

Pac-Man World 2

E3, May 2002 – Sony Computer Entertainment Europe is delighted to announce the forthcoming release on PlayStation®2 of the game that promises to combine retro gaming chic with cutting-edge action... Pac-Man World2. Pac-Man, the star of the most popular game in the history of arcade entertainment, finally hits PlayStation 2 – bigger, brighter and more addictive than ever.

The precept is a straightforward one: mischievous Ghosts picked the sacred Golden Fruit from an ancient tree in Pac-Village, accidentally freeing the evil Spooky, who had been imprisoned beneath the tree. Spooky ordered the ghosts to hide the five Golden Fruit throughout Pac-Land, so that he could rule the land and its people, and never be imprisoned again. You, as Pac-Man, have to save the Pac-People by making your way around the 18 levels, collecting the Golden Fruit and butt-bouncing baddies as you go. Eventually you will have to confront Spooky himself in a grand showdown.

Combining retro-style bright and cheery graphics with 3D programming techniques for ultra slick platform action, Pac-Man World2 manages to encapsulate the original game's playability, while moving it very much into the present, via a world of three-dimensional and colourful levels.

There are 18 engaging and charming landscapes to manoeuvre Pac-Man around, and many different ways of doing so. Whereas historically you merely moved in four directions on a single plane, Pac-Man's new abilities will see you ice-skating, underwater swimming, in-line skating and even driving a submarine that shoots missiles, across a number of free-roaming environments.

As you progress through the game, searching for the Golden Fruit, Pac-Man's abilities will increase as you collect special weapons. Amongst other things, he'll learn to swim underwater; to rev-roll; gain a Pac-Dot suck chain and a steel power-up that enables him to walk underwater.

In addition, you can visit the Amusement Arcade in Pac-Village to play one of these classic Pac-Man games: Pac-Man, Ms. Pac-Man, Pac-Mania, Pac-Attack. The Arcade games requires token payment, these tokens can be collected throughout each level. The classic retro appeal, perfect emulation and sheer, unmatched addictiveness of these games alone should be enough to see you coming back to the game over and over again. Meanwhile the main game features all the classic Pac-Man characters, including Pac-Man, Professor Pac and of course Inky, Blinky, Pinky and Clyde, the four legendary ghosts.

Pac-Man World2 is a friendly, colourful and hugely entertaining 3D-platform game, combining a great retro look and intuitive playability to produce one of the first truly great platform adventures on PlayStation 2.

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Developer: Namco Genre: 3D platform No. of Players: 1-2 Platform: PlayStation 2

Peripherals: Dual Shock®2 Analogue Controller, 8 MB PS2 Memory card Release Date: Quarter 3 2002