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# Overview

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## **The Game**

Squares is played on a board which is displayed on the screen. This board is a grid of squares. The objective is to complete as many squares as you can. You complete a square by clicking on all four sides. You can play against another person or against the computer.

## **The Play**

Each player's turn consists of clicking one side. If this completes a square, the turn continues until a side is clicked that doesn't complete a square.

## Playing the Game

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When you click a side, it changes color and makes a sound. When you complete a square, it turns white, displays the first two letters of your name, and makes a different sound.

If you get one or more squares by clicking a side, your turn continues. Otherwise, it becomes your opponent's turn. When all the squares are completed, the game is over. The winning player's name and score flash in color and the song, The Entertainer, plays.

You can start a new game anytime by clicking **Files - New Game**.

### The Entertainer

Scott Joplin lived from 1868 to 1917 and wrote popular rag time music including The Entertainer. The Entertainer is a rag time two step originally published in 1902. Squares contains the original score of The Entertainer as published in "The Complete Works of Scott Joplin".

# Settings

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There are 4 groups of settings you can change in **Squares**. **Squares** remembers your settings between sessions. Clicking **Settings** brings up a tabbed dialog box which displays setting groups as follows:

## Grid

You can select from five possible grid sizes by clicking the desired grid. Whenever you change the grid size, **Squares** automatically starts a new game.

## Players

Click **Players** to manage player settings. You can give names to your players. You can also play against the computer by setting **Player One** to **Computer** instead of **Human**. When **Player One** is **Computer**, you can choose a difficulty level of **Beginner**, **Intermediate**, or **Advanced**.

## Sound

**Squares** determines whether your computer has a sound card installed in Windows. If so, there is a check by **Sound Card Installed**. If a sound card is installed, you can get neat sounds when sides are clicked and when squares are completed. **Squares** also plays a reward song when the game is over. If a sound card isn't installed, **Squares** still works. In that case you get beeps for sounds. By clicking **Sound On**, you select whether **Squares** makes sounds or operates in the silent mode.

## Color

This tab brings up a palette that allows you to select the **Squares** background color.

## Technical Support

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Technical support is available in four media:

1. CompuServe E-Mail. Address your questions to CRA at 102136,3077.
2. Internet E-Mail. Address your questions to 102136,3077@compuserve.com
3. Telephone. Call us at 301-839-8040.
4. Regular mail. Write us at CRA, 9814 Indian Queen Point Road, Fort Washington, MD 20744.

## Deinstallation

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This program can be deinstalled as follows:

1. Delete the directory you installed the program into
2. Delete all the icons in the program's program group
3. Delete the program's program group



