ReadMe for Terminal Velocity for Mplayer

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1) - Mplayer-enabled Terminal Velocity and its relationship to the Shareware version.

This program only works with the shareware version of Terminal Velocity, and works best with shareware version 1.2. Although you can install this program over another version of Terminal Velocity, it's best if you install it into a private directory, in which case it will also install shareware version 1.2 of Terminal Velocity.

2) - Configuring your Sound Card (If you didn't do it during the installation)

After you install this game, but before you start playing, you need to configure your sound card for Terminal Velocity. Change into the Terminal Velocity directory and run Setup, then choose Sound Setup, then follow the instructions. The SETUP.EXE program can be run from inside this setup program; however, after configuring your sound card, you will not want to "Save Settings And Launch Terminal Velocity"--you should exit without launching Terminal Velocity, so that you return to this installation program. To do this, after setting up your sound card, press the Esc key and when it asks "Save Settings Before Exiting?" choose Yes.

3) - Joystick Calibration

Make sure your joystick is calibrated in Windows before calibrating your joystick in Terminal Velocity. If your joystick is miscalibrated in Windows, you may not be able to use your joystick in Terminal Velocity.

4) - Terminal Velocity doesn't launch

After the game moderator has selected the "Play/Go" button, Terminal Velocity will launch on each player's system. During the launching, you will see a "White" window appear labeled "MPDOSGAM.EXE" followed by a "Black" window (which is launching the game). During this period, do not select any other running application; that is, do not use the mouse to click on the Mplayer Client software (aka. Gizmo) or any other running application. This will cause Terminal Velocity to abort launching and return you to Mplayer with the audio clip "who won?". Other players who have let Terminal Velocity launch without selecting other programs will get launched into the game; but, the game will not start because each player's game will be searching for you (remember, you aborted). At this point, each player will need to abort Terminal Velocity and all players will need to re-launch from within Mplayer.

5) - After game play starts, do not exit the game to modify sounds or joystick

After each player presses the spacebar to start the game, the gameplay begins. If you exit the game for any reason and attempt to return, you will be out of sync with the players who have not left the game. You may be tempted to do this because a) you forgot to calibrate your joystick or want to remap the keyboard keys to your favorite commands or b) you want to turn off/on the game's sound or music. Perform these operations prior to starting the game. If you have to exit the game for either of these reasons, have all players exit the game; then you should be able to restart the game without being out of sync.