Super Crossword for Windows

You asked for it, now you've got it!   Softdisk's Super Crossword for Windows!   Ever try to work the puzzle in the newspaper?   Get tired of erasing (and usually tearing) on that flimsy newsprint paper?   Well, Super Crossword is here to save the day (and your eyesight)!   Super Crossword provides a check feature not found in newspapers and also (for those of you who prefer the traditional way of playing crossword puzzles), a means of printing the puzzles out.

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Starting a Game

When you run Super Crossword for the first time, it will display a list of puzzles for you to choose from. You can start a new crossword puzzle at any time by selecting New in the Games menu. To load a puzzle that you are working on, select Open from the Game menu instead. The next time you start Super Crossword, it will open the last Newed or Opened puzzle.

Navigating the Puzzle

There are several means of navigating the cursor (the gray square) through a crossword puzzle. The arrow keys are perhaps the easiest, but you may also want to use the mouse.   Whenever you are entering letters into the puzzle, remember that the cursor will wrap around when you get to one of the puzzle's edges.

To enter a word, make sure the appropriate button is selected (Across or Down).   Then go to the word's starting square and start typing.   You can select a button by clicking on it or its clue (which appears directly beneath it), using the Tab key or by using its hot key (Alt+A or Alt+D).

You also have access to a clue list for the current puzzle you are working.   Use the Enter key to pull it up and remove it whenever you want.

Game Menu

New - Starts a new crossword puzzle.   You will see a list of all the titles of the puzzles Super Crossword found.   The puzzles that have already been solved will have an asterisk (*) beside their names.   To remove these asterisks, click on the Clear Solved button.   For accessing puzzles that may be located somewhere else, refer to the description of the Open menu below.

Open - Opens a previously saved puzzle (these files end in .CWS) or starts a totally new game if you open a .CWD puzzle file.

Save As - Saves a puzzle in progress.   These files have to have an extension (end in) .CWS.

Print Empty - Prints the current puzzle in its empty state.

Print Current - Prints the current puzzle in its current state.

Print Clues - Prints the current puzzle's clues.

Exit - Exits Super Crossword.

View Menu

Activate Clue List - Places the clue list window in front of or behind the main puzzle window. Whenever you press Enter from the main puzzle window, the clue list is activated, and the current clue you were on is highlighted.   From the clue list window, pressing Enter will take you back to the main puzzle window and allow you to type in the word for the clue that was highlighted.

Show Numbers - Toggles the display of the clue numbers on the screen.
Show Timer - Toggles the display of the game timer.

Use Custom Colors - Toggles the color scheme used by Super Crossword to either the default (gray) or user defined (see below)..
Define Custom Colors - Allows you to change the color scheme used by Super Crossword.   A sample crossword window is displayed with the currently selected graphical item blinking.   To change its color, click Change Color.   To change another item, simply select it in the list.

Options Menu

Use Clue List - Toggles (turns on and off) the clue list window.   From the clue list window, pressing Enter will take you back to the main puzzle window and allow you to type in the word for the clue that was highlighted.

Show Clue Number Direction - This option's label will reflect the current word you are working on.   For example, if you have just opened or newed a puzzle, this option will read "Show 1 Across."   If you immediately highlight the down hint, it will read "Show 1 Down."   Use this option to find out what one particular word is in the puzzle.   This action will add two minutes to your running game timer.

Reset Puzzle - Restarts the current puzzle.
Check Puzzle - Goes through the puzzle and highlights any incorrect letters.   These highlighted letters are then removed the next time you change the puzzle in any way.   This action will add one minute to your running game timer.
Show Solution - Reveals the solution for the entire puzzle.

Help Menu

Contents - Displays this help file.

About Super Crossword - Displays information about Super Crossword.
About Puzzle - Displays information (author, dimensions and copyright information) for the current puzzle.