Chrono Cross Save State Hacking Guide

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This is a save state hacking guide for Chrono Cross, a classic PSX RPG by Square. Why I bothered writing this stuff? Well... this game is GOOD I can tell you, and you probably know it if you are reading this! I've beaten it beginning to end a handful of times but oh well... there's a lot of stuff that requires far too many time to accomplish (i.e. get all summon elements is one of them)... the game isn't hard but it ain't a pushover too and sometimes you just want to breeze through it... I could go on but I guess you got my idea right? :) So I did fiddle a little with a hexeditor, a diff tool, some save states and now I want to share it with you, my dear lazy classic RPG gamer. Enjoy:)

PS: This guide won't teach you hex editing. There are plenty of other guides who'll teach you better than me.

PS2: I used ePSXe. State hacking with ePSXe is a bit tricky but I'll explain it in detail on section 1.0.

PS3: Use this guide with moderation! You can ruin your fun if you go overboard and max out everything. In fact, I recommend that you beat the game first without cheating, and in subsequent replays hexedit away.

And, before anyone bug me with annoying accusations, I played on a emulator yes, but I DO OWN a copy of this game!

Well, on to the guide...

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1.0 Save state?

Save state is a file with a snapshot of the game progress on a given instant. More specifically, its the CPU & Memory data on a given instant. This guide was made and tested on ePSXe for Linux (stated above, before the index). I guess that the files structure are the same on Linux and Windows but I cannot be certain, since I can't and won't install Windows EVER AGAIN:P EDIT: in fact the save states works in both versions. Just tested the Windows version using wine. (and, surprise! running the Windows version via wine is way better than playing the native Linux version. Go figure...)

As I said earlier it takes some effort to hack the states. First thing, ePSXe save states are compressed using gzip, so before you edit anything at all you must decompress it (used gunzip but I guess 7-Zip, WinRAR, etc should do the trick on Windows). Then you load the file on your hexeditor, edit whatever you want, then recompress the file. Remember to remove any file extension that gets added to the recompressed file, if any. Now you can load the save state on the emulator. A word of warning, it seems that ePSXe somehow keeps the save state in memory, so to edit it you must close it before. Phew! I said it was tricky:)

EDIT: I recently used ePSXe 1.7 -- wine emulation :P -- and there's no need to gzip the file again after you're done editing it... just load it (no need to restart the emulator too!!)

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So, to be clearer, that's how I (used) to do it myself:

$ mv SCUS_942.54.001 SCUS_942.54.001.gz

$ gunzip SCUS_942.54.001.gz  #decompressing the file

$ bless SCUS_942.54.001  #loading on the hexeditor

$ gzip SCUS_942.54.001  #done editing, recompressing it

$ mv SCUS_942.54.001.gz SCUS_942.54.001 #removing file extension

$ cd ..

$ ./epsxe  #play away
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Since now there's no need to gzip again the file neither restart the emulator it may be already running... SO here's the improved way:

$ wine ePSXe.exe & #yeah the windows version IS better :P
$ cd sstates/
$ mv SCUS_942.54.001 SCUS_942.54.001.gz #save state name of course
$ gunzip SCUS_942.54.001.gz #decompress file
$ bless SCUS_942.54.001 #load it on hexeditor
#reload it on ePSXe and play away
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BACKUP YOUR FILES before you edit them to save yourself a lot of grief in case something goes wrong! Saving in two or more slots and editing one does the trick neatly.

1.1 Chars stats offsets (alphabetical order)

BEFORE you get frustrated, let me say that the status won't change immediately after you change them. If you played before you remember that after you grab a star your stats raise a bit an then a little more with battles after it. It's the same thing here, you raise a stat then you must fight some random battles, then it'll reach the value you hacked in.

TODO not all chars done!! read below.

You probably know that there's a ton of chars in the game. I plan to beat the game to test it, but for now if you don't wanna wait it out you can (at *your* own risk of course!) try to raise the other char's stats. Each char seems to be described by 204 bytes, that always start as:

0x40 0x00 0x40 0x00 0x40 0x00

SO, I guess that all stats positions are the same for every char -- i.e Max HP is 124 bytes off the char start offset, and so on. Have fun!! :D

ALSO you can send me your results if you don't mind... getting all the possible characters requires at least some four playthroughs you know... that's A LOT of work!! So help me out, ya? Pretty please? :D EDIT: only eleven chars so far so lots of hacking yet so... have fun again :D

Note: Stamina Recovery seems to be fixed by char, issue still open to further investigation at this point...

Draggy Current HP 0x7015A Max HP 0x7015E Strength 0x70162 0x70164 Accuracy Resistance 0x70166 0x70168 Agility Magic 0x7016A Magic Res. 0x7016C Fargo Current HP 0x6FBC6 Max HP 0x6FBCA Strength 0x6FBCE Accuracy 0x6FBD0 0x6FBD2 Resistance 0x6FBD4 Agility Magic 0x6FBD6 Magic Res. 0x6FBD8

Current HP 0x6FD5E

0x6FD62

Glenn

Max HP

Strength		0x6FD66		
Accuracy		0x6FD68		
Resistance		0x6FD6A		
Agility		0x6FD6C		
Magic		0x6FD6E		
Magic Res.		0x6FD70		
Harle				
Current HP		0x6FFC2		
Max HP		0x6FFC6		
Strength		0x6FFCA		
Accuracy		0x6FFCC		
Resistance		0x6FFCE		
Agility		0x6FFD0		
Magic		0x6FFD2		
Magic Res.		0x6FFD4		
Karsh				
Current HP		0x6F3CE		
Max HP		0x6F3D2		
Strength		0x6F3D6		
Accuracy		0x6F3D8		
Resistance		0x6F3DA		
Agility		0x6F3DC		
Magic		0x6F3DE		
Magic Res.		0x6F3E0		
24'1'				
Miki		068886		
Current HP Max HP		0x6FEF6 0x6FEFA		
-		0x6FEFE		
Strength Accuracy		0x6FF00		
Resistance		0x6FF02		
Agility		0x6FF04		
Magic		0x6FF06		
Magic Res.		0x6FF08		
ragic res.		0201100		
Orlha				
Current HP		0x70FB2		
Max HP		0x70FB6		
Strength		0x70FBA		
Accuracy		0x70FBC		
Resistance		0x70FBE		
Agility		0x70FC0		
Magic		0x70FC2		
Magic Res.		0x70FC4		
Riddel				
Current HP		0x6F302		
Max HP		0x6F306		
Strength		0x6F30A		
Accuracy		0x6F30C		
Resistance		0x6F30E		
Agility		0x6F310		
Magic		0x6F312		
Magic Res.		0x6F314		
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Current HP	(yeall	shared stats 0x6EE3A	LU	וווי סט
Max HP		0x6EE3E		
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Strength	0x6EE42						
Accuracy	0x6EE44						
Resistance	0x6EE46						
Agility	0x6EE4A						
Magic	0x6FD6E						
Magic Res.	0x6EE4C						
Current equip	0x6EDA2						
Sprigg							
Current HP	0x702F2						
Max HP	0x702F6						
Strength	0x702FA						
Accuracy	0x702FC						
Resistance	0x702FE						
Agility	0x70300						
Magic	0x70302						
Magic Res.	0x70304						
Zoah							
Current HP	0x6F49A						
Max HP	0x6F49E						
Strength	0x6F4A2						
Accuracy	0x6F4A4						
Resistance	0x6F4A6						
Agility	0x6F4A8						
Magic	0x6F4AA						
Magic Res.	0x6F4AC						

1.2 Money

Money offsets are reversed i.e. the most significant digit is the last one. As a little example, say you want 150000G (wow that's a lot right!) 150000(decimal) = 0x249F0. You should fill the offsets like this: F0-49-02.

Money offsets: 0x71B62 - 0x71B63 - 0x71B64

1.3 Items

There's only one inventory, shared by **all** equippable items and materials. It works like this: there's an offset where you define which item you want, and another where you define its quantity. Quite simple huh? But mind that in the definition offsets you must space the items with a 0×00 between them, like this:

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--first offset: 0x7149A, say you want a @Rainbow Shell: 0x06
0x7149A -- 0x06
--let's say you want forty of them (plenty huh)
0x7179A -- 0x28

--now you want five Sunglasses 'cause they rock so much: 0xF7
0x7149B -- leave empty, 0x00
0x7149C -- 0xF7
--five of them right?
0x7179B -- 0x05

Inventory -- items, weapons, etc
Item definition offsets (start): 0x7149A
Item quantities offsets (start): 0x7179A
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So simple right? Now go nuts with the @Shiny materials that are SO damned

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boring to create...:)
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1.4 Elements/Techs

Elements are just like inventory items: there are two relevant offsets, one defines the element and the other its quantity. Element definitions are spaced with one empty offset 0x00 just like the inventory ones. As a example, say you want 10 Volcanoes and 12 Black Holes:
--first offset: 0x7191A, Volcano is 0x0C

0x7191A -- 0x0C
-- ten of them...

0x71A9A -- 0x0A

-- now the Black Holes:

0x7191B -- leave empty, 0x00

0x7191C -- 0x24
--...12 Black Holes

0x71A9B -- 0x0C

Techs show as regular elements too, but you won't be able to use most of them, at least until I find out the equipped Elements offsets of course -- IF it is possible to use a Tech that wasn't designed for a given char that is. But it will be very fun to find out!!:)

EDIT: it is possible to equip Serge's skills on Lynx!!!! The game doesn't lock but the animation sprites look quite odd -- see it for yourself! ALSO as they are White-innate they do great damage (as Lynx)... Using the MasterMune with FlyingArrow shows Masa&Mune as your 'shadow'... if the sprites didn't look so messed up you bet I would use it all the time :D

Elements -- all of them (attack, healing, consumables, traps, techs...) Element definition offsets (start): 0x7191A Element quantities offsets (start): 0x71A9A

1.5 Lists

As far as I know this section is complete! (unless I made a mistake somewhere, kindly mail me if you find something wrong)

1.5.1 Materials List

@Bone	01	@Copper	02	@Iron	03	@Mythril	04
@Denadorite	05	@Rainbow Shell	06	@Eyeball	07	@Humour	8 0
@Feather	09	@Scale	ΟA	@Fur	0B	@Leather	0C
@Fang	0 D	@Carapace	0E	@Screw	OF	@Seed	10
@Shiny Ember	11	@Shiny Dew	12	@Shiny Leaf	13	@Shiny Sand	14
@Shiny Salt	15	@Shiny Soot	16	Invalid materia	ls	17 to 30	

1.5.2 Weapons List

Sea Swallow	20	Copper Swallow	21	Steel Swallow	22	Silver Swallow	23
Stone Swallow	24	Spectra Swallow	25	Mastermune	26	Ivory Dagger	27
Bronze Dagger	28	Iron Dagger	29	Mythril Dagger	2A	Denadorite Dgg	2В
Prism Dagger	2C	Silver Staff	2D	Stone Staff	2E	Spectral Staff	2F
Porcelain Rod	30	Brass Rod	31	Iron Rod	32	Mythril Rod	33
Denadorite Rod	34	Rainbow Rod	35	Floral Rod	36	Bone Sword	37
Bronze Sword	38	Steel Sword	39	Silver Sword	ЗА	Stone Sword	3В
Spectral Sword	3C	Hero's Blade	3D	Viper's Venom	3E	Einlanzer (1st)	3F
Einlanzer (2nd)	40	Slasher	41	Ferrous Gun	42	Argent Gun	43
Denadorite Gun	44	Spectral Gun	45	Shockwave Gun	46	Plasma Pistol	47
Porcelain Pick	48	Brass Pick	49	Iron Pick	4A	Mythril Pick	4B
Pebble Pick	4C	Prism Pick	4 D	Carrot	4E	Betta Carotene	4F
Bone Axe	50	Bronze Axe	51	Iron Axe	52	Silver Axe	53
Stone Axe	54	Rainbow Axe	55	*invalid*	56	Great Hammer	57
Master Hammer	58	Bronze Lure	59	Iron Lure	5A	Mythril Lure	5B

Stone Lure	5C	Prism Lure	5D	*invalid*	5E	Bronzerang	5F
Steelrang		Silverang	61 Rockerang		62	5	63
invalid	64	Bone Shot			66	Steel Shot	67
Silver Shot	68	Stone Shot	69	Prism Pellets	6A	Private Deck	6B
Pack of Lies		*invalid*	6D	Spatula Ca20	6E	Besom Cu29	6F
Ladle Fe26	70	Frypan Ag47	71	Saucepan SiO2	72	2 1	73
invalid	74	Bone Glove	75	Bronze Glove	76		77
Mythril Glove	78	Granite Glove	79	Spectral Glove	7A	*nothing* 7B-	95
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Ivory Mail		Bronze Mail	9.	7 Iron Mail	98	Mythril Mail	99
Stone Mail		Prism Mail	91		9C	Bronze Vest	9D
Iron Vest	-	Mythril Vest	91	=	A0	Prism Vest	A1
Blue Plate		Red Plate	A.		A4	Green Plate	A5
Black Plate		White Plate	A'			Scaley Dress	A9
Carapace Dress		Screwy Dress	AI	_	AC	Wisp Cape	AD
Cloud Cape		Stardust Cape	Al		-	Ghetz's Shirt	В1
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1.5.4 Accessori	es 1	List					
Ozzie Pants	BA	Flea Vest	BI	B Antitoxinal Cap	BC	Poultice Cap	BD
Plaster Cap	ΒE	Antiviral Cap	Bl	F Hero's Medal	C0	Hero's Shield	C1
Ivory Helmet	C2	Bronze Helmet	C.	3 Iron Helmet	C4	Mythril Helmet	C5
Stone Helmet	С6	Prism Helmet	C'	7 Power Glove	С8	Dragoon Gauntlet	C9
Power Seal	CA	Magic Ring	CI	B Sky Djinn Ring	CC	Magic Seal	CD
Silver Loupe	CE	Sight Scope	CI	F Third Eye	D0	Knee Pad	D1
Elbow Pad	D2	Waist Pad	D3	3 Silver Pendant	D4	Gold Pendant	D5
Memento Pendant	D6	Dancing Shoes	D'	7 Kung-fu Shoes	D8	Winged Shoes	D9
Dragoon's Honor	DA	Dragoon's Glory	DI	B Defender	DC	Defender Plus	DD
Silver Earring	DE	Gold Earring	DI	F Earring of Ligh	tE0	Earring of Hope	E1
Stamina Ring	E2	Stamina Belt	E.	3 Resistance Ring	E4	Resistance Belt	E5
Sea Charm	E6	Flame Charm	Ε̈́	7 Forest Charm	E8	Earth Charm	E9
Angel Charm	EΑ	Daemon Charm	EI	Blue Brooch	EC	Red Brooch	ED
Green Brooch	ΕE	Yellow Brooch	El	F White Brooch	FO	Black Brooch	F1
Dreamer's Scarf	F2	Dreamer's Sash	F	3 Trashy Tiara	F4	Golden Tiara	F5
Profiteer Purse	F6	Moonglasses	F	7 Sunglasses	F8	Pendragon SigilC	F9
Pendragon Sigil	B FA	A Pendragon Sigil	LA 1	FB Forget-me-not	Pot	FC Star Fragment	FD
Dreamer's Saron	g FI	Ξ					
1.5.5 Elements	List	-					
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AquaBeam	01	AquaBall	02	•	03	IceLance	04
IceBlast	05	Iceberg	06	Fireball	07	FirePillar	08
Inferno	09	MagmaBomb	0A		0B	Volcano	0C
Bushwhacker	0 D	Bushbasher	0E	Carnivore	0F	AeroSaucer	10
AeroBlaster	11	Tornado	12	Uplift	13	Upheaval	14
Earthquake	15		16	-	17	ThundaStorm	18
PhotonRay	19		1A		1в	Meteorite	1C
MeteorShower	1D	UltraNova	1E	GravityBlow	1F	Gravitonne	20
FreeFall	21	HellSoul	22	HellBound	23	BlackHole	24
*FrogPrince	25	*BlueWhale	26	*RedWolf	27	*Salamander	28
*Sonja	29	*Genie	2A		2B	*ThundaSnake	2C
*Unicorn	2 D	*Saints	2E	*MotherShip	2F	*GrimReaper	30
TurnBlue	31	AntiRed	32	Nimble	33	Numble	34
BlueField	35	Vigora	36	TurnRed	37	AntiBlue	38
Strengthen	39	-	3A		3B	Ninety-Nine	3C
TurnGreen	3D	AntiYellow	3E	EagleEye	3F	BatEye	40
GreenField	41	InfoScope	42	TurnYellow	43	AntiGreen	44
HiRes	45	LoRes	46		47	PhysNegate	48
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Magnify	4 D	MagNegate	4E	TurnBlack	4 F	AntiWhite	50
Genius	51	Imbecile	52	Diminish	53	SealAll	54
Cure	55	CurePlus	56	CureAll	57	Heal	58
HealAll	59	HealPlus	5A	Purify	5B	RecoverAll	5C
HolyHealing	5D	Revive	5E	FullRevival	5F	Revenge	60
[Medicine	61	[Ointment	62	[Recharge	63	[Antidote	64
[Brace	65	[WhiteOut	66	[Panacea	67	[BlackOut	68
[Tablet	69	[Capsule	6A	[Nostrum	6B	>Inferno	6C
>Volcano	6D	>RedWolf	6E	>Deluge	6F	>Iceberg	70
>FrogPrince	71	>Earthquake	72	>ThundaStorm	73	>Golem	74
>Carnivore	75	>Tornado	76	>Sonja	77	>FreeFall	78
>BlackHole	79	>MotherShip	7A	>HolyLight	7B	>UltraNova	7C
>Unicorn	7 D	ChronoCross	7E	*invalid techs!	!* 7	F - 87	
1.5.6 Techs List							
Z-Slash	88	DeltaForce	89	DraggyRider	8A	VitalForce	8B
TossedSalad	8C	Flamenco	8 D	DoubleTake	8E	PitchBlack	8F
SwordStorm	90	DragonSpike	91	WindSlash	92	DashSlash	93
TheStare	94	MaxDefense	95	GlideHook	96	FeralCats	97
ForeverZero	98	Dash&Slash	99	SonicSword	9A	Dive&Drive	9B
GlideHook(2)	9C	FeralCats(2)	9D	ForeverZero	9E	X-Strike	9F
Dash&Slash	A0	Luminaire	A1	FlyingArrow	A2	Pilfer	A3
RedPin	A4	HotShot	A5	WandaIn	A6	WandaSwords	A7
LightninRod	A8	SpiralRay	A9	SunShower	AA	TopShot	AB
GrandFinale	AC	ChillOut	AD	LimeLight	ΑE	G-Force	AF
AirForce	В0	FlagBearer	В1	SnakeEyes	B2	SnakeSkin	В3
SnakeFangs	В4	DragonRider	В5	AxialAxe	В6	Axiomatic	В7
DragonRider(2)	В8	Gyronimo	В9	Toss&Spike	BA	Cat'sCradle	BB
StringPhone	BC	WebSurfer	BD	HeadButt	BE	Hook&Sinker	BF
BigCatch	C0	Pin-Up Girl	C1	Mix&Match	C2	TestAmeba	C3
K9-Ball	C4	DoggyDunnit	C5	Unleashed	C6	Raz-Star	С7
Raz-Heart	C8	Raz-Flower	C9	HammerBlow	CA	HammerThrow	CB
BallsOfIron	CC	SpiceOfLife	CD	MysteryMenu	CE	DinnerGuest	CF
LongShot	D0	QuickDraw	D1	VitalEnergy	D2	Pillage	D3
CannonBalls	D4	Invincible	D5	BottomsUp	D6	Folding	D7
DirtyDishes	D8	Dash&Gash	D9	SonicSword	DA	Dive&Drive	DB
MaidenHand	DC	MaidenHeart	DD	MaidenFaith	DE	HeadBopper	DF
SexyWink	ΕO	DanceOnAir	E1	MoonBeams	E2	MoonShine	E3
Lunairetic	E4	BeatIt	E5	24Carrots	E6	What'sUpDoc	E7
CoughDrop	E8	CoughMix	E9	BigBreath	EΑ	StarLight	EB
StarBurst	EC	StarStruck	ED	Doppelgang	EE	VoodooDance	EF
CartWheel	F0	HoodooGuroo	F1	VegeChopper	F2	VegeMight	F3
VegOut	F4	PopPopPop	F5	SlurpSlurp	F6	BamBamBam	F7
ClothesLine	F8	Flip-flop	F9	GraveDigger	FA	JugglerVein	FB
BalloonLoan	FC	OnARoll	FD	LumberJack	FE	SporeCloud	FF
Myconoids	001	*invalid gibber:	ish*	002-???			

49 AntiBlack 4A StrongMinded 4B WeakMinded

going beyond 0x003 here crashes emulator!

BUT I think that Monster Techs are in that range, if you want to try it out, be my guest... IF you find anything interesting mail me so I can update this list! You will be credited for it of course :)

1.6 Thanks & contact info

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You can reach me on demonsword at gmail dot com. Please, if you want to mail me, write in proper English so I can understand you. Offensive mails won't get replied. And please, I'm a busy man, so if I don't reply to you the same day/month/year/century don't be mad at me ok? :)

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