ARASHI Manual.

This is a very small overview of the game and options. It is no great piece of literature, but hopefully explains the basics of the game. Please do read it through entirely. Some options should probably be cross-referenced better and/or have their own section, but overall the manual is short, so please read it

to be sure you understand all of the options. Again, in reference to version 1.0,

all of the reported bugs were fixed (or in one case mostly fixed...was a cosmetic

bug on multiple monitors) and *if it seems different than in 1.0*, it probably is.

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General

The object of ARASHI is to score points and advance levels. You advance levels by

killing all of the enemies. 'You' are the crawler. You move around the top edge

of a tube, or sheet. The player may move by use of the mouse or by use of the keyboard.

Keys may be defined by pressing the p or P key for Pause during a game. For mouse use,

the button shoots, and the space bar is superzap.

Currently (barring any unforeseen changes) there are 96 unique levels.

There are

16 level shapes and 6 level colors. After clearing level 96, play continues on the

Doomsday levels which are described later.

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Enemies

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There are several types of enemies:

Flippers, Pulsars, Fuseballs, Spikers, Tankers.

Flippers are your only enemy on the first level. They rotate up at you. If they land

flat across you, they capture you and you lose a life. You may rotate under them while

they are changing lanes.

Pulsars start appearing on the red levels. They also rotate around like flippers, but

after they move into a lane, they also 'pulse' which renders the lane deadly. The end

segment of a lane will disappear when a pulsar is pulsing. There is a small delay after

a pulsar moves into a lane before it begins to pulse.

Fuseballs start in the late blue levels. They float between lanes much of the time and

cannot be shot. They also move up and down, and may come up to the edge of the

lanes where the player moves. The crawler can only move through a Fuseball that is

on the edge when the Fuseball is on a lane junction. Even then, this is not easy.

Shooting fuseballs at different distances will reward different point values. This value may optionally be displayed above the destroyed Fuseball by checking the

Show Fuseball Scores box on the startup game options page.

Tankers carry 2 of either Flippers, Pulsars, or Fuseballs. Tankers for each will have

different colors. Shooting a Tanker releases the two other enemies it is carrying.

Spikers lay spikes. All Spikers do not have to be killed. Spikers are the only enemy

that shoots at the crawler. Spikes laid by the Spiker must be avoided in the warp from

one level to the next.

====== Bonuses ======= The player receives a small, but increasing bonus as a level is cleared. This bonus is

received after the player has successfully navigated the warp to the next level.

A starting bonus is also received is the player starts on a level higher than level 1.

This starting bonus is displayed above the level during the Level Selection.

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Free Lives

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A free life is earned every 20,000 pts. There is a mximum limit of 5 extra lives

at any one time (plus the active life is really 6). This does not mean that you can

only earn 5 free lives, this means that there may be some multiple of 20,000 which you will pass without receiving a free life because you already have the

maximum limit. Also only one free life may be earned from the starting bonus.

The flash and sound will not occur if a free life is earned as a result of the starting bonus.

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SuperZaps

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A player receives two superzaps per level. The second superzap only hits one thing.

The order of selection goes Fuseball, Pulsar, Flipper, Tanker.

Play Options

Arcade mode lets the player restart *close* to the last completed level. This level

will be less than 95. The gaps of legal restart levels become larger as the level

numbers get higher, so restarting a game at a higher level may put you back

several levels. The player may restart at the highest *restart* level on the list

which is at or below the highest level *completed* in the last game. Restarting

ARASHI will reset this to level 9.

Practice mode lets you start at any legal restart level up to 95 (there are 96 levels). The count of enemies left, and the count of enemies on edge is displayed

in the upper right corner.

Separate High score lists are saved for each play mode.

In both play modes, the "high score to beat" is displayed in the upper right corner

along with the initials of the person who scored it. The score shown is the next

highest score (above your current score) on the high score list for your play mode.

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Saving games

One game for each play mode (Arcade and Practice) may be saved by using the

Pause dialog. If you save a game during the warp to the next level, you will have

to repeat the level. You must get TO a level before your game can be saved there.

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Loading Games

This saved game may be reloaded during the Level Select section of starting a

new game. The saved game will appear as the first level, and will be in purple.

The bonus shown above the saved game is the score from that game.

Play resumes at the start of the saved level. Score and lives are saved. If the saved

game is on a Doomsday level, the number of superzaps is also saved. Also since

the Doomsday levels are random, you may re-start on a different shape, but it will be the same level number.

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Doomsday Levels

After level 96, green levels are selected at random. However, if a player dies on a

Doomsday level, play does not resume on that level shape. Instead play resumes on a

new random Doomsday level. The number of enemies also resets at this point. In

addition, the player's superzap is not recharged until the player completes a level

and flies on to another level.

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Script File

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Arashi now defaults to run from the Arashi Script file which should be in the same

folder as Arashi. This script can be altered, if you wish, to suit your taste. Default scripts are contained within the Arashi application.

Distribution

ARASHI may be freely distributed as long as:

a) all documents included in this archive are included

b) it is not for profit

Also I would like to add that the changes from STORM 0.9B1 to ARASHI 1.x were ONLY

made because the code was made freely available by Juri . I would like to encourage

other Mac programmers to make as much of their code available via on-line services,

etc, as possible. Programming the Mac is not that bad, but code examples sure go

a long way in helping new people along (in my opinion). Thanks :-)

Hope you enjoy it, Mike

Programmers Note

ARASHI disables Superclock by installing a dummy GESTALT selector 'SAVR' with a

return value of 0x12. This value causes Superclock to think a screen saver is active, thus Superclock will not draw to the screen. To insure smooth installation

and removal of this selector (some screen savers might use it) ARASHI also installs

its own GESTALT selector, 'ASHI'. ASHI will return 0x01 ARASHI is loaded, and 0x00

when not. ARASHI limits itself to one active copy to prevent endless nesting of pointer to old GESTALT functions. One active copy should not be a limitation

to most people :-)