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Adding new monster classes

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Alrighty, this tutorial will show you how to add new «class» types to monsters. Ex. a human grunt uses a class type of CLASS_HUMAN_MILITARY. Lets say you added in Black Ops. from Op4. If they were CLASS_HUMAN_MILITARY then they would be friends with human grunts, but that isn't the way it worked in Op4, so lets add a CLASS_BLACK_OP. First open up cbase.h, scroll down a little and you should see this:

```
// For CLASSIFY
#define CLASS NONE
#define CLASS MACHINE 1
#define CLASS PLAYER
#define CLASS HUMAN PASSIVE
                                 3
#define CLASS HUMAN MILITARY 4
#define CLASS ALIEN MILITARY 5
#define CLASS ALIEN PASSIVE
#define CLASS ALIEN MONSTER
#define CLASS ALIEN PREY
#define CLASS ALIEN PREDATOR
#define CLASS INSECT 10
#define CLASS PLAYER ALLY 11
#define CLASS PLAYER BIOWEAPON 12 // hornets and snarks.launched by
players
#define CLASS ALIEN BIOWEAPON 13 // hornets and snarks.launched by the alien
menace
#define
         CLASS BARNACLE
                            99 // special because no one pays attention to
it, and it eats a wide cross-section of creatures.
```

Now, between CLASS_ALIEN_BIOWEAPON and CLASS_BARNACLE add in this:

```
#define CLASS_ALIEN_BIOWEAPON 13 // hornets and snarks.launched by the alien menace
#define CLASS_BLACK_OP 14
#define CLASS_BARNACLE 99 // special because no one pays attention to it, and it eats a wide cross-section of creatures
```

Note that you have 14 instead of 15 despite the fact that you have 15 classes, it's because CLASS_NONE is set to 0, therefore you have to start counting from 0 and so on.

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Now that we have our new class declared, we have to open up monsters.cpp. Find IRelationship for the class CBaseMonster. Close to the top of the function you should see a grid of code like this: (from the original Half-Life SDK)

```
static int iEnemy[14][14] =
                                          HMIL
             // NONE
                      MACH PLYR
                                   HPASS
                                                AMTL
                                   PLRALY PBWPN ABWPN
             APREY APRED INSECT
APASS
      AMONST
                      RNO, RNO, RNO, RNO, RNO,
  /*NONE*/
              { R NO,
             R_NO, R_NO, R_NO, R_NO, R_NO,
      R NO,
                                               R NO, R NO,
R NO,
      R NO },
R NO,
                          R_NO, R_DL,
  /*MACHINE*/
              { R_NO,
                                       R_DL, R_NO,
                                                     R DL,
             RDL, RDL, RNO, RDL, RDL,
      R DL,
                                               R DL,
                                                      R DL,
R DL,
      R DL },
 /*PLAYER*/
             { R NO, R DL, R NO, R NO,
                                              R DL,
                                                     R DL,
             R_DL, R_DL, R_NO, R_DL,
      R_DL,
                                               R_DL,
R_DL,
                                                      R_DL,
R DL,
      R DL },
 /*HUMANPASSIVE*/{ R_NO, R_NO, R_AL, R_AL,
                                            R_HT,
             R_DL, R_FR, R_NO, R_AL, R_NO, R_NO, R_DL,
R NO,
      R HT,
R DL,
      R DL },
 /*HUMANMILITAR*/{ R_NO, R_NO, R_HT, R_DL,
                                            R_NO,
             R_DL, R_DL, R_NO, R_HT, R_NO, R_NO, R_DL,
R DL,
      R DL,
      R DL },
R DL,
 /*ALIENMILITAR*/{ R_NO, R_DL, R_HT, R_DL, R_HT, R_NO,
             R_NO, R_NO, R_NO, R_DL, R_NO, R_DL,
R NO,
      R NO,
      R DL },
R DL,
 /*ALIENPASSIVE*/{ R_NO, R_NO, R_NO, R_NO,
                                            R_NO, R_NO,
             R_NO, R_NO, R_NO, R_NO, R_NO, R_DL,
R NO,
      R NO,
      R DL },
R DL,
/*ALIENMONSTER*/{ R_NO, R_DL, R_DL, R_DL,
                                            R_DL,
             R_NO, R_NO, R_NO, R_DL, R_NO, R_NO, R_DL,
R NO,
      R NO,
      R DL },
R_DL,
             */{ R_NO, R_NO, R_DL, R_DL,
                                            R_DL, R_NO,
/*ALIENPREY
             R_NO, R_FR, R_NO, R_DL, R_NO, R_NO, R_DL,
R NO,
      R NO,
      R DL },
R DL,
/*ALIENPREDATO*/{ R_NO, R_ND, R_DL, R_DL,
                                            R DL,
             R_HT, R_DL, R_NO, R_DL, R_NO, R_NO, R_DL,
R NO,
      R NO,
      R DL },
R DL.
             { R_FR, R_FR, R_FR, R_FR,
 /*INSECT*/
                                              R FR,
                                                     R NO,
R_FR,
             R_FR, R_FR,
                          R NO,
                                R_FR,
                                        R NO,
      R FR,
                                               R NO,
                                                      R FR,
R FR,
      R FR },
/*PLAYERALLY*/ { R_NO, R_DL,
                                R AL,
                                      R AL,
                                              R DL,
                                                     R DL,
                          R NO,
R_DL,
      R DL,
             R_DL, R_DL,
                                 R_NO,
                                       R NO,
                                               R NO,
                                                      R_DL,
      R DL },
R DL,
/*PBIOWEAPON*/ { R_NO, R_NO,
                                              R DL,
                                R DL, R DL,
                                                     R DL,
             R DL, R DL,
                           R NO,
                                  R DL, R NO,
      R DL,
                                               R DL,
R DL,
                                                      R DL,
R DL,
      R DL },
/*ABIOWEAPON*/ { R NO, R NO, R DL, R DL,
                                              R DL,
                                                     R AL,
             R_DL, R_NO, R_NO, R_DL, R_DL,
R_NO,
      R_DL,
                                               R NO,
                                                      R_DL,
R DL,
      R DL },
```

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As you can see in the picture, not all the code for the grid is shown. Ok, next is the main part of the tutorial. Examine the grid, first, add +1 on every class you want to make. In our example, if you have 14 classes already, add it like so: *static int iEnemy[15][15]*. Now you need to add one row and one column to the code grid. Just copy and paste the last column and row onto the grid. Change the labels to /*BLACKOP*/ and BLKOP or whatever. Your grid should look like this:

```
static int iEnemy[15][15] =
                                           PLYR
                                                    HPASS
                                                             HMIL
                   //
                         NONE
                                  MACH
                                                                      AMIL
APASS
         AMONST
                    APREY
                              APRED
                                        INSECT
                                                    PLRALY
                                                               PBWPN
                                                                         ABWPN
BLKOP
                                                                    R HT,
    /*BLACKOPS*/{ R NO,
                             R NO,
                                       R HT,
                                                 R DL,
                                                           R DL,
                                                                              R DL,
R_DL,
         R_DL,
                   R_DL,
                             R_N0,
                                       R_HT,
                                                 R_NO,
                                                           R_N0,
                                                                    R_DL,
                                                                              R_DL,
R DL, R AL},
    };
```

As a rule of thumb, the rows with /*...*/ is that class. The columns represent the relationship of the class to the other classes mentioned (eg. PLYR for the player). Note that each time you add a row and column, you should fill up everything completely. This will prevent mishaps during gameplay.

Now we are almost done. If you look at the grid you see a lot of R_ this and R_ that. In monsters.h take a look at this code:

```
// monster to monster relationship types
#define R_AL -2 // (ALLY) pals. Good alternative to R_NO when applicable
#define R_FR -1// (FEAR)will run
#define R_NO 0// (NO RELATIONSHIP) disregard
#define R_DL 1// (DISLIKE) will attack
#define R_HT 2// (HATE)will attack this character instead of any visible
DISLIKEd characters
#define R_NM 3// (NEMESIS) A monster Will ALWAYS attack its nemsis, no
matter what
```

Those are the monster relationship types. Using those defines set up your Black Op to have its enemies and friends. Now the only thing you have to do is go into your monsters Classify() function and have it return CLASS_BLACK_OP and your all set. I hope you learned from the tutorial. And maybe when you get experienced enough, you can makes the egon's secondary attack make monsters attack everything (including other monsters like them) like I did! If you have any questions or concerns please mail me, oneeyedghoul@aol.com. Thanks, and happy coding!

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