DWARF FORTRESS USER MODIFICATION PLANNED FEATURES

Product classification

Product classes list

Raw resource Refined raw resource Material Reagent Product

Raw resource

Raw resources under this classification refer to unrefined resources extracted from nature, such as a dolomite stone left behind from mining.

Refined raw resource

Refined raw resources under this classification refer to raw resources that have been refined in a separation process into a purified and sometimes concentrated form.

E.g. Such as a dolomite stone which as been crushed into dolomite rocks and gravel, which has been sieved to yield nuggets of metallic zinc ore and dolomite mineral crystals, the latter of which would be refined into magnesium powder by grinding and in combination with some additional process.

Material

Materials under this classification are products made from refined raw resources or possibly directly from raw resources. They are a unit of some substance usable in the production of something else.

E.g. A piece of lumber that has been sawed into planks at a sawmill, would have yielded a construction material, i.e. a plank, from a raw resource, e.g. lumber from a felled tree. A stone block carved from a larger stone, would also be a direct production of a material from a raw resource.

E.g. A dolomite stone that has been crushed to yield nuggets of zinc ore, which have been smelted and forged into zinc bars, would have also produced a material, but it involved an intermediate step of refining the dolomite stone.

Materials can also be combined from various different refined and raw resources. i.e. There may be more than 1 input resource

Reagent

Reagent term is already used in Dwarf Fortress definitions. Under this classification it has a slightly different meaning (Potentially resulting to some confusing ambiguity). Reagent would be akin to a material, but one that wouldn't be useable for anything on it's own. Like a powder which has to be mixed with something else to yield either a material, or a product.

Product

Products under this classification refer to finished goods that are usable as they are, either as tools for further production, or for leisurely entertainment to the dwarves.