

explosiveCHAOS guide

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Chapter 1

explosiveCHAOS guide

1.1 explosiveCHAOS

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To the Menu

1.2 explosiveCHAOS

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Billy & Joel VS Mr. Manix' Mutant Monsters

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Getting Started
The basics.

Requirements
POWER???... naaah.

Plot
Ooooo, story time.

Controls
Left, right, left...

Passwords/Codes
Level codes and extras.

Load...
Access to your own levels...

Features
What the full game features.

Speed?
I feel the need for it!

Future
eCHAOS II ? YEAH!

I WANT THE FULL THING!
Details on how to...

Known Bugs
Bugs? Errr... yeah.

Other Stuff
Usual copyright notice.

Contact Me
How to get in touch.

1.3 How to Get Started...

-- GETTING STARTED -----

Get the chaosdem.lha (or chaosdem.zip, which is still an LHA file) and extract it to any directory on a floppy or hard-drive. Don't move any of the files around or the game might stuff up.

Okay... the full thing looks to be about 800K, or more, so the demo would be smaller! Fits on a disk! Hooray :) Although I'm not sure if the full game (or demo for that matter) will fit on a DD disk with all the music, so there is a separate .lha file called "ec_music.zip" which can be downloaded if you wish to have title and finish music. Note that if the music is not present, the game will still continue!

-- I've used "NoCorners!" MOD for the title music, but I don't know how to contact the authors for their "okay". I hope it is :)

The main game file should be able to be run from CLI, but otherwise just click on the icon.

You'll eventually be presented with the title screen.

1.4 The Plot (if you can call it that :)

-- THE PLOT -----

Mr. Manix, the psychotic scientist (aren't they all?), has been experimenting on innocent people, turning them into monsters to be controlled by his computers. Naturally you (Billy) and your twin brother (Joel) are the only ones who have the nerve (or the bombs) or save the day!

Narrator: "Upholders of Justice, Truth, and the Planet Earth!"

Billy: "Ummmmm.... nah, it's our day off."

Almost every level contains a number of computer consoles which must be destroyed to advance to the next area. If you manage to destroy all computers the remaining enslaved monsters (if any) break down into blobs which wiggle around the level. Once you have killed five of these you gain an extra life! YAHHOOO!

This makes for a whole new gaming experience all together - you start playing the game with the intention of SAVING the badguys, not blowing them up! There comes a time when you start saying things like: "Oh, darn, I just blew up another one."

1.5 Give me the controls!!!

-- CONTROLS -----

Player One: Joystick in Port 1

Player Two: Keyboard only (sorry):

Arrow keys to move

Return to drop bomb

Keys: P - Toggles pause on/off

Esq - During game: Quits to menu

While in pause: Quits whole game

On title screen: Quits game to WB/DOS

S - Brings up a file requestor to save screen shot

1.6 Features of the Full Game

-- FULL GAME -----

The full game features:

- No less than 30 levels of thrilling explosive CHAOS
- Joystick and keyboard control
 - Three different Worlds
- Four levels featuring MASSIVE bad guys
- Passwords and Codes
- Bonus Rounds
- Level Creator! - Allows ENDLESS possibility for new and exciting levels!
 - Make 'em, Play 'em, Swap 'em!
- Teleports
- Good ol' one direction arrows
- Keypads
- Robots! (mean >:)
- Mr. Manix himself!

1.7 Known Bugs... damm

-- KNOWN BUGS -----

Bugs? Eeek. Okay... I admit there's a few, but they aren't terribly serious so there is no cause for alarm.

- Often when Player2, using keyboard, presses return to put down a bomb, he will come to a stop. You will have to repress what ever direction arrow was down when you layed it (If that makes any sense...)
 - When entering the bonus round, the blobs may jump about a bit, ie: onto walls and the like. Give them a moment to recover, they've just decomposed into gelatinous material!
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- Boulders may flash after they are blown up. This will sometimes happen if a badguy was close by. Just a problem with AMOS's double buffering (or my programming :D)
- Powerups (if active) will flash... ummmm... no idea... call it a special effect.

1.8 Requirements - not much!

-- REQUIREMENTS ↔

Okay, looks great, needs a 68060 AGA Amiga, right? Wrong!

explosive CHAOS only needs:

- An Amiga (even non AGA!)
 - 68000, although '020 is seriously recommended
 - 1Mb RAM ! (0.5 Chip/0.5 Fast)
 - Can be run from floppy disk, but hard-drive recommended
- Needs an estimated 800K of disk space (plus a bit more if using all music)

You can check out speed results here:
Speed?

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1.9 How to get in touch with Leto Kauler

-- CONTACT -----

I (Leto Kauler) can be contacted by email:

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Tasmania, Australia

There will be updates about this game and other games on my homepage. Just follow the links to the AMOS PROgramming page (YES! explosive CHAOS was programmed in AMOS Pro! OH THE SHAME!!!..... Don't be put off...)

1.10 Other (un)important Stuff

-- OTHER STUFF -----

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1.11 Passwords/Codes

-- PASSWORDS / CODES -----

On the title screen is the Password option.

Selecting this will present you with the opportunity to enter a five digit code. This may be a level password or a code to change preferences (since I haven't put a proper menu in).

Here are some codes present in the full-game:

01001 - Player One off
01002 - Player One on

02001 - Player Two off
02002 - Player Two on

03001 - Powerups off
03002 - Powerups on (note: most of these won't work. They also cause annoying flashing effects)

040xx - Set Bomb time, where xx is a two digit number.
Default is 10, higher is slower, lower is quicker.

Resets to 10 every time you leave the game to return to the menu.

05001 - FPS display off
05002 - FPS display on - shows frames per second out of 50 max.

????? - Cheat (gasp!) ;D

1.12 I see a bright future... oh, they're headlights.

-- FUTURE ↔

Well I've got to say that explosiveCHAOS II is a definite possibility! There is a tonne of things I've left out of this game

which really need inclusion...

So... here's a list of some neat-o nifty cool ideas:

- Proper menu system - access to better prefs.
- THREE players - two joystick + keyboard
- Death matches
- Selectable character appearance - using individual graphics files. Would allow almost endless different players
- Replacable sound FX - already possible if you've got AMOS
- Serial linkage
- Different weapons - missile launchers? mines? Yeeee-haw!
- Gore mode - seems to be popular :/
- Collectable items from dead guys
- Better LevelEditor - able to include destination of teleports in level data.

Any more ideas? How about
contacting me
?

1.13 Extra Levels... I can't wait!

-- EXTRA LEVELS -----

From the title screen option Load..., (not available in demo) you have the ability to select whole new series of levels!

Once selected, a requester will appear. This is where you select any one of a new collection of levels.

To revert to the "in-built" levels, go to Load... and press cancel.

The new levels must have their names in the format of:

nameXX.map

Where name is anything you choose. XX starts at 00 for the first level, then to 01, 02, etc. All levels need to end in ".map"

If there is a gap of two numbers (ie: name03.map then next one is name06.map) in the numbering the game will quit to the menu, resetting to usual levels.

1.14 I feel the need for Speed! - (Not the drug)

-- SPEED ↔

Okay. One slight problem with explosiveCHAOS is the speed at which it runs. Below are some results:

SYSTEM:	AVERAGE FPS:	MIN FPS:
A1200 020 10Mb RAM	48/50	22/50
A500 000 1Mb RAM	23/50	10/50

Not the greatest, sure, but it's the best I can manage. It also sounds worse than it is. On my A1200 it is quite playable.

If you find you can't run from the bombs fast enough, they can be slowed down. Click here for the
Codes

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1.15 How to get the FULL GAME

-- REGISTRATION -----

There should be enough good reasons for you to want the full version of explosiveCHAOS -- the best part is that it's free.

BUT --

For it to be free you need to do one of the things below. Just pick one or roll a die and follow the details of the corresponding die number (!)

- 1 - SwapWare: I will "swap" explosiveCHAOS for a game / util / creation you have made. As long as it's not utter crud which you made in 3.5 minutes, it will be accepted.
 - 2 - Postcard Ware: Send a nice postcard to the address given on the Contact page, with a reply email address.
 - 3 - Best URL Ware: Email the BEST web-site you know of (no pornos, etc.)
 - 4 - Same as #1
 - 5 - Same as #2
 - 6 - Same as #3
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ALTERNATIVELY, I will accept any amount of money (more than \$5)
(AUS\$ would be good) for which you will receive a SPECIAL,
PERSONALISED copy! You just can't beat that!

I'm not trying to make it a hassle to get the full game! It should
be fun! Go on, roll that die! :D