

WELCOME TO DAWN OF WAR III

In Warhammer 40,000: Dawn of War III, three warring factions collide on the mysterious world of Acheron, which is said to be home to a mighty weapon. This weapon draws the attention of the greedy Ork warlord GORGUTZ, the ambitious Eldar seer MACHA, and the mighty Space Marine commander GABRIEL ANGELOS. Their search for supremacy, and the mythical weapon, forces their armies into escalating battles. However, when the weapon is found, a terrible new threat rears its head.

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Campaign

During the Warhammer 40,000: Dawn of War III campaign, you will take command of the Space Marines, Orks, and Eldar over the course of 17 spectacular missions spanning multiple war-torn worlds.

When you first start the campaign, you'll be prompted to choose your difficulty and whether you wish to play the tutorials. Difficulty levels can be changed mission-to-mission, you can play the tutorials at any point.

Over the course of the campaign, you will be given the opportunity to play a variety of Elite units, even if you haven't yet unlocked them for use in multiplayer. This is a great way to test out a variety of units and strategies before diving into multiplayer.

Factions



Space Marines

Space Marines are genetically modified super soldiers on a mission to protect mankind from the gravest threats across the Galaxy.

Their ancient power armor makes them superhuman masters of the battlefield, but their effectiveness in war has come at the cost of their own humanity. They may be low in number on the battlefield, but each is a force to be reckoned with.

With the ability to call in reinforcements from drop pods released in orbit, Space Marines can quickly turn the tide of battle with the element of surprise. Even when on their heels, they never falter.

Orks

Orks are big. Orks are barbaric. Orks are brutal. Orks love battle.

With each battle they take part in, Ork hordes gain bigger guns (or what they call "more dakka"), get hold of bigger tanks, and attract more and larger orks. Once a big enough Warboss appears, the horde becomes a WAAAGH! and rampages across the galaxy.

The Waaagh! is an unstoppable force, crushing all opposition before moving on to other worlds aboard their ramshackle starships.





Eldar

The Eldar are the last survivors of an ancient civilization that once ruled the Galaxy. They have fearsome psychic powers and wield highly sophisticated weapons.

Each Eldar has a lifetime of experience, skill, and knowledge, but they are highly dismissive of lesser creatures (including humans) who feel they are infesting the Galaxy.

Their armies ride upon grav tanks and jetbikes, descending on unsuspecting worlds with speed and fury.

Elite Unit Types

NUKER

Great at countering groups of enemies. Be sure to keep your forces spread out when going up against a player that has a Nuker Elite. Some Nuker class elites are: Imperial Knight Solaria, Jain Zar, Weirdboy Zapnoggin.

TANK

Great at soaking-up damage from multiple sources. They're going to do everything they can to get you to attack them instead of the rest of their force so pay attention to who you are targeting. Some Tank class elites are: Assault Terminators, Wraithlord, Da Mad Dread.

CROWD CONTROL

Great at stunning, blinding, rooting, and anything else that will interrupt your force. Sometimes they can target an area and sometimes they can target a single unit, watch for the windup and dodge when you can. Some Crowd Control class elites are: Gabriel Angelos, Autarch Kyre, Da Kommando, Meganobz.

ASSASSIN

Great at hunting down and focusing on a single unit. Try and keep support nearby because you never know when one these elites will show up. Some Assassin class elites are: Kill Team Ironmaw, Striking Scorpion.

SUPPORT

Great at healing, negating damage, and anything else to do with keeping your units alive. Usually a good idea to take care of sooner rather than later. Some Support class elites are: Jonah Orion, Big Mek Wazmakka.

Line Units

Line Units make up the bulk of your army from Tactical Marines to Predators, from Boyz to Deff Dreads, and from Dire Avengers to Wraithblades. No single unit on its own can hope to defeat an enemy. It will take a balanced combination of line units to counter your enemies.

Super Abilities

SPACE MARINES: ORBITAL BOMBARDMENT

The Space Marine's super ability is the mighty Orbital Bombardment, a searing laser fired from orbit onto their foes. This beam gains in size and power the more targets it vaporizes, but this added destruction comes at the cost of its speed.



The Eldar's super ability is Eldritch Storm, a massive tempest of psychic power. The huge storm slows all enemies within it, and then strikes smaller areas with hugely damaging lightning blasts.



The Orks' super ability is Roks, in which they deploy a powerful traktor beam to rain asteroids from the sky - first in small chunks, slowing and damaging enemies, and finally a massive Rok that decimates the unfortunate foes underneath.







Tips & Tricks

ECONOMY VS UNITS

There's a fine balance between knowing when to build units and when to upgrade your economy. Going too much into one over the other could cost you the game. Try to only invest in "secure" resource points until you have the upper hand, then you can start investing in the riskier resource points.

ELITES, SUPER ABILITIES, AND ELITE POINTS

Both your Elite units and your super abilities cost Elite Points. Elites point are accumulated slowly over time, though capturing and upgrading an Elite Resource point will increase the rate at which they're gained. Try to hold off from calling in your Super Abilities until absolutely necessary, as you never know when you need to call in an Orbital Bombardment to wipe out an enemy army!

DESTRUCTIBLE WALLS

Multiplayer maps contain destructible walls and barriers at strategic points throughout. Once opened, they can never be closed again, so be cautious and strategic when opening one up.

COMBAT STANCES - MELEE VS RANGED

A wide variety of units have the option to switch stances between Melee and Ranged. Switching stances allows you to tie up enemy units, reducing their DPS and potentially turning the tide of battle.

HEAVY COVER

Heavy Cover are capturable cover points throughout the map that can help you temporarily lock down an area. Be warned though, cover can be destroyed permanently, and there are several line units that have a designated role as Counter Cover that can make quick work of enemy forces stationed in Heavy Cover.

STEALTH / DETECTORS

Stealth comes to play in a variety of ways in Dawn of War III. Some units are stealthed by default and only reveal when in combat, while others must use abilities to use stealth. The main counter to uncover stealth units in hiding are detectors units, which also happen to be your builder units.

THE CODEX

All of this information, and more, can be found in the in-game codex, which is located in main menu of Dawn of War III.

Multiplayer

In Dawn of War III, you can chose your favourite faction and elites, and team up with other players or computer AI across a number of 1 vs. 1, 2 vs. 2, and 3 vs. 3 player maps.

MULTIPLAYER MATCH BASICS

In a multiplayer match of Dawn of War III, two teams face off in battle. Each team is trying to destroy the opposing team's Power Core, a large structure in that team's base area. The Power Core is defended by two layers of protective buildings.



The outermost layer of protection is one or more **Shield Generators**. These passive buildings render the inner turrets and power core invulnerable.



Each shield generator is followed by a large **Turret**. These active defenses can cause serious damage to attacking armies. Each turret is invulnerable until its corresponding Shield Generator is destroyed.



Once one or more turrets are destroyed, the enemy's **Power Core** becomes vulnerable. Destroying the enemy's Power Core will result in a victory, and end the match.

MULTIPLAYER PLAY OPTIONS

Quick-Match

Use this option to search for other players to play with or against. The system's match-making accuracy increases with every quick-match you play, so after roughly five battles you should begin to be matched with and against players at a similar level.

- You can invite friends to party up with so you search together.
- You can choose which maps or map sizes to search for.
- You can choose to search for matches against AI opponents or live opponents.

Create

Use this option to host your own match, choosing the map, starting resources, AI opponents, and other various options. You can make this match public, or keep it private and invite only your friends.

Browse

Use this option to look at a current list of public matches.





Customization & Progression

Dawn of War III allows you to create your army, and your own playstyle, by making a few important choices before each match.

CHOOSING ELITES AND DOCTRINES

The **Elites** screen allows you to choose the three active Elite units who will lead your army into battle, as well as the **Doctrines** you choose to equip.

There are two different types of Doctrines. **Elite Doctrines** generally enhance a specific Elite unit, while **Standard Doctrines** offer various effects and advantages to your army as a whole. Players can bring in a maximum of six Doctrines into a match (one Elite Doctrine per Elite unit, and three Standard Doctrines), allowing for hundreds of combinations to customize your play style.



ARMY PAINTER

The **Army Painter** allows you to customize the color scheme for your army, as well as get a closer look at your units. You can choose from a variety of color presets based on the rich background of Warhammer 40,000, or you can make your own scheme.

*Army Painter is not available during the single player campaign.

EARNING EXPERIENCE POINTS AND SKULLS

Completing a campaign mission for the first time on each difficulty and finishing a multiplayer match will result in Skulls being awarded. Any Elite units used during the campaign mission or multiplayer match will earn Experience Points.

Skulls are used to unlock additional Elite units and Doctrines. XP is used to level up your Elite units. All Elites start at Level 1, and by earning Experience Points can reach Level 10. Each level brings a new reward, including a new Elite Doctrine, a variant Skin, Skulls, and more.

ESCALATION PHASES

Escalation phases occur every ten minutes in a multiplayer match, up to a maximum of four phases.

- Phase 1: Units refund 25% of cost on death.
- Phase 2: Units refund 15% of cost on death, +50% add on resources, +50% objective structure health, +25% listening post health.
- Phase 3: Units refund 5% of cost on death, 100+ add-on resources, +100% objective structure health, +50% listening post health.
- Phase 4: Units refund 0% of cost on death, +150% add-on resources, +150% objective structure health, +75% listening post health.

Main Menu



Player Profile	View your match history or change your profile portrait.
Home	View the latest Dawn of War III News.
Campaign	Start a new campaign or continue an existing playthrough.
Multiplayer	Play a Quick Match or create your own Custom Match.
Elites	Customize your Elites loadouts and choose Doctrines.
Army Painter	View dozens of included paint schemes, or create your own.
Learn	Play through tutorials, read through the game's codex, or watch a replay.
Community	View your current standing in the Leaderboards and more.

In-Game HUD





1 2	Power Core Health Objectives	Health bars of each team's Power Cores (Multiplayer). Indicates your current objective.	8	Structure Selection Bar	As structures are built, these icons become available, allowing you to quickly select any of your buildings to produce units, no matter where you are on the map.
3	Super Ability	Indicates the availablity of each faction's unique super ability, unlocked by accuring Elite points.	9	Unit Selection Bar	All line units that are currently built or under construction appear here, allowing you to quickly select any of your units no matter where you are on the map.
4	Elite Units	Indicates the status and availability of your Elite units.	0	Mini-Map	A top-level view of the current match, notifying you of enemies, allies, and objectives.
5	Faction Mechanic	Certain factions, like the Space Marines and their Drop Pod ability, have a unique mechanic that can turn the tide of battle.	•	Ping System	Notify your allies where to attack, defend, move, and more (Multiplayer).
6	Command Card	The currently selected unit's abilities, upgrades, and commands.	12	Doctrines	Indicates currently equipped Doctrines.
7	Resources	The current status of Requisition, Power, and Elite Points.	B	Escalation Phase	Indicates the current level of Escalation Phase (Multiplayer).

Mouse Controls



Keyboard Controls

GRID/ABILITY HOTKEYS

Top Row	Q, W, E, R
Middle Row	A, S, D, F
Bottom Row	Z, X, C, V

RACE SPECIFIC HOTKEYS - SPACE MARINE

Plant the Standard	G
Drop Pod Slot 1	J
Drop Pod Slot 2	K
Drop Pod Slot 3	L

BASIC HOTKEYS

Deselect Unit/Structure	Esc (With a unit selected)				
Pause Menu	Esc (Without a unit selected)				
Open Chat	Enter				
Pause Game	Pause Break				
Pan Up	û / CTRL + W				
Pan Left	⇔ / CTRL + A				
Pan Down					
Pan Right	⇒ / CTRL + D				
Elite Slot 1	F1				
Elite Slot 2	F2				
Elite Slot 3	F3				
Super Ability	F4				
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Building 1	F5				
Building 2	F6				
Building 3	F7				
Building 4	F8				
Building 5	F9				
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Pause Menu	F10				
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Lock Mouse to Window	CTRL + Backspace				

ADVANCED HOTKEYS

Focus camera on selection	Apostrophe					
Focus Camera on HQ	Home					
Default Camera	Backspace					
Zoom In	PageUp					
Zoom Out	PageDown					
View player list	" or 0					
Select Control Groups	#					
Create Control Groups	CTRL + #					
Clear Control Groups	ALT + #					
Cycle to next Builder unit	Comma					
Cycle to next Infantry unit	Period					
Cycle to next Vehicle unit	Slash					
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Cycle to next Idle Builder unit	ALT + Comma					
Cycle to next Idle Infantry unit	ALT + Period					
Cycle to next Idle Vehicle unit	ALT + Slash					
Select All Builder units	CTRL + Comma					
Select All Infantry units	CTRL + Period					
Select All Vehicle units	CTRL + Slash					

Select All Idle Builder units	CTRL + ALT + Comma				
Select All Idle Infantry units	CTRL + ALT + Period				
Select All Idle Vehicle units	CTRL + ALT + Slash				
Select All Units	CapsLock				
Select All On Screen Units	CTRL + A				
Quick Save	SHIFT + F5				
Ping Menu	CTRL + B				
Ping Attack	CTRL + H				
Ping Defend	CTRL + J				
Ping Capture	CTRL + G				
Ping Caution	CTRL + L				

REPLAY HOTKEYS

Toggle HUD	CTRL + U
Decrease Speed	Minus
Increase Speed	Equals
Next Player	Right-Bracket
Previous Player	Left-Bracket
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