



Diablo® III: Ultimate Evil Edition™ Coming to Consoles August 19

Includes Diablo® III and critically acclaimed Reaper of Souls™ expansion

Preorder for PS3™, PS4™, Xbox One, or Xbox 360 now and receive exclusive bonus in-game item

IRVINE, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- On August 19, console gamers around the world will be able to join the crusade against death itself when *Diablo® III: Reaper of Souls™ - Ultimate Evil Edition™* launches on the PlayStation® 3 and PlayStation® 4 computer entertainment systems, Xbox One, and Xbox 360. The console-exclusive *Ultimate Evil Edition* includes all of the content from the original *Diablo III*, as well as new features and updates from the critically acclaimed *Reaper of Souls* expansion. With six customizable character classes, five engrossing acts, and countless hours of gameplay, this all-inclusive package is a treasure trove of fast-paced demon-slaying action and cooperative adventure.

The console version of *Reaper of Souls* has been designed to take advantage of the unique features of the console platforms. All four console versions of the *Ultimate Evil Edition* feature 4-player same-screen and online multiplayer—whether you're banding together on the same couch or joining the fray via PlayStation® Network or the Xbox Live online entertainment network, *Reaper of Souls* makes it easy to experience *Diablo* in the best way possible: with your friends.

The *Ultimate Evil Edition* introduces even more ways for players to share their adventures. A new Apprentice mode boosts low-level players' power while adventuring with high-level friends, making it easier than ever to play together. Players will also be able to share treasures with other players on their friends lists via an in-game mail system, including mysterious Player Gifts containing rare loot for the adventurer whose name they bear.

"The *Ultimate Evil Edition* brings *Reaper of Souls* to console gamers for the first time, and wraps all of the content, features, and updates we've released for *Diablo III* into one epic package," said Mike Morhaime, CEO and cofounder of Blizzard Entertainment. "Whether you're a veteran of the crusade against the forces of evil on PC or are just stepping foot into Sanctuary for the first time, there's never been a better time to experience *Diablo III* from the comfort of your couch."

In *Reaper of Souls*, the five valiant heroes from *Diablo III*—Barbarian, Demon Hunter, Monk, Witch Doctor, and Wizard—are joined by a new champion: the Crusader. Clad head to toe in fortified armor, the Crusader is an unstoppable force of righteous destruction who channels the power of divine wrath to visit retribution upon his demonic quarry.

Reaper of Souls adds a challenging new act to *Diablo III* in which players will embark on a dark and perilous journey through terrifying landscapes; explore the legendary city of Westmarch; and slay countless minions, each hell-bent on bringing the players' heroic quest to a grisly end. The adventure culminates in a climactic confrontation with Malthael, the Angel of Death, whose twisted designs spell ruin for the innocent people of Sanctuary.

In addition to the Crusader hero and Act V, the *Ultimate Evil Edition* includes a revamp of the game's loot system, an expanded Paragon progression system for max-level characters, and several other improvements to the *Diablo III* game experience, including:

- Adventure Mode: A new game mode that gives players the freedom to go anywhere and slay anything
- Bounties: Randomized objectives that reward players in new ways for exploring Sanctuary
- Nephalem Rifts: Fully randomized dungeons offering endless replayability and heaps of loot
- Level Cap to 70: Formidable new spells and abilities that take players to new heights of power
- The Mystic: A powerful new artisan who provides heroes with loot-customization options

All of this new content comes with the *Reaper of Souls - Ultimate Evil Edition*, which players can purchase beginning August 19 at a suggested retail price of \$59.99 for the PS4™ computer entertainment system or Xbox One, or \$39.99 for the PS3™ or Xbox 360—check with your local retailer for availability.

Those who preorder their copy of *Diablo III: Reaper of Souls - Ultimate Evil Edition* will also receive the exclusive Infernal

Pauldrons bonus in-game item. Wearable at level 1, these devilishly sharp transmogrifiable shoulderplates provide Health, Life regeneration, and Cooldown Reduction. The key for the Infernal Pauldrons will be available in launch day copies of the *Ultimate Evil Edition* (cannot be transferred across platforms).

In addition, players who fought the forces of evil in the original PS3™ or Xbox 360 versions of *Diablo III* will be able to continue their crusade against death. PS3™ characters from the original game can be transferred to either the PS3™ or PS4™ version of the *Ultimate Evil Edition*, and Xbox 360 characters can be transferred to the Xbox 360 or Xbox One version.

For more information on *Reaper of Souls - Ultimate Evil Edition*, visit [the official Diablo III website](http://www.blizzard.com). With multiple games in development, Blizzard Entertainment has numerous positions currently available—visit <http://jobs.blizzard.com> for more information and to learn how to apply.

About Blizzard Entertainment, Inc.

Best known for blockbuster hits including World of Warcraft® and the Warcraft®, StarCraft®, and Diablo® franchises, Blizzard Entertainment, Inc. (www.blizzard.com), a division of Activision Blizzard (NASDAQ: ATVI), is a premier developer and publisher of entertainment software renowned for creating some of the industry's most critically acclaimed games. Blizzard Entertainment's track record includes seventeen #1-selling games* and multiple Game of the Year awards. The company's online-gaming service, Battle.net®, is one of the largest in the world, with millions of active players.

**Based on internal company records and reports from key distribution partners.*

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-looking Statements: Information in this press release that involves Blizzard Entertainment's expectations, plans, intentions or strategies regarding the future, including statements about scheduled release dates, are forward-looking statements that are not facts and involve a number of risks and uncertainties. Factors that could cause Blizzard Entertainment's actual future results to differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements set forth in this release include unanticipated product delays and other factors identified in the risk factors sections of Activision Blizzard's most recent annual report on Form 10-K and any subsequent quarterly reports on Form 10-Q. The forward-looking statements in this release are based upon information available to Blizzard Entertainment and Activision Blizzard as of the date of this release, and neither Blizzard Entertainment nor Activision Blizzard assumes any obligation to update any such forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements believed to be true when made may ultimately prove to be incorrect. These statements are not guarantees of the future performance of Blizzard Entertainment or Activision Blizzard and are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors, some of which are beyond its control and may cause actual results to differ materially from current expectations.

Blizzard Entertainment, Inc.
Rob Hilburger
VP, Global Communications
949-242-8404
rhilburger@blizzard.com

or
Emil Rodriguez
Director, Global PR
949-955-1380 x12064
elrodriguez@blizzard.com

or
Steven Khoo
PR Manager
949-955-1380 x12508
skhoo@blizzard.com

Source: Blizzard Entertainment, Inc.

News Provided by Acquire Media