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FORTNITE EDITION

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WHAT IS IT?

INTRODUCTION



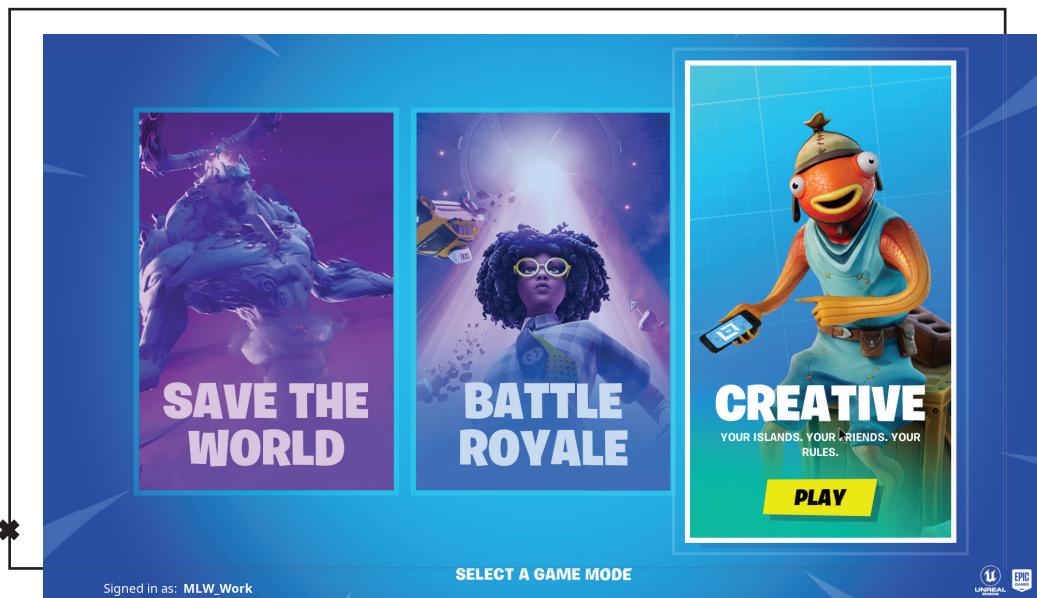
You've heard the name, you've seen the memes. Yes, we're talking about *Fortnite*! With over 350 million registered users, *Fortnite* is the most popular battle royale game of all time. Well, at least it is at the time of writing this guide! So what is *Fortnite* exactly? It's an online video game developed by Epic Games, released in 2017. While it has multiple game modes, the one everyone knows about is *Fortnite Battle Royale*: 100 players battle it out to be the last person standing. This award-winning game keeps breaking records and pushing boundaries. Celebrities like Drake, Joe Jonas, and Deadmau5 have played, streamed, and promoted the game. Singer Ariana Grande performed a virtual concert in the in-game world and fashion house Balenciaga dropped a *Fortnite* capsule collection along with in-game cosmetic items. *Fortnite* is more than a game, it's a pop culture phenomenon! All aboard the hype train, next stop: greatness!



BREAKDOWN THE BASICS

Modes

Fortnite features four modes: Save the World, Creative, Zero Build, and Battle Royale.



Save the World is a PvE (player versus environment) cooperative game where four players work towards a common objective. In a post-apocalyptic world ravaged by The Storm and monster hordes, players must build shelters, collect resources, save survivors, and earn rewards.

Creative is a space where small groups of players can create islands, set up and play minigames, or explore other islands. Players can fully customize server settings, spawn in prebuilt structures and pretty much any items they want from Battle Royale.

Battle Royale is the mode we're all here to talk about. 100 players launch in a battle bus to fight it out on an island. Play it solo, in a duo, or in a squad of three or four players. Loot weapons, collect resources, and scavenge for vehicles, all the while the safe area of the map keeps shrinking. Be careful because players take damage outside of the safe zone!

No-Build Mode is a recent addition. It's basically Battle Royale without the building mechanic.

BUT WAIT! THERE'S MORE!



In both normal and No-Build Battle Royale modes there are different modes too:

Group Wedges (only with build). Public modes for Battle Royale and No-Build Battle Royale:



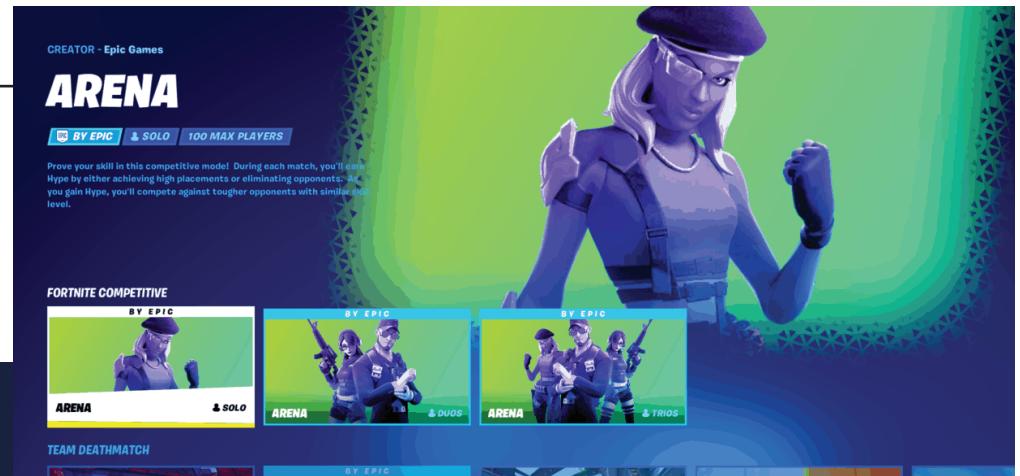
PUBLIC MODES

- Solos
- Duos
- Trios
- Teams

In Arena Mode, you can choose between the following:

- Solos
- Duos
- Trios

ARENA



There are also frequent LTMs (Limited Time Modes). These range from Deathmatch-style games, to speed-run challenges, and even murder mystery games.

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Mechanics

The main gameplay for *Fortnite Battle Royale* is pretty standard as far as battle royales go. At the start of every round, players skydive from a "Battle Bus" onto the island. Scattered around the island are chests to loot for weapons and other items, as well as resources to loot. There are also periodic supply drops that spawn in random locations.



The Storm is an ever-growing threat that closes in on players throughout the game. Getting caught in it will deal increasingly severe damage to players.



BEGINNER'S TIP

Keep some kind of transportation (like a Grappler or Vehicle) close to escape!

When your health bar reaches zero one of two things can happen. In solo modes you will be eliminated, if you have teammates you will be "downed" and able to crawl around until an opponent finishes you or a teammate revives you. Even if you are downed, teammates can attempt to respawn you at "Reboot vans" scattered around the map.



Respawn Card



98 | 100



BEGINNER'S TIP

Reboot vans are scarce and out in the open. Respawning is a risky business so be sure it's worth it.

Now here's the tricky mechanic. It's the one thing that sets *Fortnite* apart from other battle royales. Building! Nearly everything in the world can be destroyed to gather materials which can then be used to build fortifications. Buildings have durability - weak pieces can be built quickly but unfortunately, that means they can be destroyed quickly too. Stronger pieces can take more hits but will also take longer to build.

Fishing is a mechanic in Battle Royale that allows players to obtain loot by throwing a Fishing Rod or a Pro Fishing Rod into some water. The Pro Fishing Rod allows players to obtain some unique variants of Fish. Another way of fishing is to fire a Harpoon Gun at Fishing Spots. See the Fishing Collection Book for the full list of fish.

Environment & Movement

The Battle Royale Island is the battle arena. It's made up of a fixed-layout grid with major named locations and minor points of interest. Named locations are labelled on the map and have bountiful loot. Landmarks aren't labelled on the map but the names pop up when you enter the area. There have been three different Battle Royale islands, one for each "chapter" of *Fortnite*. Athena, Apollo, and Artemis.



Movement is a very important mechanic in the game. How well you cover terrain, how fast you take cover, and how you approach fights; all of this is determined by movement. Apart from typical movements like jumping and swimming, there are some that have additional effects attached. Here's what you need to know:



Crouching is great for sneaking, as players make no footstep noise when crouched. Certain actions reset faster in this mode but certain items prevent crouching too. You can run and sprint while crouched but it won't be as fast as the upright movements.

Running is your basic form of locomotion. You can use weapons, but most consumables will prevent you from running.

Sprinting is faster than running but disables most item use and makes your footsteps louder. There is also tactical sprinting (limited to 5-7 seconds before recharging), it's the fastest movement speed and allows players to bash straight through doors to open them.

Sliding is a great tactical movement. Just sprint and hold down the crouch button to slide on any surface that is not uphill. Players can shoot and build while sliding and also slide into doors to open them.



There are other ways to navigate the map. Vehicles are excellent to cover long distances and *Fortnite* has some awesome vehicles: Motorboats, sedans, trucks, an armoured battle bus and the odd, but accurately named Baller.



BEGINNER'S TIP

Fall damage is a thing, so pause before you leap!

Loot

Now on to shiny things! Well, not everything is shiny and exciting... Items are found in Chests, Supply Drops, floor loot, fishing & looting your fallen enemies.

LOOT



Materials are your building basics: Wood, Stone, and Metal.

Ammo types are: Medium Bullets, Shells, Light Bullets, and Heavy Bullets

Tools include: Harpoon Gun, Fishing Rods, Tents, Repair Torches and the Harvesting Tool that you spawn with.



Fortnite has an incredible array of healing items. So many, in fact, that we'll just talk about main types. Consumables are your basic shield and health potions in different sizes. Throwables are healing items that can be used on other players, while fish and foraged items (like meat or mushrooms) can be eaten to restore small amounts of health.

It's time to deal some damage so what are your options? Throwables include Grenades (your standard explosives) and Firefly Jars that set fire to structures when thrown.

And then there are weapons. Assault Weapons, Shotguns, SMGs, Pistols, Sniper Rifles, Crossbows, Melees and Explosive Weapons.



Shield potion



Each weapon can have up to seven possible rarities: Common, Uncommon, Rare, Epic, Legendary, Mythic and Exotic. The higher the rarity, the better the stats!

Weapon Rarity						
Common	Uncommon	Rare	Epic	Legendary	Mythic	Exotic



BEGINNER'S TIP

Items available in-game change frequently based on Chapters and events. We have listed the basics, but be sure to keep your eye out for exciting variations!

TIPS AND TRICKS

FOR A FORTNITE NEWBIE

Fortnite is a big, wonderful, intimidating world when you're just getting started. We gathered some helpful suggestions from people who were also once newbies like you:

- Play with headphones on

Directional sound helps you know where other players might be coming from, avoid active fights and is also kind to other players in the lobby. Hearing in-game sound through a player's microphone is really distracting.

- Spawn Island is for warm-ups

You can't take anything from Spawn Island into the game, but you CAN grab some guns and get a feel for them!



- Ride the Battle Bus to the last stop

Well, technically not the LAST stop, but do wait a while to launch. Getting some distance between you and the majority of players will give you time to land, get used to your surroundings and find loot before getting stomped by more experienced players.

- Beginner loadouts

Assault rifles are a great gun to play with while you're learning! A solid loadout to run with includes three weapons (Assault Rifle, Shotgun and whatever else you are comfortable with), and two consumable items for healing and shields.



- Save the trees

No, this isn't the Lorax in disguise. When chopping down trees for resources, leave a little bit of health at the end so enemies can't hunt you down by following your deforestation.



We chatted to **Alex "Airo" Wrigley**, friend of **NIBBLE** and owner of **Elite Pro Series** (a top tournament organizer in South Africa). If you're starting out and wondering how to get to pro, here is his advice:

"Find a routine that best suits you. It is not all about Arena Points and playing the game hours all day, it's about practice and having the right form of routine. Fortnite is a vastly skilled game, which requires a lot of mechanics to become a pro! One would need to have building mechanics and great aiming mechanics, and some might argue that you don't need building mechanics but great game sense. So once you balance your routine around getting building, aiming and game experience. It's just a matter of time before becoming a pro player."