

Wriggle

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Chapter 1

Wriggle

1.1 Wriggle documentation

W R I G G L E v2

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### 1.2 Installation of the game

INSTALLATION

Hmmm... Not much to say about it. You have obviously already unpacked the archive, so just see to it that all files remain in the same directory.

The package should (only) contain the files:

Wriggle  
Wriggle.info  
Wriggle.hi (created the first time you run the game)  
Wriggle.dat  
WriggleABC.dat  
Wriggle.gfx  
Wriggle.Guide  
Wriggle.Guide.info

The file Wriggle.hi can be deleted if you want to erase the hiscore. A new file will be created next time you run the game.

## 1.3 Requirements of the game

### REQUIREMENTS

The game will run smoothly and errorfree on any Amiga using OS 2.0 or higher.

If it doesn't work on your machine it probably is the result of a not entierly systemfriendly commodity you have in the background. If you find out what program that causes the problem, please let me know so I can name the program in this documentation.

How to contact me

## 1.4 How to play

### HOW TO PLAY

It is almost the standard worm-game except for the controls. You control the worm with the mouse, which can be tricky at first, but after a few rounds you'll se the advantages with a 'non square' worm. Move freely around the board and pick up food. There is, ofcourse, no danger involved in crossing your own tail. Have you ever seen a worm that dies just because he stumbles on his own tail?

When you start the game for the first time you will be able to select the first three levels, (if the leveledata file contains three levels). To get to the rest of the levels you have to play and get there. After playing to a later level you will be able to select this level in the menu.

Hint: Since the lid apple don't give any rocks or other bad things, but do give all the good things like x-tra life etc. It might be a good thing to take the apples in that special order.

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Tool types - Started from WB

In the games icon there are two tool types:

WINDOW=TRUE - Open the game in a WB-window

NOFADE=TRUE - Don't change the colours in the WB-palette

All colours are restored when the game exits, but if you want to work on the WB while the game is running you might want to have your standard colours.

Observe the function of the 'c' hotkey!!

DEFDATAFILE - Name of file with leveledata to be loaded  
The default file is 'PROGDIR:Wriggle.dat'  
Only datafiles created in Wriggle LevelEd are guaranteed to work!

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Arguments - Started from CLI

The template looks like this: WINDOW/S,NOFADE/S

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Hotkeys

There are hotkeys to all buttons on the menu:

S -> Start game  
E -> Go to the LevelEd  
Q -> Quit game  
ESC -> Quit game  
1,2 -> Change Human/Amiga player  
+,- -> Change Level  
T -> Change Gametype  
C -> Swap between the game colors and the standard WB-palette (not active when NOFADE is used)

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In the game..

.. You can pause the game with 'p'  
.. Abort the current game with 'esc'  
.. Still change colors with 'c'

The bricks that will turn up on the board are:

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the Apple: Eat these to complete level. There are some advantages in taking them in the right order...

the Worm: Gives you another chance

the Diamond: Increase worm length and gives you 1000 points. A longer worm gives more points.

the Ruby: Decreases worm length and gives you 1000 points.

the S: Gives you superpowers - eat rocks to get to trapped pices (only five though..)

the Teleport: Run into one of them and come out thru the other.

the Rock: Just there to annoy you

the Skull: Instant death...

the Wall: Exciting levels with different walls

the Grave: A memorial over lost worms.

## 1.5 Build your own world

### WRIGGLE LEVELED

In v2 of Wriggle a new door opened when the Wriggle LevelEd was introduced. To make your own levels in Wriggle there are just a few things to remember:

- \* Don't fill the screen with pices.  
The game randomly places the food pieces and some rocks on your level, there has to be enough room for them!!
- \* Don't leave closed rooms empty.  
If you make a closed room, fill it with empty pices. Otherwise the random food might end up inside the room and be out of reach for the worm.

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The hotkeys

E -> Exit LevelEd  
S -> Save Track data  
+,- -> Change levels  
N -> Insert new level

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D -> Delete level

When you exit the LevelEd the tracks won't be saved automatically, but the changed levels will stay until the game ends. This gives you the opportunity to test the levels before saving them, but don't forget to go back to the LevelEd to save them!

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The pices

You can't place Apples or Graves, but the rest is up to you.

The Diamond, Ruby, S, Worm, Teleport, Rock, Skull and Wall are explained in  
How to play  
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There are one more pice though: The Empty pice.

The empty pice is placed where you want to assure that no random pice is placed, i.e. in doorways or corridors.

A good thing is to place some empty pices by the start points so that the players don't run into a rock directly at the start. All new levels are initialized with these empty pieces.

It is also a good thing to place an empty pice by the teleport so that no random rocks make it impossible to use it.

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When you're finished

When the tracks are finished, tested and saved and you have checked that all levels are playable, send the datafile to

me  
and I'll  
include it in the next release.

## 1.6 Some info about the game

INFORMATION ABOUT THE GAME / BUGS

Wriggle were my first program written in E.

After v1.5 was released my harddrive crached and I lost the source. But since I liked the game, and several other users asked me to update the game, I decided to rewrite the entire thing.

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While doing this, with the help of a printout of v1.2, I improved and optimized almost every single part of the program so it became a faster game with a smaller bin-file.

After adding some new functions like the computerplayer, keyboardshortcuts and the option to start the game in a WB-window, I decided to release the game as v2 ß.

I then made the biggest update ever made to this game: Real graphix and a Level Editor. A few other new features were added too. I actually made all the changes that were sent to me by eMail, so don't hessitate, if you have any ideas let me know!

I have killed all the bugs around. So I hope I tell the truth when I say:

- There are no bugs in Wriggle! (only worms..)

## 1.7 History and News

### HISTORY

v1.0 Released: end of october 1996

v1.1 Released: 3:rd of november -96

Bugfix: Iritating miss that alowed the player to press the setupbuttons while playing, removed.

New features: Saving hiscore!

v1.2 Never released

A preview of 1.3 only for registered users.

v1.3 Released: 22:nd of december -96

Bugfix/New features: Improved grafix, now the game can be played without the eyes closed... ;)

v1.4 Never released

A preview of 1.5 only for registered users.  
(Maybe i should start call them Beta...)

v1.5 Released: 25:th of february -97

New features: Pause - Just press the right mouse button  
Levels - Not only the random blocks!  
TopTen HiScore!!

General: The game is now faster (i.e. takes less processor-time) thanx to the usage of a cirkular list instead of an

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array for the wormpositions. This means that the worm can be \*any\* length and still use only two assignments each frame. (Longer worms will appear in future versions)

Bugfix: No more blocks will pop up in your face!

v2 β Released: 23:rd june -98

New features: Longer worms  
Computerplayer. A very stupid one, but not random  
The 'demo' and 'info' buttons removed  
New levels  
The highscore-input now accepts any keymap  
Hotkeys added. Both on the menu and in the game  
Possible to open the game in a WB-window  
'Special food' added  
Some (minor) effort to improve graphics

General: Complete rewrite of the entire game.  
Read more about this in  
the about section  
v2 Released:

New features: \*\* Level Editor!! \*\*  
Added Teleport, Grave and Ruby  
DEFDATAFILE Tool type  
One new level (10) just to use the teleport  
New World - WriggleABC.dat

Bugfix: Now using correct, IDCMP-friendly function to read mousebuttons  
The tooltypes in the icon are now used if started from WB  
No more traces after the worm in pieces placed on the worms tail  
No more Gurus when game is started in a window on a 640\*256 WB  
Last level comes again instead of a big bug  
Timerbug on infoscreen fixed  
Spritebug in game fixed, (I hope)

General: OK, so I did something about the graphics too...

## 1.8 No charge what so ever!

### REGISTRATION

This game is free of charge, but just to see where in the world it goes i would appreciate if you took the time to write an e-mail with your thoughts, it's a small job for you but it would mean the world to me.

If you register by  
sending an e-mail  
, you will  
ofcourse get the latest version of this game and  
if you want, future information about new releases.

## 1.9 Thank you!

### GREETINGS

I would like to thank these people for their help with this program. I hope I can help you in some way some day...

Linus Larsson - For teaching me the basics of programming, (in the beginning of time), and for the help with the functions of E.

Holger Pruss - For testing the game on OS 2.04 and reporting the result to me. (It worked! :) (v1.1)

Magnus Malm - For beta testing of V2, finding bugs and great new ideas.

## 1.10 I made this!

### A WORD FROM THE AUTHOR

Enjoy this game and please, if you find anything that you like or do not like, let me know.

I made this game for you, and I will of course alter it if there is something you don't like.

/Jesper Wilhelmsson

Write to: [jive@algonet.se](mailto:jive@algonet.se)

On my homepage you will find sourcecodes to many small applications and games in several different languages. For instance E, C++, AMOS, Pascal, Perl, JAVA, SPIM-assembler and so on...

There are also tips to programmers and some hardware information about the Amiga and information on how to rebuild and improve it.

Take a look at: [www.algonet.se/~jive](http://www.algonet.se/~jive)

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