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INSTALLING THE GAME

NOTE: For system requirements, see http://www.ea.com/official/godfather/godfather/us/index.jsp.

Please contact the digital retailer through whom you purchased this game for instructions on how to install the game or how to download and reinstall another copy of the game.

STARTING THE GAME

To start *The Godfather The Game*:

1. Close all open programs and background tasks, including virus scanners (see *Performance Tips* on p. 12 for more info).
2. Click the **Start** button from the Windows Taskbar and select **All Programs** (or **Programs**) **> Electronic Arts > The Godfather™ The Game > The Godfather™ The Game.**

COMPLETE CONTROLS

You can also re-map your controls through the Options > Controls screen.

NOTE: All controls listed in this section are default controls.

General Gameplay

Action	Keyboard/ Mouse	Gamepad
Move	A, D, W, S	left analog stick
Move camera	mouse or ←, →, ↑, ↓	right analog stick
Talk/Action	SPACEBAR	Button 4
Reveal/conceal weapon	R/H or mouse wheel button	D-pad ↑/D-pad ↓
Reload	R	D-pad ↑
Select weapon	1–0, - or scroll mouse wheel	D-pad ↔
Previous/next weapon	scroll mouse wheel or press [/]	N/A
Lock-on target	right mouse button or CONTROL	Button 5
Fire weapon	left mouse button	Button 6
Throw explosive	left mouse button	right analog stick ↓ then ↑
Quick Attack	Q, W, or E	Button 5 + right analog stick ↑
Power Attack	Hold SHIFT and press Q or W	Button 5 + right analog stick ↓ then ↑

Grab	Hold left and right mouse buttons	Hold Button 5 + Button 6
Strangle	X	While in grab, click and hold left and right analog sticks
Lift to feet	S	While in grab, left analog stick ↓ then ↑
Drag/Slam	A, D, W, or S	left analog stick
Swing/Throw	Move mouse ↔ or Numpad 4 or Numpad 6	While in grab, right analog stick ↔
Throw over ledge	W or move mouse ↑	right analog stick ↑
Garrote	While behind enemy, hold left and right mouse buttons	While behind enemy, hold Button 5 + Button 6
Place dynamite	P	Button 6
Free Aim shooting on/off	ALT	Button 7
Execute	V	Button 8
Crouch	C	Button 2
Sprint	Hold SHIFT or Numpad ENTER	Button 1
Vault over object	SPACEBAR	Button 4
Wall cover/Block	CAPS LOCK or Numpad +	Button 3
Pause menu (see p. 7)	ESC	Button 10
Notepad	N (hold)	Button 9

Driving

Enter or exit vehicle	SPACEBAR	Button 4
Steer	A/D or ←/→	left analog stick
Accelerate	W or ↑	Button 1 or Button 6
Brake/Reverse	S or ↓	Button 3 or Button 5
Hand brake	right mouse button or CONTROL	Button 2 or Button 8
Horn	left mouse button or J	click left analog stick
Move camera	mouse	right analog stick
Rear view	mouse wheel button or F or V	Button 8 or click right analog stick
Change camera	ALT	D-pad ↑/D-pad ↓

NOTE: For information on BlackHand Control, see p. 3.

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

After a life of small-time crime you've been accepted into America's most powerful criminal organization—the Corleone Family. Now you must earn respect and rise through the ranks of the New York City underworld.

As a member of the Corleone Family, it's up to you to make a name for yourself in the battle to rule the city and dominate the other NY families (Tattaglia, Stracci, Cuneo, and Barzini). Learn when it's time to talk and when it's time to use force to get what you want. Play your cards right and you'll gain the money and respect you need to get ahead; who knows, you might even become the Don of New York City.

MOBFACE

Before you enter the world of New York City 1945, you have to create your mobster. Using MobFace technology, you can customize your mobster's appearance, including hair color and style, facial hair, eyebrows, and more.

You can also choose your gangster's apparel and earn money to buy him new clothes. After all, if you want to be Don you gotta dress the part.

BLACKHAND CONTROL

If you want to rise through the ranks of the Family, you have to know how to get what you want out of people. In *The Godfather The Game*, you do this through BlackHand Control. The first thing you must do to interact with any person or object in the world is target them.

Targeting

Targeting is how you select who you want to talk to … or shoot. When you walk around, notice that some people have a ▯ over their heads. Press and hold the right mouse button to target and lock-on to a person or object with the ▯. The circle under them pulsates while you've got a lock.

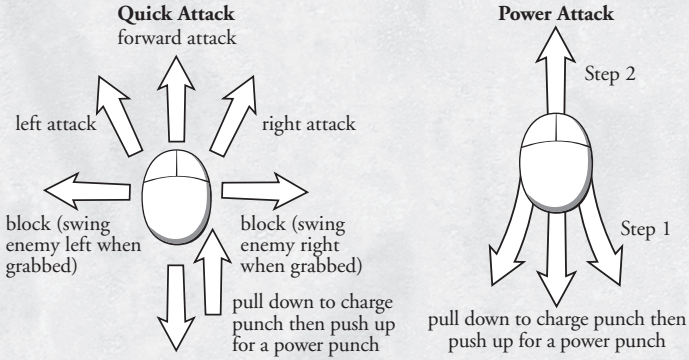
⊡ **Target switching:** To lock-on to the next closest target, release the right mouse button then press and hold it again.

Hand-to-Hand

After locking-on to somebody, you can rough him up a bit—or a lot.

The mouse gives you free reign to manhandle your locked-on target. Move the mouse diagonally up-left/up/diagonally up-right (or press Q, E, or W) for a **quick attack**. To perform a **power attack**, move the mouse diagonally down-left then up (or hold SHIFT and press Q) or move the mouse diagonally down-right then up (or hold SHIFT and press E).





When using a gamepad, press the right analog stick ↖/⬆/↗ for a quick attack, or press ⬇ then ⬆ for a power attack.

NOTE: You can also dodge left/right by pressing A/D or ←/→, or by pressing the left analog stick ⬌.

While still holding the right mouse button, press and hold the left mouse button or Numpad 0 to **grab** the person. With a gamepad, simultaneously press and hold Button 5 and Button 6. You can then continue to punch or kick him—or even **head-butt** him—with the mouse.

NOTE: When you are right next to an injured enemy you sometimes see an "execute" message. Press V or Button 8 to finish the chump off quickly.

Grab Moves

Other moves you can perform when you have somebody in a grab (press and hold the left mouse button or Numpad 0, or simultaneously press and hold Button 5 and Button 6) include:

Strangle — Press X or Numpad . or simultaneously click and hold the left and right analog sticks to strangle your opponent. When they're almost expired, finish them off or grant them a last-second reprieve.

Drag — Press A, D, W, or S or press the left analog stick.

Swing — Move the mouse ⬌, press INS/PAGE UP or Numpad 4/6, or press the right analog stick ⬌.

Lift to feet — Press X or S or simultaneously click and hold the left and right analog sticks to bring a kneeling enemy to his feet.

Slam — Maneuver (drag) your enemy up against a wall or other object then press the corresponding key (W, A, or D) or the left analog stick in the direction of the wall or object.

Throw over ledge — Maneuver your enemy up against a railing or window then press W, ↑, move your mouse ⬆, or press the right analog stick ⬆.

Garrote — Select the garrote, reveal the weapon, stand behind your enemy, and then press and hold the left and right mouse buttons or CONTROL + Numpad 0 or simultaneously and hold Button 5 and Button 6 just like a grab. It's quiet and quick.

Face-to-Face



You want information, you gotta talk to people. Engage anybody in conversation by walking up to them and pressing SPACEBAR. Keep an eye out for people with **puppeteer hands** over their heads. These people have something you want, whether it's information, a racket, or something else.

You can try to influence certain people with puppeteer hands over their heads by extorting or bribing them. Keep an eye on the **pressure meter** to gauge their reaction to you. Too little pressure and they won't give you the respect you deserve, not to mention whatever you're after. Too much pressure and you'll have one of two things on your hands—a fight or a dead man.

Pressure Meter



Precision Aiming

A dead man can't talk … or give you a cut of his profits. Precision aiming lets you target non-vital "weak points" of a thug's body so you can keep him around long enough to spill the beans. With your weapon drawn, hold the right mouse button to lock-on target an enemy then move the crosshair by moving the mouse or pressing the right analog stick. The targeting reticule turns red when you've locked-on to a weak point. Hit his arm, he might drop his weapon. Take out his leg and he's not going anywhere.

To lock-on to another target enemy, release the right mouse button or Button 5 then press and hold it again.

Free Aim Mode

Sometimes things get crazy and you may find yourself involved in a shootout. The default aiming mode is Free Aim. That means just pull out a gun and you are already aiming. Just press the left mouse button or Button 6 to fire.

To get out of Free Aim mode and into Precision Aiming mode, simply lock-on to a target by pressing the right mouse button.

To turn off Free Aim mode, press ALT.

Take Cover

Keep your body protected. When the bullets start flying, press CAPS LOCK, Numpad +, or Button 3 to take cover behind a wall or press C or Button 2 to crouch behind an object. You can then target an enemy while keeping out of sight. When you pull the trigger, you pop out from behind your cover, fire off a shot, and then go back to the safety of your cover.

You can cover your body during a fist fight by pressing CAPS LOCK, Numpad +, or Button 3 to block. Hold CAPS LOCK, Numpad +, or Button 3 and press A, D or the left analog stick ⬌ to dodge punches.

RESPECT

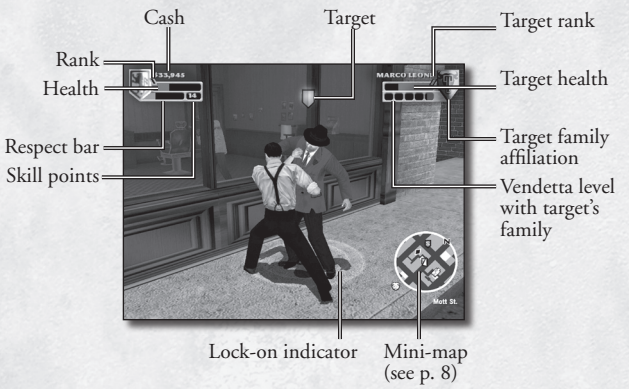
Respect is the currency of the underground world of organized crime. If you don't have respect—from common citizens, from cops, from enemies, even from your own Family—you're going nowhere fast.

In *The Godfather The Game*, respect is everything. It affects your position in the Family, your dealings with members of other families, your standing with the cops, and more.

There are many ways to earn respect, which is measured in **respect points**. Doing jobs for the Corleones, taking over rackets, performing contract hits, and whacking any enemy thugs that get in your way all earn big respect. Other ways to earn respect points include pulling off heists, extorting businesses, bribing cops—in general, doing all the things a mobster does best.

As you earn respect points, you fill your respect bar. When you completely fill the bar you earn a **skill point**. Spend those points to improve yourself in a variety of categories including shooting and street smarts, to name a couple. Highlight a category on the Skills screen in the Pause menu to find out the benefits of increasing your skill level in that category.

GAME SCREEN



- The target icon indicates who or what you will lock-on to when you press and hold the right mouse button. Release the right mouse button and press it again to switch to the next closest target.

PAUSE MENU

Keep up with your progress toward taking over New York through the Pause menu. From here you can quit your current game or access the following screens:

Map

New York is a big city. Find out where you are and where you're going by accessing the map. From the Category pull-down menu you can choose to have the map display points of interest, venues by neighborhood, or rackets.

- Click a neighborhood to zoom in on your location and click and drag to pan the map.
- Click the +/- Target button to add your own marker to the map. Drag the marker with your mouse to move it around, and click the +/- Target button again to remove it. Your marker shows up on the mini-map, so it's good for planning where you want to go next.

Skills & Upgrades

View your skill levels and buy new skill upgrades—if you have enough skill points. The Weapons tab shows you what equipment you're carrying including any upgrades you've acquired for your weapons.

Objectives

Review your current and completed objectives. View the Hit List tab to review your contract jobs.

Career Progress

Review your progress towards becoming Don of NYC. The Promotions tab shows your current and next rank benefits. **Total Health Points:** Keep an eye on your health. While getting iced reduces your heat and vendetta levels, it also costs you some cash. So try to keep yourself alive, OK? **Tribute Percentage:** This number represents how much of your income you pay in tribute to the Corleones. As you go up in rank this number goes down, meaning you get to keep more of your dough.

Tom's Report

Don't worry about keeping track of what crimes you've committed or what rackets you've taken over—the FBI does that for you in a nice, easy-to-read report, viewable on the Rap Sheet tab. The FBI also keeps tabs on your money history, tributes, executions styles, and a lot more. Check your **vendetta level** (see *Vendettas* on p. 10) with each one of the four rival families on the Rival Families tab, and your **heat levels** by neighborhood on the Heat Levels tab. The higher your heat level, the more aggressively the cops in that neighborhood hassle you.

Options

Set game, audio, and controller options.

Quit Game

Abandon your game progress and return to the Main menu.

Quit Mission

This option only appears when you are currently on a mission.

MISSIONS AND MORE

Being a mobster isn't just standing around looking tough: you've got a job to do. Your missions take you all over New York, from the swankiest clubs to the scummiest back alleys. Whether you're pulling off mob hits, bank heists, or extortion, there's never a dull day at the office.

NOTE: You can always review your current jobs by pressing N to view your objectives.

Each mission begins when you talk to the person giving you your orders. Sometime they call you on the phone and other times you have to meet them in person. You can activate your next mission by heading towards the small blue circle on your mini-map.

- It's a good idea to save your game before you start out on a mission—you cannot save your game in the middle of one.

Rank

Complete the Corleone jobs to develop your story in the game and work your way up in **rank** within the Corleone Family. Start as an Outsider—achieve the rank of Don if you're good enough.

The ranks in order are Outsider, Associate, Soldier, Capo, Underboss, Don, and Don of NYC.

- Rising in rank has its benefits—the higher your rank, the bigger your cut of racket and extortion money. To see the benefits of your current rank and the next one you're in line for, consult the Promotions tab of the Skills screen under the Pause menu.

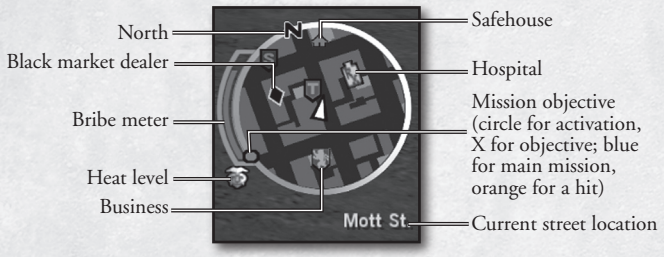
Contract Hits

You can also choose to go on **contract hits**. These side missions are a good way to gain respect and acquire more-advanced weapons.

TIP: Executing a contract hit in the recommended fashion earns you bonus respect points and bonus cash.

Mini-Map

The mini-map in the lower-right corner of the game screen shows you the location of your missions, objectives, and important locations.



DOIN' BUSINESS

Forget the Big Apple. Think of New York as a big pie, with each of the Five Families—Tattaglia, Stracci, Cuneo, Barzini, and Corleone—owning a slice. Your goal is to take everybody else's slice for the Corleones.

You should always be thinking about how you're going to take down the other families. That's a key to gaining power in the Corleone Family, and to the Corleone Family gaining power in New York. Nobody's saying it's going to be easy—when you try to take over another family's business or racket, you threaten their livelihood. They don't like that.

Rackets and Businesses

Being a mobster doesn't come cheap. For instance, to grease the wheels you want to get the right people on your side, and that means spending some dough. What you need is a steady income, and the best way to get it is to take over rackets and extort businesses.

- When you **take over** a business or racket, you must pay a percentage of your income to the Corleones as a tribute. As you rise in rank, that percentage goes down, meaning your cut of the action goes up.

Businesses

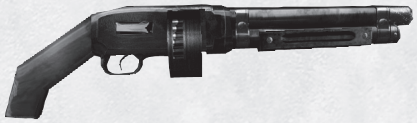
There are plenty of legitimate businesses in NYC, and they need protection. That's a service you offer. If you explain this to a merchant and he doesn't see things your way, try demonstrating to him just what type of thug he might need protection from—thugs that might rough up his cash register, displays, or him. Usually they come around pretty quickly. Once you've got a business under your wing, the owner pays you a weekly fee for your hard work.

Rackets

Some businesses serve as **fronts** concealing illegal activities like gambling, counterfeiting, and explosives. After you've got a business under your protection take a peek into their back room. There may be a racket back there for you to take over. The concept is the same as with businesses: convince the **racket boss** that he's better off working for the Corleones, and you'll get a cash payment every week.

When you take over a racket, you might learn of other operations in a **racket chain**. Take over an entire family to maximize your cash flow.

Certain rackets have **warehouses** and **hubs** tied to them. Hubs supply warehouses, and warehouses supply fronts.





- Sure, you can look on your map and take out rackets family by family. But why not rob a **racket truck**? With a little persuasion the driver will tell you where he's going. Take out his guards and you can heist the cash they were protecting. The money is yours if you can make it back to your safehouse in one piece...

If you have the guts and the muscle to take over a warehouse, you can find out which hub supplies it. Don't even think about taking over a hub until you have plenty of firepower.

Take over rackets and line your own pockets while hurting the other families. Now that's good business.

Vendettas

When you do business in the mafia world, there's bound to be some casualties. Taking enemy territory often means offing a couple of thugs. While killing members of rival families gains you respect, it also increases your vendetta level.

Consult Tom's Report to keep an eye on your vendetta levels with the other families. If you go into every situation guns blazing and leave a trail of wasted enemy soldiers in your wake, you'll spike your vendetta levels and start a **mob war**. Then every two-bit punk with a family affiliation will be gunning for you. Approach things more strategically and you'll find it a lot easier to conduct your affairs.

- There are two ways to end a mob war: bomb one of the rival family's businesses or bribe an FBI agent to get the heat on your enemies so they lose interest in you.

The Cops

If you tick off the cops, your heat level goes up, which makes it more difficult for you to go about your business. Punching a cop, stealing a car, icing a civilian—these are all things the police don't like. If a cop arrests you, you wake up in jail—minus the cost of posting bail. If your heat level gets too high, cops won't bother themselves trying to arrest you. They'll shoot first and ask questions later.

- Tom's Report can show you your heat levels in different neighborhoods.

Bribes

Fortunately money talks in NYC. You might find it easier to get away with a bit more unsavory behavior if you grease the right palms.

When you bribe a cop, the bribe meter appears. The cop's rank determines how long the bribe lasts. While bribed, the cop turns his back on petty crimes and violence. He even fights on your side if anyone gives you trouble. Don't push your luck, though—if your heat level gets too high or you attack a policeman, the bribe is off.

NOTE: A lot of cops are on the level and can't be bought off no matter what the price.

The Five Families: Profiles in Crime



Corleone

Don Vito Corleone's family controls the Little Italy area of Manhattan. Corleone businesses and rackets have come under attack by the other families recently, but the family has so far managed to hold on to its territory thanks to Don Vito's strong leadership.



Tattaglia

The Tattaglias are a low-class operation operating in Brooklyn. More than any other family, the Tattaglias are not to be trusted—much less respected. If you're going to take over all of New York, Brooklyn would be a good place to start.



Stracci

New Jersey is on the periphery of the New York mafia scene, but under the Straccis its influence is on the rise. The Straccis' main racket is waste management, but their real joy in life is killing. These psychopaths give the mafia a bad name.



Cuneo

You don't get by in Hell's Kitchen without being tough. The Cuneos don't have a lot else going for them—a few gambling operations, some prostitution, plus a busy weapons trade—but what they do have they're determined to hold on to.



Barzini

Welcome to Midtown. The Barzinis' operations here include a bunch of real moneymakers. With that kind of wealth comes great power, meaning you're going to have your work cut out for you if you want to move in on Barzini turf.

SAVING AND LOADING

If you're ready to lay low for a while, head to a safehouse. Here you can save your game or just hide out from cops and rivals.

Once you start a mission you cannot save your game until you complete or quit the mission. It's wise to save your game between missions so you don't lose your progress.

- You can purchase safehouses in the different neighborhoods to give yourself more options for taking the heat off. Certain safehouses can also store your weapons.

PERFORMANCE TIPS

BACKGROUND TASKS

In some cases programs that are running on your system can monopolize resources that the game needs in order to install, load, and run properly. Not all of these programs are immediately visible. There are a number of programs, called "background tasks," that are always running on your system.

IMPORTANT NOTE: While shutting down background tasks will optimize your system for running *The Godfather The Game,* these background tasks' features will be unavailable once shut down. Be sure to re-enable background tasks after playing *The Godfather The Game* by restarting your computer.

If your system is running anti-virus, crash guard, or distributed computing programs you will need to close or disable them to run *The Godfather The Game*. To do this, find the icon for the program on the Windows Taskbar and then right-click the icon and select "close," "disable," or the relevant option. Please note that these programs will be reactivated the next time you restart your computer.

Once anti-virus and crash guard programs have been disabled, you should end all unnecessary general background tasks.

To view and close background tasks (Windows XP):

1. Hold down CONTROL and SHIFT and then tap ESC. Select the Windows Task Manager.
2. Click the **Processes** tab. This tab displays a list of all background tasks running on your system.
3. Click the **User Name** column heading. This sorts all the processes together by user name.
4. Select an item with a user name, but DO NOT select one from the SYSTEM, LOCAL SERVICE, or NETWORK SERVICE groups. Also, DO NOT select the *explorer.exe* or *taskmgr.exe* items.
5. Click END PROCESS. You may receive a warning message, if so click YES. The selected item disappears from the list.
6. Repeat steps 4 and 5 until only *explorer.exe* and *taskmgr.exe* remain in the user name group.

VIDEO AND SOUND DRIVERS

An outdated video or sound driver can lead to slow and choppy gameplay, or in some cases can prevent the game from running at all. To ensure an enjoyable experience with *The Godfather The Game,* be sure that you have the most recent video and sound drivers installed. These drivers are typically available for download from your system or hardware manufacturer's website. If you are not sure what type of video or sound card you have, or you don't know how to update the drivers on your system, please refer to the documentation that came with your system or peripheral.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

If you have trouble with *The Godfather The Game*, EA Technical Support can help. The *EA Help* file provides solutions and answers to the most common difficulties and questions about how to properly use this product.

To access the EA Help file (with *The Godfather The Game* already installed):

Click the **Start** button from the Windows Taskbar and select **All Programs** (or **Programs**) **> Electronic Arts > The Godfather™ The Game > Technical Support**.

If you are still experiencing difficulty after utilizing the information in the EA Help file you can contact EA Technical Support. EAsy Info is a utility that detects your system's hardware and organizes this information into a detailed report. This report can tell you whether you are meeting minimum requirements and helps EA Technical Support solve your problem in the quickest possible time.



To run the EAsy Info utility (with *The Godfather The Game* already installed):

Click the **Start** button from the Windows Taskbar and select **All Programs** (or **Programs**) **> Electronic Arts > The Godfather™ The Game > EAsy Info**.

When the utility finishes gathering hardware information you can view your system information by looking through the various categories. You can save this information to a file by clicking File on the top menu bar, then clicking Export to Desktop > EAsy Info Report. A copy of the report is saved to your Windows desktop for viewing and printing. Please be sure to have this report available when contacting Technical Support.

EA Technical Support on the Internet

If you have Internet access, be sure to check our EA Technical Support website at:

http://support.ea.com

Here you will find a wealth of information on DirectX, game controllers, modems, and networks, as well as information on regular system maintenance and performance. Our website contains up-to-date information on the most common difficulties, game-specific help, and frequently asked questions (FAQs). This is the same information our support technicians use to troubleshoot your performance issues. We keep the support website updated on a daily basis, so please check here first for no-wait solutions.

If you are unable to find the information you need on our website, please feel free to contact EA Technical Support via e-mail, phone, or letter. *Please be sure to include the Easy Info report in your e-mail or letter.*

If you need to talk to someone immediately, call us at US 1 (650) 628-1001. *Please have the Easy Info report printed and ready when you call.* This will help us service your call in the quickest possible time. This number is available Monday through Friday 8 AM – 5 PM PST. **No hints or codes are available from Technical Support.**

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