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FPS RPG

AFTER unending war with metastreumonic Force, the powerful organisation Secreta Secretorum that you belong to is finally ready to undermine the head-strong federation, despite an intense struggle for power.

DARK and mysterious universe (inspired by Blade Runner, Ghost In The Shell and Warhammer 40 000) for hours of original gameplay thanks to 10 physical and psychic skills, 14 cybernetic and upgradable implants, along with an integrated R&D system, all serving a delicate scenario where conspiracy, horror and treason rule. Based on the RPG "AVA", developed by Streum On Studio in 1998.

FEATURES

The multiplayer, teamplay, co-op modes directly influence solo play, and vice-versa.

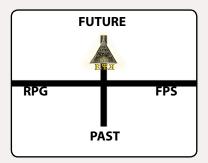
Psychological and mental traumas management.

25 weapons, different shooting modes, dynamic precision, drilling shots, iron sighting, extended zoom.

Complete hacking system, with game play impact. 5 devastatingly subtle PSI powers.

About 20 NPC with non-scripted, fully reactive and efficient AI, endowed with a sense of initiative. Bloody close combat with technical detail. Incredible physical movement realism thanks to Source Engine physics.

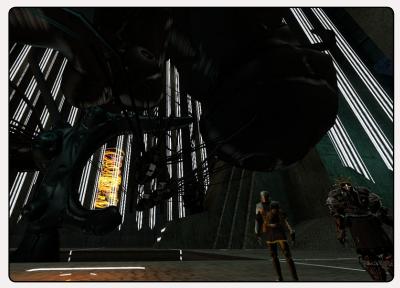
Excellent replayability due to primary and secondary mis-sions, dynamic envinon-linear level ronments, progression, and random NPC spawn, type and appearance. Death doesn't penalise players: no need to restart the current mission.













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PLATFORM

PC, XB0X360 (potentially) & PS3 (potentially)

CONFIG

High scalability
Required config: CPU 1,5 Ghz,
512 Mo, Graphic card 128 Mo
Reccommended config: CPU 3 Ghz,
1 Go, Graphic card 256 Mo

RATING

16 + / 17 +

NUMBER OF PLAYERS:

Solo and multiplayer 2 to 32 players (LAN + ONLINE)

SHIP DATE

1st quart 2009 (around 6 months of development).

PUBLISHER

TBD (to be determinate).

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2.0 Scenario and gameplay overview

The E.Y.E story comes from our role-playing board game: A.V.A.

The story takes place in a dark future that has seen unending wars between the Federation - a union of many worlds, and the metastreumonic Force - an ancient and mysterious power.

The player embodies an infiltrated spy in E.Y.E - a group of elite monk warriors - made up of two rival factions in constant internal power struggles, themselves serving the Secreta Secretorum that you work for: a multi-thousand-years-old secret organization desirous to steal power from the Federation. The organization commandeered your infiltration to control and survey E.Y.E actions, as well as unmask a traitor to the cause.

The player through a solo campaign in which FPS and RPG become one in the same, must fight the metastreumonic Force that is coming back, but also helps to recover Federation control. For the player this campaign will also be an occasion to discover a dark conspiracy and some rivalries and manipulations for power. During his adventures, he will meet many other characters with whom he will strike up a friendship, will collaborate, and will fight. With most of them, conversations are possible via a multiple choice dialogue interface.

His way will be scattered by conspiracy, treason, and impious horror. The psychological factor, especially trauma management, will be seen in full spectrum during these dramatic moments. During his adventure, on top of the main plot, the player can fulfill some secondary missions on the worlds he has discovered.

To survive and succeed his intents, the player must manage his inventory, juggle the 10 skills and 14 cybernetic implants made available to him, to the best of his abilities, while using the research and development interface to continually discover new weapons and technologies.

Though implants and competencies do influence the game, it is really the players own skills and reflexes that will primarily be put to the test in order to achieve victory.

An arsenal of 30-odd weapons allow the player to fight his enemies in many different manner, whether that be by distance fight through nerve channeling, bloody close combat, or sneaky strategies.

Cybernetic implants provide the player with special powers making him a divine warrior - part man, part machine – in the eyes of simple warriors. Intensive PSI training allows the player to use a palette of original PSI powers to undermine each perilous situations in an extraordinary manner.

The player can at one's convenience buy some new weapons, cybernetic implants and also psi powers to special sellers from Secreta.

It's also possible for the player to penetrate into cyber-space for hacking and getting the upper-hand on security, locking and unlocking passageways, spying, and getting the low down on new terrain. But especially to hack cybertech elements from his enemies.

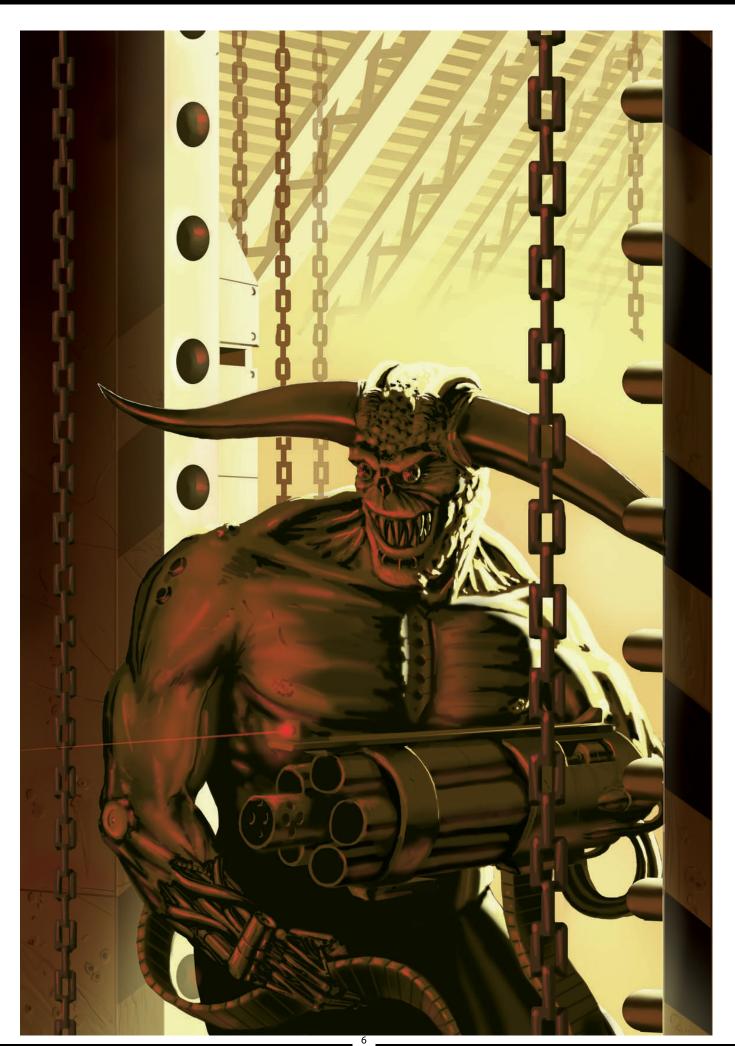
Several multi-player modes are available like cooperative, team play allowing him to evolve, finally breaking the solo/multi barriers.

Whether playing solo or in co-op mode, the AI adversaries, completely non-scripted (except in plotted cut scenes), show original craftiness, and rarely heard reactivity. Furthermore, in every new game the enemies are not necessarily the same. Because of a spawn system partially random. A random choice patrolling and war-faction management between the 5 different levels of NPC insure excellent re-playability and a living feeling particular to each level.

It goes without saying that these levels are immense and non-linear, allowing the player multiple choices and more than one solution to each and every situation. The player's travel will bring him through a number of different levels with a variety of difficulties where he can lose himself at every turn of this captivating adventure.









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2.1 Gameplay mechanics details

E.Y.E has a solo campaign with 7 chapters. It's constituted from some dynamic main missions to further the plot and the scenario of the game. This campaign is playable as well in solo as in 2 player cooperative.

The player has a complete inventory at his disposition for managing equipment and weapons; each chapter provides him with a fully equipped vehicle (not drivable) acting as an armory where he can exchange supplies and restock ammunition.

Between each mission, the player will come back to the E.Y.E's head quarter, where he will be able to buy some new equipments, psi powers and implants. He will also be able to do some secondary missions on the maps he has visited. These missions are random and will bring in XP and money.

Each primary mission is dynamic; so the game still continues whether a particular mission is a failure or a success. If the player fails a mission, he is not game over, his failure influence directly the game.

For example, in one chapter near the middle of the script, the player is here to infiltrate a group of space raiders, bothersome to Secreta Secretorum, in order to get close to and eliminate their leader. One of the main missions in this chapter is to sabotage a raid structure, while helping them to rid of intruders.

If the player gets caught trying to sabotage the raiders, then his infiltration mission is a failure. This might be the end of the game in a different story, but here, failure transforms the events, making the player enemies with all the raiders present in the game, so that he will have to figure out on his own who their leader is before eliminating him, harder now than if he had succeeded his sabotage mission without being noticed.

E.Y.E also has 3 multiplayers modes

The cooperative campaign, where 2 players help each other and cooperate on the same campaign than in solo.

The cooperative missions, where 8 players help and each other and cooperate on some special missions (the same than the secondary missions playable by the player in solo)

The teamplay, players confronts each other split in two teams, to fulfill a series of objectives to earn victory in some nervous and intense fights.

Progression

In each game mode, the player's character see his skills evolving by an advanced experience system. He can configure his experience in automatic or manual mode/

Automatic: the more the character will perform an activity the more he will improve it.

Manual: the player gets some skill points for each experience level he got. Depending on his will he can distribute them in many different skills of his character.

In the two cases, the player get new experience level, allowing him to know his progression

The player's character also has cybernetic implants at his disposal, allowing him to increase his abilities but also to access special powers. The player can improve his implants with money from the death of certain NPC, fulfilling certain missions or winning multi-player tournaments.

Difficulty

The player can choose the game difficulty from levels one through four. The difficulty level determines the injuries a player can sustain, the number of times he can use his resurector (which brings him back to life once his life-points have reached zero), as well as the efficiency of his enemies. In cooperative, the difficulty is changed by the number of players in the game.











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NPC principles and operation

One of the great strengths of the game is in its NPC management. They are equipped with high-end reactive and adaptive AI. Most of the places where NPC appear are completely random concerning their places and even more so in the type of NPC that does appear. Effectively, from one game to the next, the adversaries will not be the same, nor in the places, and with different weapons as well.

The NPC also patrol regularly which allows them to choose a random, but also credible, itinerary. Each visit is therefore different even on a same level, not to mention the surprising intensity this brings to gameplay.

The AI have a dozen combat tactics that they can add to their existing ones (blockades, ambushes, bypasses) and adapt to their needs and opportunities.

The different NPC factions have individual relationships and can interact independently, without player intervention, giving an astonishing level of life to the E.Y.E universe and incredibly deep immersion to the player.

Like the player, NPC use sight, hearing, some of them even use smell! The NPC and the player have also in common to be subjected to damages localized on 7 different zones.

Opened and non linear environments

The different levels are conceived with the player's strategic liberty and free-will in mind.

The player can resolve situations from many different angles, and a number of paths are always open.

Environment exploration is therefore quite fun and never compulsory.

Saves and game quits, principles and running

To get more immersion and scripted credibility, we pitch on an original save system: the game is automatically saved every 3 minutes and it is also saved each time the player quits the game.

When the player resumes his game, he starts at the main mission he was the last time he played.

Psychology and trauma

The player possesses a skill called mental balance which determines his psychological equilibrium.

The skill-level is lowered when certain events traumatize the character, for example injuries inflicted by strange creatures, the teammate or allied NPC's death, use of the resurector, confrontation with certain horrors.

At each new mental unbalance, a test is given on the level of this skill. If the test is failed, one or several madness can entail for a time proportional to the player's mental balance.

Types of madness

- For each kind of madness, the player's vision changes, becomes blurred and strange.
- Paranoia: The player's character shoots intermittently, not according to the player's wishes.
- Inhibition: The player's character can't shoot!
- Paralyzing Terror: The player's character can not move!
- Visual Hallucinations: The player sees explosions that don't really exist, horrific.
- Visions of dead friends or strangers beyond the grave.
- Auditive Hallucinations: The players hears strange and mysterious sounds that don't exist.



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Fatal injury

With each fatal injury the player's character risks becoming permanently damaged and get some irreversible lesions. That will make him losing skill points, but will also personalize his character who becomes unique with his own past and particular pains.

Psychology & Karma

The mental balance of the player's character will constantly evolve during both the solo and multi play, transforming him psychologically, making him again even more unique: strong or weak facing his weakness, giving to the trip a more human and emotional feel.

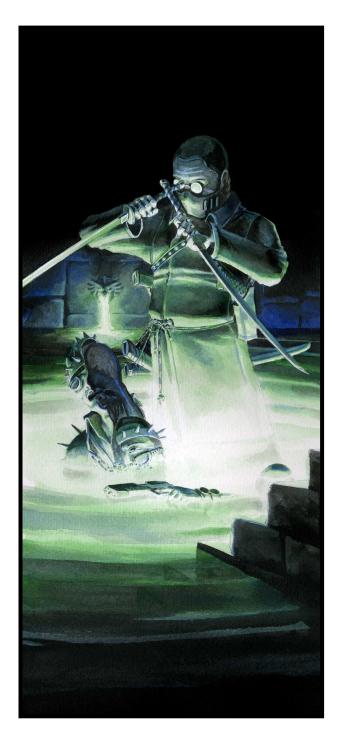
The player's actions, good and bad, will be sanctioned by karma which influences the character's destiny and modifies his abilities.

Research

In E.Y.E, a player can order some scientific studies. For that, he opens the research menu and determine how many scientists will work on the project and starts the research for a given amount of money. The more scientists will work on the project, the higher the research cost will be.

Research allows for the players equipment and cybertechnology to improve, but he can also find powerful new weapons and technologies as well.

The player begins with 5 possible research levels which grow as elements are found (about 30 different discoveries), when NPC lose them, or as research advances.





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Firearms

Dynamic recoil and sighting

For shooting weapons, precision sighting and recoil are determined by the specific position and activity of the player, how the weapon is held (taking aim or not...) as well as the number of shots fired. Accuracy is represented on screen by a transparent sighting cross hair which grows larger as precision diminishes.

Cyber interface

All weapons are supplied with a cyber-interface for sighting, recoil, information such as bullet and charge amounts, as well as special ironsight material.

Penetration

Each specific type of shooting ammunition has a different material penetration factor - for each of the 12 types of material presented: metal, wood, etc. – and each specific round can therefore cut through different materials with the equivalent varying levels of efficiency.











Melee weapons

Power attack

On top of the 5 different attacks available, each melee weapon can make a power attack by holding the attack button down for one and a half seconds; the character will take the position depending on the direction key the player hold, and when the attack button is released, the power attack is given. The direction and style of hits depend on the position chosen by the player: uppercut, facial, down jab, right or left.

Parade

Melee weapons can also be used to protect the player when holding the attack 2 button, which puts him into the defensive stance, protecting him from facial attacks.

With this defense the player even blocks bullet shots to the face, thanks to the force field activated with his movement, but it does use up energy (stamina).

Assassination

10 times the damage can be inflicted upon an enemy when a player equipped with a melee weapon hits him in the head or back.

3.0 Features overview

- 25 weapons, 14 cybernetic implants, 9 cybernetic powers, 5 psi powers, 10 skills defining the character and evolving with experience, about 20 NPC and enemies, 7 chapters playable in solo, about 50 scientific -discoveries and researches, 3 full and original game mode in multiplayer.
- Localized damage system, and advanced armor system (by localization zones).
- Excellent replayability, in solo as in coop, andom NPC appearance, AI patrols.
- · Dynamic main missions.
- Death doesn't stop the progression, and allow the game to be differently appreciable for hardcore gamer as for casual gamer.
- Player's skills are more important than character's skills, E.Y.E favors the art of playing.
- Levels: big sized area, up to 1 to 2 hours of play for each map, no load inside a map.
- Sonorous dialogs language especially invented and created, increase immersion.



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4.0 Behind the game, the company

We are, like the fashionable common appellation appoint us: indies developers; in the mean that we don't actually work under the aegis of a publisher or other, although we have nothing against this idea. But we are fond of our artistic and content liberty.

We are more or less auto-financing, in the mean we have not received any external financing or any financial help. So we are eating a lot of noodles.

We have begun our video game experience in 1999 by developing a likable mod for Half Life: Syndicate Black Ops. It was a cooperative and deathmach mod, in the universe which will constitute our role-playing board game and then E.Y.E.

In July 2005, we have started to think to create a video game studio and to the idea of E.Y.E. Its real development has begun in early 2006 and the studio has been officially created in July 2007. Since that, our small team is make up by less than a dozen of people, aged in the mean of 25 years old.

