



StarCraft® II Goes Free-to-Play Starting November 14

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Blizzard Entertainment's award-winning real-time strategy game evolves with free access to the Wings of Liberty® campaign, ranked ladder multiplayer experience, and all Co-op Commanders†

ANAHEIM, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- The interstellar battle between the terran, zerg, and protoss is about to consume even more of the galaxy, as Blizzard Entertainment today announced that the ultimate real-time strategy game will soon be free to play.

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Beginning November 14, players around the world will get free access to the full award-winning *Wings of Liberty*® campaign and the elite multiplayer competition of *StarCraft*® II's ranked ladder, including all the latest units and balance updates through the latest release in the series, *Legacy of the Void*™. Players will also enjoy expanded access to *StarCraft* II's highly popular co-op mode, with all Co-op Commanders playable for free.†

"*StarCraft* II is one of the highest-rated PC games of all time, and we're excited to give even more people around the world a chance to find out why it has inspired such a passionate global community," said Mike Morhaime, CEO and cofounder of Blizzard Entertainment. "With the massive *Wings of Liberty* single-player campaign, endlessly replayable co-op mode, prestigious ranked ladder, comprehensive map-making tools, and more, *StarCraft* II now delivers the ultimate real-time strategy experience completely free."

Those who wish to experience later chapters in the *StarCraft* II story can purchase the additional single-player campaigns, *Heart of the Swarm*®, *Legacy of the Void*®, and *Nova Covert Ops*®, individually (\$14.99 USD each) or together in the Campaign Collection (\$39.99) through the online Blizzard Shop. For a limited time, players who already own *Wings of Liberty* (as of October 31, 2017) but have not yet purchased *Heart of the Swarm* will be able to get the latter campaign free by logging in to the Blizzard [Battle.net](#)® desktop app and claiming their free *Heart of the Swarm* gift between November 8 and December 8, 2017.

As a thank-you to the dedicated *StarCraft* II player community, those who already own any version of *StarCraft* II prior to October 31, 2017 will receive a special Eidolon Ghost skin and three portraits commemorating their founder's status in the game after *StarCraft* II goes free starting on November 14.

StarCraft II is available today for Windows® and Mac® PCs fully localized into English, Brazilian Portuguese, European and Latin American Spanish, French, German, Italian, Polish, Russian, Korean, and simplified and traditional Chinese. Learn more about the game at www.starcraft2.com.

†Access to ranked ladder granted after earning first 10 wins of the day in Unranked mode or Versus A.I. mode, or upon purchase of any campaign, the Campaign Collection, or the War Chest. Co-op Commanders available for play free of charge through level five. Purchase required to advance a Co-op Commander beyond level five—with the exception of Raynor, Kerrigan, and Artanis, which are free to play up to and beyond level five.

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*Sales and/or downloads, based on internal company records and reports from key distribution partners.

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