

01.07.2025 - The update is here

Today's update introduces a wide range of exciting new features and deep changes to the game. Much has been reworked behind the scenes, and other parts are visibly altered - time for a detailed overview:

☐☐ CTD - The Game

☐☐ Skill-Based Attacks

The turret functionality has been fundamentally reworked.

Previously, most turret parameters were hard-coded and could only be modified to a limited degree via upgrades or power-ups - any changes required major effort.

With the new system, nearly every parameter - from the number of chain lightning targets to damage values or upgrade effects - is now defined in a central database.

The game itself only reacts to the bundled, externally calculated values.

Turrets are now "dumb" in-game and completely rely on external data, which gives us maximum flexibility for future expansions.

Damage Types

Each turret now uses one of six damage types:

Kinetic, Fire, Ice, Lightning, Poison, Plasma

- All but **Plasma** are linked to a unique **status effect**.
- Turrets can learn alternate damage types via the skill tree (and later, items) - for example, *Fire Chain Lightning* or *Lightning Rocket Launcher*.
- Some effects are still placeholders, but already lead to diverse and exciting battles.
- **Plasma** currently has no status effect but offers unique skill nodes and excels at **pure damage output**.

☐☐ Resistance Penetration

Enemy resistances from wave 10 onwards previously turned higher difficulties into war-of-attrition scenarios.

To counter this, **Penetration** has been introduced:

- Starting at **turret level 2**, turrets automatically gain a small penetration value.
- This value can be increased further through the skill tree or with items.

Example:

“ Enemy has 50% Fire Resistance, turret has 10% Penetration → effective resistance: 40%.
If penetration exceeds resistance, bonus damage is applied.

☐☐ Pathfinding

In addition to classic pathfinding (where enemies choose their path dynamically), there is now a **waypoint system** that enforces a predefined path.

This allows:

- Crossroads, loops, or repeated runs through the same area
- Dynamic switching between both systems (useful for special maps)

⚖ Balancing & Difficulty

Due to the complete overhaul of turret logic, many balance values had to be reconsidered.

The game is currently **deliberately unbalanced** - which makes it unpredictable and (hopefully) more exciting.

☐☐ Bomber & Nuke

These power-ups can now once again be used **at any time during a wave**. Especially noticeable on small maps with short paths.

☐☐ New Map: Green1

To showcase the new waypoint system, a new map is available:

Green1 - featuring multiple direction changes and re-entry points.

Ideal for fresh tactical approaches!

☐☐ Skill Tree - Bigger, Deeper, Smarter

- Expanded from ~500 to over **1150 nodes**
 - New damage types, many specialized effect nodes
 - Reworked existing values
 - New **search field** at the bottom right (e.g. search for “Cooldown”, “Team Cooldown”, “Turret Cooldown”, etc.)
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⚡ Power-Ups - Reworked & Repriced

Changes:

- *GameSpeed* is now called **Enemy Speed** - only affects enemy movement speed
 - **Team Power-Ups** are now tiered and repriced
 - Previous values were converted at a 5:1 ratio (rounded up)
 - **Effect strength** now varies:
 - Team Damage = +5%
 - Cooldown or Range = start at +1%
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☐☐ Team Bonuses – More Fair, More Controlled

Team Damage no longer doubles a turret's total damage.

It now only affects the **base damage** (excluding item, boost, or skill modifiers).

This keeps total damage output in check and prevents runaway scaling.

☐☐ CTD WebUI – New Features & Improvements

New:

- **Diamond shop** with high-level items
- Turrets with multiple damage types can now switch damage type in their inventory
- The active damage type is displayed in the top-right corner of the turret inventory
- Three new in-battlefield options:
 - *Show animated paths* – visualizes enemy movement
 - *Show level bars* – color-coded turret level indicators
 - *Show names permanently* – permanently show player names (use CTRL to toggle visibility temporarily)

Changes:

- The term “**Speed**” has been replaced by “**Cooldown**” throughout the interface
- **Item upgrade prices** have been reduced – in some cases by up to 90%
- The turret overview now shows **all parameters of all damage types, including status effects**
- **Boost cards** have been updated with correct English names

Temporary:

- **Status effect missions** are currently disabled – they are not yet compatible with the new system

- **Statistics display** in the battlefield is still a work in progress – will be updated in a future patch
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📦📦📦 Note on the Update

Although this update is not fully completed in every area,
we had to release it within a narrow time window.

The reason is the **team's vacation schedule** – to ensure we could respond quickly and collaboratively in case of **critical issues**, this release timing was essential.

Thanks to all players and supporters!

This update is a huge leap forward – technically and in terms of gameplay.

Enjoy discovering all the new features and possibilities!

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