

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.