

El Hobbit (aventura gráfica)

Introducción

Estimados habitantes de la tierra media, si estáis leyendo esto es que estáis a punto de meteros en la piel de Bilbo Bolsón, un Hobbit de la comarca cuya principal aspiración es continuar viviendo entre los suyos, disfrutando de su cómoda cueva.

Así hubiera seguido siendo si no se hubiera producido aquella inesperada visita.

¿Qué podían querer de un apacible hobbit, un mago como Gandalf y una compañía de 13 enanos?.

Aquellos extraños visitantes le contaron a Bilbo la terrible historia de un dragón llamado Smaug, que azotaba sus tierras y les había robado su tesoro. Su plan era recuperar ambas cosas, pero para poder llevarlo a cabo, la compañía necesitaba un miembro más que hiciera las veces de saqueador, y para aquellas lides, un pequeño y silencioso hobbit era la mejor opción.

Si te decides a jugar tu misión consistirá en ayudar a Gandalf y los enanos a recuperar su tesoro, salvando todos los peligros de la tierra media.

La pantalla del juego:

En el gráfico de abajo podemos ver tres secciones diferenciadas en la pantalla del juego



BARRA DE TÍTULO Y DE PROGRESO

En el indicador numérico que podemos encontrar a la derecha de esta barra podemos en todo momento el progreso que llevamos hasta ahora de la aventura.

Empezamos con el 0% y si resolvemos todos los puzzles de la aventura llegaremos al 100%. El juego puede terminarse con una puntuación inferior, ya que hay cosas que no son imprescindibles para terminar.

BARRA DE ACCIONES E INVENTARIO

La barra de acciones e inventario nos va a permitir seleccionar la acción que utilizaremos para interactuar con el escenario.

La barra está dividida en dos partes más o menos diferenciadas; la de la izquierda es la parte correspondiente a las acciones y la de la derecha el inventario, donde se irán almacenando los objetos que vamos recolectando a lo largo de la aventura.

Podemos seleccionar tres acciones, que corresponden con los tres primeros iconos de la barra:



Mirar: Esta opción nos permitirá mirar los escenarios, los objetos y los personajes.



Usar/coger: Con la mano podremos tanto recoger los objetos que nos encontremos, como realizar determinadas acciones sobre partes del escenario.



Hablar: Seleccionando esta opción podremos hablar con algunos de los personajes del juego.



A la derecha de estos tres iconos tenemos hueco para siete objetos. Si llegamos a llenar el inventario, el programa no nos dejará recoger nuevos objetos, debiendo dejar alguno antes de permitir coger uno nuevo.

Podremos mover el cursor de selección de acciones con las teclas “Z” y “X”. La acción que se realizará será la que esté situada bajo dicho cursor.

MOVIENDO NUESTRO PERSONAJE

Como nos tienen acostumbrados en una inmensa mayoría de los juegos para Spectrum, las teclas de movimiento del personaje son:

“O”: Movimiento a la izquierda.

“P”: Movimiento a la derecha.

“Q”: Movimiento hacia arriba

“A”: Movimiento hacia abajo.

Adicionalmente la tecla “Enter” ejecutará la acción que esté seleccionada con el cursor de selección de acciones.

COGIENDO/DEJANDO OBJETOS Y REALIZANDO ACCIONES

La manera de realizar una acción es seleccionar la acción con el cursor de selección de acciones y encararnos hacia el objeto o la parte del escenario que queremos realizar la acción y pulsamos la tecla enter.

Para los casos en que los objetos no son pisables, no será necesario pulsar enter y bastará con dirigirse hacia el objeto al que queremos aplicar dicha acción.

Ejemplo:



Acción Mirar

En general todos los objetos y los escenarios pueden ser mirados.

Los escenarios serán mirados automáticamente cuando entramos en ellos por primera vez, pero podremos mirarlos de nuevo si lo deseamos con el ícono del ojo.

Si nos situamos en un lugar cualquiera (no ocupado) de la habitación y pulsamos “Enter” sobre el ícono del ojo miraremos de nuevo la habitación.

Acción Usar/coger

Hay un total de 13 objetos diferentes en el juego que pueden ser cogidos, y algunas partes del escenario que pueden ser usados.

Para realizar la acción Usar/coger, tal y como hemos explicado anteriormente, seleccionaremos el ícono de la mano y encararemos el personaje hacia el objeto o la parte del escenario que queremos Usar/coger.

Con el fin de hacer un poco más cómoda la utilización de la opción coger, los objetos serán cogidos igualmente si tenemos seleccionados los huecos del inventario o el ícono de hablar.

Cuando cogemos un objeto, este pasará a ocupar el primer hueco libre de nuestro inventario, pudiendo ser utilizado a partir de ese momento.



La opción Usar sobre determinadas partes de los escenarios nos permitirán resolver algunos puzzles, permitiéndonos, por ejemplo, encontrar objetos ocultos.

Acción Hablar

Para resolver determinados puzzles será necesario usar la opción hablar. En general sólo podemos hablar con los personajes del juego y no con los enemigos (a excepción de Gollum).

La opción de hablar se utiliza de la misma manera que el resto de las acciones, es decir encarando al personaje y seleccionando hablar.

Existe en este caso la salvedad de Gollum, con el que podremos hablar sin acercarnos a él, pulsando “enter” desde cualquier lugar de su cueva.



Uso de los objetos del inventario

Usar los objetos del inventario nos será necesario para poder superar determinadas pruebas del juego.

La forma de usar un objeto que tengamos en nuestro inventario es situarnos sobre él y encarar la parte del escenario o el personaje sobre el que queremos usarlo.

Si pulsamos “enter” sobre un lugar cualquiera del escenario teniendo seleccionado un objeto, dejaremos dicho objeto en el suelo, pudiendo volver a recogerlo en cualquier momento.

En el gráfico de abajo, Bilbo le enseña a Gandalf el mapa y este le responde que no sabe interpretarlo.



Resolviendo el puzzle de los Trolls

Como ejemplo de cómo superar las dificultades del juego, vamos a ver como resolveríamos la primera dificultad que se nos va a plantear en el juego.

Cuando entramos en el claro de los Trolls nos encontramos una desagradable sorpresa, dos terribles Trolls nos esperan en la entrada para acabar con nosotros y evitar que cojamos la llave que nos permitirá abrir la puerta de acceso a su cueva.



Es inútil que insistáis en esquivar a los Trolls, ya que inevitablemente os matarán y si conseguís escapar no conseguiréis coger la llave que afanosamente custodia uno de ellos.

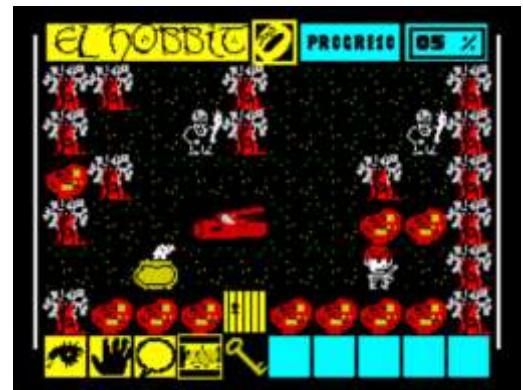
Para resolver este puzzle es necesario recordar la escena del libro en el que Bilbo escapa de los Trolls y simplemente espera a que la luz del día convierta a estos desagradables monstruos en piedra.

Rápidamente nos salimos a la pantalla de la que procedíamos y nos damos unas cuantas vueltas por ella para esperar que pase el tiempo.



Si hemos tenido la suficiente paciencia, cuando volvamos a entrar, lo que parecía un puzzle irresoluble se convierte en algo muy sencillo.

Los Trolls se han convertido en roca y nos han dejado el camino libre.



Cogemos la llave y la utilizamos con la puerta amarilla para abrirla.

Y después de este pequeño ejemplo ya solo os resta enfrentaros vosotros solos a los peligros de la Tierra Media.

¡¡¡Suerte y a por el tesoro!!!

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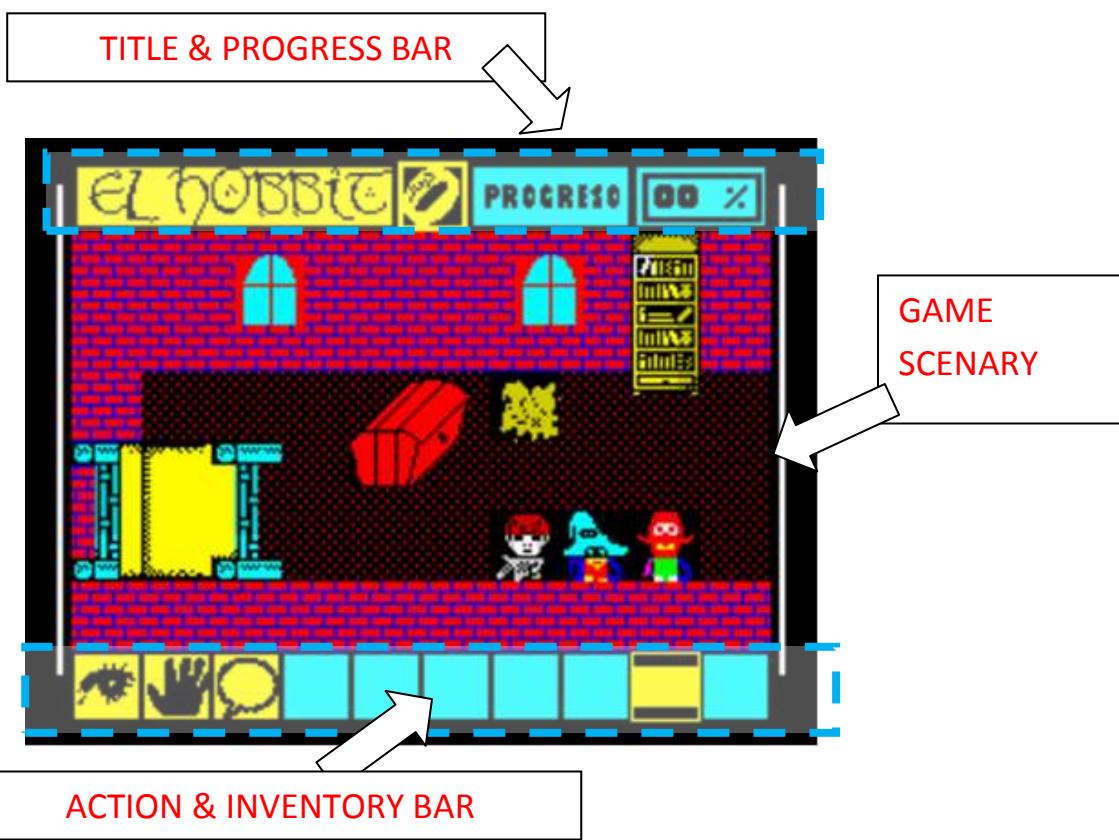
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At right of these three icons we have space to store seven objects. If we fill the inventory, the program will not let us to get new objects until we drop someone.

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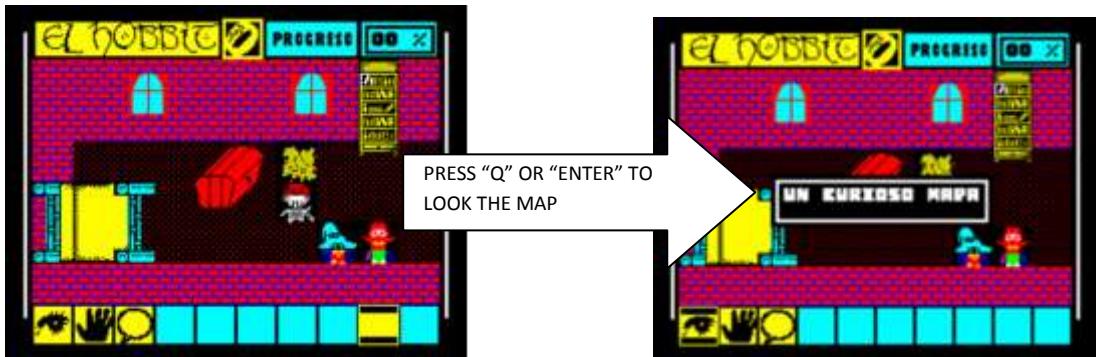
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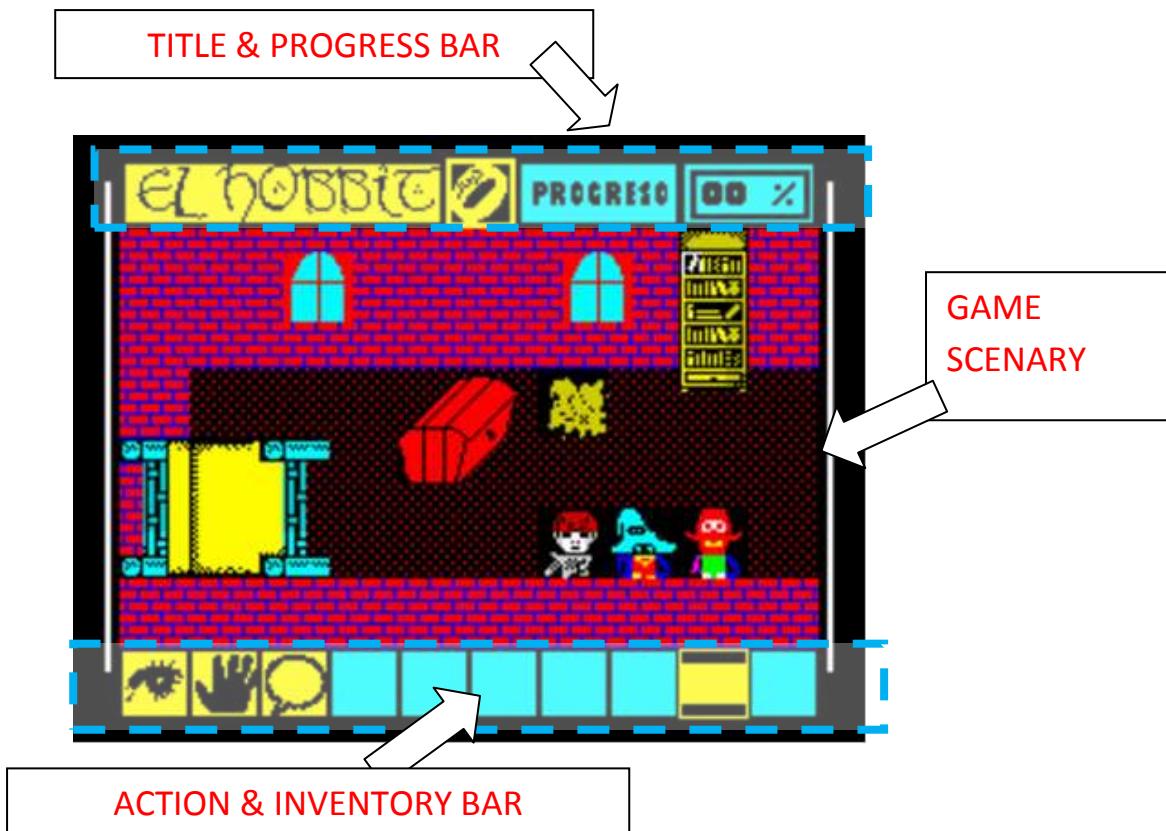
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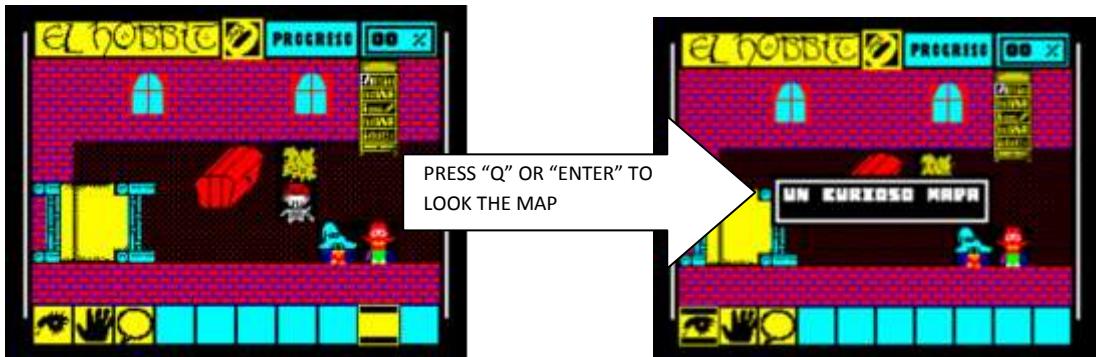
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