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Thinking Thing Software

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About the game

"Amazing Mahjongg" is based on a traditional Chinese game **Mahjong** with the history of centuries. This game is very popular in hole of the word even nowadays. It combines elements of skill, strategy, memory, and intuition into a challenging game of patience.

The "Amazing Mahjongg" game is a single-player Pocket PC version of the classic **Mahjong** game.



Game Features

The main features of the "Amazing Mahjongg" are:

- Online high scores table and worldwide tournament.
- In the end of every successful game you will get a divination from the ancient Chinese "Book of Changes".
- You can select your own image for the game background.
- You can play on more than 20 different layouts.
- You can choose the screen orientation.
- You can install the program to the Storage card.
- You can see statistics for each layout you played.
- You can hide/show the closed tiles (classic game).
- You can to get hints during the game.

System Requirements

The game is developed for devices based on such popular mobile operating systems as: Windows Mobile 2003/2003 Second Edition, Windows Mobile 5.0.

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Installation

To install the game do the following:

1. Connect your mobile device with your desktop computer via a cable. Run Microsoft ActiveSync. When devices are connected an icon of connection on desktop PC tray bar becomes rich green.
2. On your desktop PC start "**Amazing Mahjongg**" installation file (*.exe) by double click on it. Installation process will start automatically on your desktop PC
3. Follow the instructions of the installation program.
4. During the installation process you can choose in the following dialog where the "**Amazing Mahjongg**" would be installed (to the storage card or to the main memory of your device).

Trial version limitations and the game registration

The trial-version of "**Amazing Mahjongg**" program has the time limitation: the game is available for 30 days.

To register your copy, do the following:

1. Start the program "**Amazing Mahjongg**" or, if the game has been already started, return to the **Game Menu**.
2. Tap the "**Help**" button in the **Game Menu** Then proceed to "**Register**" screen using buttons in the bottom of the screen.
3. Enter the **Registration Name** and the **Registration Key** using onscreen keyboard. You receive the registration key for your game after purchasing the software.
4. Tap **Enter** key to complete the registration.



How to play

After the installation the "**Amazing Mahjongg**" icon appears in the **Programs>Game** folder in the **Start** menu on your device.

The game start

To start the new game you can use the following buttons:

1. "**New Game**" of the **Main Game Menu**;
2. "**Continue**" of the **Main Game Menu**. Use this button to continue previously started game.

Game rules

All tiles are built in a pyramid the shape of which can resemble the animals, physics objects, symbols and so on according to the layout you choose.

The goal of the game is to remove all the tiles.

To remove the tiles just select 2 matching tiles.

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You have to remove two free tiles according to the following rules:

1. The tiles for removing should be similar for these sets: **Dots, Bamboos, Characters, Winds and Dragons**, e.g. **1 dot – 1 dot, North Wind – North Wind**.
2. You can remove any two tiles which belong to the same set for following sets: **Flowers and Seasons**, e.g. **Plum – Orchid, Winter – Summer**.
(Refer to **Tiles classification** description to get detailed information about the tiles sets).
3. You can remove only free tiles. Tile considered being free if no other tile lies on it and even its one large side does not adjoin the other tiles.

The game is over when all tiles are removed or there are no tiles to be removed.

How to remove the tiles

To remove the tiles just select two matched tiles according to the game rules. For this purpose just tap the first tile by stylus. After that the tile will be lighted by yellow color and the tile name will be shown instead of the game time. Then tap the second tile. If the tiles are matched according to the game rules they will be removed automatically and the information about the number of tiles to be removed (**Tiles left**) and the number of the available pairs for the current game state (**Pairs**) will be shown.

If the second tile is not matched it would not be selected and the tiles will not be removed.

Tile set

A complete set contains 144 tiles. The tiles fall into four categories: suits, honor tiles, flowers and seasons. The suit tiles are numbered 1 through 9, and in any given suit, there are four of each number. The flower and season tiles differ in nature from the suit and honor tiles. There are only 4 season tiles (**Winter, Spring, Summer, and Autumn**) and only 4 flowers (**Bamboo, Orchid, Plum, and Chrysanthemum**).

Dots

The dots (also called circles or balls) include 9 tiles of different values:



Bamboo

The bamboo's (also called bams or sticks) include 9 tiles of different values:



Characters

The characters (also called characks, cracks, or wan) include 9 tiles of different values:



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Winds

The winds (North, South, East, and West):



Dragons

The dragons (White, Green, and Red):



The red has the Chinese character (in red) for Cheung - meaning center of the four directions. The green dragon is not really a dragon, but a green imprinted Chinese character, Fa (or Fa Choy), meaning "commence" or "begin good luck". Just as there are four each suit number, there are four of each wind and four of each dragon.

Seasons

Seasons set includes 4 tiles of different types: **Winter, Spring, Summer** and **Autumn**:



Flowers

Flowers set includes 4 tiles of different types: **Bamboo, Orchid, Plum** and **Chrysanthemum**:



How to find matching tiles

During the game you can get the hints by using the "?" button or just hold the stylus on the desired tile for 3 seconds in the case if you want to get the hint for this tile.

When you tap the "?" button during the game the tile combination which can be removed will be lighted with blue color. Tapping the button for several times you can see all the tiles combination which can be removed for the current game state.



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As tapping the "?" button so as you can just hold the stylus on the desired tile for 3 seconds. In this case if there are tiles which can be removed with the chosen one, they will be lighted with blue color. Instead the played time you will see the number of the matching tiles (**matching tiles**).

If there are not any matching tiles you will see the **"No matching tiles"** instead of the played time and no tiles will be lighted.

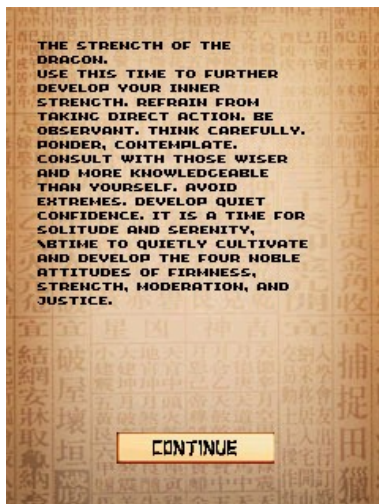
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Interface

Game interface



1. Use the button to start the new game for the current layout.
2. Use the button to undo your last tiles remove. You can undo any number of tiles removes one by one.
3. Use the button to get the prompts during the game. By tapping this button for several times you can see all the combination which can be removed for current game state. Detailed information about different ways of getting prompts you can see in the section "**How to get prompts during the game**".
4. Information field that shows:
 - the game time (**Time played**) – available during the game;
 - the name of the selected tile (e.g. **Green Dragon**) – available when you select the tile;
 - number of matching tiles which arrange a combination for removing (**Matching tiles**) – available when you use the prompts;
 - number of the tiles left (**Tiles left**) and the number of the pairs which can be removed (**Pairs**) – available after you removed the pair of tiles.
5. Use the button to exit the game and return to the **Main Game Menu**. In this case you can return to the game by using the button.



In the end of every successful game you will get a divination from the ancient Chinese "Book of Changes"

Main menu

When you start the program you proceed to the window with the **Main Game Menu**, which allows you:

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1. To start new game;
2. To change the game settings and the layout. For detailed information refer to the **Options** section description;
3. To see the statistics of the played games.
4. To see the game detailed rules and register your copy of the "Amazing Mahjongg" program. For more information, refer to the **Help** section description;
5. To exit the "Amazing Mahjongg" program.

Options

Options menu section includes 7 windows: **Common settings**, **Game settings**, **Select Layout**, **Select background**, **Select tile set**, **Player name**, **Mahjongg4u.com account**. The name of each window is shown in the bottom of the window. Use the buttons in the bottom of the screen to change the windows. To return to the **Main Game Menu** use the button in any of the windows.

Common settings

In the Common settings window you can change the following game settings:



Screen orientation

Choose the most convenient screen orientation by tapping it with stylus.

Language

Choose interface language

Sound enabled

If you uncheck this item the sound effects will be disabled.

Music enabled

If you uncheck this item the music will be disabled.

Game settings

In the Common settings window you can change the following game settings:

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Status on top If you uncheck this item all the functional buttons and the information field will be shown in the bottom of the window during the game.

Hide closed tiles If you check this item all the closed tiles (which can not be removed) will be hidden. The tile can be removed only if it is free. The tile considered being free if no other tile lies on it and even its one large side does not adjoin the other tiles.

Tile shadows If you check this item the tiles shadows will be enabled what makes the pyramid appearance more relief.

Animated tiles If you check this item the tiles will fade removing

Select layout



In the **Select layout** window you can choose the layout for the pyramid.

Use small arrow buttons to see all available layouts.

To start the game with the new layout use the "New game" button of the **Main Game window**.

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Select background



In the **Select background** window you can choose the background for the Game window.

Use small arrow buttons to see all available backgrounds.

You can place additional images for the background in \My Documents\My Pictures folder on your device

Select tile set



In the **Title set** window you can choose the graphic performing according to the resolution of your device screen.

Traditional Hi

If you have the device with **VGA** screen (screen resolution is 480x640 pix) we recommend you to use **Traditional Hi Thinking Thing** for better graphics performing

Traditional

If you have the device with **QVGA** screen (screen resolution is 240x320 pix) we recommend you to use **Traditional Thinking Thing** for better graphics performing.

You can download and install more tile sets from our site <http://www.mahjongg4u.com/>

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Player name



In the **Player Name** window you can enter the name for scores table.

Mahjongg4u.com account



In the **Mahjongg4u.com** account window you can enter login and password for your account on site

<http://www.mahjongg4u.com>

This information is used to upload your high scores into our worldwide online tournament.

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Scores



You can see how many times you played the game for each layout (**Played times**), how many of them were won (**Won times**). Each layout has a unique name which is shown in the top of the **Score** window.

By pressing "Upload" button you upload your scores to our worldwide online tournament.

To use this feature you have:

1. Register for free on our website.
2. Enter your account information in **Options>Mahjongg4u.com account**.
3. Have internet connection available.

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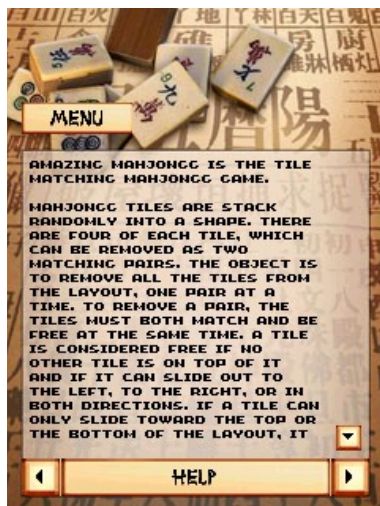
Help

Help menu section includes 3 windows: **About**, **Help**, **Register**. The name of each window is shown in the bottom of the window. Use the buttons to change the windows. To return to the **Main Game Menu** use the button in any of the windows.



About

In this window you can see the information about the program version and developers.



Help

In this window you can see the detailed game rules. To see the whole text, use the buttons.

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About

In this window you can see the information about the program version and developers.



Register

Go to the Register window to register your program copy. For more information about the registration process, refer to the **Trial-version limitations and the game registration** description. This window is available only in the unregistered "Amazing Mahjongg" program copy.

Uninstallation

To completely uninstall "Amazing Mahjongg" program, do the following:

1. Open the **Start>Settings**
2. Then open the **System** sheet and choose **Remove programs**
3. Select the "Thinking Thing Amazing Mahjong" program from the list and tap **Remove** button.
4. After that the warning message will appear. Tap **Yes** to confirm the removing. Tap **No** to cancel the removing and return to the **Remove programs** window.