

## Bagels

Number guessing games take many forms. There's the famous high/low variation. There's the warmer/colder, and then there's games like Bagels. Bagels is almost a mini version of Mastermind™. When you make a guess you get one of three clues; "Fermi" you've got one correct digit in the correct place, "Pico" means you've got one correct digit in the wrong place, and "Bagles" means you've got nothing, a big zero. The goal, of course, is fermi-fermi-fermi, meaning you've guessed the 3 digit number.

Bagels is written by Joseph Larson based on a BASIC game by D. Resek and P. Rowe as found in 'BASIC

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| BAGELS.C  | You will need: a C/C++ compiler . |
| <pre>#include &lt;stdio.h&gt; #include &lt;stdlib.h&gt; #include &lt;time.h&gt;  int main(void) {     char goal[3], guess[3], input[6];     int c, pico, fermi, guesses, wins, rounds;     float rand_const10;     char yesno[25];     char goodguess;      printf ("\nBagels\n-----\n"         "In the game of Bagels the computer chooses 3 digits and you have 20\n"         "chances to guess it.\n"         "After every guess the computer will give you hints to tell you how\n"         "you're doing:\n"         "Pico\t- You have a correct digit in the wrong place.\n"         "Fermi\t- You have a correct digit in the right place.\n"         "Bagels\t- You have no correct digits.\n");     yesno[0] = 'y';     rounds = 0;     wins = 0;     rand_const10 = (RAND_MAX+1) / 10;     srand (time (NULL));     do {         rounds++;         guesses = 1;         goal[0] = (int) (rand () / rand_const10);         do goal[1] = (int) (rand () / rand_const10);         while (goal[1] == goal [0]);         do goal[2] = (int) (rand () / rand_const10);         while ((goal[2] == goal[0])    (goal[2] == goal[1]));         do {             do {                 goodguess = 1;                 printf ("\nGuess %d : ", guesses);                 scanf ("%s", input);                 if (strlen(input) != 3) {                     printf ("\nYou need to input 3 digits only.\n");                     goodguess = 0;                 }             } for (c = 0; c &lt; 3; c++) {                 guess[c] = input[c] - '0';                 if ((guess[c] &lt; 0)    (guess[c] &gt; 9)) {                     printf ("\nWhat?\n");                     goodguess = 0;                 }             }         }         if ((guess[0] == guess[1])    (guess[1] == guess[2])</pre> |                                   |
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    || (guess[0] == guess[2])) {
        printf ("\nBy the way, all digits of the digits you are trying to\n"
            "guess are unique so no duplicates are allowed in your guess\n"
            "either. Try again.\n");
        goodguess = 0;
    }
} while (!goodguess);
printf ("\n", goal[0], goal[1], goal[2]);
pico = 0;
fermi = 0;
for (c = 0; c < 2; c++) {
    if (guess[c] == goal[c+1]) pico++;
    if (guess[c+1] == goal[c]) pico++;
    if (guess[c] == goal[c]) fermi++;
}
if (guess[0] == goal[2]) pico++;
if (guess[2] == goal[0]) pico++;
if (guess[2] == goal[2]) fermi++;
if (fermi != 0)
    for (c = 1; c <= fermi; c++)
        printf("fermi\n");
if (pico != 0)
    for (c = 1; c <= pico; c++)
        printf ("pico\n");
if ((fermi == 0) && (pico == 0))
    printf ("bagels\n");
guesses++;
} while ((guesses <= 20) && (fermi < 3));
if (fermi == 3) {
    printf("You got it!\n");
    wins++;
} else {
    printf ("You ran out of guesses.\n");
    printf ("The number you were trying to guess was %d%d%d\n"
        , goal[0], goal[1], goal[2]);
}
printf ("\nDo you want to play again? (y/n) ");
scanf ("%s", yesno);
} while ((yesno[0] == 'y') || (yesno[0] == 'Y'));
printf ("\nYou won %d out of %d games.\n", wins, rounds);
exit (0);
}
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### Author's Notes

This game reproduces the experience of playing the BASIC version of the game. Consequently the game is pretty basic. As a beginner program it's a good one to fiddle around with, there are a lot of modifications that could be made:

- Fewer than 20 guesses definitely ups the challenge, tho in a "worst case" scenario, I've come pretty close to needing every guess.
- There's an unwritten rule that all the numbers are unique. This doesn't have to be so.
- More than 3 digits is definitely possible, but it will require a little more coding than changing the number of guesses.
- Adding more digits and removing the limitation that all numbers be unique together and you've pretty much got the game Mastermind™.