

Heroes of Might & Magic

Might & Magic Heroes (formerly ***Heroes of Might and Magic***) is a series of video games originally created and developed by Jon Van Caneghem through New World Computing. As part of the *Might and Magic* franchise, the series changed ownership when NWC was acquired by 3DO and again when 3DO closed down and sold the rights to Ubisoft. The games feature turn-based, fantasy-themed conflicts in which players control armies of mythical creatures. The series began in 1995 with the release of the first title. A seventh installment, *Might & Magic Heroes VII*, was released on September 29, 2015.

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Logo for the *Heroes of Might and Magic* series

Genre(s)	Turn-based strategy New World Computing(1995-2003)
Developer(s)	Nival Interactive (for <i>Heroes V</i>) Black Hole Entertainment (for <i>Heroes VI</i>) Limbic Entertainment(for <i>Heroes VI</i> and <i>VII</i>) Virtuos (for <i>Shades of Darkness</i>) New World Computing (1995-1996)
Publisher(s)	The 3DO Company(1996-2003) Ubisoft (2003-)
Creator(s)	Jon Van Caneghem
Platform(s)	DOS, Linux, Game Boy Color, Mac OS, Windows, RISC OS
First release	<i>Heroes of Might and Magic: A Strategic Quest</i> 1995
Latest release	<i>Might & Magic Heroes VII</i> 2015
Spin-offs	<i>Heroes Chronicles</i> <i>KingdomsClash of Heroes</i> <i>Dark Messiah of Might and Magic</i>

New World Computing closed after the production of *Heroes of Might and Magic IV*, and since then the rights to the franchise have been owned by Ubisoft. Nival Interactive developed the first game in the series since the changeover, *Heroes of Might and Magic V*. Black Hole Entertainment developed its sequel *Might & Magic Heroes VI*, but Limbic Entertainment developed later patches and the DLC, as well as *Might & Magic Heroes VII*. Virtuos developed the *Shades of Darkness* standalone expansion for *Heroes VI*.

The series is directed primarily at the DOS and Windows platforms, with sporadic support for Mac OS over the years. In addition to Windows and Mac platforms, *Heroes II* was ported to RISC OS and *Heroes III* was ported

to Linux. GameTap has carried the first four games in the series since 2006. Remakes have also appeared on the [Game Boy Color](#).

Games

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Timeline of release years

1990 *King's Bounty*

1991

1992

1993

1994

1995 *Heroes of Might and Magic I*

1996 *Heroes of Might and Magic II*

1997

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1999 *Heroes of Might and Magic III*

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2002 *Heroes of Might and Magic IV*

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2006 [*Heroes of Might and Magic V*](#)

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2011 [*Heroes of Might and Magic VI*](#)

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2014

2015 *Heroes of Might and Magic VII*

Screenshot from *Heroes of Might and Magic II*

Screenshot from *Heroes of Might and Magic V*

King's Bounty (1990), an earlier game from New World Computing, largely precipitated the design of *Heroes* and is included in some *Heroes* anthologies. It was later remade and branded as a *Heroes* title for the PlayStation 2 game, *Quest for the Dragon Bone Staff*. A sequel to *King's Bounty* was released in 2008 as *King's Bounty: The Legend*.

Main titles, expansions and adventure packs

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- *Heroes of Might and Magic: A Strategic Quest* (1995)
- *Heroes of Might and Magic II* (1996)
 - *The Price of Loyalty* (1997)
- *Heroes of Might and Magic III* (1999)
 - *Armageddon's Blade* (1999)
 - *The Shadow of Death* (2000)
- *Heroes of Might and Magic IV* (2002)
 - *The Gathering Storm* (2002)
 - *Winds of War* (2003)
- [*Heroes of Might and Magic V*](#) (2006)
 - *Hammers of Fate* (2006)
 - *Tribes of the East* (2007)
- [*Heroes of Might & Magic VI*](#) (2011)
 - *Pirates of the Savage Sea Adventure*(2012)
 - *Danse Macabre* (2012)
 - *Shades of Darkness* (2013)
- *Might & Magic Heroes VII* (2015)***Might & Magic Heroes***
 - *Trial by Fire* (2016)

Spin-offs

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- *Heroes of Might and Magic* (Game Boy Color, 2000)
- *Heroes of Might and Magic II* (Game Boy Color, 2000)
- *Heroes Chronicles* (2000)
- *Heroes of Might and Magic: Quest for the Dragon Bone Staff* ([PlayStation 2](#), 2001)
- *Heroes of Might and Magic Online* (2008)
- *Might and Magic: Heroes Kingdoms* (2009)
- *Might & Magic: Clash of Heroes* ([Nintendo DS](#), 2009; Xbox Live Arcade, 2011; PlayStation Network, 2011; PC, 2011)
 - *Might & Magic Clash of Heroes: DLC I Am the Boss* (2011)
- *Might & Magic Heroes: Era of Chaos* (2017)

Anthologies and special editions

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- *Heroes of Might and Magic Compendium*(1997), includes *King's Bounty* and first two *Heroes* games including expansion pack. Released by 3DO.
- *Heroes of Might and Magic II Gold* (1998), includes *Heroes II* and its expansion. Released by 3DO.
- *Heroes of Might and Magic Millennium*(1999), includes *King's Bounty*, *Heroes I*, *Heroes II Gold* and *Heroes III*, but no expansions to *Heroes III*. Released by 3DO, in a 3 CD-ROM disc set.

- *Heroes of Might and Magic III: Complete*(2000), a special edition that includes *Heroes III* and its expansions packs (all updated to latest versions) and a custom title screen. Released by 3DO.
- *Heroes of Might and Magic Trilogy* (2000), *Heroes I*, *Heroes II* and *Heroes III*, but no expansions to *Heroes II* nor *Heroes III*. Released in a joint venture by 3DO and Ubisoft, in a 3 CD-ROM disc set.
- *Heroes of Might and Magic: Platinum Edition*(2002), includes *Heroes I*, *Heroes II Gold* and *Heroes III Complete*. Released by 3DO, in a 4 CD-ROM disc set.
- *Heroes of Might and Magic III+IV Complete*(2002), includes *Heroes III Complete* and *Heroes IV Complete*. Released by Ubisoft, in a 1 DVD-ROM disc set.
- *Heroes of Might and Magic IV Complete*(2004), includes *Heroes IV* and all of its expansions. Released by Ubisoft.
- *Heroes of Might and Magic V: Silver Edition*(2006), includes *Heroes V* and the expansion pack *Hammers of Fate*.
- *Heroes of Might and Magic V: Collector's Edition* (2007), includes *Heroes V* and all of its expansion packs. It also includes three bonus DVDs including Storyline Trailers for the main game and its expansions, Developer Diaries, *Heroes V* Universe Album, Exclusive Monsters Test Videos, Fan-Made *Heroes* Game Encyclopedia and more. Released by Ubisoft.
- *Might and Magic Heroes V: Epic Collection*(2009), includes *Heroes V* and both of its expansion packs. Released by Encore Games.
- *Heroes Pack* (2009), includes *Dark Messiah* and *Heroes V* and its expansion packs. Available on Steam.
- *Heroes of Might and Magic: Complete Edition* (2008), includes the first five *Heroes* games and their expansions. The included games are accompanied by extras and goodies, such as soundtracks DVDs, a faction booklet, a *Heroes of Might and Magic V* T-shirt or The Art of *Might and Magic* artbook. Released by Ubisoft.
- *Might & Magic Heroes Collection* (2011), includes all five *Heroes* games and their expansions. It was released by Mastertronic Games in a 4 disc set.
- *Might & Magic Heroes VI: Limited Edition*(2011), includes *Heroes VI* and *Heroes III* along with one extra item (*Staff of Asha*) and hero (*Kraal*) for *Heroes VI*. Released by Ubisoft.
- *Might & Magic Heroes VI: Deluxe Digital Edition* (2011), includes a digital copy of *Heroes VI*, two .pdf documents (164-page concept art book and an A2 format double sided poster), the game's soundtrack and one month subscription on *Heroes Kingdoms*. Released by Ubisoft.
- *Might and Magic Franchise Pack*, (2012), includes *Dark Messiah*, *Heroes V* and its expansion packs, *Clash of Heroes* and its DLC, *Heroes VI* and its two adventure packs. Available on Steam.
- *Might & Magic Heroes VI: Gold Edition*(2012), includes *Heroes VI* and its two adventure packs. Released by Ubisoft.
- *Might & Magic: Heroes VI: Complete Edition*(2013), includes *Heroes VI* (version 1.5.1) and its standalone expansion pack and two adventure packs.

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