





MAJOR FEATURE	GC I	GC II	GC III	GC IV	GC IV: Supernova
STARBASES CLAIM TERRITORY AND BOOST PLANETS	Х	Х	Χ	Х	X
SURVEY SHIPS TO INVESTIGATE STELLAR ANOMALIES	Х	Χ	Χ	Χ	X
PRECURSOR RELICS TO MINE FOR CIV BONUSES	X	Χ	Χ	Χ	X
ETHICAL AND STORY-DRIVEN EVENTS	X	Х	Χ	Χ	X
PLAY AS AN ALIEN CIVILIZATION		Χ	Χ	Χ	X
FREE FORM SHIP DESIGN		Χ	Χ	Χ	X
STRATEGIC ZOOM		X	Χ	Χ	X
PLANETARY ARTIFACTS TO USE AS POWERS			Χ	Χ	X
MULTIPLAYER			Χ	Χ	X
LORE BASED EVENTS		Χ			X
SHIP CLASSES		Χ			X
IDEOLOGY / CULTURE TREE			Χ	X	X
PIRATE HIVES / SPACE MONSTERS			Χ	X	X
BLACK HOLES, STORMS, NEBULAE (SPACE TERRAIN)			Χ	Χ	X
CUSTOM CIVILIZATION BUILDER			Χ	Χ	X
GALACTIC BAAZAR MARKET			Χ	Χ	X
CUSTOMIZE MAJOR CIVILIZATIONS AT SETUP		Χ		Χ	X
LEADERS			Χ	Χ	X
CHARACTERS (PEOPLE WITH THEIR OWN STATS)				X	X
INCLUDED CIVILIZATIONS	8	12	10	18	24
MERCENARIES / COMMANDERS			Χ	Χ	X
INTERNAL FACTIONS (INTEREST GROUP W AGENDAS)		Χ		Χ	X
SECTORS (ABILITY TO PLAY WITH MULTIPLE MAPS AT ONCE)				Χ	X
POLICY SYSTEM (MANAGE CIV WITH POLICIES)				Χ	X
MULTI-SPECIES CIVILIZATIONS				Χ	X
ON MAP BATTLE TACTICS (RANGE BASED ATTACKS)				Χ	X
EXECUTIVE ORDERS (DIRECT ON MAP COMMANDS)				Χ	X
PRESTIGE VICTORY CONDITION				Χ	X
AI GENERATED CUSTOM CIVILIZATIONS (ALIENGPT)					X
CONSEQUENCE EVENTS					X
INFLUENCE CONQUEST		Χ			X
ARTIFACT VAULT					X
MISSIONS / TUTORIAL		Χ	Χ		X
UNIQUETECH TREE / IMPROVEMENTS PER CIV		Χ			X
TERROR STARS	X	Χ			X



Other games in the genre (games we love)

Game Element	Galactic Civilizations IV	Stellaris	Endless Space	Master of Orion	Sins of a Solar Empire
Gameplay System	Turn-based	Real-Time	Turn-Based	Turn-Based	Real-Time
Alien Civs	Included Civs are hand-crafted with modest differences in game mechanics (each Civ has their own ship style, music, etc.). Also supports Generative Al for making custom civs. Modest library of customization options.	Focus on sandbox where the lore is created by the player as they play. Very deep library of customization options.	Civs are hand-crafted with very distinct game mechanics (each Civ has their own ship style, music, etc.).	Civs are hand-crafted with modest differences in game mechanics (each Civ has their own ship style, music, etc.)	Civs are hand-crafted with very distinct game mechanics. (each Civ has their own ship style, music, etc.),
Map Navigation	Tile based (free form)	Starlanes	Starlanes	Starlanes	Starlanes
Scale	Tiny to Massive scale	Small to Massive Scale	Small to Large scale	Small to medium scale	Tiny to Large Scale
Victory Conditions	Goal-Oriented (Conquest, Diplomatic, Culture, Prestige)	Sandbox player defined	Goal-Oriented	Goal-Oriented	Goal-Oriented
Learning Curve (1 = easy, 10 = hard)	5	8	3	2	4
Game Style	"4X Strategy"	"Grand strategy sandbox"	"4X Strategy"	"4X Strategy"	"Real-Time 4X"
Story-Driven Events	Characters and Civs create story-driven events that can have substantial consequences	Characters and Civs create story-driven events that can have major consequences	Random events (Narrative, Global, Interactive)	None	None
Standout Features	Approachable powerful ship design, Strong Al opponents, First game to use Al generation tech (AlienGPT)	First game in the genre to make each game feel like a unique story, Great depth.	Gorgeous with each civilization feeling truly unique	Perfect balance of gameplay, approachability and mechanics	Gorgeous and makes the player feel like they're in a living universe.

KEY NEW FEATURES IN GALCIV IV: SUPERNOVA

ALIENGPT

 Describe your civilization, choose their cultural affinity and personality and press Generate to get a custom civilization with its own history, lore and with stats, abilities, ships and citizen types chosen. Al generation trained on Stardock's existing art library.

TOP-TO-BOTTOM GAMEPLAY CHANGES

 GalCiv IV: Supernova is being developed by the same Stardock team that made GalCiv II (but not GalCiv III) so a lot of gameplay and general feel will be modern revisiting of some of the classic elements of that game.

THE VAULT

 The player will find Precursor artifacts and other items that can be stored in a Vault and used by the player instantly to improve their civilization.

NEW EVENT SYSTEM

• The galaxy is very much alive and responds to the actions of the player as well as other civilization. The deep lore of the Galactic Civilizations series is experienced by players.

CAMPAIGN / TUTORIAL

 NOT in the current build (not until everything is basically done) a new campaign will help give a background on the universe of Galactic Civilizations including the so-called peace-loving humans of Sol III as well as a tutorial to introduce players to 4X strategy game playing.

Walk-Through: The Best Way to Show Viewers

We want to make sure that the game entertains your viewers. If there's something we can add to the game that you think your viewers would like, let us know.

Gameplay that we think will entertain viewers:

Creating a Custom Civ with AlienGPT. Note there is a limit on how many can be made in a setting.

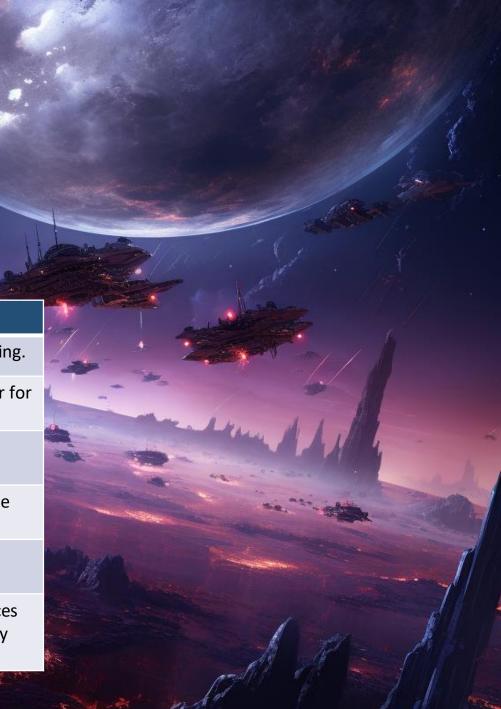
Looking at the different map options. You will want to choose a Small map with a Single Sector for brevity.

Looking at the alien civs to play against. You can hold down the SHIFT key to lock a tool tip to explore stats in a tooltip further.

Story-Driven Events. There are a lot (and more coming) story-based events that in turn change the way things progress in the galaxy.

Ship-Design. The game will make ships for you, but it can be fun to customize ships and make them fit your particular strategy.

Messing with other players. You can get players to go to war with each other and give resources and ships to the side you want to win without getting your hands dirty. This game has uniquely powerful AI features running, use it for fun and pleasure.



Things we are still working on

Content Name	DLC or Expansion	What It Adds	Release Date	Price
Tales of Centauron	DLC	 Unique Technologies New Planetary Improvements New Custom Civ Traits Dozens of New Lore Driven Events 	Released	\$9.99
Warlords	Expansion	Military DoctrinesWar AimsCombat System Upgrade	April 18th, 2024	\$19.99
Species Pack	DLC	 Over a dozen new species for Custom Civs 	Q2 2024	\$9.99
Megastructures	Expansion	 Variety of star harnessing Megastructures Differentiates Star Types, expanding their potential 	Q3 2024	\$19.99
Tales of the Arnor	DLC	Unique ArtifactsNew eventsNew componentsMission Driven Gameplay	Q4 2024	\$9.99

Game Setup: AlienGPT

- 1. Type in a description.
- 2. Press 'Generate'.
- 3. Have fun.



The AI generation is focused on the live text generation for lore and flavor. It matches keywords to an internal art library created by our artists utilizing A.I trained on Stardock's extensive art library.

There are a finite number of generations we support per day.

Create Civilization Your Civilization Abilities . Fleets Game Setup: Civilization Abilities and Traits Civilization Traits can grant strengths or weaknesses, so choose wisely. Trait P Abilities Rich 0000 Productive 000 000 Influential Likeable 000 0000 >> Fast 00 (†) Veteran You can't really go wrong with 0000 Courageous 000 Deceptive the abilities. **Bureaucrats Farmers Persuasive** 000 Intimidating On citizens, we highly recommend choosing humans as Pick 2 Planet Tupe **Cubernetic** Desert we presume most people watching are humans and thus Interface Theme Music Theme ... familiar with their eating habits Snathi Phamysht Theme and such. Flagships Homeworld Name **Automaton Prime** Star System Hydra System

Game Setup: Fleet Style

- We highly recommend picking ship colors that are reasonably light in color so that they are easy to see on screen.
- Some ship styles read better than others.

We recommend against trying to customize every ship on the right side (it would take a long time) but instead focus on the colors, the overall ship style and the primary and secondary textures.



Galaxy Settings Habitable Planets Galaxy Size Small Occasional Number of Sectors Extreme Planets Singular Occasional Star Frequency Resources Occasional Occasional

Game Setup: Galaxy Settings

- For streaming, we recommend trying out a SMALL, SINGULAR sector map. This is because of limited time.
- One big strength of GalCiv IV is the massive scale differences it supports with an AI that can adapt. A lot LOT of time has been spent making sure the game is fun on a tiny map as well as the largest map sizes and gameplay is very different based on size.
- Keep the frequencies on Occasional until you are familiar with the game enough to know the consequences of different setups.

Opponent Settings

Available Opponents



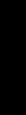


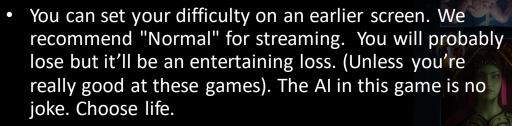


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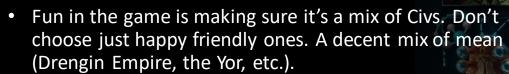






Game Setup:

Opponents



Biggest mistake new players make for having fun is not paying attention who they play against. Always have some pacificists and some aggressive civs on the same map for sufficient drama.

Generally: Pick only about HALF + 1 the max players in a setting. So if the max is 5, pick 3 or 4 (4 might be more exciting).





Navigators



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Void Reavers

Conquer the cosmos, unleash chaos!

In the vast expanse of the cosmos, where stars ignite and worlds collide, a fearsome faction known as the Void Reavers emerges from the shadows. They are a race of bloodthirsty marauders, akin to legendary orcs of old, who traverse the galaxies in search of conquest and plunder. With their savage ferocity and insatiable lust for power, they strike fear into the hearts of all who dare cross their path. Their ruthless leaders, like criminal overlords of cosmic proportions, orchestrate their nefarious deeds with chilling precision. Fueling their relentless pursuit of dominance is an unwavering devotion to their cause, a twisted belief system that embraces nihilism in its darkest form. These carbon-based creatures, shaped by eons of evolutionary pressures, have honed their bodies and minds into deadly instruments of destruction. Their hulking frames are adorned with battle scars, reminders of countless conflicts fought and won. Armed with advanced weaponry and technology, their ruthlessness knows no bounds. With every victory, their hunger for power grows

Done

Turn 1: Your Civ

- When you start out, if you used AlienGPT to create your civ, you should see whatever wall of text it made for your history. It's pretty entertaining and by its very nature, it'll never occur again.
- LEFT mouse click selects a unit.
- RIGHT mouse click sends it somewhere.
- DOUBLE clicking will bring up details.
- TAB key will take you to the next action.

Turn 1: A look at your Civ

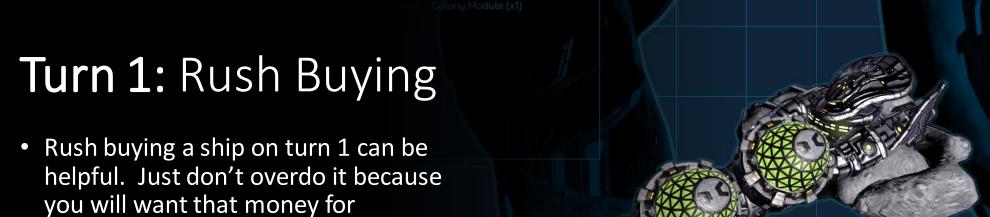
- You start out with some ships: A colony ship that can colonize worlds, a probe and a flag ship.
- The flag ship is equipped with a Survey module that was "found" and lets the ship see and investigate anomalies.



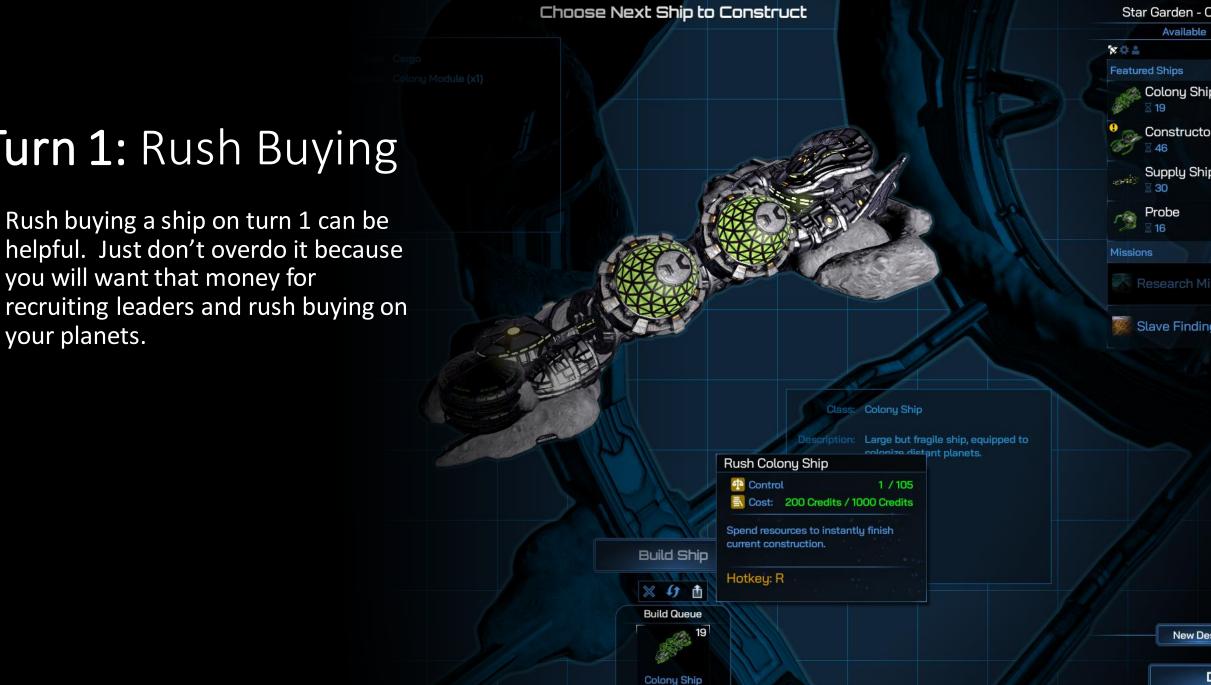


Turn 1: Executive Orders

- Executive Orders are like Magic the Gathering cards they let you do a thing instantly.
- We recommend getting another colony ship going right away with this on turn 1.



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Turn 1: Resources

- The galaxy has various special resources.
- Build a starbase nearby and you can mine these resources.
- Each turn, mined resources go into your inventory to use.



Assign a Technology

Minister to unlock



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Turn 1: Tech Tree

- The tech tree will pick up to 3 techs that your scientists have insights on which makes them 50% cheaper.
- We are still doing quite a bit of work on the tech tree to make each civ and play through more unique and make the tech navigator prettier.

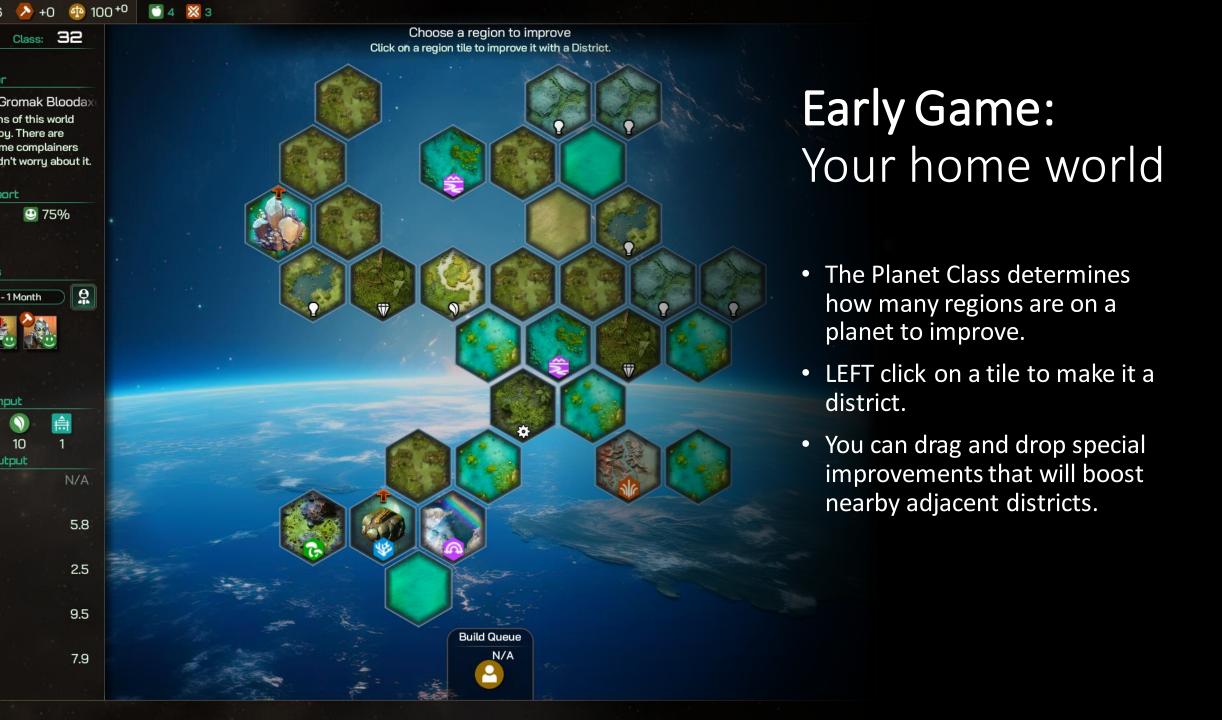


Back during the age of Nation States, we learned how to set up international supply chains. Now, in this new age, we must prepare ourselves for galactic supply chains. Our best thinkers have produced a series of strategies to replace "Just in time" with a new motto "Just a galactic minute!"

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Upgrade Manufacturing
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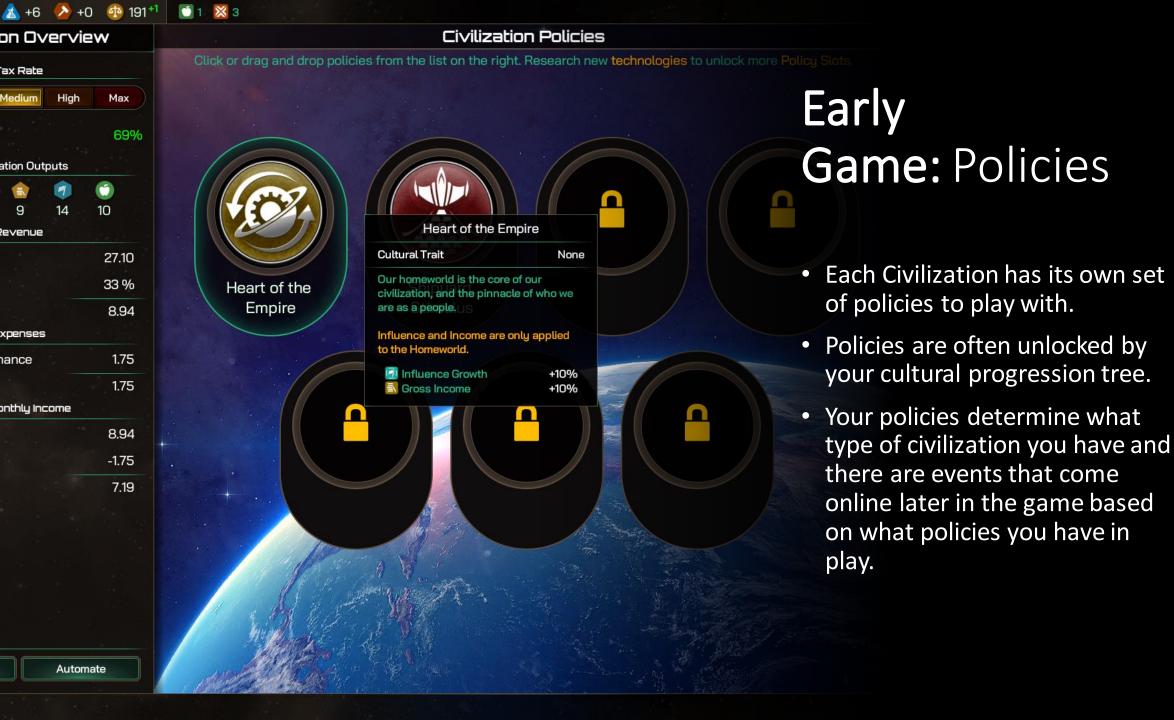
Space Elevators



Early game: Leaders

- Each leader has a backstory. You don't have to pay attention to it but there is a story-driven event attached to each one.
- Their loyalty determines the odds of them doing something good or bad for you. Dice are always rolling.
- Their stats indicate what types of jobs they will be good at.





- Starbases have an area of effect and should be placed with that in mind.
- Communication starbases spread your influence.
- Mining starbases focus on exploiting resources.
- Military starbases increase the power of your ships and have modules to weaken enemy ships in their area.
- All starbases can investigate Precursor Relics.



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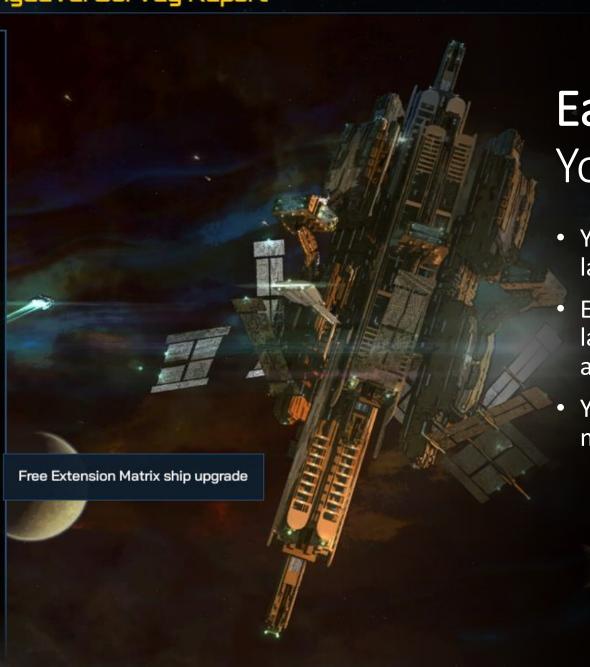
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Early Game:Your First Event

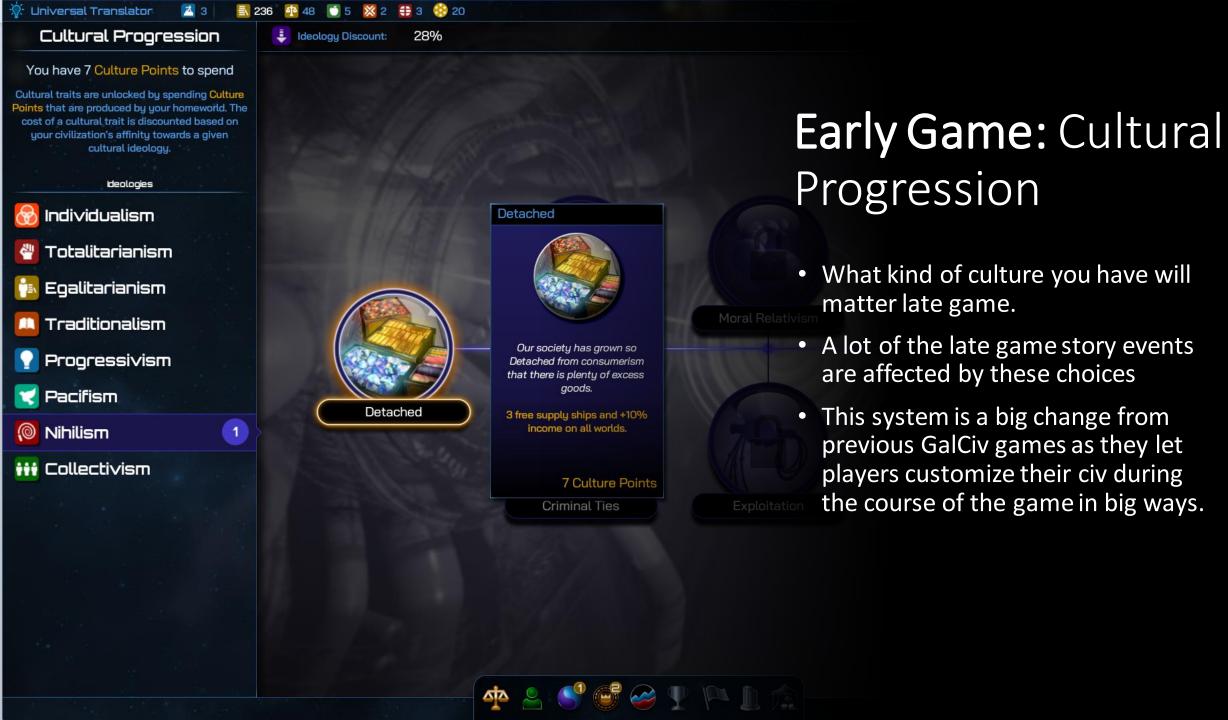
- YOUR CHOICES will have a big impact later in the game.
- Every choice you make sets things up for later (think of it like weighting the dice in a D&D game).
- You can also often use events to get money easily.

Early Game: Meeting Aliens

- Researching UNIVERSAL TRANSLATOR tech will let you interact with aliens
- We recommend getting this very early in the game (for streamers).







Early Game: Diplomacy

- Pay close attention to how civs feel about you.
- Some you will want to go to war with and others you will not.
- Trade with the ones you want to avoid going to war with and establish an embassy with them.



Early Game: Core worlds vs. Colonies

- Most planets are worth colonizing but only some are worth making into a core world.
- Assign a governor to the high-quality planets.
- The low-quality worlds often give out lots of minerals and tech and make for good colonies.
- Colonies feed their resources to the nearest core world.

This new concept is probably the most popular new feature in GalCiv IV (it's not sexy but we think most 4X games will pick up on this in the future as it dramatically reduces micro-management).



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Early game: Managing leaders

- Leaders have a backstory that may lead to a story-driven event.
- Even the guy who wanted to be a chef has an event behind the scenes.

Situation Report

Culinary Dream

Neil Kyrn, one of your most trusted advisors, has confided in you their lifelong dream of opening a restaurant. They were once trained as a chef and have always felt a strong connection to the culinary arts. They've recently discovered an opportunity to open a restaurant on a bustling trade planet, where exotic ingredients and diverse clientele abound. Neil Kyrn seeks your advice and support in pursuing this dream.

Our advisors warn that the time and resources Neil Kyrn would need to invest in the restaurant

Support their dream.

Encourage focus on duties.





Once trained as a chef, this leader has always harbored dreams of opening their own restaurant.



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- These are upgrades you can make to your planets.
- We are improving the UI to make these easier to find but for now, press the little green button by a planet card to pick one.

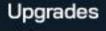


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Midgame: Taking inventory

- GalCiv isn't a spreadsheet game...well, except for the spreadsheets.
- And graphs.
- Keeping an eye on how you are doing is important.
- We are still working on the underlying equations we use to measure objective power in a given category.



Mid game: Prestige

- Prestige victory is one of the most obvious improvements to GalCiv IV that we are ashamed we didn't come up with it 10 years ago.
- In strategy games, players usually know that they're going to win (or lose) long before it happens. Prestige victory looks at all the factors and when enabled, lets players gain victory (or defeat) based on a bunch of factors.

Earn Prestige by building y civilization and completing Ga Challenges. The below list are th	alactic
Summary	
Military Power	2
Paction Power	5
Technology Score	44
Manufacturing Score	9
Economic Power	5
Research Rate Score	21
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Sector Ownership Score	100
Population Score	20
Galactic Challenges	0

Midgame: Designing Ships

- For many players, this is the heart of the game. Designing ships.
- You don't have to design ships, the AI has gotten pretty good at designing ships for players.
- In the final game, players will be able to download ships designed by other players...which means 10,000 versions of the Enterprise.









Mid game: The Vault

- Another very popular new feature in GC4: Supernova. Players collect cards artifacts and can play use them on ships, planets, etc.
- The AI is very good at using these too.









Mid game: War or other means?

- There are many ways to win and the most fun way depends on the player.
- Often times, a given opponent will have certain resources the player needs and the best path is to simply relieve them of that territory.
- Players can also spread their culture across the galaxy and win that way by getting alien colonies to join you.

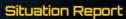




Mid Game: Perfect Placement

It can be very satisfying to place a constructor where it can get multiple resources at once.

Midgame: So, it is war



Incoming Message from: Torian Regime

It is time for you to stop terrorizing us. We are done having war brought to us. Now we bring it to you.

(We are at war)

Your worlds will soon be our property

I wish we had found a way to do business together.



Mid Game: Battles and Invasions

- This is a **major new feature** of GC4: Supernova (and a feature we screwed up in GC4 epic and made people mad).
- In GC4: Supernova planets have a planetary defense rating and fleets have a conquest rating.
- The # of turns it takes to conquer a planet is the defense rating / conquest rating.
- If it takes > 10 turns to conquer a planet the player can't invade the planet.
- Siege ships, improving soldiering ability, transports all improve the conquest rating.





Mid Game: Freighters

- Trading goods with other civilizations brings in money and improves relations.
- Build a freighter and send it to a target alien world to start a trade route.



Mid game: The Bazaar

 Experienced players use this feature a lot. Convert one resource into another quickly.



Late game: Paths to Victory

- The Prestige Victory status in action.
- Galactic Challenges are special player triggered events that reward prestige points.



Late Game: Help Friends against Enemies

- It can be very fun to help friends and punish enemies.
- We plan to flesh this part of the game out a lot in the near future as it's very fun.





Late Game: Owning what you are

- Players who report having the most fun are the ones who stick with the character of their civilization rather than min/maxing.
- If you're an evil bastard of a species, own it.