

DeLuxe Poker v1.1

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Introduction

In 1995 I wrote a gREAT poker game for the great Amiga(tm) using the powerful MUI interface ... after a looong year I decided to write a PC version of that hit using the powerful Delphi(tm) RAD system. I've improved graphics and added some new stuff, but the games scheme has not changed.

PC version is **SHAREWARE** and I've included a small tiresome "*noise*" that will encourage you to register:

EVERY 10 HANDS THE ABOUT WINDOW WILL AUTOMATICALLY APPEAR AND DPOKER WILL FORCE YOU TO WAIT A FEW SECONDS BEFORE CONTINUE PLAYING; IF YOU REGISTER YOUR COPY OF DPOKER THIS BORING TRICK WILL DISAPPEAR (see [How to register](#) section).

System requirements and DPOKERXX.ZIP archive

If you want to play DPoker you'll need a:

- PC386 or higher with 8Mb RAM
- a color VGA
- Windows(tm) (3.1, 3.11, 95 o NT)
- ~1Meg of free space on your Hard Disk
- a mouse (optional)

DPoker program and related files are stored in an archive called DPOKERXX.ZIP where XX is 11 for version 1.1, 12 for version 1.2, etc.

Files description:

SETUP.EXE	: installation program
DPOKER.EXE	: main program
DPOKER.HLP	: help file (English)
DPOKERIT.HLP	: help file (Italian)
DPOKER.INI	: DPoker initialization file
CARDS1.BMP	: the cards
LETTERS.BMP	: led font
LETTERS1.BMP	: led font
BRUSH.BMP	: a brush
BRUSH1.BMP	: a brush
REG.TXT	: registration form
REGIT.TXT	: registration form (Italian)
README.TXT	: Introduction and Installation sections in plain text format

Installation

Unzip DPOKERXX.ZIP archive into a temporary directory (or directly into your favourite game directory) then run the SETUP.EXE program found in the archive.

Installation options:

a) **copy files to a destination directory**: enable it if you want to copy DPOKER.EXE main program and the related files from the directory where youve unzipped DPOKERXX.ZIP archive to another directory. (default = enabled)

b) **create a group for DPoker in Program Manager**: enable it if you want to automatically create a group DPoker (with related icons) in your Program Manager. (default = enabled)

c) **help language**: choose the help language; English and Italian are available. (default = English)

Click on **<Install>** button to install DPoker, on **<Abort>** button if want to skip installation.

An installation example:

Suppose you've a floppy disk with DPOKER11.ZIP file.

- from Windows(tm) open a MS-DOS session (MS-DOS prompt) and type:

```
C:\> copy A:\DPOKER11.ZIP C:\TMP
C:\> cd C:\TMP
C:\TMP> unzip DPOKER11.ZIP
C:\TMP> exit
```

- select Run from File menu' and type:

```
C:\TMP\ SETUP.EXE
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then click **<OK>** button; wait a bit and click on **<Install>** button on the installation window;

- double click on DPoker icon in the new DPoker group and have fun!

NOTE: **if you dont run SETUP.EXE, DPoker will work perfectly as well**; but, in this case, youll need to add a Program Manager group (or item) and configure help language manually (see [DPOKER.INI FILE](#) section).

DPOKER.INI FILE

Manually modify this file only if you are an expert user!!!

[DPoker] section:

XDelayFlag=1 (1=enable XDelayTime, 0=show cards at maximum speed)
XDelayTime=100 ((msec.) if you increase/reduce this value DPoker will show cards slower/faster)
Language=ENG (help language; ENG=English, ITA=Italian)

How to play

DPoker is a video poker ... if you've never been in a Casino read these paragraphs carefully.

When you run DPoker, the game options window will appear. You must choose a player name:

- enter a new name, or
- enter a name you've already used.

If you enter a name you've already used DPoker will restore his credits and game statistics (see [Names&Players](#) section for further details).

On the right of the window there are three check-boxes that enable (disable) some game options:

[use Jokers](#),
[3 deals](#) and
[partial doubling](#).

Now, click **<Play Dpoker>** button to start betting.

A game in DPoker is made up of three phases:

PHASE I: BETTING

Click on **<Bet>** button to bet one credit or click on **<Bet10>** button to bet 10 credits; the maximum bet allowed is 20 credits. When you've made your bet click on **<Deal>** button and ... good luck!

PHASE II: CHANGING YOUR CARDS

If you want to hold one or more cards, click on buttons **<HOLD>**, the word "hold" under the selected cards will lighten. If you want to un-hold a selected card, click on the corresponding button again. When you are satisfied of your choice click on **<Deal>** button to change the cards that are not held.

PHASE III: LOSE OR WIN & RISK

If your cards form a winning combination (see below), you'll win some credits; otherwise you'll lose the credits you bet.

Now (if you've a winning combination) you can gamble your winnings (*i.e.* double them):

- click on **<Collect>** button if you **don't want** to gamble; the winnings will be added to your current credits;
- click on **<Deal>** button if you **want** to gamble:

DOUBLING RULES:

the leftmost card is the dealer's card, in order to double your winnings you must choose one of the remaining four cards; if the card you choose beats (*i.e.* is greater than) the dealer's card your winnings will be doubled, otherwise you'll lose them. If you succeed in doubling them, or your card is equal to the dealer's card (*i.e.* same number), you'll be asked if you want to gamble again, and so on.

If you don't know poker rules take a look to [Winning combinations](#) section.

Remember that you can play DPoker using only keyboard: an underlined letter on a button specifies the keyboard shortcut for that button. For example, **<Bet>**, **<Deal>** and **<Collect>** buttons can be clicked using **e**, **d** and **c** keys (on keyboard) respectively.

Names&Players

When you start DPoker, you can enter your player-name (default is "MR. ACE").

When you quit DPoker, it tries to save a file (called "PLAYER.INI") which keeps track of your credits, highscore, combinations, etc. When you re-start DPoker and enter a player-name that you've already used information about that player will be restored. Don't try to modify PLAYER.INI file (*i.e.* try to get 1000 credits for free): it has a checksum that prevents such modifications.

If you want to start a "completely-new-DPoker-session" and delete the database of players, delete (or rename) PLAYER.INI file.

use Jokers option:

if you enable this option a **joker** will be added to the pack of cards. Youll have more chances to get a winning combination:

2 + 2 + joker + 5 + 7 is a three of a kind combination,

4 + 5 + 6 + 8 (all hearts) + joker is a straight flush combination,

and so on ...

3 deals option:

if you enable this option you can get an extra changing your cards phase: after the bet-phase dpoker shows you the 5 cards and you can change some of them. When you click <Deal> button DPoker changes un-held cards and, if youve not obtained a winning combination (or you still want to change some cards) and **3 deals** option is enabled, you can change some cards again. Click <Collect> button if you dont want the extra phase, click <Deal> button if you want the extra phase. *Remember that the extra phase will cost to you a sum equal to the current bet-sum.*

For example, suppose youve bet 15 credits and dpoker gives you these cards:

9 + 10 + 3 + queen + king

Change only the 3 (hold the other 4 cards) and click <Deal> button but the new card is a 2:

9 + 10 + 2 + queen + king

You want an extra hold-phase, so you click <Deal> button: 15 more credits will be subtracted from the total.

Change only the 2 (hold the other 4 cards) and click <Deal> button again:

if the new card is a jack then youll get a straight and win $15 * 5 = 75$ credits (or $15 * 40 = 600$ credits if it is a straight flush);

if the new card is not a jack then youll lose $15 + 15 = 30$ credits ... sorry!

partial doubling option:

if you enable this option you'll be able to gamble (double) only a part of your winnings. For example, suppose you've won 16 credits (got a two pair after a 8 credits bet). When DPoker asks you if you want to double them click on **<Collect>** button: 8 credits will be cashed and only 8 credits remain for doubling. Click on **<Collect>** again: 4 more credits will be cashed and only 4 credits remain for doubling. Click on **<Deal>** and if you're lucky you'll double (only) the 4 credits.

Winning combinations

1) **Jacks or better** = two jacks, two queens, two kings or two aces.
You'll win the same credits you bet.

2) **Two pair** = two cards with the same value form a pair.
For example, two pair combinations are: two 'jack' + two '3', two '10' + two '5', etc.
You'll win 2 times the stake.

3) **Three of a kind** = three cards with the same value.
For example: three 'ace', three '5', three '10', etc.
You'll win 3 times the stake.

4) **Straight** = the five cards form a sequence.
For example: 'ace' + '2' + '3' + '4' + '5', '8' + '9' + '10' + 'jack' + 'queen', '3' + '4' + '5' + '6' + '7', '10' + 'jack' + 'queen' + 'king' + 'ace', etc.
You'll win 5 times the stake.

5) **Flush** = the five cards have the same suit.
You'll win 7 times the stake.

6) **Full House** = a pair + three of a kind.
For example: '2' + '2' + '2' + '10' + '10', 'ace' + 'ace' + '4' + '4' + '4', etc.
You'll win 10 times the stake.

7) **Four of a kind** = four cards with the same value.
For example: '6' + '6' + 'queen' + '6' + '6' etc.
You'll win 30 times the stake.

8) **Straight flush** = straight + flush.
For example: '4' + '5' + '6' + '7' + '8' (all hearts).
You'll win 40 times the stake.

9) **Royal flush** = straight + flush + the highest card is an ace.
For example: '10' + 'jack' + 'queen' + 'king' + 'ace' (all hearts).
You'll win 50 times the stake.

NOTE: the order in which cards appear doesn't matter, *i.e.* '2' + 'ace' + '4' + 'ace' + 'queen' is the same of 'ace' + 'queen' + '4' + '2' + 'ace'.

How to register

If you like DPoker and decide to register then you must fill out the [registration form](#) and post it to me together with the money. As soon as I receive it Ill send to you the *registration password* that you can use to register to DPoker.

When youve got the *registration password* follow these steps to get a registered copy of DPoker:

- 1- click on <**Info**> button;
- 2- insert the *registration password* (16 characters long) in the edit box on the left of <**Register DPoker**> button;
- 3- click on <**Register DPoker**> button;

your copy of DPoker is now a REGISTERED copy and you will be able to play it without a break!

NOTE: if youve got an email address youll receive the *registration password* very quickly; besides Ill inform you every time I release I new DPoker version (and where to download it).

Registration form

(you can find this text in reg.txt file, too)

Please fill this out if you want to register to Dpoker (if you haven't a printer, make a HAnD-copy of it); post it to me together with the money.

DON'T FORGET YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS!!!

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To: De Biasi Marzio
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ITALY

YES, I want to register to DPoker !!!

Send me the DPoker registration-password (WHICH WILL WORK WITH FUTURE DPoker VERSIONS, TOO) to the address below (please use CAPITAL letters):

Name: _____

Street: _____

PC, City: _____

Country: _____

The shareware-fee enclosed is:

- Cash : 18 US \$ or an equivalent sum in DM or £ or Italian Lire (25.000 lire circa!)
- Cheque (INSIDE Italy - same as cash)
- Cheque (OUTSIDE Italy - 28 US \$ or an equivalent sum in DM or £ : international cheques need ready money to become ready money 8-(

Optional information:

E-Mail: _____ (*)

Phone: _____

Your PC (CPU type and speed): _____

HD, RAM: _____

Bugs, remarks, suggestions ...

(* if you have an email address, I'll send you the future versions of Dpoker directly, and (if you wish) you'll become a DPoker play-tester.

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Bugs report and contributions

If you find some bugs, encounter some problems or have some suggestions about DPoker, please send me an [email](#)

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS ARE WELCOME!!!!

([help me to improve DPoker](#))

Distribution and registration

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IF YOU PLAY DELUXE POKER AND FEEL THAT IT IS GOOD, YOU SHOULD REGISTER: THE SHAREWARE FEE IS USA \$18 (OR AN EQUIVALENT SUM IN DM OR ITALIAN LIRE).

Read section "[How to register](#)" for further details.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SHAREWARE!!!

NOTE: this program may be included in freeware and shareware collections, providing that the previous conditions are respected. TO SOFTWARE REVIEWS: if you include this program in one of your disks, please send me a copy of the review, thanks :-)

NOTE: if you want to make DPoker a commercial product contact me via [email](#).

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30 May 1996 (v1.1) -> new PC version

06 Jun 1995 (v1.0b) -> bug fixed: now DPoker correctly recognizes A, K, Q, J, 10 straights.

03 May 1995 (v1.0a) -> first Amiga(tm) version.

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