# Ultima™ Online: The Second Age™ Install Guide

Welcome to *Ultima Online: The Second Age* (UO). This guide contains installation instructions and troubleshooting information. To avoid problems, please make sure your machine meets the System Requirements listed on the box (and on p. 4).

#### **This Package Contains:**

- (1) CD (your game), with Ultima Online: The Second Age software, Internet Service Provider software (AT&T Worldnet<sup>SM</sup>) and World Wide Web browser software (Netscape Navigator™ 3.02). (Note: The Upgrade CD of Ultima Online: The Second Age does not contain the AT&T Worldnet software or the Netscape Navigator browser.)
- Install Guide (30 pp.), which is what you're reading now, including troubleshooting tips, installation steps, *AT&T Worldnet* information, and contact information.
- Playguide (216 pp.), describing how to get started playing UO, including tips for beginners and brief descriptions of the towns, creatures, weapons and spells in the game.
- Map of Britannia, to help you navigate your way through the world.
- Reference Card (4 pp.) which outlines the basics of gameplay.
- Registration Card we'd love to know who you are.

#### WWW.ULTIMAONLINE.COM

For up-to-date docs and troubleshooting information, visit the UO web site. The site also has FAQs, guild information, chat boards and a Britannian newspaper.

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# SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

## **Minimum Required**

Pentium 166 16 megs RAM Windows 95 or Windows 98 2 meg PCI video card (*DirectX* supported, set to 16-bit color) 16-bit sound card (*DirectX* supported) 383 megs hard drive space 4x CD-ROM drive Microsoft-compatible mouse, 100% Windows 95 or Windows 98 compatible Slip/PPP or direct connect at 28.8k bps or better with 32-bit TCP/IP stack

## Recommended

Pentium II 233 MHz CPU 32 megs RAM Windows 95 or Windows 98 4 meg PCI video card (DirectX supported, set to 16-bit color) 16-bit sound card (DirectX supported) 589 megs hard drive space 8x CD-ROM drive Microsoft-compatible mouse, 100% Windows 95 or Windows 98 compatible Slip/PPP or direct connect at 28.8k bps or better with 32-bit TCP/IP stack

This game requires the hard drive space listed above for installation.

This number is subject to change. Please visit the web site for the current specifications (www.ultimaonline.com).

The swap file used by Windows 95/98 will need additional free hard drive space. (This space may vary from system to system. We recommend at least 50 megs.)





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**Note:** You must have a 32-bit connection to the Internet to play. Some online services do not offer this type of connection. If you are not sure what your connection is, ask your Internet service provider.

**Note:** Disk compression of any kind will result in substantially increased load times. We cannot guarantee the compatibility of our games with disk compression utilities (such as DBLSpace, etc.).

## PRE-INSTALLATION PROCEDURES

Before installing any piece of software, make sure your hard drive is in proper working order. *Windows* 95/98 provides *ScanDisk* and *Defrag*.

First you should run ScanDisk.

- 1. Left-click on the Start button.
- 2. With the mouse, highlight **Programs** on the menu.
- 3. Select Accessories (usually at the top).
- 4. Select System Tools.
- 5. Highlight Scandisk.

In the *ScanDisk* dialog box, choose **Standard**, and make sure there is a check mark in the **Automatically Fix Errors** box. Select the hard drive to which you are installing *UO* (i.e., if you are installing to drive C:, highlight C:). Once everything is correct, left-click **Start** to scan the drive.

#### Next, run Defrag.

- 1.-4. Follow steps 1 4, above.
- 5. Highlight Disk Defragmenter.

6. Select the drive to which you are installing and left-click OK. Now, you're ready to start installation.

# **INSTALLATION STEPS**

Follow these steps if you are installing UO for the first time, or if you have uninstalled UO. See **Upgrading UO**, p. 10, for instructions on upgrading from *Ultima Online* to *Ultima Online*: The Second Age.

## **Select Install Option**

To install and play the game, you need at least 383 megabytes free hard drive space, 16 megabytes of RAM and a functional Internet connection.

- 1. Turn on your computer and wait for Windows 95/98 to load.
- 2. Follow the Pre-Installation Procedures on the facing page.
- 3. Insert your UO:T2A game CD into the CD-ROM drive. The install screen should appear. (If not, open My *Computer* and double-left-click on your CD-ROM drive icon, then double-left-click on the file named SETUP.EXE.)

Experienced users can follow the onscreen instructions after this point. For detailed instructions, keep reading.

4. Choose a REGULAR or ADVANCED installation, install the tutorial demo (INSTALL DEMO), or quit to close the install program.

REGULAR automatically installs all components in the order shown below:

# Installation Progress STEP 1 : Install Ultima Online: The Second Age STEP 2 : Install DirectX STEP 3 : Ensure that a web browser is available STEP 4 : Setup an Ultima Online: The Second Age Account





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ADVANCED lets you select each component and install it separately. (Left-click the component's button to install it.)



## **Install Software**

5. INSTALL UO. Proceed with game installation.

Choose an installation size. (In the Advanced install screen, you must left-click INSTALL ULTIMA ONLINE: THE SECOND AGE.) Larger installations increase the gameplay speed.

TYPICAL requires 383 megabytes\* hard drive space.

FULL requires 589 megabytes\* hard drive space.

\* This game requires the hard drive space listed above for installation.

This number is subject to change. Please visit the web site for the current specifications (WWW.ULTIMAONLINE.COM).

The swap file used by *Windows* 95/98 will need additional free hard drive space. (This space may vary from system to system. We recommend at least 50 megs.)

NEXT continues with the installation, and BACK goes to the previous screen.

6. Choose a directory on your hard drive for installation (C:/Program Files/Ultima is the default).

To install to a different directory, type a drive and directory name in the top box. If the directory does not yet exist, the program will ask you to create it. Left-click YES to create it, NO to return to the previous screen and select a different directory. Alternatively, left-click on the drive selection box to choose a drive. Then, double-left-click on the desired folder. If the game is already installed anywhere on your system, you will be prompted to remove it before reinstalling *UO*.

NEXT continues with the installation, and BACK goes to the previous screen.

7. Install DirectX 6.0 drivers for your hardware.

In a Regular install, the program asks if you'd like to install *DirectX* version 6.0 to your hard drive. Left-click on YES to install. (In the Advanced install screen, you must left-click the INSTALL DIRECTX button.)

To quit installation, left-click CANCEL.

The game requires *DirectX* version 6.0. To check your version number, run DXSETUP.EXE (located in Program Files/DirectX).

See DirectX, p. 12, for detailed information on DirectX.

- If you already have version 6.0 or higher, do not install DirectX. Left-click NO.
- If you have any version previous to version 6.0, upgrade before running the game. You may need to reinstall your video and/or sound card drivers after upgrading.
- If you install *DirectX*, you will need to restart your system for the changes to take effect. A prompt will ask if you want to reboot once the game is completely installed.
- INSTALL AT&T WORLDNET (optional) to connect your computer to the Internet. (In the Advanced install screen, you must left-click the INSTALL INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER button.)

Follow the onscreen instructions. You do not have to install this software if you already have an Internet service provider. However, not all ISPs support the game. If your provider does not work, you may need to switch ISPs or install  $AT \mathscr{C}T$  Worldnet.

9. Install *Netscape Navigator* 3.02 (optional), a viewer for the web site and electronic documentation. (In the Advanced install screen, you must left-click INSTALL WEB BROWSER.)

Follow the onscreen instructions. You do not have to install this software if you already have *Netscape Navigator* 3.02 or *Internet Explorer* 3.0 installed on your system.



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## **Set Up Account**

10. Set up a game account. (In the Advanced install screen, you must left-click SETUP ACCOUNT.)

UO is an Internet game, and before you can play, you need both an Internet Service Provider and a game account. This step of the install program opens your current web browser (if one is installed) and connects to a web site where you can register your game and open an account.

- a. Select ok to open your web browser to ultima-registration.com.
- b. Select CREATE ACCOUNT.
- c. Select a billing preference (left-click in the circle next to one of the billing plans). This page displays more details about billing.
- d. Set up an account name and password.
  - In the account password field, type in a password from 5 to 16 characters in length. Make sure you select something you'll remember.
  - The password is case sensitive. Make sure your Caps Lock is not on.
  - Confirm the password by typing it again, then left-click NEXT.
- e. Enter name and address information by left-clicking in a field, then typing in the information. You can use hyphens and spaces.
  - (Tab) moves to the next field. NEXT transmits your information and continues registration.
  - If any fields are incomplete, you will later be prompted to complete them.
- f. Enter a billing address (if different) and a valid credit card number and expiration date, then press NEXT.
  - Information you entered in the last screen appears here. If your credit card billing address is different than your home address, enter the correct billing information here.
  - Tab moves to the next field.
- g. Next, read through the terms and conditions, then select ACCEPT.
  - DECLINE cancels the account setup process.

Your account will remain active until you choose to cancel it. You may cancel your account at any time by visiting this site and selecting MODIFY ACCOUNT from the main screen, then CANCEL. (See **Cancelling a Game Account**, p. 12, for more information.)

h. Close your web browser in order to return to the UO installation screen.

i. Click NEXT.

## **Start Play**

11. Select RUN UO to view the Main Menu and start playing. (In the Advanced install screen, you must left-click the FINISH button first.)

The introductory movie should play. In the future select Start/Programs/Ultima Online/Ultima Online (or your customized path) to play the game. To skip the movie, press Spacebar.

*To create a shortcut to* **UO** *on your desktop*, open the folder to which you installed *Ultima Online*, Right click and drag UO.EXE to the desktop. When you release the mouse, click CREATE SHORTCUT.

## **Tutorial Demo**

This interactive tutorial demo briefly demonstrates how UO works, and guides you through a few sample exercises. To install it, select INSTALL DEMO.

To uninstall the tutorial demo, select Start/Programs/Ultima Online/Uninstall Tutorial.

# UPGRADING

If you already have *Ultima Online* installed, and are ready to upgrade to *Ultima Online*: *The Second Age*, you do not have to uninstall and then reinstall. When you insert your new *Ultima Online*: *The Second Age* CD in your disk drive, the following screen automatically appears:

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Welcome to Ultima Online: The Second Age. Upgrading adds 117 meg to your current install.

Please select the option you would like to perform:

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l	Jninstall -
	Exit -

Clicking on this button automatically installs the upgrade.

 You can click on this button to uninstall Ultima Online before installing Ultima Online: The Second Age if you wish, but it isn't necessary

Clicking on this button exits this screen



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# **OPTIONS AFTER INSTALLATION**

Once the game is installed, re-insert the UO:T2A CD (or double-click on the UO:T2A CD icon, if the CD is already in your drive) to bring up the following screen:



## **Uninstalling / Reinstalling**

If you are re-installing UO, first remove the old program. You can do this by inserting your UO:T2A CD in your CD drive, which automatically displays a screen with an UNINSTALL button, or by selecting Start/Programs/Ultima Online/Uninstall Ultima Online. Simply deleting your game folder and shortcut won't work.

If the UO files on your hard drive become corrupted, or you wish to upgrade to a larger install size, you may do so with the REINSTALL button on the same screen. See p. 11 for instructions on reinstalling.

Note that reinstalling your game can not affect your character(s) or any possessions, since all of these are stored on our servers, not on individual players' systems. As long as you retain your account and password, your character(s) and possessions should not be affected by the status of your computer. (However, both skills and possessions can atrophy if not used for long periods of time.)

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## CANCELLING A GAME ACCOUNT

To cancel your game account:

- 1. Insert your UO:T2A game CD into the CD-ROM drive. The install program should run. (If not, open My *Computer* and double-left-click on your CD-ROM drive icon.)
- 2. Select an ADVANCED install.
- 3. Select SETUP ACCOUNT to connect to the game registration site.
- (1-3. Alternatively, you can open a web browser and go to ULTIMA-REGISTRATION.COM.)
- 4. Select CHANGE ACCOUNT.
- 5. Enter your account name and password, then left-click NEXT. Your current account status and billing information will display onscreen.
- 6. Select CANCEL ACCOUNT, then confirm the cancellation. This will close your account, and you will not be billed again.

# DIRECTX

Microsoft's *DirectX* is a set of 32-bit software drivers for your computer's peripherals, such as sound and video cards. Without the correct version of *DirectX*, the game may not function properly.

UO works with DirectX version 6.0, a copy of which is included on the UO:T2A CD.

To check what version of *DirectX* you're running, run DXSETUP.EXE (in *Windows 95*) or DXTOOL.EXE (in *Windows 98*)(see Step 4, below).

- If the game won't run correctly, some of your hardware devices may require an earlier version of *DirectX*. Refer to *DirectX* Troubleshooting, p. 14.
- If you install *DirectX*, you must restart your system before playing the game.
- If you have specific *DirectX* drivers from your hardware manufacturer, you may need to reinstall them after installing *DirectX* 6.0 from this game CD.

Do not install an older version of *DirectX* over a newer version. Downgrading existing drivers may corrupt them. If this happens, you will need to reinstall your video driver and/or reinstall *Windows* 95/98. Please consult your computer vendor before attempting to reinstall anything.

If you're using an older version, please run DXSETUP from the UO:T2A CD to uninstall your version and install *DirectX* version 6.0 (included on the game CD).



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## **Uninstalling / Reinstalling DirectX**

- 1. Place the UO:T2A CD in the CD drive. Double-left-click My Computer.
- 2. Right-click on the CD-ROM disc icon.
- 3. Left-click OPEN.
- 4. Double-left-click the *DirectX* folder, then the DXSETUP.EXE icon.
- 5. Left-click RESTORE AUDIO DRIVERS and RESTORE DISPLAY DRIVERS to restore your old *Windows 95/98* drivers. (If these buttons are gray, go to Step 8.)
- 6. A prompt appears, asking if you want to restart now or later. Left-click RESTART NOW.
- 7. After restarting, repeat Steps 1-5 to return to the DirectX setup window.
- 8. Left-click RE-INSTALL DIRECTX. At the prompt, restart your computer.

Try re-running UO.

If you're still having problems, please visit the UO web site at WWW.ULTIMAONLINE.COM. (Select *Help & Guidance*, then *Install Guide*, then *DirectX*.)

# SYSTRAN AUTOTRANSLATION

The autotranslation system is installed automatically, regardless of which type of installation process you select. When on, it detects the "native" language of your computer. If that native language is English, German or Japanese, it automatically translates any speech or chat text from either of the other two languages into your system's native language.

The default for autotranslation is On. If you want to turn it Off, or want to configure other language translations, want to adjust when translations are made (automatically or on demand), or want to change the color of translated text, see **Interface Options: Language: Autotranslation**, on p. 7.3 in the *Playguide*.

# TROUBLESHOOTING

## **DirectX** Support

*DirectX* is a Microsoft product. Unsupported or outdated *DirectX* drivers may cause your computer to lock up or crash. You will need to contact Microsoft for *DirectX* support:

Phone	(800) 426-9400
WWW	WWW.MICROSOFT.COM/SUPPORT
or	WWW.MICROSOFT.COM/DIRECTX/RESOURCES/SUPPORT.HTM
BBS	(206) 936-6735

## **DirectX** Troubleshooting

If you're having problems getting the game to run correctly, here are a few items that may help you troubleshoot the problem.

**Run DXDIAG.** You can usually find DXDIAG.EXE file on your hard drive under Program Files/DirectX/Setup (See Step 4 on the previous page). This utility may detect hardware incompatibilities on your system, but isn't always accurate. It also displays *DirectX* version numbers for all system components. All components except for your display and audio drivers should have the version number 4.06.00.0318 (center column). Optimally, the program should tell you that your driver is certified (right column).

- If DXDIAG reports "no hardware support," then you will need to obtain proper, certified hardware drivers from your manufacturer.
- If DXDIAG reports nothing (i.e., instead of "certified" or "no hardware support," the report is blank), then the game may not work. This can mean, however, that you're using the component manufacturer's *DirectX* driver instead of the one supplied with the game. You must in all cases have a *DirectX* driver for your hardware.

*DirectX* works as a single unit, and all drivers must be the same version. If you have mixed versions, the game will have many problems. To fix this, uninstall any other versions of *DirectX* on your system and make sure you've installed version 6.0 (included on the game CD).

Check free hard drive space on your system. Some *DirectX* errors can occur if you don't have at least 60 megabytes free hard drive space (on top of the megabytes the game requires). This space is used as a temporary swap file while you're playing. Try freeing up some space and running the game again.

Reduce the number of programs you have open. Running too many applications at once can cause problems. To see how many are open, count the icons on your *Windows* 





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95/98 task bar. Try closing one or more applications by right-clicking on the icon, then selecting close.

Check your video driver. Some video cards have special utilities that run when *Windows* 95/98 starts — they may conflict with the game. Please contact your device manufacturer for instructions on disabling or removing these drivers.

## **Common Questions**

This section gives basic troubleshooting information that should help get you up and running. For a comprehensive listing of troubleshooting information, please visit the *UO* web site at WWW.ULTIMAONLINE.COM. (Select Help & Guidance, then Tech Support, then Troubleshooting.)

Q: During installation I get a "Welcome has caused an exception O3H" error. What should I do?

A: Check the date set on your computer. (Double-left-click on the digital clock at the end of your Start Bar.) Make sure that the date and year are set correctly.

**Q:** While installing, I get the message, "DSETUP.DLL cannot start or is already in use." What should I do?

A1: Manually install DirectX from the UO:T2A CD (see p. 12).

A2: Turn off Autorun for your CD drive. To do this, first follow steps 1-4 in Hardware Problems (p. 16). Once in the Device Manager, locate your CD-ROM icon and click on the ":". Now left-click on the device that appears and click on Properties. Click on the Settings tab and remove the "4" from *Auto Insert Notification*.

**Q:** During installation, I get the message telling me that my display must be in 16-bit mode. How do I make this happen?

A: Right-click on your Desktop and left-click on **Properties**. Left-click on the **Settings** tab. Here you will see a **Color Palette** box. Click on the down arrow and select 16-BIT HIGH COLOR from the list, then click OK.

Q: I have a supported sound card (or a 100% compatible card) but I am not getting any sound while playing UO.

A: Your sound card may not have a certified *DirectX* driver. In order to hear sound and music, you may need to obtain an updated driver from the device manufacturer. Please see *DirectX* Troubleshooting, p. 14.

Q: Whenever I run UO, the game seems to run very slowly. What can I do to speed it up?

A1: If this occurs during peak usage times (such as evenings and weekends), your connection to your Internet Service Provider may have slowed down due to a large number of users. Also, there may be an unusually high number of *UO* characters playing at once.

A2: You may be running the game with your display set to 24-bit true color. Although this is fine for most machines and gives the best graphical detail, reducing the screen color depth to high-color (16-bit) may free up extra RAM for the game.

A3: You could be running low on memory because you have too many applications open . Every program you run simultaneously uses some of your system's free RAM. Try closing one or more programs, then re-running the game.

A4: If you originally selected a Typical install, consider selecting the Full install. If you have enough free hard drive space, *UO* will benefit greatly from the largest possible install. Insert your UO:T2A CD in the drive. If the install menu does not appear on its own, click on the SETUP icon on your CD ROM drive, then click on the REINSTALL button. This will copy additional information to your hard drive, thus increasing your game's smoothness. (Your saved characters will not be affected.)

A5: You might need more hard drive space. UO runs best when there is at least 50 megs free space available on the hard drive for swap files. Try to make at least 50 megs available.

A6: There might be an internet router problem slowing things down. Get UOTRACE.EXE from FTP://FTP.EA.COM/PUB/ORIGIN/MISC/UOTRACE/UOTRACE.EXE. Download it and run it to see if you have a good connection to the server.

To use UOTRACE, open the program, click on options and select advanced. Now select the server that you play on from the pull-down menu and click the TRACEROUTE button. When the traceroute is finished, click on the POLL button. Let this run for 10-15 seconds and click on on the same button (which will now read STOP POLL). The significant information on the display you will see is Average Ping Time and % Loss. Average Ping Time should be no more than 500-700 ms, and your % Loss should be no higher than 10-15%. If either is more than indicated, you may experience slow play or frequent "connection lost" messages.

## **Hardware Problems**

As with all *Windows* 95/98-native software, the *Windows* 95/98 version of UO uses your existing *Windows* 95/98 software and drivers to talk to your hardware. If hardware devices are not configured correctly or are missing, you may experience problems. To check your hardware:

- 1. Left-click Start from the task bar.
- 2. Choose Settings, then Control Panel.
- 3. Double-left-click on the System icon in the Control Panel.
- 4. From the System Properties window, left-click the Device Manager tab.
- 5. To check the hardware device, left-click on the cross symbol to the left of its name.



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- 6. Left-click on the name of the device you wish to check, then left-click on **Properties**.
- 7. Check the **Device Status** section. You should see "This device is working properly." If not, then you need to reconfigure that device. Consult your hardware documentation and/or vendor.

If your *Windows* 95/98 setup detects duplicate or "phantom" hardware (such as multiple mice, video cards, etc.), consult your hardware documentation and/or hardware vendor. For more information, contact your retailer or hardware manufacturer.

## ORIGIN TECH SUPPORT / CUSTOMER SERVICE

## **Before You Contact Us**

ORIGIN Tech Support only supports installation and technical issues for UO. For In-Game Support, see p. 19.

For the fastest technical help or customer support, visit the tech support web site at WWW.OWO.COM/HELP/INDEX.HTML.

For up-to-date electronic game documentation, exciting game news, chat boards and more, visit the UO web site at WWW.ULTIMAONLINE.COM.

For Netscape Navigator support, visit HELP.NETSCAPE.COM.

For AT&T Worldnet support, see p. 28 of this install guide.

If you are still having problems with the UO software, please read **Contacting Product Support** (p. 18).

Today's PCs run with millions of different hardware and software combinations. Because of this, you may also have to refer to your computer dealer, hardware manufacturer or system software publisher to configure their product correctly for the game. When you contact us, we will be able to serve you better if you have the following information:

- Error message that displayed when the problem occurred
- Listing of your machine's type and hardware contents
- Version of *DirectX* you're using and current hardware driver certification numbers
- Type and speed of your CD-ROM drive
- The brand of your video card
- The brand of your sound card, and its IRQ, I/O address and DMA settings

- The type of modem (or other connection to the net) you are using
- Your ISP (Internet Service Provider)

## **Contacting ORIGIN Product Support**

#### Internet

Visit our Product Support web site at WWW.OWO.COM/HELP/INDEX.HTML, then select TECH SPPT for common troubleshooting solutions, hints and contact information for hardware manufacturers. You can also contact our on-line technicians from this site. The Web browsers contained in AOL and CompuServe can also reach this site.

If you don't have access to the World Wide Web, you can e-mail our Customer Service Department at SUPPORT@OWO.COM. Internet support can take up to 96 hours, depending on the volume of messages.

#### Telephone

Contact ORIGIN Product Support at (512) 434-HELP (434-4357), Monday through Friday, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Central Standard Time. (The phones are closed from 12:45 p.m. to 2 p.m.) Times may occasionally change.

#### Fax

The ORIGIN fax number is (512) 795-8014. Please include your fax number; faxes will be answered by fax.

#### **Standard Mail**

ORIGIN Customer Service 5918 West Courtyard Drive Austin, TX 78730 Attn: Player Relations





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# **IN-GAME SUPPORT**

The following material is available online, at WWW.OWO.COM/HELP/INDEX.HTML and through In-Game Support. Check that site for updated information, or for further details.

## **Counselors and GMs**

Britannia can be a big and confusing place, particularly if you've never played a game like this before. To help you get started, counselors can be called to give you advice. Counselors are players, like yourself, who are experienced and knowledgeable about the game, and who have *volunteered* to take some time off from their normal adventuring characters to supply advice to those who need it.

#### The "Help" button in your Character Window

When you use this button, a help menu should appear. Correctly following the branches of this menu should lead you to the proper source of help. It is important to read each selection carefully and select the appropriate branch to ensure you are helped in the proper way. Correctly using this button has four possible outcomes:

- Very often the answer you need is in the documentation. Following the proper branch will take you to online documentation in order to help you find the answer you need.
- When you need a hint, or an idea of how something functions, your call may be placed into a queue which is answered by Counselors.
- If a specific situation should be directly addressed, your call may be placed into the GM help queue.
- If the best way to help you is for you to send an e-mail, you will be given a screen into which you can type your message. You will receive an e-mail response within 96 hours.

#### What a Counselor is for

Counselors are UO players much like you. They have graciously volunteered to share their expertise in the land with those who need help. Counselors provide hints and guidance to newer players who need help, and even players that have been around for awhile who are trying something new. In their counselor role, they cannot be harmed and cannot attack.

Because counselors are volunteer players, ORIGIN cannot guarantee that a counselor will be available when you page for one. They may be especially rare during off-peak hours.

## **Game Master Guidelines**

Providing quality support for our customers is our top priority. While we would like to help players with any difficulties, it is important to understand even Game Masters (GMs) have limitations on what they can do. At this time, the GMs monitor the game from 2:00 p.m. to midnight (CST). As a general rule, GMs assist players who are experiencing serious, unusual problems during game play. It is important to remember that GMs solve problems and help players more quickly as an invisible presence, and therefore will usually only appear when absolutely necessary. That means you may not see them when they help you, but they will send you private messages that appear in the lower left portion of your screen. Keep an eye out for such messages, or keep your Journal open so you can read the messages GMs send.

#### **Priorities**

GMs answer time-sensitive calls first, then prioritize their calls accordingly. Harassment and exploitation calls require an immediate response and GMs will attempt to respond to those calls as they are made. The GMs will assist with other serious, time-sensitive circumstances as they arise. High priority calls include the following situations:

- Hate mongering, sexual harassment or racial slurs
- Your character is physically stuck and unable to move
- Players are abusing a loophole in the game

For clarification, we define this as a player utilizing an unintended loophole in the game system to gain an unfair advantage over another player or players. These techniques fall outside the range of normal game play. In the case of loophole calls, the GMs *must* witness the use of the loophole before they can intervene. They will investigate the call and if they witness the loophole, they will take appropriate action against the exploiting player. A few examples of past and present loopholes include:

- Town killing
- Duplication of items
- Artificially inflating skills and/or stats
- Utilization of weapons with inflated damage modifiers
- Illegal house break-ins

#### Examples of help that can be provided directly

GMs are also able to help in certain instances because they can immediately assess and verify the problem. For instance, a GM can also be of assistance in the following circumstances:



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- Your spell book crashes
- You have built a house on top of an existing house
- To remove old guild tags from names (for instance "Bob-FG" meaning Bob is in the Fishing, or Maritime, Guild can be changed to remove association to the guild)
- Your vendor was accidentally placed inside your house

#### **Unverifiable Complaints**

Unfortunately, GMs cannot verify every complaint. For example, GMs cannot track characters' stats or ownership histories, so they cannot help with those kinds of losses. Therefore, a GM will not respond to non-verifiable issues such as:

- You wish to change your character name
- You have lost your keys
- You want to be resurrected
- You want to be teleported from one location to another
- You have lost items
- Your pack horse has vanished
- You have lost points of a particular stat or skill
- Items in your house have decayed
- You were accidentally resurrected with penalties, and want to be restored to your previous state
- You lost items or time due to a server downtime

A GM FAQ is available on the UO website that gives you more specific information about which situations GMs can remedy.

#### **GM or Counselor Complaints**

It is our goal to maintain the game and help those who are truly in need. Should you have a concern about GM or Counselor service please feel free to contact us using the form at WWW.OWO.COM/HELP/TECHMAIN.

Please remember Game Masters are only available to help with the following types of calls:

- character cannot move
- you are being harassed
- your character cannot continue



These are the options available when you click on the **Help** button in your Character Window. Choose the area in which you require assistance from below.

- Character is physically stuck. This type of call can only be handled by a Game Master. Game Master hours are 2:00 p.m. to midnight (CST).
- Another player is harassing me. Again, the only way for us to verify this kind of issue directly is for you to call a Game Master. If the harassment occurs outside of Game Master hours, please send a message to our e-mail support.
- Character cannot continue. If your character is suffering from a drastic error which is preventing you from continuing within the game, please page a Game Master during the posted hours or write to our e-mail support.
- Technical support. This includes sound or video problems, client crashes, lag, latency or other technical issues. You may try to resolve these issues through our web page troubleshooter or e-mail, or you may speak to a technical support representative directly.

Sub-menu choices include: *Phone Support, E-Mail Support and Web Support. Phone* and *E-Mail Support* buttons produce information text; *Web Support* opens your browser to our support area.

- Billing issues. If you cannot log into the game, if you believe your billing statement in error, or just have general billing questions, select this option. It opens an information web page pointing to tech support phone numbers and web pages.
- General hints/gameplay questions. If you need a hint or just a push in the right direction, select this option. Sub-menu choices allow you to page a counselor or open your web brower. This also includes a pointer to e-mail support.
- Request latest game information. We continuously update all new information regarding *UO*, plus any information about upcoming updates, on our web page.
- Bug submission/lost items. You may submit any bugs to our web.
- Continue (view next screen)
- Previous (view previous screen)
- Done (send request)
- Cancel (return to game without sending any request)





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## **Minimum System Requirements**

IBM-Compatible Personal Computer Users:

- IBM-compatible computer with 486SX or higher processor
- 8 megs of RAM (or more for better performance)
- 15–36 megs of available hard disk space to install software, depending on platform (14–21 megs to use service after installation, depending on platform)
- Graphics system capable of displaying 256 colors
- 14,400 Kbps modem connected to an outside phone line and not a LAN or ISDN line
- Microsoft Windows 3.1x or Windows 95

## **Installation Tips and Instructions**

- If you have other Web browsers or online software, please consider uninstalling them according to vendor's instructions.
- If you are installing *AT&T Worldnet* Service on a computer with Local Area Networking, please contact your LAN administrator for setup instructions.
- At the end of installation, you may be asked to restart your computer.

IBM-compatible PC users:

- Insert the CD-ROM into the CD-ROM drive on your computer.
- Select FILE/RUN (for Windows 3.1x) or START/RUN (for Windows 95 if setup did not start automatically).
- Type D:/SETUP.EXE (or change the "D" if your CD-ROM is another drive).
- Click OK.
- Follow the onscreen instructions to install and register.

**Registering with AT&T Worldnet** Service

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- I. Use registration code LAK05N6A4 if you are an AT&T long-distance residential customer or LAK05N6A5 if you use another long-distance phone company.
- II. During registration, you will need to supply your name, address, valid credit card number and choose an account information security word, e-mail name and e-mail password. You will also be requested to select your preferred price plan at this time.

(We advise that you use all lowercase letters when assigning an e-mail ID and security code, since they are easier to remember.)

- III. If you make a mistake and exit or get disconnected during the registration process prematurely, all you need to do is click on "Create New Account". Do not click on "Edit Existing Account".
- IV. When choosing your local access telephone number, you will be given several options. Please choose the one nearest to you. Please note that calling a number within your area does not guarantee that the call is free.

## **Connecting to AT&T Worldnet Service**

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For Windows 95 users:

- Double-click on the **Connect to AT&T Worldnet Service** icon on your desktop, OR
- Select Start, Programs, AT&T Worldnet Software, Connect to AT&T WorlNet Service.

For Windows 3.x users:

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