



# **The MacPuyo 2 User's Handbook**



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# About MacPuyo 2



MacPuyo 2™ is a puzzle/arcade game similar to other falling-object games. The goal is to position the falling blobs, known as “puyos” so that ones of the same color are touching. When you form a group of four or more, they’ll explode. This will increase your score (and also the speed) in single-player, or cause metallic blobs to be dropped on your opponent in multi-player mode.

The word “puyo” comes from the Japanese word *puyo-puyo* which describes something that has a gelatinous, rubbery, springy texture. Hence we call the gelatinous, multi-colored blobs “puyos” and the “Mac” part is, obviously, because it runs on our favorite computer platform.

## Purchasing MacPuyo 2

When you first launch MacPuyo 2, it will be running in demo mode. Basically, this is the same as the full version, with two exceptions:

- 1) You will only be able to play two rounds ... then MacPuyo 2 will quit. You can launch it again, but it will only allow two rounds per launch.
- 2) Your high scores will not be entered

into the High Score list. You will not be able to view the list either.

Once you purchase MacPuyo 2, both of these limitations will disappear.

To purchase MacPuyo 2 (\$15 US), please go to [www.liquidmetalsoftware.com](http://www.liquidmetalsoftware.com) and click on “Purchase.” In the event our site is not accessible, you can reach our payment server directly at <http://order.kagi.com/?UB5>.

After you have filled out the purchase form and the transaction has been processed by the server, you will receive an email with the subject “Thanks for your Payment.” Contained in that email will be your User Name and Serial Number.

With MacPuyo 2 running, go to the “MacPuyo 2” menu in the menu bar, select “Purchase ...” and enter your User Name and Serial Number in the boxes provided. Be sure to enter them exactly as shown in the “Thanks for your Payment” email, as the User Name is case sensitive.

We recommend that you write down or otherwise store a copy of your User Name and Serial Number for future reference. While we do keep your name and serial on file, if you have to reinstall MacPuyo 2 it is a lot faster if you don’t have to contact us to resend your information.

## **Site & World-Wide Licenses**

You will notice on our purchase page that we have entries for Site (\$50 US) and World-Wide (\$150 US) licenses.

If you are purchasing MacPuyo 2 for use on more than one computer, by more than one person, please purchase the Site license (i.e. an office or school). This will allow you to use MacPuyo 2 on as many computers as you wish in the same building.

A World-Wide license will allow you to use MacPuyo at any number of locations of your organization throughout the world. Some examples of this would be a school board or district or a company with many different offices.

## **Single-Player Mode**

The goal of Single-Player Mode is simply to get the highest score possible. As you create groups of four or more puyos, your score will increment. You receive points based on the number of puyos in the group.

After every 5,000 points the speed the puyos drop will increase, gradually becoming more and more difficult.

If you get one of the top 10 scores, a dialog box will appear asking for your name, which will be entered into the

High Scores list. You can view the list by selecting "View High Scores" from the "File" menu.

After closing the High Scores window, a new game will begin again in a few seconds.

## **Multi-Player (vs. Computer)**

The main difference between Single-Player Mode and Multi-Player is that the score has been converted into metallic blobs which will drop on your opponent. The higher the score would have been for a group of puyos, the more metallic blobs will be released.

By selecting "One Player vs. Computer" from the "File" menu you will begin a series of games against the MacPuyo 2 Artificial Intelligence (AI).

The AI is, by default set on "Hard" and has been designed to imitate an expert human player. You can reduce the difficulty by switching the AI to "Easy" in the "Preferences ..." menu.

At the end of every round, the number of wins each player has had will be displayed on-screen. You can clear these numbers by clicking the "Reset Wins" button in the "Preferences ..." menu.

## **Multi-Player (vs. Human Opponent)**

This mode is the same as the previous, with the obvious exception of another human being controls the right side of the screen instead of the AI.

To begin a series of games against a human being, select “Two-Player” from the “File” menu.

## **Settings & Keys**

You can change all of the settings in MacPuyo 2 from the “Preferences ...” menu under the “MacPuyo 2” menu.

From the “Settings” area you can turn the music and sound effect on or off (the volume of which is controlled by your regular system volume), change the number of different color puyos and set the AI, or Computer Player, on “Hard” or “Easy.”

In the “Select Keys” area you can set the keyboard controls for moving right, left, drop down or rotate for both Player 1 and Player 2. Checking the box at the bottom of either side will default that player’s controls to the arrow keys.

If you have a programmable game pad or joystick, be sure that its controls are set to the same as the keys shown.

## **Tips & Tricks**

There are two important things to remember in both single- and multi-player modes:

1) Larger groups of puyos get way more points/dropped metallic blobs. In both modes, completing a group of only four is not very helpful. Instead always try for the largest group possible.

2) Completing more than one group at a time will have a multiplying effect on the score/metallic blobs dropped.

Using these two techniques together will improve your game even further.

Also, clearing your screen of all puyos and metallic blobs will earn you 5,000 points in single-player or drop a huge number of metallic blobs on your opponent in multi-player.

**Multi-Player Tip:** While playing, keep an eye on your opponent’s playfield. If you see lots of explosions happening, try to complete any group of puyos you can with your current dropping puyos. The metallic blobs dropped on you by your opponent could block you from creating an easy group. Take the chance while you have it.

## **Support**

If you encounter problems while playing MacPuyo 2, please send us an

email at:  
[support@liquidmetalsoftware.com](mailto:support@liquidmetalsoftware.com)

Please be sure to include the following:

- detailed description of the problem
- version of MacPuyo 2 (see the “About MacPuyo 2 ...”)
- version of MacOS X you are running (under the Apple menu, “About This Mac”)
- model of your computer (i.e. Flat-screen iMac, PowerBook G4, etc.)

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