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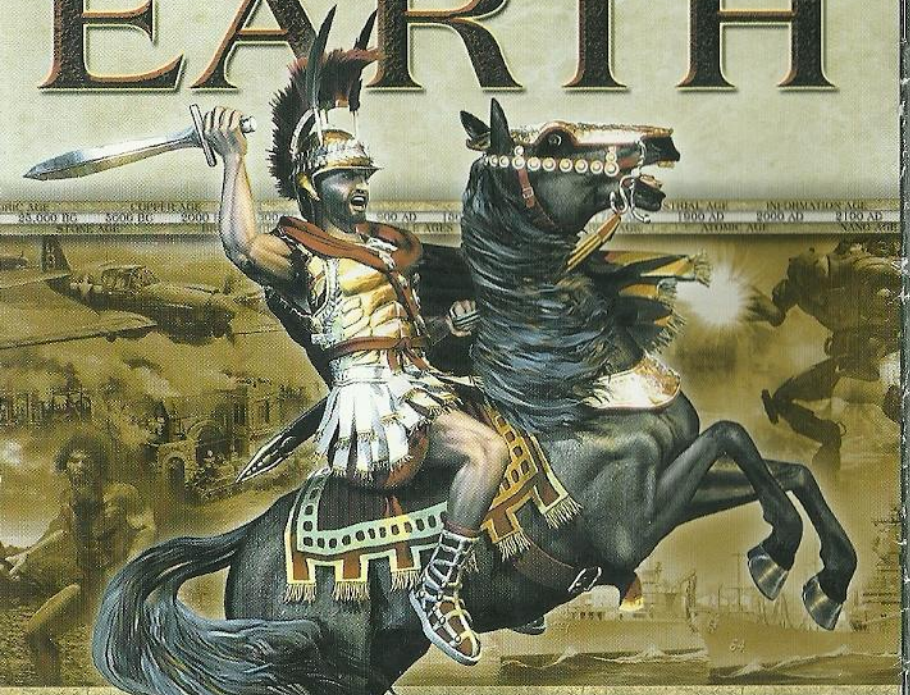

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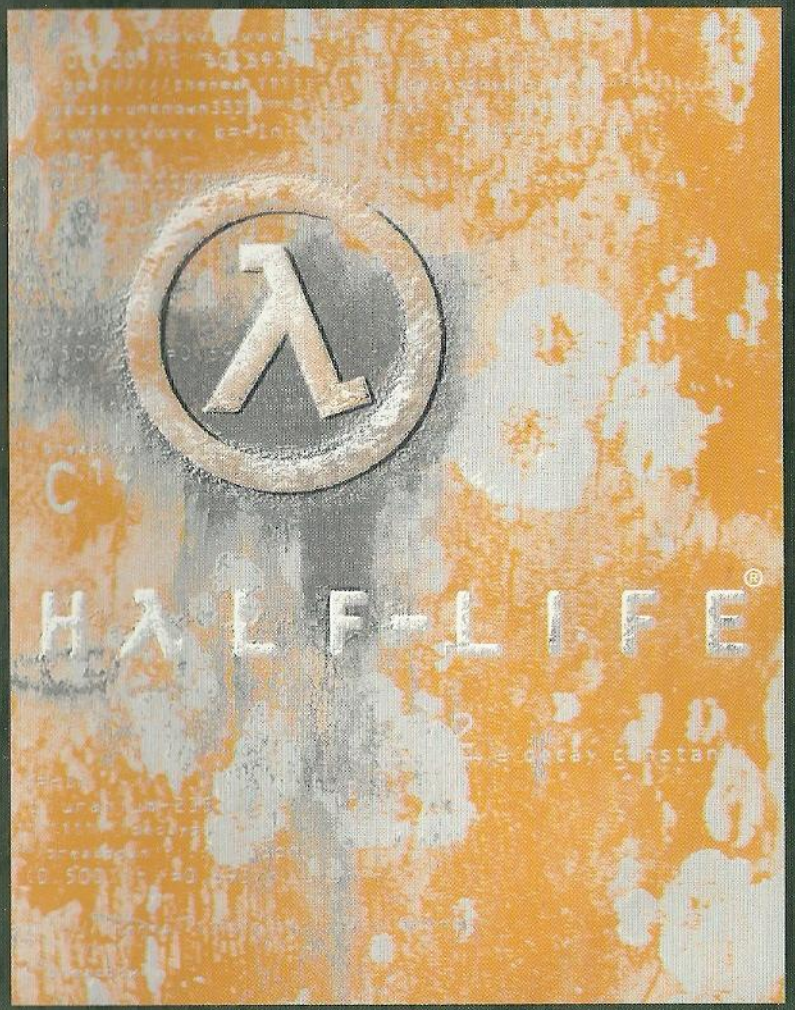

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GETTING STARTED

To Install Half-Life
Insert the game CD into your CD-ROM drive. If your CD-ROM drive has AutoPlay enabled, click the "Install Half-Life" button and follow the instructions. If AutoPlay is not enabled, double-click on the "My Computer" icon on your desktop.
Double-click on the CD-ROM drive icon. Follow the installation instructions. If Half-Life does not begin installing immediately, double-click on autorun.exe.

Minimum System Requirements
Windows® 95/98/2000/ME/NT 4.0
Pentium® 233
32 MB RAM
4x CD-ROM
400 MB HD space
SVGA, high colour 16-bit display
Windows® compatible sound card
Mouse, keyboard
Internet/Multiplayer: 32-bit Internet Service Provider with 28.8 modem or LAN

Recommended System Requirements
Pentium® 166+
32 MB RAM
3D accelerator card (OpenGL or Direct 3D)

THE MAIN MENU

Half-Life's Main Menu can be accessed at any time during a game by hitting the Escape key. Use your mouse or the up and down arrow keys to navigate inside of the Main Menu. Hit the Escape key at any time to go to the previous screen.

Before starting a game, your Main Menu choices include:

New Game
Hazard Course
Configuration
Load Game
Multiplayer
View readme.txt
Previews
Quit

NEW GAME

When you start a new game, you'll be asked to choose a level of difficulty.
Easy Monsters are weak and are easy to kill.
Medium Monsters are strong and are easy to kill.
Difficult Monsters are strong and are difficult to kill.

HAZARD COURSE

Access the Hazard Course at any time during the game to perfect maneuvers like jumping and crouching, using objects, and firing weapons. The Hazard Course includes a target range as well as water and obstacle courses. A holographic guide will assist you through the course. **If you are new to action games, we highly recommend that you visit the Hazard Course before you begin a new game.**

CONFIGURATION

Set game options, optimize video and audio settings for your system, and customize keyboard controls to your liking. After setting your configurations, hit the Done button to apply your settings and return to the Main Menu. Hit the Use Defaults button to restore the original default settings.

Controls

The grid shown in the Controls Dialog box lists the default keyboard and mouse configuration. It also makes it easy to customize the configuration: just click on an action in the first column, press Enter, then press the key you wish to associate with that action.
Action Describes the player action.
Key/button Specifies the key or mouse control associated with that action.
Alternate If you want to make an action accessible by more than one key or button, select an alternate in the right-hand column.

Advanced Controls

Crosshair Adds a crosshair symbol to help you aim your weapons.
Reverse mouse Reverses the up/down (Y axis) movement of the mouse. (Push the mouse forward to look down, and pull back to look up.)
Mouselook Changes the mouse function from controlling your movements to controlling your ability to look around. Note that checking Mouselook disables Look spring and Look strafe.
Look spring Automatically "springs" your view to center screen when you begin moving.
Look strafe In combination with your mouse look modifier (;), this causes left-right movements of the mouse to strafe (slide you from side to side) rather than turn.
It also returns your view to center screen when you begin moving.
Joystick Enables joystick input. For information on configuring your joystick, refer to the Readme.txt file.
Autoaim Automatically aims your weapon, making it easier to hit your target.

Audio

Game sound volume Adjusts the volume of the game's sound effects.
HEV suit volume Adjusts the volume of the instructions provided by your HEV suit.
High quality sound If the speed of your computer is 166 Mhz or more, check this box for even richer, higher quality sound.
To hear Half-Life's music, you must have the CD in your CD drive.
To adjust the volume of the music, go to the Start Menu/Programs/Accessories/Multimedia, and select the Volume Control applet.

Video

Video Options Set video options such as screen size, gamma and glare reduction. Changes made to these controls will be reflected in the sample image window.

Screen size Controls the amount of screen space the game uses. Reducing the screen size can often improve performance. Note that you cannot adjust the screen size if you are using an OpenGL video driver.

Gamma Adjusts Half-Life's color balance to best suit your monitor. Move the slider until you can just make out the figure standing in shadow on the right side of the sample image.

Glare reduction Adjusts darker colors to reduce glare on your monitor. Move the slider until you can see the camouflage pattern on the soldier's uniform.

Video Modes Set video modes, choose video drivers. Half-Life will check your system for the presence of OpenGL and Direct3D video drivers. It may ask you to verify the results of this check. If you have one or both drivers currently installed on your system, they will appear as choices at the top of this screen. You can also choose to run Half-Life in software mode. If you do not have these video drivers installed, Half-Life will default to software mode.

Display mode Half-Life evaluates your system's graphics adapter and automatically lists the display modes available for your computer. Selecting a higher resolution mode generally results in better quality images, but can lower game performance.

Run in a window Check this box if you prefer to run Half-Life in a window rather than full screen.
Use mouse Check this box if you are using the mouse to play Half-Life. Leaving the box un-checked will allow you to use the mouse outside the game window.
Gore Reduction Use this feature to turn off blood and gore effects. This is a password-protected feature, designed to let parents control the level of violence.
You will need to re-enter your password to turn the effects on again.
Updates Receive updates of the latest Half-Life code, including new hardware drivers and bug fixes, if necessary. You will be able to see if a new update is available before you connect.

LOAD GAME
Select and start a previously saved game.

MULTIPLAYER
Join a multiplayer game on the Internet, chat with other Half-Life players, set up your own LAN, or customize your player character. For more information about Multiplayer options, see page 22.

VIEW README.TXT
Half-Life's Readme file contains basic information on system performance, product features, and trouble shooting. We recommend that you read it before playing.

PREVIEWS
Get information about **Half-Life: Team Fortress** and other up-coming Sierra Studios releases.

QUIT
Exit Half-Life. Don't forget to save your game.

If Half-Life is already running, your Main Menu choices will also include:

Resume Game
If you are in the middle of playing Half-Life when you enter the Main Menu, use the Resume Game menu item to return to the action.

Save/Load Game
Save your game or load a previously saved game. You may also save your game quickly from within Half-Life by pressing Quicksave (F6). Load this game by pressing Quickload (F7). Only your most recent Quick-saved game can be selected from the Save/Load menu.

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