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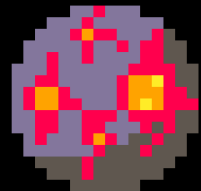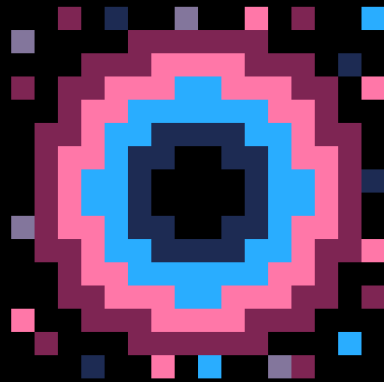# MERCHANTS

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!

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.

Abbreviations

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

HP: 9   SH:✦ ✦   DR: 11+2

STG:0 DMG:8 WPS:5 SP:1.4 STS:1.7

Trading

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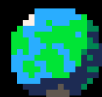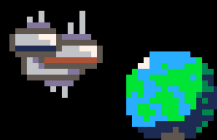
SAVE WITH THE SHOOT BUTTON.

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
- BUY ATTACK / CARGO DRONE – GET AN ADDITIONAL DRONE
- REBUILD DRONES TO ATTACK / CARGO – CHANGES THE DRONE TYPE. BEWARE! THIS MIGHT COME WITH CERTAIN CAVEATS!

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◉ SELL GOODS(296)              ▪ 1009    YOUR CREDIT BALANCE
  SELL UPGRADES(40)            ▣ 8       STORED ITEMS
  REPAIR SHIP HULL(15)
  REPAIR DRONES(30)
  RESTORE SHIP SHIELD(1 X 25)
  RESTORE DRONE SHIELD(3 X 50)
  INSTALL STORED UPGRADES(1)
  INSTALL STRONGER WEAPONS(50)
  INSTALL NEW WEAPON(150)
  BUY ATTACK DRONE(400)
  REBUILD DRONES TO CARGO
  LEAVE            ⊗ TO SAVE    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