

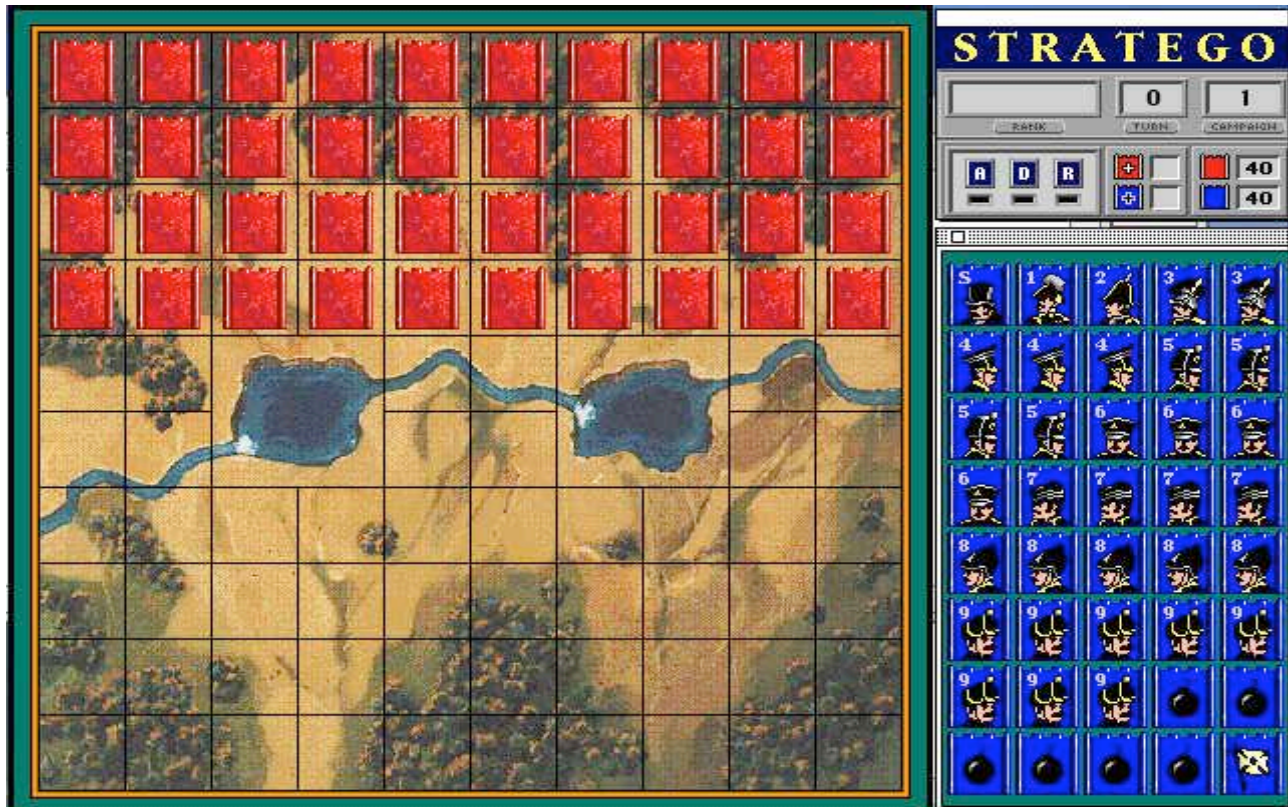
Reveal your Rank for HPC

In the PDA world there is a multitude of great games, but few of these run on HPC's and as HPC users migrate over to the PocketPC or Palm platforms the development for HPC's has gradually weakened. However, there are a number of games that run on HPC's one just needs to have two important traits when searching for any HPC software "persistence" and "patience".

I admit most of what I use my Jornada 690 for is productivity, but there are my nonproductive moments when my Nintendo Game Boy Advance is not around and I am in the mood for a game or two. Well look no further because one of the greatest board games of all time, *Stratego* is here!

Stratego is a military conquest game where you have a army of 40 pieces and your main goal is to capture the flag. The author of Reveal your Rank chose a different name, but the concept and the rules are identical to Stratego. The game cost \$10 US and can be downloaded directly from Raimonds Rudmanis's website.

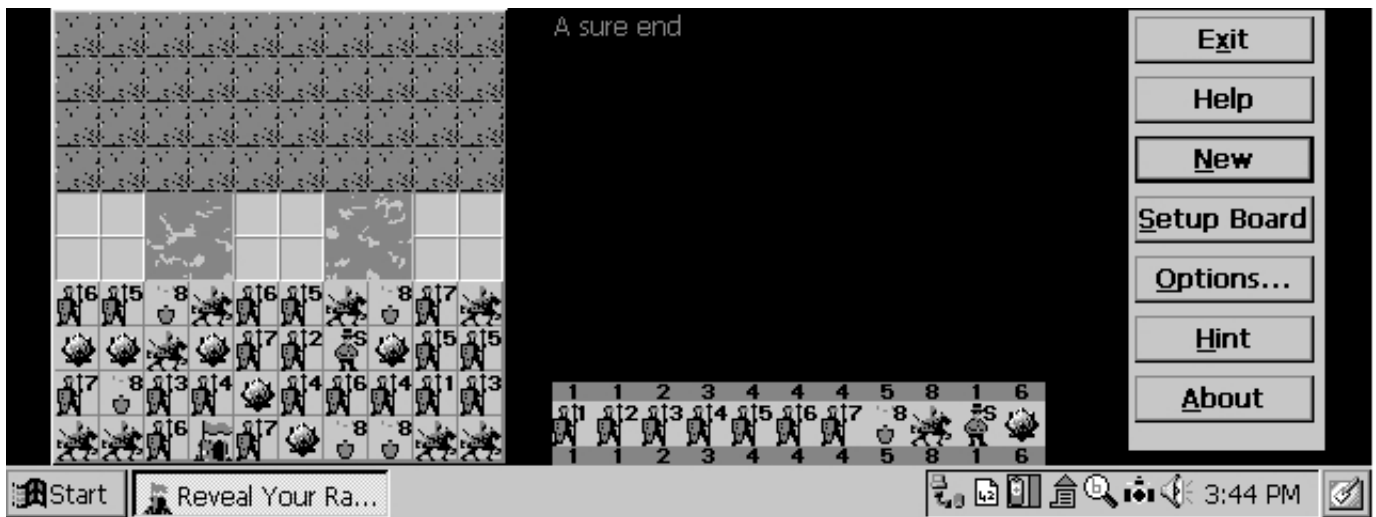
The user interface to Reveal your Rank pales in comparison to *Stratego* & *Stratega* for the Apple Macintosh and can use some work, but Reveal your Rank makes an essential entry into the HPC market.



STRATEGO FOR MAC/PC FROM ACCOLADE SOFTWARE

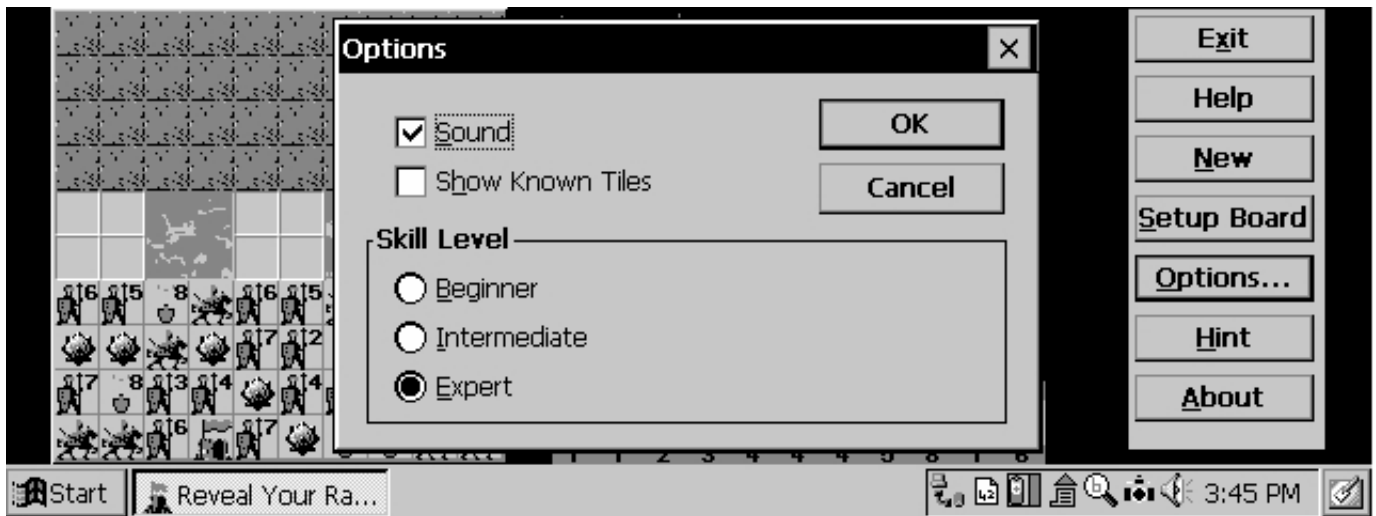


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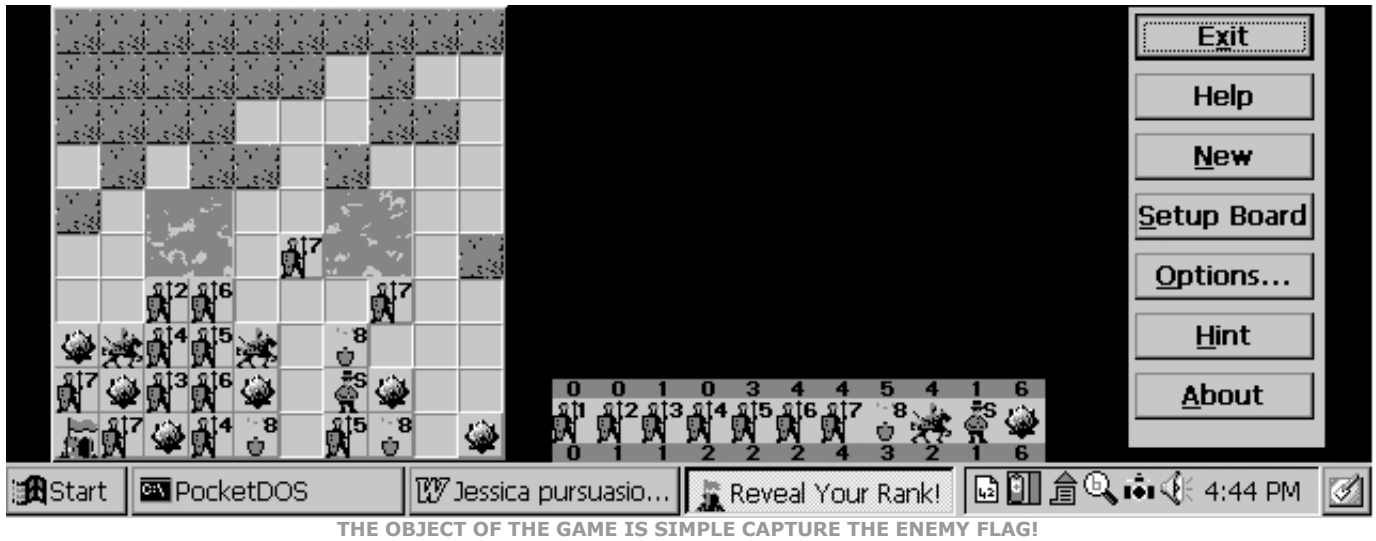
The image above is of the main setup screen. You select a setup by tapping the new button repeatedly until you find a setup that is best for you. Three of my setups are included in the setup lineup.



OPTIONS MENU

In the options screen you can toggle the sound on/off, select your skill level, and select the show known

tiles option, which is a feature that is not available in any other Stratego clones I have played. This allows you to see what pieces you strike during the game. For example if you strike a bomb, you will always know where that bomb is on the board, and will hopefully not strike it again!



The nice thing about this game is that it has a auto-save feature, meaning that if you are in the middle of a game and you accidentally hit the exit button, when you reopen the application it will be like you never left! A welcome addition!

Overall I found Reveal your Rank to be a good start to an essential game for the HPC community, but there is much more work to be done. The game can use an improved setup screen, I'd like to be able to actually build my setups, rather than choose one. The game could also use having TCP/IP, SMB, and direct modem capabilities so you can play other people across the Internet, on a PC network, or via direct modem. A feature present in the Macintosh version which is useful for experienced players, as every Stratego clone I have played the Computer intelligence seems fairly week for my 19 years of Stratego experience. Besides, these improvements I think you will enjoy Reveal your Rank.

Reveal your Rank can be found at the following url.
http://www.geocities.com/ryr_game

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Rating	
Cost:	*****
Usability:	**
Built-In helps:	****
Customer Service:	***
Overall:	****