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## DEMO FEATURES

X-Decathlon Demo has all X-Decathlon full version features except that the demo version has only 2 events, no video and fewer sound effects. Network game is fully functional in the demo version.

However, you must have **DirectX 3** or higher preinstalled in your system in order to play X-Decathlon. You can download DirectX 3 from Microforum web site. You can also download the latest DirectX component from Microsoft web site.

## SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

### *MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS*

- Pentium based 60 MHz computer
- Windows 95
- 8 MB free hard disk space to install and
- 20 MB free hard disk space to run
- Double-speed CD-ROM drive
- DirectX compatible video card
- DirectX compatible sound card

### *RECOMMENDED REQUIREMENTS*

- Pentium 100 MHz computer or greater
- 16 MB RAM or greater
- Quad-speed CD-ROM drive or greater
- 15MB free hard disk space to install and
- 30 MB free hard disk space to run
- DirectX compatible sound card
- DirectX compatible video card
- Windows compatible joystick
- Network card or modem (for multiplayer game)

## DEFAULT KEY CONTROL SETTINGS

1. The default movement controls are the Up, Down, Left, and Right arrow keys.
2. Action 1 is the Shift key.
3. Action 2 is the Control key.

NOTE: For more specific information on game play, click on the Escape key, and choose "Help" for general help, or the specific game for which you need information.

## SAVING GAMES

- You can save game in the shopping screen by activate chat message and enter either "SAVE GAME 1", "SAVE GAME 2", "SAVE GAME 3" or "SAVE GAME 4". Save game 5 is left for automatic saving feature. If you have neglected to save your game, the last event of the last game will always be in save game 5.
- You can load game in the character selection screen by activate chat message before enter player name and enter either "LOAD GAME 1", "LOAD GAME 2", "LOAD GAME 4" or "LOAD GAME 5". In order to load a multi-player game, create a multi-player game with desired connection first. The other players can join the game with the same names they had in the original game.

## RESTORE ORIGINAL VIDEO OR AUDIO DRIVERS

DirectX 3.0 installation may replace your video and sound drivers for optimal performance. In some circumstances, you may want to use your old video and sound drivers. You can restore them by the following steps:

- Put your X-Decathlon in your CD-ROM drive.
- Pressed the **Start** button on the Task Bar and click on **Run** menu.

- Enter “d:\xdeca\directx\dxsetup.exe” when “d:” should be your CD-ROM drive.
- The DirectX installation program should be started now. Click the **Restore Video Drivers** or **Restore Audio Drivers** to restore the drivers.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

If you are having trouble running X-Decathlon, please read the following information that is applicable to the problem you are experiencing.

### ***X-Decathlon runs slowly.***

1. Check to ensure that your system meets the minimum system requirements.
2. Check to ensure that you have closed all other applications. Windows 95 is a multi-tasking environment and running other applications while playing X-Decathlon can affect your computer’s performance.
3. X-Decathlon uses a component called Microsoft Direct X. To work correctly, Direct X requires Direct X supported sound and video drivers. If your drivers are not supported, please contact your hardware manufacturer for the latest drivers.

### ***“Cannot find DDRAW.DLL” message box appears when you start X-Decathlon.***

DirectX is probably not installed (this may happen if you deselect the DirectX component during the X-Decathlon setup. You can check whether DirectX is installed using the PC Test function in the Start Up program. To install DirectX, make sure the X-Decathlon CD is in your CD-ROM drive, select Run from the Windows 95 Start menu and type in d:\xdeca\gamedata\Directx (where ‘d’ is the letter designation of your CD-ROM drive). Click on the Re-install button, and DirectX will be installed to your system.

### ***“Direct Draw requires Windows compatible video driver” message box appears when you start X-Decathlon.***

Your video card probably does not have Windows 95 compatible drivers. Please contact your video card manufacturer for an updated driver.

### ***Video playback is slow or choppy.***

1. Check to ensure that your system meets the minimum system requirements.
2. Right click on the My Computer icon on your desktop, left click on Properties and then select the Performance tab. Click on the File System button and then select the CD-ROM tab. Check to ensure that the item Optimize Access Pattern is set.
3. If you are viewing the video full-screen, try playing videos in a reduced window size.

### ***No files play at all.***

Check whether your system has the video playback component installed using the PC Test function in the Start Up program. If you do not have the video playback component installed, select Control Panel from the Windows 95 Start menu and double-click on Add/Remove Program. Select Windows setup, choose the multimedia option and then install the video compression component.

### ***No sound effects play during the game.***

1. Check all connections to and from your sound card.
2. Check the volume level of your speakers and/or amplifier.
3. Check the Windows 95 volume control by double-clicking on the speaker icon in the lower right corner of the Windows 95 task bar.

### ***Your Joystick is not working.***

Calibrate your joystick by clicking on the Windows 95 Start menu and from the Settings menu selecting Control Panel. Double-click on the Joystick icon, and then click on the Calibrate button. Follow the on-screen directions to calibrate your joystick.

### **Your computer cannot run the Setup program.**

This may happen if you installed X-Decathlon and then removed it without using the X-Decathlon Uninstall program. You can run the Setup program by clicking on the Windows 95 Start menu and selecting the Run menu item. Type in d:\xdeca\setup.exe (where 'd' is the letter designation of your CD-ROM drive) and click OK. The Setup program should now begin.

NOTE: If you are unable to correct your problem, you can try running X-Decathlon using the Safe Direct Draw option. From your Windows 95 Start Menu, click on Programs, then Microforum, then X-Decathlon. Next, click on X-Decathlon Troubleshooting and a window called "X-Decathlon Configuration" will appear. Simply click on the "Safe Direct Draw" box. A check mark will appear in your box. Click on OK and the Safe Direct Draw option will be activated.

## **LAST MINUTE INFORMATION**

- Windows NT 4.0 has full DirectX 3.0 support after Service Pack 3 is installed. X-Decathlon may run in this configuration. However, there is no thorough testing carried out for X-Decathlon running on Windows NT 4.0. You have to take the risk to run X-Decathlon on Windows NT 4.0. There are several bugs already identified for X-Decathlon on Windows NT 4.0:
- Some video cannot be played properly.
- Pure white cannot be fade-in or fade-out properly.
- High latency for sound mixing.
- Acrobat Reader installation failed.
- Only working in full installation.
- If you are really interested, you can download NT 4.0 Service Pack 3 from Microsoft web site: <http://www.microsoft.com/msdownload>

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