



CYBERPEDIA

A Guide to Equatorial Cyberspace

## Cyberian Currencies

Each of the countries on the fictional continent of Equatorial Cyberspace, which is located between here and there, has its own currency.

### Currencies

#### Brynanian - *baerg*

1 *baerg* (B\$) = 1 USD 2001

The **Brynanian franc** became the country's legal tender after independence in 1961, and was tied directly to its french counterpart. The **baerg** was adopted shortly after the 1973 coup, but its weak value resulted in a peg to the American dollar, instituted in 1989. Since the civil war in Brynanian began, however, the government has faced mounting pressure to give up the peg and allow the baerg to float freely. The Brynanian Ministry of Finance has thus far refused to remove the peg, for fear that regional instability would result in a currency crash, creating even further socio-economic disorder. Some radical Zaharian separatists have openly called for a national Zaharian currency, the **joelle** (J\$).

#### Concordia - *cori*

1.5 *coris* (Ci) = 1 USD

After independence, Concordia instituted the **Cyberian pound** (C£), directly pegged to the British pound. After the signing of the 1970 Port Royal Accords, the currency's name was officially changed to the cori in the wake of nationalistic political trends under then-Prime Minister Black. Global economic slowdowns in 1998 and 2002 threatened to put pressure on the cori's value, but Concordia's wealth and abundant natural resources have prevented a serious financial crisis. The **cori** remains the strongest monetary unit in the region and a useful financial barometer for regional economic analysts.

#### Icasia - *ican*

3 *icans* (I) = 1 USD

The **ican** has been battered on international currency markets during the past five years, largely as a result of the country's role in the Brynanian civil war. However, the Icasian government has tried to take advantage of the low ican to encourage tourism and commodity trading with so far mixed results. The ican is also the unofficial tender in parts of Brynanian occupied by the Eastern Icasian Freedom Movement (EIFM), and the Icasian government has thus far been unable to control illegal currency transfers across its borders.

#### Ruritania - *devine*

2 *devines* (Dv) = 1 USD

Ruritania established a two-to-one peg between the **devine** and the US dollar after 1992 on the basis of its strong economic performance during the 1990s and its extensive capital reserves. As well, the strength of the Ruritanian petroleum,

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### Brynanian

#### Map of Equatorial Cyberspace



#### Area

293,456 km<sup>2</sup>

#### Population

11,500,000

#### Capital City

- Hamrville (formerly Grenoble)

#### Major Cities

- Hamrville
- McGilldshu
- Zahrville

#### Languages

Brn, French widely spoken

#### Flag of Brynanian



#### GNP (2013)

\$6,555 million

precious metals, and diamond industries helped the country avoid the currency crises which plagued much of the Cyberian continent after the middle of the last decade.

#### **Udem - marc**

*3 marcs (M) = 1 USD*

The Udebi **marc**, also known as the "u-marc", has been kept artificially low by government policy in order to bolster previously-sagging agricultural and commodity trade between Udem and the rest of Cyberia, as well as markets in North America and Europe. The three-to-one ratio has been kept in place for most of the previous decade, although spillover from the Asian financial crisis briefly threatened an emergency devaluation in 1998.

#### **Uqamistan - hao**

*5 hao (H) = 1 USD*

The **hao** is only partially convertible on currency markets by strict government decree, and the export of hao is strictly regulated. The five-to-one peg is very artificial considering Uqamistan's depressed command economy and huge international debts. Reports began to surface after 1999 of black market trade in hao, but the government has strongly denied such practices.

## Proposed Cyberian Common Currency

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Economists both in Cyberia and in Western Europe have proposed that the Cyberian economic situation could be greatly improved with the development of a Cyberian customs zone, and work towards creating a unified Cyberian currency (later referred to by leading Brynanian economics expert Prof. Rupert Giles as the **cyber**, or **Cy\$**) which would allow the continent to better compete in global markets. Talks on creating the cyber fell apart after the onset of the Brynanian civil war, but low-level negotiations, via the Organization of Cyberian Nations, continues through the 1990s.

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