

GETTING STARTED

Login or select REGISTER from the Login screen.

If it's your first time playing *Darkspace*, you are taken to a tutorial level. Listen to the narrator and follow the instructions to learn the gameplay basics.

When you finish the tutorial, you earn your third hero. Choose your hero, enter the navigation menu, and begin your *Darkspace* adventure.

COMMAND YOUR GENETIC DESTINY

GAMEPLAY CONTROLS

Move hero/Interact	Left-click
Attack	Left-click
Attack in place	Right-click/ SHIFT (press and hold) + left-click
Special abilities	1-5
Switch to first hero	Q
Switch to second hero	W
Switch to third hero	E
Toggle navigation arrow ON/OFF	N
Toggle mini-map ON/OFF	M
Toggle radar ON/OFF (multiplayer only)	O
Trigger overdrive	SPACEBAR
Open chat window	ENTER
Open options menu	ESC
Open Inventory window	I

HERO EDITOR CONTROLS

Select part	Left-click
Rotate camera	Right-click (hold)
Zoom camera	SHIFT + mouse wheel
Display advanced rotation handles	TAB (press and hold) after selecting part
Move gear asymmetrically	A (press and hold) after selecting part
Undo last change	CTRL + Z
Redo last change	CTRL + Y
Center zoom on torso/head	Up/Down arrow

NAVIGATING THROUGH DARKSPORE



- 1 Compass
- 2 Helix
- 3 Inventory
- 4 Options
- 5 Navigation
- 6 Arsenal
- 7 Editor

Use the compass to proceed through the *Darkspace* universe.

HELIX

Select the Helix button to view an extensive archive of *Darkspore* information. MY PROFILE, FRIENDS, LEADERBOARDS, STORE, and HELP are all found here.

INVENTORY

View, sell, or convert parts you've acquired, or purchase upgrades and weapons to further enhance your *Darkspore* adventures. You may also access the Upgrade Store to see a list of available upgrades.

Note: Some upgrades require DNA or a certain level (see *Navigation*) before they can be purchased.

OPTIONS

Elect whether to resume your game, adjust game settings, log out, quit your game, or abort the mission entirely. Press **ESC** to access the options menu during gameplay.

NAVIGATION

Select the Navigation button and proceed to the Navigation Room to choose levels and match types.

SELECT DIFFICULTY

Scroll through the available levels and select one to begin your campaign. Levels are organized by *Darkspore* threat, so the higher the number, the more difficult the enemies you encounter. Locked levels are highlighted in red. Higher difficulties are not available until *Darkspore* is completed for the first time.

Invite up to three friends to begin a private co-op game, or join random players for a co-op or PvP game by selecting MATCHMAKER.

Note: The PvP option is grayed out until you reach Crogenitor Level 10 and purchase it.

ARSENAL

View all of your available heroes in the Arsenal and select the ones you want to join your fight against the *Darkspore* menace. You begin with one squad but slots for additional squads unlock when you buy specific items in exchange for DNA.

To remove a hero from your squad, left-click the hero and select REMOVE. To add a hero, left-click the + icon in the free squad slot and then left-click an available hero. Highlight a hero and then select PROFILE to open that hero's profile.

Note: You may also select the individual icons below the arrows to sort heroes by type.

EDITOR

Customize and equip your heroes to annihilate anything blocking their path to victory (see *Creating Your Hero*).

GAME SCREEN



- 1 Catalyst grid
- 2 Health bar
- 3 Hero abilities
- 4 Power bar
- 5 Hero characters
- 6 Options
- 7 Mini-map
- 8 Hero's passive ability
- 9 Navigation arrow

CREATING YOUR HERO

IMPORTANT DATA

After entering the Editor, the panel on the right side of the screen shows the hero's stats. Stats are updated automatically as parts are added or removed.

The box on the left displays the actions available for the type of edit mode you are in. The edits you may perform on a hero are accessed via the tabs at the bottom of the screen.

The icon in the lower right corner of the screen is your hero collection. Select this icon to quickly switch between heroes.

GEAR

The box on the left shows your available pieces of gear with the tabs at the top of the box corresponding to different gear types. To equip a piece of gear, left-click and hold the part you wish to equip and drag it onto the hero. To remove gear, drag it back into the gear box.

DNA BUDGET

Your available budget appears at the bottom of the parts window. Each piece of gear has a specific cost to attach to a hero and the total sum of the attached gear cannot exceed your budget.

Note: Increase your budget by collecting DNA.

SKIN

The two brush icons in the box on the left side of your screen allow you to change the color details of your hero. Left-click and hold any color swatch to see more gradient choices of that color.

Note: The hero's base color cannot be changed.

DETAIL

Make your heroes stand out from the crowd with detail gear. This type of gear does not increase your hero's stats, but adds a unique visual touch.

Note: Select ACCEPT to save your changes. To exit without saving any of your changes, select CANCEL.

PLAYING THE GAME

MOVEMENT AND ATTACKING

Left-click a location to move your hero to that destination. To attack, point the cursor and left-click the target enemy. To launch an immediate attack, right-click the point of attack.

Pressing **1-5** activates special attacks and abilities at the cursor's current location. Refer to the icons at the center of the HUD to see which powers are bound to the specific keys.

CATALYST GRID

Catalysts are objects that temporarily increase your hero's stats while on a planet's surface. Combining catalysts of the same type in a row or column gives you an additional stat bonus.

Purchase additional catalyst slots in the Upgrade Store via Inventory.

ITEMS

These items may appear in-game.

Green capsules Restore health.

Blue capsules Restore power.

DNA strands Add DNA to your gene bank. Use DNA to purchase upgrades or add gear to your *Darkspace* heroes.

Obelisks Keep an eye out for items containing new gear for your heroes.

Loot Pick up loot dropped by enemies.

Note: You must left-click loot to collect it.

CHAINING LEVELS

After completing a level, exit with the experience and loot you've earned or continue to the next level to create a chain. Chaining levels allows you to earn more medals, experience, and loot, along with increasing the chance of receiving rare or pure items. Be warned: if you fail a level during a chain, you lose any additional gear you have obtained. Once you choose to exit a level or level chain, the Results screen appears to display medals won, experience earned, and current experience level.

Note: To gain the ability to chain more than two levels, you must purchase the chain upgrade from the Upgrade Store.

DARKSPORE COMMUNICATIONS

CHAT COMMANDS

Chat with other *Darkspace* players in the lobby or in-game. Here are a few of the basic chat commands and how to execute them:

Tell	Communicate directly with another player. • /t or /tell <player name> <message>
Reply	Reply to the last player that invited you to their playgroup. • /r or /reply • Press R when the chat message is not in focus.
Invite	Invite a player to your playgroup. • /i or /invite <player name>
Party	Send a message only to your playgroup. • /p or /party <message>
Game	Send a message only to players in your game. • /g or /game <message>
Kick	Kicks a player from your party. • /k or /kick <player name>
Leave	Leave your current party. • /leave
Follow	Follow a specific player. • /f or /follow <player name>
Unfollow	Stop following a specific player. • /u or /unfollow <player name>
Block	Blocks all messages from a specific player. • /b or /block <player name>
Unblock	Unblocks all messages from a specific player. • /unblock <player name>
Lobby	Send a message to everybody in the lobby. • /l or /lobby

