

# Naioniverse Encyclopedia

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Note: Terms marked with a (^) are used in a non-standard way (or have a new/modified definition) within the series. Terms marked with an (\*) are neologisms created specifically for the Naioniverse. Unmarked terms are either standard dictionary definitions or common science fiction terms.

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<b>Term</b>	<b>Definition</b>
aerro*	A hybrid air-ground vehicle. Derived from the AerroTerra PTC (Private Transport Craft), the first such vehicle.  The first AerroTerra model experienced so many problems including turbulence, sudden drops, and guidance malfunctions that the public dubbed it "aerro-terror".
adaptive camo	Camouflage that changes to visually match the surrounding environment.
allomer*	A combination of polymers (plastics) and metals.
Amalgic*	The common language in Naion; a combination of primarily Chinese and English, with vocabulary drawn from multiple others.
animoid	A completely synthetic animal ranging from toy-like to realistic.
anthropoid (robot)*	A human-like robot.
approximate*	A replica of a living, non-human thing made with a combination of synthetic and organic parts to stand in for the real thing, but with limited functionality.
arcology structure*	Arcologies are divided into three structural subsections.  1) Tier (200 meters). These represent the clearest divisions, with thick floors only penetrated by modes of transportation and infrastructure tunnels. 2) Level (20 meters). Tiers contain 10 levels. These are far more porous, both originally and as a result of modification. 3) Floor (3-15+ meters, median 5). Most of these are the result of present-day construction.  As an example, Inner Prime has 21 tiers, 206 levels, and 802 floors.

	Exteriors walls are many meters thick but not solid, containing semi-flexible support lattices and utilities.																						
Ashkazi Scale*	<p>The scale used by Naion and several other spheres to place limits on how human-like an anthropoid can be. Also referred to as the 12-Limit.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Physical Rating</th> <th>Complexity Potential (CP)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>1</td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>5</td><td>5</td></tr> <tr><td>6</td><td>6</td></tr> <tr><td>7</td><td>7</td></tr> <tr><td>8</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>9</td><td>9</td></tr> <tr><td>10</td><td>10</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The Physical Rating represents how closely the poid resembles humans physically (both externally and internally), while Complexity Potential represents cognitive capabilities. As a side note, CP does not simply include computational power, as the pure power of synts far exceeds anything humans can do. CP includes things like emotional intelligence, non-linear cognition, creativity, etc.</p> <p>When these two are added together, the number can't be greater than 12.</p> <p>From 1 to 10, the ratings increase exponentially to take into account the increased granularity of details. On official regulatory documentation, decimal numbers are included, but for commercial purposes, they are rounded.</p>	Physical Rating	Complexity Potential (CP)	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	6	6	7	7	8	8	9	9	10	10
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the Assembly	Government legislative body made up of members elected from Blocks within each district.																						
augment/amp	Term for softgear designed to boost physical capabilities beyond human norms.																						
Averen Lane	A high end fashion designer/label.																						
beaumonts^	Rich, fashionable, often young socialites, particularly those who get thrills by hanging out in "rough" areas. (From the beau monde).																						
biomechatronic fluid^(biolube/biogrease^)	Lubricant used to facilitate biological-mechatronic interaction.																						
biopolymer	A type of polymer (plastic) that mimics biological traits. There are a wide range of types and applications.																						
(bio)mechatronic limb^	An artificial limb which retains some level of organic appearance (human or otherwise) and is integrated with																						

	<p>the subject's natural body (its nervous and skeletal system, for example).                      Mechatronic limbs make no attempt to look organic, and are usually attachments/accessories requiring external harnesses and/or other systems of support.</p>
bioreform*	A medical gel that speeds up healing of damaged tissue.
blockware	Software designed to block the operation of other software.
bodytech^	All technology which worn by, or located in, the body. Includes softgear, wearables, cybernetics, etc.
Border Protection	Oversees the protection of Naion's borders and is part of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
bot	<p>(Physical) Typically a ground-based robot designed to carry out a routine task with little-to-no autonomous capabilities; simpler than a drone.</p> <p>(Software) An application designed to run automated, repetitive tasks at high rates of speed.</p>
brainware^	Cerebral implants that interact with the brain. Sometimes used to refer to any implants located with the cerebrum, no matter their function.
Bureau of Migration	Oversees those immigrating to and emigrating from Naion and all related processes and is part of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
burn mask^	A mask designed to melt a persons face after death to prevent identification.
burnware	Software design to wipe data off a device.
butter blade^	Any number of ultra sharp blades with the ability to heat the blade.
camocade*	A barricade able to change colors to mimic its surroundings.
the Canopy^	The top-most section of central Naion, comprised of a circus-tent roof shaped collection of structures approximately 10 km in diameter.
cerebrally retrofit (CR) ^	People who've had large portions of their brain replaced by technology, usually for medical purposes.
chabudai table	A low table of Japanese origin.
chem	Short for chemical, usually refers to recreational drugs.
chenttu	A type of whip from India.
chonlo*	A harsh alcohol homemade from various industrial products.
The Historical Media Archive (the Churn^)	Ownership-free Nebula archive of recovered pre-Fold material including books, music, art, film, etc. Most are fragments of the original pieces.
Civil Protection and Compliance Agency (Capca/CPCA) ^	Government agency tasked with gathering and putting to use intelligence to protect Naion at home and abroad.
clone couple^	Partners who've been remodeled to resemble each other.
(Nebula) cluster^	A group of N-vironments regarded as a single entity,

	maintained by an individual or group. Portmanteaus in common use include: -puck (personal cluster) -buck (business cluster) -phuck (pharmaceutical cluster)
combat exoskeletons	A light-weight powered chassis which fits over a soldier to give them enhanced capabilities.
Complexity Potential scale^	A scale used to classify the maximum cognitive complexity of a synt, determined at the time of its creation.
consciousness encoder^	A device designed to transfer the entirety of someone's consciousness into digital form.
Convention^	Organizations responsible for choosing candidates for the Executive Council .
(Nebula) coordinates (cords) ^	Set of numbers that identifies an entity on the Nebula. This ranges from clusters to individual applications like the N-mail account of an individual.
Covert Operations Group (COG)	A clandestine Army group.
crane grip^	A collapsible tool with a head made of small flexible rods that can change to a variety of shapes.
Criminal Investigation Directorate (CID) ^	Capca directorate that handles domestic crimes too large or sensitive for vigilant departments.
crowd-incorporated company^	No formal leadership, with all decisions made democratically and most administrative tasks carried out by synts.
cultivator^	People who integrate living plants into their clothing and/or bodies.
dark-Nebula^	Networked clusters that use the Nebula infrastructure, but not its authorized pathways or servers. One must have specialized software/hardware/access to get to it.
Office of Spiritual Governance^	Oversees government-backed spiritual institutions and is part of the Ministry of Culture. Conversely, private religious institutions, companies, and NPOs are overseen by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
dermfirm tape*	Synthetic, skin-like tape used for both cosmetic and medical purposes.
direct neural immersion (di-nu) ^	Simulates sensory input by using deep-planted sensory relays to precisely manipulate the brain's electrical impulses.
Domestic Intelligence Directorate (DID) ^	Capca directorate that oversees Naion's domestic intelligence operations.
Donkey (slang) ^	Military slang meaning lies, madness, or messed up.
drone	Aerial or ground-air hybrid robot, usually designed with a specific purpose in mind, often with autonomous, non-routine decision-making capabilities.
dureen*	A cheap, tough material similar to vinyl.
Duringer's Disease^	Refers to a combination of ailments which often inflict those exposed to harsh environments and unsanitary conditions. Results from genetic/cell damage, a weakened

	immune systems, infections, etc.
E-1/E-2/E-3^	A Capca designation given to original versions of documents later sanitized for general consumption. The level of sanitation has 3 levels. E-1 is restricted to authorized personnel. E-2 is safe for internal Capca use. E-3 is safe for public use.
Elastomer	Material with the ability to expand and contract.
examethyladrine*	A potent stimulant.
External Intelligence Directorate (X-I) ^	Capca directorate that oversees Naion's non-domestic intelligence operations.
face rec(ognition)	Software which identifies someone by matching their face to one in a database. Legal software is subscription based, run by companies licensed to access authorized databases. Technically these databases must pay a nominal fee to everyone in them, and must remove people upon request (with some exceptions). Illegal/homemade software directly searches the Nebula, and there are many privacy apps designed to block/confuse these attempts.
feed	Channel in which the hosting party releases information in increments.
(weapon) Fortros SL*	A short-nosed carbine.
Foundation Complex^	Location housing the Ministries of Finance, Communication, and the Environment, as well as many smaller entities.
the Gallery^	Where the Assembly and Executive Council meet.
geotag	System using combination of accelerometers and Nebula connections to pinpoint location without the use of satellites.
gene masher^	A person involved in the (illegal) alteration of genes.
genetic ID (gID) ^	A form of ID originally only required of government personnel, company executives, and others who worked in sensitive positions, but has since expanded to many other services. While not legally required, a registered gID (pronounced <i>gid</i> ) is a fairly standard requirement of many contracts/services.
go-card^	A card that can be loaded with monetary value or points, depending on the type.
gocs*	Combination/Shortening of goggle ocular enhancers. Devices worn over the eyes to assist in visual tasks.
graft muscle	Synthetically grown muscle grafted onto the body to enhance strength.
gunner	Slang for a freelance enforcer with weapon skills.
(technology) guru^	An expert in the theory, design, and constructing of technology.
hacker^	Someone who uses knowledge of programming, and the application thereof, to access secure computer system. A more mathematical approach than navigators. The rivalry is fierce with terminology, methods, and dividing lines hotly

	debated.
hactivist	Someone who uses hacking to further a social agenda.
Hadron <sup>^</sup>	Capca's layered network of proprietary hunt-and-build synts.
hardware	Broad term for physical computer components.
head-to-head (h2h) communication <sup>^</sup>	A line of communication between two or more nimphs that do not use standard/commercial Nebula services. In close enough proximity, this might be a direct signal from one nimph to another.
huemorphic*	Having the ability to change colors.
icicle (ICE) <sup>^</sup>	Street-level punks that work for ICE.
Illegal Corporate Entity(ICE) <sup>^</sup>	A company whose business operations are legitimate or appear so but with the primary function being to hide illegal activity. As opposed to organized crime, the structure and operation of which are more obviously criminal in nature. The dividing line between the two is an area of much debate.
infoshake*	The process of searching the Nebula for information.
Inner Prime <sup>^</sup>	At approximately 4km in height, it is the largest arcology in Naion, and the heart of the city. Also stands as the central support of the Canopy.
jock <sup>^</sup>	An expert in the practical functionality of something.
Johanson's Disorder <sup>^</sup>	A neurological disorder born from the rapid adoption of immersion and implantation technology. Symptoms include seizures, sensitivity to sudden lights or sounds of specific frequencies and intensities, and acute nausea while immersed, among others.
junction ammunition <sup>^</sup>	A smart round capable of splitting off in multiple directions.
kinetic mollifier (k-mol*)	A material designed to absorb the kinetic force of an object, such as a bullet or a knife.
knave <sup>^</sup>	Combines the original meaning, scoundrel, with a shortened form of navigator.
lamolin*	A thin, semi-flexible material.
lifter	Slang. Thief.
libi-poid*	Anthropoids designed for sex work. <i>Libi</i> is short for <i>libido</i> .
mag-vac train	Trains which run on magnetic rails in an airless tube to reduce friction.
Manufactured Esculent Association <sup>^</sup>	Associations whose membership includes companies which make food from synthetically extracted/cultivated materials.
mask <sup>^</sup>	A false identity.
meta- <sup>^</sup>	Prefix denoting the ability to display realistic, 4D images on a flat surface.
Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCi*)	Oversees private sector businesses.
Ministry of Communication	Oversees electronic communication in Naion.

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Ministry of Culture (MoCul*)	Overseas the arts and culture of Naion including public museums, cultural festivals, etc.
Ministry of Defense (MoDef*)	Oversees all military branches: Army, Navy, Air Force.
Ministry of the Environment (MoEn*)	Oversees Naion’s environmental policy and management.
Ministry of Finance (MoFi*)	Oversees the financial affairs and fiscal policy of Naion.
Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFa*)	Oversees the foreign affairs of Naion, including managing diplomats, embassies, and issuing visa’s.
Ministry of Human Welfare (MoHuw*)	Oversees departments related to the wellbeing of people, including health, labor practices, and social welfare.
mote^	A representation of/stand-in for a person in a virtual environment.
motik*	The name of one’s virtual self on the Nebula.
mox*	A simulation of a human personality, usually designed with a specific set of tasks in mind. May or may not include a visual form.
muse (Nebula) ^	An unverified synthetic entity that roams the Nebula and interacts with users.
Heritage Invicta^	A radical nativist group.
nanomesh^	Woven nano-fibers with a wide range of properties/applications.
nanomesh earpieces^	A layer of nanoweave material placed over the tympanic membrane which allows for the direct delivery of sound waves without blocking external sounds.
nanotwitch*	Nano-particles, often dissolved in a liquid, taken internally to produce a variety of effects.
naviation*	A form of immersion hacking based around the use of preprogrammed tools, knowledge of software/hardware exploits, and knowledge of Nebula protocols. Those who practice it tend to follow a “be the best at all costs” philosophy, though those who intentionally hurt noncombatants (i.e., not propagators of oppression) are looked down on. Naviators* differentiate themselves from hackers, who they see as more brute force implemented of technical methods.
Nebula^	A vast digital information network connecting smaller networks, including individuals.
Nebula Safety and Stability Commission (NSSC) ^	Oversees the management and maintenance of the Nebula.
neural lace^	A special type of wiring used to connect implants which are designed to replicate the function organic structures, rather than add or augment.
neuronal interpretation synt ^ (NIS*)	Form the bridges between the brain and the neuromorphic computer matrix that powered nimphs. Non-linear organic decision-making—e.g. intuition, instinct—created logic gaps that computers had difficulty making sense of. NISs translated this jumble into logical computer instructions.

neurotechnology	A branch science focused on integrating technology into organic neurological systems.
nymph (Neuronal Interface Multi-Process Hub)*	Pliant chip arrays attached to the inner wall of the cranium, dangling micro-trodes. They allow for control of all headware and gear, including implants, wearables, and tools.
N-space^	Broad term encompassing all virtual space. Refers to “Nebula space.”
N-vironmnet*	Nebula-based virtual environment.
o-clock^	A piece of headware that, through a combination of software, chemicals, and electrical impulses speeds up the perceptions of the user for a limited time.
Office of the Exterior^	Oversees government departments relating to primarily external issues. Headed by the Exterior Secretary. Reports to the Executive Council, though budget (as well as approval of its leaders) is controlled by the Assembly.
Office of the Interior^	Oversees government departments relating primarily to internal issues. Headed by the Interior Secretary. Reports to the Executive Council, though budget (as well as approval of its leaders) is controlled by the Assembly.
“on the ground”	Slang. Offline; not connected to the Nebula.
overlay	Virtual field-of-view (FOV) created by ocular/optical tech.
OYO protocol*	Stands for On Your Own. Capca’s standard procedure for disavowing an agent.
palisade cell (synthetic)	Photosynthetic cells used to create extra energy for bodytech.
papasan chair	A large bowl-shaped chair
personal cluster^ (puck*)	One’s virtual home of the Nebula.
plastix^	Broad category of advanced, extremely tough plastic products.
play-or-plank deal^	Slang. A deal where one party either takes it or “walks the plank”, i.e., dies (real or metaphorically).
polyfiber board*	A cheap building material made from pressing together scraps of other fibrous materials.
Post-Foundation^	This is the era beginning with the foundation of Naion. Most city-spheres, settlements, etc. have their own system, but since Naion is such a central power, and the hub of commerce and the Nebula, much of business is conducted using its calendar.
pre-Fold^	Denotes the time before the Fold occurred.
privacy blockware	Software designed to protect one’s privacy on the Nebula, including blocking/confusing facial recognition.
Psychological Operations (Psyops)	Departments in Capca that deal with psychological warfare, both offensive and defensive. Multiple directorates have their own departments.
to project (overlay) ^	To put a virtual image on one’s overlay, created by an external source.
prosthesis^	In the Naioniverse, these are artificial devices that replace



	organic body parts by more or less replicating their look, function, and capabilities. As opposed to (bio)mechatronic limbs or softgear.
Public Museum of Art and Antiquities (PuMAA*)	One of the largest museums in Naion.
PubPort*	A Public Nebula portal, in which users access them Nebula through a third party rather than their own cluster.
Pulque*	An expensive brand of liqueur.
purple account^	Designation given by law enforcement to bank accounts suspected of illegal activity, but illegality has yet to be proven. The name comes from the fact that “blue” accounts are legitimate accounts, and “red” accounts have confirmed illegality.
quota job^	Jobs given due to regulations requiring a certain number of humans be employed in a company depending on its size/capitalization.
re(-actor) ^	A synthetic mox copy of a once living person.
rebreather	Apparatus which absorbs carbon dioxide from wearer’s exhales to recycle the unused oxygen while filtering out contaminates.
Reengineering Department^	A troubleshooting department within the NSSC that works to resolve back-end Nebula problems that arise from the unforeseen results of coding/software problems.
remote^	A virtual projection of a person in the physical world.
rep(utation) score^	A scoring system run by a network of private companies that uses a combination of thousands of factors from shopping habits to credit ratings to generate a score used by banks, employers, etc. to determine a person’s trustworthiness. There’s no hard maximum, but a very good score hangs around 1000. Numbers get exponentially harder to increase.
The Retired Intelligence Officers Union	A union comprised of former intelligence officers.
rib-splitters (ammunition) ^	Slang for armor-piercing rounds that explode after penetration.
shadowgate keeper^	A person/entity who facilitates access to the dark-Nebula.
sphere^	From “sphere of influence.” Refers to the both the territory under a government’s control and more intangible areas under its influence. Note on Naion Border: From the official border, Naion maintains an approximately 25km administrative zone, with rules similar to that of a protectorate.
the Strat*	From Stratosphere. Refers to the upper 2 kilometers of central Naion.
stream	Channel in which the hosting party releases information continuously.
Subterra Prime^	Naion’s largest subterranean sector beneath Inner Prime. Approximate circumference: 10.2km

	Approximate diameter: 3.2km Volume: 6.1km <sup>3</sup> , 5.3km <sup>3</sup> habitable.
smart mine	An explosive device which can move on its own and be programmed to target specific individuals.
snakeway <sup>^</sup>	A narrow street characterized by its winding path.
Social Registration Number (Soc-Reg) <sup>^</sup>	An alphanumeric number given to anyone interacting with the sphere, including citizens, non-permanent residents, and even those using Naion connected Nebula services.
softgear*	Broad term for mechatronic implants within the body (e.g. artificial organs), sometimes with moving parts.
software	The programs and other operating information used by a computer. Software can be made up of more than one program.
solar eclipse lightcross <sup>^</sup>	An immersion battle game played in an environment with variable gravity.
spoke-spiker*	A person who ambushes a bicycle rider by jamming something through their wheels.
spot charge <sup>^</sup>	Small explosive that can be triggered remotely via nimp signal.
the string <sup>^</sup>	A train consisting of gyroscopically balanced, spherical compartments.
synt (synthetic intelligence)*	A software system designed to mimic human cognitive functions.
synthesis bot	A program designed to generate output of a specified type based on large amounts of input.
tac (tactile interface)*	Portable, foldable computer
Tech-psychs*	Psychologists that deal with mental health issues brought on by close interaction with technology.
Thermasilicate*	A flake-like compound designed to reflect/scatter signals while generating a heat cloud. Often used in grenades to confuse enemies and conceal friendlies.
thoughtStreamers*	People who continuously stream one or more senses to the Nebula, usually accompanied by thought narration.
threat index	A numerical representation of how dangerous something is.
Tidal Wave Squadron <sup>^</sup>	An elite army force.
Tivan 10mm*	A reliable handgun.
touchboard*	A keyboard without physical buttons.
tympanic implant	An implant which replaces the tympanic membrane of the ear, enhancing hearing capabilities.
UE*	Stands for "Units of Exchange."  It is the primary form of currency in the Naioniverse and exists only in electronic form. The nUE (pronounced new-e) is the most widespread, but other spheres have their own versions.
Ultrasonic Electroneural	Uses ultra sonics and targeted electrical pulses to simulate

Transducer^ (UET*)	sensory input.
vaper*	Synthetic paper. Standard stock has a soft plasticity texture.
vegetavle*	Vat-made vegetables.
v-me*	Short for vat meat, made from cultured protein cells.
Velt* extremists	A violent subset of the followers of economist Emondon Velt, who taught that money was a tool of oppression, and “progress” just another excuse to create wage slaves. The subset was involved in several acts of anti-capitalism terrorism in the late 260s, including bombing financial institutions.
Venture X-4 Assault Rifle^	Advanced assault rifle; standard issue for Capca tactical units.
verti-goer*	Social butterflies that frequently travel to parties/events/gatherings between tiers.
Vont Scale*	The synt version of intuition. Named after Seeka Vont, a mathematician/software engineer who pioneered the integration of non-linear thinking into logical processes.
vigilants*	Local public service tasked with enforcing laws and keeping order.
vrut^	Vat-made fruit.
wareweave*	A heavy-duty engineered fabric.
waterline^	Structures/communities built on the water around the bases of archologies. Originally they were all unofficial, but those around the around the larger, central archologies are larger and denser, and have become recognized and regulated.
wharfer^	Term for people who live in the waterline communities.
white-suit^	Common term for Capca’s Special Enforcement division. They are overseen by the Director’s Office, but units are assigned to (and given orders by) various directorates within Capca. They are all highly augmented and receive special training.
wrangler	Loose term for someone who manages complex systems, whether it be computers or people.
Zen (slang) ^	Ultimate level of skill, or a moment where that pinnacle is reached, and done without apparent effort.
Zazen Batavi Inorganic*	The name of Nik’s old naviator crew. From: Zazen is a type of walking meditation. Batavi or “Bats,” had been marauders active in the latter years of the Fold, who themselves had appropriated the name from an ancient group of warriors. Sketchy records described them as “indiscriminate freedom fighters who attacked installations of failing authority to hasten the end of the world.”