

The Sims 4 Review



The new edition of famous Sims offers you to become a part of a new chapter in the Sims story. While the original gameplay did not change much, it became even more complex, as did the characters. The game is still beautifully polished and posh, but the characters look even more human. Sometimes you may even feel some weirdness.

Unlikely you are strange to Sims world. But if you are, you still may have heard about the game before. The new edition is nothing extremely new. You create your character and try to socialize with the neighbors as much as you can, build a career, find your love. Now there are more interesting stories and characters you may play with. Build and Create mode were updated to the new level, so your possibilities there become unlimited.

Chronology of Releases

New Sims is accessible on all almost all platforms, including Windows PC and PlayStation 4. There are still no options for portable devices. It was released on September 2 in 2014 for Windows PC. Several months later, in February 2015 – it appeared as a version for Mac OS. On 17th of November 2017, the game came to Xbox One and PlayStation 4.

More benefits from refreshed Sims 4

It looks like game developers decided to stop experiments with gameplay and focus their attention on Sims personalities, emotions, creativity of characters. You can express yourself with the completely new clothes and furniture. Go to the Create a Sim or CAS stage and make your fantasy come true.

- Think about the way your character appears. Fill the image with small details from the color of Sim's hair to the roundness of the face.
- Go to the body of your avatar. Will he/she be athletic, look like you or like one of your friends?
- Now you can choose the way your Sim walks. Smooth movements or heavy – make your avatar realistic.
- While you still can't understand a thing that your character is saying, you may give him/her the tone of the voice, pitch.
- As for the age, you can choose anyone except for toddler which was recently cut off.
- To make the picture complete, you can reward your Sim with the goal in life.

No more pointless life in Sims. Now when you gave your character life aspiration, smooth, confident walk, and silky voice, you may want to make it even more human. Underline its unique style with new clothes. While everyone still waits for new cosmetic sets, promised by developers for Sims 5, use current tools. Besides, there are so much clothes waiting for you, so stop wasting your time.

Categorize your outfit into:

- Casual or everyday clothes
- Formal suits
- Sports
- Pyjamas, and other sleepwear
- Tuxedos and cocktail dresses for evening

So your Sim will be dashing on every occasion. Even at home. Some clothes can be modified according to your own style. If you don't feel really creative, use the outfit made by other users. Just check the Gallery section in Sims Resource. There are dozens of great options.

Create a Fairy Tale life

At least your avatar can have everything you ever wanted but could not afford. Sims 4 has some qualified changes in both live and build modes. Here are some of them.

Now your character has more human emotions, desires, and needs. Everything can influence the current mood of your character, just like in real life. At least one of 3 desires that now live in Sim's beautiful head was born from emotions.

Forget about robotic behaviour, now your character can eat, go to the dance floor, play mobile games – all at the same time. If your reality can look like that, why to limit your Sim? Let him/her enjoy life!

So what about the build mode?

Some of the building lots were reduced in Sims 4.

In the new edition, you receive a huge variety of instruments for the building. Regulate the height of your roof and walls. Create something extraordinary and postmodern.

Beware! While window placing is automatically done, there are some bugs. Don't rush to experiment with this feature.

Sims Universe became more detailed, with its lovable aesthetics of eternal holiday around. And yet, animation became more professional and advanced, as well as sound effects. You may feel the difference if you recently played previous versions.

There are 2 new worlds in the game. One of it is Willow Creek, which is obviously inspired by New Orleans and another one is Oasis Spring that reminds us of Phoenix. Each of them has 6 neighborhoods. However, you may feel that the map became smaller. Possibly it is because of walking, car riding and bicycling are thrown away in this edition.

Developers promise to make a bigger map in Sims 5. For now, you have to stare in your in-game phone while traveling to another destination. Don't worry, you have plenty of things to do here.

The coolest mods in the game

Sims 4 has its own unique modifications like it was in every previous game. They don't change the main principles of the game, as they were not in original plan from company-developer, but add new depth to the scenario. Mods were created by true fans of the game and don't hurt your system if you install everything by the book. Still, pay attention to some bugs that may appear in the game. Since this is not official stuff from developers, you need to decide whether you want to use it or not.

The Pregnancy Mod. How do you like it? While pregnancy is an important part of Sims life, starting from the 2nd edition, in official versions of the game only women can carry babies. Well, not for long. With this mode, men can experience the miracle of being pregnant too. Great news for same-sex couples! Now they can either adopt babies or carry them, no matter if the child will have two mothers or two fathers. You can still change the gender of your baby and terminate the pregnancy.

Sexuality Mod. In the world of Sims, all characters are technically bisexuals. They often prefer to flirt with the same sex that they have already been involved in romantic relations. If you want to change that, add strict instructions on sexual preferences of your Sim with this mod.

Careers. This Mod helps to build a career, receive a bigger salary, express your unique side with changing career. Now you can do this. Put more effort to become successful in life, whether you are a drag queen, soul diva or ghost hunter.

Spice up your game with downloadable content

Here is the complete collection of packs and expansions you may receive at the Electronic Arts Store.

Game Packs

Outdoor Retreat opens new possibilities in front of your Sim. You can go camping, share with your friends this new outdoor experience, master your knowledge of herbs. Who does not love to spend time near the campfire?

Jungle Adventure offers you a nice vacation at mysterious Selvadorada, where you can learn unique local culture and find treasures. Reveal your inner Indiana Jones. Or maybe you are the next Lara Croft.

Parenthood provides the pack of objects the most suitable for a family daily life and activities, so you can enjoy parenthood. It can ease up your daily routine. Parenthood is not only about a tough job, find the time to relax and have fun together.

Vampires may sound like a spooky pack. But how it can be spooky when it comes to these astonishing Sim creatures? Visit the Forgotten Hallow, the new world in Sims 4, find out what supernatural powers your Sim may have.

Dine Out pack gives you an opportunity to eat in a nice restaurant instead as usual at home. You may create your own restaurant business. Try exotic cuisines or become a founder of the place that serves it.

Spa Day Pack comes with great spa venue, new objects, and skill of wellness. Let your Sim forget about worries. Enjoy the time out.

Expansion packs

Get to Work pack has 3 careers inside: Scientist, Doctor, and Detective. There are also more opportunities in retail if you are interested. Have you ever imagine yourself solving the riddles and get paid for it? The time has come.

Get Famous happens in the Del Sol Valley, where you can meet stars or become one of them. That's a dream come true for many of us. Your Sim can gather autographs or be the one who give them.

Seasons pack includes changing the weather, careers related to weather, more calendar holidays from the real world. It is a great joy to decorate your house before Christmas or Halloween. Now Sim can enjoy sitting in a cozy armchair and drinking hot cocoa, while watching the rain outside the window.

Cats and Dogs set to offer you cute numerous breeds of dogs and cats, besides more extravagant pets like foxes and racoons. If you always wanted to be a vet, here is your chance. Imagine how many ill animals you can help.

City Living invites you to explore the city life in San Mushyno with its own unique atmosphere of a big metropolis. Make a tour over the city. Visit all districts and festivals.

Get Together brings more social activity to your Sim, allowing it to attend nightclubs, cafes, coffee shops, etc. It raises the level of happiness. This is the perfect place to find new friends or meet with old ones.

The new edition also brings more sets of special theme objects for homes. There are:

- Pet Stuff
- Toddler Stuff
- Laundry Day Stuff
- Bowling Night
- Fitness
- Backyard Stuff
- Vintage Glamour
- Kids Room
- Luxury Party
- Romantic Garden
- Movie Hangout
- Cool Kitchen
- Spooky
- Perfect Patio

Custom Sims 4 Content

Besides the usual downloadable offered, there is a content called The Sims 4 CC. This is actually a custom content, which does not have any specific impact inside the game, and is not a mod. Still, it works like one of them. You can get hair, clothes or makeup. It usually does not have glitches, and work smoothly. Before you download it, check the reviews of other gamers.

Cheats

Actually, there is no need in cheats for Sims, as there are plenty of mods, suits, extra offers. And yet, if you can't wait for something more, there are cheats offered by developers. For sure, they can make any game more interesting.

The best cheat is money making. Use it and see where your imagination ends. But if you are not into money, and your main goal is a career, try staying alive forever cheat. You can also build everywhere or unlock career items, or just turn your character into a ghost. You can find the full list of available cheat codes in the Sims wiki - an open encyclopedia of Sims Universe.

Tricks and tips

As it was already mentioned above, you don't have to think very hard over the new dress, hairdo, personality or special items. Visit Gallery, and you will find everything you need.

There are some benefits you may receive from building a strong personality. Use these simple tips to become your better self:

- Active trait means quickly reenergizing and always in good shape
- Self-assured Sim will be the fastest on the top of the career ladder
- The ambitious type will bring you more money than others
- Romantic type is always charming to others

Satisfying desires of your Sim rises your Satisfaction point. Desire provoked by emotions highlighted by some other color in Sim's thoughts. Focus on it.

How to earn more satisfaction points?

- Press Ctrl+Shift+C
- Type there Testingcheats true
- Choose ambition opposite to the personality of Sim
- Place aspirations.complete_current_milestone in the cheat box

Replay Ability

The new edition is addictive as always. There is everything you wanted in your life and even more. You may focus on one character or create the whole army. Take everything you can from this world and then come back for more cheats and tricks. You may spend hours in the game and still do not solve all its mysteries.

Conclusion

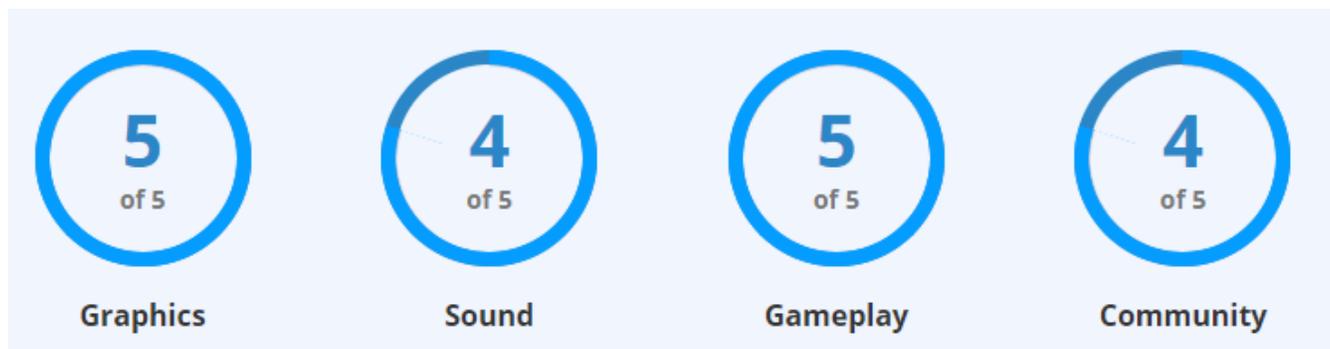
The new edition is more sophisticated, deeper and detailed than its previous version. Sims never looked so human before. Still, there is a lack of bicycling, riding cars or simply walking, like in Sims 3, since this is not an open world.

Cons:

- Problems with glitch windows
- Limited makeup line.

Pros:

- Mature emotions
- New adjustments to the building mode
- Gallery edition
- 4 new worlds to explore.



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