

# Downtime & Small Tasks

Because most shoppers handle their own purchases, downtime is a constant undercurrent of station life.

This isn't "waiting" in the traditional game sense — it's space to act, reflect, or catch small moments of unfolding story. Even when the shop is still, the station hums: someone passes in the Outer Hallway, a shipment arrives, or your PDA pings with new gossip. During these quiet stretches, you can engage in small, optional actions that reinforce the feeling of a lived-in space.

## Personal Touches

- Make coffee or tea — the cup remains on your desk or display counter.
- Adjust trinkets or knickknacks simply out of habit.
- Change music tracks or put on headphones to muffle the world.

## Shop Care

- Straighten a display.
- Polish the counter.
- Water your plant.
- Restock items piece-by-piece instead of relying on auto-fill.

## Idle Observation

- Watch foot traffic outside the shop.
- Sit in your chair and absorb ambient station sounds.
- Glance through your PDA for non-urgent rumors.

Some of these actions are purely cosmetic; others can trigger small events or overheard dialogue, giving the sense that you are *present in passing moments*.

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