Cheats for The Bard's Tale

Extra Gold Trick

On the Commodore 64, you can get LOTS more gold in the following fashion:

1. Load up a party of characters (i.e., *ATEAM), with whatever gold they have.
2. Pool it to one character
3. Remove that character from the party
4. Add that character back into the party
5. Pool the gold to a different character and repeat steps 3 & 4 for all the characters in your party.
6. When all the characters have been removed (and thus, saved individually with whatever gold or items they had), turn off the computer and reboot.
7. Load up the same party. Every character will now have as much gold as the whole party started with. This works for items, too.

Ed Walters

Summon Stone Elemental

For the MS-DOS version of Bard's Tale, when your party is anywhere in the city, you can hit the "z" key on the keyboard. Instantly, a Stone Elemental will appear and join the party.

Now here is a way to raise low level characters up a few levels relatively quickly. Enter the city with only one member of your party. Hit "z" to get a Stone Elemental. Then go down the street to the Samurai Statue blocking passage to the Scarlet Bard. The elemental will kill the Samurai with one hit, and your character will gain over 1000 experience points instantly. Go back to the guild, enter it, leave again, and repeat. After gaining a few levels, your character can seek out the Stone Giant Statue and the Golem Statues near Harkyn's Castle. Be careful though, the Stone Elemental seems to have a bit of a problem killing the Golems for you, but the Stone Giant is not much of a problem.

Vincent Diaz

Extra Gold

Here's a way to cheat at The Bard's Tale on the Apple II. Note that this may work on other systems, with some changes... First, the most obvious way to get lots of gold to start with is:

1. Make a character. It doesn't matter what kind, he's just going to be a money holder. Add him to the party.
2. Load *ATEAM (from the back of the Boot Disk).
3. Exit the guild and go up to Garth's. Sell all of the characters' equipment.
4. Exit Garth's. Go to each character's equipment screen and Trade their Gold to your money holder character.
5. Go back to the guild. Remove all of the *ATEAM characters (i.e., everyone but the character you created.)
6. Reload *ATEAM and repeat. The *ATEAM party will be back to their original configuration each time you load them.

Tom Greene

Rare Item Trick

This trick allows you to duplicate a rare item. This only works on the Apple II, as far as I know.

1. Sell the item in question to Garth.
2. Go to the Purchase screen.
3. Open the door to the disk drive containing your Character disk.
4. Purchase the item.
5. Exit the purchase screen.
6. Close the drive door and repeat steps 2-5 as nescessary.

This works because when the drive door is open, the fact that you've bought the last one of those items at Garth's is not written to disk. The next time you go back, it'll be there again. Note that this is only useful for items that you don't find very often, or that you need more of quickly. This does cost money, but it can be worthwhile. :)

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