lot of AI behavior that I've missed, so experiment!

Land Attack

Builds: archers, footmen, knights, ballista

Upgrd: archers, footmen

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith, stables

Notes: will build town

Passive

Builds: Upgrd: Needs: Notes:

Orc 3

Builds: Upgrd: Needs:

Notes: only builds 2 peasants

Human 4

Builds: footmen, archers, destroyers

Upgrd:

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, ship yard Notes: only builds 4 peasants, very defensive

Orc 4

Builds: footmen, archers, destroyers

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, ship yard Notes: only builds 4 peasants, very defensive

Human 5

Builds: footmen, archers, destroyers

Upgrd:

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, ship yard

Notes:

Orc 5

Builds: footmen, archers, destroyers

Upgrd:

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, ship yard

Notes:

Human 6

Builds: footmen, archers

Upgrd:

Needs: barracks, lumber mill

Notes:

Orc 6

Builds: Upgrd: Needs: Notes:

Human 7

Builds: Upgrd: Needs: Notes:

Orc 7

Builds: destroyers

Upgrd:

Needs: ship yard

Notes:

Human 8

Builds: footmen, archers

Upgrd:

Needs: barracks, lumber mill

Notes:

Orc 8

Builds: footmen, archers, transports

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, ship yard, foundry

Notes:

Human 9

Builds: Upgrd: Needs: Notes:

Orc 9

Builds: footmen, archers, knights, destroyers, transports

Upgrd: footmen, archers, rangers, paladins, ships

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith, church, ship yard, foundry

Notes:

Human 10

Builds: footmen, archers, destroyers, battleships, transports Upgrd: footmen, archers, rangers, paladins, mages, ships

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith, church, mage tower, ship yard, foundry

Notes: ships used for defense only

Orc 10

Builds: knights, mages, ballista, destroyers, battleships, transports Upgrd: footmen, archers, rangers, paladins, mages, ballista, ships

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith, stables, mage tower, church, ship yard, foundry

Notes: very defensive

Human 11

Builds: Upgrd: Needs: Notes:

Orc 11

Builds: footmen, archers, transports

Upgrd:

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, ship yard, foundry

Notes:

Human 12

Builds: transports, destroyers, battleships, subs, footmen, knights, mages

Upgrd: mages, paladins

Needs: barracks, blacksmith, stables, church, mage tower, ship yard, foundry, gnomish inventor

Notes: only attacks with naval units

Orc 12

Builds: destroyers, battleships, subs

Needs: ship yard, foundry, gnomish inventor

Notes: very defensive

Human 13

Builds: mages, knights, archers, transports

Upgrd: mages, paladins

Needs: barracks, blacksmith, lumber mill, stables, church, mage tower, ship yard, foundry

Notes:

Orc 13

Builds: footmen, archers, knights, transports

Upgrd: mages, paladins

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith, stables, church, mage tower, ship yard, foundry

Notes:

Human 14 (orange)

Builds: paladins

Upgrd: footmen, paladins

Needs: barracks, blacksmith, stables, church

Notes: very defensive

Orc 14 (blue)

Builds: archers, footmen, catapults, transports Upgrd: archers, rangers, footmen, paladins, ballista

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith, church, ship yard, foundry

Notes:

Sea Attack

Builds: catapults, destroyers, submarines, knights

Upgrd: ships, catapults, knights

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith, ship yard, foundry

Notes: will build town

Air Attack

Builds: gryphons

Upgrd:

Needs: gryphon aviary Notes: will build town

Human 14 (red)

Builds:

Upgrd: mages Needs: mage tower

Notes: won't builds peasants

Human 14 (white)

Builds: gryphons

Needs: gryphon aviary

Notes:

Human 14 (black)

Builds:

Upgrd: Paladins, Mages, Footmen, Rangers, Ships

Needs: blacksmith, lumber mill, church, mage tower, foundry

Notes: very defensive

Orc 14 (green)

Builds: destroyers, battleships, submarines

Upgrd: ships

Needs: ship yard, foundry, gnomish inventor

Notes:

Orc 14 (white)

Builds: transports, archers, knights, mages, gryphons, ballista Upgrd: footmen, archers, rangers, paladins, ballista, mages

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith, stables, church, mage tower, gryphon aviary

Notes: upgrades magic first

Expansion 1

Builds: footmen, archers Upgrd: footmen, archers

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith

Notes: will build town

Expansion 2

Builds: archers, gryphons

Upgrd:

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, gryphon aviary

Notes: will build town

Expansion 3

Builds: destroyers, battleships, gryphons

Upgrd: ships

Needs: ship yard, foundry, gryphon aviary

Notes:

Expansion 4

Builds: footmen, knights, mages, gryphons Upgrd: footmen, archers, rangers, ballista

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith, gryphon aviary, mage tower

Notes:

Expansion 5

Builds: footmen, archers Upgrd: footmen, archers

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith

Notes: will build town, fond of barracks and guard towers

Expansion 6

Builds: footmen, archers, knights, ballista

Upgrd: footmen

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith, stables

Notes: will build town

Expansion 7

Builds: footmen, archers

Upgrd: footmen

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith

Notes: very defensive

Expansion 8

Builds: gryphons

Upgrd:

Needs: gryphon aviary

Notes:

Expansion 9

Builds: footmen, archers, knights, gryphons

Upgrd:

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith, stables, gryphon aviary

Notes:

Expansion 10

Builds: footmen, archers, knights Upgrd: footmen, archers, paladins

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith, stables, church

Notes: will build town

Expansion 11

Builds: footmen, archers, knights

Upgrd: footmen

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith

Notes: will build town

Expansion 12

Builds: footmen, archers, knights, mages, ballista

Upgrd: footmen, mages

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith, mage tower

Notes: will build town

Expansion 13

Builds: footmen, archers, knights, gryphons

Upgrd: footmen

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith, gryphon aviary

Notes: will build town

Expansion 14

Builds: footmen, archers, knights, ballista

Upgrd: footmen

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith

Notes: will build town

Expansion 15

Builds: footmen, archers, knights, destroyers, battleships, subs, transports

Upgrd:

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith, ship yard, foundry, gnomish inventor

Notes: will build town

Expansion 16

Builds: archers, knights, mages, ballista, destroyers, battleships, gryphons

Upgrd: footmen, archers, paladins, mages

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith, church, mage tower, ship yard, foundry, gryphon aviary

Notes: will build town, but won't build ship yards

Expansion 17

Builds: footmen, archers

Upgrd:

Needs: barracks, lumber mill Notes: will build town

Expansion 18

Builds: footmen, archers, knights, ballista

Upgrd: footmen, archers

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith, stables

Notes: will build town

Expansion 19

Builds: footmen, archers, ballista

Upgrd:

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith

Notes: will build town, but won't build barracks

Expansion 20

Builds: footmen, archers

Upgrd:

Needs: barracks, lumber mill

Notes:

Expansion 21

Builds: footmen, archers, knights

Upgrd: footmen, archers

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith, stables

Notes: will build town

Expansion 22

Builds: Upgrd: Needs:

Notes: will build town

Expansion 23

Builds: destroyers

Upgrd:

Needs: ship yards Notes: will build town

Expansion 24

Builds: footmen, archers, ballista, destroyers

Upgrd:

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith, ship yards

Notes: will build town

Expansion 25

Builds: footmen, archers, knights, ballista, flying machines, mages, gryphons

Upgrd: footmen, rangers, paladins, ballista, mages

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith, stables, gnomish inventor, gryphon aviary, mage tower

Notes: will build town, fond of guard towers

Expansion 26

Builds: footmen, archers, knights, ballista

Upgrd: footmen, archers, ballista

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith, stables

Notes: will build town

Expansion 27

Builds: destroyers

Upgrd:

Needs: ship yards Notes: will build town

Expansion 28

Builds: footmen, archers, ballista

Upgrd:

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith

Notes: will build town

Expansion 29

Builds: footmen, archers, knights, destroyers, battleships, subs, flying machines, transports

Upgrd: footmen, archers, ballista, ships

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith, stables, ship yards, foundry, gnomish inventor

Notes: will build town

Expansion 30

Builds: destroyers, battleships, mages

Upgrd:

Needs: mage tower, ship yards, foundry

Notes: will build town, but won't build ship yards or foundry

Expansion 31

Builds: footmen, archers, knights, ballista, mages

Upgrd:

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith, stables, mage tower

Notes: will build town, but won't build mage tower

Expansion 32

Builds: footmen, archers, knights, ballista, gryphons

Upgrd: footmen, archers

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith, gryphon aviary

Notes: will build town

Expansion 33

Builds: footmen, archers, ballista

Upgrd: footmen, archers

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith

Notes: will build town

Expansion 34

Builds: footmen, archers, knights, ballista

Upgrd: footmen, archers

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith, stables Notes: will build town, won't upgrade to keep

Expansion 35

Builds: footmen, archers, knights

Upgrd:

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith, stables

Notes: will build town

Expansion 36

Builds: footmen, archers, ballista

Upgrd: footmen, archers

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith Notes: will build town, fond of guard towers

Expansion 37

Builds: footmen, archers, knights, flying machines, mages

Upgrd: footmen, archers, paladins, mages

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith, stables, church, mage tower, gnomish inventor

Notes: will build town

Expansion 38

Builds: footmen, archers, knights, flying machines, mages

Upgrd: footmen, archers, paladins, mages

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith, stables, church, mage tower, gnomish inventor

Notes: will build town

Expansion 39

Builds: footmen, archers Upgrd: footmen, archers

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith

Notes: will build town

Expansion 40

Builds: Upgrd: Needs: Notes:

Expansion 41

Builds: footmen, archers, kngihts

Upgrd: footmen, archers

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith, stables

Notes: will build town

Expansion 42

Builds: gryphons

Upgrd:

Needs: gryphon aviary

Notes:

Expansion 43

Builds: footmen, archers, ballista, destroyers, battleships, subs

Upgrd:

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith, ship yards, foundry, gnomish inventor

Notes: will build town, won't build foundry or gnomish inventor, only attacks with naval units

Expansion 44

Builds: gryphons

Upgrd:

Needs: gryphon aviary

Notes:

Expansion 45

Builds: footmen, archers, knights, ballista

Upgrd: footmen

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith, stables

Notes: will build town

Expansion 46

Builds: footmen, archers, ballista

Upgrd:

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith

Notes: will build town

Expansion 47

Builds: footmen, archers, knights, ballista, mages

Upgrd: footmen, archers, paladins, mages

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith, stables, mage tower, church

Notes: will build town

Expansion 48

Builds: archers, ballista

Upgrd:

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith

Notes: will build town

Expansion 49

Builds: footmen, archers, ballista

Upgrd: footmen, archers

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith Notes: fond of barracks and guard towers

Expansion 50

Builds: footmen, archers

Upgrd:

Needs: barracks, lumber mill Notes: will build town

Expansion 51

Builds: footmen, archers, knights, ballista

Upgrd: footmen, archers, rangers

Needs: barracks, lumber mill, blacksmith, stables

Notes: will build town