



Blizzard Entertainment Unveils Mobile MMO Action-RPG Diablo® Immortal™

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New game set in Blizzard's critically acclaimed Diablo universe coming to Android™ and iOS

IRVINE, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Nov. 2, 2018-- Blizzard Entertainment today unveiled the next game in the storied Diablo® franchise, **Diablo Immortal™**, a mobile massively multiplayer online action–role–playing game for Android™ and iOS devices. For the first time ever, Diablo players will be able to answer the call to battle on their phones.

This press release features multimedia. View the full release here: <https://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20181102005558/en/>



Diablo Immortal takes place between the end of Diablo II: Lord of Destruction and the beginning of Diablo III (Graphic: Business Wire)

planned for future updates. Designed to be a living, breathing, and constantly evolving experience, *Diablo Immortal* will regularly introduce new storylines, new playable character classes, new loot, and all-new challenges—which you can face side-by-side with your friends ... or foolishly choose to confront on your own.

Players will have many opportunities to meet and socialize with other demon slayers while wandering the wilds of Sanctuary, or while conducting less-dangerous business—like upgrading gear, crafting items, or forming groups before setting off on their next adventure—in the city **Westmarch**, *Diablo Immortal's* sprawling central hub.

In their quest to cleanse Sanctuary, players will embark on all manner of thrilling expeditions, including taking part in dynamic events across **unique public zones**, and hacking and slashing their way through **instanced dungeons**. From the peaceful town of **Wortham** to the ancient **Library of Zoltun Kulle** to the suffocating jungle island of **Bilefen**, players will explore familiar vistas and until-now undiscovered corners of Sanctuary.

Diablo Immortal is co-developed by Blizzard Entertainment and NetEase, who in addition to having developed some of the most successful mobile games in history, has been a longtime partner of Blizzard in China.

"*Diablo Immortal* takes the series' dark, gothic fantasy world of Sanctuary and inimitable Diablo gameplay, and puts it in your pocket," said J. Allen Brack, president of Blizzard Entertainment. "With their incredible passion for Diablo and proven mobile expertise, the development team has spawned an ultra-responsive and breathtakingly beautiful mobile game, and we can't wait for players to get their hands on it."

The transition from mouse-and-keyboard or controller to mobile touchscreen device was designed to feel completely natural, intuitive, and fun in *Diablo Immortal*. **Directional controls** make it easy to move heroes around the world, and activating a skill is as easy as holding a thumb down on a skill to aim, then releasing it to unleash hell on your foes. And reinforcements are always only a tap away thanks to the **native Blizzard Battle.net® UI** designed specifically for *Diablo Immortal*, which allows you to chat and form groups with ease in the middle of the most frantic battle.

This new chapter of the blockbuster Diablo saga takes place **between the end of Diablo II: Lord of Destruction® and the beginning of Diablo III**. Leading the invasion of Sanctuary is the demon known as **Skarn, Herald of Terror**—Diablo's most powerful lieutenant—who now rallies a new demonic army. Skarn intends to gather the fragments of the corrupted Worldstone and use them to resurrect Diablo.

Those eager to join the fight are encouraged to visit <http://www.diabloimmortal.com> to pre-register for special rewards and be among the first to experience *Diablo Immortal*. Pre-registered players are eligible to participate in future beta tests and earn in-game rewards, as well as receive news and updates.

For screenshots, video, and other media, visit the Blizzard Entertainment press site at <http://blizzard.gamespress.com/Diablo-Immortal>.

About Blizzard Entertainment, Inc.

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

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