- * In general want to kill 1 enemy Node per turn. Anything beyond that is a great turn, and should require planning or solid strategy (lining up targets, pre-buffing, using terrain, etc.)
- ** Don't want to end up with the illusion of choice, where there are a lot of programs and moving pieces, but you're doing pretty obvious things each turn
- ** Best playtest would be to ask the opponent after each turn "would you have done it differently"
- + FOR SURE TODO +
- Implement Program patching idea
- Rename Distance to Range (abbreviates differently than Defense)
- Re-order Network Sheet to have Targets before Distance, so it's easier at a glance to not confuse it with Instructions
- Clarify order of Careen and other programs
- -- Mainly for Cover
- -- Damage then Push, so get +1 Defense from Cover first
- Have a baseline buff as a Root Program, called Upgrade or something
- -- Is 2 or 3 Inst cost, +1 O/D/M (maybe +2 M?)
- Deploy on blank, zero level terrain only. Encourages movement
- Fill in Node starting stats on the Network Sheet
- -- Use the same handwriting font as the rulebook
- To make Program Startup during setup more compelling and worth spending a good Hack for, give bonus Instructions to winner
- -- 30 for base, 36-40 for winner? Or 20 base, 30 winner?
- --- Should be comparable to first turn for value
- Similarly Initialization (deployment) needs to be valuable
- -- Do entire Node deployment. So one player puts ALL their Nodes down, then the other
- --- Side benefit of being faster
- Check math on if you can never deploy
- -- For example if all Zones are non-overlapping on one side of the map, is there enough space for Nodes to not be within 3 squares of each other?
- -- Basically can you end up in an "undeployable" situation?
- Initial startup buff should factor in for Distances
- -- Such as Wall of Thorns which is unusable during startup
- Shutdown should have no max distance, instead of 20. Also change the note in Variants
- Execute program needs to be +1 Inst
- Column for Xing out dead nodes, to the left of their row on the Network Sheet
- + NEED TO TRY +
- Have terrain be contested/exclusive so you can block Hardlines and others
- -- Whoever has more Nodes on the terrain gets it. On a tie no one uses it
- -- Doesn't count for Zones
- Smaller Zones? And more of them?
- Maybe have a smaller Program Directory, 5 instead of 8?
- -- Right now feels like you are spoiled for choice and have TOO many options...don't have to make any tough choices on what to bring
- Only buff O/D and use red/blue dice or small beads by each Node?
- -- Saves writing on the sheet, easy for opponent to see
- Have "secret folders" on the grid that you open. Much like that Necromunda battle report with crates
- -- 80-90% chance of good, 10-20% of bad
- -- Such as +2-4 Inst, +1 O/D Task, free move, etc.
- -- Could add as the game goes on
- -- Or maybe are Feature-like tokens you put down, and have a turn number on the back
- --- When that turn comes up flip the token. Remove any previous turn tokens as well? Or don't flip at all, but are active and can be interacted with as a surprise
- --- Could make for some REALLY powerful tokens, such as on turn 9, could be +4 Offense or whatever
- -- Tough balance between winning by better play, and winning because of lucky tokens though
- -- Would certainly encourage movement
- Try a smaller map? 20x20? Easier to cut from grid paper
- -- Don't want to turn into a micro-strategy game though