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[What Happened Since Duke Nukem Forever Was Announced](#)

Some interesting facts everyone should be aware of

Duke Nukem Forever has won "the most awaited game of all time" title fair and square and without much effort. The following material is not ours by any means (the original list can be found [here](#)), but we felt compelled to share it with all our readers. Feel free to contribute to our list by using the form [HERE](#).

Popular Video Game Series Releases

Final Fantasy:

- Main Series* - Final Fantasy VII - Final Fantasy VIII - Final Fantasy IX - Final Fantasy X - Final Fantasy X-2 - Final Fantasy XI - Final Fantasy XII
- Cell Phone Games* - Before Crisis: Final Fantasy- Dirge of Cerberus: Final Fantasy VII - Dirge of Cerberus: Lost Episode
- Tactics Series* - Final Fantasy Tactics - Final Fantasy Tactice Advance
- Crystal Chronicles Series* - Final Fantasy Crystal Chronicles - Final Fantasy Crystal Chronicles: Ring of Fates - Final Fantasy Crystal Chronicles: The Crystal Bearer

Remakes - Final Fantasy Collection - Final Fantasy Anthology - Final Fantasy Chronicles - Final Fantasy Origins - Final Fantasy I & 2: Dawn of Souls - Final Fantasy III DS

Games Featuring Final Fantasy Characters - Ehrgeiz - Kingdom Hearts - Kingdom Hearts: Chain of Memories - Kingdom Hearts: Final Mix - Kingdom Hearts II

Movies, Anime Series & Concerts - Final Fantasy: The Sprits Within - Final Fantasy: Unlimited, Entire Series - Final Fantasy VII: Advent Children - Final Fantasy: Dear Friends, Entire World Tour

Grand Theft Auto:- Grand Theft Auto - Grand Theft Auto, Gameboy Color Port - Grand Theft Auto - Grand Theft Auto: London 1969 - Grand Theft Auto: London 1961 - Grand Theft Auto 2 - Grand Theft Auto III - Grand Theft Auto: Vice City - Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas - Grand Theft Auto Advance - Grand Theft Auto: Liberty City Stories - Grand Theft Auto: Liberty City Stories, PS2 Port - Grand Theft Auto: Vice City Stories - Grand Theft Auto IV

The Legend of Zelda:- Ocarina of Time - Majora's Mask - Oracle of Ages - Oracle of Seasons - The Wind Waker - Four Swords

Adventures - The Minish Cap

Six remakes of previous Zelda titles for the Gameboy Color, Gameboy Advance and Gamecube. - Link's Awakening DX, Gameboy Color - A Link to the Past, Gameboy Advance - Ocarina of Time, Gamecube - The Zelda Collector Edition, Gamecube - Classic NES Series: The Legend of Zelda, Gameboy Advance - Classic NES Series: Zelda II: The Adventure of Link, Gameboy Advance - *Phantom Hourglass* - *Twilight Princess*

The Sims:- The Sims - The Sims: Livin' Large - The Sims: House Party - The Sims: Hot Date - The Sims: Vacation - The Sims: Unleashed - The Sims: Superstar - The Sims: Makin' Magic - The Sims Online - The Sims 2 - The Sims 2: University - The Sims 2: Nightlife - The Sims 2: Open for Business - The Sims (Console Port) - The Sims Bustin' Out - The Sims 2 (Console Port) - The Urbz: Sims in the City

Other Popular Game Series:- Over 75 games based on the MegaMan universe, and 12 games featuring MegaMan universe character cameos. - Over 50 games based on the Star Wars universe. - Mario has appeared in 58 different video games. - Every Massive Multiplayer Online game and expansion with the exception of Meridian 59. - Every Dance Dance Revolution and Bemani rhythm game - Every Pokemon game released outside of Japan. - Every Unreal, every Unreal Tournament, and every game that has used any of the Unreal engines. - Quake 2, 3, 4, and countless games that have used their engines. - Every Tony Hawk and extreme sport spin-off game. - Daikatana began development 10 days before Duke Nukem Forever. Unfortunately, no one was made John Romero's bitch when it hit retail shelves on May 23rd, 2000. - 3DRealms and Remedy bring Max Payne and its sequel from concepts to finished games, porting both to Xbox and PS2. - Valve released both Half-Life 1 and 2, with several expansion packs and countless mods for each. - Every version of Counter-Strike and Counter-Strike Source was developed. - Every Thief game. - Black Isle was formed, released seven titles and was shut down. - The Elder Scrolls III: Morrowind and IV: Oblivion,

and the entire Baldur's Gate series. - Wizards of the Coast has printed six Core Sets, 30 Expansion Sets of Magic: The Gathering. If someone bought one of every single card printed since DNF was announced, now they would have a collection of approximately 101,742 cards. - Every installment of Metal Gear Solid released to date, as well as Ghost Babel (MGS for the Gameboy) and the Metal Gear Acid series for PSP. And it is likely that the apparent conclusion of Solid Snake's legacy, "Guns of the Patriots," will come out before DNF. - A garage full of programmers in Croatia (Croteam) developed the engine and created the game Serious Sam. Since then, there have been multiple sequels and console ports - all off a fraction of the money 3D Realms has blown on DNF's development. - Every 3D Prince of Persia game. - Aside from Wolfenstein 3D, every single First Person Shooter based during World War II, including the entire Medal of Honor series. - While DNF has been in production, Blizzard Entertainment, another studio famous for delays, has released four full games (Starcraft, Diablo 2, Warcraft 3, and World of Warcraft), with expansions for three (four with Burning Crusade). - Bioware released Neverwinter Nights with two expansions, Star Wars: Nights of the Old Republic, and Jade Empire. All games are deep, lengthy RPGs that demand multiple playthroughs. **Video Game Systems:-** Microsoft XBOX - Microsoft XBOX 360 - Nintendo GameCube - Nintendo Gameboy Color - Gameboy Advance - Gameboy Advance SP - Gameboy Micro - Nintendo DS - Nintendo DS Lite - Sega Dreamcast - Sony PSone - Sony Playstation 2 - Sony Slim Playstation 2 - Sony PSP - Over 4500 games were released for the above video game systems in the United States. - Over 350,000,000 consoles and handhelds were sold worldwide. **Fun Facts**
Computers & Internet:- In 1997, the fastest consumer internet connection was a 33.6 kbps modem. On average, consumer internet connections are 300 times faster today. - When Duke Nukem Forever was announced, the fastest processor available to consumers was a 233Mhz Pentium. Since then, the clock speed of consumer processors has increased over 16 times (32 times counting dual cores), and the fabrication process has decreased from 250nm to 65nm. - In October 2001, Apple announced the iPod and Slashdot dismissed it as an immediate failure. Since then, there have been 5 generations of iPods, as well as the iPod Mini, iPod Shuffle, and iPod Nano with 42 million iPods sold worldwide as of 1/06. - Steve Jobs was still running NeXT when Duke Nukem Forever was announced. - Every peer to peer file sharing program, including Napster, was developed. - In April 1997, Google, eBay, and the term "weblog" still didn't exist. - Linux gained at least 10 times the popularity it had while its kernel tripled in size. - Mac OS switched to UNIX and became the most highly regarded general purpose operating system on the market among the computing press. - Microsoft released 5 consumer-oriented versions of Windows and might release Vista before Duke Nukem Forever hits shelves. - Netscape Navigator 4 was released, Microsoft Internet Explorer destroyed it. Netscape 6 was released on an entirely different rendering platform, Netscape dies, Mozilla foundation rises. Open-source Mozilla browsers became popular and forced Microsoft to start working on a new version of Internet Explorer. - Valve releases Steam and sets a new standard in digital software distribution. - MySpace has gone from beta to the largest social-networking site in the world (and the fourth most popular English language website). **Disasters:-** There have been 125 tropical cyclones, 73 hurricanes in the Atlantic, 52 typhoons in the Pacific. - There have been over 20 death-toll producing tornado outbreaks in the United States. - Over 50 major earthquakes have shaken the world, and have shortened the Earth day by 2.68 microseconds. **Economy:-** Adjusted to the inflation, the average price of gas in the United States has doubled. - The Euro was introduced as a new European currency. - Enron has filed for bankruptcy and folded. Kenneth Lay and Jeffrey Skilling have been arrested on fraud charges and subsequently indicted and convicted. In addition, they will most likely be sentenced before Forever is released. **Movies that were filmed, released in theatres, and have made it to DVD:-** All three Star Wars prequels. - The entire Lord of the Rings trilogy, with extended editions. - Every Pixar movie aside from Toy Story. - Three (possibly four) James Bond films. - Every movie, animation, and video game from The Matrix series. - Every Marvel

comics movie released. - Each predictable twist ending of every movie by M. Night Shyamalan. **Pop Culture**:- Britney Spears' entire musical career as a pop star has taken place during Duke Nukem Forever's development. - Theater box office totals since the announcement are over \$2.62 billion. - Colin Farrell's entire movie career has also taken place during the same development. - The concept of Bullet Time has been developed, pioneered, and completely run in to the ground. - Cellular Phones ownership has become commonplace, whereas in 1997 they were viewed as luxurious expenditures. - The entire cult following the Family Guy! Family Guy has debuted on FOX, has been cancelled, entered syndication, has been released on DVD, redebuted on FOX, and seen the release of a feature film. - Six Harry Potter Books have been released, and four films produced. - Stephen King has written 16 novels. - The first episode of South Park was first aired on August 13, 1997, the same year in which DNF was announced. The show is now in the second half of its tenth season, with 'Tsst' being the 146 episode shown. - King of the Hill first aired on January 12 of the same year, around the same time prototype work was being done in the Quake Engine for DNF. It recently finished its tenth season, with 201 episodes. - The episode count of 'The Simpsons' has more then doubled since DNFs announcement. Season 8, episode 23 was the 176th episode, and aired on May fourth, 1997. The 352nd episode aired on May 1st, 2005. - Thirteenth seasons of Survivor.- The ending of Star Trek shows Deep Space Nine, Voyager, and the beginning and ending of Enterprise, plus the films First Contact, Insurrection and Nemesis. - Joss Whedon showed us that he truly is our master with every Buffy the Vampire Slayer, Angel, and Firefly episode. (Oh, and the movie Serenity.) **Science & Technology**:- The Voyager 1 spacecraft has traveled 8.8 billion miles from Earth. - The two Mars rovers, Spirit and Opportunity were proposed, authorized, announced, designed, launched and successfully landed upon Mars where they have been exploring the surface for over 2.5 years. - NASA's Deep Impact program also went full circle. - The International Space Station was assembled and has been orbiting Earth for over 8 years. - NASA has launched 30 manned space shuttle missions, Russia has launched 17. - The Airbus A380 "Super Jumbo" plane was designed, built, tested, and delivered to airlines. - Tier One developed, built, tested, and launched SpaceShipOne, winning the Ansari X-Prize for being the first non-government organization to launch a reusable manned spacecraft into space twice within two weeks. - In 1997, there were only 50 million US cell phone subscribers in the United States. Today there are more than 200 million, which amounts to over 60% of the population of the USA. - The U.S.S. Ronald Reagan (the largest nuclear-powered aircraft carrier in the world) was in contract, built, launched, commissioned, and began active duty. - Costa Concordia, the biggest Italian cruise liner was designed, built and delivered by the Fincantieri shipyards, in Italy. - The Space Shuttle Columbia burnt up during re-entry, the entire Space Shuttle program went through a safety overhaul, and the Shuttle returned to flight. **Sports**- Since the announcement of Duke Nukem Forever, the single season home run record has been broken. Twice. - The Red Sox broke their curse by finally winning the World Series. - Two of the greatest NBA Dynasties in history have reigned and ended: The incredible 1990s Chicago Bulls dynasty were still unmatched in '97 and disbanded after the '98 finals. The Los Angeles Lakers acquired Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal in '97 and Phil Jackson in '99, effectively becoming the greatest team in the NBA at the time with another landmark dynasty that lasted from 2000 to 2002. The Lakers disbanded after losing the finals to the Pistons in 2004. - There have been five Olympic Games (three winter, two summer). - Lance Armstrong won the Tour de France 7 consecutive years. - The World Wrestling Federation has changed its name to World Wrestling Entertainment and bought its two main competitors, WCW and ECW, relaunching ECW, and facing new competition from TNA. - The Cubs have lost 798 games since April '97. - St. Louis Cardinals moved from Busch Stadium to new Busch stadium. - Philadelphia Phillies moved from Veterans Stadium to Citizens Bank Ballpark. - The Houston Astros moved from the Astrodome to Enron Field (Now Minute-Maid Park). - The Cincinnati Reds moved from Cinergy Field to Great

American Ballpark. - The Milwaukee Brewers moved from County Stadium to Miller Park. - The San Diego Padres moved from Qualcomm stadium to Petco Park. - The Pittsburgh Pirates moved from Three-River Stadium to PNC Park. - The Detroit Tigers moved from Tiger Stadium to Comerica Park. - The Seattle Mariners moved from The Kingdome to Safeco Field. - The Montreal Expos are now the Washington Nationals. - The Arizona Diamondbacks and Tampa Bay Devil Rays were formed. - The Cleveland Browns turned into the Baltimore Ravens. - A new Cleveland Browns team was formed and moved into a new stadium. - The Cincinnati Bengals moved from Cinergy Field to Paul Brown Stadium. - The New England Patriots moved from Foxboro Stadium to Gillette Stadium. - The Tennessee Titans moved into The Coliseum after 3 years at a college football stadium. - The Pittsburgh Steelers moved from Three-Rivers Stadium to Heinz Field. - The Denver Broncos moved from Mile High Stadium to Invesco Field. - The Washington Redskins moved from RFK Stadium to FedEx Field. - The Philadelphia Eagles moved from Veterans Stadium to Lincoln Financial Field. - The Tampa Bay Buccaneers moved from Houlihan Stadium to Raymond James Stadium. - The Detroit Lions moved from the Silverdome to Ford Field. - The Seattle Seahawks moved from the Kingdome to Qwest Field. - Brett Favre has passed for 34,891 yards while the careers of Ryan Leaf and Cade McNown began, sucked, and ended. **United States Politics:**- The Identity of Deep Throat has been revealed. - 40 new members have been elected to the Senate. - The national debt has increased by over 3 trillion dollars. - The national minimum wage remained \$5.15. - Bill Clinton finished his presidential term, George W. Bush was elected and re-elected. **World Events:**- 4 nations have acquired nuclear weapons technology. - 19 wars have begun. - 5 wars have ended. - Approximately 509,373,306 people have died and 661,373,082 have been born. - There have been 7 total solar eclipses and 8 total lunar eclipses. - The United Kingdom handed sovereignty of Hong Kong to the People's Republic of China. **Things that have taken less time than Duke Nukem Forever's Development:****Pop Culture:**- The Beatles formed, released every single one of their albums and broke up. During this time they also toured the world several times. - Led Zeppelin released 7 albums, 9 singles, and toured around the world, crossing international borders 27 times (not counting mainland Europe.) **Science & Technology:**- The Wright brothers designed and flew the first airplane. - The theory of General Relativity. - The United States' entire program to send a man on the moon, from Kennedy's challenge to the landing. **Wars:**- The American War for Independence - The United States Civil War - World War I - World War II and the entire Manhattan Project. - The United State's involvement in the Vietnam War. **Credits**Thanks to wntd for the kickin' CSS. Thanks to CaptainPsyko, BonzoESC, n1ck, Fish, MrBrainsample, Skroob, stabby, Josh Taylor, v0idnull, wildfalkon, Joachim Blum, and anyone else I'm missing who chipped in facts for the updated list. Also, thanks to Wikipedia nerds who spent so much time listing weird things like every game Mario is in.