

Magic: The Gathering Fact Sheet

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About Magic

Magic: The Gathering is the first and most widely played trading card game. Players take on the role of Planeswalkers – powerful mages who battle others for glory, knowledge and conquest. Their weapons include spells, creatures, and artifacts gathered from a vast multiverse of unique fantasy worlds. With over 10,000 different cards available, *Magic* offers an unrivaled depth of game play with many levels of choice and customization for its players. The cards feature unique illustrations by top fantasy artists inspired by familiar elements of myth and legend. These elements weave together to provide a strategically rich and satisfying game play experience. Whether in the competitive arena or participating in a local *Magic* event, there is always an opportunity to shine.

Beyond *Magic's* trading card game, the IP has grown and extended into new platforms including *Magic: The Gathering Online*, *Magic: The Gathering – Duels of the Planeswalkers* and a line of novels that appeal to all fantasy fiction fans.

Wizards Play Network

Magic has spawned a global organized tournament system and a community of international *Magic* players. In 1996, Wizards of the Coast established the “Pro Tour” and has awarded more than \$30 million in cash prizes since its launch.

For the players and fans who enjoy *Magic* on a social level, the **Wizards Play Network** (WPN) offers stores, schools, libraries and organizers all the tools they need to run their own local *Magic* events. From social gatherings at WPN locations to the world championship stage in Rome, there is a place and a way to play for *Magic* enthusiasts of every skill level across the globe.

Magic: The Gathering Quick Facts:

- *Magic* introduced an entirely new gaming genre to the world and currently has an estimated 12 million players and fans in more than 70 countries worldwide.
- *Magic: The Gathering* was invented by Richard Garfield, Ph D. and was originally released by Wizards of the Coast in 1993.
- More than 10,000 unique cards have been produced, with roughly 500 more created each year in regular expansions.
- *Magic: The Gathering* is currently available in nine languages – English, French, German, Italian, Russian, Spanish, Portuguese, Japanese and Chinese.