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"The Weakest Link" README.RTF
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[Help System: Here is the link to the Help System for The Weakest Link.](#)

1. AUTOPLAY:

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If the Windows® AutoPlay feature is enabled on your computer, the Weakest Link ® launch screen will automatically appear when you insert the Weakest Link CD into your CD-ROM drive. Simply click on INSTALL and follow the on-screen instructions to continue the installation.

If the AutoPlay feature is disabled, you can begin the installation by doing one of the following:

1. If your CD-ROM drive has Auto Play enabled, the launch screen will appear automatically. Click **Install** and follow the on-screen installation instructions.
2. If Auto Play is not enabled, double click on the **My Computer** icon on your desktop. Double click on the **CD-ROM Drive Icon**. Double click on the **Setup** icon. When the launch screen appears, click **Install** and follow the on-screen installation instructions.

2. MINIMUM SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

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US English Language version of Microsoft® Windows® 95/98/ME/2000 operating system

100% Windows 95/98/ME/2000– compatible computer system

DirectX® 8.0a or higher (included)

Pentium® 200 or Athlon® processor

32MB RAM

130 MB of uncompressed hard disk space plus an additional 80 MB for Windows swap file

8 MB D3D/DirectX 8.0 compatible 3D capable video card and drivers (If 3D card is a secondary card, at least a 2MB

Primary Card is required)

100% DirectX 8.0 compatible true 16-bit sound card and drivers

Quad Speed (600 K/sec sustained transfer rate) CD-ROM

100% Microsoft-compatible mouse and drivers

100% Microsoft-compatible keyboard and drivers

Important Note:

This product uses Microsoft DirectX 8.0 technology, which **requires** your system to have the latest Windows 95/98/ME/2000 drivers (for CD-ROM, video card, sound card and input devices) that fully support DirectX 8.0

3. MONITORS (COLOR DEPTH AND RESOLUTION):

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Please make sure your monitor supports the game color depth and resolution you wish to play in. To check what resolutions your monitor supports, follow these steps:

1. Double-click MY COMPUTER.
2. Double-click on CONTROL PANEL.
3. Find the DISPLAY icon and double-click it to open.
4. Choose the SETTINGS tab.
5. Locate the SCREEN AREA slider and drag it to the far right. The resolution choice shown is the maximum resolution your monitor is capable of displaying.

6. Locate the COLORS pull-down menu at left, and make sure it is set to at least 16-bit color.

If you do not want to change to this resolution now, select CANCEL; otherwise click OK to apply the changes.

****NOTE:** When you begin playing Weakest Link, the first screen you see will ask you to choose an in-game screen resolution; make sure your Desktop Area settings are set to the same resolution or higher. ******

****NOTE:** Please make sure your monitor type is properly specified to ensure correct reporting of available video resolutions. ******

****NOTE:** Dual monitor systems are not supported. ******

4. VIDEO CARDS:

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Supported Chipsets*:

- 3Dfx Voodoo, Rush, Banshee, Voodoo 2, Voodoo 3, Voodoo 4, Voodoo 5
- ATI Rage 128, Radeon
- Intel i740, 810e
- Matrox G200, G400, G450
- NVidia Riva TNT, TNT 2, TNT 2 Ultra, GeForce, GeForce 2, GeForce 3
- S3 Savage 4
- Kryo

* If problems persist with your video card, please make sure to update your drivers. There are numerous programs available online that can automatically detect your video card and load the most recent drivers for it.

4. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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- The CD should be kept in the drive at all times during play.
- For certain rare instances in the game, there will be no voice over from the presenter. This includes the situation where the vote is drawn between the strongest link, and one other. In this case, the other will automatically be chosen to leave, as a player may not vote for themselves.
- If the user selects a high resolution (1280x1024) for the desktop resolution, occasionally contestant voice-overs will repeat about halfway through the sound file. Lowering the sound hardware acceleration level to basic in DXDiag will correct this.
- On systems running PCI64 soundcards, sound quality may be improved by disabling hardware acceleration in DXDIAG.
- Pressing the Windows Key on your keyboard may cause problems in Windows 2000.
- During the voting-off phase of the game, the “Spacebar” causes the audience to laugh.
- The “Shift” and “Control” keys are alternate keys to Bank.

- Occasionally a file called “Buzz00.sav” will be created in the game directory. The user can delete this file at any time.
- When running the game in the same resolution and color depth settings as Desktop Display settings, some minor graphical issues have been noticed. To resolve such an issue, change either the in-game or desktop display settings to be different from each other.
- If when you launch the game you receive an error message stating, “A required .DLL file, DINPUT.DLL was not found” click OK to clear the message then install DirectX 8.0, which is included on the Weakest Link CD.
 - Insert the Weakest Link CD and, if your CD-ROM drive has Auto Play enabled, the launch screen will appear automatically. Click **More**, then select **Install Microsoft DirectX** and follow onscreen instructions.
 - If Auto Play is not enabled, double click on the **My Computer** icon on your desktop. Double click on the **CD-ROM Drive Icon**. Double click on the **Setup** icon. When the launch screen appears, click **More**, then **Install Microsoft DirectX** and follow the on-screen installation instructions.
- Be sure to close all programs running in the background when playing this game. To close all background programs, do the following:
 - 1) Press CTRL+ALT+DEL keys to bring up the Close Program window.
 - 2) The only programs you need to leave open are Systray and Explorer.
 - 3) Highlight the program you want to close and click on the End Task button.
 - 4) Once all the programs are closed EXCEPT Systray and Explorer, you can try the game once again.