Conversions to the Hero System

Go back to the start

2300 AD

Detailed conversion notes, including Characteristics, Skills, Package Deals and Weapons:

http://users2.ev1.net/~redroach/ad2300/Hero.htm

(NOTE: The "Space Military" Package Deal will have to be highlighted to be read.)

ABERRANT

Characteristic and power conversion guidelines:

• http://www.herogames.com/oldForum/Champions/001538.html

Conversions of specific powers:

http://www.herogames.com/oldForum/H...ion/001328.html

How to handle Taint:

http://www.herogames.com/forums/showthread.php?p=627252

[See also "Published Character Conversions" below.]

ADVENTURE!

Adaptation of the world setting and some of the game mechanics, plus fully statted period weapons, and writeups for NPCs including Hero Designer files:

http://home.earthlink.net/~ddoepke/index.html

AMBER

Writeups for Amberite abilities:

http://www.herogames.com/oldForum/O...res/000115.html

Discussion of shadow walking and changing probability:

http://herogames.com/forums/showthread.php?t=15810

ARDUIN

PDF files converting character creation, magic, cults, weapons and equipment, and some of the game mechanics:

http://www.herogames.com/forums/sho...0275#post480275

BABYLON 5

Full setting sourcebook:

http://www.starherofandom.com/b5/index.php

BATTLETECH/ MECHWARRIOR

Collection of links to character stat conversions and numerous tech writeups:

http://www.herogames.com/forums/showthread.php?t=21572

BIG EYES, SMALL MOUTH

Detailed character conversion notes for BESM Tri-Stat:

http://surbrook.devermore.net/herosource/besm.html

Full writeups for characters from *El Hazard, Sailor Moon, Tenchi Muyo!* and many other manga/anime series:

http://surbrook.devermore.net/adapt.../animechar.html

BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER/ ANGEL

Full writeups for a number of characters from the series:

http://surbrook.devermore.net/adapt.../moviechar.html

This website includes HERO writeups for many regular and guest characters, plus some converted spells and several Package Deals:

http://angel.fcpages.com/[then scroll down to "Nightspawn & Dampions RPG," second "paragraph."]

CALL OF CTHULHU/ DELTA GREEN

Character and creature conversion notes (under heading "Silent Mobius Zeta"):

http://surbrook.devermore.net/smz/smzcoc.html

Guidelines for writing up magic spells from the Lovecraft Mythos:

http://www.geocities.com/TimesSquar...t's%20Magic

[See also "Published Character Conversions" and "Published Creature Conversions" below.]

CYBERPUNK 2020

HERO stats for all the cyberware/bioware, weapons and armor from the CP2020 core rulebook:

http://www.herogames.com/forums/showthread.php?t=29816

DC HEROES

MEGS system conversion notes:

http://www.herogames.com/forums/showthread.php?t=20759[starting at post #4]

DC Heroes Third Edition conversion notes:

http://www.mactyre.net/scm/articles/Dcconv.html

[See also "Published Comic Book Characters" below.]

DRAGONBALL Z

Worldbook with background, racial templates, numerous character writeups, powers and tech:

http://surbrook.devermore.net/dbzhero/dbzhero.html

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS 3E/ AD&D

Detailed conversions of character classes and races, magic, feats, and how to handle Levels:

http://www.killershrike.com/Fantasy...onversion.shtml

Notes on converting characters from the *Forgotten Realms* setting, including many racial Package Deals and spell/ magic item design guidelines:

http://www.yamoslair.com/frhero.html

Conversion of numerous game elements, with emphasis on those specific to the *Forgotten Realms* - Bloodlines, Feats, Races, Classes, Skills, Spells, and Magic Items, in both Hero Designer Prefab and HTML format:

http://homepage.mac.com/badger3k/BadgerHero/

A partial conversion of the *World of Greyhawk* setting, including a selection of races/creatures, magic spells, and psionics:

http://www.hierax.com/hero/fantasy/grey/

Converted PC races and prestige classes from the *Eberron* setting, and game stats for Dragonmarks:

http://www.herogames.com/forums/showthread.php?t=24164

Notes on converting AD&D creatures:

http://surbrook.devermore.net/adapt.../ADND2HERO.html

Wide-ranging conversion from First Edition AD&D to 4E HERO - character classes and races, most of the old spells and monsters, and a unique approach to levelled advancement:

http://www.planetx.org/%7Ejoed/gaming/dh.html

[See also "Published Creature Conversions" and "Published Race Package Deals" below.]

EXALTED

General conversion notes and discussion, plus specific charm, magic weapon and published character writeups:

http://forum.rpg.net/showthread.php?t=148203

FADING SUNS

Conversion of a number of setting and game-mechanic elements:

http://www.bcholmes.org/fading_suns/index.html

FENG SHUI

Converted Fu Schticks:

 http://surbrook.devermore.net/herosource/fu.html Guidelines for writing up spells of //Feng Shui// "geomancy": *

[[http://www.geocities.com/TimesSquare/Castle/9529/Gaming_stuff/Grimoire/magic_systems.htm#Modern%20Magicians"|http://www.geocities.com/TimesSquar...ern%20Magicians

[See also "Published Character Conversions" and "Published Creature Conversions" below.]

FUZION

System conversion notes:

http://www.herogames.com/oldForum/Champions/000129.html

Alternate conversion notes:

• http://www.herogames.com/oldForum/H...ion/001175.html

GAMMA WORLD

The following five links are to a complete world sourcebook (using 4E HERO).

Introduction and Conversion Guidelines:

http://www.geocities.com/heartland/...440/player.html

Weapons and Armor:

http://www.geocities.com/heartland/...40/weaparm.html

Setting Details:

http://www.geocities.com/heartland/...40/settout.html

Combat and Adventuring:

http://www.geocities.com/heartland/...40/gmguide.html

Bestiary:

http://www.geocities.com/heartland/...0/whbeasts.html

The bottom of this page has links to NPCs, adventures and adventure seeds for GW:

http://www.geocities.com/heartland/park/3440/rpgs.html

Website with 5E HERO writeups for a number of *Gamma World* setting elements, and direct conversions of character stats and basic concepts from several editions of GW:

 http://www.hierax.com/hero/star/gamma/[I recommend navigating from the links on the menu to the left of the homepage.]

This website has illustrated character sheets for several GW creatures (in 4E HERO), notes on running

Cryptic Alliances, and several detailed hex-grid maps of "Meriga":

http://www.thewarp.net/war/tiger/gamhero.html

[See also "Published Race Package Deals" below.]

GURPS (Third Edition)

GURPS Characteristics, Advantages, Disadvantages and Skill conversions (based on *GURPS Supers*, but widely applicable):

http://surbrook.devermore.net/herosource/gurpshero.html

More specific GURPS Disadvantages:

http://surbrook.devermore.net/herosource/newdisads.html

Champions to GURPS Supers (mostly one-to-one mapping, so usable in either direction):

http://www.sjgames.com/gurps/Rolepl...eroToGURPS.html

Weapon conversion notes, and converted weapons from *GURPS Ultratech*:

http://www.geocities.com/ac jackson/hero/ultrahero.html

Many converted characters from GURPS Wild Cards, based on the series of novels:

http://surbrook.devermore.net/wildcards/wildcards.html

4E HERO character stats for the GURPS Supers adventure *School of Hard Knocks*, by its author Aaron Allston:

• http://www.mactyre.net/october/HEROCHAR/Files.html[then download KNOCKS11.ZIP]

Translation of the unofficial GURPS adaptation of 3×3 Eyes into 4E HERO:

http://surbrook.devermore.net/3x3eyes/3x3.html

[See also "Published Character Conversions," "Published Creature Conversions" and "Published Race Package Deals" below.]

HARN

Text file with detailed Harn character chargen guidelines, and conversions of a number of setting elements and HarnMaster conventions:

http://home.interlynx.net/~brand/harn/harnhero.doc

Archive of downloadable HERO System adventures set in Harn, with NPCs and magic writeups (for 4E

HERO):

http://www.usandacat.com/herohq/file_downloads.htm

Characters from another campaign set in Harn, plus a selection of creatures from the setting, fully statted (in 4E HERO):

http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Und...701/harndex.htm

HEROES UNLIMITED

Character conversion guidelines:

• http://www.herogames.com/oldForum/Rules/000322.html

[See also "Published Character Conversions" below.]

HIGHLANDER

General discussion and guidelines for converting elements of the setting:

http://www.herogames.com/oldForum/F...ero/000008.html

PDF file with background information, rules, character construction guidelines, powers, how to handle the Quickening, and package deals:

http://www.starherofandom.com/h_highlander/index.php

Fully statted writeups for Duncan Macleod and Methos:

http://www.herogames.com/forums/showthread.php?t=11867

LORD OF THE RINGS

4E HERO writeups for many of the main characters, based in part on their MERP/Rolemaster stats:

http://surbrook.devermore.net/lotr/lotrchar.html

5E writeup for Boromir:

http://www.herogames.com/forums/showthread.php?t=27155

5E interpretation of an Ent:

http://surbrook.devermore.net/adapt...iction/ent.html

MARVEL SUPER HEROES

First Edition conversion notes:

http://www.mactyre.net/scm/articles/MSH-1.html

Alternate First Edition conversion notes:

http://www.hierax.com/hero/super/marvel.html

SAGA System conversion notes:

http://www.sysabend.org/champions/r...0to%20Hero.html

[See also the thread under "DC HEROES/ MEGS system" above for alternate SAGA conversion notes (post #5), and "Published Comic Book Characters" below for writeups.]

MUTANTS AND MASTERMINDS

4E HERO writeups for many of the characters from the M& M sourcebook *Freedom City*, by FC author Steve Kenson:

http://members.aol.com/talonstudio/...ity/fchero.html

5E writeup for the Centurion, from *Freedom City*:

http://www.herogames.com/forums/showthread.php?t=14907

Conversion of M& M Characteristics, Skills, Feats and Superfeats, and Super-Power points:

http://www.herogames.com/forums/showthread.php?t=23471[particularly Post #13]

Discussion comparing character and weapon damage capability between M&M and HERO:

http://www.herogames.com/forums/showthread.php?t=14626

PRIME DIRECTIVE/ STAR FLEET BATTLES

Character conversion notes and profession/race packages for the First Edition of *Prime Directive*, plus examples and guidelines for gaming in the Star Fleet Universe:

http://www.seenar.com/games/primedirective/prime.html

[See also the listing for STAR TREK below.]

RIFTS

Discussion board thread and links for conversions of game concepts, character types, Coalition weaponry, and ley line magic:

http://www.herogames.com/forums/showthread.php?t=4648

Other approaches to MegaDamage:

http://www.herogames.com/forums/showthread.php?t=28271

Palladium cybernetic implants:

http://www.angelfire.com/scifi2/mat...cybernetic.html

Palladium psionic abilities:

http://www.angelfire.com/scifi2/mat...ro-psionic.html

Vehicle conversion notes:

http://www.herogames.com/forums/showthread.php?p=6294

RIFTS character profession Package Deals:

 http://www.angelfire.com/scifi2/mat...s.html#packages[left-hand column, "Occupation Packages"]

(NOTE: The links on the webpage above are sometimes cranky and may take you to the author's homepage instead. Just go Back and try the link again.)

[See also "Published Race Package Deals" below.]

ROBOTECH

Writeups for numerous mecha from the various Robotech series, character type Skill Packages, optional Robotech mecha Hit Locations and rank Perks:

http://www.herogames.com/forums/showthread.php?t=23404

Most of the above in downloadable HTML and HDC files:

http://www.starherofandom.com/h robotech/index.php

HERO stats for the Gallant H-90 multi-weapon system:

http://www.herogames.com/forums/showthread.php?t=32232

Website for a Robotech HERO campaign (must be member of or join Yahoo! to view most areas):

http://games.groups.yahoo.com/group/champians Robotech/

ROBOT WARRIORS

Notes on using the old *Robot Warriors* book with the HERO System Fifth Edition:

http://home.comcast.net/~archer7/rw2hero.html

ROLEMASTER/ SPACEMASTER

PDF with detailed character stat conversions, plus conversion guidelines for magic weapons and armor:

http://www.hierax.com/hero/shadow/

Converted Rolemaster "Scar Unbinding" spells, in both Hero Designer Prefab and HTML format:

http://homepage.mac.com/badger3k/BadgerHero/4/4.html[under the appropriately-named links]

RUNEQUEST/ HEROQUEST

Character templates, Characteristic and Skill conversions, translating RQ game mechanics, many magic writeups, and fully statted NPCs:

http://www.geocities.com/markdoc.ge...t/heroquest.htm

SENGOKU

Complete web sourcebook for adventuring in this era of feudal Japan:

http://www.geocities.com/TimesSquar...front page.html

Numerous characters from a campaign based on the sourcebook above, plus more cultural and historical details and game mechanics:

http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Und...ngoku index.htm

A more mythic/magical approach to gaming in this setting, including spells, Package Deals and optional rules:

http://members.tripod.com/~hawk_wind/hero/rissun.html

SHADOWRUN

General concept discussion, character conversion guidelines, and writeups:

http://www.herogames.com/forums/sho...=&threadid=6060

Detailed and comprehensive worldbook conversion:

http://www.starherofandom.com/h shadowrun/index.php

SKYREALMS OF JORUNE

Comprehensive PDF conversion document (to 4E HERO):

http://www.jorune.org/files/Jor HERO.pdf

SPACE 1889

Character conversion notes, chargen guidelines, and campaign logs:

http://ourworld.compuserve.com/home...1889/mygame.htm

Alternative character conversion notes:

• http://www.geocities.com/TimesSquar...532/victor.html

STAR FRONTIERS

Converted races, weapons and spaceships:

http://www.herogames.com/forums/showthread.php?t=814

STARGATE SG-1

SG team, jaffa and tok'ra character templates:

http://www.herogames.com/oldForum/StarHero/000143.html

Discussion of character design and universe concepts:

http://www.herogames.com/forums/showthread.php?t=23472

Discussion and stats for weapons:

http://www.herogames.com/forums/showthread.php?t=17627

Full character sheets for SG-1 team members, in HTML and Hero Designer format, plus martial art package prefabs:

http://www.starherofandom.com/h_sg2/index.php

STAR TREK

Full campaign sourcebooks for Original Series and Next Generation/ DS9:

http://www.starherofandom.com/h trekhero/index.php

[See also the listing for PRIME DIRECTIVE above.]

STAR WARS

Website with 4E HERO writeups of character races and archetypes, weapons, ships, droids, and of course the Force:

http://www.sysabend.org/champions/c...Wars/index.html

Many profession and alien character Package Deals, weapons and equipment, and detailed Force writeups, in PDF and DOC formats:

http://mysite.verizon.net/nevenall/

Collected links to discussion and writeups for various *Star Wars* elements (some duplication of above):

http://www.herogames.com/forums/showthread.php?t=18766

Another detailed and comprehensive writeup for the Force, synthesizing several elements from the examples above:

http://www.herogames.com/forums/showthread.php?t=29217

Website with background and detailed character generation notes for a Sith-based campaign:

http://www.austenandrews.com/SithKnights/index.html

Character conversion notes for SW D6 and D20:

http://www.hierax.com/hero/star/wars/

TORG

Guidelines and examples for converting a number of game concepts and mechanics:

http://www.herogames.com/forums/showthread.php?t=28212

TRAVELLER

Character templates plus weapon/armor and starship writeups:

http://www.travellerhero.com/

More starship and vehicle, robot and other tech writeups:

http://www.starherofandom.com/h_traveller/index.php

General discussion of concepts in *Traveller*, plus character conversion tables (Post #14), converted Skills (Post #73), and racial and professional packages:

http://www.herogames.com/forums/showthread.php?t=28992

Broadbased conversion of classic Traveller into 4E HERO:

http://maps.travellercentral.com/hero/

Detailed 5E HERO stats for weapons, starship construction and conversion, and Package Deals for major and minor races:

http://www.starherofandom.com/forum/viewforum.php?f=12

VILLAINS AND VIGILANTES/ LIVING LEGENDS

Detailed conversion notes, as a Document file (post #3) and as a spreadsheet (post #21):

http://www.herogames.com/forums/showthread.php?t=24210

Writeups for the Crusaders, from *Crisis at Crusader Citadel* (more a HERO interpretation than an exact translation):

http://www.bcholmes.org/rpgs/crusaders/index.html

Numerous V&V character writeups (more "experienced" or otherwise altered from the published game versions):

http://mywebpages.comcast.net/proditor/vandvindex.htm

Writeup for Surge, from the *DNAgents Sourcebook*:

http://www.herogames.com/oldForum/H...ion/001309.html

Additional published V& V characters, including Hero Designer files:

http://www.herogames.com/forums/showthread.php?t=26137

4E HERO writeups for the Destroyers villain team, from *Death Duel with the Destroyers*:

http://www.patric.net/morpheus/cast/legend/destroy.html

4E HERO adaptation of Dreamweaver, from Crisis at Crusader Citadel:

http://www.patric.net/morpheus/cast/legend/dream.html

4E adaptation of Shrew, from *Crisis at Crusader Citadel*:

http://www.patric.net/morpheus/cast/legend/shrew.html

4E adaptation of Adamantron, from Most Wanted Vol. 1:

http://www.patric.net/morpheus/cast...adamantron.html

4E adaptations of several villains from Most Wanted Vol. 1:

http://www.patric.net/morpheus/legend/blegion.html[Scroll down to character name links.]

4E adaptation of Super Nova, from Most Wanted Vol. 3:

http://www.patric.net/morpheus/cast.../supernova.html

WARHAMMER 40,000

Weapon conversion notes, and many converted weapons and defenses:

http://www.angelfire.com/ok3/markdo...tor_weapons.htm

More weapon and equipment conversions, character sheets for races, and notes on running adventures in the WH40K universe:

http://www.tigerseyemedia.com/tiger/40khero.html

Even more weapons:

http://www.herogames.com/forums/showthread.php?t=19799

Space marine Package Deal:

http://www.herogames.com/oldForum/O...res/000061.html

Discussion and writeups for Space Marine abilities and implants:

http://www.herogames.com/forums/showthread.php?t=20232

Tyrannid writeups, including Hero Designer files:

http://www.herogames.com/forums/showthread.php?t=26098

WARHAMMER FANTASY RPG (First Edition)

Conversion notes and guidelines, and converted character writeups:

http://www.herogames.com/forums/showthread.php?t=14355

Alternate stat conversion notes, and discussion of Warhammer spells:

http://www.herogames.com/oldForum/F...ero/000079.html

Detailed conversions for most elements of the game: Characteristics, Skills, Careers, Races, Professions, Disadvantages, Magic, Armor and Weapons, plus numerous converted NPCs from published adventures:

http://www.herogames.com/forums/showthread.php?t=24971

5E HERO writeup for Gotrek, with commentary thereon:

http://www.herogames.com/forums/showthread.php?t=4106

WHEEL OF TIME

Discussion and guidelines for The One Power, Ogier, Angreal, Ter'angreal and Sa'angreal, Channelling and Burnout, cutting one off from the Source, Linking and Circles, and the Blademaster Arts:

http://www.herogames.com/forums/sho...=&threadid=2338

Magic system writeups:

http://www.herogames.com/forums/showthread.php?t=24376

Full writeups for Lan, Mat, and an Average Warder:

http://www.herogames.com/forums/showthread.php?t=12881

Writeup for Myrrdraal:

http://www.herogames.com/forums/showthread.php?p=604498

WORLD OF DARKNESS (First Edition)

Detailed 4E HERO conversion notes for almost the entire original WoD game line:

• http://surbrook.devermore.net/whitewolf/WODHERO.html

A 5E version of the conversion for *Vampire: The Masquerade* from above:

wod

Detailed 4E conversions for Vampire: The Masquerade, Werewolf: The Apocalypse, Revenant: The Risen, and the 'Breed:

http://members.tripod.com/~HRCLark3...eplaystuff.html

The creator of the website above has updated his *Vampire* conversion to 5E HERO, as a straight PDF download and as a ZIPped PDF:

 http://www.geocities.com/myndovamad...asquerade_A.pdf * http://www.geocities.com/myndovamadda/HERO_VAMP.zip [See also "Published Creature Conversions" below.]

PUBLISHED CHARACTER CONVERSIONS

A selection of characters from ABERRANT, CALL OF CTHULHU/ DELTA GREEN, EXALTED, FENG SHUI, GODLIKE, GURPS Supers, HEROES UNLIMITED and SUPERWORLD:

http://surbrook.devermore.net/adaptionsrpg/rpg.html

PUBLISHED CREATURE CONVERSIONS

Beasties from CALL OF CTHULHU, DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS, FENG SHUI, GURPS Fantasy, and the World of Darkness:

http://surbrook.devermore.net/adapt.../creatures.html

PUBLISHED RACE PACKAGE DEALS

Packages for races and creatures from DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS, GAMMA WORLD, GURPS Aliens, and RIFTS:

• http://www.angelfire.com/scifi2/mat...s.html#packages[center column, "Racial Packages"]

(NOTE: The links on the webpage above are sometimes cranky and may take you to the author's homepage instead. Just go Back and try the link again.)

PUBLISHED COMIC BOOK CHARACTERS

Some of the best websites for writeups of characters from the main publishers and several smaller ones.

The Great Net Book of Real Heroes, perhaps the largest collection on the net. Mixture of 4E and 5E writeups:

http://www.sysabend.org/champions/gnborh/

Deejay's Champions Writeups, another large, well-organized archive. Mostly 4E:

http://www.mactyre.net/scm/deejay/champs/writeups.html

Matt's Champions Page has character writeups over a wide range of power levels, but particularly many 250-pt. versions of famous characters. Mostly 4E:

http://www.angelfire.com/scifi2/mathew/champions.html

(NOTE: the links on the webpage above are sometimes cranky and may take you to the author's homepage instead. Just go Back and try the link again.)

This section of *The Wild Hunt* campaign website has very good X-Men and related character writeups. Mixture of 4E and 5E:

http://x-men.the-wild-hunt.org/

Surbrook's Stuff is particularly strong in characters from smaller publishers. All written for 5E:

http://surbrook.devermore.net/adapt.../comicchar.html

The *Character String* thread from Hero Games's "Old Forum" archives is for 4E, but notable for detailed discussion of the design rationale for many of the writeups, and the formulas to convert them from the versions published in other RPGs.

Because the internal links between pages no longer function, I've linked to each page separately:

- http://www.herogames.com/oldForum/Champions/000434.html
- http://www.herogames.com/oldForum/C...s/000434-2.html
- http://www.herogames.com/oldForum/C...s/000434-3.html
- http://www.herogames.com/oldForum/C...s/000434-4.html
- http://www.herogames.com/oldForum/C...s/000434-5.html
- http://www.herogames.com/oldForum/C...s/000434-6.html
- http://www.herogames.com/oldForum/C...s/000434-7.html
- http://www.herogames.com/oldForum/C...s/000434-8.html

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