

How to unlock all hidden EX-Skills

How unlocking of hidden EX-Skills basically works:

1. You always need a skill which is on the far right end of the branch
 2. A hidden achievement which is mostly done by just playing
 3. It is not proven yet, but it is possible that some EX-Skills do need other basic EX-Skills to be unlocked. The proven example is Righteous Cross, which actually needs the Tank EX-Skill
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Celestial Blades (Dual Wield 1H-Swords | Offensive)

- Get **1H-Sword** level to **250** and learn **Sword of Stars**
OR get **1H-Sword** level to **500** and learn **1H-Sword Mastery**
- Hidden: Hit enemies with **2000 1H-Sword skills** (you have to hit an enemy or it won't count). Which skill does not matter, but it must sum up to 2000. You can track down how many you used looking at the skill level (So having it level 492 means you used it 492 times) BUT be sure you hit the enemy. So if you missed a lot, you might unlock the "2000" after a lot more than that (I personally unlocked mine after 2150).



Thorns of Illusion (Spear | Offensive & Debuff)

- Get **Killing Blow** (available from the start)
OR Get **Spear** level **500** and learn **Spear Mastery**
- Hidden: Inflict **250 debuffs** on mobs



Assassin's Blade (Dagger | Offensive)

- Get **Swift Steel** (available from the start)
OR Get **Dagger** level **500** and learn **Dagger Mastery**
- Hidden: Do **3000 critical hits** (weapon doesn't matter)



Righteous Cross (Sword + Shield | Defensive)

- Get **Rapier** level to **500** and learn **Rapier Mastery**
OR Get **1H-Sword** level to **500** and learn **1H-Sword Mastery**
- Hidden: You need to learn the **Tank EX-Skill** (no need to master it)
- Hidden: **Guard 3000 attacks** using **Protection Field** (hit L1 with a shield equipped). What counts is not the Mastery Level but the actual sum of blocked attacks. Recommended: Go to the beginning area and either pull a few boars or stay at the first blue chest with the crabs, then align yourself with a wall or something. Skeletons are also working, because

they attack frequently. You should also do this solo, or your team will kill the mobs. Takes about 45-60+ minutes probably, so get your Popcorn ready.



Rejuvenating Touch (All Weapons | Support & Healer)

- Get **Banishment** (available from the start)
OR Get **1H-Club** level **500** and learn **1H-Club Mastery**
- Hidden: **Heal** yourself or companions **100000** HP while playing



Warmonger (All Weapons | Support)

- Get **Rapier** level to **50** and learn **Accelerate** (right path of Scimitar)
OR Get **Scimitar** level **250** and learn **Accelerate** or **Veiled Rider**
- Hidden: **Defeat 2000 monsters** (weapon doesn't matter)



Fanged Guardian (All Weapons | Defensive & Support)

- Get **2H-Sword** level **250** and learn **Brave Soul**
OR Get **Katana** level **250** and learn **Brave Soul**
OR Get **2H-Sword** level **500** and learn **2H-Sword Mastery**
- Hidden: **Revive 44** people or NPC



Blade of the Damned (2H-Sword | Offensive)

- Get **2H-Sword** level **100** and learn **Lightning Stance**
OR Get **2H-Axe** level **350** and learn **Lightning Stance**
OR Get **2H-Sword** level **500** and learn **2H-Sword Mastery**
- Hidden: Deal **10 millionen damage** while playing (weapon doesn't matter)



Soaring Slash (Katana | Offensive)

- Get **1H-Club** level **150** and learn **Combo Freak**
OR Get **Katana** level **250** and learn **Combo Freak**
OR Get **Katana** level **500** and learn **Katana Mastery**
 - Hidden: Do **3200 SSC** (Sword Skill Connect). It does not matter if you do a 2 or 10 times skill chain, it still counts as one. And important to know, you don't have to do the 3200 with just the Katana, it counts for every weapon. On a extra note, you don't even need to hit something for it to count. Recommended: Do a 5 chain combo as often as possible, you will need them to unlock more inside the Katana EX-Skill tree. *This is the hardest to get EX-Skill and if you wonder what skill chains are: Whenever you use a Skill, there will be a small blue flash, just use another skill at this time and the skill will chain together.*
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These are all hidden EX-Skills you can unlock by now. If an update hits, I will also update this post. Do you have a question or did I miss something? Please let me know @ <https://twitter.com/Zanktus>

UPDATE: 2nd November 2017

Adjusted the requirements to fit the most recent patches and DLCs. Not much has changed, except Soaring Slash which now needs “only” 3200 SSC instead of 4200.

Additional information about skills, buffs and so on can be found in the [SAO Hollow Realization DB](#) document.