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## Overview

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Klotski (or Klocki) is the Polish word for blocks. The original game was a small wooden board that could be arranged into several puzzles, where the blocks were manipulated until a master block was freed. Polish children played this game to develop basic strategy skills.

Microsoft Klotski is a challenging computer brain-teaser. The object of the game is to move the red block out of a case through a single exit and to a corner of the screen indicated by indentations. However, to do so you must maneuver other blocks of varying shapes and sizes to allow the red block to reach its destination.

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## Playing the Game

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The object of Klotski is to maneuver the red block to its destination in the fewest number of moves. The number of spaces doesn't matter, instead it is the number of blocks moved which does.

### To Start a New Game:

- ➔ From the Game menu, choose Level 1, Level 2, or Level 3. Then choose which board you want to solve in that level.

### To Move a Block:

- ➔ Just click the block you want to move and drag it to where you want the block to go.

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## Rules of the Game

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### Klotski Rules:

◆ In Klotski, a block can only be moved into any open space where it fits. Blocks cannot be moved through the casing, marked in dark blue. Further, only the red block can be moved through the exit of the case, marked in light blue.

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## Scoring

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- ➔ Each time a block is moved counts as one step, regardless of the number of spaces it moved. The object of the game is to complete each puzzle by moving the blocks the fewest number of times.

## Strategy and Hints

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➤ Smaller blocks are easier to maneuver than larger blocks because they don't require large amounts of open space. So, you should try to get smaller blocks to surround the red block because you can more easily open a path for the red block.

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## Game Menu Commands

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### Level 1

Allows you to choose Klotski puzzles of Beginning difficulty.

### Level 2

Allows you to choose Klotski puzzles of Intermediate difficulty.

### Level 3

Allows you to choose Klotski puzzles of Advanced difficulty.

### Open

Allows you to play custom puzzles designed with the interactive editor included in the [standalone version](#) of Klotski.

### Score

Displays the High Scores table.

### Demo

Shows a Klotski puzzle being solved as you watch. **Note:** Running the demo will end your current game.

### Exit

Exits Klotski. You can exit at any time, even in the middle of a game.

The standalone version has an editor that allows you to create your own Klotski puzzles to share with other Klotski players. Other features of the standalone version include playback of partially completed Klotski games, saving the sequence of your solution, color control, sound, and a unique command block.

The standalone version of Klotski and the Additional Klotski Puzzles Disk can be found at retail outlets or directly from ZH Computer at PO Box 39764, Edina, MN 55349.  
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