

1. Fall guys ultimate knockout - 4th august



Dubbed “cute battle royale” by gaming community, Fall Guys: Ultimate Knockout is an extensive multiplayer game where up to 60 players can join to fight obstacles, push, bash, shove and knock each other out and struggle against the laws of physics to win until a single victor remains. It was announced during 2019 E3 and has now been released on August 4th, 2020 on PS4 and PC via steam.

2 million sales since getting released on the steam speak for the success of this game. It includes 25 minigames or levels which you have to clear all the while fighting other funny-looking colorfully-clad jelly beans and making your way through the obstacles spread around the stage to make your way to the top. Make one wrong move and you will be thrown back to the beginning of the level or completely eliminated from the game.

2. Horizon zero dawn pc version - 7th august



Sony decided to bring its three years old AAA title “Horizon Zero Dawn” back in the limelight on 7th August, 2020 by releasing it on PC. Developed by Guerilla games and published by Sony in 2017 for PlayStation, it is now available for PC via Epic Games Store and Steam.

It is the second PlayStation exclusive after “Death Stranding” to head to PC. The success of the game on PC can be gauged by the fact that it hit 50,000 concurrent players on steam in a few hours of getting released. To make it a more worthwhile experience for PC gamers who love to tweak things to perfection, Horizon Zero Dawn PC version offers features like graphics customization options, unlocked framerates and a benchmarking tool. It also comes with Frozen Wilds DLC, dynamic foliage, improved reflections, and a support for ultra-wide screens.

3. Mortal shell - 18th august



The much awaited and much anticipated action RPG “Mortal Shell” is now released by Indie studio Cold Symmetry for an easy 30\$ price on PS4, Xbox One and PC via Epic Games store. Some in the industry believe that this game is by far the most successful one in paying the homage to *Dark Souls*. The developers have also decided to release physical version of the game on 2nd October due to growing requests of the players, an announcement was made on their twitter last week

It is a dark, broody, brutal and spooky game which revolves around fighting forces of darkness, most of which are downright creepy and challenging to beat. The player starts with a wraith like creature and then goes on to find and wear shells of fallen warriors which grant the player different weapons, abilities and skills which is why the

game is called Mortal Shell. Before the final release, Cold Symmetry released a hugely successful PC Beta which had 250,000 downloads in a single week.

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4. Hyperscape - 11th august



Ubisoft has released its first-person shooter *Hyperscape* on 11th August, 2020 on PS4, Xbox One and PC. It is the first game by Ubisoft which is intended to make its place in the extremely popular free-to-play battle-royale genre. Earlier, the open beta for Microsoft Windows was released on July 12, 2020. The game takes place in 2054 in a metaverse called *Neo-Arcadia*, a virtual universe inside the game, where up to 100 people can join to battle against each other in a virtual sport called “*crown rush*” and come out as winner in a variety of different game modes such as going solo or joining a squad of three players.

Ubisoft tries to stand apart in the battle-royale game scene by introducing a unique feature of Twitch integration through which

twitch streamers can engage with viewers of their stream in-game. As a viewer, you can cheer on your streamer or affect the in-game reality by voting.

“We wanted to create a game that was able to bring players and streamers together, and have them interact,” creative director Jean-Christophe Guyot told The Washington Post.

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5. Final Fantasy Crystal Chronicles Remastered Edition – 27th Aug



Developed by *The Game Design Studio* and published by *Nintendo*, *The Final Fantasy Crystal Chronicles* made its first appearance in 2003 on Gamecube as a spin off to the original *Final Fantasy* series and received praise from gaming community for its unconventional RPG style and aesthetically pleasing visuals. In Sept 2018, it was announced that a remastered version for the game is in the works which will be made available across Nintendo Switch, PS4, android and iOS. It has now been confirmed that the *Final Fantasy Crystal Chronicles Remastered Edition* will be released on 27th Aug, 2020 to

bring an experience of nostalgia blended with new and exciting features for the gamers and Final Fantasy franchise fans.

The remastered edition is said to have enhanced graphics and the entire game has been remade in HD. It will add more to the already beautiful visual experience of the game. It will have thirteen new dungeons, new musical scores and voiceovers for characters, and an interesting *Mimic* feature which will allow the players to take the form of different characters they meet on their journey. The game will also feature a crossplay option for players playing on different platforms like ps4, Nintendo Switch, iOS to come together in multiplayer mode. The entire Final Fantasy franchise is considered to be one of the most important ones in gaming history and this nostalgic remaster will definitely be a pleasing experience for gamers who have since grown up with its memories.

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