

Shareware Hall of Fame

Some of the best DOS shareware titles released. The vast majority of these are playable in your browser through an emulator.

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Action

Action

Blake Stone: Aliens of Gold

Many players have wondered how Apogee would follow the success of Wolfenstein 3D. The answer is Blake Stone: Aliens of Gold! Wolf3D took you into the past; thrust into a world at war. Blake rockets you into the future where a sinister madman, using genetics to create an army of bizarre creatures, is waging war on Earth. Blake has more of everything! More action, more enemies, more levels, more firepower, more graphics, more animation, more pitfalls and many more features. Like built-in auto-mapping, so you never have to worry about getting lost in the game.

You're pitted against Dr. Pyrus Goldfire. He's found a way to replicate pure gold, which he's using to fund his maniacal plan. Goldfire has built six highly secure, futuristic locations where his creations are being hatched. It's up to you to penetrate his security and stop him at all costs.

Upon ordering you'll receive the Blake Stone manual, which includes a comic style illustrated story that leads you into the game. You'll also get the secret cheat code which gives full health, all the weapons, full ammo, and all the key cards (giving you access to every area in the game).

If you like this game, be sure to check out the sequel Blake Stone: Planet Strike, however, the sequel is a commercial release only. There is no shareware copy available.

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Action

Commander Keen: Goodbye Galaxy!

Eight year old Kid genius, Billy Blaze, is in his backyard fort testing out his newly built Photachyon Transceiver. Simply put, it's an instantaneous radio that can pick up signals anywhere in the galaxy. While listening to an alien sitcom, "My Favorite Garg", Billy hears a disturbing message. Bzzt...grdddz...blow up...ferrrt...zzz...galaxy and... buzzt...rule...pzzzr...bip! "So the Shikadi are planning to destroy the galaxy, huh?", thinks Billy. "Sounds like a job for... Commander Keen!"

In episode one, "Secret of the Oracle", Keen rockets to an alien planet to rescue the Keepers of the Oracle, who are the only ones capable of helping Keen find out more about the Shikadi. Who are the Shikadi and why are they planning to use our Galaxy as target practice!

After completing the mission in episode one, Keen learns of the Shikadi's enormous ship, which doubles as the largest weapon ever built. So in episode two, titled "The Armageddon Machine", Keen faces his greatest challenge yet--to save the Galaxy!

Both episode one "Secret of the Oracle", and episode two "The Armageddon Machine", are packed with exciting features, but episode two is a much bigger game.

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Action

DOOM

The best selling game of 1994! Doom is the ultimate 3D adventure, bringing virtual reality and multi-player action to your PC. Doom includes 9 levels of the most incredible 3D action and superb graphics you will ever experience!

A far-off moonbase sets the stage as you, the only remaining marine, battle demons, mutant humans, and horrors from the bowels of the universe, to save yourself and the world.

Bullet proof armor, night vision goggles and radiation suits are our protection against a monster infested holocaust that's been set upon the universe. You must travel through bubbling lava, rush under crushing ceilings, be lowered into dark passages, and more, to find and destroy the enemy that threatens to destroy you!

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Action

Heretic: Shadow of the Serpent Riders

First there was DOOM. Now comes HERETIC, the ultimate Sword & Sorcery battlefest!

Imagine a virtual world of medieval fantasy right before your eyes. Look up, down and all around everything moves with seamless, fluid realism. You are there, inside the game itself!

You would expect no less from the graphic masters of Raven Software and the technical savants at id Software the creators of the megahit DOOM!

This time you'll cast eldritch spells from the Tomes of Power. Wield fantastic weapons such as the Firemace and Hellstaff. All to destroy the undead and bestial horrors that slaughtered your race.

By the spirits of your Elders, the Heretic must have his vengeance!

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Action

Jazz Jackrabbit

Fasten your seatbelts for the ride of your life! Jazz Jackrabbit is coming toward you at light speed, and this little bunny carries a REALLY big gun. The evil turtle emperor Devan Shell has rabbitnapped the beloved princess Eva Earlong. Now he's swiping all the goodies in the galaxy to support his plot of Galactic Rabbit Destruction!! Features ultra-fast scrolling, 256-color graphics and rocking digital audio this tough little bunny will leave Sonic in his tracks!!!

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Action

Raptor: Call of the Shadows

It's the BEST IBM shooter yet! A fast paced slugfest, with a pulse-pounding sound track, and jaw-dropping VGA animation & cinematics. In the future as a mercenary flying the super-tech Raptor, you'll be sent on interplanetary missions to knock off top competitors of MegaCorp. Battle against hordes of relentless enemies. Spend the bounty you receive from their demise to expand your devastating arsenal, which can be upgraded with 14 hard core weapons!

Raptor has some of the hottest graphics ever seen in a shareware game, and blows away most commercial games, too! The graphics will amaze you and the sound will astound you. It's a super star! Interactive Entertainment

Raptor sets the new standard for PC shooters. This game will do for shooters what Wolfenstein did for 3D games. Incredibly smooth VGA graphics and animation are only half the story. The heart-pounding music in Raptor will leave you breathless, especially if you have a high-end sound card like the Roland or Wave Blaster. (Raptor supports the Midi music format, which provides very high quality music for PC games.) All other major sound cards are also supported!

The addictive quality and replay value of this game is unreal. Discover secrets, find the bonuses, and battle the boss ships that appear at the end of EVERY WAVE! With each ship and ground target you destroy, you'll earn more cash to increase your ship's technology for the next wave. You'll be driven to kill and destroy but then, it's in your blood.

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Action

Scorched Earth

256 color VGA artillery game that allows up to 10 players to blow each other to bits. Tons of configurable options including weapons, defense mechanisms, weather, economics, etc. Can also be played by one person against various computer foes.

Scorched Earth is a simple, yet exciting artillery combat game, based on an auspicious history of artillery games. Most of the options are very intuitive, and you can begin playing with only a little bit of information. Then, when you are interested, you can poke in the dimmer recesses of the manual for more information and options (or just ignore it altogether!)

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Action

Secret Agent

You're agent 006, top agent of the government's secret organization committed to protecting the world against terrorists and power-mad criminals. Your mission is to parachute into a high - security island outpost and secure the plans to the ultimate satellite laser weapon, which was recently stolen from the government. In the wrong hands this weapon could mean world control by the DVS, the world's most dangerous terrorist organization. You will isolated from outside help as you parachute into the secret island fortress of the DVS. You will need to knock out the vast security system, bypass dozens of extreme traps, overcome hundreds of multi-talented guards (such as thugs, ninjas, sharp-shooters, knife throwers, sentries, dogs, and many robots), and find the missing blue prints. If possible, take out the devious leader of the DVS (sorry, no file picture available).

If you liked Commander Keen or Duke Nukem, this game is just what you're looking for. Lots of great situations to overcome and traps to work around. This game has great puzzles which make it much more than a simple run-jump-and-shoot contest. Superb colorful graphics and scrolling levels. James Bond never had it so tough!

Secret Agent is a full-screen scrolling game, where you sneak around a huge map and enter various hideouts. In each unique hideout you'll search for the laser blue prints, dodge traps, solve puzzles, and blast the bad guys! All in good fun. Save/restore, joystick support, EGA/VGA graphics, and much more.

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Action

Wolfenstein 3D

The story: You're William J.B.J. Blazkowitz, the Allies' bad boy of espionage and a terminal action seeker. Your mission was to infiltrate the Nazi fortress Castle Hollehammer and find the plans for Operation Eisenfaust, the Nazi's blueprint for building the perfect army. Rumors are that deep within the castle the diabolical Dr. Schabbs has perfected a technique for building a fierce army from the bodies of the dead. It's so far removed from reality that it would seem silly if it wasn't so sick. But what if it were true?

As an escaped prisoner in a Nazi war prison, you will move smoothly through a 3D world full of amazing detail and animation. Unlike other 3D games, you'll run through a sensational and realistic 3-D environment, with intelligent moving guards and opponents.

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Extras

[Wolfenstein 3D Super Upgrades](#) was originally a commercial product which was later made freeware. This “upgrade” to the base game includes over 800 new levels, a random level generator, and a map editor. If you have the full game, this is a must download.

Action

Duke Nukem

An incredible EGA game (VGA compatible) with large animated characters, and huge levels. Your mission is to stop Dr. Proton, a madman bent on ruling the world with his army of Techbots. As the irrepressible hero Duke Nukem, you'll chase Dr. Proton deep into the Earth, then to his lunar space station, and eventually into the Earth's nuclear ravished future.

This is an astonishing Sega Genesis style game with amazing animation! Also features dual scrolling play fields, with huge 3D-like backdrops. Watch Duke somersault and cling on to ceilings as he escapes traps and battles Proton's robot guards. This game is a real show stopper!

Other features include four-way scrolling levels, cinematic effects, demo mode, built-in hint mode, arcade sound effects, joystick support, high score chart, save/restore up to nine games, unlimited continues, keyboard reconfigure, sound on/off toggle, cheat mode, and much more.

This is a game that spawned a gaming legend!

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Action

Duke Nukem II

Duke Nukem II is everything you'd want from an action game. An incredibly sophisticated game engine gives this high-action game the power needed to 'nuke' your computer! Duke blasts his way through your screen with enough firepower to wake your neighbors.

The original Duke Nukem, released June 1991, soared to the top of the Shareware Top 10 list, where it's been camped for 22 straight months - no other shareware program (of any type) has been this enduring and popular. But the reason for Duke's extraordinary success is simple: It delivers the action players love, with state-of-the-art animation and graphics. The new Duke Nukem II once again sets the new standard for arcade/action games.

In this latest saga, Duke Nukem, while being interviewed on TV about his best selling book, *Why I'm So Great*, is suddenly abducted by aliens. Duke's alien captor explains that Duke's brain will be drained of all his knowledge, which will be used to formulate a master plan to seize control of Earth. Duke has two choices: He can be turned into a zombie by the EncephaloSucker, or 'kick-butt' like there's no tomorrow!

You guessed it! Our hero is ready for action. Duke must escape his alien prison cell, then battle to end the hideous plans of the Rigelatins.

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Puzzle

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Mice Men

Exciting fun-filled animated strategy logic game. Try to push and pull columns of cheese blocks to get your mice to the other end of the maze before your computer opponent. Mice Men is packed with features and written in stunning animated EGA/VGA graphics. It's an addicting logic strategy game for all ages!

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Puzzle

Zeek the Geek

On a small planet in a large solar system on the far side of the galaxy, there is intelligent life. The dominant life form is the Geek, not to be confused with the geeks we know here on earth. Geeks have extremely high IQ's, but they lack common sense. (OK, so there is some resemblance to earthly geeks.) A Geek could out-perform any scientific calculator without blinking an eye, but would have trouble solving even simple puzzles.

Zeek is a typical Geek. He has a large head with a very large brain, and he can solve complex mathematical formulas in a flash. But, he is easily confused by everyday challenges.

Unfortunately, this is quite a problem where Zeek lives. Everyday challenges can be fatal if he makes a mistake, and he needs help deciding how to get around. This is where you come in. You can help him get to the mushrooms that he and his family like so much.

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Role Playing

Excelsior Phase One: Lysandia

Excelsior Phase One: Lysandia is the first in a series of role-playing adventures in which the player takes on the role of a Fixer, a minor demi-deity under the employ of the Grand Council of World Watchers - the group of gods who created and oversee the multiverse. Unbeknownst to the inhabitants of the many worlds of the multiverse, all of history has been predetermined by the Watchers. Occasionally, however, something goes awry and history veers off its planned course. It is the job of the Fixer to travel to the worlds in question and correct the historical deviations.

Lysandia has for generations been a prosperous land and its ruler, King Valkery, has been immensely popular. Popular, that is, until he underwent an abrupt personality shift and began behaving against the wishes of his people. Terrible monsters were unleashed and the citizens grew discontent. The cause of Valkery's madness is a mysterious chaotic entity which has taken control of the King's very mind. Donning the guise of a normal townsman, you the Fixer must use logic and perseverance to ultimately vanquish the chaotic entity from the Lysandian universe and restore the benevolent King Valkery

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