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1. I find it rather ironic that one of the most popular groups of sports games on the market are golf simulators. I mean, golf is definitely a skill game, but it's not an overly strenuous one. If you want golf, why not actually go out and play it? It's not like you're saving yourself from certain injury by clicking your mouse instead of swinging a club. Nevertheless, few simulations of any sort accurately represent the real thing like golf sims do. The newest and best example of the genre is Microsoft Golf 2.0 for Windows.
2. The first version of Golf was produced in cooperation with Access software, makers of the smash hits Links and Links 386 PRO. This allowed for an extremely neat feature – Links add-on courses were compatible with Golf. The new Golf retains the ability to use Links courses, and improves on many other positive aspects of the first version.
3. Golf runs under Windows in 640x480x256, and features scalable and movable windows within the game itself. This is much more useful than it may sound at first. The ability to move windows provides more flexibility, as the screen can be customized to look exactly as you want it to. Add another view of the course or pop up the scorecard for a second and then minimize it again. **{FLIP}**You can also customize the look and handicap of your golfer. Those of you who've spent hours fooling around with Windows' color palettes will have an idea of how much fun this is. Hey, we haven't even gotten to the GAME yet!
4. Okay, I'll get to the game now. Golf 2.0 plays very much like its predecessors, Links and Golf 1.0. Swinging your club is a two-mouse-click process which can be tricky at first. Luckily, Golf includes a bevy of lessons in the form of Windows Help files. Like game windows, they can be popped up at anytime in the game. In fact, if you take a REALLY lousy shot, **{FLIP}**a dialog box will pop up and ask if you need help!
5. Real-life variables such as wind can be toggled on or off in Golf, and you can save games, holes, or individual shots in "highlight reel" fashion. Every conceivable statistic is kept and also printable, so you can have hard proof in hand when you brag to your coworkers about how well you did. Given its addictive quality, though, perhaps the greatest feature of Golf is that it runs under Windows, and can be minimized when the boss walks by . . .

Summary

People who complain that they never have time to golf can now have the next best thing. Microsoft Golf 2.0 is the most complete golf game made yet and also the most convenient. A completely customizable game screen, context-sensitive help, and the fact that it runs under Windows in 640x480 are its biggest pluses. It can also use old Golf and Links courses, so users of any of those games can upgrade to Golf painlessly.

Pros

Cons

Rating

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Also Try

Links 386 PRO, Jack Nicklaus Signature Edition

Game Specs

OS	
<i>Required</i>	
<i>Graphics</i>	
<i>Music</i>	
<i>Digitized speech</i>	
<i>Recommended</i>	