

FROG FRACTIONS

JUMPCHAIN

A frog named Hop sits on a lilypad, fighting off bugs and protecting his precious fruit. What Hop doesn't realise is that at this moment he's also learning the miracle of fractions! That's right, this is an educational jump, and whatever role you choose you're bound to come away with a thorough education in both numerators and denominators.

That's it. That's all there is to it. Just frogs, fruit and fractions. What's with that look? Okay, there might be a little bit more than meets the eye here, but you'll have to find that out for yourself. Whether you're relaxing in a pond, piloting a spacecraft or breaking new ground as the President of Bug Mars, you'll find that you're never far from the wonderful world of fractions.

Hey, what's that below you?



[+1000 FRUIT]

Species

First up, let's decide exactly what kind of creature you are in this world.

Frog - You are a regular frog, with a very long tongue and a color and pattern of your choice. Strong, sturdy, reliable. You really can't go wrong with a frog. It'll be up to you to gather up bugs or fruit to sustain yourself, but it's an easy enough life sitting on your lilypad. And if you get bored, I'm sure you can find something else to occupy your time...



Zorkmid - One of the insectoid natives of Bug Mars, you may resemble any known bug of your choice, although your capabilities are the same regardless. You now sustain yourself off fruit, although you may find some stiff competition for your meals. You can fly, breathe in the vacuum of space, and fire off colored pellets to damage your opponents' health and dignity. Just the usual bug things.



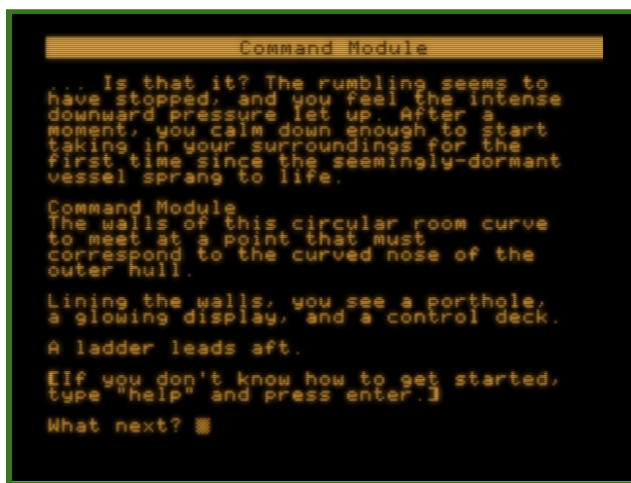
Dragon (100 fruit) - Just like Hop's companion Draggy, you're a huge (relative to frogs, anyway) dragon capable of flying and swimming at high speeds indefinitely. Bugs tremble in your presence and you're an effective mount, and you can even transform yourself into a turtle if you feel so inclined. You also look great in sunglasses.

Species Import - Woah, be careful. You aren't thinking of being a human, are you? With those tiny tongues and distaste for eating bugs, it'd be a nightmare. Whether it's a human form or any other species you've picked up along your journey, you may import it as your species in this jump for free. Hope you don't mind some odd looks.

Origins

Next up, pick the origin that best represents who you want to be.

Fraction Enthusiast (Drop-In) - Nice and simple. You're just your average joe, with an above average fondness for the area of mathematics known as fractions. Don't worry if you aren't the best at them yet. You'll figure it out in no time. You'll be starting in your run-of-the-mill small pond, but I'm sure you'll be moving onto bigger things before long.



Spaceship Captain - You won't be found anywhere on Earth. You're more at home up in the stars, dodging asteroids and bugs while snatching up valuable space fruit. Whether you're riding a dragon or piloting a highly complex text-based zorkmid spacecraft complete with cryogenic sleep chambers and pink goop dispensers, you're bound to have some great adventures - and learn some great fractions!

Bug Mars Citizen - Far out in space lies the red planet you'll be starting at, known as Bug Mars. Aside from their huge industry of bug porn, this planet is chock-full of opportunities to learn fractions! You can take this option even if you aren't a Zorkmid, in which case you'll have recently passed the citizenship test and become fully naturalised among your new bug brethren.



President of Bug Mars - Not just a citizen, you have recently been inaugurated as the President of Bug Mars. Your job now is to handle the welfare of your citizens while leading your planet to a strong future. Alternatively, you could just pour drugs into the water supply to keep them docile, sell copious amounts of bug porn while printing money, and then slack off in your presidential swimming pool until someone gets around to impeaching you. Tough call.

Perks

Time to start spending all that fruit. Discounts for each origin are 50% off.

Fractions are Fun! (free for all) - Fractions: you can't get enough of them! You're a master of all kinds of fractions, and can quickly add them up and mix them together and do any other kind of sums in your head in the blink of an eye. You would be one of the smartest people in the world with this kind of brainpower, if only your immense genius extended to whole numbers as well. An intense passion for fractions is an optional part of this perk, but highly recommended.

Enable Lock-On Targeting (100 fruit) - This eyeball-installed, auto-targeting HUD helps you make a glowy-red list of bugs you hate. Your accuracy is vastly improved as your cybernetic eye locks onto a foe and allows you to pinpoint exactly where your tongue or other weapon is heading. A no-brainer purchase.

Disable Lock-On Targeting (100 fruit, requires Enable Lock-On Targeting) - But then again, chicks don't dig on cyborgs, and it makes licking bugs less fun anyway. For another 100 fruit you can get the surgeon to take it out again. That's much better.

Re-Enable Lock-On Targeting (50 fruit, requires Disable Lock-On Targeting) - You sure do miss lock-on targeting. It was pretty sweet.

Disable Lock-On Targeting Again (50 fruit, requires Re-Enable Lock-On Targeting) - You're so sick of lock-on targeting! It just doesn't have the 'friction' of going au naturale.

Lock. On. Targeting. (50 fruit, requires Disable Lock-On Targeting Again) - Automation is what separates us from the apes, if you think about it.

I'm Done With Lock-On Targeting (50 fruit, requires Lock. On. Targeting) - Manual targeting is more fuel efficient *and* faster.

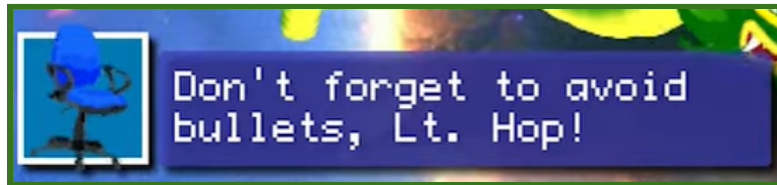
Frog Fractions Learns Typing (100 fruit, Free Fraction Enthusiast) - As if fractions weren't enough. You're also an expert of all things typing-related. You can write at the fastest possible words per minute physically possible on any kind of keyboard with a substantial general boost to your dexterity and reflexes. You'll also never make a mistake while typing, since you instinctively know the correct spelling of any word you can think of, even if you've never seen it written down before. You'll take the world of spelling bees by storm.

Durians (200 fruit, Discount Fraction Enthusiast) - Things that smell bad are less attractive. Thus, if you made all your stuff smell terrible, you could probably make people a lot less inclined to steal it. Or you could just get this perk, which makes the idea of stealing anything from you seem significantly less appealing to any would-be thieves. They won't be able to pinpoint exactly why, but the thought of doing so will give them a bad feeling in their gut, as though they had just eaten a really disgusting fruit. If you really want, this perk can also optionally make all your stuff smell like durians. Weirdo.

Cybernetic Brain (400 fruit, Discount Fraction Enthusiast) - Being good at fractions is one thing, understanding scientific notation is another entirely. Your brain is like a highly powerful computer, capable of running through multiple trains of thought at once, simulating scenarios, storing vast reserves of data, and solving any calculation put before it in seconds. This will probably help with learning fractions.

The Indignity (600 fruit, Discount Fraction Enthusiast) - You have a tangible bar you can mentally bring up at will which records your current level of indignity. This will increase with every instance of rudeness, violence or other undignified treatment you receive, and its limit is set by your own temper and patience. When it hits this limit, you will have the option to enter a frenzy, the exact strength multiplier of which is determined by how much indignity you have managed to endure before hitting your limit. Regardless, it's an immense power boost, enough to allow a mistreated frog to rip apart a mechanical octopus with its tongue alone.

Comms (100 fruit, Free Spaceship Captain) - When you choose to have this perk enabled, you'll regularly receive short messages from an invisible support team following along with your progress. These will often consist of meaningless quips and words of encouragement, but they'll also occasionally have some useful advice when you're in a predicament. You'll never directly meet your crew, but their avatars lead you to assume they consist of renowned scientist Albert Einstein, a smiley face with sunglasses, and a chair, among others.



Lieutenant Jumper (200 fruit, Discount Spaceship Captain) - Something about you just gives the unmistakable impression that you're a lieutenant. If you claim this title, no one will ever question what military granted you such a rank, and anywhere you go you'll be treated as though your rank came from whatever military-style organisation is looked upon most favourably in the area, even those which don't have a lieutenant position. This perk won't provide you with actual military clearance or a job, although it should be easy enough to leverage such things with these assumptions about your status.

Do a Barrel Roll (400 fruit, Discount Spaceship Captain) - They don't call you Lieutenant Jumper for nothing. When it comes to piloting spacecraft (or dragons), no one can match your skillful maneuvers. Skimming past asteroids, reversing course, high-speed landings, with your grace you could make even the most dangerous techniques look as easy as sliding a cursor across a screen.

TXT WORLD! (600 fruit, Discount Spaceship Captain) - You're really good at text-based adventure games. Wait, no, don't go. There's more. You're able to treat the world around as you as though it was some kind of simple adventure game. Circumstances align to allow you to solve the vast majority of problems which come your way through a combination of picking up objects, using them on your environment, and occasionally combining them to create something entirely new. There's almost always a solution, even if it's occasionally unclear or convoluted. When your spaceship begins to fall apart around you, just remember to start by picking up the duct tape and using it on the exposed wires.

Deep Sea Dive (100 fruit, Free Bug Mars Citizen) - You have a knack for exploration which causes you to always stumble across places of interest - hidden caves, underwater tunnels and the like. These locations are usually long and sprawling, but if you're willing to trek all the way to the very end, they almost always contain treasure worth your time. Exactly what kind of treasure awaits depends on the setting you're in, but here you can expect secret stocks of fruit, rare gems and maybe even a functioning rocket ship.

Boxing Enthusiast (200 fruit, Discount Bug Mars Citizen) - You're a champion at boxing. Not the rough physical kind pioneered by Andre Filipe Filipe, but the gentleman's sport of extended conversation created by his father Andre Filipe. Two men square off and talk for days on end, until one can take no more and submits. You have the intense stamina and lung capacity required to talk for days without pause, and the conversational ability to not run out of things to say in all that time. I suppose that stamina would probably translate well to roughhousing as well, if you were willing to disrespect such a fine gentlemanly tradition.

Citizenship Test (400 fruit, Discount Bug Mars Citizen) - Not everywhere is as welcoming to new arrivals as Bug Mars. Thankfully, you have a knack for being accepted into new places. Any town, state, planet or the like that is at least somewhat open to outsiders will accept you with open arms, while places where you would usually be shot on sight will instead offer a test to see if you know their culture well enough to be granted a temporary visa. Behave well within their society for long enough, and you may even be offered a full citizenship.

Courtroom Antics (600 fruit, Discount Bug Mars Citizen) - When you're around, every trial becomes a kangaroo court. Like any proud bug lawyer, you specialise in getting your clients out of jams by just throwing things at a wall and seeing what sticks. Accuse the prosecution of being communists, challenge the judge to a rap battle, declare yourself a god not bound by mortal rules. These are all methods with a surprisingly high success rate on Bug Mars, and with this perk will now be just as effective in any kind of legal setting. Actually being formally punished for crimes is no longer a concern for you, so long as you can always think of some new absurdity to escape the fumbling long arm of the law.

Capitalism Tip (100 fruit, Free President of Bug Mars) - Be sure to charge more for your product than it cost to produce! You have a kind of sixth sense for monetisation, enough to always know if a particular venture is profitable or not and help you determine exactly the best means of profiting from whatever your current venture is. What's more, you never seem to get into any serious trouble for abusing your positions to make some extra dough. Watch those Zorkmids roll in.

Print More Zorkmids (200 fruit, Discount President of Bug Mars) - I guess we'll let your successor worry about the inflation problem. People seem incapable of blaming you for the long-term problems caused by your actions, only seeing the negatives in terms of immediate consequences. As long as you step away before the repercussions come into view, people will instinctively put all the blame at the feet of whoever came after you, leaving your reputation untarnished. Just make sure you're out of office before people start to feel the price of all that hyperinflation you caused.

Bug Porn (400 fruit, Discount President of Bug Mars) - If there's one thing you're good at, it's placating the public. Whether by drugging the water supply or mass-producing bug pornography, you're a master in the subtle art of bread and circuses. You always know the best way to keep the people happy and distracted from any non-life threatening hardships in their life, most of which you probably had a hand in. As long as you put this skill to good use and don't go too overboard, you should avoid any unwelcome revolutions.

Dance Dance REVOLUTION! (600 fruit, Discount President of Bug Mars) - Candidate Jumper, what say you to allegations that you are not a natural-born citizen, that you're under 35, and that you're a frog? All eyes are on you. There's no getting out of this one. Or is there? When you're faced with hard questions, public scandals and the like, you know a secret method to keep your reputation intact: dance like your life depends on it. By breaking into dance, you'll not only create a highly effective short-term distraction from any accusations, but you'll also be able to much more easily win people over. By the end of your routine, most people will have forgotten what was being talked about in the first place, and there's a good chance those who do remember will be too enamoured to care. Don't worry if you can't dance either - the public loves an underdog!

Items

Hope you saved some of that fruit. Discounts for each origin are 50% off.

Like a Billion Fruits (100 Fruit, Free Fraction Enthusiast) - You're rich! In terms of things which can be purchased with fruit, anyway. You have a huge pile of various kinds of ever-ripe fruit in your warehouse, which replenishes as fast as you can eat it.

Jumper's Iconic Cap (200 Fruit, Discount Fraction Enthusiast) - Who could forget your iconic accessory, that thing you've always worn and has always been associated with you? When you wear this accessory of your choice (which can be imported), it will become deeply associated with you in the minds of anyone who sees you wearing it. They'll always think of you when they see anything similar and they may even begin to retroactively believe you always wore it. Now that's how you make an impression!

Pond (400 Fruit, Discount Fraction Enthusiast) - Your very own large pond, complete with a small army of frogs to keep your fruit safe from any invading bugs. It's a fine place to sit and learn fractions, and any learning you do in its vicinity will be supernaturally effective. This pond can be added to any existing properties you own or turned into a warehouse attachment.

Pink Goop Dispenser (100 Fruit, Free Spaceship Captain) - Resembling a coffee machine, this futuristic device can slowly produce an infinite quantity of pink goop. This viscous substance can be used as a fuel source, as well as tasting particularly delicious. Be careful though, as it will stick to surfaces and quickly become a nightmare to clean if spilled.

Cryogenic Sleep Chamber (200 Fruit, Discount Spaceship Captain) - A small pod which allows you to put yourself into a cryogenic sleep for as long as you like, so long as you remember to power it up before getting in (pink goop is best, but any fuel source will work). This chamber can be attached to other devices like spaceships and given conditions under which to wake you up, allowing you to be revived early in case of emergency.

Zorkmid Spaceship (400 Fruit, Discount Spaceship Captain) - A large spaceship, fully outfitted with the best technology Bug Mars has to offer. Not only can this ship fly on autopilot, but it also has a built-in wayfinder and will self-repair over time. As a result, it can be trusted to safely reach almost any co-ordinates in the galaxy, even if it takes a few years. You might want to break out that cryogenic sleep chamber to pass the time. You may also import an existing vessel to receive these spacefaring upgrades.

Bug Statues (100 Fruit, Free Bug Mars Citizen) - A collection of enormous statues which can easily be transferred in and out of your warehouse. They depict some of the most famous bug celebrities and historical figures, including Bug Betsy Ross, Bug Snooki (of Bug Jersey Shore fame), Bug Thomas Jefferson, and General Stonewall 'Bug' Jackson. These statues are updated each jump to feature new key figures from each world, adding to your collection.

Police Bot (200 Fruit, Discount Bug Mars Citizen) - A large robot with six mechanical tendrils and a keen eye for intruders. This hovering machine is fitted with a rudimentary AI which will follow your basic instructions and specialises in combat and capture, with a glowing core that can electrify and pull in those who try to fight back.

Courtroom (400 Fruit, Discount Bug Mars Citizen) - A genuine Bug Mars courtroom, complete with a jury and judge. This is considered a sovereign part of Bug Mars here and on future worlds, and if you so desire, the same can now apply to any of your other properties. This means that any crimes committed in these locations are considered to fall under the jurisdiction of Bug Mars and must be tried in this courtroom. It will be up to you to enforce the law and handle the diplomatic intricacies of extradition, but you won't find any governments stepping in or declaring the verdicts handed down in this kangaroo court to be unlawful.

Limousine (100 Fruit, Free President of Bug Mars) - A fancy limo complete with a chauffeur and miniature bar. This vehicle is stored in your warehouse but can be called upon at will, at which point it will roll up alongside you. Perfect for easy transport and letting everyone around you to know just how filthy rich you are.

Copious Amounts of Bug Porn (200 Fruit, Discount President of Bug Mars) -

That's a lot of megabytes. An infinitely replenishing supply of insect pornography may seem slightly niche, but this old hard drive in your warehouse has plenty of uses. Any species which is even vaguely insectoid will be intensely attracted to any of the content generated from this machine, and can become addicted to it as easily as any drug. Make sure you're charging high prices for this quality stuff.

Presidential Swimming Pool (400 Fruit, Discount President of Bug Mars) -

Being president is a stressful job. That's why you had this enormous swimming pool complex built. This building is lavishly decorated in a style of your choice, and contains everything you could possibly need to relax after a hard day of work. If you want, it can be attached to any existing property you own or turned into a warehouse attachment.

Companions

Do some of your friends want to learn fractions too? The more the merrier!

Secret Service Detail (100 Fruit) - A crucial part of the presidential lifestyle and a great conversation starter. These eight highly trained walrus agents take up a single companion slot. They will protect you and your allies with their lives, and will even return to life shortly after being killed to continue protecting you. With that said, they enjoy lounging around and will likely spend most of their time watching TV if not given frequent orders to stay alert.

Import (50 fruit each, 8 for 300) - Spread the gift of fractions to a friend. For each purchase of this option you may import an existing companion or create a new one, giving them an origin of your choice and 600 fruit to spend on perks with the relevant discounts applied. For 300 fruit, you may bulk import 8 companions.

Canon Character (100 Fruit each) - Got your eye on someone specific? Want to befriend Hop the Frog or network with Draggy Ceilingeater? For each purchase of this option you may pick a single canon Frog Fractions character to be guaranteed several favourable interactions with, and if they so choose, they can join you at the end of the jump as a new companion.

Drawbacks

Your chance to get some more fruit. There is a +600 fruit drawback limit.

Hop the Frog (+0 fruit) - Normally, Hop the Frog would be having his adventure over the timeframe of this jump, starting by eating bugs in a small pond before fighting his way through space on the back of a dragon, becoming a citizen of Bug Mars, piloting a rocket ship and eventually becoming president. With this drawback, you can now take the place of Hop the Frog on the appropriate stage of his journey for the origin you have chosen, picking up both his memories and his insatiable taste for bugs. Best of luck, Lieutenant Hop.

Glittermitten Grove / Frog Fractions 3 (+0 fruit) - You aren't in the world of Frog Fractions at all. You live among a small fairy village in the forest, scavenging for supplies and building homes to survive the winter. However, there's more to this world than there seems, and if you dig down too far or look too high in the sky you may notice a strange door. There's no telling what adventures you'll find if you step through.

Jumper's Iconic Cap / Timeskip (+0 fruit) - You start the jump with a cool hat. You wouldn't think that would make much difference, but it actually changes everything. You won't be in the events of the original Frog Fractions at all, but in the midst of a theatrical performance recounting the events decades on. Insects are now welcome on Earth, Hop the frog is married with a daughter, and the world in general seems to have moved on from fractions. Are you also past your prime? Are there no more adventures out there? Does this hat even suit you?

Frog Fractions 2 ARG (+100 fruit) - You wanted Frog Fractions 2? Find it yourself. An alternate reality game has begun which will take you across the Earth with a wide range of cryptic puzzles to lead you to Frog Fractions 2. If you can piece together all the clues and locate the button to unlock Frog Fractions 2 during your time in this jump, you'll be allowed to continue your chain, and can even choose to be transported to Glittermitten Grove if you've picked up that drawback. Otherwise, you will fail your chain and be sent home with nothing to show for your trouble.

No Spoilers (+100 fruit) - Not only is all your metaknowledge of this world gone, but you'll enter this jump absolutely convinced of its normality. The world around you will even start off utterly unremarkable, only gradually revealing its true colors the longer you spend in it. It may even superficially take the appearance of another jump setting which you've been convinced you're actually going to. Each sudden twist will take you by surprise, and by the end of the jump you'll still be asking yourself what happened to the fractions and pinching yourself frequently.

Nightmares (+100 fruit) - You're prone to horrifically realistic nightmares, in which you have been turned into a human, unable to jump and with a tongue far too small to catch any bugs at all. Even if you are actually a human, this prospect will still seem terrifying to you in these nightmares, and you'll often wake up in a cold sweat.

Fractional (+200 fruit) - I, um, was told there'd be no math on this exam. I hope you didn't think you could get away with neglecting your mathematical duties jumper, because now fractions will be a larger part of this world than ever before, with even the simplest of tasks having a component that requires you to work with numerators and denominators. To make matters worse, any perks or items which might help with maths no longer work in these cases, leaving you to actually have to figure out the sum each and every time. At least you'll be an expert by the time you leave.

Content-Aware Phil (+200 fruit) - The worst kind of person. This smug smiley face with sunglasses and top hat will follow you on all your adventures, doubting the plausibility of their circumstances and making frequent smarmy comments about your competence and appearance. He will complain when he feels you're getting too political, demand evidence for even the most inane statements you make, and cannot be killed or stopped in any way, shape or form, leaving you little option but to put up with the constant indignity of his presence.

One Big Adventure (+300 fruit) - Just one big adventure. That's all you need to fix this family, to earn your daughter's love. You're washed up and past your prime, stuck performing reruns of your one big adventure at the local theatre and reminiscing about the good old days. There may still be more adventures in your future, but you aren't the same frog you used to be, and you'll find even the adventure of finding the remote control will leave you out of breath. Start small.

Ending Notes

Time's up. You've spent a reasonable timespan of your choice within the world of Frog Fractions, and you're ready to move on. The question is - what now?

Quit - If you're finally ready to hang up your iconic cap, you can return to your home world. You'll be given a refresher on your old memories and can keep everything you've earned over the course of your chain in your retirement.

Upgrade - Of course, you're welcome to stay. Your affairs back home will all be sorted, and you'll be left to stay in the world of Frog Fractions forever along with an extra 1000 fruit to spend in the document.

New Game - If you're ready to move on, you're welcome to leave this bizarre world behind and go on to your next jump, with all your new powers and a much more thorough knowledge of fractions.

Looking for something?

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Oh hey, what's this?

Indecision (free, requires I'm Done With Lock-On Targeting) - It's okay. I get it. It's hard to decide. That's why this perk will let you toggle Lock-On Targeting on and off whenever you like, no questions asked. You'll also gain an innate gut instinct for which decisions will lead to the best outcomes, and when you've made the right decision according to your own personal criteria, you'll feel much more resolute in your conviction and doubt yourself less. It's the least I could do for your benefactor, to make sure this situation doesn't happen again.