**What is it?**

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* Use ./ when creating a path
  + Relative or absolute
* Animal Crossing is an open-world life simulation game where players are free to do whatever they want
* It starts with the main character who is a villager living among animals
* The main character can create social relationships with the animals, positive or negative
* Due to the way the game is constructed, there are no set objectives and the main character is free to do whatever they like
* Many activities include creating your village the way you like, collecting items, socializing with the villagers and paying off the loan of your house

**Significance**

* As someone who grew up with Animal Crossing, I would like to live in a world where one is free from the troubles of this world. The music, openness, and freedom allow one to find peace in a town they can create without any worries. Interacting with the villagers also enables them to connect and spend time with others. The player can sell items, gain money, travel to other worlds, and see other players. Animal Crossing permits the player to be as creative as they like without any expectations.
* Grew up with it
* Helps to escape reality
* Freedom
* Open world that you can create and upgrade to your liking
* Can interact with other players

**History**

* Katsuya Eguchi was the creator of the game
* First release was in 2001 and the original name, Dōbutsu no Mori translated into Animal Forest
  + Initially on the N64 cartridge (nintendo 64) and enhanced to the gamecube in the same year
* They later released it officially in 2002 on September 16th in North America and slowly launched worldwide in 2004
* Throughout the years the popularity of animal crossing increased
* As technology advanced, so did animal crossing
* Quote: “Animal Crossing features three themes: family, friendship, and community, but the reason I wanted to investigate them was a result of being so lonely when I arrived in Kyoto.” - Katsuya Eguchi
* Timeline of animal crossing:
  + Animal Forest - Nintendo 64 (Japan only, 2001)
  + Animal Crossing - Nintendo GameCube (2001)
  + Animal Crossing: Wild World - Nintendo DS (2005)
  + Animal Crossing: City Folk - Wii (2008)
  + Animal Crossing: New Leaf - Nintendo 3DS (2012-2013)
  + *Animal Crossing Plaza - Wii U (2013)*
  + *Animal Crossing: Happy Home Designer - Nintendo 3DS (2015)*
  + *Animal Crossing: amiibo Festival - Wii U (2015)*
  + *Animal Crossing: Pocket Camp - Mobile (2017)*
  + Animal Crossing: New Horizons - Nintendo Switch (2020)
* New Horizons is one of the most popular games
  + Within the first six weeks the game sold over 13.41 million copies worldwide
  + By 2024 it sold 45.85 million units
  + “Compared to previous installments, *New Horizons* aesthetics are even more detailed, with more realistic flora, detailed characters, intricate furniture, and weather patterns”
* As Animal Crossing grew in popularity, each game released had a different look and objective
* New Leaf introduced the idea of the player being the Mayor of their town and with the help of Isabelle who gives the user an idea of how to create their world
  + They can decorate it however they like

**Events**

* Animal crossing gives the player a list of events in which they can participate
* The gameplay during this time differs from regular gameplay, giving users the ability to enjoy in another aspect
* Common events are toy day (Christmas) and Halloween
* There are specific characters that lead these events and talking to them trigger it
* Players can collect limited items that are only given during these events, enhancing teh experience and making it feel very holiday like
* Another major event is the player’s birthday in which the player’s mom sends a gift through mail and the villagers come together to surprise them
* This event makes one feel special and enjoy their day in a free way

Animal Crossing presents players with a series of special events throughout the year, providing them with unique and festive experiences that go beyond regular gameplay. These events aren’t mandatory but allow players to engage in new activities and interact with special characters who lead the celebrations. Popular events include New Year’s Countdown, April Fool’s Day, Bunny Day, Toy Day (Christmas), Halloween and more. Players can collect exclusive, time-limited items such as furniture to decorate their home, gifts or candy that add to the holiday atmosphere, making the game feel even more magical.

One of the most memorable events is the player's birthday. On this day, villagers throw a surprise party, and the player's mom sends a heartfelt gift through the mail. It’s a moment that makes the player feel special and celebrated, all within the cozy, welcoming world of Animal Crossing. These events, along with the seasonal festivities, make the game feel personal and bring a sense of joy and celebration to every occasion.

**Attractions**

* Animal Crossing provides players with various attractions to further enhance the gaming experience such as Islands, Main Street, Stores, Club 101, the Museum, the Roost and more.
* In Animal Crossing New Horizons, the randomized islands lead players to different seasons and times of day, making the experience more fun. On these islands, you can gather new materials like vines and food. In Animal Crossing New Leaf, the island allows players to participate in games like balloon hunt, bug catching, hammer tour, item matching and more, allowing players to win medals and exchange for prizes.
* Main Street in Animal Crossing: New Leaf is a bustling shopping district where players can visit various shops and attractions. Players can purchase stylish clothing and furniture or even enjoy a makeover at the local salon, allowing them to alter their character's look. Beyond shopping, Main Street offers educational and entertaining experiences, such as the museum, where players can display and learn about fossils, rare fish, and insects they've collected.
* For nightlife, Club LOL is a must-visit, where the iconic character K.K. Slider performs live. On Saturday nights, he takes on the role of DJ, energizing the crowd with upbeat music, and adding a lively touch to the experience. Main Street continues to engage the players by combining entertainment, education, and relaxation all in one.
* Finally, there’s The Roost, a café loved by everyone where players can relax to soothing music, enjoy a cup of coffee, and chat with villagers. The cozy atmosphere feels like a cross between a café and a quiet, upscale bar, making it the perfect place to destress and communicate with others.

**Food**

* Animal Crossing offers a diverse range of food, creating an even more enjoyable world for players.
* Over the years and through new game releases, the Animal Crossing menu has evolved from simple treats to more detailed and delicious meals. In the early games, food options were mostly limited to fruits like apples, pears, oranges, coconuts, and mushrooms, while candy was later added during special events like Halloween. In Animal Crossing: New Horizons the food choices expanded significantly, providing players with a variety of appetizing dishes. This new feature encourages players to collect ingredients and cook their own delicious meals, with choices including pizza, salads, tarts, noodles, pancakes, spaghetti, and more.
* The menu also showcases foods from different cultures and countries, such as biryani, Champiñones al Ajillo, hearty ramen, nigirizushi, pad krapow, and many others. Players can also enjoy savoury beverages like various flavours of boba tea, juices, sodas, lattes, coffee, and tea. For dessert lovers, there are treats like ice cream, donuts, frozen treats, cotton candy, cakes, pies, and cupcakes. Overall, the menu is diverse and fun, allowing players to explore new dishes and customize their meals every day, making for a more interactive and enjoyable experience.

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