

Appendix One:

Challenging Challenge Ratings

The various appendices here are designed to more accurately determine the Challenge Rating (CR) of characters; deities and monsters; as well as the Party Level. It presents rules for modifying Encounter Levels (EL) to produce balanced encounters regardless of the measure of power on display. It also explains Party Encounter Level (PEL) and lastly; outlines how to easily calculate Experience Points (EXP) with these changes in effect.

Challenge Rating {CR}

Challenge Ratings (CRs) are a measurement of power. There are two general principles regarding CR: firstly that it signifies a moderately challenging encounter for a party of 4-5 characters of the same power.

eg. CR 15 suggests the opponent would be a moderate challenge for a party of four (or five) 15th-level characters.

Secondly, that CR parallels character level.

eg. A 10th-level character is CR 10.

To determine monster CR what was needed was a list of all the relevant factors involved; and our best estimate of the effect they have on CR. These factors are outlined below.

The benefits of this system are manifold. The proceeding list can be used, to not only better quantify CR, but also to: create Templates; outline Effective Character Levels (see below) and far more accurately delegate the effects of Monster Advancement.

Initially ability scores were also considered a relevant factor, however, while pertinent to the whole, it became apparent that including ability scores was much too pedantic and somewhat unnecessary provided all characters and creatures are treated equally in that respect. Also the inclusion of ability scores into the list of factors interfered with one of the fundamental dynamics of the game, namely that you could generally determine a characters CR from its level alone.

Challenge Rating Factors

Challenge Ratings can be determined through totalling a number of pertinent factors,

For typical Player Characters (PCs) only...

1. Character Levels

14. Wealth

...are generally required. Others may be comprised of a larger number of relevant elements.

Simply total all the relevant factors, then round down all fractions less than .5 and round up all fractions of .5 or greater.

eg. CR 1.4 = CR 1 (rounded down)

CR 5.75 = CR 6 (rounded up)

If a CR (when rounded up or down) gives result of zero or less:

CR (rounded to) 0 = CR 1/2

CR (rounded to) -1 = CR 1/4

CR (rounded to) -2 = CR 1/8

eg. Kobold CR +0.075 (rounded to 0) = CR 1/2

o. Ability Scores

Ability scores are generally not factored into a characters or creatures CR. However, the method for including them is retained herein so that you can understand the methodology behind how they influence various Templates; creature Types and factors such as Size.

CR +0.1/every additional point

CR -0.1/every subtracted point

Unrated Ability Scores

Strength 0:

Can't interact with surroundings = CR -1

Dexterity 0:

Can't move = CR -1

Constitution 0:

Always fail Constitution checks = CR -0.2

Immune to Ability Score Damage = CR +0.5

Immune to Disease = CR +0.2

Immune to Energy Drain = CR +0.5

Immune to Fortitude saves unless they affect objects = CR +0.5

Immune to Poison = CR 0.5

Total = CR +2

Intelligence 0:

Immune to Mind Affecting Effects = CR +0.5

Mindless = CR -1

Total = CR -0.5

A Wisdom or Charisma score of 0 means the means the 'creature' is not self aware and therefore an object. As such it shouldn't have a CR score.

1. Character Levels

CR +0.8/Character level (No Wealth)

CR +0.9/Character level with NPC Wealth

CR +1/Character Level with PC Wealth

eg. 10th-level Rogue (No Wealth) = CR +8

10th-level Rogue (NPC Wealth) = CR +9

10th-level Rogue (PC Wealth) = CR +10

Be careful not to assign a CR bonus for the same ability or power twice.

Including Prestige Classes.

Both Cleric and Druid class levels were evaluated to be CR +0.9/level.

2. {Extra} Feats

CR +0.2/bonus feat not tied to Level/HD progression

This does not include Wealth

eg. Goblins (Mounted Archery Feat) = CR +0.2

3. Hit Dice

CR +0.75/HD Dragons
 CR +0.7/HD Outsider
 CR +0.65/HD Magical Beasts
 CR +0.6/HD Monstrous Humanoids;
 Shapechangers and (Intelligent) Undead
 CR +0.55/HD Aberrations; Beasts; Elementals;
 Giants and Humanoids
 CR +0.5/HD Animals; Constructs; Fey; Oozes;
 Plants; (Mindless) Undead and Vermin.

eg. Ettin (10 HD Giant) = CR +5.5
 Glabrezu (10 HD Outsider) = CR +7

4. Integrated Spell Levels

CR +0.35/level of Integrated Sorcerer/Wizard spells
 CR +0.3/level of Integrated Cleric spells
 CR +0.25/level of Integrated Druid spells

eg. Planetar (17th-level Cleric) = CR +5.1

5. Movement

Burrow CR +0.5
 Climb: CR +0.2
 Flight: CR +0.2 (Clumsy)
 CR +0.4 (Poor)
 CR +0.6 (Average)
 CR +0.8 (Good)
 CR +1 (Perfect)
 Swim CR +0.2

CR +0.1/each additional 10ft. faster than typical speeds (as follows):

Fine	5ft (non-flight)	10ft (flight)
Diminutive	10ft (non-flight)	20ft (flight)
Tiny	15ft (non-flight)	30ft (flight)
Small	20ft (non-flight)	40ft (flight)
Medium	30ft (non-flight)	60ft (flight)
Large	40ft (non-flight)	80ft (flight)
Huge	50ft (non-flight)	100ft (flight)
Gargantuan	60ft (non-flight)	120ft (flight)
Colossal	70ft (non-flight)	140ft (flight)

eg. Griffon (Large; Flight +0ft: Average) = CR +0.6
 Solar (Large; Land +10ft; Flight +70ft: Good) = CR +1.6

6. Multiple Attacks

CR +0.5/each additional attack beyond that which a fighter the same level as the creatures Hit Dice could have incorporating one offhand attack.

eg. Marilith (9 HD) 8 attacks
 9th-level Fighter (+1 offhand) 3 attacks
 Difference is 5 attacks = CR +2.5

7. Natural Armor

CR +0.1/point of Natural Armor

eg. Elder Earth Elemental (NA 15) = CR +1.5

8. Non-Player Character Class Levels

CR +0.6/Level of Adept or Warrior
 CR +0.55/Level of Aristocrat or Expert
 CR +0.4/Level of Commoner

eg. 7th-level Warrior = CR +4.2

9. Size

CR +1.5/each size category above Medium size
 CR -0.5 Small size
 CR -0.75 Tiny size
 CR -1 Diminutive or Fine size

eg. Purple Worm (Gargantuan) = CR +4.5

10. {Extra} Skill Points

CR +0.1/5 bonus skill points not tied to Level/HD progression

eg. Minotaur (+12 bonus skill points) = CR +0.2

11. Special Attacks/Quantities

11.01 Ability Score Drain

CR +0.6 (base) +0.2/point of Ability Score Drain
 CR +0.6 (extra) if permanent
 'Half' = CR +2
 Used as Ray Attack = CR +0.4
 Used as Breath Weapon = CR +0.4 (At Will +0.8)
 Used as a Gaze weapon = CR +1.2

eg. Wraith (1d6 (4 average) points of permanent Constitution Drain = CR +2

11.02 Breath Weapon

CR +0.4 (base) +0.1/5 points of Energy damage
 CR +0.4 (base) +0.1/3 points of Force Damage

CR +0.2/level of duplicated spell effect
 Converting from a Touch Spell = CR +0.4
 Converting from a Ranged Single Target or Ray Spell = CR +/-0

Range: CR +0.1/each additional +10ft. (cone); or +20ft (line) beyond typical ranges (as follows):

Fine	5ft (cone)	10ft (line)
Diminutive	10ft (cone)	20ft (line)
Tiny	15ft (cone)	30ft (line)
Small	20ft (cone)	40ft (line)
Medium	30ft (cone)	60ft (line)
Large	40ft (cone)	80ft (line)
Huge	50ft (cone)	100ft (line)
Gargantuan	60ft (cone)	120ft (line)
Colossal	70ft (cone)	140ft (line)

Uses/Day: At Will CR +0.4
 1d4 Round Delay CR +/-0
 1/day* CR +5 (1/5th)*

*Each use represents +1/5th up to five maximum which is treated the same as 1d4 Round Delay.

eg. Gorgon (Flesh to Stone 6th-level ranged single target effect; Cone +20ft) = CR +1.8
 Dragon Turtle (20d6 (70 average) energy damage; 1d4 round delay; Cone +20ft) = CR +1.6

1 1.03 Create Spawn

CR +0.1/CR of creation
 Awakening Period: 1d4 days = CR +2
 1d4 rounds = CR +/-0

eg. Wraith (create Wight CR 6; 1d4 round) = CR +0.6

1 1.04 Damage Reduction

CR +0.25/5 points of damage reduced
 CR +0.25/enchantment bonus

eg. Titan (DR 15/+1) = CR +1 (0.75 + 0.25)
 Solar (DR 35/+4) = CR +2.75 (1.75 + 1)

1 1.05 Deflection

CR +0.15/point of Deflection

eg. Spectre (Deflection +2) = CR +0.3

1 1.06 Disease

CR +0.05/point of ability damage

'Death' = CR +0.5

'Half' = CR +0.25

Incubation Period: 1 Week = CR +2
 1 Day = CR +/-0
 1 Hour = CR x2
 1 Minute = CR x4
 1 Round = CR x8

CR +0.2 (extra) if it cannot be overcome naturally

CR +0.6 (extra) if permanent

Used as Breath Weapon = CR +0.4 (At Will +0.8)

eg. Mummy Rot (Incubation 1 day; 1d6 temporary Constitution damage; cannot be overcome naturally) = CR +0.4

1 1.07 Energy Drain

CR +1.2 (base) +0.4/each Energy Level drained

'Half' = CR +4

Used as Ray Attack = CR +0.4

Used as Breath Weapon = CR +0.4 (At Will +0.8)

Used as a Gaze weapon = CR +1.2

eg. Spectre (2 Level Energy Drain) = CR +2

1 1.08 Energy Resistance

CR +0.1/10 points of Energy Resistance

eg. Quasit (Fire Resistance 20) = CR +0.2

1 1.09 Epic Abilities

Anti-Magic Field (Colossus)	CR +2.5
Blazefire (Lavawight)	CR +2.4
Cocoon (Thorciasid)	CR +0.5
Disintegrating Touch (Umbral Blot)	CR +5
Heat Aura (Lavawight)	CR +1.8
Learned Spell Immunity (Infernal)	CR +1
Magic Immunity (Demilich)	CR +8.1

Negative Energy Aura (Atropal)	CR +9
Null Time Field (Phane)	CR +1
Phylactery Transference (Demilich)	CR +1
Savage (Brachyurus)	CR +1.5
Sending (Dream Larvae)	CR +3
Spell Suck (Infernal)	CR +0.5
Stasis Touch (Phane)	CR +1.8
Summon Past Time Duplicate (Phane)	CR +3
Time Leach (Phane)	CR +1
Time Regression (Phane)	CR +1
Trap the Soul (Demilich)	CR +3.8
Worst Nightmare (Dream Larvae)	CR +1

1 1.10 Fast Healing

CR +0.1/point of Fast Healing

eg. Solar (Fast Healing 15) = CR +1.5

1 1.11 Gaze Attacks

CR +0.2/level of duplicated spell effect

Converting effect from a Touch Spell = CR +1.2

Converting effect from a Ranged Single Target or

Ray Spell = CR +0.8

Converting effect from an area spell = CR +0.4

Range: CR +0.2/10ft beyond 30ft range

eg. Medusa (Flesh to Stone 6th-level ranged single target spell effect; 30ft range) = CR +2 (1.2 + 0.8)

Multiple attacks with the same Disease do not stack.

1 1.12 Genesic Abilities

Blindsight	CR +0.5
Constrict	CR +0.2
Crush	CR +0.5
Darkvision	CR +0.2
Fear Aura	See Spell-like Abilities
Frightful Presence	CR +0.8
Improved Grab	CR +0.2
Rend	CR +0.5
Scent	CR +0.2
Swallow Whole	CR +1
Tail Sweep	CR +0.5
Trample	CR +0.5

1 1.13 Hardness

CR +0.2/point of Hardness

eg. Demilich (DR 30/-) = CR +6

Hardness is often accredited as Damage Reduction.

1 1.14 Immunities

Ability Score Drain/Loss	CR +0.5
Critical Hits	CR +1
Disease	CR +0.2
Energy (each type)	CR +1
Energy Drain	CR +0.5
Magic (as Golem)	CR +2.5
Mind Affecting Effects	CR +0.5
Petrification	CR +0.2
Poison	CR +0.5
Polymorphing	CR +0.2
Sleep/Paralysis/Stunning	CR +0.2
Spell Level (each)	CR +1
Spell School (each)	CR +1

eg. Rakshasa (Immune to 8th-level spells or lower) = CR +8

1 1.15 Insight

CR +0.1/point of Insight
CR +0.15/point of Insight to Armor Class

eg. Gloom (+12 Insight bonus to AC) = CR +1.8

1 1.16 Poison

CR +0.2/point of primary ability damage
CR +0.1/point of secondary ability damage
CR +0.6 (extra) if permanent
'Death' = CR +2 (Primary) or CR +1 (Secondary)
'Half' = CR +1 (Primary) or CR +0.5 (Secondary)
Used as Breath Weapon = CR +0.4 (At Will +0.8)

eg. Pit Fiend (Primary: 1d6 (4 average) temporary Constitution damage; Secondary: Death) = CR +1.8

1 1.17 Ray Attacks

CR +0.4 (base) +0.1/5 points of Energy damage
CR +0.4 (base) +0.1/3 points of Force Damage

CR +0.2/level of duplicated spell effect
Converting from a Touch Spell = CR +0.4

Range: CR +0.1/additional +40ft. beyond typical ranges (as follows):

Fine	20ft
Diminutive	40ft
Tiny	60ft
Small	80ft
Medium	120ft
Large	160ft
Huge	200ft
Gargantuan	240ft
Colossal	280ft
Range of 'Sight'	= CR +0.4 (extra)

Uses/Day: At Will CR +/-0
1/day* CR +5 (1/5th)*

*Each use represents +1/5th up to five maximum which is treated the same as At Will.

eg. Yrthak (Sonic Lance: 6d6 (21) energy damage; Range 60ft.) = CR +0.8

1 1.18 Regeneration

CR +0.5 (base) +0.1/point of Regeneration

eg. Tarrasque (Regeneration 40) = CR +4.5

1 1.19 Spell-like Abilities

To determine the effective level of an Epic Spell take its spellcraft DC; subtract 20; divide by 10 (rounding fractions) and then add 9 to the total.

eg. Hellball: DC 90 - 20 = 70 - 10 = 7 + 9 = 16
Hellball is therefore equal to a 16th-level spell

Individual Abilities.

'Always Active'
CR +0.05/(spell level effect x caster level)

'Usable At Will'
CR +0.025/(spell level effect x caster level)

'Usable 1/day**'

CR +0.005/(spell level effect x caster level)

*Each use represents +0.005 up to five maximum which is treated the same as 'Usable At Will'.

eg. Solar

11 Always active spell levels x 20 (level) = CR +1.1
63 Usable At Will spell levels x 20 (level) = CR +3.15
24 Usable 3/day spell levels x 20 (level) = CR +0.72
65 Usable 1/day spell levels x 20 (level) = CR +0.65
Total = CR +5.62

1 1.20 Spell Resistance

CR +0.1/point above 10

eg. Pit Fiend (SR28) = CR +1.8

1 1.21 Summoning

CR +0.1/point of CR summoned
Failure Chance: Apply percentage

Uses/Day: 1/day* CR +5 (1/5th)*

*Each use represents +1/5th (5 maximum).

In the event of variable summonings use the highest single total.

eg. Pit Fiend (summon Gelugon CR 25 (its most powerful summoning); 2/day) = CR +1
Succubus (summon Balor CR 35; 1/day; 10% chance of success) = CR +0.07 (3.5 ÷ 5 (1/day) ÷ 10 %)

1 1.22 Touch Attack

CR +0.1/5 points of Energy Damage (use average)

CR +0.2/level of duplicated spell effect

eg. Ghoul (Paralysis Touch x 3*) = 0.4 x 3 = CR +1.2
*3 attacks with this ability

1 1.23 Turn Resistance

CR +0.1/2 points of Turn Resistance

eg. Allip (Turn Resistance +2) = CR +0.1

1 1.24 Unusual Abilities

Carapace CR +2.4 (Tarrasque)
Death Gaze CR +2.2 (Bodak)
Death Throes CR +0.9 (Balor)
Natural Invisibility CR +0.8 (Invisible Stalker)
Rust CR +2 (Rust Monster)

1 1.25 Vulnerabilities

Light Sensitivity (Kobold; Orc) CR -0.2
Sunlight Vulnerability (Spectre) CR -1
Vulnerable to blessed x-bow bolts (Rakshasa) CR -5

1 1.26 Weapon Type Resistance

CR +0.2 Half Damage from any one weapon type
CR +0.5 Half Damage from any two weapon types
CR +1 Half Damage from all three weapon types

eg. Mummy (Resistant to Blows) = CR +1

12. Templates

Celestial and Fiendish Creatures:

Darkvision	CR +0.2
Smite Evil/Good 1/day	CR +0.1
Total CR	+0.3

HD 1-3: Energy Resistance	CR +0.15
Total CR	0.45 (Celestial); CR +0.4 (Fiendish)

HD 4-7: Damage Reduction	CR +0.5
Energy Resistance	CR +0.3
Spell Resistance	CR +0.1
Total CR	+1.2 (Celestial) CR +1.1 (Fiendish)

HD 8-11: Damage Reduction	CR +0.75
Energy Resistance	CR +0.45
Spell Resistance	CR +1
Total CR	+2.5 (Celestial) CR +2.35 (Fiendish)

HD 12+: Damage Reduction	CR +1.25
Energy Resistance	CR +0.6
Spell Resistance	CR +1.2
Total CR	+3.35 (Celestial) CR +3.15 (Fiendish)

Ghost: Fly (Perfect)	CR +1
Incorporeal	CR +2.5
Rejuvenation	CR +1
Skill bonuses (+32)	CR +0.6
Turn Resistance +2	CR +0.1
Undead (Intelligent)	CR +1
Total CR	+6.2

Plus 1d3 abilities from the following list:

Corrupt Gaze	CR +2.2
Corrupt Touch	CR +0.2
Frightful Moan	CR +0.5
Horrific Appearance	CR +1.65
Malevolence	CR +1
Manifestation	CR +1
Telekinesis	CR +0.5

Half-Celestial: Ability Scores +20	CR +2
Acid Immunity	CR +1
Cold Immunity	CR +1
Disease Immunity	CR +0.2
Electricity Imm.	CR +1
Flight (Average)	CR +0.6
Low Light Vision	CR +0.1
Natural Armor +1	CR +0.1
Poison save +4	CR +0.1
Total CR	+6.1

HD 1-8: Spell-like Abilities	CR +0.1
Total CR	+6.2

HD 9-14: Spell-like Abilities	CR +0.2
Total CR	+6.3

HD 15+: Spell-like Abilities	CR +0.3
Total CR	+6.4

Half-Dragon: Ability Scores (+14)	CR +1.4
Breath Weapon	CR +0.6
Darkvision	CR +0.2
Energy Immunity	CR +1
Natural Armor +4	CR +0.4
Sleep/Paralysis/Stun Imm.	CR +0.2
Total CR	+3.4

Half-Fiend: Ability Scores +16	CR +1.6
Acid Resistance 20	CR +0.2
Cold Resistance 20	CR +0.2
Darkvision	CR +0.2
Electricity Res. 20	CR +0.2
Fire Resistance 20	CR +0.2
50% Flight (Average)	CR +0.3
Natural Armor +1	CR +0.1
Poison Immunity	CR +0.5
Total CR	+3.5

HD 1-8: Spell-like Abilities	CR +0.1
Total CR	+3.6

HD 9-14: Spell-like Abilities	CR +0.2
Total CR	+3.7

HD 15+: Spell-like Abilities	CR +0.3
Total CR	+3.8

Lich: Ability Scores (+6)	CR +0.6
Cold Immunity	CR +1
Damage Reduction 15/+1	CR +1
Electricity Immunity	CR +1
Fear Aura	CR +0.2
Natural Armor +6	CR +0.6
Paralysis Touch	CR +0.3
Phylactery	CR +1
Polymorph Immunity	CR +0.2
Skill Bonuses (+48)	CR +0.9
Turn Resistance +4	CR +0.2
Undead (Intelligent)	CR +1
Total CR	+8

Lycanthrope: Alternate Form	CR +0.2
Curse	CR +0.2
Damage Reduction	CR +0.75
Empathy	CR +0.1
Natural Armor (+2)	CR +0.2
Skill bonuses (+16)	CR +0.4
Save Bonuses (+4)	CR +0.4
Total CR	+2.25

Bear Form: +26 Ability Scores and +3 Feats in alternate form (50% rating)	CR +1.6
Total CR	+3.85

Boar Form: +10 Ability Scores and +2 Feats in alternate form (50% rating)	CR +0.7
Total CR	+2.95

Rat Form: +8 Ability Scores and +3 Feats in alternate form (50% rating)	CR +0.7
Total CR	+2.95

Tiger Form: +22 Ability Scores and +3 Feats in alternate form (50% rating)	CR +1.4
Total CR	+3.65

Wolf Form: +10 Ability Scores and +3 Feats in alternate form (50% rating)	CR +0.8
Total CR	+3.05

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Vampire:	Ability Scores (+18)	CR +1.8
	Alternate Form	CR +0.4
	Blood Drain	CR +0.9
	Children of the Night	CR +0.2
	Cold Resistance 20	CR +0.2
	Create Spawn	CR +0.4
	Damage Reduction 15/+1	CR +1
	Domination	CR +0.5
	Electricity Resistance 20	CR +0.2
	Energy Drain (2 Levels)	CR +2
	Fast Healing 5	CR +0.5
	Feats (+5)	CR +1
	(only) Incapacitated at 0 hp	CR +0.5
	Natural Armor +6	CR +0.6
	Skills (+56)	CR +1.1
	Spider Climb	CR +0.1
	Turn Resistance +4	CR +0.2
	Undead (Intelligent)	CR +1
	Can be repelled/warded	CR -1
	Staking Vulnerability	CR -0.5
	Sunlight Vulnerability	CR -2.5
	Water Vulnerability	CR -0.5
	Total CR	+8.1

Incorporeal:	Only Affected by enchanted creatures; items and spells	CR +1
	Ignore Damage 50%	CR +1
	Move Silently	CR +0.2
	Pass solid objects and ignore natural armour/defenses	CR +1
	Strength 0	CR -1
	Total CR	+2.2

Ooze:	Critical Hit Imm.	CR +1
	Hit Point Bonus	CR +0.2
	Intelligence 0	CR +0.5
	Poison Immunity	CR +0.5
	Polymorph Imm.	CR +0.2
	Sleep/Paralysis/Stun Imm.	CR +0.2
	Total CR	+2.6

Plant:	Critical Hit Imm.	CR +1
	Intelligence 0	CR +0.5
	Poison Immunity	CR +0.5
	Polymorph Imm.	CR +0.2
	Sleep/Paralysis/Stun Imm.	CR +0.2
	Total CR	+2.4

Tanar'ri:	Acid Resistance 20	CR +0.2
	Cold Resistance 20	CR +0.2
	Electricity Imm.	CR +1
	Fire Resistance 20	CR +0.2
	Poison Immunity	CR +0.5
	Telepathy	CR +0.2
	Total CR	+2.3

Undead: (Intelligent)	Can be Turned etc.	CR -1
	Constitution 0	CR +2
	Total CR	+1

Undead: (Mindless)	Can be Turned etc.	CR -1
	Constitution 0	CR +2
	Don't heal naturally	CR -1
	Intelligence 0	CR -0.5
	Total CR	-0.5

Xorn:	Cold Immunity	CR +1
	Electricity Resistance 20	CR +0.1
	Fire Immunity	CR +1
	Weapon Resistance (1 type)	CR +0.2
	Total CR	+2.3

13. Type/Subtype

Baatezu:	Acid Resistance 20	CR +0.2
	Cold Resistance 20	CR +0.2
	Fire Immunity	CR +1
	Poison Immunity	CR +0.5
	See in Darkness	CR +0.2
	Telepathy	CR +0.2
	Total CR	+2.3

Celestial:	Acid Immunity	CR +1
	Cold Immunity	CR +1
	Electricity Immunity	CR +1
	Fire Resistance 20	CR +0.2
	Petrification Immunity	CR +0.2
	Poison Save +4	CR +0.1
	Protective Aura	CR +0.6
	Tongues	CR +0.2
	Total CR	+4.3

Cold:	Cold Immunity	CR +1
	Fire Vulnerability	CR -0.5
	Total CR	+0.5

Construct:	Constitution 0	CR +2
	Intelligence 0	CR +0.5
	Total CR	+2.5

Elemental:	Critical Hit Imm.	CR +1
	Poison Immunity	CR +0.5
	Sleep/Paralysis/Stun Immunity	CR +0.2
	Total CR	+1.7

Fire:	Fire Immunity	CR +1
	Cold Vulnerability	CR -0.5
	Total CR	+0.5

Formian:	Cold Immunity	CR +1
	Electricity Res. 20	CR +0.2
	Fire Resistance 20	CR +0.2
	Hive Mind	CR +0.2
	Petrification Immunity	CR +0.2
	Poison Immunity	CR +0.5
	Sonic Resistance 20	CR +0.2
	Total CR	+2.5

14. Wealth

CR +0.2/level of PC wealth
CR +0.1/level of NPC wealth

To determine PC Wealth:
Level x level x level x 100 gp

To determine NPC Wealth:
Half level x half level x half level x 100 gp

eg. Balor +1 Vorpal Greatsword (costs 72,000 GP)
Requiring 9th-level PC equipment (72,900 GP) to own = CR +1.8

Design Parameters

Devil, Barbazu: CR 11 (6)
 6 Outsider Hit Dice = CR +4.2
 Natural Armor (+7) = CR +0.7
 Damage Reduction (DR 10/+1) = CR +0.75
 Spell-like Abilities = CR +
 Spell Resistance (SR 23) = CR +1.3
 Summon Baatezu = CR +0.2
 Unusual Special Abilities (Battle Frenzy; Beard; Wounding) = CR +1.5
 Baatezu Qualities = CR +2.3

Devil, Cornugon: CR 20 (10)
 Hit Dice (11 HD Outsider) = CR +7.7
 Movement (Flight: Average) = CR +0.6
 Natural Armor (+15) = CR +1.5
 Size (Large) = CR +1.5
 Damage Reduction (DR 20/+2) = CR +1.5
 Fast Healing 5* = CR +0.5
 Spell-like Abilities = CR +0.8
 Spell Resistance (SR 24) = CR +1.4
 Summon = CR +0.5
 Unusual Special Abilities (Stun, Wound) = CR +1.3
 Baatezu Qualities = CR +2.3

*As per the official errata

Devil, Pit Fiend: CR 27 (14)
 Hit Dice (13 HD Outsider) = CR +9.1
 Movement (Flight: Average) = CR +0.6
 Natural Armor (+20) = CR +2
 Size (Large) = CR +1.5
 Multiple Attacks (+2) = CR +1
 Damage Reduction (DR 30/+3*) = CR +2
 Disease (Devil Chills) = CR +0.15
 Fast Healing 5* = CR +0.5
 Generic Special Abilities (Improved Grab; Constrict) = CR +0.4
 Poison (1d6 temp Con/Death) = CR 1.8
 Spell-like Abilities = CR +3.4
 Spell Resistance (SR 28) = CR +1.8
 Summon = CR +0.8
 Baatezu Qualities = CR +2.3

*As per the official errata

Great Wurm Red Dragon: CR 56 (28)
 Hit Dice (40 HD Dragon) = CR +30
 Integrated Spell Levels (19th-level Sorcerer) = CR +6.65
 Movement (Flight: Clumsy; +10ft) = CR +0.3
 Natural Armor (+39) = CR +3.9
 Size (Colossal) = CR +6
 Multiple Attacks (+1) = CR +0.5
 Breath Weapon = CR +2.6
 Damage Reduction (DR 20/+3) = CR +1.75
 Spell-like Abilities = CR +0.3
 Spell Resistance (SR 32) = CR +2.2
 Generic Special Abilities (Blindsight; Crush; Frightful Presence; Tail Sweep) = CR +2
 Fire Subtype = CR +0.5

While the above examples may initially appear too high; remember the following:

- Opponent CRs denote at what point the party should succeed using 20-25% of their resources. The party **should** always win such an encounter.
- The relationship between CRs and ELs is different than before and while many would point out that some abilities which seem powerful at low levels are relatively insignificant at high level these problems are solved through the changes to ELs (see page following).

Many of the previous factors can become unwieldy if used outside the following design parameters.

The symbol \leq means less than or equal to.

4. Integrated Spell Levels \leq Hit Dice.

eg. A creature with 14 Hit Dice should not be given more than 14 Integrated Spell Levels.

7. Natural Armour:

Thick Skin (Flesh Golem)	NA \leq HD +1
Scaly Skin (Pit Fiend)	NA \leq HD +5
Armoured Hide (Bulette)	NA \leq HD +10

Doesn't include Natural Armor modifiers derived from Size.

11.01 Ability Score Drain \leq 1/2 HD

eg. A creature with 6 Hit Dice should not be able to drain more than 3 ability points (on average).

11.02 Breath Weapon \leq 1d6 Energy Damage/HD
 Breath Weapon Spell Effect \leq HD as spellcaster.

eg. A creature with 40 Hit Dice should not be allowed to deliver more than 40d6 damage.

11.03 Create Spawn (Spawn HD) \leq HD

eg. A creature should not be able to spawn one more powerful than itself.

11.04 Damage Reduction \leq 5/+1 plus 5/+1 per 5 HD

eg. A creature with 18 Hit Dice should have no more than DR 20/+4.

11.06 Disease (Effect) \leq 4 x HD

11.07 Energy Drain \leq 1/4 HD

11.10 Fast Healing \leq HD

11.11 Gaze Weapon Spell Effect \leq HD as spellcaster

11.13 Hardness \leq 1/2 HD + Material Hardness (if any)

11.15 Insight \leq 1/2 HD

11.16 Poison (Primary + 1/2 Secondary Effect) \leq HD

11.17 Ray Attacks \leq 1d6 Energy Damage/HD

11.19 Regeneration \leq HD

11.19 Spell-like Abilities \leq HD as spellcaster

11.20 Spell Resistance \leq HD +12

11.21 Summon (Summoned HD) \leq HD

11.22 Touch Attacks \leq HD as spellcaster

14. Wealth (as PC) \leq HD

eg. A creature with 22 Hit Dice should not be permitted equipment superior to a 22nd-level PC.

Effective Character Levels {ECL}

Effective Character Levels (ECL) measure the advantages of powerful races in comparison to typical races; allowing them to be feasibly adopted by players without disturbing the balance of power.

The previous list of CR factors can be used to determine ECL in exactly the same manner with a few notable changes:

11.10 Fast Healing: Add +2 (base) to the ECL

11.18 Regeneration: Add +2 (base) to the ECL

eg.: Troll (CR 7) = ECL 9 race*.

*ECL 11 with 11th-level PC Equipment (9 + 2.2)

Encounter Levels {EL}

While CR is a measure of power, Encounter Level (EL) is a measurement of relative power. The single principle of EL is that doubling the difficulty of the encounter increases the EL by 2.

eg. An EL of 14 is twice as difficult as an EL of 12. An EL of 16 is four times as difficult as an EL of 12. An EL of 18 is eight times as difficult as an EL of 12 etc.

However CR does not parallel EL in the same way the official rules attest. As we ascend in power, the effect of CR upon EL diminishes. That fact is plainly obvious; though certainly more and more pronounced the higher we take things.

eg. While a CR 7 opponent may be twice as powerful as a CR 5 enemy; the difference between CR 27 and CR 25 is negligible.

What this article proposes is to outline the relationship between CR and EL. The benefits of introducing these changes are not only that you get to properly balance relative power, but also that it prevents the improper narrowing of the range of ELs for what constitutes a plausible opponent for the party.

eg. The official rules would have us believe that a 29th-level character (officially CR 29) is beyond the ability of a party of four or five 20th-level characters to defeat. Or even more ludicrously (if we take things to *extremis*); that a party of four or five 100th-level characters could not defeat a 109th-level character!

To determine the revised EL simply take the CR and apply it to Appendix Table 1-1a: Encounter Levels by Challenge Rating.

Appendix Table 1-1a:

Encounter Levels by Challenge Rating					
CR	EL	CR	EL	CR	EL
1	1	32-39	21	448-511	36
2	5	40-47	22	512-639	37
3	7	48-55	23	640-767	38
4	9	56-63	24	768-895	39
5	10	64-79	25	896-1023	40
6	11	80-95	26	1024-1279	41
7	12	96-111	27	1280-1535	42
8-9	13	112-127	28	1536-1791	43
10-11	14	128-159	29	1792-2047	44
12-13	15	160-191	30	2048-2559	45
14-15	16	192-223	31	2560-3071	46
16-19	17	224-255	32	3072-3583	47
20-23	18	256-319	33	3584-4095	48
24-27	19	320-383	34	4096-5119	49
28-31	20	384-447	35	5120-6143	50

**Example: 30th-level NPC (CR 27) = EL 19
Pit Fiend (CR 27) = EL 19**

Each time you double CR, the EL increases by 4. The extent of this mechanic is detailed in Appendix Table 1-1b: Methodology behind Encounter Levels.

Appendix Table 1-1b:

Methodology behind Encounter Levels	
CR	Encounter Level
1/4	-8
1/3	-6
1/2	-4
2/3	-2
Base	+/-0
x1.5	+2
x2	+4
x3	+6
x4	+8

Multiple Opponents {Matched}

Increasing the number of matched opponents increases the Encounter Level as follows. See Appendix Table 1-2 Encounter Level by Number of Opponents.

Appendix Table 1-2:

Encounter Level by Number of Opponents	
# Opponents	Encounter Level
1 Opponent	EL +/-0
1.5 Opponents*	EL +1*
2 Opponents	EL +2
3 Opponents	EL +3
4-5 Opponents	EL +4
6-7 Opponents	EL +5
8-11 Opponents	EL +6
12-15 Opponents	EL +7
16-23 Opponents	EL +8

*See Mixed Opponents below.

Example: Pit Fiend (CR 27 = EL 19)
 1 Pit Fiend = EL 19
 2 Pit Fiends = EL 21 (19 + 2)
 14 Pit Fiends = EL 26 (19 + 7)

Multiple Opponents {Mixed}

For mixed groups, first determine the EL of all matched opponents:

Example: Great Wyrms Red Dragon (CR 56) = EL 24
 4 Pit Fiends (CR 27) = EL 23 (19 + 4)
 4 Cornugons (CR 20) = EL 22 (18 + 4)
 10 Barbazu (CR 11) = EL 20 (14 + 6)

The group or individual with the highest EL represents the base unit. All other groups are measured in proportion to the base unit.

Base Unit: Red Dragon EL 24 (EL +/-0) = 100%
 4 Pit Fiends EL 23 (EL -1) = +66.6%
 4 Cornugons EL 22 (EL -2) = +50%
 10 Barbazu EL 20 (EL -4) = +25%
 Total: 241.6% of Base Unit EL 24
 2 (200%) EL 24 opponents = EL 26

- EL +/-0 = 100% (base unit)
- EL -1 = +66.6%
- EL -2 = +50%
- EL -3 = +33.3%
- EL -4 = +25%
- EL -5 = +16.6%
- EL -6 = +12.5%
- EL -7 = +8.3%
- EL -8 = +6.2%

Party Level

To determine Party Level simply total all character levels (or ECLs in the event of templates etc.) and divide by the number of characters.

Example: 20th-level Rogue; 18th-level Paladin; 17th-level Half-Dragon Monk; 18th-level Wizard.
 20 + 18 + 20 + 18 = 76 total effective levels
 76 ÷ 4 (characters) = 19 (Party Level)

Party Encounter Level {PEL}

The Party Encounter Level (PEL) is always their actual EL reduced by four. To determine PEL take the Party Level and apply it to Table 1-1a Encounter Levels by Challenge Rating. Then modify it with Appendix Table 1-3 Party Encounter Level by Character Numbers.

Appendix Table 1-3:

Party Encounter Level by Character Numbers

# Characters	Party Encounter Level
1 Character	PEL -4
2 Characters	PEL -2
3 Characters	PEL -1
4-5 Characters	PEL +/-0
6-7 Characters	PEL +1
8-11 Characters	PEL +2
12-15 Characters	PEL +3
16-23 Characters	PEL +4

Example: 3 Characters (Party Level 10) = PEL 13
 Party Level 10 = EL 14
 3 Characters = PEL -1

Example: 10 Characters (Party Level 19) = PEL 19
 Party Level 19 = EL 17
 10 Characters = PEL +2

Understanding Encounter Levels

What do ELs mean in real terms. Remember that EL is a measurement of relative power. The GameMaster (GM) can better plan the outcome of individual encounters by referring to Appendix Table 1-4 Understanding Encounter Levels.

Appendix Table 1-4:

EL	Outcome	Role of Creature
PEL -9 or less	Irrelevant	Background only
PEL -5 to -8	Very Easy	Fodder
PEL -1 to -4	Easy	Footsoldier
PEL +/-0*	Moderate*	Elite Footsoldier
PEL +1 to +4	Difficult	Henchman
PEL +5 to +8	Very Difficult	Nemesis
PEL +9 or more	Impossible	Background only

*Party victory using 20-25% of their resources

- Background Only: Irrelevant and Impossible Encounters are referred to as 'Background only'; essentially this means that they should not be used as legitimate encounters, but simply be included to add campaign flavor.

- Fodder: Very Easy Encounters could be equated to mere Fodder, in that they will almost never tax the PCs abilities, acting as mere diversions or delays to impede their progress, even when encountered in large numbers.

- Footsoldier: Easy Encounters often represent typical grunts who should only ever pose a significant threat to the PCs progress in sufficient numbers.

- Elite Footsoldier: Encounters of Moderate difficulty are dangerous enough to cause the PCs problems should they act in a churlish or overconfident manner.

- Henchman: Difficult Encounters are epitomised by Henchman types. It should be noted that these opponents are virtually equal to the PCs in power. As such PC casualties are a definite possibility.

- Nemesis: A Very Difficult Encounter often represents a party Nemesis. An adversary that is actually more powerful than the PCs themselves. It may well be in the PCs best interests to run from such encounters unless they feel they have an advantage of some kind.

Example: Pit Fiend (CR 27) = EL 19
 Irrelevant Encounter (Background only) for PEL 28 or more
 Very Easy Encounter (Fodder) for PEL 24-27
 Easy Encounter (Footsoldiers) for PEL 20-23
 Moderate Encounter (Elite Footsoldiers) for PEL 19
 Difficult Encounter (Henchmen) for PEL 15-18
 Very Difficult Encounter (Nemesis) for PEL 11-14
 Impossible Encounter (Background only) for PEL 10 or less

By 'actual' EL we mean if you were to determine the party as an enemy unit.

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Experience Points {EXP}

The amount of Experience Points (EXP) awarded depends on two factors. Firstly the average party level; determined by adding together all character levels then dividing by the number of characters in the party. The second factor is the difference between the EL and the PEL.

If the EL equals the PEL then the Total EXP is the party level x 300.

Example: PEL 20 (Party Level 29) vs. EL 20.
Four PCs (28th-level; 29th-level; x2 30th-level) average 29th-level.

EL difference = PEL +/- 0

Average Level 29 x 300 = 8700 Total EXP

If the EL differs from the PEL use Appendix Table 1-5 Experience Points by Encounter Level Difference to determine EXP.

While EXP is generally only awarded for encounters between 8 ELs below or 8 ELs above the PEL. Encounters at PEL +9 or greater should still yield EXP. However, be warned, such encounters should be avoided as they will almost certainly lead to the demise of the PCs.

Appendix Table 1-5:

Experience Points by Encounter Level Difference

EL difference	Total EXP Awarded
PEL -9 or less	No EXP awarded
PEL -8	Average PC Level x 18.75 (300 ÷ 16)
PEL -7	Average PC Level x 25 (300 ÷ 12)
PEL -6	Average PC Level x 37.5 (300 ÷ 8)
PEL -5	Average PC Level x 50 (300 ÷ 6)
PEL -4	Average PC Level x 75 (300 ÷ 4)
PEL -3	Average PC Level x 100 (300 ÷ 3)
PEL -2	Average PC Level x 150 (300 ÷ 2)
PEL -1	Average PC Level x 200 (300 ÷ 1.5)
PEL +/-0	Average PC Level x 300
PEL +1	Average PC Level x 450 (300 x 1.5)
PEL +2	Average PC Level x 600 (300 x 2)
PEL +3	Average PC Level x 900 (300 x 3)
PEL +4	Average PC Level x 1200 (300 x 4)
PEL +5	Average PC Level x 1800 (300 x 6)
PEL +6	Average PC Level x 2400 (300 x 8)
PEL +7	Average PC Level x 3600 (300 x 12)
PEL +8	Average PC Level x 4800 (300 x 16)
PEL +9 or more:	Every increase doubles the awarded EXP from two rows previous.

Example: PEL 15 (Party Level 13) vs. EL 20

EL difference = PEL +5

Average Level 13 x 1800 = 23,400 Total EXP

Example: PEL 21 (Party Level 32) vs. EL 19

EL difference = PEL -2

Average Level 32 x 150 = 4800 Total EXP

Situational Modifiers

While this effort prides itself on its accuracy, it could never claim to cover the near limitless number of variables involved. It is up to the GM to be vigilant towards any possible balance issues.

See 'Difficulty Notes' page 102 of Core Rulebook II.

Appendix Two:

Revised Challenge Ratings

Using the changes proposed for Challenge Ratings in the previous Appendix many of the Core Rulebook CRs are revised below. Generally only significant differences (where greater than 2) have been included.

Outsiders have been concentrated upon since those are most likely to be created by deities. Additionally, powerful monsters (including epic monsters) have been included since they are also likely encounters for deities.

The initial number is the creatures Challenge Rating representing a moderate encounter. The secondary number (bracketed), typically half; represents a difficult (possible 50/50) encounter.

Golems

Flesh Golem:	CR 13 (7)
Clay Golem:	CR 16 (8)
Stone Golem:	CR 19 (10)
Iron Golem:	CR 22 (11)

Magical Beasts

Tarrasque:	CR 57 (29)
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Outsiders

Arrowhawk	
Juvenile:	CR 6 (3)
Adult:	CR 10 (5)
Elder:	CR 17 (9)
Barghest	
Average:	CR 7 (4)
Greater Barghest:	CR 11 (6)
Celestial	
Hound Archon:	CR 9 (5)
Avoral (Guardinal):	CR 12 (6)
Ghaele (Eladrin):	CR 23 (12)
Trumpet Archon:	CR 23 (12)
Astral Deva:	CR 20 (10)
Planetar:	CR 32 (16)
Solar:	CR 52 (26)
Demon	
Succubus:	CR 12 (6)
Bebilith:	CR 19 (10)
Vrock:	CR 16 (8)
Hezrou:	CR 17 (9)
Glabrezu:	CR 19 (10)
Nalfeshnee:	CR 19 (10)
Marilith:	CR 21 (11)
Balor:	CR 26 (13)
Devil	
Osyluth:	CR 12 (6)
Hellcat:	CR 10 (5)
Barbazou:	CR 11 (6)

Erinyes:	CR 10 (5)
Hamatula:	CR 13 (7)
Cornugon:	CR 18 (9)
Gelugon:	CR 20 (10)
Pit Fiend:	CR 27 (14)
Formian	
Warrior:	CR 7 (4)
Taskmaster:	CR 10 (5)
Mymarch:	CR 18 (9)
Queen:	CR 28 (14)
Genie	
Djinni:	CR 10 (5)
Efreeti:	CR 11 (6)
Howler:	CR 8 (4)
Lillend:	CR 10 (5)
Night Hag:	CR 13 (7)
Rakshasa:	CR 14 (7)
Salamander	
Flamebrother:	CR 4 (2)
Average:	CR 8 (4)
Noble:	CR 16 (8)
Slaad	
Death Slaad:	CR 18 (9)
Titan:	CR 28 (14)
Tojanda	
Juvenile:	CR 6 (3)
Adult:	CR 9 (5)
Elder:	CR 16 (8)
Xorn	
Minor:	CR 6 (3)
Average:	CR 9 (5)
Elder:	CR 16 (8)

Undead

Nightshade	
Nightwing:	CR 29 (15)
Nightwalker:	CR 32 (16)
Nightcrawler:	CR 38 (19)

Epic Monsters

Abomination	
Anaxim:	CR 56 (28)
Atropal:	CR 90 (45)
Chichimec:	CR 44 (22)
Dream Larvae:	CR 67 (34)
Hecatonchiere:	CR 120 (60)
Infernal:	CR 67 (34)
Phaethon:	CR 86 (43)
Phane:	CR 67 (34)
Xixecal:	CR 108 (54)
Behemoth	

Behemoth Eagle:	CR 28 (14)
Behemoth Gorilla:	CR 25 (13)
Brachyurus:	CR 39 (20)
Colossus	
Stone Colossus:	CR 73 (37)
Flesh Colossus:	CR 84 (42)
Iron Colossus:	CR 94 (47)
Demilich:	CR +48 (+8 from Lich)
Devastation Vermin	
Centipede:	CR 87 (44)
Spider:	CR 86 (43)
Scorpion:	CR 88 (44)
Beetle:	CR 89 (45)
Primal Elemental	
Air:	CR 75 (38)
Earth:	CR 76 (38)
Fire:	CR 74 (37)
Water:	CR 77 (39)
Genius Loci:	CR 54 (27)
Gibbering Orb:	CR 76 (38)
Gloom:	CR 35 (18)
Golem	
Mithral Golem:	CR 33 (17)
Adamantine Golem:	CR 44 (22)
Ha-Naga:	CR 39 (20)
Hagunemnon:	CR 47 (24)
Hoary Hunter:	CR 39 (20)
Hunefer:	CR 48 (24)
Lava Wight:	CR 52 (26)
Leshay:	CR 50 (25)
Living Vault:	CR 70 (35)
Mu-Spore:	CR 38 (19)
Neh-Thalguu:	CR 51 (26)
Paragon:	CR +36
Prismasaurus:	CR 58 (29)
Pseudonatural:	CR +19 (+1.1/4HD)
Ruin Swarm:	CR 39 (20)
Shadow of the Void:	CR 55 (28)
Shape of Fire:	CR 55 (28)
Sirrush:	CR 41 (21)
Sirrush (Three Headed):	CR 49 (25)
White Slaad:	CR 42 (21)
Black Slaad:	CR 62 (31)
Tayellah:	CR 39 (20)
Thorciasid:	CR 34 (17)
Titan, Elder:	CR 80 (40)
Treant, Elder:	CR 51 (26)
Umbral Blot	CR 47 (24)
Uvuudaum:	CR 46 (23)
Vermiurge:	CR 44 (22)
Winterwight:	CR 52 (26)
Worm that walks:	CR +15

The Hecatonchiere should be allowed no more than 50 attacks on a single Huge or larger opponent

Appendix Table 2-1:

Dragon Challenge Ratings by Age and Color											
White	Black	Brass	Green	Copper	Blue	Bronze	Red	Silver	Gold	Force	Prismatic
4 (2)	5 (3)	6 (3)	6 (3)	7 (4)	8 (4)	8 (4)	9 (5)	10 (5)	11 (6)	30 (15)	34 (17)
7 (4)	8 (4)	9 (5)	9 (5)	10 (5)	11 (6)	11 (6)	14 (7)	15 (8)	16 (8)	37 (19)	41 (21)
11 (6)	11 (6)	12 (6)	12 (6)	13 (7)	13 (7)	13 (7)	17 (9)	18 (9)	19 (10)	47 (23)	51 (26)
13 (7)	15 (8)	17 (9)	17 (9)	19 (9)	19 (10)	20 (10)	21 (11)	22 (11)	23 (12)	54 (27)	58 (29)
19 (10)	20 (10)	22 (11)	21 (11)	23 (12)	24 (12)	25 (13)	27 (14)	28 (14)	30 (15)	62 (31)	66 (33)
22 (11)	24 (12)	26 (13)	24 (12)	26 (14)	29 (15)	30 (15)	30 (15)	31 (16)	34 (17)	70 (35)	74 (37)
28 (14)	29 (15)	31 (16)	30 (15)	32 (17)	32 (16)	33 (17)	34 (17)	35 (18)	38 (19)	80 (40)	82 (41)
31 (16)	33 (17)	35 (18)	34 (17)	36 (19)	36 (18)	37 (19)	39 (20)	40 (20)	43 (22)	87 (44)	89 (45)
35 (18)	37 (19)	39 (20)	38 (19)	40 (21)	41 (21)	42 (21)	43 (22)	44 (22)	47 (24)	95 (48)	97 (49)
38 (19)	41 (21)	43 (22)	44 (22)	46 (23)	46 (23)	47 (24)	47 (24)	48 (24)	51 (26)	102 (52)	106 (53)
44 (22)	47 (24)	49 (25)	48 (24)	50 (25)	51 (26)	52 (26)	51 (26)	52 (26)	57 (29)	112 (56)	114 (57)
47 (24)	50 (25)	52 (26)	51 (26)	53 (27)	54 (27)	55 (28)	56 (28)	57 (29)	60 (30)	119 (60)	121 (61)

Wyrmling
Very Young
Young,
Juvenile
Young Adult
Adult
Mature Adult
Old
Very Old
Ancient
Wyrm
Great Wyrm

Appendix Three:

Mass heal

Revised Spells

The following, often much maligned spells cause undue havoc to any immortal campaign, where their obvious flaws and balance issues become all too pertinent. As such it is advocated you use the preceding revisions.

The problems with these spells is that they are infinitely powerful. They can harm (or heal respectively) practically any amount of hit points without allowing a saving throw (in the case of *harm*).

hlaifn

Necromancy
Level: Clr 6, Destruction 6, Druid 7
Components: V, S
Casting Time: 1 action
Range: Touch
Target: Creature touched
Duration: Instantaneous
Saving Throw: Will save for half
Spell Resistance: Yes

Harm charges a subject with negative energy that causes 10 points of damage per caster level (maximum 150).

If used on undead, *harm* acts like *heal*.

hlead

Conjuration (Healing)
Level: Clr 6, Druid 7, Healing 6
Components: V, S
Casting Time: 1 action
Range: Touch
Target: Creature touched
Duration: Instantaneous
Saving Throw: None
Spell Resistance: Yes (harmless)

Heal enables you to channel positive energy into a creature to wipe away disease and injury. It completely cures all diseases; blindness, deafness and temporary ability damage. It also restores 10 points of damage per caster level (maximum 150). It neutralises poisons in the subjects system so that no additional damage or effects are suffered. It offsets a *feblemind* spell. It cures those mental disorders caused by spells or injury to the brain. Only a single application of the spell is needed to simultaneously achieve all these effects.

Heal does not remove negative levels, restore permanently drained levels, or restore permanently drained ability scores.

If used against an undead creature, *heal* acts like *harm*.

Conjuration (Healing)
Level: Clr 8, Druid 9, Healing 8
Components: V, S
Casting Time: 1 action
Range: Close (25ft. +5ft./2 levels)
Target: One or more creatures no two of which can be more than 30ft. apart.
Duration: Instantaneous
Saving Throw: None
Spell Resistance: Yes (harmless)

As *Heal*, except that the maximum damage is 200, otherwise as above.

New Spell

Mass hlaifn

Necromancy
Level: Clr 8, Destruction 8, Druid 9
Components: V, S
Casting Time: 1 action
Range: Close (25ft. +5ft./2 levels)
Target: One or more creatures no two of which can be more than 30ft. apart.
Duration: Instantaneous
Saving Throw: Will save for half
Spell Resistance: Yes

As *Harm*, except that the maximum damage is 200, otherwise as above.

Appendix Four:

Damage Reduction

The current rules for Damage Reduction are very black and white, creating either/or scenarios for fighter types. The following changes seek to remove such problems by allowing all magic items to reduce damage reduction even if they cannot successfully overcome it.

- For every weapon enchantment '+' reduce the effectiveness of damage reduction by 5 points.

eg. A character wielding a +2 weapon attacking a creature with DR 20/+4 would reduce the effectiveness of the creatures damage reduction to 10/+2.

A monster with DR 30/+3 attacking a character wearing a suit of Invulnerability 25/+5 armor would only have its natural attacks reduced by 10 points of damage.

These changes do not affect any Damage Reduction without an enchantment bonus; such as a Barbarians Damage Reduction (one of the reasons why this type of ability is referred to as Hardness herein).