Four Rivers for Windows

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Requirements

Followings are required to play Four Rivers for Windows:

Hardware
   80386 or higher machine
   640x480 or better color display
   Mouse or similar pointing device
   4MB or more RAM memory
Software
   Windows 3.1

Introduction

Four Rivers is a game for 1 person played with mahjong pieces.   Mahjong is played using 136 pieces, but Four Rivers requires 144 pieces.   These pieces are played randomly on a board and they are removed 2 pieces at a time. A stage end when all pieces are cleared.

To Clear Pieces

  Following rules must be satisfied:
    1. Both pieces must have the same design
    2. Selected pieces are next to each other
       OR
     They may be connected by at most 3 straight lines on a cleared area.

Installation

To install and remove Four Rivers for Windows from the system, do the following steps:

<u>To install</u>

> After decompressing FORIV.LZH file in a directory, execute FORIV.EXE file from the File Manager or from the Program Manager (choose [FILE]-[RUN]).
> It is recommended that Four Rivers icon be placed in some group in the Program Manager.
> **Caution:**
> When the program is initially executed, FORIV.INI file is created in the same directory as the FORIV.EXE file.

<u>To remove</u>

> 1.Remove the Four Rivers for Windows icon from the group.
> 2.Delete files that were contained in the FORIV.LZH file and FORIV.INI file.

How to Play

To Starting a Game

Choose the **Start** button.   Pieces are placed on the board and timer is started.

To Select a Piece to Clear

Click the left mouse button on a piece to clear.   It will turn blue.   To deselect a piece, click the left mouse button on the same piece.

To Clear Pieces

After selecting a piece, select another piece with the same design.   If they satisfy requirements, the first piece moves to the second piece and they are cleared from the board.

Pieces must be cleared within the time allocated by the total stage time and by the clear piece time options.

Options such as time, undo, and advice may be set in the [File]- [Options] dialog box.

The game ends when there are not more pieces that can be cleared.

Advice

If there does not seem to be any pieces that can be cleared, choose the **Advice** button.   Pieces that can still be cleared are displayed yellow.

To remove these pieces, click the left mouse button.   Number of times [Advice] button may be used is set in the [File]- [option] dialog box.

Undo (take back the last move)

Cleared pieces may be place back on the board by choosing the **UnDo** button.

Number of times[Undo] button may be used are set in the [File]-[Options] dialog box.

Give Up

To end the game in progress, choose the **Give Up** button.

Sound/Flash

Effects during the games may be changed by **Sound** and

Flash buttons.

Choosing the **Sound** button plays WAV files while choosing the

Flash button flashes the window to notify game status.

Options

To change game options, select [File] from the menu and select [Options]
from the pull-down menu.   An Options Setting dialog box is displayed. Change
the options and choose the [OK] button.   Choosing the [Cancel] button cancels
settings that have just been modified.

Total Stage Time

The total time allowed to clear all the pieces from the board.   Allowed setting is from 300 seconds (5 min.) to 3600
seconds (1 hr.).   The default setting is 600 seconds (10 min.).   Uncheck this option to disable total stage timer.

Clear Piece Time

Allowed time to clear 1 set of pieces from a board.   Allowed setting is from 10 seconds to 99 seconds.   The
default setting is 60 seconds (1 min.).   Uncheck this option to disable this timer.

Number of Advice Allowed

Number of time advice may be given (advice is given each time button is chosen).   Allowed
setting is from 0 to 99 times.   The default setting is 5 times.   Uncheck this option for unlimited number of advice.

Number of Undo's Allowed

Number of time pieces may be placed back on the board (pieces are moved back each time button
is chosen).   Allowed setting is from 0 to 99 times.   The default setting is 5 times.   Uncheck this option for
unlimited number of undo's.

Show Same Pieces

Change the color of pieces with the same design as a selected piece.   Uncheck this option to not show pieces of
the same design.

Stop Timer when Minimized

Stop timers when Four Rivers game window is minimized.   Uncheck this option to continue timer count even
when the Four Rivers window is minimized.

Piece Speed

Set the speed at which a piece moves to the first selected piece to be cleared.

Select Layout

This version of Four Rivers contains 5 piece layout.

Sound Files

When Sound button chosen, Four Rivers for Windows plays following WAV files located in the same directory as the FORIV.EXE file.

Files

START.WAV	Played at the start of a game
COMPLETE.WAV	Played at the completion of a stage
GIVEUP.WAV	Played when there is no other move
TIMEWARN.WAV	Played 5 seconds before time up
TIMEOVER.WAV	Played at time up
SELECT.WAV	Played when a piece is selected
CANCEL.WAV	Played when a piece is deselected
ADVICE.WAV	Played during giving advice
UNDO.WAV	Played during Undo
BGNSLIDE.WAV	Played at the start of piece movement
ENDSLIDE.WAV	Played at the end of piece movement
CANTMOVE.WAV	Played when there is no move pieces that can be cleared from the board

Miscellaneous

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3. Please make it apparent that Four Rivers for Windows is a FREE SOFT.   It is necessary to state this in the program description.
4. If this program is to be mentioned in any article, please send a E-mail to one of the developers.

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