



Cribbage Solitaire

Version 1.0

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Getting Started

System Requirements

- + Windows 3.1
- + Pointing Device (mouse, etc.)

Installing Cribbage Solitaire

<Now there is a silly topic. If you are reading this you have probably already installed Cribbage Solitaire>

- + If working from an issue disk:
 - 1) Insert issue disk in drive slot (A: or B:)
 - 2) While in Windows Program Manager type:
<alt>F R A:setup or <alt>F R B:setup
 - 3) Follow on-screen instructions.
- + If working from compressed BBS file:
 - 1) Create new directory "Crib" (or whatever). Decompress files to the new directory.
 - 2) Use Windows Program Manager. Select FILE, NEW, PROGRAM ITEM, And BROWSE. Find CRIBSOL.EXE and Click on done.

Required Files

- + CRIBSOL.EXE -- The game program.
- + VBRUN300.DLL -- The Visual Basic runtime library. Included on issue disk only.
- + QCARD.DLL -- Default card library.
- + CRIBSOL.HLP -- This help file.
- + SHERDN01.VBX -- Control file.

Optional Files

- + CRIBSOL.INI -- Initialization file for game, created by the program.
- + CARDS.DLL -- Alternate card library, not included.

Playing

Cribbage Solitaire

When the program is finished loading, the main program window is shown, consisting of the playing area and the Menu.

The Playing Area

On the left side of the window, is the card grid. This is a four by four grid where you will be placing your cards as you play. Immediately to the right is a deck of cards, with one card turned up: that is the top card. On the right side of the window is a summary of the scoring rules. At the top of this is listed the current setting of the difficulty level. At the bottom is the score panel.

Placing Cards

When the game starts, the card grid is empty. The top card on the deck can be placed on the grid by clicking on the grid position you want it to fill. Only one card may be placed in a single location. As each card is placed the next card appears.

Purpose of the Game

Place the cards, one at a time, onto the card grid, attempting to score higher than the target score. If you score less than that in any individual set, the game will end. If you equal or exceed the target, the game will continue with the next set. The game continues until you fail to make your target.

Scoring Cribbage Solitaire

Scoring Rules

High Score

The player plays until he or she loses (by not making the target score). The total cumulative score is then compared to the current high score and if the player has bettered it their name will be displayed in the score box

The Menu

The menu bar gives access to the various game options listed below:

File

New Game Ends current game

Exit Exits Program

Options

Card Set Choose card set

Card Back Choose card back

Animation* Toggle card back animation

Difficulty level Set level of difficulty

Reset High Score

Register !! Register your copy

Help

Help Runs this file

About Display about box

Scoring Rules

Scoring Cribbage Solitaire

At the end of a set, there are 16 cards laid face up on the playing area. Each row of four cards and each column of four cards is combined with the final face up card on the deck (the starter card) and scored independantly as follows:

Two points for each set of two or more cards totalling fifteen. Aces worth 1, Numbered cards worth face value, Face cards worth 10 .

Example: 5clubs, 7clubs, 8dia, Khearts, 7dia

Scores: 6 for Fifteens - 7clubs + 8dia, 7dia + 8dia, 5clubs + Khearts.

As you can see, a card can be counted several times, as long as each time is a unique combination.

Two points for each pair. Two cards of the same rank

Example: 10hearts, 10dia

This means that you score:

Six points for every three-of-a-kind (a three-of-a-kind contains three distinct pairs), and

Twelve points for every four-of-a-kind (a four-of-a-kind contains six distinct pairs).

One point for every card in a run of three or more, regardless of suit.

Example: 1 2 3 3 4

Scores: 8 points, 4 for the first run 1 2 3 4, 4 for the next run 1 2 3 4.

One point for every card in a flush (three or more cards of the same suit).

One point for *His Nob*. If you have the jack of the same suit as the final top card (starter) placed, score 1.

Two points for *His Heels*. If the last top card is a

Jack, score 2 .

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About

Cribbage Solitaire

Cribbage Solitaire was written using Visual Basic 3.0 for Windows Standard Edition.

I would like to acknowledge the following people without whose help and support this program would not have been written:

My Wife Lisa: For her endless patience with late night coding.

David McCarter: The Author of the Helpfile-Format Magazine Visual Basic Tips and Tricks.

Brett Foster: Whose advice helped me through a rough patch of API coding.

Stephen Murphy: The author of the card library QCARD.DLL (Programmers note, Qcard is FREEWARE!).

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Registering

If after 15 days you are still using Cribbage Solitaire, you must register your copy. You have several levels of registration to choose from:

Basic Registration - You receive a code number that will register your copy of Cribbage Solitaire and disable the nag screen. It will do the same for all future versions. Price: \$10.00/L6.25

Disk Registration - Along with your code number you will receive your very own Cribbage Solitaire installation disk. Price: \$15.00/L9.50

Deluxe Registration - In addition to a installation disk, you will receive on that same disk the full Visual Basic standard edition source files for Cribbage Solitaire. When future versions are released, you will receive free upgrades. Price: \$20.00/L12.50

Order by E-Mail: CompuServe members may register on-line by typing "GO SWREG" at any prompt and selecting ID 3340. If you register on-line, you will receive your registration code by CompuServe E-Mail and the registration price will be billed to your CompuServe account.

Order by Post: To order Cribbage Solitaire, please complete the order form ORDER.TXT. This can be loaded into Notebook or printed out using the "Print Order Form" option on the "nag" screen. When you have it filled out, put it in the mail with a check or money order made out to "Timothy J. Mitchell" and send it to:

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QCARD.DLL

Qcard.dll is a freeware addon card game library for Visual Basic written by Stephen Murphy. It is available on CompuServe's MSBASIC forum as QCARD.ZIP in Library 5.

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source files

NOTE: these files will be slightly modified. The code for the registration module will be altered and the program code will be modified to run without any commercial VBX controls, which you may not have.

These source files are for your personal reference only, and are not to be distributed. Comments, complements, and suggestions for improvement are welcome.

Choose card set

Cribbage Solitaire comes with the card library QCARD.DLL. But the game is designed to make use of another card library as well. If the Microsoft file CARDS.DLL exists in either your Windows, System or Cribsol directories, you have the option of using the cards from it in addition to the cards in QCARD.

CARDS.DLL, Size 148528, Date 10/7/92; is distributed with WINDOWS FOR WORKGROUPS and the WINDOWS ENTERTAINMENT PACK.

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Note: If the Microsoft card library CARDS.DLL is not available, or not selected in the card deck option, then this item will not appear in the menu.

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