

Key Games List

Lecture 1 - Roots

The Royal Game of Ur

Date: ~**3000 BCE**
Developer: **Unknown**
Platform: **Board Game**
Region of Origin: **Mesopotamia**

Senet

Date: ~**3000 BCE**
Developer: **Unknown**
Platform: **Board Game**
Region of Origin: **Ancient Egypt**

Backgammon *

Date: ~**3000 BCE**
Developer: **Unknown**
Platform: **Board Game**
Region of Origin: **Ancient Persia**

Knucklebones

Date: ~**5000 BCE**
Developer: **Unknown**
Platform: **Dice Game**
Region of Origin: **Unknown**

Go *

Date: ~**2000 BCE**
Developer: **Unknown**
Platform: **Board Game**
Region of Origin: **Ancient China**

Mancala *

Date: ~**600 CE**
Developer: **Unknown**
Platform: **Board Game**
Region of Origin: **Eastern Africa**

Chess *

Date: ~**600 CE**
Developer: **Unknown**
Platform: **Board Game**
Region of Origin: **India**

Snakes and Ladders

Date: ~**1500 CE**
Developer: **Unknown**
Platform: **Board Game**
Region of Origin: **India**

Checkers (Draughts)

Date: ~**1500 CE**
Developer: **Unknown**
Platform: **Board Game**
Region of Origin: **France**

Note: For all entires marked (series) the information given is for the first installment.

Lecture 2 - Sports

The Olympic Games

Date: **776 BCE**
Developer: **Unknown**
Platform: **Field Games (various)**
Region of Origin: **Ancient Greece**

Association Football (Soccer) *

Date: **1848 CE**
Developer: **Unknown**
Platform: **Ball Game**
Region of Origin: **England**

Cricket

Date: **ca. 1700s CE**
Developer: **Unknown**
Platform: **Bat and Ball Game**
Region of Origin: **England**

Basketball

Date: **1891 CE**
Developer: **James Naismith**
Platform: **Ball Game**
Region of Origin: **USA**

Tennis

Date: **ca. 1100 CE**
Developer: **Unknown**
Platform: **Ball and Racket Game**
Region of Origin: **France**

Golf

Date: **ca. 1400 CE**
Developer: **Unknown**
Platform: **Ball and Club Game**
Region of Origin: **Scotland**

Formula One

Date: **1946 CE**
Developer: **N/A**
Platform: **Motor Sport**
Region of Origin: **England**

American Football

Date: **1862 CE**
Developer: **Walter Camp, et al.**
Platform: **Ball Game**
Region of Origin: **USA**

Sasuke

Date: **1997 CE**
Developer: **Ushio Higuchi, et al.**
Platform: **Obstacle Course**
Region of Origin: **Japan**

Lecture 3 - Adventure

Colossal Cave / Adventure*

Date: **1975 CE**
Developer: **Will Crowther**
Platform: **PDP-10**
Region of Origin: **USA**

Rockett's New School

Date: **1997 CE**
Developer: **Brenda Laurel w. Purple Moon**
Platform: **PC**
Region of Origin: **USA**

Plundered Hearts

Date: **1987 CE**
Developer: **Amy Briggs w. Infocom**
Platform: **Amiga, Apple II, etc.**
Region of Origin: **USA**

King's Quest (series)

Date: **1983 - 1998 CE**
Developer: **Roberta Williams w. Sierra On-Line**
Platform: **IBM PC Jr.**
Region of Origin: **USA**

Monkey Island (series)

Date: **1990 CE - Present**
Developer: **Ron Gilbert w. LucasArts**
Platform: **PC**
Region of Origin: **USA**

Myst *

Date: **1993 CE**
Developer: **Rand & Robin Miller, w. Cyan**
Platform: **PC**
Region of Origin: **USA**

Angelique (series)

Date: **1994 CE - present**
Developer: **Ruby Party w. Koei**
Platform: **Super Famicom**
Region of Origin: **Japan**

The Walking Dead*

Date: **2012 CE**
Developer: **Telltale Games**
Platform: **PC**
Region of Origin: **USA**

Lecture 4 - Action

Spacewar!

Date: **1962 CE**
Developer: **Steve Russell & Martin Gaertz**
Platform: **PDP-1**
Region of Origin: **USA**

Mega Man (series) *

Date: **1987 - 2010 CE**
Developer: **Keiji Inafune w. Capcom**
Platform: **NES**
Region of Origin: **Japan**

Pong

Date: **1972 CE**
Developer: **Al Alcorn w. Atari**
Platform: **Arcade**
Region of Origin: **USA**

Godhand

Date: **2006 CE**
Developer: **Shinji Mikami w. Capcom**
Platform: **Playstation 2**
Region of Origin: **Japan**

Space Invaders *

Date: **1978 CE**
Developer: **Tomohiro Nishikado w. Taito**
Platform: **Arcade**
Region of Origin: **Japan**

Super Hexagon

Date: **2012 CE**
Developer: **Terry Cavanaugh**
Platform: **iOS**
Region of Origin: **England**

Pac-Man

Date: **1980 CE**
Developer: **Toru Iwatani w. Namco**
Platform: **Arcade**
Region of Origin: **Japan**

Centipede

Date: **1980 CE**
Developer: **Dona Bailey & Ed Logg**
Platform: **Arcade**
Region of Origin: **USA**

Raiden

Date: **1990 CE**
Developer: **Seibu Kaihatsu**
Platform: **Arcade**
Region of Origin: **Japan**

Super Mario (series) *

Date: **1985 CE - Present**
Developer: **Shigeru Miyamoto w. Nintendo**
Platform: **NES**
Region of Origin: **Japan**

Lecture 5 - First Person Shooters

Maze War

Date: **1974 CE**
Developer: **Steve Colley, Greg Thompson**
Platform: **Imlac PDS-1**
Region of Origin: **USA**

Portal

Date: **2007 CE**
Developer: **Valve**
Platform: **PC, Xbox 360, PS3**
Region of Origin: **USA**

Doom *

Date: **1993 CE**
Developer: **id Software**
Platform: **PC**
Region of Origin: **USA**

GoldenEye 007

Date: **1997 CE**
Developer: **Rare**
Platform: **Nintendo 64**
Region of Origin: **United Kingdom**

Half-Life (series) *

Date: **1998 CE - Present**
Developer: **Valve**
Platform: **PC**
Region of Origin: **USA**

Counter-Strike

Date: **1999 CE**
Developer: **Minh 'Gooseman' Le & Jess Cliffe**
Platform: **PC**
Region of Origin: **Canada**

Halo (series)

Date: **2001 CE**
Developer: **Bungie, et al.**
Platform: **XBox**
Region of Origin: **USA**

Call of Duty: Modern Warfare *

Date: **2007 CE**
Developer: **Infinity Ward, et al.**
Platform: **Xbox 360, PS3**
Region of Origin: **USA**

Lecture 6 - Strategy

Kriegspiel

Date: **1812 CE**
Developer: **George Leopold von Reiswitz**
Platform: **Board Game**
Region of Origin: **Prussia**

StarCraft (series) *

Date: **1998 CE - Present**
Developer: **Blizzard**
Platform: **PC**
Region of Origin: **USA**

M.U.L.E.

Date: **1983 CE**
Developer: **Danielle Bunten Berry**
Platform: **Atari 400/800, Commodore 64**
Region of Origin: **USA**

League of Legends

Date: **2009 CE**
Developer: **Riot**
Platform: **PC**
Region of Origin: **USA**

Populous

Date: **1989 CE**
Developer: **Peter Molyneux w. Bullfrog**
Platform: **Amiga, PC**
Region of Origin: **England**

Civilization (series) *

Date: **1991 CE - Present**
Developer: **Sid Meier w. Microprose, et al.**
Platform: **PC**
Region of Origin: **USA**

X-Com: UFO Defense (series)

Date: **1993 CE**
Developer: **Julian Gollop w. Microprose**
Platform: **PC**
Region of Origin: **England**

Fire Emblem (series)

Date: **1990 CE**
Developer: **Intelligent Systems**
Platform: **Famicom (NES)**
Region of Origin: **Japan**

Lecture 7 - Modern Board and Card

Poker

Date: **ca. mid-1800s CE**
Developer: **Unknown**
Platform: **Card Game**
Region of Origin: **USA**

Settlers of Catan *

Date: **1995 CE**
Developer: **Klaus Teuber**
Platform: **Board Game**
Region of Origin: **Germany**

Contract Bridge

Date: **1925 CE**
Developer: **Harold Vanderbilt**
Platform: **Card Game**
Region of Origin: **International Waters**

Dominion*

Date: **2008 CE**
Developer: **Donald X. Vaccarino**
Platform: **Card Game**
Region of Origin: **USA**

Monopoly

Date: **ca. 1905 - 1910 CE**
Developer: **Elizabeth 'Lizzie' Magie**
Platform: **Board Game**
Region of Origin: **USA**

Hearthstone

Date: **2014 CE**
Developer: **Blizzard Entertainment**
Platform: **Card Game**
Region of Origin: **USA**

Set

Date: **1974 CE**
Developer: **Marsha Falco**
Platform: **Card Game**
Region of Origin: **USA**

Jenga

Date: **1970s CE**
Developer: **Leslie Scott**
Platform: **Tower Game**
Region of Origin: **Ghana**

Diplomacy

Date: **1958 CE**
Developer: **Allan B. Calhamer**
Platform: **Board Game**
Region of Origin: **USA**

Magic: The Gathering

Date: **1993 CE**
Developer: **Richard Garfield**
Platform: **Trading Card Game**
Region of Origin: **USA**

Lecture 8 - Role-Playing

Dungeons & Dragons *

Date: **1974 CE**
Developer: **Gary Gygax & Dave Arneson**
Platform: **Tabletop Game**
Region of Origin: **USA**

Pokemon (series)

Date: **1996 CE - Present**
Developer: **Satoshi Tajiri**
Platform: **GameBoy**
Region of Origin: **Japan**

Wizardry

Date: **1981 CE**
Developer: **Sirtech Software**
Platform: **Apple II**
Region of Origin: **USA**

World of Warcraft

Date: **2004 CE**
Developer: **Blizzard**
Platform: **PC**
Region of Origin: **USA**

Final Fantasy (series)

Date: **1987 CE**
Developer: **Hironobu Sakaguchi w. Squaresoft**
Platform: **NES**
Region of Origin: **Japan**

NetHack

Date: **1987 CE**
Developer: **Mike Stephenson**
Platform: **PC**
Region of Origin: **USA**

Ultima (series)

Date: **1980 - 1999 CE**
Developer: **Richard Garriott w. Origin Systems**
Platform: **Apple II**
Region of Origin: **USA**

Diablo (series)

Date: **1996 CE**
Developer: **Blizzard**
Platform: **PC**
Region of Origin: **USA**

Fallout (series)

Date: **1997 CE**
Developer: **Tim Cain w. Interplay**
Platform: **PC**
Region of Origin: **USA**

Lecture 9 - Simulation

Lemonade Stand

Date: **1973 CE**
Developer: **Bob Jamison W. MECC**
Platform: **UNIVAC 1100**
Region of Origin: **USA**

Oregon Trail

Date: **1971 CE**
Developer: **Don Rawitsch w. MECC**
Platform: **UNIVAC 1100**
Region of Origin: **USA**

Microsoft Flight Simulator

Date: **1980 CE**
Developer: **subLOGIC**
Platform: **Apple II, TRS-80**
Region of Origin: **USA**

Elite

Date: **1984 CE**
Developer: **David Braben & Ian Bell**
Platform: **BBC Micro**
Region of Origin: **United Kingdom**

Rock Band

Date: **2007 CE**
Developer: **Harmonix**
Platform: **XBox 360, PS3**
Region of Origin: **USA**

SimCity *

Date: **1989 CE**
Developer: **Will Wright w. Maxis**
Platform: **PC**
Region of Origin: **USA**

FIFA (series)*

Date: **1993 CE**
Developer: **EA Sports**
Platform: **Sega Genesis**
Region of Origin: **Canada**

The Sims*

Date: **2000 CE**
Developer: **Will Wright w. Maxis**
Platform: **PC**
Region of Origin: **USA**

Gran Turismo (series)

Date: **1997 CE - Present**
Developer: **Polyphony Digital**
Platform: **Playstation 2**
Region of Origin: **Japan**

Lecture 10 - Action-Adventure

Adventure (2600) *

Date: **1979 CE**
Developer: **Warren Robinett w. Atari**
Platform: **Atari 2600**
Region of Origin: **USA**

Castlevania: Symphony of the Night

Date: **1997 CE**
Developer: **Koji Igarashi w. Konami**
Platform: **Playstation**
Region of Origin: **Japan**

The Legend of Zelda (series) *

Date: **1986 CE - Present**
Developer: **Shigeru Miyamoto w. Nintendo**
Platform: **Famicom Disk System**
Region of Origin: **Japan**

Metal Gear (series)

Date: **1987 CE - present**
Developer: **Hideo Kojima w. Konami**
Platform: **MSX 2**
Region of Origin: **Japan**

Another World *

Date: **1991 CE**
Developer: **Eric Chahi**
Platform: **Amiga**
Region of Origin: **France**

Dark Souls

Date: **2011 CE**
Developer: **Hidetaka Miyazaki w. FromSoftware**
Platform: **XBox360, PS3**
Region of Origin: **Japan**

Tomb Raider (series)

Date: **1996 CE - Present**
Developer: **Core Design**
Platform: **Sega Saturn**
Region of Origin: **England**

Grand Theft Auto (series) *

Date: **1997 CE - Present**
Developer: **Rockstar Games**
Platform: **Playstation**
Region of Origin: **USA & Scotland**

Lecture 11 - Fighting

Boxing

Date: **1743 CE**
Developer: **Jack Broughton**
Platform: **Combat Sport**
Region of Origin: **England**

Fencing

Date: **1763 CE**
Developer: **Domenico Angelo**
Platform: **Combat Sport**
Region of Origin: **England**

Kyokushin Karate

Date: **ca. 1950 CE**
Developer: **Masutatsu 'Mas' Oyama**
Platform: **Combat Sport**
Region of Origin: **Japan**

Street Fighter (series) *

Date: **1987 CE - Present**
Developer: **Capcom**
Platform: **Arcade**
Region of Origin: **Japan**

Tekken (series) *

Date: **1994 CE - Present**
Developer: **Namco**
Platform: **Arcade**
Region of Origin: **Japan**

Bushido Blade

Date: **1997 CE**
Developer: **Light Weight**
Platform: **Playstation**
Region of Origin: **Japan**

Super Smash Bros. (series) *

Date: **1999 CE - Present**
Developer: **Masahiro Sakurai w. Nintendo**
Platform: **Nintendo 64**
Region of Origin: **Japan**

Mixed Martial Arts

Date: **ca. 1920s CE**
Developer: **Carlos & Helio Gracie, et al.**
Platform: **Combat Sport**
Region of Origin: **Brazil**

Lecture 12 - Puzzle

Crosswords

Date: **ca. 1800s CE**

Developer: **Unknown**

Platform: **Pen & Paper**

Region of Origin: **England**

Tetris

Date: **1984 CE**

Developer: **Alexey Pajitnov**

Platform: **Electronika 60**

Region of Origin: **Soviet Union**

Microsoft Solitaire

Date: **1990 CE**

Developer: **Wes Cherry & Susan Kare**

Platform: **PC**

Region of Origin: **USA**

Lemmings

Date: **1991 CE**

Developer: **Dave Jones w. DMA Design**

Platform: **Amiga**

Region of Origin: **Scotland**

The Witness

Date: **2016 CE**

Developer: **Jonathan Blow w. Thekla Inc.**

Platform: **PS4**

Region of Origin: **USA**

Puzzle Bobble

Date: **1994 CE**

Developer: **Seiichi Nakakuki w. Taito**

Platform: **Arcade**

Region of Origin: **Japan**

Bejeweled (series)

Date: **2001 CE - Present**

Developer: **PopCap Games**

Platform: **PC**

Region of Origin: **USA**

Lecture 13 - Contemporary

Cave Story

Date: **2004 CE**
Developer: **Daisuke 'Pixel' Amaya**
Platform: **PC**
Region of Origin: **USA**

The Graveyard

Date: **2008 CE**
Developer: **Tale of Tales**
Platform: **PC**
Region of Origin: **Belgium**

Alien Hominid

Date: **2004 CE**
Developer: **Dan Paladin w. The Behemoth**
Platform: **PS2, GameCube**
Region of Origin: **USA**

Analog: A Hate Story

Date: **2012 CE**
Developer: **Christine Love**
Platform: **PC, Mac, Linux**
Region of Origin: **USA**

Spelunky

Date: **2008 CE**
Developer: **Derek Yu w. Mossmouth**
Platform: **PC**
Region of Origin: **USA**

Farmville

Date: **2009 CE**
Developer: **Zynga**
Platform: **Facebook**
Region of Origin: **USA**

Minecraft

Date: **2009 CE**
Developer: **Markus 'Notch' Persson w. Mojang**
Platform: **PC**
Region of Origin: **Sweden**

JS Joust

Date: **2011 CE**
Developer: **Copenhagen Game Collective**
Platform: **Physical Game w. Move controllers**
Region of Origin: **Denmark**

Journey

Date: **2012 CE**
Developer: **thatgamecompany**
Platform: **PS3**
Region of Origin: **USA**

Howling Dogs

Date: **2012 CE**
Developer: **Porpentine**
Platform: **Twine**
Region of Origin: **USA**

Gone Home

Date: **2013 CE**
Developer: **Fullbright**
Platform: **PC**
Region of Origin: **USA**

Flappy Bird

Date: **2013 CE**
Developer: **Dong Nguyen**
Platform: **iOS**
Region of Origin: **Vietnam**

Train

Date: **2013 CE**
Developer: **Brenda Romero**
Platform: **Board Game**
Region of Origin: **USA**

Cibele

Date: **2015 CE**
Developer: **Nina Freeman**
Platform: **PC**
Region of Origin: **USA**