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ESCAPE FROM CORPOCITY

 INSTRUCTION MANUAL A5

THE PIXEL REBELLION BEGINS!

Survival guide, hallway map, character creation, and rescue passwords for ZX Spectrum 48K/128K.



01. INDEX & SYNOPSIS

📖 WHAT IS THE STORY ABOUT?

You are in **Corpocity**, a sprawling metropolis ruled with an iron fist by megacorporations. The streets are patrolled by drones, robot cops, and ruthless executives.

You are a **rebel** who managed to sneak into the facility's secret tunnels and corridors. Your mission: **escape alive** before being captured.

🎯 MAIN OBJECTIVE

Explore the maze, defeat the **Final Boss**, and secure your exit pass before falling in battle.

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02. TITLE SCREEN

🖥️ STARTING THE GAME

When loading the cassette on your ZX Spectrum, you will access the main menu accompanied by an 8-bit chiptune soundtrack.

Key	Function
1	START: Begins a new game, creates your hero, and places you in room 1.
2	CODE: Enter a saved password to restore your progress.

> LOADING NOTE

Compatible with ZX Spectrum 48K & 128K models (.TAP / .TZX format).



03. CHARACTER CREATION

Enter your name (up to 8 letters/numbers) and press **1** to **4** to choose your class:

- 1. COMMANDO:** Physical specialist with high base HP (HEALTH: 22) and strong offensive power.
- 2. BANDIT:** High luck and dexterity (LUK: 04). Increased chance of finding loot.
- 3. TACTICIAN:** Analytical thinker (INT: 05). Receives superior system clues.
- 4. SPY:** Extreme agility (DEX: 05). The best option to escape encounters.

✓ **CONFIRMATION**

Press **1** to confirm your hero or **2** if you wish to change class.



04. THE INTERFACE

🔧 INFORMATION PANEL

- **Compass (Top-Left):** Indicates open exits (N, E, S, W). A bright letter means a valid path.
- **Hero Status:** Portrait, class, health points (e.g. 12/22) and bandage reserve (0x2).
- **Inventory (Top-Right Red Frame):** Icons of currently equipped/carried gear.
- **Ticker (Text Stream):** Dynamic message bar for goals and alerts.

🗺️ MAP LEGEND

Player Icon = Your location | :: = Unexplored fog | Red Frame = Current map boundary.



05. CONTROLS & MOVEMENT



NAVIGATION

Move between facility rooms:

- N** North (Up)
- E** East (Right)
- S** South (Down)
- O/W** West (Left)



1 – HEAL

Applies a bandage from inventory. Instantly restores **20% of maximum health**.

Has no effect if health is already full.



2 – EQUIP

Opens gear menu to activate handguns, rifles, body armor, or tactical flashlight.



3 – STATS

Displays full character sheet to review attack, defense, and attribute scores.

06. ARSENAL & ITEMS

Auto Pick-up: When entering a room containing supplies, items are automatically added to your inventory.

 PISTOL & RIFLE

Pistol: Increases offensive power by +5 points.

Rifle: Heavy military firearm adding +8 attack points.

 VEST & FLASHLIGHT

Armor Vest: Boosts body defense by +5 points.

Flashlight: Essential for navigating dark sectors of the complex.

 TACTICAL BANDAGES

Crucial medical supplies. Restores 20% HP during exploration or mid-combat.

 KEYS & PASSES

Access Key: Unlocks sealed security doors.

COM Pass: Mandatory item to access the Final Boss chamber.

07. COMBAT SYSTEM

☠️ TURN-BASED BATTLES

When encountering enemies (neo-citizens, cyborgs, or drones) you'll face their portrait and stats head-on.

- 1 ATTACK: Roll virtual D20 + Attack + STR. Rolling 1 is a miss! A 20 triggers a critical hit.
- 2 FLEE: Attempt to escape to a safe room based on Dexterity.
- 3 HEAL: Apply a bandage without forfeiting your turn.
- 4 STATS: Review character status and redraw combat UI.



=== COMBAT ===

KENPLISS		NEO COP	
HP	100	HP	100
ATK	10	ATK	10
DEF	10	DEF	10
CON	10	CON	10

> 1 ATTACK 2 RUN

You dodge the hit

08. SAVE SYSTEM

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CHARACTER CODE

🔒 IF YOU DIE IN ACTION

Corpocity embraces true retro style: no automatic tape or disk saves.

1. Upon death, the system generates a **unique 19-character alphanumeric password**.
2. Write it down on paper or snap a photo with your phone.
3. In the main menu select option **2 — CODE** and enter it to resume.

⚠️ REANIMATION PENALTY

You re-spawn with **half of your maximum health**, but retain your name, class, equipment, and inventory.

09. REBEL TIPS

- >_ **Watch the Ticker:** Always read the scrolling message bar. It provides vital clues on locked doors and key locations.
- 🏥 **Bandage Management:** Don't waste medical kits on minor scrapes; save your healing for the Final Boss arena.
- 📍 **Thorough Exploration:** The shortest path rarely has the best gear. Explore side rooms to discover the rifle and armor vest.
- 💡 **Leverage Your Class:** The *Spy* class is ideal for bypassing fights; the *Commando* absorbs heavy damage easily.

🔑 REBEL TRICK

If you get stuck in darkness, search the rooms in the western sector before facing the cyborg guards at the main gate.

10. VICTORY OBJECTIVE

Explore the maze, obtain top-tier gear, defeat the FINAL BOSS, and escape Corpocity before the corporation catches up.

– Rebel Broadcast, 128K Frequency

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

After eliminating the supreme executive and escaping via the main helipad, the victory screen and developer credits will appear. Press **ENTER** to return to the main menu.

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BYTEMANIACOS 2026 RPG EDITION

- Programming & Design: Juanma2k
- Platform: ZX Spectrum 48K / 128K
- Format: .TAP / .TZX File
- Game Version: v1.0 (2026 Competition Edition)
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