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## A Important Health Warning About Playing Video Games

#### **Photosensitive Seizures**

A very small percentage of people may experience a seizure when exposed to certain visual images, including flashing lights or patterns that may appear in video games. Even people who have no history of seizures or epilepsy may have an undiagnosed condition that can cause these "photosensitive epileptic seizures" while watching video games.

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# INSTALLATION

- 1. Make sure the system requirements and specifications shown on the game pack match those of your machine.
- Insert the Mini Ninjas DVD in your computer's DVD drive. This disc should autorun and take you to the Installation screen.
- If autorun is disabled on your machine:
  - Click "My Computer" in your Start Menu, or double-click the icon on your desktop.
  - Double-click the DVD drive icon. The Installation screen should appear. If the Installation screen doesn't appear, double-click "Setup.exe."
- If the game has not yet been installed, the Installation screen will offer an Install option. Click "Install" to begin installation.
- 4. Follow all on-screen instructions.

# INTRODUCTION

Hiro is a young ninja and the last person that anyone would expect to be asked to save the world.

Yet that is exactly what happens when the Evil Samurai Warlord hatches a fiendish plan to raise an army bent on total world domination.

Hiro must lead his small band of ninjas on an exciting journey through a disintegrating world, to battle the magical hordes of twisted Samurai, and eventually confront the Warlord in his Fortress of Doom.

# **GAME SCREEN**



#### **1** EXPERIENCE POINTS

Yellow Experience Spheres appear after you defeat an opponent. New levels increase Hiro's amount of Health Hearts, as well as other abilities.

#### 2 HEALTH HEARTS

Hiro's Health level is shown as a row of Health Heart icons. Hiro can replenish Health by gathering and eating food or using potions.

#### **3 KI ENERGY**

Ki is the foundation of all Kuji magic. Ki is drained when Hiro uses Kuji magic spells; it will replenish over time. Hiro can also replenish Ki by meditating, collecting blue energy spheres, and drinking potions.

## 4 STAMINA

Stamina is used for physical actions, such as sprinting. It can be seen as a yellow bar appearing above the blue Ki energy bar. Stamina regenerates when it is not used.

## 5 CURRENTLY SELECTED ITEM

You can assign a secondary item, spell, or weapon to the Quick Inventory for easy use during gameplay. You can assign up to five "quick items" to the Quick Inventory.

#### 6 POWER ATTACK

When the ninjas gather the red Unstable Ki energy spheres, they gain the ability to perform Power Attacks (shown as Red Dots on the right side of the screen).

## 7 STEALTH

When crouching in tall grass or bushes, or on rooftops, Hiro is in Stealth Mode. That means he is hidden from enemies.

#### 8 HAT

The Hat is always available to Hiro and his followers. You can use the Hat as an arrow shield, sled, or boat, depending on the environment.

# CONTROLS

While you can play *Mini Ninjas* using a PC mouse and keyboard, using an Xbox 360<sup>®</sup> Controller for Windows is highly recommended.

XBOX 360 CONTROLLER FOR WINDOWS	KEYBOARD/ MOUSE	ACTION
8	W, <mark>S,</mark> A, D	Movement
0	Move Mouse	Camera Control
8	Mouse 1	Primary Attack
٥	Mouse 2	Block Breaker Attack
(hold)	Q (hold)	Power Attack (If available)
٥	SPACE	Jump / Interact (context sensitive)
3 (hold) + 3	ALT (hold) + W, S, A, D	Sprint (If Stamina is available)
	CTRL	Enter Stealth Mode (in tall grass, on rooftops etc.) / Block (Combat only)
(combat only)	Left SHIFT (hold)	Block / Roll
🔟 (hold) + 🗘	CTRL + W, S, A, D	Movement in Stealth Mode / Roll (Combat only)
😈 (hold) + 🚷	CTRL + Mouse 1	Stealth Attack
❶ (hold) + ₿	1	Open Ninja Follower Wheel + Select
в (hold) + 🤁	2	Open Quick Inventory + Select
RT	F	Use selected Quick Inventory item / weapon / spell
R (hold) + 🕄	F (hold) + Move Mouse	Target ranged weapons / spells
BACK	3	Open Inventory Scroll
(click)	4	Use Hat (arrow shield / boat / sled)
+	E	Meditate / Show objective
START	ESC	Pause / Options

If you prefer a different keyboard layout, you can customize the keys by accessing the Change Controls screen in the Options Menu.



## **FAMILY SETTINGS**

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# **INVENTORY SCROLL**

Press S or 3 to open the Inventory Scroll.

You can use the Inventory Scroll to assign items for Hiro to use in the adventure, and to consume items such as special Health-giving food and potions.

You can also use it to create potions and see the current amount of collected Jizo Statues and Coins.



## SKILLS

The Skills section allows you to keep track of the current skills Hiro has attained. Here you will find a list of Hiro's abilities, including some which may still need to be learned throughout the journey.

## ITEMS

The main part of the Inventory Scroll displays useable items that Hiro finds or purchases during his journey. To use an item or spell, you must assign it to the Quick Inventory.

- 1 ITEMS: This shows items such as bombs, shuriken, potions, sushi, etc.
- 2 **SPELL SCROLLS:** Spells found at Kuji Shrines are stored in the Inventory Scroll. You must assign them to the Quick Inventory in order to cast them.
- **3 HIGHLIGHTED ITEMS:** Items and spells highlighted with colored backgrounds have already been assigned to the Quick Inventory.

## VALUABLES

This shows Hiro's amount of Coins and Jizo Statues. Spend Coins at the Temples to buy potion recipes and weapons.

## RECIPES

This section stores potion recipes you've purchased at the Temples. Provided Hiro has the correct ingredients, you can select these recipes in the Inventory Scroll to create potions.

## INGREDIENTS

View items that Hiro has discovered, such as flowers, mushrooms, and herbs. You can use these as ingredients to create potions.

# QUICK INVENTORY



Press 🔮 or **3** to open the Inventory Scroll. To assign an item from the Inventory Scroll to the Quick Inventory:

- Move the **③** or **Mouse** to select an item from the selection box.
- Press (a) or hold the Right Mouse Button to assign the item to the Quick Inventory. Use the (b) or Mouse Cursor to select a slot.
- Press Or ESC to exit the Inventory

The selected item will be available in the Quick Inventory. To use the item:

- Hold the so or tap 2 to open the Quick Inventory.
- Use the <sup>(1)</sup> or **Mouse Cursor** to select the item.
- Release the or tap 2 to exit the Quick Inventory. The item will appear on the main game screen HUD, at the bottom right.
- Pull the or press F to use the item.

# HINTS

- In its early stages, the game introduces you to items with helpful hints.
- Read all signposts and notes, and talk to other characters (especially Tengu).
- If Hiro meditates, he will also receive a summary of his next task.

# MEDITATION

## Press **↑** or **E** to meditate.

The ninjas may meditate at any time. Meditating shows your current objective, and a directional arrow heading indicating the best direction to move in.

Meditating also increases the replenishment rate of Ki energy.

# **NINJA FOLLOWERS**

Hiro initially sets out on his quest accompanied only by his pal Futo. During his journey, he will rescue or meet other ninjas who can help him. Ninjas always operate alone, but once they've joined him, Hiro's followers will always be hiding nearby, ready for you to switch to them.



# FUTO

Futo is Hiro's best friend. He is very strong, fights using a massive hammer infused with Kuji energy.

## SUZUME

Beautiful and deadly, Suzume is a maestro with the flute. She is agile and swift, and delivers a fearsome attack if angered.

# SHUN

Shun uses the bow as his preferred means of attack. Though he doesn't excel in close combat, Shun has mastered the art of attacking from a distance.

# TORA

Tora thinks he is a tiger and is infatuated by these majestic beasts. He has razor-sharp tiger claws his weapon of choice.

# KUNOICHI

Kunoichi is a supreme acrobat who uses her Naginata spear as a prop for her agile, deadly moves.



# **SWITCHING NINJAS**

At most times during the game, you can switch to any ninja Hiro has already met or rescued during his journey. Each ninja has a unique fighting style and Power Attack.

## **NINJA FOLLOWERS WHEEL**



- Press and hold the 
   <sup>III</sup> or tap 1 to open the Ninja Followers Wheel. The wheel has five Ninja Follower slots, with Hiro in the center.
- Use the ③ or Mouse Cursor to select a ninja.
- Release the 
  . The selected ninja will now be under your control.

**Note:** Tap the II or tap **1** to switch rapidly between a selected ninja and Hiro. Tap again to revert back.

# COMBAT BASIC COMBAT

Hiro holds a sword in his right hand for close combat. He can hold a secondary item in his left hand; this allows him to cast shuriken, bombs and use other devices stored in his Inventory Scroll.

When confronted by multiple enemies, Hiro will always tackle the enemy he is facing and use his blocking skills to defend himself from the others.

Remember that Hiro is the only ninja who knows how to cast spells. He is also the only one able to catch fish.

# **POWER ATTACKS**

Ninjas have their own Power Attacks that they can use to benefit the ultimate success of the quest. Each time any ninja performs a Power Attack, however, it consumes one Power Attack credit (the Red Dot on the HUD).

## **HIRO'S POWER ATTACK**

Hiro can target between one and six enemies (depending on his Experience level) by using his Power Attack.



## To do that:

- Hold down I or Q. Time slows and the screen changes to indicate Power Attack Mode.
- Use the <sup>(1)</sup> or **Mouse** to control the targeting icon on screen and move it over any enemies surrounding Hiro. (A yellow locked targeting icon will remain over them.)
- Once you've targeted the maximum number of enemies, release or Q.

Hiro will now carry out his high-speed attacks on the targeted enemies.

## **OTHER CHARACTERS' POWER ATTACKS**

Hold **③** or **Q** to activate all Power Attacks.

Futo can roll himself into a "Futo Ball" and bowl over nearby enemies.

**Suzume** can charm enemies by playing her flute, forcing them to dance to her tune.

**Shun** will tie a lit explosive to the shaft of one of his arrows. He can then aim and fire the arrow.

**Tora** performs the Tiger Dash, propelling himself forward at great speed. Then, at the end of the dash, he will leap into a pouncing Claw Attack.

**Kunoichi**, anticipating a rush of enemies coming her way, will spin her Naginata spear above her head then unleash a spinning attack on her foes.

# **KUJI SHRINES**





Each Kuji Shrine contains one magical spell. If Hiro finds and activates a Kuji Shrine, he will gain the knowledge of a new spell, which is then added to his Inventory Scroll.

Kuji Shrines are hidden, and can only be unlocked by using an Anemone Flower.

Hint: You can always find Anemone Flowers growing close to Kuji Shrines.

# **SPELLS**

There are two types of spells:

- Instant, such as the Fireball Spell.
- Continuous, such as the Camouflage Spell. The effect continues until either the spell is canceled or Ki energy runs out.

To cast a spell:

- First, assign the spell from the Inventory to the Quick Inventory.
- Pull the e or press F to cast it.

SPELL	EFFECT
Fireball	Launch a deadly fireball.
Meteor Storm	Crashes down a hail of high-speed meteors.
Munrays	Fire a blinding ray of light, useful against ghosts.
Lightning Storm	Launches a deadly lightning cloud.
Ice Storm	Freeze enemies with an ice storm.
Detect Kuji Shrine	Forest Spirits point the way to Kuji Shrines.
Sonic Boom	Knocks back enemies with sound.
Spirit Form	Enters a willing host animal and controls it for a time.
Slow Time	Slows time for the enemy.
Camouflage	Transforms Hiro into a moving, stealthy bush.
Wall of Wind	Creates a wall of raging wind that will deflect projectiles.
Tornado	Sucks up enemies in a deadly tornado.

# TEMPLES



All Temples are maintained by the Tengu Crafters. Here Hiro can buy certain supplies such as potion recipes, bombs, caltrops and shuriken.

#### **POTION RECIPES**

Hiro can purchase recipes to help him create the following potions:

	POT	ION	INGREDIENTS	EFFECT
	٩	Healing	Blue Petal, Oyster Mushroom	Replenishes some Health
	6	Burping Brew	Burdock Flower, Oyster Mushroom	Causes stomach bubbles
	٢	Ginseng Potion	Blue Petal, Ginseng Root	Replenishes some Ki energy
14	4	Flask of Arrow Shield	Tiger Lily, Stone Caps	Energy shield for deflecting arrows
	-	Strange Brew	Tiger Lily, Rare Mountain Fire	Random effect!
	ė	Flaming Oil Potion	Mountain Fire, Spear of Ashida	Increases weapon damage
	8	Flask of Unstable Energy	Burdock Flower, Wild Parsley	Gives Hiro extra Power Attacks
	1	Essence of the Fish	Horse Tails, Sacred Lotus	Turns ninja into a Koi Fish

## WEAPONS

A selection of weapons is also available to be purchased from the Temples.

WEAPON	EFFECT	
Gherry Bomb	Damages enemies and structures.	
🗯 Smoke Bomb	Conceals the ninjas from enemy sight.	
🧕 Pepper Bomb	Sprays a cloud of sneeze-inducing pepp	
🝯 Time Bomb	Explodes after a period of time.	
A Caltrops	Slows down chasing enemies.	
🖗 Shuriken	Stuns smaller enemies.	

# **CHECKPOINT ALTARS**



You can save your adventure at special Checkpoint Altars. To use an Altar:

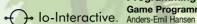
- Have Hiro approach the Altar and stand in front of it.

Note: Checkpoint Altars can only be used once, and cannot be used when enemies are nearby.

# **PAUSE MENU**

Press Or **ESACPE** at any time during gameplay to open the Pause Game Menu. Doing this freezes the action and accesses the in-game options, including Difficulty Settings and Music volume.

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