### Overview

- **PlayStation 3**: A hardcore gamer's dream machine and home entertainment centerpiece, Sony's new console features amazing graphic performance, Blu-ray HD output, a hard drive (choose from two sizes), and robust online play options.

- **Xbox 360**: Microsoft's next-generation Xbox is a do-everything gaming and entertainment console that wows with awesome HD output, access to the massively fun Xbox Live online gaming community, and exclusive, must-have titles.

- **Wii**: Nintendo's newest system is a for-the-whole-family affair that lives by the idea that gaming should be easy for everyone. It all starts with the console's amazingly fun and functional motion-sensitive nunchuck controller and the included **Wii Sports** game.

- **PlayStation 2**: One of the best-selling gaming consoles ever, the Sony PS2 boasts a massive game library, online play options, and is a DVD player, too.

- **Xbox**: Microsoft's first foray into the console world is a powerful gaming machine that has gained a loyal following thanks to popular exclusive titles and online play via Xbox Live. (Note: Original Xbox hardware may be hard to come by, but games are still readily available.)

- **GameCube**: This small console packs in a lot of fun for not much money. And with the full line of Nintendo-exclusive franchises such as Mario, Metroid and Zelda, there are still plenty of reasons to bring a 'Cube home.

### Cool Thing

- **PlayStation 3**: The PS3's "SIXAXIS" controller contains tilt-sensing technology for motion-sensitive gameplay.

- **Xbox 360**: Download demos, game trailers, and much more, from Xbox Live Marketplace.

- **Wii**: Access games from the systems of the past, including Nintendo 64, SNES, NES and more.

- **PlayStation 2**: With tons of games available, you'll be hard-pressed to run out of gaming options.

- **Xbox**: Low price-point for those who can't live without **Halo** and **Halo 2**, or Xbox Live.

- **GameCube**: It's less than $100, and the exclusive home to hit franchises Mario, Metroid, Zelda and more.

### HD-enabled

- **PlayStation 3**: Yes, is also a Blu-ray player.

- **Xbox 360**: Yes

- **Wii**: No

- **PlayStation 2**: No

- **Xbox**: No

- **GameCube**: No

### Hard Drive

- **PlayStation 3**: Yes

- **Xbox 360**: Yes, No

- **Wii**: Yes

- **PlayStation 2**: No

- **Xbox**: No

- **GameCube**: No

### Online Play

- **PlayStation 3**: Yes, built-in

- **Xbox 360**: Yes, built-in

- **Wii**: Yes, built-in

- **PlayStation 2**: Yes, built-in

- **Xbox**: Yes, built-in

- **GameCube**: Yes, but limited

### Downloadable Content

- **PlayStation 3**: Yes

- **Xbox 360**: Yes

- **Wii**: Yes

- **PlayStation 2**: Yes

- **Xbox**: No

- **GameCube**: No

### Backward Compatible

- **PlayStation 3**: Yes, almost entirely compatible with PS2 and PS one games

- **Xbox 360**: Yes, almost entirely compatible with Xbox games

- **Wii**: Yes, entirely compatible with GameCube games

- **PlayStation 2**: Yes, almost entirely compatible with PS one games

- **Xbox**: N/A

- **GameCube**: N/A

### Parental Controls

- **PlayStation 3**: Yes

- **Xbox 360**: Yes, learn more

- **Wii**: Yes

- **PlayStation 2**: Yes

- **Xbox**: Yes

- **GameCube**: Yes

### Price

- **PlayStation 3**: $$$$$

- **Xbox 360 Core**: $$$$$ $$ $$

- **Wii**: $$$

- **PlayStation 2**: $$

- **Xbox**: $$

- **GameCube**: $
# HANDHELDs

Looking for gaming fun, but with something portable? Try a handheld system. There are three main options:

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| Overview | It's both a high-tech gaming system and a take-anywhere movie machine sporting impressive graphics, a wide range of games, and movie playback thanks to UMD discs. | This double-screen wonder from Nintendo has cool, fun-for-anyone titles, wi-fi gaming options, Mario and much more! | Though it's been out for a while, the GBA SP is a worthwhile system considering its tons of available games and low price. |