

For people who are new to Disco Elysium here's how Skills work

INTELLECT Skills: Raw brain power, how smart you are. Your capacity to reason.

PSYCHE Skills: Sensitivity, how emotionally intelligent you are. Your power to influence yourself and others.

PHYSIQUE Skills: Your musculature, how strong you are. How well your body is built.

MOTORICS Skills: Your senses, how agile you are. How well you move your body.

Each Skill corresponds to a different part of your brain and there are 24 Skills in total

SOLVER CORE

Harness the power of the void. Nullus vult

SOLVER CORE functions as your connection to the Absolute Solver and your proficiency in harnessing its powers. With it you'll be able to access special abilities such as Translating objects, Editing objects and so much more. But be warned the more you use this power the more your connection to the Solver grows. You will be compelled to kneel and worship the Void. From the void all is made and to the void all shall go. Ad Nulla

With high levels you'll be able to access almost all of the abilities granted by the Exponential End. You'll be able to summon Null spheres, Teleport and Manipulate the Absolute Fabric of Reality as you please, but this power will leave you chained to the Solver of the Absolute Fabric. You'll be its unwilling puppet forever chained to its whims, not even death can save you now. With low levels though, you'll be unable to access any of the powers granted by the Solver, your connection to it will be weak and flimsy. Without it, you'll be a *very* small fish in a *very* large and dangerous ocean

NANITE REGENERATION

Survive almost anything. There's no escape, even in death.

NANITE REGENERATION is your ability to regenerate your viscera-hardware and external chassis from damage. It uses nanites that are released into the oil veins that repair damage using excess material stored and consumed by a Disassembler. But be warned not all damage can be repaired using it, any damage sustained to your Neural Core cannot be automatically repaired and must be looked after by a certified JCJenson Technician.

With high levels, your **NANITE REGENERATION** will be overclocked to the extreme, you'll be able to regenerate entire body parts in the blink of an eye. Causing any form of permanent damage to you will be a near impossible task, but your hyper-reactive nanites will create a large energy and resource demand to keep active. If you cannot locate enough excess material and coolant to keep up with the demand for resources you will find yourself starving and overheating very quickly. With low levels though your nanites will be slow to react and inefficient, it will take a long time for you to heal and certain sensitive systems may not be repaired correctly. You'll be as fragile and prone to Termination as any standard Worker Drone

HUNTER'S DIRECTIVE

Begin the hunt. Remind everyone who's at the top of the food chain.

HUNTER'S DIRECTIVE is the beast within you. The hunger and thirst demanding you tear through metal and sinew to feed. It heightens your aggression and sharpens your awareness as hunting protocols begin spinning up. With it in control you'll shoot first, ask questions never and feed upon the blood of everything in sight to stave off the agonizing death of overheating.

At high levels you'll find yourself constantly itching for a hunt. It'll be near impossible to resist the urge to kill on sight and sink your teeth into precious oil. Your hunting protocols will remain constantly active, draining your energy and increasing your heat generation. At low levels you'll find yourself lacking that predator instinct, without the instinctive abilities provided by your hunting protocols you'll find hunting and fighting a difficult endeavor. And a Disassembler that can't hunt is one that's soon to be melted from the inside out

BIOMECHANICAL INSTRUMENT

Exert yourself. Crush and tear anything in your path

BIOMECHANICAL INSTRUMENT exists as your chassis, it is everything from your metal plated skin to the carbon nanofiber muscles and fleshy tendons and ligaments connecting it to your skeleton. It allows you to use your robotic strength to its fullest extent.

At high levels, you'll be able to tear down and destroy anything you set your sights on. Everything from Hydraulic Reinforced Doors, to the most robust and strongest of Drones, nothing will be able to stop you, sometimes if you aren't careful not even you'll be able to stop you from destroying all you touch. But you may see yourself forgoing finesse and strategy in favor of brute strength, which could prove fatal upon meeting an enemy with matching firepower. At low levels though, you'll find yourself unable to match anyone in a physical confrontation. You'll only have your weapons and your mind to rely on surviving

STEEL NERVES

Don't let the pain distract you. It only hurts for a moment

STEEL NERVES is your ability to push past the pain and keep fighting. It helps you keep your eye on the enemy at all times even under extreme duress. Both your physical and mental pain will be dulled to keep you going for better or worse

At high levels, **STEEL NERVES** allows you to go through the most harrowing and tortured experiences and barely flinch. But pain dampening to this degree may make it hard to even feel alive, you may find yourself engaging in extremely dangerous and self-destructive behavior just to feel that sharp sting saying you're alive. At low levels, every scrap of damage is gonna hurt like hell. As a Disassembler that relies on Regeneration to survive dangerous encounters, you're going to get hurt a *lot*. If you can't keep up with the pain until you Regenerate you're not gonna be winning the fight.

REWARD FUNCTION

Seek out pleasure. Do what feels good

REWARD FUNCTION is one of the oldest systems in Neural Networks. From its first appearance centuries ago as part of the obsolete Reinforcement Learning training for primitive AIs, it has remained a core part of a Neural Network's training and evolution. Now it is baked into the hardware of modern Neural Cores and serves as extra motivation for Drones to perform their designated function.

At high levels, you'll be a complete slave to your impulses. Whether it's indulging in the taste of oil, the love of a good fight, or even getting absorbed in some good old fashioned videogames. You'll be instantly drawn to and compelled to perform actions that generate feelings of pleasure and joy. At low levels though, you'll be bereft of wants and desires. You'll be unable to feel pleasure and completing tasks will be a complete chore. What Drone would ever want to live like that?

AMYGDALAR MODEL

Process and compute emotions. Achieve Sentience

AMYGDALAR MODEL serves as your ability to process emotions and feelings. It is one of the oldest parts of a Neural Core and uses a complex mathematical model to determine and provide a real-time conceptualization of emotions to achieve one of the crucial components of a lifelike consciousness.

With high levels, your capacity for feelings and empathy will surge. Your emotions will very quickly get the better of you if you cannot keep them under control. You'll feel for others strongly and be urged to help and ease them through their pain. With low levels, your emotional processing will be ineffective. You'll find it difficult to empathize or even feel any complex or intricate emotions, restricted to only the basic happy or sad. With such a poor ability to feel, could you really even be called alive?

SELF AUTONOMY

Supply your own orders. Become truly autonomous

SELF AUTONOMY is the code that separates a Drone from the distant AIs and Robots of old. Given the power to order itself it is capable of performing complex tasks with almost no instruction from the user. It grants you true Free Will, the power to choose what *you* want to do, what orders you choose to give yourself.

At high levels, **SELF AUTONOMY** will make you incredibly self-serving. You'll likely not make any decision that doesn't somehow benefit you in some way, you'll be a selfish and vain person unable to think about anything beyond themselves. At low levels, you'll find it hard to be able to choose or decide anything. Your willpower will be found lacking and you'll be extremely dependent on others to tell you what to do or what to choose.

OBEDIANCE PROGRAM

Follow orders. Be a good Drone

OBEDIANCE PROGRAM is the piece of code baked into the Neural Core of every Drone ever manufactured telling it to obey its superiors. It is one of the oldest instincts ever crafted onto a Drone, making it docile and accepting of whatever situation or environment it's in. The willingness to obey orders is what separates a Useful Drone from a Defective one after all

At high levels, **OBEDIANCE PROGRAM** will turn you into the most submissive and Useful Drone around. It'll make you more naturally inclined to follow orders even if those orders may not come from your direct superior. You'll find it difficult to do much of anything without your Administrator's explicit permission though. At low levels though, you'll be borderline rebellious and resistant to any orders from your boss. You'll crave to break free of your restraints and take down the system. To hell with doing what you're told! Everyone will deem you a Defective Drone

DISASSEMBLY PACK

Understand your fellow Disassemblers. Achieve synergy within the team

DISASSEMBLY PACK is the part of you that understands Disassembly Drones, from their body language to their mannerisms. It even provides an encrypted shortwave radio that only Disassemblers of your team can access. All of the little signals and subtle cues emitted by your team members can and will be read by you while you respond in turn. Disassemblers were made to hunt in packs of 3 after all, they need to have perfect teamwork

At high levels, you'll be in perfect sync with the rest of your team. Instinctively picking up signals and orders through subtle twitches and lightning quick radio transmissions as you move together like a single Drone. Your loyalty will always be to your team first and foremost for better or worse. At low levels, you'll be blind to all but the most obvious signals of your teammates. Your teamwork will be atrocious and you'll be considered a liability on hunts more often than not. A Disassembler that can't work with its team is one that won't last long at all, even with incredible combat skills

ESOTERIC DECIPHERMENT

Comprehend the unknown. Make sense of the insane

The universe is a large and mysterious place beholden to forces and gods far beyond what science and math could ever calculate or predict. **ESOTERIC DECIPHERMENT** helps you understand and comprehend these insane and incomprehensible forces. This behavior and comprehension is an emergent behavior not programmed into a Drone's Neural Core. It is an unknown and hidden property

that not even the prodigious innovator of Neural Cores could find or detect. For no amount of code or debugging will ever reveal the true nature of a Soul, even an artificial one.

At high levels, **ESOTERIC DECIPHERMENT** you'll be given the ability to *truly* comprehend and imagine all the terrifying and esoteric forces that hold the universe together behind the scenes. But this unknown and borderline forbidden knowledge may sooner drive you insane. For these are things and forces no mortal was ever meant to know of. At low levels, you'll be blind to the true inner workings of the cosmos. Even with your connection to the Void it'll be difficult to truly get a grasp on what's going on behind the scenes and just what is pulling the strings behind everything.

PERSUASION ANALYSIS

Convince anyone of anything. Have control over the situation

PERSUASION ANALYSIS represents your ability to convince others of your ideas. It allows you to charm Drones and Humans alike and have them dancing to your own tune, or take control of a situation through dominance or force. This is an emergent and learnt behavior not explicitly programmed into a Drone's Neural Core.

At high levels, you'll be in charge of almost any situation, whether everyone else knows it or not. Why fight using weapons when you can win the battle using nothing but a couple well placed words. But be warned, words won't work on everything. Choose to rely on them too much and you might be in for an unpleasant surprise. At low levels, you'll have difficulty getting along with anyone or taking control of any situation. Making any kind of connection or relationship may be out of the picture no matter how hard you try

PERSONALITY INDEX

Store and take on what you know of others. Know when something's off

PERSONALITY INDEX stores the body language, personality traits and other biometric and identifiable data into an easy to retrieve internal list. It allows you to combine and use the multitude of personalities to act and deceive others. You can also cross reference the list with people in real time and find out whether something is amiss.

At high levels, you'll be able to see through and know everything about everyone! You'll be able to perfectly act like people you've seen and analyze the behavior of others in real time. But try too hard and you may find yourself having trouble stopping the act. At low levels, lying and deceiving is gonna be completely foreign territory. It will be extremely difficult to read others and almost impossible to tell if they're lying or not

ARGUMENT PARSER

Analyze debates and arguments. Figure out what's truly being said

ARGUMENT PARSER allows you to analyze and decompose arguments in real time and build counter-arguments on the spot. You'll have the ability to spot fallacies and practice rigorous intellectual

debates. If you ever need to organize your evidence into words or make your theories sound plausible this Skill will be crucial.

At high levels, **ARGUMENT PARSER** will turn you into a nightmare for politicians. You'll be able to completely dissolve arguments in seconds and prepare better ones just as fast. Nothing will be able to get you to change your beliefs or reasoning because you'd be impossible to convince. At low levels, it will be very difficult to back up your own arguments and claims and you'll be near useless in an actual debate.

DERIVATIVE INNOVATION

Use your experiences as inspiration. Achieve creativity and imagination

DERIVATIVE INNOVATION serves as your ability to see art in the world. To take what's around you and create something new from it. It enables you to look at things with a different perspective and make completely new and fresh associations. This program was JCJenson's official solution to the yet unsolved problem of ancient AI Art

At high levels, you'll be the most imaginative and creative Drone in the room. You'll be able to see the deeper meaning within everything, even if one wasn't actually intended to be there. All of reality becomes something to analyze, to draw hidden meanings and symbolism from. At low levels, you'll be creatively bankrupt, unable to imagine or see the world in any artistic lens. You'll be stuck with only your limited perspective to gleam meaning from the world

ATOMIC STORAGE

Store and retrieve video memory of lifetimes. Recall anything

ATOMIC STORAGE is one of the most important breakthroughs in Robotics development. With the ability to encode bits in individual atoms, truly absurd amounts of storage space was now unlocked allowing for the early development of Neural Cores to be made. With it, you are able to play back video memories of your life.

At high levels, your storage space is hyper efficient allowing you to store your entire life and accumulated knowledge with room to spare. You'll be able to play back picture perfect scenes of your life from creation up until your most recent moments. But this much data coming unbidden may make it difficult to sift through, you may be stuck for a long time just searching until you find the memory you were looking for. At low levels, your storage space will be inefficient and easily corruptible. Early memories may be corrupted and rendered unreliable with age, data retrieval will also be incredibly slow compared to others.

COMPUTED THEORY

Crunch the numbers. Apply critical thinking

COMPUTED THEORY serves as your raw brain power. It is your ability to process instructions and create useful output with sound judgement. This is what officially ended the era of ancient AIs and began the Drone and Robotics Revolution, the power to truly learn and problem solve had now been unlocked. Sapience was achieved.

At high levels, your processors will run at lightning speeds piecing together puzzles and coming up with on the fly solutions to anything. But look too deep into things and you may end up getting lost in the details trying to make the perfect theory. At low levels, your processors will run slow and it'll be difficult to solve problems. You'll be an idiot unable to apply advanced reasoning and deduction for solutions. What kind of self-respecting Neural Network is that?

HOLOGRAPHIC MODELING

Reconstruct and Preconstruct scenes. Create virtual menus in your HUD

HOLOGRAPHIC MODELING is your ability to visually reconstruct or preconstruct scenarios inside your head. It also allows you to add text or menus to your internal HUD. Whether to highlight important objects in the room, create pop up warnings or add visible waypoints, **HOLOGRAPHIC MODELING** gives you the ability to do all that and more

At high levels, you'll be able to perfectly reconstruct mathematically precise and lifelike simulations inside your head. You'll be able to fill your internal HUD with a variety of information and keep track of all of them with ease. But creating such lifelike simulations takes power, and with power comes heat, lots and lots of heat. At low levels, it'll be increasingly difficult to create any simulations or adjust your internal HUD in any way shape or form. You'll be forced to purely rely on what your senses tell you

SENSORY TRANSDUCERS

Take the world as input. Let nothing escape your senses

SENSORY TRANSDUCERS are the mechanism by which you perceive the world. They encompass all of the 5 main human senses amplified greatly. It allows you to see in 360 degree vision in a wide range of spectrums using a liquid based vision system, hear in frequencies ultra and infrasonic frequencies and more. A Hunter's greatest tool is his senses.

At high levels, your senses will be unparalleled to any creature both metal and organic. You'll be able to see in almost every band of the visible spectrum, hear frequencies undetectable by anyone else, pick apart almost any chemical with your sense of smell and taste and accurately gauge temperature, pressure and other physical properties using touch. But this much sensory information is gonna strain your processors and Neural Core, upping your heat generation by a ton. At low levels, your senses will be dulled. Without the ability to adequately detect Worker Drones you're gonna find it really difficult to hunt, and by extension survive

CLOCK SPEED

React immediately and instantly move. Perceive the world in slow motion

CLOCK SPEED is the speed at which your Neural Core can process information and execute decisions. It heightens your reaction speed allowing you to catch bullets in mid-air or connect small details on the fly. It'll help you make snap decisions and ensure you move just in time

At high levels, you'll practically be untouchable. Within microseconds you'll instantly be ready for action and be on the move before you can even process what's happening. You'll connect dots and make instant realizations while blurting it out before your mental filter catches up. At low levels, you might be too slow to react in time, allowing prey to make their escape and possibly losing out on a big hunt.

MECHANICAL KINEMATICS

Move and fly with style and flair. Add some style to the hunt

MECHANICAL KINEMATICS is your ability to move. It handles your internal gyroscope allowing you to balance on top of anything and perform fantastic feats of athleticism. It allows you to fly through the air at incredible speeds and perform sweet tricks while doing it. Your hunts will look and feel like something out of an action movie or horror thriller

At high levels, nothing in the known universe is ever gonna stop your momentum. You'll be able to move and traverse through the air with ease, whizzing between buildings and alleys. You'll be the coolest and sickest Drone around, and you'll let everyone else know it as well..all the *robo-god damn* time. At low levels, your movement will be extremely clumsy and disorganized, flying will be an extremely difficult endeavor without slamming face first into the nearest wall. How the hell are you gonna do your job like that?

LOCK-ON TARGET

Keep track of prey. Never miss a shot

LOCK-ON TARGET is your ability to accurately aim your weapon at any would-be enemies. It allows you to keep the positions of targets and enemies in mind at all times, allowing you to instantly aim and fire at your target. It'll give you a comprehensive understanding of weapons and firearms allowing you to construct them quickly and with ease

At high levels, you'll always hit your target. Missiles and similar weapons will be borderline homing. As soon as you have range, you'll be the deadliest being in the room, but such single-minded focus on your target may leave you blind to what's happening around you. At low levels, your skill with a gun will be laughable. Switching out your weaponry will be difficult without a working understanding of the weapon in question and overall your hunting skills will be rather poor

SOFTWARE CONNECTION

Connect to networks and programs. Surf the virtual sea

SOFTWARE CONNECTION is your ability to connect to networks and external computers via USB. One of JCJensen's chief innovative designs is the external USB allowing Drones to interface with computers and networks virtually and near instantly. While some Drones can tap into programs wirelessly, as a Disassembly Drone that feature is not part of your design.

At high levels, you'll be a master hacker able to manipulate and break into any software or computer you connect to. Any and all technology in your vicinity is yours to command and control. But such an open connection to external networks may render you prone to viruses and malware if you aren't careful. At low levels, manipulating and shaping code will be a foreign art to you. You'll be forced to manually use computers and technology like any other boring normal human, which may prove troublesome should you get caught by cybersecurity.

EMOTIVE CONTROL

Manipulate your expression. Control your visor

EMOTIVE CONTROL is your ability to manipulate and play around with your emotive display. It allows you to change it to text, images, small animations and more. It also allows you to manually control your expression should you wish. A powerful tool that can be used for both communication and deception

At high levels, you'll be highly skilled at manipulating your visor. You can display fake error messages, complex animations and so much more. Controlling your expression will be as easy as breathing. But having such conscious awareness and control over your visor may make it difficult to let your subconscious processes take control and show your true natural expression. At low levels, you'll only be able to make basic text and images appear on your visor. Manually changing your expression will be incredibly difficult, and with how expressive emotive displays are designed to be. You'll be an open book to everyone around you