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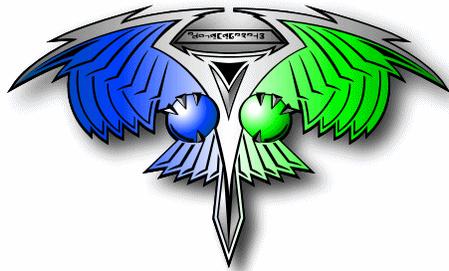
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## **Introduction:**

This course should familiarize the reader with one of the most cunning and ruthless yet honorable race of people in the galaxy, the Romulan Star Empire, its history, the Earth-Romulan War, the people, government and most interesting to the Federation, the Romulan Military.

## **A Short History:**

The Romulan and Vulcan species are closely related, and are only distinguished by facial ridges that are more common in Romulans.

When Surak's reforms of embracing logical principles and rejecting emotions spread rapidly across Vulcan, a minority rejected Surak's ideals. They departed Vulcan and established settlements on the planets Calder II, Dessica II, Draken IV, Yadalla Prime and Barradas III, which might have become a center of this new offshoot civilization, called the Debrune. However, the journey of the Vulcan dissenters had not come to an end yet, so those worlds were abandoned again.



At some point, the Romulans settled on twin planets that became known as Romulus and Remus. While Romulus was considered to be a particularly beautiful world, Remus was a harsh planet notable only for its dilithium deposits and an indigenous humanoid race, the Remans. The Remans were integrated into Romulan society as second-class citizens, and used as both a labor force and as cannon fodder in the Romulans' wars against other races, including the Dominion War. Rapidly they spread

to their system's second habitable planet, Remus, rich in dilithium ore. By subjugating the indigenous Remans a new, undesired caste formed, which served as a labor force to mine the rich resources of Remus. From these two worlds the Romulans founded an interstellar empire spanning many worlds, reaching across much of the Beta Quadrant. Eventually that power came to be known as the Romulan Star Empire.

## **The Earth-Romulan War:**

The Earth-Romulan War was a conflict fought between United Earth and the Romulan Star Empire in the late 2150s. The war was fought with atomic weapons that were considered primitive a hundred years later, under war conditions where no Human ever saw a Romulan.

The war ended in 2160 with a stalemate, it closed with the Battle of Cheron which proved to be a decisive Earth victory

The peace treaty, which was entirely negotiated via subspace radio, enacted the establishment of the Romulan Neutral Zone, which separated the two powers.

The formation of the United Federation of Planets in 2161 was a result of this conflict. Because of this, it is assumed the Vulcans, Andorians, and Tellarites aided Earth in the war.

After this war the Federation and Romulans formed a Neutral Zone separating the two superpowers.

## **The Romulan People:**

Originally Vulcans, Romulans look similar to Vulcans except they have a slightly different forehead structure. Males have softer facial features than Vulcans. The height of Romulan males range between 5' 7" to 6' 3" and their weight is between 145 lbs. and 250 lbs. The height of the Romulan females range between 5' 6" and 6' 4" and weigh between 125 lbs. and 165 lbs. Romulan blood is different from Terrans as Vulcans/Romulans have green blood rather than red as Terrans do. Because of two millennia of separation from their Vulcan cousins, Romulan people have developed in several different ways. Vulcans have more pointed ears than Romulans and have slightly darker skins than Romulans. Romulan hair is either black or brown.

## **Government:**

The Romulan Senate is the main governing body of the Romulan Star Empire, seated in the capital planet of Romulus in the Hall of State. The Senate is headed by the praetor, followed by the proconsul, the vice-proconsul, and finally the senators. The Senate does not sit on the third day of the Romulan week. It was the death of Senator Vreenak that led to the Romulans declaring war on the Dominion. Several senators traveled to the front lines of the Dominion War, to represent the interests of the Senate. Senators, such as Letant and Kimara Cretak, represented the Romulan Empire on Deep Space 9. In 2379, all but one member of the Romulan Senate was assassinated by Shinzon of Remus, who gained support from the Romulan military and declared himself praetor. The Senate was reconvened after Shinzon's death and the defeat of his Reman insurrection.

The Romulan Star Empire (sometimes simply referred to as the Romulan Empire) is the official government of the Romulan people. It was founded approximately 2,000 years ago with the settlement of Romulus.

The Romulan Star Empire is ruled by the Romulan Senate, which is overseen by the Praetor. The Continuing Committee is another powerful government body the Praetor presides over. In the past, the Romulan Star Empire was headed by an emperor.

The Senate represents an oligarchy; like an authoritarian system, an oligarchy is controlled by a small group of individuals, who govern mainly in their own interest. In contrast with authoritarians, however, the Romulans do not seem to oppress individual freedoms to a great degree; however, relatively little is known about the Romulan civil legal system.

The political structure of the Romulan Star Empire is unknown, but it seems to be a unitary, since the central government holds all power.

### **The Romulan Military:**

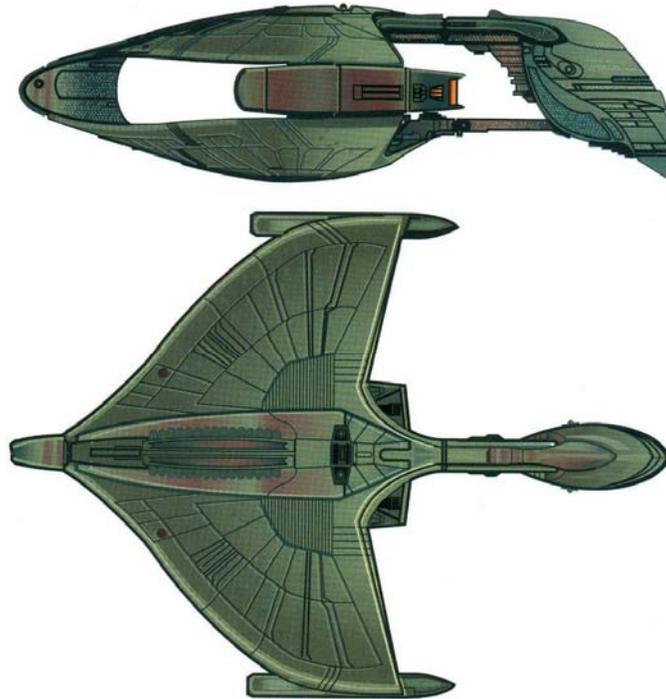
The Romulan Military is divided in to two main branches. The regular Defense Forces of the Empire and the Tal Shiar, the Military Intelligence Branch. The Tal Shiar is well hated by the regular military because they are the arm of the government that is tasked to enforce loyalty to the Praetor, in essence, a secret police force.



**Symbol of the Tal Shiar**

## The Fleet:

The Romulan Forces have at its disposal several capable types of Warships, not the least of which is the D'deridex Class Warbird



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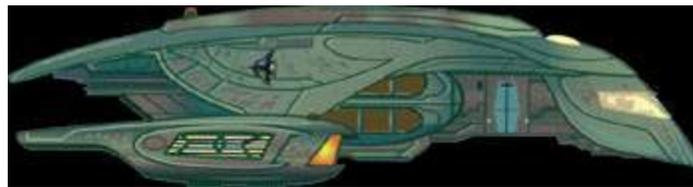
Production Base	Unknown	
Type	Heavy Cruiser	
Accommodations	1500 plus officers, crew and troops	
Power Plant	One artificial singularity-drive warp core feeding two nacelles, two impulse systems	
Dimensions	Length	1041.65 meters
	Beam	772.43 meters
	Height	285.47 meters
Mass	4320000 metric ton (estimated)	
Performance	Warp 9.6 (observed)	
Armament	Six ship mounted disruptors Two photon torpedo launchers	

Also like any other race the Romulans don't only use their primary Warships for everything they also have a smaller craft for scientific and transportation. One such example is the Romulan Science vessel.



Production Base	Unknown
Type	Science Vessel
Accommodations	73 Officers and Crew
Power Plant	One artificial singularity-drive warp core feeding two nacelles, two impulse systems
Dimensions	Length 95 meters Beam Unknown Height Unknown
Mass	Unknown
Performance	Warp 9.6 (estimated)
Armament	Six ship mounted disruptors Two photon torpedo launchers

Another is the Romulan shuttlecraft



Production Base	Unknown
Type	Long-range warp shuttle
Accommodations	15 plus officers, crew and troops (estimated)
Power Plant	One artificial singularity-drive warp core feeding two nacelles; one impulse system
Dimensions	Length 24.23 meters Beam 15.98 meters Height 6.57 meters
Mass	142.31 metric ton (estimated)
Performance	Warp 9.6 (Observed)
Armament	Six ship mounted disruptors Two photon torpedo launchers