Napoleon's Imperium Vassal Module Player Guide



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Napoleon's Imperium Vassal Module is an excellent way of taking advantage of your purchase of the board game by sharing games online with friends that you might not be able to bring around the table otherwise. A lot of passion has gone into the design of this game, so with the vassal module, I was determined to show the same care and effort. Thankfully, Kevin Conway was recruited to do all the complex mechanics and guide my artistic input to bring this to life. As the designer, I hope you enjoy and support this game.

Firstly, download the Vassal operating platform here: <u>http://www.vassalengine.org/download.php</u> Napoleon's Imperium will also be available for download off the Vassal Modules Website.

The following is a quick and very visual explanation of Napoleon's Imperium Vassal Module operating tools. It is presumed that players already have a physical copy of the game and rules that they can refer to for clarifications and adjudications. The charts contained within the module will also be of great guidance. I also encourage players to download some of the tools on Board Game Geek (BGG) for player instruction and resources.

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Particually userful is the explanations for Battle Cards.

https://boardgamegeek.com/filepage/223903/napoleons-imperium-battle-card-explanations

BBG has a range of video reviews, but please visit my YouTube site dedicated to Napoleon's Imperium if you would like direct support. In addition, there is an excellent playlist with all reviews and unboxings, rule explanations. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCy3Q7u6QWs5rkz91NuVvQKQ

Now, open Module from the Vassal selection that you have downloaded.



The first time you play you'll be ask to place a name and password for the game.

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2. Select play mode	Password
3. Select setup	Confirm Password
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	Cancel, but we strongly recommend you select a nickname and password
	If you skip this step your name will be "newbie" and your password will be
	✓ Ask "Wizard" questions at startup?

Sellect "Game start" for game already set up, (units will all be set out on the map ready to start) or Empty map if you want to play the "freeset" version (check charts for free setup guidance).

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Fenter your name	Game Start	
2. Select play mode	Select setup	
3. Select setup	Game Start	
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Select between the observer mode (if you just want to observe a game) and a side selection.



Module will open and you will see this menu bar above the map. It will prompt if you want to save a logfile.



If you choose yes, it will then prompt you to save a log file before releasing opening map to start game. If you choose no, you'll go straight to the map.

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NAPOLEON'S IMPERIUM VASSAL MENU

We will move one by one through the icons. Note: All icons when you hover a mouse over will show function in blue.

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GAME ACTIVITY WINDOW

The is the space between the menu and the map. This window records every move that happens with players. This window can be enlarged and reduced like any window, click and pull up or down window frame (hold over the bottom line under text, and an arrow will appear.



BACK ICON: This icon just reverses last move you made.



SERVER CONTROL ICON: This icon allows you to see server controls and post a message to others.



It also allows you to host a game.

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RETIRE ICON: Opens the window to switch between players to the next player.



UNIT ICON: This is where you find all your units to drag into your purchase tray or map. If you right click on units, you will find more options.





Right click on unit adds more options. Get used to right clicking on units and flags etc to see options.

For instance, you can open both the unit tray and the player's mat and left-click, hold, and drag a unit into the Purchase tray.

You can also right-click on units on the map, and you will find more options. And if you leave your mouse hover over the top of a unit stack, you will see a pop out of all units under the pile. (next page)



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Double clicking on a stack will also make it expand so you can choose a unit from anywhere in the stack.



There are also some addition units in the vassal module to serve as reminders. Below is a now entry icon. Each nation has a selection of these incase a treaty if forced upon them. They are there to remind one that the particaul nation that has their flag represented is not able to enter those teritories for a set time.



Another example of a special reminder unit is the Combined Fleet Unit. So if you fleet is under the control of another nation, that nation's flag is represented ontop.



Another is Flag with battle points overlaid so you can record battle points as you take flags in battle.



There are also other useful reminder counters to explore that you can overlaid over Battle Cards to remind you when they expire..



BATTLE POINT CARD ICON: Here, you can drag and drop the battle point cards into the Players Mat. The Player's Mat is where you keep track of income and all your victory points, where Commanders are imprisoned or paroled, where your purchase trays are located, and where the Battle Cards that have subsequent turn or year consequences are kept.



These cards can also be obtained by the flags on the map.



You can select a battle point card from the flag in each territory. In fact, this is the easier option as it becomes part of a battle sequence.



Once the card is selected, a smaller Battle Point card will appear on the map.

Hovering over this card will produce a large-scale card for easy viewing. Right-clicking on the small card on the map presents further options like sending the card on to the Player's Mat.





So, the Battle Card selected is sent to the appropriate empire on the player mat and will appear then automatically there once sent.

Your player's mat is already saved, but you need to save the game by **FILE / SAVE** to keep the games progress!

REFERENCE CARD ICON

Clicking on the Reference Card icon will bring up the Empire Reference Cards which can be selected for each nation. You can enlarge or reduce charts or use a % increase using the icons provided. This is a common feature that is available on all drop downs.



COMBAT ICON: The combat icon opens the Combat pad. The combat pad is where all the units are sent from the playing map to do battle. They have a "hit" calculation circle to record hits as the combat takes place. Right-click on unit sends to combat trays. The hit number is manually pushed up and down via a right click on the number within the circle.

Remember, Vassal is not A.I. It does not calculate for you. It is a platform to manually play wargames online. It's not a PC game.



Here is what a combat tray looks like mid-battle.



In the combat tray, you can also send the Commander to be imprisoned or paroled in the appropriate Nations jail. The Commander will then automatically be sent there to their Players Mat.



To calculate hits, move the counter up and down using right click and select. If you go past, just hit "zero hits" and reset the number with the "add hits". **Note:** Green circle is for defensive hits against the attacking and vice versa.



Continue to roll dice until one side is eliminated as in the game rules.

CHARTS ICON: The Charts icon opens all the different game charts for in-game assistance. I encourage you to explore the charts available as this will assist you in the game. Note: When the minus icon is greyed out, this means you have reached the maximum reduction level.



The game score charts are also located here under this charts icon.

Note: To add scores in each column, you must first right-click and select "Change score" Not everything in Vassal is automatic. There is quite a lot that you still need to achieve manually. We have just tried to make it as easy as possible by building in selections that can facilitate the process by populating every column.

Another great chart is the Combat Check list to make sure you remember everything when conducting a battle.

Explore all the useful charts to make your playing experience easy.



BATTLE CARD CHARTS ICON. Under the Battle Card Chart Icon is 8 very useful charts explaining every Battle Card so there is no confusion or player interpretation of Battle Card Consequences. An excel spread sheet of these can be found on BGG as a must have accompaniment to the physical board game.

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	Governor-General Fyodor Rostopchin burns Moscow, leaving the enemy to starve. The Russian Cossacks harass retreating enemy.			
DISASTER CARD	THE BATTLE OF BORODINO Moscow falls to Napoleon, leaving at least 70,000 causalities. Russian arm withdraw.	R2	Lose 2 units from any territory. Couriand is lost to the French & Russian units retreat one Territory. +1 French Fleet to St Petersburg port. +2 French infantry to Couriand.	Lose 2 units from any Russian held territory. Courland is lost to the French & any Russian units there retreat one Frenchor, Add one French Friet to Seltersburg port. Add 2 French Infantry to Courland.
Defeated but not Destroyed	Defeated but not Destroyed Discipline and Morale holds strong. Your army retreats in good order	R3	Live to fight another day No Loss	No consequence - Natural Card
DESERTION	Desertion Discouraged, battle weary, cold and hungry soldiers look for greener pastures.	R4	Lose one infantry from any territory	Lose one of your infantry units from any territory of your choice
THE SURGEONS KNIFE	THE SURGEON'S KNIFE			
	Many survive the battle only to die by the surgeon's knife and	R5	Lose 1 unit from any territory	Lose one of your units (of any type) from any territory of your choice

OPTIONAL RULES ICON. Under the Optional Rules Icon there are several Optional rules players aids, like the new Retreat Rule, Retreat Chart, Spy Rule, Spy Death, Weather Rule. This summary of key rules will assist players with quick references.



BATTLE CARD ICONS: This allows a player to hold and drag a card to the centre, where the card automatically opens. Once the consequence is taken, the card can be discarded to the discard pile (via a right-click option).

Alternatively, a player can add an "end of turn icon" over the card, so then the card, together with the EOT icon, can be dragged to the Players Mat. This will then serve as a reminder when the card expires or has a consequence that needs to occur in the future turn.

Once expired, you can right-click, delete the EOT icon and right-click, "discard" the card. It will return to the discarded card pile for that nation.



Discard selection (right click on open card) Card then moves to discard pile.



Or, right click and place "end of year marker". Then you can right click on marker to decide which Empire end of year marker to add.



Now once you are happy, you can drag it into the Players Mat purchase tray. This will serve as a reminder of how long the Card lasts. After that, you can right-click and send to the discard pile after deleting the "end of year icon".



You also have options to autromaticlly sent to the player mat or to the Battle card pad on the map. Always right-click on the object for options.



PLAYERS MAT ICON: As already demonstrated, this is where you place your purchased units until purchase placement at the end of your turn. This is where your Battle Card reminders go and all your victory points, Flags, and Battle Point Cards. And it's also where the commanders are imprisoned, and you keep track of income. **Note:** In Vassal, the purchase tray is on Players Mat, not on the map-based purchase trays. However, the Battle Cards can also go on the map's Battle Point pad as a reminder for a consequence that has a 1-year expiry date.



WEATHER ICON: The weather icon brings up the optional weather chart. Roll a dice to detirmin what weather it will be for the year. A Weather Rule chart is under the Optional Rules icon.



DICE ICON - Single Dice. This icon is if you want to roll just one dice. The result comes up on the left.



DICE ICON – **Multiple Dice.** This icon is if you want to roll many dice. A menu pops up in which you can chose how many dice you wish to roll. Press "ok" and the result comes up on the left.



TERRITORY INCOME ICON: This icon is very useful as it automatically calculates all the territories according to what flags are active within them so, if you want to check your economy income to make sure it is correct. It's a good idea to always check here before purchase. Expanding the tree will show you the individual territories owned and their value.



SAVE MAP ICON: This feature allows you to save the map in its current progress so you can track turns or years. Make a folder location for your saved maps to go in.

Note: Make sure you type ".png" after file name to save as a PNG file. Otherwise, it will save as a web-based file.



This is what a saved map looks like mid game. **Note:** This feature save feature is available on a number of the pop outs so you can save your combat tray and your Players mat.



ZOOM ICONS: These icons allow you to zoom in, zoom out, choose a % veiw or fit by Width, Height of visible window. These features can be found in other drop down windows also.



SHOW / HIDE ICON: This icon allows you to remove all features off the map so you can see clearly map boundaries, territories, ports and map features.

Show









MOVED ICON: This icon will turn off movement tabs and movent trails off once you have completed. (once turned off they can't be turned back on for that movement.) when you next move again it will be tracked. You can turn on and off tracking by right clicking omn a unit to turn on.



Movement tabs are always activated the moment you move a unit. They serve to remind you what units have already moved, so you don't move them twice or accidentally move them in both phases.





Cleared Movement by clicking Movement Icon.





The **Movement trail:** when you right-click to activate on a unit, this allows you to see how far a unit has moved and where from so you don't exceed movement. Don't move as the crow flies. Move territory to territory. This will allow the best visibility and use of movement.

Movement trail example if you move territory by territory.



Example of options available when you right click on a unit.

MAP FLAGS / CHANGE OF CONTROL

When you right-click on a flag on the map you can change it's territory control.



You can also use this right click on the flag option to award victory points after a battle. Once you have the victory point flag on map, you can sent it to your players mat to be recorded with your end of game victory points.



And that is a brief overview of Napoleon's Imperium Vassal menu bar features. I hope you enjoy the game.



REMEMBER TO SAVE YOU GAME OR LOSE

PROGRESS! A general Vassal userguide is also available under "help".



There has been 30 years of history in this game. It's been a labour of passion and love.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yi27umz2l0s



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