

Art of Coarse Fishing on CDROM - DEMO

README file

Demo Version

This document provides additional information to help resolve any problems which you may encounter while running this CDROM.

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1. Installation

To install "Art of Coarse Fishing", run Setup.exe from D:\ where D: is the drive letter of your CD-ROM.

Alternatively, in file manager or windows explorer (Windows 95 users), select your CDROM drive and run Setup.exe by double clicking the item.

Follow the on screen instructions which appear during the set up.

Quicktime Installation

The Installation of the new Quicktime for Windows 2.03 video drivers has been integrated into the installation of the application. When prompted to install Quicktime follow the instructions on the screen. If you already have this version of the drivers on your system then there is an option not to complete this section of the installation procedure.

Installation Errors

If you encounter other errors during installation, the simplest advice that often works is to exit Windows and then re-run Windows and immediately run the installation by running SETUP.EXE.

If the setup reports that you do not have enough free disk space then exit the installation and delete items from your hard disk until you have the required space (Approx. 5MB).

2. General Considerations

When running the application please note that the cursor gives an hourglass symbol while the system is busy. During this time you should wait until the cursor has returned to the 'ready' arrow before attempting to access further items. Areas of the screen which respond to mouse clicks (hot-spots) are indicated when the cursor changes to a 'hand'.

Use a single mouse click to activate hot-spots.

Screen Resolutions

This product has not been designed to run in greater than 800x600 screen resolution. If you are running in a higher resolution then reset windows to 800x600 or 640x480 using your display manager.

3. Application Errors & Performance Problems

While every effort has been made to ensure that this product will run on a low specification MPC machine, you may still experience problems if the machine has not been configured correctly.

The most common problem might be 'Out of Memory' issues. This should not occur in Windows 95. If this occurs the application will return you to windows. You should always exit and re-start windows following any such system failure. Memory and performance problems can be rectified by optimising your system in the following ways:

In DOS:

1. Run MEMMAKER by typing 'memmaker' at the DOS prompt. Help on MEMMAKER can be found in your DOS manual.
2. In your AUTOEXEC.BAT file ensure that MSCDEX is loaded before SMARTDRV and that the MSCDEX command line has the parameter /M:32. This can improve video playback and correct any audio break-up problems.
3. Ensure SMARTDRV has the parameter 512 set and that CDROM caching has been disabled for SMARTDRV. This is done by adding the parameter /U to the command line (again in your AUTOEXEC.BAT).
4. Running DEFRAG on your hard drive may improve performance and enable you to configure a larger permanent swap file in Windows.

In Windows:

1. Configure the largest "Permanent Swap file" you can. This should be a minimum of 8MB but the greater the swap file the better all your windows applications should run.

To change your swap file setting (Windows 3.x):

- Open windows control panel (found in the 'MAIN' program group of program manager), and click the icon '386 enhanced'.
- Use the 'virtual memory' button to see if your current swap file is temporary or permanent, to check the size of the current swap file and to make changes. Windows usually creates a temporary swap file by default, but if your

disk is full

or fragmented, this temporary file can become unavailable. This can affect performance, since windows works best when it has allocated hard disk space to use at any time for swapping a file in or out of your computer's memory. It is therefore best to set up a permanent swap file, and to make the size of the permanent swap file a minimum of 8Mb (8,192k).

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- Set 32-bit disc access on.

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 - 128k virtual memory cache size.
 - Look at the help menu of the windows control panel or in your windows documentation for more information.
2. Don't run any other applications at the same time.
 3. Consider adding more RAM to your computer.
 4. Remove any unnecessary programs/drivers from your AUTOEXEC.BAT or CONFIG.SYS files.
 5. Run at 640x480 screen resolution.
 6. Ensure that you have the latest video drivers for your video card. If unsure contact your computer supplier or video card manufacturer.

4. Improving Picture Quality

You will get a message relating to this section if you start 'Art of Coarse Fishing' in 256 colour mode.

Many video cards can operate in more than one display mode such as 16, 256 or 32,768 colour display mode. If your video card is capable of a display mode with more than 256 colours, you can run Windows Setup (usually in the Main program group in Windows Program Manager) to check your current display settings, and to change the display mode to see 'Art of Coarse Fishing' with better picture quality. 'Art of Coarse Fishing' will look best and perform better in a display mode that shows better than 256 colours. Please check the manual that came with your video card or personal computer for information on how many colours your video card can display (while maintaining at least a VGA resolution of 640 x 480 or higher) before attempting to change your display setting in Windows Setup.

If you experience any display abnormalities try setting your display to a different colour depth or resolution. This will cause the video card to use a different display driver which may correct the problem.

5. Common Solutions to Making Sounds Play

SOUND DOESN'T PLAY AT ALL

1. Check the volume.
2. If the volume is turned up and you still hear no sounds, something may be wrong with your sound board installation. Check to see that the sound board software is installed correctly and reinstall it if necessary.
3. If the software is installed correctly the sound board may need to be pressed more securely into its slot or have a jumper setting changed on the sound board.
4. If you have both a sound board and special software that bypasses the sound board to play sounds through the PC speaker we suggest you remove or disable the special

software (the PC speaker driver). 'Art of Coarse Fishing' requires an MPC-compatible sound board to be installed and is not meant to run with just the PC internal speaker or any combination of that speaker and special software.

SOUND PLAYS BUT IS DISTORTED OR "FUZZY"

Sound distortion is often caused by sending a higher volume or amplitude of sound to the speakers than they are able to handle, or by turning the volume control on your sound board too high (distortion from the amplifier on the sound board). Sometimes speakers that are not of high quality will distort at a lower volume than better speakers will (compare a clock radio speaker to a big stereo system; the stereo speakers can play much louder with no distortion).

For example, if the volume for your sound board or "WAVE file output" is set to near its maximum it will produce distortion just like a radio that is turned up too loud. To learn how to change your sound board settings check the manuals that came with your sound board. This is normally done with either a volume dial on the back of your sound board (in the rear of your computer where the speakers plug in) or with a program that is often called a "mixer", that is usually installed in the Windows Control Panel of the Main program group. Some sound boards use both types of controls and they must both be adjusted.

SOUNDS ARE CUT OFF

Your computer can only play one sound at a time therefore other sound producing programs could interrupt the sounds in 'Art of Coarse Fishing'. Some sound producing programs may take over the audio capability and prevent other Windows programs from being able to make sounds. If you suspect you have such a program do not run it at the same time as 'Art of Coarse Fishing'.

MAKING SURE THE SOUND CARD IS INSTALLED PROPERLY

1. Verify Port and IRQ settings by looking at the sound card and comparing the way it is set up to the way that the sound board software thinks it is set up. The sound board manual should explain how to read the sound board.
2. Make sure the sound card does not conflict with other hardware. This is done by comparing the setup of the sound board with the setups of other cards in your computer. It is important that no two cards try to use the same port or IRQ. This is a common source of problems when you are getting no sound at all.

6. Common Solutions to Making Video Play

1. If you get constant video play errors or video does not play at all then check that the QuickTime video section of the installation was carried out. If unsure re-run the installation.
2. If playback is jerky or sound breaks up then read the section entitled 'Application Errors and Performance Problems'.

For further assistance contact our customer support line on:

0171-581-1371 and ask for Anthony Jones.