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Computer Games—Your Guide

Reviews

Ultima IX: Ascension (P.C.)
As the heroic Avatar, only you have the power to rescue Lord British!? And his people from the 'Guardian', who has tainted the 8 Virtues and has also devastated the landscape (this won't mean that the graphics are going to be rubbish!). Anyway, back to the story, magical ability, knowledge of the virtues and valiance in combat are your only weapons in your quest. Right then, onto the graphics, if you think that this'll be another game where rain falls in solid lines or never seems to move, then you'd be wrong. Each raindrop is generated in the cloud and is individually tracked as it falls to earth. Lightning flashes and thunder rolls, even the sky darkens over! Wow, okay so that may be hard for your smaller systems to cope with, so a 3D graphics card wouldn't be a bad idea. If you don't have this you may find that the game will run slow, your tiny little 266 Mhz processor will probably be screaming at you to give it mercy, but all in all the graphics will still be fairly good. The game is rated M (Mature), that's because it contains adult language and medieval combat scenes (spurting of blood etc).

Delta Force 2 (P.C.)
The Delta Force is the U. S. Army Elite, they are the people trained to infiltrate enemy terrorist establishments. So I suppose that gives a good idea as to what this game is about doesn't it! You have a limited arsenal of weaponry and you have to work undercover (or unseen), in loads of different landscapes. There are 2 different campaigns containing 12 to 14 missions each and there are also 19 different single missions, these consist of daytime and night time missions (in the night missions you actually wear night vision goggles), and in some missions you get the chance to shoot terrorists

UNDERWATER??!!
DF2 uses Novalogic's Voxel Space 32 engine, it tends to be blocky at close range but it's good at distance because there is a LOT of close range shooting involved. The best feature is the vast array of landscapes that you'll see, deserts and snowscapes to name just two.

Nuclear Strike (N64)
Here you take control of different vehicles like helicopters and tanks in various missions to recover/capture, search out and destroy different targets to keep world peace. This is the next in the series of strike games so those people who have played games such as Desert Strike and Jungle Strike should hopefully know what I'm raving on about. The game takes place over a variety of locations, (both sea and land). There's a huge amount of baddies to attack you like infantry, tanks, anti aircraft guns, missile towers, ships ands submarines, in other words, you name it, it'll probably be there to blast you to bits. On the other hand, you should be able to deal with them with the weapons you get (machine guns, wingtip missiles, rockets and other missiles). There will be a chance to use other modes of transport and mass destruction such as an A-10 Warthog, an MI HX Abrams tank, a PACV Hovercraft and an AV8 Harrier Jump Jet. The graphics are really good, the game supports the Graphics Expansion Pack which should make the graphics even better than the base graphics, which is saying quite a lot.

Star Trek: The Hidden Evil (P.C.)
Following the events of the last ST game Insurrection, the Starship Enterprise has returned to the Ba'ku system where the crew have discovered an ancient danger. Strange waves of metaphysic energy has been permeating the Ba'ku homeworld's rings, which is keeping the Ba'ku eternally young. You play Ensign Sovok, a native of the Vulcan planet. Join forces with Captain Picard and Commander Data as they become embroiled in a plot that threatens to destroy the galaxy itself. The game plays very much like the Resident Evil game, a fixed camera point lets you guide Sovok through a variety of areas. Personally I can't stand this type of gameplay because it's totally useless in battles. The graphics in hidden evil are really good, the characters are clear and they move pretty fluently. The audio, however, is very disappointing although the voices of Patrick Stewart and Brent Spiner do grace the cast, in other words, it's poor, making the game a serious money consideration.

Cheats

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Okay then all you people who just can't be bothered to complete games 'cause they're too bloomin hard', this I hope will help you.

The Sims
CTRL-SHIFT-C then
Klapaucius:- Gives you 1000 simoleons.
Water_tool:- Make you home an island surrounded by water.
Map_edit on/off:- Edit the map.
Grow_grass #;- Grow grass 1-150
!:- Repeat last cheat.
; :- Separate multiple cheat codes.
Quick Money Cheat
Type in :- Klapaucius then bring up the dialog box again and
type, !;!;!;!;!;!;!;!;!;!;!;!;!;!;!;!;!;! (you can type in up to 60).

Delta Force 2
Hold down the ` key and type in any of the following cheats:
Thetrooper :- Godmode.
Sunandsteel :- Reload Ammo.
Diewithyourbootson :- Unlimited ammo.
Revelations:- Eight artillery shots.
Stilllife:- Invisibility.

Trivia

Did you know that the Aztecs ate armadillos?

On This Day

1919: The wireless telephone is invented which enabled pilots to talk in flight .

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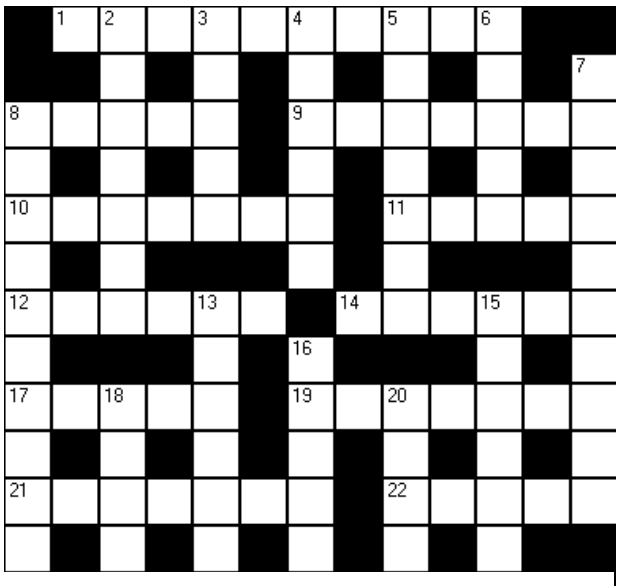


Clues Across
1. They protect you whatever happens.
8. Lakshmi is one of their gods.
9. An American state.
10. Hunted Illegally. For an egg?
11. Bright eyed and tailed.
12. A place where something happens, for this type of street.
14. Put it up outside your caravan.
17. Stay in it for your holidays.
19. Something left over.
21. A popular card game.
22. Cater for every whim and desire (if you're rich)!
23. Run when you hear it.

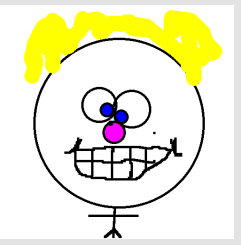
Clues Down-
2. What you see in the mirror.
3. Ah the joys of it!
4. An African country.
5. A pot of gold at the end.
6. Copy off them and you'll be okay.
7. A sore throat.
8. An Olympic discipline with 7 events.
13. Let go.
15. A large pile of frozen water.
16. Black magic, (not the chocolate sort).
18. Spring and neap.
20. Release from active service, let the soldiers go!

EDITORIALS!!!

MY EDITORIAL (ALISTAIR MILLAR)
Okay, so I've been typing at Word documents and slogging away in Publisher for the last SIX HOURS, and only now am I beginning to get it that I've actually managed to put together this page! The whole day has been chaotic, but you need to listen to people or nothing'll ever get done!

EDITORIAL (CHRIS PHANG)
Working to the point of collapse on NIAD today has always been inevitable. It's been great fun doing my articles and apart from a couple of computer crashes that added to the fun. This could not have been done without the help of Alistair Millar, Sandy Enoch, Mark Davidson and others so well done!

News In Brief "COOL"



The Computer Pig?
A pet pig is so keen on computer games, that her owner is constructing a virtual assault course for her.
The pig, (Bushka), spends many hours using a joystick and getting help from her owner, Grenville Owen. He developes software for animals because he thinks they have more intelligence than they are credited for.

Scientists from Heidelberg , in Germany have discovered that sticky tape can carry computer data. It works by using a low-powered laser to make data-storing bumps on the surface of the tape. To retrieve the information another laser is shone on to the roll of tape and a sensor reads the reflected light. You don't even need to unroll the tape. One tape can hold a huge 10 gigabytes!

An angry footballer (Carl Wood), playing up front for a Sunday league club found an ideal way of getting revenge against the referee who sent him off for foul and abusive language in their match against local rivals. Mr Wood rode the referee's red Peugeot 205, 30 yards across the pitch and turned a full 360 degree spin while the match was still in motion.

Oor Wullie escapes the 'net.
Yesterday a judge ruled Oor Wullie would not be placed on the Internet. DC Thomson the publisher of the famous figure - and The Broons - went to the court of Session in Edinburgh to try and keep his figures off the net and in the pages of the Sunday Post . Web sites under the names, thebroons.com and oorwullie.co.uk, were set up by MVK Computer Services of Birdston Rd, Milton of Campsie .