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[Crash Bandicoot 2: Cortex Strikes Back Cheat Codes and Unlockables \(Playstation\)](#)

Some call this the best installment in the Crash Bandicoot series...

Crash Bandicoot 2: Cortex Strikes Back is a platform game and the sequel to Crash Bandicoot. It was developed by Naughty Dog for the PlayStation and released in the United States of America on the Halloween of 1997. Taking place in and around the fictional N. Sanity Island, Crash Bandicoot 2 follows the anthropomorphic bandicoot Crash. He is abducted by the series villain Doctor Neo Cortex, who has apparently turned into a good guy and is now willing to save the world. **Crash** is then sent to several parts of N. Sanity Island in order to gather Crystals and allow Cortex to contain the power of the upcoming planetary alignment and keep the planet from being destroyed. He is joined by Coco, who is suspicious of Cortex's true intentions, and partially by Doctor Nitrus Brio, who tries to convince Crash to gather Gems instead of Crystals. **Crash Bandicoot 2's** gameplay is largely similar to that of the original. Players make their way through a limited environment whilst breaking off crates, each of them containing some kind of bonus. Breaking all of the level's crates earns the player a gem. The player can collect additional clear and colored gems by finding and touching them. Colored gems activate secret areas. If a player collects all of the gems in the game, the secret ending is activated.

Codes
Free Aku Aku mask at starting of levels If you want a AKU AKU mask at the beginning of a level, then as soon as crash goes through the portal hold down R1 and x.
Unlockables
Secret Ending - Get 100% Complete
Glitches
Get more than 99 lives To make this glitch work, get 99 lives and enter a level. Break a life box/get 100 apples, and when the Crash symbol goes to the upper part of the screen, and starts to move towards your remaining lives, press Start and return to the Warp Room. You'll have 100 lives. Repeat this to get more lives.
More time in race levels In the levels where you must race against a clock for a gem (Hang Eight and Plant Food), it is possible to get more time. With the clock running, enter the bonus area. As soon as you are there, purposely fail by jumping off the side of a platform. When you respawn in the level, the clock will have restarted with even more time than in the beginning of the race.
Secrets
Extra Lives In the second world, walk over to the polar bear. Jump on him, and keep jumping. Eventually you will get approx. 20 free lives.
Find Secret Area in Snow Go Go to Level 7: Air Crash. When you get to the area with the boxes in the water, instead of taking the vehicle, do some dangerous jumps across the water to jump onto the platform. It will take you to a hidden area in Snow Go!
Go To Hidden Area in Air Crash To go to a secret area in Air Crash, go to Level 13: Bear Down. Get through the level, and after the bear kicks you off, jump back across the small platforms. When your feet touch the large platform, you are instantly transported to a secret area in Air Crash.
Go to level 26 - a secret stage Ride the bear in level 15 until you get thrown off at the end of the level. Now, make a long jump in order to go back across the chasm and to go back to the bear in order to warp to the secret stage of level 26.
Go To Level 27 At Level 16, Hangin' Out, around where you get the crystal, go wade through the water into a little secret hole. Jump on a platform in the middle and you will be instantly taken to a hidden level.
Return to Boss Stages Stand Crash on the Centre platform and press all shoulder buttons (L1, R1, L2, R2) and triangle and press up when Crash points up to fight that boss of the warp room. Note: You can only do this for bosses you have beaten
Secret Area in Level 14: Road To Ruin To access a secret area in Level 14: Road To Ruin, go to Level 17: Diggin' It. Towards the end of the level, you'll see a seed-spitting plant on a round platform. Belly-flop the plant to be warped to the secret warp room, where you can access the secret leg of Road to Ruin.
Skip first level If you skip the first cutscene, you won't have to play the first level, you'll just go straight to the first Warp

Room. Here's how the item glitch works: