

MG: GameBits

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CD-ROM Installed Base Exceeds 25 Million Worldwide

Preliminary 1994 CD-ROM sales data collected by InfoTech, the international CD-ROM and multimedia market research firm, shows that worldwide installed base of CD-ROM readers grew to 26.9 million units, up 137% from 1993.

Cool New Mac Game Web Sites

The World Wide Web is hot and recently a few pages are dedicated to some new Macintosh games. The include:

Marathon - <http://www.netweb.com/mall/marathon/Marathon.html>

MacDOOM - <http://www.eecs.wsu.edu/~rkinion/macdoom.html>

A-10 Attack - <http://www.cs.vu.nl/~tnleeuw/A10/>

F/A-18 Hornet - <http://www.cs.vu.nl/~tnleeuw/hornet/>

Ye Olde Golf Tournaments

Joshua93 is offering to broker a Links Pro Golf Tournament on America Online, just for fun. Play any course and save it, then send it to him. Each month he'll run a separate tournament between players and post the results. For more information, contact him at joshua93@aol.com.

For those of you more interested in miniature golf, the National Gopher Golf Tournament is also underway. For more information contact NHGlyn@aol.com.

More for Your Game: Scenarios, Cheaters and Add-Ons

We've collected all the new cheaters and scenarios we could find, and anything else we thought might help Mac gamers get as much enjoyment out of their games as possible. Cheaters can diminish your game experience if you're not careful, but we trust you to know when to say when. Scenarios are usually made by our readers or others out there with the itch to create. We won't take responsibility for their quality, but you're sure to find some gems in what we bring you. The following is what we've found this month to give you more

for your game.

◦ Marathon fans, listen up. The Marathon FAQ 2.0 will answer all your questions about everyone's favorite space station. The Chapter Kit slideshow is a pretty tour of each chapter of the game. The Marathon Cheat 2.5 allows you to do anything you want in the game. The Marathon Kit includes saved games and levels so you can go anywhere you want. Marathon Secrets 1.0 lets you in on almost all the hidden places. And Maxathon 1.0 allows you to max out your Marathon character. Whew! There are so many cheaters you'd think there'd been a lot of people waiting for this game.

◦ Fantasoft, the publishers of the shareware role-playing game Realmz, have released the first add-on adventure, Prelude to Pestilence. Your characters are transported to the city of Mountainview, where evil creatures walk in the daylight. The adventure can only be played if you've registered your copy of Realmz. Fantasoft has also released the Realmz PC Editor, with which you can create and edit Realmz characters. Simon Lawson has released a new version of his Bywater Hints AppleGuide for Realmz. You'll need Apple's System 7.5 to use it. He's also asking for tips, tricks, and hints on Prelude to Pestilence for inclusion in the Prelude Hints AppleGuide he is preparing. Check out the new guide and Simon's request in the scenarios folder elsewhere on the CD.

◦ Flashback fans will find a folder on the CD with level codes and saved games to help them along, as well as a map of the first level of the game.

◦ For people trying to build their own houses with Glider PRO, one of the authors has created the Glider PRO Construction Set to help you make files smaller and simpler.

◦ Have you been playing Rescue, but you keep feeling wistful about the old, original Enterprise 1701? Now there's the Rescue New Art Patch 2.1 that will exchange the graphics for you.

◦ SimTower magnates can increase their funds with SimTower Cheat 1.0. This one's not guaranteed to be bug free, however.

◦ WolfEdit 1.1 has been released, and it now works with Wolf3D, 2nd Encounter. Although not every feature of 2nd Encounter is available, this will let you build all kinds of levels.

◦ And finally, we've collected a bunch of Glider PRO houses, Wolf3D encounters, SimCity 2000 cities, Gopher Golf greens, and MacSki slopes for your enjoyment. Round that out with text guides to Night Trap and Inherit the Earth, and you've got a little something for everyone.

The Update Files

Updates are new versions of programs that provide bug fixes or game enhancements to older versions. Sometimes an updater will fix a critical bug, sometimes it fixes something that has no bearing on your computer. You can come right here to find out what's new and what it does. Then you can find the updaters you need on the IMG CD.

◦ Glider PRO has been updated to version 1.02. This update is a must for fans of the paper airplane game. New objects have been added, a new house is included, countless bugs have been squashed... it's an essential upgrade.

◦ TacOps has been updated to version 0.1.1. It includes an updated photo of the HMMWV

that will no longer lock up the program, updated scenarios compatible with changes in the game engine, and of course, an updater to the game that adds many user requests and bug fixes. Major Holdridge and Arsenal Publishing continue to provide excellent support for their users.

◦ SimTower has been updated to version 1.1. This version fixes a number of important bugs, including one with the Metro that may have been biting gamers.

◦ PlayMaker Football is back. And back again. PlayMaker Football 2.1 has been available since early December online, with the new for '94 NFL rule changes and a few tweaks here and there. Now version 2.1.1 is available, fixing a few minor matters. You can find it in the Demos folder.

◦ Flight Commander 2 has been updated to version 1.02. The bug fixes make the play-by-email game simpler and more reliable, and fix a few other things as well.

◦ The joystick makers have all announced new versions of their software. It seems Apple has discovered an ADB bug on Powerbook 160s and 180s. The Powerbook ADB Patch should solve those problems. CH Products' FlightStick Pro software has been updated to include this patch. Thrustmaster has released a minor update to their Thrustmaster Strokes (to version 1.04) and Calibrator software (now version 1.03) for their joysticks that fixes minor bugs and makes cosmetic changes to the menu bar. It writes over any sets you may have changed though, so only use it if you've noticed problems. Advanced Gravis, maker of the MouseStick II, has released updated software for their joystick too. Version 3.3 of the software includes a new control panel, a disk-based user's guide, a trouble-shooting guide, and 131 MouseStick sets.

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Deliverance 1.0.1 - Updates game to work with System 6, no other fix
Flight Commander 2 1.02 - enhancements and a big e-mail game bug fix
Flightstick Pro 1.0.3 - ADB fix, other small enhancements
Glider PRO 1.02 - numerous bug fixes and enhancements, well worth it
Gopher Golf 2.0 - combines game and editor, minor bug fixes
Harpoon Classic CD 1.56c - Minor update from version 1.56
MouseStick software 3.3 - bug fixes and additional materials, 131 sets
PlayMaker Football 2.1.1 - 1994 NFL rules
SimTower 1.1 - Numerous bug fixes and a few enhancements
TacOps 0.1.1 - bug fixes and user requests added, a definite upgrade
Thrustmaster software 1.04 - ADB fix, fixes minor bugs
UMS II 1.6 - update works with System 7
WolfEdit 1.1 - lots of bug fixes, will now work with 2nd Encounter

Disclaimer

All of the shareware files listed above are available on this CD-ROM. Always apply patches, hacks, or updaters to a copy of your program! Nobody but you is responsible if you mangle your original.