Wheel of Luck 2.1d

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WHAT IS WHEEL OF LUCK?

Wheel of Luck is a game for Windows 3.1(*) similar to the popular television "Wheel of Fortune" game. Players take turns guessing letters to solve a phrase. Each player has a turn to spin the wheel and guess a letter, buy a vowel, or solve the phrase. Wheel of Luck supports a user-editable phrase file and user-customizable Windows 3.1 sound effects via .WAV files if a sound card is installed.

(*) Wheel of Luck should work with Windows 3.0 if the Microsoft Multimedia Extensions and a sound card have been installed.

Wheel of Luck is Shareware, and a registration fee of $12.00 is required if used past the 30-day evaluation period. When payment is received you will receive a registered copy of the latest version of Wheel of Luck on diskette and a serial number for free upgrades to future Shareware versions. If you order through CompuServe, you will receive a serial number via electronic mail within two business days of order receipt (see "REGISTRATION", below).

FILES CONTAINED IN THIS RELEASE

Files in Wheel of Luck Directory:

FILE_ID.DIZ	Distribution Description File *(included with Shareware version only)*
LICENSE.WRI	License Agreement / Warranty Disclaimer
MANUAL.WRI	Documentation *(this file)*
ORDER.TXT	Order Form *(included with Shareware version only)*
VENDOR.TXT	Distribution Information / Suggestions *(included with Shareware version only)*
PHRASES.TXT	User Editable Phrase File
REGISTER.ID	Registration ID File *(included with Registered version only)*
WOL.EXE	Required Executable File
ATTENTN.WAV	Required Sound File "Attention"
CLICK.WAV	Required Sound File "Spin Click"
READY.WAV	Required Sound File "Ready"
SORRY.WAV	Required Sound File "Sorry"
WINNER.WAV	Required Sound File "Winner"

Files in Windows | System Directory (or Windows Directory for Network Users):

MCI.VBX	Required Support File
PICCLIP.VBX	Required Support File
THREED.VBX	Required Support File
VBRUN200.DLL	Required Support File *(included with Registered version only)*

STARTING WHEEL OF LUCK

To start Wheel of Luck, double-click on the **Wheel of Luck** icon in your **"Games"** program group.

Once started, you must enter the names of the players. Choose **NEW GAME** from the **FILE**

menu, enter the player(s) names, and click **CONTINUE**. Click the **SPIN WHEEL** button and you're off! You can control Wheel of Luck with either the mouse or with the keyboard.

OPTIONS

You can change certain program settings from the **OPTIONS** menu, and save them to disk by choosing **SAVE SETTINGS**. The program defaults are indicated in **bold**:

Sound Effects: **On**/Off   Plays or Supresses digitized sound-effects
                                            (MCI WAV compatible sound card required)

Countdown Timer: On/Off   Automatically disabled if only one player

Spin Deceleration: On/Off   Can be turned off for slower PC's

PLAYING WHEEL OF LUCK

With each new game, a random phrase is picked from the phrase file and displayed on the board as blank letters. The type of phrase is displayed in the Hint box. Each player gets 20-seconds to decide if they want to spin the wheel, buy a vowel or solve the phrase, except for the first turn of the game.

SPIN WHEEL: Player gets 20-seconds after the wheel stops to pick a consonant. Those already guessed will be dimmed, and not available.

BUY VOWEL: Player must have at least $250 in their score, and gets 20-seconds to pick a vowel. Those already guessed will be dimmed, and not available.

SOLVE: Player gets 60-seconds to pick the missing letters. Be aware that once a letter has been chosen, it cannot be changed!

Each player continues to play their turn until they either guess wrong, or spin a "Lose Turn" or "Sorry" on the wheel.

The first player to correctly guess the phrase gets their score added to their total score.

WINNING THE GAME

After three rounds, the player with the highest total score enters the **"bonus round"** where they play for a bonus value of $5000. The wheel is replaced with the bonus round letter positions. The winner has 30-seconds to choose five consonants and one vowel, after which any matches will be displayed on the board. The winner has 60-seconds to complete the phrase. If correctly guessed, the bonus value is added to the winners score and automatically entered in the top-10 high-scores if qualified.

SCORING

Points (represented by dollars) are scored by spinning the wheel and spent buying vowels.

The value spun is multiplied by the number of correct matches. A vowel guess costs $250 no matter how many are found.

"Lose Turn"   No points are scored. Player loses turn.

"Sorry"   Players current score is erased. Player loses turn.

CUSTOM SOUND EFFECTS

Custom sound effects can be used by replacing any of the included five .WAV files with your own. Files must be named the same. The file CLICK.WAV contains the sound effect for the wheel click. If you replace this file make sure it is a short sound, otherwise the wheel will not spin correctly.

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Type **GO CIS:SWREG** and specify Program Number **725**.

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VERSION HISTORY

Date	Version	Description
06/07/92	v1.0	Initial release to Shareware
12/05/92	v1.1	Fixed scoring problem
01/08/93	v1.2	Enhanced solve mode
		Added sound effects
		Added save settings
01/20/93	v1.3	Fixed sound effects order problem
		Enhanced "look & feel"
		Added keyboard control
02/10/93	v2.0b	Added bonus-round & High-Scores
02/22/93	v2.0c	Fixed registered-only "registration" bug
		Added hourglass mouse-pointer during delays
03/08/93	v2.1a	Fixed Buy-Vowel button bug
		Changed look of wheel (for slower displays)
		Changed graphics handling to be more efficient
03/16/93	v2.1b	Fixed "single word phrase" display problem
		Fixed bonus-round timeout bug
		Fixed bonus-round letter-pick bug
		Fixed player highlight bug
		Removed bonus-round prizes for efficiency
03/24/93	v2.1c	Fixed problem when viewing About or High-Scores with timer on
05/08/93	v2.1d	Fixed graphics scaling problem when used with high-resolution monitors
		Fixed registered-only "registration" bug
		Created Setup program for automatic installation *(Registered version only)*

I welcome any comments you may have about Wheel of Luck.

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