Bejeweled 2

Bejeweled 2, also released as Bejeweled 2 Deluxe, is a tile-matching puzzle video game developed by PopCap Games, and the sequel to Bejeweled. It includes extra game modes and features. Bejeweled 2 Deluxe was released for the Xbox 360 as a downloadable Xbox Live Arcade game on November 22, 2005. The Xbox 360 version is playable on Xbox One, Xbox Series X and S as part of the Backwards Compatibility program. In 2007, the game was released on the PlayStation 2 alongside another PopCap game, AstroPop as a two-game compilation pack as PopCap Hits! Volume 1. PopCap also released a version for iOS in 2008. Bejeweled 2 was also released for PlayStation 3 on the PlayStation Network on January 29, 2009, on the Wii via WiiWare on June 14, 2010, and on PlayStation Portable on June 29, 2010, and for Android. As with the original Bejeweled, Bejeweled 2 is based on the Shariki game mechanic.

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Gameplay

The objective of the game is to swap one gem with an adjacent one to form a chain of three or more gems of the same color. When such a chain is created, the gems disappear, causing randomly generated gems to fall from the top to take the matched gems' place. Sometimes, falling gems automatically line up, causing chain reactions. This is called a cascade. There are several different modes of gameplay available, including various secret gameplay modes that can be accessed by beating levels of Classic, Puzzle, Endless, and Action modes.

Classic

The <u>player</u> tries to match three to five of the same color gems together either horizontally or vertically. Every legitimate move awards points to the player, which is stated at the bottom of the screen in the score bar. A normal swap is three gems. Once swapped, three new gems come in. A match of four gems creates a power gem. Power gems explode gems so more points are added to the score bar. A match of

Bejeweled 2 PopCap Games Developer(s) Oberon Media (Xbox 360) **Astraware** (Windows Mobile) Publisher(s) PopCap Games Sony Online Entertainment (PSN) **Electronic Arts** (Android) Jason Kapalka^[1] Designer(s) Peter Hajba Composer(s) **Series** Bejeweled PopCap Games **Engine** Framework Platform(s) Windows macOS **Browser** Flash PDA Palm OS Windows Mobile iOS Xbox 360 **XBLA** iPod PlayStation 2 PlayStation 3 **PlayStation Network PSN**

five gems creates a hyper cube. When swapped, a hypercube destroys any of the gems of the same color gem it was swapped with. The game ends when no more moves can be made.

Eventually, by supplying hyper cubes (to prevent the player from running out of moves), the player's score goes over 2,147,483,647 (2^{31}) by around level 439 with continued play.

Action

Action Mode is similar to Classic, except that in Action mode, the score bar starts halfway full, slowly begins to retract, and it starts draining faster after each level. As the player scores, the bar gets longer. The player's score is worth more on the bar since it is timed. If the bar completely runs out, the game is over. Unlike Classic mode, it is impossible to run out of moves.

Puzzle

Puzzle Mode is made up of several different scenarios. Each scenario can be solved by clearing the level of gems by using a certain combination of moves. There are also several unique gems, including Bombs and Rocks. The player progresses by completing the puzzles on the planet. After four puzzles on the scenario are completed, the player can move on to the next scenario, or complete the current scenario by completing the last puzzle on the planet. The player can undo a move if it was a mistake. The player can also use hints to help them. Hints will also tell the player that they need to undo a few matches up to a point where the puzzle can be solved. Puzzle does not appear in the iOS and Android version of the game.

Endless

Endless is an untimed and never ending version of Bejeweled 2. The player can make moves at whatever pace they wish, without the worry of running out of moves. The scores for various gem combinations stay constant, regardless of the level. This game is intended to be relaxing or for beginners.

At game level 281, Endless offers up an additional new mode called "Finity." Finity is not available in the iOS version of the game.

Blitz

Bejeweled Blitz is released as an add-on for the iOS version of Bejeweled 2. It has features such as multipliers and extra special gems. Score results from this mode can be uploaded to Facebook. Coins earned during the game can be used to buy "Boosts" which give the player certain power-ups while playing. It also used to be available on Google+, but has been removed from the site.

Secret Modes

PlayStation Portable WiiWare Symbian^3 Android BlackBerry PlayBook

Release

November 5, 2004

Windows

NA: November 5. 2004[2]

XBLA

NA: November 22, 2005

EU: December 2, 2005

iPod classic

NA: September 12, 2006

iOS

(discontinued)

NA: July 3, 2008

PlayStation 2

NA: May 24, 2007

EU: July 17, 2007

PlayStation 3

NA: January 29, 2009

EU: May 19, 2009[3]

WiiWare

NA: June 14, 2010

EU: December 31,

2010

iOS (iPadoptimized)

(discontinued)

NA: June 1, 2010

PAL: May 29, 2010

JP: 2011

PlayStation Portable

NA: June 29, 2010

Android

WW: February 19,

2011

Genre(s) Puzzle

Single-player Mode(s)

There are four modes at the start of the game, but secret modes can be discovered. If one secret mode is unlocked, a ? button will appear below the bottom on the warp ring on the main menu, and clicking on it will show the secret modes. The secret modes do not appear in the WiiWare and mobile versions.

Twilight

If the player reaches Level 18 in Classic Mode, Twilight Mode will be unlocked. The mode acts like Classic Mode, but the pitch for all the sounds is lower, the speed is slowed down, and all the backdrops are darker and flipped over. The gravity of the gems alter every time a move is made.

Hyper

This mode is unlocked after reaching Level 9 in Action mode. The mode plays the same, except that the game is sped up and the sounds are high pitched. If the player matches quickly they can get more score on their matches than they usually do.

Finity

The player must reach level 281 in Endless Mode. The game acts like Action Mode, but the time bar decreases slower than Action and Hyper. The Rock (Coal) and Bomb gems from Puzzle Mode appear. Points are only awarded from explosions (explosion from Power or Bomb gems, or destruction from Hyper cubes), and the backdrops have their hue changed. The progress bar will only add up if special gems are used.

Cognito

Unlocked by completing all 80 Puzzles in Puzzle mode. Acts like Puzzle Mode, but with a score. When a Puzzle is finished, the progress bar increases. When filled up completely, the player goes to the next level. The game ends when all 80 Puzzles are finished. If the player uses a hint, they will not be awarded any points from matching gems in that Puzzle, and the progress bar does not increase for that Puzzle, even if undo is used.

Original

A secret mode found by hovering over the four game modes clockwise eight times on the menu. The gameplay is identical to *Bejeweled*, containing no power-up gems.

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