

General

Q) What is Realmz?

A) "The coolest share-ware game ever!" (just kidding :-)

A) Realmz is a fantasy role playing game, where you can generate characters of various classes (fighters, magic users, thieves...) and wander around in this world trying to complete quests and kill monsters, while accumulating wealth, experience, and various other items (weaponry, armor...)

(Added:) It is a top down "Ultima" style RPG. Your party of up to six characters take turns attacking when in combat, and you can control what weapon or spell each character attacks with. Unlike Ultima, this game has "zoom in's" from the landscape to battle map.

Q) Where do I get Realmz?

A) If you have membership at America Online or CompuServe you can be the first in your neighborhood get it. If not, wait patiently a few days while some nice person uploads it to sumex-aim.stanford.edu and you can anonymously FTP it from there or any good mirror thereof.

Q) What are the system requirement's for Realmz?

A) The author states: 2 Meg RAM, 13 in. Monitor capable of 256 colors and 6 Meg of hard drive space. Let me add that it's not the 13 inches that's important but the ability to display 640X480 pixels. I am able to play quite well on a Powerbook Duo 270c, whose monitor is only 8.4 inches. And the more memory you have the happier the program will be. I also think that a machine with a 68020 or better is also required.

Please note: Version 1.5.1 requires 2000K but performance is maximized at 3000K.

Also IMPORTANT: Author also states there are problems running Realmz on AV Macs. Some players have found the game "runnable" with the system extensions off. For AV Mac owners, downloading Realmz may, itself, be a game of chance.

Suggestions for players who own AV Macs (not bad for everyone else too)

Try to turn off any extensions you don't need (all of them if you can), disable screen savers, turn on "fast trade" option in preference menu (this will avoid a commonly reported bug) or use the shift key to trade items.

Q) Why should I register? Do I have to pay for additional scenarios if I register?

A) There are advantages to registering. Be aware that Realmz is a fully functional package even if you don't register, BUT here's what do get when you register and what you don't get if you don't register:

You can create characters up to 12th level of experience.

When you save a game, the character files in the character folders are also updated so that when you play an new scenario, you can create a party of characters that retain all their material possessions from previous adventures

You can install and play new scenarios.

You no longer have to see that annoying registration screen.

You will be supporting Tim Phillips and encouraging the continued bug squashing and new scenario development and new feature development that Realmz is known for.

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You will no longer be riddled with guilt as you are enjoying yourself playing this great game while knowing that the hard-working author is continuing to squash bugs and work on new scenarios and features and not getting a penny from you.

When new scenarios do come out, you will be expected to pay a nominal fee (\$5-\$20) per scenario depending on the complexity of the scenario.

Q) Sometimes when I play, the screen gets all messed up and I can't see the character's attributes. What can I do?

A) There's a new feature in the same menu as the preferences that will allow you to force a refresh screen. This will clear up any funny blocks, strange screens, etc... from the play screen.

Q) How can I consult the manual or spell list while playing Realmz?

A) You can send Realmz to the background by selecting the "Hide Realmz" in the Application menu. This will allow you to open another application.

Q) How can I print out the spells database without half of it getting cut off?

A) Try changing your Page Setup from Portrait to Landscape (thanks to Marc Nimchuk, Univ. of Alberta). And you'll probably have to select scale by 85% in order to fit it on a standard 8 1/2 x 11 letter page. The whole thing printed out takes something like 27 pages.

Q) Who is the author and what's his e-mail address?

A) The man responsible for this wonderful piece of programming is Tim P. Phillips (not to be confused with some other Tim Phillips):
(e-mail address has been deleted because Tim is tired of getting mail asking stuff like "When's the next patch/scenario coming out?"

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Q) Is there a way to save more than 5 games?

A) Yes, but this isn't proven to be safe: You can save 5 games, after you finish playing, you can copy the "save games" folder to another folder or diskette and then save 5 more games over them. If you want to restore one of the previous games, then you copy the current saved game folder to yet another directory or diskette and then overwrite it with a previous copy. The comments in the load/save dialog box will not change when you do this, so it may cause some confusion.

~With version 1.6.1 of Realmz, you can save 10 games, not 5.

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