# Phalanx

Will Skills v 1.0



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Skills provide the greatest utility to make a character unique. They include augments to actions performed within the game, as well as specific adaptations to combat roles, making a character better at attack or defence, breaking armour, archery, and many other roles.

#### **Skill Profile**

Armour Breaker				
Ability	Might	Rank	2	
Passive/Active (uses)	Active (2)	Prerequisites	1xD12	
Details	Use alongside an attack action. Declare the use of this skill before rolling			
	to attack			
	If the attack does damage	If the attack does damage, the attack will automatically damage armour.		

Each skill is explained on the above profile, which covers everything the skill does and how it works:

Ability – which ability the skill relies upon

**Rank** – the rank of the skill, which is useful during character creation, and to determine how relatively strong the skill is

**Passive/Active (uses)** – if the skill is passive, then it is in affect all the time. Otherwise, the player must declare when this skill is being used. Usually this will be made alongside an action. Only one skill may be used per action performed. The number in parenthesis is the number of times the skill can be activated between long rests

**Prerequisites** – what the character must possess in order to take this skill any dice shown will pertain to the ability of the skill

**Details** – this is how the skill works, and what it does. Often, the skill is used as part of an action, and must be declared beforehand. Only one skill that's used as an action may be used at one time.

#### Acquiring Skills Multiple Times

Passive skills may only ever be purchased once.

**Active skills** may be acquired by a character **multiple times**, if the player wishes. When this occurs, the number of uses the character has for the skill is increased by the amount shown on the skill profile.

Racial skills may only be acquired once, and each character may only ever possess one racial skill.

#### Skills/Spells

Some of the skills (especially those under Willpower) are described as spells rather than skills. This is because, in Phalanx RPG, spells are essentially skills which allow the user to cast a spell. Spells are counted as skills in the mechanical sense of the game, and are almost always active skills.

## Skills - Will (Rank 1)

Dark Magic Affinity				
Ability	Will	Rank	1	
Passive/Active (uses)	Passive	Prerequisites	1xD12	
Details	This skill passively affects the casting of all spells as detailed below.			
	The caster gains a +1 bonus to casting spells marked as Dark magic			
	The caster gains a -1 per	nalty to casting spells mar	ked as Light magic	

Light Magic Affinity				
Ability	Will	Rank	1	
Passive/Active (uses)	Passive	Prerequisites	1xD12	
Details	This skill passively affects the casting of all spells as detailed below.			
	The caster gains a +1 bonus to casting spells marked as Light magic			
	The caster gains a -1 per	nalty to casting spells mar	ked as Dark magic	

Wild Magic Affinity			
Ability	Will	Rank	1
Passive/Active (uses)	Passive	Prerequisites	1xD12
Details	This skill passively affects the casting of all spells as detailed below.		
	The caster gains a +1 bonus to casting spells marked as Wild magic		
	The caster gains a -1 per	nalty to casting spells mar	ked as Earthen magic

Earthen Magic Affinity			
Ability	Will	Rank	1
Passive/Active (uses)	Passive	Prerequisites	1xD12
Details	This skill passively affects the casting of all spells as detailed below.		
	The caster gains a +1 bonus to casting spells marked as Earthen magic		
	The caster gains a -1 per	nalty to casting spells mar	ked as Wild magic

Acid Arrow Spell			
Ability	Will	Rank	1
Passive/Active (uses)	Active (1)	Prerequisites	2xD12
Details	Roll Will die vs target G damage plus the differe At the start of the follow save vs D8 to resist this	wing turn, half that dama	higher, the spell does 4 age is done again. Might

Bless Spell (light)			
Ability	Will	Rank	1
Passive/Active (uses)	Active (1)	Prerequisites	1xD12
Details	These creatures must be caster themselves. All effor the duration of the s	alf as many creatures as to within 30' of the caster, ffected creatures add +1 to pell.	and can also include the to all die rolls they make

Darkness Spell (Dark)				
Ability	Will	Rank	1	
Passive/Active (uses)	Active (2)	Prerequisites	1xD12	
Details	This spell shrouds an are	ea around the caster in da	rkness.	
	The darkness extends for 5' around the caster for each point rolled on the			
	die used to cast this spell.			
	The darkness extinguishes light sources which are not magical. Otherwise,			
	it acts in the same way as normal darkness for die rolls for all characters			
	who can't see in the dark.			
	The spell lasts until the start of the caster's next turn. Where the caster to			
	move, the darkness doe	s not follow them.		

Fire Shield Spell (wild)			
Ability	Will	Rank	1
Passive/Active (uses)	Active (4)	Prerequisites	1xD12
Details	When attacked, the caster may cast this instead of rolling to defend themselves.		
	They defend with a will die rather than might/guile in the usual way.  Regardless of the result, the attacker will take D6 fire damage		

Fog Spell (Earthen)			
Ability	Will	Rank	1
Passive/Active (uses)	Active (2)	Prerequisites	1xD12
Details	obscures them from end The fog stretches 5' awa	y from the caster. anyone in the fog, attack	

Force Bolt Spell			
Ability	Will	Rank	1
Passive/Active (uses)	Active (4)	Prerequisites	1xD12
Details	Force bolt may be cast on any creature within 40' of the caster and is within line of sight		
	This spell damages the die used to cast the spel	health of the target for th II.	ne amount rolled on the

Gust Spell (Wild)				
Ability	Will	Rank	1	
Passive/Active (uses)	Active (2)	Prerequisites	1xD12	
Details	This spell is cast at any o	reature within 15' of the	caster.	
	Any creature between the	he caster and the target is	s also affected.	
	Will casters Will vs target(s) Might.			
	If the caster's roll wins, the target(s) are blown back 10'			
	The target(s) failing a Might roll must also roll Guile vis the caster's Will			
	(use the previous Will roll's result).			
	If they fail the Guile roll, the targets are also knocked down.			
	They suffer D6 health damage, and are at half movement and			
	disadvantage to might a	nd guile rolls for their ne	kt turn.	

Heal Spell (light)			
Ability	Will	Rank	1
Passive/Active (uses)	Active (3)	Prerequisites	1xD12
Details	This spell can be cast on a target within 5' of the caster		
	It will heal health equals to the roll of the die spent to cast this spell.		

Identify Spell			
Ability	Will	Rank	1
Passive/Active (uses)	Active (1)	Prerequisites	1xD12
Details	within 5' away.  Depending on the nat mechanical details of th weapons) or the lore of An opposing roll by the	on an item in the charact cure of the item, a suc e item (how it works in th the item (for example, th GM is made depending t and the rarity of the iter	cessful cast will reveal e game, for example, for e artist of a painting). on the obscurity of the

Ice Sheet Spell (Earthen)			
Ability	Will	Rank	1
Passive/Active (uses)	Active (1)	Prerequisites	1xD12
Details	All creatures moving upon D8 or fall. Fallen creatures need t	of 20' diameter anywhere on this surface needs to o o spend half their spee nem are made with advar	within 40' of the caster make a guile roll against a d to get up again. While stage, and they attack and

Lightning Bolt Spell (Wild)			
Ability	Will	Rank	1
Passive/Active (uses)	Active (2)	Prerequisites	2xD12
Details	The caster may target this spell at any creature within 40'.  The spell will do damage equals to the die roll. The target moves at half speed next turn, and suffers -1 to all rolls. In addition, the spell will do		
	double damage again if	the target is wearing met	al armour

Mind Control Spell			
Ability	Will	Rank	1
Passive/Active (uses)	Active (1)	Prerequisites	1xD12
Details	Cast on one creature within 5'.		
	Roll Will die vs target Will.		
	If the caster's score is higher, the caster can control the actions of the creature in their following turn. This may include moving and attacking, but could also may involve them saying things and performing other actions instead.		
	If this spell fails the targe	et is likely to become hos	tile if is not already.

Raise Dead (minor) Spell (Dark)			
Ability	Will Rank 1		
Passive/Active (uses)	Active (1)	Prerequisites	1xD12
Details	This spell can be cast up	on a corpse within 5' (tou	ıch).
	The corpse must be small – no larger than a cat or rat – or the spell will fail.		
	The caster rolls Will vs tl	he target's Will (or what t	heir Will was in life).
	If the roll fails, the caste	r suffers D6 health damag	ge.
	If the roll succeeds, then the corpse is risen to life as undead.		
	While under the control of the caster, the corpse will enact the caster's		
	bidding, and blindly obey while under the caster's control.		
	The spell lasts for as many turns, or minutes, as the caster's roll beat the		
	target's. An equal roll results in the spell lasting for one turn/minute.		
	Raising the dead is illega	al in most of the civilised I	ands of the world.

Read Thoughts Spell			
Ability	Will	Rank	1
Passive/Active (uses)	Active (1)	Prerequisites	2XD8
Details	If successful, the caster	re within 5'. Test against to will be able to gleam the control of the target will be awangled.	oughts about a specific

Shield Spell			
Ability	Will	Rank	1
Passive/Active (uses)	Active (1)	Prerequisites	1xD12
Details	This spell affects the caster. The die rolled is the amount of damage the		
	spell absorbs before the caster starts taking health damage.		

Sleet Spell (Earthen)			
Ability	Will	Rank	1
Passive/Active (uses)	Active (1)	Prerequisites	1XD12
Details	The caster summons a fierce sleet storm which covers an area of 15' within 35' of them		
	Creatures within the area defend with might and take damage equal to the difference between the two rolls In addition, creatures within the spells area suffer disadvantage to guile rolls for the next turn		

Sustenance Spell (Earthen)			
Ability	Will	Rank	1
Passive/Active (uses)	Active (1)	Prerequisites	1XD12
Details	sustains themselves. The caster rolls a die. If dice the character have i	ir need to eat a provision this die roll is higher than their pool (not counting nts as them having eaten	an the number of Might D6's), then the spell has

Veil of Shadows Spell (Dark)			
Ability	Will	Rank	1
Passive/Active (uses)	Active (1)	Prerequisites	1xD12
Details	The area directly around the caster is plunged into a whirling wind of shadows. Attacks made against the caster are made at disadvantage.  The number of these attacks are determined by the die roll.		

# Skills – Will (Rank 2)

Blind Spell				
Ability	Will	Rank	2	
Passive/Active (uses)	Active (2)	Prerequisites	4xD8	
Details	Caster casts against a creature within 15'.			
	Save vs will or target is blind until the end of their next turn.			
	On their turn, target will move at half speed in a random direction. They			
	will be unable to attack. Attacks and other rolls against them are made			
	with advantage			

<b>Confusion Spell</b>			
Ability	Will	Rank	2
Passive/Active (uses)	Active (2)	Prerequisites	3xD12
Details	This spell affects up to 3	enemies within 20' of the	e caster.
	Each tests vs will against the roll of the spell.		
	Those who fail will do one of three things at the start of their turn (roll a		
	D6):		
	1-2 stand and do nothing. Attacks have advantage against them.		
	3-4 attack the nearest creature in melee.		
	5-6 come to their senses	and are no longer affect	ed by the spell.

Cure Ailment Spell (Light)			
Ability	Will	Rank	2
Passive/Active (uses)	Active (2)	Prerequisites	2xD8
Details	This spell may be cast on any creature the caster can physically touch.		
	The caster attempts to cure an ailment the target has, such has poison,		
	disease, or illness.		
	Willpower is rolled against the DM who decides how difficult the ailment		
	is to cure.		

Fireball Spell (Wild)					
Ability	Will	Rank	2		
Passive/Active (uses)	Active (1)	Prerequisites	2XD12		
Details	This spell can be cast anywhere within 40'				
	Caster loses 5 points of health.				
	Spell affects all creatures within 10'.				
	Roll caster's Will vs Might (one die for caster, roll individually for target(s)).				
	Creatures take 5 damag	e altered by the differe	ence in the rolls.		

<b>Focussed Mind</b>			
Ability	Will	Rank	2
Passive/Active (uses)	Passive	Prerequisites	2xD12
Details	The character adds +1 to all Willpower rolls		

Greater Bless Spell (Light)				
Ability	Will	Rank	2	
Passive/Active (uses)	Active (1)	Prerequisites	Bless Spell	
Details	This spell affects up to half as many creatures as the die roll (round up).  These creatures must be within 30' of the caster, and can also include the caster themselves  All effected creatures add +3 to all die rolls they make for the duration of the spell.  The spell lasts for the duration of a combat, or for five minutes out of combat.			

Greater Heal Spell (Light)			
Ability	Will	Rank	2
Passive/Active (uses)	Active (2)	Prerequisites	Heal Spell
Details	This spell can be cast on a target within 5' of the caster		
	It will heal health equals double the roll of the die spent to cast this spell.		

Greater Mind Control Spell				
Ability	Will	Rank	2	
Passive/Active (uses)	Active (1)	Prerequisites	1xD12	
Details	creature in their follow but could also may in actions instead.		e moving and attacking, s and performing other	

Float (Wild)			
Ability	Will	Rank	2
Passive/Active (uses)	Active (1)	Prerequisites	1xD12
Details	caster's choosing. The duration of the siminutes/combat turns. It enables them to drift the air for the duration. While in effect, the casteround. They float a for that elevation unless the This spell can be used to such as acid, or to aid a Float does not enable a caster was standing who Once the spell ends, the	will dice – one is a D6, and pell is the difference best for a few feet off the groof the spell. Ster moves at 40' and is not above their current pose caster wishes to lower to traverse a river or chasm swift retreat an elevation of more that	tween the two rolls, in bund and stay floating in not in contact with the sition and will remain at hemselves.  In, avoid harmful surfaces a foot above where the und level (which may be

Inflict Pain Spell (Dark)			
Ability	Will	Rank	2
Passive/Active (uses)	Active (1)	Prerequisites	1xD12
Details	This spell can be cast up	on a creature within 5' of	the caster (touch).
	The caster rolls Will again	inst target's Might.	
	If the caster's roll is high	er, then the target's body	is wracked with terrible
	pain, causing them to suffer disadvantage to all of their rolls for the		
	duration of the spell.		
	The duration of the spell is equals to the number the caster's roll beats the		
	targets, which is either in minutes (out of combat or turns (in combat).		
	Equal rolls will mean that the target is affected by the spell for one		
	turn/minute.		
	This can also be used out of combat as an effective method of torture and		
	interrogation.		

Raise Dead Spell (Dark)			
Ability	Will	Rank	2
Passive/Active (uses)	Active (1)	Prerequisites	2xD12
Details	This spell can be cast up	on a corpse within 5' (toι	ıch).
	The corpse must be no	larger the size of a hui	man. Halflings, atia and
	dwarfs are also affected	, but not larger creatures	such as grellkin, horses,
	or such other large creat	tures.	
	The caster rolls Will vs th	ne target's Will (or what t	heir Will was in life).
	If the roll fails, the caste	r suffers D8 health damag	ge.
	If the roll succeeds, then the corpse is risen to life as undead.		
	While under the control of the caster, the corpse will enact the caster's		
	bidding, and blindly obey while under the caster's control.		
	The spell lasts for as many turns, or minutes, as the caster's roll beat the		
	target's. An equal roll results in the spell lasting for one turn/minute.		
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Restoration Spell (Light)				
Ability	Will	Rank	2	
Passive/Active (uses)	Active (1)	Prerequisites	2XD12	
Details	This spell may be cast upon an adjacent ally, and heal them the amount			
	rolled for the cast of the spell.			
	If the character is KOed, the spell will restore them to 0 health, and then			
	heal the amount rolled on the die.			
	The recipient of this spell also restores one spent die into their die pool			
	which is a tier lower tha	n the one used to cast thi	s spell (D6 minimum).	

Speak To Dead Spell (Dark)			
Ability	Will	Rank	2
Passive/Active (uses)	Active (1)	Prerequisites	2XD12
Details	May be cast on a corpse	5' from the caster.	
	Caster makes a willpowe	er test vs difficulty.	
	The difficulty of the spe	ell is based on the length	of time the corpse has
	been dead, and the condition of it (dismembered/burnt enemies will be		
	harder to speak with).		
	If successful, the character may ask three questions to the corpse, which		
	will be answered truthfully, but only in a few words or short sentences.		
	All of the questions need to be asked within five minutes, or the link to the		
	corpse's mind is lost.		
	•	be used on a corpse once	e.

Water of Life Spell (Earthen)				
Ability	Will	Rank	2	
Passive/Active (uses)	Active (2)	Prerequisites	2xD8	
Details	Caster conjures a measure of water that can fill a flask, mug, or similar container.  When the water is drunk, it will heal health equals to die rolled to cast the spell (so if a D6 is used to cast this spell, the water heals D6 health).  The water acts as a potion of health in all other regards.  The water will turn to regular water once the caster long rests.  If the water has not been drunk by that time, it becomes a provision.			

## Skills - Will (Rank 3)

Arcane Recovery Spell			
Ability	Will	Rank	3
Passive/Active (uses)	Active (1)	Prerequisites	1xD20
Details	The caster casts this spell on themselves.		
	They must pass a Will roll vs D12 or the spell fizzles and does nothing.		
	If successful, it enables them to either:		
	Restore the use of two spells of rank 2 or below to their maximum uses		
	OR		
	Restore four dice which	are either D8's or D12's in	nto their Wits die pool.

Bind Dead Spell (Dark)			
Ability	Will	Rank	3
Passive/Active (uses)	Active (1)	Prerequisites	1xD20
Details	This spell can be cast u	ipon a corpse within 5'	(touch) which has been
	raised to the Undead by the caster.		
	The caster rolls Will vs the target's Will (in life)		
	If the roll fails, the caster suffers D12 health damage.		
	If the rolls succeeds, then the target is permanently undead, effectively		
	removing the duration placed during the various Raise Dead spells.		
	The corpse can still be slain in the usual way (reducing its health to 0), but		
	otherwise will obey the	caster mindlessly for eter	nity.

Chain Lightning Spell (Wild)			
Ability	Will	Rank	3
Passive/Active (uses)	Active (1)	Prerequisites	Lightning Spell
Details	This spell will affect a cre	eature within 30' of the ca	aster.
	The spell will do damag	e equals to the die roll. T	The target moves at half
	speed next turn, and suf	ffers -1 to all rolls.	
	In addition, the spell will do double damage again if the target is wearing		
	metal armour		
	In addition, if the caster wills it, the spell will affect creature(s) within 10'		
	of the initial target, which it will affect in the same way. The spell may		
	spread to multiple targets at a time, and will only stop when there are no		
	further targets. A creature may not be the target of this spell more than		
	once in a turn.		
	Large metallic objects, s	uch as anvils, may also be	used as targets.

Fly (Wild)			
Ability	Will	Rank	3
Passive/Active (uses)	Active (1)	Prerequisites	4xD12
Details	This spell affects the caster. It is cast by rolling two Will dice – one is a D6, and the other is one of the caster's choosing. The duration of the spell is the difference between the two rolls, in minutes/combat turns. While in effect, the caster moves at 40' and is not in contact with the ground. Unlike Float, Fly will also allow the caster to move vertically as well as horizontally, so they can soar up into the air as they wish. Once the spell ends, the caster will return to ground level.		

Leech Life Spell (Dark)			
Ability	Will	Rank	3
Passive/Active (uses)	Active (1)	Prerequisites	2xD20
Details	This spell is cast on a cre	eature within 5' (touch) of	the caster.
	The caster rolls Will agai	nst the opponents Will.	
	If the caster's roll is higher, the caster drains away one year's worth of life		
	from the victim and imbues themselves with it.		
	The victim suffers half of their max health in damage. They also suffer		
	disadvantage on all rolls until they long rest.		
	The caster increases their max health by 1, and heals their current health		
	to this value. They also roll advantage on all rolls until they long rest.		
	This spell is extremely ta	boo and its use outlawed	l in most civilised lands.

Magma Spell (W	Magma Spell (Wild)			
Ability	Will	Rank	3	
Passive/Active (uses)	Active (1)	Prerequisites	1xD20	
Details	This spell is cast on a su	ırface within 30' and in li	ne of sight of the caster,	
	and will affect an area w	ith a radius of 15' of that	point.	
	The surface within the a	iffected area boils away a	nd is turned into molten	
	magma.			
	The spell lasts for three	turns, or one minute.		
	The caster rolls one die a	and makes a note of the n	umber rolled and the die	
	used.			
	At the start of their turn, anyone standing within the affected area is			
	unable to perform any actions except a roll a Guile check.			
	The difficulty is the number rolled by the caster when casting this spell.			
	A failed Guile check results in damage taken equals to the die rolled by the caster (roll separately for each damage).			
	Successful Guile checks enables a move of 5' and only half of this damage			
	to be taken (roll separately for each damage, half and round up).			
	If creatures remain with	in the affected area while	e the spell is active, they	
	must make a Guile test a	igain in the same way as a	bove at the start of their	
	turn.			

Mass Raise Dead Spell (Dark)				
Ability	Will Rank 3			
Passive/Active (uses)	Active (1)	Prerequisites	1xD20	
Details	This spell can be cast up	on up to three corpses wi	thin 15' of the caster.	
	The corpse must be no	larger the size of a hur	man. Halflings, atia and	
	dwarfs are also affected	, but not larger creatures	such as grellkin, horses,	
	or such other large creat	tures.		
	The caster rolls Will vs th	ne target's Will (or what t	heir Will was in life). Roll	
	separately for each targe	et creature and use the hi	ghest roll.	
	If any of the rolls fail, the caster suffers D12 health damage, and none of			
	the dead are returned to life.			
	If the roll succeeds, then all of the corpses rise to life as undead.			
	While under the control of the caster, the corpse will enact the caster's			
	bidding, and blindly obey while under the caster's control.			
	The spell lasts for as ma	ny turns, or minutes, as t	the caster's roll beat the	
		An equal roll results in t	the spell lasting for one	
	turn/minute.			
	Raising the dead is illega	I in most of the civilised I	ands of the world.	

Raise Dead (greater) Spell (Dark)			
Ability	Will	Rank	3
Passive/Active (uses)	Active (1)	Prerequisites	1xD20
Details	This spell can be cast up	on a corpse within 5' (toι	ıch).
	The corpse can be larger	r, such as a grellkin, ogre,	or troll
	The caster rolls Will vs tl	he target's Will (or what t	heir Will was in life).
	If the roll fails, the caster suffers D12 health damage.		
	If the roll succeeds, then the corpse is risen to life as undead.		
	While under the control of the caster, the corpse will enact the caster's		
	bidding, and blindly obey while under the caster's control.		
	The spell lasts for as many turns, or minutes, as the caster's roll beat the		
	target's. An equal roll results in the spell lasting for one turn/minute.		
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Rejuvenating Rainfall (Earthen)			
Ability	Will	Rank	3
Passive/Active (uses)	Active (1)	Prerequisites	1xD20
Details	This spell is centred on the caster and affects a diameter of 30'.		
	Every creature that is not undead within the spell's affect restores health		
	equals to double the die roll used to cast this spell.		
	Everything within the sp	ell's area of effect also be	ecomes wet.

Resurrect Spell (Light)			
Ability	Will	Rank	3
Passive/Active (uses)	Active (1)	Prerequisites	1xD20
Details	This spell will bring one	character back to life, sho	ould they die.
	When casting it, this spe	ell causes the caster to los	se 15 health instantly.
	The caster rolls a die to indicate the amount of health healed on the dead		
	character. if this brings them back to 1 health or more, then they are resurrected.		
	The caster may add to the roll by 1 for each point of their current health		
	they spend, in addition to the 15 lost in casting the spell.		
	This spell only works if	the character's corpse is	available and relatively
	intact.		