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GENESYS INITIATIVE TABS

This accessory for GENESYS, The Roleplaying Game for All Settings, provides three different ways to track initiative order and conditions for PCs and NPCs during a game session. Each set contains the same tabs, racks, and storage boxes themed to different settings. The first uses styles similar to the core rulebook and is suitable for any setting. Two are intended for use with ANDROID: SHADOWS OF THE BEANSTALK and REALMS OF TERRINOTH, but are suitable for any setting that matches the asthetics of the graphics.







GENESYS INITIATIVE TABS are intended to hang on a Game Master's screen for visibility and easy access. They can also be used sitting on the tabletop or even on character/player name tents (not included). Each tab style in this accessory also includes two different racks for organizing the tabs, and an optional storage box.

PREPARING THE TABS

Using this kit requires printing the pages on US letter sized paper or cardstock, cutting the tabs apart, and folding them where indicated.

PRINTING

- Adobe Acrobat Reader DC is highly recommended for printing. Other PDF programs should work ok, but font bugs occasionally crop up on some rotated text (including, surprisingly, Adobe Acrobat *Pro* DC).
- This PDF has layers. Turn off the Background Color layer reduce ink use and expose the color of the paper. The Background Hex Grid layer applies only to the Android pages and may be turned on or off separately from the background color as desired (except on the Android box sheets).
- Cardstock is highly recommended due to the heavy ink use. It also improves use and handling. Some types of heavy paper are also an option. This kit has been tested using 65 lb. (176 g/m2) cardstock and 48 lb (179 g/m2) Brochure and Flyer Paper - Matte (Epson). Check your printer specs to see what cardstock it can handle (if any) and if it requires using a thick paper or similar setting in the printer preferences.
- Premium inkjet paper (such as the aforementioned Brochure and Flyer paper) produces better contrast and clearer results, especially on the darker (Android) pages.
- Set scaling to "none" or the equivalent. Do not set the print options to fit to page or shrink to fit. Do not print double sided.
- Borderless printing is useful to aid in cutting apart the tabs, but not required. Test print a page or two first. Some printer settings might cause unexpected resizing of the pages. Check the printer properties for Enlargement Method and avoid Auto Expand

or equivalent. Auto Expand etc. ignores setting the PDF to Actual Size.

 Blank tabs are for customization. They can be filled out by hand after printing, or filled out as a PDF form before printing.

CUTTING

- SAFETY FIRST! Take great care when cutting the tabs apart. Use adult supervision. Using a paper trimmer is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. Not only is it safer, it helps keep the cuts straight.
- Cut along the middle of the thick lines. *Do not cut along the thinnest lines*, as those indicate where to fold the tabs.
- Try to keep to the middle of the line, especially if using one of the Screen Tab Racks.
- Fold the tabs by hand or by using the straight edge of a tabletop or ruler.

PREPARING THE TAB RACKS

This kit contains two types of tab racks. The GM Screen Tab Rack allows quick access to the tabs without giving up precious table space behind the screen. The Tabletop Tab Rack is much simpler and requires only folding (no cutting) to create.

- Cardstock is highly recommended for the racks.
- Thicker cardstock improves rack rigidity.

GM SCREEN TAB RACK



This rack is intended to be used as two separate racks, but can also function as a single large rack. The condition tabs are intended to be stored on one rack, and the PC/NPC tabs on the second rack. See the photos for suggested organization.

- Cut out the racks. Divide into two racks if desired.
- Cut out each area marked "REMOVE."
- Fold at each of the lines near the top of the rack.
- If the two fold lines provided at the top of the

racks do not match your GM screen thickness, fold where needed.

• Hang the rack(s) over the top of the GM's screen.

STORAGE OPTIONS

- Box: Build a cardstock box using one of the matching box templates. Carefully place one rack in the box (with the tabs still on the rack). Close the box lid. Note that even a sturdy cardstock box may be crushed by books or other objects, so take care. The box configuration was originally created using <u>http://www.templatemaker.nl</u>. It is a free site, and useful if you want to create a larger or different box. This does not constitute an endorsement by Fantasy Flight Games, nor of Genesys by templatemaker.nl.
- Leave on Screen: Carefully close the screen with the racks in place. Position the racks so they avoid tangling with each other. When stored in a messenger bag, box, or shelf, the pressure applied from books to either side of the screen can keep the tabs in place. Do not use this method with thin screens or if you don't want to risk warping the screen over time.
- **Envelope:** Use large manila envelopes to store the racks with the tabs in place. Cut the bottom of the envelope open. Slide the rack in from the bottom and out from the top. Fold and clip the openings to keep wayward tabs from falling out.



TABLETOP TAB RACK

Create the Tabletop Tab Rack by folding the page at the lines provided into a fanfold shape. This creates ridges on which to hang the tabs in any order desired. Adjust the ridge angles as desired. Print and fold additional pages if more room is needed.



STORAGE OPTIONS

- Envelope: Place a second Tabletop Tab Rack over the top of the first, keeping the tabs on the lower rack. Carefully squeeze both sheets flat and slide into a large/manila envelope. Paperclips help keep the tabs from sliding around.
- **Box:** Take the tabs off of the rack and store them in the storage box or a large envelope. Paperclip the tabs together to keep them organized.







USING THE INITIATIVE TABS

Initiative tabs are best suited to structured gameplay, but are also helpful in narrative scenes. The tabs are most useful in encounters with many combatants/participants and/or scenes with many conditions to track. You may find some tabs more useful than others to your style of play and may pare down the available tabs accordingly.

CHARACTER TABS

The character tabs represent individual PCs, nemeses, rivals, and minion NPCs or minion groups.

- Basic Character Tabs: These tabs are simply marked PC or NPC. It is possible to solely use these tabs if you only want to track initiative order and don't need the additional information provided on the Detailed Character Tabs, or want to specifically track what NPC or PC has acted in each slot respectively.
- Generic NPC Tracking Tabs: These tabs are marked as Unknown (for NPCs the PCs are not yet aware of), Nemesis, Rival, or Minion and numbered from one to three or four. Place them on the relevant NPC tab when the NPC acts in the round.
- **Detailed Character Tabs:** These tabs are divided into PC and NPC versions. On the front side (facing the players) there are spaces for the character name and a character image or symbol. On the back are spaces for character name, soak value, wound threshold, strain threshold, and melee and/ or ranged defense values. The NPC versions have check boxes indicating the type of NPC (nemesis, rival, or minion). Use the Detailed Character Tabs to track which character acts on which slot, usually in lieu of the Generic NPC Tracking Tabs.

STATUS TABS

The status tabs track character conditions and other effects impacting their current situation. Some include icons as an additional indicator/reminder of the tab's specific effect as it relates to the dice pool.

TURN TABS

Two tabs are provided for tracking which slot is currently active. Pick either "Your Turn" or "Active Character" as best fits your play style and/or setting.

BLANK TABS

Blank tabs are provided for you to make your own tabs as needed for your specific game or other settings.

TYPICAL USES

There are several ways to use the **GENESYS INITIATIVE TABS**, with increasing detail and complexity.

1. **Basic Character Tabs Only:** Hang the Basic Character Tabs on the GM screen or set on the tabletop in initiative order. Use one of the Turn Tabs to indicate which is the current character/player's turn.



2. Basic Character & Generic NPC Tracking Tabs: Use the same as above, but when a NPC acts, place the desired Generic NPC Tracking Tab over the NPC tab/slot it uses.



3. Basic & Detailed Character Tabs: Use the same as number 1 above, but when a character acts, place the appropriate Detailed PC or NPC tab on top of the Basic Tab/slot it uses. Remove all Detailed Character Tabs at the end of the round. As an alternative, Generic NPC Tabs may be used in combination with and/or instead of NPC Detailed Character Tabs. For example, an important recurring nemesis character may use a Detailed Character Tab while its underlings might be represented by Generic NPC Tracking Tabs.



4. Basic and Detailed Character Tabs with Status Tabs: As number 3 above, but when a character is affected by a condition or other effect, place the appropriate Status Tab on the character. When removing all tabs at the end of the round, remember to keep still valid status tabs together with the character for placement in the following round.



ADDITIONAL USES

If you use maps with tokens or miniatures during game play, you may also tag individual minis using the Status Tabs as needed.

FILLING OUT THE TABS & BOXES

When filling out blank tabs by hand after printing, usung a dark pencil allows you to easily modify or reuse the tab.

When filling out blanks using PDF form fillable features prior to printing, note that PDF readers other than Adobe Acrobat Reader DC may substitute fonts or otherwise affect the look of the text.

Add PC and/or NPC illustrations to the PDF prior to printing by clicking on the large picture area on each Detailed Character Tab. Note that different PDF viewers treat the size, location, and acceptable file type differently. You may need to experiment.

• Adobe Acrobat Reader requires the image to be a PDF. Foxit Reader accepts JPG and other image file types, but not PDF. Other readers may have other requirements or be unable to import images at all.

- Each PC/NPC tab image area is approximately 1 1/2"h x 1 1/4"w.
- Box image area is approximately 4.18"w x 4.2" h, and will cover up the circle on the box top unless the image iteself is modified to fit.
- Larger images will be reduced in scale to fit the area while keeping their proportions. Smaller images are not resized, in order to preserve their resolution. Adobe Acrobat centers the image in the area, while Foxit Reader aligns it to the lower left corner. Other readers may produce different results.
- Text may be added to either or both long sides of the box. Text at the short ends may be turned off using the layers.
- It is not possible to turn off the box background pattern without also turning off the box itself.







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