

Pink Trenchcoat

a cyberpunk rule-set

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Chapter 1

Basics

This chapter will cover the basics of Pink Trenchcoat including standard RPG nomenclature as well as methods of conflict resolution. The rule system uses a fixed set of resolution methods, which are covered here, that will be used throughout the system exclusively.

1.1 Definitions

A couple of basic descriptions and definitions are given here.

1.1.1 Gamers

Everyone that is taking part in the game is a *Gamer*.

Game Master The *Game Master* is the person that is not playing their own *Character*, but all the *Characters* that are not being played by a *Player*.

Players A *Player* is a *Gamer* that is only playing their *Character* and maybe *Characters* that are closely connected to this *Character* like *Drones*, *Agents* or *Contacts*.

1.1.2 Characters

A *Character* is an entity that can actively make decisions in the game world and act on those decisions. In Pink Trenchcoat this includes (Meta)-Humans, but also *Agents*, *Drones*, *Spirits* and more.

Player Characters A *Player Characters* or *PC* is a *Character* that is directly and often exclusively controlled by a *Player*.

Non-Player Characters All *Non-Player Characters* or *NPC* are most often controlled by the *Game Master*.

1.1.3 Mathematics

Pink Trenchcoat's resolution system only uses integers. Although during calculation a number might be not an integer, it needs to be rounded to the next integer for any kind of *Test*.

Rounding Fractions are always rounded mathematically correct. This means that 0.5 is rounded to 1.

1.2 Dice

Like most game systems Pink Trenchcoat uses dice to act as a randomizer for *Tests*. This is done to increase tension during the game session and include a random element so that players can not plan everything in advance with 100% certainty. However, if the gaming group so chooses, the rule set can be used completely without dice, as the average result of a die roll is always 0.

Pink Trenchcoat uses five six-sided dice with two "-", two blank and two "+" symbols also known as FUDGE dice. They are always used together and there are no other dice rolls used.

Almost always a player will roll only 5 dice, and the game master will secretly roll the other 5 dice, either because it's an *opposed test*, and the game master is performing the roll for the opposition, or because it is not an *opposed test* and the game master will roll 5 dice because the player should not be sure of the outcome. Only in cases where the player is managing the situation fully they should roll the full 10 dice, but either roll 5 dice twice or use differently coloured dice to calculate *Criticals* and other functionality the dice roll is covering.

Every test requires 10 dice to be rolled in total.

In this rule set, 5 FUDGE dice will always be referred to as:

5f

while the full 10 FUDGE dice will always be referred to as:

10f

1.2.1 Result

The Result of *10f* is calculated by rolling 2 times 5 dice and summing all "+" as 1 and all "-" as -1 while blanks count as 0.

If the Result of a *10f* roll needs to be calculated in this rule system it will be denoted as:

10fR

Probability Distribution The average *Result* of any dice roll in Pink Trenchcoat is always 0. The number of total dice rolled is also always 10 (although, sometimes, the

dice are rolled by different people for psychological reasons, mathematically this makes no difference).

Using 10 dice, the following statistics apply the outcome of *10fR*.

Probability for exactly rolling a value Sometimes it is good to know what the probabilities to exactly roll a value are. The probability distribution of the *10fR* is a gaussian with mean of 0 and a standard deviation of about 2.6.

Figure 1.1: *10fR* Probability Distribution

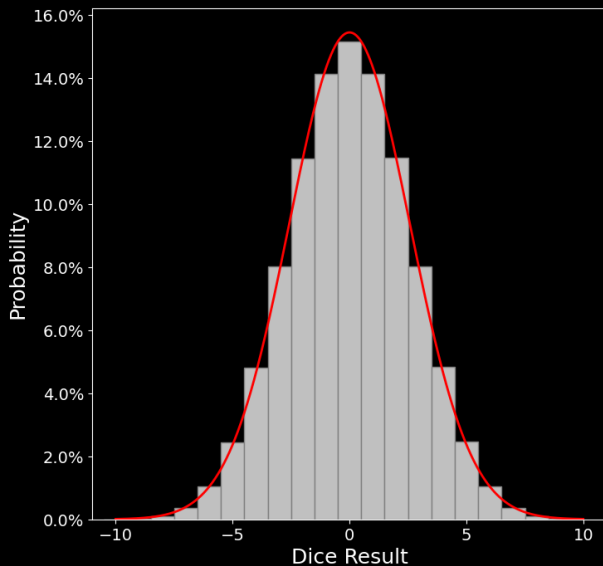


Table 1.1: *10fR* Probabilities

| Roll exactly | Chance | one in |
|--------------|---------|--------|
| -10/10 | 0.0014% | 71000 |
| -9/9 | 0.016% | 6100 |
| -8/8 | 0.088% | 1100 |
| -7/7 | 0.36% | 280 |
| -6/6 | 1.0% | 96 |
| -5/5 | 2.4% | 41 |
| -4/4 | 4.8% | 21 |
| -3/3 | 8.0% | 13 |
| -2/2 | 12% | 8.7 |
| -1/1 | 14% | 7.1 |
| 0 | 15% | 6.6 |

Probability for rolling a value and lower/higher Most of the time it is important to know the probability to at least a certain number or higher, or the inverse, the chance to roll a certain number or lower. Both are important to judge if a *Test* will fail or succeed.

As a rule of thumb, rolling below -5 or above 5 is not happening often. This also means that *Tests* that only fail when a value smaller than -5 is rolled should only be done if the success or how well it succeeded or failed is critical for the game. Instead it can just be assumed that the *Test* succeeded normally.

Figure 1.2: *10fR* Cumulative Probability Distribution



Table 1.2: *10fR* Cumulative Probabilities

| Roll exactly or bigger smaller | | Chance | one in |
|-----------------------------------|-----|---------|--------|
| 10 | -10 | 0.0014% | 71000 |
| 9 | -9 | 0.08% | 5600 |
| 8 | -8 | 0.11% | 940 |
| 7 | -7 | 0.46% | 220 |
| 6 | -6 | 1.5% | 66 |
| 5 | -5 | 3.9% | 25 |
| 4 | -4 | 8.8% | 11 |
| 3 | -3 | 17% | 6.0 |
| 2 | -2 | 28% | 3.5 |
| 1 | -1 | 42% | 2.4 |
| 0 | 0 | 58% | 1.7 |

1.2.2 Anomalies and Criticals

The *Result* is not the only quantity that the dice deliver. Another one is Anomalies and Criticals. They are in principle the same thing, but Criticals are much more seldom and extreme in their effect.

Criticals and Anomalies are determined only looking at the *5f* roll of either the player and the game master. This means that both parties in an *Opposed Test* can generate a Critical or Anomaly at the same time. They happen if multiple dice show similar symbols.

Anomaly To determine Anomalies the number of similar symbols have to be counted. Every time 4 dice of a *5f* roll show the same symbol, an Anomaly happened. This can be four "+" (Positive Anomaly), four "-" (Negative Anomaly) or four blanks (Neutral Anomaly).

The chance to roll an Anomaly is 4.1% for any kind of Anomaly. This means that the chance is 12.3% to have any kind of Anomaly in a *Test*. The Game Master needs to decide whether they want to ignore Anomalies in an *Opposing Test*, if the opposing faction is an NPC. The same applies for the other *5f* that are rolled in a *Unopposed Test*.

Positive and Negative Anomaly The result of a positive or negative Anomaly enhances the outcome of the *Test* in a positive or negative way respectively, but does not change the *Result*. The Game Master needs to look at the situation and think of any positive or negative effects that could happen.

This includes:

- Taking more/less time of an action in combat that normally can not be slowed/sped up
- getting into a advantageous/disadvantageous position when performing a melee attack
- increasing/decreasing connection status of a contact when doing legwork
- using less/more resources when crafting an item

Neutral Anomaly A neutral Moderate Critical should just create unusual side effects to an outcome. Again the Game Master should be free to invent anything coming to their mind.

For example:

- A
- b
- c

Critical Criticals happens if all 5 dice of a *5f* show the same symbol. As with Anomalies there are positive, negative and neutral Criticals. Both the chance and the effect of a Critical are much more radical than an Anomaly.

The chance to roll any kind of Critical is 0.4%.

Positive Critical If there is a remote chance of the *Test* succeeding, it will. This does not allow *PC* to do things that are impossible like surviving an atomic blast or succeeding in a wrestling match with a dragon, but anything close to that.

Negative Critical The *Test* fails and it fails spectacularly. The Game Master is free to invent any convenient explanations. There is always a way something can fail.

Neutral Critical The *Result* of the *Test* is not affected, but something very strange happens. The Game Master can do whatever they see fit.

1.2.3 Non Blanks

The Non Blanks of *5f* is calculated by counting all the "+" and "-" symbols, resulting in a number from 0 to 5.

If the Non Blanks need to be calculated from a *Test* this is denoted as:

$$5fN$$

Note that does not mean that an additional *5f* need to be rolled in addition to the *10f* of the *Test* itself, but instead use the *5f* from the existing *10f* roll.

The Non Blanks are used for various secondary purposes of a dice roll.

Figure 1.3: *5fN* Probability Distribution

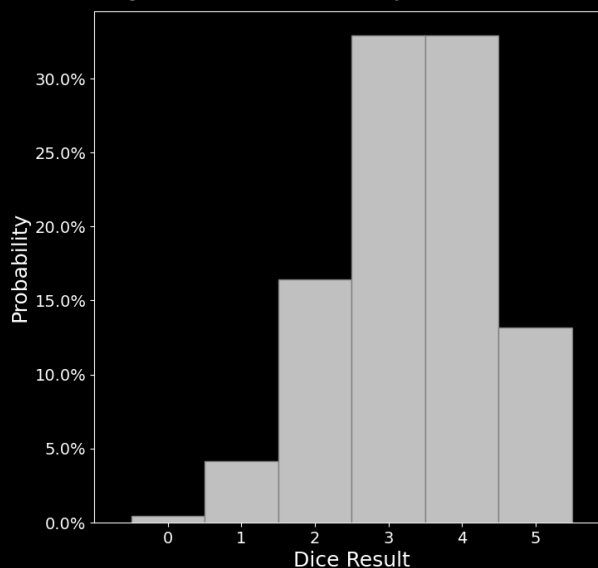


Table 1.3: *5dN* Probabilities

| Roll exactly | Chance | one in |
|--------------|--------|--------|
| 5 | 13% | 7.6 |
| 4 | 33% | 3.0 |
| 3 | 33% | 3.0 |
| 2 | 16% | 6.1 |
| 1 | 4.1% | 24 |
| 0 | 0.4% | 240 |

1.3 Tests

A test determines the outcome of a certain action, which has a certain probability to fail and which has an important impact on the game session if it fails. Tests should not be rolled if it is clear that the test will succeed, like in the case of opening a door. Tests should also not be rolled if the result is irrelevant for the game session, like when a character is trying to beat a popular game in their spare time.

Every time the outcome of an action is, given the capabilities of the acting character, in doubt, or if the result needs to be quantified, a *Test* is rolled.

1.3.1 Test Anatomy

All Tests in Pink Trenchcoat look like the following:

$$\text{Test Quality} = 10fR + \text{Ability Score}(s) + \text{Modifiers}(s) \quad (1.1)$$

The *10fR* was already explained in the previous section.

Ability Score The Ability Score is a number giving the proficiency of the person or entity that performs the *Test* to achieve the result. The higher, the better.

Normally Ability Scores are either *Attributes* or *Skills* of a character.

Limits Sometimes tools and other situational effects are not modeled as a *Modifier* that is added or subtracted but as a *Limit* to the *Ability Score*. In case the *Ability Score* can not be higher than the *Limit*.

Limits to the *Ability Score* are noted as follows:

$$Ability\ Score(Limit) \quad (1.2)$$

Modifier *Modifier* can be anything from a threshold that needs to be achieved to circumstantial *Modifiers* like visual conditions, tools or wounds that can change the result of a *Test*. If a *Modifier* is helping the *Character* performing the *Test*, like good tools, or support from friends, it is positive. If it is an obstacle or problem for the *Character* performing the *Test*, the *Modifier* is negative.

Test Quality The *Test Quality* or *TQ* is the value that results from adding the *10fR* the *Ability Score* and the *Modifiers*. If the *Test Quality* is zero or positive, the *Test* succeed, if it negative it failed. The higher the *Test Quality* the better the result and the lower the *Test Quality* the worse the failure.

Table 1.4: Test Quality

| TQ | Description |
|----------|------------------|
| < -9 | Epic Fail |
| -7 to -9 | Severe Failure |
| -4 to -6 | Decisive Failure |
| -1 to -3 | Failure |
| 0 | Barely made it |
| 1 to 3 | Acceptable |
| 4 to 6 | Good Result |
| 7 to 9 | Exceptional |
| > 9 | Epic Success |

1.3.2 Unopposed Tests

In an *Unopposed Tests* a *Character* is not testing against another *Character* but against the environment. Typical *Unopposed Tests* include:

- crafting something
- climbing a wall
- running fast
- remembering something

In this case, the *Ability Score* is just the relevant value from the *Character* and the *Modifier* is the difficulty of the task plus any additional situational *Modifiers*.

This rule system defines the *Ability Scores* to use in an *Unopposed Test* in the following notation:

$$Ability\ Score_{Acting\ Character} + Modifier \quad (1.3)$$

In case of a climbing test for a given wall, that would be:

$$Climbing - 6$$

1.3.3 Opposed Tests

If two *Characters* are fighting against each other, either literally in melee combat or figuratively when one *Character* tries to sneak by and the other to spot the sneaker, an *Opposed Test* is called for. In this case, both involved *Characters* *Ability Scores* are used. The definition of the *Test* explains which values of a *Character* are used, as this can be the same, in the case of melee combat or be different in the case of sneaking.

This rule system defines the *Ability Scores* to use in an *Opposed Test* in the following notation:

$$Ability\ Score_{Attacker} \text{ vs. } Ability\ Score_{Defender} \quad (1.4)$$

In case of melee combat this would mean:

$$Melee\ Combat \text{ vs. } Melee\ Combat$$

In case of sneaking it would mean:

$$Stealth \text{ vs. } Perception$$

The final *Test Quality* is then calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} Test\ Quality &= 10fR \\ &+ Ability\ Score_{Attacker} \\ &+ Modifiers(s)_{Attacker} \\ &- Ability\ Score_{Defender} \\ &- Modifiers(s)_{Defender} \end{aligned} \quad (1.5)$$

1.3.4 Supported Tests

If one or more *Characters* are helping another *Character* to do a task that can not be split into subtasks, but all characters have to do the full task, this is a *Supported Test*.

- climbing a wall together
- helping a character to sneak
- crossing a mine-field

In this case the *Ability Score* for the *Supported Test* is the average *Ability Score* of all the *Characters* involved. The *Modifiers* for the *Supported Test* are the average *Modifiers* of all the *Characters* involved -1.

The *Game Master* decides which *Tests* can be supported.

1.3.5 Collaborative Tests

If one or more *Characters* are working together, distributing the work to perform a task that can be broken down into independent parts this is a *Team-Play Test*. The goal is to either increase the quality of the result, or to speed up the process by using less *Task Time*.

- crafting an item
- collecting information
- repairing a vehicle
- summoning a spirit

In this case the *Ability Score* for the *Collaborative Test* is the average *Ability Score* of all the *Characters* involved. The *Modifiers* for the *Collaborative Test* are the average *Modifiers* of all the *Characters* with an additional benefit depending on the number of *Characters* working in the *Test*.

Table 1.5: Collaborative Test

| Characters | Modifier |
|------------|----------|
| 3 | +1 |
| 10 | +2 |
| 100 | +3 |
| 1000 | +4 |

The *Game Master* decides which *Tests* can be *Collaborative Tests*.

1.3.6 Task Time

In most *Tests* a *Character* can spend more or less *Task Time* to do the task better or achieve an outcome faster. In the case of spending more *Task Time*, this will either make a success possible or allow for a better result.

Table 1.6: Extra Time

| Time Multiplier | Modifier |
|-----------------|----------|
| x0.5 | -6 |
| x0.7 | -3 |
| x3 | +1 |
| x10 | +2 |
| x100 | +3 |
| x1000 | +4 |

If not explicitly allowed or disallowed by the rules the *Game Master* decides whether spending more or less *Task Time* is possible.

Chapter 2

Character

This chapter describes *Characters*. Currently this chapter describes only meta-human *Characters* with a physical body to be played by a *Player*. In principle, certain types of *Agents* and *Spirits* could also be played, but are currently not in scope of this rule-set. body in particular.

2.1 Attributes

2.1.1 Mental Attributes

Charisma

Intuition

Logic

Willpower

2.1.2 Physical Attributes

Agility

Body

Coordination

Strength

2.1.3 Other Attributes

Fate

Magic

size

2.2 Characteristics

2.3 Damage

Life

Wound Limit

Damage Pip

Wound Heal Time

2.4 Athletics

Carrying Capacity

Combat Speed

Action Costs

Reaction

2.5 Skills

2.5.1 Combat

2.5.2 Physical

2.5.3 Processing

2.5.4 Empathy

2.5.5 Craftsmanship

2.5.6 Resistance

2.5.7 Piloting

2.5.8 Magic

Chapter 3

Computers

This chapter explains both the matrix, including AR and everything computer related like electronic warfare.

3.1 What is the Matrix

The Matrix is a virtual representation of the cyberspace for human users. It is the way they perceive interactions between themselves and both other matrix users and *Matrix Entities*.

3.1.1 Accessing the Matrix

There are various ways to access the matrix.

Physical Access This method of matrix access uses outdated methods like keyboard and mouse. It is generally outdated and very slow. It is only used if people are afraid of any kind of matrix damage, or are very traditional.

Augmented Reality Augmented Reality or AR access is a widely used form of matrix access, especially one that goes on while wanting to do things in parallel. AR users still see the real world, but get additional information projected on top of it. Thus they can see objects, additional information and also sound added to the real world that does not exist.

Virtual Reality Virtual Reality supersedes the perception of the user. They are not aware of the real world, but instead see, hear, smell and feel virtual sensory input that is 100% artificial.

Tortoise Tortoise uses not direct brain interfaces as provided by most data jacks, but uses outdated technologies like trodes. Due to it not requiring cyberware it is often used by adepts or magicians.

Cold Sim Cold Sim is the standard way of using the matrix today. The user is experiencing the matrix by direct stimulation of their sensory cortex so that they see, hear and feel the matrix. Their thoughts of movements and actions are translated into commands of their virtual bodies using virtual applications.

Hot Sim Hot Sim is the most dangerous but also the fastest way to access the matrix. The data is directly fed

into the user's brain even circumventing their sensory centers that are stimulated in cold sim. Instead, using knowledge link technology, the matrix user just instantly knows the information. Also their raw thoughts are transformed into matrix commands.

Table 3.1: Matrix Access Methods

| Method | Input | Output |
|----------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Physical | • Keyboard | • Screen • Loudspeaker |
| | • Mouse | |
| | • Touchscreen | |
| | • Input Trigger | |
| AR | • Transducer | • Lenses |
| | • Microphone | • Vision-Link |
| | • AR Gloves | • In-Ears |
| | • Holo Scanner | • Sound-Link |
| Tortoise | • Trodes | • Trodes |
| | • External Sim Rig | • External Sim Module |
| Cold Sim | • Sim Rig | • Sim Module |
| Hot Sim | • Transcriber | • Knowledge Link |

Table 3.2: Matrix Access Requirements

| Method | Processor/ Uplink |
|----------|-------------------|
| Physical | 1 |
| AR | 3 |
| Tortoise | 6 |
| Cold Sim | 6 |
| Hot Sim | 10 |

3.2 Matrix building blocks

3.2.1 Matrix Devices

The Matrix is made up of hardware that is processing and delivering it. Most notable are the different pieces of hardware the matrix is running on. In general four different classes of matrix hardware can be found.

Gadget Gadgets are small and cheap pieces of hardware. Some of them are so cheap, they can be found in throwaway

Table 3.3: Matrix Access Modifiers

| Method | Skill | React | Tick | Damage |
|-----------------|-------|-------|------|----------|
| Physical | -3 | -5 | x6 | None |
| AR | -2 | -3 | x3 | Fatigue |
| Tortoise | -1 | -2 | x1.5 | Fatigue |
| Cold Sim | 0 | 0 | x1 | Stun |
| Hot Sim | +2 | +3 | x0.7 | Physical |

articles like food packaging. Others are powering small sensors or track positions. They range from pinhead size to coin size. A typical person is carrying around dozens of them.

Commlink Commlinks are not only the most common means to communicate but also a matrix hardware class. They are bigger than gadgets, but the smallest of them can fit into a bigger earring. The standard size is of an average playing card. They carry enough processing power to allow for at least *Augmented Reality*.

Cyberdeck Cyberdecks are a special form factor that only few people need. Much bigger than an average commlink, about the size of a shoe-box, they pack much more processing power. Most cyberdecks are used for illegal purposes and are equipped with a *Sleaze* module to avoid detection in the matrix.

Mainframe Mainframes are stationary pieces of matrix hardware. They range from shoe-box size to whole floors of a building. Mainframes are used to service multiple people or perform high performance computations.

3.2.2 Matrix Entities

Matrix entities are virtual building blocks of the matrix. Although they have a physical basis, they are purely virtual representations both in virtual- and augmented reality.

Node A Node is a matrix entity with processing power. It has matrix location and can be *accessed*. A Node can run *Processes*, store *Files* and be the origin or destination of a *Stream*.

Process Processes are matrix entities that actively perform actions. They are running on their origin *Node*.

Persona A Persona is a special kind of *Process* that represents a matrix user and their actions.

Program A program is a piece of software that can be used by a *Persona* or an *Agent* as a tool to perform various actions. Programs are always attached to a *Persona* or *Agent*.

Agent An agent is a process that can perform autonomous decisions and use *Programs* to perform actions. Agents can *access Nodes*.

ICE ICE, or Intrusion Countermeasures, are *Agents* with the special purpose to defend a node from hackers.

Streams A stream connects two *Nodes*, the origin and the destination, with a data connection. A stream also connects the *Node* a *Persona* or *Agent* is running on with the *Node* it is *accessing*.

File

3.2.3 Matrix Attributes

Each *matrix device* has a number of attributes that define its properties in the matrix.

Processor The Processor attribute represents a *Nodes* raw computing power. As most devices are very advanced, a high Processor rating is not needed for most every day tasks. High Processor ratings are required for intensive tasks like processing Sim-Sense signals for example when using *Cold Sim* or the even more complex *Hot Sim*. The attribute is also useful if a mainframe is supporting a large user base.

It is also important in matrix combat where combatants try to overwhelm the opponents *Node*.

The Processor attribute is mostly related to a devices size. The bigger a device the higher its rating is on average.

Table 3.4: Processor Ratings

| Entity | Processor |
|------------------|-----------|
| Gadget | 0-4 |
| Commlink | 3-8 |
| Cyberdeck | 6-13 |
| Mainframe | 8-21 |

System System describes the quality of the operating system and standard software suite of a *Node*. The higher the ranking the higher the rating of *Programs* that can be run.

A high Systems rating also helps autonomous software like *ICE* to perform more efficiently.

Firewall Firewall represents the resilience of a *Node* against anything illegal. This includes any kind of *Exploit* actions leading to illegal actions not governed by the users level.

Firewall is not determined by a *Nodes* computing power but by the skill and time invested by the maintainers of the node, and the number of users and different *Processes* it is supporting.

Firewall Ratings are often given by a color coding.

Blue Blue *Nodes* represent the lowest level of security. They are often either very cheap gadgets like Smart Tags or public mainframes like public libraries.

Table 3.5: Firewall Ratings

| Color | Firewall |
|--------------|----------|
| Blue | 0-4 |
| Green | 5-9 |
| Orange | 10-14 |
| Red | 15-19 |
| Ultra Violet | 20-21 |

Green Green *Nodes* represent the vast majority of matrix hosts. They are a good trade-off between expensive security experts and time invest. *Nodes* with fewer users tend to have higher green ratings.

Orange Orange *Nodes* are used when higher security is required, like in the mainframe of a police station, a law firm, or the *Nodes* of upper class individuals.

Red Red *Nodes* are mostly used by high security facilities like corporate research sites or government agencies.

Ultra Violet Ultra Violet *Nodes*, if they exist, are only used for legendary and top-secret institutions.

Uplink Uplink describes the quality, speed and volume of data that a *Node* can access per time. A high throughput is required for *Cold Sim* and even more for *Hot Sim*. Uplink mostly degrades over distance, although not as fast as wireless *Signal* does, or if the signal has to go through wireless channels.

Signal The Signal rating describes the power and quality of a wireless signal. It is used to check how far a signal penetrates and also represents the power delivered in case of *Electronic Warfare*. Only nodes with wireless capabilities have a Signal rating.

Table 3.6: Signal Ranges

| Signal | Range | Signal | Range |
|--------|-------|--------|-----------|
| 0 | 1 m | 11 | 5 km |
| 1 | 2 m | 12 | 10 km |
| 2 | 5 m | 13 | 20 km |
| 3 | 10 m | 14 | 50 km |
| 4 | 20 m | 15 | 100 km |
| 5 | 50 m | 16 | 200 km |
| 6 | 100 m | 17 | 500 km |
| 7 | 200 m | 18 | 1,000 km |
| 8 | 500 m | 19 | 2,000 km |
| 9 | 1 km | 20 | 5,000 km |
| 10 | 2 km | 21 | 10,000 km |

Sleaze Only devices equipped with with an illegal sleaze module have a Sleaze rating. The Sleaze rating allows a decker to hide from security software of a *Node*. Without it the decker would instantly be recognized after performing any kind of *Exploit* action.

3.3 Matrix Actions

Access

| | |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Program | None |
| Prerequisite | <i>Node</i> AID |
| Test Modifier | None |
| Duration | 0.1s |

This action is required to access a *Node* with a known AID. After a successful Access Action the decker has accessed the *Node*.

Analyze [Node, Process, Stream, File]

| | |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| Program | Analyze |
| Prerequisite | Found [Node, Process, Stream, File] |
| Test Modifier | <i>Sleaze</i> |
| Duration | 2s |

This action allows for analyzing properties of various matrix entities. To analyze a *Node* an AID is required. Other entities have to be *found*. *Processes* and *Streams* can only be analyzed if the decker has *accessed* either the target or the destination *Node*.

Break

| | |
|---------------|------------------------------|
| Program | Break |
| Prerequisite | Found [<i>File/Stream</i>] |
| Test Modifier | Crypt Rating +3 |
| Duration | 20s |

Command

| | |
|---------------|--------------------|
| Program | None |
| Prerequisite | <i>Process</i> AID |
| Test Modifier | var. |
| Duration | 2s |

This action allows a decker to give commands to a *Process*. This can either be an agent, or any other program on a *Node* or *Device* like a drone or a security camera.

The decker needs only the AID of the *Process* and does not need to access the hosting *Node*.

Control

| | |
|---------------|---------|
| Program | Control |
| Prerequisite | None |
| Test Modifier | None |
| Duration | 1s |

Corrupt

| | |
|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Program | Corrupt |
| Prerequisite | Found [<i>Stream/File</i>] |
| Test Modifier | Originating <i>Node</i> System |
| Duration | 1s |

Table 3.7: Matrix Actions

| Account | Level | Program | Node | Process | Stream | File |
|-----------|---------|---------|--|--|--|---|
| Anonymous | None | | • Access | • Command | • Read | • Read |
| | Analyze | | • Analyze | • Analyze | • Analyze | • Analyze |
| | Break | | | | • Break | • Break |
| | Corrupt | | • Crash • Slow | • Crash • Slow | • Corrupt | • Corrupt |
| | Find | | • Find | • Find | • Find | • Find |
| User | None | | • User Account Access | • Command • Start • Stop | • Read • Start • Send • Terminate | • Create • Delete • Read • Write |
| | Control | | | • Control [Thing] | | |
| | Crypt | | | | • Decrypt • Encrypt | • Decrypt • Encrypt |
| | Edit | | | | • Edit | • Edit |
| | Medic | | • Repair | • Repair | | |
| Security | None | | • Security Account Access • View Accounts • View Alarm Status • View Logs • View Subscriptions | • Command ICE • Start ICE • Stop ICE | | |
| | None | | • Admin Account Access • Change Alarm Status • Edit Accounts • Edit Logs • Edit Subscriptions • Shutdown • Startup | | | |
| Admin | None | | | | | |

Table 3.8: Analyze Node Results

| Result | Properties | Location |
|--------|-------------------------|-----------|
| 0 | Active Alert Status | |
| 2 | AID | |
| 4 | Type | |
| 6 | High/Low Attributes | Continent |
| 8 | Functionality | State |
| 10 | High/Med/Low Attributes | City |
| 12 | Active Processes | Suburb |
| 14 | Exact Attributes | Street |
| 16 | | Building |
| 18 | | Room |
| 20 | | Exact |

Program None
Prerequisite None
Test Modifier None
Duration 0.5s

Decrypt

Program Crypt
Prerequisite None
Test Modifier None
Duration 1s

Delete File

Program None
Prerequisite None
Test Modifier None
Duration 0.5s

Crash

Program Corrupt
Prerequisite Found [Node/Process]
Test Modifier System
Duration 1s

Create File**Encrypt**

| | |
|----------------------|-------|
| Program | Crypt |
| Prerequisite | None |
| Test Modifier | None |
| Duration | 1s |

Find Process

| | |
|----------------------|--|
| Program | Find |
| Prerequisite | Access to origin/destination <i>Node</i> |
| Test Modifier | <i>Sleaze</i> |
| Duration | 10s |

This action allows a decker to find *Processes* in a *Node*, which must be either its origin or the destination.

Find Stream

| | |
|----------------------|--|
| Program | Find |
| Prerequisite | Access to origin/destination <i>Node</i> |
| Test Modifier | var. |
| Duration | 10s |

This action allows a decker to find *Streams* in a *Node*, which must be either its origin or the destination.

Find File

| | |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Program | Find |
| Prerequisite | Access to hosting <i>Node</i> |
| Test Modifier | var. |
| Duration | 10s |

This action allows a decker to find *Files* in a *Node*.

Read

| | |
|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Program | None |
| Prerequisite | Found <i>File/Stream</i> |
| Test Modifier | None |
| Duration | 0.1s |

This action allows a decker to read *Files* in a *Node*. The decker must have *found* the the *File* first.

Repair

| | |
|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Program | Medic |
| Prerequisite | Found <i>File/Stream</i> |
| Test Modifier | None |
| Duration | 0.1s |

Send to Stream

| | |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Program | None |
| Prerequisite | Found <i>Stream</i> |
| Test Modifier | None |
| Duration | 0.5s |

Slow

| | |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Program | Corrupt |
| Prerequisite | Found [<i>Node/Process</i>] |
| Test Modifier | System |
| Duration | 1s |

Start Process

| | |
|----------------------|------|
| Program | None |
| Prerequisite | None |
| Test Modifier | None |
| Duration | 0.5s |

Start Stream

| | |
|----------------------|------|
| Program | None |
| Prerequisite | None |
| Test Modifier | None |
| Duration | 0.5s |

Stop Process

| | |
|----------------------|------|
| Program | None |
| Prerequisite | None |
| Test Modifier | None |
| Duration | 0.5s |

Terminate Stream

| | |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Program | None |
| Prerequisite | Found <i>Stream</i> |
| Test Modifier | None |
| Duration | 0.5s |

Write to File

| | |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Program | None |
| Prerequisite | Found <i>File</i> |
| Test Modifier | None |
| Duration | 0.5s |

3.4 Cracking

3.4.1 Exploit

Every time a decker wants to perform an action where their user level is not high enough, like viewing the security log without being at least *Security* level, an *Exploit* test is required. If the action in question requires a test itself, when for example editing a stream, the *Exploit* test does not replace the actual test but is an additional requirement.

An *Exploit* test is an opposed test between the deckers *Cracking(Exploit)* and the *Nodes Firewall*.

$$TQ = 10dF + \text{Cracking(Exploit)} - \text{Firewall}$$

In addition each *Exploit* test can increase the deckers *Security Tally*.

3.4.2 Security Tally

$$\text{Tally} = \text{abs}(d10) + \text{System} - \text{Sleaze}$$

Table 3.9: Exploit Modifiers

| Account Level | Mods | |
|---------------|--------|---------|
| | Action | Account |
| User | 0 | -3 |
| Security | -3 | -5 |
| Admin | -4 | -6 |

Jam Wireless

| | |
|---------------|------|
| Program | Scan |
| Prerequisite | None |
| Test Modifier | 0 |
| Duration | None |

Table 3.10: Security Tally Measures

| Tally | Measure |
|-------|--------------|
| 5 | Analyze ICE |
| 10 | Trace ICE |
| 15 | Silent Alert |
| 20 | Combat ICE |
| 25 | Active Alert |
| 50 | Shutdown |

Analyze ICE Analyze ICE is looking into a deckers activities to find any signs of illegal actions. If it finds anything it will be added to the deckers security tally.

Trace ICE Trace ICE will try to find the deckers location by analyzing its *Stream*.

Passive Alert In silent or passive Alert Status a list of predefined personnel is informed of a possible intrusion. The Node diverts resources to security purposes, increasing Firewall by 2 and decreasing Processor by 2. Any standard functionality of the Node could be impaired by this resource transfer (GM discretion). The information is not broadcasted to Processes in the Node.

Combat ICE Combat ICE will continuously attack the decker till it is crashed and restart afterwards to attack again.

Active Alert In active Alert Status a list of predefined personnel is informed of an intrusion. The Node diverts resources to security purposes, increasing Firewall by 3 and decreasing Processor by 3. Any standard functionality of the Node can be impaired by this resource transfer (GM discretion). The information is broadcasted to all Processes in the Node.

Shutdown

3.5 Electronic Warfare

Find Wireless

| | |
|---------------|-------------------------------|
| Program | Scan |
| Prerequisite | Target in <i>Signal</i> range |
| Test Modifier | var. |
| Duration | 10s |

Chapter 4

Magic

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