

# Star\*Drive Backgrounds

## *Part of the 4ternity Project*

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These are backgrounds for the Star\*Drive stellar nations, expressed in (modified) 4th edition Dungeons & Dragons statistics. For more details, see [the 4ternity website](#).

An 4ternity character can select one of these backgrounds and gain either the listed benefit or the associated language specialty.

### *Stellar Nations*

#### Austrin-Ontis Unlimited

**Benefit:** You get a +1 bonus with your choice of either Heavy Weapons skill checks or Modern Ranged Weapons skill checks.

#### Borealis Republic

**Benefit:** You get a +1 bonus with all Intelligence-based skill checks, but a -2 penalty on Interaction skill checks.

#### Hatire Community

**Benefit:** Once per encounter, you can gain a +1 bonus on any single d20 roll you make.

**Associated Language:** Knowledge — *Hatire*

#### Insight

**Benefit:** You get a +2 bonus on skill checks related to computers, and a +2 initiative bonus in the Grid. You take a -2 penalty on initiative checks outside of the Grid.

#### Nariac Domain

**Benefit:** You get one free piece of cybergear that doesn't count against your cyber tolerance score.

**Associated Language:** Knowledge — *Nariac*

#### Orion League

**Benefit:** You get a +1 bonus on Charisma-based skill checks.

#### Orlamu Theocracy

**Benefit:** You get a +2 bonus on Physical Science and Navigation skill checks. If you are a Mindwalker, you get an additional psionic specialization at level 1.

#### Rigunmor Star Consortium

**Benefit:** You get a +2 bonus on Interaction and Deception skill checks.

**Associated Language:** Knowledge — *Rigunmor*

#### Starmech Collective

**Benefit:** You get a +2 bonus on Technical Science skill checks, and a -2 penalty on Awareness skill checks.

#### Thuldan Empire

**Benefit:** If you assign an 18 to your Strength or Constitution during character creation, it becomes a 19.

**Associated Language:** Knowledge — *Thuldan*

#### Union of Sol

**Benefit:** During character creation, you can add one point to any one ability score that is less than 16.

**Associated Language:** Knowledge — *Old Earth (specific)*

#### VoidCorp

**Benefit:** You get the Business skill and the Business — *corporate* specialization for free.

#### The Galactic Concord

**Benefit:** Choose either Fortitude, Reflex, or Will. You get a +1 bonus to that defense.

#### *The Verge*

#### Independents

**Benefit:** You gain an additional Last Resort point.