

Jailbreak

Introduction

You were rightfully imprisoned for a crime you did commit! However, that didn't make you any happier about it and you decided to break free from your unwanted confinement. After ingeniously departing the object of your containment, you manage to steal a car. The race is now on! Can you make your way up north and escape the clutches of the eager police?

How to play

The game is played by controlling the vehicle in your attempt to evade the police and make it to the top of the level. The controls needed are either the cursor keys and space bar or a single button joystick. If you point to the direction the car is heading, then it will accelerate until the maximum speed for the type of road is reached. If you release the direction, the car will decelerate and eventually stop.

Steering is accomplished by choosing the direction you want to go to. Note that you should also keep the driving direction active if you don't want to slow down.

If you point against the direction of motion, then the car will brake. Holding it for a little while after stopping will give you a full turn. However, be cautious! Because making a full turn is rather slow, you need to mind the police.

Sometimes you may want some extra speed. In this case, you can hold the space bar or fire button. However, turning at high speeds is a problem, so watch what you're doing.

To make things more difficult, the fuel of the car will run out. Make sure you find a gas station to fill up, otherwise your run will be over.

The game

Each level consists of a vertical world of which part is visible in the screen. The figure below illustrates some important elements of the screen:

1. Fuel indicator
2. Indicator for position in the level
3. The number of attempts left
4. The player car
5. Gas station. Stop between the four dots to fuel up!
6. An item that opens a passage somewhere.



In order to finish the level, you have to make your way to the far top (the level indicator will move to the right end). While you do this, you must keep your car fuelled and avoid the police. Police cars can be recognised by their blue colour as shown here:



If the police catches up with you, you are caught and will get another try to complete the level. At the start of the game you will receive three attempts and you will get one extra every time you finish a level.

Strategy

When playing the game, keep in mind that this is not just an action game. You are expected to learn about the behaviour of police in various places in the level (yes, this varies). Also, while the main road is best to drive on, it may not be the safest place to be. There are various other places where you can drive (albeit slow) that police cars will not follow. You need to use these safe havens to put the police on the wrong track or to get some distance between them. So when you cannot seem to finish a level, find those places and remember them. Especially when you drive into longer single roads!

We hope you will enjoy Jailbreak!

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