

# Characteristics Establish A Foundation

The physical, mental, and social abilities for Characters are described and defined by Characteristics. These Characteristics are gathered into a six-digit string for easy reference.

Characteristics are foundations for physical, mental, and social activity. Each character has three physical characteristics, two mental characteristics, and one social characteristic (plus an obscure characteristic called Sanity). Characteristics are Assets in the resolution of Tasks. The characteristics establish the foundation for the resolution of most tasks. A character with a specific skill can attempt tasks that someone without skill is not permitted to try.

#### CHARACTERISTICS FOR SOPHONTS

**Traveller** uses fourteen different Characteristics, of which a character uses six. The specific six are determined by the character's race.

Human Characteristics: The six human characteristics are Strength, Dexterity, Endurance, Intelligence, Education, and Social Standing.

#### **Referring To Characteristics**

Each characteristic has a name and several ways of identifying it.

**Abbreviations.** A Characteristic can be abbreviated with its first three letters. Capitalize only the initial letter of the abbreviation. For example, Strength is Str (rather than STR).

**Genetic Profile (GP).** A Characteristic can use its initial letter in the Genetic Profile.

The GP is a six-letter string (using the initial letters of the characteristics) showing the specific six characteristics for a sophont. For example, the Human GP = SDEIES (Str, Dex, End, Int, Ed, Soc). There is a sophont with GP = SASIIK (Str, Agi, Sta, Int, Ins, Cas).

The meaning of letters in the GP is dependent on position (S in position 1 is Strength, S in position 3 is Stamina). Because two characteristics in position 6 have the initial letter C, use K for Caste.

**Position Codes (C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6).** A characteristic can be identified by its position in the UPP. Use the letter C (for Characteristic) followed by 1 through 6. For example, for all sophonts, C1 = Str.

To avoid confusion between a word's ordinary meaning and its use as a characteristic name (such as Strength and strength), a characteristic may be explicitly referred to in the format Position Code = Characteristic Name. For example, C5 = Training, or C4 = Intelligence.

#### THE UNIVERSAL PERSONALITY PROFILE (THE UPP)



The UPP shows characteristics as Ehex digits in a six-digit string as a ready reference for the abilities of the character. **Bold** = Human.

#### **CHARACTERISTICS**

Possible personal characteristics include:

Cha	r Abb <sup>'</sup>	Characteristic	H*	Description G	P Letter
C1	Str	Strength	Н	physical power and ability.	S
C2	Dex	Dexterity	Н	body and eye-hand coordinatio	n. D
C2	Agi	Agility	А	overall body coordination.	A
C2	Gra	Grace	А	overall body-limb coordination.	G
C3	End	Endurance	Н	physical resistance to fatigue.	E
C3	Sta	Stamina	А	long-term ability to pursue a tas	sk. S
C3	Vig	Vigor	А	short-term ability to resist fatigu	ie. V
C4	Int	Intelligence	Н	natural ability to think and reaso	on. I
C5	Edu	Education	Н	achievement level of schooling	E
C5	Tra	Training	А	based on cultural heritage	Т
C5	Ins	Instinct	А	based on genetic heritage.	I
C6	Soc	Social Standing	Н	position in large group hierarch	y. S
C6	Cha	Charisma	А	position in small group hierarch	y. C
C6	Cas	Caste	А	position in genetic group hierar	chy. K

H= Human characteristic (may be in non-humans). If all characteristics are H, the species may be (but is not necessarily) Human. In **Bold**. A= Analog (non-human) characteristic.

#### **Characteristic Equivalences**

Analog characteristics can be related to each other and can often be substituted for each other in tasks and other situations.

For example, the C2 characteristics Dexterity, Grace, and Agility substitute for each other at half value. A sophont with Grace attempting a task for Dexterity would use half-Grace. A character required to use an analog Characteristic is almost always working at a disadvantage.

CHECK	<b>CHARACTERISTIC</b>
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1D =<	Characteristic
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Easy Check

Check

# 2D =< Characteristic

Hard Check

**3D =< Characteristic** 

Characteristics provide a simple mechanism (the Check <Characteristic>) for resolving situations:

The Check. Select an appropriate Characteristic and roll 2D against that characteristic: a result equal to or less than the characteristic gives success; any other result gives failure.

To avoid recurring use of a character's high characteristic, a character cannot use a characteristic again until <u>two</u> other characteristics have been used. If only one specific Characteristic is appropriate; each successive use of the Characteristic rolls with Mod -1.

Easy Checks and Hard Checks. For very easy tasks, roll 1D; for very hard tasks, roll 3D.

For example, Aia Resteff 68A999 is loading cargo on a Free Trader. One especially large container is blocking a floor access panel. She puts her shoulder to the load and tries to move it. The Referee says Check-Strength. The player rolls 2D (=7 which is greater than Aia's Strength-6; it fails). She can't try again immediately, so instead of pushing, she tries rocking the container. The Referee says Check Dexterity. The player rolls 2D (=7, which is less than Dexterity-8; the container moves).

**Mods.** The Check can be enhanced (or degraded) by circumstantial Mods. For example, Check Str - Weather, or Check Dexterity - Slippery Surface.

#### PHYSICAL VS. MENTAL VS. SOCIAL

Characteristics may be **Physical**, **Mental**, or **Social**. Each character has three Physical characteristics, two Mental Characteristics, and one Social Characteristic.

#### Physical Characteristics C1, C2 and C3

The physical characteristics are Strength, Dexterity, Endurance, Grace, Agility, Stamina, and Vigor.

All characters have Strength.

There are three different characteristics for fine physical activity: Dexterity (for humans), Agility, and Grace. Each represents a slightly different physical approach.

There are three different characteristics for resistance to fatigue: Endurance (for humans), Stamina, and Vigor. Each represents a slightly different ability.

#### **Mental Characteristics C4 and C5**

The mental characteristics are Intelligence, Education, Instinct, and Training.

All sophonts have Intelligence.

There are three different characteristics for learning: Education (for Humans), Training, and Instinct.

#### **Social Characteristics C6**

The social characteristics are Social Standing, Charisma, and Caste.

There are three different characteristics for position in social hierarchy: Social Standing (for Humans), Charisma, and Caste.

#### The Obscure Characteristics CS and CP (or CΨ)

There are two obscure characteristics: Sanity and Psionics.

Every character has both Sanity and Psionics, although they are not generated until needed.

#### Why Different Characteristics?

The different characteristics allow players to create sophonts with slightly (or not-so-slightly) different abilities. When a character is called upon to use a characteristic which he does not have; he can use the analog he does have at half value (usually; there are some exceptions).

For example, a character with Dexterity has to do a task with Agility: he can use his Dexterity at half value (round fractions up).

# C1 STRENGTH

**Strength** ( abbreviated Str ). Strength is physical power and ability. Strength is the ability to apply physical force or to carry loads (loads for strength are expressed in kilograms). Every character has Strength.

#### Using C1

Strength is the characteristic that governs Load and Burden.

Load And Burden. Load is the weight (technically it is the mass) of all objects carried by person. Burden is the perceived load after all modifications. If Burden does not exceed Str in kg, there is no penalty.

Burden (in the QREBS system) may modify the effective weight or mass of some objects (devices, equipment, weapons). The QREBS Burden modifier may increase or decrease load. Thus the Burden modifier creates Burden by increasing or decreasing Load.

**Carrying.** A character can routinely **carry** a Burden equal to Strength in kilograms for an unlimited period of time. He can carry a double Burden but functions with C2 minus 2 and C3 minus 2 until the Burden is shed. He can carry a triple Burden but functions with C2 minus 4 and C3 minus 4 until the Burden is shed.

**Transferring.** Transfer is the temporary movement of a Burden from one place to another (often a process of lift, walk a short distance, and drop). A character can **transfer** a Burden of 5x Strength. Transfer is limited to C3 in minutes every hour for Endurance, every half hour for Stamina, and every two hours for Vigor.

Lifting. A character can lift a Burden of 10x Strength for under one minute.

**Dragging.** A character can **drag** a load of 20x Strength for under one minute.

### C2 DEXTERITY OR AGILITY OR GRACE

C2 is the characteristic which addresses fine physical activity.

 $\ensuremath{\text{Dexterity}}$  ( <code>abbreviated Dex</code> ). Dexterity is body and eye-hand coordination, or fine touch control.

**Agility** (abbreviated Agi). Agility is overall body coordination. Agility is often (but not exclusively) associated with flyers.

**Grace** (abbreviated Gra). Grace is overall body-limb coordination. Grace is often (but not exclusively) associated with swimmers.

C2			lf The Task (	Calls For	
	Dext	erity	Agility	Grace	
	Use Dex x 1		Use Dex / 2	Use Dex / 2	
	Use Agi / 2		Use Agi x 1	Use Agi / 2	
	Use G	Gra / 2	Use Gra / 2	Use Gra x 1	

#### Using C2

The C2 characteristic is used in balance, accuracy (in throwing or weapons use), and in fine manipulation.

**Balance.** When a character risks losing his or her balance, Check C2.

Accuracy. When a character throws something at a target, Check C2.

**Fine Manipulation.** When a character attempts fine manipulation (operating very small controls, inserting detailed parts into a mechanism), Check Dexterity.

### C3 ENDURANCE OR STAMINA OR VIGOR

C3 is the characteristic which addresses fatigue and resistance to fatigue.

**Endurance** (abbreviated End). Endurance is personal determination and physical resistance to fatigue.

**Stamina** (abbreviated Sta). Stamina is personal determination and long-term ability to pursue a task. Characters with Stamina have greater long-term resistance to fatigue, and are in some ways superior to those with Endurance.

**Vigor** (abbreviated Vig). Vigor is personal determination and short-term ability to resist fatigue. Vigor is an inferior alternative to Endurance. Characters with Vigor have lower resistance to fatigue.

C3			If The Task C	Calls For	
	Endurance		Stamina	Vigor	
	Use End x 1		Use End / 2	Use End x 2	
Use		Sta x 2	Use Sta x 1	Use Sta x 2	
	Use \	/ig / 2	Use Vig / 2	Use Vig x 1	

#### Using C3

The C3 characteristic determines the length and effectiveness of a character's Personal Day, a character's need for sleep, and his ability to perform tasks.

**Exhaustion and Fatigue.** When a character engages in physically exhaustive work (running a great distance; moving heavy loads), Check C3.

Sprints. For short distance running, Check Vigor.

Long Distance Running. In a continued running situation, Hard Check Endurance.

# C4 INTELLIGENCE

**Intelligence** (abbreviated Int) is the natural mental ability to think, reason, and to use logic.

Every character has Intelligence.

#### Using C4

The Intelligence characteristic allows a character to be smarter than the player ( or less smart than the player ). There are times when a **player** has a **character** who is smarter than he is (or a **player** has a **character** who is less intelligent than he is).

**Solving Puzzles.** When a character is confronted with a puzzle, Check Intelligence. The game master manipulates this basic process to reflect harder puzzles, simpler situations, or other complications.

### C5 EDUCATION OR TRAINING OR INSTINCT

C5 is the characteristic which addresses learning and the ability to acquire and use long-term information.

**Education** (abbreviated Edu). Education is learning based on achievement level of schooling. Education is an equivalent level of schooling (although not necessarily attendance at a school).

Education is also a supplement or an alternative to Intelligence. In **Traveller**, they are decoupled: they are unrelated, and it is possible for a very intelligent person to have a low Education (or a very high Education person to have a low intelligence).

Sophonts with C5 = Education can be taught skills and knowledges in the traditional Educational environment. The governing skill for the Educational environment is Teacher.

**Training** (abbreviated Tra). Training is learning based on behavior modification. Training is a predisposition to the learning process based on cultural heritage.

Sophonts with C5 = Training learn poorly in the Educational environment; they prosper in special Training courses adapted to their needs. The governing knowledge for the Training environment is Trainer.

**Instinct** (abbreviated Ins). Instinct is an inborn complex of behaviors comparable to acquired learning. It is based on genetic heritage.

Sophonts with C5 = Instinct function poorly in the Education or Training environment and cannot use those institutions (they increase skills through experience).

C5			If The Task C	Calls For	
	Education		Training	Instinct	
	Use Edu x 1		Use Edu / 2	Use Edu =4	
	Use T	ra / 2	Use Tra x 1	Use Tra =4	
	Use li	ns = 4	Use Ins = 4	Use Ins x 1	

#### Using C5

The C5 characteristic indicates the sum of an individual's abilities available in support of intelligence.

**Finding Basic Facts.** When a character is confronted with a need for basic facts: Check Education. The game master manipulates this basic process to put the correct information at the disposal of the characters.

**Substituting Edu, Tra, and Ins.** Training and Education substitute for each other at half value. Ins can be substituted for Edu or Tra with a value of 4. For tasks that require Instinct, Edu or Tra may be used with a value of 4.

**Instinctual Reactions.** A character with Ins, confronted with a task that requires Edu or Tra reacts instinctively.

For easy tasks, Easy Check Instinct.

For Average tasks, Check Instinct.

For Difficult tasks, Hard Check Instinct.

For tasks beyond Difficult, roll the number of dice for the task.

Instinct provides a time advantage. A character who succeeds in a task using Instinct completes it **before** anyone else attempting the task using Edu or Tra.

**Instinctual Skills and Knowledges.** Sophonts with C5 = Instinct receive a native store of <u>three</u> instinctual skills or knowledges (but not talents) with a skill level equal to C5 Instinct.

### **C6** SOCIAL STANDING OR CHARISMA OR CASTE

C6 is the characteristic associated with a character's place in society.

**Social Standing** (abbreviated Soc) is social position in large group hierarchy. Social Standing indicates social class and the level of society from which the character comes.

**Charisma** (abbreviated Cha) is position in small group hierarchy. Charisma reflects a relative social relationship between members of a small group. A low Charisma individual will defer to and follow the leadership of a high Charisma individual.

**Caste** (abbreviated Cas) is position in genetic group hierarchy.

<b>C6</b>			If The Task (	Calls For	
	Social		Charisma	Caste	
	Use Soc x 1		Use Soc x 2	Soc not used	
	Use C	ha / 2	Use Cha x 1	Cha not used	
	Use Ca	as = 4	Use Cas = 4	Use Cas x 1	

#### Using C6

The C6 characteristic governs social interactions.

**Bluff.** When conducting a plausible bluff (getting past a guard; convincing a clerk) in general society. Check Social Standing. If the target of the bluff has C6= Charisma, Check Charisma.

**Living Costs.** C6 determines the cost to that individual for basic living. C6 times Cr100 equals the typical cost of monthly support (food, clothes, lodging, basic entertainment). But, if C6= Caste, use half C6.

**Nobility.** Nobility is the expected noble rank held by an individual based on Social Standing.

Characters with Soc are participants in the widespread social structure of the universe, which includes granted or inherited titles of nobility to those with higher values of Soc. Characters with Cha are at the fringes of the Nobility system: their equivalent Soc equals Cha / 2. Characters with Cas do not participate in the Nobility system; they are culturally or genetically dismissive of such rank, and generally ignore it or seem unaware of it. In the rare event that a character with Cha or Cas receive a Noble rank, it is noted as a skill.

The first step in the Nobility is A = Gentleman(Gentlewoman, Gentleperson, Gentlesophont). Although technically not Noble, Soc = A represents an awakening awareness of the Noble structure and of the potential to be a member of the Nobility.

**Baronet and Baron.** A character elevated to Soc = C is initially a Baronet. The next increase in Soc remains C but the title increases to Baron.

**Viscount and Count.** A character elevated to Soc = E is initially a Viscount. The next increase in Soc remains E but the title increases to Count.

The Disruptive Effects of Charisma. Charisma is an alternate to Social Standing. Basically, characters with Charisma squabble and challenge each other in a way that persons with Social Standing do not.

Characters with Cha automatically defer to the leadership of others with higher Cha. Because Cha acknowledges Soc as double Cha, it generally defers to the leadership of others with higher Soc.

A character with Charisma within 2 of another character with Charisma may (but is not required to) challenge the other: if the challenge succeeds, the challenger rises in Cha and the loser has Cha reduced.

To Challenge Charisma.

Difficult (3D) < Characteristic

Opposed (2). Resolves the Challenge in one task.

Challenger selects Characteristic (must be the same for both). Losers reduce Cha by -1. If Challenger is the winner, his Cha increases to opponent's former Cha.

To Rechallenge Charisma.

Difficult (3D) < Characteristic

Opposed (2). Resolves the Rechallenge in one task. Loser immediately re-challenges, selecting a different Characteristic. Losers reduce Cha by -1. If Challenger is the winner, his former Cha is restored and increased +1.

The Isolative Effects of Caste. Characters with Cas are generally oblivious to the position in the social hierarchy outside their own species. They pay proper attention and deference to those with higher Cas within their species, and generally treat anyone with any value of Soc or Cha as an equal or inferior.

Characters with Caste are socially inept (if one tried a bluff, he uses Check Social Standing with a value of 4 and is unlikely to succeed).

# CS SANITY

Every character has an obscure and usually unreferenced characteristic called Sanity. Characters do not generate Sanity until it is first called for by the referee and the situation.

Sanity is the ability to make reasonable, sound use of the mental characteristics. By extension, low levels of sanity express a disconnect between the perceptions of the character and reality.

**Universal Structure.** All sophonts generate Sanity with 2D.

**Recording Sanity.** Sanity is not normally indicated in references to a character. When necessary, it is stated independently as CS=N or San=N. The value should be stated in Ehex.

#### Using CS

Sanity may be reduced when a character is confronted by a crisis. Reductions are permanent, but Sanity may be regained through counseling or with drugs.

Sanity is Reduced by Crises. When characters encounter Crises (battles, extreme stress, environmental situations, psionic attacks, drug interactions, and others), there is the chance that Sanity will be reduced.

Check Sanity. Failure reduces Sanity -1.

**Sanity Zero indicates Insanity.** When Sanity is reduced to Zero, a character is subject to an automatic Mod (= Flux; rolled new with every use) for every use of Intelligence and

C5= Education or C5 = Training (but not C5 = Instinct) and the task becomes Uncertain (1D).

The Effect of Counselling. Sessions with a Counsellor (generally using Counsellor skill) may increase Sanity.

The Effect of Drugs. Drugs exist which prevent reductions in Sanity. Drugs also exist which may increase Sanity.

Sanity Is Genetic. Record the first Die of San as the genetic D.

## **CP** PSIONICS

Rarely:  $C\Psi$ 

Every character has an obscure and usually unreferenced characteristic called Psionics (abbreviated Psi). Characters do not generate Psionics until it is first called for by the referee and the situation.

Psionics is the capability to use Psionic Abilities.

**Universal Structure.** All sophonts generate Psionics with 2D +3 - Life Stage. A character tested in infancy for Psi rolls 2D +3. Characters are more likely to be tested in adulthood: a human character at age 18 (Life Stage 3) rolls 2D +3 -3.

**Recording Psionics.** Psionics is not normally indicated in references to a character. When necessary, it is stated independently as CP=N or Psi=N. The value should be stated in Ehex.

**Psionics Is Genetic.** Record the first Die of Psi as the genetic D.

#### **Using CP**

Psionics is an obscure characteristic which remains unknown to the character until it is awakened by a suitable mentor or experience.

#### WHY ALL THESE DIFFERENT CHARACTERISTICS?

The traditional six characteristics Str Dex End Int Edu Soc were created to reasonably and accurately reflect human characters, and this information was compiled in an easy-to-read Universal Personality Profile. As **Traveller** progressed and evolved, it established alien / non-human / sophont races who had various alternate characteristics. The K'kree established Caste as an alternative to Social Standing. The Vargr established Charisma as an alternative to Social Standing. The Hivers established Curiosity has since been transformed into a Personal). **Traveller: The New Era** created evolutionary alternatives to the original characteristics: Agility for Dexterity, Constitution for Stamina; it also provided characters with both Charisma and Social Standing.

**Traveller5**'s treatment of characteristics establishes a range of logical physical, mental, and social characteristics and makes them compatible with each other. The basic scheme is this:

Humans continue to have their traditional characteristics: Strength, Dexterity, Endurance, Intelligence, Education, and Social Standing (plus Sanity). It is possible for a non-human to have the same characteristics as a human. It is also possible for non-humans to have alternate characteristics to reflect differences in the physical, mental, and social makeup of the aliens.

For example, a sophont may have Grace instead of Dexterity. The basic task to use a pistol calls for Dexterity; the sophont resolving the task must use Grace (at half value) and has a lesser chance of succeeding. There are steps that the alien can take to help: be cautious; acquire more skill; use a pistol with a high Ease-Of-Use. But in general, the alien is at a disadvantage attempting the task.

Continuing this example, Grace is the controlling characteristic for Swimming. The sophont uses Grace at full value in Swimming tasks; a human performing the same task is forced to use Dexterity (at half value) and has a lesser chance of success when compared to the sophont.

#### What Does This Mean?

Analog characteristics support three concepts in Traveller:

Interstellar society is human-dominated. The characteristics most often used in common tasks are the ones humans have; sophonts with the alternate characteristics are at a disadvantage trying most of the tasks available in interstellar society. The challenges of the universe are met by many different abilities. There are situational advantages to the alternate

characteristics. Sometimes, the best characteristic is a non-human one; the right person in the right place has an advantage.

The universe is a rich decision making environment. Many choices and many alternatives give both the players and the referee an opportunity to choose between them, which make for more interesting and more exciting adventures.



# **Mental / Social Characteristics**

The Mental Characteristics relate to a character's ability to process information about the world. The Social Characteristic relates to the character's ability to interact in society.

#### INTELLIGENCE C4 Int Equivalent

- 0 Non-Functioning
- 1 Very Low
- 2 Quite Low
- 3 Low
- 4 Unimaginative
- 5 Below Average.
- 6 Average.
- 7 Average.
- 8 Average.
- 9 Above Average.
- A Superior. B Gifted.
- B Gilleu.
- C Very Gifted.
- D Genius.
- E Extraordinary
- F Superhuman

**Intelligence** is the natural mental ability to think, reason, and to use logic.

#### USING INTELLIGENCE

When a character is confronted with a puzzle, the throw to solve it is Int or less. The game master manipulates this basic process to reflect harder puzzles, simpler situations, or other complications.

#### SANITY CS San Equivalent

0 Non-Functioning

- 1 Borderline
- 2 Vulnerable
- 3 Weak
- 4 At Risk
- 5 Sane
- 6 Sane
- 7 Sane
- 8 Sane
- 9 Sane
- A Sane
- B Sane
- C Sane

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**Sanity** is the ability to make reasonable, sound use of mental characteristics.

#### EDUCATION C5 Edu Equivalent

0 Absent.

- 1 Illiterate.
- 2 Basic Reading.3 Grade School.
- 4 Dropout.
- 5 High School.
- 6 Some College
- 7 Associate
- 8 Bachelor
- 9 Master
- A Advanced Work
- B Researcher
- C Doctorate
- D Expert
- E An Authority
- F The Authority

Education is level of schooling (but not necessarily school attendance).

#### USING EDUCATION

When it is unclear which characteristic (Int or Edu) governs, the game master may declare which one (or either) may be used to resolve the puzzle. A typical blend is designating one characteristic and applying the other at half as a Mod For example, Int + Edu/2, Edu + Int/2.

#### SUBSTITUTING C5

Training and Education can be substituted for each other at full value. Ins cannot be substituted for either. For those rare tasks that require Instinct directly, Edu or Tra may be used with a value of 1. Tra Equivalent 0 Genetically Faulty 1 Untrainable

**TRAINING C5** 

- 2 Very Slow
- 3 Slow
- 4 Slow
- 5 Below Average
- 6 Below Average
- 7 Average
- 8 Average
- 9 Average
- A Above Average
- B Above Average
- C Resourceful
- D Quite Resourceful
- E Adept
- F Very Adept

**Training** is the ability (based on cultural heritage) to use knowledge.

#### INSTINCT C5 Ins Equivalent

- 0 Genetically Faulty
- 1 Incapable
- 2 Very Slow
- 3 Slow
- 4 Slow
- 5 Below Average
- 6 Below Average
- 7 Average
- 8 Average 9 Average
- A Above Average
- B Above Average
- C Resourceful
- D Quite Resourceful
- E Adept
- F Very Adept

Instinct is the ability (based on genetic heritage) to acquire and use knowledge.

A character with Ins, confronted with a task that requires Edu or Tra reacts instinctually.

Check Ins. Success also completes the task before anyone else.

C4 C5 C6

#### SOCIAL STANDING Soc Equivalent

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C4 Int

C5 Edu Tra Ins

C6 Soc Cha Cas

**CHARISMA C6** 

2 Sycophant

3 Submissive4 Shy Follower

6 Follower

B Leader

С

D

5 Loyal Follower

7 Typical Member

9 Social Leader

A Group Leader

8 Emergent Leader

Strong Leader

E Near Absolute

Charisma is

a small group

LEADERS AND

**FOLLOWERS** 

A low Cha

and follow the

Cha individual,

characteristics.

Conflict. A

Charisma mav

CASTE C6

0 Uncasted

1 Outcaste

within a racial

structure.

Caste.

Caste.

hierarchy.

F Absolute Leader

relative position within

individual will defer to

leadership of a high

regardless of other

character with lower

challenge a character

with high from which

the character comes.

Cas Equivalent

Caste is genetically

determined position

Caste varies with

each specific sophont

species which has

Someone with

Caste is generally

oblivious to Social

hierarchy outside of

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Dominant Leader

Cha Equivalent

0 Abject Follower

1 Slavish Follower

- 0 Social Outcaste
- 1 Social Misfit
- 2 Dregs of Society

6 Low Middle Class

Low Upper Class

Middle Class

Upper Middle

Middle Upper

Upper Upper

Remarkable

Extreme

F Supreme

character.

SUPPORT

Extraordinary

Social Standing

indicates social class

or social level for the

C6 determines the

cost to an individual

Typical cost of

monthly support (food,

clothes, lodging, basic

for basic living.

entertainment)=

Cr100 x Cas / 2.

Cr100 x Soc

Cr100 x Cha

**NOBILITY C6** 

A Gentleman

B Knight

C Baron

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F Duke.

c Baronet

Marquis

Count.

G Archduke

H Emperor

expected or

Nobility is the

equivalent (although

not necessarily actual)

noble rank held by an

individual based on

Social Standing.

Viscount

Soc Equivalent

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3 Lower Low Class4 Middle Low Class5 Upper Low Class

# The Personal Day

The Personal Day reflects the effects of the C3 Endurance / Stamina / Vigor characteristic in the ability of a character to remain active and alert.

C5 Personal Day

#### THE PERSONAL DAY FOR ENDURANCE STAMINA VIGOR

	Period	ENDURANCE	STAMINA	VIGOR	Mods
Personal Day		24 + Flux Hours	<b>48</b> + Flux Hours	<b>12</b> + Flux Hours	
Attention Level	Optimal	First Endurance Hours	First 2x Stamina Hours	First Vigor Hours	Mod +1 Hasty and Cautious
	Ordinary	Second Endurance Hours	Second 2x Stamina Hours	ignored	No Mods
	Tired	Third Endurance Hours	Third 2x Stamina Hours	Second Vigor Hours	Mod - 1 Hasty and Cautious
	Sleepy	After Tired ends. Check-Endurance* before any task	After Tired Ends Check-Stamina* before any task	After Tired Ends Check-Vigor* before any task	Check-C3* before any Task.
	Required Sleep	Sleep=Personal Day /3 hour Sleep=Personal Day /4 hour Sleep=Personal Day /6 hour	s restores to Ordinary.	Sleep= Personal Day/6 restores to Optimal.	

\* Failure = Character falls asleep for 1D minutes the first time; 1D hours the second time.

#### ENDURANCE EXAMPLE

Eneri Endurance Dinsha 777777 has End=7. His Personal Day (dictated by his genetics and the world on which his race evolved) is 24 + Flux hours (= 24+ 0 = ) 24 hours.

When Eneri awakens at 0600, his first 7 hours are his Optimal Period. At about 1300 he begins his Ordinary Period. At about 2000 he begins his Tired Period. He works into the evening, at about 0300 he enters his Sleepy Period.

However, Eneri routinely needs 8 (= PD/3 = 8) hours sleep. He goes to bed at 2200 and has 8 hours sleep before awakening refreshed and Optimal at 0600 the next day.

#### The Long Day

Eneri awakens at 0600 and starts his shift on the bridge at 0800. He will end his shift at 1600 (three hours into his Ordinary Period).

His replacement has an attack of food poisoning, and Eneri must work the next 8-hour shift (ending at 2400). He starts his Tired Period at 2000 and the last four hours of his shift he is Tired.

By 2400, it is clear nearly everyone has food poisoning and he will have to staff a third shift. At 0300 he is Sleepy (Check-Endurance before any task). He makes a decision and takes an antisleep pill.

#### STAMINA EXAMPLE

Nargle Stamina Agash 777777 has Sta=7. His Personal Day is 48 + Flux hours (= 48 + 4 =) 52 hours.

When Nargle awakens at 0600, his first 14 hours are his Optimal Period. At about 2000 he begins his Ordinary Period. At about 1000 (Day 2) he begins his Tired Period. He works into the evening, at about 2400 (midnight Day 2) he enters his Sleepy Period.

However, Nargle routinely needs 17 (= PD/ 3 = 17) hours sleep. He goes to bed at 1300 (Day 2) and has 17 hours sleep before awakening refreshed and Optimal at 0600 (Day 3).

#### The Long Day

Nargle awakens at 0600 and starts his shift on the bridge at 0800. He will end his shift at 1600.

His replacement has an attack of food poisoning, and Nargle must work the next 8-hour shift (ending at 2400).

By 2400, it is clear everyone has food poisoning and he will have to staff a third shift. At 0800 his third straight shift ends, and no one is yet fully recovered. He starts his fourth shift. By 1000 (Day 2) he is tired, but he can handle it. When the fourth shift ends at 1600 (Day 2), the First Officer has recovered enough to take over. Nargle gets to sleep a few hours late, and awakens at 0600 (Day 3) after 14 hours sleep (at Ordinary rather than Optimal).

#### VIGOR EXAMPLE

Ssssth Vigor Kshth-Othth 777777 has Vig =7. His personal day is 12 +Flux hours (= 12 - 2 =) 10 hours.

When Ssssth awakens at 0600, his first 7 hours are his Optimal Period. At 1300 he begins his Tired Period (he has no Ordinary Period). At 2000 he begins his Sleepy Period.

Ssssth routinely needs 2 (PD/3 = 2) hours sleep. He takes a quick 2 hour nap at 1800 and awakens Optimal at 2000. He works on projects until 0400, takes another quick 2 hour nap, and awakens Optimal at 0600 the next day.

#### The Long Day

Ssssth awakens at 0600 and starts his shift on the bridge at 0800. He will end his shift at 1600 (three hours into his Tired Period).

His replacement has food poisoning, and he must work the next 8-hour shift (ending at 2400). He knows he will get Sleepy at about 2000. It is also clear that this food poisoning event will continue and that he is unaffected, so he sets alarms for contingencies and takes a 2 hour nap from 1800 to 2000. He awakens at Optimal to finish this shift and start the third shift.

He works the third shift 2400 to 0800 by scheduling a 2-hour nap some time during the night. He can continue working shifts indefinitely if he can fit in short naps every 14 hours.



