

WinGhost

Welcome

WinGhost version 1.4a plays the word game *ghost* on Windows®.

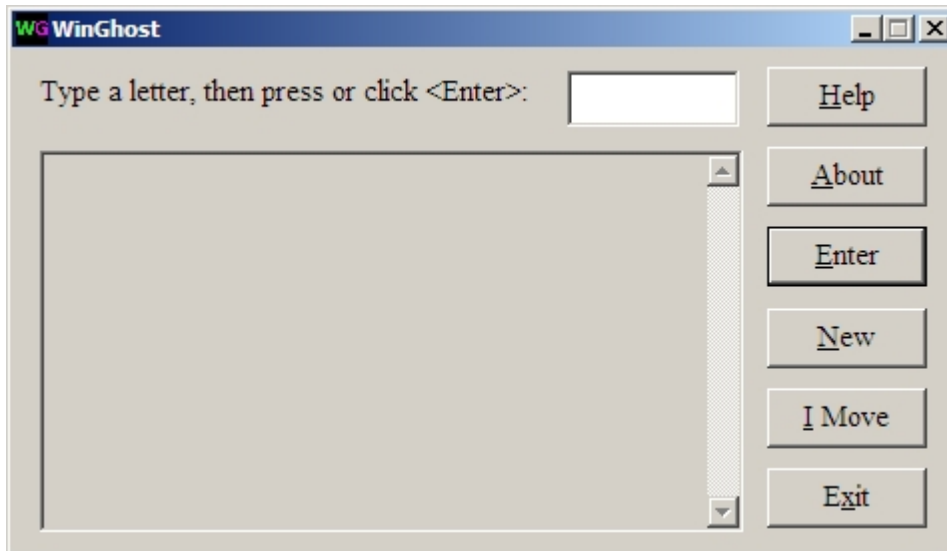
Object of the Game

Try to avoid spelling words of four *or more* letters. You move by typing a letter. You and WinGhost take turns adding a letter to the end until someone completes a word, at which point that player loses. Each letter must lead toward an English word. Proper nouns are not allowed. Remember, *if you complete a word of four or more letters, you lose*.

Letters may be added to the end of the "word" only, not the beginning.

WinGhost knows about 186,000 English words.

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Using WinGhost

Starting WinGhost

To start WinGhost, click Start»Programs»WinGhost»WinGhost. This assumes you accepted the default installation setup.

Playing WinGhost

To start a game against WinGhost, type a letter, then click the *Enter* button, or press the *Enter* key, or press the *Alt+E* keys. If you want WinGhost to move first, click the *I Move* button instead. Each letter must lead toward an English word. Proper nouns are not allowed.

Each time you move, WinGhost will respond with its letter choice and show the letters accumulated so far.

Continue adding letters to the end until WinGhost or you are forced to spell a word of four *or more* letters, thereby losing the game. *Whoever spells a word of four or more letters loses.*

Hints

As a reward for reading this help, you will now learn how to ask for a hint. Type any *punctuation* and press the *Enter* button or key. WinGhost will show a randomly selected word for the letters entered so far. The hint is neutral; it can be a winner for WinGhost or for you. It is selected randomly from all possible words for the letters entered so far.

WinGhost Buttons

WinGhost has six buttons:

- **Help** - show this help information
- **About** - show version, author and copyright information
- **Enter** - tell the computer to accept your entry
- **New** - start a new game
- **I Move** - tell the computer to move first
- **Exit** - close (quit) WinGhost

WinGhost has no menu.

Uninstalling WinGhost

Be sure to close WinGhost and its help before uninstalling it so all WinGhost files can be removed from your computer.

You can uninstall WinGhost by using the *Uninstall WinGhost* item in the WinGhost program group (Start»Programs»WinGhost»Uninstall WinGhost). You can also use **Add or Remove Programs** in the Windows® Control Panel.

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Credits

- WinGhost's word list consists of words common to the [SCOWL word list](#) (free) and [MOBY words database](#) (free).
- WinGhost's word list was compressed with SIXPACK (free) - by Philip G. Gage.
- WinGhost's setup program was created with [Inno Setup](#) (free) by Jordan Russell.
- WinGhost's Inno Setup script was edited with [Inno Setup Studio](#) (free) by Kymoto Solutions.
- WinGhost was compiled with [Microsoft Visual Studio](#)®.
- WinGhost's help was created with [HelpNDoc](#) (free for personal use).

History

- v1.4a (2017-07-03) - Build with Microsoft Visual Studio® 2010
- v1.4 (2005-04-28) - Fix hint error after / Move, introduced in version 1.2
- v1.3 (2005-04-26) - Use larger, serif font
- v1.2 (2005-04-25) - Allow computer to move first
- v1.1 (2005-03-31) - First public release

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