

Syzygy
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Solution

NOTES

As this game gives a first-person perspective of the proceedings the directions are given in the following manner: F means go forward (press the cursor key up arrow), L means turn left (left arrow), R means turn right (right arrow), a number before a letter means move or turn that number of times for the following direction (e.g., 4F means go forward four times; 2R means turn right twice, i.e., turn to face the opposite direction).

The mini-arcade duels with Darth Vader are frustratingly difficult. Alongside this solution CASA also contains a downloadable file under "Fixed Game" called

"Syzygy_Save_Games.zip". This file contains two save game files, each save game was taken after defeating Darth Vader in one of the duels.

After saving or loading a game with the in-game save and load commands press any key to continue the game.

STRING

4F, L, 2F, L, F, R, 2F, R, 2F, L, 2F, L, 5F, R, 3F, L, 2F, L, F (you should be in the Engineer's room), L, examine desk, open drawer, examine drawer, get string.

FUZZY

L, F, L, 2F, R (you should be facing doors marked "Danger"), F, R, 3F, L, F, examine computer (the screen says "Press keys one to six to release an alien specimen from it's (sic) cell"), press four (found by trial-and-error), 2R, F, R, get fuzzy.

BLANKET

3F, L, F, R, 2F, L, F (you should be in the Maintenance Engineer's room), R, get blanket (you can actually get a blanket from any bed, but the picture here is the most obvious clue).

LIGHT SABRE

L, F, R, 6F, R, 3F, L, 5F, R, 2F, L, F, R (you should be facing a black area), 2F (again found by trial-and-error), throw fuzzy, F, press switch (found by luck), R, F, get saber.

DARTH VADER

2R, F (there's the switch!), L, 3F, L, 3F, L, 2F, R (you should be facing a black area), save game (or if using an emulator save a snapshot), 2F, press switch (again found by luck). Now comes the tricky part. You must cross the tip (about the final third of the beam) of his light sabre with the tip of yours, and keep this up for some time. It is most likely that this task may be possible only with an analogue joystick. If you fail, type 'y' (to start again), 'load' the last save game, and try again. Alternatively, insert the file "Syzygy_1.cas" into your emulator and after losing the duel type 'y' (to start again) then 'load game'.

COORDINATES

F, R, F, examine computer (the screen says "Transporter coordinates 2.7... 0.4... 1.6..."), 2R, F, L, 3F, L, 2F, R, 2F, L, 2F, L, 11F, L, 2F, L, 2F, R, F (you should be facing some doors), save game (or if using an emulator save a snapshot), hold breath (holding your breath seems to be time rather than movement limited, hence the 'save game', so don't hang about during the next section), F, L, 3F, L, F, examine computer (the screen says "Transporter coordinates ...3.0 ...1.5 ...0.3"), 2R, F, R, 3F, R, F, breathe.

THE PLANET

2R, hold breath (again, don't hang about), F, R, F, L, 2F, R, F, R, examine console, press zero, press four, press one, press five (yes, where the coordinates take you is also found out by trial-and-error), pull lever, L, F, breathe (the plot tells you that your communicator is in a pit nearby), save game (or if using an emulator save a snapshot), (this next part may be random, but in all tests so far the following has always worked) R, F, listen (if you don't hear "strange static" re-load the last save game and try another direction before falling off the cliff, repeat as necessary), get communicator.

THE GLOWING EMERALD

Hold breath, use communicator, F, L, press two, press seven, press three, press zero, pull lever, L, F, breathe, get emerald,

DARTH VADER FOR THE SECOND TIME

Save game (ignore if using an emulator), hold breath, use communicator, F, L, press one, press six, press zero, press three, pull lever, L (if using an emulator save a snapshot now), F.
Fight this duel in the same manner as the first duel, re-loading the last save game as needs be.
Alternatively, insert the file "Syzygy_2.cas" into your emulator and after losing the duel type 'y' (to start again) then 'load game'.

GOING UP

Breathe, hold breath, use communicator, 6F, 2R, press button, breathe, (you may go forward and see what is now outside the elevator before returning straight back to the elevator, but this is not necessary), press button, 2F, R, (now follow the rest of the corridor round, going straight through any force field that crosses your path).