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SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS [\[back to top\]](#)

	Minimum Required	Recommended
Windows OS	XP	XP / Vista
Processor Type	AMD / Intel	Intel
Processor Speed	1.0 Ghz	1.8 Ghz
RAM	256 MB	1 GB

The Minimum and Recommended System Requirements for compiled Applications are:

	Minimum Required	Recommended
Mac OS	10.3.x	10.4.x / 10.5.x
Processor Type	G3 PowerPC / Intel Solo	Intel Core 2 Duo
Processor Speed	500 Mhz / 1.0 Ghz	1.8 Ghz
RAM	256 MB	1 GB

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DirectX

DQ Tycoon requires PC users to have DirectX 9.0 drivers or later installed. These are sound and video drivers from Microsoft that are used in many games. If you need the latest version of DirectX, go to www.microsoft.com/directx.

Screen Color Depth

DQ Tycoon requires you to be running in 16 bit color mode or better. It may not function in windowed mode properly in 256 Colors.

In addition, the game may run slowly in windowed mode using 32 bit color. If this occurs, switch to full-screen mode, or change your color depth to 16 bits.

Bug Reporting

The product you are playing is invested with love, blood, sweat, tears, and perhaps the occasional bug.

If you should experience suspicious game performance and you suspect you've found a bug, please remain calm and remember that in some cultures, finding a bug is considered to be a sign of good luck! Also, please share your good fortune with the good folks at [Game Mill](#), who have a grim fascination with that sort of thing.

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Introduction

Emily Archer just graduated with high honors at prestigious GREENWOOD U with a Masters degree in business administration. Her dream is to someday own her own business, but she is unsure of what to do or where to begin until her friend Ethan suggests applying at the local Dairy Queen. That's where you come in! Help Emily climb the managerial ladder at Dairy Queen and put her business savvy to the test!

Profile

When you first launch **DQ Tycoon**, you are prompted to create a name for your saved game profile. Your progress will be saved when you exit the game. If more than one person is playing the game, it is advisable to create more than one profile. You can create additional profiles if you exit to the Main Menu and click on the Change button on the bottom left of the screen. A save game dialog appears that will display your save game profiles and allow you to create a new one.

Options

The Options screen is reachable from the Main Menu. It includes the following options:

- **Resolution:** adjust the screen resolution to 800 x 600 or 1024 x 768.
- **Fullscreen:** toggle between a full screen or window view.
- **Sound Effects:** change the sound effects volume by adjusting the slide bar.
- **Music:** change the music volume by adjusting the slide bar.

Map Screen

Choose the day and week you would like to work on by clicking on days in the calendar display. Use the arrows to change the week, or click on an individual day to prepare that day to be loaded. Days that are grayed out mean you need to play the days that precede them before you can unlock them.

If you have unlocked more than one store, you may play the day through at any store you have selected. Click on the stores displayed in the map area of the screen to select a new store. When you click on a store, additional information about that store appears in the column on the right side of the screen, such as the daily goal, the staffing, and the thermometer temperature.

The thermometer changes on a daily basis, and is different for each store. The temperature represents how much business you will do at the selected store on a given day. It's best to work at the busiest store of the day in order to ensure that things run smoothly.

You can go back to stores you don't plan to work at that day and change the staff who will be working there in your absence. Change the staff by clicking on the arrows next to staff portraits that appear on the right side of the screen.

The bar display at the bottom of the screen measures your daily cash totals and your weekly quota. The smaller colored line represents how much money you made on the selected day. You must make your weekly quota to proceed to the next week.

Upgrade!

Press this button in the Map Screen to view the upgrades available for the store you have currently selected. Each store has different upgrade options. Make sure to check back periodically, as new upgrades may become available for your store later in the

game.

To purchase an upgrade, click on the grayed out station and press the YES button to buy or the NO button to cancel.

DQ Tokens

You will earn tokens as a reward for completing shifts, achieving expert scores, completing weeks, and earning all the possible expert scores on a given day. DQ Tokens can be used to purchase upgrades on the Upgrade Screen.

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Controls

DQ Tycoon can be controlled entirely by left clicking your mouse button. No additional buttons or keyboard keys are necessary. When playing a day shift, point your mouse cursor at a station and click to move to that location. Emily will activate the machine at that station when she arrives. If the station performs at instant speed (for instance: the soft serve machine), Emily will automatically hold the finished item in her hand, ready to be delivered to a customer or taken to the chocolate or butterscotch dip stations.

Employees

You have no direct control over your employees. You may wish you could move them around, discipline them, fire them, or even strangle them, but those features are not supported in the game, and may possibly be illegal. However, you can change the employees you work with in the Map Screen or turn them off altogether if you decide you don't need them. Employees that are more expensive can move at faster speeds.

Employees will help you complete orders and make more money. It's a good idea to have at least one register for each employee.

You can tell which order an employee is working on by observing the dimmed icons in the customer's order balloons. Even if an employee is working on an order, remember that you're the manager--you're faster, and nothing prevents you from racing ahead and fulfilling their order first.

Goal

There are two goals to achieve in **DQ Tycoon**. First, you must achieve your Daily Goal for the store you are playing. The goal appears on the Map Screen in the right column and on bottom area of the screen when you start a shift. If the number is negative, this means you must make enough money to pay your employee before you can start earning money toward your Daily Goal.

The second goal is to earn enough money to achieve your Weekly Quota. This number appears on the bottom of the Map Screen. You must achieve this quota in order progress to the next week.

Expert Scores

You can earn expert scores by exceeding the daily goal for that store on a given day. When you earn an expert score, you receive a DQ Token and a gold star appears on the day's entry in the calendar.

When you have earned expert scores on every available store for the day, the day will turn a gold color in the calendar.

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- When a customer suffers a brain freeze, you can thaw them out with a Flamethrower Burger.
- You can pre-make menu items before someone orders them, like shakes, sodas, and Blizzards.
- After you make a shake, you can start another one before you leave so that it's ready for the next order.
- When you make a banana split, don't forget the bananas. That's where the name comes from.
- You must meet your weekly quota before moving on to the next week.
- You can purchase upgrades with DQ Tokens.
- Dairy Queen Tycoon makes an excellent gift.

- Check the thermometer on the map screen before you begin a shift. It lets you know how busy a store is going to be on that day.
- If you keep your cake freezer stocked with cakes, you'll increase your daily profits.
- Be patient with the older dude. He's doing the best he can.
- If you have trouble making your daily quota, it helps to invest in some upgrades.
- You can't keep your cool cones after the shift is over, so it's a good idea to use them often.
- Some cool cones give better advantages if you wait for the right moment to use them.
- You can add more than three steps to your queue.
- You can carry two orders at once.
- You can assign employees to a store on the map screen.
- You can go back and achieve an EXPERT score on all of your available stores on each day.

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