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in part to the sheer number of games delayed out of 2021, 2022 has inherited one of the most promising video game lineups in recent memory. Over 100 games are already scheduled for 2022, and with the new year fast approaching, we're highlighting the most promising projects on the horizon, from tentpole first-party titles like Breath of the Wild 2, God of War Ragnarok, and Starfield to much-anticipated multiplatform releases such as Elden Ring and Hogwarts Legacy. There's a lot to look forward to in the year ahead, so let's dive in. These are the 47 biggest games coming in 2022, listed chronologically by release date. Only games with officially announced 2022 release dates/windows were considered for this list. Seasonal (e.g., Spring, Fall) release windows are based on the Northern Hemisphere. Suicide Squad: Kill the Justice League previously appeared on this list but has since been removed after being delayed to 2023. Rainbow Six Extraction/Ubisoft kicks off 2022 with Rainbow Six Extraction, a PvE spinoff of its ultra-popular shooter Rainbow Six Siege. Built on the foundation of Siege, Extraction pits teams of three against a parasitic alien threat. The shooter saw multiple delays (and a name change) since it was revealed at E3 2019. Read our Rainbow Six Extraction review. Release Date: January 20 | Platforms: PS5, Xbox Series X/S, PS4, Xbox One, Stadia, PC | Developer: Ubisoft. Arcus review. Release Date: January 28 | Platform: Switch | Developer: Game Freak/Dying Light Stay Human/Come seven years after the release of the original, Dying Light Stay Human brings players to a new region of Techland's zombie-filled open world. This time around, the parkour playground is four times bigger and developer Techland has worked to create more fluidity between traversal and combat. Oh, and Rosario Dawson (The Mandalorian) will play a major role in the game's story. Dying Light 2 for Switch will be released sometime after the other versions. Techland expects to have it ready within six months of the initial February 4 release date (i.e., by August 2022). Read our Dying Light 2 review. Release Date: February 4 | Platforms: PS5, Xbox Series X/S, PS4, Xbox One, Switch, PC | Developer: Techland/Sifu/Sifu is a new kung-fu game from Slapdash, the studio behind 2017's combat-focused RPG Absolver. In addition to smooth martial-arts gameplay, Sifu features a unique mechanic around death: Upon dying, the playable character will come back as an older version of himself — a metaphor for the wisdom that comes with age and experience. However, if you grow too old (i.e., die too much), death will eventually result in a "definitive game over." Read our Sifu review. Release Date: February 8 | Platform: PS5, PS4, PC | Developer: Slapdash/Crossfire/Ultra-popular PC shooter Crossfire comes to consoles for the first time early next year. Both the single-player and free-to-play multiplayer modes will be released on February 10. Crossfire developer Smilegate is handling the multiplayer component, while Remedy (Alan Wake, Control) created the two single-player campaigns: Operation Catalyst and Operation Spectre — both of which will be available at launch. Read our CrossfireX single-player review and our CrossfireX multiplayer review. Release Date: February 10 | Platform: Xbox Series X/S, Xbox One | Developers: Remedy Entertainment, Smilegate/Total War: Warhammer 3/Sega's acclaimed strategy series returns in 2022 with Total War: Warhammer 3. Read our Total War: Warhammer 3 review. Release Date: February 17 | Platform: PC | Developer: Creative Assembly/Forbidden West/The first of three big PlayStation first-party exclusives on this list, Horizon Forbidden West continues Aloy's journey as she investigates the mysterious Red Blight threatening life on Earth. It's one of the most anticipated games of the year, and if nothing else, it promises to be stunning (as evidenced in the trailer below). Read our Horizon Forbidden West review. Release Date: February 18 | Platforms: PS5, PS4 | Developer: Guerrilla Games/Elden Ring/FromSoftware set loose an unstoppable hype train at E3 2019 when it revealed Elden Ring, a third-person action-adventure made in collaboration with A Song of Ice and Fire author George R.R. Martin. If our Elden Ring hands-on preview is any indication, Elden Ring might live up to that extraordinary hype. Thankfully we don't have to wait much longer to find out, as Elden Ring will be released on February 25 | Platform: PS5, PS4, Xbox Series X/S, PS4, Xbox One, Switch, PC | Developer: FromSoftware/Shadow Warrior 3/Shadow Warrior, the fast-action FPS that's lain dormant since 2016, returns in 2022 with Shadow Warrior 3. The series' next adventure sees protagonist Lo Wang and sidekick Orochi Zilla embark on a quest to "recapture an ancient dragon they unwittingly unleashed from its eternal prison." Read our Shadow Warrior 3 review. Release Date: March 1 | Platforms: PS5, Xbox One, Switch, PC | Developer: Flying Wild Hog/Babylon's Fall/Nearly four years after it was announced at E3 2018, Babylon's Fall will be released on PlayStation consoles and Xbox Series X/S in another combat-focused game from PlatinumGames, the studio behind excellent action games like Bayonetta and NieR: Automata. It's playable solo or cooperatively with up to three others, though regardless of how you play, it'll require a constant online connection. Read our Babylon's Fall review. Release Date: March 3 | Platforms: PS5, PS4, Xbox Series X/S, PS4, Xbox One, Stadia, PC | Developer: PlatinumGames/Gran Turismo 7/Gran Turismo's historic Gran Turismo series comes to PS5 on March 4, 2022. Racing fans are keen to see Sony's premier racing sim fares in its next-gen debut following the success of Microsoft's Forza Horizon 5 in 2021. With GT7, Polyphony Digital aims to connect the past of the 25-year-old franchise — to the present and to the future. "Read our Gran Turismo 7 review. Release Date: March 4 | Platform: PS5 | Developer: Polyphony Digital/Stranger of Paradise: Final Fantasy Origin/Stranger of Paradise is a new type of Final Fantasy game — an action-heavy Soulslike from the studio behind Ninja Gaiden and Nioh. Despite significant differences in gameplay compared to traditional FF games, creative producer Tetsuya Nomura assures fans "there's no doubt that the blood of Final Fantasy runs through [Stranger of Paradise]'s veins." Read our Stranger of Paradise: Final Fantasy Origin review. Release Date: March 18 | Platforms: PS5, Xbox Series X/S, PS4, Xbox One, PC | Developer: Team Ninja/Ghostwire: Tokyo/The next game from horror legend Shinji Mikami and Tango GameWorks (The Evil Within), Ghostwire: Tokyo is a paranormal first-person game in which 99% of Tokyo's population has mysteriously disappeared. Despite the studio's pedigree, Tango says Ghostwire isn't exactly a horror game, rather an action-adventure "packed with mysterious and spooky elements." Read our Ghostwire: Tokyo review. Release Date: March 25 | Platforms: PS5, PC | Developer: Tango GameWorks/Kirby and the Forgotten Land/The first mainline Kirby game since 2011, Kirby and the Forgotten Land is a 3D adventure set in an abandoned, overgrown city. The Switch exclusive is targeting a Spring 2022 release window. Read our Kirby and the Forgotten Land review. Release Date: March 25 | Platform: Switch | Developer: HAL Laboratory/Tiny Tina's Wonderlands/The Dungeons and Dragons-inspired Borderlands spinoff comes to consoles and PC in late March. Tiny Tina serves as Dungeon Master for Wonderlands' story, which includes the return of everyone's favorite diamond unicorn, Butch Stallion and sends players on an epic quest to defeat the Dragon Lord. The voice cast includes some top talent, including Will Arnett as the Dragon Lord, Andy Samberg as Valentine, Wanda Sykes as Frette, and Ashley Bruce returning as Tiny Tina. Read our Tiny Tina's Wonderlands review. Release Date: March 25 | Platforms: PS5, Xbox Series X/S, PS4, Xbox One, PC | Developer: Gearbox Software/LEGO Star Wars: The Skywalker Saga/Following multiple delays that date back to 2020, LEGO Star Wars: The Skywalker Saga will (hopefully) be released in 2022. Called the "biggest" LEGO game ever by developer TT Games, The Skywalker Saga is an entirely new retelling of all nine mainline Star Wars movies built in an all-new game engine. Read our LEGO Star Wars: The Skywalker Saga review. Release Date: April 5 | Platforms: PS5, Xbox Series X/S, PS4, Xbox One, Switch, PC | Developer: TT Games/Oxenfree 2: Lost Signals/Night School Studio's supernatural walk-and-talk adventure is getting a sequel in 2022. Oxenfree 2: Lost Signals is set in the same universe as the original, though it stars a new cast of characters, led by an environmental researcher named Riley. Lost Signals' gameplay mechanics will largely be familiar to those who played the first, as it features the return of Oxenfree's signature dialogue system. Release Date: Early 2022 | Platform: PS5, PS4, Switch, PC | Developer: Night School Studio/Dead Space: The Game/The trend of asymmetrical multiplayer games based on classic horror franchises continues in 2022 with Dead Space: The Game. In addition to a PvP mode, in which one player controls the Kandarian Demon, Evil Dead will offer co-op and single-player options. Perhaps best of all, Bruce Campbell lends his voice to the game, reprising his role as Ash Williams. Groovy. Release Date: May 13 | Platforms: PS5, Xbox Series X/S, PS4, Xbox One, Switch, PC | Developer: Saber Interactive/Star Trek: Resurgence/Resurgence is a post-TNG Star Trek narrative-adventure created by a new studio that employs over 20 ex-Telltale developers. Unsurprisingly given the staff's pedigree, dialogue options/conversations will be featured prominently in Resurgence, though developer Dramatic Labs says there will be action sequences as well. The game tells an original story involving the clash of two alien civilizations and features all-new characters. The Day Before/The Day Before is an open-world MMO survival game set in a zombie-filled, post-pandemic America. In addition to the standard MMO trappings — PvP combat, resource gathering, and social hubs — The Day Before features Animal Crossing-like base building. Release Date: June 21 (PC), TBA (consoles) | Platforms: PS5, Xbox Series X/S, PC | Developer: FNTASTICS/Saints Row/Volition's rebooted Saints Row is decidedly less whacky than the series' previous two entries, harking back to a balance of ridiculous and grounded last seen in Saints Row: The Third. The reveal was met with some skepticism from longtime Saints Row fans, but Volition is confident in its vision, responding to backlash by saying it's "not backing down on this game." Release Date: August 23 | Platforms: PS5, Xbox Series X/S, PS4, Xbox One, PC | Developer: Deep Silver/Volition/Redfall/Redfall is the next game from Arkane Austin, the studio behind 2017's excellent Prey. Set in the island town of Redfall, Massachusetts, the co-op shooter lets you (and up to three friends) loose in a vampire-filled open world. It'll be an Xbox Series X/S and PC exclusive, and it'll be available Day One on Game Pass. Release Date: Summer 2022 | Platform: Xbox Series X/S, PC | Developer: Arkane Studios/Forspoken/Forspoken has all the makings of a sleeper hit. From its interesting Isekai premise to its frenetic "magic parkour" traversing system, Square Enix's open-world RPG has the potential to deliver big on both its narrative and gameplay. The developer is aiming to create the "highest quality visuals ever" for an open-world video game, and it was all realized by a superstar writing team that includes Gary Whitta (Rogue: One: A Star Wars Story) and Amy Hennig (Uncharted). Release Date: October 11 | Platforms: PS5, PC | Developer: Luminous Productions/Gotham Knights/Batman is dead, and the duty of protecting Gotham has fallen to Robin, Nightwing, Batgirl, and Red Hood — Gotham Knights' four playable characters. The third-person brawler supports single-player and two-player co-op with a combat system that's been "entirely redesigned" from the developer's Batman Arkham game. Release Date: October 25 | Platforms: PS5, Xbox Series X/S, PS4, Xbox One, PC | Developer: WB Montreal/Scorn/We were disturbed (and delighted) when Scorn resurfaced in May 2020 with an all-new trailer showcasing its H.R. Giger-inspired aesthetic. The first-person horror game will finally be released in 2022 as an Xbox Series X/S console exclusive. Release Date: October 27 | Platforms: Xbox Series X/S, PC | Developer: Ebb Software/Starfield/Another Xbox Series X/S and PC exclusive, Starfield is the next epic single-player RPG from Todd Howard and Bethesda Game Studios. Howard describes Starfield as "Skyrim in space," though he also noted it's "a bit more hardcore of a role-playing game than we've done in the past." The RPG will be Bethesda's first game developed using its Creation Engine 2. And while we've yet to see gameplay, BG's vision for Starfield became clearer over this past year: we now have details on Starfield's mod support, robust character customization, first- and third-person viewpoints, and main factions. Release Date: November 11 | Platform: Xbox Series X/S, PC | Developer: Bethesda Game Studios/S.T.A.L.K.E.R. 2: Heart of Chernobyl/S.T.A.L.K.E.R. 2: Heart of Chernobyl isn't been a long road to S.T.A.L.K.E.R. 2. The game was first announced in 2010, rumored to be canceled in 2011, then actually canceled in 2012. Years later, developer GSC Game World started fresh on the series, and the studio behind the long-awaited sequel RTS sequel. Set generations after the events of Homeworld 2, Homeworld 3 raises the stakes with larger-scale battles, higher unit caps, and massive structures. It will include a campaign, multiplayer, and a co-op mode "with a roguelike twist," according to developer Blackbird. Release Date: Q4 2022 | Platform: PC | Developer: Blackbird Interactive/Marvel's Midnight Suns/Marvel's Midnight Suns is the next game from renowned strategy studio Firaxis. As a highly customizable character known as The Hunter, you'll be joined on your quest to take down Lilith by notable Marvel heroes such as Iron Man, Captain America, Doctor Strange, and Wolverine. Midnight Suns stands out from the studio's previous work as it incorporates a card battle system into its broader tactics gameplay. The system ties abilities to cards in a deck, similar to games like Star Wars: The Card Game. Release Date: Second Half 2022 | Platforms: PS5, Xbox Series X/S, PS4, Xbox One, Switch, PC | Developer: Firaxis Games/A Plague Tale: Requiem/Revealed at E3 2021, A Plague Tale: Requiem is Asobo Studio's follow-up to A Plague Tale: Innocence. The first was regarded as one of 2019's best narrative-focused games, and Requiem looks to build on that success with the return of brother-sister protagonists Amicia and Hugo. It will come to Xbox Game Pass at launch. Release Date: 2022 | Platforms: PS5, Xbox Series X/S, Switch, PC | Developer: Asobo Studio/Arc Raiders/Arc Raiders is a co-op shooter from an all-new developer: Embark Studios, a team headed by former EA exec Patrick Söderlund and comprised of ex-DICE developers who worked on Battlefield and Star Wars: Battlefront. Set in a gorgeous sci-fi world, the free-to-play third-person shooter features 3-player co-op and an emphasis on teamwork. Release Date: 2022 | Platforms: PS5, Xbox Series X/S, PC | Developer: Embark Studios/Ark 2/Ark 2 is a video game with giant dinosaurs and Vin Diesel. That should be enough to base your purchasing decision on, though if you must know more, it's an action-adventure/survival game set in a hostile world that blends prehistoric environments and far-future technology. Release Date: 2022 | Platforms: Xbox Series X/S, PC | Developer: Studio Wildcard/Avatar: Frontiers of Pandora/Announced back in 2017 (and properly revealed in 2021), Avatar: Frontiers of Pandora is a first-person, open-world action-adventure game set in a never-before-seen part of Pandora. Like the film, Frontiers of Pandora pits the Na'vi against humans and their mechs. It's in development at Massive Entertainment, the Ubisoft studio behind The Division. Release Date: 2022 | Platforms: PS5, Xbox Series X/S, PC | Developer: Massive Entertainment/Bayonetta 3/PlatinumGames finally showed off Bayonetta 3 in September 2021, four years after the game was first announced. The long-awaited reveal showed off Bayonetta's new moves and hairstyle, along with our first look at new enemies and areas within Bayonetta 3's ravaged Tokyo. It'll be released sometime in 2022, exclusively on Switch. Release Date: 2022 | Platform: Switch | Developer: PlatinumGames/The Callisto Protocol/Callisto Protocol is a sci-fi/horror game helmed by Dead Space creator Glen Schofield. While the Callisto Protocol looks the part of a Dead Space spiritual successor, it's actually set in the same universe as a different game: PUBG. Regardless, Schofield and co. are aiming to "make the scariest game on next-gen platforms." Release Date: 2022 | Platforms: PS5, Xbox Series X/S, PC | Developer: Striking Distance/Studio God of War Ragnarok/Sony's biggest first-party release of 2022 is undoubtedly

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Swing your way out of Golf Purgatory through randomly generated dungeon-like holes with the help of a ghostly Legendary Caddie as you putt your way back to the land of the living.Ahead of the game’s fifth anniversary, Destiny 2’s next major expansion will bring with it new story, a new raid, new dungeons, and a new weapon type, the Glaive, when it launches in February. Also coming back? Mars. The Witch Queen’s story will revolve around Savathûn, sister of Oryx, who was the antagonist of the original Destiny’s beloved major expansion, The Taken King. Destiny 2: The Witch Queen launches on Feb. 22, 2022 across all the game’s platforms.Dune: Spice Wars is a new real-time strategy game with 4X elements being developed by Shiro Games (Northgard). Dune: Spice Wars will include multiple asymmetrical factions and the ability to sabotage, assassinate, and spy on your opponents. Players will even be able to pull at the political strings of power by leveraging their influence among the other noble houses of the Landsraad. The final game will include a multiplayer mode and a single-player campaign, but neither will be available when the early access version initially launches. Dune: Spice Wars will enter early access in 2022, and will be published by Funcom.Techland’s Dying Light 2 Stay Human refines the original game’s first-person parkour action gameplay with a focus on swiftness and skill. Once again, you play a hardy protagonist who must leap across rooftops, trying to avoid direct engagements with zombies. Useful items, like hooks and paraglider wings, can help. The game’s city-based location is built in such a way that higher elevations are less dangerous than lower floors. Dying Light 2 Stay Human will finally arrive Feb. 4, 2022 on Nintendo Switch, PlayStation 4, PlayStation 5, Windows PC, Xbox One, and Xbox Series X.When EA Sports and Tiger Woods in 2013 ended their 16-year video games partnership, many also suspected that was the end of Augusta National and The Masters Tournament’s video game appearances, too. But, in a move that’s almost as surprising as EA Sports returning to licensed golf simulations after a 7-year hiatus, the publisher also brought the United States’ most exclusive club with it. The Masters will no doubt be the star of EA Sports PGA Tour’s show when the game launches sometime in spring 2022. But all four major tournaments of professional golf will again be playable, on their current courses, in a console video game.The last time the foursome of the Masters, the U.S. Open, the British Open, and the PGA Championship teed off together, EA Tiburon delivered its strongest golf game ever. Although its outstanding historical golf mode likely won’t return, it’s a good bet that a deep player career mode and plenty of online matches and tournaments await gamepad duffers.The long-awaited Elden Ring, an ambitious open-world take on the Dark Souls formula of challenging-but-rewarding action RPGs that FromSoftware is now famous for, finally arrives on Feb. 25, 2022. Players will explore the Lands Between, a vast medieval world inhabited by giant dragons, deadly warriors, and demigods; as the protagonist, they’ll embark on a quest to restore this broken land and become its new Elden Lord. After a brief taste of the game in beta form from November, players will have more to explore in February, when Elden Ring comes to PlayStation 4, PlayStation 5, Windows PC, Xbox One, and Xbox Series X.Final Fantasy 7: Ever Crisis brings together the Compilation of Final Fantasy 7 sub-series into a single package including flip-phone game Before Crisis, PlayStation Portable game Crisis Core, and the Vincent Valentine-starring PlayStation 2 game Dirge of Cerberus. The Turk-focused storyline in Before Crisis was never officially released in English, and Crisis Core has never seen a port, despite its importance to the Final Fantasy 7 story. Final Fantasy 7: Ever Crisis comes to Android and iOS platforms in 2022.Developed by former Final Fantasy 15 developers and written by a quartet of Western creators, Forspoken stars a young woman from New York City who has been transported to a desolate fantasy world where magical spells and a sentient bracelet help her battle an evil force known as the Break. Forspoken is a classic fish-out-of-water story: Heroine Frey Holland is magically whisked away to the strange fantasy world of Athia, where she’s not only capable, she’s incredibly powerful. Frey will use magical spells to battle Break-mutated creatures and traverse a vast, deadly open world using “magic parkour.” Forspoken comes to PlayStation 5 and Windows PC on May 24, 2022.GhostWire: Tokyo takes place in a version of Tokyo where nearly every living person has disappeared. Players have to use a combination of magic and martial arts to combat the ghosts that now occupy the city. The new game from the developers behind the Evil Within series looks bizarre and intriguing, even if its story remains a complete mystery. Based on its completely bananas trailers alone, GhostWire: Tokyo will be worth checking out when it’s released in 2022 on PlayStation 5 and PC.Coming to PlayStation 4 and PlayStation 5 in 2022, God of War Ragnarok returns to the realm of Midgard, where Kratos immigrated with his son, Atreus, following the defeat of the Olympian gods. Both are now involved in the eschatological conclusion of Norse mythology, and presumably the rebirth of their world, in what developer Sony Santa Monica describes as the “finale” for Kratos’ Norse saga. Ryan Hurst (Sons of Anarchy) will voice Thor, while Richard Schiff (The West Wing) will play Odin. Kratos and Atreus’ primary antagonist in the sequel to 2018’s God of War.In Gotham Knights, Batman is dead, and it’s up to the rest of the Bat family — Batgirl, Robin, Red Hood, and Nightwing — to watch over the streets of Gotham. The game’s not set in the world of Rocksteady Games’ Arkham series, although it is being developed by WB Games Montréal, the studio behind Arkham Origins. The action-adventure game will be released for PC, PlayStation 4 and 5, Xbox One and Xbox Series X. It’s a single-player game, with the option for two-player co-op.Polyphony Digital’s racing sim is back with a numbered sequel in 2022. Gran Turismo Sport promises to be the best looking Gran Turismo yet, with support for 4K, HDR, and 60 fps frame rates, and will be a showcase for the PlayStation 5’s DualSense controller, with haptic feedback and adaptive trigger features that should make the “real driving simulator” more lifelike than ever. Expect hundreds of cars, super-fast load times, and features from more than two decades of Gran Turismo games in this follow-up to Gran Turismo Sport.For many years, fans of Harry Potter have longed for an open-world adventure game set in J.K. Rowling’s wizarding world. Warner Bros. plans to deliver that in 2022, with Avalanche Software’s upcoming role-playing game in which a player-designed character learns magic at Hogwarts during the 1800s. Many fans who once longed to play a game like this one are no longer looking forward to it, though, as franchise creator Rowling has become a prominent figure in the growing movement to roll back transgender rights, and she’s lost many fans (and potential Hogwarts Legacy players) as a result of her bigoted views.In 2022, Guerrilla Games will release its sequel to Horizon Zero Dawn, the 2017 post-apocalyptic open world game about a warrior woman who starts off looking for her long-lost mother and ends up unraveling the reason why her world is ravaged by mysterious animalistic robots. Ashly Burch returns to voice the heroine Aloy, with Lance Reddick also returning as Sylens, Aloy’s reluctant and mysterious helper in discovering the secrets of the world around them. Horizon Forbidden West will be available on PlayStation 4 and 5.The closest a Kirby game will ever get to The Last of Us, HAL Laboratory’s Kirby and the Forgotten Land sends the pink puffball on a new adventure in a forgotten civilization. Kirby will, of course, steal his new enemies’ abilities in an all-new 3D platforming adventure that’s coming to Nintendo Switch this spring.A follow-up to one of this decade’s most important, interesting, influential, and innovative games should have you very excited. The sequel to Breath of the Wild for Nintendo Switch will be a direct follow-up to the previous game — a rarity in the Legend of Zelda series — and should build on the open-world systems and secrets-rich environment of the first game. Hyrule Warriors: Age of Calamity has also proven that Nintendo has all kinds of backstory just waiting to be discovered in the Breath of the Wild universe, which means that the sequel should have even more story hidden throughout its world.A far cry from the last few Lord of the Rings games, Gollum is a stealth game that tells the story of one of the ring’s most ardent admirers and tragic victims. The game will follow recognizable and important Lord of the Rings moments, but from Gollum’s perspective. The game is set to release sometime in 2022 for PlayStation 4, PlayStation 5, Xbox One, Xbox Series X, Windows, and Nintendo Switch.A tactical RPG set in “the darker side of the Marvel Universe,” Marvel’s Midnight Suns brings together Iron Man, Captain America, Captain Marvel, Doctor Strange, Blade, Magik, Ghost Rider, Wolverine, and an all-new hero called The Hunter to stop the invasion of Earth by Lilith, Mother of Demons, summoned by the bad guys at Hydra. Developed by Firaxis, the XCOM team is trying something different; this isn’t just XCOM with Marvel superheroes. Publisher 2K Games plans to bring Marvel’s Midnight Suns to Nintendo Switch, PlayStation 4, PlayStation 5, Windows PC, Xbox One, and Xbox Series X in late 2022.Indie company Leikri Studio will release Metal Slug Tactics on Nintendo Switch and Windows PC in 2022, the next highly anticipated game in the Metal Slug franchise. It’s different from the other entries, though: It’s more turn-based tactical gameplay than run-and-gun shooting.Warner Bros.’ Super Smash Bros.-inspired platform fighter MultiVersus will let Batman, Superman, Bugs Bunny, Scooby-Doo’s Shaggy, Game of Thrones’ Arya Stark, Tom and Jerry, and other characters you might’ve seen in Space Jam: A New Legacy battle it out in 2022. Developer Player First Games hope to distinguish MultiVersus from similar games like Super Smash Bros. Ultimate and Nickelodeon All-Star Brawl by releasing the game as free to play, cross-platform, and with a team-based 2v2 format. MultiVersus is coming to PlayStation 4, PlayStation 5, Windows PC, Xbox One, and Xbox Series X.Nightingale is the debut game from Inflexion Games, the new studio from ex-BioWare general manager Aaryn Flynn. It’s a shared-world survival/crafting game set in a magical “Victorian gaslamp fantasy” world where players become a Realmwalker, survivors of a magical cataclysm. They’ll travel to a variety of dangerous realms, accessible by portals, as they search for the last bastion of humanity. Realmwalkers will be able to team up and cooperate with other players to gather materials and construct massive settlements, and build tools and weapons to battle monsters when Nightingale comes to PC in early access in 2022.In OlliOlli World, you play as a skater who joins a new crew that decides to take a road trip around the whimsical world of Radlandia. You grind effortlessly along tracks, timing jumps and tricks to pick up speed for more jumps and tricks. In other words, a pretty standard skateboarding game. But the cool, summertime vibes of OlliOlli World help it stand out from developer Roll7’s previous games, OlliOlli and OlliOlli 2. The ambitious new skateboarding adventure game is coming to Nintendo Switch, PlayStation 4, PlayStation 5, Windows PC, Xbox One, and Xbox Series X on Feb. 8, 2022.The Outlast series goes multiplayer in 2022. The next title in the spooky game franchise, titled The Outlast Trials, will explore developer Red Barrels’ survival horror universe with friends, featuring cooperative play for up to four players — there’s also a solo mode — as part of a Cold War-era experiment.Oxenfree 2: Lost Signals is set five years after the events of the original story-driven adventure game and stars a new group of characters, including Riley, who returns to her hometown of Camena to investigate mysterious radio signals. Developer Night School Studio — now owned by Netflix(!) — said players will be able to “shape [the story] in unexpected ways with the choices they make.” Oxenfree 2 is coming to Mac, Nintendo Switch, and Windows PC in 2022.Return to the Sinnoh region of long ago in Pokémon Legends: Arceus, coming to Nintendo Switch on Jan. 28, 2022. Expect a grand Pokémon role-playing game adventure in the Hisuian region’s semi-open world, new battle mechanics, and some familiar and fresh Pokémon faces. Pokémon Legends: Arceus will introduce new Pokémon form for Voltorb, Zorua, and Growlithe, alongside new evolutions Basculegion, and Kleavor.Developed by Arkane Austin, Redfall is Bethesda Softworks’ open-world, co-op shooter about a city overrun with vampires, and the game sits somewhere between multiplayer and single-player. Arkane Austin has previously developed games like 2018’s Prey reboot, as well as games in the Dishonored franchise. The studio’s new project is led by creative director Harvey Smith and co-creative director Ricardo Bare, and is coming to Xbox Series X and Windows PC this summer.I have had the burning desire to play a new farm sim for a long time. After burning through Stardew Valley multiple times on different consoles, I want to play something fresh. That’s where Rune Factory 5 comes in. The farming, the combat, and the cute designs provide everything I could ask for from a farm sim/action-RPG.Slocap’s Absolver was an action-RPG with a sharp concept but a few issues on execution. The Parisian studio gets a rematch of sorts this February with Sifu, a stylish kung-fu opera that sends the player on a mission of revenge, one that will literally take years off the protagonist’s life. We previewed Sifu in September and marveled at the fluid melee combat chains, improvised strikes, and flurry-of-punches finishers. Players will tour several elemental themed levels, concluding with one-versus-many boss fights in the grand traditions of video game beat-’em-ups.Who doesn’t love a good slime? Slime Rancher 2, due sometime in 2022, continues the adventures of Beatrix LeBeau in an all-new region: Rainbow Island. That new landmass is full of secrets, including “ancient technology, unknown natural resources, and an avalanche of wiggling, giggling, new slimes to discover,” developer Monomi Park says. Harvest slimes with your vacpack, build new gadgets, and expand your colorful slime conservatory when the game launches on PC.The debut game from Jumpship, a studio co-founded by animator Chris Olsen and ex-Playdead (Inside, Limbo) CEO Dino Patti, is a sci-fi adventure set “in the intimate repercussions of large-scale conflict.” Players will set off on that adventure to make their family whole again in the wake of an unspecified catastrophe. In an interview, writer-director Olsen said Somerville is not quite a puzzle game, not quite a platformer, but players will uncover its mysteries when it comes to Windows PC and Xbox Series X sometime in 2022.Sonic Frontiers is described by Sega as an “open-zone-inspired experience” and will feature an original storyline from Sonic Boom writer Ian Flynn — so from a purely academic perspective, who doesn’t want to see how an “open-zone” Sonic the Hedgehog game turns out? We don’t know too much about Sonic’s next big 3D adventure, but we’re exceedingly curious. Sonic Frontiers is scheduled to hit Nintendo Switch, PS4, PS5, Windows PC, Xbox One, and Xbox Series X sometime in holiday 2022 — nearly five years after Sonic’s previous mainline 3D adventure, Sonic Forces.Nintendo’s stylish squiddik splat-’em-up series returns on Nintendo Switch in 2022 with Splatoon 3. For the third outing, Inklings and Octolings head to the Splatlands, a sun-scorched desert, and Splatville, the metropolitan heart of that dusty wasteland, for an all-new story. Splatoon veterans can look forward to a new bowlike weapon, new customization options, and movement abilities that should breathe new life into the series’ 4v4 Turf War multiplayer mode.STALKER 2 is set in the outskirts of an alternate-world Chernobyl, in a world full of radiation and mutants. But far from the wacky and weird world of the Fallout games, STALKER focuses more on simulation-style shooting and survival as you hunt for the treasure and mysteries of the post-nuclear world — something players might be more ready for in 2021 than they were in 2007. STALKER 2 is set to be released on Xbox Series X and PC sometime in 2022.The Elder Scrolls and Fallout developer Bethesda Game Studios is headed to deep space for Starfield, the studio’s next grand role-playing game. Think of it like Skyrim in space, says game director Todd Howard, where you’ll get in a ship, explore the galaxy, and “do fun stuff,” Bethesda says. “Starfield is about hope, our shared humanity, and searching for the answers to life’s greatest mystery,” Howard said when the game was officially announced this year. Starfield will be released Nov. 11, 2022, for Windows PC and Xbox Series X, where it will be available on Game Pass.Jack, the hero of Stranger of Paradise Final Fantasy Origin, is here to kill Chaos in this prequel of sorts to the original Final Fantasy from 1987. Developed by Team Ninja (Nioh, Ninja Gaiden), Stranger of Paradise is an action-RPG in which Jack Garland — yep, that Garland — and his allies fight evil as Warriors of Light. Along the way, they’ll use Final Fantasy’s jobs system and don new gear, upgrading Jack from wearing a lowly T-shirt to ornate armor, to overcome Chaos. Stranger of Paradise Final Fantasy Origin comes to PS4, PS5, Windows PC, Xbox One, and Xbox Series X on March 18, 2022.A cyberpunk story of a different sort, Stray stars a lost stray cat who roams neon-lit city streets, uncovering the mysteries of a world inhabited by droids and deadly creatures on their journey home. Players will be “stealthy, nimble, silly, and sometimes as annoying as possible,” publisher Annapurna Interactive says, as they interact with the cyber-city’s inhuman inhabitants. Stray comes to PlayStation 5 and Windows PC in 2022.Batman: Arkham series developer Rocksteady’s version of the Suicide Squad stars Harley Quinn, Deadshot, Captain Boomerang, and King Shark as Task Force X on a mission to take down Brainiac. Standing in their way are Superman, the Flash, Green Lantern, Wonder Woman, and the rest of the Justice League, who have all been brainwashed by the alien-with-intent-to-conquer. The open-world action game will be set in Rocksteady’s “Arkham-verse” version of Metropolis, so Batman villains like The Penguin will be present. Suicide Squad: Kill the Justice League is set to be released for PlayStation 5, Windows PC, and Xbox Series X sometime in 2022.Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Shredder’s Revenge sends ninja turtles Leonardo, Raphael, Michelangelo, and Donatello — and April O’Neil! — into battle against the Foot Clan, Bebop, Rocksteady, and, of course, Shredder, in a brawler evocative of Konami’s classic arcade games. Confirmed platforms include Nintendo Switch and Windows PC, but hopefully we’ll see the new TMNT beat-’em-up on every modern console in 2022.Borderlands’ lovable/grating Tiny Tina gets her own full-fledged spinoff game, ‘Tiny Tina’s Wonderlands, on March 25, 2022. Expect Borderlands-style loot and open-world cooperative action, but with a Dungeons & Dragons-style RPG twist: In addition to the usual bajillions of guns, grenades, and rocket launchers, players also have magic, swords, and crossbows at their disposal in combat. Tiny Tina’s Wonderlands will boast an all-star voice cast, featuring Andy Samberg, Will Arnett, and Wanda Sykes, when it comes to PS4, PS5, Windows PC, Xbox One, and Xbox Series X.Similar to the way Mass Effect gathered momentum over the course of three games and several years, Total War: Warhammer 3 feels less like a singular release and more like the culmination of a gargantuan effort. Not only will developer Creative Assembly give us seven new factions to wage war with (making good on the studio’s promise to include all 15 of Warhammer Fantasy Eighth Edition’s armies), it will also combine each of the three games’ maps into one colossal world. In many ways, it has the potential to be the “biggest” game of 2022. Time will tell whether Creative Assembly can stick the landing. Total War: Warhammer 3 is coming to Windows PC on Feb. 17, 2022, and will be available on Microsoft’s PC Game Pass on day one.Triangle Strategy for Nintendo Switch looks like the closest thing we’ll get to a new Final Fantasy Tactics from Square Enix for the foreseeable future. The latest in the RPG maker’s HD-2D series of retro-inspired games (see Octopath Traveler), Triangle Strategy lets players command a group of warriors in turn-based battles, strategically using terrain and chained elemental effects to secure victory. Square Enix promises a “tangled plot” where your decisions and convictions influence the story. Triangle Strategy takes its turns on Switch on March 4, 2022.Heaven forbid that we don’t actually get the sequel to Breath of the Wild this year, at least we’ll have Tunic, a Zelda-inspired isometric adventure starring a cute and cool fox. Publisher Finji and developer Andrew Shouldice promise a hostile and intricately connected world, hidden treasure, scores of secrets, and challenging boss battles. Tunic is coming to Mac, Windows PC, Xbox One, and Xbox Series X on March 16, 2022.See More: GamingMobileNintendoPCPlayStationPreviewsXbox