

Animated Slots



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Introduction

ANIMATED Slots is a three-wheel, five payline slot machine game. It includes a bonus feature which allows you to win a progressive bonus pool as well as a "let-it-ride" blackjack game and a "free spin" symbol. The game allows you to set your own backgrounds and sounds (or use those included).

The game features potentially high payoffs. If you have the bet amount set to the maximum value of \$5 and bet the maximum 25 coins, you could win \$25,000 on a single payline! (Not real money--this is just a game).

If your computer supports resolutions over 640X480, the game has slot wheels larger than any other game made for Windows. In any resolution you can click the maximize button in the upper-right portion of the window to casue the game to take up your entire screen. The graphics will grow proportionately to fill-up the screen.

As of January 1997, Ultisoft, the makers of Animated Slots, has 13 different slot machine games. The shareware (trial) versions of any can be downloaded from our Internet site at:

<http://www.ultisoft.com>

Registration Information

If you are a registered user of ANIMATED SLOTS, we thank you for your support. If you have not yet registered this game, then we thank you for trying it.

If you are using the shareware version of ANIMATED SLOTS, then you will notice that not all the features found in the complete, registered version are active. The shareware version is functional enough for you to evaluate the game and decide if you wish to register. You can evaluate the shareware version of ANIMATED SLOTS for up to 30 days without obligation. However, if you wish to continue using the game after 30 days, you must register it or else stop using it. This program is protected by U.S. and International Copyrights.

When you register, you get a much more complete game which allows you to borrow unlimited credits, save games, starts a new game with 1000 credits (versus only 200 in the shareware version) and lets you change the bet amount (coin value). All the shareware reminders and order screens are also removed in the registered version of ANIMATED SLOTS.

The price is \$20 for ANIMATED SLOTS. This is a one-time fee which entitles you to keep and play the game for as long as you like. Updates are free if you download them. We charge \$2 for updates if need us to mail them to you.

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Game Instructions

Before spinning, you must place a bet. You can bet from 1 to 25 coins per spin. The payoffs for a winning line are based on the coins bet on that line, not the total coins bet on all lines. Click the MAX BET button to bet the maximum 25 coins. To see the payoffs look at the payoff chart (click on the PAYOFFS button).

There are three different bonuses in the game. One is a blackjack game you can play after a winning spin. Another is a "free spin" symbol which wins you a free spin. The third is a progressive bonus pool which is won by getting "bonus pool" symbols. If you get three on a single payline, you win the bonus pool. You also go to a special screen. You have a 1-in-5 chance of increasing your winnings by five times the bonus pool (with no chance of losing your current winnings). If you get "bonus pool" symbols on the first two positions on a single payline, you still go to the special screen, but you will have only a 1-in-5 chance of winning the bonus pool.

The progressive bonus pool is increased whenever you bet maximum coins. On a 25 coin total wager, the bonus pool increases by the value of one coin. At the start of a new game, or after winning the bonus pool, the bonus pool starts out at 200 times the current coin value.

Look at the box on the right-hand side of the screen labeled "PAYLINES." This shows the amount bet on each payline (in red). After a spin, you can look at this box to see which lines won (in blue).

PLEASE NOTE--the first payline is the center line. The second is the top line. The third is the bottom line. The fourth is diagonal from the top left to the bottom right. The fifth payline runs diagonally from the bottom left to the top right symbol.

Click on the PAYOFF CHART button to see all the payoffs for this game. The payoffs are based upon the current bet amount. Select BET AMOUNT from under the OPTIONS menu to change the bet amount (coin value).

Placing a Bet

Placing a bet is done by clicking on the BET 1 or MAX BET button. You must place a bet before spinning the slot machine wheels, however, once you place a bet and spin, you can continue betting the same amount by just clicking on the spin button.

You can bet from 1 to 25 coins per spin. The actual amount of the bet is the number of coins times the bet amount. If you have the machine set to \$1 and bet 25 coins, then you are betting \$25.

There are five paylines, and the coins you bet are distributed to an alternating line each time you bet one more coin. If you bet the maximum 25 coins, then each payline will have 5 coins bet on it. Payoffs for winning lines are based on the coins per line (not the total number of coins bet on all lines).

You must bet 25 (maximum) coins to have a portion (4%) of your wager added to the progressive bonus pool.

Spinning

To spin the slot wheels, click on the SPIN button. Before spinning, you must place your bet. However, after placing a bet and spinning, you can continue to spin at the same wager amount by continuing to click on the SPIN button.

Borrowing Credits

You can borrow as many credits as you need or want. To borrow credits, choose the amount to borrow by first selecting BORROW from under the OPTIONS menu. You can continue to borrow by the available increments until you have borrow as much as you want.

You can also pay back credits that you borrowed. This is a good way to see exactly how much money you have made.

Note

Your starting credits are considered borrowed.

Payoffs

To see the payoffs click the PAYOFF CHART button. The payoffs are based on the coins you bet and the coin value you set by selecting BET AMOUNT from under the OPTIONS menu.

One thing to keep in mind is that payoffs are based on the amount (coins times coin value) bet on the winning payline, not the total amount wagered on all paylines. For example if you bet 25 coins, you are wagering 5 coins per line. The payoff for a winning line would be based on the 5 coins bet on that line, not on the 25 coins bet overall.

The WILD symbol can replace any needed symbol to help a payline to win. The WILD symbol can be a "bonus pool" symbol, but only if the payline could not win otherwise. The WILD symbol cannot replace (become) the "free spin" symbol.

Loading and Saving Games

To load game, or to save the current game, select OPEN (or SAVE) from under the FILE menu.

This will bring up a new screen. Select the game you wish to load (or the "Game Slot" that you wish to save the current game to).

When you quit the program, the current game is automatically saved, so you can resume it the next time you run the program. Each time you run the ANIMATED SLOTS program, the game will start where you left-off last time you played. If you do not wish to continue that game, you can select NEW GAME under the FILE menu, or you can load another saved game.

Animations

To turn "animation" mode on or off, select ANIMATIONS from under the OPTIONS menu.

When animations are on (checked), the character symbols on the slot machine wheels will be animated.

Background

You can change the background colors of the game. You can select either a tiled bitmap (wallpaper) graphic or a solid background color.

Just select BACKGROUND from under the OPTIONS menu. Then select either TILED or SOLID. If you select tiled, then you will be able to browse your directories for your choice of a background pattern. There should be several choices in your WINDOWS directory as well as a couple of choices in the directory containing the ANIMATED SLOTS files.

If you select a solid background, just click on the color you want from the choices that appear, and then click on OK.

PLEASE NOTE: For best results use the default .BMP file or a solid color background. 16 color backgrounds should also be okay. However, 256+ color backgrounds will most likely cause palette conflicts with the slot symbols which are 256 colors. If this happens, just choose another background (no harm done).

Bet Amount

Sometimes called "Coin Value."

This is the value of the coins being bet. To change this setting, select BET AMOUNT from under the OPTIONS menu.

You can set the coin value from 5¢ to \$5.

Blackjack

To turn "blackjack" mode on or off, select BLACKJACK from under the OPTIONS menu.

After any winning spin, you have the option of playing a "let it ride" blackjack game. In this game you can risk your current winnings. You can continue playing the blackjack game until you lose, or until you choose to stop.

The rules are similar to regular table blackjack, except you cannot split pairs, double down, surrender, or buy insurance. We have left out these features because your wager is limited to your current winnings (and to simplify the game). To make up for this disadvantage in odds, the following rules are in your favor.

Blackjack pays 2-1. It is more common at casinos to pay 3-2 for blackjack.

When both the dealer and the player have blackjack, the player wins even money rather than losing. If the player has blackjack and the dealer doesn't have blackjack, the player wins at 2-1 (ie, pays \$10 for a \$5 bet). In most versions of casino blackjack, you lose your bet even when you have blackjack if the dealer has a blackjack unless you buy insurance or agree to even money before the dealer shows blackjack.

And as is the case in most blackjack versions, pushes return your bet (you neither win nor lose). A "push" is when you and the dealer have the same total card value.

Music

If your computer is equipped with a sound card which supports MIDI, then you have the option of having music play in the background while you are playing the game.

To turn music on, select MUSIC from under the OPTIONS menu. Then click on ON. This will place a check mark next to the word On, and music should start playing.

To change the music selections, click on CHANGE MIDs. This item is found by selecting OPTIONS and then MUSIC.

Changing Music Selections

After you bring up the Music window, you have the option of selecting up to eight MIDI songs. You select a song by clicking on one of the CHANGE buttons. This will bring up a standard Windows Open File dialog. You can use it to navigate your directories. Only MIDI songs will be displayed in the file area of the open dialog. A MIDI song has a file extension of .MID or .RMI.

You can preview a selected song by clicking the PREVIEW button.

There is a check box before each song slot. If the song is checked, it will be included in the playlist. The program will play each song in order, and then it will return to the top of the playlist and continue playing each song in order.

Sound

You can toggle the sound on and off by selecting SOUND from under the OPTIONS menu. When sound is on, then there will be a check mark next to "On."

You can also set sound on or off for several individual sounds and groups of sounds. You can set the bonus sound, spin sound, stop sound, coin sound, credit sound, lose sound, power up, power down, and win sound.

You can change many of these sound to suit your own tastes. Select Change WAVs under the OPTIONS/SOUNDS menu. This will bring up a window which will allow you to replace many of the game's default sounds using WAV files on your computer.

THE SOUNDS

Bonus Sound--A sound that plays when you win the progressive bonus pools.

Card Dealt Sound--This sound plays when a card is dealt in the blackjack game.

Losing Sound--A sound which plays on a losing spin.

Winning Sound--A sound which plays when you have a winning spin.

Spin Sound--A sound that plays when the slot wheels are spinning. This sound adds some realism, but you should turn it off if it causes the wheels to spin too slowly on your machine.

Stop Sound--This sound plays as each spinning wheel comes to a stop.

Coin Sound--This sound plays each time a coin is deposited.

Credit Sound--On a winning spin, this sound is played while the credits you won are counted off.

Spin Speed

This controls how fast the wheels spin. To change the speed setting, select SPIN SPEEN from under the OPTIONS menu.

Troubleshooting

It spins too slow. How can I speed up the spinning?

There are a number of things that cause the spinning to be too slow on your system. First check the SPEED setting under the OPTIONS menu. Make sure it is set to FAST. Make sure the window state is set to normal (not maximized) if running with the window maximized runs too slow. You might try turning the animations off also.

What are the bonuses and how do they work?

The most bonus feature you will see most frequently is the "let-it-ride" blackjack game. After any winning spin, you have the option of playing blackjack with your current winnings. You can play until you lose or choose to quit.

Another bonus feature is the "free spin" symbol. This will appear on average 3-out-of-20 times. When it appears, you win a free spin. The free spin will not cost you a wager, and winnings, if any, will be paid according to the last wager you made.

You can win the progressive bonus pool by getting a payline with three of the "bonus pool" symbols. The WILD symbols can be used as "bonus pool" symbols if they are on the payline. If you win the bonus pool, you will go to a bonus screen which gives you a 1-in-5 chance of increasing the bonus pool prize to five times its current value. If you get only two "bonus pool" symbols, and if they are on the first two positions of the payline, then you have a 1-in-5 chance of winning the bonus pool at its current value. You go to the bonus screen and pick from five buttons. If you click the correct one, you win the bonus pool. If not, then you don't win the bonus pool, and the bonus pool's value remains at its current value. The bonus pool starts at 200 times the coin value at the start of the game. It increases by the coin value each time you spin.

How does the autospin feature work?

To set this feature on, you must first place a bet. If you have already spun, then the last wager will be used during the "autospins." To enable this feature, select AUTOSPIN from the main menu. You will be asked whether you would like the game to pause for the Bonus screen. You can either have the game pause when it's time to select a Bonus button, or you can select a box number to be used each time you go to the Bonus screen. If you have the game pause, you can choose the button you want manually.

Those moving slot symbols are giving me a headache, how do I turn them off?

Select ANIMATIONS from under the OPTIONS menu to turn the animations on or off.

I don't want to play blackjack, can I change the settings so that the blackjack screen doesn't appear after every winning spin?

Yes. Just select BLACKJACK from under the OPTIONS menu to turn the blackjack game on or off.

I am having another problem that I would your help with.

Please email us at: ultisoft@mind.net

If you need to call our tech support staff, please call between 9am and 5pm Pacific time, Monday through Friday. Our tech support line is 1-541-857-9229.

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