

# ***Welcome to Power Gamer v1.00***

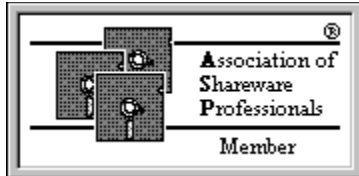
***The key to running games under Windows!***

## **Help Index**

[Program Overview](#)  
[Options dialogue box](#)  
[Adding a game to Program Manager](#)

[Hints and Tips](#)  
[Files and their uses](#)  
[Contacting the author](#)

[Licence Agreements](#)



This program is produced by a member of the Association of Shareware Professionals (ASP). ASP wants to make sure that the shareware principle works for you. If you are unable to resolve a shareware-related problem with an ASP member by contacting the member directly, ASP may be able to help. The ASP Ombudsman can help you resolve a dispute or problem with an ASP member, but does not provide technical support for members' products. Please write to the ASP Ombudsman at 545 Grover Road, Muskegon, MI 49442-9427 USA, FAX 616-788-2765 or send a CompuServe message via CompuServe Mail to ASP Ombudsman 70007,3536

## Copyright

Gorin's Power Gamer for Windows (herein known as "Power Gamer" or "Gamer" or "PWRGAMER") is Copyright © 1994 Neil Gorin

With the exception to allowing the free copying and distribution of the Shareware versions of this product for evaluation purposes, all rights are reserved, including all intellectual rights to the Gorin series of software products.

# ***Contacting the Author***

## **Registrations**

Registration costs £14.95 - Please see REGISTER.WRI for a registration form. You should register if you find Power Gamer to be of use to you. See the [Shareware Licence](#).

When you register, you will receive:

- (1) The latest copy of Power Gamer, plus a file to disable the shareware notices and add your name to the Options box.
- (2) A printed *Quick Tips* sheet.
- (3) One or more Windows Shareware programs for you to try.
- (4) And finally the latest NGS Newsletter.

You will also be placed on the mailing list to receive information regarding new software and major upgrades.

## **Technical Support**

For technical support you may contact the author via any of these methods:

Post: Neil Gorin, 4 Rookwood Drive, Stevenage, Hertfordshire, SG2 8PJ ENGLAND.  
Telephone: (01438) 362671. (Intl: +44 1438 362671)  
Email (Internet): neil.gorin@nildram.com

# Licence Agreements

Different licences apply depending on whether you are using a Shareware or Registered copy, or if you have a site licence. You must abide by the conditions laid down in the relevant licence agreement unless your local law excludes a certain area of it. If this is the case, you must still abide by the remaining portion of the agreement.

If you are in any doubt whatsoever which licence agreement applies to you, please contact NGS. Do not contact any other person, organisation or company.

Within these licences, the phrase "the Author" refers to Neil Gorin of 4 Rookwood Drive, Stevenage, and no other person, organisation or company. The phrase "the product" refers to the Gorin's Power Gamer for Windows ("Power Gamer") product and any accessory utilities and files supplied with it or supplied at a later date.

## Shareware User Licence

Shareware is a distribution method by which you may try programs for a short period without payment. After this period expires, you must either "Register" the software or discontinue using it.

- 1: The product is licenced for use for 14 days following the first installation upon your computer system. After this period, the product is no longer licenced for use unless you purchase a "Registered" copy.
- 2: During the evaluation period, you may make technical support calls to the author, via any contact method.
- 3: The product is licenced AS-IS. No warranties or guarantees of any kind are given regarding any fitness or suitability for use.
- 4: The product is not guaranteed to prevent or detect damage to any hardware devices or software installed upon your machine.
- 5: Under NO circumstances will the author be liable for ANY claims for Lost Profits or any form of Damage to any form of computing system whether it be software or hardware.

## Registered User Licence

Registered versions may be purchased directly from the author, or via an agent of the author. Registered versions include a printed user guide and, in some cases, additional software modules. You are not a registered user if you have simply purchased a disk from a shareware library, been given a disk by a friend, gained the software from a cover disk, downloaded it from an electronic service or other means.

- 1: The product is licenced for use for an unlimited period by the individual shown when the Power Gamer Control icon is selected from Program Manager. It is not licenced for use by any other person. This licence is transferrable to a third party on return of any original disks to the author, accompanied by a handling fee of £5.
- 2: The author reserves the right to terminate this licence at any time or to

change the contents of this licence, without notice and without financial penalty to either party. You will be informed in writing of any changes to this licence.

3: As a registered user, you may make unlimited technical support calls to the author. The author reserves the right to refuse to answer queries where the answer is clearly explained within the user guide or help screens accompanying the program.

4: This product is licenced AS-IS. No warranties or guarantees of any kind are given with this program.

5: This program is not guaranteed to prevent or detect damage to any hardware devices or software installed upon your machine, neither is it guaranteed to work as described on your PC system.

6: Under NO circumstances will Neil Gorin be liable for ANY claims for Lost Profits or any form of Damage to any form of computing system whether it be software or hardware, or for any damages relating to any other cause.

7: Copies of the printed manual and files supplied on any disks marked *Registered Edition* must not be distributed unless as part of a complete package purchased directly from the author for commercial sale or bundling.

### **Site Licence Licence**

Site licences may only be purchased directly from the author. The contents of a site licence pack will vary depending on your particular requirements, but will include at least one copy of the software and one printed user guide. A signed certificate will also be supplied which indicates the maximum number of copies of the program which may be used at one time.

1: The product is licenced for use for an unlimited period by employees of the company or individual shown when the Power Gamer Control icon is selected from Program Manager. It is not licenced for use by any other person. This licence is not transferrable to a third party.

2: Your Site Licence Certificate, supplied with the software, will indicate the maximum number of installations of the program which may be made. You must not exceed this number of installations.

3: The author reserves the right to terminate this licence at any time or to change the contents of this licence, without notice and without financial penalty to either party. You will be informed in writing of any changes to this licence.

4: When requesting technical support, the company name and licence code shown on the Site Licence Certificate must be quoted. The author reserves the right to refuse to answer queries where the answer is clearly explained within the user guide or help screens accompanying the program.

5: This product is licenced AS-IS. No warranties or guarantees of any kind are given with this program.

6: This product is not guaranteed to prevent or detect damage to

any hardware devices or software installed upon your machine, neither is it guaranteed to work as described on your PC system(s).

7: Under NO circumstances will Neil Gorin be liable for ANY claims for Lost Profits or any form of Damage to any form of computing system whether it be software or hardware, or for any damages relating to any other cause.

8: All computers must be based at the same site, with the following exceptions:

- i) A personal computer used by an employee at his or her home
- ii) Portable computers (for example Laptop machines)

9: Copies of the printed user guide and any software diskettes must not be made available to any persons who are not covered by the above licence agreement.

# Overview

Despite the popularity of Microsoft Windows, the DOS game (and indeed the DOS program) are far from dead. You may well feel at home with graphical File Manager type programs, but beyond card games, there are few challenging games for Windows.

Worse still, if you want to run a DOS game, you will normally need to exit Windows, type some commands to run your game and then restart Windows afterwards. Why? Because Windows simply takes speed and memory from your programs, and can stop your sound card working with DOS games.

## **Power Gamer comes to the rescue!**

Power Gamer allows you to add *any* DOS game to a Windows Program Group, with the virtual guarantee that it will run! To find out how to add a program see [Adding a game to Program Manager](#).

When you run your game, it thinks it's running under plain DOS - that's because it is! Power Gamer painlessly (and invisibly) closes Windows, runs your game and then restarts Windows for you. Your game will have full access to the PC, the Sound card, Joystick, etc., and will run at full speed - the only difference between running from Power Gamer is a very slight reduction in DOS memory (typically 2k for COM and EXE programs, and 5k for games launched from a BAT file).

*Power Gamer - The key to running games under Windows!*

# ***The Options Dialogue***

Power Gamer provides only one option, *Display warning before running*. With this feature enabled (as it is by default) a warning dialogue box is displayed whenever you attempt to run a Power Gamer game. It is recommended that if your PC is shared between other members of your household or office, that you leave this option checked to avoid confusion.

If you don't have it checked, though, Power Gamer loads seamlessly - and if you don't have a sound file set to play when you exit Windows, no one will even notice Windows closing down!

# *Files and their uses*

If you look within your PWRGAMER (or similar) directory, you may find a number of files. The following list should help you identify these files. Files marked with an asterisk (\*) must not be removed, or otherwise Power Gamer may fail to work. Files marked with a double asterisk (\*\*) may be deleted if you already have a copy in your WINDOWS\SYSTEM directory.

## **All installations may have the following files**

PWRGAMER.EXE	Main Program *
PWRGAMER.HLP	This file *
PWRGAMER.WRI	Documentation in Write format
REGISTER.WRI	Registration file (Write format)
REGISTER.DOC/TXT	Registration file (Text format)
BWCC.DLL	Borland Dialogue Extensions **

## **Registered copies also come with the following**

PWRGAMER.REG	Registration code file
--------------	------------------------

## **Notes**

PWRGAMER.EXE will also be copied to your WINDOWS directory. It is essential that it is available in both the PWRGAMER and Windows directories for Power Gamer to work correctly.



# *Hints and Tips*

## **Batch Files**

Batch files require that a second copy of COMMAND.COM (or 4DOS.COM, or your preferred command processor) is loaded to process the batch file. This will reduce available memory by between 2k and 6k - find out what the batch file does, as if it simply calls one EXE file, it's better to load that directly.

Batch files will not be processed correctly unless their extension in Program Manager is .bat or .BAT (.Bat will not be processed correctly!)

## **Parameters**

Simply add any command line parameters (for example /sb:220 /i:5 /d:1) after the command line as usual. Note that batch files may not receive all the parameters if the path to your COMMAND.COM or .BAT file is long, as there is an upper character limit of 127 characters imposed by DOS.

## **Need an extra 2 or 3 k?**

Try removing lines such as DEVICE=ANSI.SYS, DEVICE=DISPLAY.SYS and MODE CON CODEPAGE from your CONFIG.SYS and AUTOEXEC.BAT files. In 99% of cases, you won't notice them gone.

## **No mouse?**

Locate MOUSE.COM on your PC (it's normally in either C:\DOS or C:\WINDOWS) add the line C:\DOS\MOUSE or C:\WINDOWS\MOUSE as appropriate to the end of your AUTOEXEC.BAT file. Ensure that this comes before any line which starts Windows or an alternative program shell such as The Gorin Desktop.

# ***Adding a program to Program Manager***

Seven easy steps:

- (1) Click on the Program Manager group where you want your icon to be placed.
- (2) Select (File) followed by (New) and press (Ok)
- (3) Type a description for the game
- (4) Use the (BROWSE)\* button to locate the game's main program file. \* it is essential that you use the Browse button, as Power Gamer needs the full path to the program, and the file extension (.EXE, .COM or .BAT)
- (5) Click on the (Command Line) edit box and press (HOME) on your keyboard. Type PWRGAMER followed by a space. The Command Line box should now show a command line such as: PWRGAMER J:\GAMES\DWARF\TIMEWARP.EXE
- (6) Click on (Change Icon) and select an icon - a number are supplied in PWRGAMER itself, but you may use any one you wish.
- (7) Click (Ok) and your icon is active!

