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Maxis announced a partnership with mod distribution platform CurseForge to provide an official distribution method for The Sims 4 mods and custom content.[132][133] Following growing criticism of bugs and instabty in the game, Maxis "assembled a team" in 2024 to focus on more frequent bug fix updates, as well as better performance.[135][136]EA announced in September 2022 that The Sims 4 base game would become free-to-play on all platforms, starting from October 18, 2022.[137][138] This makes The Sims 4 the fourth free-to-play entry in the series, following The Sims Social, The Sims FreePlay, and The Sims Mobile.[138] For a limited time, existing players who had previously purchased the game were entitled to a free copy of the Desert Luxe Kit, a DLC pack containing a small variety of furniture and Build mode items.[137]Maxis also revealed in the October 2022 livestream that a new title in The Sims series is in development, under the working title of "Project Rene", and showed footage of potential game functions, such as co-op multiplayer in Build mode and cross-compatibility with desktop and mobile platforms.[139][140][141]Multiplayer is expected to be a core feature of the game.[142][143]"Project Rene" is set to be a free-to-play title, and is not intended to be a direct successor to The Sims 4.[141][142][144]For stuff packs and kits, see List of The Sims video games The Sims 4.Since 2015, paid DLC packs have been released for The Sims 4, divided into four pack categories: "expansion packs", "game packs", "stuff packs", and "kits".[145] Expansion packs are the largest packs, introducing major new features centered around a specified theme. Game packs are similar, but include a smaller amount of content. Stuff packs are minor packs containing only a small number of furniture and clothing items. Kits are the smallest, each focusing exclusively on either new furniture or clothing. According to Metacritic, expansion packs and game packs have received reviews ranging from "generally favorable" to "mixed or average".[174]Main article: The Sims 4 expansion packsNameRelease date / pack summaryGet to WorkPC:NA: March 31, 2015EU: April 2, 2015 Console:WW: March 20, 2018Adds new career paths like detective, doctor, scientist, and retail business ownership.[147]New world: Magnolia PromenadeGet TogetherPC:NA: December 8, 2015EU: December 10, 2015 Console:WW: September 11, 2018Introduces clubs with customizable rules and activities, a European-inspired world to explore, and community events for Sims to attend.[148]New world: WindenburgCity LivingPC:NA: November 1, 2016EU: November 3, 2016 Console:WW: November 14, 2017Offers high-rise apartment living in a diverse, bustling city with vibrant festivals.[149]New world: San MyshunoCats & DogsPC:WW: November 10, 2017 Console:WW: July 31, 2018Integrates cats and dogs into Sims' lives, with the option to pursue a veterinarian career.[150]New world: Brindleton BaySeasonsPC:WW: June 22, 2018 Console:WW: November 13, 2018Introduces seasons and weather effects like rain and snow, and seasonal holidays.[151]Get FamousPC:WW: November 16, 2018 Console:WW: February 12, 2019Provides options for Sims to pursue acting careers, become social media stars, and experience the celebrity lifestyle.[152]New world: Del Sol ValleysLand LivingPC:WW: June 21, 2019 Console:WW: July 16, 2019Allows Sims to live off-the-grid in a tropical world, featuring island life elements and environmental considerations.[153]New world: SulaniDisco UniversityPC:WW: November 15, 2019 Console:WW: December 17, 2019Enables Sims to attend college, choose their major, experience campus life, and earn degrees that impact their careers.[154]New world: BritecheaterEco LifestyleWW: June 5, 2020Encourages sustainable living through crafting eco-friendly items and influencing the environmental state of the neighborhood.[155]New world: Evergreen HarborSnowy EscapeWW: November 13, 2020Offers winter sports activities in a new Japan-inspired world, allowing Sims to explore the local culture. [156]New world: Mt. KomorebiCottage LivingWW: July 22, 2021Introduces a simpler lifestyle in the countryside, with opportunities for Sims to grow food, raise farm animals, and participate in village activities.[157]New world: Henford-on-BagleyHigh School YearsWW: July 28, 2022Focuses on the teenage experiences of high school, including after-school activities, teen romance, and emotional complexities.[158]New world: CopperdaleGrowing TogetherWW: March 16, 2023Focuses on family dynamics, rearing children, multi-generational gameplay, and expands gameplay options for the new infant Sim life stage.[159]New world: San SequoiaHorse RanchWW: July 20, 2023Introduces horses as pets or companions, with gameplay around horse care, riding, and competitions, in a Southwestern United States-based world.[160]New world: Chestnut RidgeFor RentWW: December 7, 2023Introduces a rental housing system, allowing Sims to manage rental properties or rent homes, in a Southeast Asian-inspired world.[161]New world: TomarangLovestruckWW: July 25, 2024Focuses on romantic relationships, with new social interactions and date activities, in a Mexico City-inspired world.[162]New world: Ciudad EnamoradaLife & DeathWW: October 31, 2024Adds gameplay options related to Sim deaths and afterlife, and pursue a Grim Reaper career.[163]New world: RavenwoodBusiness & HobbiesWW: March 6, 2025Introduces the ability to run small businesses that based on Sims' skills and interests, and adds new skills such as tattooing and pottery.[164]New world: NordhavenMain article: The Sims 4 game packsNameRelease date / pack summaryOutdoor RetreatPC:WW: January 1, 2015 Console:WW: June 7, 2016Provides opportunities for Sims to explore wilderness areas, go camping, hike, and connect with nature, in a new rustic world.[165][166]New world: Granite FallsSpa DayPC:WW: July 14, 2015 Console:WW: April 18, 2019Offers a luxurious spa experience for Sims, with treatments focused on well-being.[165][166]Dine OutPC:WW: June 7, 2016 Console:WW: January 8, 2018Allows Sims to own and manage restaurants, experience various new foods, and enjoy dining out.[165][166]VampiresPC:WW: January 24, 2017 Console:WW: November 14, 2017Introduces the option for Sims to become vampires and develop supernatural abilities.[165][166]New world: Forgotten HollowParenthoodPC:WW: May 30, 2017 Console:WW: June 19, 2018Expands on the experience of raising a family, offering new gameplay features for different life stages, and additional challenges of parenting.[165][166]Jungle AdventurePC:WW: February 27, 2018 Console:WW: December 4, 2018Sims can visit a Latin American-inspired jungle world to explore ruins, uncover artifacts, and learn about local cultures.[165][166]New world: SelvadoradaStrangerVillePC: WW: February 26, 2019 Console:WW: May 14, 2019Includes a new world featuring a mystery-themed campaign, and an unlockable military career path.[165][166]New world: StrangerVilleRealm of MagicPC: WW: September 10, 2019 Console:WW: October 15, 2019Allows Sims to become spellcasters, learn spells, brew potions, and live in a world filled with magic.[165][166]New world: GlimmerbrookStar Wars: Journey to BatuuWW: September 8, 2020Visit Batuu, a Star Wars-themed world. Complete a campaign, and unlock items from the franchise. Notable Star Wars characters such as Rey and Kylo Ren are included.[165][167]New world: BatuuDream Home DecoratorWW: June 1, 2021Introduces an interior design career, allowing Sims to renovate and style homes with new furniture and design options.[165]My Wedding StoriesWW: February 23, 2022Introduces wedding planning gameplay, including customizing details, choose traditions, hire vendors, and experience potential mishaps.[165][168]New world: TartosaWerewolvesWW: June 16, 2022Allows Sims to transform into werewolves, explore werewolf lore, join packs, and experience wild aspects of their nature.[165][31]New world: Moonwood MillStar Wars: Journey to Batuu, the ninth game pack for The Sims 4, was announced on August 27, 2020. The announcement was met with negative reception from players, who felt it overlooked community-requested features and content; some speculated it was a contractual obligation given EA's ownership of the Star Wars video game franchise.[167][169] Prior to the pack's announcement, an independent poll by Digital Spy asked players which themes they would like to see in future The Sims 4 content packs; Star Wars ranked last out of twenty-one possible choices.[170] In response to the backlash, Maxis shared development updates on selected community-requested features and upcoming content, assuring that they were not impacted by development of the pack, but acknowledged encountering "foundational technology" issues in developing these features.[167]My Wedding Stories, the eleventh game pack for The Sims 4, was announced on February 8, 2022. The following day, Maxis announced that the pack would not be released in Russia, citing Russian video game laws prohibiting content that promotes homosexuality as a societal norm.[171][172] Following strong backlash and feedback from Russian players, Maxis reversed their decision, stating that they "reassessed their options", and Russia was included in the pack's worldwide release on February 23, 2022, without any content alterations.[173][174] However, since March 4, 2022, EA has suspended all video game sales in Russia due to the ongoing Russian invasion of Ukraine.[175][176] Following the release of My Wedding Stories, it received additional criticism from players and reviewers for its numerous bugs and glitches, including significant glitches rendering the game's headline wedding event feature unplayable.[177][178]The pack received an aggregate critic score of 62% on Metacritic, the lowest for a The Sims 4 game pack to date.[179] An update released on March 31, 2022, addressed some of these glitches.[180][178]"Blind Squirrel Games co-developed the PlayStation 4 and Xbox One versions.[11]"IGN re-evaluated the game in 2024, increasing their score to 8/10.[108]"EA Announces The Sims 4 is Coming to Consoles on November 17th", *Business Wire*, July 26, 2017. 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