

# FINAL FANTASY ® VIII - OVERVIEW AND KEY FEATURES

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## **The checkered destiny of two men who continuously plunge their mighty souls into battle**

It is a time of war. Garbadia, a Global Superpower, declares war on Dole, a neighbouring country. In Dole, the training academy of "Garden" is home to two personalities - the ambitious but hot-headed Seifer and the serious 'lone wolf', Squall Leonhart - both equally at conflict with each other as their own country is with Garbadia. To others, Squall appears aloof and lacking in team spirit, whilst Seifer, a born soldier, lacks the discipline and self-control that is so evident in his rival. However, a chance encounter with the free-spirited Rinoa Heartilly turns Squall's universe upside down; having thrived on discipline, Squall finds Rinoa's carefree attitude fascinating. He also begins to have dreams in which he is Laguna Loire, a soldier from the Garbadian army. In time he will discover that the fate of both himself and the figure in his dreams are inexorably linked.

Meanwhile, a manipulative sorceress continues to guide the hands of the most powerful men in Garbadia. Squall and Seifer are forced to work side by side in a mission to assassinate the sorceress. Can they put aside their differences for the sake of their country? Will they succeed in ending the bloody war that has already ravaged most of their planet? What part in all this does the mysterious Laguna Loire play? Fate plays no further part in this tale - now only **you** can decide what will happen next...

### **Key Features:**

- The latest installment of the most popular Role Playing Videogame series of all time
- Huge non-linear storyline crammed onto 4 dynamic discs in possibly the biggest PlayStation™ game ever!
- 8 playable characters each with their own personalities and special abilities plus a cast of thousands
- Huge range of magical spells and weapons - blast the enemy with devastating explosions, draw magic from monsters to use against them or call on a god-like "Guardian" to destroy them on your behalf
- Playable characters and Guardians can evolve and increase in strength and ability during the game

- New menu system allows you to customise the abilities of each playable character
- 'Draw' magic from opponents and use it to attack your foes
- Motion-captured intro and cut-sequence CG movies that boast some of the most breathtaking imagery ever seen in a videogame
- Tutorial lessons help players unfamiliar with the unique gameplay style of the Final Fantasy series
- Gameplay that can last anything between a few months and a lifetime of experience
- Compatible with the Analog Controller (DUAL SHOCK) - feel every magic attack explode in your hands

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**Square Co., Ltd.**

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