VLT POKER

The VLT POKER shareware version includes a "Jacks or Better" version of poker.   Other games and a more complete edition of help are included with the registered version of the software. For Information on registering choose "Register" from the "File" menu.   For information on how the marketing plan for VLT POKER works, choose "Marketing Plan" from the "Help" menu.

Playing VLT POKER (Jacks or Better)

To get to the VLT POKER main screen (if you are not already there), click the **Let's Play** button. Once you are on the mains screen the backs of your first hand of cards is displayed.

Jacks or Better is a five card, single draw, no wildcards poker game.   Betting is handled using credits and each time you reset the game you are given 100 credits.   The maximum bet per hand is five credits.   This version of Jacks or Better also includes a Double Up feature.   Double Up allows you to take any winning hand and attempt to double your earnings.   Simply choose a card with a higher value than the displayed card and you win.   There is no limit to the number of times you can Double Up.

Dealing Cards

Deal the hand by clicking the **Deal Cards** button at the bottom-right of the screen or by tabbing to the **Deal Cards** button and pressing Enter.   This will shuffle the deck and provide you with the top five cards.   If you have any winning hand the title of that hand and the corresponding payout value will be highlighted in the listing above the cards.   The **Deal Cards** button now becomes the **Draw Cards** button.   You may hold cards any cards you wish and take one draw to try to improve your hand.

Holding Cards

Hold any card by clicking on that card after you have dealt a new hand or by pressing the number corresponding to that card (i.e., press 1 to hold the first card from the left, 2 to hold the second card, etc.).   Since there is only one draw per turn, you may not hold additional cards after the first draw.   When a card is held, "HOLD" will appear below the selected card.   You may release a card by clicking a second time on the card which will remove the "HOLD" indicator.

Drawing Cards

Draw additional cards by clicking on the **Draw Cards** button or by tabbing to the **Draw Cards** button and pressing Enter.   This button can also be activated by pressing *alt-D*.   When a hand is dealt initially, the label on the **Deal Cards** button is changed to **Draw Cards**.   After dealing you may hold any of the cards and then select **Draw Cards** to replace the unheld cards with new cards from the deck.

Betting

Before dealing you may choose to bet between one and five credits on the next hand.   When betting is not an option the betting buttons are disabled.   To bet one credit click once on the **Bet One** button.   The payout schedule on the screen reflects the values of achieving a particular hand.   To bet additional credits continue to press the **Bet One** button.   The number of credits bet will increase and the payout schedule will change accordingly.   The maximum bet is five credits and can be accessed by clicking the **Maximum Bet** button.   Once a bet value is chosen, that value becomes the default bet for subsequent hands. (Until the bet is changed)

Doubling Up

After a winning hand has been achieved, you will be asked if you wish to attempt to double your earnings.   The deck will be shuffled and the first card will be shown.   To win, you must pick a card that has a higher value than the displayed card, irrespective of the suit.   If you succeed, you may continue to Double Up.   If you choose not to Double Up your earnings will be added to your balance.

Changing Card Backs

If you would like to change the backs of the cards you are using, click on **"File"** and then **"Deck"**.   The card back options will be displayed.   Click on the card back that you desire and choose OK.

Changing Games

The shareware version of VLT POKER includes "Jacks or Better".   The registered version includes: "Deuces Wild", "Joker Poker", and "Player's Choice" poker games.   Register now and we will send you these games along with additional documentation.