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CNET Editors' review

by: [Jason Parker](#) on November 14, 2011

- **CNET Editors' Rating:**

Excellent

- **Average User Rating:**

out of 31 votes

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Quick Specs

- Version:

1.11.6

- File size:

361.67MB

- Date added:

September 03, 2013

- Price:

Free

- Operating system:

Mac OS X 10.7/10.8/10.4
PPC/Intel/10.5
PPC/Intel/10.6 Intel

- Total downloads:

15,240

This open-source, turn-based strategy game is fun once you learn the basics, although it can be a bit choppy compared to most modern games. The object in Battle for Wesnoth is to build a hero and strategically use your units to attack the enemy and conquer villages as you follow your quest.

The story line is compelling and provides a nice backdrop to the game play which can get confusing once several units on both sides enter into the fray. The two-dimensional graphics are nothing special, and the sounds aren't very advanced, but as a free game with large quests and multiplayer capabilities, it's hard to focus on these drawbacks. Newer versions of the game have added tons of content including 10 hours of gameplay with a new undead adventure.

Overall, we think this game makes up for its graphical shortcomings with solid game play and tons of replay value. Though it's somewhat dated, with customizable units and multiplayer capabilities, Battle for Wesnoth has plenty to offer anyone interested in strategy gaming.

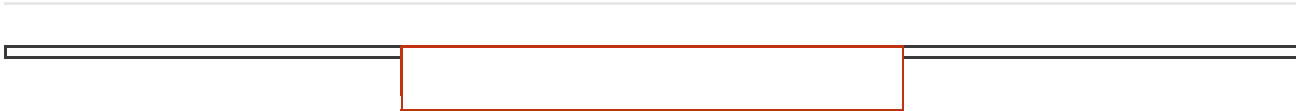
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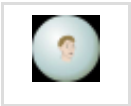
Publisher's Description

From [Wesnoth Open Source Developers](#):

This is a fantasy-focused turn-based strategy game with units carrying over and gaining experience between scenarios. Both single player campaigns and multiplayer games are supported. This game is currently being actively developed, but is already at in a highly playable state. Although cross platform in nature, great effort is being put into making the application as Mac-like as possible on this platform.

What's new in this version: An Orcish Incursion: new world map.
Descent Into Darkness: ew world map. Legend of Wesmere: convert to "wmllint: who" magic comments.
The South Guard: fixed double "lich found" event in Choice in the Fog.



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"It is Just Great! "

April 26, 2012 | By [ralvbzma](#)

Version: Battle for Wesnoth 1.10.2

Pros

It's free
nicely made
wealth of play

Cons

still need work

Summary

Great Game.

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"Boring gameplay and weird community"

February 17, 2012 | By [CivilizationII](#)

Version: Battle for Wesnoth 1.10.0

Pros

good music

Cons

Despite some good work on music and graphics, wesnoth is the most annoying game ever invented. One of the biggest deceitfulness is the clueless claim to be a strategic game, while it is only a chance based board, something between gambling and card games.

And no more interest can be added trying the online game, because the worst is the 'community', you have the feeling that this is some social experiment to measure how much impolite thing can go on. Regarding this point, inappropriate reactions from so-called moderators are worsening the whole stuff.

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"I love this game and have become addicted! "

June 29, 2011 | By [Peggy Davis](#)

Version: Battle for Wesnoth 1.9.7

Pros

Fun and interesting. Challenging on every level.

Cons

Sometimes the game freezes and I will get error messages. Somewhat annoying.

Summary

Great Game, especially for a free game. Love it! Thanks

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"i like this game very much but got a problem"

December 12, 2010 | By [AdrianRj](#)

Version: Battle for Wesnoth 1.9.3

Pros

it's a very great game i had the old version but gone so i want to download it again

Cons

i was downloading this game but my safari was error (it said)

it stopped on 314.7 MB on disk (314,733,154 bytes)

idk what should i do

should i change the format to something?

Summary

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please help....

thank you

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"A great turn-based strategy game"

May 12, 2010 | By [habrahamson](#)

Version: Battle for Wesnoth 1.8.1

Pros

A huge variety of characters with interesting mixes of abilities populate a dizzying array of scenarios, some of which are user-generated.

Cons

Some of the user-generated scenarios have dead-ends, but that doesn't detract from the wealth of play.

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"Great game for free!"

December 1, 2009 | By [CraigC13](#)

Version: Battle for Wesnoth 1.7.9

Pros

Nice little story line.

Not too difficult...not too easy

Free

Cons

Not the greatest graphics

Summary

Great game for free. Hours of fun gameplay. I love this game and was very surprised at how good it is.

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"i am a beginner and really like it."

October 29, 2009 | By [Silver Leaf](#)

Version: Battle for Wesnoth 1.7.7

Pros

It looks real to me.

Cons

Getting use to all the things one can do.

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"It Just Gets Better and Better"

May 6, 2009 | By [Jukilum](#)

Version: Battle for Wesnoth 1.6.1

Summary

This review was originally posted on VersionTracker.com.

I've been playing Battle for Wesnoth on and off for almost a year now and it is more fun every time I play. Each release significantly improves the game, though updating to the latest version almost always requires a full 200+ MB re-download. With this latest release I've been playing almost everyday, and soon convinced my brother to try multiplayer mode with me and it rocks! The game is a little difficult to get the hang of and it rarely gets easier, continuously upping the challenge. Along with all that other greatness of the main game, there is also a large and active fan base that creates new downloadable content on a regular basis.

Oh, and family friendly-wise, a few campaigns have violent artwork in-between battles, there is an occasional mild cursing (as in about once every five hours or so) and of course since it is BATTLE for Wesnoth, you do kill other people and creatures but it isn't very graphic. If the ESRB were to rate it I would predict an E10+ or T.

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"Even better!"

April 12, 2009 | By [Peter Balcon](#)

Version: Battle for Wesnoth 1.6

Summary

This review was originally posted on VersionTracker.com.

Although the developers' will continue to strive for further improvements and new features, version 1.6 is a mature product, significantly better than previous versions graphically and in many other areas.

Improvements have been made to the Artificial Intelligence and the stats of many units have been rebalanced for better gameplay. There is a new mainline campaign and there have been worthwhile changes to the map editor. There are also new, original music tracks, and special clips for significant events in the game.

All in all, an even better product. Probably the best free open-source game yet produced, there are many user-contributed scenarios available to load into the basic game, both single-player and multi-player.

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March 7, 2009 | By [pavelco1998](#)

Version: Battle for Wesnoth 1.0.2

Pros

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Cons

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Summary

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