

WHAT YOU NEED

- A full deck of Consultants of IT: 20 or more Consultant cards, 20 or more Threat cards, 20 or more Buff cards
- 20 Budget tokens (if you don't have any you can use regular coins)
- A table and two chairs
- Your worst competitor

PREPARATIONS

- Sit down by the table, face to face.
- The game can be played split-deck or full-deck (recommended). For split-deck, put three piles of cards face down in the middle of the table – one for each card type. In a full-deck game, both players bring their own deck and make three piles each on their side of the table.
- Make a row of 10 face-up Budget tokens on each player's side.
- Assemble an eight-card hand each: 3 Consultants, 3 Threats and 2 Buffs.

HOW TO PLAY A ROUND

- Player 1 starts: Play any Threat by putting the card in the middle of the table facing your opponent, with or without an applicable Buff to boost your attack.

- Player 2 responds: Try to parry as many Threat points as possible by playing the right Consultant, with or without an applicable Buff to boost your defense.
- Calculate Player 1's attack score by subtracting defensive score (Consultant) from attacking score (Threat). The sum can never be less than 0.
- Flip the order and repeat the process with Player 2 attacking.
- Calculate who won the round and by how many points. The losing player flips the corresponding amount of Budget tokens face down.

BETWEEN ROUNDS

- Put played cards in a separate discard pile.
- Refill your hands and make sure they consist of: 3 Consultants, 3 Threats and 2 Buffs.
- If any pile runs out of cards, lay down your hands and shuffle the entire deck before drawing new ones.

WINNING/LOSING THE GAME

The first player to run out of Budget tokens goes bankrupt and loses their IT department. All hail the winner, crowned King/Queen of Consultants!