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a ver que os parece esta entrevista que ha aparecido en exclusiva en el foro de total war:

How far east does the Campaign Map go?

Quite far! More to come on that soon, we hope J

Will there be Mini-Campaigns beside the Grand Campaign like in Napoleon Total War?

We're focusing on delivering a single, epic campaign – so all of our energy is going into that right now. It's something that'll consume hours of your life – it's all about the core Total War experience. I wouldn't rule out mini-campaigns in the future, but it would depend on what people want. Right now people tell us they want big Total War experiences.

We heard that each playable Faction will have their own unique Tech Tree based on their culture. Could you please tell us more about these Tech Trees?

Yeah, like you said, each culture will have its own Tech Tree variant. We're keen for a faction in Rome II to mean something significant, so each faction will play differently – they'll fight differently, they'll have different personalities and they'll also have a different technological approach on the campaign map. It's all about adding variety and building replayability into the game.

Which famous historical characters will have the ability to appear in the game as Generals, Agents, or as other NPC's?

There will be a few, let's put it that way! We always try to get big figures from history into our games in some way – they help set the scene, and it's always cool when you rout one of them and rewrite history.

What improvements are being made to diplomacy?

Bigger, better and more in-depth. We'll reveal more on this soon – keep your eyes peeled.

Will multi-core programming be properly implemented?

We've been building on the engine since Empire's release, and every iteration in the series brings with it

a host of optimization improvements. We're getting to the stage of development where we're really digging into those fundamentals now – keep an eye out for the min and recommended specs closer to release.

There supposedly is three stances that armies can be put into that give various effects. Could you elaborate more on these effects? Also we know that Each Stance affects the armies ability to move on the campaign map? Do armies move farther than in previous Total War games with the turns being equivalent to one year?

Armies and fleets, at the outset, will not be moving ridiculously far. As settlements and their interconnecting roads develop, and technologies and skills which facilitate movement and logistics are invested in, this base movement range will increase.

Furthermore, armies and fleets can be put into either the “Forced March” (armies) or “Double Time” (fleets) stances, which doubles their movement range but at cost of not being able to initiate battles (reinforcement is still possible), being more vulnerable to ambushes, and with some morale debuffs in the event that they are attacked.

In addition to Forced March, armies can attempt to lay an ambush/surprise attack on any piece of navigable terrain via the “Ambush” stance. The success of an ambush attack depends on the nature of the terrain in which an attempt is being made (ambushing in open terrain is obviously more difficult than in an alpine forest) and on any skills and traditions in play on that army.

Both armies and fleets can raid, which halves their movement range but also halves their upkeep as they forage and secures a little extra funds from nearby trade routes and settlements, albeit with diplomatic penalties with the local region's owner or – if raiding within one's own territory – public order penalties.

Finally, armies can fortify and fleets can patrol, greatly extending their reinforcement ranges and granting them a number of defensive bonuses. For armies, this also includes providing a number of defensive deployables which may otherwise only be available to forces or commanders which have invested in certain skills, and in the case of Rome this provides the fortified army with a small encampment to defend.

Will the replenishment system will be like NTW/TWS2 or will it be like ETW?

Nap/S2. Fleets can replenish on sea, as armies on land. The amount based on the ownership of the sea region. When it's contested you can replenish only in your ports.

There are three families for a couple factions. What are the inter faction dynamics like for other factions?

Player 'family', ie the ruling power and their supporters (the king, chief, etc.) vs. the rest, ie the council, the court, other nobles and people of ambition.

Note that Rome and Carthage also have a 'senate' party in addition to the families.

While in Rome or Carthage the struggle is between families for the leadership (and to establish a monarchic state), for other factions the goal is to maintain the authority and control over the faction. If you stop being the most powerful others will challenge your family and eventually usurp in a civil war to replace you as high king, chieftain, etc.

How does enslaving a population work?

Following battles, you have the choice of enslaving captives. Following settlement battles, depending on whether you occupy peacefully, loot, raze, etc. you will also enslave a portion of the captives and populace.

These slaves are distributed throughout your faction, increasing the number of slaves in every province you hold and therefore improving the economy, but also increasing slave unrest which – if left unchecked – may lead to servile uprisings. There is an optimal level of slaves where the economic benefit is the highest and the public order cost is still relatively easy to cope with.

Slaves diminish over time, so enslaving captives is essential if the economy is to run optimally. Note that although a populace may be enslaved following conquest, there is no explicit concept of population this time around.

Are taxes set per Province or on Empire level?

Faction-level. As ever, the player may exempt provinces from tax, and once an entire province is owned the player can issue a tax/tribute farming edict which will increase the amount of tax income received as long as it is in play, albeit while reducing local public order.

Is Plunder when a town/city is conquered done automatically or can you assign levels of despoiling?

You can loot, as in Napoleon and S2, but you can additionally raze a settlement, quickly doing away with buildings in preparation for your reconstruction.

Barbarians can additionally sack a settlement, which is effectively loot and move on, meaning that they needn't burden themselves with governing troublesome regions when all they are after is wealth and

glory.

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