

= Resident Evil : Revelations =

Resident Evil : Revelations , known as Biohazard Revelations ( Japanese : ???????? ???????? , Hepburn : Baiohaz?do Riber?shonzu ) in Japan , is a survival horror video game developed by Capcom and originally released for the Nintendo 3DS handheld game console in early 2012 . It is part of the Resident Evil video game series and takes place between the events of Resident Evil 4 and Resident Evil 5 . The story of the game follows series protagonists Jill Valentine and Chris Redfield as they try to stop a bioterrorist organization from infecting the Earth 's oceans with a virus .

Resident Evil : Revelations emphasizes survival , evasion , and exploration over fast @-@ paced combat by providing the player with limited ammunition , health , and movement speed . It was designed to bring back the content and horror of the series ' roots , while at the same time trying to modernize the gameplay . Resident Evil : Revelations was also the first game to support the Nintendo 3DS Circle Pad Pro outside Japan . The game was a moderate commercial success and received generally positive reviews from video game critics , who praised its graphics , sound effects , and horror setting . A high definition version of the game was released for Microsoft Windows , PlayStation 3 , Wii U and Xbox 360 in 2013 . A follow @-@ up to the game , Resident Evil : Revelations 2 , was released in 2015 .

= = Gameplay = =

Resident Evil : Revelations is a survival horror game where the player controls the on @-@ screen character from a third @-@ person perspective to interact with the environment and enemies . In the game 's single @-@ player campaign , the player must complete a series of scenarios collected together into episodes . Most of the scenarios involve the player controlling Jill Valentine aboard a ghost ship in the Mediterranean Sea , but some require the player to play as other characters in different settings . To finish a scenario and proceed to the next one , the player must complete certain objectives such as solving puzzles , defeating a boss , collecting keys that open doors to new areas , and reaching a specific point in the game , among others .

As a survival horror game , Resident Evil : Revelations emphasizes survival , evasion , and exploration over fast @-@ paced combat by providing the player with limited ammunition , health , and movement speed . The player has the ability to run , climb ladders , swim and dive underwater for a limited period of time . Up to three firearms can be carried at one time , in addition to grenades and the standard combat knife . Firearms range from handguns to shotguns , submachine guns and rifles . When aiming a firearm to shoot enemies , the gameplay switches into a first @-@ person perspective . Playing as Jill , the player can upgrade firearms by finding special items throughout the game . The player may also perform melee attacks when an enemy has been stunned after being shot at the right time . Ammunition and health suppliers are dispersed among the game to help players increase their resources . A device called Genesis can be used to scan and find items hidden throughout the game 's environments . The game also features an automap to help players navigate the game .

In addition to the single @-@ player campaign , Resident Evil : Revelations offers a more action @-@ oriented mode , called Raid Mode , where one or two players may fight their way through a selection of altered scenarios from the single @-@ player campaign . These usually feature enemies of varying power for the player to defeat . Once a scenario has been completed , the player is rewarded with experience and battle points that can be exchanged for various weapons and items at a store . Gaining experience and acquiring new equipment allow players to progress to higher and more challenging scenarios . As the player progresses throughout the game , the player may also unlock numerous characters for use in both the single @-@ player campaign and Raid Mode , with each character having a different set of abilities and melee attack . The game supports a StreetPass functionality that allows different players to exchange items for use in the game .

= = Plot = =

Resident Evil : Revelations is set between Resident Evil 4 and Resident Evil 5 and depicts the events shortly after the establishment of the counter @-@ terrorism group Bioterrorism Security Assessment Alliance ( BSAA ) . One year prior to the game 's events , the Federal Bioterrorism Commission ( FBC ) sent agents Parker Luciani and Jessica Sherawat to keep the " floating city " of Terragrigia under control after the bioterrorist organization Il Veltro launched an attack on the city using genetically modified living creatures known as Bio Organic Weapons ( BOW ) in opposition to Terragrigia 's solar energy development . In the present , BSAA head Clive R. O 'Brian sends out BSAA agent Jill Valentine and Parker to search for BSAA agent Chris Redfield and Jessica at their last known location , the cruise ship Queen Zenobia in the Mediterranean Sea . They have reportedly gone missing during their mission to investigate Veltro 's possible reappearance . Aboard the ship , Jill and Parker encounter several BOWs infected with the T @-@ Abyss virus and enter a room where they believe Chris is being held , realizing too late that it was a trap apparently set by a Veltro operative . Meanwhile , Chris and Jessica find a base of operations for Veltro ; the Valkoinen Mökki airstrip in the mountains . Being informed by O 'Brian that Jill and Parker are missing in the Mediterranean , they are redeployed to investigate their whereabouts . O 'Brian also sends BSAA agents Quint Cetcham and Keith Lumley to Valkoinen Mökki to gather information .

Awakening in separate locked rooms , Jill and Parker manage to regroup and witness a video transmission of a Veltro member threatening to infect one fifth of the Earth 's oceans with the T @-@ Abyss , which was created in retaliation to the FBC for their involvement in the destruction of Veltro 's forces on Terragrigia . Jill and Parker reach the ship 's antenna to request evacuation , but learn that a satellite attack on the Queen Zenobia has been activated by FBC director Morgan Lansdale . Despite their attempts to confuse the satellite 's system and cause a misfire on the ship , the attack floods the ship with water . Chris and Jessica arrive to the Queen Zenobia and eventually meet with Jill and Parker . The team is then confronted by the Veltro operative , who poses various questions hinting at a larger conspiracy . However , Jessica shoots him before he can reveal anymore . Parker unmasks him to discover that he was his FBC partner Raymond Vester . He seemingly dies after whispering something to him . Afterwards , Chris and Jill make their way to the ship 's laboratory to stop the virus from contaminating the sea , while Parker and Jessica search for a way to stop the ship from sinking . During the search , Parker turns his gun on Jessica , suspecting her of being an FBC mole , as told by Vester . At the same time , Raymond reveals himself to be alive , having worn a kevlar vest , and working with O 'Brian . Jessica wounds Parker and initiates a self @-@ destruct sequence before escaping .

Having found the laboratory , Chris and Jill are confronted by Lansdale via a video uplink , revealing that he worked with Veltro in the Terragrigia Panic in an effort to increase the FBC 's funding and international influence . The pair neutralize the virus and proceed to an extraction point . Along the way , they meet with an injured Parker . Despite the pair 's attempt at saving him , Parker falls into the fire below a broken catwalk . O 'Brian informs Chris and Jill that he had orchestrated the events in an effort to gather evidence of Lansdale 's involvement in Terragrigia . He also informs them of the results from Keith and Quint 's data analysis : the existence of a sister ship below the ruins of Terragrigia , which was destroyed by Lansdale to eliminate incriminating evidence of his involvement . However , Lansdale then proceeds to arrest O 'Brian , cutting off communications . Jill and Chris search for Veltro leader Jack Norman , knowing that he holds evidence against Lansdale . However , he has gone delusional and survived a year by injecting himself with T @-@ Abyss . He then injects himself with an overdose of the virus , which transforms him into a new type of Tyrant . After a long battle , Chris and Jill defeat him and broadcast the video , exposing Lansdale . As a result , O 'Brian is released and the FBC is dissolved . In the end , it is revealed that Parker was saved by Raymond from the explosion . In a post @-@ credits scene , Raymond approaches Jessica at a cafe and gives her a sample of the T @-@ Abyss . She asks him why he saved Parker , with him replying that he " had his reasons " .

= = Development = =

Resident Evil : Revelations was developed by Capcom and directed by Koshi Nakanishi , who previously worked as a game designer for Resident Evil 5 . The development team chose to develop the game for the Nintendo 3DS as they felt that its 3D capabilities could produce a " tense , scary experience with a realistic atmosphere that could make players feel like there could be something lurking around every corner . " The developers main goal was to bring back the content and horror of the series ' roots , while at the same time trying to modernize the gameplay . A cruise ship was chosen as the main setting of the game because it could provide claustrophobic corridors and make the player helpless in the middle of the ocean . The developers also decided to give the game an episodic structure with short and varied chapters to make it suitable for playing on a portable game console . The Raid mode was designed so that players could " bring the game to their friends house and enjoy it with friends face to face , as they talk . "

The game was developed simultaneously with Resident Evil : The Mercenaries 3D and uses a ported and downsized version of the internally developed MT Framework graphics engine , which was initially designed for high definition ( HD ) games such as Devil May Cry 4 and Lost Planet 2 . Capcom 's previous experience with The Mercenaries 3D helped the development team improve the technical and graphical aspects of Resident Evil : Revelations to a greater extent . According to Nakanishi , " It was thanks to the tremendous efforts of our technical team that we were able to get console @-@ quality graphics from portable hardware . " Some techniques were used to reduce performance costs ; for example , the Genesis scanner reduces the on @-@ screen display complexity and some types of enemies were designed to have simplistic skeletal physics . To increase the horror aspect of the game , the enemies were designed to moan and emit terrifying sounds even before being spotted by the player . Nakanishi remarked that this mechanic allows players to determine which enemies are coming for them from their sound alone .

Unlike in previous Resident Evil games , the developers designed the game so that the player could move and shoot at the same time . Producer Masachika Kawata explained that the reason why the mechanic was not adopted earlier was because it would make the game too fast for a survival horror game . Despite this , the developers balanced the gameplay of Resident Evil : Revelations by slowing down the speed of the player movement and by making enemies move in a complex and spooky manner , " as if they 're trying to avoid your attack . " The developers decided to support the Circle Pad Pro accessory as soon as it was conceived since improving the game controls was a major priority . Numerous features were not included in the final product due to time and budget constraints . The developers originally planned to add a special weapon designed to be used underwater and acquired from Chris at the end of the eight episode , but the plot of the game changed during development and the team had to discard it . Additionally , the land in the distance that can be seen from the ship in the first episode was originally going to be the setting of the last episode , where Jill would have found something from her past .

= = Marketing and release = =

Resident Evil : Revelations was announced at the Electronic Entertainment Expo 2010 trade show in Los Angeles . A playable demo referred to as a " pilot version " by Capcom was released with Resident Evil : The Mercenaries 3D in 2011 . Another playable demo of the game was made available for download from the Nintendo eShop service in January 2012 in North America and Europe . IGN editors nominated the game for Best 3DS Game at their Best of E3 2011 Awards and later listed it as one of the 30 most anticipated games of 2012 . Prior to its release , Capcom sent North American copies of Resident Evil : Revelations to reviewers with the game 's title , as printed on the cover 's spine , misspelled as " Revelaitons " . To make up for the error , Capcom offered to replace the cover with a corrected version to users in North America .

Resident Evil : Revelations was released on January 26 , 2012 in Japan , January 27 , 2012 in Europe , and February 7 , 2012 in North America . It was the first game to support the Circle Pad Pro outside Japan . A bundle containing the accessory and the game was exclusively released in Europe . According to Media Create , the game sold 296 @ , @ 040 copies in Japan in 2012 . In the United States , the game was among the 25 best @-@ selling video games of February 2012 and

sold 122 @, @ 000 units in March 2012 . Although sales of Resident Evil : Revelations were considered successful for a Nintendo 3DS game , Capcom wanted it to sell " a little more " given the game 's large development costs .

= = Reception = =

Resident Evil : Revelations received generally positive reviews from video game critics . Jane Douglas of GameSpot felt that the game is " a thoroughly successful crossbreeding of old @-@ school chills and new @-@ school action " , highlighting its brooding atmosphere and slow @-@ paced combat . Josh Laddin of Game Revolution went so far as to say that the game is sometimes even superior to the old @-@ school Resident Evil games . Writing for IGN , Richard George described Resident Evil : Revelations as " a great handheld game , one that not only pushes the boundaries and standards of the Nintendo 3DS but one that recaptures a long @-@ forgotten spirit of a classic franchise . " However , he also criticized the scenarios not involving the cruise ship setting and remarked that the constant alterations of characters and gameplay between scenarios hold the game " back from true greatness " , stating that the game " doesn 't understand its strengths " .

Several critics declared the game 's graphics to be some of the best on the Nintendo 3DS . Eurogamer reviewer Rich Stanton praised the environments for their lighting and particle effects , while GameSpot credited the highly detailed character models , especially those of Jill and some enemies . IGN also highlighted the sound design , saying that " Capcom has mastered the ability to play up a soundtrack when appropriate , sometimes completely cutting to isolated noises in order to focus a player on something truly haunting . " Game Revolution stated similar pros , noting that the game is best experienced when played in the dark with headphones on . Tim Turi of Game Informer praised the story for its episodic structure and pacing , but also admitted that BSAA agents Quint and Keith are the worst characters in the series ' history . The fact that the game supports the Circle Pad Pro was seen as a valuable feature , as it gives players the ability to move , shoot and control the camera at the same time .

In a mixed review , Edge felt that the gameplay " takes the best and worst of Resident Evil 's past and present , and spot welds them together unevenly . If the designers had committed wholeheartedly to either polarity of action or horror , Revelations may have been a headshot , but what we 're left with is more like a glancing blow . " GameSpot praised the gameplay for its stop @-@ and @-@ shoot action and use of the Genesis scanner , saying that it " nicely complements the resource scavenging that underpins your survival . " Game Informer felt that the weapon customization allows for different playstyles , but also criticized the game 's lack of enemy variety in comparison to other games in the series . Jonathan Deesing of G4 praised the exploration of the cruise ship setting , comparing it favorably to Super Metroid . However , he criticized the controls for being frustrating and the AI @-@ controlled companions for being useless . Similarly , IGN remarked that the fact that the player is accompanied by a partner makes the game less scary . The Raid Mode was seen as a valuable addition to the game . Eurogamer stated that the mode " is a great concept for 3DS " and the game " executes it with conviction " due to its unlockable features , challenge , and replayability .

= = = Accolades = = =

= = HD version = =

An HD version of the game was released for Microsoft Windows , PlayStation 3 , Wii U , and Xbox 360 on May 21 , 2013 in North America , May 23 , 2013 in Japan , and May 24 , 2013 in Europe . The HD version features upgraded graphics , additional Raid Mode content such as new weapons and characters , and a new difficulty mode which remixes enemy and item placement in the single @-@ player campaign . The HD version does not support the 3D capabilities of the Nintendo 3DS ,

but the Wii U version of the game offers additional features using the Wii U GamePad , including dual screen gameplay , Off @-@ TV Play and Miiverse functionality . Critical reception towards the HD version was mixed to positive . Taylor Cocke of IGN gave the HD version a rating of 7 @.@ 5 out of 10 and criticized it for its dated graphics and uneven controls , saying that the game is " simply out of its element " . Dan Whitehead of Eurogamer , awarding the HD version a rating of 7 out of 10 , criticized the character movement for being sluggish , but also admitted that the game still stands out compared to the previous main installments in the series , which he described as a " directionless , desperate mess " . As of February 2014 , all the HD versions combined have sold 1 @.@ 1 million copies worldwide . A follow @-@ up to the game , Resident Evil : Revelations 2 , was released as an episodic video game in 2015 .