



## CURRENCIES OF THE FUTURE IN POPULAR SCIENCE FICTION

Society has recognized the need for interplanetary currencies long before PayPal Galactic was introduced. In fact, many storytellers have created currencies of the future within popular science fiction. Below is a list of some of the more recent <sup>1</sup>examples of currencies of the future depicted in science fiction universes that may be familiar.



Who uses it	Unit Name(s)	Description
United Federation of Planets	<a href="#">Federation credit</a>	Example: Conversation between Barman and Jones (see source)
Klingons	<a href="#">Darsek</a>	Example: Conversation between Worf and Alexander (see source)
Karemma	<a href="#">Dirak</a>	
Barkon IV	<a href="#">Dorak</a>	
Takar	<a href="#">Frang</a>	
Vlughtans	<a href="#">Isik</a>	
Cardassians	<a href="#">Lek</a>	
Bajor	<a href="#">Lita</a>	
Triskelion	<a href="#">Quatloo</a>	
Mari	<a href="#">Renn</a>	
Ferengi	Latinum (Bricks, bars, strips, slips)	



- Currency: [Mice](#)

<sup>1</sup> Source: All logos referenced from Google Images



- **Currency: Galactic credit standard**
  - Currency established on Sojourn (native races=Pylat and Muun)
  - One tenth of a credit=decired
  - Main currency since the time of the Galactic Republic
  - Physical currency resembles metallic plate with varying patterns, reminiscent of a bar code
  - Small ingots introduced during Clone Wars as secondary physical form of credits
- Imperial credits come in increments of 0.1, 0.2, 0.5, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 500, 1000, 2000 and 5000
- Example of use: *Luke and Ben agree to pay Han Solo 2000 credits for a ride to Alderaan in the millennium falcon, with an extra 15000 promised upon their arrival.*

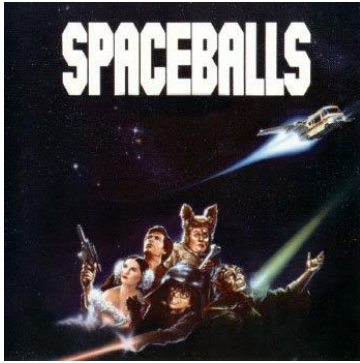


- **Currency: Credit Chit**
  - Used by the Earth Alliance
  - Electronic system, similar to our interact system
  - The Centauri Republic use a different form of currency called 'Ducats'
  - Various other groups have their own currency (listed below)
  - Example of use: *Vendor aboard the Babylon 5 ship accepts Credit Chit in exchange for goods.*

Government	Unit Name(s)	Description
Abbai Matriarchate	Gy, Nori, Chuk	Pearl-like stones, polished hardwood chips, blue crystals
Brakiri Syndicracy	Grull	Coins
Drazi Freehold	Tok	Small round gems
Grome Marga Chulda	Vorl	Thin strips of precious metals
Androma Republic	Fla	Paper money and coinage made from precious metals
Llort Mi-Ma-Ti	Yat, Heek, Molak	Circular platinum coins, Oblong shaped platinum coin, Triangular gem
Markab Confederacy	Galot	Square metal coins in varying colors
Yolu Ingyo	Ogo	Hardwood chips



- **Currency: Cubit**
  - Used throughout the 12 colonies
  - Resembles small metallic plates
  - Prominently shown in games of 'Pyramid' (gambling)
  - Paper currency introduced in the 're-imagined' series of the show in 100, 500 and 1000 increments.
- Example of use: *Desperate businessman attempts to bribe his way off Caprica.*



- **Currency:** Space buck
  - Physical spacebucks never shown but are mentioned periodically throughout the film.
  - Example of us: *Princess Vespa mentions how her fiancée hadn't even stayed for the money, instead taking his million spacebucks and running, to which Ring Roland replies 'he didn't take the million...'*
  - *Vespa: Ha, didn't even stay for the wedding. Just took the million spacebucks and ran.*
  - *Roland: he didn't take the million...*



- **Currency:** Platinum
- **Currency:** Credit
  - Comes in paper and digital form
  - Money is all traceable and almost impossible to counterfeit
  - Since precious metal currency (silver, gold, platinum) are not traceable, they're not usable outside of the black market.
  - Example of use: *Simon Tam notes the value of Ivoprovalyn as being at least 20 credits, or 50 platinum on the black market in the episode of Firefly titled 'Ariel'.*



*planet 'Arrakis' every 330 days.*

- **Currency:** Solari
  - Official unit of the Imperium
  - Although Solari is the official currency, true wealth is measured in how much Melange one has, having Solari being measured by how much of 'The Spice' it can purchase.
  - Melange (fictional drug) commonly referred to as 'The Spice'
  - Example of use: *During their rule, House Harkonnen took 10 billion Solaris out of the*



- **Currency:** Dollar Pound
  - Symbol is simply dollar sign followed by pound sign
  - Used throughout 12 colonies
  - Example of use: *Lister checks his account and sees \$£0.06 shortly before leaving with the Jupiter Mining Corporation. After a 30,000 year stasis sleep, he finds it's grown to millions due to interest over the years. Ironically, he's later informed that a hydro bill from a single light being left on in his home has also stockpiled and he now owes millions as a result.*