



## Sid Meier's Pirates! Fact Sheet

Developer: Firaxis Games  
Publisher: 2K Games  
Platforms: PC and Xbox  
Release Date: November 2004 (PC)/July 2005 (Xbox)

### Legacy

*Sid Meier's Pirates!* is among the most popular and loved titles in gaming history. Originally released in 1987, *Pirates!* received unprecedented critical acclaim for crossing multiple game genres to offer unique, unrivaled gameplay options. *Pirates!* set the industry standard for innovative game design with its unique blend of open-ended role-playing, real-time adventures and thrilling action sequences.

Since its initial release, *Pirates!* has sold more than a million units worldwide, and received numerous awards:

Action Game of the Year	<i>Computer Gaming World Magazine</i>
Historical Game of the Year	<i>Compute Magazine</i>
Best Fantasy/Role Playing Game	<i>Academy of Adventure Gaming Arts and Design</i>

Having been inducted into the Hall of Fame by both *Computer Gaming World* and *Gamespy*, and voted one of the top 20 all-time games by *Computer Gaming World Magazine*, *Pirates!* is recognized as one of the greatest games ever created.

### The New Sid Meier's Pirates!

Sid Meier and Firaxis Games have brought this exquisitely rich, action-adventure game into the 21st century with a big round shot bang! An entirely new game engine delivers updated gameplay, stunning new features, spectacular 3D graphics and enhanced surround sound, so players can fully experience the intrigue, adventure and danger of life as a pirate on the Spanish Main.

In *Pirates!* you take the leading role of a Pirate Captain in the 17<sup>th</sup> century Caribbean amassing fortune and fame in an attempt to seize your rightful place as one of the most revered (and feared!) pirates in history. Test your skills as a sea captain exploring the high seas and exotic ports in a richly detailed 3D world. Overtake the enemy and seize valuable booty. Exchange plank-shattering broadsides in fierce naval battles, and engage in duels with worthy opposing captains.



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As your reputation and skills grow, so will the size and quality of your crew, and your ability to take on larger enemy ships, raid and plunder heavily fortified ports, and locate ancient treasure. There's a whole cast of interesting and dangerous characters to meet, mysteries to solve, exotic island destinations to discover, and powerful alliances to forge!

The new *Sid Meier's Pirates!* delivers the great gameplay and design simplicity tradition of the award-winning original, while adding more challenging and exciting battle options, and a deeper and more varied role-playing experience, including multiple paths to a wealthy, happy retirement. Since its release in 2004, *Pirates!* has become a worldwide hit and received loads of industry awards.