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Year	Game	Genre	Publisher	Original platform	Ref(s)
1972	<i>Pong</i>	Sports	Atari	Arcade	[A]
1977	<i>Zork</i>	Adventure	Infocom	PDP-10	[B]
1978	<i>Space Invaders</i>	Shoot 'em up	Taito	Arcade	[C]
1979	<i>Asteroids</i>	Shoot 'em up	Atari	Arcade	[D]
1980	<i>Adventure</i>	Action-adventure	Atari	Atari 2600	[E]
	<i>Pac-Man</i>	Maze	Namco	Arcade	[F]
1981	<i>Defender</i>	Shoot 'em up	Williams Entertainment	Arcade	[G]
	<i>Donkey Kong</i>	Platform	Nintendo	Arcade	[H]
	<i>Galaga</i>	Shoot 'em up	Namco	Arcade	[I]
	<i>Tempest</i>	Shoot 'em up	Atari	Arcade	[J]
1982	<i>Joust</i>	Action	Williams Entertainment	Arcade	[K]
	<i>Ms. Pac-Man</i>	Maze	Midway	Arcade	[L]
	<i>Pitfall!</i>	Platform	Activision	Atari 2600	[M]
1983	<i>Punch-Out!!</i>	Sports	Nintendo	Arcade	[N]
	<i>Star Wars</i>	Shoot 'em up	Atari	Arcade	[O]
1984	<i>Elite</i>	Space simulation	Acornsoft	BBC Micro	[P]
	<i>Tetris</i>	Puzzle	Various	Various	[Q]
1985	<i>Gauntlet</i>	Action role-playing	Atari	Arcade	[R]
	<i>Ghosts 'n Goblins</i>	Platform	Capcom	Arcade	[S]
	<i>Super Mario Bros.</i>	Platform	Nintendo	NES	[T]
1986	<i>The Legend of Zelda</i>	Action-adventure	Nintendo	NES	[U]
	<i>Out Run</i>	Racing	Sega	Arcade	[V]
1987	<i>Contra</i>	Run and gun	Konami	Arcade	[W]
	<i>Double Dragon</i>	Beat 'em up	Technos Japan	Arcade	[X]
	<i>R-Type</i>	Shoot 'em up	Irem	Arcade	[Y]
	<i>Tecmo Bowl</i>	Sports	Tecmo	Arcade	[Z]
1988	<i>Mega Man 2</i>	Platform	Capcom	NES	[AA]
	<i>Ninja Gaiden</i>	Platform	Tecmo	NES	[AB]
	<i>Super Mario Bros. 3</i>	Platform	Nintendo	NES	[AC]

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1989	<i>Prince of Persia</i>	Platform	Broderbund	Apple II	[AD]
	<i>SimCity</i>	City-building	Maxis	Macintosh	[AE]
1990	<i>Pilotwings</i>	Flight simulation	Nintendo	Super NES	[AF]
	<i>The Secret of Monkey Island</i>	Adventure	LucasArts	PC	[AG]
	<i>Speedball 2: Brutal Deluxe</i>	Sports	Image Works	Amiga	[AH]
	<i>Super Mario World</i>	Platform	Nintendo	Super NES	[AI]
1991	<i>Civilization</i>	Turn-based strategy	MicroProse	PC	[AJ]
	<i>The Legend of Zelda: A Link to the Past</i>	Action-adventure	Nintendo	Super NES	[AK]
	<i>Lemmings</i>	Puzzle	Psygnosis	Amiga	[AL]
	<i>Monkey Island 2: LeChuck's Revenge</i>	Adventure	LucasArts	PC	[AM]
	<i>Sonic the Hedgehog</i>	Platform	Sega	Genesis/Mega Drive	[AN]
	<i>Street Fighter II</i>	Fighting	Capcom	Arcade	[AO]
	<i>Super Castlevania IV</i>	Platform	Konami	Super NES	[AP]
	<i>Tecmo Super Bowl</i>	Sports	Tecmo	NES	[AQ]
1992	<i>Mortal Kombat</i>	Fighting	Midway	Arcade	[AR]
	<i>Sonic the Hedgehog 2</i>	Platform	Sega	Genesis/Mega Drive	[AS]
	<i>Star Control II</i>	Action-adventure	Accolade	PC	[AT]
	<i>Super Mario Kart</i>	Kart racing	Nintendo	Super NES	[AU]
	<i>Wolfenstein 3D</i>	First-person shooter	Apogee Software	PC	[AV]
1993	<i>Day of the Tentacle</i>	Adventure	LucasArts	PC	[AW]
	<i>Daytona USA</i>	Racing	Sega	Arcade	[AX]
	<i>Doom</i>	First-person shooter	id Software	PC	[AY]
	<i>Gunstar Heroes</i>	Run and gun	Sega	Genesis/Mega Drive	[AZ]
	<i>The Legend of Zelda: Link's Awakening</i>	Action-adventure	Nintendo	Game Boy	[BA]
	<i>Mega Man X</i>	Platform	Capcom	Super NES	[BB]
	<i>Mortal Kombat II</i>	Fighting	Midway	Arcade	[BC]
	<i>Myst</i>	Adventure	Broderbund	Macintosh	[BD]
	<i>NBA Jam</i>	Sports	Midway	Arcade	[BE]
	<i>Phantasy Star IV</i>	Role-playing	Sega	Genesis/Mega Drive	[BF]
	<i>Sam & Max Hit the Road</i>	Adventure	LucasArts	PC	[BG]
	<i>Secret of Mana</i>	Action role-playing	Square	Super NES	[BH]

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	<i>SimCity 2000</i>	City-building	Maxis	Macintosh	[BI]
1994	<i>Donkey Kong Country</i>	Platform	Nintendo	Super NES	[BJ]
	<i>EarthBound</i>	Role-playing	Nintendo	Super NES	[BK]
	<i>Final Fantasy VI</i>	Role-playing	Square	Super NES	[BL]
	<i>Star Wars: TIE Fighter</i>	Space simulation	LucasArts	PC	[BM]
	<i>Sensible World of Soccer</i>	Sports	Renegade Software	Amiga	[BN]
	<i>Super Metroid</i>	Action-adventure	Nintendo	Super NES	[BO]
	<i>UFO: Enemy Unknown</i>	Turn-based strategy	MicroProse	PC	[BP]
1995	<i>Chrono Trigger</i>	Role-playing	Square	Super NES	[BQ]
	<i>Command & Conquer</i>	Real-time strategy	Virgin Interactive	PC	[BR]
	<i>Warcraft II: Tides of Darkness</i>	Real-time strategy	Blizzard Entertainment	PC	[BS]
	<i>Wipeout</i>	Racing	Psygnosis	PlayStation	[BT]
	<i>Yoshi's Island</i>	Platform	Nintendo	Super NES	[BU]
1996	<i>Civilization II</i>	Turn-based strategy	MicroProse	PC	[BV]
	<i>Command & Conquer: Red Alert</i>	Real-time strategy	Virgin Interactive	PC	[BW]
	<i>Nights into Dreams...</i>	Action	Sega	Sega Saturn	[BX]
	<i>Pokémon Red and Blue</i>	Role-playing	Nintendo	Game Boy	[BY]
	<i>Quake</i>	First-person shooter	GT Interactive	PC	[BZ]
	<i>Resident Evil</i>	Survival horror	Capcom	PlayStation	[CA]
	<i>Super Mario 64</i>	Platform	Nintendo	Nintendo 64	[CB]
	<i>Super Mario RPG</i>	Role-playing	Nintendo	Super NES	[CC]
	<i>Tomb Raider</i>	Action-adventure	Eidos Interactive	Sega Saturn	[CD]
	<i>Wave Race 64</i>	Racing	Nintendo	Nintendo 64	[CE]
1997	<i>Castlevania: Symphony of the Night</i>	Action-adventure	Konami	PlayStation	[CF]
	<i>Fallout</i>	Role-playing	Interplay Productions	PC	[CG]
	<i>Final Fantasy Tactics</i>	Tactical role-playing	Square	PlayStation	[CH]
	<i>Final Fantasy VII</i>	Role-playing	Square	PlayStation	[CI]
	<i>GoldenEye 007</i>	First-person shooter	Nintendo	Nintendo 64	[CJ]
	<i>Gran Turismo</i>	Racing	Sony Computer Entertainment	PlayStation	[CK]
	<i>Quake II</i>	First-person shooter	Activision	PC	[CL]

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	<i>Star Fox 64</i>	Shoot 'em up	Nintendo	Nintendo 64	[CM]
	<i>Star Wars Jedi Knight: Dark Forces II</i>	First-person shooter	LucasArts	PC	[CN]
	<i>Tekken 3</i>	Fighting	Namco	Arcade	[CO]
	<i>Total Annihilation</i>	Real-time strategy	GT Interactive	PC	[CP]
	<i>Ultima Online</i>	MMORPG	Electronic Arts	PC	[CQ]
1998	<i>Banjo-Kazooie</i>	Platform	Nintendo	Nintendo 64	[CR]
	<i>Grim Fandango</i>	Adventure	LucasArts	PC	[CS]
	<i>Half-Life</i>	First-person shooter	Sierra Studios	PC	[CT]
	<i>The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time</i>	Action-adventure	Nintendo	Nintendo 64	[CU]
	<i>Metal Gear Solid</i>	Stealth	Konami	PlayStation	[CV]
	<i>Panzer Dragoon Saga</i>	Role-playing	Sega	Sega Saturn	[CW]
	<i>Resident Evil 2</i>	Survival horror	Capcom	PlayStation	[CX]
	<i>SoulCalibur</i>	Fighting	Namco	Dreamcast	[CY]
	<i>StarCraft</i>	Real-time strategy	Blizzard Entertainment	PC	[CZ]
	<i>Thief: The Dark Project</i>	Stealth	Eidos Interactive	PC	[DA]
1999	<i>Age of Empires II: The Age of Kings</i>	Real-time strategy	Microsoft Game Studios	PC	[DB]
	<i>EverQuest</i>	MMORPG	Sony Online Entertainment	PC	[DC]
	<i>Homeworld</i>	Real-time strategy	Sierra Studios	PC	[DD]
	<i>Planescape: Torment</i>	Role-playing	Interplay Entertainment	PC	[DE]
	<i>Shenmue</i>	Adventure	Sega	Dreamcast	[DF]
	<i>Silent Hill</i>	Survival horror	Konami	PlayStation	[DG]
	<i>Super Smash Bros.</i>	Fighting	Nintendo	Nintendo 64	[DH]
	<i>System Shock 2</i>	First-person shooter	Electronic Arts	PC	[DI]
	<i>Unreal Tournament</i>	First-person shooter	GT Interactive	PC	[DJ]
	<i>Worms Armageddon</i>	Artillery	MicroProse	PC	[DK]
2000	<i>Baldur's Gate II: Shadows of Amn</i>	Role-playing	Black Isle Studios	PC	[DL]
	<i>Command & Conquer: Red Alert 2</i>	Real-time strategy	Electronic Arts	PC	[DM]
	<i>Counter-Strike</i>	First-person shooter	Valve Corporation	PC	[DN]
	<i>Deus Ex</i>	Action role-playing	Eidos Interactive	PC	[DO]

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	<i>Diablo II</i>	Action role-playing	Blizzard Entertainment	PC	[DP]
	<i>Jet Set Radio</i>	Platform	Sega	Dreamcast	[DQ]
	<i>The Legend of Zelda: Majora's Mask</i>	Action-adventure	Nintendo	Nintendo 64	[DR]
	<i>Perfect Dark</i>	First-person shooter	Rare	Nintendo 64	[DS]
	<i>The Sims</i>	Life simulation	Electronic Arts	PC	[DT]
	<i>Thief II: The Metal Age</i>	Stealth	Eidos Interactive	PC	[DU]
	<i>Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 2</i>	Sports	Activision	PlayStation	[DV]
2001	<i>Advance Wars</i>	Turn-based tactics	Nintendo	Game Boy Advance	[DW]
	<i>Final Fantasy X</i>	Role-playing	Square	PlayStation 2	[DX]
	<i>Gran Turismo 3: A-Spec</i>	Racing	Sony Computer Entertainment	PlayStation 2	[DY]
	<i>Grand Theft Auto III</i>	Action-adventure	Rockstar Games	PlayStation 2	[DZ]
	<i>Halo: Combat Evolved</i>	First-person shooter	Microsoft Game Studios	Xbox	[EA]
	<i>Ico</i>	Action-adventure	Sony Computer Entertainment	PlayStation 2	[EB]
	<i>Ikaruga</i>	Shoot 'em up	Sega	Arcade	[EC]
	<i>Max Payne</i>	Third-person shooter	Gathering of Developers	PC	[ED]
	<i>Metal Gear Solid 2: Sons of Liberty</i>	Stealth	Konami	PlayStation 2	[EE]
	<i>Phoenix Wright: Ace Attorney</i>	Adventure	Capcom	Game Boy Advance	[EF]
	<i>Rez</i>	Shoot 'em up	Sega	Dreamcast	[EG]
	<i>Silent Hill 2</i>	Survival horror	Konami	PlayStation 2	[EH]
	<i>Super Smash Bros. Melee</i>	Fighting	Nintendo	GameCube	[EI]
	<i>Virtua Fighter 4</i>	Fighting	Sega	Arcade	[EJ]
2002	<i>Eternal Darkness: Sanity's Requiem</i>	Action-adventure	Nintendo	GameCube	[EK]
	<i>Grand Theft Auto: Vice City</i>	Action-adventure	Rockstar Games	PlayStation 2	[EL]
	<i>The Legend of Zelda: The Wind Waker</i>	Action-adventure	Nintendo	GameCube	[EM]
	<i>Metroid Prime</i>	Action-adventure	Nintendo	GameCube	[EN]
2003	<i>Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time</i>	Action-adventure	Ubisoft	PlayStation 2	[EO]
	<i>Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic</i>	Role-playing	LucasArts	Xbox	[EP]
2004	<i>Burnout 3: Takedown</i>	Racing	Electronic Arts	PlayStation 2	[EQ]
	<i>Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas</i>	Action-adventure	Rockstar Games	PlayStation 2	[ER]
	<i>Half-Life 2</i>	First-person shooter	Valve Corporation	PC	[ES]

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	<i>Katamari Damacy</i>	Action	Namco	PlayStation 2	[ET]
	<i>Metal Gear Solid 3: Snake Eater</i>	Stealth	Konami	PlayStation 2	[EU]
	<i>Rome: Total War</i>	Strategy	Activision	PC	[EV]
2005	<i>World of Warcraft</i>	MMORPG	Blizzard Entertainment	PC	[EW]
	<i>Call of Duty 2</i>	First-person shooter	Activision	PC	[EX]
	<i>Civilization IV</i>	Turn-based strategy	2K Games	PC	[EY]
	<i>Devil May Cry 3: Dante's Awakening</i>	Action-adventure	Capcom	PlayStation 2	[EZ]
	<i>God of War</i>	Action-adventure	Sony Computer Entertainment	PlayStation 2	[FA]
	<i>Guitar Hero</i>	Rhythm	RedOctane	PlayStation 2	[FB]
	<i>Psychonauts</i>	Platform	Majesco	PC	[FC]
	<i>Resident Evil 4</i>	Survival horror	Capcom	GameCube	[FD]
	<i>Shadow of the Colossus</i>	Action-adventure	Sony Computer Entertainment	PlayStation 2	[FE]
	<i>Tom Clancy's Splinter Cell: Chaos Theory</i>	Stealth	Ubisoft	Xbox	[FF]
2006	<i>The Elder Scrolls IV: Oblivion</i>	Role-playing	Bethesda Softworks	PC, Xbox 360	[FG]
	<i>Gears of War</i>	Third-person shooter	Microsoft Game Studios	Xbox 360	[FH]
	<i>Guitar Hero II</i>	Rhythm	Activision	PlayStation 2	[FI]
	<i>The Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess</i>	Action-adventure	Nintendo	Wii	[FJ]
	<i>Ōkami</i>	Action-adventure	Capcom	PlayStation 2	[FK]
	<i>OutRun 2006: Coast 2 Coast</i>	Racing	Sega	PlayStation 2	[FL]
	<i>Wii Sports</i>	Sports	Nintendo	Wii	[FM]
2007	<i>BioShock</i>	First-person shooter	2K Games	PC, Xbox 360	[FN]
	<i>Call of Duty 4: Modern Warfare</i>	First-person shooter	Activision	PC, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	[FO]
	<i>God of War II</i>	Action-adventure	Sony Computer Entertainment	PlayStation 2	[FP]
	<i>Halo 3</i>	First-person shooter	Microsoft Game Studios	Xbox 360	[FQ]
	<i>Portal</i>	Puzzle platformer	Valve Corporation	PC, Xbox 360	[FR]
	<i>Super Mario Galaxy</i>	Platform	Nintendo	Wii	[FS]
	<i>Team Fortress 2</i>	First-person shooter	Valve Corporation	PC	[FT]

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2008	<i>Braid</i>	Platform	Microsoft Game Studios	Xbox 360	[FU]
	<i>Dead Space</i>	Survival horror	Electronic Arts	PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	[FV]
	<i>Fallout 3</i>	Action role-playing	Bethesda Softworks	PC, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	[FW]
	<i>Grand Theft Auto IV</i>	Action-adventure	Rockstar Games	PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	[FX]
	<i>Left 4 Dead</i>	First-person shooter	Valve Corporation	PC	[FY]
	<i>LittleBigPlanet</i>	Platform	Sony Computer Entertainment	PlayStation 3	[FZ]
	<i>Metal Gear Solid 4: Guns of the Patriots</i>	Stealth	Konami	PlayStation 3	[GA]
	<i>Shin Megami Tensei: Persona 4</i>	Role-playing	Atlus	PlayStation 2	[GB]
	<i>Spelunky</i>	Platform	Derek Yu	PC	[GC]
	<i>Street Fighter IV</i>	Fighting	Capcom	Arcade	[GD]
2009	<i>Assassin's Creed II</i>	Action-adventure	Ubisoft	PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	[GE]
	<i>Batman: Arkham Asylum</i>	Action-adventure	Warner Bros. Interactive Entertainment	PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	[GF]
	<i>Uncharted 2: Among Thieves</i>	Action-adventure	Sony Computer Entertainment	PlayStation 3	[GG]
2010	<i>Limbo</i>	Platform	Microsoft Game Studios	Xbox 360	[GH]
	<i>Mass Effect 2</i>	Action role-playing	Electronic Arts	PC, Xbox 360	[GI]
	<i>Red Dead Redemption</i>	Action-adventure	Rockstar Games	PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	[GJ]
	<i>Rock Band 3</i>	Rhythm	MTV Games	PlayStation 3, Xbox 360, Wii, Nintendo DS	[GK]
	<i>Super Mario Galaxy 2</i>	Platform	Nintendo	Wii	[GL]
	<i>Super Meat Boy</i>	Platform	Team Meat	Xbox 360	[GM]
	<i>Xenoblade Chronicles</i>	Action role-playing	Nintendo	Wii	[GN]
2011	<i>Batman: Arkham City</i>	Action-adventure	Warner Bros. Interactive Entertainment	PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	[GO]
	<i>Dark Souls</i>	Action role-playing	Namco Bandai Games	PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	[GP]
	<i>The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim</i>	Action role-playing	Bethesda Softworks	PC, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	[GQ]
	<i>Minecraft</i>	Sandbox	Mojang	PC	[GR]
	<i>Portal 2</i>	Puzzle-platformer	Valve Corporation	PC, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	[GS]
2012	<i>Fire Emblem: Awakening</i>	Turn-based strategy	Nintendo	Nintendo 3DS	[GT]
	<i>Hotline Miami</i>	Top-down shooter	Devolver Digital	PC	[GU]
	<i>Journey</i>	Adventure	Sony Computer Entertainment	PlayStation 3	[GV]
	<i>Mass Effect 3</i>	Action role-playing	Electronic Arts	PC, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	[GW]
	<i>The Walking Dead</i>	Adventure	Telltale Games	PC, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	[GX]
2013	<i>Dota 2</i>	MOBA	Valve Corporation	PC	[GY]

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	<i>Grand Theft Auto V</i>	Action-adventure	Rockstar Games	PlayStation 3, Xbox 360	[GZ]
	<i>The Last of Us</i>	Action-adventure	Sony Computer Entertainment	PlayStation 3	[HA]
	<i>TowerFall</i>	Fighting	Matt Makes Games	Ouya	[HB]
2015	<i>Bloodborne</i>	Action role-playing	Sony Computer Entertainment	PlayStation 4	[HC]
	<i>The Witcher 3: Wild Hunt</i>	Action role-playing	CD Projekt	PC, PlayStation 4, Xbox One	[HD]
2017	<i>The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild</i>	Action-adventure	Nintendo	Nintendo Switch, Wii U	[HE]