

GAME ON!

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& Queers*

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Why Nintendo doesn't deserve your hard-earned cash.

DEAD BY DAYLIGHT

This game has me in a chokehold!
And you'll be joining me soon.

WHAT ARE TWITCH & DISCORD ALL ABOUT?

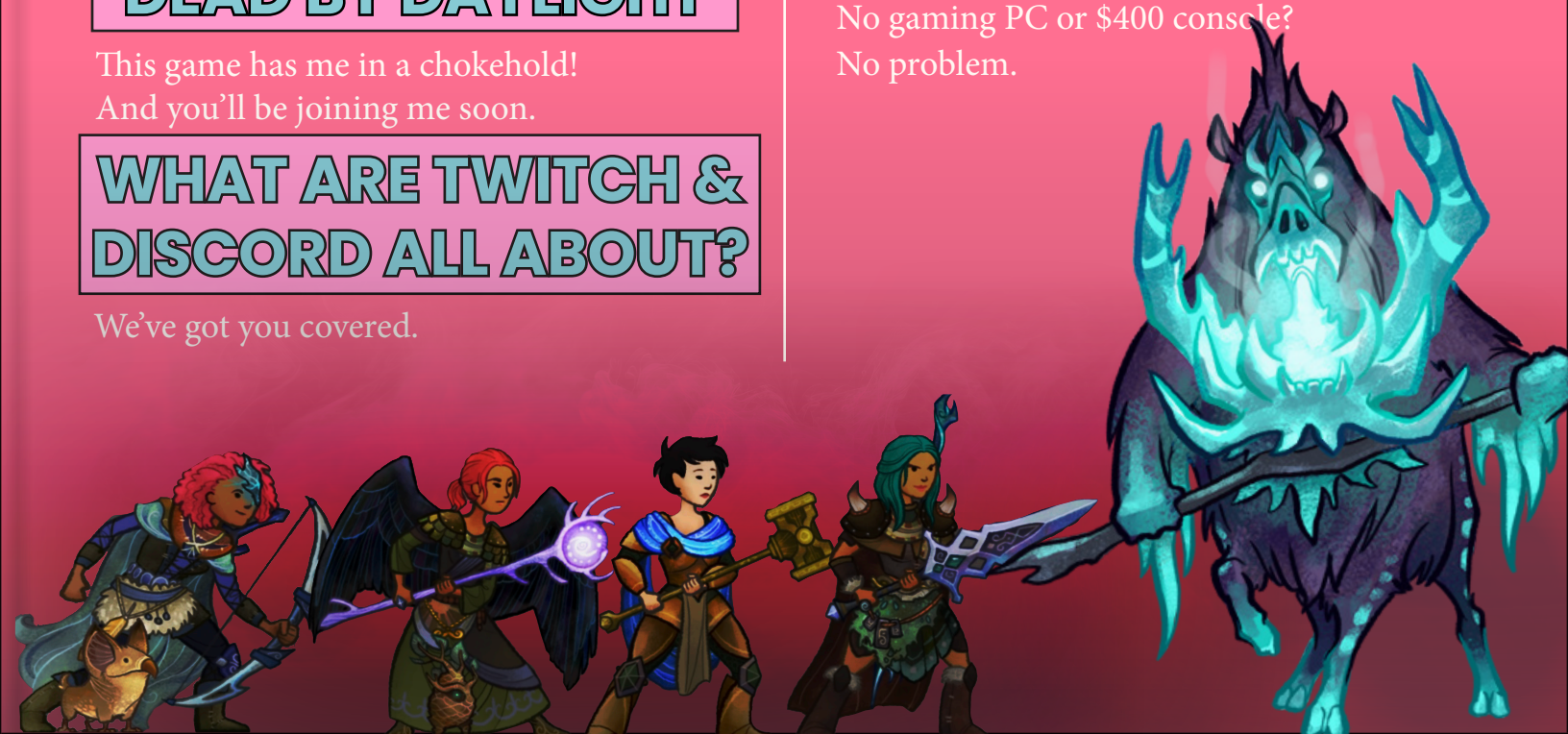
We've got you covered.

OLDIES BUT GOODIES

Retro games that are just too good to miss.

GAMING ON A BUDGET

No gaming PC or \$400 console?
No problem.



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NEW KILLER!

AAAAHHHHH!!!
I JUST CAN'T
ESCAPE GOOD
GAMING CONTENT!



And while the community can be a little spicy with its salt and toxicity, that just makes finding your people even more powerful.

At its core, DBD is horror with heart. It's about clutch escapes, ridiculous perk builds, and the chaotic joy of being scared side-by-side. For the girlies, themmies, queers, and cozy sadists alike — it's a horror game, a fashion show, a friend-maker, and a battlefield.

Dead by Daylight (DBD) is for the , and don't let anyone tell you otherwise. Whether you're into fashion, flexing your custom fits with your favorite survivor, or playing dress-up as a terrifyingly hot monster, DBD is a catwalk of chaos. With shimmering charms, glammy cosmetics, and characters that range from cute to completely unhinged, the game lets you express your entire villain arc and your main char-

acter energy at the same time. But beyond the outfits, Dead by Daylight is a perfect playground for scream-laughing with friends, strategizing under pressure, and yes—t-bagging at the gate like an absolute menace. Achievements are earned, not given. Whether you're outwitting killers, farming bloodpoints, or body-blocking for your squad, there's something deliciously satisfying about surviving together (or dying dramatically, let's be real).

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Editor's Note

“For the Femmes, Themms, and Gays—And Everyone Else Who’s Ever Felt Like Gaming Wasn’t Meant for Them.”

When I first started gaming, I didn’t see myself reflected anywhere—not in the cover art, not in the communities, and definitely not in the price tags. Gaming has always been about joy and creativity, but somewhere along the way, it got gatekept by people who forgot what it feels like to just play.

This magazine is my love letter to everyone who’s felt priced out, left out, or overlooked by the gaming industry. Whether you’re pirating old ROMs on a hand-me-down laptop, modding a dusty Wii, or just vibing in a cozy Discord server—this is for you.

You’ll find stories in here that challenge Nintendo’s recent choices (looking at you, \$90 game releases), celebrate streamers who bring joy to our timelines, and guide you through accessible ways to game on a budget. Because not having \$400 for a console doesn’t mean you don’t deserve the magic of video games.

I wanted this magazine to feel like a zine you’d pass to a friend. A little rebellious, a little glittery, and a whole lot real. From Twitch chaos to Dead by Daylight disasters (yes, we all played Jane Romero at once), this issue is a celebration of what gaming can be when it’s actually for everyone.

So whether you’re a seasoned player, a broke student, a chaotic co-op queen, or just someone curious—welcome in. You’re exactly who this is for.

Game on.

— Sarah Zerpa, Editor & Gamer in Chief

Nintendo's \$90 Game Controversy and Why You Should

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The gaming community is abuzz with discussions about Nintendo's upcoming release, the Switch 2. Priced at \$449.99, this console marks a significant increase from its predecessor. However, the real contention arises from the pricing of its games, with titles like Mario Kart World set at \$79.99 for digital versions and \$89.99 for physical copies. This shift has sparked widespread debate and criticism.

Nintendo defends the price hike by citing the enhanced features and development efforts invested in these games. They argue that the increased cost reflects the value and quality delivered to players. However, many fans perceive this as a departure from Nintendo's traditionally family-friendly and accessible pricing model.

The reaction from the gaming community has been swift and vocal. Prominent YouTubers have publicly criticized the pricing strategy, ex-

pressing concerns about affordability for average consumers. Social media platforms are replete with calls to boycott Nintendo, and hashtags like #DropThePrice are trending as fans express their dissatisfaction.

This pricing precedent set by Nintendo could influence other gaming companies to follow suit, potentially leading to a broader industry trend of increasing game prices. Such a shift may alienate budget-conscious gamers and exacerbate issues of accessibility within the gaming community.

In response to rising costs, many gamers are turning to retro gaming and emulation. The appeal of revisiting classic titles, coupled with the affordability of older games, is driving a resurgence in this sector. Emulators and ROMs are becoming increasingly popular, offering gamers alternative avenues to enjoy their favorite titles without the hefty price tag.

Adding to the complexity are the current tariffs imposed on electronics. With tariffs on Chinese imports reaching up to 145%, the cost of gaming consoles and accessories is further inflated. Nintendo has attempted to mitigate this by shifting production to countries like Vietnam, but the long-term effects on pricing remain uncertain.

IMPLICATIONS FOR "GAMING FOR EVERYONE":

- Affordability Crisis: The escalating costs of consoles and games are creating barriers for many gamers, particularly those from lower-income backgrounds. This trend contradicts the ethos of inclusivity that gaming communities strive to uphold.

- Shift Towards Retro Gaming: As modern gaming becomes more expensive, players are increasingly turning to retro games and emulation. This not only offers a cost-effective alternative but also revives interest in

classic titles.

- Potential for Increased Piracy: High prices may inadvertently encourage piracy, as gamers seek more affordable ways to access content. This poses challenges for developers and the industry at large, increasingly popular, offering gamers alternative avenues to enjoy their favorite titles without the hefty price tag.

In an industry that claims to champion creativity, community, and accessibility, Nintendo's new pricing strategy feels like a step backward. While innovation and growth are vital, they shouldn't come at the cost of excluding the very players who helped build gaming into what it is today. As prices climb and frustration grows, more gamers are rediscovering the joy of retro titles and embracing accessible alternatives like emulation.

The message is clear: gaming should be for everyone—not just those who can afford a \$90 game.



Console Price Comparison (Adjusted for Inflation)

Console	Launch Price	Adjusted Price (2025)	Notes
Nintendo Wii (2006)	\$249.99	~\$412	Affordable and family-friendly
Xbox 360 (2005)	\$399	~\$658	High-performance console of its time
PlayStation 3 (2006)	\$499	~\$823	Premium pricing at launch
GameCube (2001)	\$199.99	~\$398	Compact and affordable
SNES (1991)	\$199	~\$467	Classic console with enduring popularity
Xbox Series X (2020)	\$499.99	~\$619	Current-gen flagship
Nintendo Switch 2 (2025)	\$449	\$449	Faces backlash for exceeding inflation-adjusted norms

Adjusted using an average annual inflation rate of 2.5%.

2025 VIDEO GAME RELEASE SCHEDULE

JANUARY

Donkey Kong Country Returns HD SWITCH – JAN 16

Dynasty Warriors: Origins PS5, XBOX SERIES X|S, PC – JAN 17

Final Fantasy VII Rebirth PC – JAN 23

Star Wars Episode I: Jedi Power Battles ALL PLATFORMS – JAN23

Spider-Man 2 PC – JAN 30

FEBRUARY

Kingdom Come: Deliverance II PS5, XBOX SERIES X|S, PC – FEB 4

Sid Meier's Civilization VII PS5, XBOX SERIES X|S, SWITCH, PC – FEB 11

Monster Hunter Wilds PS5, XBOX SERIES X|S, PC – FEB 28

MARCH

Suikoden I & II HD Remaster PS4, XBOX ONE, SWITCH, PC – MAR 6

Assassin's Creed Shadows PS5, XBOX SERIES X|S, PC – MAR 20

MLB The Show 25 PS5, XBOX SERIES X|S, SWITCH – MAR 18

WWE 2K25 ALL PLATFORMS – MAR 14

APRIL

South of Midnight XBOX SERIES X|S, PC – APR 8

Indiana Jones and the Great Circle PS5 – APR 17

Clair Obscur: Expedition 33 PS5, XBOX SERIES X|S, PC – APR 24

Days Gone Remastered PS5 – APR 25

Forza Horizon 5 PS5 – APR 29

MAY

Doom: The Dark Ages PS5, XBOX SERIES X|S, PC – MAY 15

Capcom Fighting Collection 2 PS4, XBOX ONE, SWITCH, PC – MAY 16

Elden Ring: Nightreign PS5, PS4, XBOX SERIES X|S, XBOX ONE, PC – MAY 30

Lost Soul Aside PS5, PC – MAY 30

JUNE

Nintendo Switch 2 Launch JUNE 5

The Alters PS5, XBOX SERIES X|S, PC – JUNE 13

Death Stranding 2: On The Beach PS5 – JUNE 26

JULY

Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 3 + 4 ALL PLATFORMS – JULY 11

Donkey Kong Bananza SWITCH 2 – JULY 17

Super Mario Party Jamboree + Jamboree TV SWITCH 2 – JULY 24

AUGUST

Metal Gear Solid Delta: Snake Eater PS5, XBOX SERIES X|S, PC– AUG 28

Story of Seasons: Grand Bazaar SWITCH, PC – AUG 27

Kirby and the Forgotten Land + Star-Crossed World SWITCH 2 – AUG 27

SEPTEMBER

Hell is Us PS5, XBOX SERIES X|S, PC– SEPT 4

BORDERLANDS 4 PS5, XBOX SERIES X|S, PC – SEPT 23

Marathon PS5, XBOX SERIES X|S, PC – SEPT 23

OCTOBER

Directive 8020 PS5, XBOX SERIES X|S, PC– OCT 2

DOUBLE DRAGON REVIVE PS5, PS4, XBOX SERIES X|S, XBOX ONE, PC – OCT 23

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Awaiting announcements for major titles

TO BE ANNOUNCED

Grand Theft Auto VI PS5, XBOX SE-RIES X|S

METROID PRIME 4: BEYOND SWITCH

POKÉMON LEGENDS: Z-A SWITCH

HOLLOW KNIGHT: SILKSONG PS5, XBOX SERIES X|S, SWITCH, PC

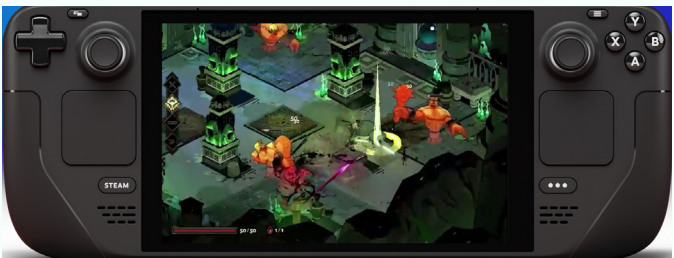
JUDAS PS5, XBOX SERIES X|S, PC

2XKO (RIOT GAMES) PS5, XBOX SE-RIES X|S, PC

MARVEL 1943: RISE OF HYDRA PLATFORMS TBA

Note: Release dates are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, please refer to official game announcements and platforms.

Remember - forget about the Nintendo Switch 2, and just get yourself a Steam Deck. You will thank me later!



ACCESSIBLE GAMING FOR EVERYONE

Gaming has never been more accessible, thanks to a variety of platforms and tools that cater to different preferences and hardware capabilities. Here's how you can dive into the gaming world, regardless of your setup.

1. Emulators allow you to play games from older consoles on modern devices. They are a great way to experience classic titles without needing the original hardware. Some popular emulators include:

- RetroArch: A versatile emulator that supports a wide range of systems, including NES, SNES, and Sega Genesis.
- Dolphin: Ideal for GameCube and Wii games, offering enhanced graphics and performance.
- PCSX2: The go-to emulator for PlayStation 2 games, known for its compatibility and features.
- PPSSPP: Specializes in PlayStation Portable (PSP) games, providing high-definition resolutions and customizable controls.
- DeSmuME: Designed for Nintendo DS games, supporting both screens and touchscreen functionality.

Where to find ROMs (the actual games?) You didn't hear it from me, but I hear the ROM Megathread on Reddit and Vimm's Lair are perfect for this.

Note: The best portable emulating device you will ever have is your phone. <3

2. Steam: A Hub for Diverse Gaming Experiences

Steam is a digital distribution platform offering a vast library of games across various genres. It's compatible with Windows, macOS, and Linux systems. It offers:

- A Wide Game Selection: From indie gems to AAA titles, there's something for everyone.
- Steam Link: Stream games from your PC to other devices like smartphones or tablets.
- Community Features: Engage with other gamers through forums, reviews, and multiplayer sessions.
- Steam Remote Play: Share your games with your online friends and play co-op with them as if they are right next to you
- Regular Co-Op/Split Screen Titles

Steam Recommendations for Low-End PCs:

- Terraria: A 2D sandbox adventure



game with crafting and exploration elements.

Stardew Valley: A farming simulation game that emphasizes community and relationships.

- Undertale: An RPG that subverts traditional mechanics and offers a unique narrative experience.

- Papers, Please: A puzzle simulation game where you play as an immigration officer.

- Hotline Miami: A fast-paced action game with a retro aesthetic.

These games are known for their low system requirements, making them ideal for computers with limited processing power.

3. Cloud Gaming Services: High-Quality Gaming Without the Hardware

Cloud gaming services allow you to stream games directly to your device (phone, tablet, computer, laptop), eliminating the need for high-end hardware.

Top Paid Services include:

- Xbox Game Pass Ultimate: Offers a vast library of games, including new

releases, accessible on PC, console, and mobile devices.

- PlayStation Plus Premium: Provides access to a wide range of PlayStation games, including classics, on PS4, PS5, and PC.

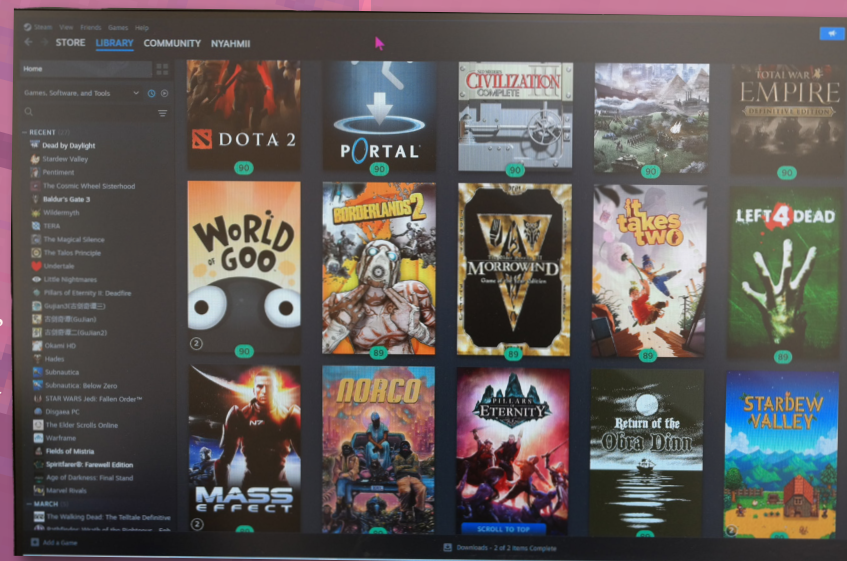
GeForce NOW

- NVIDIA GeForce NOW: Connects to your existing game libraries (Steam, Epic Games) and streams them to various devices with high performance.

- Shadow Box: Delivers a full Windows PC experience in the cloud, allowing you to install and run any software or game.

Benefits of paid gaming services are:

- Accessibility: Play high-end games on low-spec devices.



- Flexibility: Switch between devices without losing progress.

- Cost-Effective: Avoid the upfront cost of expensive gaming hardware.

- Xbox Game Pass and Playstation Plus include many other benefits and a game library to get you started so you do not have to buy the games individually.

Considerations:

- Internet Connection: A stable and fast internet connection is essential for smooth gameplay.

- Subscription Fees: While some services offer free tiers, premium features often require a monthly subscription.



Retro Consoles: Modding for Enhanced Gaming

Older consoles like the Wii, WiiU, 3DS, PSP, and PS Vita can be modified to expand their capabilities, allowing you to play a broader range of games.

Modding Benefits:

- Expanded Game Libraries: Access to homebrew games and applications.

- Customization: Tailor the console's interface and features to your preferences.

- Preservation: Keep classic games alive and accessible.

Caution: Modding can void warranties and may lead to system instability if not done correctly. Always follow reputable guides and understand the risks involved.

By exploring these options, you can find a gaming setup that fits your preferences and resources. Whether you're revisiting classics or diving into new adventures, there's a path for everyone in the gaming world.

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