

PC and Macintosh Data Card

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READ ME FIRST!

We know you're anxious to begin CREATURES, but before you do, please be sure that your system meets the following minimum system requirements:

PC Requirements:

- Pentium 60 or faster
- 16 MB of RAM
- Windows® 3.1 or higher
- An Uncompressed hard drive with 60 MB free
- A 2X CD-ROM drive (300 k/sec)
- A VGA video adapter, or an SVGA video adapter with a Color VGA Monitor
- A 100% Windows compatible 16 Bit Sound Card
- A 100% Microsoft (or Logitech) compatible mouse
- Microsoft mouse driver version 10.00 or higher or a Logitech mouse driver version 6.24 or higher

In addition to the basic system requirements, it is recommended that you set your display resolution to 640 X 480 @ 256 colors.

For Windows 95 installation, the game requires that DirectX3a be installed on your system. The choice to install DirectX3a appears when you install the game.

Macintosh Requirements:

- Power Mac
- 16 MB of RAM
- Mac OS version 7.0 or higher
- Virtual Memory ON, set to 32 MB, if running on a system with less than 24 MB of RAM
- A 2X CD-ROM drive (300k/sec)
- A VGA video adapter, or an SVGA video adapter with a Color VGA Monitor

In addition to the basic system requirements, you must also have your display resolution set to 640 X 480 @ 256 colors.

BOX CONTENTS

Your game box should contain one CD-ROM disk, one CREATURES rule book, and this data card.

Visit the CREATURES Web Site!
<http://www.creatures.mindscape.com>

INSTALLING THE GAME

Note: You must install game files to your hard drive and have the CREATURES CD in your CD-ROM drive to play this game.

Windows 3.1 :

1. Start Windows 3.1.
2. Start the file manager.
3. Click on the CD-ROM drive.
4. Click on the win3_1 directory.
5. Double-click on "SETUP."

For Windows 95:

1. Start your computer running Windows 95.
2. Insert the CREATURES CD into the CD-ROM drive. If you have an AutoRun enabled, the installation menu will appear. Click the install button and follow the on-screen instructions.

If AutoRun is not enabled, continue:

3. Select the My Computer icon on the Windows 95 desktop.
4. Double-click on the CD-ROM drive icon (usually drive D).
5. Double-click on the AutoRun file which is located in the root directory. Follow the on-screen installation instructions.

CREATURES for Windows 95 utilizes Microsoft's DirectX sound and video drivers. DirectX is a programming tool created by Microsoft, and the installation of DirectX may cause video problems and system anomalies with computers using video drivers that aren't DirectX compliant. DirectX is a Microsoft product, and as such, Mindscape cannot be responsible for changes that might occur to your computer system due to its installation. For DirectX related problems that cannot be fixed by updating to your video card's latest Windows 95 driver set, you must contact either Microsoft or the manufacturer of your video card for further technical support or service.

For Macintosh:

Start up your computer normally under the Mac OS.

1. Insert the CREATURES CD into the CD-ROM drive.
2. Double-click on the CREATURES CD icon on your desktop.
3. Double-click on the Install icon and follow the on-screen installation instructions.

If you experience problems during installation, please refer to the "Troubleshooting" section of this data card. Additional information regarding memory and video setup can be found there.

STARTING THE GAME

Windows 3.1 Start Up:

1. Boot your system normally and run Windows 3.1.
2. Make sure the CREATURES CD is in the CD-ROM drive.
3. Double-click on the CREATURES folder in the Program Manager.
4. Double-click on the CREATURES icon in the CREATURES folder.

Windows 95 Start Up:

1. Boot your system normally with Windows 95 running.
2. Make sure the CREATURES CD is in the CD-ROM drive.
3. Go to Start Menu, Programs, CREATURES Program Folder, CREATURES to start the game.

STARTING THE GAME, Continued.

Macintosh Start Up:

1. Start the computer with the Mac OS running.
2. Make sure the CREATURES CD is in the CD-ROM drive.
3. Double-click on the CREATURES icon on the desktop to start the game.

For complete and specific "how to play" information, please refer to *CREATURES: The Chronicles of Nornia*, included in your game box.

COPY PROTECTION

The CREATURES CD must be in your CD-ROM drive in order to play.

SAVING GAMES

CREATURES will automatically save when you close the game. When it is reloaded, it will pick up right where you left off.

TROUBLESHOOTING

This section provides you with several easy steps to solve some common problems.

VIDEO CARDS/VESA DRIVERS

CREATURES works with 100% Windows VESA compatible Video Cards. If you experience video problems, set your display resolution to 640 X 480 by 256 colors. This can be adjusted in the Display section of your Control Panel. If problems persist, be sure you have the latest Windows drivers for your system.

ADDITIONAL HELP FOR MACINTOSH SYSTEMS

Help File Problems

Some systems may have a problem launching the CREATURES help files. If this happens to your system simply rebuild your desktop and the help files will work normally. To rebuild your desktop select "Restart" from the "Special" menu and hold down the Control, Option, and APPLE keys. Once your machine has rebooted you are asked to confirm that you want to rebuild your desktop file. Click on "OK."

Virtual Memory Problems

If CREATURES does not launch once installed and you receive the message "No error messages available" then you probably do not have enough virtual memory to run the program. To ensure your virtual memory is on, simply enter the Memory Control Panel. We recommend you use 32 MB regardless of default memory sizes to avoid further problems.

Video Display

It is highly recommended that you run this product in 256 colors. You may run in to memory problems should you attempt to run in millions of colors. To do this go to Control Panel and select Monitors. Select "256." Also be certain that your display resolution is set to 640 x 480. You can check this by clicking on the Options button in the Monitors control panel.

Game Speed

Your game may run slowly if your Control Strip is overlapping your game window. To eliminate the problem, move your Control Strip, and your CREATURES game window so that the two are not overlapping, or simply hide the Control Strip. If you are still having trouble with game speed, be sure your system meets the minimum system requirements.

CONTACTING MINDSCAPE TECHNICAL SUPPORT

If you are having problems, please consult the 'Troubleshooting' section of this data card before contacting Mindscape Technical Support. We've put many of the solutions to the most common problems in that area of the data card. If you are sure that you meet the minimum system requirements and the game still does not run, you may need to get the latest version of your sound, video, mouse, or CD-ROM drivers before the game will run properly.

We have a staff of Technical Support Specialists ready to help you with any technical problems you may have with any of our games. If your problem is due to your system configuration they will tell you of the game's requirements and suggest some possible solutions.

Because of the millions of different hardware and software configurations possible with today's PCs, you may still have to consult with your computer dealer, hardware manufacturer, or software publisher to properly configure your system before our game will work.

We suggest contacting Mindscape Technical Support via fax or e-mail if possible. Please send a printout of your c:\autoexec.bat file, a printout of your c:\config.sys file, and a complete description of the problem. Please include the Operating System you are using, and any error messages you have seen which indicate that there is a problem.

Please send this information to our fax number, or one of the e-mail addresses found below.

Fax: (408)737-6814 **Attn: Technical Support**

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If you cannot fax or e-mail us, we can also be reached by phone. Our Technical Support number is (408) 737-6850. The phones are open from 11AM to 5PM, Pacific Time, Monday through Friday, holidays excluded. Absolutely no game playing hints will be given through this number.

If the game about which you are inquiring has been out for more than 90 days, you'll also want to contact one of our online resources to be sure you are running the latest version of the game before contacting Mindscape Technical Support. Please see the MINDSCAPE ONLINE section for information about where the latest patches and updates can be found.

MINDSCAPE BBS

We have a BBS containing patch files to update most of our products to the most current version, as well as product demos and new product announcements.

If you have a 9600 - 33.6K baud modem, call (408) 739-6137. If you have a 2400 - 33.6K baud modem, call (408) 739-6623. Your communications software needs to be set to N,8,1 and your modem must be 100% Hayes compatible. Demos are not available to users with modem speeds under 9600 due to size and download time.

MINDSCAPE ONLINE

Mindscape is currently represented on two online networks: CompuServe and America Online. You can reach us on the World Wide Web and these networks and as stated below.

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World Wide Web

<http://www.ssionline.com>



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