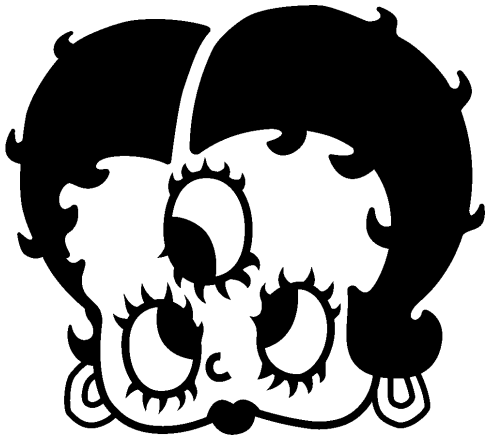


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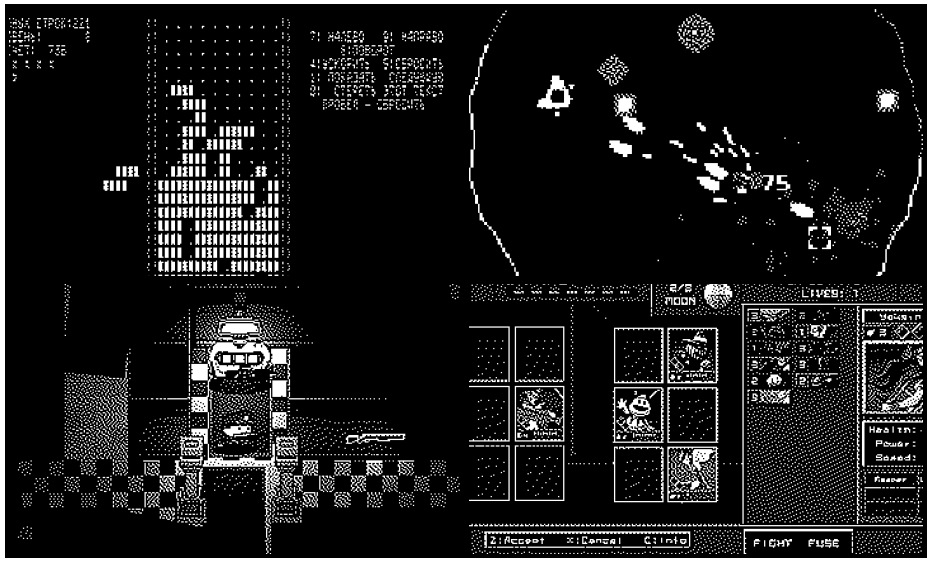
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Giga Groovy Games

Giga Groovy Games was HOUDINI's arcade. We played indie games and wrote up the ones worth your time. Games coverage lives on HOUDINI Magazine now, and this zine collects the 19 PC games from the arcade.

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Tetris 1

By Pixel Prophecy

Puzzle



Tetris, like communism, is a spectre that haunts—whether in spinoffs, re-iterations, cash grabs, mobile ports, or high-level competitive play; psychedelic visuals or PTSD treatment, you don't have to look far to find Tetris somewhere. In the HOUDINI arcade, if we include one iteration, it might as well be the Soviet original. The whirl of the fans makes the ambience really cozy. The lines and the way the ASCII display uses the dots in the background? You stare at that, and you really get why the term "Tetris effect" exists. The keyboard controls might take a bit of getting used to, but this is an excellent piece of playable people's history.

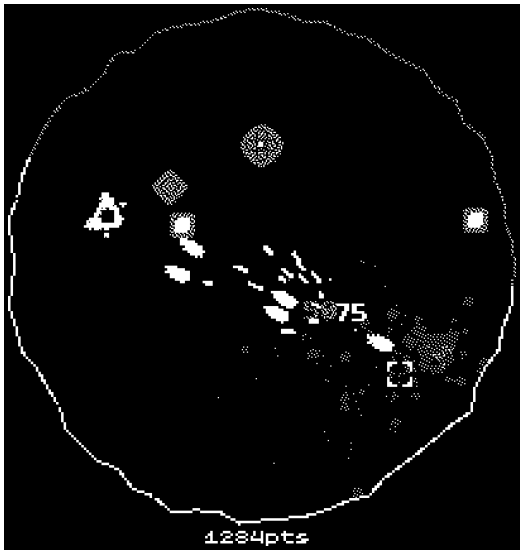
Play Tetris 1

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O 2

By Sir Milkman

Shmup



Stardust-style shooter with a slick vector aesthetic—its controversial difficulty and soundtrack alone would draw crowds if this were a physical arcade cabinet. Don't let the basic upgrade system fool you: this is a hardcore score-chase shmup. The generous particle effects and 2-bit color scheme might overwhelm at first, but lock into the flow state? That high score is yours for the taking.

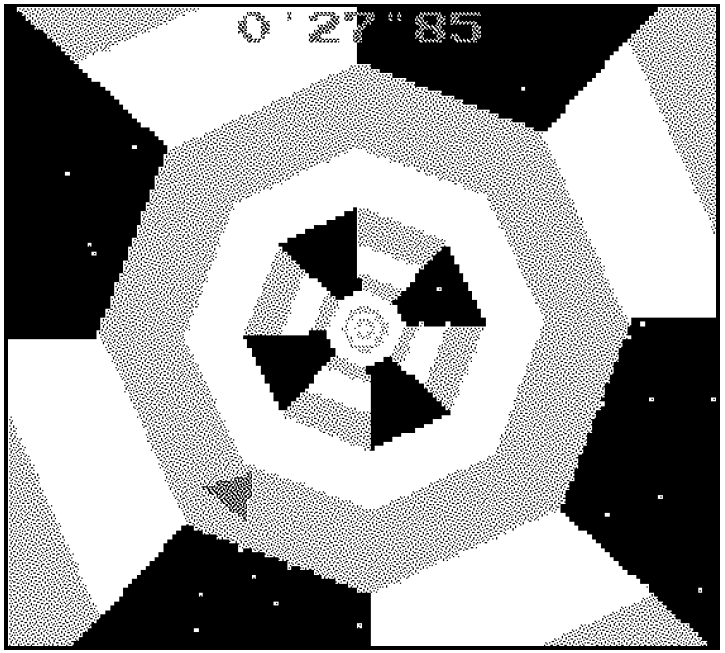
Play O 2

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The Spacer 19

By Andy Herbert

Endless Runner



A very trippy tube style endless runner. A great example of style and gameplay meeting limited hardware. Sometimes, 2 buttons and good composition are all you need to create an experience worth sharing. Too bad it's not actually for the gameboy!!

Play The Spacer 19

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Rise Up! 18

By E H Jørgensen

Beat em up



OGs know we had Wack Your Boss on the site for the longest. What better replacement than a full fledged kick upper-middle management's ass beatem up? This is the type of arcade game Mordecai and Rigby played in Regular Show.

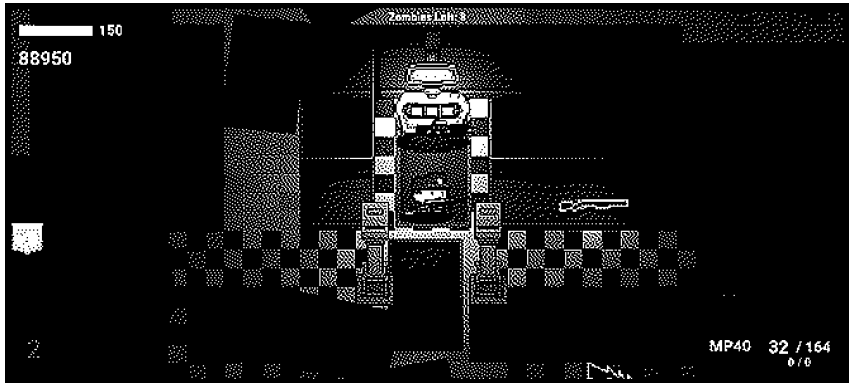
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a zombie game 3

By Rekmodus

Action



Dead-ass love the formula behind Call of Duty's Zombie mode—especially the classic era (*WaW/Blops/Blops2*). Stumbled onto this game while searching for something else entirely and ended up losing damn near an hour to it. Yeah, there's only one level, and yeah, the characters look like Cyanide & Happiness bootlegs, but that's part of the charm. It's wild how few devs have messed with this formula; you'd think there'd be a ton of clones, but nah. Sent this to my boy, and his response: "Felt like I was in a school computer lab. It was nice." Groovy.

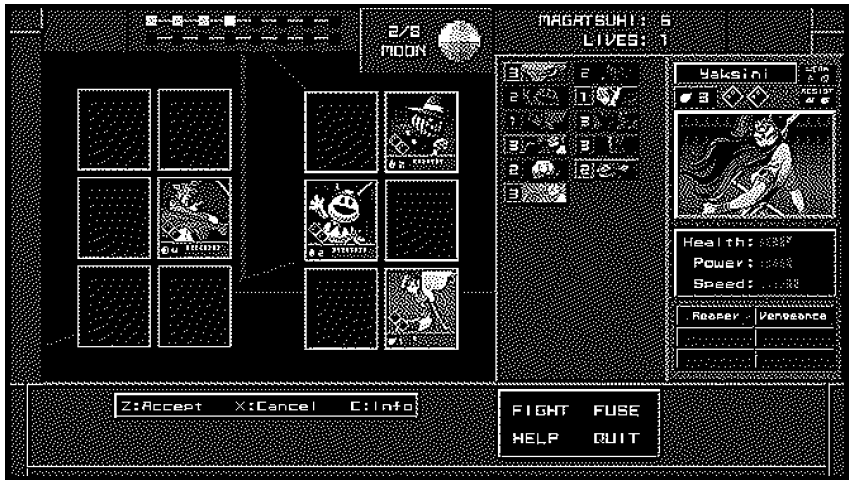
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Shin Fangame Tensei 4

By Jab Lao

Strategy



Sunk nearly three hours into this already, and man, it's some good stuff. There's a surprising amount of meat to this bootleg— demons, a slick fusion system, and combat that feels like the real deal. The vibe is dead-on: grimy, crunchy, and packed with that MegaTen flavor. The pacing is killer, too—just straight demon-battling with no filler, no fluff. A rare case of a fangame that doesn't just mimic the source material but actually gets why it works. If you've ever wanted more SMT without the 80-hour commitment, this is it.

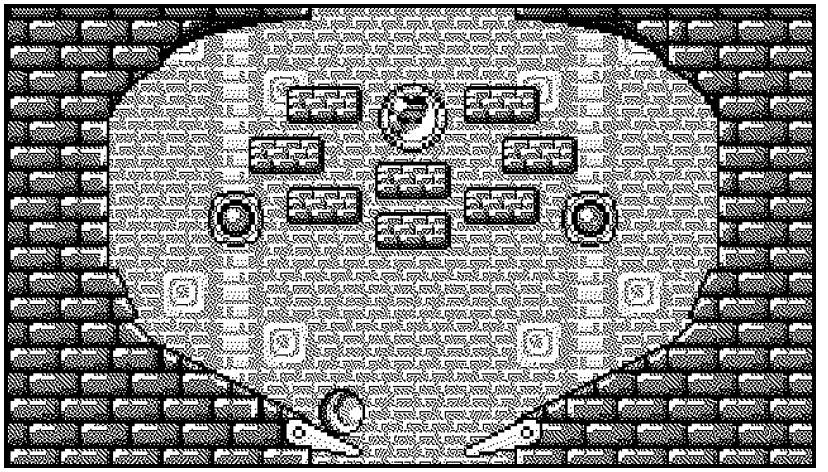
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Bumper Clamber 17

By Strato

Pinball



Bumper Clamber needs an arcade machine. I need to lose $5 in quarters trying to beat the guy who somehow made it to floor 33. Would have wore out my DSi's shoulder buttons if this was on the eshop back in the day.

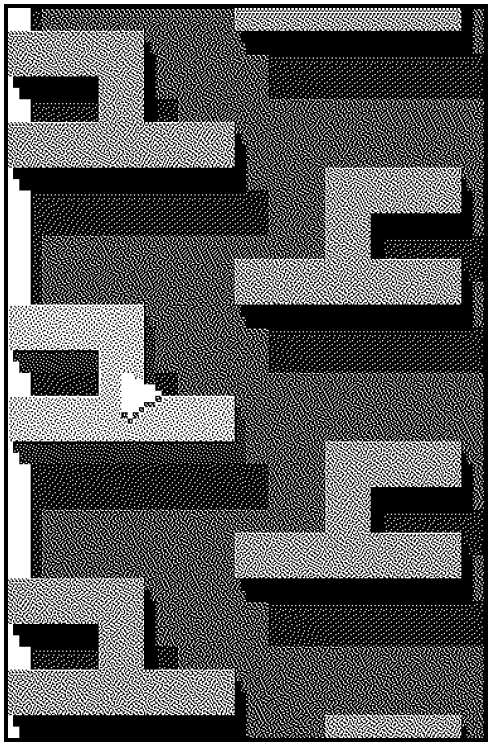
Play Bumper Clamber 17

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Infinimoes 16

By Werxzy

Puzzle



A quirky tangram puzzle game with stylish graphics. The demo is very content filled, and the game itself is a great price. We give it a recommendation.

Play Infinimoes 16

Scan the code to find it on itch.io.

Grot 5

By Tano Collective

FPS



Doesn't feel like some free browser game—this thing is beautiful. That blue and rust color palette? Chef's kiss. You know where this belongs—the PS Vita. Has that 2017 late indie PS Vita release energy.

Love this FPS. Love the rust.

Dear devs: We need a sequel. Add strafing. Couple more weapons. Bam. Hotcakes. $3.99 on Steam. Trust.

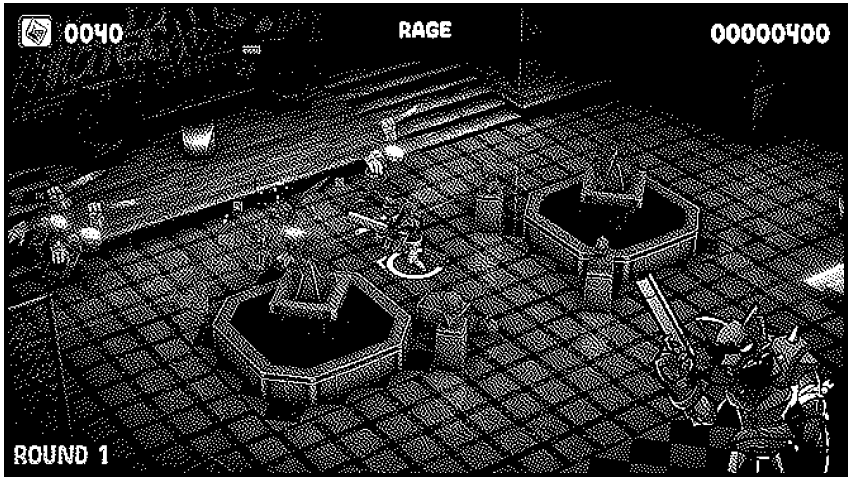
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WOLFGUN 6

By Sodaraptor

Action



Tough but stylish, with a gritty PS1 twin-stick shooter vibe. This game jam demo feels like something you'd find on an old-school demo disc. You'll want to download it for the best experience.

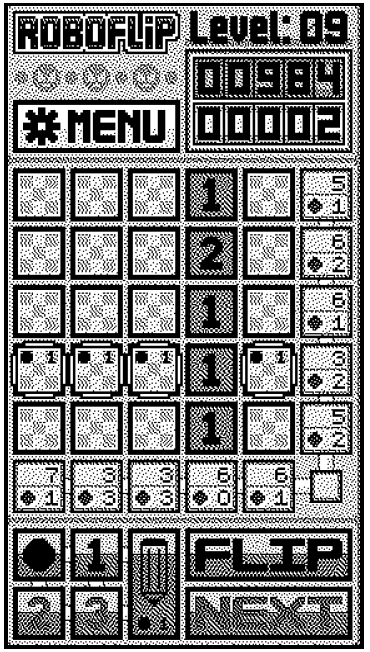
Play WOLFGUN 6

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RoboFlip 15

By Herald

Puzzle



Heartgold and Soulsilver replaced the game corner slots with something less casino, and more minesweeper. This game recreates Voltorb Flip in all its explosive glory.

Play RoboFlip 15

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Void Maker 14

By The Storyteller

Action Adventure



A game that looks like a cross between Fancy Pants Adventure and Octopath Traveler. With 3 endings and a good amount of story to take in, this one is well worth a download.

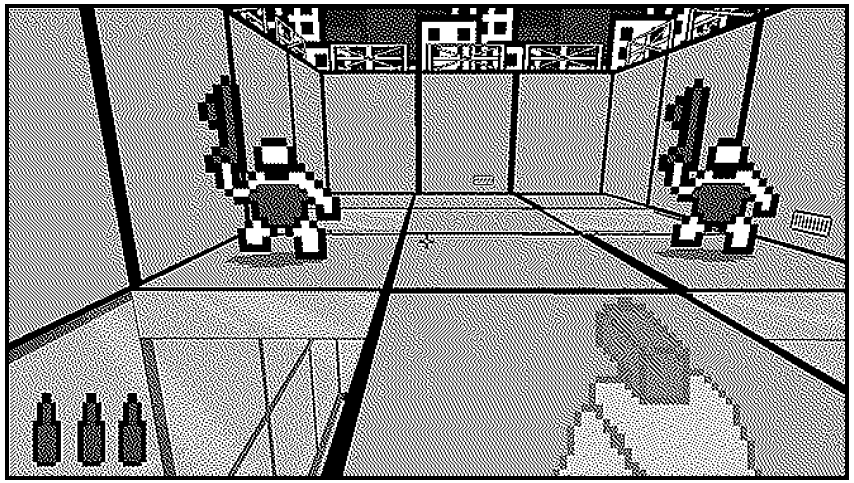
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Red Handed 7

By Bad Piggy

FPS



Puzzle oriented FPS—reminds me of SuperHot due to the nature of it's "time is stopped until you make the first move" mechanic, though the gameplay is different. You've been caught red handed, and every bullet counts.

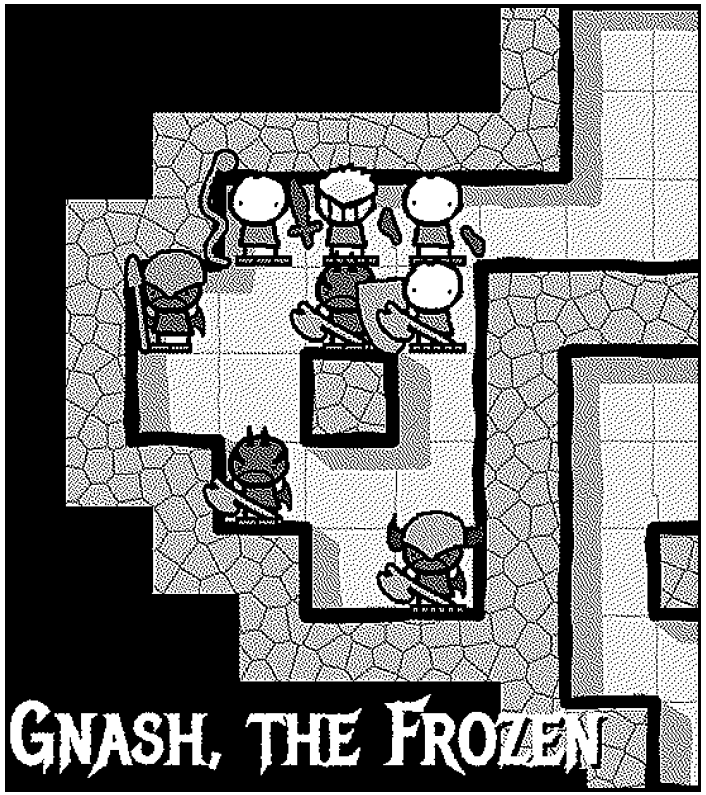
Play Red Handed 7

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Unto Hell 8

By eh good enough

Strategy



Driving guitars, simple game loop that pushes the action forward, easy to pick up. But the real kicker? That peak 2004 Newgrounds vibe. Had to include this one.

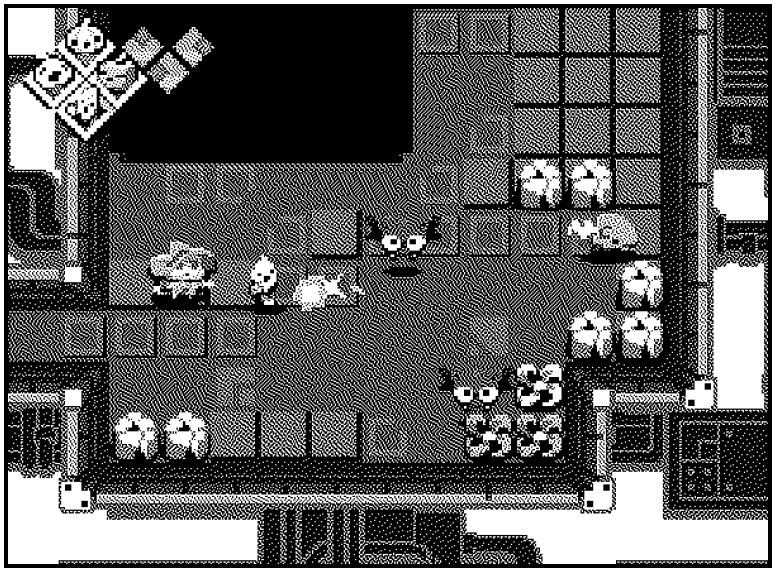
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Globeba 13

By Team Bugulon

Action Adventure



Team Bugulon is a name in indie gaming you should know, and their latest game “Globeba” is a great introduction to their cute, quirky art style and classic gameplay sensiblities. If you like games like Minish Cap, give this a go.

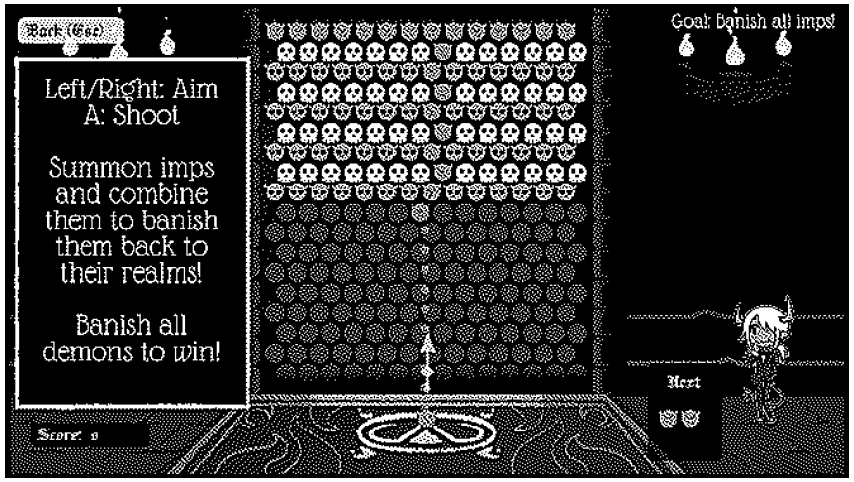
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Butler! Summon the Imps! 12

By Moonlight Jammers

Puzzle



Spooky Bust-A-Move, simple concept with a clean dreamcast esque art style.

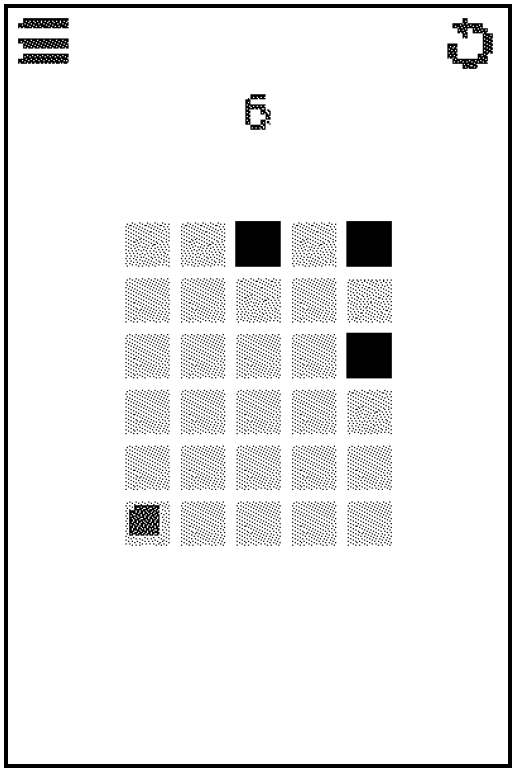
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Streamline 9

By Francois Vn

Puzzle



Lovely puzzle game with a clean design and a nice, simple yet effective style. Has an Infinite mode, which is always a plus.

Play Streamline 9

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Dojo of Death 10

By Harpwood

Action



Remake of the flash game classic, now playable in modern browsers. I wasted a lot of time in study hall playing this one, finding this was like unlocking an ancient memory.

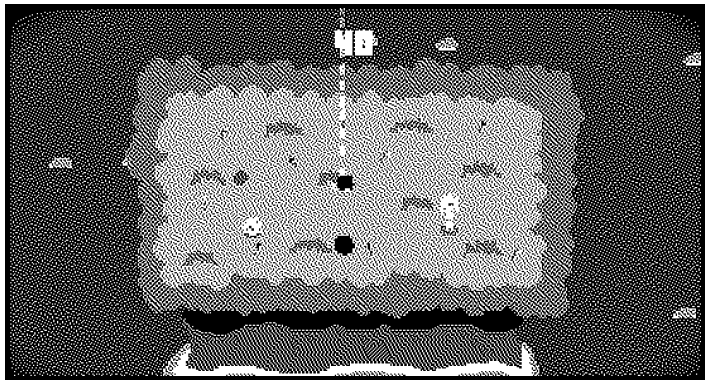
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Bomb Fall 11

By Small Shard

Arcade



The concept is simple, keep your fluff balls from getting bombed by throwing them away from danger? The challenge? Brutal, this one is a score chaser, and it makes you work for every point.

Play Bomb Fall 11

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