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How to Play Block Breaker

Mouse

By default, you can use mouse to control the paddle.   Press the left mouse button to start the ball moving, and the right mouse button to pause.

Keyboard

If you would like to control the paddle by keyboard, you can do so by selecting "Use Keyboard" from Settings under the Option menu.   Press the left or right arrow key to move the paddle.   By pressing the Shift key with an arrow key, you can move the paddle faster.   Press the space bar to start the ball moving, and the Esc key to pause.

Block Types

Gold blocks - These blocks can not be broken.

Silver blocks - These blocks will break after being hit three times.

Colored blocks - These blocks will break after a single hit.

(See also <u>Block Breaker Commands</u>.)

Block Breaker Commands

[Game]Menu

[Option]Menu

[Game] Menu

New

Starts the game from the beginning.

Pause

Pauses the game so you can do something else without losing your position in the game. You can resume the game by clicking the left mouse button.

Resume

Resumes the game from pausing.

Demonstration

Starts a new game with the computer controlling the paddle. This will let you see how to play the game.

Stage Forward

Advances to the next stage of the game.

Stage Backward

Returns to the previous stage of the game.

Exit

Immediately exits the game.

[Option] Menu

Pattern...

Lets you load a pattern created with the Block Breaker Editor.

Settings...

This section lets you configure Block Breaker. These are the settings you can change:

Use - Allows you to choose the mouse or the keyboard to control the paddle.

Sound - Allows you to control the sound.

Speed - Allows you to control the pace of the game.

3D Blocks - If this box is checked, the blocks will have a 3D look.

Smooth - This will cause the ball to move in smaller increments so the animation will look smoother. If your computer is slow, the ball movement may be choppy. To avoid this, you should disable this option.

Save Size when Exiting - If this box is checked, the window position will be saved when exiting the game.

Timeslice - This specifies how often the ball will get updated. If this value is small, the animation will be smoother. But it will use up more of the computers processing power.

Default Size

Moves the window to the default size.

Invoke Block Breaker Editor...

Invokes the <u>Block Breaker Editor</u>.   This allows you to create your own patterns.

How to Use Block Breaker Editor

The Block Breaker Editor will allow you to create your own patterns.

Mouse

Click the left mouse button on the pallet to choose a block color. Then click the left mouse button in the grid to add a block to the pattern. You can remove blocks by clicking the right mouse button.

(See also Block Breaker Editor Commands.)

Block Breaker Editor Commands

[File] Menu

[Stage] Menu

[File] Menu

New

> Starts editing a new pattern file.

Open...

> Loads a pattern file which already exists in disk.

Save

> Saves the edited pattern to the file.   If the file name is already defined, the pattern will be saved immediately.

Save as...

> Saves the edited pattern to a file you will specify.

Exit

> Quits editing and exits Block Breaker Editor.

[Stage] Menu

Stage Forward

Starts editing the next stage.

Stage Backward

Starts editing the previous stage.

Bonus Ball

Checking this menu will cause an extra ball to be added after completing the current stage when playing the game.

Messages...

Change the title text and the message displayed after completing all the stages when playing the game.

Erase This Stage

Clears all the blocks in the current stage.

How to Register

Request for Registration

If you decide to continue to play the game, please register your name to this shareware. Your contributions will be used to make better software.   Foreign registration is welcome.

The registration fee

The registration fee depends on whether you would like to have a floppy disk containing the newest version of Block Breaker and other EmSoft Windows game programs.

In the U.S. or Canada or by CompuServe Shareware Registration Service:

US$10.00 (registration only) or US$15.00 (with a floppy disk)

In the U.K. or Scandanavia:

£8.00 Sterling (registration only) or £12.00 Sterling (with a floppy disk)

In the rest of Europe:

DM20,00 (registration only) or DM30,00 (with a floppy disk)

In Japan:

1,200 yen (registration only) or 1,700 yen (with a floppy disk)

How to register

If you have a CompuServe ID: You can use the Shareware Registration Service in CompuServe by "**GO SWREG**".   The registration ID for Block Breaker is 522.   If you use this service, CompuServe will notify me that you have used the service, and I will soon e-mail you the registration information.   However, a floppy disk cannot be ordered through CompuServe because the newer version is always available in the WINADV library (GO WINADV).   Here is how to register on CompuServe.   From any prompt on CompuServe, type:

GO SWREG   (goes to Register Shareware Menu)

2   (Register Shareware)

1   (Search by Registration ID)

522   (Registration ID for Block Breaker)

Y   (Yes to 'Would you like to Register?')

You will receive the registration information directly from me usually within 24 hours.

If you do not have a CompuServe ID: Print and fill out the Registration Request Form.   If you would like to have a floppy disk containing the latest versions of Block Breaker and other EmSoft Windows game programs, please specify so in the registration form.   Please see the instruction below depending on where you live:

In the U.S. or Canada: Please make out a check or money order for US$10.00 (or US$15.00 if you would like a floppy disk) to Yutaka Emura and send it to the following address with the registration form.   A check or money order is acceptable if it can be cashed through a U.S. bank.

Yutaka Emura
920-1, Higashi-Hiratsuka,
Tsukuba, Ibaraki, 305 JAPAN

In the U.K. or Scandanavia: Please send the registration form with a check or money order for £8.00 Sterling (or £12.00 Sterling if you would like to have a floppy disk) to:

Hillfoots Data Services,
Mains House,
Tillicoultry,
Clackmannanshire,
FK13 6PQ.
U.K.

In the rest of Europe: Please send the registration form with a check or money order for DM20,00 (or DM30,00 if you would like to have a floppy disk) to:

Credit Suisse,
CH-3800 Interlaken,
Switzerland,
0367-206054-50,
Abegglen Heinz.

In Japan: Choose one of the followings:
1. If you are a credit member of NIFTY-Serve, you can register by using the shareware registration service by GO SWSOKIN.   The shareware number of Block Breaker is 26.

2. In a post office, make a remittance to the following Yubin-Furikae account.   Write 'Block Breaker 3.0E' on the back of Haraikomi form, and order Tsujo-Haraikomi.

Utsunomiya 3-26195

3. In a bank, make a remittance to the following account.   Write me to let me know that you make a remittance for Block Breaker 3.0E.

Sakura Bank, Tsuchiura Branch, Futsu 3399917

If you have any questions or comments, please write or e-mail me.

CompuServe   73560,2250
NIFTY-Serve   QFG02250
ASCII NET   pcs38156
PC-VAN   KMA05549

Yutaka Emura

(See also <u>Registration Request Form</u> and <u>Copyright</u>)

Copyright and Miscellaneous

How to get the newest version

The newest versions of EmSoft programs are always uploaded on CompuServe WINADV library.   Downloading from this is the easiest way if you have a CompuServe ID.   However, if you would like to have a floppy disk, send US$5.00 to me as shown at <u>How to register</u>.

<u>Copyright</u>

Although the copyright of this application belongs to Yutaka Emura, you can freely copy and distribute.   In case of using commercially, his permission is necessary.

<u>Miscellaneous</u>

Your comments are welcome.   If you find any bugs, please let me know.

The author would like thank the people in Way Forward Technology who helped me write this help document.

CompuServe 73560,2250

Yutaka Emura

In order to print this form, please choose "Print Topic" from the "File" menu in this Help Window.

Registration Reques Form for Block Breaker Version 3.01E (Author: Yutaka Emura)

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Country: _____

CompuServe ID Number(if you have): _____

Would you like to have a floppy disk containing the latest version of Block Breaker and other EmSoft Windows game programs?

[   ] Yes, I would like to have a floppy disk, and I would like to register to Block Breaker **(US$15.00 or £12.00 Sterling or DM30,00).**

[   ] No, I don't need a floppy disk, but I would like to register to Block Breaker **(US$10.00 or £8.00 Sterling or DM20,00).**

If yes, which size of a floppy disk would you like?

[   ] 3-1/2 inch disk (720KB format)

[   ] 5-1/4 inch disk (1.2MB format)

The amount of remittance: _____

Computer System: _____

Comments: _____

_____

Date: _____

Send this form with a check or money order to:

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Tsukuba, Ibaraki, 305 JAPAN

In the U.K. or Scandanavia:

Hillfoots Data Services, Mains House, Tillicoultry, Clackmannanshire, FK13 6PQ. U.K.

In the rest of Europe:

Credit Suisse, CH-3800 Interlaken, Switzerland, 0367-206054-50, Abegglen Heinz.