

# Shut Up & Just Dance<sup>(2016)</sup>

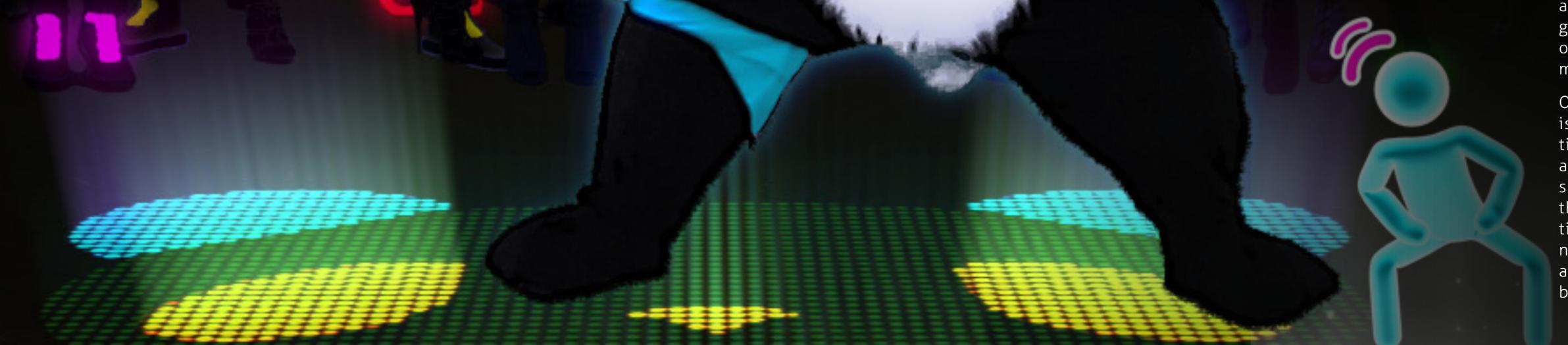
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I would like to give Ubisoft many thanks for giving The Sting a copy of Just Dance 2016 to play with. Without their generous contribution, this review would not have been possible.



**Released: October 20, 2015**

**Publisher: Ubisoft**

**Platform(s): Gen 7+ Consoles**

**Replayability: Tons**

Looking for an alternative for going to the gym or taking a jog in this cold weather? Look no further! There's no better way to have exercise and have fun than rocking out with the new Just Dance 2016.

Just Dance 2016 is the seventh game in the main Just Dance franchise, and just like every other game the object is to pick a song from the ones available and dance along to get a high score based on your accuracy. The game tracks the accuracy of your dancing via the motion sensing device of whatever platform you are playing on, whether it's the PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Wii, Wii U, Xbox 360 or Xbox One. If you play the game on one of the eighth-generation consoles and you own a smartphone, you can also use that for a controller by downloading the free Just Dance Controller app from the Apple or Google Play store, which I would highly recommend doing; it works really well and allows for up to six players instead of the normal four.

The game has multiple game modes for one to choose from. For those who just want to pick a song and dance, there's "Dance Party" mode, which also offers cooperative or competitive multiplayer. There's also "Dance Quests", where you fight against multiple A.I. opponents to see who can rank the highest among three randomly selected songs. If you're just interested in breaking a sweat, the "Sweat and Playlists" mode allows you to create your own dancing workout session. "World Video Challenge" is essentially the online multiplayer where you challenge people around the world to beat your hi-score and "JDTV" is where you can watch videos of other people dancing to the various songs on the game. In the Wii U, PS4, and Xbox One versions of the game you have access to "Showtime" mode, where you get to create music videos of select songs in the game.

New to Just Dance 2016, is Just Dance Unlimited, a subscription based streaming service where you can play a plethora of songs from the older games in the series as well as new songs that they upload into the cloud. It's a service that essentially gives you access to all of the games in one package, but make sure you are running it on a stable internet connection or you could disconnect mid-dance session.

Overall, Just Dance 2016 is a really good game. It fixed issues I had with previous games of the franchise's motion sensitivity with the inclusion of the smartphone as a controller. There are alternate dances for some songs so you don't always have to play the same way. Lastly, the streaming service essentially makes this the definitive version of all of the Just Dance games. If you have never played a dancing video game or are looking for another one to get into, you can't go wrong with grabbing a copy of this amazingly fun game.