

TEMPLATES OF DOOM (tm)  
A Learning Adventure On Computer Spreadsheets  
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MOVE YOUR CURSOR TO A TOPIC AND PRESS RETURN TO SELECT.

topicmenu1

topicmenu2

print instruct

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Page through1

Page through2

practicemenu

helpmenu

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## PURPOSE

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**Purpose of playing** The purpose of playing this game is to improve your ability to use computer spreadsheets and have some fun at the same time. The program presents you with a series of challenges as you follow the story line. These challenges test your knowledge of the spreadsheet command language and formulas. Rather than being stepped through a tutorial, you are challenged to "discover" by trying different commands and formulas. If you get stuck, hints & helps are available, but at the price of penalty points.

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### Print

Prints these instructions.

/XGprint instruct~/XMpage through1~

/XG\s~

### Menus

Explains the use of the menus you will be using.

{GOTO}menus~/XMpage through2~

/XG\s~

/XIflag0=4~/PPRa1..r20~OP33~QGPOP66~QRu21..ab46~GRu1..ab19~GQ/XG\s~  
 /REaa8..aa11~/REaa13..aa15~/PPARac1..ac8~GRa1..a15~GRac1..ac8~GRb1..b20~GP  
 Rc1..c19~GRaz1..az2~G~Rd1..d12~GRd6..d6~GRE3..e18~GP  
 Rf1..f21~GRg1..g20~GRo1..o16~GP  
 Raz1..az8~GRh1..h19~GRi2..i20~GP  
 Raz1..az8~GRj1..j18~GRaz1..az1~GRk2..k20~GP  
 Raz1..az8~RI1..l19~GRaz1..az1~GRm1..m20~GP  
 Rn1..n20~GRp1..p20~GRq1..q20~GRaz1..az8~GRr1..r20~GPQ  
 /XIflag0=4~/PPARu21..ab46~GRu1..ab19~GQ/XG\s~  
 /PPARu22..ab42~GRaz1..az15~GRu43..ab45~GRu4..ab18~GPPQ/REn&a1~/REn&a2~/XG\s~

### Next

Go to the next screen.

{RIGHT}/XMpage through1~

/XG\s~

### Next

Go to the next screen.

{RIGHT}/XMpage through2~

## Sheet1

/XG\s~

Hello

Gives you the message "Hello there." at the top of your screen.

/XLHello there. Hit RTN.~label~/XMpracticemenu~

/XG\s~

Help1

A little hint.

/XLA little hint ie "Check the box". RTN~label~/XMhelpmenu~

/XG\s~

Answer1

Some kind of an answer would appear here like: "The butler did it.".

/XLTry another selection. RTN~Label~/XManswermenu~

/XG\s~

{GOTO}vpplanner~@version~{ESC}

/XI@ABS(vpplanner)=0~{GOTO}twintest~/RE~/G{LEFT}1~1~{ESC}{ESC}{ESC}{ESC}{ESC}

{HOME}{GOTO}a20~

/XMtopicmenu1~

/XG\s~

{HOME}{GOTO}a20~

## GETTING STARTED

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What is your Lotus Level?

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Expert     If you don't like reading instructions, think you know  
computer spreadsheets and just want to get started:  
LOAD THE SPREADSHEET PROGRAM & RETRIEVE THE FILE SCORECRD.

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Beginner   If you are a beginner or novice:  
TAKE OR REVIEW THE LOTUS (or compatible) TUTORIAL AND READ  
THESE INSTRUCTIONS. It will save you a lot of time and  
trouble.

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In         If you are in between, three hints: The help key is F1. You  
Between   can get the Command Line by pressing the "/" key and the  
ESC key backs you out of commands. --- Good luck.

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### Purpose

Gives the purpose of the program. Also lists trademarks.

{PGUP}{GOTO}purpose~/XMpage through1~

/XG\s~

### Hint/Help/STEP

Explains the levels of hints and helps and how to use the STEP function.

{GOTO}hint/help~/XMpage through2~

/XG\s~

### Previous

Go back to the last screen.

{LEFT}/XMpage through1~

/XG\s~

### Previous

Go back to the last screen.

{LEFT}/XMpage through2~

/XG\s~

Help\_menu

Shows you how the help/hint menu works.

/XMhelpmenu~

/XG\s~

Help2

A big hint.

/XLA big hint like "Sort the column." RTN~label~/XMhelpmenu~

/XG\s~

Answer2

Another answer would appear here like: "No he didn't".

/XLTry Answer3. RTN~Label~/XManswermenu~

/XG\s~

- o The time.

A scorecard When prompted by the program, type in the first 8 characters of your first or nick name, ie. Robert. Your score card will be given a file name based on your first name ie. ROBERT.WKS. Remember to restart the game by loading Lotus and retrieving "YOUR" score card, ie. ROBERT and not SCORECARD.

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/XG\s~

/XMtopicmenu2~

/XG\s~

Answer\_menu

Shows you how th answer menu works.

/XManswermenu~

/XG\s~

Help3

Step me through the LOTUS help screen.

/XLHelp screen info like F1,FncKey,F5..RTN~label~/XMhelpmenu~

/XG\s~

Answer3

Each answer would be different.

/XLTry Answer4, it's correct RTN~Label~/XManswermenu~

/XG\s~



WHAT YOU MUST TELL THE PROGRAM (CONTINUED)

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The time     The time it takes to complete each template along with penalty points for using HINTS/HELPS; and guessing wrong answers will determine your score. Just as in golf, the lower the score, the better.

Lotus        If you are using Lotus rel 2, and some compatibles, the  
rel 2        time is taken automatically from the operating system.

Lotus        If you are using Lotus rel 1a, and some compatibles, you  
rel 1a        will need a watch or clock on hand to input your starting and finishing times. The program will take care of the math and the penalty points. It requests the time in decimal number format ie. HH.MM. (LOTUS rel 1a does not have a time function so we can't use the more traditional HH:MM .)

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Must\_tell

Explains the two items you must tell the program.

{GOTO}must tell~/XMpage through1~

/XG\s~

Practice

Gives you a chance to practice on the menus, Help/hints and STEP function.

{GOTO}practice~/XMpracticemenu~

/XG\s~

## Sheet1

### Boss

Shows how the Boss key works.

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{GOTO}boss~/XLPress return to get back~zzz~{HOME}/XMpracticemenu~  
/XG\s~
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### Help4

I give up; do it for me.

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/XLThe program would show the answer. RTN~label~/XMhelpmenu~  
/XG\s~
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### Answer4

Each answer would be different.

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/XLTry Answer5, it's really correct. RTN~Label~/XManswermenu~  
/XG\s~
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# WHAT YOU WILL SEE

The game is composed of two types of templates:

TYPE	NUMBER
o Scorecard templates	1
o Adventure Templates	16

Scorecard The scorecard template:

- o starts and stops the game and displays your score
- o controls the Adventure Template selection
- o has a menu that is always displayed & self explanatory
- o gets its file name from the player, i.e. ROBERT.WKS
- o is retrieved automatically after each Adventure Template

Adventure The complete game has 16 Adventure Templates which:

- o are automatically called in and out by the scorecard
- o have two menus called "Hint/Help" and "Answer"
- o have file names like TDHERO.WKS, TDDOOM.WKS etc.
- o are where you will be spending most of your time

What\_see

Explains what you will be seeing while playing the program.

{GOTO}what see~/XMpage through1~

/XG\s~

Instructor

Instructor notes and a list of templates with descriptions.

{GOTO}instructor~/XMpage through2~

/XG\s~

answermenu

Exit

Exit this answer menu.

/XMtopicmenu1~

/XG\s~

STARTOVER

I think I blew it, please start this template over.

/XLThe program will "reset" the template.~label~/XMhelpmenu~

/XG\s~

Answer5

Just for this example, try it now.

/XLWrong answer, sorry. RTN~Label~/XManswermenu~

/XG\s~

MAJOR ITEMS OF INTEREST

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Exiting and Restarting    The best way to leave the program is via the FREEZE option in the SCORECARD menu. Remember to return to YOUR named scorecard, ie. ROBERT.WKS. You can restart any Adventure Template by pressing ALT-H to call up the Hint/Help menu and selecting (Startover).

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Penalty points    In order to make it both more interesting and fair, we have provided various levels of hints and helps. Each time you use a hint or help, however, extra time is added to your score. In addition, you are penalized for each wrong answer.

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Non Lotus spreadsheets    We have written this program to run on most of the Lotus compatible programs that support the Lotus macro language. If this doesn't work on your program, your program might not support the Lotus macro language.

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Major  
Explains some major items of interest.(Exiting, Penaltys, Non-Lotus programs)  
{GOTO}major items~/XMpage through1~  
/XG\s~  
List  
A list of the Adventure Templates and what each covers.  
{GOTO}list~/XMpage through2~  
/XG\s~

twintest  
VP-PLANNER=  
ZERO=  
ONE=  
ZERO+ONE=  
flag0=

/XManswermenu1~  
/XGanswermenu~

Exit

Exit this help menu and return to the previous menu.

/XMpracticemenu~

/XG\s~

Answer6

This is "really" the correct one, try it.

/XLCorrect answer, good work. RTN~Label~/XMpracticemenu~

/XG\s~

## ALL ABOUT MENUS

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**MENUS** You interact with the program through menus. A menu is a list of selections across the top or bottom of the screen. When a menu appears, move the cursor right or left and press RETURN to select.

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**On the scorecard** There is only one menu on the scorecard and it is always displayed and self explanatory. It lets you continue the play, freeze the game, skip ahead or replay an Adventure Template and a few other things.

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**On Adventure Templates** There are TWO menus on the Adventure Templates. They let you get hints or helps and pick the correct answer.

**Press two keys** In order to get a Hint/Help, or Answer menu while on an Adventure Template, you must press two keys at the same time, similar to pressing the SHIFT key when you want a capital letter.

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**Minor**

Explains some minor items of interest.(Phone support, Macro area)

{GOTO}minor items~/XMpage through1~

/XG\s~

**Start**

Starts the program by leaving this instruction template and retrieving SCORECRD.

/FRscorecrd~

/XG\s~

1

0

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Answer7

This is answer no 7.

/XLWrong answer, sorry. RTN~Label~/XManswermenu~

/XG\s~



ALL ABOUT MENUS (CONTINUED)

Press two On Adventure Templates, use the ALT key (located just to  
keys the left of the space bar) with one of the following keys:

Answer To get the Answer Menu, press ALT-A .

(ALT-A) --It will list possible answers like:

- o The butler did it.
- o The maid did it.
- o Etc. (To select, move the cursor and press RETURN)

Hint/Help To get the Hint/Help Menu, press ALT-H .

(ALT-H) --It will list levels of help as follows:

- o Help1 A little hint.
- o Help2 A big hint.
- o Help3 Step me through the Help Screens.
- o Help4 I give up; do it for me.
- o STARTOVER I think I blew it, please start over.
- o Exit Exit this help menu.

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Next

Continues to the second of two topic menus.

/XMtopicmenu2~

/XG\s~

Next

Returns to the first of two topic menus.

/XMtopicmenu1~

/XG\s~

Exit

Exit this answer menu and return to the previous menu.

/XMpracticemenu~

/XG\s~

## WHAT THE HINT/HELP MENU DOES

Help1/2 Help1, Help2 and Exit are self-explanatory.

Help3 Help3 leads you through the Spreadsheet Program Help (Lotus 1a&2) Screens or manual by pointing out the selections to make. An example might look like this:

F1;Hlp Indx;Rng;NamedRng;ESC

It is instructing you to press F1 which gets you into the help screen. Move the cursor to highlight "Help Index", press return. Do the same for "Range" and "Named Range". Read what is on the screen. This will give you what you need to know to solve the secret of the Adventure Template.

(The messages are abbreviated because the macro language allows only 39 characters for the message.)

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HELP MENU (CONTINUED)

Help3      On compatible, (Non Lotus) programs, the help screen  
(Non-Lotus) layout is different and you may not be able to see the  
message while in the help screen. In this case the help  
message is written ON the spreadsheet. You may have to  
write it down before going into the help screen. If so,  
it will be suggested by the program.

Help4      Help4 is a macro that shows you the answer by changing  
the template for you. If you select Help4, you may be  
asked to turn on the STEP function; this is described  
further on.

Start-      In the process of trying to discover the secret of an  
over      Adventure Template you may change the templates layout.  
You might even delete or erase part of the macro command  
language that runs the program. If things aren't working  
right, select STARTOVER. It will retrieve a clean copy of  
the Adventure Template, replacing the old.

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## THE STEP FUNCTION

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What it does      The fourth choice on the Help/Hint Menu is "I give up, do it for me." When you choose this, you will be given the OPTION of turning on the STEP function. Stepping slows down the action, so you can see what is happening.

It is optional      NOTE:Turning it on is NOT NECESSARY for seeing the answer. When it is ON however, each command is exercised one at a time as YOU PRESS RETURN. This way, you can see exactly what is happening.

### HOW TO TURN IT ON AND OFF

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Lotus 1a & compatibles      Press ALT-F1 for Lotus rel 1a and all non Lotus programs.

Lotus 2      Press ALT-F2 if you are using Lotus release 2.

To turn OFF      Step is turned off the same way it is turned on.

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## Sheet1

Note: You will be ASKED to turn STEP OFF after the Macro is completed, even if you didn't elect to turn it ON.

How to know When STEP is on, the word STEP usually appears somewhere it's on of the screen. We suggest you try to check it out now.  
NOTE:With some compatibles,it works differently,if at all.

Note: With "the TWIN" spreadsheet the STEP function is (the TWIN) difficult to turn off. We try to alert you exactly when to turn it off by using beeps. If you miss it, be patient AND KEEP TRYING. For this reason we do NOT recommend that you use it on the TWIN.

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One last If funny thing happen when you try to do something, check word about for a message in a corner of the screen. If it says step CMD ... or SST ... then you are still in a macro. Make sure that STEP is off and press RETURN to play the macro out. With some compatibles, this may take several trys. To stop a macro, press CTRL-BREAK and then ESC.  
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PRACTICE

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Only for     To give you some practice in menu selection and the use  
Beginners     of the STEP function, we have installed some practice  
                 exercises on this (INSTRUCT) instruction spreadsheet.

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Practice     Select "Practice" from the second menu. Select HELLO; Move  
Menu         the cursor to HELLO and press RETURN. The message HELLO!  
                 will appear at the top or bottom of the screen. To remove  
                 the message: press RETURN.

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Practice     Select HELLO again, but this time, just before you press  
STEP         RETURN, turn STEP on and press RETURN 40+ times. Notice  
                 what happens. It is important to turn it OFF after you  
                 have seen the answer, otherwise it will step you through  
                 the rest of Templates of Doom, which could take months.

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Help/Hint &   While you are at it, see how the Help/Hint and Answer  
Answer         menus work.

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MINOR ITEMS OF INTEREST

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Macro      The MACRO AREA contains the program code.  
Area      !!!!!PLEASE DO NOT DISTURB THIS AREA!!!!  
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Phone      If you are having problems understanding the program,  
support      \*\*\*\*\*PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST\*\*\*\*\*  
Remember, the templates themselves are like a crossword  
puzzle and are supposed to be challenging. If you still  
need to talk to someone, get out your VISA or MASTERCARD  
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minute (MINIMUM 10 MINUTES) plus long distance costs if  
we have to call you back.  
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Twin versions If you have an early version of the TWIN, you may have  
to copy cell L49 to cell K49 on SCORECRD before it will  
work correctly.  
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FOR THE INSTRUCTOR

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How to use    Templates of Doom was developed as a learning tool.

in the        Following this screen, is a listing of templates.

classroom    To use Adventure Templates separately, you must decouple  
                 them from the program.

- o Retrieve TEMPOUT.
- o Blank out cells a1..a2.
- o Put the following number in cell a3:

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"1" for Lotus release 1a        "2" for Lotus release 2  
"3" for VP-planner              "4" for the TWIN

- .....
- o Save TEMPOUT.

NOTE:        If you use these templates in a classroom, please give  
                 credit to the author. A word or two on how the student  
                 can buy the program would be even better.

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LIST OF ADVENTURE TEMPLATES	
FILE NAME	WHAT IS COVERED
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TDHERO.WKS	Global Column-Width
TDWEAP.WKS	Column and Row Delete or Move
TDAPRL.WKS	Cell label characteristics
TDPET.WKS	Range Label Prefixes
TDLOC.WKS	Range names
TDGRL.WKS	Range Erase, label characteristics
TDVIL.WKS	Data sorting
TDMCGVN.WKS	Individule Column Widths
TDVLWEAP.WKS	Graphs
TDVILPET.WKS	Windows/Titles
TDVILGMC.WKS	Graph settings
TDVILORG.WKS	Setting Data-Query Criteria and Find.
TDMSG.WKS	Using some standard formulas, Range naming
TDFIGHT.WKS	Using formulas in Data-Query Criteria
TDDOOM.WKS	@IF,@VLOOKUP,@SUM,functions,copying,addressing
TDEND.WKS	Nine items including printer settings.
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Line item 3	13,416	35,291	26,855	48,531	55,146	52,826	25,201

SUBTOTAL	132,654	253,978	188,341	16,342	871,192	262,312	191,912
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Line item 3	13,416	3,291	26,855	4,531	55,146	52,826	25,201

TOTAL	123,456	35,098	126,855	68,735	330,746	132,898	35,201
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Sheet1

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