

# ULTIMA VIII PAGAN PLAYGUIDE

## STARTING THE GAME

To play *Ultima VIII Pagan*, go to the drive where it is installed. If it is on your C: drive, type C: **[Enter]**. Then go to the directory containing your game. If you chose the default directory, type CD\ULTIMA8 **[Enter]**. Start the game by typing U8 **[Enter]**.

## THE BEGINNING...

Watch the introduction to *Ultima VIII Pagan* and learn what the Guardian plans for you. When it is over, a diary appears and you should type in the name you wish to use while visiting *Pagan*. Press **[Enter]** to begin playing the game.

## INTRODUCTORY WALKTHROUGH

*Ultima VIII Pagan* is primarily mouse-driven.

- Your hands and eyes are controlled by the left mouse button.
- Your feet are controlled by the right mouse button.

In addition to the mouse commands, there are some keyboard shortcuts to simplify frequently used commands. If you wish to reverse the controls of your mouse, press **[Alt][H]** – all following commands referring to the right button will then be controlled by the left, and vice versa. See the back panel of this guide for other shortcuts.

## ON PAGANS AND PENTAGRAMS

**pentacle** - n. a five-pointed figure, composed of five straight lines interlacing to form a starlike shape. It was a popular design in medieval art, and was given a mystic significance by astrologers and magicians.

**pentagram** - n. a pentacle; also, any figure of five lines.

**pagan** - n. a follower of a polytheistic religion (as in ancient Rome).

*Ultima VIII Pagan* is a fantasy role-playing game designed solely for entertainment purposes. The game's setting involves a confrontation with the classic mythological Elemental Titans and their polytheistic worshippers. In the game, the terms *pentagram* and *pagan* were selected for their relevance to the storyline and setting. ORIGIN wishes to imply no additional connotations for the words and concepts defined above.

(Definitions from Webster's New Universal Unabridged Dictionary and Webster's Ninth Collegiate Dictionary.)

## INTERACTION WITH PEOPLE AND ITEMS

### Conversations

There is a kind fisherman standing nearby – you automatically get up and begin a conversation with him.

- Left-click on his text to continue, or you can wait until the text disappears.  
*To adjust the amount of time text remains on the screen, see **Diary: Options Page**, below.*
- Left-click on the phrase you would like to respond with.  
*Your possible responses are always in red, and can be identified by their bullets.*
- Click on the farewell keyword (usually GOODBYE, BYE, or something similar) when you are satisfied with what you have learned.

Although conversations in *Ultima VIII Pagan* do not halt the game, some scenes are important enough to move the center of the screen to the person or people with whom you are talking. When this happens, pay close attention to what is being said. You regain control as soon as the scene has run its course. Not all conversations are repeated, so pay close attention the first time you talk to anyone!

### Using Objects and Containers

- Move to the basket to the right of the fisherman's bedroll by left-click-and-holding.
- Double-left-click on the basket.  
*The large display that appears shows what the basket contains.*  
*You open books by double-left-clicking, as well.*
- Left-click-and-hold on the bowl to pick it up.  
*You can't pick up items that are not close enough, or that are on the other side of something.*
- Move the mouse around the screen and notice how the appearance of the mouse pointer changes.
  - ☞ blue pointer – you can place the object here.
  - ☒ blue cross hair – you can throw the object there.
  - ☒ red cross – you cannot pick up/release it because the location is either too far away or is obstructed. Releasing the button when the cursor is a red cross returns the object to its original position.
- Double-left-click on the display of the basket to close it.
- Pick up the basket and, for practice, toss it next to the two fish.
- Put the bowl in your backpack by dragging it over your character and releasing.

Be careful to check all containers carefully. Some have valuable items hidden beneath debris.

## MOVEMENT

- Without pressing either button, move the cursor around the screen.  
*Notice that the mouse pointer has three lengths.*

### Jumping

You can jump nearly half your height to climb taller objects – but you cannot climb some things such as most vegetation, sharp objects and the highest mountain ledges.

- When the arrow is short, try clicking both buttons simultaneously.  
*You jump in place.*  
*If there were a ledge or something overhead to grab, you would grab it and pull yourself up.*
- With a medium arrow (pointing any direction), try clicking both buttons.  
*You jump forward.*

### Walking, Running and Running Leaps



- The three arrow lengths represent speeds you get when you press the right mouse button.
  - short* – makes a small, cautious step forward (a “careful step”).
  - medium* – walks at a normal pace.
  - long* – runs at full speed.

*You move in the direction the arrow points.*

- Move the arrow toward the upper right corner of the screen until it is medium length.
- Walk by pressing the right mouse button.
- When you find a brown dirt area, stretch your legs by moving the arrow to the far upper-left corner of the screen and press the right button.
- Click the left mouse button while you run.  
*On the next step you leap forward about twice your height. If you hold the right button as you leap across a chasm, you can grab the ledge on the other side. (See **Dangerous Terrain** to learn how to navigate wide gorges.)*
- Follow the path until you come to stairs leading up to a wooden pier.
- Walk up the stairs and continue until the railing stops you.



### Climbing and Careful Stepping

- While facing the rail, click both buttons to climb on the rail.
- With a short arrow showing, right-click to take a “careful step.”

*You teeter, trying to maintain your balance.*

*This is very useful when walking near cliffs – you won’t accidentally walk off the edge.*

- Turn around and walk off the railing, back onto the dock.

You can fall a certain distance without damage, but from greater heights it becomes increasingly difficult to survive the experience. Falling more than two times your height is fatal.

## COMBAT

### Arming

- Examine the barrels near the dock until you find a dagger in a small box.
- Drag the dagger over your character and release it.  
*The dagger disappears.*
- Double-left-click on your character.



*The larger display shows what your equipment looks like in much greater detail. In your right hand you are now holding the dagger you just acquired.*

*In addition to weapons, you can ready shields, helmets, body armor and leg armor by placing them on your character display. Everything else is carried in the backpack.*

- Double-left-click on the backpack in the display.
- Place the dagger in your open backpack.

*The dagger appears inside the pack.*

*Objects inside the pack may be rearranged any way you like – they stay where you put them.*

- Take out the dagger and drag it over the display of your character.

*It appears in the right hand again.*

- Close all expanded displays at once by pressing

**←Backspace**.



### Unsheathing Your Weapon

- Enter combat stance by double-right-clicking on your character — this readies your weapon.  
*Whenever the weapon is drawn, you are in a combat-ready position.*
- Practice swinging by very quickly double left-clicking.
- Block your opponent (in this case, imaginary) by single left clicking or left click and hold.

### Kicking

- Kick by double-right-clicking ahead of your character.  
*Note that when you try to kick in another direction, you turn in that direction instead of kicking.*

### Advancing and Retreating

When in combat stance, you move differently. You cannot jump or climb while in combat stance, so you must first sheathe the weapon.

- Right-click ahead of your character to advance. Right-click directly behind your character to retreat.  
*You turn when the mouse is clicked anywhere other than directly ahead or behind.*
- Practice for a moment, and then sheathe the dagger by double-right-clicking on your character once more.

To cover ground quickly during combat, move the mouse to the edge of the screen while advancing – you sheathe your weapon and begin to run. When you wish to stop and fight, release the right button – you return to combat stance.

### Dangerous Terrain

Water and lava are both dangerous. Because you do not have the skills necessary for surviving in water, falling in means certain death! Also, the many lava lakes and rivers that flow underground are deadly. Be careful when traveling near any of these.

Wide gorges are also dangerous, but can be crossed. Stand at one edge of the gorge. Click both buttons to begin the leap across the gorge, then let go of the left button but *don't* release the right button yet! If you jump far enough, you can grab the ledge before falling. At this point, you can drop from the ledge by releasing the right button, or you can pull yourself up by clicking the left mouse button. You can also combine leaping and climbing for a longer jump by running at full speed toward the edge. Two steps from the gorge, click the left button to begin the jump. High Dexterity and practice are the keys to proficiency.



## PERSONAL STATS



- Double-left-click on your character to see your personal stats.  
*To the right of your picture are your statistics:*

**Strength (STR)** affects the amount of damage each blow does in a fight. It also determines how high you can jump, how much you can carry and how far you can throw objects. Your Strength increases the more you jump or engage in combat. Your maximum encumbrance (how much you can carry) is three times your Strength.

**Intelligence (INT)** determines your potential Mana. Maximum Mana is twice your Intelligence. The more spells you cast, the more rapidly Intelligence increases throughout the game.

**Dexterity (DEX)** affects the frequency of your attacks during combat. It also determines your ability to grab ledges and throw objects. Practicing these activities during the game is what increases Dexterity.

**Armor Class (ARMR)** is a measure of how difficult it is for your opponent to make a successful attack. The better your armor, the higher your armor class. The higher the armor class, the more difficult you are to hit

**Hit Points (HITS)** is a measure of how much damage you can withstand. Your maximum Hit Points are twice your Strength. When your Hit Points drop to zero, you die! Unlike previous *Ultimas*, you do not get magically resurrected in *Ultima VIII Pagan* – you must load a previously saved game. Fortunately, Hit Points restore themselves over time, and for faster recuperation you can see a healer. Eating periodically helps your recuperation.

**Mana (MANA)** determines your stamina when casting spells. As you cast spells, your mental fatigue increases and your Mana drops toward zero. Without Mana, you are unable to cast spells. Mana slowly replenishes itself once you cease casting spells.

**Weight (WGHT)** is the heaviness of your load.

- Minimize the display by clicking on the button at its lower-right corner.  
*This keeps track of Hit Points and Mana without obscuring the screen.  
The red light signifies Hit Points and the blue light signifies Mana – they get smaller as the stats approach zero.*
- Double-click on the minimized display to restore it to its original size.
- Left-click-and-hold on the display (somewhere other than the backpack) to move it around the game screen.

*It is always possible to move expanded displays when they are in the way. Double-left-click on a display to close it, or **←Backspace** to close them all.*

## DIARY



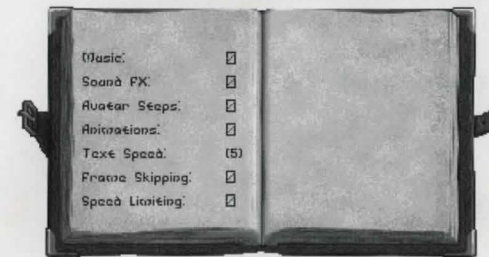
- Pressing **[Esc]** or dying will bring up your diary.
- Left-click on any item in the Table of Contents to select it, or type the corresponding number of your selection on the keyboard.
- Close the diary by pressing **[Esc]** when finished.

To **begin a new game**, select READ DIARY from the Table of Contents. Left-click on ENTRY 1: THE BEGINNING to load a game at the start.

To **load a previously saved game**, select READ DIARY from the Table of Contents. Left-click on the entry you wish to load. Left-click on downturned corners to turn pages.

To **save your current game**, select WRITE DIARY from the Table of Contents. Left-click where you wish to save the current game and enter a description of the saved game. You have up to four lines to describe the game. When finished, press **[Enter]** to save the game. If you wish to abort the procedure, press **[Esc]** to restore the previous entry. *You will not be able to save your game if you've destroyed an item or character necessary to the completion of the game.*

## Options Page



MUSIC and SOUND FX can be turned on or off. Digital sound effects include all speech.

AVATAR STEPS lets you turn off and on the sound of your footsteps.

On slower computers, turn off ANIMATIONS, frame skipping and/or speed limiting to speed the game up.

To prolong or shorten how long text remains on the screen, click on TEXT SPEED. The “slider bar” makes the text disappear more quickly or slowly (9 is the fastest).

## BEGINNING THE STORY

- Return to the dock and walk toward the water.
- Enter the city when the execution is over.

# QUICK REFERENCE

## MOVEMENT

<i>Careful Step</i>	Small arrow/right-click
<i>Walk</i>	Medium arrow/right-click-and-hold
<i>Run</i>	Long arrow/right-click-and-hold
<i>Standing Jump</i>	Medium arrow pointing in desired direction/click both buttons
<i>Running Leap</i>	Long arrow/right-click-and-hold to get a running start, left-click to jump
<i>Jump &amp; Grab</i>	Stand beneath object/short arrow/click both buttons

## OBJECTS

<i>Move/Throw Object</i>	Left-click-and-hold object/drag "ghost" to new position
<i>Use Object</i>	Double-left-click
<i>Open Display</i>	Double-left-click
<i>Close Display</i>	Double-left-click on expanded display
<i>Close All Displays</i>	<b>←Backspace</b>
<i>Open Inventory</i>	Double-left-click on your character
<i>↔ Statistics</i>	
<i>Open Backpack</i>	Double-left-click on the backpack in your display

## COMBAT

<i>Draw Weapon/</i> <i>Combat Stance</i>	Double-right-click on Avatar
The following can only be done from Combat Stance.	
<i>Swing Weapon</i>	Left-click
<i>Kick</i>	Double-right-click
<i>Advance</i>	Right-click with arrow pointing in attack direction
<i>Block</i>	Left-click-and-hold
<i>Retreat</i>	Right-click with the arrow pointing in retreat direction
<i>Sheath Weapon</i>	Double-right-click (on Avatar)

## DIARY (Load/Save Game, Music or Sound On/Off, Change Name)

<i>Open/Close Diary</i>	<b>Esc</b>
<i>Open Category</i>	Left-click on category
<i>Make Selection</i>	Left-click on selection
<i>Save Selection</i>	Type in your selection, press <b>Enter</b>

## KEYBOARD COMMANDS

<b>C</b>	Draws/Sheathes your weapon (combat stance)
<b>Alt H</b>	Changes the "handedness" of the mouse
<b>I</b>	Opens your backpack
<b>O</b>	Opens Options screen
<b>Z</b>	Opens your equipment and stats display
<b>Esc</b>	Opens and closes your diary
<b>←Backspace</b>	Closes all open displays
<b>Alt X</b>	Quits the game
<b>Ctrl V</b>	Displays the version number of <i>Ultima VIII</i>



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