

Gem Mania
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REGISTRATION FORM

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Please Register me as a satisfied user of *Gems*:

NAME : _____

STREET : _____

CITY : _____

STATE : _____ ZIP : _____

TELEPHONE : _____

COMMENTS : _____

Send solution sheet: Yes No

Specify distribution medium (check one): 3 ½" 5 ¼"
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INTRODUCTION

Gems is a brain teaser with a very simple premise: turn all the gems from red to green. Click the mouse on a gem and it will change color from red to green or vice-versa, unfortunately, so will its four nearest neighbors in a + pattern. This makes the puzzle just a little harder than completely trivial. Once the solution to this has been discovered, a huge leap in difficulty can be achieved by trying to solve a "randomized" board. Imagine that someone has first gone over the clicking on random gems. I can guarantee that it is theoretically possible to solve such a board.

HARDWARE & SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

Gems only requirements are Microsoft Windows 3.1*.

INSTALLATION GUIDE

Gems files can be installed in any desired directory.

If you received *Gems* as an archived (.ZIP) file, simply unarchive all files to the desired directory. If you receive *Gems* in a diskette form, copy all files to the desired directory using the DOS "COPY" command.

While there are numerous files in the distribution form, only three files are needed: GEMS.EXE (executable file), GEMS.HLP (help file) and BWCC.DLL (control library).

BWCC.DLL is a shared resource; you only need one copy of it on your system. It should be placed in one of the directories in your PATH, preferably in \WINDOWS\SYSTEM. If you already have a copy, keep the one that has the later creation date. Just in case it should accidentally be changed, the original date on the BWCC.DLL shipped in this kit is 10/27/92.

Once all the files have been put in the appropriate directories, *Gems* can be started by using one of several methods:

- Gems* can be started via the File Manager. Consult the documentation for Microsoft Windows File Manager for details on how to execute a program.
- Gems* can be started via the Program Manager by choosing "File...Run" from its menu.
- Gems* can be installed into a Program Manager application group by making use of click-and-drag method available to the File Manager, or by creating a new Program Item by choosing "File...New" from its menu. Once installed, *Gems* can be started just like any other Windows application.

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