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Cyberpunk rulebook 1988

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Timeline Canonical Series The main canonical series is written or co-authored by Mike Pondsmith, is an officially licensed product of R. Talsorian Games that takes place in the series or developed as part of the video game series by CDProjekt Red. Cyberpunk Red – The third edition of the pen & paper RPG written by Mike Pondsmith. Cyberpunk 2077 – Video game, is developed and published by CDProjekt RED which was released on December 10, 2020. Revised Timeline Canon Cyberpunk V3.0 – Also known as 203X. Previously published as the sequel to 2020, it has since been removed from the canon Firestorm Series Non-Canonical Series Hardwired - This source book ties in the novel Hardwired by Walter Jon Williams. It was published alongside Cyberpunk 2013. When Gravity Falls CyberGeneration – The second edition published in 1995, called CyberGeneration Revolution 2.0. Community content is available under CC-BY-SA, unless otherwise stated. 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Talsorian GamesPublication date1988 (First edition)1990 (Cyberpunk 2020)2005 (Cyberpunk V3.0)2020 (Cyberpunk fiction role-playing game, CyberpunkSystem(s)InterlockWebsitetalsoriangames.com Cyberpunk is a dystopian table game written by Mike Pondsmith and published by R. Talsorian Games. It is usually referred to by the second or fourth edition names, Cyberpunk 2020 and Cyberpunk Red, to distinguish it from the genre after which it is named. The setting of Cyberpunk exists within its own fictional timeline, which split from the real world in 1990. The timeline has been expanded with every major edition of the game, from its first edition in 2013 to Cyberpunk Red in 2045. [1] Major events include the collapse of the global superpowers, and the rise of megacorporations fighting among themselves for dominance. Food exploitation has caused catastrophic famines, and by the end of the 1990s the Middle East was a radioactive desert. Bioengineering, against a backdrop of warfare, has resulted in the rapid development of cybernetic prosthetics and direct human-machine interfaces. With the lack of government and police, accidental violence is endemic. Many also suffer from technoshock, an inability to cope with a world of synthetic muscle tissue, organic circuits and designer drugs. [2] The main location for Cyberpunk is the fictional Night City, located on the west coast of the United States between Los Angeles and San Francisco. With a population of five million people, it presents a layered society of gang warfare, corporate rivalries and political machinations in which players must survive. [3] System The rules of Cyberpunk are built on R. Talsorian's Interlock system. A core game mechanic is the concept of difficulty values, used to measure whether a player succeeds or fails on a particular task. A player takes the value of their most appropriate character attribute, adds the values of all relevant skills or modifiers, and then eventually adds the value of a ten-sided die roll. To succeed, they must beat the difficulty value assigned to the task by the gamemaster. Cyberpunk was one of the first table games to use this concept. [4] Character creation As cyberpunks, the players embrace body modification, cybertech and bioengineering. They live by three principles: Style over substance. Attitude is everything. Always take it to the Edge. (Break the rules.) [4] There are ten important roles, each with their own special abilities. They include charismatic musicians (rockerboys), bodyguards and murderers (solos), computer hackers (netrunners), road warriors (nomads), street experts (fixers), investigative journalists and reporters (media), mechanics (tech's or techies), doctors (medtechs), business leaders and police officers. [5] The choice is made to of characters, either by assigning points to purchasing skills, or by rolling d10s for a more random result. A system called Lifepath is equipped to each character continues, by generating goals, motivations and events from their past. Finally, they get money, cyberware, weapons and other equipment, including fashion and lifestyle items. [5] [2] Further character development is skill-based rather than level-based. For successful play players get points that need to be spent on improving the skills of their characters. Combat The combat system is called Friday Night Firefight (FNFF), and emphasizes lethality. Unlike other role-playing systems where characters accumulate higher hit points as they progress, allowing them to survive higher amounts of combat damage, the amount of damage a character can sustain in Cyberpunk generally does not increase as the character develops. Each round, characters are allowed to perform one movement action and another action. There are rules for using autofire, armor and cover, including specific instructions for using people as shields. Alternative ammunition types for weapons are available, for example a shotgun can be fired with buckshot instead of snails. Character skills can be used to improve both varied and melee combat. [6] In addition, there are rules that cover other forms of damage such as drowning and suffocation, electrocution, and being fired. Netrunning There are also rules for cybernetic hacking, called Netrunning. When characters are jack in, they can interpret the NET in different ways, including as a classic Dungeons & Dragons maze, or perhaps as a star-filled galaxy. Netrunners participate in the virtual world with interface plugs, cyberdecks, and interface special skill. Cyberdecks contain slots to contain programs selected in advance by Netrunners to assist in tasks such as evasion, decryption, and detection. Combat and other actions in the NET are fast, taking place second-by-second, as opposed to three second combat rounds in the physical world. [7] The destruction of the global NET in later editions of Cyberpunk turns netrunners' attention to local private networks. The effect on gameplay is that Netrunning is no longer a remote activity; Netrunners are embedded in their team and can use devices such as virtuality goggles to alternate their actions between both physical and virtual space. Closer integration with other activities was a game design choice to ensure that all characters have a role to play during a hacking scene. [8] Empathy and cyberpsychosis The acquisition of cyberware - cyber weapons, cyberotics and other implants - carries a Humanity Cost. Every ten points of Humanity Cost causes the loss of a point, the character attribute that measures how well they relate to other people. An empathy level of zero represents a complete loss of humanity, a state known as cyberpsychosis; In the case of players, their character becomes a non-player character controlled by the gamemaster. [4] History The game was by Mike Pondsmith (pictured in 2017). Cyberpunk was designed by Mike Pondsmith as an attempt to replicate the gritty realism of 1980s cyberpunk science fiction. In particular, Walter Jon Williams' novel Hardwired was an inspiration, and Williams helped playtest the game. Another important influence was the film Blade Runner. Many also assume William Gibson's Neuromancer was an influence; However, Pondsmith did not read the novel until a later date. [9] Other sources include the film Streets of Fire and the anime Bubblegum Crisis. First edition The original version of Cyberpunk was published in 1988 by R. Talsorian Games. The game components of the boxed set include a 44-page Handbook, a 38-page Sourcebook, a 20-page Combat Book, four pages of aids game and two ten-sided dice. [2] A number of rules supplements were then published in 1989: Rockerboy (source book for the Rockerboy character class) Solo of Fortune (sourcebook for the Solo character class) Hardwired, based on the Walter Jon Williams novel Near Orbit: Space Supplement, with rules for space travel This edition of the game retrospective became known as Cyberpunk 2013. Second edition: Cyberpunk 2020 In 1990, R. Talsorian Games released the second edition of the game, titled Cyberpunk 2020, with updated rules for combat, Netrunning and character generation. The timeline of the game was also adapted to accommodate the German reunification in 1990. It was released as a boxed set that contained a 222-page softcover book, and a 24-page reference guide and adventure. R. Talsorian Games has released two revised versions: Cyberpunk 2020 version 2.00 (1992) and Cyberpunk 2020 version 2.01 (1993). A total of 28 lines of supplements and source books, and 6 adventures were also published by R. Talsorian Games between 1993 and 1996. Atlas Games also published 12 licensed adventures between 1991 and 1993. Between 1993 and 1994, six novels from the Cyberpunk 2020 world were published. Dream Pod 9 released Night's Edge in 1992, using the Cyberpunk 2020 setting and adding a horror theme, including vampires and werewolves. Dream Pod 9 published ten other supplements and adventures in this setting between 1992 and 1995. An alternative world source book, Cybergeneration, was published in 1993; It revolves around teenagers with unusual, superhuman skills gained by a nanotech virus epidemic. The first version of Cybergeneration required the Cyberpunk 2020 rulebook, but a second version became a standalone game. Third edition: Cyberpunk V3.0 Cyberpunk V3.0 is set in the 2030s and was released in 2005. It takes Cyberpunk into a transhumanist environment in the wake of a fourth Corporate War. The global NETWORK has been damaged and created, like much hardcopied data, throw human history into doubt. Six new subcultures have emerged, known as Altcuts; such a group are his Edgerunners, successors to the cyberpunks of previous editions. [10] The third edition uses the game system Furzon, rather than Interlock. Both the change of attitude and the artwork within the book received negative criticism. [11] From 2007 to 2008, two source books were published to accompany this edition. Fourth edition: Cyberpunk Red The fourth edition of Cyberpunk, titled Cyberpunk Red, is set in 2045, following the events of Cyberpunk 2020 and serves as a prequel to the video game Cyberpunk 2077. [12] [1] The game takes place after a fourth Corporate War; however, the events differ from Cyberpunk V3.0, which is considered a separate timeline. [13] A simplified boxed set, the Cyberpunk Red Jumpstart Kit, was initially scheduled for release at Gen Con in August 2019, with the core rulebook to be released alongside it. Although the Jumpstart Kit was released as planned, the release of the core rulebook was provisionally postponed until June 2020 to allow R. Talsorian Games to partner with CD Projekt Red to ensure that Cyberpunk Red's lore was in line with that of Cyberpunk 2077. [14] [15] In May 2020, R. Talsorian Games announced that the release date would be pushed further because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and that they hoped to release the nuclear rule book by the end of the summer; [16] [15] However, a status update published in September 2020 stated the game would be released when it is ready and would not meet the end of the summer goal. [17] Instead, a digital edition of the game was released on November 14, 2020 and physical regulations on November 19, 2020. [18] Other media collectible card games Two different, independent collectible card games are licensed and produced based on the Cyberpunk setting. The first, called Netrunner, was designed by Richard Garfield, and released by Wizards of the Coast in 1996 (the game has since been re-released as Android: Netrunner, but is no longer associated with the fictional Cyberpunk universe). The second was called Cyberpunk CCG, released in 2003, designed by Peter Wacks and published by Social Games. Miniature game Combat Zone is a tabletop miniature wargame from R. Talsorian Games and Monster Fight Club, which will be released in 2021. [19] Video games In 2007, Mayhem Studio released the 2D platformer Cyberpunk: Arasaka's Plot for the J2ME platform. 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