

# GAMER GUIDE

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# WHAT IS IT?



Fortnite, developed by Epic Games and launched in 2017, is an online game platform that has grown from a battle royale to a platform that now includes multiple game modes, including the widely popular Fortnite Battle Royale, Fortnite Creative, Fortnite Festival and more.

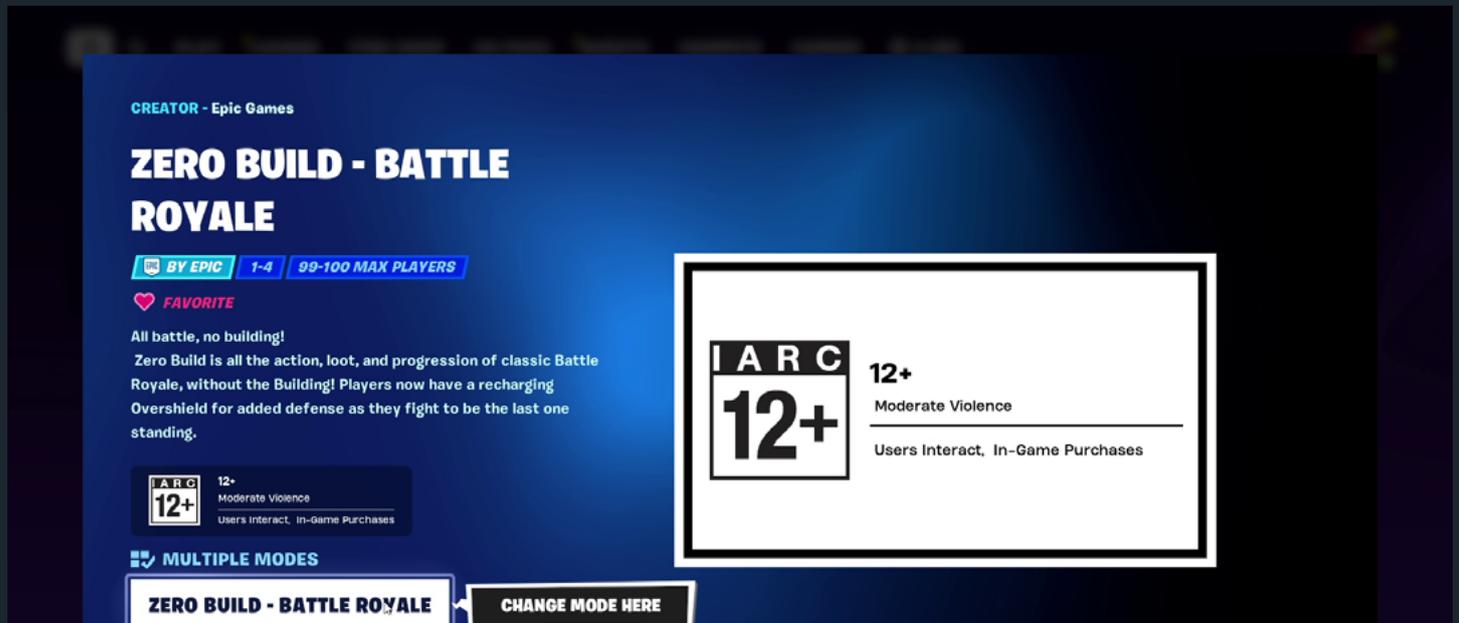


Fortnite is a cultural phenomenon, amassing over 125 million players in its first year and generating substantial monthly revenue. The game's expansive success is marked by its financial achievements, widespread cultural impact, and massive player base. Save the World is accessible on macOS, PlayStation 4, Windows, and Xbox One. Battle Royale and Creative expanded to include Android, iOS, Nintendo Switch, PlayStation 5 and Xbox Series X/S consoles. Lego Fortnite, Rocket Racing, and Fortnite Festival are released on all available platforms.

# BREAKDOWN THE BASICS

## Mechanics

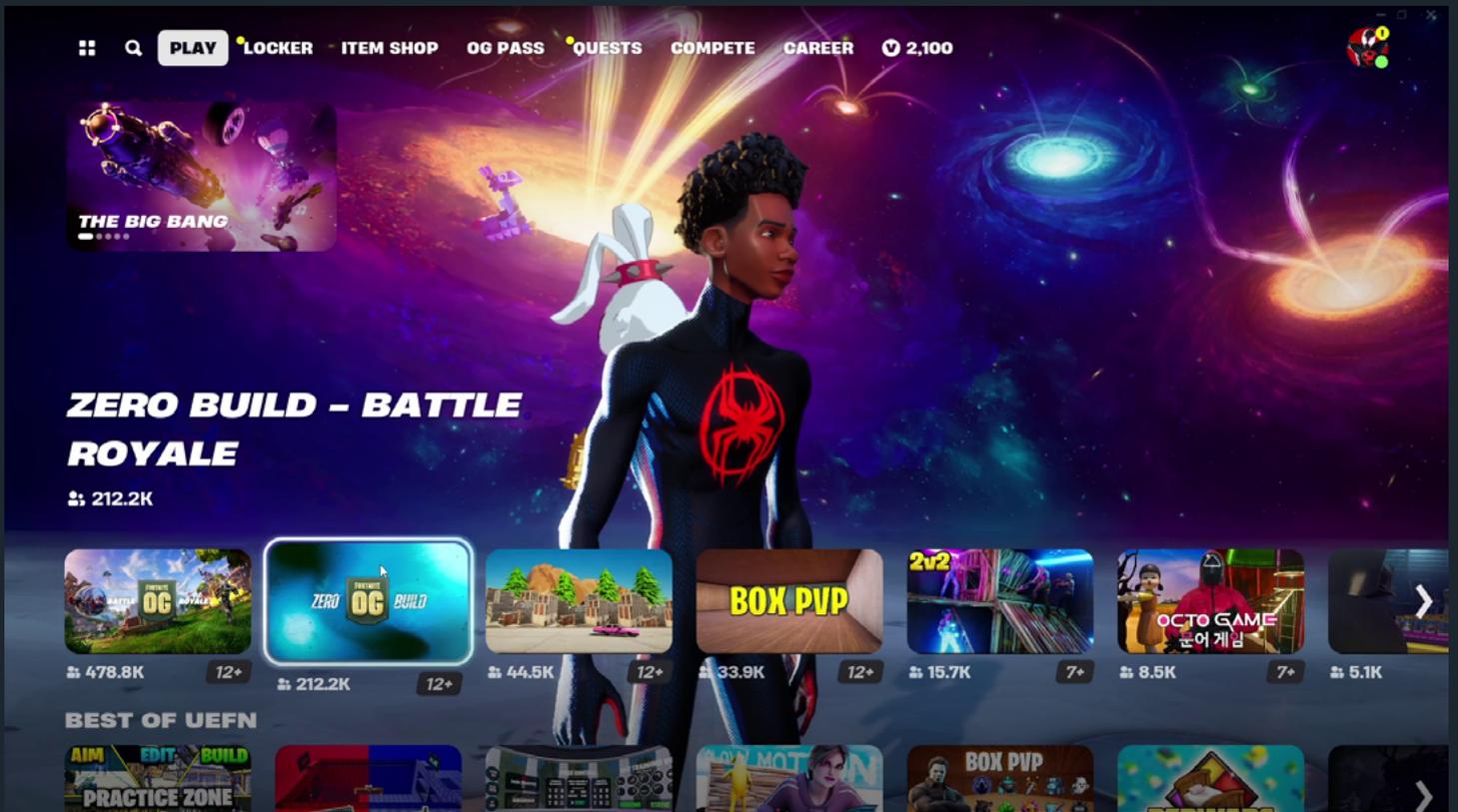
For this guide, the focus will be primarily on the mechanics of the most popular game mode, Battle Royale.



## Modes

Fortnite's 6 different game modes use the same engine and similar art and assets. There's something for everyone, from creative building to serious competitive play.

- Save the World: A cooperative PvE (player-versus-environment) experience set in a post-apocalyptic world. Players act as commanders defending against zombie-like "husks," completing missions that reward them with various in-game items.
- Battle Royale: A PvP (player-versus-player) game for up to 100 players, with solo, duo, or squad play options. Players airdrop, scavenge for resources, and compete to be the last one standing as the playable area shrinks due to an encroaching toxic storm.
- Fortnite Creative: A sandbox mode offering complete freedom to spawn items from Battle Royale on a personal island. Players can design diverse games, from battle arenas to racecourses, utilizing the Unreal Editor for Fortnite (UEFN).
- Lego Fortnite: A survival sandbox game featuring Lego Minifig characters. Players collect materials, build structures, craft weapons, and combat monsters.
- Rocket Racing: A racing game, a spin-off to Rocket League, with cross-game support for car-related cosmetics.
- Fortnite Festival: A rhythm game featuring hit songs from artists like Eminem and The Weeknd. Players hit notes to the rhythm in various stages, supporting the creation of jams and integrating with Battle Royale and Creative modes.



## Seasons

Seasons are themed periods, typically 90 days long, featuring a Battle Pass that allows players to purchase and earn exclusive rewards through Season XP. Each Season introduces fresh content such as features, map alterations, events, and cosmetics, ensuring an exciting gaming experience.

The Battle Pass, available in both paid premium and free versions, offers over 100 rewards. Battle Pass items are unique to the Season and cannot be claimed once the Season concludes, maintaining the exclusivity of each Season's offerings.





## Harvesting & Building

In Battle Royale modes (excluding Zero-Build mode) players can construct various structures on the fly. These include walls for defence, ramps for elevation, or towering structures for strategic advantage. Before they can build, players must first gather building materials from the environment using their Pickaxe. Almost everything on the island can be broken down into materials by simply striking it with the Pickaxe.

There are 3 primary building materials, each sourced from specific objects on the island:

- **Wood:** Obtained from various wooden structures and objects, including trees, bushes, house walls, wooden fences, crates, and park benches. Wood is the most abundant material in Fortnite, thanks to the widespread presence of wooden elements across the map. It is also the weakest of the 3 materials.
- **Stone:** Harvested from boulders, rocks, and stone ruins, as well as anything constructed with bricks. Stone is nearly as common as Wood and is found in various locations across the island. Slightly stronger than Wood, but takes longer to build.
- **Metal:** Derived from metallic objects like cars, steel beams, phone booths, and electronic devices. While not as abundant as Wood, Metal availability depends on the location. Urban areas with numerous vehicles and infrastructure tend to yield more Metal compared to rural areas with primarily wooden surroundings. It is the strongest construction material but also takes the longest to build.

While Fortnite's building mechanics may seem almost magical in their speed, they adhere to physics-based rules. Structures must be anchored to elements in the environment. For example, you can't construct a floating floor. When attempting to place a structure in an unsupported location, the structure will glow red, signifying that it cannot be placed there. You must first connect it to a wall, place it on the ground, attach it to the edge of a cliff, or affix it to the side of a house or building. This rule continues to apply even after construction. If a rival player destroys the foundation of your structure, everything above it will begin to crumble and disappear.



## Inventory

In Battle Royale, you have 5 inventory slots for weapons, consumable items, and gear. Balance is essential, so carry at least 3 weapons and 2 healing items. Building materials have a separate inventory and will not fill these slots.



## Weapons

Fortnite provides a generous array of weapons. Scattered across the island, these can be acquired through ground loot, found in treasure chests, delivered through supply drops, or obtained from defeated foes. The power of each weapon depends on its rarity, indicated by colour. There are 7 rarities, with each one stronger than the last:

- Common: Gray
- Uncommon: Green
- Rare: Blue
- Epic: Purple
- Legendary: Orange
- Exotic
- Mythic

Besides the usual weapon types, there are Exotics and Mythics. These cannot be found while looting. Exotics are like upgraded versions of regular weapons, while Mythics can be better versions or completely new ones. Weapons available in-game change seasonally, but will generally fall into the following categories:

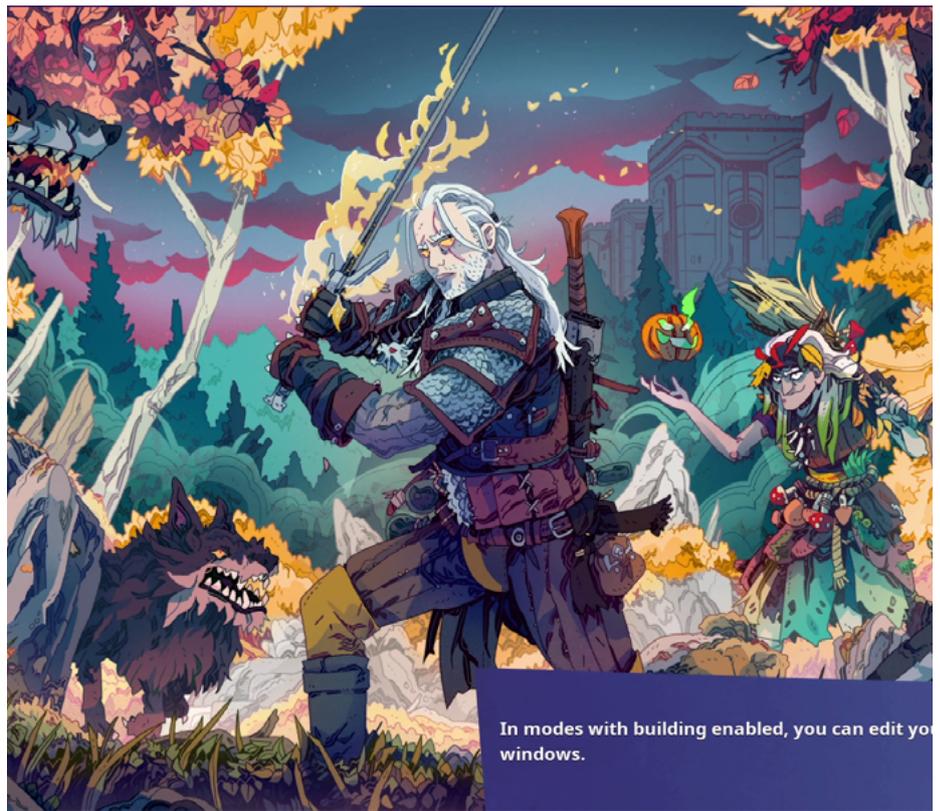
- Assault rifles
- SMGs
- Rocket Launchers & Explosives
- Sniper rifles
- Pistols
- Shotguns
- Bows
- Pickaxe/Melee

Each category of weapon is associated with a specific type of ammunition. For instance, Pistols and Assault Rifles predominantly use Medium Bullets, while Submachine Guns utilize Light Bullets, and Sniper Rifles rely on Heavy Bullets. Shotguns and Explosive Weapons have their specific ammunition types. However, there are exceptions, such as certain Pistols using Heavy Bullets or Assault Rifles using Light Bullets.



## Items

Each player has a Health Bar with 100 hit points and an additional Shield Bar that can provide an extra 100 hit points. Consumables are items used to increase a player's Health or Shield or grant temporary buffs to stats like movement speed or gravity. To use consumables, players need to stand still for a short period before the buff activates either instantly or gradually over time.



# Environment

## Islands

Fortnite has featured 5 distinct Battle Royale islands, each corresponding to a Chapter in the game's development. Chapter 5 is the current one at the time of writing this guide.

- Athena: Chapter 1, Chapter 4 Season OG
- Apollo: Chapter 2
- Artemis: Chapter 3
- Asteria: Chapter 4 Seasons 1 - 4
- Helios: Chapter 5



## Locations

Named Locations are expansive areas marked by distinctive names, typically featuring abundant loot, and are easily identifiable on the map due to their labelled names. These locations are often quite expansive, resembling towns or cities, and contain numerous Chests providing valuable loot.

Landmarks are smaller counterparts to Named Locations, also possessing distinct names but without map labels. These names become visible on the screen upon entering the area. While not as large as Named Locations, Landmarks still offer decent perks and are the most frequently encountered type of location in the game.

# TIPS & TRICKS



## LEGO building

In LEGO mode moving buildings, machinery, furniture, or any constructed items is not possible. If you want to change their location, you'll need to break them down and rebuild. Although you get back the materials' cost, the process can be a bit of a hassle.

## Learn the map

Fortnite's Battle Royale map changes make the game exciting. To play like a pro, know the map well. Explore new areas when a season starts, learn good drop spots, find the best loot places, know where NPCs are found, and where fights tend to happen. This helps you plan your game and gives you an advantage over others who don't know the map well.

## Racing recommendations

In the Rocket Racing mode, timing your starting boost precisely can give you an early advantage. Accelerate right as the countdown reaches zero for the fastest start. Pulling ahead early is crucial, especially in close races. As you race, conserve your turbos. The 3 turbocharges are precious for critical moments. Avoid using them casually. Instead, strategically deploy turbos when fighting for first place, approaching the finish line, or securing a lead.



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# CONCLUSION

Fortnite has transcended its identity as a mere game, evolving into a metaverse where players converge to engage in gameplay, unleash creativity, and witness groundbreaking virtual events. Epic Games has propelled the boundaries of what's achievable in the online realm. Positioned as the battle royale game to beat, it excels with accessible gameplay modes, vibrant graphics, a stellar construction system, and a massive player community. The free-to-play nature of Fortnite beckons everyone to give it a try.