27/01/2012

Today I am getting rid of TestEnemy.uc to create a main enemy class in which each type of enemy will be derived from. This file will be called FKEnemy.uc and contain all base traits that all enemies will need.

For the moment I am going to keep the all the code from TestEnemy and experiment to find out what I will need to remove to get different enemy types to work. I have actually commented out the code that calls the set properties function from TestGame.uc, to allow the classes to be able to have coded in properties. I will come back to this later and allow the level designer to choose what type of enemy they want.

The first sub class I am making from FKEnemy is FKPawnEnemy. This will be the very basic enemy type that will have low life and normal speed. Not much code in this class currently:

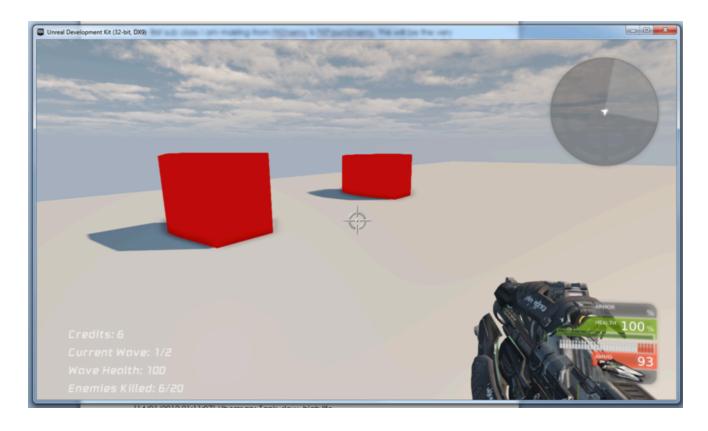
```
2
          FKPawnEnemy
 3
         Creation date: 27/01/2012 16:47
         Copyright (c) 2011, Alex Knowles
         <!-- $Id: FKPawnEnemy.uc,v 1.1 2004/03/29 10:39:26 elmuerte Exp $ -->
 7
8
     class FKPawnEnemy extends FKEnemy;
9
11
      simulated function PostBeginPlay()
12 ⊟{
13
          super.PostBeginPlay();
          SetProperties(50,256,1);
14
15
16
17
     defaultproperties
18 □{
19
          SeekingMat=Material EditorMaterials. WidgetMaterial X
20
         AttackingMat=Material'EditorMaterials.WidgetMaterial Z'
         FleeingMat=Material EditorMaterials.WidgetMaterial_Y'
21
22
         Begin Object Name=EnemyMesh
23
           Scale3D=(X=0.25,Y=0.25,Z=0.5)
24
           End Object
25
26
27
```

All this code does is set the properties of the enemy, the texture and the size. On build of the code no syntax errors have been found so onto running the game.

On running the game no enemies actually spawn but the counter for number of enemies killed keeps counting up.

Thinking about it I haven't changed what the enemy spawners are spawning so they're still spawning in TestEnemy.uc . I think I should change this to FKPawnEnemy.uc to see if what I

have written works.



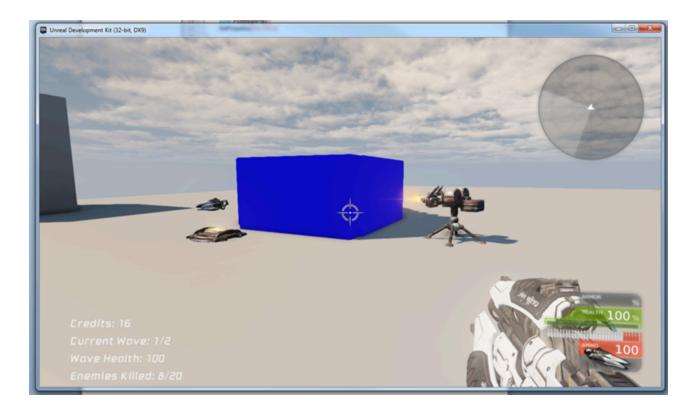
I was right! But annoyingly they move too slowly, that's probably because I've set their speed to ten. I'll amend that next.

Anyway, that was simple. Next up is the Tank enemy type. This enemy type is slow but has a lot of health. To set this up is pretty much the same as FKPawnEnemy but with a different size and texture. For the texture I'm just setting it backwards to the pawn, so blue when moving and red when attacking. This class will be called FKTankEnemy.

```
□ DefaultGame.ini
□ TestGame.uc
□ FKEnemySpawner.uc
□ FKPawn.uc
□ FKActor.uc
□ FKT
            FKTankEnemy
 3
           Creation date: 27/01/2012 17:15
 4
          Copyright (c) 2011, Alex Knowles
           <!-- $Id: FKTankEnemy.uc,v 1.1 2004/03/29 10:39:26 elmuerte Exp $ -->
 8
 9
     class FKTankEnemy extends FKEnemy;
 10
 11 simulated function PostBeginPlay()
 12 □{
 13
            super.PostBeginPlay();
14
            SetProperties(200, 128,2);
 15
 16
 17
     defaultproperties
 18 ⊟{
 19
            SeekingMat=Material EditorMaterials. WidgetMaterial Z'
            \textbf{AttackingMat=Material}' E ditor Materials. Widget Material\_X'
 20
           FleeingMat=Material EditorMaterials.WidgetMaterial_Y
 21
 22
 23
            Begin Object Name=EnemyMesh
            Scale3D=(X=0.25,Y=0.25,Z=0.5)
 24
 25
            End Object
 26 L)
 27
```

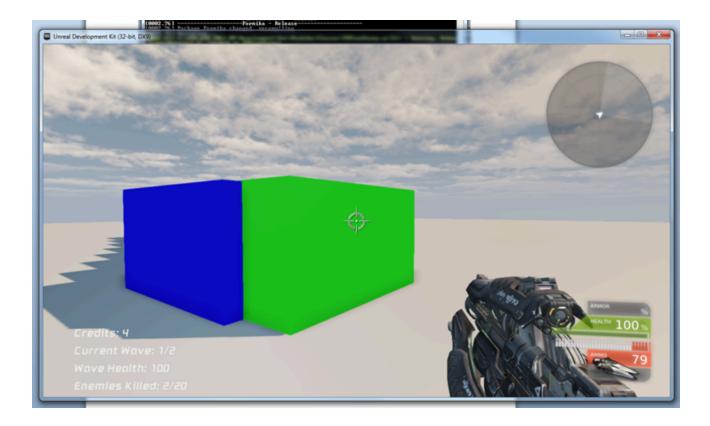
Pretty much the same as before but it has different properties and the attacking and seeking materials swapped. One more thing before I build I must change the spawners again so they spawn tanks instead of pawns.

Build was successful. And the enemies spawned correctly. Could possibly do with a bigger gap between spawning and I also saw that the tower isn't shooting. I haven't change TestEnemy to FKEnemy so the towers won't work, I'll change that now, shouldn't really bring up any problems.



Just had a thought, I want to see when the enemy takes damage so seeing as I don't use the fleeing material I'll just use that. This just involves changing the variable storing the material from FleeingMat to DamageMat and then setup a half a second timer which will change the material.

On compiling the code I got a warning sayin that SeekingMat doesn't exist in the parent class so I need to remove it from FKPawnEnemy and FKTankEnemy.



Everything is looking fresh: P Only thing is that half a second is just a little too long so I'm going to try 1/4. Still not right I'm going to try 1/8. Right, that's cool.

The next enemy type is an air unit. This one will need more coding as the enemy should never touch the ground but we still want it to like swoop down and damage the player.

I'm thinking this will work by increase the z position of the enemy when they spawn.

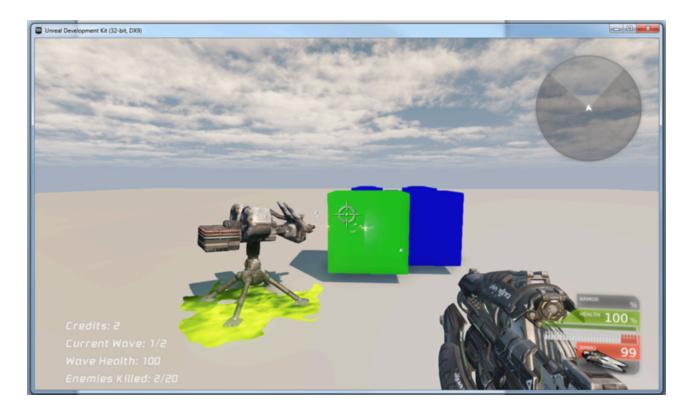
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Going with what I said yesterday I'm going to play round with its spawning. I probably should break down what I said the enemy should do and produce it in code but this way is more fun: D

First off I'm going to copy the code from either FKPawnEnemy or FKTankEnemy into a new file and call it FKAirEnemy.uc. About the colour, I'm going to keep it the same as the pawn enemy. The size of the Air enemy will be different to both Pawn and Tank Enemy, I'm thinking smaller with less health but faster than the other enemies.

```
FKAirEnemy
 2
            Creation date: 28/01/2012 14:32
 5
            Copyright (c) 2011, Alex Knowles
            <!-- $Id: FKAirEnemy.uc,v 1.1 2004/03/29 10:39:26 elmuerte Exp $ -->
 6
 7
 8
       class FKAirEnemy extends FKEnemy;
 9
10
11
       simulated function PostBeginPlay()
12
13
            super.PostBeginPlay();
            SetProperties(50,384,1);
14
15
16
17
       defaultproperties
18
     ₽{
19
            SeekingMat=Material*EditorMaterials.WidgetMaterial_Z*
            AttackingMat=Material*EditorMaterials.WidgetMaterial_X*
20
21
22
            Begin Object Name=EnemyMesh
                 Scale3D=(X=0.25,Y=0.25,Z=0.25)
23
            End Object
24
25
26
```

After coping and editing slightly I'm just going to check that the code works by getting them spawned in game.



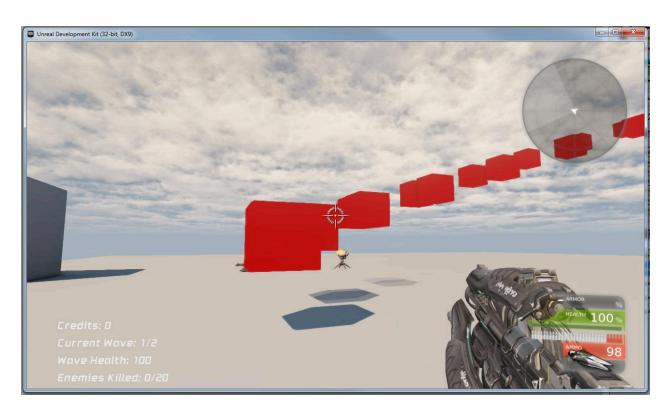
The build was fine and the enemies seem to work and I'm happy with their size.

Now that my computer is working I can carry on making the air enemy work. So to start with i am going to do what i said before; which was to move the enemies higher up when the spawn. This just involves a new function with one line of code in it. This can then be referenced when the enemy is spawned sending the spawners location as well.

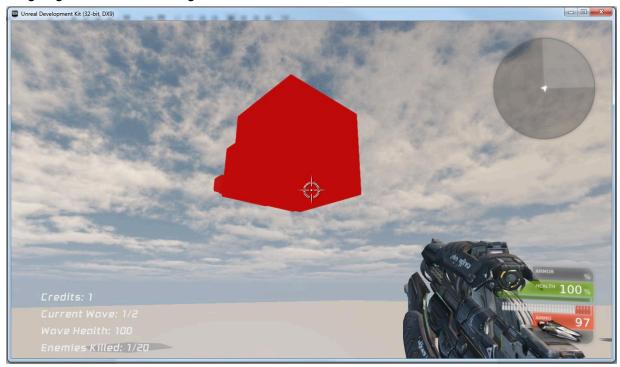


The build was successful and the enemies spawned 1000 higher that the spawner but the kind of float down towards the player until they're the same height. I going to change that so they never go lower than the players head. To do this I'm thinking that i need to overwrite the Seeking state and then make the enemy head for double the players hight.

```
11
       var vector EnemyPosition;
12
       //Overwrite the parent seeking class
13
       auto state Seeking
14
15
            function Tick(float DeltaTime)
16
17
18
                  local vector NewLocation;
19
                   if(bAttacking)
20
                       return;
21
22
                  if(Enemy == none)
23
                       GetEnemy();
24
25
26
                  if(Enemy != none)
27
                      NewLocation = Location;
28
                      //Take the player's current position then double it's hight so that this enemy does not go
29
                      //to the same z position as the player
30
                       EnemyPosition = Enemy.Location * vect(1,1,2);
31
32
                       NewLocation += Normal(EnemyPosition - Location) * MovementSpeed * DeltaTime;
                       SetLocation(NewLocation);
33
34
                       if(VSize(Location - Enemy Location) < AttackDistance)
35
                            GoToState('Attacking');
36
37
                  CheckHealth();
38
39
40
```

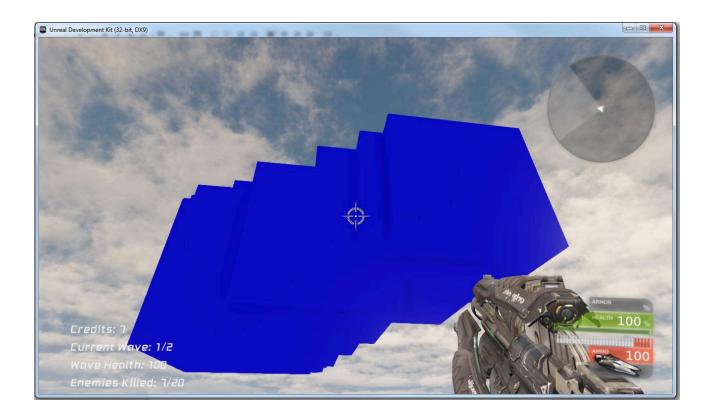


The enemy closest to the player is as low as the enemy will get. I feel like this is still too low so I'm going to increase the height more.



Three times the height of the player seems to work nicely:) I just realised though that i need to change the range on the air enemy's attack range to compensate for the added height. This should just be changing a variable in the defaultproperties. I just doubled the default value for the attack range.

```
defaultproperties
52
53
     日{
            AttackDistance=192.0
54
            SeekingMat=Material EditorMaterials. WidgetMaterial X
55
            AttackingMat=Material*EditorMaterials.WidgetMaterial Z
56
57
            Begin Object Name=EnemyMesh
58
                 Scale3D=(X=0.25, Y=0.25, Z=0.25)
59
            End Object
60
61
```



That somewhat sort of worked :L May need to fiddle with it a but yeah

04/02/2012

Today I'm not feeling enemies, I'm going to work on the over shoulder view for the in game menu. What I'm aiming for is something like this but with out the actual menu.

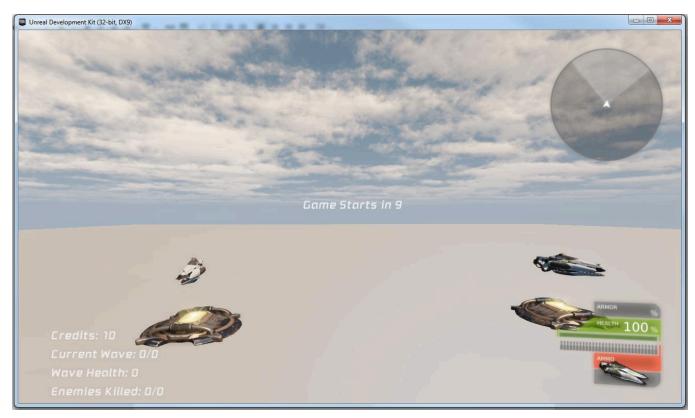


This shouldn't be too difficult, I've covered camera shifting in my UDK book. The one thing i am unsure about is keys. I don't have a clue how to add my own functions in when you press a key so it's time for research! :P Perfect, 5 minutes and I've got a UDK help page (http://udn.epicgames.com/Three/KeyBinds.html) now to read through it.

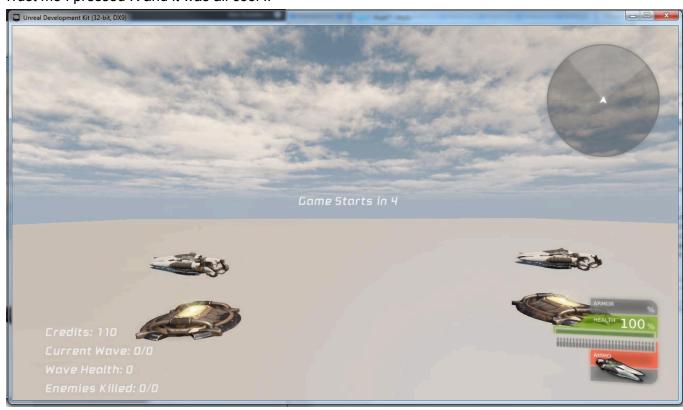
Right found a lovely bit of code under "Key binding to Unrealscript functions". It shows you how to attach a function to a key. Using this i have changed the function and made it so the you press K you get given 100 credits.

```
20 exec function MyCustomExecFunction()
21 = {
22    TestGame(worldinfo.Game).changeCredits(100);
23    }
24    _
25
```

[White Space]



Trust me I pressed K and it was all cool :P



Now to make this move the camera. I know one thing I have to do which is make the player mesh visible to the player when the camera moves away or else we'll be left with this random floating gun.

Okay lets start with renaming the function that's called because MyCustomExecFunction is not very descriptive. I'll just call it testCameraShift. Now just to put in a few lines that change the position of the camera and makes the player mesh visible.

Right this was a bit more difficult than I thought: L I added an if statement so the player can change back and forth the view. This then affect the actual function that handles the player view. Annoyingly I think to make the player mesh visible i need to do that in the pawn it's self.

```
FKPlayerController
 3
           Creation date: 16/12/2011 16:18
 4
           Copyright (c) 2011, Alex Knowles
 6
            <!-- $Id: NewClass.uc,v 1.1 2004/03/29 10:39:26 elmuerte Exp $ -->
 8
9 class FKPlayerController extends UTPlayerController
10 config(Game);
11
12 var vector PlayerViewOffset;
13 var bool changeCameraView;
14
    reliable client function ClientSetHUD(class<HUD> newHUDType)
15
16 ⊟{
17
            if(myHUD != none)
                myHUD Destroy();
18
19
            myHUD = spawn(class'FKHUD', self);
20
21
22
    //function is called by the k key being pressed
      exec function testCameraShift()
23
24 ⊟{
            if(changeCameraView)
25
                changeCameraView = false;
26
27
28
                changeCameraView = true;
29
30
     simulated event GetPlayerViewPoint(out vector out_Location, out Rotator out_Rotation)
31
32 ⊟{
33
            super.GetPlayerViewPoint(out Location, out Rotation);
            if(changeCameraView) out Location = Pawn.Location + (PlayerViewOffSet >> Pawn.Rotation)
34
35
36
37
    defaultproperties
38 ⊟{
39
            PlayerViewOffset = (X = -100, Y = -100, Z = 0)
40
```

Thank god i have this UDK book! Following one of the tutorials again I have got the mesh visibility to change. Now just to play with the cameras positioning.

I'm some what annoyed that I could finish what i was doing yesterday when i had to go to my dads house. I did however make the program which can give the rest of the team my code to play with :P

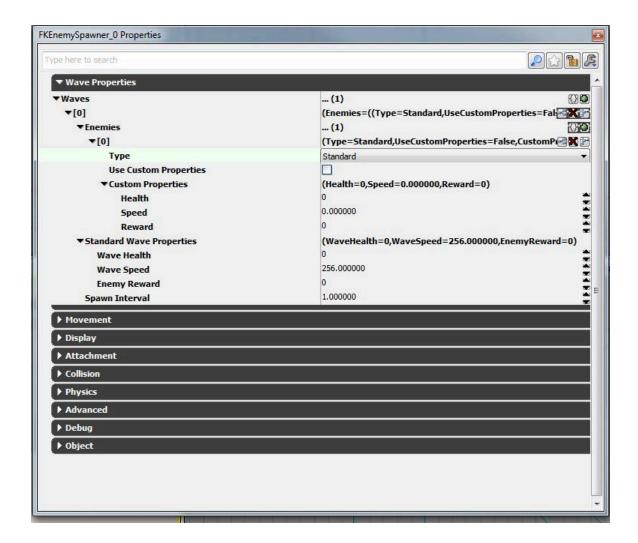
Anyway back to my over the shoulder menu.

06/02/2012

Not sure what happened yesterday but hey, got nothing done: / Moving on.

Today I'm going back to enemies. To be more precise, allowing a level designer to make waves without touching code. It'll be some what like before; being able to choose numbers of enemies, their health, speed, reward and the interval between them, but this time you'll be able to choose which type to spawn and when to spawn them. So, for example, you may want two air enemies then a tank enemy then 5 standard ones. I want the code to be able to do this and not just like, you can have a wave of just one type because that's boring. I'm thinking this will be done by using multiple arrays and structures. So you can have basic traits that all the enemies use or custom ones for each enemy. With the basic ones they're get pushed through an algorithm which makes the right stats for each enemy type. Example, basic health entered is 100, say for a standard enemy that would be something like 50, for a air enemy it would be 100 and for a tank it would be 200. Anyway enough typing, time to make shit:D

First I'm going to work on the layout.



Now that I've sorted out the layout time to make it all work :D I should probably right some pseudo code first but hey like to jump in the deep end.

I don't think the code for the main game needs to changed much, just the way the total number of enemies is found. Actually reading through it again i should be fine because everything is just calls to functions in the spawn itself.

(There is more to the code but it's not really relative to what I'm talking about)

```
simulated function PostBeginPlay()
28
29
     ₽{
             local FKEnemySpawner ES;
30
31
             super.PostBeginPlay();
32
33
             GoalScore = EnemiesLeft;
34
             //set up an array of all enemy spawners on the map
35
             foreach DynamicActors(class'FKEnemySpawner', ES)
36
                  EnemySpawners EnemySpawners Length] = ES;
37
             //then start the game in 12 seconds time
38
39
             SetTimer(12.0, false, 'StartGame');
40
       function ActivateSpawners()
41
42
     日{
            local int i:
43
44
             //check that the number of enemies spawned is the same as enemies killed
             if( EnemiesKilled == EnemiesSpawnd)
45
46
                  //itterate the current wave to show that all enemies have been killed
47
                  CurrentWave++:
48
                  //reset the enemies spawned and killed
49
                  EnemiesSpawnd=0;
50
                  EnemiesKilled=0;
51
52
                  //the clear the timer so no more enemies spawn
                  ClearTimer('SpawnEnemy');
53
54
                  //now go through all the enemy spawners getting the number of enemies in there wave
                  for(i=0; i<EnemySpawners.length; i++)
55
56
                       EnemySpawners[i].SpawnWave(CurrentWave);
57
                       //and add it to the total number of enemies that need to be spawned
58
                       EnemiesSpawnd+= EnemySpawners[i].TotalWaveEnemiesSpawned;
59
60
                       //now get the total number of waves that should be spawnered over all
61
                       if(EnemySpawners[i].getTotalWaves() > TotalWaves)
62
                            TotalWaves = EnemySpawners[i].getTotalWaves();
63
64
65
             //check if the game is over
66
             if(CurrentWave - 1 == TotalWaves)
67
68
                  //if so show the player that they have won
69
                  wonGame = true;
70
                  ClearTimer('ActivateSpawners');
71
72
73
74
```

This mean that I may need to totally rewrite the EnemySpawner class -.- May as well go through it logically, starting with the first function that is called by the main game. This is SpawnWave(CurrentWave)

```
for(i=0; i<EnemySpawners.length; i++)
55
56
                      EnemySpawners[i].SpawnWave CurrentWave)
57
                       //and add it to the total number of enemies that need to be spawned
58
                       EnemiesSpawnd+= EnemySpawners[i].TotalWaveEnemiesSpawned;
59
60
                      //now get the total number of waves that should be spawnered over all
61
                      if(EnemySpawners[i].getTotalWaves() > TotalWaves)
62
                            TotalWaves = EnemySpawners[i].getTotalWaves();
63
64
        //function called by the main game to start the wave for this Spawner
84
        //takes a the current wave of the game as a prameter
85
        function SpawnWave(int currentWave)
86
87
      //All the info is pulled in from inputed data by the user
88
             TotalWaveEnemiesSpawned = Waves[currentWave - 1].NumberOfEnemies;
89
             WaveHealth = Waves[currentWave - 1].Health;
90
             SpawnInterval = Waves[currentWave - 1].SpawnInterval;
91
             WaveSpeed = Waves[currentWave - 1].WaveSpeed;
92
93
             WaveReward = Waves[currentWave - 1].Reward;
             //then when all data is colected enemies can be spawned
94
             SpawnEnemy():
95
96
```

All I need to do is change were it's pulling the inputted data from, I think. Okay I had to remove health, wave speed and reward because they're just too general and should be check when the enemy is being spawned so it can see if it needs to load in custom variables or not.

```
//function called by the main game to start the wave for this Spawner
84
       //takes the current wave of the game as a prameter
85
       function SpawnWave(int currentWave)
86
87
     ={
            //All the info is pulled in from inputed data by the user
88
            TotalWaveEnemiesSpawned = Waves[currentWave - 1].Enemies.length;
89
            SpawnInterval = Waves[currentWave - 1].SpawnInterval;
90
91
            //then when all data is colected enemies can be spawned
            SpawnEnemy();
92
93
```

SpawnEnemy, now this should take a few more lines than currently there.

```
65
       //this function creates an enemy in the world and apply properties to it
       function SpawnEnemy()
66
67
     //first it checks that it hasn't spawned more enemies than it should
68
            if( EnemiesSpawned != TotalWaveEnemiesSpawned)
69
70
71
                 //then it spawns the enemy in the world and puts it into a variable so it can be easily referenced
                 MySpawnedEnemy = spawn(class'FKAirEnemy', self,);
72
                 //Properties are then sent to a function in the enemy's class
73
                 MySpawnedEnemy.SetProperties(WaveHealth, WaveSpeed, WaveReward);
74
                 //its position is set again using a function from the enemy's class
75
                  MySpawnedEnemy.setPosition(Location);
76
                 //It's noted that another enemy has been created
77
                 EnemiesSpawned++;
78
                 //finially the timer is called to spawn the next enemy
79
80
                 SetTimer(SpawnInterval, false, 'SpawnEnemy');
81
82
```

Now with this it depends on all data pulled in before it was called and only one enemy type can be spawned. I've got an idea of how I'm going to do it but I can't be bother to write it down I'm just going to program it because I'm one lazy motherfucker.

09/02/2012

I seem to have a problem I either right comments in code and don't document or don't comment and explain it all here:/

Anyway I got a lot of the code done yesterday and now I've moved on to the algorithm which alters the default properties depending on each enemy type.

Here's the spawn enemy function anyway. Haven't done any debugging yet

```
//this function creates an enemy in the world and apply properties to it
        function SpawnEnemy()
 66
 67
              //first it checks that it hasn't spawned more enemies than it should
 68
              if( EnemiesSpawned != TotalWaveEnemiesSpawned)
 69
 70
                   //get the type of the enemy that should be spawned
 71
                   //then spawn the right type and put into a variable so it can be easily referenced
 72
                   switch(Waves[currentWave - 1].Enemies[EnemiesSpawned].Type)
 73
 74
                        case Standard:
 75
 76
                             MySpawnedEnemy = spawn(class'FKPawnEnemy', self,);
                             break;
 77
 78
                        case Tank:
                              MySpawnedEnemy = spawn(class'FKTankEnemy', self,);
 79
                             break:
 80
                        case Air:
 81
                             MySpawnedEnemy = spawn(class'FKAirEnemy', self,);
 82
 83
                             break:
 84
                   //next we need to work out which properties to use
 85
                   if(Waves[currentWave - 1].Enemies[EnemiesSpawned].UseCustomProperties)
 86
 87
                        //load in custom props for enemy into variables
 88
                        EnemySpeed = Waves[currentWave - 1].Enemies[EnemiesSpawned].WaveProperties.Speed;
 89
                        EnemyHealth = Waves[currentWave - 1].Enemies[EnemiesSpawned].WaveProperties.Health;
 90
                        EnemyReward = Waves[currentWave - 1]. Enemies[EnemiesSpawned]. WaveProperties. Reward:
 91
 92
 93
                   else
 94
                        // a function is called if the defualt properties are going to be used by this enemy
 95
                        //this function will also alter EnemySpeed, EnemyHealth and EnemyReward
 96
                        //but only needs the enemies type
 97
 98
                        setEnemyDefaultProps(Waves[currentWave - 1].Enemies[EnemiesSpawned].Type
 99
100
                   //Properties are then sent to a function in the enemy's class
101
                   MySpawnedEnemy.SetProperties(EnemyHealth, EnemySpeed, EnemyReward);
                   //its position is set again using a function from the enemy's class
102
                   MySpawnedEnemy.setPosition(Location);
103
                   //It's noted that another enemy has been created
104
                   EnemiesSpawned++;
105
                   //finially the timer is called to spawn the next enemy
106
                   SetTimer(SpawnInterval, false, 'SpawnEnemy');
107
108
109
```

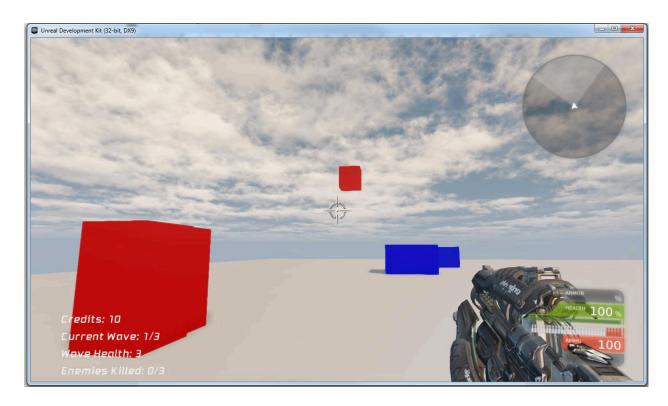
```
111
        function setEnemyDefaultProps(SingleEnemy EnemyType)
112
      //first pulling in the default properties into variables
113
             EnemySpeed = Waves[currentWave - 1].StandardWaveProperties.WaveSpeed;
114
             EnemyHealth = Waves[currentWave - 1].StandardWaveProperties.WaveHealth;
115
             EnemyReward = Waves[currentWave - 1].StandardWaveProperties.WaveReward;
116
             //now we need to alter these so that each enemy type doesn't have the same
117
             switch(Waves[currentWave - 1].Enemies[EnemiesSpawned].Type)
118
119
                  case Standard:
120
                      MySpawnedEnemy = spawn(class'FKPawnEnemy', self.);
121
                      EnemyHealth *= 0.5
122
                      break.
123
                  case Tank:
124
                      MySpawnedEnemy = spawn(class'FKTankEnemy', self,);
125
                      EnemySpeed *= 0.5
126
127
                      EnemyHealth *= 1.5
                      EnemyReward *= 3
128
                      break:
129
                  case Air:
130
                      MySpawnedEnemy = spawn(class'FKAirEnemy', self,);
131
132
                      EnemyReward *= 2
                      break:
133
134
135
```

Okay I've written the setEnemyDefaultProps function now I just need it so the enemy itself get the properties. I've made a call to SetProperties which is part of FKEnemy class so i should go change that to cope with the new variable I want to send through.

Okay I was wrong the function already works with the code. Time to compile!

Wow, I made some silly little syntax errors -.-

Hmm I really haven't done anything in awhile:/ So last I was working on the new spawning system and currently this only spawns one wave and then doesn't work. I thinking there's a problem when it tries to spawn in the next wave.



I've set the game up to spawn 1 of each enemy type on the first round. For some reason its spawned 2 standard, 2 tanks and 1 air enemy.

I found that I set the code to spawn two enemy for each type -.- and so yeah I've got that sorted and I'm planning to put a video out soon.

05/03/2012

I did do some other stuff to the SpawnEnemy & setEnemyDefaultProperties function but I can't remember what they are so I'll just re-post the new code:

```
function SpawnEnemy()
    if(EnemiesSpawned != TotalWaveEnemiesSpawned)
         switch(Waves[CurrentWave - 1].Enemies[EnemiesSpawned].Type)
             case Standard:
                 MySpawnedEnemy = spawn(class'FKPawnEnemy', self);
                 break;
             case Tank:
                 MySpawnedEnemy = spawn(class'FKTankEnemy', self);
                 break;
             case Air:
                 MySpawnedEnemy = spawn(class'FKAirEnemy', self);
        }
`log("enemySpawned: " @ MySpawnedEnemy);
         if(Waves[CurrentWave - 1].Enemies[EnemiesSpawned].UseCustomProperties)
             EnemySpeed = Waves[CurrentWave - 1].Enemies[EnemiesSpawned].CustomProperties.Speed;
             EnemyHealth = Waves[CurrentWave - 1].Enemies[EnemiesSpawned].CustomProperties.Health;
EnemyReward = Waves[CurrentWave - 1].Enemies[EnemiesSpawned].CustomProperties.Reward;
             setEnemyDefaultProps(Waves[CurrentWave - 1].Enemies[EnemiesSpawned].Type);
        EnemiesSpawned++;
        MySpawnedEnemy.SetProperties(EnemyHealth,EnemySpeed,EnemyReward);
        MySpawnedEnemy.setPosition(Location);
         TestGame(worldinfo.Game).addEnemyToArray(MySpawnedEnemy);
        SetTimer(SpawnInterval, false, 'SpawnEnemy');
```

```
function setEnemyDefaultProps(EnemyType SentEnemyType)
   EnemySpeed = Waves[CurrentWave - 1].StandardWaveProperties.WaveSpeed;
    EnemyHealth = Waves[CurrentWave - 1].StandardWaveProperties.WaveHealth;
    EnemyReward = Waves[CurrentWave - 1].StandardWaveProperties.WaveReward;
    switch(SentEnemyType)
        case Standard:
           EnemyHealth *= 0.5;
           break;
       case Tank:
           EnemySpeed *= 0.5;
           EnemyHealth *= 1.5;
           EnemyReward *= 3;
           break;
       case Air:
           EnemyReward *= 2;
           break;
   }
```



When I run the code now, the waves spawn correctly with no extras. One problem I do have is that enemies can go through each other.