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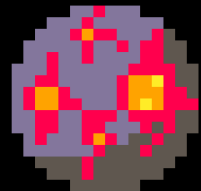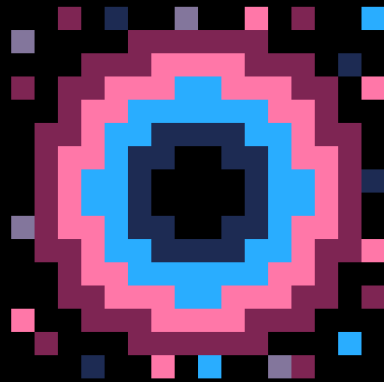# MERCHANTS

VOID MERCHANTS

VOID MERCHANTS IS A SPACE INVADERS-INSPIRED ROGUELIKE ACTION GAME BUILT IN 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

CONTROLLERS ARE ALSO SUPPORTED!

THE BUTTONS SHOWN IN THE GAME ARE FOR
THE 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.

Abbreviations

HP	SHIP HEALTH POINTS
SH	SHIP SHIELD POINTS
DR	DRONE HEALTH 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

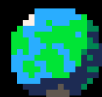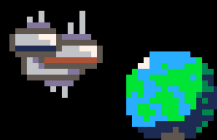NAVIGATE WITH ↑ AND ↓.
SELL OR BUY WITH THE INTERACT BUTTON.

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 LIFE
- UPGRADE SHIP – UPGRADE YOUR SHIP TIER. THIS IS ONLY AVAILABLE WHEN YOUR SHIP IS AT FULL LIFE
- REPAIR DRONES – FULLY RESTORE YOUR DRONES' LIFE
- 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! CAN COME WITH 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 CREDIT BALANCE
STORED ITEMS

LEAVE THE TRADER

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

LIFE 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