## Hit -or- Miss v2.0



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**IMPORTANT!** 

### **Overview**

Hit -or- Miss is a fast action arcade game for Windows 3.1 featuring digitized sound effects. There are 9 levels of play in increasing difficulty and a surprise at the end! There have been a shortage of arcade games for the Windows environment and DSI Software is working and playing toward eliminating that deficiency. Look for more games from DSI in the near future! Thank y ou for your support.

The object of Hit or Miss is to always keep the ball hitting the green bar.

Don't forget to try the DEMO mode...

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## **Options**

### Sound

Toggles sound on or off

### Pause on miss

Toggles whether the game will pause after the ball hits the Miss side

### **Animation Delay**

Selects the speed at which the game is played

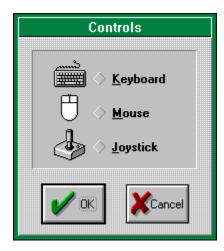
### **Difficulty**

Selects <u>Easy</u>, <u>Regular</u> or <u>Hard</u> levels of play

### **Controls**

Selects the Keyboard, Mouse or Joystick

## **Controls**



<u>Keyboard</u> <u>Mouse</u> <u>Joystick</u>

### **Keyboard**

<P> : load new Player

<S> : Start game at current level <T> : sTop current game and reset

<P> : Pause game toggle

<C> : Continue or resume a paused game

<N> : start a completely New game

<Ctrl>+<S>: toggles sound on and off <Ctrl>+<P>: toggles pausing after a miss <Ctrl>+<A>: animation delay dialog

Left-Arrow: move paddle left Right-Arrow: move paddle right

#### \*NOTE\*

You can GREATLY improve paddle performance by adjusting your keyboard via <u>CONTROL PANEL</u> as follows:

Key Repeat Rate: around normal Key Repeat Delay: as fast as possible

### Mouse

Move mouse left: paddle moves left Move mouse right: paddle moves right

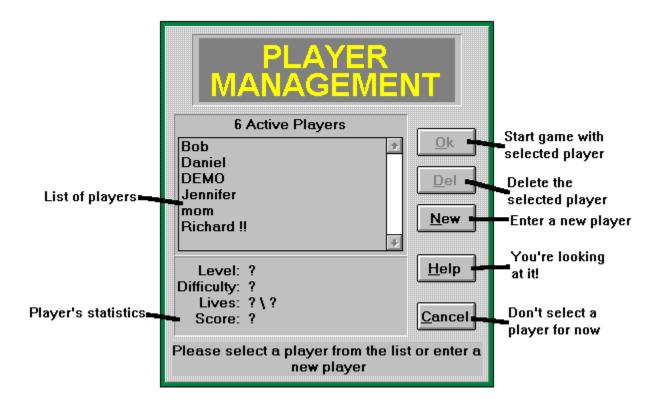
Adjust mouse response via <u>CONTROL PANEL</u> Mouse tracking speed: just above normal

## **Joystick**

Move joystick left: paddle moves left Move joystick right: paddle moves right

Calibrate the joystick via **CONTROL PANEL** 

### **Player Management**



#### **START**

Select a player from the list and click on "Ok" to start a game.

#### **DELETE**

Select a player from the list and click on "Del" to remove that player.

#### **NEW**

Click on "New" to enter a new player name.

#### **CANCEL**

Click on "Cancel" if you do not wish to select a player.

Note that you will not be able to start a game without selecting a player first. If you were already playing a game then the last name selected will still be the active player.

#### **PLAYER STATISTICS**

Level is the level that the selected player reached before quitting or winning the game.

Difficulty is shown as either Easy, Regular or Hard.

Lives is the number of lives the player has remaining against the number of the lives the player can have.

## **Screen Objects**



<u>Banana</u>

<u>Miss</u>

Apple

Wall

Pear

Solid

<u>Pineapple</u>

Ball

Mystery
Paddle
Extra Life

<u>Block</u>

Take Life
Bonus

<u>Changer</u>

Super Bonus
Invisible Changer

Shrinker

Kicker



Sound on/off

Musical Soundtrack

Pause after miss on/off

Scoreboard

### Hit

You want to make sure the ball is always heading for this side. It changes often so be prepared to switch your strategy.

You are awarded a bonus each time the ball hits this side. The bonus is dependent on whether you are playing the <u>Easy</u>, <u>Regular</u> or <u>Hard</u> level.

## Miss

Aviod this side at all costs! If the ball touches it, you will lose one life.

### Wall



The walls surround the playing field and the ball will bounce off of them at right angles. They keep the ball in play and perform no other function.

## **Solid**



This object is an immovable obstacle. It deflects the ball at a 90 degree angle, even back toward the  $\underline{\text{Miss}}$  side!

## **Ball**



You hit this with the  $\underline{\underline{Paddle}}$  while always aiming for the the  $\underline{\underline{Hit}}$  side and avoiding the  $\underline{\underline{Miss}}$  side.

## **Paddle**



This object slides back and forth across the playing field and sends the ball back from whence it came.

See also: <u>Shrinker</u>

### **Block**



These are the most common objects on the screen. They are worth a variable number of points depending on whether you are playing the  $\underline{\text{Easy}}$ ,  $\underline{\text{Regular}}$  or  $\underline{\text{Hard}}$  level.

When you have collected 80 percent of the blocks, you will be promoted to the next level.

### **Bonus**



These are worth a variable number of points depending on whether you are playing the  $\underline{\text{Easy}}$ ,  $\underline{\text{Regular}}$  or  $\underline{\text{Hard}}$  level.

See also:
Super Bonus,
Apple,
Banana,
Pineapple,
Pear,
Mystery

## **Super Bonus**



This object restores maximum life and gives a point bonus depending on whether you are playing the <u>Easy</u>, <u>Regular</u> or <u>Hard</u> level.

See also:
Bonus,
Apple,
Banana,
Pineapple,
Pear,
Mystery

### **Banana**



These are worth a variable number of points depending on whether you are playing the  $\underline{\text{Easy}}$ ,  $\underline{\text{Regular}}$  or  $\underline{\text{Hard}}$  level.

See also:
Bonus
Super Bonus,
Apple,
Pineapple,
Pear,
Mystery

## **Apple**



These are worth a variable number of points depending on whether you are playing the  $\underline{\text{Easy}}$ ,  $\underline{\text{Regular}}$  or  $\underline{\text{Hard}}$  level.

See also:
Bonus
Super Bonus,
Banana,
Pineapple,
Pear,
Mystery

### **Pear**



These are worth a variable number of points depending on whether you are playing the  $\underline{\text{Easy}}$ ,  $\underline{\text{Regular}}$  or  $\underline{\text{Hard}}$  level.

See also:
Bonus
Super Bonus,
Banana,
Pineapple,
Apple,
Mystery

## **Pineapple**



These are worth a variable number of points depending on whether you are playing the  $\underline{\text{Easy}}$ ,  $\underline{\text{Regular}}$  or  $\underline{\text{Hard}}$  level.

See also:
Bonus
Super Bonus,
Banana,
Apple,
Pear,
Mystery

## **Mystery**



This object is worth  $\,$  0, 1000, 2000 or 3000 bonus points.

## **Extra Life**



Restores one life.

If you already have maximum life, you will be awarded a 1000 point bonus.

## **Take Life**



Takes one life away. When your last life is taken away, the game is over.

# Changer



This object exists in a semi-solid state. When hit, it deflects the ball and then vanishes.

## **Invisible Changer**



This object exists in a semi-solid state. When hit, it deflects the ball and is removed. It is invisible save for a brief flash when created.

## **Shrinker**



When hit, this object shrinks the  $\underline{\text{Paddle}}$  by 1/4 (or one section) for a few seconds.

### **Kicker**



This object speeds the ball up for a few seconds. The quick burst of speed will give your reflexes a workout!

### NOTE

Object is inactive on systems operating with less than a 33mhz 386.

# **Digital Sound Effects**



These objects indicate whether the digital sound effects are turned on or off.

## **Musical Soundtrack**



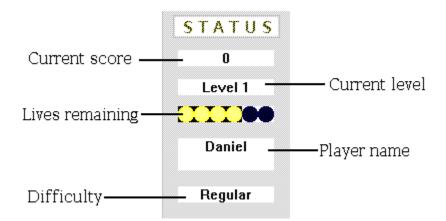
These objects indicate whether the digital soundtrack is turned on or off.

## **Pause When Dead**

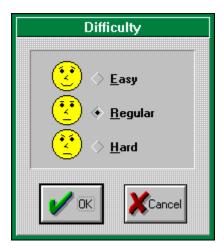


These objects indicate whether the game will pause after the  $\underline{\text{Ball}}$  has hit the  $\underline{\text{Miss}}$  side.

# **Scoreboard**



# **Levels of Difficulty**



<u>Easy</u> Regular <u>Hard</u>

### **Easy**

**Block** 

Chance: **n/a** Value: **10** Other: **n/a** 

<u>Changer</u>

Chance: 1 to 300 against.

Value: **n/a** Other: **n/a** 

**Invisible Changer** 

Chance: 1 to 500 against.

Value: **n/a** 

Other: **Preceded by a brief flash**.

**Bonus** 

Chance: 1 to 125 against.

Value: **500** Other: **n/a**.

Super Bonus

Chance: 1 to 2000 against.

Value: **1000** 

Other: Restores life to maximum.

<u>Apple</u>, <u>Pear</u>, <u>Pineapple</u>, <u>Banana</u> Chance: **1 to 1500 against**.

Value: **50** Other: **n/a** 

**Mystery** 

Chance: 1 to 1000 against.

Value: 0, 1000, 2000 or 3000 points

Other: Value is random

Extra Life

Chance: 1 to 150 against.

Value: n/a

Other: Worth 1000 points if life is at maximum

Take Life

Chance: 1 to 1000 against.

Value: **n/a** Other: **n/a** 

<u>Shrinker</u>

Chance: 1 to 2000 against.

Value: **n/a** Other: **n/a** 

<u>Kicker</u>

Chance: 1 to 2000 against.

Value: **n/a** Other: **n/a** 

score is increased by 500 on each  $\underline{\text{Hit}}$ .

7 lives maximum

## Regular

**Block** 

Chance: **n/a** Value: **20** Other: **n/a** 

<u>Changer</u>

Chance: 1 to 100 against.

Value: **n/a** Other: **n/a** 

**Invisible Changer** 

Chance: 1 to 150 against.

Value: **n/a** 

Other: **Preceded by a brief flash**.

**Bonus** 

Chance: 1 to 100 against.

Value: **1000** Other: **n/a**.

Super Bonus

Chance: 1 to 8000 against.

Value: **2000** 

Other: Restores life to maximum.

<u>Apple</u>, <u>Pear</u>, <u>Pineapple</u>, <u>Banana</u> Chance: **1 to 1500 against**.

Value: **100** Other: **n/a** 

**Mystery** 

Chance: 1 to 1000 against.

Value: 0, 1000, 2000 or 3000 points

Other: Value is random

Extra Life

Chance: 1 to 250 against.

Value: n/a

Other: Worth 1000 points if life is at maximum

Take Life

Chance: 1 to 900 against.

Value: **n/a** Other: **n/a** 

<u>Shrinker</u>

Chance: 1 to 1500 against.

Value: **n/a** Other: **n/a** 

<u>Kicker</u>

Chance: 1 to 1500 against.

Value: **n/a** Other: **n/a** 

score is increased by 1000 for each  $\underline{\text{Hit}}.$ 

5 lives maximum

#### Hard

**Block** 

Chance: **n/a** Value: **30** Other: **n/a** 

<u>Changer</u>

Chance: 1 to 25 against.

Value: **n/a** Other: **n/a** 

Invisible Changer

Chance: 1 to 50 against.

Value: **n/a** 

Other: **Preceded by a brief flash**.

**Bonus** 

Chance: 1 to 75 against.

Value: **1500** Other: **n/a**.

Super Bonus

Chance: 1 to 10000 against.

Value: **3000** 

Other: Restores life to maximum.

<u>Apple</u>, <u>Pear</u>, <u>Pineapple</u>, <u>Banana</u> Chance: **1 to 900 against**.

Value: **150** Other: **n/a** 

**Mystery** 

Chance: 1 to 1000 against.

Value: 0, 1000, 2000 or 3000 points

Other: Value is random

Extra Life

Chance: 1 to 400 against.

Value: n/a

Other: Worth 1000 points if life is at maximum

Take Life

Chance: 1 to 800 against.

Value: **n/a** Other: **n/a** 

<u>Shrinker</u>

Chance: 1 to 1000 against.

Value: **n/a** Other: **n/a** 

<u>Kicker</u>

Chance: 1 to 1000 against.

Value: **n/a** Other: **n/a** 

score is increased by 1500 for each  $\underline{\text{Hit}}.$ 

3 lives maximum

### **Credits**

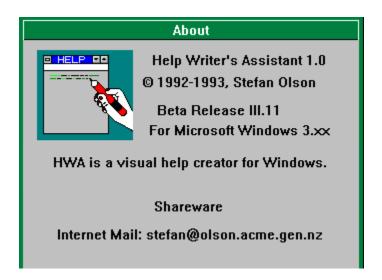
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HWA for Windows is a visual help file creator for Windows. But, it is more than that. It provides everything you need to create help files under Windows.

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#### HWA/w requires:

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#### **HWA** has many powerful and useful features:

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HWA/w can easily move topics within the help file, thus making it easier for you to reorganise your help file.

HWA/w can automatically assign browse numbers to your topics, thus freeing you from the task of renumbering every time you add a topic.

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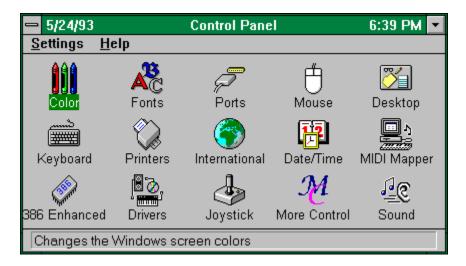
Windows 3.1 Two megs of RAM 25mhz 386 or better Windows 3.1 compatible sound card or MIDI interface

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## **Control Panel**



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