

YATZY

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WHAT IS YATZY?

Yatzy is a dice game for 1 to 4 players.

The Application has two windows. On one window, there are the dice and the Roll Dice button, on the other Scores.

WINDOWS, BUTTONS AND MENUS

You can choose the amount of players from the Yatzy window.

You can customize the names of the players by clicking the column header on the Score window. You can also play against the computer. Select it by clicking on the option Macintosh plays.

The Roll Dice button rolls the dice. You can lock (or unlock) each die by clicking the die itself or the check button next to it.

The dice can be rolled up to three times in a turn, before the active player needs to choose which scoring combination will be used. This is done by double clicking the right row on the Score window.

Use the menu command File -> New Game to start a new game.

There is a command called Hint in the Extra menu. Using this command will show the player a proposition for which slot to choose for the current combination. If none of the rows is darkened, this means that the combination can't be used as a scoring combination.

If you want to see the high score, use the menu command Extra -> Show High Scores to open the High Scores window.

If you want to use keyboard shortcuts to roll the dice or to lock the dice, use the menu command Extra -> Shortcut to Hold Dice. After that command-o can be used to roll the dice and to lock the dice the keyboard shortcuts are command-I, command-2, command-3, command-4 and command-5.

At the bottom of the Yatzy window there are instructions for what to do next and on the Score window you can see whose turn it is from the darker background color of the corresponding score column.

HOW TO PLAY YATZY

Yatzy can be played by one to four players together. Each player rolls a maximum of three times and can choose to hold some of the dice between rolls by clicking them before rolling again. The result of each of the turns has to be placed even if there's no scoring combination.

UPPER SECTION

In the upper section, each box is scored by summing the total number of dice matching that box. When you score more than

63 points in the upper section, you are awarded 50 bonus points. 63 points corresponds to three-of-a-kind for each of the six dice.

LOWER SECTION

In the lower section the scoring combinations are One Pair (two of a kind), Two Pairs (two of one kind and two of another kind), Three of Kind, Four of Kind, Small Straight (faces: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5), Large Straight (faces: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6), House (three of a kind and two of a kind), Chance (anything), Yatzy (five of a kind).

REQUIREMENTS

Mac OS X 10.5.8 or later.