



Overwatch® 2 Launches October 4, with Junker Queen Joining the Fray

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Overwatch 2's release will be the franchise's most significant since its debut, starting with a new competitive multiplayer experience, heroes, maps, and more with a new, free-to-play structure

IRVINE, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jun. 12, 2022-- **Overwatch 2 is launching in early access with dynamic new PvP content releasing on Windows® PC and Xbox Series X|S, Xbox One, PlayStation®5, PlayStation®4, and Nintendo Switch™ consoles on October 4**, kicking off the next chapter for Blizzard Entertainment's acclaimed team-based shooter. Featuring a new five-versus-five multiplayer format with cross-platform play and cross-platform progression, **Overwatch 2's PvP experience is designed to offer incredible and fresh competitive gameplay with a new, free-to-play model** and major game updates such as new heroes, hero reworks, maps, modes, and premium cosmetics.

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At launch, players will have an opportunity to get their hands on the newest tank hero to join the roster, the ruthless Australian-born ruler of Junkertown: the Junker Queen. More details on the Junker Queen, *Overwatch 2's* live service model and seasonal content plan, and the upcoming phase of the game's closed beta testing will be shared during the *Overwatch 2* Reveal Event livestream on [YouTube.com/PlayOverwatch](https://www.youtube.com/PlayOverwatch) or [Twitch.tv/PlayOverwatch](https://www.twitch.tv/PlayOverwatch) this Thursday, June 16, at 10:00 a.m. PDT.

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The Junker Queen is the second new hero revealed for *Overwatch 2*, and the franchise's 34th hero overall, following Sojourn—a high-mobility and railgun-wielding former *Overwatch* captain with cybernetic capabilities. New and iconic international locations will also arrive

Overwatch 2 Logo (Graphic: Business Wire)

in-game at launch, from the snowy New Queen Street in Toronto to the bustle of Midtown Manhattan. *Overwatch 2* additionally introduces the new Push game mode, a symmetrical map type where teams battle to take control and advance a centrally-located robot deeper into enemy territory than the opposing team.

"We can't wait to roll out the beginning of the *Overwatch 2* experience on October 4 and introduce an exciting new competitive vision, featuring amazing new content and a reimagining of the iconic heroes, maps, and gameplay that made the original game so compelling," said Mike Ybarra, President of Blizzard Entertainment. "This is the beginning of an always-on and always-evolving era for the franchise, and a recommitment to serving players with frequent and substantial updates planned well into the future to keep *Overwatch 2* fresh and fun for many years to come."

For more information on today's announcement, visit [PlayOverwatch.com](https://www.playoverwatch.com), and tune into the *Overwatch 2* Reveal Event livestream on Thursday.

Media Assets:

- Overwatch 2 Logo: <https://blizzard.gamespress.com/Overwatch-2#?tab=logos-3>
- Screenshots: <https://blizzard.gamespress.com/Overwatch-2#?tab=screenshots-1>

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