# WormWars

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# **Chapter 1**

# WormWars

#### 1.1 Worm Wars

# \* = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = \* # # | WORM WARS |# # | for the Amiga | # # | Version 6.6 | # # | Sat 21 Apr 2001 | # # | |# # | by James R. Jacobs |# # \* =========== \* # Overview New Features Usage Other Information

Title Screen

Field Editor

How to Play

#### 1.2 Overview

Worm Wars is an arcade game for 0-4 players. It combines the playability of its basic concepts with 32 interesting object types, 11 species of creature, and other enhancements.

1-4 worms travel around a rectangular maze leaving a deadly trail behind them, competing and sometimes cooperating with other creatures, collecting letters to advance to the next level.

The integral field editor allows you to load, edit and save user

fieldsets, for greater lasting attraction. There is support for playing MED and IFF 8SVX files as music and sound effects respectively. Custom fonts and backgrounds are used.

It is enjoyable either for one player, or for competitive multiplayer games, and demo mode is available. Amiga or human control can be specified for any worm. Two keyboard players and four joystick players are supported. It is system-friendly, style compliant and it multitasks.

## 1.3 New Features

. New creature: octopus . . Improved field editor . . New CLI argument : QUIET. . Miscellaneous bugfixes.

## 1.4 Usage

System Requirements

Startup

# 1.5 System Requirements

Hardware	Required	PAL/DblPAL capability about 512K free RAM
	Recommended	Colour monitor
		68020+
		Joystick
		Mouse
		about 1Mb free RAM
		Keyboard with numeric keypad
		Battery-backed clock
		Parallel port joystick adapter
Firmware	Required	Kickstart R2.04+
		exec.library V36+
		dos.library V37+
		gadtools.library V37+
		intuition.library V37+
		icon.library
	Recommended	Kickstart R3.1+
Software	Required	Workbench/CLI R2.04+
		asl.library V37+

Recommended OS3.5+ amigaguide.library MEDPlayer.library (included)

Worm Wars can run in a 15Hz PAL screen, or, if you have an AGA machine with VGA/multisync monitor, you can promote it to a DblPAL screen. Apparently in DblPAL mode the sound effects are slightly distorted.

You need at least Installer 42.9 to run the installation script.

We strongly recommend a 68020+, as the turbo rendering routines require a 68020+.

#### 1.6 Startup

Workbench ToolTypes

CLI arguments Startup

If the joyport cannot be allocated on startup, the blue worm cannot be selected for human control.

The default behaviour is to load the music and sound effects automatically at startup. The -f and -m CLI arguments prevent loading of the sound effects and/or music respectively, until needed for use.

If WormWars.font cannot be loaded at startup, Topaz 8 is used.

If the specified default fieldset cannot be loaded at startup, a blank, five-level fieldset is used instead, with a treasury floored with silver.

## 1.7 Workbench ToolTypes

The following can be specified in the game's .info file. All are  $\leftrightarrow$  optional.

TOOLPRI= <priority></priority>	eg.	TOOLPRI=5
FILE= <fieldset></fieldset>	eg.	<pre>FILE=foo.fset</pre>
GREEN=HUMAN   AMIGA   NONE	eg.	GREEN=HUMAN
RED=HUMAN   AMIGA   NONE		
BLUE=HUMAN   AMIGA   NONE		
YELLOW=HUMAN   AMIGA   NONE		
NOFX	eg.	NOFX
NOMUSIC		
NOICONS		
OVERHEAD		
SHUFFLE		
QUIET		

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These are equivalent to the relevant

CLI arguments

.

If you double-click on a fieldset file, the game will load with that

fieldset. ToolTypes are then, of course, taken from the fieldset's .info

file.
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### 1.8 CLI Arguments

Command Information

#### WormWars

- Format: WormWars [-p=<priority>] [-f|nofx] [-m|nomusic] [-i|noicons] [-o|overhead] [-s|shuffle] [green=KYBD|JOY|AMIGA|NONE] [red=KYBD|JOY|AMIGA|NONE] [blue=JOY|AMIGA|NONE] [yellow=JOY|AMIGA|NONE] [[file=]<fieldset>]]
- Template: WORMWARS -F=NOFX/S,-M=NOMUSIC/S,-I=NOICONS/S, -P=PRI/K/N,-O=OVERHEAD/S,-S=SHUFFLE/S,-Q=QUIET,GREEN/K, RED/K,BLUE/K,YELLOW/K,FILE

Purpose: To run the Worm Wars game.

Specification:

-p:	the priority that Worm Wars will be run at. Higher priorities can help the game to run closer to full speed. Lower priorities can help the system multitask, by giving less processor time to Worm Wars.
	The allowable range is -128 to +5, with the default being 0.
-f:	don't bother loading sound effects until asked.
-m:	don't bother loading music until asked.
-i:	don't create icons when saving.
-0:	select overhead viewpoint at startup.
-s:	shuffle levels.
-q:	don't report errors during startup.
colour=KYBI	D JOY AMIGA NONE:
	the initial controls for the worms. For example,
	GREEN=KYBD will select keyboard control for the
	green worm. Unless otherwise specified, RED=KYBD,

GREEN=KYBD will select keyboard control for the green worm. Unless otherwise specified, RED=KYBD, YELLOW=AMIGA, GREEN=NONE and BLUE=NONE. Of course, KYBD is not available for the blue and yellow worms.

<fieldset>:</fieldset>	is taken exac extension is loaded releva	of your default fieldset. This ctly as entered; an '.fset' not automatically appended. This is ant from the current directory. If no given, the default is PROGDIR:WormWars.fset.
?:	displays the of running th	command line argument format, instead ne game.
The order o	f the argument	ts are interchangeable.
Examples:		
WormWars /f	oo.fset	load foo.fset from parent directory, and run at priority level 0
WormWars -f	-p-3 bar.fset	
		<pre>load bar.fset from current directory, and run at priority level -3, without loading sound effects</pre>
WormWars HD	1:foo.fset -m	<pre>-f -p4 -o load foo.fset from root directory of HD1:, and run at priority level +4, without loading music or sound effects, and set overhead viewpoint</pre>
WormWars -p	+5 /fsets/bar	.fset load bar.fset from fsets/ sibling directory, and run at priority level +5
WormWars ?		display command format

## 1.9 Title Screen

Keys

Esc F1 F2 F3 F4 .. .. .. .. .. .... 1 2 3 4 . . . . . . . . . . . . . ... Hel .... ..... Q . . . . . . . I O . . . Ret . . . .  $\ldots$  .. A S . F . . . . . . . . ur 4 . . . . Shift . . . . . N M . . ? Shift 123E . . . .. .. -----Spacebar---- Am .. -.- . n 1-4 or F1-F4 cycles the relevant worm controls through the various control options. If Shift is held as a qualifier, it cycles backwards. Return or Enter begins the game. M toggles the music on or off.  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{F}}$  toggles the sound effects on or off. I toggles the viewpoint between overhead and isometric 3D. S toggles level shuffling on or off.

Menu

Project New	Amiga-N		Creates	a blank, 5-level
			fieldset	titled WormWars.fset.
Project Open	Amiga-O		Loads a	fieldset.
Project Revert	Amiga-R		Reloads	the current fieldset.
Project Save	Amiga-S			
Project Save As	Amiga-A			
Project Delete	Amiga-D		Deletes	a fieldset.
Project Quit	Amiga-Q, E	SC	Exits to	CLI/Workbench.
Settings   Create Icons?	Amiga-I		Create i	cons when saving?
Help Creatures			List of d	creatures.
Help Objects			List of d	bjects.
Help Manual			Opens thi	s document.
Help About	Amiga-?, H	elp	Credits	window.

Gadgets

Key Colour Human Controls Letters 1 Green Joystick 3/Left Keyboard C and L 2 Red Joystick 4/Right Keyboard O and E 3 Blue Joystick 2 M and T Yellow Joystick 1 4 P and E Any combination of controls is acceptable, but at least one worm  $\, \leftrightarrow \,$ must exist.

# 1.10 Field Editor

The field editor allows you to load, edit and/or save the  $\,\leftrightarrow\,$  playfields which the worms compete on.

You are allowed to have up to 50 levels in each fieldset. The bonus level, that is, level 0, is not considered in the count of levels.

The high score table is loaded and saved as part of the fieldset file: there is a different high score table for each fieldset. Making any modification to the fieldset will clear all the fieldset's high scores.

If you are have modified your field since you saved it and want to do

something which will lose the changes you will be asked to confirm your intent.

#### Hints Keys

Esc F1 F2 F3 F4 F5 F6 F7		
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0	Del Hel	()
Q . E R T I O Ret		789.
Ctr A S . F ur	U	456.
Shift C N M ? Shift	LDR	123E
AlSpacebar Am Al		-0 n

F1	empty
F2	silver
FЗ	gold
F4	dynamite
F5	wood
F6	stone
F7	metal

M toggles the music on or off. F toggles the sound effect on or off.

Delete and Help change the current level (lower and higher, respectively). When shifted, they change to level 1 or the final level, respectively.

C centres the cursor in the centre of the field.

X and Y are symmetry functions. The cursor will move to the other side of the field, at the same distance from the other edge as it was originally from the original edge. This is useful for making symmetrical fields.

Numeric . stamps the current brush at the current cursor location.

Numeric 0 toggles 'sticky mode'. This means that the 'brush' is held down: any single-square keyboard cursor movements will alter squares that the cursor passes over to the current brush. Toggling sticky mode 'on' also does a 'stamp' of the current brush at the current cursor location.

F1-F7, when unshifted, change your brush type to the appropriate type, as if the gadget had been clicked. When shifted, the level will be filled with the requested square type, without change to the current brush.

Alphanumeric 1-7 change the square under the cursor to the relevant type, without affecting the current brush.

The cursor keys or numeric keypad move the cursor around the field. The default movement is one square. (If sticky mode is on, copies of the brush are left behind). Holding Alt moves the cursor in increments of five squares. Holding Shift or Ctrl moves the cursor to the relevant edge of the field. (The cursor is shown as a white square, or in sticky mode as a red square.) Numeric ( and ) cycle the brush and square under the cursor through the available objects , lower and higher, respectively. Menu Clears the fieldset. Project | New Amiga-N Project | Open... Amiga-O Loads a fieldset. Project | Revert Amiga-B Reloads the current fieldset. Project | Save Amiga-S Saves current fieldset. Project|Save As... Amiga-A Saves with new filename. Project|Delete... Amiga-D Deletes a fieldset. Amiga-Q, Shift-Esc Exits to CLI/Workbench. Project | Quit Edit|Cut Amiga-X Edit|Copy Amiga-C Edit|Paste Amiga-V Edit|Erase Clears this level. Amiga-E Edit|Delete Deletes this level. Edit|Insert Inserts blank level here. Edit|Append Adds blank level to end. Settings|Create Icons? Amiga-I Create icons when saving? List of creatures. Help|Creatures... Help|Objects... List of objects. Help|Manual... Opens this document. Help|About... Amiga-?, Help Credits window.

Remember that the menus, and their Amiga-key shortcuts, are unavailable whilst the pointer is over the playfield.

#### Joystick control

A joystick plugged into port '2' can be used in the field editor. Directional controls move the cursor in single square increments. Holding the directional controls continue to move the cursor. The firebutton stamps the current brush at the current location. Holding down the firebutton whilst moving the stick, to produce lines of squares, is not yet supported, though autofire can emulate this behaviour.

You will need to use the keyboard and/or mouse to control other functions of the field editor, such as file operations, changing the brush, etc.

#### Mouse control

The gadgets to the left of the field will change your current 'brush' to the appropriate type. This brush is assigned to the left mouse button, and the keyboard and joystick. The pointer imagery will be altered to reflect your brush type, for some brush types.

The right mouse button, when over the playfield, will function as 'empty' rather than bringing up the menus.

Clicking on the field will change the current cursor location to the chosen square, and change that square to the current brush (or to 'empty' if the right mouse button is clicked).

You can click on any object in the Help|Objects... requester, and that object will become your current brush.

Teleports:

Start:

The starting location for all worms. This is invisible during gameplay. Usually it is best left where it is, in the centre of the field. You use the S key to set the starting location.

Octopi:

Each level may have up to 12 octopi. You use the O key for octopi.

#### 1.11 Hints

All worms start from the same square. Worms may emerge from it in any orthagonal direction. Leave enough space. Fields should not give an unfair advantage to any particular worms. The easiest way to ensure this is through the use of symmetry.

Mazes one square wide are difficult. 3-5 squares width is usually more appropriate for less skilled players.

Point-squares (ie. silver and gold) should be used with restraint, and generally only as a reward for difficult maneouvering. The average field should give have only about 5% point-square density. Richer fields can be made for experienced players, but they should be as a reward for skill.

Goats only fire when they are on the edge of the stone/wood/metal/tail/ slime, but they move quasi-randomly. Therefore, some configurations will be more deadly than others. For example, thin lines provide maximum contact between worms and goats, and thick square areas will quickly generate new goats. Lightly sprinkle your treasury with objects. Use objects very sparingly or not at all in other levels.

Metal squares which are aligned with each other can be deadly and enjoyable, as fragments can bounce between one and the other endlessly until a collision occurs. Remember also that metal is unjumpable.

#### 1.12 Other Information

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Contact Details
Platforms
Development System
Source Code
History
Other Software
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## 1.13 Contact Details

Licence

Worm Wars for Amiga is freeware. It is available as a service to the Amiga community. There are no limits on usage, distribution or modification, except that you are not allowed to modify and/or distribute it for commercial purposes or port it away from the Amiga without consent.

Permission is hereby granted to the Amiga community in general to use and distribute this program as they deem appropriate.

Bugs

Amiga development and style guidelines have been adhered to, using the official Amiga Developer CD 2.1 as authoritive reference.

Please contact us immediately if any bugs are found. You can use our utility, Report+, to generate bug reports for Worm Wars, though this is not required.

Submissions

Fieldsets, music (ST/MED format), samples (IFF 8SVX/WAV), backgrounds (2-colour IFF ILBM 640\*256) or even modified versions of the game can be submitted and may be distributed with a future release, with acknowledgements to the contributor(s).

Users are invited to contribute suggestions for the future of the game. Special thanks to Jilles Tjoelker for his turbo draw routines, suggestions and bug reports. Sound effects

The game uses IFF 8SVX files for its sound effects. Full IFF 8SVX support is not required for the purposes of the game, and therefore the following rules are imposed on the samples: Must be an IFF 8SVX FORM (ie. not CAT or LIST). No compression schemes are allowed. Maximum sample size is 128K. Must be 'one shot' style rather than 'musical note' style sample. Only the first (highest, longest) octave is used. Must be a single channel (ie. monaural) sample. 8SVX.VHDR and 8SVX.BODY chunks are, of course, required. All other chunks (eg. generic IFF chunk PROP; standard IFF chunks NAME, (C), ANNO, AUTH; proposed IFF chunk END; standard IFF.8SVX chunks ATAK, RLSE; extended IFF.8SVX chunks CHAN, PAN, SEQN, FADE) are ignored. Sample rate is taken from the 8SVX.VHDR chunk. The volumes of the samples are set from within the program.

IFF 8SVX or WAV files submitted to Amigan Software as contributions can, if necessary, be converted by us to fit these restrictions.

Future

Amigan Software have demonstrated their commitment to the Amiga for many years. We intend to continue development regardless of the market situation of the Amiga.

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#### 1.14 Amiga Development System

Hardware Virtual A1200 (14MHz MC68020+FPU on 133MHz Pentium) 1.2Gb 3.5" IDE hard disk (compressed to 2.4Gb) 2Mb chip RAM 8Mb fast RAM 1Mb RTG RAM 56Kbps Dynalink (Rockwell) modem ESS MF-1868 (SoundBlaster Pro-compatible) sound card AcerView 56L digital colour monitor running as 15Hz PAL (640\*512)

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Battery-backed clock
Firmware
            Kickstart 3.1
            WinUAE 0.8.6 R6 and 0.8.14 R1
Software
            Fellow 0.3.5
            AmigaOS 3.9
            SAS/C 6.58 with SLink and SAS/C Editor and CodeProbe
            Amiga Developer CD 2.1
            AmigaGuide Writer 1.02
            Amiga Lint 2.0b
            Autodoc 1.0
            BlowUp
            CheckGuide
            CodeWatcher 1.4
            CXXC 1.4
            CygnusEd Professional 4.2
            Deluxe Paint 5
            Gquide2txt
            IFF 2 Source 1.0
            IO Torture
            KingCon 1.3
            LhA 1.51
            MungWall
            OctaMED 5 and MEDPlayer Programmer's Sources
            PatchWork
            Picasso96 2.0
            PrintA
            Report 40.2
            Report+
            Sashimi
            SmartCrash
            SoundBox 2.9 beta
            StackCheck
            StackSnoop
            StackWatch
            VirusChecker ] [ 2.2 (BF 2.18)
            Worm Wars 6.6
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Thanks to all those whose software was used to create Worm Wars.

#### 1.15 Source Code

The Amiga version is written in hybrid C/assembler (SAS/C 6.58), whilst the IBM-PC version is written in hybrid C/C++ (Microfilth Visual C++ 5.0), using Microfilth Foundation Classes.

Both platforms use the same game engine, written in C, with API calls for the relevant OS in other modules.

SAS/C 6.58 source code is provided, with which you may do as you wish for non-commercial purposes.

The Amiga source files are:

system.cAmiga-specific code, including all AmigaOS calls.system.oObject file of system.c.

engine.c	Code common to the Amiga and IBM-PC versions.
engine.o	Object file of engine.c
diff.h	Header file used by both modules. Amiga-specific.
same.h	Header file common to both modules and both platforms.
WW.S	AmigaDOS script to link modules into executable.
SCOPTIONS	SAS/C options we prefer to compile with.
libproto.h	MEDPlayer.library C header.
stdafx.h	Required for IBM-PC compatibility. :-(
bkgrnd.ilbm	Backdrop graphics in IFF ILBM format.
wormwars.ilbm	Other graphics in IFF ILBM format.
qdraw020.h	Header file for turbo draw routines.
qdraw020.asm	Assembler source for turbo draw routines.
qdraw020.o	Object file for turbo draw routines, for overhead view.
qdraw020iso.o	Object file for turbo draw routines, for isometric 3D view.
assemble.s	AmigaDOS script to assemble turbo draw routines.
fe.c	Field editor.
amiga.h	Header file for Amiga system-specific modules.

# 1.16 History

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6.3	[Amiga 2.04+][Windows 95/98/NT/2000].	Tue	8	Aug	2000.
6.2	[Amiga 2.04+][Windows 95/98/NT/2000].	Thu	22	Jun	2000.
6.1	[Amiga 2.04+].	Thu	15	Jun	2000.
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4.2	[Amiga 2.04+][Windows 95/98/NT/2000].	Sat	7	Aug	1999.
4.1	[Amiga 2.04+][Windows 95/98/NT/2000].	Sun	6	Jun	1999.
4.0	[Amiga 2.04+].	Sun	1	Nov	1998.
3.3	[Amiga 2.04+].	Wed	29	Jul	1998.
3.2	[Amiga 2.04+].	Tue	3	Dec	1996.
3.1	[Amiga 2.04+].	Tue	16	Apr	1996.
3.0	[Amiga 2.04+].	Thu	18	Jan	1996.
2.2	[Amiga 1.2+].	Sun	5	Feb	1995.
2.1	[Amiga 1.2+].	Tue	27	Dec	1994.
2.0	[Amiga 1.2+].	Sat	3	Dec	1994.

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## 1.17 Other Software

Report 4.5+

Report+ is a freeware ReAction/GadTools-based utility with twelve functions:

- 1. It is an enhanced, reverse-engineered, 100% byte-compatible
- replacement for the official Commodore bug reporting tool (40.2).
- 2. It can generate/edit Aminet-style readmes.
- 3. It can administer the Amiga Certified Software Engineer test.
- 4. It can generate C-style autodocs.
- 5. It can access the official manufacturer and product ID registries.
- 6. It can view IFF FORMs and their component chunks.
- 7. It can convert between various end-of-line (EOL) formats, optionally also detabulating.
- 8. It can show directory byte usage for any path.
- 9. It can edit A3000/A4000-type battery-backed memory.
- 10. It can check your OS3.1/3.5/3.9 installation for missing or surplus files.
- 11. It can generate/edit Amiga Games Database (AGDB) reviews.
- 12. It can perform batch processing on icons (OS3.5+ only).

Worm Wars 6.4 for Windows 95/98/NT/2000

The Amiga version of Worm Wars has long been popular in the Amiga community, acknowledged as the premier snake game for many years. It was also available to the masses of benighted Windows users. That version includes dockable toolbars, a status bar and automatic saving/reloading of configuration information.

#### 1.18 How to Play

Worm Wars is an arcade game for 0-4 human players. Each player controls a worm . They move around a semi-toroidal rectangular (53x39) playfield, leaving their tails behind them. Each

worm

aims to amass the most points , to complete the levels and to survive as long as possible. The rightmost column is not actually part of the fieldset but rather indicates the vertical position of the current letter and all worms. Worms Controls Orbs Letters Goats Objects Protectors Scoring Slime Strategy Drips High Scores Penguins

- Whirlwinds
- Fragments
- Dogs
- Teleports
- Clouds
- Timebombs
- Octopi

## 1.19 Controls

In-game keyboard controls

Esc .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. ..

789. ..... Q W E . . . . . . P . . ... U ... .. A S D F . . . . . . . . . 456. Shift . Z X C . . . M . . . Shift L D R 123E .. .. -----Spacebar---- .. .. -0- . n Either Red worm Green worm Esc exits to the title screen Shift-Esc exits to CLI/Workbench. P pauses until P is pressed again. M toggles the music on and off. F toggles the sound effects on and off. Worm control principles Worm control is an acquired skill and is the single most important factor in playing successfully and enjoyably. A worm has direction and speed. It is unable to ever stop completely, unless frozen by ice , but its speed is adjustable between three settings. Normally, it can turn 90\textdegree{} in any direction and moves orthagonally (north, south, east, west), but a nitro will enable 45\textdegree{} and 135\textdegree{} turns and  $\leftarrow$ diagonal movement. The worm can pass through most types of square, though some cause damage. Some squares slow the worm down, halving its speed for every square traversed (to a minimum of 'slow'). Stone, metal, goats and blocked teleports will block the worm's motion as well as slow it. Control of the worms is by keypresses; that is, press and release in a normal keystroke motion. There is no reason to ever hold down any key. Only fresh keystrokes are ever looked at by the program. Also, holding down a key may lock out your input (see below). For joystick control, it is best to nudge the joystick briefly in the direction you want, and let it return to the central upright position. Each move, a worm is able to do any one of five things: fire (in the current direction); change direction; change speed (one speed in either direction); jump; or nothing. The worm will move one square regardless. This means you can:

fire in your current direction and move in your current direction,

change direction	and move in the new direction,
change speed	and move in your current direction.
jump	leaping 2-4 squares and then landing, in
	your current direction.
nothing	and move in your current direction.

Speed changes are accomplished using the same keys as for turning. Pressing the direction you are already travelling increases your speed; pressing against that direction decreases your speed.

#### Keyboard [green and red]

If only one human is selected for the keyboard, all three sets of keyboard controls are available for that player, whether it is the green or red worm. When only one human is selected for the keyboard, we suggest using the cursor keypad, as it has the best rollover properties (ie. you can press a key whilst another is already held down). However, the cursor keypad obviously does not support diagonal movement.

Two players may use the keyboard, playing at each end. If there are two humans selected for the keyboard, the cursor keypad cannot be used, due to keyboard hardware limitations. The green worm must use the leftmost controls (QWEASDZXC, spacebar) and the red worm must use the rightmost controls (the numeric keypad).

Note that the leftmost and rightmost controls do not rollover properly, due to keyboard hardware limitations. This means that you must release all keys before pressing another one, or the new keystroke is ignored and so is all further input from that player until all keys are released. The other player's keystrokes are completely unaffected by what you do; you can only cause this problem for yourself.

X and C are both down-right for the green worm. Spacebar is the firebutton for the green worm.

5 and 2 are both down for the red worm. 0 and Enter on the numeric keypad are both firebuttons for the red worm.

Joystick [all]

The green and red worms can use joysticks plugged into a parallel port joystick adapter. These extra joystick ports are ports '3' and '4', respectively. This uses direct hardware access, rather than using the parallel.device. Therefore, allocation can never fail.

The blue worm can use a joystick plugged into port '2'. If the joystick could not be allocated during initialization then human control will be unavailable.

The yellow worm can use a joystick plugged into port '1'. This uses direct hardware access, rather than using the gameport.device. Therefore allocation can never fail.

#### 1.20 Letters

There will always be one, neither more nor less, letter onscreen ↔
at
any given time. When a worm collects it, another, which that worm
needs, will appear.
The main objective of the game is to complete all the levels.
The level will be completed and the next loaded as soon as a worm has all
eight letters, which together spell the word COMPLETE. All worms will then
lose all their letters. The worm which completed the level receives
these points:

100 x old level
10 x seconds remaining
1 x tail squares of your colour onscreen

Only worms and their protectors go on to the next level; other creatures perish. Each level is faster than the last, and creatures are faster and more frequent.

Only 2:00 (two minutes) are allocated for each level. After that time has elapsed, the speed of all current creatures will be doubled, and the frequency of all future creatures will be doubled.

## 1.21 Objects

	Туре	2	Points	Frequency
Affi>	ker 60	Very rare		
Ammo	20	Common		
Armou	1r 20	Common		
Bias	50	Common		
Bomb	30	Common		
Bonus	5 10	Common		
Clock	60	Very rare		
Conve	erter			

50	Uncommon
Cutter 80	Uncommon
Cyclone 90	Uncommon
Freedom 30	Rare
Grower 50	Uncommon
Healer 90	Very rare
Ice 60	Very rare
Life 50	Uncommon
Lightning 40	Uncommon
Magnet 80	Rare
Missile 40	Uncommon
Multiplier 50	Rare
Nitro 10	Uncommon
Powerup 30	Uncommon
Protector 50	Rare
Pulse 40	Uncommon
Pusher 50	Uncommon
Remnants 40	Uncommon
Sideshot 30	Rare
Slayer	

40	Rare
Slower 40	Rare
Switcher 70	Rare
Tongue 20	Uncommon
Treasure 100	Very rare
Umbrella 100	Very rare

## 1.22 Affixer

Affixer

This causes your protectors to stop rotating and zigzagging. They are 'fixed' into position at whatever position they were in at the time. This makes them more useful, as you can more easily predict where they will be at any given time in advance.

## 1.23 Ammo

Ammo Ammo provides 2-6 bullets. Bullets are fired by pressing your appropriate fire control If a bullet is available, you will fire. This bullet is instantaneous. If you have no bullets, you may jump The width of your bullet depends on powerups . Normally, it is 1 square wide, but it can be up to 7 squares wide. In reality, up to 7 independent bullets are fired. A bullet which hits a teleport will be teleported and continue on its way. You will get the teleport

skill bonus , too. That segment of the bullet will thereafter leave a trail of gold behind it.

A bullet which goes through the same teleport twice, or is reflected off metal twice, will be destroyed.

In the absence of obstructions, a bullet continues going until it reaches the edge of the field.

#### 1.24 Armour

#### Armour

Armour will protect worms from being hurt by many different causes. For a list of them, click . Armour is only temporary. Its power counts down at a constant rate, and can be extended by the acquisition of more armour. It is a mode . While you are in armour mode your head-image will be different.

#### 1.25 Bias

Bias

When your armour is nearly gone your head will flash.

Provides these benefits:

missiles will not chase you. you can shoot through wood. whenever you shoot you will also launch a missile , if possible. vampirism: whenever you cause a worm to take damage, you gain as many lives as they lost. Whenever you kill an

orb goat penguin , friendly drip , or octopus , you gain a life. any bombblast by you will turn squares to silver, not empty. when you get a switcher, enemy remnants are also switched to your own colour. when you do enclosure, squares are changed to gold. when you get a grower, dynamite is also grown. Bias counts down at a constant rate. It can be extended by the acquisition of more bias. You can use bias in conjunction with one of the

modes

#### 1.26 Bomb

Bomb

As soon as you go over one of these the bomb will go off, clearing the area around you. The blast radius is random, but is always constrained by the field edges.

#### 1.27 Bonus

Bonus

You will be given a random letter . It may be one you already have. You do not receive skill points for letter collection, only your points for collecting this object

## 1.28 Clock

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Clock

If there is still any time remaining, the amount of time remaining is increased.

## 1.29 Converter

Converter

This will instantly convert all currently active fragments into friendly missiles

## 1.30 Cutter

Cutter

This allows you to 'cut' or 'tunnel' your way through such things as tail. Every move, the squares in front of you, the two to your side and the two diagonally in front behave as though affected by a bombblast

except that objects are not destroyed.

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One thing to keep in mind is that whilst you have cutter you cannot make enclosures. Cutter counts down at a constant rate.

## 1.31 Cyclone

Cyclone

When you get this, a whirlwind will be created somewhere on the playfield. It is just as dangerous to you as to everything else.

#### 1.32 Freedom

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Freedom

Whilst this object is operating, you will leave remnants behind your head instead of tail. Your amount of freedom counts down, and getting freedom will of course add to the amount remaining.

#### 1.33 Grower

Grower

Grower will cause all gold and silver onscreen to 'grow', expanding into their neighbouring squares if those neighbouring squares are empty.

If you have bias, any dynamite onscreen will also grow.

## 1.34 Healer

Healer

If you have less than your starting lives (100), boosts you back to 100. If you have 100 or more, boosts you to 200.

#### 1.35 Ice

Ice Ice will freeze all orbs goats , drips , fragments missiles , penguins , timebombs, whirlwinds and enemy worms for a short period of time. There is no defence against ice. Additional ice will be added onto your amount remaining.

## 1.36 Life

Life

Life provides 2-6 lives.

## 1.37 Lightning

Lightning

When you get lightning, most squares adjacent to your tail flash momentarily. This will harm:

unarmoured enemy worm	heads		
unarmoured orbs	re	placed by	bonus
goats	re	placed by	bonus
slime	re	placed by	empty
fragments	re	placed by	empty
drips	re	placed by	empty
objects	re	placed by	empty
penguin	re	placed by	empty
enemy missiles	re	aplced by	empty

The things that are not flashed are:

stone metal wood letters skulls

## 1.38 Magnet

Magnet

This causes some or all objects to travel towards you in a guided fashion. Apart from the fact that these objects are now 'magnetized' (ie. moving) they remain normal objects in every other respect. Objects which are magnetized may not be remagnetized by other worms.

# 1.39 Missile

Missile

Missiles are automatically guided. They hunt the following things:

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worms
enemy missiles
orbs
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goats

The missile hunts whatever is nearest, and recalculates its target every move.

Missiles will not cross field edges.

If you collect a missile whilst there is nothing for it to chase, you will receive only points; no missile will be generated.

#### 1.40 Multiplier

Multiplier

Each time you get a multiplier, your scoring will be doubled. If you get more than one, it is doubled again each time. You can collect up to three (3) multipliers.

Your object points for actually getting the multiplier are affected by the new multiplier itself.

Multipliers	Scoring
0	*1
1	*2
2	*4
3	* 8

At the end of each level, your multiplier will be reduced by one (ie. half).

## 1.41 Nitro

Nitro

You will be able to move diagonally, and will be able to use the 'very slow' speed. Nitro cannot be lost.

## 1.42 Powerup

Powerup

This is power for your bullets . Each bullet you fire becomes wider, requiring less aiming accuracy and causing more general devastation.

Symbol Meaning

<number> bullet number

:	worm head	d, facing up (no	orth)
:	worm head	d, facing up-rig	ght (northeast)
#	worm tai	1	
1	213	42135	6421357
1	213	42135	6421357
1	213	42135	6421357
1	213	42135	6421357
:	:	:	:
#	#	#	#
#	#	#	#
Single	Triple	Quintuple	Septuple
(no powerups)	(one powerup)	(two powerups)	(three or more)
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1	312	53124	7531246
1	312	53124	7531246
1	312	53124	7531246
1	312	3124	31246
:	:2	:24	:246
#	#	#	# 6
#	#	#	#

#### 1.43 Protector

Protector

Acquisition of this item will give you a companion who stays near you, collecting

objects for you exactly as if you had moved over them yourself, and defending you from some forms of damage.

You can have up to three protectors. The first two orbit around your head. The third will be a 'nose', suspended three squares in front of your head, which zigzags. The rate of orbiting/zigzagging is the same as the worm's speed; that is, they move when the head moves.

Protectors are invisible over friendly tail, friendly remnants and teleports.

An

affixer will stop the protectors from rotating and zigzagging.

## 1.44 Pulse

Pulse

7 fragments are fired outwards when a pulse is collected, similar to an orb exploding. If another worm's pulse fragments are still onscreen,

less than 7 fragments will be generated.

#### 1.45 Pusher

#### Pusher

This enables you to push stone, goats, metal and tail. You will push the square in whatever direction you are facing. Pushing is similar to the pushing of

timebombs . You can push things off the field if you so desire. You are not allowed to push more than one square at a time. You can push over objects and empty/silver/gold. Pusher is kept only until the end of the level.

## 1.46 Remnants

Remnants

This enables your bullets to leave their remnants behind them as they travel.

These images of the bullet do no harm to the worm that fired it, nor to any other creature except enemy unarmoured worms. Remnants are kept only until the end of the level.

## 1.47 Sideshot

Sideshot

This means that whenever you fire, in addition to any forward bullets you will also fire a bullet to each side.

#### 1.48 Slayer

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Slayer
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penguins
,
octopi
and enemy
missiles
, and cause damage to all
unarmoured
enemy worms.

#### 1.49 Slower

Slower

Slower will slow all fragments, orbs, goats, drips and penguins to half their previous speed. The speed of these is reset at the start of each level.

#### 1.50 Switcher

Switcher

All tail onscreen is instantly changed to your own colour. The main benefit of this is that you take much less damage over your tail than over an enemy tail, and also that you will receive more points at the end of the level.

#### 1.51 Tongue

Tongue

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Tongue allows you to go through wood and worms

taking damage.

Whenever a worm with tongue goes over a tail square it receives:

(heads or tails) without

5	points	if	it	eats	friend	dly ta	il.	Tail	tur	ns	to	silver.
10	points	if	it	eats	enemy	tail.	Tai	l tu	rns	to	gol	d.

Your

protectors will not eat any tails while you are in tongue mode, to help you maximize your score. Tongue is only temporary. Its power counts down at a constant rate, but can be extended by the acquisition of more tongue. It is a mode

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While you are in tongue mode your head-image will be different. When your tongue is nearly gone your head will flash.

## 1.52 Treasure

Treasure

The worms will enter a bonus level for a limited amount of time. At the conclusion, the next level is reached. The full time bonus (2:00, which is 1200 points) is given at the end of the treasury.

There are three types of bonus level: treasury, drips and penguins.

#### 1.53 Umbrella

Umbrella

This skips 2-3 levels.

#### 1.54 Strategy

Goats prefer to be near free space (empty, gold or silver), so that they can shoot.

Faster speeds are useful for:

racing another creature for a letter or object; hunting another creature when you have tongue or armour; evading missiles and fragments; laying tails to trap other creatures; creating gold/silver with tongue; amassing more square-points by moving; amassing more square-points at level completion; making large jumps; causing protectors to rotate faster.

Slower speeds are useful for:

making small jumps; waiting in a certain region of the screen; not filling the playfield; enclosure; easier control.

You will get more points by shooting something than killing it by other methods, and more from collecting real letters than getting bonuses.

Remember that bullets, bombs, missiles, fragments and drips will not wrap around playfield edges. If you do, they cannot follow.

Certain objects work well together. Eg.:

bullets, powerups and bias; multipliers and armour; tongue and grower; treasure and ice; protectors and affixer.

To avoid a missile, get a worm, orb, enemy missile or goat, or a solid barrier such as stone or metal, between you and it.

Going quickly between teleports yields many points. It is easier when done using tongue.

When you shoot an orb, it will explode, so it is better to be some distance away when doing so.

Shooting an orb (which will explode) or timebomb (which will detonate) can be a useful way of harming, or putting pressure on, an enemy creature which is at the opposite end of the field. However, note that you can be harmed by this. If you have at least triple shot, you can safely shoot an orb if you are not directly lined up with it (and you do not move into the path of the fragments). For shooting timebombs, it is best to be as far away from it as possible.

A good way to handle slime is to encapsulate it with your tail, so it cannot spread.

When you have armour, it is good to go over wood as that is an easy way to destroy it.

#### 1.55 High Scores

High scores are part of the .fset file. To save them, save the fieldset. Any changes to the fieldset will automatically clear the high scores.

The Amiga worms have names which honour the four original Amiga designers. Even on the IBM-PC version. :-D

#### 1.56 Worms

Worms can be controlled by humans or the Amiga. For information on how to control them, click

A worm consists of a head, one square in size, and a tail, which is formed in the wake of the head's passing. As the worm moves, the tail

Worms begin with 100 lives. Whenever you are taking damage your head will flash as a skull. When 0 lives is reached, the worm is dead and the skull is permanent. Every 1,000 points you will be awarded an extra life.

Modes

Armour and tongue are mutually exclusive 'modes'. You can only have one in use (and therefore counting down in strength) at a time, and it will be whatever was most recently collected. The head's appearance indicates whether it is in a 'mode', and also the direction it is currently travelling. It will flash when the current mode is at low strength. When the strength reaches zero, the other mode is automatically engaged, if above zero.

Skulls

If a worm or

protector

collects the skull of a dead worm,

the collecting worm will get everything the dead worm had, in addition of course to what it already had itself:

- . multiplier
- . bias
- . powerups
- . ammo
- . armour
- . tongue
- . nitro
- . affixer
- . remnant
- . sideshot
- . pusher

Skulls absorb any

bullets , missiles , drips or fragments , and are immune to

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bombblasts Jumping A worm with no ammo can jump instead. If the destination is stone, metal, a goat or a blocked teleport you will not jump, and metal cannot even be jumped over. The distance varies according to your speed, and is shown below. Name Jump distance Speed 1 \* Very slow quarter speed . Slow half speed 2 . Normal normal 3 double speed 4 . Fast \* Very slow speed is only available if you have nitro Pain Method Damage Notes 5 lives unless biased enemy drip 5 whirlwind 5 blocked teleport worm motion is stopped 3 metal worm motion is stopped qoat 2 worm motion is stopped stone 1 worm motion is stopped 'Worm motion is stopped': Every move in which the worm takes damage from that cause, its speed is halved (to a minimum of 'slow'). The worm is unable to actually enter the square. Unarmoured worms can also die by the following methods: remnant 5 worm is slowed worm bullet 5 enemy missile 5 5 enemy protector 5 orb dog 5 fragment 3 if armoured, fragment is reflected 3 bombblast lightning 3 enemy slayer 2 2 slime

wood		1			worn	n is	slowed	
	Untong worms	also	die	by	the	fol	lowing method	ls:
worm	head	5						
worm	tail	1			worn	n is	slowed	

#### Enclosure

If your tail forms an exact square which measures 4x4-9x9 including the tail (2x2-7x7 of interior area, respectively), this is known as enclosure. Any squares within the closed area which are empty, silver, gold or enemy tail are converted to your tail. You receive 10 points for each enclosed square which is thus converted. The right of enclosure is one which is shared by all worms; it is a basic ability.

Note that enclosure is only checked for when the worm's head is at a corner of the square. And remember also that the enclosure must be square: the same size in both x and y dimensions. This is the skill of enclosure.

Symbol	Meaning	
: #	worm head worm tail enclosed area	
3x3 interior ##### ## ## ## ####:	4x4 interior ##### ## ## ## ## #####:	5x5 interior ###### ## ## ## ## ## ## ######

## 1.57 Orbs

Orbs are controlled by the Amiga. They move diagonally and bounce  $\,\, \leftrightarrow \,\,$ whenever they hit a tail, metal, stone, wood or goat , so their motion is be predictable. Orbs have their own scores, which are added to the scores of those that kill them.

Objects

Objects can be used by orbs, as follows:

Affixer	This will remove any affixer from any worms.
Ammo	The orb will explode, unless it is armoured.
Armour	Same as worm.

Bias	This will remove all bias from all worms.
Bomb	Same as worm.
Bonus	The orb will split.
Clock	The time remaining is reduced.
Cyclone	Doubles the orb's speed.
Freedom	All remnants onscreen will change to empty.
Grower	All wood onscreen will 'grow', expanding into their
	squares if those neighbouring squares are empty.
Healer	The orb will split.
Ice	The orb will split.
Life	The orb will split.
Lightning	The orb will explode, if unarmoured.
Magnet	Any magnetized objects become demagnetized.
Missiles	All missiles will be destroyed.
Multiplier	Same as worm.
Nitro	Doubles the orb's speed.
Powerup	Doubles the orb's speed.
Protector	This will slay all protectors.
Pulse	The orb will explode, if unarmoured.
Pusher	This will remove any pusher from all worms.
Remnants	This will remove any remnants from all worms.
Sideshot	This will remove any sideshot from all worms.
Slayer	The orb will explode, if unarmoured.
Slower	Double's the orb's speed.
Switcher	All tail onscreen is instantly changed to wood.
Tongue	This will allow the orb to pass through wood and tails
	instead of bouncing off them.
Treasure	The orb will split.
Umbrella	The orb will split.

Splitting

The orb will split into up to four orbs, depending on the number of orbs already in play.

Each orb wilil be an exact clone of the original in all attributes, except starting direction but including score. Once born, they are completely independent, of course.

Modes

#### Armour and tongue are mutually exclusive 'modes'.

An orb can only have one in use (and therefore counting down in strength) at a time, and it will be whatever was most recently collected. When the strength of it reaches zero, the other mode is automatically engaged, if above zero. The orb's colour indicates the 'mode' the orb is in:

Colour	Mode

Yellow	None
Blue	Tongue
Red	Armour

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Collisions
An orb with tongue passes through and destroys
                slime
                 .
An orb with armour bounces off slime. An orb with neither dies.
All orbs can be slain in these ways:
        Notes
               Cause
                Any worm gets a
        *
                slayer
                . All orbs
                explode
        #
                Becoming trapped (unable to move).
                Collision with another orb.
        #
        #
                Collision with
                worm tail
                Collision with an
                armoured
                 worm.
                Collision with a
        •
                protector
                Collision with a
        .
                whirlwind
                Unarmoured
                 orbs can also be slain in these ways:
        *
                Worm bullets
                 .
        *
                Fragments
                The orb collects
        *
                ammo
                 or
                slayer
                 .
        *
                Drips
                 •
        #
                Bombblasts
                 .
        #
                Missiles
                 .
        #
                Lightning
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# 1.58 Goats

Goats walk along the top of stone, metal, wood, tails and slime,  $\, \hookleftarrow \,$  firing

fragments randomly when they are at an edge (next to somewhere they can't go). Goats prefer to be at an edge and tend to move towards and stay at one. When not at an edge, they cannot fire.

Goats can be slain in these ways:

Worm bullet

Fragment

Slayer

Orb bouncing off it

Bombblast

Missile

Drip

Lightning

Whirlwind

Dog Dead goats turn into bonuses .

#### 1.59 Slime

Slime may be randomly created at during play. This slime can 'grow' into some adjacent squares over time. It never moves, only grows.

#### 1.60 Drips

Drips appear near the top of the field, and fall downwards. They can be any of the four colours (green, red, blue and yellow).

Drips of your own colour are worth points. Drips of the wrong colour hurt you. In either case, the drip is destroyed.

#### 1.61 Fragments

Fragments are generated by:

orb explosions.

pulse explosions.

goats firing.

Fragments travel until they are absorbed or reach the field edges.

## 1.62 Penguin

Penguins are randomly created, independent creatures which move randomly. They are not aggressive but will harm things that collide with them. They only ever move onto empty (or silver/gold) squares.

#### 1.63 Whirlwind

These are created when a worm collects the cyclone object. They move very quickly in a random fashion, though they tend to drift slightly upwards over time. They are one of the more dangerous types of creature.

They destroy protectors, orbs, goats, penguins, missiles, slime, drips, fragments, metal, stone, wood and tail. They destroy timebombs without detonating them. They are immune to lightning, bullets, bombblasts,

fragments. They are affected by slayer and teleports. They harm worms, whether armoured or not, without being themselves destroyed. If they leave the playfield they are destroyed.

## 1.64 Dog

These appear randomly. They wait patiently until a worm passes over them. Then they begin to awaken and soon they chase the worm along its tail. They cannot cross field edges.

#### 1.65 Cloud

These appear randomly. They only ever move horizontally, left and right, changing direction at each end of the playfield. Occasionally they will shoot out a pair of fragments: one up and one down.

#### 1.66 Teleport

These always come in pairs. Going through one will teleport you to  $\leftrightarrow$  the other, and bestow points also.

If a teleport is blocked (there is stone, metal or a goat

next to

its partner on the side where you would emerge) then the teleport cannot be used and is dangerous. You will slow down from hitting it and not be able to use it. It is obviously possible for a teleport to be blocked to some approaches and unblocked to others.

Protectors are invisible over teleports.

Two teleports may be defined in the field editor ; another two may appear randomly during play. These two sets are completely independent of one another.

## 1.67 Timebomb

This ticks from 9 down to 0 before detonating. During ticking, it ↔ can be pushed around by worm heads. If pushed off the field edges, 100 points are given and the timebomb is destroyed without detonation. If pushed against anything, or shot, or hit by most things, it will detonate

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## 1.68 Octopus

These are created with the field editor . Up to 12 can be created for each level. They can also appear randomly during play. They do not move. Occasionally they will decide to spin around, firing fragments as they do so. They can be killed only by worm bullets, protectors and slayers.

#### 1.69 Scoring

Square points

All

1	Empty
5	Dynamite
10	Silver
20	Gold
100	Skull
100	Letter

Objects are worth various amounts of points.

Worms and orbs

20 Teleport

Worms and protectors

100 Drip of your colour

#### Skill points

All

50 Kill a penguin.
50 Kill a goat.
75 Kill an octopus.
100 Hurt an enemy worm, without hurting yourself.

Orbs are worth their scores to anything that kills them.

Worms

5	For each square you turn to silver with tongue.
10	For each square you turn to gold with tongue.
10	For each enclosed square which is converted.
50	You hurt something (worm, orb, goat, penguin or octopus)
	by shooting.
100	You push a timebomb off the field edges.
There are also	
	level
	completion bonuses.
All points are	multiplied by the number of worms selected for human and
Amiga control,	and of course by any
	multipliers