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Last year the original *Unreal* blew people away with its spectacular graphics then let them down heavily because it wasn't great to play. Instead of a standard sequel, the developers have been working hard on a stand-alone deathmatch-only extravaganza – but one which isn't reserved for just internet players. If you don't have access to the net, or want to have a bit of a practice, just play against the extremely intelligent computer-controlled players. These guys are so lifelike they even insult you as they kick your ass. Whether you're an *Unreal* veteran or virgin, there's a place for you in the *Unreal Tournament*.



Instead of battling against alien freaks, you're now taking on humanoid opponents

UNREAL TOURNAMENT

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Some say it's a challenger to *Quake 3*. We think it's playing a different ball-game

DEATHMATCH PARTY

Unreal Tournament may be seen as going head-to-head with *Quake 3 Arena*, but it takes a very different approach. Instead of just giving players a number of levels and weapons, there are loads of different deathmatch variations to battle your way through.



Assault sees one team defending an area while the other mounts an attack. The attackers have to complete their mission before the time runs out otherwise the defenders win



In Domination games, markers around the level can be changed to your team's colour simply by touching them. Keep control of as many as you can for as long as possible to rack up points



Capture The Flag is just as great as it is in similar games – break into your enemy's base, steal their flag and run it back to yours, all while keeping your own flag defended

WEAPONS UPGRADE

Unreal Tournament has all of the weapons from the original *Unreal*, only they've all been redesigned to look much cooler than before. There are also a few new weapons which not only look mega, but are also massively fun to use.



Sniper rifles are very popular at the moment, and *Unreal Tournament's* is one of the best. Zoom in on an enemy's head and fire – chances are, their bonce will fly off and smash against the wall



The amazing Redeemer fires massive rockets which cause some of the biggest explosions ever. The best part is that you can launch one, then take control and fly it anywhere in the level



Each weapon has two ways of firing – the Pulse Gun can shoot either a stream of plasma or loads of little blasts. This adds strategy to the game without slowing the action down

UNREAL ARENAS

Because *Unreal Tournament* is a deathmatch-only game, every level is designed with multiplayer fun in mind rather than a flowing storyline. The locations vary greatly – a desert, castles, space and mine shafts – and they all look spectacular.



While fighting on this rotating space station you get to see nearby planets and stars passing slowly overhead. The dramatic music adds to the epic feel



On this Assault stage, one team defends the engine car of a moving train while the other jumps from a helicopter and attempts to stop the whole thing



This rickety old castle is perched on the top of a mountain above the clouds. It's easy to be shot off the wooden walkways running around the outside

WHAT WE THOUGHT

OPTION OVERLOAD!

Where *Quake 3 Arena* is set to be a basic, chunky multiplayer blaster just waiting for fans to create their own modes, *Unreal Tournament* is packed full of excellent game variations. Each one is brilliantly thought-out and works amazingly well with either computer or human players – the big selection of levels means you can constantly change your scenery, too.

BIG FLAMIN' GUNS

Each weapon has multiple ways of firing, effectively giving you an enormous arsenal to play with – plus there are some spectacular effects on the top-of-the-range guns. Today's top

PCs can handle *Unreal Tournament* smoothly, meaning that there's no delay in the controls of your character and weapons – something which is very important when the action is this fast and furious.

GO FOR IT

Internet *Quake* fans will go crazy for *Unreal Tournament's* smart weapon and level designs, as well as all of the new playing modes. The artificial intelligence 'bots are a lot of fun to play against, and are great for training new recruits as well as testing experts. You've got a long time to wait for *Quake 3 Arena*, so you should get stuck into *Unreal Tournament* right away.

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