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Ordering Information

How to order

There are three ways to order XENO.

- Call Spudhead directly at **(802) 848-9977** and order XENO via COD delivery.
- Send Email to jhaughey@together.net and order XENO via COD delivery.
- Print and fill out the following order form, enclose the payment for the proper amount, and mail to :

Spudhead Software, Inc.
925 Berkshire Rd.,
Richford, VT. 05476
(802) 848-9977

Name _____

Email _____

Address _____

City,State _____

Zip _____

Yes, I would like to order XENO.

Product	Price	Quantity	Total
XENO	19.95	_____	_____
		Shipping	3.00
		Vermonters, Add 5% sales tax	_____
		Grand total	_____

- **Enclosed is my payment of** _____.
- **Send XENO to me via COD** _____.

Please allow 3 to 4 weeks delivery.

Signature _____

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PEP
Box 101-SH
Sutton, Quebec
Joe, 2KO

Enclose a check for 12.95 + 3.00 shipping for the 12 position version

--OR--

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--OR--

Call PEP at (514) 538-2320

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XENO Rules

GOAL:

To capture all of the opposing pieces so that your color is on top everywhere.

STACKS:

Each piece starts out in its own separate stack, but capturing quickly builds bigger stacks. A STACK IS YOURS IF THE TOP PIECE IS YOUR COLOR.

SETTING UP:

The computer will randomly setup the XENO sphere with one piece per position.

WHO STARTS:

The computer randomly chooses a piece owned by player one and places that piece on top of a randomly selected opponent piece. This action constitutes player one's turn.

STARTING:

The second player is free to make the opening move.

TO MOVE:

Move one of your stacks to an EMPTY NEIGHBORING square.

TO JUMP:

When one of your stacks is next to an opposing stack and the square BEYOND the opposing stack is empty, you may JUMP! your stack, the opposing stack, and the empty square must be THREE IN A ROW.

When you JUMP, your stack captures the TOP piece from the opposing stack, and lands in the empty square. The newly captured piece goes on the BOTTOM, building up your stack.

If any one of your pieces is in a position to jump, you MUST JUMP.

If multiple forced jumps are available, you are required to select one of these forced jumps as your move.

Forced jumps are displayed to the player by highlighting the forced jump stack to GREEN.

MULTIPLE JUMPS:

If your stack lands where it CAN JUMP again, it MUST JUMP again.

Capture one piece on EACH JUMP.

You may NOT jump back and forth across a stack.

WINNING:

If you capture ALL of the opposing pieces, your color is on top everywhere, YOU WIN. If all of your pieces are captured, YOU LOSE. XENO may be won in a few turns, or the lead can change hands many times.

Strategy Tips

- Your pieces are generally SAFER in groups.
- It is good to JUMP when you land in a SAFE spot.
- Being captured is GOOD if you can RESCUE your pieces.
- Stacks with extra pieces on top are VERY powerful.
- Attack weaker stacks to rescue still more pieces.
- When in trouble, ATTACK! When desperate, SURVIVE!
- NEVER give up - one JUMP can change the whole game.

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File menu commands

The File menu offers the following commands:

<u>New game</u>	Starts a new game of XENO.
<u>End game</u>	Ends the current game of XENO.
<u>Exit</u>	Exits XENO

Network menu commands

The Network menu offers the following commands:

<u>Host a game</u>	Starts the XENO Internet game server.
<u>Connect to a game</u>	Connects to a XENO Internet game server.
<u>Disconnect</u>	Disconnects from a XENO game server.

Options menu commands

The Options menu offers the following commands:

<u>Game options</u>	Modifies playing options
<u>Game setup</u>	Modifies the game piece setup.

Windows menu commands

The Window menu offers the following commands.

<u>Highscores</u>	Displays the high score window.
<u>Animations</u>	Modifies XENO animation parameters.
<u>Stacks</u>	Displays the strategic stacks window.

Help menu commands

The Help menu offers the following commands, which provide you assistance with this application:

<u>H</u> elp	Offers you an index to topics on which you can get help.
<u>T</u> opics	
<u>A</u> bout	Displays the version number of this application.

New game dialog box

The following options allow you to specify the players for a new XENO game:

Name

Type the name of player. The players name will be used for displaying game messages in the windows status area

Human, Computer, Network, Not playing

Select the type of player that will be playing:

- Human, allows you to play up to four players on one computer.
- Computer, allows you to play up to three computer opponents.
- Network, is only available to a XENO server player. This option allows you to specify up to three networked opponents.
- Not playing, allows you to disable up to three opponents.

Color button

Change the color of a player's pieces by selecting the appropriate color button..

Cancel

Don't bother starting the new game.

Ok

Start the game.

End game command

Use this command to terminate the current game of XENO.

NOTE: If you are playing a network game, this command does not disconnect the network player(s).

Exit command (File menu)

Use this command to end your XENO session.

Host a network game (Not available in DEMO version)

Use this command to start the XENO game server. You may host a game of XENO for up to four network players.(including you).

After selecting this option you will be presented with the 'Server' dialog box. At this point you may modify the default socket port number. For most installations, it is not necessary to modify the default value of 3003.

NOTE: If you have a firewall in place at your site, it may become necessary to modify this value. Consult your WebMaster for a valid port number.

After the 'Server' dialog box, you will be presented with the 'Wait for connections' dialog box..

At any time you may cancel or hit Ok when the appropriate remote players have attached.

Connect to a game

Use this command to connect to a XENO game server.

After selecting this option you will be presented with the 'Client' dialog box.

At this point you need to enter your name, the host's IP address, and you may modify the default socket port number.

Disconnect

Use this command to disconnect from a XENO network game server.

Typically, you will remain connected to a XENO game server until you either disconnect or exit XENO.

Game options dialog box

The following options allow you to specify the playing options:

Level of play (This option is not available in the DEMO version)

Allows you to select the level of computer competence. Select either Easy, Medium or Hard.

Sphere size

Allows you to select the number of positions on the XENO spherical playing area.

Select either 12, 24 or 30.

Handicap

Allows you to specify a handicap. As you modify the handicap from 0 to 100. The total amount of pieces available to you and the other players will be displayed.

Game setup

Use this command to create a strategic simulation of any game scenario.

You must select 'New game' from the file menu, in order to use the setup game scenario.

High Scores

The High Score window can be displayed from the 'Windows' menu.

The High Score window is displayed automatically, when a Human player wins the game.

Clear

Clears out all of the high scores.

OK

Exits the high score window.

Animations

The appearance of the XENO sphere and the granularity of the rotational speed can be modified from the Animations window.

Zoom

The size of the XENO sphere can be modified via this slide control. Game performance, on older systems, can be improved by using a smaller XENO sphere.

Granularity

The movement stepping rate can be modified via this slide control. Game performance, on older systems, can be improved by using a larger granularity.

Shading

The shading of the XENO sphere can be modified via this slide control. . Game performance, on older systems, can be improved by using a minimal shading.

Position color

The color of valid move positions on the XENO sphere can be modified via the is button.

NonPosition color

The color of non playable positions on the XENO sphere can be modified via the is button.

Stacks

The stacks window allows you to obtain a strategic view of the XENO pieces.

You may click on a piece or a stack in the Stacks window and XENO will rotate that stack into view.

About command (Help menu)

Use this command to display the copyright notice and version number of your copy of XENO.

Help Contents (Help menu)

Use this command to obtain help about playing XENO.

