

Malware Lab Write-up

Determining the offsets with the hex editor was a bit odd at first, I went through a few files. After creating my character, I noticed that the file that was saved to was SAVED.GAM. As a result of this I decided to start changing some of the file contents. To create a basic test, I would insert five to ten "01" in random slots of the hex editor then run the game to see if I could notice any changes. After iterating through the file, I noticed there was a pattern when it came to the character information and the contents following their names. After collecting information regarding the file, I was able to take down all of the hex addresses as follows:

1) offset for Main Character	starts: 0x0000 000E (14) ends: 0x0000 0015 (22)
2) offset for Shamito	starts: 0x0000 002E (46) ends: 0x0000 0035 (54)
3) offset for Iolo	starts: 0x0000 004E (78) ends: 0x0000 0055
(86)	
4) offset for Mariah	starts: 0x0000 006E (110) ends: 0x0000 0075 (118)
5) offset for Geoffrey	starts: 0x0000 008E (142) ends: 0x0000 0095 (150)
6) offset for Jaana	starts: 0x0000 00AE (174) ends: 0x0000 00B5 (182)
7) offset for Julia	starts: 0x0000 00CE (206) ends: 0x0000 00D5 (214)
8) offset for Dupree	starts: 0x0000 00E7 (238) ends: 0x0000 00EE (246)
9) offset for Katrina	starts: 0x0000 010E (270) ends: 0x0000 0115 (278)
10) offset for Senti	starts: 0x0000 012E (302) ends: 0x0000 0135 (310)
11) offset for Gwenno	starts: 0x0000 014E (334) ends: 0x0000 0155 (342)
12) offset for Johnne	starts: 0x0000 016E (366) ends: 0x0000 0175 (374)
13) offset for Gorn	starts: 0x0000 018E (398) ends: 0x0000 0195 (406)
14) offset for Maxwell	starts: 0x0000 01AE (430) ends: 0x0000 01B5 (438)
15) offset for Toshi	starts: 0x0000 01CE (462) ends: 0x0000 01D5 (470)
16) offset for Saduj	starts: 0x0000 01EE (494) ends: 0x0000 01F5 (502)

NOTE: For each character, to max out we use 63 63 63 63 E7 03 E7 03 0F 27 in their respective modifiers: STR DEX INT HP MAX HP EXP respectively.

Also, the item hex offsets are as follows:

Gold:	0x00000204-5
Keys:	0x00000206
Gems:	0x00000207
Torches:	0x00000208
Magic Carpets:	0x0000020A
Skull Key:	0x0000020B
Black Badge:	0x00000218

Magic Axes: 0x00000240

After examining the file, I noticed that I could make a general equation that would allow me to access each character by calculating their offset.

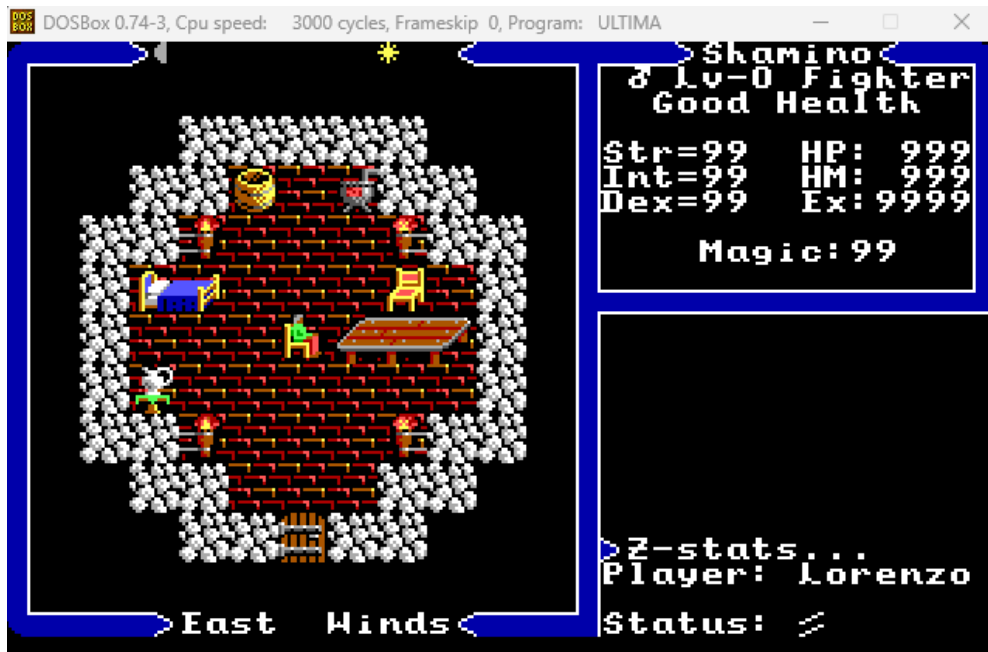
Party Screenshot:



Lorenzo Max Stats:



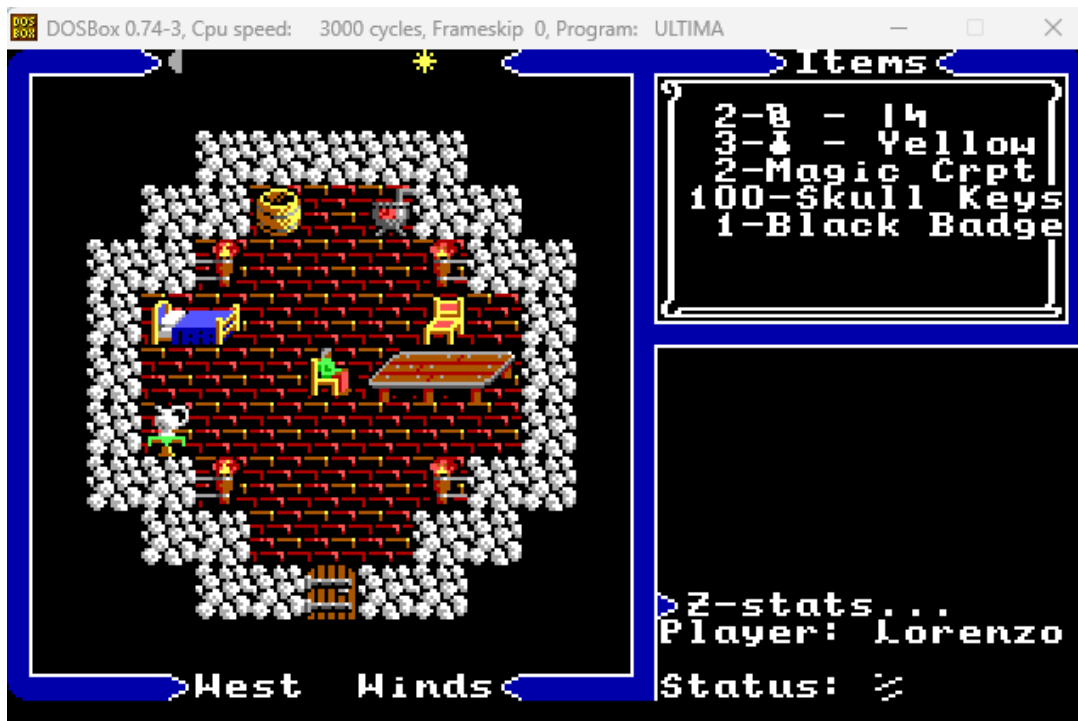
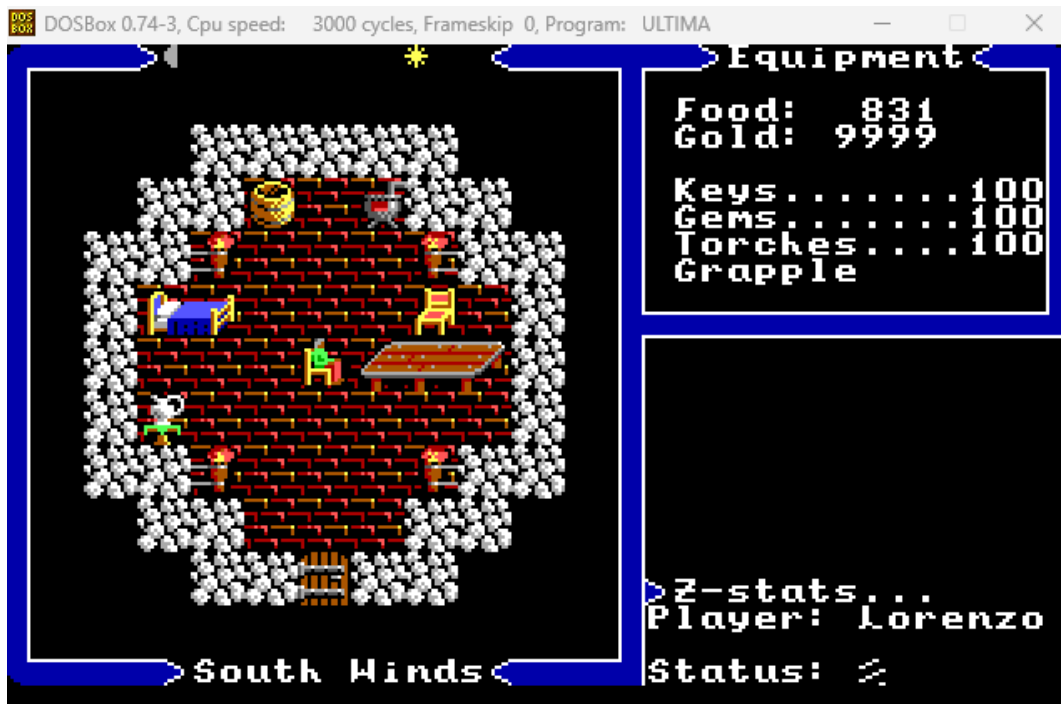
Shamino Max Stats:



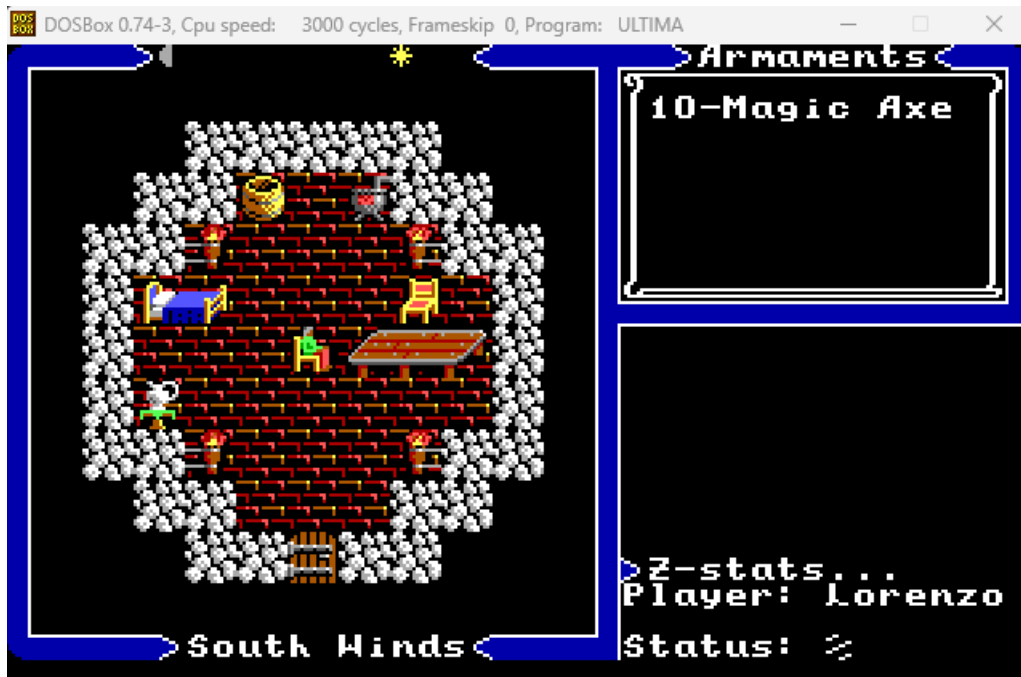
Iono Max Stats:



Keys Gems and Gold:



Magic Axes:



Finally, this file was saved in Little Endian, this meant we had to save our values in a particular way. For instance, if we were to have 999 in decimal the normal hex conversion is 03 E7, but when storing in the file we would use E7 03. In the case where values were ranging from 0-100, we did not have to adjust, only for larger values was it very important. Values like 100 in decimal would be converted to 64. If there was a location that required two elements the decimal value would be saved accordingly, like when changing EXP we would have 9999 -> 0F 27.