

**DeepSpace**

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## Chapter 1

# DeepSpace

### 1.1 DeepSpace! Docs

About DeepSpace  
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### 1.2 About DeepSpace

DeepSpace is a Multi-Player, Multi-Node Space Role Playing ↔  
Game.  
BBS's that can run DOS doors (programs that use stdin & stdout) can  
run this game.

Twenty nodes can play at one time. This has never been actually  
tested though. Up to 100 users can join the game if

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REGISTERED  
    If it isn't  
REGISTERED  
    only 10 players is allowed.
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Enforcer & Mungwall has been used during development of this version. There ↔  
should  
not be any hits. Unless I mist one.

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DeepHost  
DeepSet  
 Programed by Todd Neumiller  
GameSetUp

Programed by Todd & Darrell Neumiller  
Ansi GFX  
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## 1.3 Leagal Stuff

DeepSpace (c)

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## 1.4 Setting up DeepSpace

WorkBench 2.0 or greater is required.

In the directory you unarc'd the DeepSpace archive, you will have

GameSetUp

DeepHost

DeepSet

DeepSpace

Text (dir) w/ numerous text files

Ones of interest for setting up DeepSpace are:

1:

AlienRaces

2:

Sysop.txt

3:

config

After the above mentioned files are edited to your liking run GameSetup. This program will generate all the files needed to run DeepSpace. GameSetup should also be ran when you wish to re-roll the game.

DeepHost

This program is a background server for the DeepSpace game.

After gamesetup has been ran you can now start DeepHost. I

suggest you install it in your user-startup.

NOTE: It must remain in the same directory as the other files.

Do not copy it to another directory.

Example:

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run dh0:deepspace/deephost <nil: >nil:
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It runs DeepSet once to load all the data needed for the game.

This allows DeepHost to become somewhat smaller in size.

To shut down DeepHost just simply run DeepHost again. It will signal the original DeepHost program to shut down. A requester will pop up showing you that it is shutting down. If you do not want a requester to pop up (via remote or ??) Give DeepHost an argument.

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Example:

DeepHost quiet

This will force the requester to stay off.

NOTE: Do not give an argument unless shutting DeepHost off!!!!

If any games are being played when you shut off the DeepHost program they also will be signaled to stop.

You are ready to go! The program has only been tested on a Excelsior BBS as of late. If you have ran it on any-other BBS please add a comment on the bottom of this file giving directions if anything different in the setup was required.

Also please let us know!

If you are able to adjust the priority DON'T. Just run DeepSpace at 0.

DeepSpace Arguments:

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Usage:

DeepSpace Name/A/M, T=Time/A/N, Echo/S, D=Delay/N, A=Delay/N

Name	The users name /A - Required /M - Multiple strings allowed
T=Time	The time allowed to play /A - Required /N - numbers
Echo	Echo keypress's /S - switch
D=Delay	Fight delay instead of default (40000) /N - numbers (1 to 200000000) NOTE: If D is set to 0 it forces all players have the Auto-Attack on. Do NOT set to a negative number.
A=Delay	An alternate delay method. (1 - 200) (ticks 50 = one second) This depends on the BBS you are using. During an attack sequence, numbers ranging from 1 to 10 will be printed. The object is to hit a key as close as possible to 10. This is the percent power used during that fight wave. If all the numbers flash by with out a delay you have to use this option. If this occurs and you do not use this option the game, the program will eat up alot of CPU time. Have this set even if you want Auto-Attack on. (none interaction fight) Set d to 0 if you want Auto-Attack on. Set a to a min of 6.

Testing setup delays

NOTE: Name & Time are REQUIRED!

Replace name(s) ,time with the proper BBS codes which are applicable.

An example:

DeepSpace John Doe T=120 Echo D=60000

Name is John Doe, Time allowed 120 minutes, Echo on, Delay set to 60000

\* for most BBS's

Other examples:

DeepSpace John Doe T=120 (Min arguments)

Echo off using default delay of 40000 for the Attack delay.

DeepSpace John Doe T=120 d=0  
Auto-Attack always on: Which will take away this option for the player to toggle themselves.

DeepSpace John Doe t=30 echo a=8  
Alternate delay method. Since d is at the default (40000) Auto-Attack off (which will make it optional to the player). Delay of 8 ticks for the attack delay & echo on.

DeepSpace John Doe t=30 echo d=0 a=8  
Alternate delay method. Auto-Attack always on. Delay of 8 ticks for the attack delay & echo on.

## 1.5 Testing setup delays

If you are using the D option for the attack delay set it very high at first. (~ 100000) Or the A option set at ~ 20. Have someone attack an alien via remote (to find the Alien use the sysop editor & check which sector they are in or move them to your sector). Check the speed during the fight. Change the attacking ship to a Sprite (only 1 on offense) against Fed ship (5 defense). This will be the fastest speed at which the fight sequence will go. And adjust from there..

\*NOTE: if you are using the D option for the delay (at 100000) and the fighting sequence flies by before you can push a key this indicates that you have to use the A option.

## 1.6 AlienRaces

Text/AlienRaces

AlienRaces is a simple text file. It can be edited with any type of text editor. It is a list of Alien names that will be given to the generated alien's in the game. Example: Klingon

You must have this file in the text directory or the GameSetup program will fail. (you will read about GameSetup later).

The maximum number of alien race names used is 50. If you have 25 or less names in the text file, 2 aliens will be generated for each race.  
13 names = 26 total aliens  
26 names = 26 total aliens ect..

## 1.7 Sysop.txt

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Text/sysop.txt

sysop.txt is a list of names that DeepSpace can access for getting the sysop(s) name(s). The names in this simple text file should match the name that will be past to DeepSpace for the players name.

For example you and your Co-Sysop's handle's were 'Roentgen' & 'Big Byte' the text file would just contain these 2 names. Do not have trailing spaces behind these names. Hit enter right after the full name is typed.

To enter the Planet editor hit '!' at the main menu. The Planet editor is self explanatory. To access the user editor hit '@' at the main prompt.

## 1.8 Config

Text/config

This is a file that GameSetup will create. If you are registered you have to make sure this file is not distributed.

## 1.9 Registering DeepSpace

Registering DeepSpace can be done by sending \$20 US dollars to:

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Info needed:

- 1: Your FULL name
- 2: Handle if used
- 3: BBS name (BBS phone #)
- 4: Mailing address

## 1.10 Known BUGS

I exchanged my Amiga 1200 with a Amiga 4000 a while. That allowed me to use Enforcer & Mungwall. Found a few hits in that last version but they have been fixed. There shouldn't be any more? Least I can not find any more.

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