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Effexion - February 26, 2014, 5:24 am

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Hello Hackforums,

This is my second game review for The Empire's gaming sector. I sincerely hope you enjoy reading it.

What in CoD's Name Was I Thinking?

Since Call of Duty 2 I have been obsessed with the CoD series. Wasting many an hour away kicking virtual ass and drinking Red Bull (other energy drinks are available). Then it happened; like a left hook from Mike Tyson. BAM! Modern Warfare 2 was released (IDK how I missed CoD4 first time around. I had probably spent all my hard earned money on Red Bull -or other leading energy drink brands-). If truth be told I was actually caught up in Rainbow 6 Vegas 1 A&D. I had a network of close-knit friends that used to play it day-in and day-out. We had a laugh, we kicked some ass, we made a great clan. Then, it started to happen. The cool kid was in town. One by one our lobbies became less full. These Turncoats, these Traitors* started to jump on the proverbial band-wagon. "You will never catch me downing my FAMAS (the weapon of choice in RSV1) and donning a ghillie suit. FOREVER SPAR.. VEGAS!!!!!!" (I never used those words. Just edited my actual quote for dramatic effect).

A week later a friend (pffft some friend) lent me her copy. "Try this." Were her seemingly innocent words (vile Temptress). That very night I was killin' shit and gaining killstreaks like a baus. I was undoubtedly hooked.

To cut a long story short my copy of RSV1 inevitably started to gather a thin layer of dust. I had become one myself.

The Great Mel Brooks once described the CoD epidemic very well:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TF1kxoEHGS0>

I played a few games of Battlefield 3. "I will never down my UMP 45 and don dog tags....."

A Re-rebirth

Some time later I was sat on my One staring at the meager selection of games on offer. Battlefield 4 caught my eye. The short-list from the short list came down to that or Ghosts. I had Ghosts on the 360 (which was now joining RSV1 gathering dust) and never really took a shine to it. I am not saying I disliked it but it had lost it's CoD feel, left it's tried and tested roots and died. It was a sad day.

After many dissappointments and wasted money I now look in to games a little before spending £50 on them. So I opened Youtube and saw this video:

[Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3nJY7n8KaOY>]

After shaking myself from a hypnotic state I vowed that I would get this game. If I had to sell my Grandma to get the money I would have been at the Post Office enquiring about shipping costs. Two days later I had a copy (thankfully I have an income so no selling of elderly relatives was required).

After the agonizing wait that Microsoft likes to make us endure I was playing Conquest and could not believe what I had been missing.

Such Sounds

The audio was so much more realistic. Snipers cracked rather than banged. Heavy arms fire could be heard in the distance. Wow, that roar of the fighter jets was awesome (I am trying to pursude the Mrs. to let me get a soundbar just for this game. Sadly, I am having a little trouble convincing her it is so she can hear Coronation Street on a much clearer level).

Graphically.....OK

The majority of the time the graphics look good. Not great, but acceptable. On closer inspection (with a scope) the graphics seem to just break apart. Solid walls seem to dance. Flickering with ugly lighting effects. This could and should really be fixed.

RATATATATATATAT! The Gameplay

The aforementioned audio does a perfect job of further submersing the player in to an already breath-taking game. Seeing aircraft attacking ground targets, tanks obliterating decaying buldings with mighty 200mm shells, and soldiers parachuting in all around the battlefield you can't help but think this is the closest you will ever come to real battle whilst enjoying the comfort of your armchair.

I play as a sniper most of the time. I am awful (getting better), but it is so fun on BF4. Because people can parachute in (or use the more conventional elevators) sniper fire can come in from just about anywhere. In MW you had spots where you would always find a sniper, and be very limited when it came to finding a less obvious view point. BF4 takes the prize for this element of the FPS-titan face-off hands down.

You find yourself unwillingly taking on a counter-sniper role. This isn't just because moving targets are so damn hard to hit, but due to the genius game mechanics it is incredibly good fun too.

Sadly, due to my addictive nature I can not stop using the sniper rifle so I can not really comment on any of the other weaponry. I have briefly tried the default assault rifle and loved getting up closer to the action. However, I always find myself sulking back to the rooftops with my trusty sniper rifle back in hand. The 30-a-side teams always present me a target from up there.

Conclusion

Despite over-play the game still never ceases to amaze me. Playing the game often makes me question what I was doing playing CoD when this was sat right next to it in the game shop all along.

Sorry, BF4 fans. I had you wrong all of this time.

BlissEsso - February 26, 2014, 5:26 am

Battlefield all the way, everyday! Can't wait for naval strike.

The-Noob - February 26, 2014, 5:33 am

graphics - Kinda explains the whole console thing lol. Run it on a PC in ultra and you are good to go! Hell, might even invite you round to my house one night for a gaming session :D ultra settings and 1080p.

UglyMeister - February 26, 2014, 5:38 am

Really solid review man, you should consider making one for Titanfall when it releases.

Effexion - February 26, 2014, 6:19 am

(Feb 26, 2014 06:33 AM)The-Noob Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) graphics - Kinda explains the whole console thing lol. Run it on a PC in ultra and you are good to go! Hell, might even invite you round to my house one night for a gaming session :D ultra settings and 1080p.

That would be pretty cool. I am awful on a keyboard/mouse though lol.

Thanks for the feedback, guys. Glad you enjoyed my thread.

SIM-1980240 - February 26, 2014, 6:26 am

I couldn't have said it any better myself. I've always been a hardcore call of duty fan boy myself, but after play MW3 I lost all trust in InfinityWards ability to make quality games. I decided to pick up BF4 and all I can say is. It was definitely worth \$60.00.

Effexion - February 26, 2014, 10:48 am

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I disliked MW3. 80% of my friends list are always on it too.

Duyere - February 26, 2014, 8:28 pm

I was a big Call of Duty fan before I discovered Battlefield. Unfortunately, I didn't start playing until Battlefield 3. Needless to say, I have been in love with the game ever since. I don't even know why I started playing Cal of Duty and stuck with it so many years.

Effexion - February 27, 2014, 2:44 am

(Feb 26, 2014 09:28 PM)King Zulwarn Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I was a big Call of Duty fan before I discovered Battlefield. Unfortunately, I didn't start playing until Battlefield 3. Needless to say, I have been in love with the game ever since. I don't even know why I started playing Cal of Duty and stuck with it so many years.

It was fun, but there was always more fun lurking just around the corner. I did try BF3, but never really enjoyed it (my CoDism was too strong). In retrospect, CoD could have done so much more in

their earlier games.

I noticed they tried to make Ghosts as BF as possible. Never worked.

Freddy Kru?ger - *March 1, 2014, 1:41 pm*

That was quite an enjoyable read my man, keep them coming!

Skitz - *March 5, 2014, 1:51 am*

Reading this now, Looks like a fantastic review from a intelligent man ?

Snoepie1012 - *April 8, 2014, 6:36 am*

Dang sounds almost exactly the same what happend to me ?