

We learn by accumulating direct experiences; they provide the basis for our abstractions and generalizations. And yet what of those phenomena which we cannot experience directly, those that are too small or too big or too dangerous or too remote? Electronics provide one alternative to this challenge, as they can be used to develop models of real worlds, models which can take on their own reality in a computer environment.

Our solar system is one of those objects of our environment which is not very accessible to most of us. Scientists have developed remote viewing capabilities to enhance our direct observation of the skies; this has been an exciting era of planetary fly-bys, computer rendering of large data sets, and image-enhanced views of our solar system. We have placed these materials in a playful context in *Planetary Taxi*. Our intent is to provide you with a direct experience of the solar system, challenging your knowledge of its elements.

And when you are finished playing this game, we hope you will view the skies at night with a sense of scale and awe you never had before as you ponder your place in the solar system!

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PLANETARY TAXI

MACINTOSH & WINDOWS
USER'S GUIDE



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TECHNICAL SUPPORT

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Internet: techsupport@voyagerco.com

America Online: voyager@aol.com, or go to the AOL Voyager forum: keyword is "voyager"

CompuServe: 75300,1635 or go to the Multimedia A Vendor forum

REGISTRATION AND SOFTWARE SUPPORT

Please register your software for technical support and so that we can keep you posted on the ever-growing Voyager catalog. To register this Voyager title for MAC OS, see the Software Registration file in the Documentation folder on the CD-ROM. For Windows, see the SOFT_REG.TXT file in the REGISTER directory on the CD-ROM. You can return this information by email or register@voyagerco.com or by fax to 914.591.6481.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS – WINDOWS

- PC-compatible computer with a 486SX-33 or higher processor
- 8 Mbytes of RAM
- 640×480, 256-color display
- MPC2-compatible CD-ROM drive
- MPC2-compatible sound card with speakers or headphones
- Mouse
- Microsoft Windows version 3.1 or later
- MS-DOS CD-ROM Extensions (MSCDEX) version 2.2 or later

SETTING UP – WINDOWS

1. Place the *Planetary Taxi* disc in the CD-ROM drive.
2. In the Windows File Manager, click on the drive icon for your CD-ROM drive to display the disc's files. Double-click the SETUP.EXE file to run the installer. Or, in the Program Manager, choose Run from the File menu, then type d:\setup.exe, where d: is your CD-ROM drive.
3. In the Setup dialog boxes, verify the drive you are installing from, and the drive and directory into which *Planetary Taxi* will be installed. Type in a new drive or directory, or accept the defaults.
4. When you are done making your selections, click "Install." The setup program will copy the necessary files to your hard drive, and create a *Planetary Taxi* group in the Program Manager containing the *Planetary Taxi* icon. If you would like to use another group, select it with the

drop down list or type a new name, then click "Continue."

5. While the files are being installed, you can stop the installation by clicking "Stop." This will result in an incomplete installation.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS – MACINTOSH

- Any color-capable Macintosh with a color monitor
- System software version 6.0.7 or later
- 2500K of available memory (At least 5 Mbytes of installed RAM)
- A CD-ROM drive (double-speed recommended)

SETTING UP – MACINTOSH

Before you can use this software, you must:

- Make sure that your CD-ROM drive's special software is installed
- Install the QuickTime™ extension from the CD if necessary
- Install HyperCard and the necessary fonts from the CD
- Copy *Planetary Taxi* from the CD to your hard drive

Installing Your CD-ROM Drive's Special Software

If you've never used your CD-ROM drive before, you must install its own special software. This software should be on the floppy disk that came with your drive. Please see the manufacturer's instructions if necessary.

Preparing to Install Software from the CD

1. Insert the CD into your CD-ROM drive according to the drive manufacturer's instructions.
2. Double-click the CD's icon. A window showing its contents will open. Everything you may need to install appears in this window. Keep it open until you're finished setting up.

Installing QuickTime

If the QuickTime™ (1.6.1 or later) extension isn't already installed on your Macintosh, proceed as follows:

1. Drag the icon named "QuickTime™" to the System Folder icon on your hard drive and drop it. Your Macintosh will guide you through the rest of the QuickTime installation.
2. Restart your Macintosh.

Installing HyperCard and Fonts

If you don't already have a copy of HyperCard, drag the icon for the HyperCard Folder to your hard drive.

You must install the *Planetary Taxi* fonts for the text to display correctly. If you just installed HyperCard, then you must also install the HyperCard fonts. After installing the *Planetary Taxi* fonts, follow the steps described below for your operating system using the HyperCard fonts suitcase instead.

IF YOU'RE USING SYSTEM 6...

If you're using system software version 6.0.7 or 6.0.8, you must use Apple's Font/DA Mover, which is part of your system software. To install the fonts, follow these steps:

1. Double-click the font suitcase for the *Planetary Taxi* fonts.
2. Click the Open button below the empty list box.
3. Select your system file.
4. Select all the fonts in the list box by holding down the Shift key while you click.
5. Make sure that the arrows on the Copy button are pointing from the list of fonts to your system file.
6. Click Copy.
7. Click Quit when you have finished installing the fonts.

IF YOU'RE USING SYSTEM 7...

If you're using System 7, drag the font suitcase over the System Folder icon on your hard drive and drop it. The Macintosh will guide you through the rest of the font installation.

Copying *Planetary Taxi* to Your Hard Drive

Drag the icon for *Planetary Taxi* to your hard drive to copy it.

GETTING STARTED – MACINTOSH AND WINDOWS

To start *Planetary Taxi*, insert the CD into your CD-ROM drive and double-click the *Planetary Taxi* icon.

To get help within *Planetary Taxi*, click on Rita. Rita is your dispatcher. See the next page for an overview.

To quit *Planetary Taxi*, press ctrl-Q (or ⌘-Q).

Learn about planets without taxi game

Rita shows you around. Click on Rita for instructions.



Discover scale-model highway

Start Game

Test your wits with missions in scrambled order each time

Practice makes perfect. Same order each time

Explore taxi and scale-model highway

Turn sound up or down

Click to pick which planet to GO to

Check how long it takes to go to a planet

Hear what your passenger wants to do now



Your score

Watch out! Game ends at 50 years

See photos and data probes about planets

Drive to the planet you have selected

Pick up your next passenger

Turn sound up or down

Hear what you would need to visit the real planet

Get hints from Rita

Communicate with Rita in Dispatch

View a scale model of the solar system

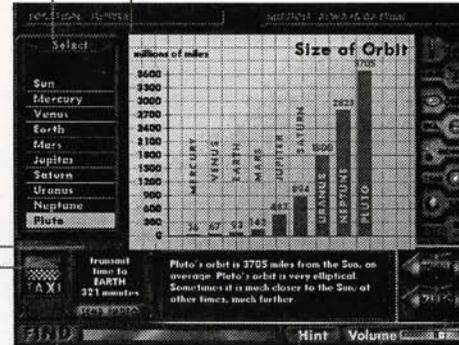
Start new game, change levels, or browse post card database

Start a new mission

Pick any planet

See images of the planet you are visiting in your taxi

Use probes to graph information for each planet you select:



Temperature

Gravity

Orbit distance

Planet diameter

Number of moons

Length of year

Length of day

General information

Use arrows to step through pictures

See NASA clips

Turn sound up or down

Get help from Rita

To search for a topic, type it in and click FIND

Send picture back to dispatch

Return to scale-model highway