

HEART OF DARKNESS V1.0

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To play Heart of Darkness under the best possible conditions

Minimum configuration

IBM PC or 100% compatible computer.

Windows 95 with 486 DX2/66 MHz processor and 16 MB RAM.

Or Windows 98 with Pentium processor and 16 MB RAM.

Or Windows NT 4.0 (service pack 3 or later) with 75 MHz Pentium processor and 24 MB RAM.

1 MB PCI or VLB SVGA graphics card (DirectX-compatible), sound card (DirectX-compatible),

Double-speed CD-ROM drive (with sustained data rate 300 KB/sec) and 84 MB available hard disk space.

Recommended configuration

IBM PC or 100% compatible computer with 90 MHz Pentium processor or better.

Windows 95, Windows 98 or Windows NT 4.0 (service pack 3 or later) with 32 MB RAM.

1 MB PCI SVGA graphics accelerator card (DirectX-compatible), 16-bit stereo sound card (DirectX-compatible), 4X or better CD-

ROM drive and 84 MB available hard disk space.

Startup

Installation

After you have inserted the Heart of Darkness CD-ROM into the drive, the "Heart of Darkness Installation" window appears.

Click on "Next", then follow the instructions, answering the questions you are asked.

If the "Heart of Darkness Installation" dialogue window does not appear ("Autoplay" is disabled or the Heart of Darkness CD-

ROM was already in the drive), double-click on My Computer on the desktop, and then on the Heart of Darkness icon

corresponding to your CD-ROM; the “Heart of Darkness Installation” dialogue window appears.

Click on “Next”, then follow the instructions, answering the questions you are asked.

Both these operations create a Heart of Darkness folder on your hard disk and add a short-cut to Heart of Darkness in the

“Start/Programs/Heart of Darkness” menu.

During the installation, you are asked whether you want to install DirectX5. Select this option if you have not already installed

this component (or if you do not know), and reboot Windows when installation is completed.

By default, Heart of Darkness is installed in the directory C:\Program Files\Heart of Darkness.

Running the game

When installation has been completed, the window of the “Start/Programs/Heart of Darkness” menu appears, giving you the

opportunity, among several options, to run the program by double-clicking on “Heart of Darkness - The game”. When you play

Heart of Darkness again, the “Heart of Darkness” window will appear when you insert the CD-ROM into the drive, with several

options including “Start Game”. If the “Heart of Darkness” window does not appear (“Autoplay” is disabled or the Heart of

Darkness CD-ROM was already in the drive), click on the “Start” menu and select “Heart of Darkness - The game” in the

“Start/Programs/Heart of Darkness” menu.

Uninstalling Heart of Darkness

Click on the “Start” menu in the Windows task bar, and select “To uninstall Heart of Darkness – The Game” in the

“Start/Programs/Heart of Darkness” menu.

Recommendations

Saving games

The game is saved automatically as you play.

Accessing the menus and options

From the initial screen choose "Options" or, at any time during the game, press the Esc key (refer to "menus and options").

From this menu, you can choose the difficulty level or the means of control, adjust the sound volume, access saved levels, start

a new game, view a cinematic sequence or quit the game.

ARROW KEYS INACTIVE WHEN MOVING AROUND THE MENUS:

If you cannot move around and select menu options with the arrow keys, please make sure that your game controller has been correctly configured under Windows and also that it is in the neutral position.

Re-configure the game controller and re-start the game.

The Esc key can also be used to pause the game and then resume it at the exact point where you left it.

Configuring the joystick/Gamepad

You can play by using the keyboard, a joystick or a gamepad. Plug the joystick or gamepad into the appropriate socket in the

rear of the computer. In "My Computer", click on "Game Controllers" in the "Control Panel" menu. Click on "Add" to select a

controller, then use the "Properties" button to perform the configuration tests for your game controllers.

The game can reproduce up to 16 stereo audio channels. With high-quality loudspeakers, you can get the most out of the

sound effects and the music, specially composed by Bruce Broughton and performed by a symphony orchestra.

menus and options

You can access the options menus from the initial screen by selecting “Options” (see above) or at any time during the game by

pressing the Esc key on your keyboard. In the second case you are then prompted to quit the game in order to access the

options. You can access the various options menus by exploring Andy’s tree house. Select the menus you want by using the left

and right arrow keys and confirm by pressing one of the action buttons.

New game

Just confirm to start a new game.

Current game

Confirm to resume a current game at the restart point closest to where you stopped (the restart points are saved automatically

as you play the game).

Save game

When you confirm, you access a menu where you can choose a restart level and then a restart screen. The ones that are

accessible depend on how far you have got in the game. Use the arrow keys to select the level that you want to access, then

confirm. Next, choose the screen at which you would like to restart, then confirm.

Show cinematics

When you confirm, you access the menu in which you can choose a cinematic sequence from the game that you want to see

again. The accessible sequences are those that you have already viewed as you play the game. Use the arrow keys to choose a sequence, then confirm.

Quit game

Confirm to quit the program irreversibly.

Options

When you confirm, you access a menu that allows you to set up the keyboard, the gamepad and the joystick, to choose the difficulty level and to adjust the sound volume.

Controls: Choose either "Keyboard" or "Gamepad/Joystick" to access the set-up menu. Select one of Andy's actions (run, jump,

fire, special power) and press the key on the keyboard or on the gamepad or joystick button that you want to assign to the

action. To test your settings, use the "Test" function. If you want to go back to the keys defined by default, use the "Reset"

function, or quit the set-up menu and clear these settings by pressing "Cancel".

Difficulty level: You can choose between "Easy", "Normal" and "Hard". The behaviour of your enemies, their aggressiveness and

their number vary according to the selected level.

Sound options: You can adjust the sound volume using the left and right arrow keys. To test your settings, use the "Test"

function. If you decide to go back to the volume defined by default, use the "Reset" function or quit the set-up menu and clear

these settings by pressing "Cancel".

Technical problems

In Windows 95 / Windows 98

In order for "Heart of Darkness" to run under optimum conditions, the drivers of your various peripheral devices must be

certified by DirectX5 or better. To make sure, go to the "program files\directx\setup" directory on your hard disk and double-

click on the file "Dxsetup.exe". The compatibility of your drivers is summarized in a table. All the lines must be marked

"certified". If this is not the case, you must obtain the latest version of the driver concerned, then reinstall DirectX5 from the

"Heart of Darkness" CD-ROM. Without this certification, graphics problems (small "colour flashes" when changing menus,

modification of the graphic palette, etc.) or sound problems (interrupted sound, looped sound, etc.) may occur.

In Windows NT 4.0 Service Pack 3

"Heart of Darkness" is a program designed for Windows 95 and Windows 98. It also runs in Windows NT 4.0 service pack 3

with the following reservation: as full compatibility of DirectX with Windows NT 4.0 service pack3 is not guaranteed, graphics or

sound faults may occur, depending on your hardware configuration.

Operation with slow CD-ROM drive

If your CD-ROM drive has a transfer rate less than or equal to that of a standard double-speed drive, minor sound and graphics

faults (still image and looped sound for two seconds) may occur temporarily and recurrently while cinematic scenes are being

played.

Set-up details for Matrox Mystique video cards

If you have a Matrox Mystique video card and you observe intermittent graphics faults when switching between menus, click

with the right button of your mouse on the Windows 95 or Windows 98 desktop, then click on “properties” in the contextual menu that appears. Click on the “MGA configuration” tab, then on the “Advanced” or “PowerDesk” button, then on the “performance” tab, then check the “Switching between pages during vertical sweep” option. Reboot your computer and run “Heart of Darkness” again.

Keyboard set-up

If you cannot use certain keys, set up by default or by yourself, to perform all the actions described in the guide (for example, if you cannot fire up and to the left), change the setup of these keys in the options/controls/keyboard menu.

Technical support

If you experience problems when installing the game or at any other time, you can contact our Hotline Service, making sure you have the answers ready to the following questions:

Type of computer (name, microprocessor, etc.)

Amount of RAM

Make and model of CD-ROM drive, graphics card and sound card.

Before you contact us, read the chapters dealing with installation and technical problems in this guide and the readme file

accessible from Autoplay or in Start/Programs/Heart of Darkness/Read ReadMe; you may find a solution to your problem there.

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