

Counter-Strike: Global Offensive

- **Who is the game for?** - Competitive FPS players

Counter-Strike (Developed by Valve) is known for its “Bomb defusal” game mode which consists of two teams of 5 players defending and attacking bomb sites. These games become highly competitive and rely heavily on strategy and precise aim.

- **What is the primary focus for the game?** - Attacking and Defending
- **What are other games similar games?**

There are many games that are inspired by Counter-Strike. Some of the most notable include: Valorant, Search and Destroy in Call of Duty, and Rainbow Six: Siege. In addition, there are many knock offs of Counter-Strike that are highly popular in Asia.

- **Are there states showing the games performance in the market?**

This game has been one of the most successful multiplayer shooter games in the 2000's. Despite coming out in 2012, this game still has a massive player base with an average player count of 600,000 concurrently playing at once according to SteamCharts. The player count peaks at nearly 1,000,000 players each day. According to Steamspy, Counter-Strike: Global Offensive surpassed 40 million owners in 2018. Now, that number is most likely near the 100 million due to the game going “Free to Play”. CSGO

has also managed to create a virtual cosmetic economy where players can sell and buy cosmetic items. This feature has become incredibly popular amongst collectors.

- **Did the Game achieve what it intended?**

CS:GO has continued the classic Counter-Strike franchise forward into a modern competitive shooter. This game has created a massive industry in competitive eSports and singlehandedly created an entire empire, showing an example of how much potential there is in the eSports industry. In other words, this game achieved what it intended on a massive scale. Counter-Strike had humble beginnings starting back in 1999 as a mod for half-life 1. Over the years this game has grown consistently and is now one of the biggest games currently. There isn't much bad to say about this game. The developers have created an incredibly balanced and competitive environment for players to depend solely on their skill and strategies. Of course, throughout the years there have been bugs and small fixes needed, but after 10 years of being around, this game has never seen better days. Currently, Valve is working on a new engine for CS:GO called Source 2. As it seems now, there are no plans to release a new Counter-Strike game but there will be massive updates overhauling the game.

- **How does CS:GO compare to other games?**

Compared to other games within this genre, it is one of the most influential of its kind. The game mechanics are a lot simpler as opposed to other AAA titles like Call of Duty or Rainbow Six. There is no sprint ability or special abilities, no flashy graphical features,

easy to understand game mechanics, and a select few weapons to be used. This simple approach to a strategically complex game creates the perfect playing field for professional and competitive gamers.

Links used

<https://steamspy.com/app/730>

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