

The Hordes

This program is intended as an aid to players of Magic: The Gathering. Its features support not only Deck Building, but full blown inventorying of all of your cards. Cards may be loaded and saved either individually or together as a "Deck". Of course, this Deck doesn't necessarily have to be an actual playing deck, but merely any list of Cards that you're interested in. EG: a list of the cards you're looking to trade for, a list of rare black cards from the Alpha Edition, a full inventory of every card you own, or an actual competition deck used in play. **The Hordes** also supports Deck Building, with features including a statistical breakdown of the cards in your deck, suggestions for the Mana required to play a Deck effectively, and an option to check your Deck to insure that it conforms to all Wizards of the Coast tournament rules.

In addition, each card can be associated with a Windows .BMP file, which will pop up in a window each time you are viewing this card! Colored borders are automatically generated for each card, depending on which Color you select for the card. It is strongly suggested that you run **The Hordes** in a color depth of AT LEAST 256 colors, and higher if at all possible. You will probably encounter noticeable palette limitations running in 256 colors or below. In addition, a stereo sound card makes the Title Screen a bit more interesting...

Unfortunately, I haven't the time or energy to type in the info on every card ever created: I've included a few samples of Cards I've made for myself, which include associated .BMP files. Scanned images of the actual cards would be a rather blatant copyright violation, so I've just picked through my own graphics collection for the images used with the Sample Deck. Note that any .BMP file used should be 165x132 pixels in size, or the complete image will not be visible. Anyone with the inclination is welcome to create a more complete set of Cards for use with this program. A ".CRD" file is plain Ascii text, and the format is fairly obvious. Also, transferring your Decks to other players is a simple process of copying the ".DEK" file! (Be careful to include any .BMP files you've associated with your Cards...)

This program is Shareware. In order to save your Decks or Cards, you must have the Registered version of **The Hordes**, which is available for a measly \$15. Over 150 hours of work have gone into this program, so I hope you find it useful enough to register it. Select the Help|About menu option for information on registering, or just check the accompanying register.txt file.

Future enhancements to **The Hordes** may include:

- .WAV files associated with each card
- Each card's .BMP optionally displayed in the main Card list.
- Invoking the View Card dialog box by clicking on the card in the main Card list.
- An even cooler Title Screen.
- ...any other Good Ideas I come across.

Should you decide to remove **The Hordes** from your system, you will want to remove the "hordes.ini" file from your Windows directory. The setup program also puts copies of ctl3d.dll and dibapi.dll in your Windows system directory; these files may be

used by other applications. Insure none of your other programs use these DLLs before deleting them, or just leave them there - they are only about 20k each.

The Hordes is copyrighted software, written by a college student in his spare time. I have no affiliation with Wizards of the Coast or any other company.

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Sound clips were from the soundtracks to Jurassic Park and Beauty and the Beast.
Thanks to Adam Hendershot of MAN! Ltd. for drawing the Title Screen.

If you have any comments, suggestions, or criticisms about this program, you may contact me at the email address below.

Have Fun!

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