ENTC 3020 — Technology & Society



## Military Technologies

Weapons
☐ Primarily progressive extensions of one's reach
☐ Began as simple tools
◆ Wooden clubs, spears, stone
blades, missiles, etc
☐ Multiple uses
Three Basic Goals of
All Military Efforts
Errethan Mana Distance
<b>Further—More Distance</b>
Faster—Swifter Response
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Further	
☐ Inches	
◆ Clubs, knives, shields, sticks and stones	
□ Feet	
◆ Swords, bayonets, spears, and rocks	
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And Further	
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<ul><li>☐ Yards</li><li>◆ Bows &amp; arrows, missiles, cannon, muskets, rifles</li></ul>	
☐ Miles	
◆ Artillery	
★ Fixed vs mobile	
◆ Rockets	
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And Still Further	
☐ Continents	
◆ Bombers	
◆ Submarines	
◆ Intercontinental ballistic missiles	
★ MRVs & MIRVs	
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Faster—Weapons	
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☐ Muscle	
◆ Man	
♦ Horse	
◆ Catapults	
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Faster Weapons	
Faster—Weapons	
☐ Simple Machines	
◆ Longbows	
♦ Rams	
◆ Ladders	
Faster—Weapons	
☐ Stored Energy	-
◆ Crossbow, hot oil, Greek Fire	
◆ Gunpowder	
★ Pistols, rifles, cannon shells,	
grenades	
◆ Lasers	

Faster—Weapons	
<ul> <li>Complex Machines</li> <li>◆Machine gun</li> <li>◆Tanks &amp; airplanes,</li> <li>◆Ballistic missiles</li> <li>◆Cluster bombs &amp; laser guided bombs</li> <li>◆Computers, night vision goggles</li> </ul>	
Faster—Transportation	
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◆ Ships	
Faster—Transportation	
<ul> <li>Mechanized</li> <li>◆ Steam ships, river gunboats, submarines</li> <li>◆ Railroads</li> <li>◆ Trucks, general utility vehicles (Jeeps)</li> <li>◆ Armored personnel carriers</li> <li>◆ Aircraft</li> </ul>	

Factor Logistics	
Faster—Logistics	
☐ Early	
◆ Steal, rape, burn, and pillage	
◆ Roads	
☐ Industrial Revolution	
◆ Mass production	
★ Interchangeable parts (Eli Whitney)	
★ Standardization efforts	
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Faster—Information	
D Forly Dove to months	
☐ Early—Days to months	
♦ Couriers, carrier pigeons, ships	
☐ 1800s—Hours to days	
◆ Semaphore	
◆ Telegraph	
◆ Photographs and newspapers	
Faster—Information	
☐ 1900s—Seconds to hours	
♦ Radio	
◆ Television	
◆ Satellites	
♦ Faxes	
◆ Aircraft	

Fatter—Armor	
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☐ Personal	
◆ Leather	
◆ Metal armor	
★ Chain Mail	
★ Plate Armor	
◆ Kevlar	
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Fatter—Armor	
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☐ Mobile armor	
◆ Shields	
◆ Horses	
◆ Vehicles	
♦ Tanks	
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Fatter—Armor	
☐ Public	
• Earthen mounds and wooden walls	
<ul><li>◆ Castles</li><li>◆ Bastions</li></ul>	
<ul> <li>Anti-aircraft against air threats</li> </ul>	
◆ Strategic Defense Initiative—	
"Star Wars" anti-ballistic missile defense system	

Fatter—Organizational  ☐ Greek Phalanx (8 deep) ☐ Roman 120 man, mobile unit ☐ European kingdoms and knights	
Fatter—Organizational	
☐ Swiss pikemen (19 ft pikes)	
☐ Western — Institutionalized military	
◆ Routinized	
◆ Regimented	
◆ Hierarchical	