

## How the gaming industry is reaping rewards from old, reworked games

Video game developers are increasingly remaking old games, reviving fan favorites and cult classics on new consoles with upgraded graphics and content.

UNITED STATES, February 28, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- With the rise of nostalgia and the desire to revisit beloved games, developers have been finding ways to get gamers back into the fold. From remakes to remastered versions, the gaming industry has seen a recent surge in the development of reworked games. This trend has been



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profitable and successful for game publishers, who are reaping rewards from reviving old classics.

A Trend of Reworked Video Games

The trend of reworked video games has been growing in recent years. This is due to the success of remastered games like "Resident Evil 2" and "Final Fantasy VII," which garnered critical and commercial acclaim from fans and critics alike. As a result, other game publishers have been eager to jump on the bandwagon and develop their own versions of beloved games.

The rise of digital downloads has further bolstered this trend. With online stores like Steam and the PlayStation Store, gamers can easily access remastered versions of their favorite games. This has allowed game publishers to reach a wider audience, who can quickly and easily purchase reworked titles. Furthermore, the trend of reworked games also extends to the mobile gaming market. Many developers have released mobile ports of classic console games, such as "The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time." These ports have been popular with mobile gamers, allowing them to experience beloved games on the go.

How Game Publishers Profit from Touching Up Old Games

Game publishers have been quick to capitalize on the trend of reworked games. By remastering old titles, they can easily reach an audience of nostalgic gamers eager to revisit classic titles. This is especially true for titles that have become cult classics, such as "Resident Evil 2", "Final Fantasy VII", and "Shadow of the Colossus."

Remastering and remaking classic titles is also a lucrative business for game publishers. By reworking old games, they can charge a premium price for the games. This allows them to make more money off the titles, as they don't have to spend as much on development. The trend of reworked games has also allowed game publishers to reach a wider audience. This often leads to more sales, attracting new players who may be more likely to purchase sequel titles or other games in the franchise.

Publishers have been able to capitalize on nostalgia by releasing ports of classic console games. By releasing mobile versions of previously popular games, they can reach a wider audience of mobile gamers. Finally, remastering and remaking classic titles can also lead to brand recognition. Game publishers can draw attention to their brands by releasing reworked versions of beloved games.

Most Successful Reworked Games

The trend of reworked video games has been profitable and successful for <u>gaming publishers</u>. Many remastered, remade, and ported games have become critical and commercial successes, garnering acclaim from fans and critics alike.

One of the most successful reworked games is "Resident Evil 2". The remake of the classic survival horror game has been universally acclaimed, with critics and fans praising the game's graphics, sound design, and gameplay. The game has also been a commercial success, selling over 3 million copies worldwide. Another successful reworked game is "Final Fantasy VII." The remake of this classic has been universally praised, with critics and fans lauding the game's visuals, soundtrack, and gameplay. The game has also been a commercial success, selling over 5 million copies worldwide.

The trend of reworked games has also seen the release of successful ports. "The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time" has been praised for its faithful recreation of the classic console game while players wait for the release of the <u>new title in the Breath of the Wild series</u>, The Legend of Zelda: Tears of Kingdom. The game has also been a commercial success, selling over 10 million copies worldwide.

Lastly, "Shadow of the Colossus" has also seen success as a remastered game. The remake of the classic action-adventure game has been universally acclaimed, with critics and fans praising the game's visuals, sound design, and gameplay. The game has also been a commercial success, selling over 2 million copies worldwide.

## **Final Thoughts**

This trend of reworks and remasters is likely to continue in 2023 and beyond. Gamers love revisiting old titles with modern gameplay elements. This audience is also often loyal to franchises, and remakes allow developers and publishers to create more engagement for a lower price. A prime example of gamers' devotion to franchises is the current popularity of Hogwarts Legacy. This new game based on Harry Potter has sold over 12 million copies, proving its loyal fanbase.

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