

ATOMINO



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1. Explanations

In **ATOMINO** your task is to combine atoms into molecules . . . Now, we all know that atoms are normally on the small side, and they appear to spend most of their time aimlessly flying around, a fact that complicates their handling. Therefore, in **ATOMINO**, we have objects which look like atoms, smell like atoms, and, just like real atoms, have the capability of combining with one another. They are, to all intents and purposes: atoms - apart from the size factor, of course.

These atoms have a valance (look it up) of one to four, i.e. they can combine with one, two, three or even four other atoms.

Let me explain: imagine these atoms as small, naked, spherical, swarming beings, each armed with up to four hands. When two swarmer shake hands (when two atoms combine), each now has one less free hand (henceforth, free hands will be called free combinations, otherwise this manual may begin to sound kind of silly . . .)

A complete molecule is defined simply as a structure of atoms in which there are no more free combinations.

WARNING! For demonstration purposes only, this packaging contains some sample atoms in original size (find 'em if you can!).

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.
1. C4O2	C4O4	K4O2	C4O5	J4O2	K4O6	K4O4	C4O9	H4O2	J4O6
2. J4O4	K4O8	S4O2	K4O7	K4O5	C4K2	C7O2	H4O6	H4O4	J4O8
3. O4O2	J4O7	J4O5	K4K4	N4O2	S4O3	S4O6	K4K5	S4O4	K4K9
4. K4O9	C4S2	C5O2	C7O6	C7O4	H4O8	K7O2	H4O7	H4O5	J4K4

2. Loading Instructions

2.1 C 64

Insert the game disk, with the label facing upwards, into your disk drive and type:
LOAD ":", 8,1.

ATOMINO will now load and start up automatically. If a blue space ship appears on your screen, you know that you have loaded the wrong program. If, instead, you see the **ATOMINO** title screen, you have, amongst others, the following alternatives:

1. Wait a moment before watching the demo game. Your computer plays **ATOMINO** all by itself, so you won't see a set sequence.
2. Press the "H" key to activate the Help Function. Here your computer explains the basic principles of play. (CAUTION: You should nevertheless read this manual fully, as the Help Function leaves some questions unanswered - it's also taken us a lot of time to write, time we would have rather spent on the beach.)
3. You want to play a game, so you press the FIRE button (joystick in port 2).
4. You prefer to load the game with the blue space ship anyway.

Other alternatives (such as having a cup of tea, pulling the cat's tail or searching through the **ATOMINO** pack for those sample atoms) are left entirely at your discretion.

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.
1. J7O2	O4O3	O4O6	J4K5	O4O4	J4K9	J4O9	K4S4	H7O2	N4O3
2. N4O6	S4K6	N4O4	S4K8	S4O8	K4S5	B4O2	S4K7	S4O7	K4S9
3. S4O5	K4B9	K4K2	C4H2	C2O2	C5O6	C5O4	C7O8	K5O2	C7O7
4. C7O5	H4K4	J5O2	K7O3	K7O6	H4K5	K7O4	H4K9	H4O9	J4S4

Controls

- "H" Calls the Help function.
- "P" Pauses the game.

The cursor is controlled with a joystick in port 2. To place an atom, press the FIRE button. Pressing the SPACEBAR rotates the combination by 90° (see 4.4)

2.2 PC / MS-DOS / TANDY

Insert the game disk into drive A. Change to this drive by typing "A:". Start the program by typing "ATOMINO". You may also place the disk in drive B and load ATOMINO from there in the same way.

Impatient game addicts may copy ATOMINO into a directory on a hard disk and load the program from there. Your boss should appreciate the shorter loading times.

ATOMINO supports the AdLib sound board. Normally, the program recognizes the board automatically. You have the option to switch the sound board on or off, with the following loading commands:

- "ATOMINO /A" Play sound and music via AdLib board.
- "ATOMINO /P" Play sound only via internal speaker.

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|---------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | 5. | 6. | 7. | 8. | 9. | 10. |
| 1. H5O2 | J7O3 | J7O6 | O4K6 | J7O4 | O4K8 | O4O8 | J4S5 | S7O2 | O4K7 |
| 2. O4O7 | J4S9 | O4O5 | J4B9 | J4K2 | K4H4 | C9O2 | H7O3 | H7O6 | N4K6 |
| 3. H7O4 | N4K8 | N4O8 | S4S6 | O7O2 | N4K7 | N4O7 | S4S8 | N4O5 | S4B8 |
| 4. S4K4 | K4H5 | N7O2 | B4K3 | B4O3 | S4S7 | B4O6 | S4B7 | S4K5 | K4H9 |

Common Keyboard Controls

- "H" or F1 Activates the Help Function (title screen only).
- "P" Pause.
- ESC Abort game.
- F10 Quit game & return to DOS.

Keyboard Cursor Control

You control the screen cursor with the cursor keys. The RETURN key places an atom at the position of the screen cursor, SPACEBAR turns the combination 90° clockwise (see 4.4)

Joystick Control

You may move the screen cursor with the joystick. Press FIRE button 1 to place or exchange an atom, FIRE button 2 rotates the combination 90° clockwise.

In case of difficulty, refer to the "README" file on the disk.

2.3 Amiga

There are three possible ways of loading the program:

- If the computer, after booting up, prompts for the WorkBench Disk, insert the program disk in drive DFO. The program loads automatically. Memory expansions are used as RAM, i.e. data is loaded faster during play.

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|---------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | 5. | 6. | 7. | 8. | 9. | 10. |
| 1. B4O4 | S4B5 | S4K9 | K4C2 | S4O9 | K4J2 | K4S2 | C2H2 | C4N2 | C2O6 |
| 2. C2O4 | C5O8 | K2O2 | C5O7 | C5O5 | C7K4 | J2O2 | K5O3 | K5O6 | C7K5 |
| 3. K5O4 | C7K9 | C7O9 | H4S4 | H2O2 | J5O3 | J5O6 | K7K6 | J5O4 | K7K8 |
| 4. K7O8 | H4S5 | S5O2 | K7K7 | K7O7 | H4S9 | K7O5 | H4B9 | H4K2 | J4H4 |

- You are in WorkBench and want to play **ATOMINO**: Insert the program disk in any drive and load it by double-clicking "**ATOMINO**".

- When you're addicted to **ATOMINO** (usually after about five minutes of play), you may want to install it on your hard disk. To do this, you need WorkBench. Insert the program disk into any disk drive and boot the INSTALL program. A new window opens on WorkBench. On the first line, indicate the drive in which the original disk is located. On the second line enter the drive and path name of the desired hard disk. The program creates the necessary folders (sub-directories) automatically, if they don't already exist.

Controls

- "H" or F1 Calls the Help function.
- "P" Pause.
- ESC Abort game.

The screen cursor is controlled with the joystick. To place an atom, press the FIRE button. Pressing the SPACEBAR rotates the combination by 90° (see 4.4).

1. C3O2 H5O3 H5O6 J7K6 H5O4 J7K8 J7O8 O4S6 O5O2 J7K7
2. J7O7 O4S8 J7O5 O4B8 O4K4 J4H5 N5O2 S7K3 S7O3 O4S7
3. S7O6 O4B7 O4K5 J4H9 S7O4 O4B5 O4K9 J4C2 O4O9 J4J2
4. J4S2 K2H4 C6N2 C9O3 C9O6 H7K6 C9O4 H7K8 H7O8 N4S6

2.4 Atari ST

- Insert the program disk into any drive and double-click on "**ATOMINO. PRG**". The program loads automatically.
- When suffering from Atominitis, you should install the program on your hard disk. To do this, copy the program disk into a folder on your hard disk. Load the program by double-clicking as normal.

Controls

- "H" or F1 Calls the Help function.
- "P" Pause.
- ESC Abort game.

The screen cursor is controlled with the joystick. To place an atom, press the FIRE button. Pressing the SPACEBAR rotates the combination by 90° (see 4.4).

1. K9O2 H7K7 H7O7 N4S8 H7O5 N4B8 N4K4 S4H6 J9O2 O7K3
2. O7O3 N4S7 O7O6 N4B7 N4K5 S4H8 O7O4 N4B5 N4K9 S4C4
3. N4O9 S4J4 S4S4 K2H5 H9O2 N7K3 N7O3 B4S3 N7O6 B4B3
4. B4K6 S4H7 N7O4 B4B6 B4K8 S4C5 B4O8 S4J5 S4S5 K2H9

3. Starting the Game

If you selected item 3 (see 2.1), you are presented with the following menu:

1. Music ON/OFF
2. FX ON/OFF
3. Colour 1/2 (C64 only)
- Colour set 1 or 2 (only applicable to atoms)
4. Mode A/B
Game divided into levels or Free Game
5. Password Input password to begin
play at a higher level
6. Start Begin play
7. Quit

Here you customize the game to your individual requirements: Select the desired menu item with the joystick and confirm your selection with the FIRE button:

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|--|--|--|--|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | 5. | 6. | 7. | 8. | 9. | 10. |
| 1. B7O2 B4B4 B4K7 S4C9 B4O7 S4J9 S4S9 K2C2 B4O5 S4N9 | 2. S4B9 K2J2 S4K2 K2S2 K4H2 C6O2 C4B2 C4N6 C4N4 C2O8 | 3. K4N2 C2O7 C2O5 C5K4 J4N2 K2O3 K2O6 C5K5 K2O4 C5K9 | 4. C5O9 C7S4 H4N2 J2O3 J2O6 K5K6 J2O4 K5K8 K5O8 C7S5 | | | | | | |

4. Rules

4.1 The Board

... offers room for $7 \times 8 = 56$ atoms. Top left, above the board, is your current score. Underneath this is a status field which provides important information:

SIZE: Minimum size of molecules to be constructed, measured not in inches or hectares, but in atoms. This indication is only relevant for game mode A.

LEFT: Number of molecules still to be assembled in order to reach the next level (again only relevant for game mode A).

SET: Current number of atoms on the board.

EXTR: Indicates how big a molecule must be made in order reach the Extra Round.

To the right of the board is a pit into which atoms fall - slowly at first but their speed increases as you progress through levels. It can contain up to six atoms. The current atom is always the bottom one.

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|--|--|--|--|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | 5. | 6. | 7. | 8. | 9. | 10. |
| 1. S2O2 K5K7 K5O7 C7S9 K5O5 C7B9 C7K2 H4H4 C7N2 H2O3 | 2. H2O6 J5K6 H2O4 J5K8 J5O8 K7S6 O2O2 J5K7 J5O7 K7S8 | 3. J5O5 K7B8 K7K4 H4H5 N2O2 S5K3 S5O3 K7S7 S5O6 K7B7 | 4. K7K5 H4H9 S5O4 K7B5 K7K9 H4C2 K7O9 H4J2 H4S2 J2H4 | | | | | | |

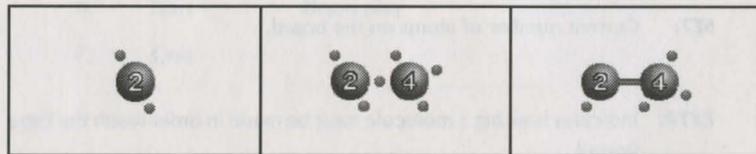
4.2 GAME OVER

The game is over when a seventh atom falls into the aforementioned pit. To avoid this, you must simply place atoms on the board at a sufficient rate. If you don't succeed, a different tune is played and the Game Over message appears. Press the FIRE button at this point and the title screen reappears or you may enter your name in the High Score table - this is saved automatically to disk.

4.3 Construction of a Molecule

Atom's free combinations are indicated by small stars (one to four - according to each atom's valence) - these rotate around the atom when placed on the board. When you place another atom directly next to, above or beneath it, the two atoms enter into a combination. Thus the number of free combinations for each atom is reduced by one.

For example:

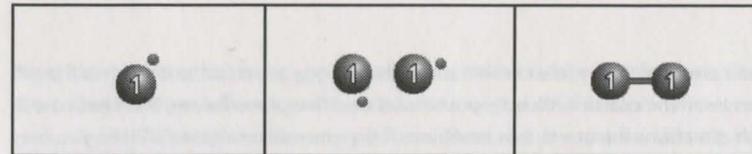


- A) You place an atom with two free combinations on the board. B) You then place an atom with four free combinations right next to it. C) The atoms combine. The first atom placed now has only one free combination left, the second atom has three.

Whenever, through skilful combination of atoms, a molecule is generated, it is automatically cancelled from the screen.

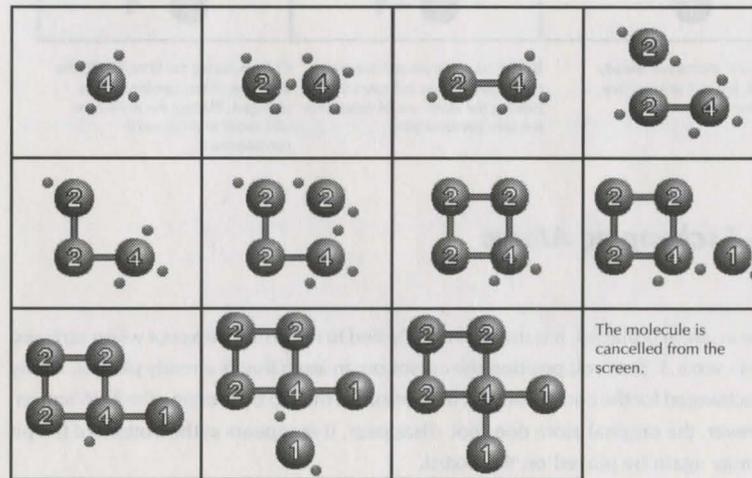
- | 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | 5. | 6. | 7. | 8. | 9. | 10. |
|---------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1. C5N2 | C3O3 | C3O6 | H5K6 | C3O4 | H5K8 | H5O8 | J7S6 | K3O2 | H5K7 |
| 2. H5O7 | J7S8 | H5O5 | J7B8 | J7K4 | O4H6 | J3O2 | O5K3 | O5O3 | J7S7 |
| 3. O5O6 | J7B7 | J7K5 | O4H8 | O5O4 | J7B5 | J7K9 | O4C4 | J7O9 | O4J4 |
| 4. O4S4 | J2H5 | H3O2 | N5K3 | N5O3 | S7S3 | N5O6 | S7B3 | S7K6 | O4H7 |

For example:



- A) You place an atom with one free combination on the board. B) You then place a second atom with one free combination directly next to it. C) The atoms combine and, as there are no more free combinations, the molecule is complete.

One further example: The molecule is complete and subsequently cancelled from the screen.

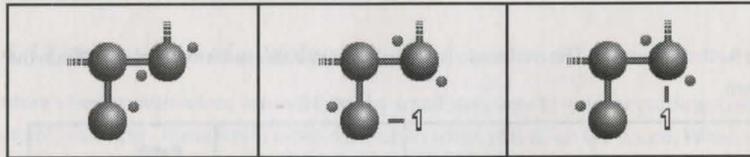


- | 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | 5. | 6. | 7. | 8. | 9. | 10. |
|---------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1. N5O4 | S7B6 | S7K8 | O4C5 | S7O8 | O4J5 | O4S5 | J2H9 | B5O2 | S7B4 |
| 2. S7K7 | O4C9 | S7O7 | O4J9 | O4S9 | J2C2 | S7O5 | O4N9 | O4B9 | J2J2 |
| 3. O4K2 | J2S2 | J4H2 | K6O4 | C2N2 | C6N3 | C6N6 | C9K6 | C6N4 | C9K8 |
| 4. C9O8 | H7S6 | K6N2 | C9K7 | C9O7 | H7S8 | C9O5 | H7B8 | H7K4 | N4H6 |

4.4 The Cursor

... indicates how many free combinations the waiting atom (at the bottom of the pit) possesses. If the cursor is directly positioned next to a placed atom, lines indicate in which directions the atoms can combine. If there are several possibilities, you may modify the lines' directions by pressing the SPACEBAR.

For example:



A) Several atoms are already placed, but still possess free combinations.

B) The cursor is placed between two atoms. A line indicates that placing the atom would result in a left side combination.

C) By pressing the SPACEBAR, the direction of the combination is changed. Placing the atom now will result in an upward combination.

4.5 Exchanging Atoms

Once an atom is placed, it is not irrevocably tied to its position (except when screwed down - see 6.1.3). If you position the cursor on an atom that is already placed, it may be exchanged for the current one (at the bottom of the pit) by pressing the FIRE button. However, the original atom does not disappear, it reappears at the bottom of the pit and may again be placed on the board.

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|---------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | 5. | 6. | 7. | 8. | 9. | 10. |
| 1. J6N2 | K9K3 | K9O3 | H7S7 | K9O6 | H7B7 | H7K5 | N4H8 | K9O4 | H7B5 |
| 2. H7K9 | N4C4 | H7O9 | N4J4 | N4S4 | S2H6 | H6N2 | J9K3 | J9O3 | O7S3 |
| 3. J9O6 | O7B3 | O7K6 | N4H7 | J9O4 | O7B6 | O7K8 | N4C5 | O7O8 | N4J5 |
| 4. N4S5 | S2H8 | S9O2 | O7B4 | O7K7 | N4C9 | O7O7 | N4J9 | N4S9 | S2C4 |

4.6 Joker Atom

From time to time an atom appears in the pit which has no electrons and no determined number of free combinations. You may place this atom wherever you wish; it will fit perfectly into any position. However, it must be able to enter a combination in at least one direction, otherwise it will be immediately cancelled from the screen (with no score).

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|---------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | 5. | 6. | 7. | 8. | 9. | 10. |
| 1. O7O5 | N4N9 | N4B9 | S2J4 | N4K2 | S2S4 | S4H4 | K6O5 | C8N2 | H9K3 |
| 2. H9O3 | N7S3 | H9O6 | N7B3 | N7K6 | B4H3 | H9O4 | N7B6 | N7K8 | B4C6 |
| 3. N7O8 | B4J6 | B4S6 | S2H7 | O9O2 | N7B4 | N7K7 | B4C8 | N7O7 | B4J8 |
| 4. B4S8 | S2C5 | N7O5 | B4N8 | B4B8 | S2J5 | B4K4 | S2S5 | S4H5 | K6O9 |

5. Extra Round

If you build a molecule which contains at least the number of atoms indicated in the status window under EXTR and if, after deleting this molecule from the screen, there are no more atoms on the board, you may play an Extra Round.

To do this, the message "EXTRA ROUND?" which appears on-screen has to be accepted within two seconds by pressing the FIRE button, otherwise the game continues normally.

In the Extra Round the whole board is filled with atoms. You have all the time in the world to construct a molecule by exchanging these atoms. New atoms fall into the entry pit, only after you have completed a molecule. The risk in the Extra Round exists in the possibility that (by mistake... of course) you build only a very small molecule. This gets you into serious time problems when continuing the game as the screen is not cleared after this round - atoms not included in the molecule remain on the board. Therefore, the aim of the Extra Round is to combine all the atoms into one molecule.

- | 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | 5. | 6. | 7. | 8. | 9. | 10. |
|---------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1. N9O2 | B7B2 | B7K3 | B4C7 | B7O3 | B4J7 | B4S7 | S2C9 | B7O6 | B4N7 |
| 2. B4B7 | S2J9 | B4K5 | S2S9 | S4H9 | K6K2 | B7O4 | B4N5 | B4B5 | S2N9 |
| 3. B4K9 | S2B9 | S4C2 | K6S2 | B4O9 | S2K2 | S4J2 | K6H2 | S4S2 | K5H2 |
| 4. K2H2 | C8O2 | C4K3 | C4B6 | C4B4 | C4N8 | K4B2 | C4N7 | C4N5 | C2K4 |

6. Different Play Modes

6.1 Mode A - Level-oriented Play

If you select mode A, the computer gives you a task at the beginning of the game. Once accomplished, the next task (the next level) follows. Remember that a level is considered finished only when the board is empty.

Example: You have the task of building 3 molecules. If after completing this task (i.e. after the deletion of the third molecule) there are still atoms on the board, you will be prompted to empty the screen. Only then can you advance to the next level.

The tasks in more detail:

6.1.1 "CREATE x MOLECULES WITH AT LEAST y ATOMS"

For levels which carry this task you must construct the indicated number of molecules of a given minimum size. As soon as a molecule of the required size is ready, the value LEFT in the status window is decreased by one. On the first levels, the indication "WITH AT LEAST y ATOMS" will be missing as even the smallest molecules count.

On higher levels, ominous blocks, where no atoms can be placed, appear on the board. These mysterious blocks are carried over into the Extra Round - if you get that far.

- | 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | 5. | 6. | 7. | 8. | 9. | 10. |
|---------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1. J4B2 | K4N3 | K4N6 | C2K5 | K4N4 | C2K9 | C2O9 | C5S4 | H4B2 | J4N3 |
| 2. J4N6 | K2K6 | J4N4 | K2K8 | K2O8 | C5S5 | S4N2 | K2K7 | K2O7 | C5S9 |
| 3. K2O5 | C5B9 | C5K2 | C7H4 | C7B2 | H4N3 | H4N6 | J2K6 | H4N4 | J2K8 |
| 4. J2O8 | K5S6 | O4N2 | J2K7 | J2O7 | K5S8 | J2O5 | K5B8 | K5K4 | C7H5 |

6.1.2 "COMPLETE THE GIVEN PATTERN "

Here your task is to insert a molecule into a given delimiting structure. To this end, part of the board is filled with various bubbles which have similar features to the above mentioned mysterious blocks. Atoms may be placed only in free positions within the structure. It is theoretically possible to fill the structure (delimited by the bubbles) with the atoms at your disposal as, in this section, atoms don't fall into the pit purely by chance. However, this is true only if you finish the molecule on your first attempt; if you build only parts of the structure and let the molecules disappear, the number and sequence of the next atoms will not fit the structure so conveniently.

6.1.3 " MAKE THE GIVEN ATOMS DISAPPEAR "

On levels of this kind some atoms are already placed on the screen. Contrary to normal atoms, these are fixed to the board by means of sub-atomic screws and cannot be exchanged.

If you succeed in integrating all of the 'screwed-down' atoms into a molecule, you'll probably get some extra points.

The above mentioned ominous blocks can materialize on the board on these levels, too.

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|--|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | 5. | 6. | 7. | 8. | 9. | 10. |
| 1. N4N2 S2K3 S2O3 K5S7 S2O6 K5B7 K5K5 C7H9 S2O4 K5B5 | | | | | | | | | |
| 2. K5K9 C7C2 K5O9 C7J2 C7S2 H2H4 C5B2 C7N3 C7N6 H2K6 | | | | | | | | | |
| 3. C7N4 H2K8 H2O8 J5S6 K7N2 H2K7 H2O7 J5S8 H2O5 J5B8 | | | | | | | | | |
| 4. J5K4 K7H6 J7N2 O2K3 O2O3 J5S7 O2O6 J5B7 J5K5 K7H8 | | | | | | | | | |

6.2 Mode B - right down to K.O.

If you have selected this mode, your task is purely and simply to grab as many points as possible. Here, you won't encounter mind-blowing blocks, bubbles or screws. But, as time passes, new atoms fall into the pit at a steadily increasing rate. The Extra Round may be played in this mode, too.

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|--|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | 5. | 6. | 7. | 8. | 9. | 10. |
| 1. O2O4 J5B5 J5K9 K7C4 J5O9 K7J4 K7S4 H2H5 H7N2 N2K3 | | | | | | | | | |
| 2. N2O3 S5S3 N2O6 S5B3 S5K6 K7H7 N2O4 S5B6 S5K8 K7C5 | | | | | | | | | |
| 3. S5O8 K7J5 K7S5 H2H9 B2O2 S5B4 S5K7 K7C9 S5O7 K7J9 | | | | | | | | | |
| 4. K7S9 H2C2 S5O5 K7N9 K7B9 H2J2 K7K2 H2S2 H4H2 J6O4 | | | | | | | | | |

7. Scoring

You don't play **ATOMINO** just for the sake of it. Because in **ATOMINO** you can win something: **Points!** and lots of 'em.

In mode B, for example, you gain ten points for every atom placed; for every molecule you create the number of atoms contained therein is squared. Your **SCORE** is displayed in the upper left corner of the screen.

For a molecule constructed during an Extra Round, you get double points.

Scoring is slightly different in mode A. Here you don't get points for placing an atom. If you have solved a level and still have to empty the screen, even finishing a molecule won't be rewarded.

On levels where you have to rebuild a given structure, your score will be increased only after finishing the level, i.e.: after rebuilding the structure completely.

- | 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | 5. | 6. | 7. | 8. | 9. | 10. |
|---------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1. C2B2 | C5N3 | C5N6 | C3K6 | C5N4 | C3K8 | C3O8 | H5S6 | K5N2 | C3K7 |
| 2. C3O7 | H5S8 | C3O5 | H5B8 | H5K4 | J7H6 | J5N2 | K3K3 | K3O3 | H5S7 |
| 3. K3O6 | H5B7 | H5K5 | J7H8 | K3O4 | H5B5 | H5K9 | J7C4 | H5O9 | J7J4 |
| 4. J7S4 | O2H6 | H5N2 | J3K3 | J3O3 | O5S3 | J3O6 | O5B3 | O5K6 | J7H7 |

8. Hot hints

Playing **ATOMINO** requires a lot of quick thinking to succeed. On the first levels, you can still afford tactical blunders, but as you progress the game becomes less lenient. In order to avoid too much humiliation, consider the following hints carefully.

Above all, remember (but don't repeat aloud in public places):

"A Four on a border causes havoc and disorder."

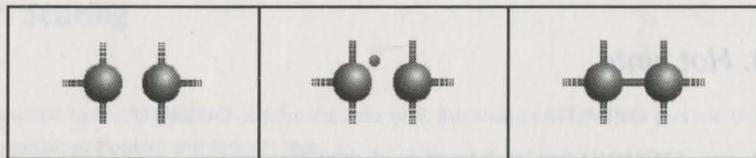
This is true because a four-valence atom on a border can combine only in a maximum of three directions. The same is true of for three-valence atoms placed in a corner. They will also keep at least one free combination. Therefore:

"A Three in a corner makes you look forlorn (you try thinking up a word to rhyme with corner!)."

In ticklish situations, borders can be used as "interim storage" (with low residual risk) for four-valence atoms. However, it is always best to try to integrate all arriving atoms into a permanent position within a molecule.

In the following two situations, four-valence atoms can easily be built in:

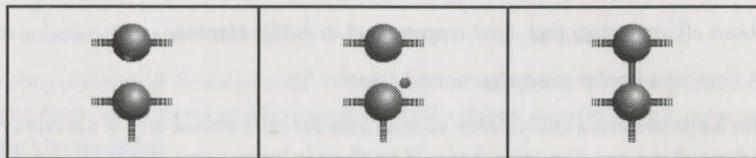
- | 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | 5. | 6. | 7. | 8. | 9. | 10. |
|---------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1. J3O4 | O5B6 | O5K8 | J7C5 | O5O8 | J7J5 | J7S5 | O2H8 | S3O2 | O5B4 |
| 2. O5K7 | J7C9 | O5O7 | J7J9 | J7S9 | O2C4 | O5O5 | J7N9 | J7B9 | O2J4 |
| 3. J7K2 | O2S4 | O4H4 | J6O5 | C9N2 | H3K3 | H3O3 | N5S3 | H3O6 | N5B3 |
| 4. N5K6 | S7H3 | H3O4 | N5B6 | N5K8 | S7C6 | N5O8 | S7J6 | S7S6 | O2H7 |



A) Two unconnected three-valence atoms are situated next to each other.

B) One of the three-valence atoms may be replaced by a four-valence one.

C) At the next possible opportunity, the second three-valence atom may also be exchanged for a four-valence one.

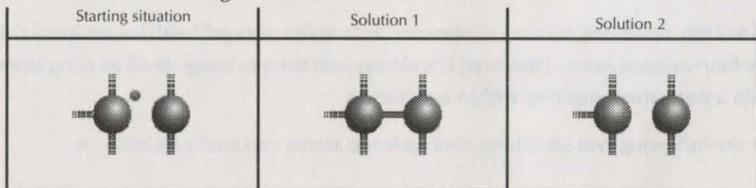


A) Starting situation.

B) The three-valence atom is exchanged for a four-valence one.

C) The three-valence atom, thus freed, replaces the two-valence atom.

Often different moves give the same result:



To the left, there is a four-valence atom with one free combination. Next to it there is a two-valence atom with no free combinations. The current atom, which now has to be placed, has three free combinations.

It replaces the two-valence atom. Now in this position there are no free combinations left. The current atom now is a two-valence one.

The three-valence atom replaces the four-valence one. In this case, too, there are no more free combinations. The current atom now is a four-valence one.

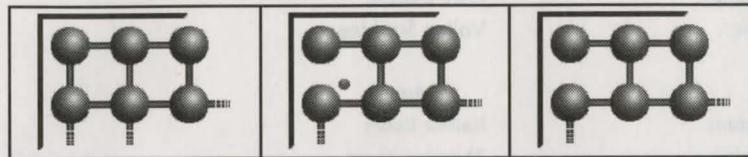
1. O3O2 N5B4 N5K7 S7C8 N5O7 S7J8 S7S8 O2C5 N5O5 S7N8
2. S7B8 O2J5 S7K4 O2S5 O4H5 J6O9 N3O2 B5B2 B5K3 S7C7
3. B5O3 S7J7 S7S7 O2C9 B5O6 S7N7 S7B7 O2J9 S7K5 O2S9
4. O4H9 J6K2 B5O4 S7N5 S7B5 O2N9 S7K9 O2B9 O4C2 J6S2

In such a case you have to decide if, for your next action, you need a two- or a four-valence atom.

Now some hints for the Extra Round.

Above all, pay attention not to complete a small molecule by mistake. Take care that all atoms are linked in some way or other. Start by taking four-valence atoms off the borders and place them in the centre.

The main problem in an Extra Round is one-valence atoms. They should be placed at the borders.

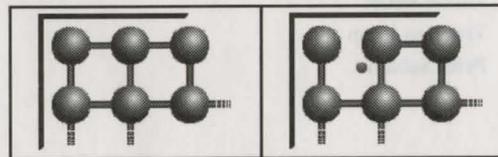


A) Starting situation: The current atom is one-valence.

B) It is placed in the corner.

C) The thus freed two-valence atom replaces the three-valence one.

Another solution:



A) Same starting situation.

B) By pressing the SPACEBAR, the one-valence atom will now be combined downwards.

1. S7O9 O2K2 O4J2 J6H2 O4S2 J5H2 J2H2 K8O4 C4C3 C2N3
2. C2N6 C6J6 C2N4 C6J8 C6N8 C9S6 K2N2 C6J7 C6N7 C9S8
3. C6N5 C9B8 C9K4 H7H6 J2N2 K6J3 K6N3 C9S7 K6N6 C9B7
4. C9K5 H7H8 K6N4 C9B5 C9K9 H7C4 C9O9 H7J4 H7S4 N2H6

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