

BALACERA BROTHERS



INSTRUCTIONS

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ABOUT THIS GAME

Balacera Brothers is a retro-styled run n' gun videogame for the PC, developed by Merso X Games.

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STORY

Crime ran rampant through the streets, but Harold and Bennie played every club and dive to spread that sweet sound of music to every ear that could hear.

However, crime breeds fear, and fear feeds the dark. The ghosts and ghouls reach out and eat more than the boys can beat! If sound can't stop these bad bones, maybe a little balacera can...

LAUNCHING THE GAME

Tips to keep in mind when launching Balacera Brothers on your PC:

- Press Alt+Enter on your keyboard to switch between full and windowed screen.
- Press the arrow and Enter keys **on your keyboard** to navigate through the main menu in the game.
- It is recommended that you enter the Options menu, and customize video and control options to your liking.

OPTIONS MENU

Enter the Options menu to customize settings such as display, control, and sound.



DEFAULT KEYBOARD COMMANDS

The default controls for player 1 are:

W:	Aim up
S:	Duck / aim down
A:	Walk / aim left
D:	Walk / aim right
J:	Shoot (hold down for rapid fire)
K:	Jump
L:	Stationary Aim (hold down to aim at different directions without walking)
U:	Switch weapon
Enter:	Start game / Pause
Alt + Enter:	Toggle fullscreen on/off

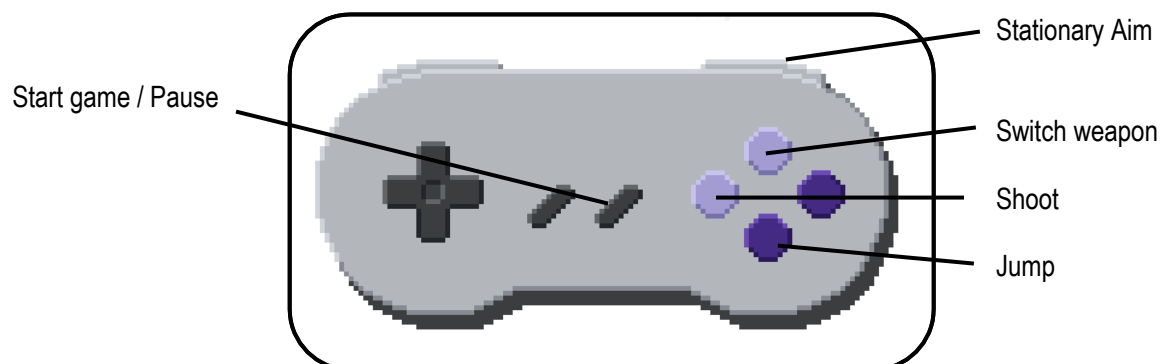
You can redefine keys in the Options menu (recommended).

CONFIGURING YOUR GAMEPAD

It's highly recommended that you play Balacera Brothers with a gamepad instead of the keyboard. Follow these instructions to set it up:

- Make sure your gamepad is plugged in before running the game.
- Go to Options > Control Options > Setup Player 1
- The first action, "Move Up", is selected by default. Press Enter **on your keyboard**, followed by the button on the gamepad you want to assign that action to (in this case, UP in the directional pad)
- After that, press the down arrow **on your keyboard** to highlight the next action, and repeat the process.

This is the suggested button layout for this game:



GAME MODES

Here you can adjust the difficulty of the game.

EASY: Consider this a practice run. If NORMAL mode is giving you trouble, it might be better to start here. EASY mode offers more lives and less challenges.

NORMAL: The main event!

HARD: So you think Balacera Brothers is too easy, eh? Select HARD mode and put your abilities to the test!



GAME SCREEN

Chosen character
(Player 1)

Lives left
(Player 1)

Primary weapon
slot (Player 1)

Secondary weapon
slot (Player 1)



Secondary weapon
(Player 2)

Primary weapon
(Player 2)

Lives left
(Player 2)

Chosen character
(Player 2)

WEAPONS & POWER-UPS



1up
Gives you an extra life



Weapon: Spread
Provides the biggest coverage



Weapon: Homing
The bullets follow the enemies automatically



Weapon: Fire
Strong weapon with limited range



Weapon: Laser
Powerful and unstoppable



TROUBLESHOOTING

Screen is cut off on the top and bottom: right click on the EXE file, go to Properties, Compatibility tab, click the "Change high DPI settings", check "Override high DPI scaling behavior", and pick "Application" from the drop down menu.

Gamepad not recognized: make sure your gamepad(s) are plugged into the USB port(s) and recognized by Windows *before* launching the game.

If you're using wireless controllers, you may need to install additional software.

Game crashes/other issues: send me a message at merso_x@yahoo.com explaining the issue, and we'll work it out.

CREDITS

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