

= Resident Evil 6 =

Resident Evil 6 (Japanese : ??????6 , Hepburn : Baiohaz?do Shikkusu) is an action @-@ adventure third @-@ person shooter video game developed and published by Capcom . The ninth main instalment of the Resident Evil series , it was first released for the PlayStation 3 and Xbox 360 on 2 October 2012 , and for Microsoft Windows on 22 March 2013 . It was re @-@ released for the PlayStation 4 and Xbox One with all downloadable content on 29 March 2016 . The story is told from the perspectives of Chris Redfield , a former member and founder of the Bio @-@ terrorism Security Assessment Alliance (BSAA) traumatised by a failed operation ; Leon S. Kennedy , a Raccoon City survivor and agent for the US government ; Jake Muller , an illegitimate son of Albert Wesker and associate of Sherry Birkin ; and Ada Wong , a freelance agent framed for the bio @-@ terrorist attacks by the antagonistic corporation Neo @-@ Umbrella . They must all confront the force behind a massive bio @-@ terrorist attack with the newly developed C @-@ virus in cities across the world . Gameplay is centred around their four interwoven storylines , in which each player @-@ character has unique abilities and styles .

The game was first conceptualised in 2009 , with full development commencing the following year under Resident Evil 4 producer Hiroyuki Kobayashi . Resident Evil 6 had a development staff of more than 600 , making it Capcom 's largest production to date . The developers define the game 's genre as " dramatic horror " , although promotional materials for the Japanese version still classify the game as survival horror . The game received mixed reviews from critics upon release ; some reviewers praised the game 's storyline and themes , however the four interwoven campaigns were criticised , as well as the game 's departure from the survival @-@ horror genre . Despite the criticisms , it was a financial success ; with over 6 million copies sold , it currently stands as Capcom 's second best @-@ selling game . A sequel , Resident Evil 7 : Biohazard , is set to be released in January 2017 @,@

= = Gameplay = =

Resident Evil 6 allows players to select between four scenarios with interwoven storylines . Each scenario follows one of four main protagonists : Leon S. Kennedy , Chris Redfield , Jake Muller and Ada Wong . The player @-@ characters from each scenario will have their own partners whom are controlled by either artificial intelligence (AI) or another player via local or online multiplayer . In addition , each scenario features a different play @-@ style ; for example , some player @-@ characters are more vulnerable to attacks whereas others are more resilient . Each central character has unique abilities , which vary from increased reload times and carrying more ammunition . Resident Evil 6 presents new innovations and gameplay mechanics such as rolling in any direction and running whilst shooting and sliding . The game also features a four @-@ player co @-@ operative mode . When playing in single player mode , the player can allow another player to join in online at any time . While performing certain actions , quick time events may occur , in which the player must follow onscreen prompts by pressing buttons or manipulating joysticks within a limited amount of time .

A new feature comes in the form of tablets ; players may consume them in order to recover health , and more can be produced by mixing herbs . If one player runs out of health , that player will have a short time to try to defend themselves while their partners attempt to revive them . If any non @-@ AI players are killed , gameplay will resume at the last checkpoint . The game features several primary enemies , including zombies and the newly introduced J 'avo . Unlike zombies , J 'avo are able to interact with each other to plan an attack , use weapons , and heal themselves . Certain enemies drop skill points when killed , which can be picked up and spent on upgrades such as increased weapon effectiveness or specific ammunition drops . The campaigns feature a " Lone Wolf " ability which allows the player to remove their artificial intelligence companion character . Players can equip three of these upgrades which apply to all campaigns . The game also features a stamina bar ; which depletes once the player performs melee attacks , or uses a " quickshot " ? which involves shooting a zombie with a headshot instantly . The overall gameplay of Resident Evil

6 is twice as long as its predecessor , Resident Evil 5 .

The game features two new modes . " Mercenaries " mode involves players fighting for survival against hordes of enemies . In the PC version , the Mercenaries mode features an exclusive sub @-@ mode named " No Mercy " , which involves the cast from Left 4 Dead 2 fighting a total number of 300 enemies against a timer . " Agent Hunt " mode allows players to take control of random enemies in other people 's online sessions , however it is only unlocked after the player clears the three main campaigns . The longer the player stays in another online session , the more points they will earn .

= = Plot = =

On 24 December 2012 , Jake Muller , a mercenary of the fictional South @-@ Slavic Edonian Liberation Army and son of late bio @-@ terrorist Albert Wesker , flees from the authorities during a bio @-@ terrorist attack . He partners with Division of Security Operations (DSO) agent and Raccoon City survivor Sherry Birkin , who was sent to Edonia to ensure that Jake escapes safely from the country so his blood can be tested for anti @-@ bodies for the newly developed C @-@ Virus . At the same time , Bio @-@ terrorism Security Assessment Alliance (BSAA) Captain Chris Redfield and his team , including sniper Piers Nivans and demolitions expert Finn Macauley fight against rebels infected with the C @-@ Virus (referred to as " J 'avo ") . However , they are attacked by the leader of Neo @-@ Umbrella , who refers to herself as Ada Wong and kills most of the BSAA members using a device that injects them with the C @-@ virus turning them into monsters , except Chris and Piers . The aftermath causes Chris to go into self @-@ imposed exile , being afflicted with post @-@ traumatic amnesia . Meanwhile , Sherry and Jake 's extraction from Edonia by the BSAA is sabotaged , forcing the pair to crash into the mountains , eventually leading to their capture by Ada .

On 29 June 2013 , US President Adam Benford has decided to officially reveal the truth behind the 1998 Raccoon City incident and the United States government 's dealings with Umbrella , believing that it will curb the current resurgence in bio @-@ terrorist activity . By the President 's side is his friend , DSO agent and Raccoon City survivor Leon S. Kennedy and United States Secret Service agent Helena Harper , but when the venue becomes host to another bio @-@ terrorist attack , Leon is forced to face the infected and mutated President , and kill him . Along the way , the two encounter Ada , and Helena then discloses to Leon that she was blackmailed by National Security Advisor Derek C. Simmons , into aiding the assassination of Benford . She also discloses Simmons 's affiliation with Neo @-@ Umbrella . Leon and Helena then decide to pursue Simmons into Lanshiang , China while faking their deaths with aid from Ingrid Hunnigan . Meanwhile , Jake and Sherry manage to escape captivity in Lanshiang after being held captive for six months .

At the same time , Chris returns to duty in the BSAA with Piers and a new team , arriving in Lanshiang under the threat of a bio @-@ terrorist attack . Chris recovers from his amnesia and seeks revenge against Ada , resulting in casualties for his squad . Chris and Piers confront Ada , until Leon intervenes . After being informed by Leon , Chris and Piers pursue Ada to an aircraft carrier , destroying cruise missiles laden with the C @-@ virus . Leon , Helena , Sherry , and Jake confront Simmons over his involvement with the outbreaks , where Sherry covertly hands Jake 's medical data to Leon in case of their captivity . Leon and Helena corner Simmons , who has been infected by a J 'avo , where he confesses to having killed the President to keep him from disclosing the truth behind Raccoon City , which would have led to the US losing its authority . The two temporarily defeat a mutated Simmons while Sherry and Jake are captured once again . While attempting to leave the city , Leon and Helena are warned by Chris that a missile has been launched , however they are too late to stop it . Leon discloses Jake 's real identity to Chris and has him rescue Jake and Sherry in a remote oil platform . With the assistance of Ada , Leon and Helena finally kill Simmons .

In the oil platform , Chris and Piers head underground , managing to free Jake and Sherry from captivity before preventing a large @-@ scale attack from the location . Heavily wounded , and in a desperate attempt to save Chris , Piers injects himself with a sample of the C @-@ virus to help turn

the tide of the battle , temporarily defeating Haos before evacuating . Aware that the mutation would worsen , Piers sacrifices himself by pushing Chris to an escape pod . After Chris ' pod is launched , Haos makes one last attempt to kill Chris but is killed himself by a powerful lightning charge from Piers , which ensures Chris ' escape and the destruction of the Neo @-@ Umbrella base .

In Ada 's story , it is revealed that the Ada Wong that interacted with Chris and Piers was actually a doppelgänger created by Simmons , a scientist named Carla Radames , and that the real Ada Wong was aiding Leon and Sherry while destroying the Neo @-@ Umbrella lab in Langshiang . Although presumed dead after being shot by one of Simmons ' soldiers , Carla attempts a final attack against the real Ada , after having injected herself with a powerful dose of the C @-@ virus , but is killed . After aiding Leon and Helena in their battle with Simmons , Ada reaches the lab where her clone was developed and destroys everything . She then receives a call from someone , accepting a new assignment . Meanwhile , Leon and Helena are cleared for duty ; Chris remains with the BSAA in command of a new squad , overcoming his guilt ; and Sherry continues her duty as a DSO agent , while Jake starts a new life fighting zombies in an underdeveloped country with his real identity covered up by the BSAA .

= = Development and release = =

The game was first conceptualised soon after the release of Resident Evil 5 , and began full development in 2010 . Resident Evil 5 producer Jun Takeuchi said that he considered a " completely new system " for Resident Evil 6 , but later ruled out his involvement with the game . In March 2009 , co @-@ producer Masachika Kawata stated that the new instalment was not decided upon , but admitted that it could take Capcom four to eight years to develop . Kawata later claimed that the new game will be drastically different from its predecessors . The game was directed by Eiichiro Sasaki , who also directed the Resident Evil Outbreak series . When development of the game first begun , producer Yoshiaki Hirabayashi wanted to revolve the game around the " ultimate horror entertainment " , bearing in mind that the team considered the upcoming Resident Evil 6 to be the flagship title of the horror genre . In a February 2012 interview , Hirabayashi stated that he went to lengths to balance " all of the things people love " about the series , so the team focused to orientate gameplay around horror themes . In March 2012 , Capcom admitted that the survival @-@ horror market was too small for Resident Evil , and issued a statement that the development team would instead choose to orientate the gameplay around the action genre .

The development of the game was led by Hiroyuki Kobayashi , who was stated by Capcom to be aiming to " deliver the most impressive Resident Evil title ever both in terms of scope and production values " . Capcom also asserted that the game was meant to take an approach to " evolve " the series . The staff wanted to give the game a new setting with Sasaki wishing to place it in China . While the country of Edonia was not modelled from any country in Europe , it was given an Eastern European theme . According to Famitsu , the character of Jake Muller was designed to be " someone today ' s young people can empathize with " . The game had a development staff of more than 600 , making it Capcom 's largest production to date . The decision to bring back zombies into Resident Evil 6 was made by Kobayashi , who felt that they were a popular component for the franchise , as well as complying per fans ' requests . Hirabayashi admitted that the game had radically changed at the end of the development cycle , due to the new concepts it introduced to the series . On 21 August 2012 , Resident Evil 6 went gold and initiated its online service .

An official trailer was released on 19 January 2012 . At a Microsoft press briefing at E3 2012 , the first gameplay demonstration was shown , depicting Leon and Helena fighting hordes of zombies in China . A playable demo of Resident Evil 6 was scheduled for release on the PlayStation Network and Xbox Live Marketplace on 5 September 2012 . Capcom later announced that the demo would become available for both Xbox 360 and PlayStation 3 owners on 18 September 2012 . Early access to the demo was included with Dragon 's Dogma . As a result of criticism of the first demo , Capcom brought a different version of the demo to the 2012 San Diego Comic @-@ Con , modifying various parts of its gameplay . Originally scheduled to be released on 20 November 2012 , the game 's release date was pushed forward to 2 October 2012 . Prior to the game 's launch , several copies

of the game were stolen and went on sales in Poland .

Resident Evil 6 was also contained in Biohazard Anniversary Package , a special edition for Resident Evil 's seventeenth anniversary , that was released in Japan on 22 March 2013 , alongside the release of the PC version . Resident Evil 6 was re @-@ released on PlayStation 4 and Xbox One which included graphical enhancements and all DLC on 29 March 2016 .

= = = Downloadable content = = =

In response to a public backlash over classifying on @-@ disc content as downloadable content (DLC) , Capcom released a patch in December 2012 free of charge . The patch included new camera controls , a new difficulty mode named " No Hope " , an option to play Ada 's campaign without having to complete the other three , and the addition of an online co @-@ op partner for Ada 's campaign simply called " Agent " . Unlike any other character in the game , Agent cannot interact with doors and treasure chests ; he also disappears when cutscenes are triggered .

On 18 December 2012 , a new multiplayer (DLC) was released with three new multiplayer modes : " Predator " , " Survivors " and " Onslaught " . Predator mode is a series of quick fire rounds with up to six players who take turns as the fearsome Ustanak and have full access to its weapons . The other players in " Predator " mode must avoid capture and being killed by the Ustanak . Human players score points for successful attacks , but also lose points for being caught and / or taken down . This match type is over once all have played as the Ustanak , with the participant with the most points crowned as the winner . Survivors mode is Resident Evil 's take on the classic solo and team based deathmatch mode . Survivors is available for 2 @-@ 6 players . Onslaught is a two player mode where each must clear waves of oncoming enemies . The twist comes when a player completes a combo chain as this will send enemies over to their opponent ? s screen .

On 4 April 2013 , a Left 4 Dead 2 crossover DLC was released for the PC version , adding the main characters and two monsters from Left 4 Dead 2 to the PC @-@ exclusive The Mercenaries : No Mercy mode in Resident Evil 6 . Various weapons , characters , and monsters from Resident Evil 6 have also been added as optionally @-@ downloadable replacement skins on the PC version of Left 4 Dead 2 .

= = Reception = =

The game received mixed reviews upon release . The PlayStation 3 version holds an aggregate score 74 % from Metacritic , the PC version hold scores of 69 % , whereas the Xbox 360 version hold a score of 67 % .

The game 's storyline , themes , graphics , and artificial intelligence were praised by critics . A reviewer from Game Informer stated that despite the game did not " hold back " the decadent experience from being an " unhinged flaming rollercoaster ride " . A reviewer from the Official Xbox Magazine concluded stated that the game was an accomplished shooter " on the whole " , and a fittingly " thunderous " send @-@ off for Resident Evil , while also praising the length and variety of the game . GameTrailers noted the shift away from the style and tone of past games in the series , yet still praised the overall direction , stating that despite the " old identity stripped away " , the game presented itself as a " massive " action game . Richard George of IGN was favourable toward the technical and artistic design of the game , stating that the game was among Capcom ? s greatest successes with an " incredibly strong " world , lighting , and creature designs . Ryan McCaffrey of IGN also noted the new enemies as " some of the best " designs and concepts in the history of the franchise . Hollander Cooper of GamesRadar praised the improvements to the controls over its predecessor , stating that the game had an emphasis placed on fluidity and movement , although noted that the cover system " never seems to work right " . The Escapist also praised the improved AI companion that " does a decent job of backing you up and taking the fight to the enemy rather than just standing by " , however also disliked the cover system , calling it " the most forgettable new feature of the game " .

The game 's four campaigns received criticism from reviewers . Simon Parkin from Eurogamer was

divided over the campaigns , citing Leon 's campaign as the strongest and " the closest we get to the series ' survival horror roots " , along with Ada 's as having " diverse flavour " . However , Parkin criticised the other two campaigns , stating that Jake 's campaign " rarely delights " while citing that Chris ' was a " second @-@ rate third @-@ person sprint " with " idiotic " cutscene dialogue . A reviewer from Edge also felt that the campaigns noticeably contrasted in quality more than others . Similarly , Kevin VanOrd from GameSpot concluded that the game 's campaigns is the ultimate test of patience for " even the most dedicated " , while Destructoid cited Resident Evil 6 as not only a " step back " for the series due to the game 's new and unconventional features , but a " step back for commonplace , unassuming action @-@ shooters " .

In an interview with the Official PlayStation Blog , Resident Evil 6 executive producer Hiroyuki Kobayashi responded to fan criticism shortly after release , noting the creative differences with fans . He stated " the fans and us as creators are the two parents [...] and just like real parents , you ? re not always going to agree on what is best for raising that child , " going on to say , " we want to make sure that what we do pleases them but the initial reaction might not always be positive . We do listen to the fans but we can ? t be beholden to them at every turn or I don ? t think we ? ll ever make progress in terms of the series ? development " .

While Capcom has dubbed the game as a " dramatic horror " , several critics instead noted the game 's departure from the survival horror genre compared to previous instalments . Reviewers from GameSpot and GamesRadar noted that the game was no longer considered a survival horror . Destructoid asserted that Capcom had " abandoned any pretense " of the survival horror genre . Many reviewers listed the game 's genre simply as a third @-@ person action shooter . After the game 's release , Capcom 's Masachika Kawata considered the possibility of rebooting the franchise back to its " classic horror roots " .

= = = Sales = = =

In May 2012 , Capcom announced they expected the game to sell 7 million copies by the end of the 2012 fiscal year , however the company lowered their expectations to 6 million due to the game 's mixed reception . Upon release , Capcom announced that it had shipped 4 @.@ 5 million copies worldwide , setting a new record for the company . In October 2012 , the game sold 806 @,@ 000 copies in the United States . According to Capcom , sales weakened following the strong start , with the company admitting that the game would not meet their goals , and consequently lowered their financial projections for the fiscal year as a result . The game had sold 4 @.@ 9 million copies by April 2013 , and , by October the same year , had sold 5 @.@ 2 million copies worldwide , becoming one of Capcom 's best @-@ selling video games .

Despite the slow start and mixed reviews , Resident Evil 6 became Capcom 's second best @-@ selling title as of 30 September 2015 , with a lifetime sales of 6 @.@ 3 million copies worldwide . In February 2013 , Capcom issued in a statement that the game suffered from poor sales due to various development challenges and " inadequate organisational collaboration " across the company .