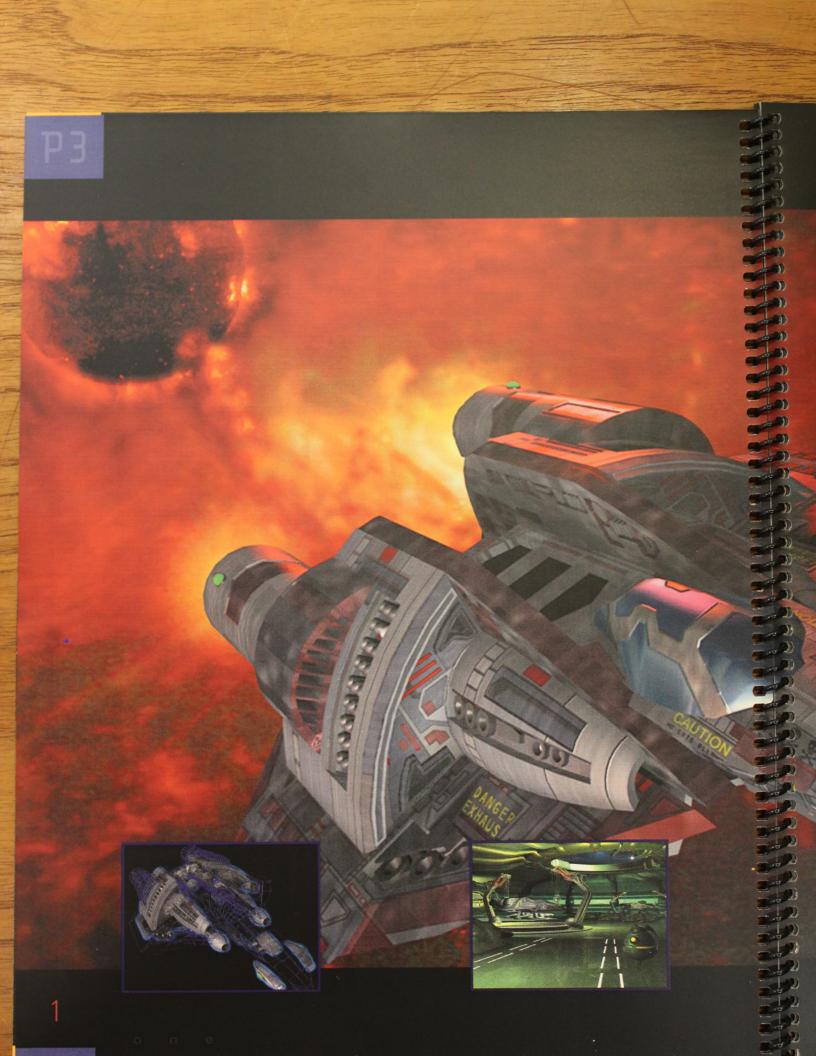


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An Overview of PRIVATEER 3

PRIVATEER 3: RETRIBUTION

The Kilrathi world has been destroyed and the remaining souls have but one thing on their minds. Retribution. It is your job to discover the mystery that can rectify the unjust done within the universe. Earn your keep through an ever-expanding universe as a mercenary, merchant, Confed pilot or pirate. If it pays well and suits your temperament, the job is yours. Just remember one thing, trust no one.

Key Features:

Build Your Own Ships

Select from 3 engines, 6 different ships hulls, more than 16 weapons, armor, and unlimited color schemes.

Trade Goods for Profit

Smuggle contraband or run guns for cash. Determine which commodities are in demand.

Role-Play

Develop your character into a mercenary, pirate, merchant, or Confederation pilot based on your actions in the game.

Exploration

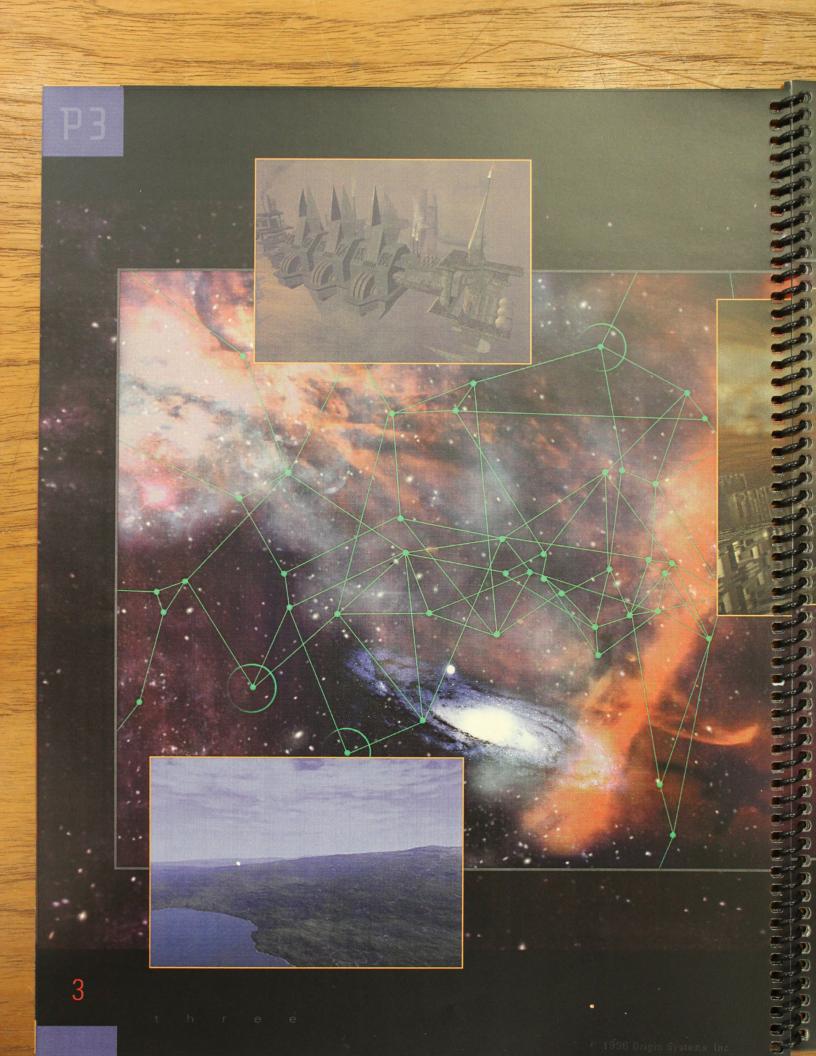
Explore over 50 different planets and space stations each with unique advantages. Discover unusual environments such as agricultural, industrial, war-torn, scientific, recreational, and technological.

Multiplayer

Create your own alliance, manage your space station, build up a fleet of ships, and take on the Internet. TCP/IP, LAN and IPX support.

3D Accelerated Only

3D accelerated hardware to maximize the full potential of the 3D chip set.



Welcome to the Universe

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PRIVATEER 3 is a universe all its own. Never before in the space trading/combat genre has there been a game that has so fully and totally encompassed the player in a environment so rich in detail.

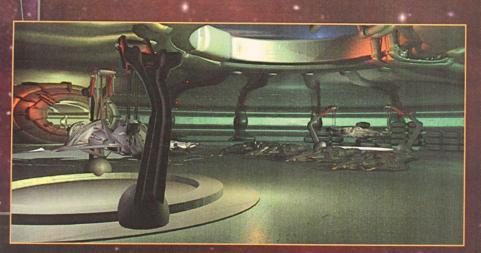
- * 57 different ports to visit!
- * 62 solar systems to investigate!
- * 2264 separate action spheres to explore!

All the planets, orbiting platforms, and asteroid stations are unique, having their own economies, governments, and industry.

You will be able to spend weeks just exploring the star systems, searching for hidden outposts, derelict ships, and if you're not careful, black holes.

Kilrathi and Confederation alike will patrol the void

trying to uphold the fragile peace, while pirates brigades and outcast squadrons terrorize the quadrants, looking for easy money and fresh prey.



Planets, Space

PRIVATEER 3 has 57 unique worlds and space ports to visit, each of them having its own economy, government, industry, and technology level. These factors are translated into the types and prices of commodities on the world, as well as to the availability of weapons for purchase. Each location comes complete with its own detailed history, while factors that you can manipulate can change the economy, or even the future, (running guns can lead to a change of government, while importing dangerous xenomorphs can lead to the port being quarantined!)

For all who play PRIVATEER 3, no two games will ever be the same.

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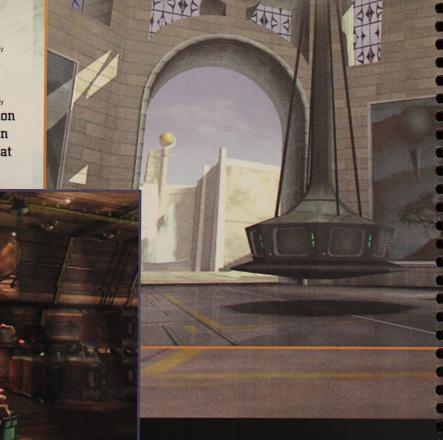
Type: Asteroid Industry: Mining Government: Corporate

Owned and operated by Furnace Metals Limited, this mining outpost is a model of efficiency. Miners from across the sector come here to prospect as the system is rich in gold, platinum, jewels and other heavy metals. The accumulation of wealth has also attracted pirates, who prey on the hapless and unlucky in the asteroid belts that litter the system.

Yena Type: Planet

Industry: Agricultural Government: Envirochy

Yena produces some of the finest in synthetic meats found in the quad. Its close proximity to New Damascus and Vigilance assures it of a steady supply of credits for its goods. However, much of the wealth is squandered by the government which constantly is finding new environmental concerns on which to spend money. Yenans are a hard, proud people, though many off-worlders think of them as loud and obnoxious.



Platforms, and Asteroid Stations

G'tok IV

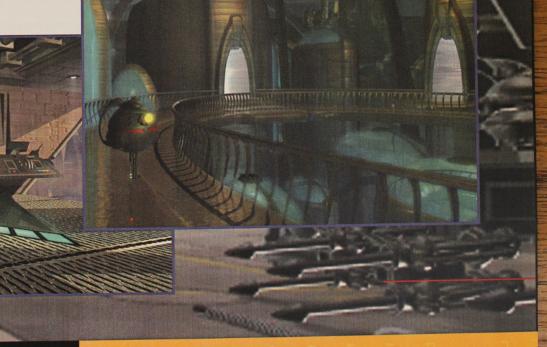
Type: Floating City Industry: Manufacturing Government: Kilrathi

G'tok IV is a floating industrial city. Built forty years ago, it is still expanding to this day. Antigravity engines keep the platform afloat above the toxic surface of the planet which is heavily laced in highly concentrated sulfuric acid. The atmosphere is poisonous but a rebreather is all that is required, though a trip to the surface without a full body suit would result in death. G'Tok IV is a prime example of Kilrathi ingenuity

and determination to dominate everything they can use. G'Tok IV is known sector- wide for its refined tritanium. **New Paris**

Type: Water Planet Industry: Tech Planet Government: Monarchy

One of the older, populated worlds in Archangel Quadrant, New Paris has a very high population. The damage it suffered in the war has all but been repaired, and the economy is booming. Sophisticated, suave and stylish are adjectives well suited to New Parisians. The primary goods traded are high tech ship parts, and hulls. A Constitutional Monarchy, the Queen has ruled New Paris for thirty years and soon her son shall become King. New Paris is a member of the Confederation, which is the one reason it survived the war. New Paris is known for its durable and cheap power generators, a top export.



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Planets, Space







Other locations that will feature the PRIVATEER 3 new technology include orbiting space stations which are larger than any other objects ever constructed for the Wing Commander universe.

Technology will not only allow you to experience the thrill of fighting in outer space, but also in inner space!

You can fly into these huge constructs and down vast corridors built within them. You will need to brave these tunnels in order to take out turrets, missile launchers and shield generators. Then, with your last torpedo, you can destroy the fusion generator that will allow you only thirty seconds to escape the huge structure before its final glory.





Exploring a PRIVATEER 3 World

Humble beginnings

Owning nothing more than a heavily damaged space ship and the cargo in its hold, you find yourself on the twilight world of New Damascus. Without a second thought, you head for the one place that promises both creature comforts and quick cash.

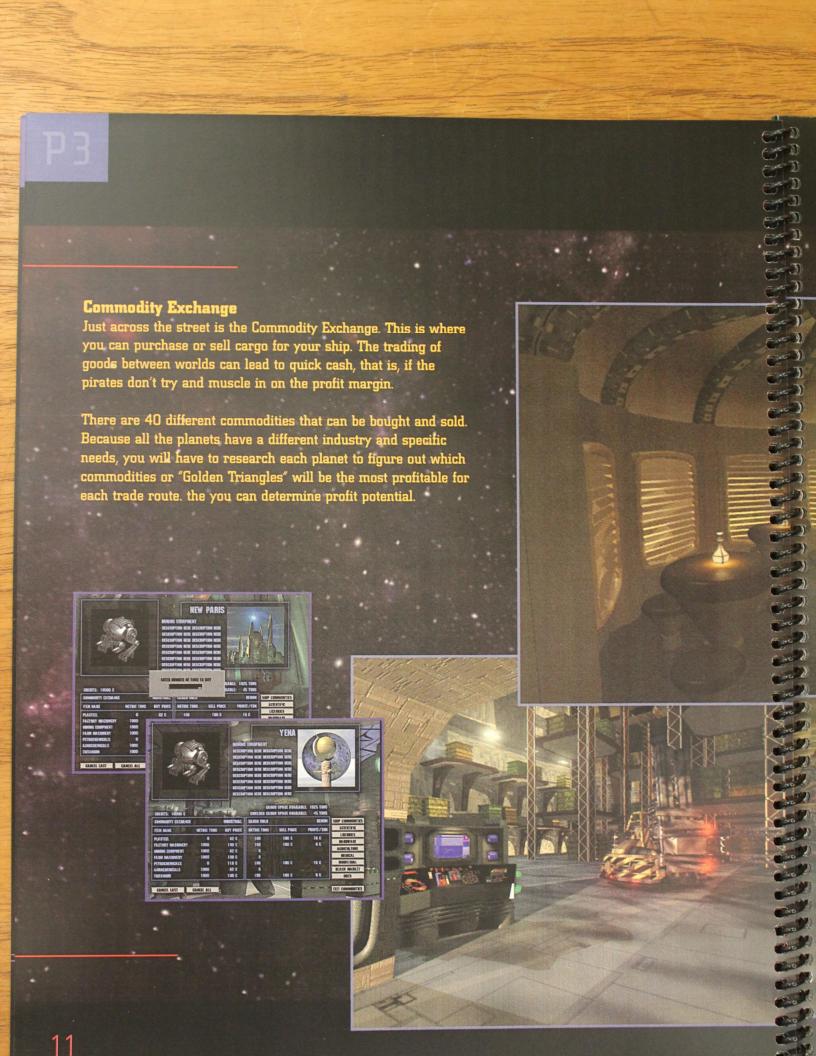
Hangar - The hangar leads to where your ship is docked.. You can use the loadout computer for repairs and to purchase weapons.

Commodity Exchange - This is a doorway that leads to where you can buy and sell cargo.

Information Exchange - This is a place where you can meet characters who can help you explore the story line or offer missions for some quick cash.

Information Kiosk - Fashioned to look like a futuristic web, this device will allow you to look up a wealth of information on most every facet of the game.

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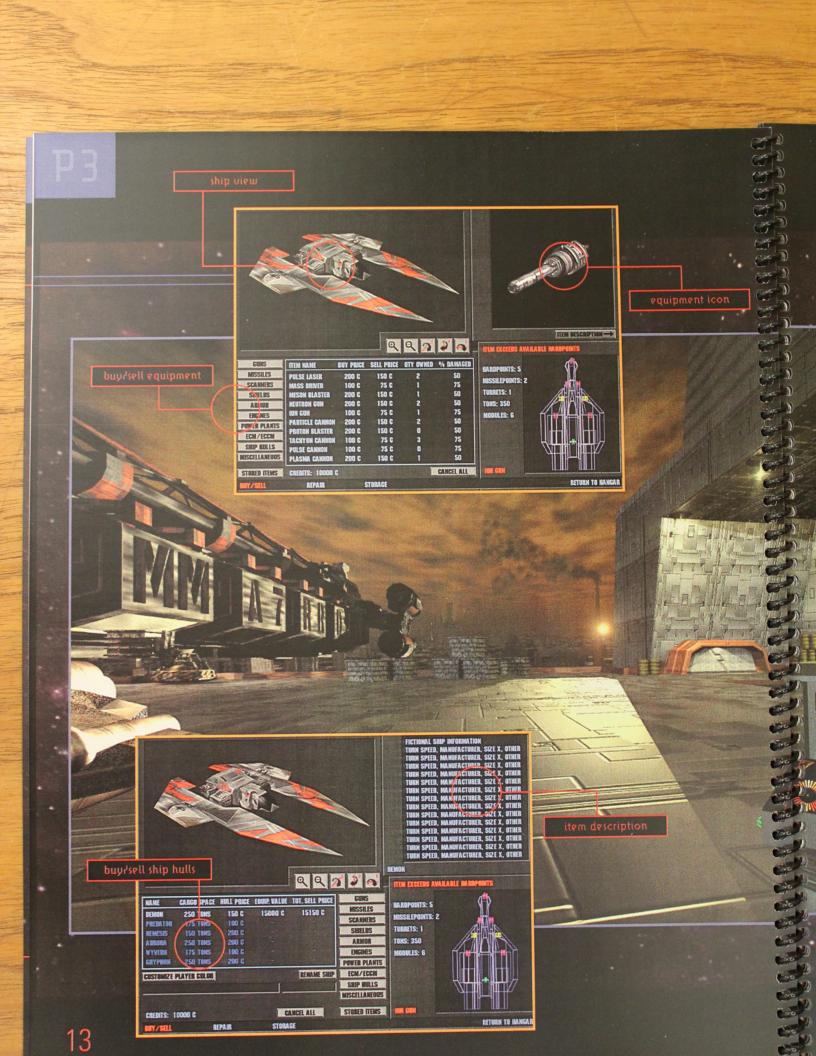


Information Exchange

In the local tavern, you will meet up with a shady businessman who is interested in hiring a skilled pilot to make some deliveries for him to the nearby Vigilance space station. With the offer of big payoffs for a

little hazardous duty, you begin an adventure that plunges you headlong into a world of fast money and armed aggression.

On some worlds it may be a tavern, on some a temple, on another it may be a marketplace. But, it's still the place where you can go and get missions. Hauling commodities can be profitable, but getting a mission to capture a known pirate or to assassinate a corporate leader can be much more rewarding, in more ways than one.



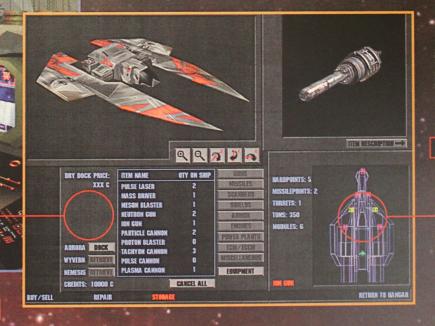
HANGAR:

This is the area where you can purchase a new ship or modify your current one. With all the options for you to choose from, there are over 200,000 different configuration!

All changes to the exterior of the ship, such as weapons, engines and armor will be visible to you IN THE GAME! No other polygonal game to date offers such features.

You can choose among six different models from a light fighter to a heavy multi-role. Each of the ships has its own attributes, including: size, tonnage, total cargo space, and maneuvering characteristics.

Using the computerized load-out system you can just pointand-click to upgrade your ship's equipment. All equipment has detailed images of each unit as well as information on the function.



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Vaktoth Light Fighter

Hull Type: I

Mass: 140 tons

Crew: 1

Max Speed: 600 Shields: HZ Class I

Armor: None

Powerplant: K5 Fusion

Weapons: 2 MK II Beam Lasers,

Meson Blaster

Scanner: Barris System I Equipment: Afterburner

Cargo: None Engine: Ion Only Manufacturer: HSW6 Credits: 145,000

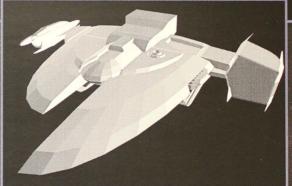
The Vaktoth is a very basic design in light-duty fighters. Produced by S'kar Kilrathi Spaceworks, the Vaktoth has found a niche market even after the Galactic War due to unsurpassed quality. Proven to be a reliable and effective craft, the Vaktoth has been picked up by the border worlds as a good in-system fighter for many pirates and mercenaries alike.

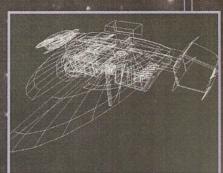
Pros: Inexpensive, very fast acceleration, top speed is high, good scanner

Cons: Light armor, light shields. The power plant is the most basic and should be updated to the newer K2O Fusion plant. No jump drive.

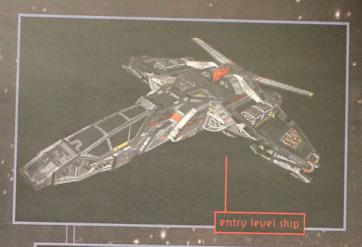
Summary: If you're looking for an inexpensive light-duty fighter for recon or escort service, this is your ship. At a total cost of just 110,000CR, it is a very cheap fighter. An improved model, the Vaktoth A-1 has recently been seen in Quadrant II serving as an escort ship to Empreyn Duras Mining Consortium ore freighters and this model comes with a jump drive.







Ships



Nemesis Heavy Fighter

Hull Type: VI Mass: 2000 tons

Crew: 3 [Pilot and Two Turret Crew]

Max Speed: 500

Shields: Quasar Class IV Armor: Durasteel 16cm Powerplant: Quad Di-Cor

Weapons:

2 Particle Cannon,

2 Tachyon Cannon,

30 Friend/Foe Missiles and One Torpedo Launcher with Two Torpedoes

Turrets: [3] Two Outfitted With Dual Tachyon Cannons

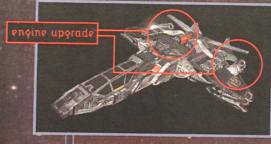
Scanner: Barris System III

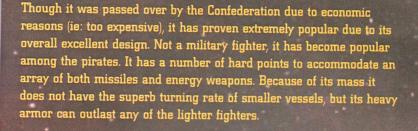
Equipment: Afterburner, Jump Engine, Aurora 5K ECM

Cargo: 25 Tons Engines: Ion, Jump

Dimensions: 94' long 41' wide

Manufacturer: GSD Credits: 1,516,600







Hint: Since the Nemesis is not as agile as its smaller counterparts, this ship is best when outfitted with a wide range of missiles. It is a workhorse and can take the abuse of lasers and ion cannon fire, while returning with a volley of FF rockets. This model can easily dish out more that it receives.

Drayman **Merchantman Class Transport**

Hull Type: IV Mass: 400 Tons

Crew: 2

Max Speed: 300 Shields: HZ Class II Armor: Plasteel 20cm Powerplant: K20 Fusion

Weapons: 4 Mk II Beam Lasers Turrets

10 IR Missiles

Scanner: Seker Mk V Cargo: 85 Tons

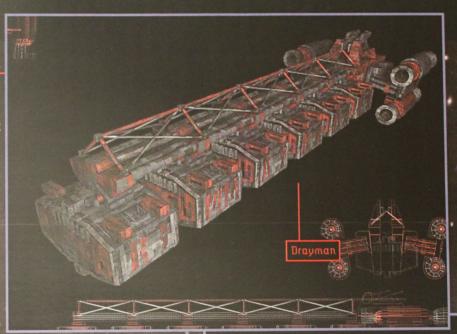
Engines: Ion, Jump Manutacturer: Sathori Industries

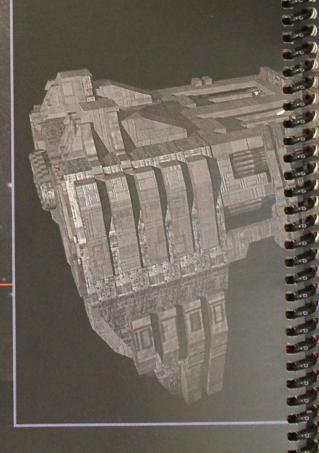
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1 Linear Accelerator

3 Pulse Cannons

2 Tachyon Cannons Missiles: 40 Friend/Foe

Turrets: 8 Firing Particle Cannons

Scanner: Kryton Ultimate

Equipment: ASU, Aurora 5k, HSWS Defrequencer

Cargo:2000

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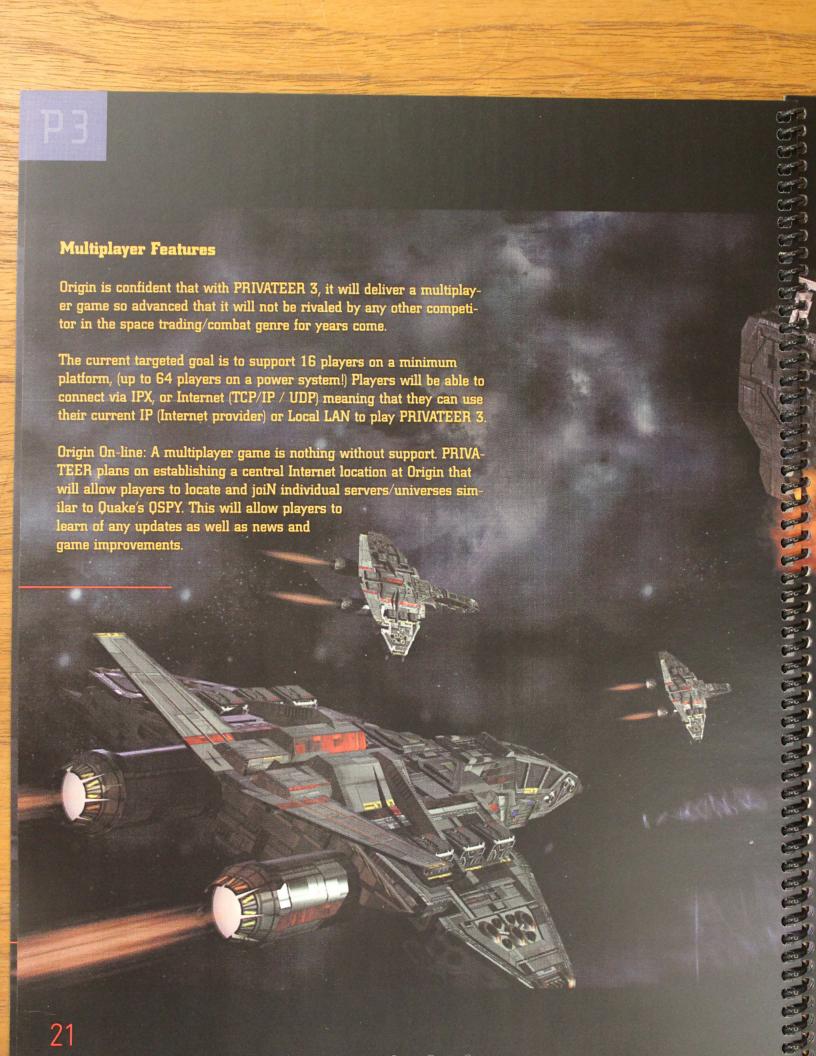
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Multiplayer

Public Servers

This allows the public to set up its own servers giving anyone the ability to customize the variables of one's own "universe." This will allow players a multitude of servers to access without having EA or Origin maintain expensive support teams or expensive network equipment.

Player Alliances

Alliances allow players to organize and maintain their own "guilds" with social interaction to cooperate towards their own agendas.

Alliances will have their own communication channels via private email chat features.

Arena

A feature that will appeal to players needing a quick adrenaline fix is the multiplayer Arena. This allows them to turn up the mayhem by putting all the gladiature into a single arena to fight it out in shoot-'em-up death matches. Mayers will be able to select which type of arena, the types of ships they wish to use, as well as the types of power-ups.

Technology

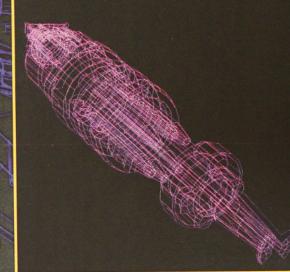
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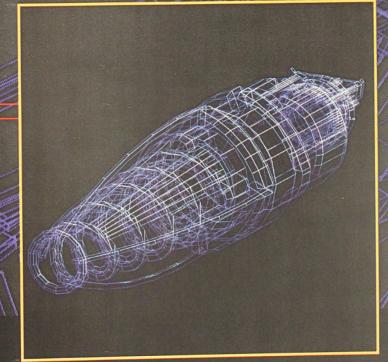
- Pentium 166 with 32 megs
- PCI Video (2 megs for 16 bit color)
- 3D Hardware Accelerator Card
- 16 bit digital sound card
- 8X CD ROM drive

Network

- 33.6k Modem
- TCP/IP Network Protocol
- Low-Latency Internet Connection with Support for 32-Bit Applications

In 1996 Origin began development of a new engine with which to replace their aging RealSpace engine in an effort to remain competitive and on the cutting edge of technology. Maverick Productions (known for the long-running Wing Commander franchise) began development of the Vision Engine in an effort to take full advantage of inexpensive 3D accelerator hardware and other technological breakthroughs.





Technology

The Vision Engine

Currently, the Vision Engine (used for both Wing Commander: Prophecy and Privateer 3) is Origin's next generation 3D rendering engine. The engine is resolution independent, rendering to 8, and 16 bit buffers, and takes full advantage of Microsoft's Direct Draw and Direct3D accelerator card.

Our engine allows the engine to render using any 3D accelerator hardware that supports the Direct3D programming interface. The big advantage of this is that the engine immediately supports future 3D accelerators with no work on our part.

The native mode for 3D accelerators allow us to custom-tailor for each piece of hardware. Although providing native support for individual 3D accelerator cards requires additional programming time, it results in much faster frames since most cards run significantly faster in native mode.

3D Engine

Because Privateer 3 will be accelerator-required, the game will run smoothly on all target machines. The new engine accomplishes this with its blazing fast software rasterizer. This software rasterizer can render around 5.7 million perspective correct textured, perspective correct Gouraud shaded, 16 bit color pixels per second on a 166 MHz Pentium machine. In other words, if the game is running in a 640 x 480 x 16 bit color video mode, the engine can perspective texture map and perspective Gouraud shade every pixel on the screen at slightly over 18.5 frames per second.

Massive Ships in Space:

Capital ships are large, and take up a great deal of the screen. With the help of fast 3D accelerator cards, and with the technological speed of our 3D engine, this may not pose a problem. The engine will be modified to compensate for any shortcomings in the scope of the massive ships. We want players to be able to fly around, as well as inside.

Audio

Music playback for PRIVATEER 3 will be implemented with streamed digital audio. The music will be digitized as 16 bit, 22050 Hz, stereo. The file system will allow the loading of data files, sound effects, as well as streamed in-flight communications video without causing a jarring skip in the music playback. All essential sound effects (missile launch, gun firings, etc.) will be loaded at the start of the mission and will remain in memory until the mission has completed using our cacheing techniques. All other sound effects will be loaded on demand. These on demand sound effects will be kept in a cache in order to reduce redundant loading. Sound effects will be sampled at the lowest rate that provides a high enough quality sound.

Video

Video playback will be provided by UV2, the movie player that was used in Prophecy. UV2 provides high quality video, even in high motion situations, at a reasonable data rate. Additionally, for speed critical applications, UV2 is able to play back partially decompressed video at a faster rate with an acceptable loss in visual quality. By using UV2, we should be able to fit around 50 minutes of full motion video on two CDs (in addition to all other game data and the executable) at a smooth 15 frames per second rate.

Music Streaming

We want to have digital music streaming from the CD at all times. During music playback, we also want to be able to load files. Since a 8x speed CD-ROM drive is required for Privateer 3, it is very likely that we shouldn't have trouble loading small files while streaming digital audio

Artificial Intelligence

Wing Commander III and IV wasted a great deal of time by calling each objects AI update routine every frame. Since it is only necessary to call the update routine around 10 or 20 times a second, we can save a great deal of time by staggering the objects' updates across each second. That way, you do less AI updates each world update. Privateer 3 will accomplish this by implementing an AI scheduler. Each AI update routine is assigned an update rate. The object is inserted into the AI scheduler which chooses an appropriate place in the schedule for it to update.

Technology

Network Technology

Origin On-Line:

PRIVATEER-3 plans on setting up its network model with its mergoal being ease of use by the public. This model will allow player use a central Internet location known as ORIGIN ON-LINE to lot PRIVATEER 3 servers throughout the world and quickly pump it game, much the same way as Bettle Net and Duakeworld operations on the public of the public of the public.

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Mission Statement

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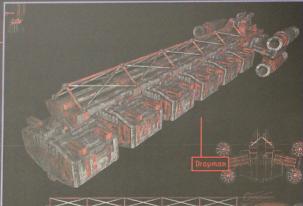
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Minimum requirement for PRIVATEER 3
Pentium 166 with 32 megs
PCI Video (2 megs for 16 bit color)
3D Hardware Accelerator Card
16 bit digital sound card
8X CD ROM drive

Network

- 33.6k Modem
- TCP/IP Network Protocol
 Low-Latency Internet Connection with Support for 32-Bit Applications

In 1996 Origin began development of a new engine with which to replace their aging RealSpace engine in an effort to remain competitive and on the cutting edge of technology. Maverick Productions (known for the long-running Wing Commander franchise) began development of the Vision Engine in an effort to take full advantage of inexpensive 3D accelerator hardware and other technological breakthroughs.



Currently, the Vision Engine (used for both Wing Commander: Prophecy and Privateer 3) is Origin's next generation 3D rendering engine. The engine is resolution independent, rendering to 8, and 16 bit buffers, and takes full advantage of Microsoft's Direct Draw and Direct3D accelerator card.

Our engine allows the engine to render using any 3D accelerator hardware that supports the Direct3D programming interface. The big advantage of this is that the engine immediately supports future 3D accelerators with no work on our part.

The native mode for 3D accelerators allow us to custom-tailor for each piece of hardware. Although providing native support for individual 3D accelerator cards requires additional programming time, it results in much faster frames since most cards run significantly faster in native

3D Engine

Because Privateer 3 will be accelerator-required, the game will run smoothly on all target machines. The new engine accomplishes this with its blazing fast software rasterizer. This software rasterizer can render around 5.7 million perspective correct textured, perspective correct Gouraud shaded, 16 bit color pixels per second on a 166 MHz Pentium machine. In other words, if the game is running in a 640 x 480 x 16 bit color video mode, the engine can perspective texture map and perspective Gouraud shade every pixel on the screen at slightly over 18.5 frames per second.

Massive Ships in Space:

Capital ships are large, and take up a great deal of the screen. With the help of fast 3D accelerator cards, and with the technological speed of our 3D engine, this may not pose a problem. The engine will be modified to compensate for any shortcomings in the scope of the massive ships. We want players to be able to fly around, as well as inside.

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Audio

Music playback for PRIVATEER 3 will be implemented with streamed digital audio. The music will be digitized as 16 bit, 22050 Hz, stereo. The file system will allow the loading of data files, sound effects, as well as streamed in-flight communications video without causing a jarring skip in the music playback. All essential sound effects (missile launch, gun firings, etc.) will be loaded at the start of the mission and will remain in memory until the mission has completed using our cacheing techniques. All other sound effects will be loaded on demand. These on demand sound effects will be kept in a cache in order to reduce redundant loading. Sound effects will be sampled at the lowest rate that provides a high enough quality sound.

Video playback will be provided by UV2, the movie-player that was used in Prophecy. UV2 provides high quality video, even in high motion situations, at a reasonable data rate. Additionally, for speed ortical applications, UV2 is able to play back partially decompressed video at a faster rate with an acceptable loss in visual quality. By using UV2, we should be able to fit around 50 minutes of full motion video on two CDs (in addition to all other game data and the executable) at a smooth 15

Music Streaming

We want to have digital music streaming from the CD at all times.

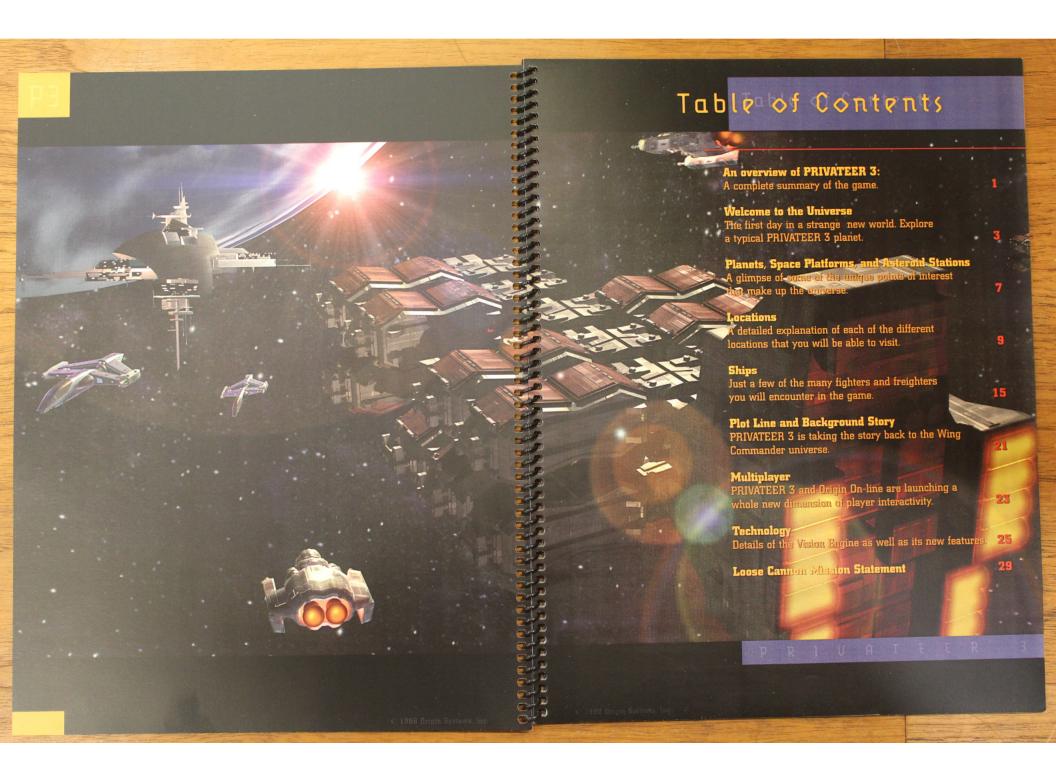
During music playback, we also want to be able to load files. Since a 8x speed CD-ROM drive is required for Privateer 3, it is very likely that we shouldn't have trouble loading small files while streaming digital audio

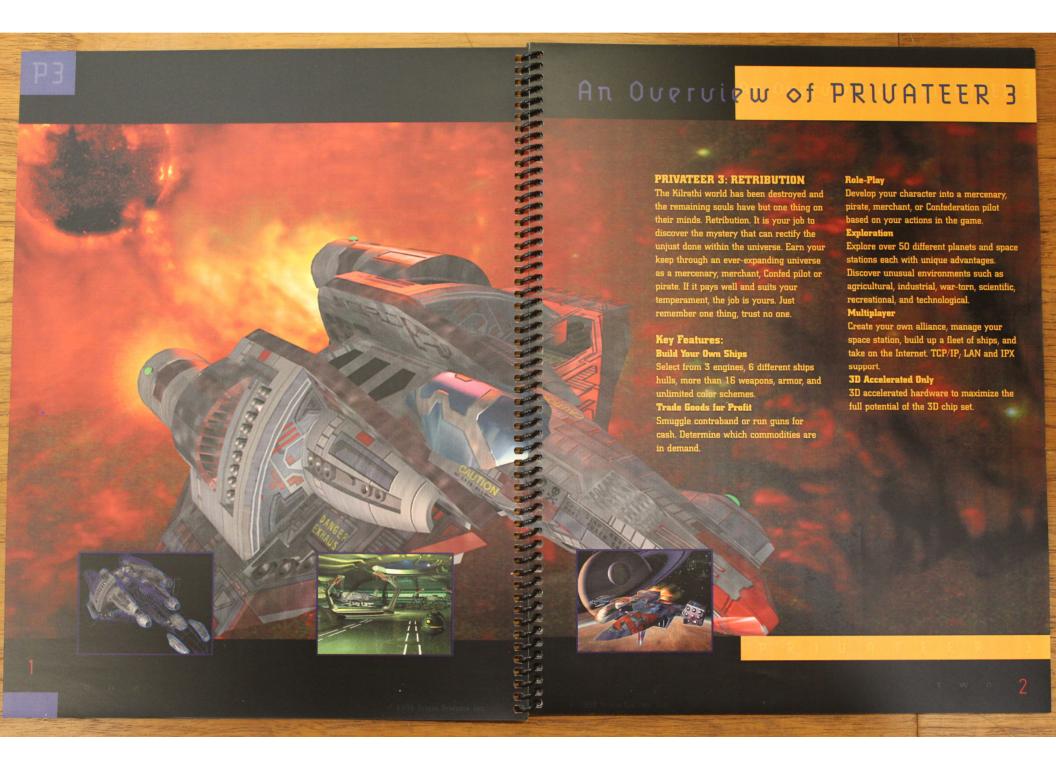
Artificial Intelligence

Wing Commander III and IV wasted a great deal of time by calling each Wing Commander III and IV wasted a great deal of time by calling each objects AI update routine every frame. Since it is only necessary to call the update routine around 10 or 20 times a second, we can save a great deal of time by staggering the objects' updates across each second. That way, you do less AI updates each world update. Privateer 3 will accomplish this by implementing an AI scheduler. Each AI update routine is assigned an update rate. The object is inserted into the AI scheduler which chooses an appropriate place in the schedule for it to update.

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Mission Statement to the timely delivery of all of its projects that it has undertaken. Delivering Crusader: No Remorse in 1995, and the sequel Crusader: No Regret in 1996, (including the No Remorse version for the PSX.) Loose Cannon has remained one of the highest rate-of-return teams at Origin. Under the leadership of Rod Nakamoto, Loose Cannon hopes to further expand its role both within Drigin and within EA. Acquiring the Privateer title in 1997, Loose Cannon is disrely dedicated to the on-time, on-budget delivery of the third Privateer title in Fall 1998.







PRIVATEER 3 has 57 unique worlds and space ports to visit, each of them having its own economy, government, industry, and technology level. These factors are translated into the types and prices of commodities on the world, as well as to the availability of weapons for purchase. Each location comes complete with its own detailed history, while factors that you can manipulate can change the economy, or even the future, (running guns can lead to a change of government, while importing dangerous xenomorphs can lead to the port being quarantined!)

For all who play PRIVATEER 3, no two games will ever be the same.

Furnace Type: Asteroid Industry: Mining Government: Corporate

Owned and operated by Furnace Metals Limited, this mining outpost is a model of efficiency. Miners from across the sector come here to prospect as the system is rich in gold, platinum, jewels and other heavy metals. The accumulation of wealth has also attracted pirates, who prey on the hapless and unlucky in the asteroid belts that litter the system.

Type: Planet Industry: Agricultural Government: Envirochy

Yena produces some of the finest in synthetic meats found in the quad. Its close proximity to New Damascus and Vigilance assures it of a steady supply of credits for its goods. However, much of the wealth is squandered by the government which constantly is finding new environmental concerns on which to spend money. Yenans are a hard, proud people, though many off-worlders think of them as loud and obnoxious.

Platforms, and Asteroid Stations

G'tok IV Type: Floating City Industry: Manufacturing Government: Kilrathi

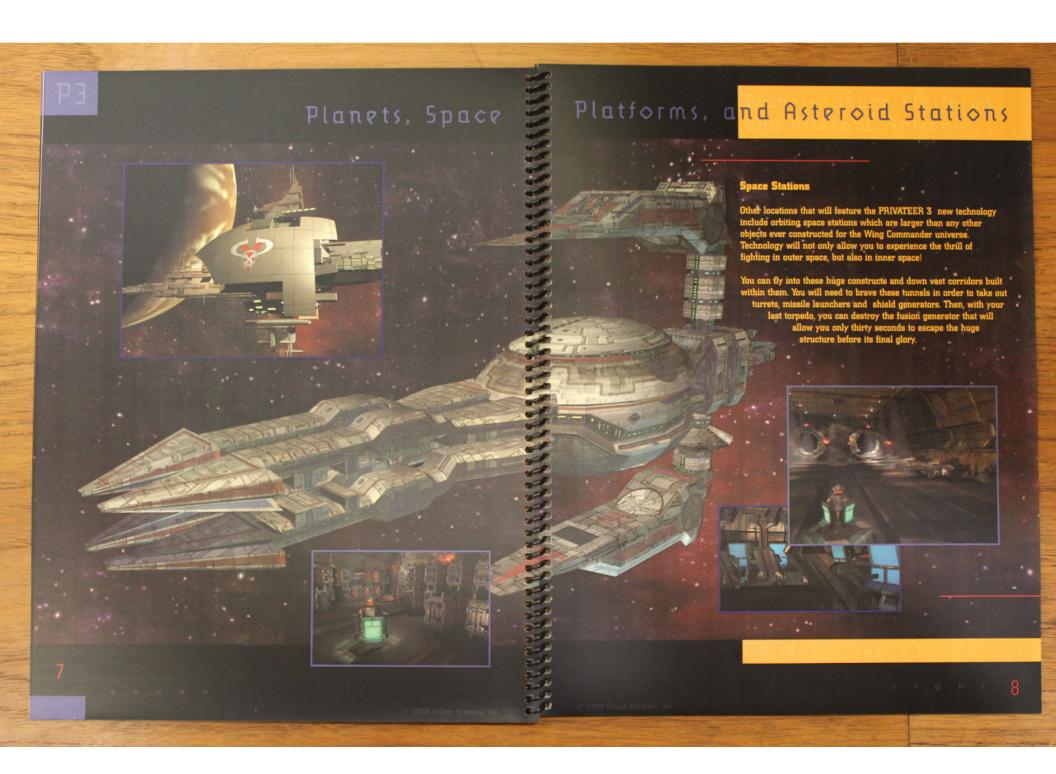
G'tok IV is a floating industrial city. Built forty years ago, it is still expanding to this day. Antigravity engines keep the platform afloat above the toxic surface of the planet which is heavily laced in highly concentrated sulfuric acid. The atmosphere is poisonous but a rebreather is all that is required, though a trip to the surface without a full body suit would result in death. G'Tok IV is a prime example of Kilrathi ingenuity

and determination to dominate everything they sector- wide for its refined tritanium.

Type: Water Planet Industry: Tech Plane Government: Monarchy

One of the older, populated worlds in Archangel Quadrant, New Paris has a very high population. The damage it suffered in the war has all but been repaired, and the economy is booming. Sophisticated, suave and stylish are adjectives well suited to New Parisians. The primary goods traded are high tech ship parts, and hulls. A Constitutional Monarchy, the Queen has ruled New Paris for thirty years and soon her son shall become King. New Paris is a member of the Confederation, which is the one reason it survived the war. New Paris is known for its durable can use. G'Tok IV is known and cheap power generators, a top export.





Exploring a PRIVATEER 3 World

Humble beginnings

Owning nothing more than a heavily damaged space ship and the cargo in its hold, you find yourself on the twilight world of New Damascus. Without a second thought, you head for the one place that promises both creature comforts and quick cash.

Hangar - The hangar leads to where your ship is docked... You can use the loadout computer for repairs and to purchase weapons.

Commodity Exchange - This is a doorway that leads to where you can buy and sell cargo.

Information Exchange - This is a place where you can meet characters who can help you explore the story line or offer missions for some quick cash.

Information Kiosk - Fashioned to look like a futuristic web, this device will allow you to look up a wealth of information on most every facet of the game.







Commodity Exchange

Just across the street is the Commodity Exchange. This is where you can purchase or sell cargo for your ship. The trading of goods between worlds can lead to quick cash, that is, if the pirates don't try and muscle in on the profit margin.

There are 40 different commodities that can be bought and sold. Because all the planets have a different industry and specific needs, you will have to research each planet to figure out which commodities or "Golden Triangles" will be the most profitable for each trade route, the you can determine profit potential.

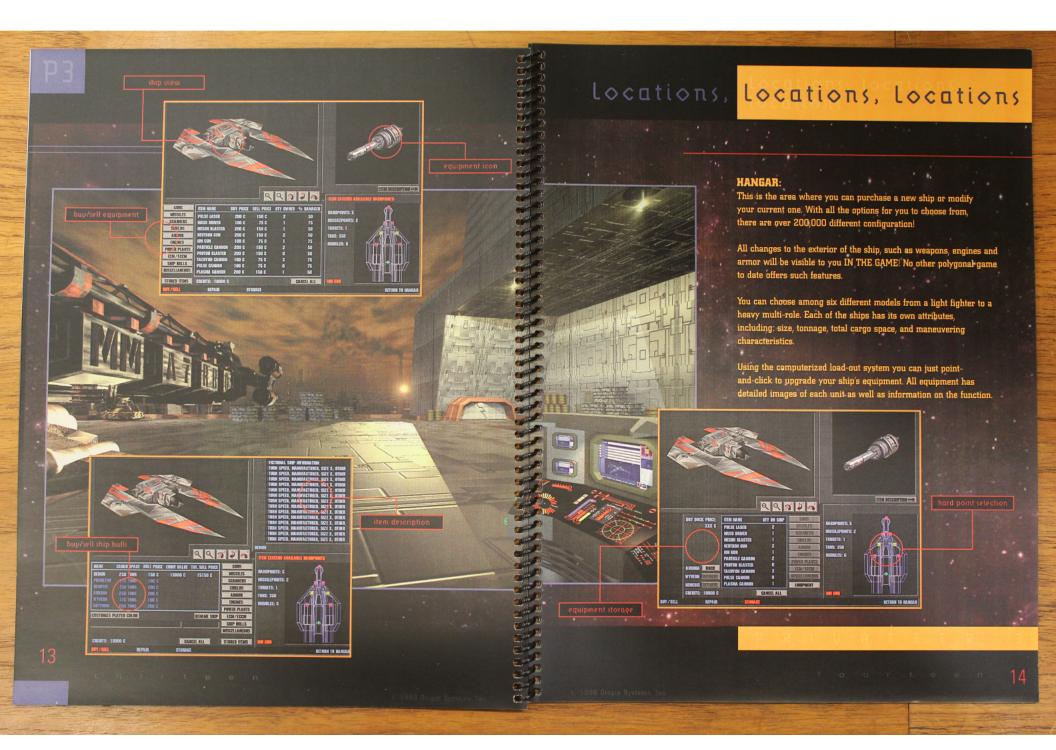
Information

Exchange
In the local tavern, you , will meet up with a shady businessman who is interested in hiring a skilled pilot to make some deliveries for him to the nearby Vigilance space station. With the

offer of big payoffs for a little hazardous duty, you begin an adventure that plunges you headlong into a world of fast money and armed aggression.

On some worlds it may be a tavern, on some a temple, on another it may be a marketplace. But, it's still the place where you can go and get missions. Hauling commodities can be profitable, but getting a mission to capture a known pirate or to assassinate a corporate leader can be much more rewarding, in more ways





Hull Type: I
Mass: 140 tons
Crew: 1
Max Speed: 600
Shields: HZ Class I
Armor: None Powerplant: K5 Fusion Weapons: 2 MK II Beam Last Meson Blaster Scanner: Barris System
Equipment: Afterburner Equipment: Afterburner Cargo: None Engine: Ion Only Manufacturer: HSW6 Credits: 145,000



The Vaktoth is a very basic design in light-duty fighters. Produced by S'kar Kilrathi Spaceworks, the Vaktoth has found a niche market even after the Galactic War due to unsurpassed quality. Proven to be a reliable and effective craft, the Vaktoth has been picked up by the border worlds as a good in-system fighter for many pirates and mercenaries alike.

Pros: Inexpensive, very fast acceleration, top speed is high,

good scanner

Cons: Light armor, light shields. The power plant is the most basic and should be updated to the newer K2O Fusion plant. No jump drive.

Summary: If you're looking for an inexpensive-light-duty fighter for recon or escort service, this is your ship. At a total cost of just 110,000CR, it is a very cheap fighter. An improved model, the Vaktoth A-1 has recently been seen in Quadrant II serving as an escort ship to Empreyn Duras Mining Consortium ore freighters and this model comes with a jump drive.



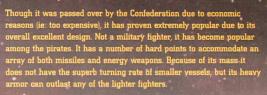


Heavy Fighter

Hull Type: VI Mass: 2000 tons * Crew: 3 [Pilot and Two Turret Crew] Max Speed: 500 Shields: Quasar Class IV Armor: Durasteel 16cm Powerplant: Quad Di-Cor 2 Particle Cann

2 Tachyon Cannon, 30 Friend/Foe Missiles and One Torpedo Launcher with Two Torpedoes Turrets; [3] Two Outlitted With Dual Tachyon Cannons Scanner: Barris System III Equipment: Afterburner, Jump Engine, Aurora 5K ECM Cargo: 25 Tons
Engines: Ion, Jump
Dimensions: 94' long 41' wide
Manufacturer: GSD

Credits: 1,516,600



Hint: Since the Nemesis is not as agile as its smaller counterparts, this ship is best when outlitted with a wide range of missiles. It is a workhorse and can take the abuse of lasers and ion cannon fire, while returning with a volley of FF rockets. This model can easily dish out more that it receives.



