ANDROMEDA'S EDGE RULES OF PLAY

# INTRODUCTION

You lead a desperate faction seeking to build a new civilization on Andromeda's Edge. You begin with only a space station, a few ships, and a handful of resources. By carefully placing your ships, you will gather resources, claim moons, acquire station modules, and build planetary developments. You will battle opponents and compete with others in science, industry, commerce, civilization, and supremacy!

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# COMPONENTS

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# **GAME SETUP**



#### MAIN BOARD:

Place the main board in the center of the table.



#### EVENT BOARD:

Place the event board next to the main board and place the event marker on the start space for your player count.

Choose an event deck for this game. We recommend Galactic Dawn for your first foray into the Edge. Shuffle the chosen deck and place it face down on the event board.



#### SCRAPYARD:

Place the Scrapyard board next to the main board.



#### **STARTING REGIONS:**

Separate out the 15 planet tiles (*not Alliance Base tiles*), shuffle them, and stack them face down at the bottom of the main board. Then draw a number of planets based on your player count:

2 players	4 planets
3 players	6 planets
4 players	8 planets

Shuffle the planets you drew together with the 6 Alliance Base tiles. These are your starting tiles. Lay them out face up on the board, one at a time, beginning in the top left and proceeding left to right, top to bottom.



#### MOON TOKENS:

Shuffle the 6 orphaned nebula moons and place 1 face up on each nebula.

Separately shuffle each of the 5 colors of planetary moon tokens. On each planet, stack 3 moons of the matching color face down, then flip the stack face up so the top moon is visible. Place the remaining moons face down near the main board, in stacks of 3.

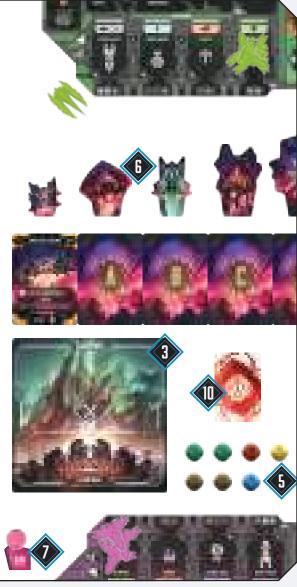




#### STARTING RAIDERS:

- Choose an S-Class raider card for this game. We recommend the Vorticon Strikers for your first foes. Build the matching S-Class standees. Place the card face up next to the board along with the standees for the S-Class raider near the main board.
- Roll 2 dice and place 1 S-Class raider standee on nebulae matching the numbers rolled (they may be in the same nebula).
- Select 1 A-Class, 1 B-Class, 1 C-Class, and 1 D-Class raider for this game, using any method you choose. Build the A, B, C, and D raider standees. Place the raider cards face down next to the board with the standees nearby.
- Return all unused raider cards and standees to the game box. They will not be used during game.







**GAME LENGTH:** Decide whether you will play a short, medium, or long game and place the terminus marker on the appropriate space on the VP track.

Short	50 VP
Medium	60 VP
Long	70 VP



**MODULES:** Shuffle each of the **4 module decks** and place them in the marked spaces at the top of the main board. Reveal 3 modules from each deck to fill the spaces in the columns below.



#### **PROGRESS TRACKS:**

- Shuffle the discovery tokens and stack 5 tokens face down on each of the 2 marked spaces on the science track.
- Stack another 5 discovery tokens face down on the observatory discoveries space at the top of the science track. Return the remaining tokens to the game box.
- Shuffle the supremacy tokens and place 1 face up on each of the 3 marked spaces on the supremacy track. Return the remaining tokens to the game box.



**GENERAL SUPPLY:** Create a supply area as follows:

- Shuffle the **tactics cards deck** and place it face down.
- Pile the development cards by type, with the matching development tiles nearby.
- Pile the damage markers and resources.

# **PLAYER SETUP**



**PLAYER MATERIALS:** Each player takes the following materials in their chosen color:

- 🔷 1 station mat
- 🔷 1 player aid
- 🔷 6 transports
- 🔷 1 fighter
- 🔷 1 science vessel
- 🔷 1 heavy cruiser
- 🧇 9 leaders
- 🔷 6 dice
- 🔷 5 track markers
- 🔷 1 VP marker



#### STATION MAT:

Station mats are double-sided for flexibility. Note the orientation of the four colorful modules on one side –players will need room to build out from this side of their station.

Each player places their station in front of themselves and places 3 transports in the Launch Bay area. They place all other ships in a personal supply beside their mat. They are available to build later.

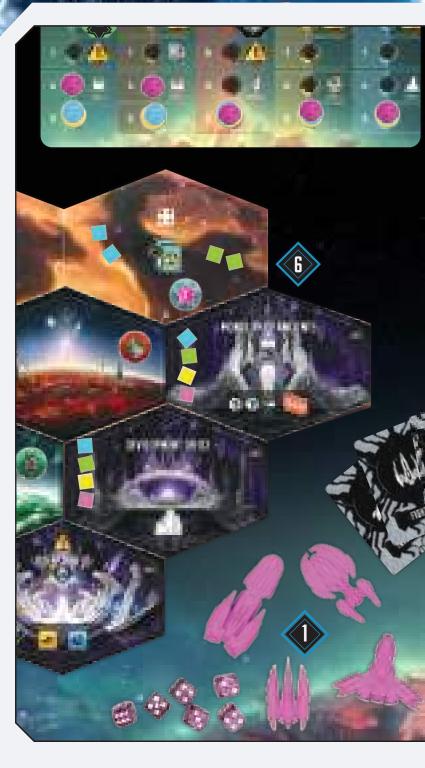
## FACTIONS:

Shuffle the **faction cards** and deal 3 to each player. Each player **chooses 1** to keep. Return all unused faction cards to the game box.

Each player gains the starting resources listed on the back of their faction card, placing them in the storage areas of their station, then places their faction card face up in the faction area on their mat.

## SHIP UPGRADES:

- Each player takes their faction's unique ship upgrade tile.
- Separately shuffle the 4 neutral ship upgrade types (transports, fighters, science vessels, and heavy cruisers) and deal 1 tile from each stack to each player. Return all unused ship upgrades to the game box.
- Each player places their 5 ship upgrade tiles in a personal supply with their unbuilt ships. They are available to acquire later.





## PROGRESS TRACKS:

Each player places 1 track marker on the bottom space of each of the 5 progress tracks.

Then each player advances 1 space on each of the progress tracks marked in the top left of their faction card.





#### LEADERS:

- Each player places 1 leader on each Alliance Base on the board.
- Each player rolls a die and places 2 leaders on the nebula matching the die rolled (more than 1 player can have leaders in the same nebula).
- Each player places their remaining 1 leader in the leaders area of their station.



#### START PLAYER:

- Choose a start player by simulating a battle: each player rolls their 6 dice, and the player with the highest single die is the start player. If there is a tie, the tied players compare their next highest die, and so on until there is a winner.
- The start player places their VP marker on the 1 space of the VP track. Going clockwise, each other player places their marker on the next empty space on the track.

# **GAME OVERVIEW**

Andromeda's Edge consists of a series of **turns** (there are not traditional rounds in this galaxy...) Players take turns in **clockwise** order, beginning with the start player and continuing until the game ends. On your turn, you either send out a ship or return all your ships to your station. This simple decision leads to all the wonders of the universe.

The **game end** is triggered when a player's **victory point** 

marker reaches the terminus on the VP track. Each player then gets 1 more turn, including the active player. Once final scores are tallied, the player with the **most VP wins**.



**ACTIVE PLAYER:** The player who is taking a turn is the **active player**. When indicated, some decisions are made by the active player, and many events throughout the game are carried out in turn order beginning with the active player. If game effects occur simultaneously, when order is not indicated, such as those triggered by the end or beginning of a turn, the active player determines the order in which they occur.

## **REGIONS OF THE EDGE**

The board map is made up of **regions** of different types. During the game, you will Launch ships to different regions to gain resources and take actions. There are **3 main types** of regions, described below. Optionally, special regions (*see p26*) may be added as well.

## PLANETS

The Edge is filled with an abundance of planets. Planets have **moon tokens** you can claim to gain resources, and you can build **developments** on planets to advance on the progress tracks and earn special rewards. New planets to explore will be revealed as key events trigger in Andromeda's Edge.

## **ALLIANCE BASES**

A frontier Alliance arrived before the latest wave of explorers and scattered their outposts across the Edge. Players can visit Alliance Bases to trade resources, salvage precursor technology, build ships, and take other important actions.

## NEBULAE

The Edge is bordered by mysterious, unexplored nebulae where raiders lurk. Ships may only enter a nebula region if they have **Voyage.** However, those brave enough to do so can earn powerful rewards.



# TAKING YOUR TURN

On your turn, you must either **LAUNCH** a ship onto the board or bring back all your ships in a **RETURN TO STATION**. You can also use any number of **free actions** during your turn. Launch and Return to Station turns, as well as free actions, are covered in detail over the following sections. At the end of your turn, discard any resources in excess of your limits.

# LAUNCHING

During a Launch turn, you send a ship from your station to a region, then activate that region to take its specific action. The region to which the ship Launches is the **active region** for this turn (even if the ship you Launch moves to a different region during your turn).

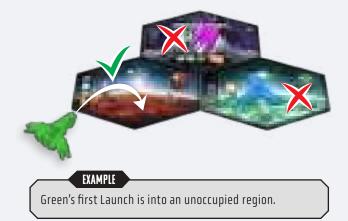


First, choose a ship in your **Launch Bay** and place it in a **region** of your choice on the board. The rules for selecting a region differ depending on whether you are making a **first Launch** or a **subsequent Launch**.

## **FIRST LAUNCH**

If you have **no ships** on the board when you Launch, it is considered a first Launch. During a first Launch:

You may Launch to any unoccupied region. A region is considered to be occupied if it contains a raider or at least 1 ship belonging to a player. In addition, all additional Launch requirements must be met; see below right.



## SUBSEQUENT LAUNCHES

If you have **1 or more ships** on the board when you Launch, it is considered a subsequent Launch. During this type of Launch:

- You must Launch to a region that is within range of at least 1 of your other ships on the board, using the launching ship's range value.
- You may not Launch to a region where you already have 1 or more ships. You may Launch to an occupied region with opposing ships. Doing so may result in battle.



## ADDITIONAL LAUNCH REQUIREMENTS

You must follow these rules when making **any** Launch:

- You may only Launch to an Alliance Base if you are able to activate it and do so.
- 🚸 Only ships with **Voyage** may Launch to a **nebula.**





## **ALLIANCE BASE ACTIONS**



#### MONOLITH OF ANCIENTS:

Spend any 2 resources to draw 3 tactics cards.



**TRADE HUB:** Spend any 2 resources to gain 2 credits.



#### MAXIMUS FIELD:

Advance the event marker 1 space, then buy 1 or 2 science or industry modules from the main board.



#### **ODESSA FIELD:**

Advance the event marker 1 space, then buy 1 or 2 commerce or civilization modules from the main board.



#### SHIPYARD:

Either pay the resource cost to build 1 new ship, placing it in your Launch Bay or perform 1 repair action.



#### DEVELOPMENT OFFICE:

Pay the resource and leader costs to build a development on an undeveloped planet where you have a transport.



Once you have launched to a region, you **must** activate it. What happens when you activate a region depends on its **type**:

- ACTIVATING A PLANET: Claim the top moon token from the stack and place it on your station. If the active planet has no unclaimed moons left, instead gain the resource printed where the moons were stacked.
- ACTIVATING A NEBULA: Claim the moon token (if there is one) and place it on your station. Then secretly look at the top 2 cards of the event deck. Choose 1 to return to the top of the deck and 1 to place on the bottom.
- ACTIVATING AN ALLIANCE BASE: Perform the Alliance Base's action. A brief description of each is listed at left.

## **CLAIMING MOONS**



One of the primary ways to gain resources is to claim moons that orbit planets and drift through the nebulae.

Whenever you claim a moon, place it in the claimed moons area of your station mat.

You can have no more than 4 moons in your claimed moons area. You can use the free action Abandon Moon on your turn to discard a moon and gain the depicted benefits, or you can slot a moon token elsewhere on your station during any player's turn to free up space.



If you gain a moon on any other player's turn, you may discard a moon in your claimed moons area to make room for the new moon, but you **do not gain** depicted benefit.





After you activate a region, check for Raider Strike:

- A RAIDER IS ALREADY IN ACTIVE REGION: If there is already a raider in the active region, a Raider Strike does not occur, and no further raiders may enter the region. (An exception is S-Class raiders, see below).
- S-CLASS RAIDERS: If there is an S-Class raider already in the active region, check to see if there other S-Class raiders within range of the active region that may perform a Raider Strike. Unlike other raiders, multiple S-Class raiders can occupy a region together with Swarm.
- NO RAIDERS IN ACTIVE REGION: If there is not a raider in the active region, check to see if there are any raiders within range of the active region, using the range value on each raider's card. If any raiders are in range, the active player must choose 1 of them to perform a Raider Strike and move into the active region. (If an S-Class raider is chosen, all within range will move into the region).

All raiders have the **Voyage** ability, so they can always perform a Raider Strike into nebulae.



After the raiders have had a chance to strike, if 2 or more opposing players and/or raiders have ships in the active region, a battle must be resolved. Battle can only occur in the active region. The steps of battle resolution are covered on pg. 21.



A battle between the green and blue players, and the raider.

Battle can occur even if the **active player** no longer has any ships in the active region.

## RAIDERS

Over the course of the game, menacing raiders will emerge from the nebulae to threaten your operations and prey on your starships. Each class of raider has a **raider card** that determines its values and abilities.

Only **1** class of raider can occupy a region at a time. A raider can **never** be placed or moved into any region where a raider of another class is present.

## **PLACING NEW RAIDERS**

Raiders of different classes are placed on the board when event cards are resolved. Each raider's card indicates which region it is placed in.

- When a raider card says it starts in a random nebula, roll a die and place the new raider in the nebula matching the number.
- When a new raider would be placed in a region occupied by a raider, instead place it in a random nebula that is not occupied by a raider. S-Class raiders are the exception, they may be placed in a region already occupied by S-Class raiders.
- If the raider of the indicated class is already on the board, instead place 2 S-Class raiders in the region indicated on their card. If there are fewer than 2 left in the supply, place as many as possible.
- A raider that has been returned to its card might return to the board later in the game. If an event is resolved that depicts the raider's class, it is placed on the board again, following the same rules as above.



# **RETURN TO STATION**

During a Return to Station turn, you return **all** your ships one-by-one from the board and Scrapyard to your station. The ships you return from the board and the Repair Barge area of the Scrapyard may be used to **activate modules** on your station.



If you have **no** ships left in your Launch Bay at the start of your turn, you **must** Return to Station.



During this step, you may activate any number of **modules** on your station, in any order, to gain their printed benefit. To activate a module, either take **1 ship** from anywhere on the **board** (or the Repair Barge area of the Scrapyard) and place it on the module, or take **1 energy** from your storage area and place it on the module.

In addition, you must follow these rules:

- You may not activate a module that already has a ship or energy on it.
- You may only activate a module using energy if you have already activated a module in the same row using a ship.

## CORE MODULES

**PRIMARY REACTOR:** Gain 2 energy and activate **any number** of your other science modules.

**SHIPWRIGHT:** Either pay the resource cost to build 1 new ship in your Launch Bay or perform a repair action.

TREASURY: Gain 1 credit.

**ARCHITECT:** Fither draw 1 tactics card or pay the resource and leader costs to build a development on an undeveloped planet where you have a transport.

- You may not activate modules with any damage markers on them.
- Ships in the top area of the Scrapyard can't be used to activate modules. However, ships that have been moved to the Repair Barge area at the bottom of the Scrapyard board can be used to activate modules. This includes ships moved to the Repair Barge during the current turn.

**RETURN STEPS** 

Activate Modules

**Return All Ships** 

Discard Energy

- SCIENCE MODULES: Unlike other modules, science modules can't be activated individually when you Return to Station. Instead, you can activate them by activating your **Primary Reactor** module (see below left). This must be done with a ship.
- **MOON INPUTS:** If a module has a **moon slot** on the **input** side of an action, you may only activate it once you have slotted a moon into it.

DAMAGE ICON

DAMAGE MARKER





when activated

#### PROGRESS TRACK ICON

advance when module is qained



open dock area indicates a ship/energy may activate



add a damage marker when gained

module is currently damaged



civilization game end modules and science modules do not have a dock area



A single ship activates all undamaged science modules.

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After you have finished activating modules, return **all** your ships from **modules**, the **Scrapyard**, and the **board** to the **Launch Bay** on your station. Remove all **damage markers** from any ships with **shields**.

You may **not** choose to leave ships behind on the board or in the Scrapyard, unless a game effect says otherwise.



EXAMPLE Supplier (incomplete) and Index Extractor (damaged) cannot be activated.



After ships are returned to the Launch Bay, return all energy you spent to activate modules to the supply.

If you have played any tactics cards with sustain abilities, these are also discarded at this time.



You may take any number of free actions during your turn, regardless of whether you are taking a Launch or Return to Station turn. Free actions may be used at any time on your turn, including immediately before or after other actions.

Slot a Moon Token and Play Tactics Cards are the only two free actions that can be performed **on any turn**. The rest can be performed **only on your turn**.

## **SLOT A MOON TOKEN**

At **any time**, you may slot a moon from your **claimed moons** area into a **moon slot** on a module or the Tactical Operations area on your station.

Once you have slotted a moon, you may **no longer discard it** to gain its benefit. If you **replace** a moon that is already in a slot, you must discard it **without** gaining its benefit.

## **PLAY TACTICS CARDS**

Tactics cards are **resources** you can gain during the game and play to take special actions. Each tactics card indicates when it can be played.

After you play and fully resolve a tactics card, place it in a face up discard pile next to the deck. If the deck is ever empty, shuffle the discard pile to make a new deck.





EXAMPLE



## TACTICS CARDS TYPES



## ACTION

May be played at the indicated time. Some may be played on other players' turns. **Can't** be played during battle.



## **EVENT**

May be played at the indicated time on your turn. When played, immediately advance the **event marker** 1 space.



## SUSTAIN

May be played at the indicated time on your turn. Keep this card in play until you Return to Station. *(sustain cards are discarded with energy in the final step of Return to Station)*.



## DIPLOMACY

May **only** be played during the **Diplomacy** step of a battle you are participating in. You may only play **1** Diplomacy card per battle.



## BATTLE

May be played at the indicated time during **battle.** The majority may only be played if you have ships in the battle. You may play **any number** of battle cards during a single battle.

## TACTICS CARD LIMIT

At the start of the game, you have a hand limit of **5 tactics cards.** You must discard down to this limit at the end of your turn. You can increase this limit by advancing on the **civilization track.** 



Limit 5



## **USE A DEVELOPMENT CARD**

If you have an unused development card, you may **flip it face down** at any time on your turn to take the 1x ability on it.

#### EXAMPLE

Gain any 1 module when using this city development card then flip it over.

## **DISCARD A DISCOVERY OR SUPREMACY TOKEN**

If you have an unused discovery or supremacy token, you may **discard** it at any time on your turn to gain the benefit on it.





## **RECRUIT LEADERS**

At any time on your turn, you may recruit **any number of leaders** of your color from any region or regions where you have ships. Place each of them in the leaders area of your station.

## **ABANDON A MOON TOKEN**

At any time on your turn, you may **discard** a moon you've claimed to gain the **resources** and/or **VP** printed on it. If you discard a moon with a **repair icon** X on it, you may repair 1 damaged ship or module.



You may discard a moon as part of paying a

**resource cost.** Place each moon you discard in a face up pile next to the board (separate from the face down moons that have not yet been placed).



## **COLLECT BONUS RESOURCES**

Event cards or other effects may place **bonus resources** on certain regions on the board. At any time on your turn, you may gain any number of bonus resources from any region or regions where you have ships.

## **USE FACTION ABILITIES**

Many faction abilities describe when they take effect, but unless otherwise specified, a player may use their faction abilities as free actions on their turn.



# STARSHIPS

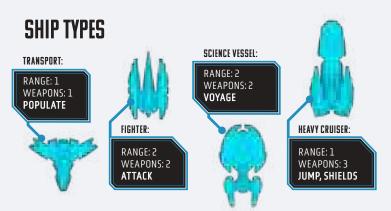
Each player uses their fleet of ships to explore Andromeda's Edge. During the game, you will **build** ships of different types, then **Launch** them out onto the board to gain resources, develop planets, and do battle with opponents.

When your ships **Return to Station**, you use them to activate **modules** on your station for extra resources and actions.

## **BUILDING YOUR FLEET**

At the start of the game, you have **3 transports** ready to Launch. Ships you have built are kept in your **Launch Bay** until you Launch them onto the board.

You can spend resources to build additional ships when you visit the **Shipyard** (*Alliance Base*) or activate the **Shipwright module** on your station.



There are **4 types** of ships you can build – you have 3 additional transports, a fighter, a science vessel and a heavy cruiser. Each type of ship has a **range and weapons** value, and unique abilities, which are displayed in your Launch Bay.

## SHIP ABILITIES

Each ship in your fleet has different **abilities** that help it excel at exploration, development, or combat. Player and raider ships can have the following abilities:



**TARGETING:** Increases minimum roll in battle, affecting all ship dice (max 5).

**VOYAGE:** When this ship Launches or moves, it may enter a nebula.

**ATTACK:** During a first Launch, this ship may Launch to an occupied region.

**JUMP:** When this ship Launches or moves, you may spend 1 energy to give it infinite range.

**POPULATE:** Allows developments on a planet. This ability is only on transports.

**CUSTOM ABILITY:** A unique ability for this ship. See appendix for clarifications.

## SHIP UPGRADES

At the start of the game, each player receives **5 ship upgrade tiles** – 1 for each of the ship types, and 1 faction specific upgrade. When you see the upgrade symbol (a), you may place 1 of these tiles over that ship space of your Launch Bay. This replaces the base specifications, and may grant all ships of that type new abilities. In addition – if you have an available ship of that type when you upgrade, you immediately **build** that ship for **no cost!** 

You primarily upgrade ships by means of the industry progress track (see Progress Tracks, page 19), but there are other ways.

Each ship type may be upgraded once. When all 4 ships have been upgraded, further upgrades have no effect.

## **SHIP SPECS**



**RESOURCE COST:** The cost to build 1 ship of this type.

**RANGE VALUE:** The maximum distance (*in number of regions*) from your other ships that you may place this ship when you **Launch** it from your station. It is also the distance this ship can move to **join a battle**.



**WEAPONS VALUE:** The number of dice this ship rolls in **battle**.

**SHIELD ICONS:** Shields prevent a ship from being **sent to the Scrapyard** as a result of losing a battle or other game effects.



**ABILITIES:** Special abilities this ship has.



Base ship on station

Upgraded ship

# MODULES

The remnants of the precursor civilization are littered across the Edge. You may acquire this technology in the form of **modules** you can add to your station. Each module you gain enhances your capabilities when you **Return to Station**.

Station modules come in **4 types**, corresponding to 4 of the 5 progress tracks *(science, industry, commerce, and civilization)*. Whenever you gain a new module, place it in the row of the matching type on your station mat. Then, advance 1 space on the corresponding progress track. Modules on your station may be rearranged at any time.

## **BUYING OR ACQUIRING MODULES**

Whenever you gain 1 or more modules, take the following steps:



Choose modules from the indicated column or columns. If there is a \_\_\_\_\_\_ above the module, the gain is not free. Pay the **resource costs** depicted on the board for any module you gain this way.





Add each module to the appropriate row on your station. If any module has 1 or more **damage icons** () in the bottom right corner, place 1 damage marker on it per icon.



For each module gained throughout the game, you will always advance 1 space on the corresponding **progress track.** 



When acquiring modules via the Maximus or Odessa Field regions, if you can't or don't want to buy 2 modules, you must discard 1 module from the indicated column for the second module. You must buy 1 module before you discard any. The discarded module is placed on the bottom of its deck.



At the end of any action or free action where modules are gained, refresh the module columns by sliding modules down to fill any empty spaces and revealing new ones from the decks. This refresh is done per unique module gain action.

EXAMPLE

A player uses the Maximus Field to buy 2 modules and then plays a tactics card as a free action to gain another. The modules would be refreshed after the 2 buys and then again after the free action.

## SLOTTING MOONS INTO MODULES

Some modules have **moon token slots** where you can slot moons you have claimed.

- MODN INPUT: If a moon slot is on the cost side (left of arrow) of an action, then the slotted moon's resources become the cost to activate the module. A module with an empty input slot can't be activated until a moon is slotted there. A moon with a repair icon can't be slotted as an input.
- MOON DUTPUT: If a moon slot is not on the cost side of an action, then you gain the slotted moon's resources whenever you activate the module.





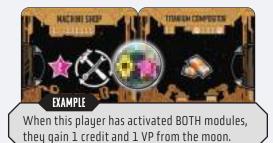
With this moon slotted, this player can take 1 repair action and gain 1 titanium when they activate the module.

EXAMPLE

If a moon slot has **VP** printed on it, you score those VP **once**, when you slot a moon into it.

MOON HALF SLOTS: All industry modules have half-moon slots on each side, forming a complete slot when 2 are placed next to each other.

You may **only** slot a moon into a **complete** slot. Once you have, you gain the slotted moon's benefit when you activate the modules on **both** sides of it. The order you activate them does not matter.



If you rearrange your industry row such that you **separate** 2 industry modules with a moon slotted between them, you must **discard** the moon (without gaining its resources).



You **may** still activate the main action of an industry module that has incomplete or unfilled half-moon slots.

# DEVELOPMENTS

The many planets of the Edge are fertile ground for bustling metropolises, humming factories, and monoliths to your supremacy – but you will have to get to them before other factions do.

There are **5 types** of developments you can build, each corresponding to 1 of the **progress tracks**. Each planet can only have **1 development** of a **specific type** (*indicated on the left of the planet's tile*). Once someone has built a development on a planet, **no one** may build another there.



# **BUILDING A DEVELOPMENT**

When taking a development action  $\operatorname{All}$  , you must have:

- ♦ A transport on an undeveloped planet
- At least enough recruited leaders in your station, depending on the development type (noted on planet's tile).
- At least enough resources to pay the development cost printed on the left side of the planet's tile.

There are **3 planets** of each type in the game, meaning a maximum of **3 developments** of each type can be built.

Whenever you build a development, follow these steps:



Pay the planet's **resource cost.** Discard the **leaders** you spend from your station out of the game.



Claim a **development tile** of the appropriate type and slot it **on top of your transport** on the planet.



Claim a **development card** of the appropriate type and place it face up near your station and gain the benefits listed below in **Development Card Benefits**.



When you build a development, you can build it on **any** planet where you have a transport (not just the active region, if there is one).

## **ASSIGNING LEADERS TO DEVELOPMENTS**

Building a development also requires skilled leaders to oversee its operations. Each development type requires a certain number of leaders (which is the same on all planets that support that development).

Leaders you assign to build developments permanently become part of the development and can't be returned to your station or recruited again later. Although the leader pieces are removed from your station, each development tile displays the number of leaders that are assigned to it, which is important for scoring developments.



## POPULATING DEVELOPMENTS

When you build a development, you must use a transport to Populate it. This transport permanently becomes part of the development. It can't return to your station or your supply, and you can't build it again later.

You must always have at least 1 ship, which means you cannot use your last ship to create a development, leaving you with no ships.



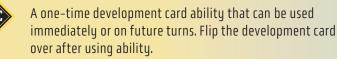
## **DEVELOPMENT CARD BENEFITS**



Advance 1 space on the corresponding progress track

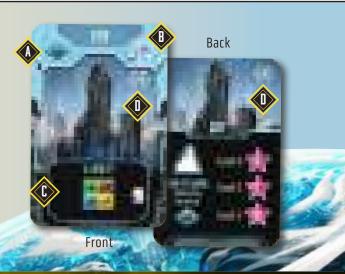


Score VP based on the number of leaders on the developed planet and in adjacent regions *(see next page*).





**BONUS BATTLE DIE:** Gain +1 die when engaging in a battle in a region adjacent to this development.



## **DEVELOPMENT ABILITIES**

Each development card you gain gives you access to a once-pergame free action. If you build multiple developments of the same type, you may claim multiple copies of the same card, and use each of them once.



## **DEVELOPMENTS ON THE BOARD**

Building a development on a planet does not prevent other players from launching their ships to that planet or activating it. Developments do not count as occupying planets (only ships do). This is important for determining where you can place ships during subsequent Launch turns.

## **DEVELOPMENT SCORING**

When you build a development, you score **VP** equal to the total number of leaders on the developed planet and in all adjacent regions up to a **maximum of 10 VP.** Count leaders that belong to **all players,** including **unrecruited** leaders, the number of assigned leaders printed on the **new development** you built, and the number of assigned leaders printed on any adjacent developments already constructed.



The purple player builds a factory. They will now score the development. They will score:



- for adjacent blue leaders in the nebula
- for the leaders inside the factory



😰 for the purple and green leaders on the Odessa Field.

The purple player scores 7 total VP when building this development.



At the end of the game, each of your developments will also score VP based on your development level on the corresponding progress track.

# **PROGRESS TRACKS**

The 5 progress tracks provide various rewards during the game and are a significant source of VP at the end of the game. You can advance on the progress tracks by building developments, buying modules, discarding tokens and (in the case of supremacy) winning battles or playing key tactics cards.

All 5 tracks contain development and event spaces.

## DEVELOPMENT SPACES

Each progress track has 3 levels depicting a development. At the end of the game, each of your developments scores VP based on the highest level you have reached on the corresponding track.

## **EVENT SPACES**



When any player reaches a progress track space with an event icon, immediately advance the event marker 1 space (see Event Track, pg. 20).

## TRACK SPECIFIC SPACES

Each progress track also contains unique spaces.

## **SCIENCE TRACK**

When you reach a discovery token space, secretly look through the stack of tokens there, claim any 1 token, and keep it near your station. You may keep it face down until you use it. You may use it as a free action on your turn.

## **INDUSTRY TRACK**

When you reach a **ship upgrade** space, choose any 1 ship upgrade tile from your supply and place it on the appropriate slot in your Launch Bay.

**Remember:** whenever you gain a new ship upgrade, you may immediately build a ship of that type for no cost!

All ships of the corresponding type gain the new values and abilities on the upgrade tile.

## **SUPREMACY TRACK**

If you are the **first** to reach a supremacy token space, claim the token there and keep it near your station. You may use it as a free action on your turn.

If you reach a supremacy space and the token is gone, instead score 2 VP.

## **COMMERCE TRACK**

Unspent resources at the Edge are usually worth nothing! If you reach or pass the 1 or 2 vault spaces on the track, each unspent **resource** you have at the end of the game is worth **VP** equal to the highest **vault** bonus space you have reached.



## **CIVILIZATION TRACK**

When you reach a tactics card limit space, the number of **tactics cards** you can keep at the end of your turn is increased.

You may then immediately draw tactics cards until you have reached your new maximum hand size.







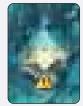
# THE EVENT TRACK

Throughout the game, certain actions like buying modules or advancing on progress tracks will advance the marker on the **event track**. When the marker reaches the **end of the track**, a new **planet** is revealed immediately and an **event card** must be resolved at the end of the current turn.

During setup, an event deck was chosen:

## GALACTIC DAWN

Galactic Dawn includes 10 event cards that generally benefit the players when an event is triggered. That is, except for the raiders emerging from the nebula...



## TRIGGERING AN EVENT

If the event marker reaches the **end of the track** on your turn, you must do the following:



Immediately reveal the top **planet tile** from the stack and place it in the next empty space on the board (*in left-to-right, top-to-bottom order*).



Stack **3 moon tokens** matching the planet's color on the planet and flip them face up so the top one is visible.

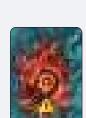


Place the **event marker** on your station to remind you to **resolve an event card** at the end of your turn.



## **COSMIC TWILIGHT**

Cosmic Twilight includes 10 event cards that impose greater challenges on players. Cosmic Twilight is recommended for advanced players seeking a more difficult mode of play.



## **RESOLVE EVENT CARD**

If the event marker is on your station at the end of your turn, you must reveal an event card from the deck, then resolve each of the following effects in order:



**SCORE VP:** Each player scores the number of VP printed next to their marker on the indicated progress track, minus 1 VP per damaged module on their station *(to a minimum of 0 VP)*.



**PLACE NEW RAIDER:** Find the raider card of the indicated letter class and place it face up near the board. Then place its standee in the region listed on its raider card.



**SPECIAL EFFECT:** Resolve the special effect as instructed.

**RESET EVENT TRACK:** Return the event marker to the starting space on the track and discard the event card face up next to the event board.

 Puring an event, no actions may be taken and no cards may be played, unless specifically stated (exceptions cab granted by tactics cards).

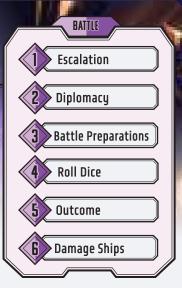
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# BATTLE

During the final step of a Launch turn, if the **active region** is occupied by **2 or more players** or by **1 or more players and the raiders,** a **battle** must be resolved. Battle can occur even if the **active player** does not have any ships in the active region.

Everyone with ships in the active region **must** participate in the battle (*including raiders – have someone roll the raider dice!*). Players who have ships within **range** of the battle may also **choose** to participate by moving their ships into the battle during the **Escalation** step (see below).

A battle can **only** happen during a **Launch turn**, and then **only** in the active region. If a player's or raider's ships share a region with opposing ships at any other time or in any non-active region, no battle is resolved. If during a battle, only 1 faction (*or no factions*) remain, battle ends.





Beginning with the active player and proceeding in turn order, each player with ships **in range** of the active region may move **any number** of those ships to the region to join the battle. (*This includes players who are not currently part of the battle.*) Each player only gets **1** chance to make this decision.



Diplomacy can sometimes end conflicts immediately, or change the rules of battle!

Beginning with the active player and proceeding in turn order, each participating player may play 1 (and only 1) **diplomacy** tactics card from their hand and immediately resolve its effects. Each player only gets **1** chance to play a diplomacy card.





Each participating player counts how many **dice** they will roll and determines the **targeting value** they will use for rerolls. If raiders are participating, also count their dice and determine their targeting value.

Then, beginning with the active player and proceeding in turn order, each player may spend any amount of **energy** to gain +1 die per energy spent. Each player only gets 1 chance to spend energy. Spending energy does not increase targeting value.

- SHIP WEAPONS: Each ship adds a number of dice equal to its weapons value.
- DEVELOPMENTS: Each player adds +1 die for each of their developments in or adjacent to the active region.
- ENERGY: Each player adds +1 die per energy they spend.
- DICE LIMIT: No participant may roll more than 6 total dice.

TARGETING VALUE: Each participant's targeting value is the number of ships they have in the active region, plus any targeting bonuses, to a maximum of 5.















All participants *(including raiders)* simultaneously roll their dice. Each participant then rerolls **all** dice results that are **less than** their **targeting value** until each of their dice results are **equal to or greater than** their targeting value.

## **TARGETING VALUE**

Each battle participant has a targeting value which is the minimum result they can roll on each of their dice during that battle. Whenever a participant rolls a die and gets a result below their targeting value, they must reroll the die until it is equal to or greater than their targeting value.

Each participant's targeting value is the number of ships they have in the active region, plus modifiers from ship upgrades, tactics cards, and other game effects, up to a maximum of 5. If a modifier would increase a participant's targeting above 5, they still only reroll results of 4 or less.

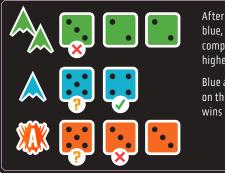


After the initial roll, the green player has rolled two 1s. They have two ships in the battle which makes their targeting value 2. They must reroll the two dice showing 1s until they roll a number equal to or greater than their targeting value. Neither the blue player nor the raider needs to reroll.

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**S-Class raiders** have a targeting value equal to the number of their ships in the active region. Other raider types have a targeting value of 1 (plus bonuses).

To determine the winner, each participant (including the raiders) compares their **highest single die result**. If there is a **tie**, the tied players compare their **next highest** die result. (If a tied player has a die left to compare but their opponents do not, they win the tie.) This continues until there is **no longer a tie**.



After rerolling, green, blue, and the raiders compare their dice from highest to lowest.

Blue and the raiders tie on the first die, but blue wins on the second.

If a tie has not been broken after all dice have been compared, there is no winner and **everyone loses.** 

Once a winner is determined, resolve the following outcomes:

- WINNING PLAYER: If a player won, they advance 1 space on the supremacy track. If any raiders were defeated, the winner also claims the reward on their card (just once for S-Class raiders together).
- DEFEATED PLAYERS: Each defeated player may take the Tactical Operations action on their station (see below).

## TACTICAL OPERATIONS

Whenever you lose a battle, you may use the Tactical Operations action on your station. This allows you to either draw 1 tactics card or gain the resources on a moon token you have slotted there.



With this moon slotted, you can choose to gain 1 g or 2 when you lose a battle.



Remember you can slot a moon at **any time,** including when you are about to use tactical operations.



- DEFEATED PLAYERS: All defeated ships take damage. If a ship does not have shields, or their shields have been depleted (see below), that ship is sent to the Scrapyard. Whenever a player's ship is sent to the Scrapyard, it is placed in the top area of the Scrapyard.
- DEFEATED RAIDERS: If any raiders were defeated, a single raider in the active region takes damage and is returned to its raider card, unless it has undamaged shields. Raiders are never placed in the Scrapyard.

## SHIELDS

Some ship types have a shield icon(s) Oprinted in their Launch Bay area or raider card. When a ship with shield icons takes damage, place 1 damage marker on 1 of its shield icons and it will stay in the region.





Once a shield icon is covered with a damage marker, it is depleted. If all of a ship's shields are depleted, the next time it would receive a damage marker it is sent to the Scrapyard. All of the damage markers remain *(until the last step of Return to Station)*. Depleted shields can be recharged using the repair action, removing the damage marker.

Whenever a player ship suffers damage in battle or from another game effect and does not have shields, it is **sent to the Scrapyard** and removed from the board.

All is not lost! Your ships in the Scrapyard will return to your Launch Bay the next time you **Return to Station**, and can be launched again on future turns.

## **DAMAGE & REPAIR**

Ships and modules become damaged and are repaired throughout the game. Managing damage is important, because having too many damaged ships interferes with your ability to use your modules, and module damage will reduce your score when resolving event cards and tallying final scores.

Some modules come into play already damaged. Note that acquiring 1 of these damaged modules is not "taking damage". Losing battles, events and tactics card effects can cause damage to ships and modules.

When a game effect such as an event or tactics card **damages a module** on your station, place **1 damage marker** on an undamaged module of your choice, if possible. (You may damage a core module.)

## REPAIR

Whenever you take a **repair** action (for example by visiting the **Shipyard** or discarding a **moon token** with a repair icon), choose **1** of the following options. If you repair multiple times with a single action, you may choose the same option or a different one each time.

REPAIR A SHIP IN THE SCRAPYARD: Move 1 of your ships from the top area of the Scrapyard to the Repair Barge area at the bottom. Ships on the Repair Barge can't be launched back onto the board until they Return to Station, but they can be used to activate modules when they return.



- RECHARGE SHIELDS: Remove 1 damage marker from 1 of your ships' shield icons in your Launch Bay.
- REPAIR A STATION MODULE: Remove 1 damage marker from 1 module on your station.
- NOTHING TO REPAIR: If you have no ships or modules you can repair, gain 1 VP.

# BATTLE EXAMPLE

The yellow player launches a transport to a yellow commerce planet and claims a moon. The Saucerian Abductor has range 2, and moves into the active region during Raider Strike. Battle must be resolved because the active region is occupied by 2 or more opponents and/or raiders.

## ESCALATION

The yellow player escalates first, joining the battle with a transport from within range 1, and paying 1 energy to Jump their heavy cruiser into the active region from 2 spaces away.

The blue player decides next, joining with 1 transport from within range 1, and their fighter from within range 2.



## DIPLOMACY

The yellow player chooses to not play a diplomacy card, and passes. The blue player plays "Hailing Frequencies" and gains 1VP for each opponents' ship in the active region. They gain 4VP. The card also allows any player to end the battle. Neither player chooses to do so.



## **BATTLE PREPARATIONS**

The yellow player will already be rolling 6 weapons dice in this battle, 1 for each transport, 3 for their heavy cruiser, and 1 more for their adjacent Obelisk. They take no actions during Battle Preparations.

The blue player needs more firepower, so they spend 2 energy to gain 2 additional weapons dice for a total of 5.



# Active region

## ROLL DICE

All dice, including the raider dice, are rolled simultaneously, and the following are the results.



#### Targeting:

The blue player has 2 ships in the battle, so their targeting value is 2. They reroll any results of 1. The yellow player has 3 ships, leading to a targeting value of 3. They reroll any results of 1 or 2. After rerolls, these are the final results.



Comparing each opponent's single highest die, yellow and blue are tied, but the raider is defeated. Comparing the second highest die, the blue player has a higher value. The blue player wins the battle.

#### Winning player:

The blue player advances 1 space on the Supremacy track. The blue player also gains the reward for defeating the raider.



## 🖻 DAMAGE

#### Defeated raider, player:

The Saucerian Abductor takes damage and is returned to its card. The yellow player's ships become damaged. They send their 2 transports to the Scrapyard, and they put a damage token on their heavy cruiser shield icon. The heavy cruiser remains in the active region. The yellow player performs the Tactical Operations action on their station. In this case, they may choose to draw 1 tactics card, or gain 1 credit because of their slotted moon.





# GAME END

When any player's **VP marker** reaches or surpasses the terminus marker on the VP track, this triggers the end of the game.

When game end is triggered, immediately **remove the event marker from the event track.** Event cards can't be triggered during the final turns of the game.

The active player finishes their current turn, and each player takes 1 more turn, including the player who triggered the end of the game. Players then proceed to **final scoring.** After final scoring, the player with the **most VP** is the winner.

# **FINAL SCORING**



**PROGRESS TRACKS:** Each player scores the VP printed next to their **marker** on each of the 5 progress tracks.

**DEVELOPMENTS:** Each player scores VP for each of their developments based on the highest **development level** they have reached on the corresponding progress track.





**DAMAGED MODULES:** Each player loses **2 VP** for each damaged module on their station. (*No VP loss for damaged ships.*)



**VAULT BONUS:** Each player scores VP for each unspent **resource** they have *(including tactics cards)* based on the highest **vault bonus** they have reached on the **commerce track**.



**CIVILIZATION MODULES:** Each player earns any **game end VP** on undamaged civilization modules on their station.

**LEADERS:** Each player scores **1 VP** per leader left on their station.



**OTHER:** Faction abilities may score additional VP.

## **RESOLVING TIES**

If there is a tie, the tied player with the most **modules** wins. If there is still a tie, the tied player with the most **resources** wins. If there is still a tie, victory is shared at the Edge.

Until next time!

## **SCORING EXAMPLE**

The game ends, and the yellow player has 62 VP.

## **PROGRESS TRACKS**



The yellow player scores 9 VP for science, 20 VP for industry, 10 VP for supremacy, 12 VP for commerce, and 8 VP for civilization. Their score is now 121. Since they passed the 0 space on the score track, they also flip their VP marker to the other side.

## DEVELOPMENTS

The yellow player has built 1 factory and 2 spaceports. Their factory is level 3 due to their position at the top of the industry track, so it scores 10 VP. The spaceports are each level 2, so they each score 7 VP. Their score is now 145.



## DAMAGED MODULES

The yellow player has 4 damaged modules on their station, so they lose 8 VP. Their score is now 137.

## VAULT BONUS

The yellow player reached the first vault bonus space on the commerce track, so they will receive 1 VP per resource in their possession. They ended the game with 2 titanium, O nanocarbon, O Ice, 1 credit, 4 energy, and 3 tactics cards for a total of 10 resources. They receive 10 VP. Their score is now 147.



## **CIVILIZATION MODULES**

The yellow player ended the game with 2 undamaged civilization game end scoring modules. The Land Ministry rewards them 10 VP; 4 VP + 2VP for each of their 3 developments. The

Cognition Collective awards them 6 VP; 3 VP +1 VP for each of their 3 tactics cards. Their score increases by 16 to 163.

## LEADERS

They have 2 leaders on their station, earning them 2 VP. Their final score is 165.



# **OPTIONAL RULES**

# **SPECIAL REGIONS**

## SETUP

Special regions add unique effects and scoring bonuses to the game. You may choose either the 2 Quasar tiles or the 2 Vortex tiles to include in your game.

Before you place any other starting tiles on the board, place the selected special region tiles on the board in the spaces marked with \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ . Then place all other starting tiles normally, skipping over the special regions. Place the same number of planets and Alliance Bases you would normally.



None of the special region tiles in the base game use the section. It can be ignored when playing the base game.

## SCORING

At the end of the game, after development scoring, each player then gains the indicated VP for each development they have adjacent to each Quasar or Vortex. A development can be adjacent to both special regions and receive both bonuses.

## **PLACING RAIDERS**

When using either the Quasars or the Vortexes, raiders that start on a random nebula space will now be placed on these special regions. When rolling a die to place the raiders note the die numbers on the Quasars or Vortexes in play.

## QUASARS

No ships can reach them, but the incredible glow they emit casts good fortune on nearby planets.



#### **NO ACTION IN A QUASAR**

Players ships may not Launch to a Quasar. Neither player ships nor raiders may move through Quasars, even if they have the Voyage ability. Range must be determined by counting around, not through, each Quasar.

## **VORTEXES**

Patient vessels can harvest great riches from these continuous streams of matter and energy.

#### **USING A VORTEX**

- When you Launch a ship to a Vortex you gain the depicted benefit.
- At the beginning of your turn, you gain the

depicted benefit on a Vortex if you have 1 or more ships on it. Additional ships on the Vortex do not increase this benefit.

A player with ships on more than 1 Vortex gains the benefit from each Vortex they occupy.

# **DESTINY CARDS**

Will you unite the edge? Cultivate new food sources? Or perhaps find the cure? Your destiny awaits in Andromeda's Edge!



This optional set of cards can give a direction for newer players as well provide a strategic edge to seasoned veterans.

## SETUP

At the beginning of the game, deal each player 2 destiny cards. Each player chooses 1 to keep and returns the other to the box without revealing it.

## **FINAL SCORING**

At the end of the game add a step for scoring destiny cards after scoring leaders. Each player reveals and **boldly announces their destiny** (*it's fun this way*), scoring a bonus for their achievements.

Each destiny card depicts 2 progress track goals. To achieve a goal and gain the depicted VP bonus, your marker must be the highest **or tied for highest** on the track. You may achieve both goals.

# 2V2 MODE

## SETUP

Players form teams of 2. Each player sits next to their teammate. Each player chooses and controls their own faction, as in a normal 4-player game.

To choose a start player, each player rolls their 6 dice as normal, but each team combines their rolls and compares their new team roll with the roll of the opposing team. The leftmost player on the winning team is the start player. Player order then proceeds clockwise.

## BATTLE

When checking if a battle occurs, if the active region only contains ships belonging to the same team, no battle is resolved.

When 2 teammates participate in a battle together, they combine forces. Each teammate independently counts their dice *(up to 6 maximum)*, determines their targeting value, and spends resources. After everyone is finished rolling, each team combines their rolls *(up to a total of 12 dice per team)* and compares it to the other team and the raiders.

When 2 teammates win a battle they both participated in, they both advance 1 space on the supremacy track, and they both gain the raider reward *(if there is one).* If 2 teammates reach a supremacy token space at the same time, the active player decides which of them takes it. If they reach an event space at the same time, the event marker advances 2 spaces.

## COLLABORATION

Teammates may collaborate in the following ways:

- OPPONENTS: Teammates are not considered opponents. However, they are considered "other players."
- HIDDEN INFORMATION: Teammates may share hidden information with each other, including tactics cards, event cards, and face down tokens.
- TRANSFER A RESOURCE/TOKEN: Once per turn, as a free action, the active player may transfer any 1 of the following to or from their teammate:
  - **♦ 1 resource** (including 1 tactics card)
  - 1 claimed but unslotted moon
  - 🔷 1 supremacy token
  - 🔷 1 discovery token

Both teammates must be in agreement on any transfer.

TRANSFER MODULE: The first time the active player acquires a module on their turn, they may have their teammate gain it instead. Their teammate advances on the progress track corresponding to the row the module is placed in on their station. (instead of the active player).

## **FINAL SCORING**

At the end of the game, each team creates a single team score by summing the scores of the 2 teammates. The team with the highest score wins.

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OR example 1 nanocarbon or 1 ice

input output example: spend 1 nanocarbon to gain 1 credit



"all players" example: each player gains 1 titanium



damage



any resource (including tactics cards)



range of a ship or raider



shield



gain a science module by paying board cost



gain a science module



advance on the science track



advance on any progress track



advance the event marker



event card

look at the top 2 event cards, put 1 on top and 1 on bottom of event deck



pay the appropriate cost to build 1 ship



perform 1 repair if no repairs, may gain 1 VP



pay the appropriate cost to build a development

ships may not enter this region



discovery token

supremacy token



discovery token space white corners: observatory discovery space



gain 1 upgrade (gain that ship too)



advance 1 space on the victory point track



vault bonus (star number indicates VP per resource at end of game)



hand size increases to new limit draw tactics cards until full



flip development card face up

flip development card face down



claimed moon token space on player station (4 claimed moons max)



slot for moon token

gain 1 VP when you slot a moon here

half of a moon slot may not slot until a full slot is created by 2 modules



moon token

die result of 1 nebula/special regions: numbers represent where randomly rolled raiders may be placed



leader



seen on development cards this region and adjacent: provides 1 weapons die in battle



seen on Quasars/Vortexes: gain 1 VP per development adjacent at game end