Slam!
Version 1.01

Overview

Slam! is an "air hockey" game.   You play against a computer opponent with adjustable quickness and aggressiveness.

To start playing, click anywhere on the table with the left mouse button.   This "grabs" your paddle, and the cursor disappears.   To let go of the paddle and restore the cursor, click the left mouse button again.

The game ends when one side gets 11 points.

If you would like to quit the current game and start a new one, select <u>New</u> under the <u>Game</u> menu.

If you don't like the colors, you can change them.   At any time while the cursor is visible (i.e. you are not "holding" your paddle), position the cursor over the part of the table whose color you want to change, and click the right mouse button.   The standard Windows "color picker" dialog box will appear, allowing you to choose the color you desire.   All changes you make will be automatically saved for future sessions.

Game Options

<u>Opponent</u>

This menu selection brings up a dialog box containing the current quickness and aggressiveness settings of the computer opponent.   Each can be set to a number between 1 and 100 inclusive.

A lower aggressiveness setting causes the computer opponent to protect its goal more and "go after" the puck less.   Setting the aggressiveness higher causes the computer to abandon the defense of its goal more often to go on the attack.

The quickness setting determines how fast the computer can react to things happening on the table.   A low number will make the computer sluggish and more apt to miss the puck.

<u>View Angle</u>

This menu selection brings up a dialog box in which you can set the "table angle".   When set to 0, you are looking at the table edge-on (not a good idea!).   At 90 degrees you are looking straight down at the table from above.   The angle can be set from 0 to 90 degrees inclusive.

<u>Colors</u>

This brings up a dialog box that allows you to set the table, puck, and paddle colors to their default values for either a color or monochrome screen.

<u>Sound</u>

Select this menu item to enable or disable sound effects.   When sound is enabled, a check mark will appear next to <u>Sound</u> in the <u>Options</u> menu.   Note that this menu item will be greyed out if your computer does not have the appropriate sound hardware or Windows driver support.

Other Information

If you would like to write to me with suggestions or problem reports, you can write to me at:

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