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Previous 1 in 10 Coming: RPGs Source: Android Central there are hundreds of thousands of apps on the Google Play Store, and many of them are games. In fact, the games are so popular that this is the first tab you see when you open the app. If you're looking for the best games available in the Google Play Store, you've come to the right place. To be easy to find, we've divided this list into nine categories that you can find in a handy list that will take you directly to the page of your choice, from RPG to shooters to strategic games, sports games and more! Whether you're new to Android and need some fresh, new games to start building your Google Play library, or just looking for the latest trendy games that are worthy of your time and attention, these are the best android games you can find right now. We update this list whenever a new game comes out that is worthy of being added to this list, so you will always know about the latest and greatest games. It was last updated on October 21 with The Masquerade - Night Road. Previous 1 in 10 Coming: RPGs Previous 2 out of 10 Next: Shooters While Mobile doesn't have the impressive lag and history of RPGs that PCs and consoles do, there are still quite a few noticeably good ones that you can play right on your phone. Some of these classics are ported to the touch screen, while others are unique to this platform. It's sink time, make no mistake, and well worth the cost of entry. Anima If you liked Diablo II, there is a clone on Android for you. Anima is an ACTION RPG hack-n-slash that evokes many memories of Diablo, right down to the font. It has a classic isometric camera angle, loot, and dark fantasy settings. I just started playing this week, but I'm already hooked; this offer came from our very own Daniel Bader, and I jumped on it immediately. It's a free game with microtransactions, but it seems to be similar to the game of Exile, where they're in your face and you can play through the game on your own terms. Like I said, I'm still pretty early on this game, but I like what I see so far. I love ARPGs, so Anima is right my lane. It helps me get into that fix when I'm away from my computer (and therefore Grim Dawn). Give it a try and see if you like it: You have nothing to lose. An excellent ARPG experience for Android, Anima takes obvious cues from the Diablo franchise while free to play. It's really fun if you like this kind of game. BattleChasers: NightWar is an award-winning JRPG that offers one of the most complete mobile RPG experiences you'll be playing - and it's complete in the sense that there's no in-app purchase or paid DLC to worry about. Hallelujah! Everything about this game is polished and completed and it With a reliable overworld that is filled with hidden dungeons to explore, epic bosses to take off, and other surprises along the way. Teh Teh The fight is inspired by all the favorites you remember from the JRPG genre and is a real treat even for a casual fan like me. Along with a dense and sprawling world to explore that is replete with enemies to fight with, there are also deep elements of crafting, as well as to upgrade your team's weapons, armor, and magical jewelry. RPG is only as good as its story and characters, and given that this game is based on a graphic novel of the same name we got fully developed characters and compelling stories. The story focuses on the story of a young girl, Gully, when she takes on the search for her long-lost father Aramus. He was a hero of the local village, who never returned after going to the Grey Line, an almost impenetrable wall of mist that borders their homeland, from which nothing has returned after he entered. Aramus left behind a set of magic gloves, which are rumored to give incalculable strength to the owner. Gully must learn to wield her father's gloves as she embarks on her epic adventure past the Grey Line to uncover the truth behind her father's latest mission. Gully joined the supporting cast, which includes Knowlan wise old magician who always travels with Calibretto, an ancient military golem built for battle that has developed its own swells and emotions, but who can still kick in to protect their friends. There's Harrison, a paladin who has been friends with Aramus and feels compelled to defend Gully on his way and finally Red Monica, an outpouring who manages to draw the line between good and evil. This game is definitely worth checking out if you're a fan of either BattleChasers or just looking for a new JRPG to dive into. Battle Chasers: Nightwar is a game specially designed to appeal to fans by turns role-playing title game, with THE influence of JRPG in all aspects of the game. Best of all, there are no microtransactions of any kind - buy the game and you're all set. Death Road to Canada is a \$10 game - I want to open up with this just to get the sticker shock aside before talking about how awesome this freaking game is. Faced with a zombie apocalypse, you must lead a patchwork squad of several interesting characters on a deadly mission to Canada's relative security. Along the way you will need to explore and loot places for supplies, as well as manage the health and morale of your team. Everything in Death Road to Canada is randomly generated, making everyone a play-through unique experience in this dynamic road trip action RPG. You can randomly generate your character and buddy or custom design of your starting characters with different attributes to help them stay alive, but you probably don't want to get too if you're a really good shot. The controls are admittedly take some getting used to, and there's a pretty steep learning curve as you learn which weapons are most effective and at what times it's Fight or run. And you're going to die early and often, even though it's part of the fun of the zombie apocalypse, isn't? There's a ridiculous amount of depth in this game, including 10 different game modes to unlock. The price may seem a bit steep, but if you're a fan of rogue-like zombie games, it's well worth the investment! Everything in Death Road to Canada is randomly generated, making each play-through a unique experience in this road trip action RPG. Yes, I know I'm cheating here, but both Evoland titles are such great games that I had to include them in one entry. Aside from the classic RPG, Evoland makes up some of the most time I put into mobile gaming. Each one takes you through the history of games, expanding and evolving as you go through them. It's a unique way to present adventure, of course. There's a lot of humor, Easter eggs, and general references to the great games of the past that helped define this entertaining environment. You'll go from 2D monochrome 3D to real-time combat as you progress by discovering new gaming technologies that are changing the way you play. You will find it hard to find something as unique as these. For \$0.99 and \$3.99, respectively, Evoland and Evoland 2 should definitely be part of your library if you are: 1. want to pour something a ton of time in, and 2. love video games as an art form and want to play something that values its roots. Travel through the history of games in Evoland, an RPG adventure that is a blast. Unlock new technologies that change the way you play. Take what you learned with Evoland and more! Evoland 2 follows the same concept as its predecessor: a journey through the history of games as you embark on a content-rich history. Sky is a great adventure made by the developers of Travel. Despite some of the usual free traps, this is a very worthwhile experience. From the ever weird but brilliant mind of Yoko Taro, the glory of Drakengard and NieR, comes SINOALICE, a mobile RPG with a dark fairy tale spin. Published by Square Enix, SINOALICE is a mobile game gotcha, similar to Fire Emblem Heroes, with great art and lots to collect. It's RPG time, there are different classes, weapons, armor, and items that each character can equip, and some they can't if their class doesn't fit. The music is absolutely first class. The ghostly tones will remind you of NieR Automata (if you played it) and that's because it's the same composer! Seriously, I just love sitting on the main menu and listening to the soundtrack. I haven't really done this since the original Halo back in the OG Xbox days. The fight is an intense sprint. I like to think of them as time trials where you have to think on the fly. You won't get to pause to strategize, but you'll improve as you go along. Having good reflexes is helpful. Again, like Fire Emblem, there is a system system and the weaknesses of the weapons that you have to play to experience. Each character is someone known for fairy tales like Alice, Snow White, Little Red Riding Hood and so on. These characters each have their own stories that you progress through, with the aim of reviving the author's story of each character. Of course, it's free to play the game, published by Square Enix, there are copious amounts of microtransactions for in-game currency walk. They are not as in your face as other games on this list, but you have been warned. Oh, and there's the NieR Automata cross-for event coming up and ReplCant one coming later this year. SINOALICE is a free RPG with beautiful art, interesting and thought-provoking stories, incredible music and a fun combat system. The only drawback is microtransactions. We don't often see stunned releases between Android and iOS these days, but Sky: Children of the Light took almost a year to arrive at first. Good thing, too, because it's a really fun game. It is worth installing if nothing but to enjoy the magnificent art style, beautiful world, and relaxing adventures. It's hard to describe Sky, but I'll try to be brief. After a while with the game, it is obvious that the focus is on exploration and communication. Your goal is to find the lost stars and guide them home to their constellations; in turn, they teach you new things. There is no fight in the sky, so everyone can feel free to jump and enjoy without stress. This is a very relaxing game with a lot to do for completionists and plenty to see for casual gamers. Sky's biggest draw is its artistic style, world design, and gameplay, all of which are simply stunning. Your character possesses a winged cloak of the sort of thing that you use to fly, slide, and get to places your simple jump can't. The set of pieces on display here is second not on Android and cause such a sense of awe that I almost forgot to capture the screenshots. It has a few different graphic options, too, but I decided to run it at 60fps to make sure I saw moved as smooth as possible. Overall, I would say that the biggest fault with heaven is that it is very taxing on your phone. My OnePlus 6 heats up like crazy and my Pixel 4 XL wasn't much better. There are also microtransactions to buy candles, which are a key element in the game. There's also a currency game called Heart, which is how you buy cosmetics for your character. I put in a few hours already and I haven't spent a dime, so they are not necessary or in your face what it may have been. Sky is a great adventure made by the developers of Travel. Despite some of the usual free it's a very worthwhile experience. I had trouble choosing just one classic RPG for this list, as we have a few to choose from. Eventually, I went with the Knights of the Old Republic, better known as KOTOR, for this list. For one thing, Star Wars is popular franchise, and I think this game is worth playing if you like that universe. Originally created by BioWare in its heyday, KOTOR is a fantastic story. Going beyond that, I'm afraid I'll get into spoilers, so I'll leave it on that. KOTOR is considered one of the best RPGs of all time and I would be hard to disagree. Ported on Android thanks to the people at Aspyr, KOTOR has a new life on a mobile phone, and while it can be a costly price to enter, it's worth every penny. From history to combat, this and its sequel are by far the best Star Wars games ever made. There is gamepad support, achievements and an updated user interface designed specifically for touch screens. It's a great port and I haven't encountered any mistakes in the years I've played this. If you like Star Wars, do yourself a favor and check out KOTOR. A classic RPG that is considered one of the best of all time, KOTOR is a great game reimaged for mobile devices. It's well worth the asking price to get a fantastic story and great gameplay. The Titan quest originally came out back in 2006 and helped fill the long vacuum left by Diablo II before III came out. It is an isometric ARPG with tons of loot, monsters to kill, and beautiful vistas to see. And while there's still a community around it on PC thanks to the titanium TH's Nordic's quest Jubilee Edition, Android users can experience this gem of a gaming courtesy port from a few years ago. You are an unnamed hero, just landed on the shores of Helos in Greece, a village now besieged by wild beasts and monsters from fairy tales and folklore. Once you save the village, you set out in search of the famous Leonidas, and I will leave everything else for you to discover. Spoiler: you will see a lot of the ancient world. This game is many hours, action-packed, and full of loot to find. Within hours of starting, you'll have a hero powerful enough to kill anything in your way, all looking absolutely awesome. Titan quest has a dual speciality to build a system, meaning that you can combine any two disciplines to create your own demigods. If mining is half the fun of a Titan quest, the other will definitely find a build to suit your style of play. I'd say that this port titan of the quest has two main drawbacks. First, it is not a port of anniversary edition and therefore lacks all new content (additional specialties and expansions) and improvement of quality of life. Second, there is no support for the controller and the touch control can feel a little wobbly at points. However, it's basically a good port of one of my favorite games of all time, and it definitely deserves a spot on this list. This classic was ported to Android a few years ago and it's worth every penny. If you like ancient mythology, hack-and-slash ARPG gameplay, and tons of mining, this game is definitely the one you should pick up. Sometimes your opinion is just line with everyone else, and that's fine from time to time. So sn about here with the V4, I play I really like it, but has a ton of angry 1-star star reviews in the Play Store at the time of writing. I've thrown almost 10 hours into this game at the moment, and I don't agree with much neglect because most of them seem to be due to technical startup problems like server and character creation problems. Posted by Nexon, I was on guard and somewhat suspicious going into the V4. I ended up pleasantly surprised. The V4 is a dark fantasy MMO that has beautiful art, good graphics, a decent character creator, 6 classes to choose from, and your choice between automatic games (a la idle clickers) or hand-crafted games like traditional MMO. However, voice acting and dialogue are both pretty creepy, and I don't enjoy most of the sound effects. My Hanslinger's double pistols and rifle should be on the rise, not sound as if they are slapping enemies, for example. Otherwise, this is your typical MMO fare. You have a level of characters that determines your stats, levels for additional statistics that you can donate gear to increase, and various daily missions and feats to complete. There are different fixtures for you to show off and different pets that offer extra bonuses as XP boosts. I wouldn't say the V4 is as innovative as the MMO, but for being mobile and free in the game, I really like it. Since its just started, some teething problems should be expected. Some players have reported (through 1-star reviews) login problems, full servers, and problems getting the character's creator to spin up. In my playing time, I've never had a single problem. Despite the name that implies sci-fi settings, the V4 is actually a dark fantasy MMO. While there have been launch problems, the V4 has 6 classes to choose from, a beautiful world to explore, and plenty of MMO grinding do. Fans of the world of darkness IP Vampire: Masquerade has a lot to be excited about. While we wait patiently for Bloodlines 2, we have something to tide us out. Called Night Road, this game is a 100% text-based RPG where your choice matters. It also helps that the writing is awesome and the game itself is huge for 650,000 words (give or take). In Night Road, you play as a vampire courier who drives through the American Southwest delivering goods and messages to vampire higher-ups. Not only are the vampire hunters following you, but you have to fight the dawn as you make your way to your destination. Ultimately, however, you define your character as you see fit. Given the size of the game and the variety of options you can make, Night Road is a great text adventure and one that is fun to play through times to see how different options affect the narrative. You can start playing for free, but at some point, you need to fork out \$10 to finish the game. You can also pay \$1 to remove the ads. Survive the rising sun and Vampire hunters in a fresh take based on the text of THE RPG. This game sports a ton of excellent writing, and meaningful choices that affect the game. Previous 2 out of 10 Next: Shooters Previous 3 out of 10 Next: Puzzle Game Like Shooting Things? Then this category is just for you. From first-person immersion to third person from top to bottom, these games are filled with action and bullets. What else do I have to say? Call of Duty Mobile There was a ton of hype around Call of Duty Mobile throughout the beta and ahead of its global launch, and to the credit of Activision and TIMI Studios (a subsidiary of Tencent Games) the game is phenomenal and has rightly been chosen as one of the best mobile games released in 2019 - and it just keeps working better in 2020. The latest update now offers an outstanding new 20 vs. 20 Battle Royale mode called Warfare. A huge reason why a game playing so well can be credited to Tencent Games. He owns the mobile shooter space with PUBG Mobile, another game that appears on this list, and fans of this game will learn the familiar user interface and amazing gameplay performance that has been perfectly optimized for mobile devices. CoD Mobile uses many iconic multiplayer cards from the Call of Duty franchise and really does a great job of translating fast-paced action, making the game so much fun to play on other platforms. Call of Duty Mobile has the basic deathmatch team modes that Call of Duty is known for along with the Battle Royale mode, which was introduced into the main franchise with CoD: Black Ops 4. They could easily have just stuck with the deathmatch team and still have a great game on their hands, but the inclusion of the 100-player Battle Royale (along with fan-favorite zombie mode) just adds more value to the overall pack. I played CoD Mobile with beta and it was one of my go-to games when I have a few minutes to kill. Because the game is so damn popular, it's super fast to jump into a match, whether you want to play with random or go against more veteran players in the match rankings. Because it's a free game, there are the usual attributes including in-app purchases to purchase in-game currency, which can then be spent on fight boxes filled with random rewards, and tiered progression paths with premium subscriptions available for net more rewards. Given the console or PC version of Call of Duty will set you back at least \$60 upfront, along with all possible paid DLC and the inevitable microtransactions for cosmetic updates, the mobile version eventually feels higher in terms of upfront value. You don't need to bust out your credit card to fully enjoy this game - which is a big reason why Call of Duty Mobile requires place on our list. Call of Duty has not in vain received the Game of the Year awards for 2019. It's amazingly full Call of Duty for phones that are completely free to play. That's right, it's a grandfather-first-person shooter and its awesome and equally powerful sequel. Both of these games more than deserve a place on this list not only for their timelessness, but also because Android ports are really very good. Bethesda has fixed a lot of early problems, including removing the account requirement Bethesda.net and setting up a touch screen control, and now I can heartily recommend both games. I'm still suggesting using a controller if you can, however. Doom is almost 30 years old, and boy, it has stood the test of time. Like other 90s classics, Doom and Doom II were real passion projects, games that pushed the technological envelope at the time. While technically unimpressive today - Doom can work on a pregnancy test - they retain their charm, character, and almost flawless gameplay. Top it all up with an update that brought support to 16:9 resolutions and 90-120 frames per second, and you got yourself a very fine duology of shooters. While others in this section push what's possible on a mobile phone today, Doom and Doom II are just cranking along, providing joyful nostalgia for those of us who played them in their youth or giving young gamers the chance to experience the history of video games. The king of classic first-person shooters, Doom introduced us to Doom Guy, a bully many of us have loved since. Kill demons as you collect different types of weapons and trudge your way through base levels, extra content, and challenges. A sequel to the iconic Doom, Doom II sees you take on the mantle of Doom Guy once again as he goes demon hunting. Like Doom, there is a lot to do and see, and plenty of enemies to take off. Without needing a presentation, one of the most popular games in the world is available in the Play Store. Love it or hate it, Fortnite is now easier for everyone to switch to their phones without having to turn on third-party installations. So even if you were able to play Fortnite on Android for a year, we thought it belonged here on this list now more than ever. Chances are you either know about Fortnite on your own or you know someone who's into it. While many have tried to dislodge him, it remains a juggernaut in the gaming world. Its free nature combined with cartoon graphics and a simple loop of gameplay help explain why it is so popular: Its an easy-to-play but difficult-to-master approach, why so many find it enjoyable. Of course, Fortnite is also infamous for its microtransactions, which you can expect here in the Android version. Overall, I've heard that they are handled very well. That being said, keep in mind that this is not just a mobile version of Fortnite, it is a complete experience on a mobile phone, complete with every update and goody. You can access all your account data, including unlocking progress on your Battle Pass. My My with Fortnite is limited, but I know there are many people who are excited that it has finally come to the Play Store after being on its own for so long. Although not new to Android, Fortnite is available in the Play Store, making it easier for those who try it themselves. Now you have a chance to join the Battle of the Royale fun. JYDGE is a gritty and violent top-down double stick shooter who is an absolute blast to play. You are JYDGE, a cybernetic law enforcement officer who uses his Gavel (see: Big Freaking Pistol) to dole out RoboCop-style justice. Each level has a different problem that is needed for progress, but never feel like slogging a chore. Confiscating illegal cash along the way, you will be able to upgrade JYDGE and its given with a deep selection of accessories. Thus, JYDGE saves the rogue as an item from its predecessor Neon Chrome, encouraging you to play levels with different upgrade combinations until you complete all the problems. With a game that you have to replay the levels over and over again, it's imperative for the game to find that combination of great gameplay with an interesting soundtrack that isn't super annoying or repetitive - and JYDGE absolutely delivers. Check out my full review if you need a more compelling one. JYDGE is a direct one of the most badass shooter games you'll find in the Google Play Store. This is a double stick top-down shooter that has a ton of ways to upgrade your weapon as you dole out of justice with Gavel. It's incredible how well PUBG Mobile plays on Android. What started out as a massive 100-player battle Royale game continues to grow and evolve into the all-time best action shooter game for mobile devices. Drop into massive maps loaded with weapons, ammunition, tactical gear, and vehicles in classic Battle Royale modes. You fall as a solo player or as part of a team and must use all your best skills to take down your opponents while you are the last person standing. It's not unheard of for a popular PC or console release to find your way to Android, but you'll be surprised at how well PUBG plays on your smartphone. This is the best game available for Android, despite some of the most disappointing aspects of how the coolest loot is hidden in exploitative mining boxes that just shouldn't exist. However, the game is free and available to many gamers. I like to play with maxed-out graphics, but the game also allows you to cut down on graphic details, so you can enjoy the smooth gameplay even playing on a older device. If you have a new device, crank these settings to the max and enjoy one of the most promising mobile games I've played in a long time. There's an old one with limited specifications but still want to get into the game? Check out PUBG Mobile Lite, which is specifically designed to take up less space on your phone and run smoothly on phones with less RAM. PUBG Mobile somehow delivers everything The epic moments one would expect the PC game shrunk perfectly for mobile devices, and they really took success by continuing to add new EvoGround game modes including the dedicated zombie battle royale mode, multiple team deathmatch modes, blasting new RageGear attack modes, and the payload mode that introduced helicopters, mini-guns, and rocket launcher. Gather your squad, and see you on the battlefield! PUBG Mobile is a free combat royal shooter that contrasts you up to 99 other players. With an ever-growing list of cards and game modes to choose from, this is one of the best games available to play on Android. Tesla vs. Lovecraft is the latest game from Finnish developers 10Tons Ltd and it is a real treat. The game pits Nikola Tesla and his high-tech invention against the vengeful GP Lovecraft, who unleashed endless waves of nightmarish monsters that quickly swarm around you if you don't fight back. This is an incredibly polished game that with two sticks controls moving and shooting. The campaign gradually increases in difficulty with more than 200 enemies spawning on the screen at one time if you're not fast using a trigger finger. Fortunately, there are food-ups and perks galore that are available in rogue fashion like fashion. You collect XP as you kill monsters and get a new climb every time you level up. Bonuses and weapons randomly appear on the map and you also want to collect the six pieces needed to create a Tesla fur that can cut any horde in a short time. The touch screen controls feel comfortable and the game also offers great support for Bluetooth controllers, which is always fantastic to see in the premium game. There's a ton of content built into the base game, along with some DLC available that offers new monsters, weapons and more. Don't worry, the game feels polished without having to shell out more money, but once you've finally made it through everything that Tesla vs. Lovecraft might suggest you might be glad there's a little more to explore. Tesla vs. Lovecraft is the latest game from Finnish developers 10Tons Ltd and it is a real treat. The game pits Nikola Tesla and his high-tech inventions against the vengeful GP Lovecraft, who unleashed endless waves of nightmarish monsters. The previous 3 out of 10 Next: Puzzle Games Previous 4 out of 10 Next: Platformers Are Perfect for When You Want to Kill For a While, Puzzle Games Are a Dime on the Play Store, and some are even

good. Some make you think or work to get your mind around your basic concepts. Puzzle games keep you interested and entertained, forcing you to pay attention, even this is just something as simple as noticing what color goes on, it's not hard to see why they are so popular with many mobile gamers. Chameleon Run Posted fine people on Noodlecake Games, Chameleon Run is an auto-runner who checks your yours time in a way that can damage your brain a bit. The name of the speed game is how you jump and dash through the colored platforms. You have special jump skills and the ability to change color and you have to do it through each course, but you are only allowed to touch objects that match your color. Seems simple enough? Well, think again! As beautiful as the game looks when it works at full frame frequency the real joy comes from accurate input on two-touch controls. If you time the color switch only when you touch the platform you get a quick pulse dash. Jump controls are equally accurate and allow the nail to be challenging double jumps with ease. Each level is designed to be nonlinear, meaning there are several ways to make it to the finish line, however, there are also three special goals to complete for each level that will keep you coming back for more. Overall, the game is pretty short, but it's designed for one of those games that are perfect for speeding up - although there's already stiff competition out there. I feel like the game is missing one knockout feature - a course editor that allows players to download their own levels. Or just more levels, perhaps with platforms even more different colors to swap between them. However, for \$2 this is one hell of a fun game. Chameleon Run is a colorful endless runner who challenges you with accurate jumps and quick reflexes to make sure you don't touch the wrong platform and blow yourself up. It's hard to find a fun puzzle game that doesn't try to sell you for bonuses or extra lives or something. This is just one of the reasons why Holeodown is an outstanding game in 2018. Holeodown will have you strategically blasting up the core of celestial bodies - starting with asteroids and running your way up to the sun - using the classic game formula of bouncing balls away from blocks. Each brick has a number that represents the number of hits needed to destroy it, or you can destroy the supporting unit to clear everything above it. It's a pickup and play game that is easy to understand the concept, but you quickly learn there is a number of strategies and skills involved. All the bricks are curved, allowing you to customize the complex bank shots to clear the massive sections of the blocks at a time. This will become very important as the screen moves up one row after each shot. If the blocks reach the top of the screen, it's game over. Along the way, you'll collect the crystals that you spend on upgrades that give you more balls per shot, and more shots per round. These upgrades are crucial to completing later planets, but also let earlier levels become a more thoughtless distraction for your subway commute. It's all said, it won't take you a lot of time to max out all your stats in Holeodown, but that's mainly because it's so hard to stop playing this game once you start. If you're a fan of physics-based puzzles and Looking for a new obsession, Holeodown is well worth your money! Holeodown is a smart take on the ball and brick genre where you run balls to unearth up the core of asteroids, planets and stars. It offers simple gameplay, providing endless call mode. Yes, I cheat again, but only because I adore both of these games so much. I would find it hard to say which is my favorite: the original or the one that has expanded into basic concepts? Since I can't decide, you'll get them both here. Chances are you've at least heard of Monument Valley before. It's popular for a reason with its timeless gameplay, beautiful artistic design (it's often copied), and a minimalist story. Rearrange fantastic architecture, enjoy surrealism and atmosphere, and immerse yourself in guiding the silent princess to her goal. In the sequel, do more of the same, but on a larger scale. I don't think it's much more to say. If you're a fan of puzzles and you haven't tried out Monument Valley yet, then I highly recommend you do so. Considered to be currently one of the best puzzles around, Monument Valley makes you think outside the box to reach your goal. Expanding the concepts presented by its predecessor, Monument Valley 2 returns with the same gameplay that many loved with the original. Guide a mother and her daughter through the valley as you take on new puzzles. The Room: Old Sins is the latest epic puzzle game from Fireproof Games and 4th in the award-winning puzzle series Room. You explore the home of an ambitious engineer who has gone missing when you find a rather peculiar dollhouse in the attic. Using sophisticated eycpeyes you will be able to explore different rooms in the dollhouse that are filled with incredibly challenging puzzle boxes and fixtures. Something really strange is going on here, so maybe if you can solve all the puzzles, you'll find out what happened to the missing engineer and his wife. If you've never played a game in the Room series before, just get ready for one of the most fun games you'll ever play on your mobile phone. Graphics and audio come together to create a wonderfully spooky vibe as you carefully check out complex objects and unlock secrets to help you on your way. If you want to catch up with other games, you can catch room, number two, and number 3 at discounted prices. The Room series offers some of the most beautiful gaming experiences on your mobile phone. Solve complex puzzles and unlock the secrets hidden in these mysterious fixtures. Another great game that has made its way to Android, Thumper: Pocket Edition is one of the weirdest gaming experiences you can have on your phone. It's the rhythm of the game, or the rhythm of violence, like call it, filled with intense speed and grueling boss battles. Thumper also contains elements of fear, feeling the impending fear as you hurtling forward and believing in your reflexes. With an incredible soundtrack of tinnituss, Thumper is sure to give euphoria unlike any other. Despite the spooky and sometimes eldritch set parts, Thumper's premise is simple: you're a space beetle trying to destroy a floating henge. There are nine levels for you to enjoy, a new game mode that increases challenge and speed, and the original soundtrack I mentioned. This \$5 is well spent, complete with constant and smooth framed. Developers warn that wireless headphones add significant sound delay, so use phone or tablet speakers or wired headphones if you can. Hurtle forward at blistering speed as you take on the role of a space beetle. Enjoy great design, great soundtrack and addicted gameplay while you're in it. Transfer is a wonderful puzzle game that soothes at the same time to be challenging and difficult at times. It's almost always installed on my phone at any time when I'm bored somewhere and want something to fill the short box I might have. The purpose of transmission is to create different networks that become more involved as you go along. It is beautiful for its simplicity, both in its artistic style and in the general premise. Each puzzle is a visual representation of the network. You start with the main, and your goal is to make connections. Different puzzles will challenge you to make these connections in different ways and configurations, including avoiding obstacles. Another amazing thing about gear is that it's 100% free without any gimmicks, just a good ol' logic puzzle fun to get you through a hard or boring day. The visuals are gorgeous, and the music is hokation. This is a game you should try. Transfer is a puzzle game about connecting different networks. You will face more and more challenging as you go along, but nothing ever gets stressful. I love finding quirky indie titles that always manage to get into the cracks of the Google Play Store without getting the encouragement and attention that they rightly deserve. Vectronom falls into this category, providing a fascinating experience that brings the level of design and music together to create a puzzle platformer that you play as much with your ears as you do with your fingertips. Vectronom, from time to time, is a psychedelic experience, given the flashing colors and pounding electronic soundtrack designed to enter you as you play. Each level changes in the rhythm of the music, and the game evaluates you on how well the movement of your cube follows the rhythm. The game was previously released on Steam and for Nintendo Switch, and while the game certainly controls the way better with the keyboard or controller D-pad y There were no problems with touchscreen controls that relied on napkins and faucets. As straight forward as the concept here, here, will be challenged by the complexity of the levels as you progress through the game. There are currently 31 levels available to play, each with its own theme introducing new traps to dodge and level the mechanics to master. The indie developers behind the game hope to continue to build out the content of the game by taking the music presented by users and designing new levels around these tracks. While the game does encourage you to review the levels and try to beat them clean in one attempt or better synchronize your moves to the beat of the music, I'd love to see the community build around Vectronom, which provides more puzzles that are perfect for mobile gaming. Vectronom is a psychedelic puzzle platformer where you need to stick to the beat if you want to succeed and solve every colorful level. The previous 4 out of 10 Next: Platformers Previous 5 out of 10 Next: Strategy Games I's a very common category, even more than RPGs, platformers are usually 2D, but the platformer just tells you how the game is playing. There are action-platformers RPG, metro-action and so on. This is a classic style of play for a reason and it translates very well to a mobile phone. Castlevania: Symphony Night Source: Android Central/Jordan Palmer Comes out of left field, Konami classic Castlevania: Symphony nights launched on mobile phone in early March to the delight and surprise of many. I bought it right away and you can read my thoughts on this here. This is one of the best \$3 I've ever spent in the Play Store. Despite having a massive backlog of other games to get to, I spent a fair chunk of time reliving my childhood. Aside from just charm and nostalgia, Symphony Nights plays great on Android. The touch screen controls fine and of course works, but I found the game best to play with the controller. The team behind the port did a great job of translating the very old game to a new platform, and while I had some complaints with them, touch screen controls let anyone jump in otherwise, any gamepad that works with Android should only do fine here (I used an Xbox One controller). Those of you with high-speed upgrade displays may notice some oddities with the game and developers are advised to use 60 Hz - although they only specifically mention the Pixel 4 and the sleek display. Symphony of the Night is a classic that helped to define a completely new genre of the game, which we see to this day. You follow Alucor, Dracula's son, as he searches for the missing Richter. Walk through a mysterious and dangerous castle as you find new abilities, unlock shortcuts, and become more powerful. You can also play as Richter yourself (until you meet a certain character) and Maria by entering their names when you start a new save. Add this to achievements, and you have a bunch of content to work through. Seriously, it's \$3 well spent. All we need now is Super Metroid on Come on, Nintendo. There's a lot of buzz around the mobile release of Symphony Nights for good reason. Many more people can now experience this fantastic game in its revised glory. Going back to the last decade, we have a game that took some of the basic concepts from Symphony Of The Night and put its own spin on it. As you might expect from the genre, there is a lot of solitary exploration as you work to make our heroine more powerful for the trials ahead. Dandara tells the story of a woman who struggles to prevent the impending collapse of her world. Travel through it, meet interesting characters and survive against the problems that await you. Challenge gravily as you explore the unique world and discover its mysteries. It's a fantastic game. Better yet, he just got a free extension called Fear Tests, which adds a new boss, area, and power-ups. It's a big \$6 game and worth it if you like metroidvanias. Fantastic metroidvania, Dandara is well worth the time and investment if you are looking for a great game to play on your phone. I've been looking forward to this release since the news first dropped. Dead Cells is one of my favorite indie games to come out in recent years and now it is available on Android. A brutally sophisticated roguelike metroidvania, Dead Cells is a mixture of several different types of games, and it's glorious. The Android port is excellent with tight controls (although they take some getting used to). Best of all, if you don't like the touch control, there's support for the controller. It's the same experience as on any other platform, and there's not much else to say, but it's good. Dead cells is worth every penny. Dead cells features permadeath, but don't let that hold you back. You will need to learn the patterns of your enemies to better them in a crazy battle. The fight itself is varied and there are tons of different builds to match each player. Dead Cells is a premium name that is still quite expensive for a mobile game, but as I said above, it's worth every cent. Amazing dead cells came to Android and it's awesome. This is one of the best games available on the Play Store right now. Moving away from metroidvanias, we have Grimvalor, an action-platformer RPG. This is my go to the game right now because of its addicting gameplay and interesting background. Fight the spot, the movement is excellent and it just works so well. Seriously, I play this game all the time when I am and oh you have to be tactical about how you approach your enemies and level about your character. There's plenty to explore, too, with secrets hidden all over the map. I really like the fight and it feels so good and satisfying, especially when you dodge just right Your character makes an amazing job. You get the first act for free, after which you need to fork out \$7 in full I like this tactic. It allows you to experience the game as it is, and then you have the choice to pay to continue. Go ahead and give it a try if you like it. Grimvalor fills that action RPG itch by being a fun performer. Enjoy a great fight and scouting. You'll even get a trial demonstration before you buy. Gris is an emotional journey through the personal trauma of a young girl. It's a soothing game designed to make you feel something, whether through the gameplay itself, incredible artistic design, or a wonderful soundtrack. Combine all these together and you will get one powerful experience. The story is not told through text, dialogue, or cutscenes. Instead, you're left to reflect and figure out what's going on using your own point of view; everyone gets something different from Gris. Almost everything about this game is a masterpiece, right down to animation. You'll solve some simple puzzles, solving some platformer, and other challenges to guide Gris through her journey. There is no fight or death in this game. This \$5 is well spent and one I highly recommend to anyone looking for an evocative experience. Like I said, everyone gets something different from this game. Personally, I was amazed by art and music - your experience will be completely different than mine. Enjoy a game that ticks a lot of boxes: beautiful art, sleek gameplay, great soundtrack. There is a lot to get out of Gris and I think anyone can find something to like. Sometimes, you just need a little whim in your life. So about this in the case of Man: Fall Flat, I am a hilarious physics puzzle platformer! You play as a wobbly humanoid as you explore 12 levels filled with complex puzzles. You can go for it alone, with friends, or complete strangers. Draw Man: Fall Flat is something that you can capture almost anything. You can climb on anything, throw anything, carry anything as you move forward in a way that we'll freely call straight. While you may be aiming for a target, your comrades may instead plot some nefarious chaos to wreak havoc. Whatever the outcome, it's really fun. Man: Fall Flat is a single purchase without advertising or microtransactions. It's amazingly fun and costs \$5, especially if you join others. Enjoy this fun fun puzzle platformer. It's got tons of puzzles and wobbly physics to keep entertained for quite a while. If you're looking for fun and at the same time an incredibly creepy platformer, then Limbo is a must. This dark game will give you heebie-jeebies more than once. With such wonderful quirks, Limbaugh is delightfully strange. If you've played it before, you know exactly what I'm talking about. Artistic style is only worth picking up the game. This is what have seen other indie games try to replicate, but like other fashion legislators, Limbo is in its own league. Shadow and minimalist minimalist beautiful and really lends itself to the otherworldly feeling you get from the game (thus the name Limbo). The story is also minimalist, where you play the role of an unnamed boy caught on the edge of hell. Archonophobes, beware! The boy is looking for his lost sister, but the journey is the most interesting. Limbo is deserted, with several friendly human characters. It's really quite an experience. You can try the free demo before buying what I advise to do. Limbo has made a name for itself with its eerie and unsettling atmosphere, particularly disturbing archonophobes. It can be utterly terrifying and lonely, but it's worth it, even if the ending is polarized. Of all the games I've played in 2019, Oddmar stands out as one of my absolute favorites in part because it's absolutely gorgeous from its opening sequence through its beautifully animated levels that show the depth of detail you rarely see in a mobile game. I'm also somewhat biased because I absolutely adore well-designed indie platformers, but Oddmar still stands out for being a great hero and a great story to tell. You play as Oddmar, an exiled Viking who has never lived to see his warrior ancestor, to whom the magical fairy provides special powers. Time is just right as U Oddmar has the opportunity to redeem himself by taking the path of redemption. Overall, the level design is pretty linear, but never feels dated thanks to a good variety of enemies to bounce off both unique obstacles and some quick puzzles to solve progress. In addition, Oddmar also comes through these hallucinations like Valhalla problems that are mixed in most levels. These challenge you with a quick scrolling bonus level that add some really nice gameplay variety. Touch screen control for platform game is notoriously hard to get right on a mobile phone, but then a game like Oddmar comes along and shows the industry how it's done. Everything feels just right on the left side of the screen, controlling the horizontal movement and the right side, dedicated to jumping, attacks, ground strikes and dash attacks. You can play the first section of the game for free with the rest of the game unlocked with a one-time payment in the \$5 app - well worth it for one of the best games you'll play on your phone. Oddmar is a beautiful game that plays like a live comic. You can play through the first chapter for free and then, once you fall in love with it, unlock the rest of the game for \$5. If 2D platformers don't do it for you, can I interest you in 3D? Susie Cube is a fun adventure that covers many levels, each of which is a new challenge to master. With gamepad support, Suzy Cube promises hours of platform fun. Find And master the levels to recover the stolen gold of your castle. It reminds me of 3D Mario games in spirit, although I had some problems problems used to control the touchscreen. Going to the controller, however, made me enjoy this game a lot more. Although this kind of thing didn't catch my attention for too long, I had fun. It's definitely a light-hearted adventure. Enjoy a vibrant 3D platform adventure at Suzy Cube. Restore the stolen wealth of your castle as you master each level and collect new bonuses. Previous 5 out of 10 Next: Strategy Games Previous 6 out of 10 Next: Sims Similar to puzzle games, strategic games require your attention and willpower to succeed. Whether it's managing a kingdom or fighting seemingly impossible odds, a strategic game can certainly push you. Approach carefully and you'll be just fine. Among us to say that among us has exploded popularity recently will be an underselling game. I see tons of memes that have sprung out of it, and a lot of people looking for others who are also playing. It's a cute, fun, and interesting multiplayer game that supports 5-10 players where not everything seems to be. Your group is designed to perform various space tasks, but among you is an impostor hell-bent on killing everyone. He or she will use sabotage of things to wreak havoc and throw you away. This chaos can mask murder and/or create an alibi for the impostor. Winning In Among Us depends on whether you are a permanent crew member or an impostor. For the first, all you have to do is complete the tasks at hand or find out the impostor and vote for them with the ship. If you are an impostor, you must successfully kill everyone undetected. Among us is a ton of fun to play, although a very deceptive nature it can strain some friendships! This co-op/competitive game is a blast. Survive an impostor who decided to kill the entire crew. or, use stealth and chaos to kill everyone without being caught. Bad North is a real-time roguelike strategy game where you protect your little island kingdom from the Scandinavian horde. All this to say is a fresh challenge every time you take it and the person is a fun game. I don't usually have one for this type of thing, but I love Bad North on PC, and it's a great addition to the Play Store. These evil Vikings will come at you quickly and they will beat you hard. AI is also very smart, so he often sneaks to your defense. Vikings will burn and loot, and get more advanced more successful you. Just wait for the long-range lay people to appear. The goal is to survive in each meeting, ensuring that the commander of each unit lives to see another battle. Squads that are completely destroyed are dead for the rest of the campaign. Bad North is a fantastic game and it looks great, too, with its minimalist, cutesy style I think it's well worth \$5 to get in because it's almost endless fun because things change every time you play. It's a one-off downfront cost without additional ads or microtransactions, just good, well, Fun. Survive the onslaught of the Vikings in this procedurally generated, real-time roguelike strategy. Every time there is something new. There are some really funny games in this world, but few can top the fun of exploding kittens. Only the name makes me chuckle. This over-the-top multiplayer card game with some funny art and lots of laughs for you and your friends. What else do you want? Okay fine. Exploding kittens is all about luck. You and other players draw cards until someone, hopefully not you, draws a blast kitten card. From now on, that player's time is limited until he or she can neutralize the angry feline. The deregulation of the cards come in a variety of distractions; Whatever, you don't want the kitten to blow up because it will knock you out of the game. Otherwise, you just play for a borrowed time. It's a great time and fun for the whole family - I love cards against humanity, but it's not exactly the most children's game out there. Blast kittens is just a \$2 purchase and it's yours forever. You can also play online with strangers. Draw cards until someone pulls out the exploding kitten card. How it's not you, otherwise you need to defuse the cat before you knocked out the game! Gwent has been around for several years. Having first started as a mini-game in the incredible masterpiece The Witcher 3: Wild Hunt, Gwent has become a favorite pastime for many players. CD Projekt Red will eventually spin Gwent into its own thing, complete with some beautiful visual repair and online matchmaking. And now it's available on Android. Although it's a substantial download from the Play Store, how bowdy it's worth it. Card games can technically be classified as their own stuff, but one could also make the argument that most of them involve a lot of strategy. Gwent is one such example requiring you to pay attention to your cards, their abilities, their placement on the game mat, and your score. That's not to mention what your opponent is doing and what they've played. All told, Gwent has a lot going on and requires your maximum attention. Here's how it works. You go against another player using the chosen deck from which you draw cards at the beginning of the round. You have the opportunity to redraw up to three cards. Each match consists of three rounds, and the player who wins two of them is the winner. Success is determined by having the highest score that comes from the point values assigned to each card in the game. Some cards also have unique abilities that can help you or interfere with your opponent. And sometimes, a win requires you to throw a round to be ready for the next one. There's a lot more to it than that, but the nuance is just too much for this list. This is one of those great free games that I I recommend you try it. There are microtransactions, of course, but CD Projekt Red has built enough reputation with the gaming community that I don't think many people mind. Overall, it's a great and very addicting game. The Android version also has cross-games with iOS and PC players, greatly expanding the pool of people against whom you can play. Gwent is a fun and addicting card game that recently landed on Android. The best two of the three wins, but it takes a lot of strategy to get there. Legend of Runeterra is The League of Legends as Hearthstone is Warcraft. This is another one in turn card game based on the wildly popular universe. Although I have never played League of Legends myself, I can understand and appreciate the excitement behind the launch of this game. Like his warcraft and Witcher colleagues, Legends of Runemaster centers around your deck. Defeating an opponent requires that you nullify their basic health pool by protecting your own. It's pretty simple and isn't the best two of the three situations like Gwent. Each player gets an attack turn, while the opposite person gets a chance to defend themselves as much as they can. Each card has its own attack and health stat, and many of them have special abilities. There are also spell cards that have different speed levels (some are instantaneous, others take a turn two). These can be healing spells, barrier spells, and so on. Maps are broken down into attack, defense and support. The last buff is a nerbally ally with barriers that boosts health/attack, etc. It builds with each turn and some cards take several units of mana to play. Even if you're not in The League of Legends, Legends of Runemaster is a nice break from Hearthstone while still feeling familiar. The tutorial introduces the game well, so give it as half an hour and you'll be good to go. Immerse yourself in Riot Games' response to Hearthstone, set in the League of Legends universe. Outsmart your opponent to claim victory. Half sim, half real-time strategy, Majesty is one of my favorite time-oy games. You are in charge of a small kingdom and it is up to you to keep it safe, explore resources, manage the economy, and deal with all the other oddities. Majesty is an eclectic game to be sure of, but it's also quite fun. Of course, you can't talk about Majesty and forget about Northern expansion. It's a bit bigger, but it adds a new place and new challenges to contend with, including dragons. You have more heroes, more resources, and variable weather, too. For an extra \$3, it's a good extension, especially if you like Majesty. They're not Starcraft, but Majesty and North Expansion are both great forged to kill time on the subway/bus while you wait in the doctor's office, or what you have. Its fun gameplay and watch the clock fly by. Take the mantle of ruler of a small kingdom as you try to make the best decision for your people. Fight monsters, explore and build. Adding more extras to your life is worth \$3, in my opinion, and the Northern extension certainly delivers. It adds new scope, new enemies and new challenges. Tower Defense games are a dime a dozen in the Play Store, but few offer the depth and strategy that is on display with Mindustry. It's a sandbox style game that is a straight-up scare when you first start because it gives you all the tools you need to succeed, but makes it entirely up to you to use them in the most efficient and strategic way. Not only do you need to touch mining resources to build your defense, but you also need to maintain and protect your supply lines - conveyor belts that deliver your mined resources from the drill to your main base and defensive towers. It took me the whole tutorial to get a handle on assembling controls and basic game mechanics, and another hour of play before I started unlocking new technology on the tech tree. It wasn't long until I started developing some elementary strategies that worked for a while, but soon the enemies of AI realized my tactics, managed to bypass my defenses, and absolutely destroyed my base. The individual mode only scratches the surface of everything Mindstri has to offer. You can customize a multiplayer game with custom servers or on a local network, create your own card with a map editor on, or create a custom game with the player, given full control over virtually every aspect of the game. Best of all, you get it into a free game without advertising. Mindustry is an incredible open sandbox tower defense game that will kick you off with the level of depth and setting available to the player. Better yet, it's free to play without advertising or in-app purchases. Living in Washington, D.C., I'm familiar with the subway system here - it's, frankly, one of the best ways to get in and out of the city in my experience (especially since you can avoid the parking nightmare). So when I discovered the mini-metro in the Play Store, I grabbed it and had a lot of fun with it. The basic premise is to develop a metro system for a growing city by creating lines and stations. The goal is to keep going as long as you can with limited resources. It's quite fun and everyone passing a new approach. You have to strategize on how you want your system to function. Can you improve the line you've already created and make it more efficient? This is another one of those time-thrill strategy games that are quite fun, oddly enough, while riding the subway. It's just a dollar, too. You are a subway engineer and it is your job to develop a system for your growing city. Use your limited resources wisely and try to make things as efficient, they can be. Reigns was one of the best games of 2016 and actually won the first ever Google Play Indie Games competition. So it goes without saying that we were pumped to check back in Reigns, you play as the monarch of the earth and make decisions that affect the four aspects of the kingdom: the church, the people, the army, and the royal wealth. Your goal is to keep all four in the balance - actually - if any meter fills to the max or completely exhausted your board is over... and a new reign begins! The sequel plays almost identical to the first game, except this time you play as a queen rather than a king, complete with new characters to interact with and several branching storylines to discover. The gameplay is as simple as swipes left or right on the cards, and if it's anything like the first game there's a ton of big Easter eggs to find along the way! I wouldn't want to mess up anything for this new game, but if you played first and fear it would be too similar, I can assure you there are a lot of new mechanics to make this another of the best games on Google Play. Step into the role of regal leader of your own and parlay with your advisers and send royal decrees just by swiping left or right. Just make sure not to let things get out of control or it's your head on the chopping block. Source: Google Play Store XCOM has achieved legendary status thanks to its in-depth gameplay, challenge and interesting style. The same spirit arrived on Android some time ago with Enemy Within, a sequel to Enemy Unknown that adds to the iconic formula. There are new soldiers, maps, enemies, abilities, and more for you to try. Once again, you protect the earth from aliens and victory is not guaranteed. You have to build the right squad for the circumstances as you head in on the turn through the fight. New threats will challenge your tactics and your skills, pushing you to work hard to succeed. The previous 6 out of 10 Next: Sims Previous 7 out of 10 Next: Racing Games Much like puzzles and platforming games, sim identifies a wide range of titles. The point is, you're imitating something, being a god or a farmer. For the most part, these types of games are relaxing and enjoyable, like time-wasters or shell time. Did Godus ever want to play God? The year offers you this chance, giving you power over the land itself. You have believers who will praise you as a benevolent name as you teach them how to improve their civilization. Of course you can also be a terrible god, and sometimes you have to be. Watch as the world evolves around you and you continue to shape it on your whim. Use your pious powers to create structures for your people, send lightning or destructive miracles, and sculpt things to your own taste. It's quite an addicting game once you figure out the gameplay. Godus is free to play, but it contains in-app purchases for gems. Literally play God Godus, a simulator where you guide human civilization through his infancy. So before the earth, your linking, earth and loving or destructive miracles, and become a god. The custodian of the camera is Manage a sim that you can easily immerse your watch while enjoying the dark humor of a rather gloomy subject. You may think that the game that you have you playing the role of the city's gravedigger will be depressing and gray, but the Cemetery Keeper's bright and colorful style combined with the open world and deep craft mechanics keep things really interesting. You are also rewarded for cutting corners and getting things done. For example, you can start selling grounded corpses to the local butcher, holding witch-burning parties, or trying to poison someone, local townspeople to do more. That's the difference between a premium mobile title like graveyard keeper and most other free mobile SIM games - collecting resources is not limited in time for a few hours and you'll be able to work out everything you need in the game just by feeding, completing quests, and maintaining your graveyard. You will enjoy an extended game exploring dungeons and completing quests to find rare supplies and other treasures. As you can see from the trailer, this game is absolutely gorgeous with a concise and detailed art style and beautiful animation. Because this is a direct port PC/console game, you have to prepare to sink a lot of many hours in this game, which can only involve figuring out different menus and controls as you work, how to be the best graveyard keeper you can be! Graveyard Keeper is a gravedigger simulator with a dark sense of humor where you have to come up with creative ways to attract new business. Source: Google Play Store Another classic game brought to us on Android, Grand Theft Auto (GTA). San Andreas is exactly what you expect. It is an open sandbox where you can do what you want. Unlike later GTA games, which take place in specific cities, San Andreas covers the entire state in three cities. Suffice it to say that there are a lot of games. You play as Carl Johnson as he returns to Los Santos to save his failed family and friends. On your return, you are framed for murder and you must escape justice and return to the streets. Overall, it's a fun game and Rockstar says you can expect 70 hours of gameplay. This is crazy. 70 hours of gameplay for \$7 is still crazy. The GTA experience is pretty well known by now, so you probably know what you can expect. Grand Theft Auto needs no introduction and San Andreas is a great entry. You can expect a lot of shenanigans and freedom, as well as tons of game time. Minecraft is one of these cultural phenomena. Extremely recognizable even by many non-gamers, Minecraft has built a reputation for itself, based on simplistic but complex gameplay, unique visual style and endless replayability. Although many years at the moment, it is a game that is still strong, and this is an obvious addition to this list. Multi-commun and fully supported, the Android version of Minecraft is complete full any other. It has full cross-play with Xbox One, PlayStation 4, Switch, Windows 10, and iOS. It also gets the latest updates so you can enjoy everything your friends on other platforms can. Controllers are also an option available. And with over 3 million reviews on the Play Store alone, averaging 4.5 stars, Minecraft is definitely a worthy buy. You can unleash your creativity creatively; or go hardcore in survival mode where you are forced to delve into resources to create protection for yourself. Minecraft really is a stunning game in its scale and performance. At \$7, it feels a bit on the expensive side for Android games, but our resident Minecraft expert assures me it's so worth it. The Android version of Minecraft is as complete as any other version of the platform. Explore, dig, build, craft in this wildly popular sandbox. One of the best things about sim games is that they can be unusually relaxing. Sometimes, they can also be cute and there is not much prettier than penguins. So what happens when you combine something super chill and these adorable flightless birds? You get Penguin Island. This is one of those idle games designed to ultimately be relaxing, while keeping you a little busy creating the perfect habitat for your penguins. The music is super simple and fantastic to listen to while you are mindlessly playing. You can collect a good variety of penguins (and other Arctic animals) as you build your habitats for them. Everything about this game is just for chillax. Animation is super fun to watch. I love the music and sound of the waves, and the pointlessness allows you to enjoy the adorable penguins. Artistic design is great, too, and it's a super satisfying build of everything. Penguin Isle is the perfect game for relaxing and enjoying cute penguins. This is a fun game that is designed solely to help you relax (pun intended). If you've never heard of or played Stardew Valley before, this is basically a farming simulator built on top of a robust 16-bit open RPG that lets you play and develop your character and farm as you choose. The story begins with the arrival of your character in Pelican Town, where you decide to take over your grandfather's simple family farm. What makes Stardew Valley such a joy to play is the freedom given to the player to make the game independent. If you're focused on building your farm, the game is mostly about harvesting and managing resources, which will surely scratch a certain itch for mobile gamers, given how popular this RPG genre is on a mobile phone - but with Stardew Valley, there's a lot more for the player to explore. Between planting and cleaning the fields, you can farm to level the your character with different tools, going fishing or feeding in the woods, head to town to communicate and build relationships with the townspeople (and even get married if you you or go on a more traditional combat RPG adventure complete with quests to complete and monster-infested mines to explore. One of the most famous RPGs of the last decade has been optimized for mobile devices and is a must-play for gamers of all ages. If you've been playing games from the 90s, then you'll probably remember the old point and click adventures. Some stand out after all these years, both under steely skies, Myst, and many others. After the mobile gaming revolution, however, we saw fewer i.e. and clicks than I originally thought we would. After all, the touchscreen is the perfect tool for this type of game, like a mouse. That's why I'm excited to introduce Whispers of a Machine, the Nordic noir adventure. If you like low-scale cyberpunk and detective secrets all in a convenient mobile package, then Whispers of a Machine has been made for you. It has an exciting murder mystery to solve, interesting characters to meet, an amazing hero, and a beautiful art to enjoy. This is a game that will keep you in your claws for a long time. It's also available on PC if you prefer to go really old school with point and click stuff, but I actually prefer the mobile version. It's definitely a time investment, but it's well worth the money, even just to set up alone. It simply exudes futurism and discusses the impact of AI technology. It's quite fun. Take nordic noir point-and-click with Whispers of a Machine. This is a stellar game all around and captures you all the time you play. The previous 7 out of 10 Next: Racing Games Previous 8 out of 10 Next: Sports Games Racing games are pretty self-evident. Drive some car (or character) and beat the computer or other players to the finish line. Simple enough. There are some great options out there, as this is another genre that translates well to mobile. Asphalt 9: Legends of Asphalt, a longtime mobile racing title, hit its 9th iteration if you can believe it. Considered one of the go-to racing games, Asphalt does a great job of pushing modern phones with its repertoire of stunning hypercars. The ultimate goal is to become a street racing legend, so hopefully you have an adrenaline addiction to see yourself up to that goal. You will be limited to only freemium mechanics in the game, which encourages you to spend more. It has gorgeous graphics, amazing driving sequences, and other eye candy. Asphalt 9 is quite a look, especially if you have a great display on your phone. There's also plenty of cars to choose from and you can customize them, too! There are races against AI and other players to keep you interested and entertained. It's also free to play and it contains microtransactions. This is what you expect, everyone is told, and one's Wonder. However, Asphalt 9 is good in the queues. Experience high-octane action as you do streets with your car choice. Get ready for an intense thrill ride. Data Wing is a fun, simple racing adventure with a history, gorgeous Tron-inspired visuals, and a simple premise. It's basically perfect for any 80s/retrowave fan myself, but I think everyone can get a lot of fun out of it. This soundtrack is also very great. The story focuses on you navigating your data wing through various racing courses on mother's mornings, AI, which doesn't seem quite right. Your main goal in life is to ferry data from one point to another and you are very disposable. It's not exactly the most inspiring story, but it will do. Touch controls are at a point, and the levels are awesome to watch. You'll probably finish Data Wing pretty quickly, but it's really exciting to come back and do it over and over again. There's a high cost of playback here. The data wing is, frankly, awesome and perfectly worth picking up. Best of all, it's completely free without advertising or IAPs in sight. So race away and try this game. Another great freebie, Data Wing is a great racing adventure that takes obvious cues from the neon landscape of the Throne. It's a brilliant little game and worth playing. Taking things a little further than Asphalt 9 is GRID Autosport. The console port is made by fantastic folks at Feral Interactive (well known in the Linux gaming community). Grid features stunning graphics, intense driving gameplay, and amazing thrills. High cost of entry, maybe, but it is buy once and made a deal. You'll even get all the DLCs included. For \$10, you'll have access to 100 cars and 100 cards with multiple control options and difficulty to suit your style of play. It is a graphically intense game and Feral only supports a few phones. If it's not available to you in the Play Store, your phone probably can't handle it. The grid is designed for racing game lovers, especially those who are tired of freemium tactics like the ones you'll find in Asphalt 9. There's something to be said about the high starting price. Check out this mobile port AAA console racing game and be amazed. Not only is it beautiful, but it packs in a ton of value for \$10. Race to the content of your heart. No list of racing games will be complete without Mario Kart Tour, for better or for worse. A household name when it comes to racing games, Mario Kart is the longtime king of the genre. When he finally came to the mobile not so long ago, there was a lot of joy. It was later spoiled by some Nintendo mobile practices, but this is another time. There's not too much to say about the tour, except it's Mario Kart. Race with your favorite character on the cards inspired by cities and earn new drivers, cards and badges. It's free to play with microtransactions, however. Mario Kart Tour is a mobile version of the venerable, long-standing racing franchise. It's more than what you'd expect with monetization thrown in for good measure. Let's say you love racing games, but cars and cartoon characters are not your thing. Then maybe you'll find Riptide GP: Renegade to your liking. Where it differs from other racing games is that you are on futuristic, high-speed hydrojet. Instead of roads or something like that, waterways are your track. Give me a drink. In Renegade, you have been banished from the Riptide GP league and instead have to make a living illegally racing. Power through city waterways, flooded ruins, and more while avoiding cops. You'll unlock new vehicles the longer you play, as well as new customization options. Take on the fun bosses and build your team. There's also online 8-person multiplayer racing for you to put your skills to the test. You can participate in leaderboard activities, too, and even a local split-screen. It's a lot of games for \$3 and it's great for all racing game lovers. Experience the pleasure of illegal water racing with Riptide GP: Renegade. Go rogue and make your own career, or go online to race others. I'm a little biased here, but I grew up with Sonic Hedgehog. So when I saw Sonic Forces, I was immediately intrigued. Although I never got into the Sonic Racing or Sonic sega All Stars Racing team, I was interested in the power because it takes anthropomorphized animals out of karting and on its own two legs. While it's funny to see Big Cat keep up with the shadows, it's still a fun game that lets you play your favorite character (once you unlock them) and race other people. There's more than just a race, though. Much like you find in Mario Kart, you can compensate your opponents with traps, dodge the ones they leave for you, all while you try to make it to the finish line first. The entire cast of the characters are here, but most of them need to be unlocked first. This is where I tell you that the game is free to play, but features microtransactions to unlock new characters and abilities. Sad to see Sonic monetized like that, but I like the main gameplay. Sonic and friends come on mobile again, this time duke it out in a speed contest. Do your best to frustrate your opponents because they will do the same for you. Source: Jordan Palmer/Android Central Imagine If You Want, Taking The Hilarious Physics of Fall Guys and making a racing game out of it. At its core, Windy Slider is a racing game, of course, but I almost think it's a disservice to reduce this game to that simple nickname of the genre. No, it's so much more than that. I love this game and I love it to such an extent that it's hard to even talk about it. All I can really it's: Go play Windy Slider, right now. You'll thank me later. The premise of Windy Slider is dead simple: hold the screen to speed up, let go of the jump. That's all there is to it. Now you have the momentum to worry about, too, so you want to time your jumps and do your landing carefully. Too Too Too I made a huge leap just to the ground on the slope and slide down. There are other obstacles, too, like the rails above you, the big spinners, and the boxes that stop you flat. The way the camera is configured, you sometimes will not see these obstacles, and it is part of the fun. Sure, you're racing AI, but the point is to have fun, laugh, and just enjoy. Too often, we focus on games that have win/lose or pass/fail states, which is good, but sometimes we need a game that just allows us to back off and play. The only true sense of progression with Windy Slider is earning new colors. As you travel along the track rails you are on, you will leave behind a paint trail. It reminds me of Splatoon in some ways, but there is no gameplay effect from it, just aesthetics. You earn XP from completing races and accumulating points when you run yourself across the finish line. The fact that there are no ads or IAPs is astounding. But if the developer is reading this, please lets donate to you through the in-app purchase. I want to see more. This game has a lot of potential and I see great opportunities for it. Windy Slider is my new favorite and I hope you give it a chance. It's super easy to pick up, but addicting is enough to keep you playing and earning new colors. Enjoy this wildly fun and simple game. Hold the screen to speed up, release it to jump. Use your momentum to your advantage, but watch out for obstacles! The previous 8 out of 10 Next: Sports Games Previous 9 out of 10 Next: Augmented Reality True heyday sports games on Android are long gone. Most are not currently worth your time. However, there are a few brilliant examples that stand out among the crowd, even if they include the usual silliness of freemium. Australian Open Game Source: Google Play The best tennis game I've found for Android. Designed by Big Ant Studios for Tennis Australia to help promote the Australian Open, this free title provides a surprisingly reliable number of gameplay options. You can play a fast match, beat the AO tournament to unlock other Grand Slam events, or play career mode with your individual player. The default controls automatically position the player to return the shots with the swipes used to perform different methods, but there are also settings for more advanced controls. But the better your time, the better your shot will be. Complexity increases as you go further, which is typical of tournament-style games. Enjoy one of the best tennis games on Android with this free name. Create your own player and take over AO or just play a quick match. Source: PlayStation Konami's famous football (football) franchise is back for 2020 with an expansion of dribble controls and options for local and real-time online matches against friends or strangers. It's all part of the developer's focus on making this mobile football match in the eSports realm competitive online play that respond and useful. Of course, that's not all. The inspire system allows you to, well, inspire and/or influence how your teammates play by adding new levels of difficulty. All this focus on the quality of the gaming experience is designed to provide you with a game that adapts itself to you and your style of play. I would say that the biggest drawback with eFootball PES 2020 is that it is another free sports game. Source: PlayStation While this may not be the most enjoyable example, Madden is a hallmark of the football game series, even on Android. The mobile version is free to play, but it contains every bit of freemium garbage that EA can throw at it. We're talking about mining boxes, ads, microtransactions and the like. Unfortunately, there isn't much else when it comes to football on Android. It's the only way to play like or with your favorite players and teams. For your time, you will get a competitive game, dynamic football seasons, and new strategies to build your style of play around. There's also a co-op mode for you to help your friends in their seasons or for them to help you. Source: Google Play MLB Nine Innings saw a 2020 update during the 2019 version. If you're into baseball, this is the game for you (on Android, anyway). It features all 30 MLB teams with 1,700 players, and the roster has been updated for all players for the 2019 season. You can expect full 3D graphics and sleek gameplay for a better experience. There's also the ability for one-handed control to make the game on your phone even easier. Not only is there an autoplay, but you can choose to just play offensively or defensively, depending on whether it suits your preferences. You can go up against other players around the world in rating combat, Clutch Hits, and Clutch Battle modes. Or stick to the league mode, depending on what appeals to you. MLB Nine Innings 2020 is free with in-app purchases. Go to the baseball game for Android, MLB Nine Innings 2020 features all things from the 2019 version, but is updated for 2020. Challenge yourself or others in different modes. Motorball puts you in control of the RC car as you try to score on your opponent. You use your car to push a big soccer ball into another player's goal. If that sounds familiar, it's because it's basically the same premise as the Rocket League, except for mobile devices and on a smaller scale. Source: Google Play Unlike the Rocket League, it's just you against another player, not a team. And the camera is top to bottom, not over the shoulder. The graphics are also a bit cartoonish, but that makes it a bit cut. On its own merit, however, Motorball is a lot of fun, despite the presence of microtransactions. The player who three goals, wins the match. You can zoom in to get that extra bit of speed and pick up random bonuses to help (or discourage) you scored on your opponent. Be careful scoring on yourself, too! Overall, Motorball is a ton Microtransactions are not super invasive and there are many things to earn. If you want a Rocket League-like experience on your phone, then check out Motorball. Kind of like rocket league. Motorball is a smaller version of the popular RC football car. You play 1v1 matches and try to push a giant soccer ball into the opponent's goal. Source: 2K Games NBA 2K20 is a rare premium sports name for Android that doesn't rely on microtransactions and loot boxes, which automatically makes it a great game in my opinion. The graphics and presentation are first class and compare well with console versions. NBA 2K20 offers several game modes, such as MyCareer Run History Mode, the new Run The Streets, and extended NBA stories to experience some of the greatest moments in NBA history. You can also take on the role of grandmaster and manage the team, including scouting and lists. There's also online multiplayer via LAN or Google Play Games for 5-on-5 matches. You'll even get a new soundtrack and full support for bluetooth controllers. NBA 2K20 is one of the best sports games on Android. For just \$6, you get a lot of game modes. The previous 9 out of 10 Next: Augmented Reality A relatively new form of the game, AR uses the unique advantage of the equipment built into our phones to give us new entertainment tools. This is possible on other platforms, but the extra hardware required is putting a lot of people, myself included, off. However, with a small powerhouse in your pocket, you can experience the world of augmented reality games. Harry Potter: The Wizards Unite I'm sure you've heard of Harry Potter in some capacity. It's a media phenomenon, no doubt, but fans have been starved for good games that allow them to enter the magical world. Sure, the Lego Harry Potter games have been fun, but this franchise lacks any meaningful gaming experience. Wizards combine flips that on your head. While some fans are waiting for a proper Potter RPG or something like that, at least this game can tide them off. Think of Pokemon Go, but with masters and the like. That's basically what's going on here. It takes some physical effort from you, but at least it's an adventure synchronization now. Harry Potter: Wizards combine flip with shopping in the app. It may not have the impact that Pokemon Go has had just yet, but it certainly mids them. Take what you liked about Pokemon Go and put a Harry Potter coat of paint on it. Back when Pokemon Go first launched in 2016, I jumped right on the bandwagon along with millions of others. Since then, we've seen a format copied by other brands in the hope of cashing in Mobile AR is a gaming craze that Niantic has perfected, but nothing came close to matching Pokemon Go's cultural impact or endurance. To this day, I still often encounter Pokemon Go players in Wild catching and grinding to align and develop their Pokemon, and it's impressive. Although I personally stopped playing the game, the community looks stronger than ever with game developers constantly adding new content, and gameplay features supported by the game and real events

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