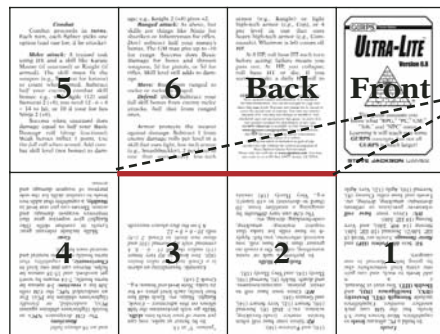


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**GURPS Ultra-Lite Abridged Rules by SEAN PUNCH**

### Combat

Combat proceeds in **turns**. Each turn, each fighter picks one option (and one foe, if he attacks):

**Melee attack:** A trained task using DX and a skill like Karate Master (if unarmed) or Knight (if armed). The skill must fit the weapon (e.g., Samurai for katana) to count when armed. Subtract *half* your enemy's combat skill bonus; e.g., with Agile (12) and Samurai 2 (+8), you need 12 - 6 + 8 = 14 to hit, or 10 if your foe has Ninja 2 (+8).

Success when unarmed does damage equal to *half* your Basic Damage roll (drop fractions); Weak heroes inflict 1 point. Use the *full* roll when armed. Add combat skill level (not bonus) to damage; e.g., Knight 2 (+8) gives +2.

**Ranged attack:** As above, but skills are things like Ninja for shuriken or Infantryman for rifles. *Don't* subtract half your enemy's bonus. The GM may give up to -10 for range. Success does Basic Damage for bows and thrown weapons, 2d for pistols, or 5d for rifles. Skill level still adds to damage.

**Move:** Run from ranged to melee or melee to ranged.

**Defend:** Duck! Subtract your *full* skill bonus from enemy melee attacks, *half* that from ranged ones.

Armor protects the wearer against damage. Subtract 1 from enemy damage rolls per level in a skill that uses light, low-tech armor (e.g., Swashbuckler), 2 per level in one that uses heavy low-tech armor (e.g., Knight) or light high-tech armor (e.g., Cop), or 4 per level in

one that uses heavy high-tech armor (e.g., Commando). Whatever is left comes off HP.

At 0 HP, roll base HT each turn before acting; failure means you pass out. At -HP, you collapse; roll base HT or die. If you survive, make a daily HT roll to recover 1 HP.

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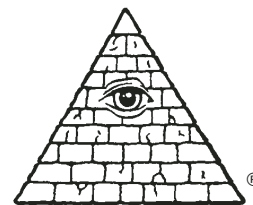
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This game assumes you know what "RPG," "PC," "GM," "3d6," and "NPC" mean. Learning it will teach you some **GURPS** concepts, but not all – **GURPS** is *much* larger!

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armor.  
purpose of weapon damage and  
levels to combat skills for the sole  
**Wealth**, a capability that adds two  
armor. Heroes can put one level in  
improves weapon damage and  
Knight) give superior gear that  
Levels in combat skills (like  
Skills include relevant gear:  
**Gear**

The GM designates NPCs as  
**Reactions**  
PCs), *undecided*, or *friendly*  
(fights/uses abilities for PCs). For  
an undecided NPC, the GM rolls  
3d6 for a **reaction**: 3-6 means he  
turns hostile, 7-14 means he won't  
get involved, and 15-18 means he  
helps. Heroes can put one level in  
**Charismatic**, a capability that  
turns hostile reactions neutral and  
neutral ones helpful.

e.g., Very Hardy (18) resists  
"poison -5" at 13.  
To be better at tasks, you can  
put some of your levels into **skills**.  
Skills go with professions the GM  
allows on this adventure – Crook,  
Knight, Ninja, etc. Each skill has  
four levels; each level gives +4 for  
its tasks. Note level and bonus; e.g.,  
Crook 2 (+8).  
*Example: Neutralizing an alarm*  
is a Crook task that takes brains  
(IQ). Two levels in IQ Very Smart  
(14) makes the roll 14 - 6 = 8. A  
criminal with IQ Normal (10) and  
those two levels in Crook 2 (+8)  
rolls 10 - 6 + 8 = 12.  
A 3 on the dice *always* succeeds  
and an 18 *always* fails!

Normal (10), Agile (12), Very Agile  
(14), and Extreme (16).  
**IQ:** Gives your base roll when  
brains matter (code-breaking,  
science, etc.): Dull (8), Normal  
(10), Smart (12), Very Smart (14),  
and Genius (16).  
**HT:** Gives your base roll to  
resist poison, unconsciousness,  
and death: Sickly (8), Normal (10),  
Hardy (14), and Very Hardy (18).  
**Tasks and Skills**  
To perform a task or resist  
something, roll 3d6. On a result no  
greater than your base roll, you  
succeed; otherwise, you fail. Apply  
-6 to base rolls for tasks that  
require training: attacking,  
code-breaking, driving, etc.  
The GM can vary difficulty by  
assigning a modifier from -10  
(hard to do/resist) to +10 (easy);

**Levels**  
To build a PC, allocate **levels** to  
capabilities. Most heroes have 3-5  
levels, but the GM can pick  
another number. Capabilities  
include **Strength** (ST), **Dexterity**  
(DX), **Intelligence** (IQ), and  
**Health** (HT). You start at Normal,  
can add levels to each, and can  
gain one extra level somewhere  
else by going below Normal in one  
category.  
**ST:** Sets **Hit Points** (HP) and  
**Basic Damage**. Levels are Weak (8  
HP, 1d6/2), Normal (10 HP, 1d6),  
Strong (14 HP, 2d6), and Very  
Strong (18 HP, 3d6).  
**DX:** Gives your **base roll**  
whenever precision or reflexes  
dominate: attacking, driving, etc.  
Levels and base rolls: Clumsy (8),