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Overview of GPSlots

GPSlots is a Windows version of the casino game Slots. It is designed to closely emulate the video slot machines found in the major casinos of Las Vegas. The basic idea is that you bet your coins and spin the slots if you come up with a pattern that matches one in the lit payoff boxes, you win.

Playing The Game (Short and Sweet)

The first thing you must do is place your bet. This can be done by betting single silver dollars by hitting the BET button or pressing <space bar> on the keyboard from 1 to 3 times or simply hitting the BETMAX button or press on the keyboard which will bet 3 silver dollars and automatically spin the slots. The lit payoff boxes below the cards indicate the payoff schedule.

At this point the computer tells what you won and starts paying off (if you won anything).

Placing A Bet

Click on BET or press <space bar> to insert 1 coin at a time. You may enter from 1 to 3 coins per game. Notice the payoff boxes light and the numbers increase in the BET box as you enter each coin.

Click on BETMAX or press to insert the maximum bet of 3 coins per game. The numbers increase to the maximum values in the BET box. The slots will spin automatically.

Spinning The Slots

If you Click on the BETMAX button, the slots will automatically start spinning after the maximum bet is placed. If however, you are feeling energetic, put the coins in one at a time and pull the slot lever yourself. Do this by placing the mouse pointer over the big red handle, hold the left mouse button down, pull it downward and let go of the mouse button.

If you are presently confined to a keyboard hitting the enter key will pull the slots handle for you and start the slots spinning.

Getting Change

Click on the CHANGE button or press <C> on the keyboard to buy change. \$10.00 will be added to the COINS bin.

Speed And Performance Issues

GPSlots can require a great deal of cycles on your computer depending on your configuration. There are however, a few "rob Peter to pay Paul" type things you can do to alleviate these requirements.

GPSlots has a speed adjustment in the menu. The settings are X 1 thru X 32 where X 32 is the fastest setting and X 1 is the slowest. Being that there is no free lunch, you will notice that the faster the setting, the less smooth the scrolling appears. These settings are offered as potential point of compromise in the event you wish to speed up the game or reduces the amount of cycles required.

One thing that will make a tremendous difference in the speed of GPSlots is the number of colors you have configured under Windows. If you have configured windows to run in 256 color mode, you can acheive a tremendous speed improvement by configuring it to 16 color mode. This is mainly due to the amount of information that can be transfered to your video card simultaneously. If you have a 32 bit video card, then this probably won't be an issue.

Despite the fact that GPSlots is video intensive please note that it behaves quite well in the Windows multi-tasking environment. If GPSlots can not get the cycles it requires, it will wait until it can. In fact, try running multiple copies of GPSlots. I think you find it works pretty good.