

# LINKS 2005/2

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# Getting Started

## System Requirements

Links OS/2 requires a high end 486DX2-66 with at least 16 megabytes of memory. We strongly recommend a Pentium class machine or better for optimal performance.

OS/2 Warp 3 or later is also required to play. For compatibility purposes, check in your \MMOS2\DLL directory to see what the date of your DIVE.DLL is. If the date is earlier than 1995, logon to Stardock's website to obtain a newer version.

## Installation

To install Links OS/2, simply place the CD into your CD ROM drive and run the install program that is on the CD. It will ask you where to install it and then copy the necessary files. Once installed, it will create a folder on your desktop from which you can launch Links OS/2.

## Your First Game

The first time you play Links OS/2, it will create every window available to you. You can pick and choose between the windows you want and minimize the ones you don't need and bring them up later. For example, you may not need to see your score card all the time or your footing and the first time you play, they will be open. You can minimize those windows and bring them up later by clicking on their icon.

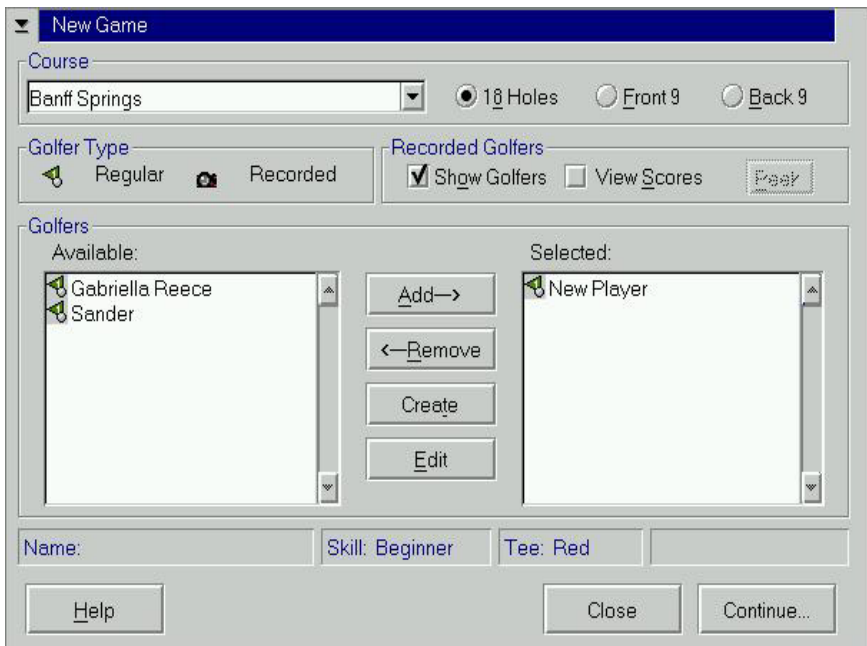
# Playing Links OS/2

## Starting a game

When you start a new game, you must decide whether you want to practice or play a full game of golf. The first time you play, you might want to practice a little bit so that you get the hang of how to play.

By the way, we are assuming you already have an idea of how golf is played. If you are unfamiliar with golf, you may want to ask a friend or read a book regarding the sport.

Once you have decided to start a game, you need to create a player. Simply name the player and select the course you want to play on. Links OS/2 comes with 2 courses to choose from. You can also install other courses that are available from Stardock as well as other resellers of Links golf courses.



# Setting up your player

Once you have named your player and chosen a course to play on, you have to decide on the skill level, what your player looks like, and what clubs you are going to carry with you. Moreover, you will also have to decide how far away from the hole you start.

The skill level determines how realistic the game will play. When you choose beginner, the game is pretty forgiving of slicing a shot and wind conditions don't really come into play too much. On the other hand, if you choose to be a pro, wind conditions and the quality of your shot really come into play.

If you choose to have a caddie, the caddie will choose the best club for the particular shot. Serious golfers will likely choose not to have a caddie and pick the club that they feel is most appropriate.

**Create Golfer**

**Golfer**  
New Player

**Characteristics**  
Shirt Skin Hair Male Female

**Skill**  
Beginner Amateur Pro

**Tee**  
Red (Shortest) White Blue Black (Longest)

**Club Selection (14 maximum)**  
Drivers Woods Irons Wedges

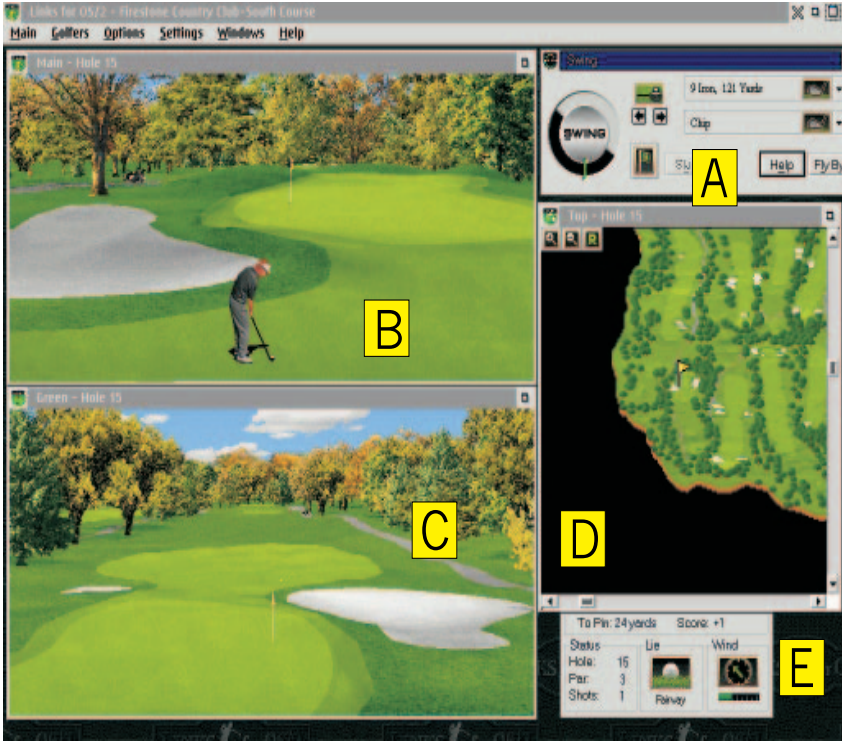
**Grid**  
Putting

**Golfer Animation**  
With Swing After Swing

**Chipping Club**  
<none>

**Caddie**  
Caddie

Help Default Rename... Cancel OK



**A**

**Your Swing control.**

When you press the swing button, the bar will move up to the left as long as you hold down the mouse button. When you let go, the bar will move back towards the bottom. A good strong swing is one in which the swing reaches the non-transparent part of the circle and from which you press the mouse button when the bar returns to the bottom most position of the bar. Give it a few practice shots and you'll get the hang of it.

**B**

**Your current position.**

You can actually see where you are currently standing on the course. In this picture, you can see the hole in front of you and the sand trap to the left.

**C**

**The green view.**

From here, you can see things from the green's perspective. This is an optional window but quite useful when nearing the green.

**D**

**The map.**

This optional window lets you see where you are located on the course. You can zoom in and out so that you can get a better understanding of your position on that particular hole.

**E**

**Shot conditions window.**

From here you can see the lie of the ball, how strong the wind conditions are and where you stand on this particular hole.

# Getting Support

## Forums

Internet: <http://www.stardock.com>

## Email

[support@stardock.com](mailto:support@stardock.com)

## Other Notes

Visit Stardock's website regularly to keep up to date on product updates, add-ons, and frequently asked questions. We strongly recommend using on-line support, particularly discussion groups. While not officially supported, the Usenet newsgroup `comp.os.os2.games` is particularly useful for people to discuss strategies to improve their skills at the game.

# Other Stardock Games



## Entrepreneur™

Start a company and conquer the world. Created by the same team which brought you Galactic Civilizations, Entrepreneur puts you in the role of the company that wants to take over the world economically. Create products, spread fear, uncertainty and doubt about your enemies, and use your political resources to break them.



## TRIALS OF BATTLE

Take a trip to a distant world and compete in a battle to the death against players from across the universe in an attempt to prove that mankind is worthy of survival. Trials of Battle combines the fast action pace of games like Quake with the strategic equipment choices of games such as Mech Warrior.



## GALACTIC CIVILIZATIONS

After your colony ship is warped to a distant galaxy, you must take command of mankind's destiny. Fight intergalactic wars, negotiate treaties, research new technologies, and keep your citizens happy. Also available now is the Expansion pack for GalCiv II.



## AVARICE The Final Saga

After arriving at your mysterious uncle's island estate, you discover he is missing and vague clues lead you to believe that his disappearance may lead to the end of the world as you know it. Avarice is the world's first multithreaded adventure game that comes closer to virtual reality than anything so far. The ultimate adventure awaits you!



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