



# **Hang Man**

*Hang Man* is the computerized version of the classic game. *Hang Man* is both entertaining and educational and provides hours of fun for the entire family.

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## **Overview of the Game**

The object of *Hang Man* is to guess all the letters of the hidden word or phrase located at the bottom left of the game screen. Initially all the letters of this word are replaced with hyphens. By typing letters on the keyboard or selecting letters with the mouse, fill in the letters of the hidden word. Each correct guess is displayed in the hidden word. Each incorrect guess adds a part to the Hang Man. Correctly guess all the letters before the Hang Man is complete and you Win!

There are three levels of play in *Hang Man*. In level 1, the words are short and you are allowed up to 9 incorrect guesses to find the solution. Level 2 gives you only 7 incorrect guesses and the words are a little bit longer. Level 3 adds longer words and short phrases, and you are still only allowed up to 7 incorrect guesses.



## **Shareware and Registration Benefits**

A fully functional but simplified trial version of *Hang Man* is distributed as shareware. The idea behind shareware is that it lets you "try before you buy" the software to see if you like it and would enjoy owning a copy. The shareware license generally gives you the right to try the product for a short period of time, for example 30 days.

When you decide to register (purchase) the software, you will receive all the benefits of registration including the latest registered-user version of the software.

*Hang Man* makes it easy to register by providing an on-line registration form which you can fill out and print from within the game. The printed form even includes a mailing label.

After opening the registration form from the **Help-Register** menu or the **Register Now** button, fill in your name and address. Choose the appropriate registration options, then select print. New York State residents don't forget to add 7% sales tax. The registration form and a mailing label will be printed on your printer. Just include a check or money order (US Funds) and mail it to CanalRun. Your registration will be processed immediately.

### **Benefits of Registration**

- o You will receive the latest registered-user version of *Hang Man* which includes many more (over 1100) game words and phrases.
- o The registered-user version also allows you to modify the game words and add your own words to the game.
- o You will be placed on the mailing list to receive notification of upgrades to *Hang Man* as well as information on other software products by CanalRun.



## ***Playing Hang Man***

Playing *Hang Man* is straight-forward and intuitive. The game starts by presenting you with a hidden word located at the bottom left of the game screen. The letters of the word have been replaced by hyphens. Choose a letter by either typing on the keyboard or pressing a letter-button with the mouse. If the letter is found in the hidden word, it is displayed in its proper position. Otherwise, a part is added to the Hang Man. Each letter can be chosen only once. If you correctly guess the hidden word before the Hang Man is drawn, You Win!

To begin a new game, select **Game-New** from the Game menu. Three levels of play can be selected from the Options menu. Level 1 is the easiest. Level 3 is the hardest.



## **Menu Commands**

### **Game menu**

- o The **Game-New** menu item begins a new game of *Hang Man*.
- o To quit playing *Hang Man* select **Game-Exit**.

### **Options menu**

- o **Options-Level 1** selects the easiest playing level of *Hang Man*. The words are shortest and you are allowed up to 9 incorrect guesses to find the hidden word.
- o The words added to **Options-Level 2** are a little bit longer and you are allowed only 7 incorrect guesses to solve the puzzle.
- o **Options-Level 3** selects the hardest playing level. In addition to longer words, short phrases are added to the game. As in level 2, you are allowed up to 7 incorrect guesses.

### **Help menu**

- o The **Help-Help** menu item selects this help file.
- o **Help-About Hang Man** displays some information about *Hang Man* and *CanalRun, Inc.*
- o The **Help-Register** item displays a registration form for *Hang Man* which you can fill out and print from within the game.



## **Adding Custom Game Words**

Only the registered-user version of *Hang Man* supports custom game words. The shareware version comes with a built-in selection of words.

The file named **words** located in the program directory holds all of the game words for *Hang Man*. With any text file editor, (ex. Windows Notepad) you can edit this file and add your own words to the game. You can also create your own word file named **words** and save it in the game directory (please save a copy of the original **words** file first).

- o The word list file can contain up to 1500 words. There should be one word per line with no preceding or trailing blanks.
- o A word can be up to 20 characters long. The words should be capitalized. Spaces are allowed between the words of a short phrase.
- o The string **[LEVEL 1]**, located on its own line, should precede the group of level 1 words. Likewise, the strings **[LEVEL 2]** and **[LEVEL 3]** should precede the level 2 and level 3 words.
- o There should be no blank lines in the **words** file.
- o Use the **words** file included with *Hang Man* as an example of the proper format.



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