

### **Comment on: "Virtual Battle & Confrontation"**

In the last decade the theory and practice of Decision Analysis has developed dramatically. Professional decision makers are being increasingly urged to have training on that discipline and the number of companies using formal methodologies is growing exponentially.

This new discipline is aligned with advanced software design because it entails framing the problem under consideration using consistent, uniform assumptions. Several keywords give an idea of such a challenging and exiting field: simulation, geographic information systems, stochastic analysis, financial evaluation, and so on.

Smalltalk, as an educational environment where simulations fit naturally embodying virtual representations of entities and concepts, is the perfect platform for these kinds of models. Because hard decisions are made in the intimacy of reduced teams, the concept of personal computing is totally aligned with their nature.

This talk reports the experience of using Dolphin Smalltalk to implement tools aimed for training and assisting professionals of Armed Forces, Civil Defense and other military structured organizations in scenarios of conflict or disaster.

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