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Words from the Creators

Finally, after six months of hard work, we can bring the magazine that the teenagers, especially students, need to the public. As our hobby is playing games too, we really enjoyed the process of this magazine's development even though there were many obstacles and struggles found. And now we are happy to introduce our first issue of Pandora: A Way to Become Professionals magazine. In this first issue we focus on introducing e-sports.

As students, of course, after a tiring day of study, you need to relax to regain your energy and mood. Playing games is one way to relax your mind after a day full of schedule in the class. Nonetheless, instead of being fun and relaxed, playing game that ends up in defeat is even more stressful. So, you need to train your skills to avoid this problem. This magazine will give you some tips on how to do that.

But now, playing games for some people and even students is not aimed to be an entertainment anymore. They turn playing games into a business. They can make money from joining e-sports competition, and so can you. Winning the competition is obviously not easy. You have to make a lot of efforts to be a skilful gamer, and you have to train your skill regularly and seriously. Also, you need guidance.

However, as students, you have to manage your time between playing games and studying. You can watch a tutorial video on YouTube while you are studying at night, or read articles about games you like on the Internet or a magazine. That is why Pandora magazine is made for. Its primary aim is to help you improve your skills in playing games without sacrificing your study time.

We hope that you can use our magazine as one of the guidance to be a professional gamer and as a reminder to keep managing time between playing games and studying.



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Headline News: The International 2020 Has Been Postponed.

By Naufal Athallah Ramadhan



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Dota 2 The International

Many e-sports tournaments have been postponed due to the covid-19 pandemic, and one of them is The International 2020. This tournament is the biggest Dota 2 tournament in the world. It is an annual tournament that organized by Valve. Dota 2 players are always waiting for this tournament every year because this tournament brings teams from different parts of the world and because of the prizes. The total prize for The International this time is around 29 million dollars. Every year the total prize of The International always increases. However, this time, the total prize is less than last year, which might be caused by this pandemic.

Dota 2 fans are disappointed that The International 2020 will be postponed. On the other hand, it is also a difficult choice for Valve. They have thought of many possible dates. In the end, they decided to hold it in 2021 to support the world in breaking this global pandemic chain. Actually, e-sports tournaments can be held online. However, for the class of The International must be held offline because this is the biggest event for Dota 2 players and they must feel the atmosphere.

Valve hopes everyone in the Dota 2 community is staying as safe as possible. Just look forward to the time when everyone can enjoy the spectacle of The International.

What is E-sports?

By Sandi Rahmayadi



The world of e-sports

Most people think that e-sports is only games which waste time, money, and energy. Most people relate playing games or e-sports to anti-social activities that prevent someone from social interaction. Lots of young students have become addicted to it. As a result, many parents do not allow their children to play games. However, e-sports is not that bad. It has many advantages. By playing games people can develop their personality, compete in big events, and create money.

In playing games, people may develop their personality. First, people may learn ways on how to build a strategy from Real Time Strategy (RTS) games. A player usually acts as a commander who leads or commands his or her team. For example, in playing Warcraft III: Frozen Thrones, a player should build armies to attack the other player's armies or to defend his or her team from the enemies.

Besides, people can learn strategies on how to make a decision in a crucial situation. For example, in playing *Call of Duty: Black Ops II* a player has to choose whether to shoot or to set free Menendez who is a main villain character. The decision will lead to a different ending.

Finally, in certain games, people play the games in teams, for example *Defend of the Ancients 2* (*DotA 2*) and *League of Legends* (*LOL*). This means that one team plays against another team. These kind of games require a communication to accomplish the objectives of the game. In some online games, people usually play them worldwide. So, they have a chance to communicate with players from other countries. Therefore, game players may develop cross-cultural communication.

Furthermore, many people have become serious in e-sports. That is why some communities have held e-sports competitions or tournaments. E-sports games have been included in a competition since 1982. There are many e-sports competitions or tournaments beginning from small competitions to big competitions in big events. The examples of small e-sports competitions are school competition and community competition. The examples of big competitions are International DotA tournament and e-sports tournaments in Sea Games and Asian Games. Another e-sports tournament that was held recently is the first Mobile Legends: Bang Bang World Championship (M1) in Malaysia. And one of the good results is the winner of the competition is a team from Indonesia, EVOS Legends. It should be noted that careers on e-sports are not just being professional gamers, but people can also become e-sports managers and e-sports event organizers.

In addition, e-sports has become a good industry nowadays because of its popularity. Many people especially teenagers pursue their career on e-sports. Some of them have succeeded in e-sports. For example, Tobias Justin (Jess No Limit) and Afif Yulistian have succeeded in being professional gamers and also gaming streamers on YouTube platform. Jess has been competing since 2017 with various e-sports teams including Saints Indo and EVOS Legends. He was a top 1 Mobile Legends player in Season 6. It has made him popular. Now he can make money around Rp. 903 million per month on YouTube because of his popularity.

In brief, many people especially those who do not play games may learn about the facts of e-sports above. They may change their perception about e-sports. They may start playing games. E-sports has many advantages. People can develop personality, make money, and compete in a tournament from e-sports or just playing games. So, why don't you try to play games and become professionals?



Firda the Gamer Girl: A Profile of A Female Gamer and Student

By Sandi Rahmayadi

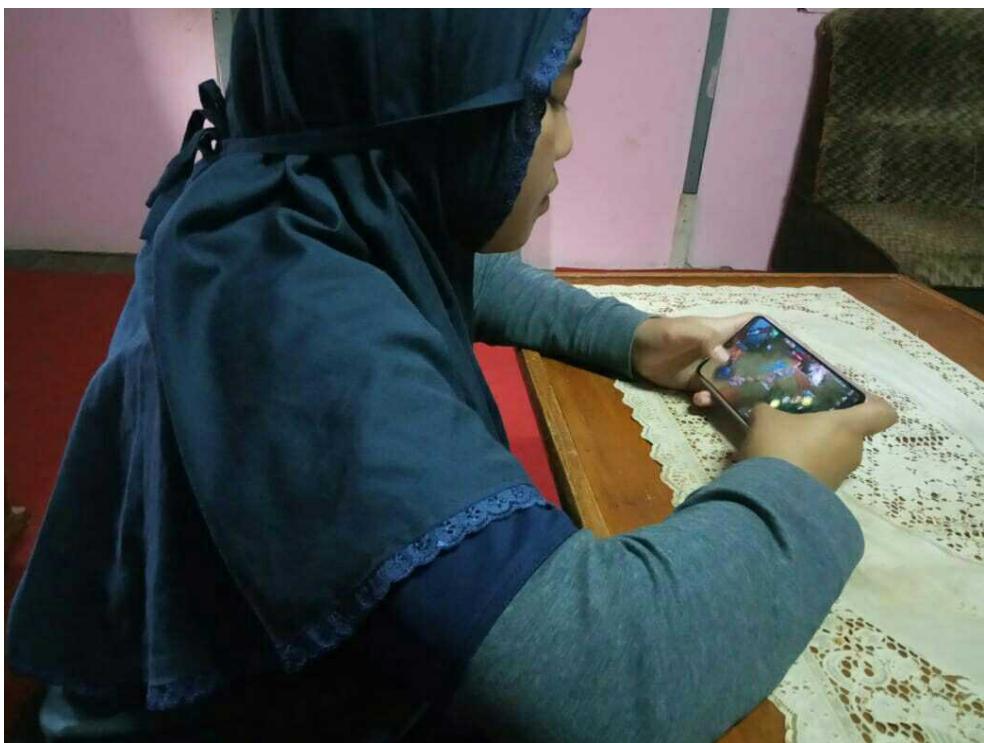
Firda Wafiq Nurazizah, “Firda” people usually called her, is currently the first year student of Administrasi Niaga major in Politeknik Negeri Bandung (Polban). She was born on December 10, 2000 in Bandung. She is a daughter of bapak Jajang Nurdin. She finished her elementary education in SDN Malabar 1. Then she continued his education in SMPN 2 Pangalengan which is located in Malabar. She was graduated from SMA 1 Pangalengan a year ago. Finally, she is currently studying in Polban. She had a dream to become a chef, a pilot, and a doctor when she was a child.

She started playing games when she was in senior high school. But what makes her different from other girls who also play game is that she plays games with purpose to become a professional gamer. The reasons for this are various. First she said that “one reason for I like playing game is that I have no close friend so I often feel lonely”. Then she added “another reason is that my crush is also a gamer”. She plays many kind of online mobile games for example Clash of Clans (COC), Mobile Legends Bang Bang (MLBB), Arena of Valor (AOV), and Player Unknown’s Battleground (PUBG). Since she is currently studying in college, she has a little time to spend to play games. As a result, at this time she only plays Mobile Legends Bang Bang.



A girl named Firda who is a students and also an e-sports player

Firda plays MLBB with serious intention. She owned many skins characters on her MLBB account which requires certain amount of money to obtain them. As one of the requirement to be a real MLBB player, Firda join an MLBB squad named Vicious Assailant (VICS). In partaking a tournament, the most important thing is joining a squad. That is what firda did in her first e-sports tournament taking place in her senior high school.



One of Firda's activity on playing MLBB

Besides being a part of her team now, she also wanted to join an MLBB professional team i.e. Rex Regum Qeon (RRQ) where her idol RRQ Lemon (M Ikhwan) is playing.

To become a professional gamer there will be always challenges that should be taken. The biggest challenge for Firda is her parents' consent. Her parents think that playing games is bad so they do not allow her to play games. "Once they found me playing games, they were mad at me and said that they would take away my phone," she said. However, Firda often plays games without telling her parents. That is why until today she is able to play games and become an active gamer.

Overall, being a gamer is not one of Firda's goals when she was a child. Being a gamer comes from her hobby to entertain herself. In addition, being a female gamer is not as easy as a male gamer.

There are many challenges await her. Firda's biggest challenge comes from her parents. They do not allow her to play online games considering her gender as a female. However, some of her friends appreciate her hobby. That is why Firda could make friends with anyone especially those who play games.

Yuyun:

Leader of Parongpong Mobile Gaming (PML) Squad

By Sandi Rahmayadi

Do you feel tired of playing solo, and want to play in a team? And then, how will you start with? The best way to start is to learn from someone who has experience in playing game in a team. So, we are delighted to introduce you to our team mate who has a great experience in establishing his own game squad. This person is Yuyun.

Ryan Yusuf, or his friends usually call him Yuyun, is a third year college student at Widyatama University. He was born in Jakarta, but now he lives in Bandung to continue his study at Widyatama University in Bandung. He took his first year of his study at Politeknik Negeri Bandung (Polban) in 2017. After that year he moved to Widyatama University. He likes playing game and billiard so much. That is why he took a part time job at a billiard club in Bandung. Besides working part time in a billiard club, he plays online games a lot everyday especially Mobile Legends: Bang Bang(MLBB). That is why Yuyun has a lot of experience in playing MLBB. Moreover, he has established his own squad with his friends from Polban. We are going to share with you about the squads he has joined, how he established his own squad, and the tournaments he and his team have joined.

The squads Yuyun has joined

Yuyun has been playing MLBB since it was first released in 2016. He began playing MLBB when it was not as popular as today. Yuyun has a lot of experience in playing MLBB. For example, he has joined several MLBB squads. Those are DENG, UFO, WSS, IML, AFK squads. Besides playing MLBB, he also plays another online mobile game, Dragon Nest.



Ryan Yusuf the PML Leader.

In 2019 he established his own squad named Parongpong Gaming or PML, and recruited his friends to join his squad. He later on expanded his MLBB squad into three divisions. They are PML 1, PML2 and PML 3. As his squad kept growing, Yuyun held selection matches for people who wanted to join his squad. Yuyun selected players based on their skills in mastering certain roles that his squad needed. Also, he kicked the inactive players from his squad and he changed them with the new ones who were able to play with the squad at least three times a week.

Reasons for establishing PML

Before he established his squad, he joined big squads, where he got experience from. However, in these squads, there were many players who had better skills than him. He felt that it was difficult to develop his skills if he kept following those players who were more professional than him. He mastered assassins, marksmen, and mages roles, but there were players who had mastered those roles better. He later ended up playing fighters or supporting roles which were not the main core in a match.

Even though each role in MLBB is very important, assassin, marksmen, and mages are the roles who can control the flow of the game, and lead the team to victory. Therefore, he decided to quit those squads and established a new one named PML. In PML squads he became the one who played those core roles and led his team to victory in every match.

The reasons he established PML were that he wanted to share his experience in playing MLBB with his friends in the team, and that he wanted to make a big squad with his own hands. As a leader of the squad, he sometimes watches a live stream of e-sports tournaments with his squads to learn the Most Effective Tactics Available (META) in every patch.

The tournaments Yuyun and his squad have participated in

Yuyun and his squad have participated in some e-sports tournaments since his squad was established in 2019. All the tournaments Yuyun and his squad have participated in were online tournaments. It means that Yuyun and his team played against other participants in a different place. Unfortunately, Yuyun and his squad lost all the tournaments because their opponents were skillful and solid squads. But he didn't give up. Yuyun and his team learned a lot from their defeat. They started to train regularly every week in order to build a good communication and to learn a new strategy.



PML Squad Logo

However, Yuyun and his classmates once won an offline e-sports tournament held by the Student Association of English Department, Politeknik Negeri Bandung called Himaris. It happened before PML was established. The players who won the tournaments in Himaris have also become PML squad members. It means that online tournaments are more competitive than offline tournaments held by Himaris because in the online tournaments, the participants come from many other places.

All in all, a squad is an important aspect to become a professional gamer. That is what Yuyun considered when he established PML. Even though he had joined several squads, he also has desire to help other players especially his friends who does not join a squad to develop their skills. By establishing a squad, he could share his experience with his friends, and learn together in order to be a professional gamer while fulfilling his desire to develop his own skills and to master core roles in MLBB.

Dota 2 Tips and Tricks

By Naufal Athallah Ramadhan

Do you want to play Dota 2 without being labeled a newbie that will only burden your teammates? As a new game player, you may want to develop your skills and you may be interested in joining a team. In joining a team, you must have good skills first. Instead of being a burden, you need to practice more to become a professional player. It is not easy to be a Dota 2 professional player. The first thing you need to know is the basic tips and tricks for becoming a Dota 2 professional player. This article is your first step to become a professional player, which is very helpful for beginners.

Dota 2 is one of the famous games in the world. Two aspects can affect your game such as item and hero. You have to train with bots and friends. Also, you need to know your best heroes and items. Therefore, here are the tips and tricks to master those aspects.

1. Practice with Bots

This is your first step to get to know Dota 2. You can try various heroes here. In this mode, four bot friends will accompany you. You will also face five bot enemies. With this, you can practice the basics of playing such as killing creeps or enemy heroes to get gold for later items to be spent. After you get used to fighting bots and you have won several games, it is time to move on to the next stage.

2. Practice with Friends

After you have won several games against the bot and you are confident to move forward, you can play with your friends online. This is the time you show what you have learned while training against bots. There is a very clear difference between playing with bots and playing with friends. Bots always play using the same pattern. Therefore, it is too easy for us to determine the direction of the enemy's pace. Meanwhile, when we play with friends, we cannot guess easily what the enemy will do. Therefore, here we can learn to strategize to defeat the enemy.



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Dota 2 Heroes

3. Heroes and Items

Dota 2 has 119 heroes. Each hero has a level of difficulty respectively. When you have found a hero that suits you, stay consistent to use that hero to master it. The more heroes you master, the more freely you make your hero choices.

Counter Strike: Global Offensive

Tips and Tricks for Beginners

By Admiral Rizki

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CS: GO (Counter-Strike Global Offensive) is a 5v5 FPS (First-Person-Shooter) game. There are many ways to win this game easily. Among the many tricks that can be used in CS: GO. Here are some tips & tricks that you need to know.

- Use the crosshair that suits you, you can try various kinds of crosshairs in the CS: GO workshop entitled "Crashz 'Crosshair Generator v3"



<https://steelseries.com/blog/crashz-crosshair-guide-73>

- DO NOT point your crosshair downwards. Make sure your crosshair is always at the level of the enemy's head. Therefore, you can immediately get a headshot easily.



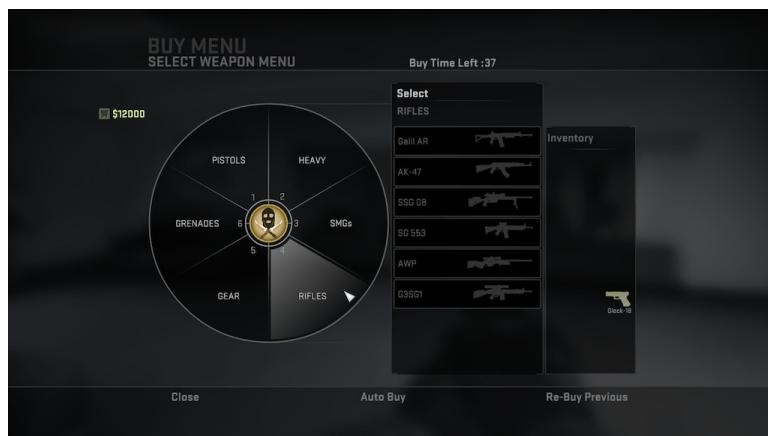
<https://www.azersoft.com/tips-and-trick/tips-dan-trik-tingkatkan-kemampuan-headshot-kamu/>

- ALWAYS shoot in the STILL POSITION! Do not walk. Not like other games that can run while shooting and the bullets still straight. One technique to keep the bullets straight is to squat so that the bullets do not spread too much or do counter-strafing.



<https://coub.com/tags/ctrl%20to%20crouch>

- Understand the recoil of the weapon.
- Line-up utilities exercise such as smoke, flashbang etc.
- Make sure you follow these three steps STAY, AIM, SHOOT.



<https://steamcommunity.com/sharedfiles/filedetails/?id=73317247>

- The last tip is HAVE FUN! Do not be a toxic player, it is important to be happy.

If you have mastered the tips and tricks above, it is guaranteed that you will be able to win a game easily. Of course, besides the tips and tricks above, you also have to be good at managing strategies and harmonizing cooperation between team members.

Gaming VS Studying

By Sandi Rahmayadi



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Students are playing games online in the Internet Cafe.

Being a professional gamer needs a lot of efforts since there are obstacles that people especially students have to face. Managing time is the most difficult task for you to be a professional gamer because as a student, you have a responsibility to keep your performance in school great. The reason is because playing games is fun, so you will forget time for doing other activities even for studying. But don't worry. Here are some tips for you to be a professional gamer without sacrificing your study.

1. Set a high priority on playing games

Students usually have more leisure times after they learn in school because they do not have other responsibilities other than studying. Therefore, instead of using your leisure time for activities such as watching movie, hanging out with friends, or sleeping, try to use your time for training your skills on a game you like the most. So, you will still have time for playing games and training your skills in the afternoon after school and time for studying at night.

2. Create or join a squad

This is very important for students to play in a squad instead of playing solo or alone. Playing in a squad refers to an activity where you play a game together in one team with your friends or squad members as teammates. It helps you manage your time because playing in a squad will make you learn quicker rather than playing solo. Playing in a squad also enables you to get more benefits rather than you play solo with random players from around the world as your teammates. One of Rex RegumQeon (RRQ) Mobile Legends players, Xinn, once said on a YouTube video "You have to be serious to be a professional players. You have to train your skills by playing in a team or squad. You cannot just play solo to get a victory. Me, too,. I often lose every time I play solo." His quotes explains that joining a squad is very essential to get a victory in every match and to make your time efficient. .



<https://steelseries.com/blog/how-to-become-a-professional-gamer-93>

Professional Gamers

In addition, playing in a squad makes you develop your skills quicker and save your time. As an example, I spent more than a week to master one hero on Mobile Legends when I played solo, but I only spent two days to master it when I played in a squad. The reason is that I could use repeatedly one specific hero when playing in a squad because my teammates gave me a chance to use it multiple times.

3. Master only one video game

Mastering video games is not easy unless you have played video games since you were a child. Even after you master certain video games, you still have to train your skills and need a lot of experience in order to become a professional gamer. Some people also join e-sports communities to get experience and materials. As a student, you have limited time. So in order to become a professional gamer, you have to focus on one video game to be mastered.

Choose the game you like the most because mastering a favorite game is easier than mastering many games at the same time. You can watch professional players playing on YouTube and other platforms to get training materials. Mastering only one video game will not take your whole free time, so you still have much time for studying.

In conclusion, the major problem for students to become a professional gamer is managing time. For some students, sacrificing their time for study for playing games is not a big deal, but they will end up getting bad score in school. However you can still be a good student and also a good gamer at the same time with some efforts. The tips in managing time above will help you managing your time between studying and gaming without sacrificing your study time.

Best Gaming Equipment for Best Gaming Performance

By Naufal Athallah Ramadhan



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Gaming CPU and Mouse

Do you want to play games with their best performance? Several equipment and devices are needed. They are CPU (Central Processing Unit), mouse, keyboard, and headset. This article will tell about the aspects that you must consider before you choose your gaming equipment and devices. Students who already have a laptop or computer at home can still use it. However, of course to get satisfactory performance, we recommend you upgrade your devices to a gaming laptop or a gaming computer. Especially for those of you who are just starting your journey to become a gamer, you should know about these basic devices.

1. CPU

Central Processing Unit (CPU) is one of the important parts in a computer. It has an important role to be the brain of the computer because the task of the CPU itself is to regulate the course of programs stored in the main memory. In other words, you need to know what is needed to feel the best performance in playing games.

To get a satisfying gaming experience, you need a CPU with adequate specifications because that is what is needed by games today. For example, you may use VGA, RAM, processor, and storage with high capacity. First, you need a minimum of 2GB VGA in order to play games with smooth graphics.

Next, you need a minimum of 4GB RAM to run the games without lagging. Whether you are building or upgrading a Personal Computer (PC), the processor matters a lot. You need at least a mid-range Intel Core i5 or AMD Ryzen 5 processor because they make the game play of the games smoother. Last, you also need a huge storage for the games. The minimum storage capacity that you need is 1TB because the size of the games today is huge



<https://www.tokopedia.com/cockomputer/thermaltake-level-20-rgb-cherry-mx-blue-mechanical-gaming-keyboard>

Gaming Keyboard

2. Mouse

For those of you who want to play games, mouse is also a very important device because it is the main navigation of the game. For that, you have to choose a good mouse to play games. The last is the sound quality. Based on my own experience, the quality of sound is the most important aspect in a headset. This is because the quality of sound can affect our play. Good sound quality can make users more focused in playing games. For example, sound quality is important in a war game.

The players are required to listen to the enemy's footsteps and the origin of enemy fire in order to win the game. Therefore, you should choose a headset that has suitable size, microphone, and good sound quality. In addition, you also need to pay attention on the material of the gaming mouse. Some are made of plastic and some are made of metal. Gaming mouses made of plastic are lightweight but they tend to be more easily damaged when dropped. Likewise, a gaming mouse made of metal is strong when dropped, but it is heavyweight. Choose according to what you want.

3. Keyboard

For gamers, the only thing recommended in playing games is to use a mechanical keyboard. Why? Here are the reasons. There are two main aspects when choosing a keyboard for gaming. They are comfort and durable.

We recommend you choose a mechanical keyboard because it is both durable and comfortable. A mechanical keyboard is durable because it can survive with approximately 50 clicks, while a regular keyboard can only survive with approximately 10 million clicks.

Therefore, it is proven that the mechanical keyboards have a stronger resistance than regular keyboards. Mechanical keyboard is also comfortable because it has buttons that stick out that is very suitable for gamers. Suitable means that gamers do not require a lot of energy in clicking on it. In addition, it can also reduce aches in the fingers so it is comfortable.

4. Headset

Using a headset to play the game is very important because we need a high concentration. For example, if we are playing a war game, we need to concentrate on listening to the original sound from the source of the shot. Therefore, you must know the important aspects in choosing a good headset. A good gaming headset has several aspects including comfort, completeness, and sound quality. Many gamers play games for a long time. Besides, there are some games that do require a long time to play. Therefore if gamers use headsets, certainly one thing to note is comfort. However, the convenience depends on the users. Therefore, a gaming headset provides a variety of sizes. You should know the right size to use in your ears.

The next aspect is completeness. Gamers are required to communicate in a number of online games. Therefore, a gaming headset usually provides a mic that is integrated with the gaming headset itself. Several headsets also provide noise cancellation that makes our voices clearer to be heard by our teammates.

Several aspects need to be considered in choosing good gaming mouse. The first aspect is mouse sensitivity. It should be noted that usually a good gaming mouse has a wide range of sensitivity. For example, a mouse has a capacity of 400-16000 DPI (Dots Per Inch). You can determine what DPI you are comfortable with. The higher the DPI is, the faster the pointer movements are.

In brief, if you want to buy or upgrade your computer, you must know the best specifications of each gaming device to create a satisfying gaming experience. In addition, do not forget to choose devices according to the budget you have. The more expensive the gaming equipment is, the better the quality it is. However, you do not need to worry because some brands offer gaming equipment at affordable prices but the quality is no less good than the expensive ones.



Gaming Headset

Gaming: PC or Mobile?

By Naufal Athallah Ramadhan

Some Personal Computer (PC) gamers are changing direction. This is because mobile technology +is getting more sophisticated every time. On average now, almost all mobile phones can be used for playing high-level games such as Player Unknown's Battlegrounds (PUBG) and Mobile Legends: Bang Bang (MLBB). On the other hand, many PC gamers still decide to stay. It is also because the PC never stops "coddle" its players. PC can always be adapted to be better than any consoles. But, after you read all of this, you can choose whether the PC or the mobile phone is better.

1. Screen

PC and mobile phone screens are clearly different. This is the obvious difference of those two. For some gamers, small screen is convenient. It is one of the factors that make some PC gamers change their direction to mobile phone. However, if you want to play games with much wider screen, choose a gaming PC.

2. Flexibility

Mobile gamers can play games anywhere and anytime such as in a café, a classroom (not during the lesson of course), and even in a toilet. In the past, PC gamers can only play in certain places. However, now many brands like Asus for example, produce gaming laptops. Therefore, for PC gamers, you do not need to worry anymore. It is because now you can play games wherever you are as long as you are comfortable. However, there is a little difference between laptop and mobile phone. If you want to play games on laptop, you need gaming equipment like a mouse. So at least the PC gamers need a base for laptops and other equipment such as tables to play games while mobile phone does not need anything other than the mobile phone itself.

3. Price

Price is one of the main factors for some gamers to choose a mobile phone over a PC. It is undeniable that the price of a PC is more expensive than a mobile phone. So if you prefer to play games on PC, while you save money to buy the gaming PC you want, you can play in the Internet Café for a while.



<http://www.arenaplayground.com/>

Picture of Gaming PC versus
Gaming Mobile

To sum up, those are the differences between gaming PC and mobile phone. As a gamer, the screen size, flexibility, and the price of any device used must be important aspects to consider. So, which one will you choose? Gaming PC or mobile phone?

Mobile Legends: Bang Bang

Review

By Sandi Rahmayadi



<https://www.amazon.com/Moonton-Mobile-Legends-Bang/dp/B073PZZ3J1>

When we talk about what is the best MOBA games for mobile phones, several names of games will come if we type them on Google search engine. Some famous MOBA games, for example Arena of Valor (AOV), Vainglory, Heroes Arena, and Mobile Legends: Bang Bang (MLBB) will show up on the top list of the search results. AOV has the best graphics among the others that have been mentioned. That is why many gamers around the world play this game. However in Indonesia, MLBB is the most famous one yet it is free to play. There are several reasons why MLBB is very famous.

The first reason MLBB is available for middle-low phone specification. Graphic of the game is very important because the higher graphic one game has, the better experience people will get when playing it. But MLBB is an exception.

It might not have sophisticated graphic quality, but its simpler or lower graphic quality enables people play it on a phone with medium-low specification because it doesn't consume memory and RAM capacity.

Players are given a choice to download HD graphic which need a bigger memory capacity or to stay in basic graphic that lessen the memory capacity consumption. Since most of game players in Indonesia are students, they use phones with medium-low specification. This might be the reasons why students and teenagers are the majority of the MLBB players in Indonesia. So, this makes the game become popular and competitive. Even though MLBB doesn't provide the best graphic quality, it is still enjoyable to play.

The second reason: the game is not boring. It has various game modes that can be played to avoid getting bored in the primary mode such as classic, ranked, and brawl mode. These mode are survival and magic chess. Those two modes are completely different in terms of the in-game objectives and gameplay. Also, the playable characters or heroes are not entirely available for those two modes. Magic chess mode MLBB is similar to a chess game, Chess Rush. It means that we can play different type of games in one game application. What makes it different is the playable characters between magic chess mode in MLBB and Chess Rush are not the same.

The gameplay of magic chess mode is very interesting because strategy and luck lead the players to victory. I really enjoyed this mode because it can release my stress after having a lose streak on ranked mode.

The last reason is that the developer of the game makes a regular updates of the game. After almost 4 years from it was first released on June 2016, it has been developed significantly in all aspects of the game. The first time I played MLBB, it was 2 years ago. The graphic quality, animations, and the skill effects of each hero were not too good. Moreover, I used a low specification mobile phone so I set the graphic quality to the lowest one that made the in-game graphic quality really bad. When I set the graphic quality into medium or high, the game had a crash and became unresponsive. However, the developers enhanced the graphic quality through regular updates every Season.

Now, the in-game graphic quality is the same in all graphic option. There are only adjustments in heroes' skill effects. Also, there is an option for turning off/on HD graphic. Also, the animation of some playable characters or heroes has been adjusted into a better one. The developer has enhanced every detail of the heroes' display which makes them look more realistic.

In conclusion, MLBB has many advantages for those who want to start playing games. This game is really good because it can be played in the low budget mobile phones that don't have high specification. This game is entertaining because it offers various game modes. The most important thing is that this game is very popular. There will be many people who play it. This makes this game very competitive. This game is really recommended.

Overwatch Review

By Nurdiansyah Krisnamurti

- +Beautiful integration of team play, varying roles, and objectives are available
- +Characters are distinct and interesting
- +Any gamer can learn to play positive and engaging matches
- +There are huge roster of characters
- There are some bad map designs
- Game modes feel very similar
- It is a pure team-based game



Let's talk about competitive FPS online games. What would come to your mind first when you and your friends were talking about competitive First-Person Shooter (FPS) games? Probably, some of you might think about Counter strike: Global Offensive, Call of Duty series, Fortnite, PlayerUnknown's Battlegrounds, or Apex Legends, five games that are currently popular in Indonesia. But here's another question, what would come to your head when you were talking about competitive FPS online games that not only serve competitive aspects but also fun aspects? Believe it or not, Overwatch is the answer. Nonetheless, the Overwatch itself has a lot of pros and cons like other competitive games, and it is sometimes even frustrating to be played.

However, there are some reasons why Overwatch, a game that is not quite popular in Indonesia, is still the most fun yet frustrating competitive FPS game ever.

Here's a review from a player that has been playing Overwatch for about 854 hours on PC.

PLOT

First of all, before jumping to the game's experience, let's talk about the plot, which is an important aspect of the video games. In this part, players can learn about the game's background, have a connection between the characters and the games they played, and relate to both the game and the lore.

Overwatch has the plot. Despite being an exclusively multiplayer online game, Overwatch serves a solid lore to the game and to every character in the game. Currently 32 heroes are available, The lores can be found in in-game voice lines and communication between each character.

Moreover, comics and videos about the characters' backgrounds can also be found on their official website, playoverwatch.com, and official Youtube, PlayOverwatch.

The story took place in the future where humans can no longer live comfortably since AI technology that helped a lot of humans' activities turned out to be the worst enemy of humanity itself. A special International standard organization established by the United Nations named Overwatch was sent to fight the crisis due to AI rebellion later known as the Omnic Crisis, to stand as the vanguard of humanity, and to end the calamity. As a result, humanity won the fight against the Omnic, and Overwatch grew up and became the main power of peace for both humans and Omnics for about 30 years. Alas, peace was never an option for a few people.

Being a superpower organization without controls, Overwatch was being a threat for many people. Like other human beings, some Overwatch troops were blinded by this power to the realm of greediness. Corruption, rebellion, and mismanagement led the world to put suspicion to this organization. Thus, Overwatch was ruined, and those leftover members chose to take their own path.

But don't worry. The plot in Overwatch has no impact on the gameplay. Furthermore, besides playing using a protagonist or an antagonist character, players can mix-and-match their own strategies and all characters in the game with their team.

(I recommended you watch their short animation, "Dragons", on their Youtube channel.)

GAMEPLAY

Currently, I hate Moira, one of the supporting characters in Overwatch, who can heal teammates and also deal with damages by sucking the enemies HP up. And, of course, as a Genji player, it is frustrating to fight Moira, because the ability to deal with the damages to enemy needs no aiming skill to be done and has no projectile. This character is the worst enemy to fight one on one. Of course, playing by your team on your side is the ideal strategy. Therefore, a good communication between teammates can save many of us from that kind of situation, and in the end, the team can win the fight without problems.

That's the Overwatch strategy in the nutshell. As a multiplayer character-based shooter game in which 12 players compete in two different teams to fulfill the objectives of each map provided, Overwatch gameplays allow players to play various in-game character, starting from a giant gorilla to a small girl that can recall the time, or even a hamster that controls a giant wrecking ball to win the fight. Its gameplay can also be fluid as the team composition set. For example, Widowmaker and Hanzo are both snipers, but both of them have different uses in the team. Hanzo works as a shield breaker and short-ranged sniper while Widowmaker, as the fast team cleaner sniper, kills her target in one shot to assert dominations. Moreover, it depends on the player's skills though.

Another example is Mercy and Zenyatta. Both of them are supporting characters; however, they have

their own unique utilities and uses for the team. As Mercy is a main healer, her job is to provide healing for her teammates to keep them alive on the battlefield. As Zenyatta is a secondary healer, his job is to provide heal, but not as many as Mercy's. He can also give debuff to an enemy that decreases the enemy defense, and also prevents his teammates from dying from the enemies' ultimate skill by using his ultimate skill, transcendence.

Overwatch lets you change your character in the middle of spawning time to renew the strategy and change your tactics. Thus, this lets you and your team communicate deeper into planning in order to surpass the current obstacle met, and change the flow in the game that oftentimes can change so fast, even because of one mistake only. Learning how to play more than one characters in a game is essential in the current state of the game, especially for those who are eager to reach a higher rank in the competitive ladder.

ROLEPLAY

Essentially, Overwatch is a video game role play that requests you to play a character and utilize your skillset properly to benefit you and your team on the fight. It offers players to pick whenever whatever characters they want to play in one time and allow them to pick another character later to try what they feel when being played. When I jumped into this game for the first time, I spent a lot of time playing as DVa. I mastered her skillset and her ultimate, and had so much fun with her, but the burden of being a tank player made me tired so much and forced me to try another character from DPS and support roles.

Hence, I learned how to be a Tracer who has different utilities and play style approaches from DVa. It was a new experience for me and could refresh me to play more matches. Currently, I become a supporting main player, a player that mastered a supporting role, and is ranked in the diamond tier.

In my personal experience of playing it for about 854 hours, some characters still can't be played by me, for example, a hit-scan-character-, like Widowmaker. Therefore, teammates need to adapt with the condition. Not every character is for everyone to play though, and that's fine. Everyone has their own playstyles.

MAPS

Overwatch currently has 21 maps which are full of vibrant colors and beautiful panorama for a Quick play and Competitive modes with 4 game modes based on the maps. Those are: control, assault, escort, and hybrid. Control maps are a type of map where each team competes to acquire the point field and defend it until a specific amount of times. The first team who gets 2 points is the winner. Assault maps are a type of map where the team needs to acquire the point from another team while the other team needs to defend it. The team with more points in the specific amount of time is the winner. Escort maps are a type of map where the team needs to escort a payload while another team prevent them to escort the payload to the point. Hybrids maps are a combination between assault and escort maps.

CONS

With many good things that Overwatch provides for its players, of course Overwatch also has bad things, and they are many in this game. Bad servers connection is one of the many problems of Overwatch has. To play this game, players need to have a high speed and stable internet connection. A connection drop even for a millisecond can also drop your gaming experience where the character you play can move by itself, or even you will be dumped straight into the login screen because of the disconnection. It happens quite often. Next is bad map designs. Some of the Overwatch maps can rather be called unique where every Overwatch player will agree with these kinds of maps. They are really frustrating to be played in. Some of those maps are Paris, Volkskaya Industry, Horizon Lunar Colony, and every sniper map. The reason is because of the imbalance that happens between the attacker team and the defender team while trying to fulfill their objectives. Like in Paris, the distance between the spawning place for the defender team to the first point is seriously long while the second point is very short. Last but not least, like in many online games, some players in Overwatch are toxic. Some of you might ask about why the game is rather pricey for a video game that perhaps could be free instead of paid. But, to be honest, for a price of \$19.99 and \$14.55 [E1] when it is discounted is quite a deal for this game. Moreover, Overwatch loot boxes merely give the players cosmetics only and has no impact to the gameplay.



Overwatch Gameplay

Don't Miss the E-sports Tournament at Pesta Olahraga dan Seni Mahasiswa Polban (POM)

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Darmakara Logo

POM (Pesta Olahraga dan Seni Mahasiswa) named Darmakara, is an annual Polban event organized by BEM KEMA Polban. This event will be presenting matches for the sports and arts category. That biggest sport and art event in Polban, will involve all students.

This time, POM was different from the previous years because now there is something new. POM now is holding a competition in the e-sports category. Unfortunately, only Point Blank and Mobile Legends will be competed. However, this may be the first step for Polban to enter the world of e-sports.

This match will be very important for the whole team because it is likely that this will open up opportunities for matches in the higher arena.

From here we can draw the conclusion that it is possible for Polban to open a new UKM (Unit Kegiatan Mahasiswa) for e-sports that is used to gather talented students to be able to compete in e-sports between students by carrying the name of a Polban.

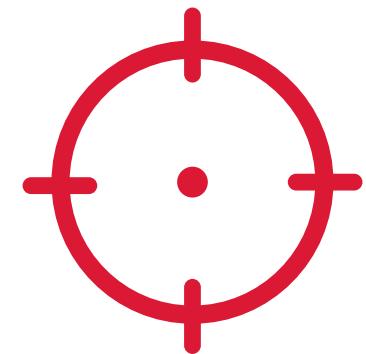
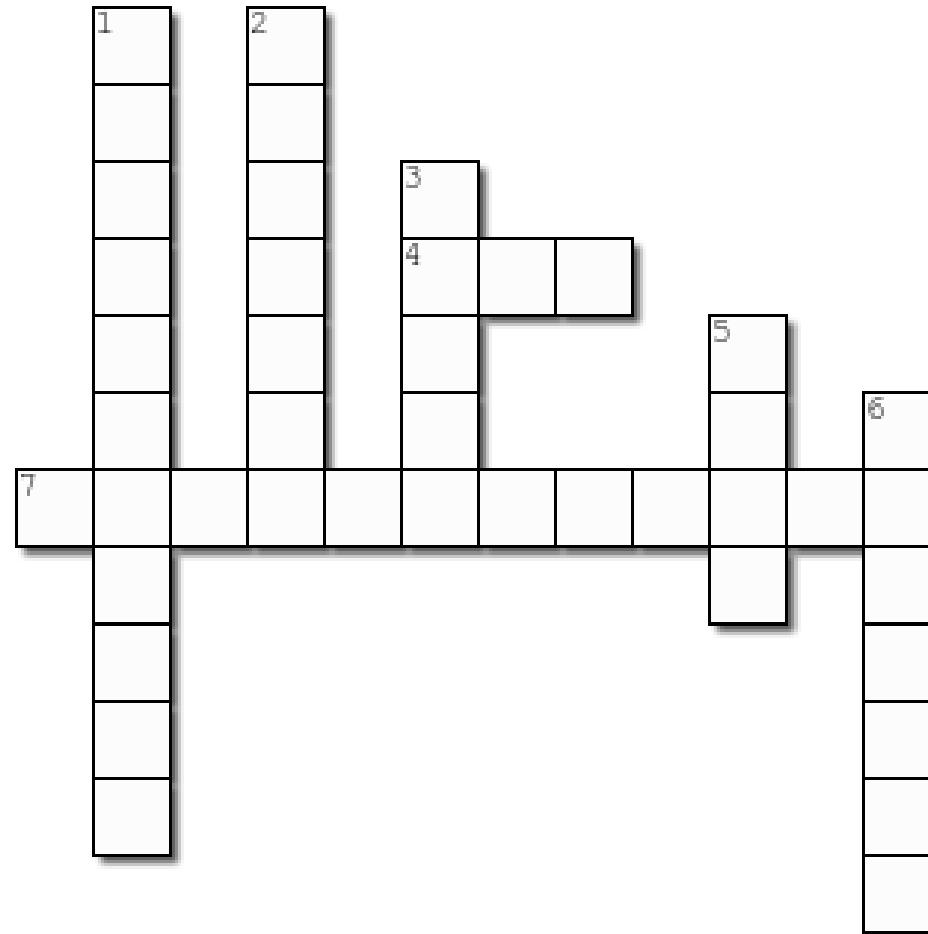
Therefore, for Polban students, who are interested in participating in Point blank and Mobile Legends match, please register yourself immediately. This is one of the excellent opportunities to open up opportunities to turn your hobby into money.



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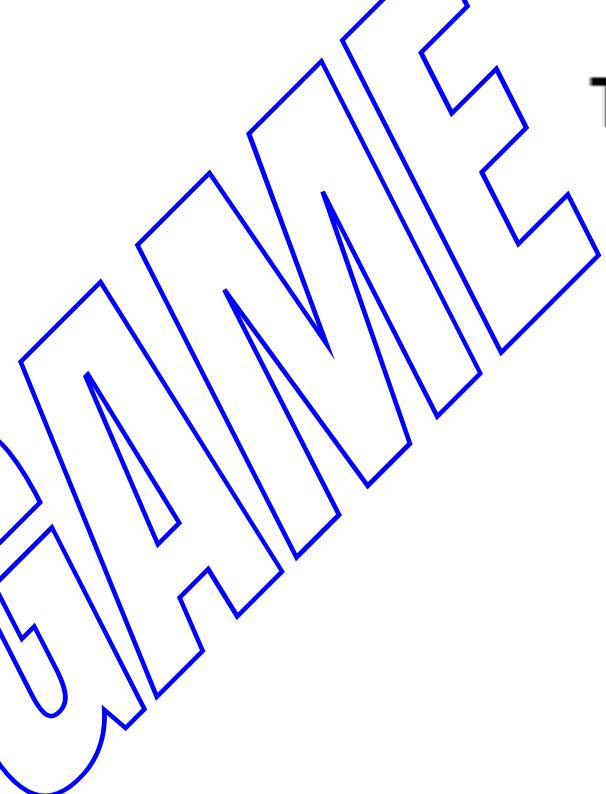


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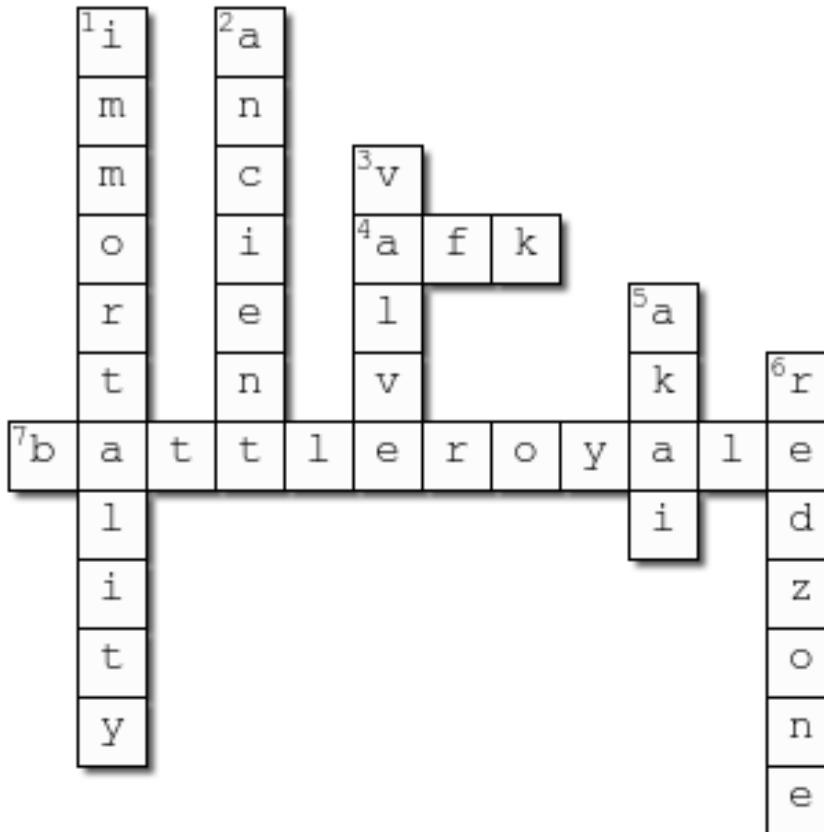
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5. Panda hero (MLBB)
6. An area where bombs can randomly drop (PUBG)



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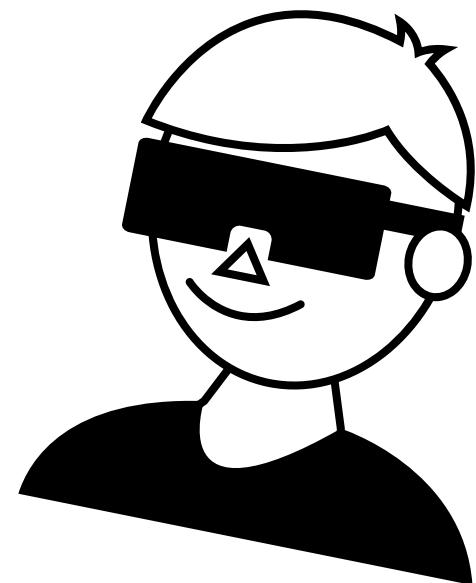


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- 4. Away From Keyboard (General) (afk)
 - 7. PUBG genre (PUBG) (**battleroyale**)

Down

1. Item that can bring you back to life (MLBB) (**immortality**)
 2. The name of the large structure that needs to be destroyed in order to win (Dota 2) (**ancient**)
 3. Dota 2 developer (Dota 2) (**valve**)
 5. Panda hero (MLBB) (**akai**)
 6. An area where bombs can randomly drop (PUBG) (**redzone**)





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