

An Infocom IF Collector's Checklist

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Description

On the following pages you will find a number of tables¹ that give a brief overview of the following:

- Packaging variations (Table 1);
- Collections and anthologies (Table 2);
- Checklist for games and their various releases (Table 3);
- Checklist for collections with an overview of their contents (Table 4).

The games and collections mentioned here involve the “classical” Infocom text adventures. Non-IF titles, as well as later efforts (with the Infocom label, but developed in other studios) are omitted here.

Sources

Infocom Fact Sheet

<http://pdd.if-legends.org/infocom/fact-sheet.txt>

Museum of Computer Adventure Game History

<http://www.mocagh.org>

Ye Olde Infocomme Shoppe (and its proprietor)

<http://yois.if-legends.org/>

¹The tables contain some abbreviations. Full titles are:

AMFV	–	A Mind Forever Voyaging
Arthur	–	Arthur: The Quest for Excalibur
H2G2	–	Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy
LGOP	–	Leather Goddesses of Phobos
Nord and Bert	–	Nord and Bert Couldn't Make Head or Tail of It
Quarterstaff	–	Quarterstaff – The Tomb of Setmoth
Sherlock	–	Sherlock: The Riddle of the Crown Jewels
Lost Treasures I	–	The Lost Treasures of Infocom
Lost Treasures II	–	The Lost Treasures of Infocom II
Masterpieces	–	Classic Text Adventure Masterpieces

Table 1: Packaging variations.

Type	Description
PDP-11 Zork	Release of Zork I for DEC PDP-11.
Personal Software	Release of Zork I by Personal Software for home computers; packaging features the famous “Barbarian” image.
Blister package	Zork I, II, and III were released by Infocom in a simple format; a transparent plastic tray attached to a paper back.
Folio	The “folios” were the most elaborate packaging produced for the Infocom IF games. Different size and/or shape for each of the nine games released in this format.
Grey standard box	The “book” paradigm. A cardboard box containing the “feelies” with an booklet attached to the inside of the lid.
Slipcase standard box	A simpler box; a tray—containing the game materials—sliding out of a cover.
Simple box	Simpler still; a regular cardboard box used for the last few games, Journey, Arthur, and Quarterstaff.
Solid Gold edition	Budget re-release of five popular games. Flat folders with only paper game materials. Games feature a built-in hint system.
Commodore	Commodore packaging of some of the earlier games. Various incarnations exist, but flat paper folders are most common.
DEC	Digital-licensed folio packagings (perhaps first occurrence of a “Zork Trilogy?”).
Dysan	Another redistribution by another provider. Red packaging.
Mastertronic	Later UK re-release of ten titles. Smallish black boxes, with a “stripe” pattern reminiscent of the grey box format. Most feelies are absent.

Table 2: Collections and anthologies.

Type	Description
Zork Trilogy	Zork I, II, and III together in one grey standard box. Came with the Flathead Coin.
Enchanter Trilogy	A slipcase containing the grey standard editions of Enchanter, Sorcerer, and Spellbreaker.
Classic Mystery Trilogy	A slipcase containing the grey standard editions of Moonmist, Suspect, and The Witness.
Science Fiction Classics	A slipcase containing the grey standard editions of A Mind Forever Voyaging, The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, and Planetfall.
Lost Treasures I	<i>The Lost Treasures of Infocom</i> . A large box containing twenty of the most successful titles. Large amount of game materials provided, but all on paper.
Lost Treasures II	<i>The Lost Treasures of Infocom II</i> . Second part of the Lost Treasures. Similar packaging for a further eleven games (fourteen for the CD version).
Zork Anthology	Zork I, II, III, Beyond Zork, and Zork Zero. Return to Zork type box, with manual, hints, and maps. Also includes Planetfall.
Adventure Collection	Five "Adventure" titles on CD, plus Planetfall and Zork III. Printed manual and maps.
Comedy Collection	Four "Comedy" titles on CD, plus Planetfall and Zork I. Printed manual and maps.
Fantasy Collection	Five "Fantasy" titles on CD, plus Planetfall and Zork II. Printed manual and maps.
Mystery Collection	Six "Mystery" titles on CD, plus Planetfall and Zork Zero. Printed manual and maps.
Sci-Fi Collection	Five "Science Fiction" titles on CD, plus Planetfall and Beyond Zork. Printed manual and maps.
Masterpieces	<i>Classic Text Adventure Masterpieces</i> . Almost all games (except Hitchhiker's Guide and Shogun) on a CD with low-quality PDF versions of the game materials.

Table 3: Checklist for games and their various releases (grey cell = game not released in this format).

	PDP-11 Zork	Personal Software	Blister package	Folio	Grey standard box	Slipcase standard box	Simple box	Solid Gold edition	Commodore	DEC	Dysan	Mastertronic
AMFV												
Arthur												
Ballyhoo												
Beyond Zork												
Border Zone												
Bureaucracy												
Cutthroats												
Deadline												
Enchanter												
H2G2												
Hollywood Hijinx												
Infidel												
Journey												
LGOP												
The Lurking Horror												
Moonmist												
Nord and Bert												
Planetfall												
Plundered Hearts												
Quarterstaff												
Seastalker												
Sherlock												
Shogun												
Sorcerer												
Spellbreaker												
Starcross												
Stationfall												
Suspect												
Suspended												
Trinity												
Wishbringer												
The Witness												
Zork I												
Zork II												
Zork III												
Zork Zero												

Table 4: Checklist for collections and an overview of their contents (symbols: ● = included in collection; ○ = included in CD-version only).

	Zork Trilogy	Enchanter Trilogy	Classic Mystery Trilogy	Science Fiction Classics	Lost Treasures I	Lost Treasures II	Zork Anthology	Adventure Collection	Comedy Collection	Fantasy Collection	Mystery Collection	Sci-Fi Collection	Masterpieces
AMFV				●		●						●	●
Arthur						○							●
Ballyhoo					●				●				●
Beyond Zork					●		●					●	●
Border Zone						●		●					●
Bureaucracy						●			●				●
Cutthroats						●		●					●
Deadline					●						●		●
Enchanter		●			●					●			●
H2G2				●	●							●	
Hollywood Hijinx						●			●				●
Infidel					●			●					●
Journey						○							●
LGOP													●
The Lurking Horror					●						●		●
Moonmist			●		●						●		●
Nord and Bert						●			●				●
Planetfall				●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Plundered Hearts						●		●					●
Quarterstaff													
Seastalker						●				●			●
Sherlock						●					●		●
Shogun						○							
Sorcerer		●			●					●			●
Spellbreaker		●			●					●			●
Starcross					●							●	●
Stationfall					●							●	●
Suspect			●		●						●		●
Suspended					●							●	●
Trinity						●		●					●
Wishbringer						●				●			●
The Witness			●		●						●		●
Zork I	●				●		●		●				●
Zork II	●				●		●			●			●
Zork III	●				●		●	●					●
Zork Zero					●		●				●		●