

This booklet was originally produced for the BBC version of 'Giantkiller'. Inevitably, some sections are not appropriate as written for the PCW version. These notes relate the booklet to the PCW version.

'Getting Started'

Switch the computer system on, then follow the instructions on the disc label. The disc drive will whirr, and the program should start. Refer to the separate Information Booklet for details of how to use the program itself. If, after following all the instructions, you still can't get the program to start, or you are in any way not satisfied with its performance, return it to us in its original packaging, and we'll test it and replace if necessary.

This version does not use sound effects.

The first message that you will see differs slightly from that quoted in the middle of page 8. However, the on-screen instructions are straightforward, and should cause no difficulty.

All references to a file called INIT should be ignored. If you want to use a separate disc to save positions on, all you need is a correctly formatted 3-inch disc. The program will prompt you at the appropriate moment for the 'saved game' disc. (NB. The adventure disc must be in the default drive at ALL times that you are playing the game, EXCEPT when you are saving to or loading from a separate 'data' disc.)

SOME QUESTIONS ANSWERED:

I wanted to load a game I saved a week ago, but I couldn't remember what I called it. How do I find out?

The command CAT described in the Player's Guide does not function in this version. The only way to research names of saved games is to check them out before you start a game, ie from the A> prompt. (Use the DIR command, as described in your system manual under reference 'DIR'.)

I'm using a double disc system. Can I have the adventure disc in drive A, and my data disc in drive B?

We recommend this, but remember that the data disc must be of the correct type and correctly formatted for that drive - see your manual for details.

To save to drive B at the ':' prompt, type

SAVE <RETURN>

The computer will respond with:

Please insert saved game disc.
Save
:

Put your 'data' disc in drive B, then type:

B:gamename <RETURN>

where 'gamename' is the name that you are using for your saved position.

To get back to that saved position at a later date, type LOAD <RETURN> and follow the on-screen instructions, using B:gamename at the appropriate time.

I tried to save a game, but got a 'Disc full' message.

This means what it says. The disc is full. You have two choices: either put another (formatted) disc in the drive that you are using, or use the ERA facility, from the A> prompt, to erase one or more of your old files (see your system manual for details.)

I tried to save my position, but it won't let me!

If the name that you're typing in is too long (maximum 8 characters) the computer will just keep saying:

Save
:

until you use a name it likes. If you've opened the write-protect hole in the disc, you will get the message:

Abort, Retry, Ignore?

If write-protect is the problem, remove the disc, and close the hole. Put the disc back in the drive and type R <RETURN>. If write-protect isn't the problem, put a different (formatted) disc in the drive, and type R <RETURN>.

I want to back up the disc. Can I do this?

The disc is copy-protected. Attempts to copy it may result in damage to the code. Replacement or back-up discs are available from TOPOLOGIKA for a nominal fee.

When I try to LOAD a saved position, I get the message:

Open failure - please try again
From
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The program can't find a file of that name on the disc. You may have just mis-typed the name (in which case just type it again). You may be trying to load a game that you think you've saved, which, in fact, you didn't! Finally, you may be using drive B with a correctly formatted saved game disc, but omitting the drive reference from the 'gamename' (see above.)

