

TIME COMMANDO



Screen Description

1 Player Energy

Your energy level is indicated by gold "energy batteries." The maximum number of batteries you can have at a time is four. Each time you are hit, your battery loses energy. When your battery level reaches zero, you die.

2 Extra Lives

Each "extra life" is visually represented by the *Time Commando* insignia. The maximum number of extra lives you can have at one time is three. Each time you die (i.e., your battery level is zero or the virus has completely contaminated the computer's memory), you can continue to play the current game if you have an "extra life." In this case, your energy is recharged to the maximum level—but no higher than the number of batteries. During the few seconds of flashing, you become invulnerable.

3 Enemy's Energy

Each time you're confronted by an enemy, the enemy's "life bar" will be displayed. When the bar is empty, the enemy dies.

4 Infected Memory Indicator

This bar indicates the virus' gradual infection of the HTC system memory. A few minutes before the computer's memory is completely contaminated, you will hear a steady beep that grows louder as the indicator becomes full. When the indicator is completely filled, the virus takes over the system and you die.

5 Non-Infected Memory Stock

Throughout the game, you must collect as many non-infected memory circuits as possible. Represented by blue chips, these circuits must be fed into the memory upload terminals to stall the virus' progress.

6 List of Available Weapons

You enter each new world without any weapons. To obtain weapons, you can take them from a dead enemy, pick them up off the ground, or search for them throughout each world. Each time you find one, it is stored in your weapon inventory boxes. Additional information is displayed above or below them, depending on the characteristics of each weapon.

For those weapons that require ammunition, the total amount of ammunition available is displayed below them. Below each firearm, there's a small green bar measuring the weapon's ammunition capacity and the amount of ammunition currently loaded. Once the firearm is empty, you must reload the weapon in order to use any ammunition you still have available.

7 Weapon Selected

A yellow frame and a brighter display indicate the weapon you have in hand.

8 Ammunition in the Weapon Charger

If your weapon is a firearm, the ammunition available in the charger is displayed on the side at the bottom of the screen.

Bonus Items



Healthy Memory

These blue chips are memory circuits not infected by the virus. Pick up as many of them as possible.



Memory Upload Terminal

Each time you're near a memory upload terminal, place yourself in front of one of these plasmatric half-spheres and press the Search/Action button. All the healthy memory circuits you've collected will then be sent back to the main computer to stop the virus progress.



Life Points (yellow cubes)

When you step on a yellow cube, you restore a little energy to your energy batteries. But the power you can gain is limited by your current number of batteries (1 to 4).



Life Points (red cubes)

When you step on a red cube, you gain the equivalent of one battery's worth of life points. Once again, the power gained cannot exceed the number of energy batteries you currently possess.



Energy Battery

Each gold battery you recover is added to your stockpile of energy batteries until the maximum number of batteries (4) is reached. If you pick up a new battery when you already have four, the new battery will simply disappear.



Extra Life

The game is over when your battery level reaches zero, or when the virus has contaminated all of the HTC computer's memory. However, if you have an extra life, you have another chance. You'll reappear, flashing on and off, at the spot where you died. As long as the flashing continues, you remain invulnerable. When you use an extra life, part of the infected memory is restored and your batteries' energy returns to the maximum level; however, you lose one battery from your stockpile.

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Keyboard Reference

