

directory GAMES

Every month we list the best, and some of the worst, MMO games available

Top three... Fantasy MMOs



1 WORLD OF WARCRAFT

With over 9 million subscribers, *WoW* ranks as the MMORPG. Taking the side of either the Alliance or Horde, it is up to you to wage war on your enemies across Azeroth and Outland.

2 GUILD WARS: PLATINUM EDITION

Guild Wars puts a spin on the traditional RPG in that you can create your own party of NPCs, allowing faster progression through the ranks.

3 LORD OF THE RINGS ONLINE: SHADOWS OF ANGMAR

For some fantasy fans, it just has to be the world of Tolkien. Released earlier this year to a flurry of interest, *Lord Of The Rings Online* is growing fast.

WE LOVE



MAGIC: THE GATHERING ONLINE

If you like the card game try playing online, you can play against other players or just swap cards.

Top three... Science-fiction MMOs



1 TABULA RASA

Players take the role of officers in the Army of the Allied Free Sentients and learn a mystical language called Logos that'll enable them to summon bolts of electricity.

2 CITY OF HEROES

City Of Heroes and its nemesis *City Of Villains* is the only comic book MMORPG, offering the chance to play as a superhero or villain. The character creation is second to none with endless combinations of costumes.

3 PHANTASY STAR UNIVERSE ONLINE

Based on the massively popular *Phantasy Star* games, this game can be both a single-player offline RPG and a separate MMORPG.

NAME OF GAME	PRICE TO BUY	PRICE TO PLAY	WEBSITE
Asheron's Call II: Throne Of Destiny Magic meets aliens in this classic tale of survival against insurmountable odds	£24.99	\$12.95 P/M	ac.turbine.com
City Of Villains You no longer need an excuse to be evil in the companion game to <i>City Of Heroes</i> .	£14.99	£8.99 P/M	www.cityofvillains.com
Dark And Light In a lush land brimming with magic, this game could well be the largest MMORPG you've ever seen	Free	Free	www.darkandlight.com/en
Diablo II Enter Hell, vanquish demons and denizens of the dark in this online-only sequel	£5.99	N/A	www.blizzard.com/diablo2
Dark Ages Of Camelot Go medieval with this classic online RPG set in ancient Albion during Arthurian times	£9.99	£8 P/M	daoc.goa.com/en/
EverQuest: The Anniversary Edition The original fantasy MMO	£12.99	\$14.99 P/M	everquest.station.sony.com
EVE Online An MMO set in deep space focusing on five races of humanity and the EVE Gate	£14.99	€14.95 P/M	www.eve-online.com
Final Fantasy XI: Online The first <i>Final Fantasy</i> game to be played online, the land of Vana'diel is in peril and only you can save it	£14.98	\$12.95	www.playonline.com/ff11us/index.shtml
Guild Wars: Platinum Edition Includes the original game and the <i>Eye Of The North</i> expansion pack	£34.99	Free	www.guildwars.com
Klingon Academy Explore the Final Frontier with 16 friends and this online starship simulator	£24.99	Free	klingtonacademy_3dactionplanet_gamespy.com
The Legend Of Mir 3 The ever-popular Korean MMO	Free	£4.99	www.lom3europe.com
LOTR Online: Shadows Of Angmar Could Frodo, Gandalf and crew be enough to tempt players away from <i>World Of Warcraft</i> ?	£25.99	£8.99 P/M	www.lotro-europe.com
Magic: The Gathering Online Based on the trading-card game of the same name, but online	\$29.99	N/A	www.wizards.com
The Matrix Online Based on the hit trilogy, you can now take the red pill and explore the matrix	£12.99	\$14.99 P/M	thematrixonline.station.sony.com
Mike Oldfield's Maestro A musical space opera where other people become the keys to unlock puzzles	Free	Free	www.mikeoldfield.com/flash/maestro.html
Myst Online It's <i>Myst</i> , it's online. Need we say anymore?	Free until 31/12/07	Free until 31/12/07	www.mystonline.com
Lineage II A medieval MMO where battles and magical creatures clash head-on	£9.99	£8.99	eu.lineage2.com
Quake 3 The third in the series of this epic MMOFPS where players from around the world must fight for survival	£9.99	N/A	www.quake3arena.com
Second Life Not technically an MMORPG, we know, but there's plenty of fun to be had if you know where to look	Free	Free	secondlife.com
Star Trek: ConQuest Online Explore omnipotence as the irritating Q in this online chess game/god sim	£19.99	£10-20 P/M	startrek.bethsoft.com
Star Wars Galaxies Why play this? One word, lightsabers. Nuff said	£19.99	\$14.99 P/M	www.starwarsgalaxies.station.sony.com
The Sims Online Maxis' oddly addictive classic <i>The Sims</i> finally invades the internet. Think the original game - but online	\$9.99	\$9.99	www.ea.com/official/thesims/thesimsonline
Ultima Online A classic amongst MMOs that is set in the land of Britannia and has spawned no less than seven expansions	£19.99	\$12.99	www.uoherald.com/news/
Vanguard: Saga Of Heroes Set in the land of Thestra, this RPG was released earlier this year and is fast becoming a cult hit	£25.99	\$14.99	vanguard.station.sony.com
World Of Warcraft The game that needs no intro, 9 million players worldwide can't be wrong	£9.99	£18.00 for 60 days	www.wow-europe.com
WOW: The Burning Crusade All new races, continents and raids for experienced <i>WOW</i> players	£14.99	£18.00 for 60 days	www.warcraft.com