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~+~ 1. Introduction ~+~

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Pac-Man is a male. At first glance, it might be a bit difficult to notice that. Luckily, Namco gave up their sexist ways and released Ms. Pac-Man (also known as Pac-Gal in some cases). In all senses, Ms. Pac-Man basically plays the same as Pac-Man with you being the yellow thing trying to eat everything. The ghosts (Blinky, Inky, Pinky, and Sue) are still around trying to stop you.

This guide is designed to help any new players get a good feel for Ms. Pac-Man on the SMS. I'll provide game strategies and an in-depth analysis toward the game. I hope you find this guide helpful.



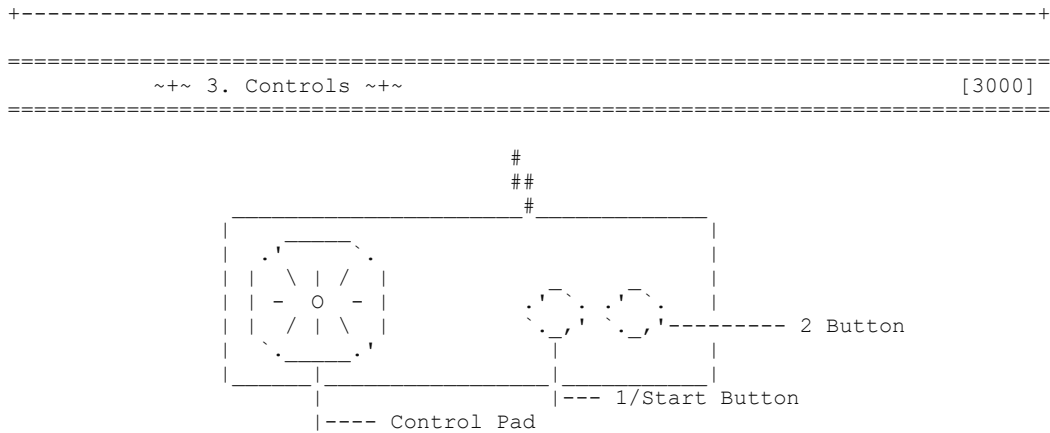
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It's very useful in escaping those pesky ghosts.



Control Pad ~

- ~ Moves Ms. Pac-Man through the field.
- ~ Select menu items.

Start Button ~

- ~ Activate Pac-Booster.
- ~ Confirm menu items.

2 Button ~

- ~ Activate Pac-Booster in a burst.
- ~ Turn off Pac-Booster.
- ~ Change menu items.

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~+~ 4. How To Play ~+~                                     [4000]
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Playing Ms. Pac-Man is no difficulty. However, if you need to know the basic concept of the game, read the below sections.

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4.1. Main Menu                                     [4100]
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At the main menu, you have the option to change the options. Those options are listed below.

Type -- Whether you just want to play a 1-player game or have a 2-player cooperation, competition, or alternation, change it here.

Pac Booster -- If you want the Pac Booster which helps speed up Ms. Pac-Man in those special cases, select an option here. A player can choose to turn it on, off, or have it selectable.

Difficulty -- This shouldn't require too much explanation. Depending on how hardcore of a gamer you are, you might choose to set it to easy or hard or crazy!

Maze Select -- Select the type of maze you want from big, small, strange, arcade, etc.

Start Level -- Ms. Pac-Man allows the player to select the level. The higher this number, the harder the maze is. However, fruits will provide higher points too!

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4.2. Game Interface                                     [4200]
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There may be different maze-types, but all of them have the same format.

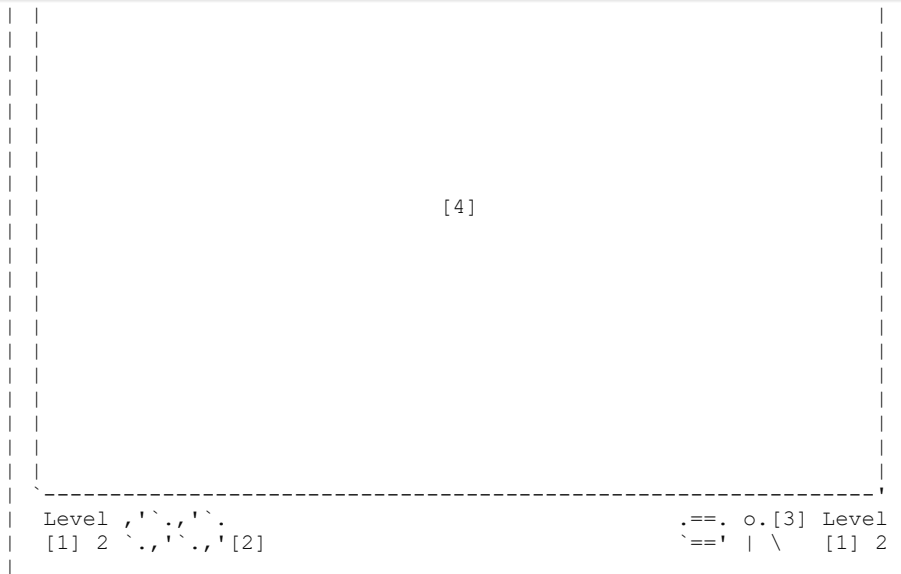


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- [1] The Level Ms. Pac-Man is currently on is shown here as a number. The diagram displays it as Level 2.
- [2] These are the amount of lives you have left to complete the maze. Displayed in the diagram are two more lives.
- [3] These are the fruits that can be found within the maze. The higher the level, the more fruits are accessible. Fruits provide lots of points.
- [4] This is the game interface where you will be controlling Ms. Pac-Man through the maze.
- [5] This is your current score.
- [6] This is the high score at the moment.

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The game objective is quite simple. Ms. Pac-Man must eat all the pieces in the maze. However, the various ghosts are always there to stop her. Pilot Ms. Pac-Man through the maze avoiding the ghosts. If they touch you, it's lights out. There is one way to counter them. Throughout the fields are various green dots different from the normal dots. Ride over any of them and the ghosts will begin to run away. Now YOU can eat the ghosts for points and they'll be forced to withdraw.

Once all the dots on the field are eaten, the level is over and the next level begins. The game will slowly get harder as you progress. There will also be fruits appearing in random locations. Pick them up whenever you get the chance as they provide massive points (depending on what fruit it is).

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Points play a big role in Ms. Pac-Man. To score, all you really need to do is eat the dots. However, there are other ways to gain points whether it be eating a ghost or picking up a fruit. The below chart lists the amount of points these generates.

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Single Dot	10 Points
Power Pellet	50 Points
Ghost	200, 400, 800, 1600 Points
Cherry	100 Points
Raspberry	200 Points
Orange	500 Points
Pretzel	700 Points
Apple	1000 Points
Pear	2000 Points



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~ Always try to find a way around. Most sections of the maze have two or
  three ways out. If you ever get stuck, use an alternate exit.

~ Try to avoid losing lives and eating all the ghosts to get 'Perfect
  Boards' which provides massive points.

~ Use Power Pellets sporadically only when you think you can take out all
  four ghosts in one pass.

~ Collect fruits whenever they appear.

~ Try not to move into sections which you think you might get stuck in.
  Watch the other ghosts to see if going to a certain part will put Ms.
  Pac-Man in danger.

~ Use the Pac Booster to get yourself out of danger quickly or to eat an
  escaping ghost.
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~+~ 7. Version History ~+~
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