

NEMESIS

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And so it begins....

It seems only hours ago that you stood before the Council of Elders in the Inner Sanctum of the Federation of the Seven Galaxies.

You recall their orders to you:

"Track down and capture the most wanted and dangerous man in all the Cosmos, a man known only as 'NEMESIS'."

A shiver runs down your spine but you steel yourself.

You check the controls in front of you as you speed through deep space towards his last known destination, a small planet in the uncharted outer regions of the First Galaxy of the Federation.

To load the game

You must make a backup copy of the cartridge immediately.

To do this, reset your QL, press F1 or F2 and then put the master cartridge in drive two. Place a blank cartridge in drive one and type the following SuperBASIC command:

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lrun mdv2_backup
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This will format the blank cartridge six times and copy all the data over.

Once this has been done, the game can be loaded from the backup copy with the master copy in drive 2 for a security check.

Following the title screen, you are given a menu asking whether you want NEMESIS 1 or 2 - the game has had to be split into two because of its size.

You cannot play NEMESIS 2 until you have completed NEMESIS 1. Once this has been done, you can select either option.

If you have not played the game before, press number 1.

The master cartridge can be removed when loading is complete. The backup cartridge must remain in drive one as it may be accessed from time to time for information.

Playing NEMESIS

As soon as the game has loaded, you are presented with a description of the first location. From here on you must explore the terrain, which, in turn, will yield clues about your ultimate destination. You do this by typing in a command in response to the prompt; it can be either in the form of a direction, a request for information or an action.

Your computer recognises most of the standard adventure commands. They should be typed in using lower case letters (not capitals).

A few are listed here but we expect you discover the rest for yourselves.

north, south, east, west, up and down move you in a specific direction.

look displays information about the location.

inventory allows you to find out what you are carrying.

All these can be abbreviated to a single letter command:

n s e w u d l i

Some of the most commonly used verbs are:

run, jump, dig, swim, climb, pick up, take, drop, throw, examine, blast (for use with blaster), shoot, cut, eat, drink, say, exit, enter.

There are, of course, many more.

The program will understand full sentences entered but will not implement more than one operation per sentence. If you type, 'Pick up food and eat', you will remain unfed. Don't link up commands but type them in one after the other.

The list of verbs recognised is large but not every verb is applicable to every location. Therefore it is not sensible to stand in the middle of a field and try every verb you can think of as you will not get very far. swim would not be recognised in a field. Try to use the verb appropriate to the situation.

There are four special commands that can be used at any time: save, restore, pon, poff.

save saves the current gameplay to a microdrive in drive two. You have only one save per cartridge: if you save again, the second save will overwrite the previous one.

restore loads in the saved gameplay from drive two and continues from the point at which you left off.

pon initialises a simple printer utility which dumps the screen display to an Epson-compatible printer. This enables hardened adventurers to study the game on the lool.

poff turns it off again.

When you gain admission to NEMESIS 2 from NEMESIS 1, you will be instructed what to do next.

There is no score function in NEMESIS. The object of your mission is to capture Nemesis and get him off the planet - therefore you have either succeeded or you have failed.

This should be all you need to know to start you on your voyage of discovery.

We should be pleased to hear from anybody playing the game, especially if they have completed it. We will also answer your queries if you get stuck (send a SAE) If you have made any good maps, please send us a copy - we'd like to see it.

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