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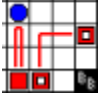
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Rules of the Game

The object of BlackBox is to determine the location of marbles in the box by bouncing 'light beams' off them. The fewer light beams you use, the better.

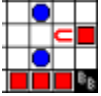
If a light beam hits a marble it is bounced straight back (marked by a solid red square).

If a light beam hits the 'corner' of a marble it is deflected left or right (marked by a matching set of red squares):

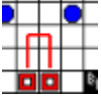


A light beam is blocked by a marble in any of the three squares at the edge of the board.

A light beam is bounced straight back by two marbles flanking its path:



A light beam can be affected by a number of marbles before returning to the edge:



Playing BlackBox

Click the left mouse button on any of the edge squares to send a light beam into the box. If it bounces straight back it will be marked by a solid red square. If not, two matching markers will be placed showing the entry and exit points.

Click the left mouse button on any squares in the box to toggle a marble. Use this to mark where you think the marbles must be.

When you feel you have correctly positioned all the marbles, select Give Up from the Game menu and the computer will show any marbles you may have missed or misplaced.

Tips and Strategy

Game Menu Commands

New

This option starts a new game, generating a new pattern of marbles. If there is a game in progress, all guesses are removed from the board.

Save

This option saves the current state of the game. Only one game at a time can be saved.

Load

This option restores the saved game.

Replay

This option starts a new game using the same pattern of marbles.

Give Up

Selecting the option will reveal the correct position of the marbles, highlighting those the user missed or incorrectly placed.

Exit

Exits BlackBox.

Option Menu Commands

Marbles

This option allows you to set the number of marbles hidden in the box, ranging from 4 to 8.

Rows

This option allows you to set the number of rows in the box, ranging from 4 to 12.

Columns

This option allows you to set the number of columns in the box, ranging from 4 to 12.

Defaults

Selecting this option sets the game to 5 marbles, 8 rows, and 8 columns.

Using the Keyboard

At this time, there is no support for playing MiserMind with just a keyboard. If you feel this is a terrible shortcoming, please send me a note to that effect and we will work on it.

Shareware

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