

Going for broke!

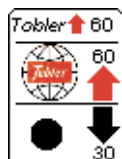
Broker, the new game from FreEpoC

New leisure software for this season includes 'Broker', or to give it its French name 'Actionnaire' by Nicolas Piguet. Broker is freeware available from www.freepoc.de and is a game of wheeling and dealing on the stock market.

The main screen is a little confusing and when starting your first game the help file is less than clear. I've taken a screen shot and numbered the various parts, which I hope will be of use to new comers to the game.

Stage One.

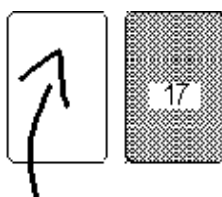
Buy or sell shares based on the stock value reflected in the chart at the top or on the cards you have been dealt;



In this example if you played this card Tobler shares would be raised by 60 units, so buy the shares before you play the card.

Stage Two.

Play a card by dragging the selected card to the empty space next to the pack.



Drag the card here.

Once the card has been played, the round black symbol indicates that you then have the choice to lower the share value of another stock (your opponents normally).

If the card has a  symbol then the computer lowers or increases all shares based upon the value. In our example this would be 30 units off all shares.

Stage Three.

You can now choose to buy or sell some more shares, but not shares you have already dealt with on this turn.

Stage Four.

End your turn.

The aim of the game is basically to lower the value of your opponents shares and higher your own.

Through the game there are some random cards which you have to play then and there;

These add an element of excitement to the game.

Risk	
Tobler	90
GM	90
BBC	90
Ciba	90
SBS	90

Release 1.0

The current release versions is 1.0 and there are a couple of bugs,

notably when you finish a game or go bankrupt the program looks for a graphic or routine that is unavailable and promptly crashes!

Saying that though the game is very playable and has nice graphics. Broker itself seems very cleverly to know which version of EPOC machine you are running and mould itself to it.

As a fan of stock trading games I really enjoy playing it, with a couple of the rough edges knocked off it will be perfect.

Ciba ↑ 2x
Ciba-Geigy ↑ 2x
↓ 1/2

Risk
Tobler ↓ 90
GM ↓ 90
BBC ↓ 90
Ciba ↓ 90
SBS ↓ 90

Tobler ↑ 60
60
↓ 30

Tobler ↑ 100
100
↓ 10

Tobler ↑ 100
100
↓ 10

You:		EPOC:	
Tobler:	1198	71880	0
GM:	0	0	0
BBC:	0	0	0
Ciba:	0	0	0
SBS:	0	0	216
Cash:		0	54000
Total:		71'880	108'000

Broker

Buy
Sell

End of turn

Split

Help

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Broker running on a netBook.
There are also 5mx & Revo versions.