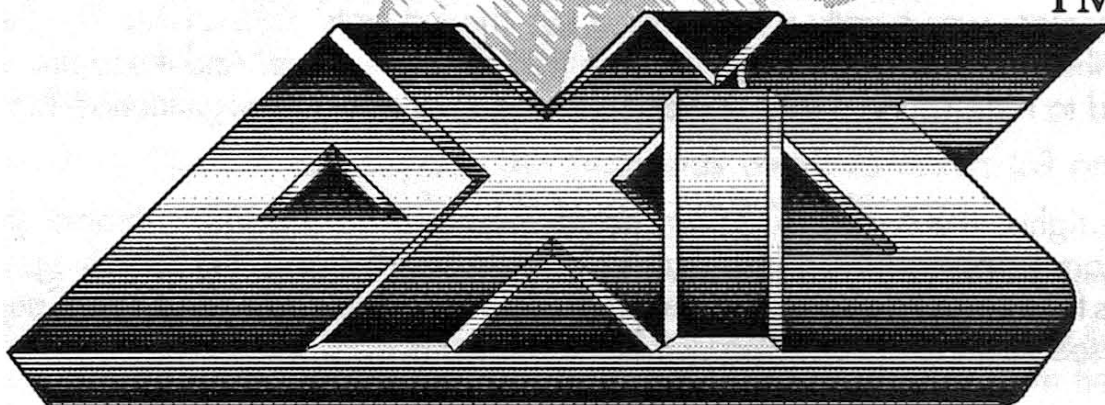




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Macintosh Version User's Guide

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INSTALLING

Welcome to *Axis - The GameCheater*—the fiendish new program that helps you “break the rules of the game” on your Macintosh!

Axis is a control panel which sends out a “Data Commando” into the memory of your Mac. When you play a game that Axis can control, Axis sneaks into the “control room” of a game and gives you awesome powers!

The Axis software comes on one disk. You must follow the installation instructions below before you can use the Axis software.

System Requirements

Axis requires a Macintosh running System version 6.0.7 or greater. Axis consumes very little disk space and even less memory so it will work on even the most minimal of Mac environments. You still need to have the proper Mac set up to use the games the Axis can cheat, so check the specifications of the game *before* you buy.

Installation

** NOTE: The instructions in this manual assume you know how to work with floppy disks and use menus and windows. If you haven't learned these fundamental Mac skills yet, please consult your Macintosh user's guide before trying to continue.*

To get Axis up and running, do the following:

1. Insert the *Axis Program* disk into your Macintosh.
2. Double-click the file named *Axis - Read Me First*, to see if there is any important information about Axis you should know before you install.
3. Double-click the file named *Axis Installer*. Follow the instructions on screen to install Axis onto your hard disk. You will need to know the serial number that came with your program. It can be found on the back of the manual.
4. The installer program will inform you of success and quit.
5. Restart your Macintosh.

You'll see a new icon at the bottom of your screen during startup to indicate that Axis is loading normally. While you are waiting, why not reach for that pen and fill out your registered user card?

Axis is now ready to use! Store your Axis master disks in a safe place in case you ever have to reinstall Axis.

What's Installed

After installation, the Axis control panel—used for cheating games and viewing the cheats—is in your System Folder (System 6) or in your Control Panels folder (System 7). The G.E.M.s (Game Enhancement Modules) that instruct Axis on how to cheat games are already in place and ready to be used.

CHEATING

Confession of a Bad Sport

A good computer game can be hours of fun. Some games are programmed to be tactically challenging, others present intricate puzzles and logic mazes. A really good game never leaves you feeling stupid or slow. A really good game, yeah. *Prince of Persia (PoP)* is a really good game - but - once I was ready to chuck my monitor through the window 'cause I couldn't get past a guard on the 7th level.

This guard was a big guy, standing with his back to a door I *needed* to get through. And right behind me was a pit. I had to advance on this guy if I wanted to keep from falling. But every time I took a few steps toward him, pow! He'd cut me before I could parry and I would have to back up. After two or three strikes he would kill me or back me into the pit.

The 29th time I fell down the pit I decide to chuck *PoP* before I did irrevocable harm to my office, my coworkers, and Spiny Norman, my pet hedgehog.

Your Wish is My Command

Then Sam Caughron created this delightful program. He programmed *Axis* with a list of memory locations that hold critical information, like the number of lives you get in a game. A special key combination is pressed, and presto, you have 5 more chances at glory. He spent quite some time tracking down those magic memory locations for a handful of games. He calls them G.E.M.s for Game Enhancement Modules. We took one look at it and thought, "Wow, this is killer." And now *Axis* is in your hands.

I noticed that there was a G.E.M. for *PoP*. I made haste to try *Axis* out where I had failed so many times before. I twiddled the magic keys so it would take at least 20 sword hits to kill me. I met the guard and took a real beating before I figured out his fighting style. *Parry, step, parry, step, strike, retreat, strike*. Soon the evil deed was done and a I carried on blissfully. All I needed was a little help surviving until I could resolve the abilities of my opponent.

The neatest part; *the cheats are available at any time* I play *PoP*. I don't have to open the *Axis* control panel to set anything up. I just launch *PoP* normally and when I get in a jam I press some keys - ZAP I'm saved. Thank you lord!

You Can Only Cheat So Much

There are limits to the things *Axis* can do. Some games are more reluctant to give up their secrets, others have too many memory locations that would require changing before you would see a noticeable effect. But we are working on it. Designing cheats can be a pretty twisted pastime, so we could use your help.

You can help by telling us the games you want to see cheated and what the cheats should do. Since *Axis* will be a constantly evolving program, we want your suggestions in selecting the best cheats possible. Say, isn't there a space on your registered user card? Why don't you use it? Thanks!

CONFIGURING

The best way to learn about Axis is to follow along with me as I use Axis to cheat at the game *Prince of Persia*. *PoP* is an adventure/combat game that is pretty popular. If you don't have *PoP* then find another game that Axis can cheat and be ready to Open it.

Opening the Control Panel

To Open the Axis control panel:

- System 6 - Select *Control Panel* from the *Apple* menu. Your *Control Panel* window will open. Scroll down the list of panels on the left side of the window until you see the *Axis* icon. Click on it.
- System 7 - Select *Control Panels* for the *Apple* menu. Your *Control Panels* folder will open. Double-click on the *Axis* icon.

* *NOTE: This tour of the Axis control panel is for educational purposes only. Once you have learned how to use Axis you are not required to open it again because ALL the cheats for ALL the games are ALWAYS active. You only need to use the control panel to change the hot-keys and other miscellaneous tasks.*

Choosing a Game and Viewing Cheats

The top list, the game list, contains the names of the games that Axis can cheat. If a game you wish to cheat is not in the list then Axis will have no effect on it. The lower list, the cheat list, contains the list of cheats available in a game. Click on the name *Prince of Persia* in the game list and look at the cheats available in the cheat list.

Not a tremendous number of cheats, but it's understandable considering the game. *PoP* doesn't involve doing many different things. You explore and fight guards before you die or the clock runs out. So the cheats that Axis has are geared to enhancing what you do most in the game; extra lives and healing so you last longer and more time to solve the game.



But what is that cheat - *Halitosis*? Hmmm, let's try to change the key it is assigned to.

Changing the Key

Click on the cheat named *Halitosis*. Notice at the bottom of the control panel it says, "Press the hot-keys to assign to this cheat." The hot-key listed for *Halitosis* right now looks like a cloverleaf and "K". There is a legend of modifier key symbols beneath the cheat list. So you can see that the cheat is Command-K.

The Command key is the modifier key and the K key is the activation key. All Axis hot-keys are composed of a number of modifier keys (at least one) and one activation key. The modifier keys are Option, Command, Control, and Shift. Activation keys are just about everything else; all alphabetic, numeric, and punctuation keys. Axis can even tell the difference between the number keys on the main keyboard and those on a numeric keypad.

So let's change the hot-key for Halitosis. Be sure the cheat is selected in the cheat list. Hold down the Command key and push the space bar. The hot-key changes to a cloverleaf and "spc". Congratulations, you have changed the hot-key for Halitosis to Command-Space. From now on in *PoP* whenever you hold down the Command key and type a Space, Halitosis (whatever that is) will happen.

A Cheater's Crib Sheet

Some games have so many cheats it is impossible to remember them all. Axis has a Print Keys button which allows you to print out the cheats for a selected game. Let's do that for *PoP*. The name *Prince of Persia* should be selected in the game list and the list of cheats for it showing in the cheat list. Click on the Print Keys button. The Page Setup and Print Job dialogs will be presented for your approval. Usually the default settings in both of the print dialogs should do well. Close the Axis control panel and run to your printer to get the list and we will try Axis on *PoP*.

If you don't have *Prince of Persia* then print the cheats from a game you do have and be prepared to play it. Read the rest of the instructions; it should be fairly obvious how cheats work just by reading the next section.

Getting Away with Murder

You did close the Axis control panel didn't you? As long as the Axis control panel is open it does not allow cheats to work, so remember to close it before you play a game you want to cheat in. Now find the *Prince of Persia* icon and double-click it.

Starting out with a new game; we've just been thrust into the dungeon. Work your way to the fall-through at the bottom of the first room. That's it, lower yourself into the room below. If we go to the left we will eventually find the sword (remember we don't have one, yet). Instead let's go right.

Ah ha! A guard awaits! And we have no sword. How to get past him? Kung-Fu? Bawdy rhymes? Jerry Lewis impersonations? How about Halitosis? Sure! But the guard already has his sword drawn and he's doing the crab tango over to us.

Now what was that key? Right there on the cheat sheet - Halitosis - Command-Space. So hold down the Command key and type a Space.

And the guard flops over flat on his face. Goodness gracious, breath bad enough to make people bleed! Better brush our teeth before we meet the princess.

Now *that* is a cheat!

That is all there is to it. Change the hot-keys for cheats if you need to and make sure you know what the hot-keys for the cheats are. Axis will work in all the games in the game list according to the cheats listed in the cheat list without any further fuss. The cheats have a range of effects so you can cheat as little or as much as you want.

ADVANCING

There are a few tricks and traps to using Axis.

More About Hot-Keys

It is possible to assign the same keys to a cheat that the game uses for something else. In these cases the game will do whatever the key is for and Axis will try to execute the cheat at the same time. This will rarely, if ever, cause a serious problem; at worst, you will accidentally Save your game every time you try to launch a SuperMissile, for example. Still, it pays to choose your hot-key assignments with both logic and common sense.

Axis will also allow you to assign the same keys to any number of cheats in a game. For example, in *Armor Alley* I assigned the cheats for extra missiles, extra bombs, and extra bullets all to the same hot-key. Every time I press that hot-key I get 5 more missiles, bombs, and bullets.

If you have an extended keyboard you can assign cheats to the function keys. Axis does not require hot-keys with a function key to have a modifier key. You can assign cheats to F1 on up and have a custom sequence of single key cheats in a game.

Its All in a Name

Axis detects whether it should be available in a game based on the game's name. If you have renamed a game to something considerably different, chances are that Axis won't work with it. Axis is designed to know the names of the games as they appear on the game's master disk and a number of shorter name variations that gamers generally use. When in doubt, rename the game so that it's name matches the name it had on its master disk or as the name appears in the game list in the Axis control panel.

Different Version, Same Game

Axis also examines a game to determine if it is the right version. Axis usually will work with the most current version of a game. Brand new versions of games released after Axis was published will have a chance to work inversely proportional to scope of the changes to the game. The cheats for *Prince of Persia*, for example, will not work on *Prince of Persia II*.

Baseline is completely aware of the frenetic rate at which old games become revised and new games appear. Update disks with new G.E.M.s (and occasionally new versions of the Axis control panel) are available to registered Axis users for a nominal fee.

Allow Me to Demonstrate

Axis, when it is not personalized, can also function as a demo version if you want to pass it along to friends to try it out. When Axis is in demo mode, you can cheat in one of the games in the games list for 5 minutes, after that Axis stops cheating until you restart the Mac. Copy the files from the *Axis Program* disk to another floppy to allow your friends to use the Axis demo.



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