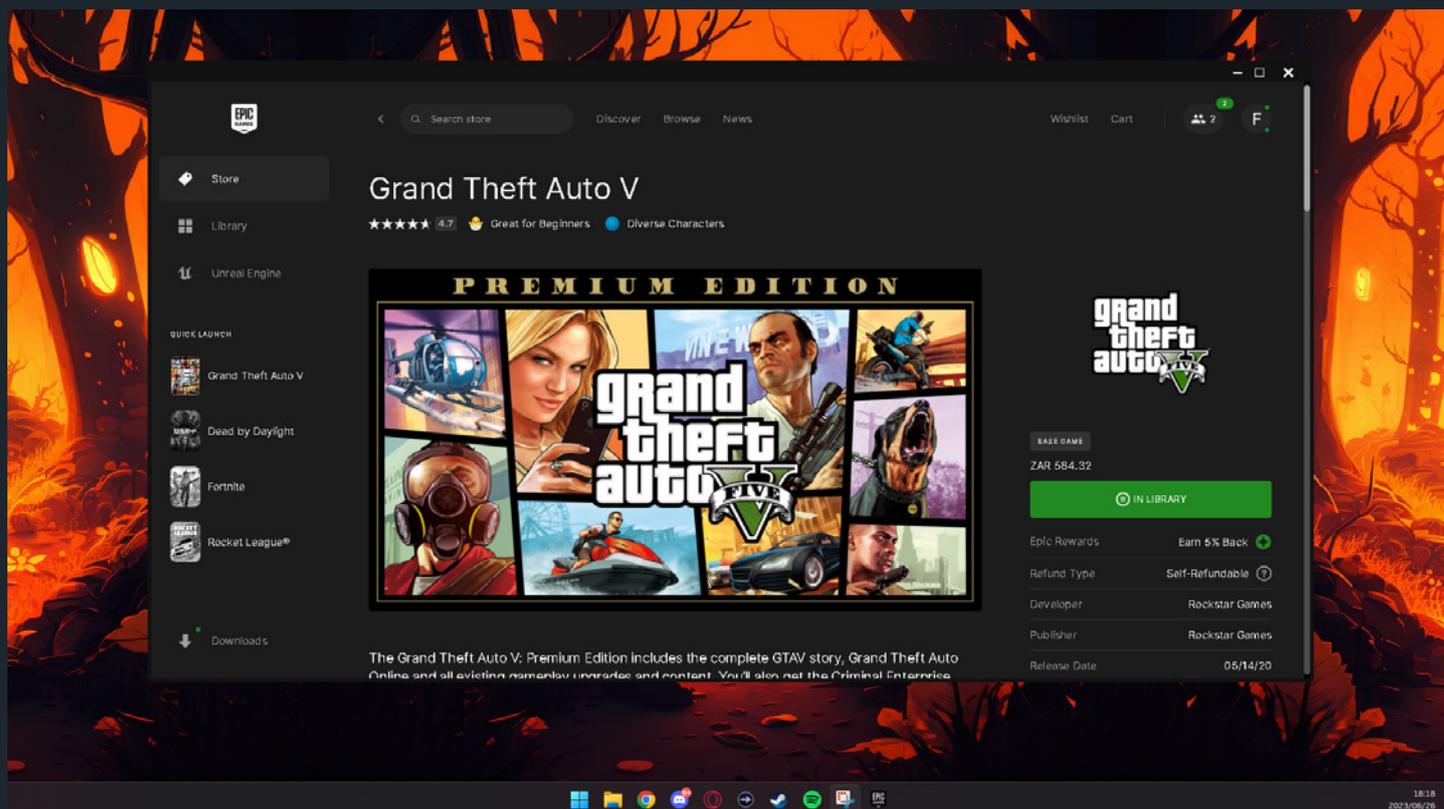# GAMER GUIDE

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WHAT IS IT?

Dive into the dynamic world of Grand Theft Auto Online, the thrilling multiplayer action-adventure game developed and published by Rockstar Games. Originally released in 2013, it has expanded across multiple platforms, including PlayStation, Xbox, and Windows. Experience gripping heists, exhilarating races, and endless open-world exploration in this online counterpart to the acclaimed Grand Theft Auto V.

The innovative multiplayer mod RP in GTA V allows you to create and live out your own narratives in the bustling city of Los Santos. This unique feature sets it apart from the standard GTA Online, as player-driven roleplaying directly affects the behaviour of both players and NPCs. If you're new to the GTA RP mod here are some essential tips to help you navigate and enjoy this captivating experience.
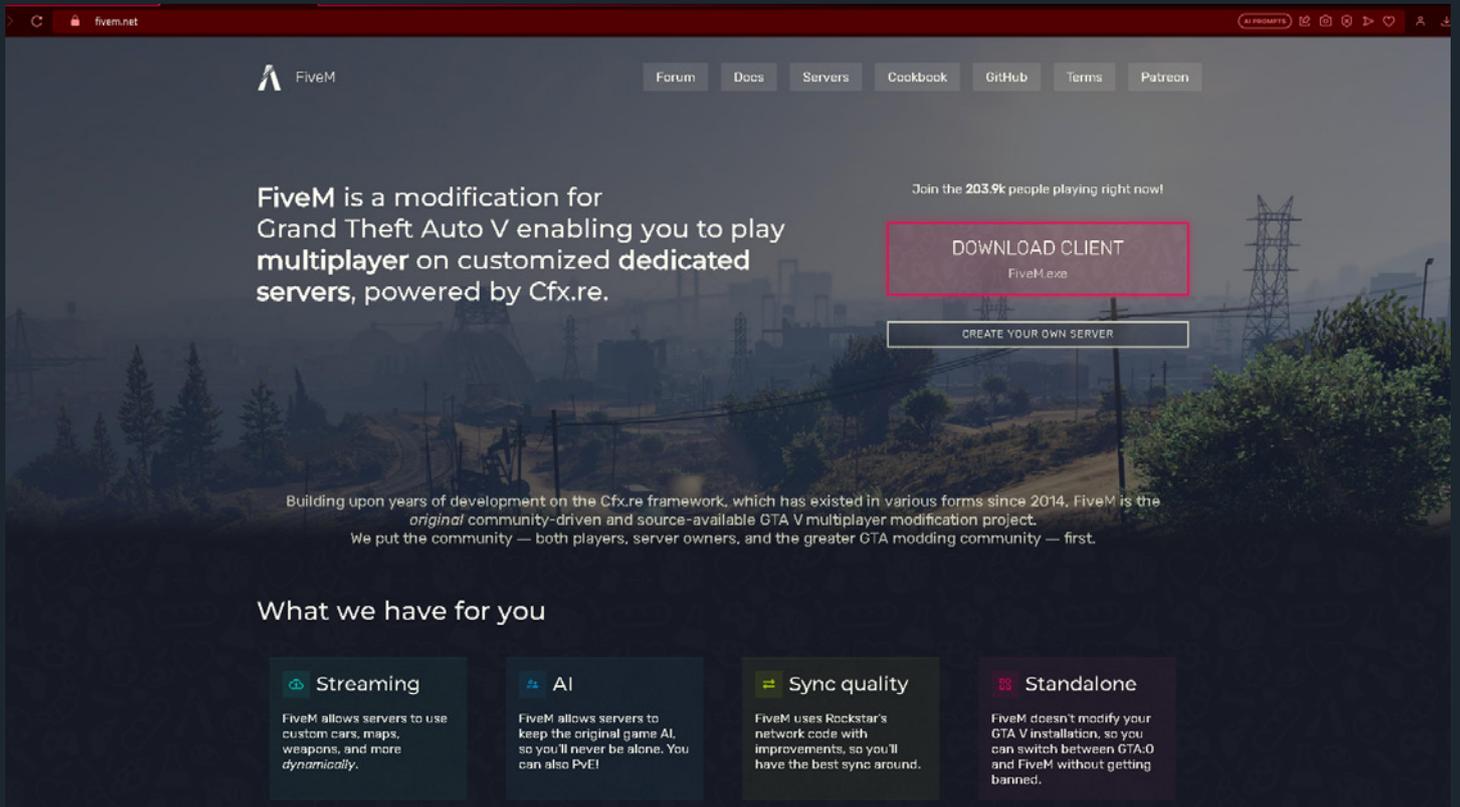
BREAKDOWN THE BASICS

In GTA RP, players and streamers assume various roles in the world of GTA V, creating characters, backstories, and professions such as cab drivers, paramedics, fishermen, real estate agents, and even law enforcement and criminals. Through interactions on servers accommodating different player counts, ranging from thirty-two to hundreds, a collaborative storytelling experience unfolds.

Server rules dictate the level of roleplay. Hardcore servers enforce strict immersion, where even basic inquiries about game mechanics are frowned upon. Others adopt a more relaxed approach. Certain communities require invitation, earned by demonstrating exceptional roleplaying skills or gaining popularity as a streamer. While starting on a proving grounds server is common, showcasing talent leads to swift advancement to the main stage of GTA RP.

To get started you will need the following:

- A copy of GTA V
- A working mic
- A Discord account
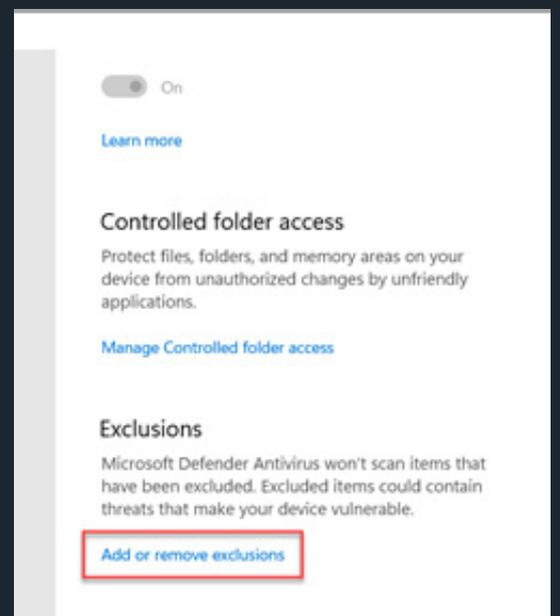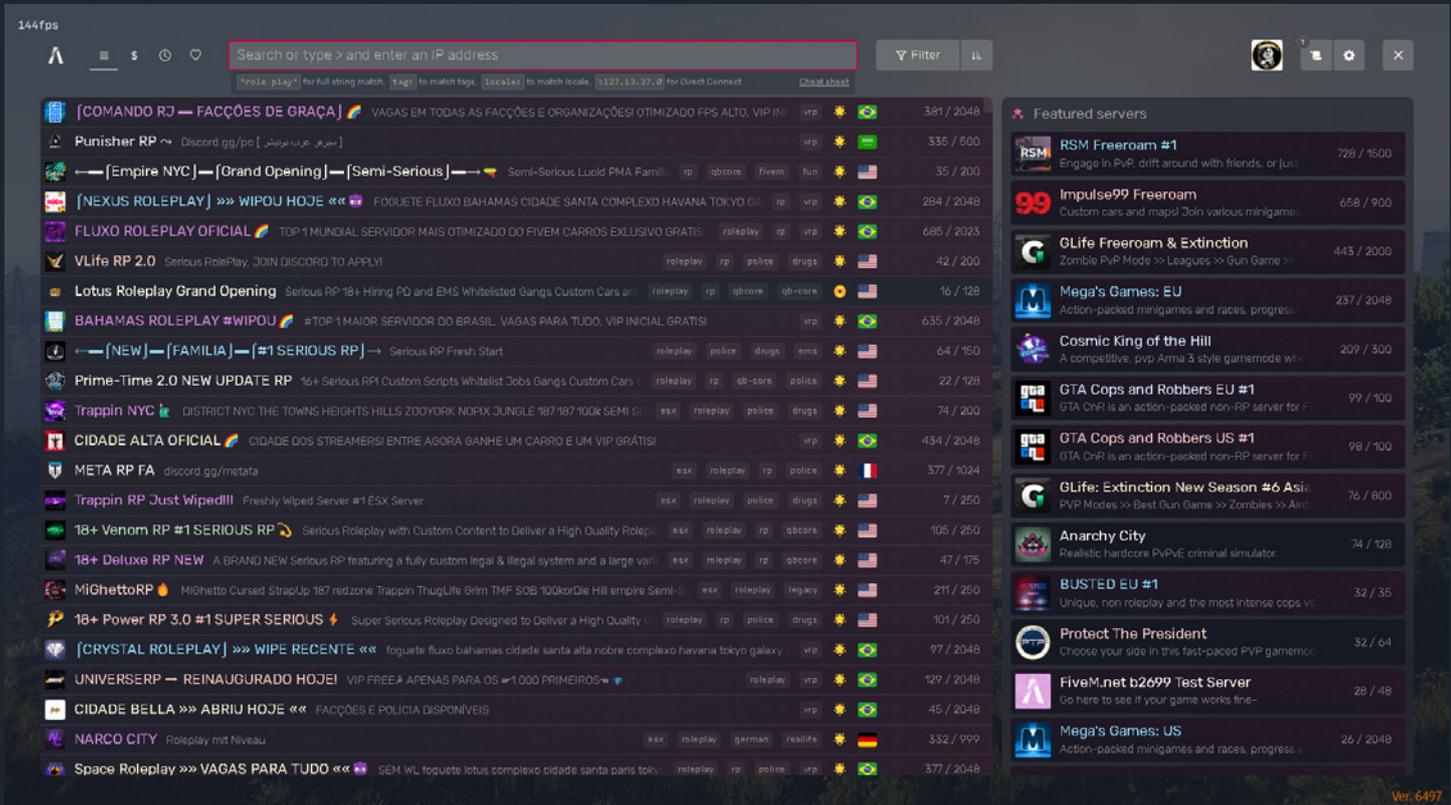- A modified game client such as FiveM

Game Client

To embark on your GTA V RP journey, you'll need to download specific mods. While different servers may have different mod requirements, we've noticed that FiveM is commonly used.

To download FiveM, visit their website and follow these steps:

- Disable any antivirus software before initiating the download. Once installed, add FiveM to your antivirus software's whitelist or exclusion list.
- Ensure that you have the latest version of GTA V installed.
- Run FiveM.exe.
- Launch FiveM from your Windows start menu.

Joining A Server

Joining a GTA RP server can vary in difficulty. While open servers exist, they can be chaotic. It's the exclusive whitelist servers that generate the most interest. To join these coveted servers, you typically need an invitation obtained by signing up on their forum or website and then connecting within GTA V. Most servers have an application process, often including interviews, prior to joining. Additionally, servers usually have a Discord server or documentation that outlines the application and gameplay rules.

There is no universally favoured GTA RP server, and the "right" choice depends on your personal preferences and the level of seriousness you desire in your roleplaying experience. FiveM provides a server list where you can filter by language, view player counts, and explore each server's specific roleplay style. Each server sets its own rules and requirements, and offers unique roleplay scenarios. We've listed some of the more popular servers below:

- NoPixel: This server is widely recognized, thanks to popular streamers like Lirik and Summit. However, getting in can be challenging due to limited applications and a lengthy waiting period.
- Eclipse RP: With a capacity for 200 players, this server offers a larger shared world compared to NoPixel's 32-player servers, although it may have fewer features. Keep in mind that waitlists for whitelist approval can be lengthy.
- GTA World: If you prefer text-based RP instead of using a microphone, this server is an excellent alternative. It provides a welcoming space for players who feel more comfortable with written communication.
- Mafia City: This server is recommended for RP beginners, as it uses the Rage mod instead of FiveM and does not have AI-controlled NPCs in the world.
- New Day RP: Known for its serious roleplaying environment, this server even features political events like governor elections. Recently, it underwent significant updates and added new features to enhance the experience.

Creating your character

Roleplay characters are shaped by their past experiences, and their decisions should align with those key events. For example, a betrayed gangster may struggle with trust and anger issues, which can lead to explosive outcomes if unresolved. Each character's personality traits reflect their personal history, and players must unravel the reasons behind their behaviour. When you create your character use these guidelines to ensure you'll hit the mark and have an enjoyable experience.

- Create a timeline: Develop a comprehensive timeline for the character, considering significant events and motivations. This helps guide future roleplay and prepares for unexpected twists.
- Choose the right server: Different servers have varying rules and atmospheres. Players should select a server that aligns with their desired playstyle and tailor their character's backstory accordingly.
- Draw inspiration from real-life: Use real-life experiences as inspiration to shape believable characters. Incorporate memorable events or bizarre stories from recent times to add depth and interest.
- Utilize GTA V assets: Explore the vast map of GTA V to discover unique locations that can enhance the character's story. From hidden spots to iconic landmarks, these areas can breathe life into the character's experiences.
- Maintain a balance and have fun: Avoid creating overpowered characters and unrealistic advantages. Embrace the unexpected moments and allow weaknesses to transform into strengths. Enjoy the journey of character development, knowing that even minor roles can evolve into significant roles in GTA RP.

Role Departments

While there are an enormous number of roles to choose from, they'll generally fall under the following departments:

Civilians
Civilians in the server can be law-abiding citizens or mastermind criminals. They offer a range of character options, making them a great starting point for roleplay and often a prerequisite for applying to a department.

Police
The police department plays a vital role in maintaining the balance between civilians and the law. If you excel in quick thinking, following orders, and teamwork, joining the Law Enforcement department might be a good fit.

Firefighters
Firefighters are essential in responding to fires, providing medical and first responder services. They are known for their pride, training, and organizational skills, ensuring a well-coordinated department.

EMS
The EMS (Emergency Medical Services) department focuses on providing medical assistance. While not available on all servers, if you are adept at quick thinking and effective communication, joining the medical services department could be a suitable option.

Common Rules

Each server has its own specific, and sometimes, quite detailed rules but you'll find most have these in common:

No Random Player Killing:
- A common rule in GTA V RP servers is that you can't kill other players without a valid reason, including robbing them. Check with the server's Deathmatch rules before engaging in combat.

No Purposeless Vehicle Ramming:
- Running over pedestrians without a reason is not allowed in any GTA RP server. Only authorised roles, such as the police, may engage in vehicle-related combat.

Realistic Behaviour:
- Maintain a realistic approach to game mechanics and actions. Avoid unrealistic behaviour like excessive speeding or performing stunts that defy physics. Stay true to real-life reactions and actions.

Confidentiality in Information Sharing:
- To ensure a safe RP community, refrain from sharing other players' character or world information in public places like Discord or in-game chat. Use discovered information for roleplay purposes but respect the privacy of fellow players.

Remember to follow these guidelines to enhance the overall enjoyment and fairness of the GTA RP experience.

The Language

While you're living your best GTA RP life you'll need to know how to talk the talk so you don't make any unintentional enemies. Here are some common slang terms and acronyms along with their meanings:

- RP: Roleplay
- OOC: Out of Character
- LOOC: Local Out of Character
- IC: In Character
- CK: Character Kill
- PK: Player Kill
- ERP: Erotic Roleplay
- RDM: Random Deathmatch
- VDM: Vehicle Deathmatch, a bannable offence involving purposeless vehicle collisions
- EMS: Emergency Medical Service, roleplaying doctors and medical staff
- Metagaming: Using real-life knowledge to influence RP outcomes
- Powergaming: Using game mechanics or external information for an advantage in RP
- IC: In Character, refers to actions and dialogue from your fictional character

Understanding these terms will help you navigate the forums, rulebooks, and RP interactions without causing any issues.

Action Commands

In FiveM® servers, you can use a command to perform actions as your character. For example, to pick up a penny from the sidewalk, you would use the following command:

/me picks up a penny

These actions are always written in the first person and can be used to describe your character's possessions, emotions, and non-verbal communication.

However, there are limitations to these actions. You can only perform actions that are within the scope of your character. You cannot dictate the actions or outcomes for other players, as this is considered power gaming. It's important to allow others to respond and actively contribute to the roleplay.

Note that you'll need to check out the action commands that are specific to your server. This will be in their Discord or forums.

CONCLUSION

With these basics, you should have more than enough to get you started on your very own GTA RP adventure! Be sure to check out the forums and rules specific to the server you've joined for details we couldn't include in this guide. Most importantly, GLHF (good luck, have fun)!