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## What is It?

Z & Z Puzzle is a product of Z & Z Software, a one person business named after my two children, Zachary and Zoë. It is recommended for ages three and up. For the smaller children it is recommended that you stick to the jigsaw puzzle. For mathematically inclined children ages six and above, try the slider puzzle. A slider puzzle with a large number of pieces can be very difficult even for an adult. Therefore, be aware that the slider puzzle may be frustrating to small children.

As a professional computer programmer and a devoted parent I can't help but look at a children's game without thinking about how I can make it better on a computer. It can be more fun, more educational, and less frustrating.

It started out as a slider puzzle that took advantage of a lot of the software written for its sister product, Z & Z Color (a color by number program available separately or together with Z & Z Puzzle - see [registration](#)). It was expanded to include a jigsaw puzzle when I found that while some children loved it, others had difficulty figuring out how to solve the puzzle and became frustrated. I hope you and your children enjoy it as much as my kids do.

See the information on [How to Solve a Slider Puzzle](#) and [How to Solve a Jigsaw Puzzle](#) for the different ways to use this program. The primary educational value of this game is in teaching puzzle (problem) solving skills.

The following artists have contributed their work to this product:

- ◆ NZane - ColorTantrum Productions (aka Rusty Stuart)  
Web Site: <http://www.sonic.net/~nzane>
- ◆ Eric Schol  
Web Site: <http://www.seti.cs.utwente.nl/~schol/index.html>
- ◆ Ross Pennington
- ◆ Marie J. Balmuth

## Registration



The author of this program is a member of the Association of Shareware Professionals ([ASP](#)).

**Z & Z Puzzle** is a shareware product. As such, it is provided to you at little or no initial expense for a trial period of thirty days. After the thirty day period if you find that you do not wish to purchase the program simply delete it from your hard disk and/or floppies. If you like the program, thank me by paying me \$15 plus postage and handling. **It is not free.** A great deal of effort went into the creation of this program. If you hope to see more programs like it you must support the shareware concept by sending in your registration.

Registration entitles you to the following:

The registered version, which includes a total of **THIRTY** drawings as well as the ability to import bitmap (BMP) files so that drawings from other programs can be used as puzzles. Used in combination with a graphics converter program almost any picture in any format can be used as a puzzle.

Three months of support via telephone and e-mail. My e-mail address at CompuServe is 76021,2256 or I can be reached through the Internet at 76021.2256@compuserve.com. My phone number is (410) 561-3891.

Click on the game title below for more information on other fine Z & Z Software products.

[Z & Z Color Game](#)

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## Z & Z Color

**Z & Z Color** is a Windows Color-by-Number game that is similar in style, interface, and quality to Z & Z Puzzle. It teaches colors, numbers, letters, shapes, and memory skills. You may color on one of the included pictures or create your own. As it is created for young children and it is designed to amuse and reward, a prize is awarded upon successful completion of each drawing. Recommended for ages 3 and above. Windows compatible sound board is recommended but not required

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## **Pennington Bonus Pack**

The **Pennington Bonus Pack** is a separate floppy disk containing an additional **FIFTY EIGHT** high quality drawings supplied by artist and Z & Z Software user Ross Pennington. The Pennington Bonus Pack may be purchased at the time of your initial registration for \$5 or separately at a later date for \$8 (\$5 plus \$3 postage and handling).

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## Free Bonus Game

The free bonus game, **Z & Z Recall**, is available only with the purchase of the Z & Z Games package. It is a memory game where a variety of items is displayed on the screen. Take a real good look and then press the GO button. Can you guess which item was removed? If you and/or your children love the other Z & Z Software games, they're sure to be crazy about this one too. Loaded with options for beginners to experts, it will entertain you (while improving memory skills) for hours and hours.

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# Price List and Ordering Information

## Price List (all amounts in US Dollars)

Z & Z Puzzle Game	\$15	_____
<u>Z &amp; Z Color Game</u>	\$15	_____
<u>Pennington Bonus Pack</u>	\$5	_____
Z & Z Games Package (all of the above + <u>free bonus game!</u> )	\$30	_____
Upgrade to Z & Z Games package (registered Z & Z Software users)	\$15	_____
Site License for Color or Puzzle Game	\$50	_____
School District License for Color or Puzzle Game	\$300	_____
Site License for Z & Z Games	\$100	_____
School District License for Z & Z Games	\$600	_____
Postage and Handling (in US and Canada)	\$3	_____
<u>International Postage and Handling</u>	\$5	_____
<u>TOTAL</u>		_____

Preferred method of payment is to mail your check to:

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Lutherville, MD 21093  
USA

Feel free to print this topic and complete your address below:

Name :  
Address :  
City :  
State :  
Country :  
ZIP :

Note that registration can also be done on-line via CompuServe or by using your CREDIT CARD.  
Regardless of how you choose to order any of these products the software will be mailed to you from Z & Z Software on 3 1/2 floppies.

Please send me any suggestions you might have for improvements and new features. If I use your suggestion I'll send you a copy of the next version for free!



## **Compuserve Registration**

Z & Z Puzzle may be registered in CompuServe's Shareware Registration Forum (GO SWREG). The registration ID is 7251.

The registration ID for Z & Z Color is 1406.

The registration ID for the Z & Z Games package, including the FREE bonus game , is 7352.

## Credit Card Registration

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PsL  
P.O. Box 35705  
Houston, TX 77235-5705.

Ask for Z & Z Puzzle, product number 14173.

The product number for Z & Z Color is 11741.

The product number for the full Z & Z Games package, including the FREE bonus game , is 14174.

For more information on ordering over the Internet visit the Z & Z Software home page at **<http://www.ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/zzsoftware>**

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Any questions about the status of the shipment of the order, refunds, registration options, product details, technical support, volume discounts, dealer pricing, site licenses, non-credit card orders, etc., must be directed to Z & Z Software (see registration).

To insure that you get the latest version, PsL will notify Z & Z Software the day of your order and we will ship the product directly to you.

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### TERMS OF DISTRIBUTION OF Z & Z Puzzle

1. The fee charged may not exceed \$10, including postage, mailer and any other charges.
2. Your libraries catalog or listing must state that this program is not free, but is copyrighted software that is provided to allow the user to evaluate it before paying.
3. The offering and sale of Z & Z Puzzle will be stopped at any time the author so requests.
4. Copies must be made from the disk sent to you with this agreement. This is required for control purposes.
5. Problems or complaints about the program will be reported to the author for investigation. In return for a license to charge a fee for the distribution of the program Z & Z Puzzle, I agree to comply with the above terms of distribution.

Signed, \_\_\_\_\_  
your signature

\_\_\_\_\_ date

## **If you have problems...**

Z & Z Puzzle underwent quite a bit of testing by myself, my kids, and other Beta testers before it reached your hands. However, I would not want to bet my life that there are no bugs remaining in the program. If you have a registered copy of the program (see [Registration](#) for more information) and you are the first one to inform me of a problem, I'll fix it and send you a free copy of the next version as soon as possible. If you have an unregistered copy I'm still interested in hearing about the problem but you must register in order to get the free copy.

Send as much information as you can gather on any other problems to

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## **Shareware and the ASP**

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## Sound Support

Z & Z Puzzle contains sound effects which are compatible with any sound board which works under Windows. As anyone with kids will attest, adding audio to a children's game doubles the fun (and doubles the educational value, too!).

Note that you can create your own audio files for use with Z & Z Puzzle. Simply use whatever WAV file recording tools came with your sound board to record your own sounds and save the file under one of the names listed below, in the same directory as the Z & Z Puzzle program. The audio files used by Z & Z Puzzle for all drawings are:

ZZPWELC.WAV	Introduction, plays on entry to program
BYE.WAV	Good-bye, plays on exit from program
WIN.WAV	Default congratulations for completing puzzle correctly
MATCH.WAV	Piece was moved to correct location
MOVEOKL.WAV	
MOVEOKR.WAV	
MOVEOKD.WAV	
MOVEOKU.WAV	Piece was moved to incorrect location
MOVEBAD.WAV	Illegal move.
MOVENOP.WAV	Not on a piece.
UNDO.WAV	Undo menu item was selected or button was pressed.

## Button Bar

Clicking the left mouse button on the buttons on the button bar along the left edge of the window provides convenient shortcuts for many menu commands. They are as follows:



**Next Drawing** command from the [File](#) menu



**Select Drawing** command from the [File](#) menu



**Undo** command from the [Edit](#) menu



**Clear** command from the [Edit](#) menu



**Jigsaw Puzzle** switch from the [Options](#) menu



**Slider Puzzle** switch from the [Options](#) menu



**Color when Correct** switch from the [Options](#) menu



**Color when Done** switch from the [Options](#) menu



**Color at Start** switch from the [Options](#) menu



are shortcuts to the **Number of Pieces...** dialog box from the [Options](#) menu

## How to Solve a Slider Puzzle

When Z & Z Puzzle first starts up the Next Drawing command (from the File menu) is executed to randomly select a puzzle from the current directory. To select another drawing use the Next Drawing, Open, or Select Drawing commands from the File menu.

Now select the desired options via menu commands or the buttons along the left hand side of the window. Choose the slider type puzzle, the number of pieces in the puzzle, and when coloring of the puzzle (ZCC files only - see the Open command on the File menu) should take place. See the Options menu topic for more information on the various options

To move a puzzle piece, press and release either mouse button on the piece that you wish to move. Alternatively you may press the mouse button on the piece to move and then release it over the blank piece (shown in dark gray). Note that only pieces next to the blank piece may be moved. If the piece is moved to its proper location and the Color when Correct" option is selected (ZCC files only) the piece will be colored in automatically to provide visual a clue towards the solution of the puzzle (extremely useful for younger children and in puzzles with a large number of pieces). Audio clues are also provided (see digital audio). When the puzzle is completed correctly you will be rewarded with a prize.

Note that the keyboard may be used in place of the mouse.

If you want to do the same puzzle again use the **Clear** command on the Edit menu to start over again. If you want to try another drawing use the Next Drawing, Select Drawing..., or Open... command from the File menu.



## How to Solve a Jigsaw Puzzle

When Z & Z Puzzle first starts up the Next Drawing command (from the File menu) is executed to randomly select a puzzle from the current directory. To select another drawing use the Next Drawing, Open, or Select Drawing commands from the File menu.

Now select the desired options via menu commands or the buttons along the left hand side of the window. Choose the jigsaw type puzzle, the number of pieces in the puzzle, and when coloring of the puzzle (ZCC files only - see the Open command on the File menu) should take place.. See the Options menu topic for more information on the various options

To move a puzzle piece, press and hold either mouse button when the cursor is over the piece that you wish to move. Now move the mouse such that the cursor is positioned over the location that you wish to move the piece to and release the mouse button. The piece moved is switched with the puzzle piece at the destination. If either piece was moved to its proper location and the Color when Correct" option is selected (ZCC files only) the piece will be colored in automatically to provide visual a clue towards the solution of the puzzle (extremely useful for younger children and in puzzles with a large number of pieces). Audio clues are also provided (see digital audio). When the puzzle is completed correctly you will be rewarded with a prize.

Note that the keyboard may be used in place of the mouse.


If you want to do the same puzzle again use the **Clear** command on the Edit menu to start over again. If you want to try another drawing use the Next Drawing, Select Drawing..., or Open... command from the File menu.

## **Keyboard Interface**


Z & Z Puzzle provides a fully functional keyboard interface that may be used instead of the mouse.

Use the arrow keys (up, down, left, and right) to position the cursor over the piece you wish to move. For the Slider puzzle, press and release the space bar to move the piece. For the Jigsaw puzzle, press and hold the space bar while using the arrow keys to move the cursor to the destination. Release the space bar to swap the pieces.

## File Menu


The **Next Drawing** command (same as the  button) is used to randomly select a new puzzle drawing from one of the files in the current directory. If there are any .ZZC files (Z & Z Color format) in the current directory it will choose one of those. If not and there are .BMP files (Windows bitmap format) it will select a file of that type (registered version only!).


The **Open** command is used to select a new puzzle drawing. A dialog box appears to allow for selection of either a Z & Z Color file or a bitmap file to use as a puzzle. Note that use of bitmap files is allowed in the registered version only and the options to "Color when Correct" and "Color when Done" are disabled (see Options menu) .

The **Select Drawing** command (same as the  button) brings up a dialog box to provide an interactive method for selecting a new puzzle drawing. A thumbnail sketch of each puzzle drawing is provided, six drawings to a page. To select a puzzle, double click with the left mouse button or single click and then press the **OK** button. Use the **Prev** and **Next** buttons to see additional "pages" of drawings to select from. Alternatively, the keyboard can be used for selection. The arrow keys move among the drawings and the **Enter** key can be used to complete your selection. **Page Up** and **Page Down** are identical to **Prev** and **Next**, respectively.

**Exit** closes the Z & Z Puzzle Window. Do not use this command until you are finished playing with this application.


## Edit Menu

The **Undo** command (same as the  button) restores the puzzle to its state prior to the last move. If you are unhappy with your last move (or series of moves) use this command to backtrack the desired number of moves (up to 100).

The **Clear** command (same as the  button) is used to re-scramble a puzzle. Use this command to try the same puzzle again.

**Show Completed Picture** solves the current puzzle for you; shows you what the completed puzzle drawing looks like.


## Options Menu

Z & Z Puzzle is really two games combined into one: a **Jigsaw Puzzle** ( button is down, check mark appears next to menu item) and a **Slider Puzzle** (



button is down, check mark appears next to menu item).

The **Number of Pieces...** command brings up a dialog box to enter the desired number of puzzle pieces (as small as 2 by 2 or as large as 10 by 10). Several buttons are provided as shortcuts for changing

puzzle size; 9 pieces ( button is down), 16 pieces (




button is down), and 25 pieces (



button is down).

**Digital Sounds** is a toggle switch. When checked or enabled, as it is by default, Z & Z Puzzle will attempt to respond to the user with pre-recorded digital sounds in the form of windows WAV files. If the switch is unchecked or disabled, no sound will be emitted. See [Sound Support](#) for more information on sound in Z & Z Puzzle.

The **ZZ Background** option is also a toggle switch. On some monitors the yellow background with the ZZ pattern can cause flicker which can be distressing to the eye. In these cases or if you simply prefer the plain gray background then leave this option unchecked.

The option to **Color when Correct** ( button is down, check mark appears next to menu item) results in the pieces being colored or brightened (see note below) only when they are in the correct location.

The option to **Color when Done** (



button is down, check mark appears next to menu item) results in the pieces being colored or brightened (see note below) only when the entire puzzle is solved correctly. Finally, the **Color at Start** (



button is down, check mark appears next to menu item) option results in the pieces always being colored.

Note that when using Windows BMP files as puzzle drawings the puzzle pieces are darkened or dimmed in appearance for the **Color when Correct** and **Color when Done** options. When the pieces are in their correct location (Color when Correct) or when the entire puzzle is completed (Color when Done) the pieces assume their normal appearance.

## Help Menu

Selecting **Contents** from the Help menu brings you to the title/table of contents page in the Z & Z Puzzle online help system.

**Using Help** displays general information on how to use the Windows Help system.

**About Z & Z Puzzle...** brings up a brief dialog box tells you the version number of the program, its authors, and your registration status, or lack thereof.

