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MORE MPC OPTIONS

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NEW OCCUPATIONS

HACKER

Some of those who live outside the law find themselves behind a computer screen rather than climbing through dark windows. These men and women are known as hackers/crackers and unsecured information is their cup of tea and what they make their money with by stealing and selling it to the highest bidder. However, not all hackers are crooks. In fact, some of them work for the government against others who would steal sensitive information. Many software and networking companies will hire hackers to protect their products and information from their not-so-legal brethren.

Prerequisite: Age 15+

Skills: Choose three of the following skills as permanent class skills. If a skill you select is already a class skill, you gain a +1 competence bonus on checks using it. Bluff (Cha), Computer Use (Int), Disable Device (Computers Only) (Int), Forgery (Int), Investigate (Int), Repair (Int), Knowledge (Technology, Hacker Scene, Streetwise) (Int), and Sense Motive (Wis).

Bonus Feats: Select either Gearhead or Meticulous
Wealth Bonus Increase: +2

GAMER

More of a hobby than a career, the gamer sees him or herself as a lifelong geek (and are proud of that

status). They spent huge amounts of time with friends, talking in character through various role-playing games they buy with their paychecks from jobs they don't really like. They escape the reality of their hard life by climbing into a science fiction or fantasy world where action and heroism are real and that they can take part in as a hero (or the villain). Many gamers will take it a step further by becoming a writer for role-playing game companies, in order to gain respect for what they do with their fellows.

Prerequisite: Age 8+

Skills: Choose three of the following skills as permanent class skills. If a skill you select is already a class skill, you gain a +1 competence bonus on checks using it. Computer Use (Int), Craft (writing) (Int), Disguise (Cha), Diplomacy (Cha), Gamble (Wis), Knowledge (popular culture), Perform (Cha), and Read/Write Language (None).

Feats: Choose either Educated or Creative (Craft (writing) and Perform (act) only)

Wealth Bonus Increase: +1

EQUIPMENT PACKAGES

ATHLETE PACKAGE

This package is good for characters that spent much of their time training and participating in sport events. It has equipment that will be helpful for those who enjoys an outdoor life.

BASIC PACKAGE

Backpack, Baseball Bat (Club), Binoculars (Standard), Cell phone, Climbing Gear, Clothing (Casual), Compass, Digital Audio Recorder, Duct Tape, Duffle Bag, Fanny Pack, First Aid Kit, Flashlight (standard), Map (Road Atlas), Mesh Vest, Multipurpose Tool, Portable Stove, Rope (150 ft.), Sleeping Bag, Tent (2-person Dome), Uniform, Windbreaker

WEALTH BONUS +5

Compound Bow, Arrows (24), Scope (Standard)

WEALTH BONUS +7

Leather Jacket, Rapier.

WEALTH BONUS +9

Dodge Neon.

BOHEMIAN PACKAGE

This package is good for people whom don't want to live under society's rules, or who spends a great deal of her life as an activist. It has equipment that will be helpful for a life on the road as well as equipment for exposing the illegal activities of corporations such as dumping environmentally dangerous material in environmentally sensitive areas.

BASIC PACKAGE

Binoculars (standard), Bolt Cutter, Camera (Digital), Canteen (0.5 qt), Clothing (Casual), Day Pack, Duffle bag, Fanny Pack (2 lb.), First Aid kit, Instrument, Knife, Leather Jacket, Map (Road Atlas), Mesh Vest, Money Belt, Outerwear (Overcoat), Pepper Spray, Portable Stove, Portal Video Camera, Rope (150 ft), Sleeping Bag, Stun Gun, Tent (4-person dome)

WEALTH BONUS +4

Fake ID, Disguise kit (Basic), Mechanical tool kit (Basic)

WEALTH BONUS +6

Multifunction PDA/Cell-phone

WEALTH BONUS +8

Dodge Caravan (Used)

USING EQUIPMENT PACKAGES

To use the equipment packages, follow the steps below:

1. Determine your character's starting Wealth bonus normally.
2. Select an equipment package for your character.
3. Your character automatically gets the equipment listed in the Basic Package, regardless of starting Wealth bonus.
Record this equipment on the character sheet.
4. Each package has three additional entries, each listed with a minimum Wealth bonus. If your character has a starting Wealth bonus equal to or higher than the listed number, add that equipment to the character sheet as well.
5. When you are done, subtract from your character's starting Wealth bonus the number of the highest package you selected for your character. The result is your character's current Wealth bonus. (If you took only the Basic Package your character's current Wealth bonus is +0.)
6. You may add to the character sheet any additional items with a purchase DC of 14 or lower.
7. You may exchange any item from any package for any other non-restricted item with an equal or lower purchase DC.

BUREAUCRAT PACKAGE

This package is good for people who spent their lives in corporation and political administration. It contains equipment helpful that will be helpful to people whom need to keep a presentable image as well as a systematic approach to a life containing administrating information and holding meetings.

BASIC PACKAGE

Box Magazine, Brief Case, Caller ID Defeater, Camera (Digital), Cell phone, Clothing (Casual), Clothing (Business), Designer Outfit (Business), Digital Audio Recorder, Holster (Concealed), Forgery Kit, Laser Pointer, Laser Sight, Outerwear (Coat), Pager, Pathfinder, PDA, Stun Gun, Suppressor (pistol), Tap Detector, Wheeled Suitcase (50lb capacity)

WEALTH BONUS +6

Clothing (Formal), Multi-Function PDA/Cell phone

WEALTH BONUS +8

Designer Outfit (Formal)

WEALTH BONUS +10

Acura 3.2 TL

CRAFTSPERSON PACKAGE

This package is good for any character who works making or repairing specific types of items or machinery. It contains equipment helpful for these tasks in all weathers.

BASIC PACKAGE

Bolt Cutter, Camera (35mm), Cell phone, Clothing (Casual), Contractor's field bag, Duct Tape, Duffle Bag, Electrician Tool Kit (Basic), Film, Flash Goggles, Flashlight (Battery flood), Flashlight (Standard), Flashlight (pen point), Hip Boots, Knife, Laser Pointer, Map (Road Atlas), Mechanical Tool kit

(Basic), Multipurpose Tool, Outerwear (Coat), Pager, Rain Poncho, Tool Belt, Uniform, Walkie Talkie (Professional)

WEALTH BONUS +6

Mechanical Tool kit (Deluxe), PDA

WEALTH BONUS +8

Electrician Tool Kit (Deluxe)

WEALTH BONUS +10

Dodge Caravan

DILETTANTE PACKAGE

This package contains equipment for people who live a life of wealth and appearance. It contains a number of expensive equipment for people whom are born to money.

BASIC PACKAGE

Aluminum Travel Case, Backpack, Beretta 92F, Binoculars (Electro-Optical), Box Magazine, Camera (35mm), Clothing (Formal), Designer Outfit (Casual), Designer Outfit (Formal), Film, Flashlight (Standard), Ghillie Suit, GPS Receiver, Holster (Hip), Instrument, Laser Sight, Light Undercover Vest, Map (Road Atlas), Mesh Vest, Modem (Cellular), Multi-function PDA/Cell phone, Multipurpose Tool, Outerwear (Overcoat), Pepper Spray, Scope (Standard), Sleeping Bag, Tent (2-person dome)

WEALTH BONUS +10

Computer (Notebook), Remington 700

WEALTH BONUS +12

Harley Davidson FLSTF

WEALTH BONUS +14

BMW M3

DOMESTIC PACKAGE

This package contains equipment for people whom serve others in their daily lives, such as butlers or drivers. It has equipment that will be helpful dealing with situations as different as repairing the car or protecting the master from criminals.

BASIC PACKAGE

Aluminum Travel Case (10 lbs.), Box Magazine, Cell phone, Clothing (Casual), Colt Double Eagle, Holster (Concealed Carry), Mechanical Tool Kit (Basic), Multipurpose Tool, Light Undercover Shirt, Outerwear (overcoat), Pager, PDA, Pepper Spray, Rain Poncho, Tool Belt, Uniform, Windbreaker

WEALTH BONUS +5

Walkie Talkie (Professional), Electrical Tool Kit (Basic)

WEALTH BONUS +7

Computer (Desktop)

WEALTH BONUS +9

Chevrolet Cavalier

EDUCATOR PACKAGE

This package is good for people whom like to teach others. It provides equipment that helps improve the quality of their education by providing everything from home made videos, to a day trip through the open country with the class.

BASIC PACKAGE

Box Magazine, Briefcase, Camera (Digital), Camera Bag (5 lbs), Clothing (Casual), Clothing (Formal), Daypack, Designer Outfit (Casual), Digital Audio Recorder, Flashlight (Standard), Holster (Concealed Carry), Laser Pointer, Leather Jacket, Modem (Broadband), Multipurpose Tool, Outerwear (Coat), Pepper Spray, Portable Video Camera, Printer, Rain Poncho, Scanner, Stun Gun

WEALTH BONUS +5

Colt Double Eagle, PDA

WEALTH BONUS +7

Computer (Desktop)

WEALTH BONUS +9

Chevrolet Cavalier

GAMER PACKAGE

This package is good for people who love RPGs and the imaginary world that they resolve around. It has equipment that are a must, from miniatures to the Sunday game, to a long sword to demonstrate how weapon finesse is (or isn't) possible with none light weapons.

BASIC PACKAGE

Aluminum Travel Case (40 lbs. Capacity), Camera (Digital), Clothing (Business), Clothing (Casual), Daypack, Gaming Library (Purchase DC 10), Knife, Leather Jacket, Long sword, Miniature Collection (Purchase DC 10), Modem (Broadband), Multipurpose Tool, PDA, Printer, Rapier, Scanner, Windbreaker

WEALTH BONUS +5

Gaming Library (Purchase DC 18), Cell phone

WEALTH BONUS +7

Desktop Computer

WEALTH BONUS +9

Chevrolet Cavalier

HACKER PACKAGE

This package is good for people who spent all their lives sitting in front of a computer playing games, hacking into the national bank, or finding security breeches for corporations. It has all the equipment one need to surf the web undetected.

BASIC PACKAGE

Black Box, Caller ID Defeater, Camera (Digital), Clothing (Business), Clothing (Casual), Designer Suit (Business), Electrical Tool Kit (Deluxe), Fake ID, Modem (Broadband), Modem (Cellular), Multi-Function PDA/Cell phone, Outerwear (Coat), Pepper Spray, Printer, Portable Hard drive, Scanner, Tap Detector

WEALTH BONUS +6

Computer (Desktop), Computer Upgrade (Desktop)

WEALTH BONUS +8

Computer (Notebook)

WEALTH BONUS +10

Ford Crown Victoria

INVESTIGATIVE PACKAGE

This package is good for people whom like to spend time around crime scene looking for clues or to overcome various obstacles related to an investigation of a crime. It has equipment to find evidence, protection against villains and ever to enter places where its owner isn't wanted.

BASIC PACKAGE

Aluminum Travel Case, Beretta 92F, Binocular (Standard), Brass Knuckles, Briefcase, Camera (Digital), Cell phone, Clothing (Business), Clothing (Casual), Digital Audio Recorder, Evidence Kit (Deluxe), Flashlight (Penlight), Flashlight (Standard), Holster (Concealed Carry), Light Undercover West, Lock Release Gun, Multipurpose Tool, Range Pack (standard), Receiver Tap, Walkie Talkie (Professional).

WEALTH BONUS +6

Portable Video Camera, Binoculars (Electro-optical)

WEALTH BONUS +8

Computer (Desktop)

WEALTH BONUS +10

Ford Escape XLT

POLITICO PACKAGE

This package is right for people whose life is based around making deals and public relations. It has the equipment needed to be presentable in any situation.

BASIC PACKAGE

Box Magazine, Briefcase, Cell phone, Clothing (Business), Clothing (Formal), Designer Outfit (Business), Designer Outfit (Formal), Digital Audio Recorder, Holster (Concealed), Laser Sight, Outerwear (Coat), Pager, PDA, SITES M9, Stun Gun

WEALTH BONUS +7

Computer (Desktop), Printer

WEALTH BONUS +9

Computer (Notebook)

WEALTH BONUS +11

Acura 3.2 TL

TRIBAL PACKAGE

This package is just right for people whom are of the wild, whom might not know a whole lot about the city, but everything about what's outside the civilized world. It contains equipment for surviving and traveling across the country.

BASIC PACKAGE

Arrow (10), Backpack, Binoculars (standard), Canteen (2 qt.), Climbing Gear, Clothing (Casual), Coat, Compass, Compound Bow, Fatigues, Flashlight (standard), Holster (Hip), GPS (receiver), Knife, Map (Road Atlas), Mesh Vest, Pathfinder, Scope (Standard), Sleeping Bag, Tent (2-person dome), Windbreaker

WEALTH BONUS +5

Leather Jacket, Winchester 94

WEALTH BONUS +7

Portable Satellite Phone

WEALTH BONUS +9

Harley Davidson FLSTF

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