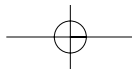
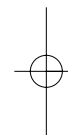
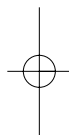


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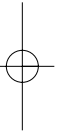
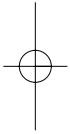
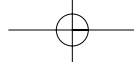
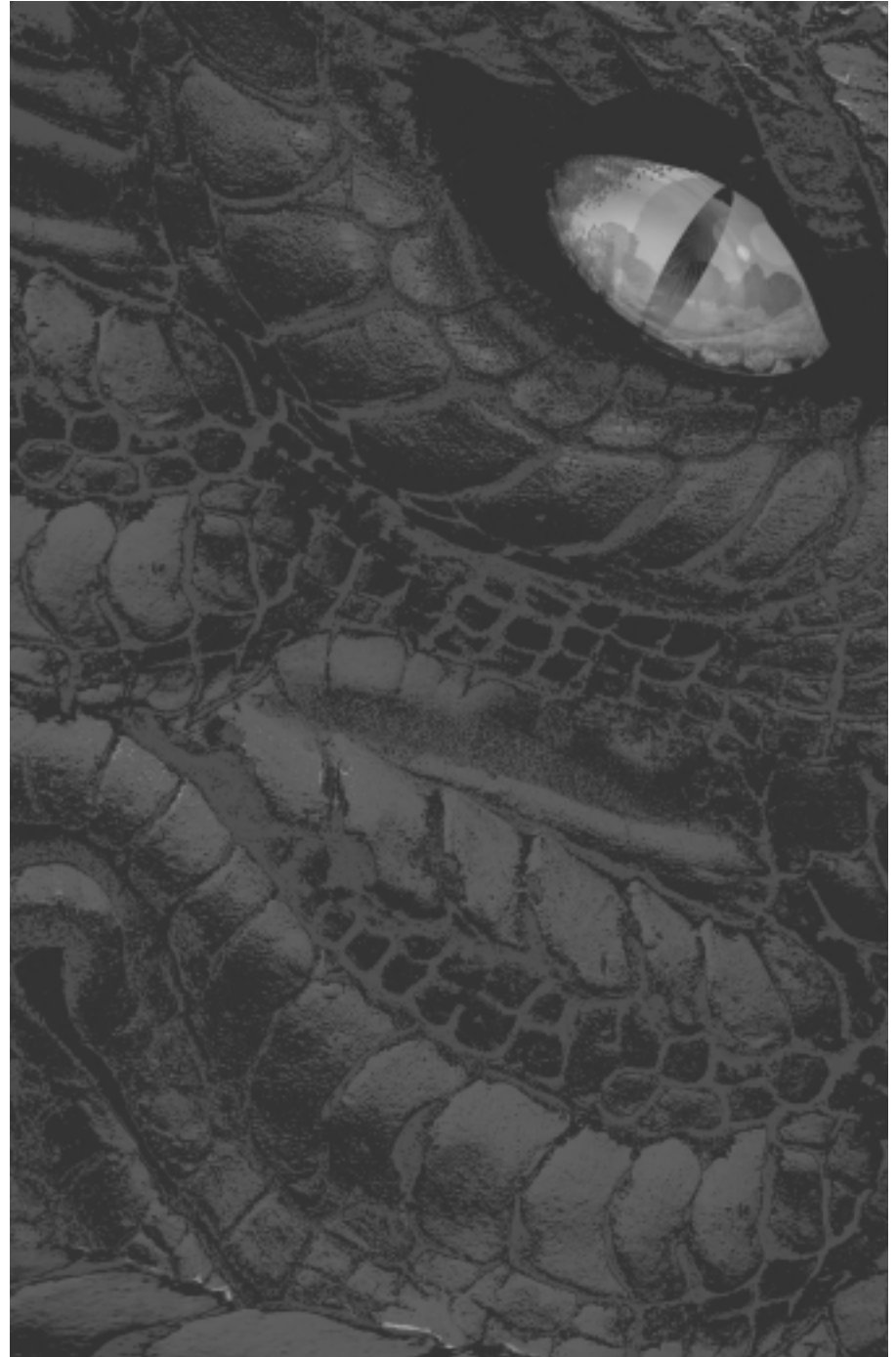
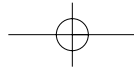


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Introduction

WELCOME TO HORIZONS!

A new world has risen among role-playing games, one that will usher in the next era of online play. It is an immense world where fantasy and reality blur — an epic expanse where thousands of online players create and seek out their own *Horizons*.

Welcome to the real-time world of Istaria, a boundless fantasy frontier offering a level of detail never before witnessed. Amid gorgeous landscapes, a diverse population builds and protects homes, villages and lives.

This land of possibility offers a staggering array of choices ranging from race to physical attributes to career selection. But one astounding option hovers far above the rest: the opportunity to play, for the first time, as a Dragon.

It is a world where fantasies will be realized... of master craftsmen, established guild leaders and majestic winged beasts. Weaponry will be built and enchanted. Horrific evil will be confronted. Heroes will be made.

A new world has risen. It has no equal.

Quick Start

THE README FILE

The *Horizons* CD-ROM contains a ReadMe file where you can view both the License Agreement and updated information about the game. We strongly encourage you to take the time to read this file in order to benefit from changes made after this manual went to print.

To view this file, double-click the ReadMe icon in the *Horizons* directory found on your hard drive (usually C:\Program Files\Artifact Entertainment\Horizons). You can also view the ReadMe file by first clicking on the Start button on your Windows® taskbar, then on Programs, then on Artifact Entertainment, then on *Horizons*, and then on ReadMe.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

- Operating System: Windows® 98/Me/2000/XP
(Windows® 2000 or XP recommended)
- Processor: Pentium® III 850 MHz or AMD Athlon 850 MHz
(Pentium® 4 1.4 GHz or AMD Athlon 1.4 GHz recommended)
- Memory: 256 MB RAM (512 MB RAM recommended)
- Hard Disk Space: 2 GB Free
- CD-ROM Drive: 8X Speed or faster
- Video: GeForce® 2 video card
(GeForce® 3 video card recommended)*
- Sound: Windows® 98/Me/2000/XP-compatible sound card*
- Internet Connection: 56 Kbps dial-up modem connection
(DSL or Cable Modem connection recommended)
- DirectX®: DirectX® version 8.1b (included) or higher

* Indicates device should be compatible with DirectX® version 8.1b or higher.

HORIZONS ONLINE HELP

Horizons is a constantly evolving game. In order to keep up-to-date with the latest enhancements, you will need to visit our web site at <http://horizons.istaria.com>. Here, you will find detailed information about the game, any new enhancements, news and features. See "Getting Help" on page 27 for more information.

INSTALLATION

1. Start Windows® 98/Me/2000/XP.
2. Insert the *Horizons* Disc 1 into your CD-ROM drive.
3. If AutoPlay is enabled, a title screen should appear. If AutoPlay is not enabled, or the installation does not start automatically, click on the Start button on your Windows® taskbar, then on Run. Type D:\Setup and click on OK. **Note:** If your CD-ROM drive is assigned to a letter other than D, substitute that letter.
4. Follow the remainder of the on-screen instructions to finish installing the *Horizons* CD-ROM game.
5. Once installation is complete, click on the Start button on the Windows® taskbar and choose Programs Files/Artifact Entertainment/*Horizons* to start the game.

Installation of DirectX®

The *Horizons* CD-ROM requires DirectX® 8.1b or higher in order to run. If you do not have DirectX® 8.1b or higher installed on your computer, click "Yes" when asked if you would like to install it.

ACCOUNT CREATION

1. Connect to the Internet and use a web browser to go to the *Horizons* web site (<http://horizons.istaria.com>). Click on the "Create Account" link. You will see instructions for completing the account creation process. Click "Next" after each step to proceed.
2. Read and accept the End-User License Agreement.
3. Enter the CD Key located on the inside front cover of the manual. This CD Key is unique to your copy of *Horizons* and is required to sign up for the game.
4. Enter your user information.
 - Your e-mail address will be both your unique username in our system and the primary method by which we will keep you informed of new updates, game information and events.
 - Your display name is used to identify your account to other players, if you choose to make it public.
 - Your password must be at least seven characters long and should contain a combination of letters and numbers.

5. Enter the contact name and address for the account.
6. Select the amount of time you wish to sign up for *Horizons*.
7. Click on "Finish" to submit your account information.

You will be redirected to iBill's web site to enter your payment information. After verifying that your billing information is correct, click on the "Secure Purchase" button to complete the transaction.

SERVER SELECTION

Each server in *Horizons* represents a separate world that differs slightly from the others. In addition to a distinct population of players, each world has been shaped by unique events that will provide a playing experience that differs slightly from others.



Your First Character

CHARACTER CREATION SCREEN

After you set up your account, it's time to create a character and begin exploring your fantasies in the world of Istaria. There are a number of ways to differentiate your characters from others in the game. Species and gender offer the most obvious differences, but you can also customize skin tone, hairstyle, hair color, facial features, body size, and more.

Note: You may have up to five characters in a single *Horizons* account.

1. After logging on to the *Horizons* web site (<http://horizons.istaria.com>), select your server and click on "Add Character."
2. Select a race by clicking on the left or right arrows.
3. Select a gender and click on "Continue."
4. Using the arrows and sliders, customize the appearance of your character by changing the hair, face, eyes, head, height, muscularity, portliness and other details.
5. Select Continue and enter a first and last name for your character. **Note:** Be advised that *Horizons* has a Naming Policy, which you can find in the policies section of the Knowledge Base (see page 27 for more information about the Knowledge Base).
6. Select "Play." Your character will arrive on one of the Spirit Isles in Istaria, ready to begin a new life.

RACE

Your choice of race won't limit any elements of gameplay — unless you opt to play as a Dragon. Dragons have their own schools and skills, as well as unique rules regarding items, abilities and activities.

Each race has its own unique strengths and weaknesses. Regardless of the race you choose, however, the flexible skill-based system in *Horizons* allows you to explore virtually any role in the game without having to create a separate character.



Dragons

The Dragons of Istaria are an enigmatic, ancient race whose existence predates the earliest written records. Dragons have always held themselves outside of the affairs of the other Living Races; only recently did both factions of Dragon society begin active cooperation with the "naka-duskael," which, roughly translated from the Dragon tongue, means "unscaled."

Dragons are the largest race — the eldest are at least twice the size of other races — and once Dragons reach a certain age, they achieve the gift of flight. A Dragon's skin is covered with thick scales that offer better protection than most armors worn by the Living Races. This natural armor increases in effectiveness with age. Dragons will also change appearance after certain rites of passage. They are the only Istarian race whose appearance can change with the passing of time.

Dragons also have natural breath weapons. Most Dragons spew fire, and some older specimens can breathe other forms of energy. The age of a Dragon dictates the potency and type of its breath weapon. Dragons shun the use of conventional tools, relying instead on their innate powers of magic.

Dragons hoard gold and treasures. The presence of some types of magical items within a Dragon's hoard will provide a magical boost to the owner's powers.

For centuries, the Dragons have endured what outsiders call the "Great Schism" between the two major Dragon society factions: the Lunus and the Helian. The Lunus are the warriors of Dragon society and share a great mistrust and dislike for the other Living Races, especially the Humans. It is this mutual dislike for the Humans that has fostered cooperation between the Lunus and the Fiends. The Helians are the scholars and mages of Dragon society. Less xenophobic, the Helians maintain a somewhat open dialogue with the Humans, the Dwarves and the free city of Tazoon.

The Dragons remain two distinct cultures and, even though the menace of the Undead Hordes might occasionally force them to work together, there is little chance that the Dragons will reunite under a single banner anytime soon.



Humans

It is widely believed that the Humans were one of the first races of Istaria — created by Istara, the Goddess of Creation, to occupy the world that she created and named in her own honor. Humans are outgoing and social, and they get along with most of the Living Races.

The Humans of Istaria best represent the two opposite attributes of the Living Races: the potential to create Utopia and the equal potential for self-destruction. It was a single act of Human self-sacrifice that gave the Living Races of today a fighting chance against the onslaught of the Withered Aegis. It was also, however, a single Human's lust for power that brought the world to the brink of oblivion.

As the "Children of Istara," Humans are known for their tremendous survival skills and adaptability, even under the least hospitable of conditions.



Fiends

The Fiends are an offshoot of the Human race, although they have long surrendered any association with the Humans. Their race began with a cadre of Human sorcerers and necromancers who were exiled from Human culture. This exile was not a gentle one, and wars raged between the two sides, culminating in the exiled embracing a new deity, Niatha Moraven, the Goddess of Vengeance and Power. With the power of a deity behind them, the exiled were able to resettle in the frigid lands of northern Aradoth, far from Human society. Niatha Moraven marked her new followers by making them strikingly beautiful but, in turn, gave them bestial features such as horns and tails. To this day, the Fiends pay fealty to Niatha Moraven, whom they call the Mother of the Fiends.

Because Fiends have spent generations living in the frozen wastes of the north, they are not bothered by the harsh climes, and they thrive where others would find the cold unbearable. Although all Fiends are creatures of physical beauty, this beauty is merely a pleasing countenance masking what history shows as a sinister nature... it is said there is good reason they are called the Fiends.



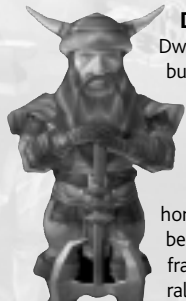
Elves

Historians believe that the ancient Elves of Istaria were a gentle and mystical race, one that was in tune with the forces of nature. While today's Elves do exhibit significant mystical prowess, the Elven race is far from what one might call gentle. Elven society is highly structured, and based around service to the Elven race. All Elves are required to enlist in the Elven Army and serve for a minimum of 10 years.

Physically, Elves share the same build as Humans, though, on average, they are slightly taller and lankier, with fairer skin. Elves have an acute sense of hearing; their trademark pointed ears are shaped to channel sound quite efficiently. Elves typically exhibit superior balance and dexterity; many of Istaria's famed scouts and explorers have been Elves. Elves are also renowned for their superior ranged combat skills, especially archery.

The Elves believe that the rigid structure of their society allowed them to hold out as long as they did against the Withered Aegis before their home of Feladan was sundered during the onslaught of the Undead Horde. The surviving Elves maintain their society from their exiled home of Tazoon.

Elves are generally in favor of cooperation among the Living Races against the Withered Aegis, but they try to retain their own ways whenever possible.



Dwarves

Dwarven society and culture is one of the richest in tradition and history, but is also one of the most closed among the Living Races. Legend places the creation of the Dwarves at the time of the Age of the Gods. Brobbet, the God of Honor, created the Dwarves to enforce his justice upon the Prime.

Dwarven society is structured around the principles of justice and honor above all things, even at what some might consider the cost of being compassionate and forgiving. The Dwarven clans, though often fractured and argumentative amid their own political machinations, rally around a single credo they refer to as Brobbet's Divine Mandate:

"Without honor, there is no justice; without justice, there is no future."

Physically, Dwarves are short and stocky. They are known for their superior strength and resilience. Dwarves excel in all fields of endeavor but tend to gravitate toward the roles of Warriors and Healers. A false stereotype exists that Dwarves are incapable arcanists; while Dwarves prefer to achieve ends through strength and physical exertion, there are several highly adept Dwarven mages in Istaria.

The unwillingness of other Living Races to adhere to Brobbet's Divine Mandate makes the Dwarves' relations with them merely cordial, at best. Of notable exception are the

Gnomes, whom the Dwarves consider to be kindred spirits who have merely lost their way.

Dwarven males are known to keep meticulously groomed beards throughout most of their lives. A Dwarf's station within his clan may be identified by beard length and grooming. A clean-shaven chin, while not unheard of, is a sign that a Dwarf is either changing his station within the clan or perhaps trying to "change his luck in life." Dwarves, by nature, are a superstitious people and will go out of their way to adhere to rituals "proven" to bring good fortune to themselves and their kin.

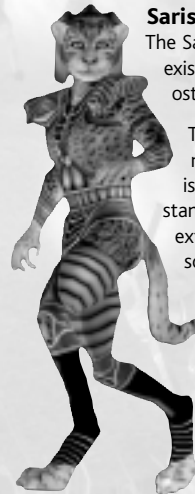


Gnomes

The race of Gnomes may well represent the future of Istaria. While they are not typically known as dedicated practitioners of the arcane, they are the one race taking the forces of magic in a new direction — along the path of technology. The Gnomes seem adept at shaping and binding the forces of magic for the purpose of powering great and exotic machinery and devices.

Most Gnomes pay fealty to Istara, the Goddess of Creation, though they prefer to bestow upon her the moniker "Mother of Invention." Gnomes strive to keep excellent relations with all other societies in Istaria; they are one of the strongest proponents of the newfound unity among the Living Races.

Gnomes are roughly as tall as Dwarves, though usually less broad through the shoulders. Gnomes are not naturally burly, but their frames support a wide range of physical characteristics, from brawny to portly. Their heads seem to be a bit large in proportion to the rest of their bodies. This, coupled with the general appearance of bewilderment and excitement common to the Gnomish countenance, often gives Gnomes a comical look. Both males and females have a wide variety of eye and hair colors, as well as skin tones.



Saris

The Saris are a proud race that originated from feline stock. Saris have existed for many years on Lesser Aradoth, sharing the island with the oft-ostracized Sslik, with whom they cohabit in relative peace.

The Saris have been one of the largest contributors of materiel and manpower to the Living Races during the Age of Lamentations. This is not surprising, as the foundations of Saris thought and civilization stand in stark contrast to those of the Withered Aegis. The Saris are an extremely spiritual race, and the tampering with and exploitation of souls is a direct violation of their most firmly held beliefs.

Making their home on the more remote reaches of the continent, the Saris have enjoyed the luxury of maintaining their way of life in relative safety from the Withered Aegis. Those races hit hardest by the Lament, especially the Elves, bear some animosity against the Saris because of this. The Saris' slight air of superiority certainly does not help matters in this regard, yet their assistance against the Withered Aegis is never turned away when offered.



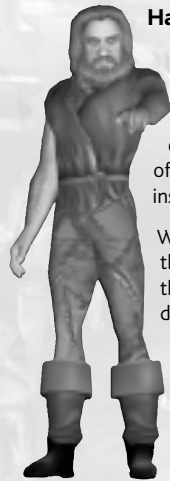
Sslik

The Sslik are a reptilian race that, with the exception of the Dragons, exhibit the most alien physiology in comparison to the other Living Races. The most prominent of these features is their asexual nature — the species is completely lacking in gender. All Sslik are able to lay eggs and hatch their young.

The Sslik have always been nomadic, and are often treated as outcasts by the other races. Their arrival in the jungles of southern Aradoth Minor during the Age of the Warrior-King was not a peaceful one — the Sslik were hunted down by most of the other Living Races and, even to this day, are considered by some to be barbarians and savages.

After being expelled from all other lands, the Sslik sought refuge in one of the most inhospitable regions of Istaria. The Saris were the first race to treat the Sslik as anything resembling equals and, to this day, the Sslik and Saris share a mutual trust and sense of cooperation.

In what may be a very interesting twist of fate, the Sslik have been spared the brunt of the Withered Aegis assault due to the race's location on Lesser Aradoth. The Sslik's former persecutors, however, have endured many hardships on the main continent during the Age of Lamentation. The Sslik, while eager to help the Living Races during this time of need, make no secret that the cruelty they suffered at the hands of others has not been forgotten. Now that the Sslik are in a much stronger position than other Living Races, only time will tell if they seek a path of enlightenment as their Saris friends teach, or a path of vengeance against their former persecutors.



Half-Giants

If conventional lore is true, the Half-Giants of Istaria are distant relatives of the Humans. Legend tells of the genesis of the Half-Giants during the end of the Age of the Gods, when Humans began settling the frigid, mountainous regions of Northern Aradoth. In order to survive the harsh winters in the mountains, only the heartiest of stock would survive. Over time, the Humans were no longer Human; instead, they were much larger and more physically robust.

While it is entirely possible that the Half-Giants might trace their heredity through Giants, it is also possible that they are simply the product of their solitary environment. This kind of solitary life is reflected in their dealings with others — throughout most of recorded history, Half-Giant civilization has kept to itself.

Half-Giant society stresses the judicious use of their tremendous physical powers, especially in regard to other races. This, coupled with their relative safe distance from the corruption of Aradoth by the Withered Aegis, has given the Half-Giants a pivotal role in today's politics of the Living Races. They represent a vast, untapped power from which a unified Istaria might draw to put down the rise of the Withered Aegis.

STATISTICS

Every character has statistics that help define how that character can react to events and perform actions in the world. A character with high Strength, for example, does more damage in physical combat. A high Dexterity score gives a character a bonus to hit and dodge in battle.

Health

When you take damage in combat, your Health is temporarily decreased. If it drops to zero, you die, but various spells and potions can bring your Health back up again. With the passage of time, your Health will slowly increase to its maximum again.

Armor

Armor reduces the amount of damage a character takes in combat. The higher your character's Armor statistic, the less damage he or she will take from both melee and magical attacks.

There are some forms of assault — called ethereal attacks — that ignore the standard Armor rating. There is a separate statistic, called Ethereal Armor, that defends against such attacks.

Strength – Strength helps a character deal more damage in both melee and ranged combat. The higher a character's Strength, the more damage he or she will deal in physical combat.

Dexterity – Dexterity helps a character connect and avoid blows in both close and ranged combat. The higher a character's Dexterity, the more likely he or she will succeed in hitting and dodging.

Power – Power augments the strength of spells in magical combat. The higher a character's Power, the more damage his or her spells will deal.

Focus – Focus improves the accuracy and avoidance of spells in magical combat. The higher a character's Focus, the more likely that his or her spells will hit and that the enemy's spells will miss.

The primary differences in characters' abilities are determined by the schools in which the characters have gained levels. Each school grants different special abilities and improves different skills. Characters can also gain unique abilities through quests and events. Statistics can be increased temporarily through the use of equipment and spells.

STARTING TOWN

Every character gets his or her start on one of the many Spirit Isles off the coast of the main continent. These are relatively safe places, where you can practice early fighting and craft skills, and get a better feel for some of the challenges that lie ahead.

The Spirit Isles contain all of the starting adventure and craft schools, as well as their respective trainers. On a basic level, these islands also have the machines and resources you will need to practice basic trades, as well as plenty of creatures and monsters against whom you can sharpen your fighting skills. Once you are ready to face bigger challenges, you can teleport from the Spirit Isles to other areas of Istaria. But, be warned: once you leave the shelter of the Spirit Isles, you can never return to their shores.

Welcome to Istaria

MAIN GAME SCREEN

The *Horizons* interface contains a variety of customizable windows, all of which are accessible by clicking on the Launch Button located in the upper-left corner of the screen. The game windows contain information about your character and the world around you, as well as buttons you can click on to perform actions.

In addition to the windows shown in the screenshot below, there are a number of other windows you can open using the Launch Button. Check the Knowledge Base for details about functionality for all windows, as well as updated information about the game.



Launch Button

Click here to open a menu of all the windows available in the *Horizons* user interface. To access any window, left-click on the Launch Button, then move your mouse cursor over a selection and left-click to open it.



Action Window

The Action window contains buttons for some of the most frequently used commands in the game. Simply click on an icon in the Action window to perform that action.

- The Recall button will quickly teleport your character back to his or her bind point, which is typically just inside your home city (see "Binding and Recalling" on page 18).
- The Stop Action button will stop various continual actions (such as Attack) or those that have a delay (such as Recall).
- The Attack button will initiate combat with your target. Your character will continue to attack the intended target until one of you dies or you click on the Stop Action button.
- When you have a resource targeted, and you are standing close enough with the proper tool in your hand, clicking on the Gather button will make your character gather resources.
- The Trade button is used to exchange money or items with another player or with certain NPCs (non-player characters) in the game, such as Pawn Brokers.
- The Greet button is used to interact with an NPC for when you want to, say, join a trade or adventure school, or talk about a quest. Select an NPC and click on the Greet button to initiate communication. This initial dialogue will often explain the NPC's function and contain highlighted and underlined text. You can click on the underlined text to continue the dialogue or perform an action (such as joining a school).
- The Create Item button provides a quick way to create items, provided you are near a suitable machine and you have the formula, the proper resources and the correct tool.



Status Window

The Status window provides a quick and easy way to view your character's current Health and experience. The red bar indicates Health — when it's full your character is at full Health, and when it's empty your character is dead (see "Death and Resurrection" on page 23). The turquoise bar shows how far your character has progressed toward the next level in his or her current Adventure school. The purple bar shows progress in your current Craft school.

Compass

The center of the compass indicates the direction your character is facing.

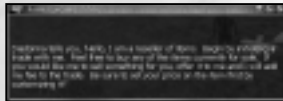
Latency Window

This meter shows the extent to which Internet latency may be affecting your gameplay.



Hotkey Window

The Hotkey window lets you assign actions — such as casting spells, performing special abilities and even equipping weapons — to a single click or keystroke. There are ten banks of ten hotkey slots each. You can assign an item, ability or spell to a hotkey slot by “dragging and dropping” it from another window. Activate a hotkey either by pressing the corresponding number key on your keyboard or by clicking on the button in the Hotkey window. Click on the arrow buttons in the Hotkey window to move between hotkey banks.



Chat Window

The Chat window displays chat messages, as well as information and messages about the game environment (see “Communication” on page 16). To speak to other players, type a message into the bar at the bottom

of the Chat window and press the **Enter** key. Right-click on the window and select Modify Channels to control the types of messages displayed in this window.

Chat Messages: Atari does not monitor, control, endorse, or accept responsibility for the content of chat messages. You are strongly encouraged not to give out identity or other personal information through chat message transmissions. Kids, check with your parent or guardian if you are concerned about any chat you receive.

Target Window

The Target window displays information about the object, player or creature that you have targeted.



Character Window

The Character window lets you view your character’s current stats, skills, schools, defenses, experience levels and special abilities.

Inventory Window

The Inventory window displays all of the items in your character’s backpack. (For more information, see “Inventory” on page 17.)



Spells Window

The Spells window shows all of your character’s known spells. Use the Filter and Search functions to pinpoint a particular spell or group of spells.

Formula Window

The Formula window allows you to search, filter, and group formulas in the same fashion that you manage your spells (see above). Provided you have the appropriate resources, tool and machine, you can create an item by simply right-clicking on a particular formula.

Guild Window

The Guild window allows you to pass information among your guild mates, and provides tools for creating, maintaining and managing a guild (see “Guilds” on page 25).



Equipment Window

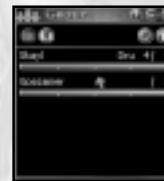
The Equipment window displays the items your character is currently wearing, as well as empty slots that you can potentially fill with equipment.

Trade Window

The Trade window lets you trade money and goods with players and NPCs. (For more information, see “Trading” on page 18.)

Options Window

The Options window lets you customize *Horizons* to your needs, including keyboard commands, and video and sound options.



Group Window

The Group window displays the status of all members in your group. It also provides a convenient way to target group members. (See “Grouping,” on page 22.)

Right-Click Menus

The *Horizons* interface enables you to perform actions, or get information about virtually any object or window, by right-clicking on it. Right-click on a window, for example, to change its properties. Right-click on an item in your Inventory to perform actions related to that item. Right-click on a Shrine to bind to it. Most every item in the game has a right-click menu associated with it — experiment to discover them all.

KEYBOARD COMMANDS

Once you assign an action to a key in the Options window, you can trigger that action by simply pressing the appropriate key on the keyboard. There is a default configuration of keyboard commands (summarized in the table below); however, you can reassign any of these commands in the Options window. To assign a key to an action, click on the box pertaining to the action you want to reassign, and then press the new key.

MOVEMENT	KEY
Move Forward	Up Arrow
Move Backward	Down Arrow
Turn Left	Left Arrow
Turn Right	Right Arrow
Walk/Run Toggle	Shift
AutoRun	NumLock
Camera Tilt Up	Page Up
Camera Tilt Down	Page Down
Toggle First- or Third-Person Camera	NumPad Enter
Inventory Window	I
Equipment Window	E
Character Window	C

COMMUNICATION

Chatting With Other Players

To chat with another player in your immediate vicinity, click the bar at the bottom of the chat window, type your message, and then press the **Enter** key. You can also activate the chat bar by pressing the **Enter** key at any time.

If you wish to send a message to a player who is in the game but not currently nearby, activate the chat bar and type: **/tell [character-name] [message]**. For example, to say "Hello" to a character named Alfred, type: **/tell Alfred Hello**.

If you wish to block messages from a certain character (because of harassment or other issues), type: **/ignore [character-name]**. You can access your ignore list at any time by selecting the "Player Lists" option from the Launch Button.

Check the Knowledge Base for a complete list of chat commands.

Chat Messages: Atari does not monitor, control, endorse, or accept responsibility for the content of chat messages. You are strongly encouraged not to give out identity or other personal information through chat message transmissions. Kids, check with your parent or guardian if you are concerned about any chat you receive.

Talking to Non-Player Characters (NPCs)

When you target an NPC in the game and then click on the Greet button, you will initiate a conversation with that NPC. Different NPCs will give you different options: Pawn Brokers will buy and sell items, Bankers will allow you to store and retrieve items from a personal vault, and other NPCs may offer you directions for starting a rewarding quest.

ITEMS AND EQUIPMENT



Inventory

You can open your Inventory by selecting it from the Launch Button, or by pressing the **I** key (default keyboard command). In this window, you can see your money supply and all of the items you are carrying. There are multiple views that display your inventory; by default, your Inventory will be displayed in Grid view. List view will display the items you are carrying in text form and will allow you to sort by name, type or size.

Right-click on any item to examine it, delete it or equip it. You may also scribe spells, formulas and techniques by right-clicking on them in your inventory window.

Double-clicking on certain types of items has other effects: it may activate formulas or magical items, or open containers, for example. The "Up One Level" button will return the view from, say, the contents of a container to the contents of your backpack (or the next container up the chain of a nested set of containers).

Acquiring New Equipment

When you join one of the basic schools, the trainer will give you all of the basic equipment you will need to begin that career. You can purchase other items, such as more advanced formulas, from the Pawn Broker. Throughout the game, however, most of the equipment you acquire will be player-made, produced either by yourself or by others in the game. Most of the more advanced formulas and techniques will be obtained by fighting the undead monsters in the game.

Vault

If you find yourself overburdened, or if your backpack is full to bursting, you might want to consider placing some items in the Vault. To open your own personal Vault space, stand near a Vaultkeeper NPC (there is at least one in every major town), click on the Launch Button and select Vault. You can then drag items back and forth between your Inventory and the Vault until you are satisfied with the distribution of your belongings.

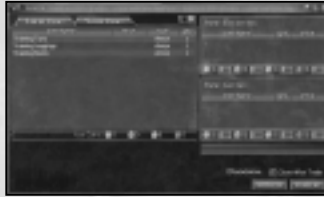
Money

There are four types of currency used in *Horizons*:

- Copper Coin – basic monetary unit
- Silver Coin – worth 1,000 copper coins
- Gold Coin – worth 1,000 silver coins
- Mythrill Coin – worth 1,000 gold coins

Your current money supply is displayed at the bottom of your Inventory window. Money in *Horizons* has no weight, and it stays with your character at all times. You cannot drop it or deposit it into the Vault, but you can use it to buy basic items from the Pawn Broker, and give or trade it to other characters via the Trade window.

TRADING



You can use your Trade window to exchange money and items with other players and NPCs in the game.

To initiate a trade, click on a target and then click on the "Trade" button in your Action window. This will open a Trade window. To sell an item, click on the "Your Items" tab in the Trade window and then double-click, or click and drag, an item from "Your Items" into "Items Giving."

To buy an item from a Pawn Broker, click on the "Their Items" tab to view the list of items for sale. Double-click, or click and drag, an item from "Their Items" into "Items Receiving."

You can pay for Pawn Broker goods using money or barter. Click on the "Your Items" tab and double-click or click and drag items to "Items Giving" and the Pawn Broker will assess your items. If your items are worth more than those currently in "Items Receiving," an amount of money will be displayed in "Items Receiving." If they are worth less, an amount of money will be displayed in "Items Giving."

Once you are satisfied with the offer, click on "Approve." Click on "Cancel" at any time to cancel the trade.

Trading Items When You Are Not Available

Consigners are NPCs who will hold your items for a fee, and make them available to other players for purchase. For a small percentage of the sale, a Consigner will handle the sale even if you aren't present in the area or have logged off. If you'd like the item back after you've given it to the Consignment NPC, you can reclaim it at no additional charge.

When a player purchases your item, you will be notified of the purchase, and the coin will automatically be placed in your inventory.

BINDING AND RECALLING

You can "bind" your character to any location that contains a bind point. Bind points take the form of Shrines that are found in most inhabited regions. Binding allows you to "Recall" your character to that point at any time by clicking on the "Recall" button.



This is a great tool, as you can bind your characters to your favorite city, where you can easily return for trading, meeting friends and such. It is also convenient to bind at points that are close to where you plan to engage in combat; if the unforeseeable happens, you won't find yourself halfway across the continent.

Binding is very simple. Move your character to a Shrine and target it; then right-click on it and select Bind from the pop-up menu.

Recalling is also quite easy. Click the "Recall" button once and you will be teleported to the last

Shrine to which you bound yourself. Be careful, though! Once you Recall, there is no way to return to your last location — except the hard way. Also, Recalling for the purpose of escaping combat does not usually work. The process of recalling takes more time when you are fighting, so if you are in truly dire straits, you will probably die before the Recall takes effect.

In the unfortunate instance that your character dies, you can return — revived and at full Health — to your bind point by clicking on the Recall button (see "Death and Resurrection," page 23).

Character Advancement

EXPERIENCE AND LEVELS

As your character performs certain actions related to his or her active schools, he or she will gain experience points in those schools. For example, a character will gain experience in his or her Adventure School by killing monsters. A character that is currently a member of the Scholar school will gain experience in that school if he or she creates a spell. When your character gains enough experience in a school, he or she will advance to the next level. This may increase stats and some related skills, and may even grant new abilities.

Some skills are common to more than one school, and the character's effective skill level is the highest level that he or she has achieved in any school that offers that skill. For instance, a Level 5 Blacksmith might have 40 skill points in Metalworking. If that character changes to the Outfitter school, which also has Metalworking as one of its related skills, that character's Metalworking skill is still 40. As the character advances in the Outfitter school, that character's Metalworking skill will remain at 40 until he or she reaches the level at which an Outfitter's Metalworking skill surpasses 40. In a similar fashion, a character's effective fighting capability is acquired via the adventure school in which he or she has earned the most levels.

SCHOOLS

There are seven basic schools. Each school falls into one of two categories: Adventure and Craft. Your character can join a school at any time by targeting one of the trainers in your starting town, clicking on the Greet button and agreeing to join by clicking on the appropriate responses.



Adventure Schools

Warrior – Warriors are the guys you want standing between you and your enemy. Warriors can wield most weapons and wear most armor, which provides them with unmatched choice in the roles they wish to play.



Cleric – Clerics have the ability to tap into life magic to mend the wounds of their companions. However, they aren't merely observers in combat, they also possess the melee skills to fight the hordes of the undead. Clerics learn healing and augmentation spells.



Scout – Scouts gather information about the enemy and give that information to their companions. They are also masters of the bow.



Mage – Mages channel the destructive forces of flame, ice and energy to damage their enemies.

Craft Schools



Scholar – Scholars learn the skills of spellcrafting, quarrying, and stoneworking.



Outfitter – Outfitters learn to make armor and other clothing from cloth, leather and metal. Some Outfitter skills include clothworking, which involves making cloth items from organic resources to be used in other trade skills, and armorcrafting, the skill of making custom armor from common and precious metal resources.



Blacksmith – Blacksmiths forge most of the weapons in Istaria. Blacksmith skills include fletching (creating bows), woodcrafting (creating items and weapons from common and precious woods) and weaponcrafting (creating melee and ranged weapons from common and precious metals).

Your character can belong to the Adventure or Craft categories simultaneously, but can only follow one school within a particular category at any one time. For example, he or she can be a Scout, a Blacksmith/Scout or a Blacksmith, but not a Scout/Mage, simultaneously. Your character can spend time as a Scout, however, and then become a Mage, which could provide advanced skills in each career path.

Characters advance in their chosen school by performing actions in the world that relate to that school. Adventurers kill things, tradespeople make things and everyone can go on quests. All of these activities provide experience, which increases your character's level in his or her current school. Increasing level in your school grants you higher skill ranks, as well as increasing your statistics and special abilities. All of these will make your character better at what he or she does.

You are free to change schools at any time simply by finding a trainer in the school that you wish to join.

Prestige Schools

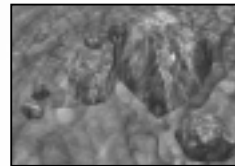
In addition to the seven basic schools, characters can join Prestige Schools. For admission, these specialized schools often require the completion of a quest or sufficient knowledge of specific skills. Examples of Prestige Schools include Alchemist, Armorer, Carpenter and Ranger. Little is known about some Prestige Schools, since membership in them is a secret of the school.

PRACTICING A CRAFT

Once your character joins a Craft school and receives his or her starting equipment from the school trainer (see Schools on page 19), you can immediately start practicing the skills associated with that school. The first step is to go out and gather resources.

Gathering Resources

There are many types of resources in Istaria. Any tradesperson with the proper tools and experience can gather these resources by equipping the tool, targeting the resource node, getting close enough to it, and then clicking on the "Gather" button (located in the Actions window). Higher skill levels allow you to gather rarer resources, and to gather them in larger quantities.



Resource nodes can be stationary, such as iron ore veins or oak trees, or they can be mobile like sheep or deer. Other resources come from slain monsters, and are usually collected by adventurers, who bring them back to town and trade them for new items.

For example, assume you have a beginning character who is a member of the Blacksmithing school. You can mine for Copper and Tin Ore by equipping a Training Mining Pick, targeting a Copper and Tin Ore Vein, moving very close to it, and then clicking on the "Gather" button.

Turning this raw ore into a weapon or a piece of armor requires a few more steps, but it is a simple process. The tutorial that is available after character creation explains this process in detail; we highly recommend that everyone take advantage of this tutorial.

Customizing your Wares

Techniques are earned abilities that can be applied during the creation of an item. These abilities allow you to modify an item during its creation in order to give it additional powers. You cannot apply Techniques to all items, but you can apply multiple Techniques to some items. The more powerful the resulting item, the more skill and resources it takes to create the item, and the more skill the item's owner must have in order to wield such power.

COMBAT

Introduction

As you explore the wilderness of Istaria, you will come across hostile creatures and find yourself fighting for the experience, some occasional loot, or simple survival. Although different adventure classes have different strengths and abilities, the same combat rules apply for all classes.



Melee Combat

To battle a creature, you must first select it by clicking on it. Then, click on the Attack button in the Action window to initiate combat.

If your character is wielding a melee weapon, such as a sword or an axe, he or she will automatically close to melee range. At that point your character will make one attack; if successful, the monster will take a specific amount of damage, depending on the weapon you have equipped. After a certain delay — depending again upon what weapon you are wielding — your character will make another attack. Melee combat continues until either you or your target is slain, or until you end the combat by running away or clicking on the Stop Action button.



Ranged Combat

If you are equipped with a ranged weapon (such as a bow or crossbow), clicking on the Attack button will cause you to fire that weapon as soon as the target is within range. In ranged combat, just as in melee combat, the damage done and the delay between shots are functions of your weapon, and combat will continue until one combatant is slain or the battle is otherwise broken off.



Magical Combat

Magical combat works in a very similar fashion to other forms of combat. Each offensive spell has a range (which may be melee range) and once the target is selected, the magical combat can be initiated either by using an assigned Hotkey or by double-clicking the desired spell in your Spellbook.

Special Combat Abilities

As your character gains ranks in various Adventure schools, he or she will gain special abilities. These will be found under the Abilities tab of the Character window. Many special abilities are passive, but some are active and can be dragged to the Hotkey bank like spells. To use an active special ability during combat, click on the hotkey to which you assigned it. The ability's effect will occur, and the hotkey button will be grayed out for a certain period of time while the ability "recharges."

Most special abilities are school-specific, meaning they cannot be used by a character who has transferred to a school that doesn't offer that ability. For instance, a Scout gains Power Shot upon attaining a certain level. If that character switches to the Healer school, Power Shot will no longer be available to him. If he later rejoins the Scout school, he will once again be able to use the Power Shot ability.

Grouping

Although there are certain activities in the game that you can (and probably will) do alone, grouping with other players is one of the best ways to experience the mysteries of Istaria. Sometimes — when facing formidable opponents, for example — grouping is the only way to go. A group can be any combination of characters, and can be formed for any purpose.

Perhaps you've heard about a certain monster that's guarding a horde of precious resources. Your friend, a master Blacksmith, needs these rare gems for a new generation of weapons she wants to build. So, you gather a group of able Warriors, Clerics, Mages and Scouts to try and clear the way to the prized resources.

Group Experience

While you're in a group, experience for defeating monsters is split among group members. After a monster is killed, the game divides the experience points among all the group members based on several factors, including each character's rating and the monster's rating. Every group member receives a percentage of the total experience for killing that monster. One result of this system is that lower-rated characters receive a smaller percentage of experience when grouped with high-rated characters. In other words, if you want the best "bang for your buck" when battling in a group, choose group members whose ratings are close to yours.

Your Health

As monsters attack you and cause damage, your health will diminish temporarily. This is displayed graphically by the red status bar on both your Character window and your Status window. As long as your health remains above zero, you can continue to fight or run normally, and if you survive the battle, healing will occur naturally in a few minutes. Of course spells, potions, and other items can hurry this healing process.

Death and Resurrection

When your character dies (which is bound to happen occasionally if you choose to brave the wilds of Istaria), a couple of things can happen. If you have a Cleric friend in the area who is able to resurrect your character, you can remain in the spot where you died until he or she revives you. You can also press the Recall button on the Actions window and reappear at your bind point with all items intact and no lost experience or skills.

Whichever method you choose, your character will gain a Death Point and will be temporarily weakened. The amount of time your character remains in this weakened state will depend on the number of Death Points your character has accumulated. Death Points dissipate through player actions, such as quests, and with the passage of time.

MAGIC

Magic skills are grouped within schools exactly like combat skills and tradeskills. Spell effects range from Fire Bolts and Lightning Blasts to healing and protection enchantments. In order to cast a spell, a character must first obtain the spell from a tradesperson, quest reward or trainer, and then add it to his or her Spellbook. That character must meet the minimum skill or other requirements in order to cast that spell; then, casting is as easy as clicking on the spell icon.

Each spell is associated with one of eight magic skills, outlined below. Your chance of successfully casting a spell on an opponent is determined by your skill level with that particular type of spell, modified by your character's Focus score. Your opponent's Magic Defense skill level (modified by his Focus score) will decrease your chance of landing a spell on him.

Each magic skill has its own unique character and visual style, but several magic skills may accomplish the same task (such as healing or damaging) in slightly different ways.

Magic Skills

Energy – In general, Energy magic will do more damage than spells from other skills. Energy magic includes bolts and area-effect spells.

Flame – Flame magic includes single-target and area-effect damage spells, damage-over-time spells and shields that damage the attacker.

Spirit – Spirit magic affects a target's soul directly. Spirit spells can cause ethereal damage (not reduced by armor) or can cause hit point transfers.

Augmentation – Augmentation magic enchants a character. Most spells that provide long-term benefits to a character's attributes are Augmentations.

Life – Life magic is for healing. Most regenerative, curing and resurrection spells originate from this circle.

Nature – Nature magic includes a variety of effects based on natural phenomena. Root, snare, lesser healing, and protection spells can all be found in Nature magic.

Ice – Ice magic contains spells that slow the opponent as they cause damage.

Blight – Blight magic includes enchantments that lower a creature's statistics. Blight spells can be used to weaken a monster's attacks or reduce its ability to defend itself.

Acquiring New Spells

You can sometimes purchase new spells from NPCs such as Pawn Brokers. However, players with skills gained from certain Craft schools — namely the Scholar and Spellcrafter schools — will create most spells.

Your Spellbook is your central repository for all of the magical spells learned in your career. For more information on how to use the Spellbook, see the *Horizons* Knowledge Base online.



Communities

BUYING AND OWNING LAND

As a *Horizons* player, you are entitled to own one plot of land in Istaria per account. Land plots are available throughout Istaria, from the outskirts of settled towns to the wild frontier. You can purchase a land plot at the plot itself. You can also sell your plot, either to another player or back to the local government, in order to buy a new plot.

Developing Your Property

Once you own a plot of land, you can build (or contract other players to build) structures on that property, including houses, shops, gardens, mines and more. You can place these structures anywhere on the plot. You can also destroy your buildings to make room for newer, better ones.

GUILDS

A Guild is like a club: it has a leader, ranked members, events and awards. The leader (Guild Master) can assign duties, responsibilities and management tasks to other Guild members who act as officers. A Guild can also have general members with no duties.

Guilds can represent people with similar interests, e.g. combat, quests, magic, and more. Joining a Guild allows you to play and learn with like-minded people, perhaps with more experience than yourself. Guild members can offer support, group activities and a community-based approach to the world.

In *Horizons*, we allow the creation of Ranks (a tier system through which members can progress), the assignment of Command Groups to Ranks, Events (a broadcast coordination tool) and Awards for members. The Guild system also gives members detailed information about other members in the Guild.

Any character in *Horizons* can form a Guild, but certain requirements must be met before the Guild can be named.

To name your Guild, you must have a minimum number of members and pay a fee. Open the Guild Interface and click on the "Set Guild Name" button. A dialogue box will appear. Type the name into the box and then click on "OK."

To join a Guild, you must be invited by a Guild Master or a Guild member who has the right to make invitations.

To quit a Guild, open the Guild Interface and click the "Quit Guild" button.



The Guild Window

Click the Launch Button and select Guild to access the Guild window, also known as the Guild Manager. The Guild Manager is your resource for general information about your Guild and other Guild members. You can also access a calendar of Guild events and view the Guild's structure.

The Guild Manager defaults to the Info page. Here, you will find the name of the Guild, its total number of members, the number of members currently online in

the world of Istaria and the name of the Guild leader. Additionally, you can view any mission statement, message of the day or Guild quote that has been added by those with that right. Lastly, there is a place for a link to a Guild Website, if applicable.

The Members page contains information about the name of each member, the level in both the Adventurer and Crafting schools to which they currently belong, their rank, title and any points earned. You can also see which members are online.

There is a calendar page that keeps track of any Guild events. The name, time and date of each event is listed, as well as the event's creator and description. When an event is highlighted, the description of the event is shown.

To learn about the ranking system of the Guild to which you belong, go to the Guild Structure page. Listed here are all ranks, as well as the male, female and neuter titles associated with them. You can also view a list of available command groups for each rank. A command group contains a list of commands that each Guild member is permitted to use.

Note: You can sort all categories listed on the Members, Calendar and Structure pages in ascending or descending order.

Getting Help

There are several in-game avenues open to players who may have gameplay question or technical problems.

Other Players

One of your best resources for help is other players! Your fellow players may have encountered a problem similar to yours, or they may simply have more experience with the format of the game. Don't be afraid to ask. There are lots of friendly people out there. We encourage our players to always ask questions and to help fellow players.

Help Button

For questions pertaining specifically to the interface, the Help button in any given window is a valuable resource. The Help button looks like a question mark and is located in the title bar of each window near the Close button. (You may have to select Show Title in the window's properties in order to make the title bar visible.) Click on the Help button to start a short tutorial about that window, similar in appearance to the tutorial dialogs you see just after character creation.

ARTIFACT CUSTOMER SUPPORT

Help In Game

To contact Customer Support from within the game, please select Support from the list of options in the Launch Button.

Help Via The Internet

Up-to-the minute information regarding *Horizons* can be found 24 hours a day, 7 days a week via the Internet at:

<http://horizons.istaria.com>

To contact Customer Support from the web site, please go to:

<http://support.istaria.com>

From the support web site, you can initiate a live chat session with a Customer Support Representative, submit your question through a webform, or search for the answer to your question in our Knowledge Base.

Knowledge Base

Another great resource for information about *Horizons* is the Knowledge Base. The Knowledge Base answers commonly asked questions about all sorts of *Horizons* topics, from basic questions about getting started to more advanced questions an experienced player may have about the world of Istaria. The Knowledge Base is constantly updated to answer new questions as they develop.

You can access the Knowledge Base on the *Horizons* web site at:

<http://support.istaria.com>

Problems with Installation

If you have problems with the installation of *Horizons*, please contact Atari Technical Support (see next page). Once the game is successfully installed, please direct all inquiries to Artifact Entertainment through one of the methods listed above.

ATARI TECHNICAL SUPPORT (U.S. & CANADA)

Help Via the Internet

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<http://www.atarisupport.com>

Through this site you'll have access to our **FAQ** (Frequently Asked Questions) documents, our **FTP** (File Transfer Protocol) area where you can download patches if needed, our **Hints/Cheat Codes** if they're available, and an **E-Mail** area where you can get help and ask questions if you do not find your answers within the **FAQ**.

Note: In the event we must send you a Hint Sheet, FAQ document, patch or update disc via E-mail, we may require verifiable consent from a parent or guardian in order to protect children's privacy and safety online. Consent Forms are available at the web site listed above.

Help Via Telephone in the United States & Canada

For phone assistance, call **Atari Technical Support** at **(425) 951-7106**. Our **Interactive Voice Response** system is generally available 24/7, providing automated support solutions immediately.

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- System Make and Model
- Processor Type
- Operating System, including version number if possible (such as Windows® 98; Windows® Me)
- RAM (Memory)
- Video and sound card data and drivers
- Any screen or error messages you've encountered (and where)

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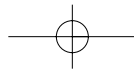
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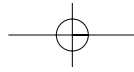
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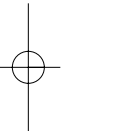
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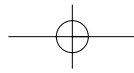
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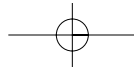
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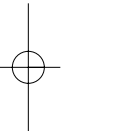
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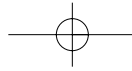
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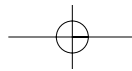
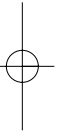
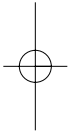
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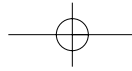




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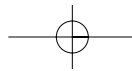
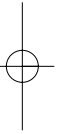
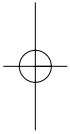
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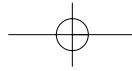




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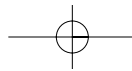
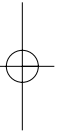
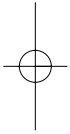
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