STAR TREK ROLEPLAYING GAME
SPECIES PROFILE

AL-LEYAN

SPECIES ADJUSTMENTS
+4 Strength, +1 Agility, +2 Presence

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Al-Leyans physically resemble Humans in many ways, the two biggest differences being that their ears curve to a slight point, and their eyes glow in dim or gloomy conditions when reflecting light rays.

Their skin ranges from alabaster, through sun kissed, to olive and light brown depending on climate. Al-Leyans living in polar regions have lighter skin, as opposed to those living in tropical climes having darker skin.

CULTURE

The Al-Leyans are a somewhat conservative race, and have deliberately slowed the rate of technical progression on their world to ensure maximum safety. In the approach to their current technology level, they did not go through a stage of burning fossil fuels, as studies showed the level of damage that it would do to their ecology to be unacceptable. Instead they worked on developing hydroelectric, tidal and solar power plants, which they fine-tuned to peak efficiency. This meant that they were able to depend solely on these forms of eco-friendly, emission-free energies to power their planet for centuries.

However, the demands of modern technology have necessitated further development of power-sources, and a slight pollution of the planet's atmosphere was unavoidable. Scientists continually research ways to maximise power-production efficiency, and this has become a major branch of Al-Leyan science.

One of the reasons for this cautious approach could be explained by the fact that for many generations, areas of the Al-Leyan landmasses were uninhabitable as a result of toxic, gaseous emissions from volcanic strata beneath the surface. While plant-life and some insects were able to evolve in these locations, some of which are exotic in appearance, it was not possible for humanoids to colonize the areas concerned until the gases naturally dissipated.

Al-Leyans have a class based society but it is based on skill-set rather than social or economic fortune. Each class is called a branch. People from one class will talk to, interact with and even mate with others of another class. All classes are considered to have equal merit.

Each person is assigned a class at around the age of 10. Up until that point teaching is geared towards determining which class each individual will flourish in most. Once a class has been assigned the individual receives further education more tailored to the class they are in.

Once a person has been placed in a class, they are expected to stay there. They must live by their branch, in other words be dedicated to it for their whole life. There is room for movement within a branch so it’s not quite as restrictive as it first appears. For example someone of the science branch can choose any number of specializations and science related careers. They may be a biologist, geologist, mathematician, chemical analyst. Each branch has a huge and varied set of options to suit almost every interest. Someone of the science branch could not be a builder, pilot, or professional artist, though they would be permitted to pursue art as a form of expression. This would allow them to pursue artistic activities and offer paintings, sculptures of the like to close family or friends but they could not have it displayed in a gallery or sold for profit. There is a specific branch for people whose primary talent is in the arts and they may make their living through it.

People who talk about, or try to move into a different branch are looked upon as wayward souls and frowned upon. Efforts would be made by friends, family and advisors or mentors to make such a person see reason. If they refuse to mend their way of thinking then they would have to have attitude readjustment therapy (or reconditioning) to correct the problem.

When an Al-Leyan is born, the mother does not look after her child until the child is 10 years of age. The children are taken into care by an organization named Haemachuo, which looks after the people's children for 10 years, bringing them up in a secure, peaceful environment.

Haemachuo was founded in 1728 when the Yul'shan party came into power in one of Leya-I's more prominent provinces. The institution was set up to mold the future of all Al-Leyans, beginning by molding infants into model members of society. The public agreed and voted for the idea, due to the Haemachuo manifesto, which offered “a better and brighter future” and equality for all infants, whether rich or poor. In 1973 Haemachuo was adopted by both ruling Al-Leyan demi-global governments and took its place planet wide.

Workers of the institution are trained to notice any certain developmental difficulties a child may have, and act upon it,
before it can reach a stage where it may cause problems in adult life. At the present time, there is customarily one Haemachuo carer to 4 children.

Haemachuo have certain requisites that workers have to meet. One such requirement is that they may not have children of their own. The pay at the institution is one of the highest salaries available on the planet, and is generally popular among young female Al-Leyans that are studying at university. A Haemachuo carer is trained for a full Al-Leyan year before they are ready to care for a group of children.

Children naturally form stronger bonds with the carers and their Haemmachuo siblings than with their parents and blood siblings. At 10 a child is still young and will, over time, develop a bond of some sort with their biological family but they wouldn’t be as close as family groups of other species. A child is raised to show the appropriate level of respect towards their family and to maintain a civilized level of contact with blood family as they continue their education.

The point of having this method of education is to allow every child the same opportunities to flourish and to mould the children into what they consider model citizens. Every child is raised the same way and they all subscribe to the same ideals, it’s a very controlled environment. They all have the same philosophical and cultural beliefs, they all adhere to the same behavioral codes. To some outsiders it may even be seen as conditioning.

They grow up knowing how they are expected to live and that if they stray from this - or fall from the branch - that efforts will be made to help them understand where they have gone wrong. Should the individual fail to change their way of thinking, they will have to be treated professionally at an attitude readjustment center. They accept this and are taught not to fear it, that it is good, that it could happen to anyone. Due to the careful way in which this is handle it is not unusual for Al-Leyans struggling with certain cultural or philosophical norms to come forward and request attitude readjustment therapy to help them achieve the correct way of thinking on the subject and end their turmoil.

However the upbringing is in many ways highly tailored to the individual because at every stage they make great efforts to identify each child’s strengths, weaknesses and talents. To this end they would keep detailed information about each child and use it to determine which branch each child goes into. The thinking behind this that it benefits society to bring out the best in every child. People feel good when they are successful, which is what happens when you do something you’re good at. So by digging into each person’s personality and putting them where they will shine the most they will have a happy and productive workforce.

After they finish high-school level education they typically take a fall year. They can move straight onto a career or further education if they choose but most take the fall year. It is a time where they take a break from studying, grow in self-sufficiency and decide where in their branch they wish to go. Many will take on a job to gain some work experience and it is a time to settle into the real world. Their options are limited in many ways but they do have enough autonomy and choice to live happy lives. It’s one of the things that allows this way of living and being to work for them.

Al-Leyan architecture is striking by design, and is reminiscent of the brutalist movement on Earth, although more decorative and much less plain. Glass and stone are the most common materials for Al-Leyan buildings. Most buildings now do not exceed 15 storeys, although there are some that reach as high as 28 stories that were erected before the implementation of the current building regulations. The main spaceport is a memorable landmark, as it reaches a height of 720 metres, and has several helipads.

There are, however, some small areas of the planet where the architecture is more decorative and has an older appearance. For example, the buildings on the Uz Sabahnur archipelago conform to a much more dated style, and the region is famous for its Beaux-Arts. Residences here are highly sought after by those who can afford them.

Much of the plant life on Leya-I is bland to the taste, which provides a strong reason for the Al-Leyans having never evolved a strong sense of taste or smell. Al-Leyan cuisine tends to be either strongly sweet or strongly spicy, which can prove to be quite unpalatable for some other humanoid species.

There are many festivals that are practiced in different areas around Leya-I, in many of its different regions. One of the most notable festivals takes place on an island slightly south of the equator, where the Al-Leyan New Year is celebrated by a fireworks display in each of nine cities built around a large bay. Each city also serves as host to a large street party, attended by the majority of the local residents.

Qu'cha is the Al-Leyan's most popular sport, and favorite past-time. It has been played for centuries, and games were played competitively. Recently since “Federationism” The league has been reformed and become slightly more commercial to appeal to off-worlders.

Qu'cha is a team sport played by two teams of 14 players. The goal is to score points by throwing two tennis-sized balls, and touching a series of 5 bases arranged in a pentagon. Players on the throwing team take turns throwing the two balls against the fielding team which tries to stop them from scoring points by getting the throwers out in any of the several ways. A player on the throwing team can stop at any of the bases and later advance via a teammate's throw. The teams switch between batting and fielding whenever the fielding team records ten outs, or has thrown their overs. One turn at throwing for each team constitutes an inning; four innings make up a professional game. The team with the most points at the end of the game wins.

Game play starts with a thrower standing at home plate, holding both balls. The thrower throws both balls out into the field of play. Once the balls are in the field of play, the thrower must begin running toward first base, at which point the player is referred to as a runner. A thrower-runner who reaches first
The Al-Leyans are a meticulous people, whose perfectionist outlook had an impact on the way they explored their own world, as well as space. Up until the 1930s (Earth Standard), they were preoccupied with charting their own planet, including the vast depths of ocean that covered a large area of its surface. As a result, by the time they took to physically exploring their solar system (which they had already pre-examined using telescopes and other scientific means) they had already charted every corner of their planet, unlike Humans, who took to space with mysteries on their homeworld still unsolved.

Once Al-Leyans had discovered warp technology and were exploring the galaxy peacefully, one of the first alien species that the Al-Leyans encountered was the Klingons. The Klingons warned and threatened the Al-Leyans, who stayed out of harm’s way, until the Klingons began plundering their resources.

When diplomatic channels were explored and rejected by the governor of the Klingon colonies who had been stealing from the Al-Leyans, a period of hostilities erupted between the two peoples. Armed Al-Leyan patrols orbited their planet and colonies within their space, and with the Klingons seeming to send in wave after wave of attack squadrons, neither side could get the upper hand. After months of conflict, and a heavy toll on the resources of both sides, the factions lapsed into an uneasy truce, during which a technological trade was agreed.

While the team at throw is trying to score outs, the team in the field is attempting to record outs. Among the various ways a member of the throwing team may be put out, five are most common:

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Sitting across the negotiation table, the reason for the Klingons' accession became apparent. The Governor of their forces ruled over three colonies, and did not have the political influence to gain access to the full resources of the Empire. He dared not report his inability to conquer the Al-Leyan people to the High Council, and so wished to take them news of acquired technology instead. In return for valuable improvements to power efficiency and computer systems, they agreed to allow the Al-Leyans to take blueprints for the D-5 and Bird-of-Prey classes of ship. As a result, modified versions of these vessels can be found within the Al-Leyan fleet.

Years later, after the death of the Klingon governor, the colonies rescinded their peace treaty with the Al-Leyans, believing that their system rightfully belonged to the Klingon Empire. Naturally the Al-Leyans resisted, and the cold war between the Al-Leyans and the Klingon colonial power has resumed.

**LANGUAGES**

The Al-Leyan language is Leyan. It is a beautiful, musical language. Many Al-Leyans also speak Federation Standard, and several Al-Leyan people speak Klingon.

**COMMON NAMES**

Al-Leyans use two names; the first name is a proper name that emphasizes the individual. The latter is a surname handed down from person to person through a patriarchal family-line.

Male Names: Halca, Z’yer, A’ern
Female Names: Amira, Lael, Loleh, Luran, Rune
Common Surnames: Rosek, Rejock, Sorani, Pachuayo, Jolara, Zerxes

**HOMEWORLD**

Name: Leya-I
Diameter: 11,340 km (7,087 miles)
Gravity: 1.65 standard gravity with a density of 5.9
Axial Tilt: 12%, minor seasonal effects (less than Earth)
Orbital Period: 360 Al-leyan days (465 days)
Rotational Period: 31 Al-Leyan hours (40 hours)
Classification: K
Surface Water: 43%
Atmosphere: 1.93 is a standard pressure with 79% nitrogen, 20.5% oxygen, 0.5% industrial pollutants
Climate: Tropical, and sub tropical lands, with two large mountain ranges.
Population: 700 million

The Al-Leyans operate under a world unitary government. While many of the different nation states on Leya-I have their own councils which may govern local policies, each of these nations subscribes to the global government through the attendance of representatives from each region. The united world government was instated in 1988.

Al-Leyan technology is advanced, and considered to be on a par with comparable Federation worlds. However, their rigorous attitude to safety has led to some important regulations on the use of technology on their homeworld. MAGLEV trains are used as the primary form of transportation, despite the development of the transporter. This is due to initial problems with transporter systems and the risk of accident through transporter malfunction. Having conducted a detailed analysis, the Al-Leyans have ruled that MAGLEV is the safest method of transport, and thus transporters were declared illegal.

In addition to this, as a measure of ecological control, four large space stations orbit the planet to serve as quarantine sectors. No items that may cause harm, even if inadvertent, to
the planet’s ecosystem are permitted to be taken to the planet’s surface.

While research is still conducted into technological development by some companies on Leya-I, the period of technological boom has come to a close. Progress made is steady, but directed into certain areas, such as the construction of shuttlcraft, and research into artificial intelligence. During the initial technological boom, Al-Leyans made significant strides in many different areas, including power management (Solar and Geothermal), multimedia devices (cameras, headphones and speakers), transport (MAGLEV trains), chronometers, robotics and space vehicles (culminating in the Warp 4 engine). They also developed an extremely sophisticated coffee-maker as a response to demand for their trademark coffee bean, and designed it to brew the best possible cup of coffee that they could market.

While Al-Leyans are not widely renowned for their Engineering this is not due to a lack of competence - they have reached a technological stage with which they are comfortable, and most now prefer to direct their time and effort towards less pressured pursuits.

Al-Leyan coffee is much sweeter than its Human and Klingon counterparts. While the Al-Leyans themselves find their coffee to be somewhat bitter, they have found that its sweetness to other races has made it highly marketable. A Human coffee connoisseur once referred to the Al-Leyan blend as "sweeter and smoother than a Honduras blend, and highly likeable. Even more so than Guatemalan." As such, Al-Leyan coffee beans are a valuable export.

The Al-Leyan monetary system can be confusing to off-worlders as it operates on a nonary system.

The Al-Leyan fleet is characterised by divergent classifications of the Klingon D-5 and Bird-of-Prey models. While these ships are outwardly recognised as their Klingon ancestors, many upgrades and/or divergent developments have been made by the Al-Leyan companies responsible for the upkeep of the military. For example, the interiors of these ships are markedly different than their Klingon counterparts, as they are better lit and much more luxurious. Compared to the Klingon D-5, Al-Leyan models have less powerful weapons in upgraded models, although their shielding and cloaking technologies are greatly enhanced. One class of D-5 upgrade, larger than most, has been developed to serve as a diplomatic vessel. It is roughly 1.3 times larger than other D-5 variant classes.

Al-Leyan shielding technology incorporates a failsafe second shielding layer, a backup shield generator that kicks in when a ship’s shields are reduced to 10% or less. This has proved to be valuable in the occasional border skirmish with Klingon colonists, as despite their adversaries’ enhanced firepower they are able to withstand attack long enough to escape, or reach help.

There are many Al-Leyans serving in Starfleet, in many different crew-positions. But they seem to be most comfortable in Tactical and Command positions.

Civilian Al-Leyans are often found as Soldiers, or Rogues.

**SPECIES ABILITIES**

The Al-Leyan people are lovely to behold, they are elegant people. And they have a very regal bearing.

They are a very lithe, agile people. And they are very strong. Even stronger than Vulcans or Klingons. Due to the heightened gravity of Leya-I, Al-Leyans have denser muscle fiber than some other aliens, allowing for greater than average humanoid strength.

They have a +1 species-bonus to their Agility scores, a +2 to Presence, and a bonus of +4 to their Strength attributes as a result.

Al-Leyans also have several Species Traits, as well.

**Competitive:** (bonus edge) Al-Leyan people are natural competitors. Whenever their abilities are set against an opponent, the desire to win rises to the surface and surges an Al-Leyan on to victory. Al-Leyans gain a species-based +1 bonus to all opposed tests.

**Arrogant:** (species flaw) All Al-Leyans exhibit arrogance. And often they do not even realize it at the time. Al-Leyans are a little too confident in themselves, their social groups, and the Al-Leyan culture as a whole. This can come off as grating and unpleasant unless an Al-Leyan takes extra effort to mollify their “inferiors”. Because of an Al-Leyan’s arrogance, they cannot spend Courage on Social tests.

**Able-Bodied:** As a rule, Al-Leyans are usually in very good shape, physically. They excel at sports, and athletics. Al-Leyans gain a +4 to all Athletics skill-tests, as well as a +2 to all Sport tests.

Al-Leyan Senses: The Al-Leyan people have the same five senses as most humanoids, but with the exception of the sense of Touch; each of these senses function differently compared to humans or, in most cases, other humanoid species.

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<td>Al-Leyan taste-buds are not as well-developed as other species. The suffer a +1 to all Observe (Taste) tests.</td>
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<td>Smell</td>
<td>They also have some olfactory difficulty compared to humans, Klingons, or especially Vulcans. Al-Leyans suffer a -2 penalty with all Observe (Smell) tests.</td>
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<td>Hearing</td>
<td>Al-Leyans have ears similar to Vulcans. This helps amplify some of the sounds they hear in the higher frequencies. Al-Leyan hearing is so good they are able to hear great detail, from quite far distances. Al-Leyans binfit from a +4 species-bonus to all Observe (Listen) tests.</td>
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<td>Sight</td>
<td>Al-Leyans’ vision in the day is not as good as it is in the night. Al-Leyans are used to dimmer lighting than humans are used to on Earth. During the daytime their eyesight is as good as a Human’s, although their visual</td>
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**FAVORED PROFESSION**

Al-Leyans run the gamut of available professions.
Acuity isn't as good. Most Al-Leyans wear glasses during the daytime to help correct this problem.

As a result, Al-Leyans suffer a -2 penalty to all *Observe (Spot)* tests during the day. This does not effect an Al-Leyan’s ability to see aboard ship, or indoors.

At night however an Al-Leyan’s eyesight is six times better than a Human’s. This is because Al-Leyans have a larger anterior chamber and lens, as well as a wider pupil. The Al-Leyan eye’s retina has mostly rod receptors, which are sensitive to low light levels and movement.

Al-Leyans enjoy a +6 bonus to all *Observe (Spot)* tests after night-fall, or in darkness.