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The Online Venture Feature

Update 1.50 to X4: Foundations introduces the **Venture Feature**. The Venture Feature is an **optional Online Feature** linked to your Egosoft community forum account.

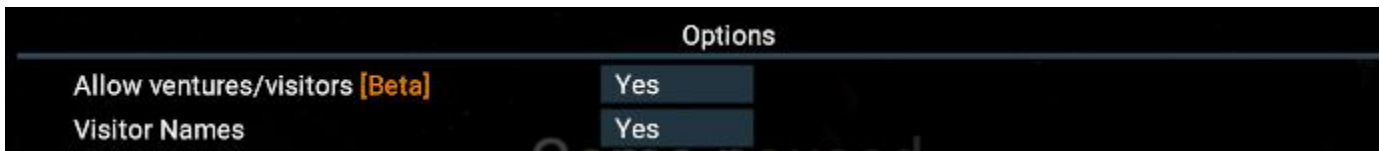
Please note that this new feature is considered to be in **Beta** at this time with plans for future iterations. In this case the "beta" tag refers to how the Ventures operate online behind the scenes - **it isn't a risk to save games** in the way that participating in a beta for game updates might be.

Participating players are able to construct a station module that sends ships into the game worlds of other participating players, and of course 'welcome' them into theirs as they see fit.

Opting In Or Out Of Ventures

This is done via the in-game Online Features menu. After you have logged in and registered your game (see the [Online Features page](#) for details), the two options at the bottom of the menu are applicable (see the following image).

The first option is for **opting in or out** of the feature. The second lets you choose whether to see the **forum account names** of owners of ships that visit your universe.



What Are Ventures?

The Venture Feature **can be turned on or off**. When turned on, we can send and receive ships.

The feature enables ordering sub-capital **Captains** out into the multiverse to explore and interact with whatever they find in the environments of other players. Your Captains will endeavour to travel peacefully but their ships should be prepared for hostility.

Each Venture is anticipated to take a specified period of time. For reasons unknown, the duration is not affected by time acceleration technology. Stepping into is associated with uncertainty but your Captains are confident of finding some tradable currency or technology.

Ship Safety

In v1.50 of X4: Foundations all Ventures are **intended** to be completely safe for Ships and their Crew (see [intro video from 05:03](#)). However, as also warned in the intro video (see [from 02:06](#)) this is a **Beta** and unfortunately some ships have been reported to have been destroyed whilst on a Venture. Egosoft are aware of this issue.

Building A Venture Platform

Players can build and operate one **Venture Platform**:

1. Select a favorite station to add it to
2. Build a **Venture Platform***
3. Build a **S/M Venture Sendoff Dock*** connected to Venture Platform

* These two modules must be built in this order.

Blueprint knowledge is added to existing and new games. Starting construction of these modules is **only possible** when your game is registered

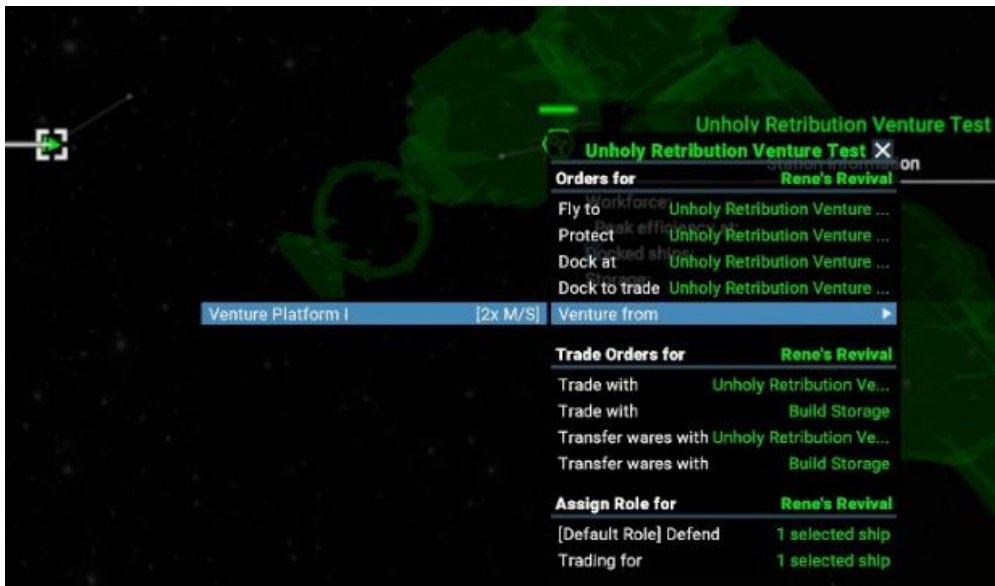
and you are logged in (see [Online Login](#) page).

Sending Ships On Ventures

The following steps explain how to boldly send your Captains into the multiverse:

1. Open the **Map**, select a Captained **Ship** of choice and right-click on your Venture Station:
 - Select the "**Venture from...**" order, and pick the station
2. Whilst on the station, take a **Transporter** to the **Venture Platform**
3. Approach the window where you'll your Ship and the **Control Console**
4. Use the **Control Console** to select an **Venture** for your Ship from the **Venture Missions** tab:
 - Gyroscopic apparatus form a field around the ship, taking it in to limbo during the Venture
5. After your ship returns, use the **Control Console** and open the **Venture Results** tab:
 - All ongoing and completed missions are listed
 - Review the "Venture Completed" entries to lean about their results and rewards

The above steps are illustrated in the following images.





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Venture Missions

Venture Branches

✓ Venture Platform I ▲ x 1
Ready

Ships in selected branch

▲ Rene's Revival (QIZ-646)

Available ventures in parallel universes

	A Multiversal Problem	1 h 00	
	Recommended ship type:	1x Fighter	
	Multi-Verse Voyage	0 h 02	
	Recommended ship type:	1x Any ship	
	Parallel Distribution	2 h 00	
	Recommended ship type:	1x Courier	
	Resource Acquisition	64 h 00	
	Recommended ship type:	1x Transporter	
	Travelling Salesman	20 h 00	
	Recommended ship type:	1x Transporter	
	Venture	8 h 00	
	Recommended ship type:	1x Fighter	

Description

If we can seek out a universe in which there is intelligent life and a legal system, then it is almost certain that we will find piracy too. Perhaps we can lend a helping hand here; send ... out to patrol against these pirates - not only will it help the other universes that we come across, but is also likely to be lucrative for us. I am sure local authorities will be pleased by ...

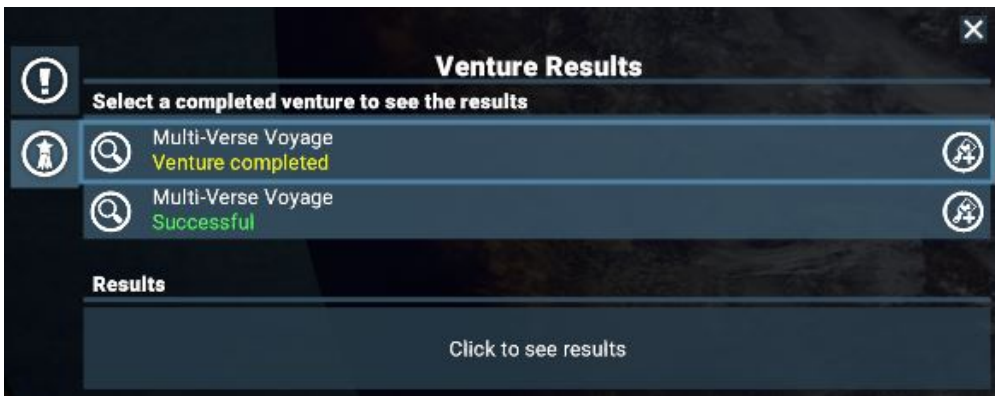
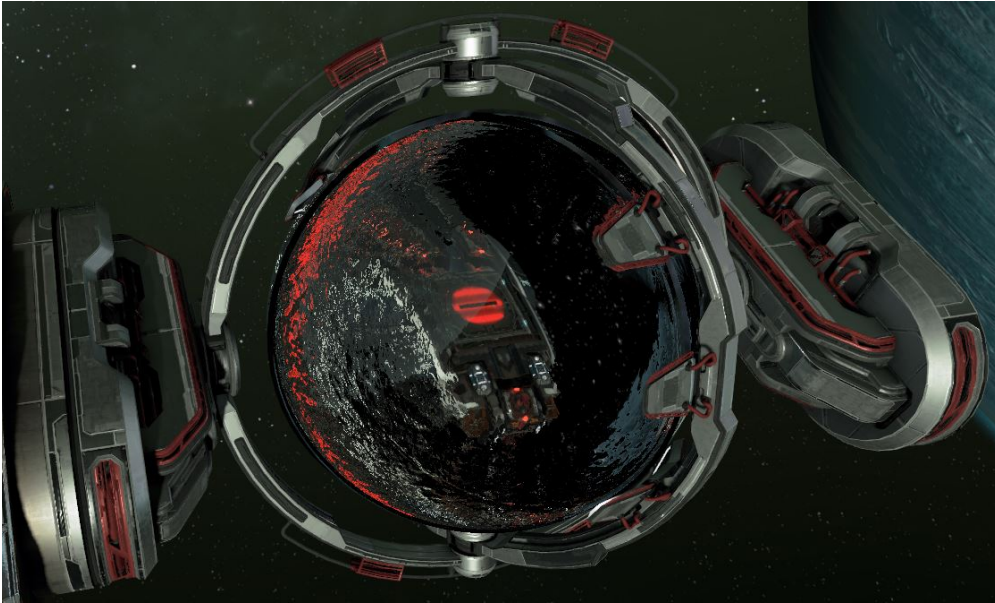
Rewards

Mods

Success Chance

Low

Start Venture



Venture Rewards

Captains have a chance to return with the following rewards:

- Paint Mods
- Exceptional Equipment Mod Parts
- Credits
- Crew skill training (*not implemented yet*)
- EgoCredits (ECs), for future use

The rewards from Ventures are stored in your online Venture Inventory that is found within the Player Inventory. Something you unlock in one save game can be available in a new game too. When logged in, the Venture Inventory looks as follows at game-start:

Val Selton		825-02-08 11:01		Black Hole Sun IV	
10,000 Cr					
Inventory					
Item	Amount	Base Price	Total Price		
Total Value					0 Cr
Venture Inventory					
Foundation X	50 / 50	0 EC	0 EC		
S/M Venture Sendoff Dock	1 / 1	0 EC	0 EC		
Venture Platform	1 / 1	0 EC	0 EC		
Total Value					0 EC
Drop Item					

About Your Ships

What is flying through the multiverse will be your ship. It will have your module selection, your paint mod, your crew, the name you gave it, and even your logo (other players will only be able to see custom logos if they have your logo in the [custom logos folder](#)).

What Happens When The Game Is Modified?

Visitors from other universes can enter your universe (as long as you are logged in) and your mods will apply to the visitors. However, you cannot send ships on ventures from a modified game yourself, and nothing you do to visitor ships will be fed back to the person who sent them.