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1.0 - INTRODUCTION
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This is my third game guide!

Actually, this is just a micro-FAQ. A list of the best places to level up to say the least. I don't know if you will agree, but I believe the information found in this guide is one of the most demanded info by those new to Final Fantasy VII... (just check the different FF7 message boards).

Sure, guides telling you how to make your characters too powerful makes the games little less challenging, but not all gamers plays the game for challenge. If I may say, many would want to finish the game just for the sake of finishing it. I don't see any thing wrong about that. Well, games are there just to entertain us.

For those level up freaks, leveling up as high as you can is one of the fastest and easiest way to beat most RPG's. With this guide, you'll be leveling up in no time. Level up to your heart's content! If you're happy with that, my efforts for this guide will be compensated already :)

Happy gaming!

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Baguio City, Philippines
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2.0 - BEST PLACES FOR EXP, AP & GIL
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I did not list all the enemies in the following areas. I included only the best sources of EXP / AP in each place. EXP / AP / GIL received vary depending on the number of enemies appearing at each battle encounter.

2.1 - DISC 1

JUNON, PATH

In the path going to the Underwater Reactor, where you saw a platoon of soldier practicing their drill, you will see a red switch at the wall. Press it and an alarm will sound. This will trigger you to have random enemies in that area.

--> Death Machine
 EXP : 900
 AP : 80

GIL : 1200

--> Slalom 2x or 3x
EXP : 1400-2100
AP : 140- 210
GIL : 3000-4500

WHAT'S GOOD? This is the first GREAT place to level up.

MIDEEL AREA

--> Head Hunters x3 or x4
EXP : 1950-2600
AP : 240- 320
GIL : 3000-4000

--> Crysales x3
EXP : 2400
AP : 210
GIL : 1800

--> Spirals x2 or x3
EXP : 1400-2100
AP : 160- 240
GIL : 2600-3900

--> Sea Worm
EXP : 1300
AP : 200
GIL : 5000

WHAT'S GOOD? Spiral + Morph = Guard Sources!
Best level up place before going to the Northern Cave.

CORAL VALLEY

--> Bound Fats + Malldancers
EXP : 1920-2260
AP : 208- 332
GIL : 2450

WHAT'S GOOD? Enemies are easy, while giving good amount of EXP.
Bound Fat + Morph = Dazer (Paralyze. Effective vs RUBY)

WUTAI AREA

Tail Vault/Razor Weed/
--> Edgehead/Thunder Bird/
Bizarre Bug
EXP : 1190-1665
AP : 96- 152
GIL : 1080-1480

WHAT'S GOOD? Bizarre Bugs gives X-Potion when defeated. Essential when doing the SCIENM Challenge.

2.2 - DISC 2

SUNKEN GELNIKA

--> Unknown
 EXP : 1500
 AP : 150
 GIL : 5000

--> Unknown 2
 EXP : 3000
 AP : 300
 GIL : 10000

--> Unknown 3
 EXP : 2000
 AP : 200
 GIL : 7500

--> Serpent
 EXP : 1400
 AP : 70
 GIL : 2500

WHAT'S GOOD? S-O-U-R-C-E-S!

CACTUS ISLAND

If you don't know, you can find this island directly south of Cosmo Canyon.

--> Cactuer
 EXP : 1000
 AP : 100
 GIL : 1000

WHAT'S GOOD? Cactuer + Morph = Tetra Elemental (before disc 3!)

2.3 - DISC 3

NORTHERN CAVE

--> Magic Pots x1 or x2
 EXP : 8000-16000
 AP : 1000- 2000
 GIL : 8500-17000

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--> Master Tonberry
    EXP : 6000
    AP  : 200
    GIL : 6800

--> Dark Dragon
    EXP : 5000
    AP  : 350
    GIL : 2500

--> Dragon Zombie
    EXP : 4000
    AP  : 300
    GIL : 2800

--> Death Dealer 2x
    EXP : 3600
    AP  : 400
    GIL : 2400

--> 3 Movers (rare)
    EXP : 0
    AP  : 2400
    GIL : 90000

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WHAT'S GOOD? Magic Pots 2x + EXP Plus = 32000 EXP!
              Mover + Apocalypse/Javelin = 7200 AP !
              Mover + Gil Plus           = 180000 GIL!
              Mover + Morph              = Protect Ring
              Tonberry + Morph           = Ribbon

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3.0 - MISCELLANEOUS
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3.1 - More EXP & GIL
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Do you know that there is a special materia that doubles the amount of EXP & GIL you gain from battles? Yap! That's right... EXP & GIL Plus materia!

Go to Gold Saucer's Wonder Square. Change your GP for Items. When choosing the item to get, choose the one with ????????, which costs 2000 GP, you will receive the EXP Plus materia. The one that costs 1000 is the Gil Plus materia.

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3.2 - More AP
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If you think that AP was left out, you're wrong!

Most characters will acquire at least 2 weapons with double growth weapons, while others are lucky enough to acquire triple growth weapons. Most of these weapons have unlinked slots, but there are also very few that has linked ones. Besides weapons, there are also 2 armors that allow for double materia growth. Unfortunately, both armors have unlinked slots. Here's the list of all equipments that allow double/triple materia growth:

Weapons

Peace Maker

Location: Kalm Town, buy at Junon (Disc 2)
Growth : Double
Slots : () () ()

Magic Comb

Location: won from Fort Condor battle, buy at Junon (Disc 2)
Growth : Double
Slots : () () ()

White M-Phone

Location: Gongaga, buy at Junon (Disc 2)
Growth : Double
Slots : () () ()

Force Stealer

Location: Given by Rufus, buy at North Corel
Growth : Double
Slots : () () ()

Wind Slash

Location: Cargo Ship, buy at Junon (Disc 2)
Growth : Double
Slots : () () ()

Motor Drive

Location: Costa del Sol Villa
Growth : Double
Slots : () () ()

Wizard Staff

Location: Mt. Corel, buy at Junon (Disc 2)
Growth : Double
Slots : () () ()

W Machinegun

Location: Mt. Corel, buy at Junon (Disc 2)
Growth : Double
Slots : () () ()

Black M-Phone

Location: Cave of the Gi
Growth : Double
Slots : () () () ()

Wizer Staff

Location: won from Gi Nattak
Growth : Double
Slots : () () () ()

Platinum Fist

Location: Tifa's house (given by man in cape), buy at Junon (Disc 2)
Growth : Double
Slots : () () () ()

Twin Viper

Location: Shinra Mansion, buy at Junon (Disc 2)
Growth : Double
Slots : () () () ()

Rune Blade

Location: Mt. Nibel, buy at Junon (Disc 2)
Growth : Double
Slots : () () () ()

Plus Barrette

Location: Mt. Nibel, buy at Junon (Disc 2)
Growth : Double
Slots : () () () ()

Powersoul

Location: Mt. Nibel, buy at Junon (Disc 2)
Growth : Double
Slots : () () () ()

Drill Arm

Location: Cid's house, buy at Junon (Disc 2)
Growth : Double
Slots : () () () ()

Viper Halberd

Location: Corral Valley, buy at Junon (Disc 2)
Growth : Double
Slots : () () () ()

Javelin

Location: Gaea's Cliff
Growth : Double
Slots : ()=() ()=() ()

Buntline

Location: buy at Junon (Disc 2)
Growth : Double
Slots : () () () ()

Rising Sun

Location: steal from Diamond Weapon
Growth : Double
Slots : ()=() ()=()

Apocalypse

Location: Ancient Forest
Growth : Triple
Slots : () () ()

Scimitar

Location: Junon Underwater Reactor
Growth : Triple
Slots : ()=()

Armors

Platinum Bangle

Location: Costa del Sol

Growth : Double
Slots : () ()

Rune Armlet

Location: buy at Bone Village
Growth : Double
Slots : () () () ()

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5.0 - VERSION HISTORY
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This guide was made after I got tired of topics from beginners like "Where is the best place to level up?". Another reason why I made this guide is for the sake of convenience. It's too cumbersome to browse at a monster FAQ/list just to look for the info about exp, ap or gil. So, I made this little guide to help them. I tried to post it at GameFAQs, but unfortunately it was rejected for 'oversaturation'. I looked at the net for a possible host for this little (but I think, very helpful) guide and I found Neoseeker who gave my guide a chance.

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14 October 2003 - started the Best Places for EXP and AP Guide.
14 October 2003 - finished Version 0.99.

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7.0 - PARTING WORDS
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I WILL BE GLAD TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Tell me what you think about this guide... comments, suggestions, added info, corrections, and constructive criticisms are all welcome.

I WILL APPRECIATE IF YOU WILL FIRST TELL ME YOUR GFAQs USER NAME (if you have).

If you think you should be given credit but was not included in the list, mail/contact me and I'll make the appropriate actions.

Don't hesitate to e-mail me if you have anything in your mind regarding gaming. I am one of the most hospitable FAQ Contributors here. You're guaranteed to get a reply as soon as I read your mail :) If after one week you did not receive any reply, it's either: (1)I did not receive your mail for some reasons, (2)I'm sick, (3)I'm VERY busy, (4)I'm on a vacation or (5)I'm already dead :(

I will be more than willing to help in any way I can. God bless!

Fantasy Gamer

"Let's mosey!"

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THANK YOU FOR READING! HOPE YOU LIKED IT!
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