



MERCHANTS

MANUAL
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Void Merchants

VOID MERCHANTS IS A SPACE INVADERS-INSPIRED SIDE-SCROLLER ROGUE-LIKE ACTION GAME BUILT ON PICO-8.

BLAST ENEMIES, COLLECT RESOURCES, AND TRADE YOUR WAY TO UPGRADES AS YOU PROGRESS THROUGH INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT SPACE BATTLES!

THIS IS THE GAME MANUAL. IT INTENTIONALLY DOESN'T REVEAL EVERY LITTLE DETAIL.

BUT IT SHOULD STILL AID YOU WELL IN YOUR ADVENTURE.

THANK YOU FOR PLAYING!

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CONTROLS

↑ ↓ ← → MOVE YOUR SHIP AND CURSOR WHILE TRADING

X OR V SHOOT—CAN BE HELD DOWN

Y/Z OR .C INTERACT—TALK TO CHARACTERS OR PERFORM TRADES

ENTER OPEN THE PICO-8 PAUSE MENU FOR OPTIONS, SUCH AS THE VOLUME CONTROLS. USE THE START BUTTON ON CONTROLLERS!

CONTROLLERS ARE ALSO SUPPORTED!

THE BUTTONS SHOWN IN THE GAME ARE FOR A PLAYSTATION CONTROLLER BUTTON LAYOUT.

SAVE & LOAD

YOU CAN CREATE A SAVE FOR YOUR CURRENT GAME AT EACH VISIT TO THE TRADER BY HITTING THE SHOOT BUTTON.

YOU CAN LOAD THEM AGAIN AT THE TITLE SCREEN BY HITTING THE INTERACT BUTTON.

BEWARE THOUGH!

EACH TIME YOU LOAD BACK INTO YOUR SAVE, **100 POINTS** WILL BE SUBTRACTED FROM YOUR HIGH-SCORE AT THE END OF THE GAME.

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Abbreviations

HP	SHIP HULL POINTS
SH	SHIP SHIELD POINTS
DR	DRONE HULL POINTS+SHIELD POINTS
STG	COMBINED FREE SHIP & DRONE STORAGE
DMG	SHIP+DRONE DAMAGE
WPS	EQUIPPED SHIP+DRONE WEAPONS
SP	YOUR SPEED AS DECIMAL
STS	YOUR SHOT SPEED AS DECIMAL

HP: 28	SH: 2	DR: 12+3	STG: 6
DMG: 10+3	WPS: 3+1	SP: 1.8	STS: 2.3

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Trading

NAVIGATE WITH ↑ AND ↓.
SELL OR **BUY** WITH THE INTERACT BUTTON.

SAVE WITH THE SHOOT BUTTON.

THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TRADER:

SELL GOODS - SELL ALL GOODS YOU'VE PICKED UP

SELL UPGRADES - SELL ALL YOUR STORED UPGRADES

REPAIR SHIP HULL - FULLY RESTORE YOUR SHIP'S HULL POINTS

UPGRADE SHIP - UPGRADE YOUR SHIP TIER.
THIS IS ONLY AVAILABLE WHEN YOUR SHIP IS AT FULL HULL POINTS

REPAIR DRONES - FULLY RESTORE YOUR DRONES' HULL POINTS

RESTORE SHIP SHIELD - RESTORE ONE POINT OF YOUR SHIP'S SHIELD

RESTORE DRONE SHIELD - RESTORE ONE POINT OF YOUR DRONES' SHIELD

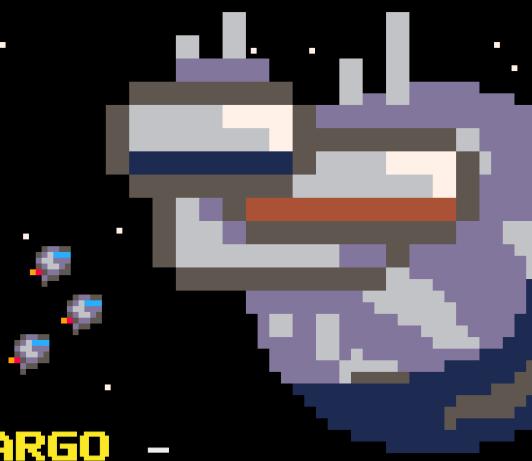
INSTALL STORED UPGRADES - INSTALL STORED UPGRADES THAT COULD NOT BE EQUIPPED DURING THE BATTLE

INSTALL STRONGER WEAPONS - APPLIES ONLY TO SHIP WEAPONS

INSTALL NEW WEAPON - POSSIBLE NUMBER OF WEAPONS INCREASES WITH UPGRADED SHIP AND MORE DRONES



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BUY ATTACK / CARGO DRONE
GET AN ADDITIONAL DRONE

REBUILD DRONES TO ATTACK / CARGO
CHANGES THE DRONE TYPE. BEWARE! THIS
MIGHT COME WITH CERTAIN CAVEATS!

- SELL GOODS(296) ■ 1009
- SELL UPGRADES(40) █ 8
- REPAIR SHIP HULL(15)
- REPAIR DRONES(30)
- RESTORE SHIP SHIELD(1 * 25)
- RESTORE DRONE SHIELD(3 * 50)
- INSTALL STORED UPGRADES(1)
- INSTALL STRONGER WEAPONS(50)
- INSTALL NEW WEAPON(150)
- BUY ATTACK DRONE(400)
- REBUILD DRONES TO CARGO
- LEAVE ☰ TO SAVE

YOUR CREDITS
STORED ITEMS

LEAVE THE TRADER



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ITEMS

THESE ARE ALL ITEMS THAT CAN BE DROPPED BY ENEMIES, LISTED IN THEIR ORDER OF RARITY AND VALUE.

BUFFS & RESTORATION



SPEED BUFF



SHOT SPEED BUFF



HULL RESTORE



SHIELD RESTORE

CREDITS



CREDIT



SUPER CREDIT

UPGRADES



DAMAGE UPGRADE



EXTRA WEAPON UPGRADE



EXTRA DRONE UPGRADE



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TRADING GOODS



SCRAP



COPPER



GOLD



PARTS CRATE



COBALT



PLATINUM



VOID FRAGMENT



VOID CRYSTAL

