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by **nickd03**

Posted: **Tue Jan 31, 2017 10:58 am**

Okay, I'm new here, I recently bought a Raspberry Pi 3, and loaded it with RetroPie, and I was wondering why RetroPie users get to use drastic for free. I know that you have to pay for the android version, but you can download it for the Raspberry Pi 3 as seen here [https://github.com/retroPie/retroPie-se ... intendo-DS](https://github.com/retroPie/retroPie-se...intendo-DS). I was also wondering how its possible to run it on RetroPie, as it is an android app.

Re: Drastic on RetroPie

by **Exophase**

Posted: **Wed Feb 01, 2017 2:47 am**

It's on Raspberry Pi because I released the port for it, as a semi-closed beta. I asked people not to distribute it but since I did link to it publicly somewhere it was basically inevitable. It still would have been nice if maintainers of a major front end didn't decide to incorporate it prematurely. That said, I still plan to release an "official" first version although at this point the lines have been really blurred as to what that even means.

As for why they get to use it for free, I guess I don't have much of an answer for that other than that it's simply up to my discretion and I don't think the RPi ecosystem or community is a good fit for paid apps. This isn't completely without precedent, I released the Pandora version of DraStic (which the RPi one is more similar to than the Android) without charging, and before the Android version.

Re: Drastic on RetroPie

by **Jay Haru**

Posted: **Wed Feb 01, 2017 5:46 am**

doesnt really matter if its free on what can be considered a niche market. its not like rpi or pandora for that matter will have a huge impact on android stuff.
and as exo said, his discretion so whatever he does, its up to him.

Re: Drastic on RetroPie

by **dop3**

Posted: **Tue Feb 07, 2017 4:49 pm**

I just registered to say thank you.

I sincerely hope you're working on a stable version. As you said the Pi community isn't one to charge things for but I'll gladly donate, even more so than the android version costs if that makes any difference, -gladly-.

Any chance of getting a combo Exit key while I'm pushing my luck? Select+Start or whatever. That's my only real frustration I can see with the setup, otherwise all I see is growing pains and I think it's awesome.

Thanks for your work so far either damn way!

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Re: Drastic on RetroPie

by **Cloudlink**

Posted: **Mon Feb 13, 2017 8:48 am**

I will also gladly donate generously to Drastic when a stable release is available, as I have to many developers whose work is available for use with RetroPie.

Re: Drastic on RetroPie

by **8bitmurphy**

Posted: **Mon Mar 20, 2017 11:45 pm**

thank you for this, and count me in for the donations as well. blew my mind back when it came out on android, and just tested it on the raspberry, performs fantastically.

Re: Drastic on RetroPie

by **mm21xx**

Posted: **Mon Mar 27, 2017 10:37 am**

Hey there!

Just registered today to shoutout a huge thanks for porting and making this available on the RPi. I just had it setup through the exp packages this weekend and test ran a few games I had, and works really well.

I never actually bothered looking into this emulator at all since I have all my physical games on my DS, so I saw no real added value in emulating these on my phone, but seeing the ability to play on a bigger screen with the ecosystem of the other consoles I put together on my RPi was what drove me to give it a try. Only problem I seem to have encountered is trying to exit from DraStic back onto EmulationStation, pressing the Start + Select is not bringing me back to the ES GUI.

Thank you for your generosity, really highly appreciate your hard work. I haven't had much chance to browse the forums, but is there a specific way where I can contribute with a donation?

Thanks!!

Re: Drastic on RetroPie

by **mediamogul**

Posted: **Fri May 05, 2017 1:39 pm**

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Thanks for all your time.

Re: Drastic on RetroPie

by **rick55**

Posted: **Mon May 15, 2017 12:33 pm**

I have experimented with the raspberry pi version and am impressed with the quality. I went and bought the Android version to give you some support (though I have yet to try that version). Please continue the Pi version. Integration into RetroPie would be great as well even if it is a paid add on.

Re: Drastic on RetroPie

by **MrScruff300**

Posted: **Sat May 20, 2017 9:56 am**

Hi,

I would also like to second that, thanks very much for your work on Drastic it really is a fantastic emulator and I have also bought the Android version in support. Please do continue your work on a finalised RPi port as it would be great to have this fantastic emulator as part of RetroPie.

Many thanks!

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Re: Drastic on RetroPie

by **charononus**

Posted: **Sat May 27, 2017 2:13 pm**

Exophase wrote:**mediamogul wrote:**

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Glad to hear from you. I'm just a retroPie user, but your software even though it's just in beta is some of the best for the DS that I've seen. I hope times get better for you with whatever it is that you're going through.

Re: Drastic on RetroPie

by **mediamogul**

Posted: **Sat May 27, 2017 3:15 pm**

Exophase wrote:

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Not a problem. I appreciate you taking the time.

Exophase wrote:

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No need to feel bad at all. It's obvious that you spend a lot of time working on DraStic and no one can blame you for being protective of it. Personally speaking, I've been a fan of it's development for quite some time and have enjoyed reading about it's advancements here as they happen. I purchased a copy for my gaming tablet a few years back and it's remained a favorite ever since.

As for the reintroduction into RetroPie, it certainly would be fantastic and much appreciated if you're sure that you're OK with it. Having tested it quite a bit, I can honestly say that outside of a few minor bugs, your beta is very solid. However, we all definitely understand that this represents unfinished work on your part and you wouldn't want it to be mistaken as a final effort. Before it was removed, the option to install DraStic was listed under "Experimental Packages" and we try to make it very clear to all that anything in that category has either not been tested thoroughly, or is unfinished in some way. We would of course continue to place it in that category until a final version is released that you deem stable.

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We all love games and everyone gets a thrill when we hear big news about an exciting project like DraStic, but personal matters should always take priority. Personally, I see the release of DraStic gratis for the Raspberry Pi as a very considerate addition to the community on your part and even an extension to those who may have paid to use it on other platforms. Even if it never proceeds past this point, it is greatly appreciated. I hope that all things improve on your end and that you can continue your work in good health, humor and fortune.

Re: Drastic on RetroPieby **theissdev**Posted: **Thu Jun 22, 2017 4:35 pm**

Dude. I just wanted to reach out and say THANK YOU for Drastic on RetroPie. Having to reset the system after playing a game is NOTHING when this emulation runs like such a badass. THANKS!

Re: Drastic on RetroPieby **dkbrown12**Posted: **Sun Jul 16, 2017 10:26 pm**

Hey there! Just got started with this on the Pi. I was wondering, and I know that it would most likely be very difficult, but would it be possible to create a sort of companion app between the Android and Pi version that allows you to use your phone for the touch screen part but Pi for main play? Your work is already amazing enough, been using the Android version for a while now. I think that this parity between versions, though, would be a neat feature.

Re: Drastic on RetroPieby **lunes**Posted: **Tue Jun 19, 2018 12:25 pm****Exophase wrote:**

mediamogul wrote:

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Hello buddy, how are you ? I hope all is well with you and the entire DraStic developer team.

I come here first to thank you for your commitment to keeping this wonderful DraStic emulator in constant improvement and especially for developing a port for raspberry Pi (RetroPie)

I wanted to ask you something here: since 2017 I have asked the developer of batocera.linux (nadenislamarré) who is even registered in his forum [batocera linux is a free retrogamer system very similar to RetroPie, but more "friendly" for ordinary users] . I have asked nadenislamarré developer to include DraStic in compiling for Raspberry PI from his batocera.linux system, however, I have received feedback from him that this is not possible since DraStic does not have open license for the platform I know that DraStic is paid for Android and is an excellent emulator in every way ... its development in the mobile platform is the best already achieved and you deserve the congratulations so always!

My question is: Is there any way for you to make the beta or a more up-to-date beta available or even official if it is already available from DraStic for Raspberry to be public and free so that it can be added to Batocera.Linux use for my retro games?

I really wanted to be able to play the NDS games directly on my TV through its powerful emulator in batocera.linux, but as it stands today the developer refuses to add since he does not want to have license problems for using his application without the license suitable for such ...

I therefore ask you if possible to release the private (or public) beta as you wish for the raspberry platform but declare the license of this platform as "open" or otherwise "addable" to raspberry platform based systems. .would it be possible ?

I also know from your CLEAR wish to let specified that DraStic for this platform is in BETA and this would be easily stated in the Linux batocera when being added in a specific section or with the clear nomenclature that you specified as Beta rather than as final release. ..

I really wanted this to be possible, but only if it is your will to release DraStic for this platform free of charge and licensed to allow it to be added to raspberry PI systems in a trouble-free way for the system developer like the Batocera Linux / Recalbox / RetroPie and other retrogamer systems of this board

if you can help, I will be eternally grateful and hope to be able to help you with a donation that is already well deserved!

Re: Drastic on RetroPie

by **maboshi**

Posted: **Wed Dec 19, 2018 7:51 pm**

dop3 wrote: ↑

Tue Feb 07, 2017 4:49 pm

I just registered to say thank you.

Me too! I just tried DraStic today on my SNES Classic. Beautiful!

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