

International -- New Zealand Game History Timeline

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Year	Technologies	People	Organisations	Games	Informant/ source	NZ	Pop Culture	Informant/ source
1951	--	US Engineer Ralph Baer is asked by his supervisor at Loral to make the 'best TV set in the world'. Baer suggests building in games. The supervisor rejects the idea, but Baer retains it.	Loral (USA)	--	Ralph Baer, Pong Story			
1958	Oscilloscope tennis – the first working on-screen game – is exhibited at the Bell National Laboratories (USA – Upton, NY) open day	Willy Higinbotham, a research scientist at Bell Labs, designed the oscilloscope tennis game for exhibition at the open day.	Bell National Labs (USA)	Oscilloscope Tennis	Herman (1998) ;			
1961	Steve Russell and others at MIT make the first computer-controlled on-screen game, <i>Spacewar</i> , which runs on the PDP-1 Mainframe computer.	Steve Russell and fellow engineers at MIT work collaboratively on tweaking and improving the game, which Nolan Bushnell comes to play, and see the commercial potential for, during his own studies	MIT (USA)	<i>Spacewar</i>	Herman, Burnham, Herz			
1966		Ralph Baer sets out in a four-page document and a design schematic his ideas for building a flexible input device that will make games playable on a TV set. His employers, military contractors Sanders Associates, assign a small team to assist Baer in developing his ideas	Sanders Associates (USA)	--	Ralph Baer, Pong Story, Burnham			

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1967- 1968	Ralph Baer's "Brown Box" prototype, which would become the Magnavox Odyssey is gradually developed using transistor technology. This team also developed the first light gun for videogame play, which remains unchanged in its essential design.	Ralph Baer's design team included fellow engineers Bill Harrison and Bill Rusch.	Sanders Associates. At around this time the team started showing their technologies to potential clients – TV manufacturers like RCA and Magnavox.	The design team developed a number of shooting and chase games, as well as the first working TV-based ping-pong/tennis game	Ralph Baer, Pong Story, Burnham			

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1972	Cheaper integrated circuits leading to the first commercially released videogame – <i>Pong</i> . <i>Pong</i> is constructed from three parallel integrated circuits – these are much more efficient and powerful than the transistors Ralph Baer has been working with. Many copies of <i>Pong</i> emerge immediately after Atari's breakthrough from companies like Sega and Taito	Nolan Bushnell and Al Alcorn engineer <i>Pong</i> . Bushnell – who still works in the games industry – simultaneously becomes the first gaming tycoon, the first successful merchandiser of a popular new media technology, and the first victim of gaming-related legal action	Atari – Bushnell's company – is incorporated in Sunnyvale, California. The early games are constructed by hippies in a disused local roller rink	<i>Pong</i> is a much-imitated worldwide smash. Bushnell had learnt from his failure with <i>Computer Space</i> – rather than complex instructions and interfaces, <i>Pong</i> had a simple dial controlling vertical movement and a simple instruction – 'avoid missing ball for high score'.		Labour government led by Norman Kirk elected; Whetu Tirikatene-Sullivan becomes first Māori woman cabinet minister; Equal Pay Act passed	In NZ: Equal Pay Act passed. Film – <i>The Godfather</i> ; <i>The Poseidon Adventure</i> ; <i>Cabaret</i>	

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1974	Atari releases one of the first arcade driving games, <i>Gran Trak 10</i> ,						In NZ: Death of Prime Minister Norman Kirk; Voting age lowered to 18. Film: <i>The Texas Chainsaw Massacre</i> ; <i>The Godfather Part 2</i> .	
1975	Atari's home version of <i>Pong</i> is released through American retailer, Sears Roebuck. With <i>Gunfight</i> commercial videogame production moves from hardwired solid-state electronics to the use of microprocessors.	Nolan Bushnell and his engineers continue to set the pace in the games industry.	Atari, Sears, Magnavox	<i>Pong</i> ,	Infoplease timeline		In NZ: Waitangi Tribunal established; Muldoon is elected PM; Film: <i>Jaws</i> , <i>The Rocky Horror Picture Show</i>	
1976	Japanese toy and playing-card maker Nintendo, under the guidance of Hiroshi Yamauchi, expands into videogames with 'Color TV Game Six', a licensed copy of Magnavox's 'Brown Box' technology. Coleco's first console, the Telstar, is released. Fairchild's Channel F console is released - the first cartridge-based home system. Many improvements in arcade technologies from Atari and newer players like Sega, Williams				Infoplease timeline		In NZ: John Clarke records "The Gumboot Song"; The album: "Fred Dagg's Greatest Hits" sells 120,000 copies. NZ TV: "Hunter's Gold" Pacific Island 'overstayers' deported from New Zealand. Internationally: Punk rock: The Sex Pistols' "Anarchy in the UK"; Film: <i>Jaws</i> , <i>Taxi Driver</i> , <i>Rocky</i>	

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1977	<p>Atari releases the VCS – better known in Australasia as the 2600 – the pre-eminent cartridge-based game system of gaming’s ‘golden age’.</p> <p>RCA releases its ‘Studio II’ console.</p> <p>Apple releases its Apple][Home computer</p> <p>Commodore releases its first home computer, the PET.</p> <p>Tandy/Radio Shack produce the TRS-80 home computer</p>		Initially Atari retails the 2600 for US \$295 at a time when the average US weekly wage is only US \$217, but still manages to sell extraordinarily well	<p><i>Combat</i> (Atari), <i>Indy 500</i> (Atari), <i>Star Ship</i> (Atari), <i>Street Racer</i> (Atari) <i>Video Olympics</i> (Atari) – this last game is a compilation of variations on <i>Pong</i></p>	Mobygames, Burnham, Herman.	<p>2600 appears in 1983 Toyworld catalogue, for \$399. Also, there seem to be a number of 2600 clones (eg. Kingsway System)</p> <p>Apple’s were quite expensive, according to Davidson, and limited mainly to schools.</p>	<p>NZ TV: “Close to Home”</p> <p>Film: <i>Star Wars</i>; <i>Saturday Night Fever</i>; <i>Close Encounters of the Third Kind</i>; <i>Eraserhead</i>.</p>	National Library Ephemera; Davidson interview.

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1978	<p>‘Space wars’, the first successful vector graphics-based arcade machine, is released by Cinematronics</p> <p>Bally releases the ‘Professional Arcade’ (aka ‘Astrocade’) – a cassette-based, BASIC-enabled home game system.</p>	<p>Larry Rosenthal, an MIT student, ported the mainframe version of ‘Space War’ as part of his Masters research</p>		<p><i>Breakout</i> (Atari); <i>Adventureland</i> (Adventure International) – early adventure title for the Apple II; <i>Braingames</i> (Atari); <i>Hangman</i> (Atari); <i>Human Cannonball</i> (Atari); <i>Outlaw</i> (Atari); <i>Sky Diver</i> (Atari); <i>Superman</i> (Atari) – first Superman or superhero-based game.</p> <p><i>Atari Football</i> (Atari) – first sports simulation; <i>Avalanche</i> (Atari); <i>Space Invaders</i> (Taito / Williams) – iconic game that entrenched arcade gaming on both sides of the Pacific and caused a national coin shortage in Japan; <i>Space Wars</i> (Cinematronics).</p>	<p>Burnham; Mobygames; Killer List of Video Games</p>		<p>Film: <i>Superman</i>; <i>Halloween</i>; <i>Grease</i>; <i>Force 10 from Navarone</i>.</p> <p>NZ TV: “The Mad Dog Meets Rotten Fred and Ratsguts”</p> <p>National wins election based on number of seats won, but receives fewer votes overall than Labour; Human Rights Commission established. (Human Rights Commission Act passed 1977)</p>	

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1980	<p>Nintendo begins releasing dominant handheld format of the era, their <i>Game n Watch</i>, featuring LCD display and powered by watch batteries.</p> <p>UK firm Sinclair releases ZX80, its first foray into home computing.</p>	<p>Game ‘n’ Watches are a perennially collectable trinket of early game era.</p> <p>Sir Clive Sinclair, the famously eccentric English inventor and entrepreneur, drives Sinclair into computing, and seems to embody the spirit of early home computing.</p> <p>Eugene Jarvis enters game design history with <i>Defender</i>.</p> <p>Dave Theurer has trouble sleeping as he works on the chilling <i>Missile Command</i></p> <p>Toru Iwatani is inspired by a partly-eaten pizza to design Pac-Man</p>	<p>With Game n Watches, Nintendo moves into handheld gaming, a market sector it continues to dominate.</p>	<p>HOME: <i>Dragster</i> (Activision); <i>Adventure</i> (Atari) – graphic fantasy adventure inspired by mainframe-based namesake; <i>Aklabeth: World of Doom</i> (California Pacific Computer) – Adventure RPG and starting point of the ongoing Ultima family of games; <i>B1 Bomber</i> (Avalon Hill) – DOS/Apple][text-based flight simulator; <i>Boxing</i> (Atari) – overhead POV boxing game; <i>Golf</i> (Atari); <i>Maze Craze</i> (Atari); <i>Mystery House</i> (Online Systems) – Apple][adventure; <i>NASL Soccer/International Soccer</i> (Mattel) – early soccer sim for Intellivision and Atari 2600; <i>Night Driver</i> (Atari) FPP driving game; <i>Space Invaders</i> (Atari) – adaptation that made the 2600’s success; <i>Tennis</i> (Mattel) – the pong era has passed – the first orthogonal POV tennis game; <i>Zork</i> (Infocom) – celebrated text-based adventure.</p> <p>ARCADE: <i>Battlezone</i> (Atari) – celebrated vector-based tank combat game; <i>Berzerk</i> (Stern); <i>Centipede</i> (Atari); <i>Defender</i> (Williams); <i>Missile Command</i> (Atari) – apocalyptic shooter; <i>Pac-Man</i> (Namco) – the most famous game of the ‘golden age’ of videogaming; <i>Phoenix</i> (Taito); <i>Red Baron</i> (Atari) – first FPP Flight Sim.</p>	<p>Burnham; Mobygames; Killer List of Video Games</p>	<p>Not sure about the ZX80, but other Sinclair computers found are ZX81, ZX Spectrum, and Z88.</p> <p>Game n Watch. No dates/prices as yet.</p> <p>NZ’s Sportronic console – Davidson has one with a til receipt from Christmas 1980.</p>	<p>Film: <i>Star Wars Episode V: The Empire Strikes Back</i>; <i>Superman II</i>; <i>Nine to Five</i>; <i>Private Benjamin</i>; <i>The Shining</i>; <i>The Blue Lagoon</i>; <i>The Blues Brothers</i>; <i>The Gods must be Crazy</i>; <i>Caddyshack</i>; <i>Raging Bull</i></p> <p>NZ TV: “Mortimer’s Patch”</p>	

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1981	<p>IBM releases its personal computer (PC)</p> <p>Commodore releases its Vic 20.</p> <p>Sinclair ZX81 released.</p>	<p>Legendary gaming auteur Shigeru Miyamoto, designs his first game, <i>Donkey Kong</i>, for Nintendo and saves its American operation</p>	<p>MCA-Universal sues Nintendo over its use of the word “Kong” in <i>Donkey Kong</i>, claiming that it copies King Kong. MCA loses and is ordered to pay Nintendo’s costs.</p>	<p><i>Asteroids</i> (Atari); <i>Castle Wolfenstein</i> (Muse Software) – the first of many Wolfenstein games, designed for the Apple][, C64 and DOS; <i>Defender</i> (Atari) 2600 port of Arcade game; <i>Haunted House</i> (Atari); <i>Kaboom</i> (Atari); <i>Microsoft Adventure</i> (Microsoft) Microsoft’s first game; <i>Pac-Man</i> (Atari) inferior 2600 port of the arcade game; <i>SoftPorn Adventure</i> (Online Systems) – sex-themed text adventure and ancestor to the <i>Leisure Suit Larry</i> games; <i>Stampede</i> (Atari); <i>Super Breakout</i> (Atari); <i>Ultima</i> (California Public Computer) – First Ultima game for the Apple][; <i>Utopia</i> (Mattel) – early Intellivision strategy title.</p> <p><i>Donkey Kong</i> (Nintendo); <i>Frogger</i> (Sega) – road-crossing game revisited by <i>Seinfeld</i>; <i>Galaga</i> (Namco/Bally-Midway) – enduring space shooter; <i>Gorf</i> (Bally-Midway) one of the first games incorporating synthesised speech; <i>Ms Pac-Man</i> (Bally-Midway) - feminine version of earlier smash; <i>Qix</i> (Taito); <i>Tempest</i> (FPP vector graphics title); <i>Turbo</i> (Sega) car racing game with aerial perspective, colour and perspectival landscape – sets pattern for all subsequent racing games; <i>Wizard of Wor</i> – extensive use of synthesised speech</p>	<p>Burnham; Mobygames; Killer List of Video Games</p>	<p>ZX81 appears in 11/1983 <i>Computer Input</i>, for \$199. By Xmas 1984, David Reid Electronics has them for \$99 “under half price”.</p> <p>Vic 20 was released. \$495 in 11/83 <i>Computer Input</i>. ? earlier.</p>	<p>Springbok Tour of New Zealand results in nation-wide anti-tour protests; National re-elected, although Labour wins more votes overall again.</p> <p>NZ TV: “Mastermind”</p> <p>Film: <i>Raiders of the Lost Ark</i>; <i>Porky’s</i>; <i>Chariots of Fire</i>; <i>On Golden Pond</i>; <i>For Your Eyes Only</i>; <i>E.T.</i>; <i>Tootsie</i>.</p>	

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1982	Commodore 64 – the biggest selling home computer of all time Milton Bradley Microvision Entex Adventurevision GCE/Milton Bradley Vectrex Emerson Arcadia 2001 Atari 5200 Colecovision Zircon Channel F II F Sinclair ZX Spectrum released			BurgerTime Pole Position, Q*bert, Robotron: 2084, Satan's Hollow, Sinistar, Space Duel, Star Trek, Time Pilot, Tron, Tutankham, Xevious, Zaxxon Centipede (1983), Choplifter, Chopper Command, Crazy Climber, Defender, Donkey Kong, Night Driver, Galaxian, Microsoft Flight Simulator (v1.0), Miner 2049er, Ms. Pac-Man, Night Driver, Pac-Man, Phoenix (1982), Qix, River Raid, Rubik's Cube, Scott Adam's Graphic Adventure #1: Adventureland, Scramble, Shadowfax (this an early LOTR-based game with horse movements based on Muybridge's drawings), Smurf: Rescue in Gargamel's Castle, Space Invaders, Spider-Man (1982), Star Wars: Return of the Jedi: Death Star Battle, Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back (1982), Strip Poker: A Sizzling Game of Chance, Tron: Deadly Discs, Wizard of Wor, Zaxxon	Wikipedia Games Timeline, Video game theory reader, <i>Hyper</i> , Mobygames, Killer List of Videogames.	C64 \$995 in 11/83 <i>Computer Input</i> . ZX Spectrum appears in 11/1983 <i>Computer Input</i> : 16K \$495, 48K \$695. Arcadia clones. Atari 5200 (looks like not released in NZ) Ditto Colecovision.	NZ TV: “Ta Karere” (Maori News) introduced; “Gliding On” New Zealand citizenship granted to Samoan citizens in New Zealand who intend to stay indefinitely; Official Information Act (1982) reversed the policy emphasis of the Official Secrets Act. Films: <i>An Officer and a Gentleman</i> , <i>Mad Max 2</i> , (<i>The Road Warrior</i>)	<i>Computer Input</i> , Davidson's “Obscure Pixels”.

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1983	Mattel Intellivision II – Mattel Aquarius Coleco ADAM Ultravision Video Arcade System Nintendo Famicom			Astron Belt, Cliff Hanger, Cloak & Dagger, Commando (Sega), Crystal Castles, Discs Of Tron, Dragon's Lair, Elevator Action, Food Fight, Gyruus, Hyper Olympic, I, Robot (first game to use polygon-based graphics), Journey, M.A.C.H. 3, Mario Bros., Mega Zone, MotoRace USA, NFL Football, Spy Hunter, Star Wars, Tennis, Tomcat, Tropical Angel, Xevious. Attack of the Mutant Camels, Battlezone (1983), Blue Max, Bump 'N' Jump, Castle Wolfenstein, Custer's Revenge, Dig Dug, Dolphin, Donkey Kong, Dr. J and Larry Bird Go One on One, Evolution, FaceMaker, Forbidden Forest, G.I. Joe: Cobra Strike, Godzilla (1983), The Hobbit, Impossible Mission, Joust, Jumpman, Lode Runner, M.U.L.E., Mario Bros.,	Wikipedia Games Timeline, Video game theory reader, <i>Hyper</i> , Mobygames, Killer List of Videogames.	Famicom – comes out later, as NES.	In NZ: Charles and Di's Royal Tour; Lorraine Downes becomes Miss Universe; Closer Economic Relations (CER) with Australia, took effect. NZ TV: "Jocko"; "It Is I, Count Homogenised" <i>Flashdance</i> , with Jennifer Beals; popularised leg warmers; <i>Return of the Jedi</i> ; <i>Staying Alive</i> ; <i>Terms of Endearment</i>	

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1984	<p>Milton Bradley Company distributes the Vectrex home console (vector graphics-based)</p> <p>RDI Systems releases the Halcyon laser-disc home console</p> <p>SG-1000 Mark III released in Japan by Sega.</p> <p>Sega SC3000</p>		<p>Sega Enterprises and CSK merge to form Sega Enterprises Ltd</p> <p>Warner Communications Inc. sells Atari, Inc.; creates an entirely new division Atari Games Corp</p>	<p>Bomb Jack, Cobra Command, Duck Hunt , Firefox, Hyper Olympic '84, Jack Rabbit, Last Starfighter, The, Karate Champ, Lode Runner, Scrum Try (first rugby game??) Marble Madness, Return OfThe Jedi, Space Ace, Space Ace, Spy Hunter, Time Pilot '84, Turkey Shoot, TX-1, Trivial Pursuit,</p> <p>The Ancient Art of War, Archon, BC's Quest for Tires, Boulder Dash, Castle Wolfenstein, Circus Charlie, Computer Diplomacy, Daley Thompson's Decathlon, Duck Hunt, Flight Simulator II, ICON: The Quest For The Ring, Mario Bros., Microsoft Flight Simulator (v2.0), Raid on Bungeling Bay, River Raid, The Seven Cities of Gold, Skyfox, Spy vs. Spy, Summer Games, Yie Ar Kung-Fu</p>	<p>Wikipedia Games Timeline, Video game theory reader, <i>Hyper</i>, Mobygames, Killer List of Videogames.</p>	<p>Grandstand Leisure distributed the SG1000 & SC3000 in NZ up til early 1986. The magazine <i>Sega Computer</i> began in 1984. SC3000 advertised in 2/1984 <i>Computer Input</i> for \$399.</p> <p>No Vectrex in NZ.</p>	<p>In NZ: Labour wins snap election under David Lange; ratified convention removing discrimination against women; Homosexual Law Reform Bill passed.</p> <p>NZ TV: Lotto Draw begins; “The Billy T James Show”</p> <p>Film: <i>Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom</i>; <i>Beverly Hills Cop</i>; <i>Ghostbusters</i>; <i>Purple Rain (with Prince)</i>; <i>Gremlins</i>; <i>The Terminator</i></p>	Davidson

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1985	<p>Nintendo releases the NES for the US market</p> <p>Intellivision INTV System III</p> <p>Commodore releases the Amiga 1000 home computer</p>			<p>Beyond Castle Wolfenstein, Dam Busters, Elite, Gauntlet, Ghostbusters, Hang-On, Mr. Do!, The Oregon Trail, Paratroid, Pinball Construction Set, The Seven Cities of Gold, Solitaire, Strip Poker: A Sizzling Game of Chance, Super Mario Bros. Ultima II: Revenge of the Enchantress, Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego?, Winter Games</p>	<p>Wikipedia Games Timeline, Video game theory reader, <i>Hyper</i>, Mobygames, Killer List of Videogames.</p>	<p>NES features in comparison in <i>Consumer</i> mag, 11/1993, \$150.</p> <p>Amiga PC appearances in 1989.</p> <p>No Intellivision in NZ.</p>	<p>In NZ: Nuclear Free NZ policy introduced. Rainbow Warrior sunk in Auckland Harbour</p> <p>Films: <i>Back to the Future</i>; <i>The Color Purple</i>; <i>Rocky IV</i>; <i>A View to a Kill</i>; <i>Rambo First Blood Part II</i>; <i>Mad Max 3 (Beyond Thunderdome)</i></p>	<p>Consumer, Davidson's "Obscure Pixels".</p>

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1986	Sega Master System Atari 7800		Sinclair Research Ltd. is acquired by the British government	1942, Ace of Aces, Alex Kidd in Miracle World, Balance of Power , Choplifter, Commando, Conflict in Vietnam, Crazy Climber, Dan Dare: Pilot of the Future, The Fellowship of the Ring, Gettysburg: The Turning Point, Mario Bros., Metroid, OutRun, Pole Position, Risk (1986), Skyfox, Tau Ceti, Tetris (original), World Games	Wikipedia Games Timeline, Video game theory reader, <i>Hyper</i> , Mobygames, Killer List of Videogames.	Master System II retails for \$139 in 1992. People remember playing it c. 1989/1990. Davidson thinks Atari 7800 sold at clearance prices.	In NZ: Lorraine Downes marries All Blacks captain. NZ Film: <i>Footrot Flats</i> . + <i>Top Gun</i> ; <i>Crocodile Dundee</i> ; <i>Platoon</i> ; <i>Aliens</i> ;	Fuse questionnaire; Davidson.

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1987	Mattel Captain Power Atari XE Videogame System Worlds of		Nintendo sues Blockbuster for photocopying complete NES manuals for its rental games. Nintendo wins the suit, and Blockbuster includes original manuals with its rentals.	Barbarian, Bureaucracy, Chuck Yeager's Advanced Flight Trainer, Contra, Empire: Wargame of the Century, Final Fantasy , Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom, The Last Ninja, Leisure Suit Larry in the Land of the Lounge Lizards..., Metal Gear, Might and Magic: Book I, Platoon, Rygar, Sid Meier's Pirates!, Sons Of Liberty, Spy Hunter, Tetris	Wikipedia Games Timeline, Video game theory reader, <i>Hyper</i> , Mobygames, Killer List of Videogames.	<i>Consumer</i> featured Atari XE in 4/1987. Retailed for \$569.	In NZ: Labour reelected as government; Māori becomes an official language of New Zealand; stock market crash. NZ TV: "Sale of the	& Holmes.

	Wonder Action Max					<p>Century”; “Gloss” (check date)</p> <p>Music: Herbs and Dave Dobbyn’s “Slice of Heaven” reached No 1 on both NZ & Australian charts.</p> <p>Film: <i>Fatal Attraction; The Living Daylights; Good Morning Vietnam; Beverly Hills Cop II; Dirty Dancing; Three Men and a Baby; Wall Street</i></p>	
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1988	NEC PC Engine		Nintendo releases the Nintendo Power magazine Coleco Industries defunct	After Bumer, California Games, Final Fantasy II, J.R.R. Tolkien's War in Middle Earth, James Clavell's Shogun, Microsoft Flight Simulator (v3.0), Predator, R-Type, Space Harrier, Star Trek: First Contact, Super Mario Bros. 2, Zelda II: The Adventure of Link,	Wikipedia Games Timeline, Video game theory reader, <i>Hyper</i> , Mobygames, Killer List of Videogames.		Films: <i>Who Framed Roger Rabbit</i> ; <i>Die Hard</i> ; <i>Crocodile Dundee II</i> ; <i>Rainman</i> ; <i>Twins</i> ; <i>A Fish Called Wanda</i> ; <i>Rambo III</i>	

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1989	Atari Inc. releases Lynx handheld console Mattel, Inc. releases Power Glove controller for the NES home console Nintendo releases Game Boy (GB) handheld console NEC's Turbogرافx 16 released in Japan Sega Genesis released in North America		Nintendo sues Tengen (a division of Atari/Warner Communications) over the Tetris video game copyrights. Tengen loses and recalls all its Tetris games	The New Zealand Story by Imagine Software -- 1989 Commodore 64, ZX Spectrum, Sega Master System, Atari ST, Amiga, NES. Wes Cherry writes <i>Solitaire</i> for Microsoft Windows 007: Licence To Kill, Alex Kidd in the Enchanted Castle, California Games, Deathtrack, Dragon's Lair (1989), Golden Axe, Joan of Arc: Siege and the Sword, John Madden Football, Kings of the Beach, Leisure Suit Larry III., MechWarrior, Miami Vice, Navy Seal, OutRun, Paperboy, Populous, Prince of Persia, SimCity, Super Mario Land, Sword of Aragon, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Turbo Outrun, World Class Leader Board, Wing Commander, Worlds of Ultima: The Savage Empire.	Wikipedia Games Timeline, Video game theory reader, <i>Hyper</i> , Mobygames, Killer List of Videogames.	Lynx advertised in 3/1993 DSE catalogue for \$169, save \$30. Gameboy appears in 1997 Toyworld catalogue. ? earlier.	In NZ: David Lange resigns; replaced by Geoffrey Palmer. Berlin Wall comes down; Live Aid concert. Film: "Back to the Future II"; "Batman"; "Dead Poet's Society"; "Ghostbusters II"; "Licence to Kill"; "Lethal Weapon 2"; "Black Rain"; "Honey I Shrunk the Kids"; "Look Who's Talking"; "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade"	

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1990	<p>SNK Neo-Geo home console</p> <p>NEC TurboExpress handheld console</p> <p>SEGA's Megadrive released in Europe (& Australia apparently); releases the R-360 arcade game, the first 3D - 360° gameplay</p> <p>Sega GameGear Handheld console</p>			<p>Bad Blood, The Bard's Tale III: Thief of Fate, Battletoads, The Blues Brothers, Carrier Command, Castle of Dr. Brain, Castles, Castlevania II: Belmont's Revenge, Centurion: Defender of Rome, Chessmaster 3000, Conan: The Cimmerian, Dangerous Dave in the Haunted Mansion, Double Dragon II: The Revenge, Duke Nukem, EcoQuest: The Search for Cetus, Falcon 3.0, Final Fantasy IV, Hard Drivin', Hero Quest, J.R.R. Tolkien's The Lord of the Rings, Volume 1&2., Mad TV, Micro Machines, Overlord, Railroad Tycoon, Risk (1991), The Secret of Monkey Island, Shadow of the Beast , Sid Meier's Civilization, SimCity, The Simpsons Arcade Game, Sonic the Hedgehog, Streets of Rage, Twilight: 2000, Wing Commander II: Special Operations 1, X-Men 2: The Fall of the Mutants, Zero Wing</p>	<p>Wikipedia Games Timeline, Video game theory reader, <i>Hyper</i>, Mobygames, Killer List of Videogames.</p>	<p>Megadrive. Introduced (date?) at \$599, then dropped to \$499 for a couple of month, then “we bit the bullet and dropped it to \$299”. Retails for \$298 in 1992 Kmart catalogue. Also features in 11/93 <i>Consumer</i> for \$299.</p>	<p>Jane Campion’s “An Angel At My Table” released, starring Kerry Fox; The Chills win multiple awards at the Tui’s; Dame Catherine Tizard becomes Governor General; Bill of Rights passed; Mike Moore replaces Geoffrey Palmer as PM; National wins election: Jim Bolger is PM.</p> <p>NZ TV: “Perfect Match” with Butch Bradley</p> <p>Film: “Pretty Woman”; “Dances with Wolves”; “Home Alone”; “Ghost”; “Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles”; “The Hunt for Red October”; “Total Recall”; “Kindergarten Cop”</p>	<p>Peppiatt cited in Johnson, (1993).</p>

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1991	Nintendo Super Famicom/SNES September - S3 launches with the 86C911, often regarded as the first significant graphics accelerator chip		New York State v. Nintendo lawsuit: the state attorney general sues Nintendo over the monopoly of the video game industry. Nintendo loses the suit and offers customers a \$5 rebate on Nintendo games	Castle of Dr. Brain, Castlevania II: Belmont's Revenge, Centurion: Defender of Rome, Duke Nukem, Falcon 3.0, Final Fantasy Adventure, Final Fantasy IV, Micro Machines, OutRun, Populous, Railroad Tycoon, Sid Meier's Civilization, SimCity, Star Wars (1991), Streets of Rage, Super Mario World, Toejam & Earl	Wikipedia Games Timeline, Video game theory reader, <i>Hyper</i> , Mobygames, Killer List of Videogames.	In 11/1993 Consumer mag, retails for \$329. Delayed local release of 16 bit Super Nintendo frustrated Nintendo users, according to Johnson. Delay due to distribution difficulties – couldn't guarantee full supply.	Film: "Terminator 2: Judgement Day"; "Robin Hood Prince of Thieves"; "Silence of the Lambs"; "Hook"; "The Addams Family"; "Sleeping with the Enemy"; "Father of the Bride"	Johnson 1993.

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1992	JVC releases the Wondermega console Philips releases the CD-I multimedia home console Super Nintendo released in Europe SEGA releases the Sega CD home console in North America; releases the Virtua Racing arcade game			1-0 Soccer Manager, The Bard's Tale II: The Destiny Knight, California Games II, Corporation, Dune, Final Fantasy V, Jill of the Jungle, Lemmings, Mortal Kombat, MechWarrior, Night Trap, Pit-Fighter, Prince of Persia, Risky Woods, Road Rash, Sonic the Hedgehog 2, Super Mario Kart, Wing Commander	Wikipedia Games Timeline, Video game theory reader, <i>Hyper</i> , Mobygames, Killer List of Videogames.	Sega CD. In 11/1993 <i>Consumer</i> mag, retails for \$599 (+ requires a Megadrive to use (\$299)).	NZ TV: "Shortland Street" goes to air Film: "Patriot Games"; "The Crying Game"; "White Men Can't Jump"; "A Few Good Men"; "The Hand that Rocks the Cradle"; "Batman Returns"; "Lethal Weapon 3"; "Sister Act"; "Wayne's World"; "Basic Instinct"	

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1993	Atari releases the Jaguar home console Commodore releases the Amiga CD32 multimedia home console Nintendo releases the Star Fox video game (the 1st game to use the Super FX Chip) Panasonic releases 3DO, the first 32-bit home console Pioneer releases the Laseractive multimedia home console Sega's Mega-CD released in Europe and Australia; releases the Virtua Fighter (by AM2) arcade game			Broderbund releases the Myst video game, which goes on to become one of the bestselling games of all time Alien Vs Predator, Battletoads, California Games II, Civilization for Windows, Dogfight: 80 Years of Aerial Warfare, Doom, Ecco the Dolphin, , Leisure Suit Larry 6: Shape Up or Slip Out!, Mega Man X, Mortal Kombat, Sensible Soccer, Sonic CD, Sonic the Hedgehog 3, Ultima VII: The Forge of Virtue, Wing Commander Academy	Wikipedia Games Timeline, Video game theory reader, <i>Hyper</i> , Mobygames, Killer List of Videogames.	?not sure if Jaguar launched here. Mentioned in Hall (1994) who said it may launch as Sega Mars. Amiga CD32. Advertised in 11/1993 for \$865. Mega-CD. Yes in NZ too, but no specific details as yet (Johnson, 1993).	National wins the election; NZ First and Alliance win 2 seats each; Helen Clark becomes leader of Labour party; Human Rights Act passed. NZ Film: "The Piano" released. Jane Campion nominated for an Oscar for best filmmaker – she wins for best screenplay instead. Film: "Jurassic Park"; "Mrs Doubtfire"; "The Firm"; "The Fugitive"; "Sleepless In Seattle"; "Free Willy"; "Cliffhanger"; "Schindler's List"; "Groundhog Day"; "Cool Runnings"	Hall (1994); Johnson (1993).

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1994	<p>Sega 32X</p> <p>Japan Only- Sega Saturn and Sony PlayStation debut</p> <p>NEC releases the PC-FX multimedia home console</p> <p>Bandai releases the Playdia multimedia home console</p>		<p>Interactive Digital Software Association (IDSA) founded (name changed to the Entertainment Software Association in 2003); IDSA founds Entertainment Software Rating Board (ESRB)</p> <p>Japanese electronics giant Sony makes its move on the gaming market.</p> <p>Commodore Corporation defunct</p> <p>The 1st annual E3 (Electronic Entertainment Expo) held</p>	<p>4D Prince of Persia, Alice: Interactive Museum, Cannon Fodder, Donkey Kong Country, DOOM II: Hell On Earth, Drug Wars, FIFA International Soccer, The Legend of Zelda, Leisure Suit Larry's Greatest Hits and Misses!, Microsoft Space Simulator, Mortal Kombat II, Raiden, The Secret of Monkey Island, Sid Meier's Colonization, SimCity 2000, Sonic & Knuckles, Star Wars: Rebel Assault, Star Wars: Tie Fighter, Theme Park, Ultima VIII: Pagan, Urban Strike, Wolfenstein 3D</p>	<p>Wikipedia Games Timeline, Video game theory reader, <i>Hyper</i>, Mobygames, Killer List of Videogames.</p>		<p>NZ Film: "Once Were Warriors"; "Heavenly Creatures"</p> <p>Supergroove debut album "Traction" sells 70,000. The band won album of the year, Top group and best music video at the Tui's.</p> <p>Film: "Forrest Gump"; "The Lion King"; "True Lies"; "Speed"; "Pulp Fiction"; "Clear and Present Danger"; "The Mask"</p>	

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1995	<p>Sony PlayStation released</p> <p>Nintendo 64 released (progressively: Japan, Europe; nintendo.com.au says 1997 for Australia?)</p> <p>SEGA: i) introduces the cable TV Sega Channel in cooperation with Time Warner (AOL Time Warner ii) releases the Sega Saturn home console in Japan</p>		Commodore Corporation defunct	Activision's Atari 2600 Action Pack 2, Battletoads & Double Dragon: The Ultimate Team, Brian Lara Cricket '99, Championship Manager 2, Descent, Discworld, Earthworm Jim, FIFA Soccer 96, Grand Prix Manager, Jagged Alliance, The Need for Speed, Panzer General, Sonic & Knuckles Collection, Space Harrier, The Ultimate Doom, Virtua Fighter 2, Williams Arcade Classics, WWF Raw (1994), You Don't Know Jack	Wikipedia Games Timeline, Video game theory reader, <i>Hyper</i> , Mobygames, Killer List of Videogames.	<p>Playstation. Launched locally in 1995. Approx. \$750. Later relaunched PS1 for \$199.</p> <p>Nintendo launches locally sometime between 1995 & 1999. Prob 1996.</p> <p>Sega Saturn. Launched locally sometime after Nov 1994 (Hall) & was Sony's biggest competitor when PS launched (in 1995).</p>	<p>NZ TV: "Xena: Warrior Princess" goes to air;</p> <p>In NZ: By 1995, 20% of NZ homes have a computer (70% of these having a modem for connecting to the internet). New Zealand is only behind the U.S. when it comes to internet adoption (Bell); NZ wins the America's Cup.</p> <p>Launch of Microsoft's Windows 95.</p> <p>Film: "Toy Story"; "Batman Forever"; "Apollo 13"; "Pocahontas"; "Casper"; "Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls"; "Waterworld"</p>	<p>Long (2000), Hall (1994).</p> <p>Stephen Bell, "Tele-technology".</p>

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1996	<p>Nintendo 64 (N64) 64-bit console</p> <p>Game Boy Pocket (GBP) handheld console (30% smaller version of the previous Game Boy handheld console)</p> <p>Namco's Alpine Racer arcade game, including a new type of user interface</p> <p>Bandai's Tamagotchi virtual pet handheld</p> <p>First console emulators appear</p>	<p>John Romero and Tom Hall leave id Software and form Ion Storm in Dallas, Texas</p>		<p>Actua Soccer, Command & Conquer, Descent II, Diablo, Duke Nukem 3D, Exile III: Ruined World, FIFA Soccer 96, Final Doom, The House of the Dead, Lemmings 3D, Mario Kart 64, Quake, The Settlers II, Virtua Cop 2, Wing Commander III: Heart of the Tiger, Wipeout</p>	<p>Wikipedia Games Timeline, <i>Hyper</i>, Mobygames, Killer List of Videogames.</p>		<p>MMP debuts at general election.</p> <p>Film: "Independence Day"; "Twister"; "Mission Impossible"; "Jerry Maguire"; "101 Dalmations"; "The Bird Cage"; "First Wive's Club"; "The English Patient"; "The Nutty Professor".</p>	

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1997	Nintendo releases NES 2 compact home console and SNES 2 compact home console	Gunpei Yokoi, developer of several Nintendo franchises and Game 'n' Watch series, dies after a double car accident	<p>Nintendo v. Games City; Nintendo sues Games City for selling the Game Doctor and Doctor V64 backup devices for the SNES and N64 consoles. Nintendo wins the suit.</p> <p>Nintendo v. Prima Publishing; Nintendo sues Prima over copyrights to map of the N64 video game GoldenEye 007. Nintendo loses the suit</p> <p>Electronic Arts Inc. acquires Maxis</p>	Age of Empires, Blade Runner, Carmageddon , Championship Manager 97-98, Civilization II: Fantastic Worlds, Command & Conquer (Special GOLD Edition), Cricket 97, Dark Reign: The Future of War, Diablo: Hellfire, FIFA 98: Road to World Cup, Final Liberation: Warhammer Epic 40,000, G-Police, Gex 3D: Enter The Gecko, Grand Theft Auto, Imperialism, Imperium Galactica, Jonah Lomu Rugby, Magic: The Gathering, Microsoft Flight Simulator 98, Oddworld: Abe's Oddysee, Quake II, Riven: The Sequel to Myst, Theme Hospital, Tomb Raider, Ultima Online, Wipeout XL, Worms	Wikipedia Games Timeline, <i>Hyper</i> , Mobygames, Killer List of Videogames.		<p>In NZ: Jenny Shipley replaces Jim Bolger as leader of the National Party and becomes New Zealand's first woman Prime Minister.</p> <p>Film: "Titanic"; "Men in Black"; "Lost World: The Jurassic Park"; "Air Force One"; "Good Will Hunting"; "My Best Friend's Wedding".</p>	

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1998	Nintendo: Game Boy Color (GBC) handheld console; Camera & Printer accessories for the Game Boy handheld console Sega's Naomi arcade console		Rockstar Games founded Academy of Interactive Arts & Sciences hosts 1st Annual Interactive Achievement Awards; inducts Shigeru Miyamoto of Nintendo to the AIAS Hall of Fame BAFTA (British Academy of Film and Television Arts) hosts the 1st annual BAFTA Interactive Awards	Age of Empires: The Rise of Rome, Army Men, Axis & Allies, Bushido Blade, Croc: Legend of the Gobbos, Descent: Freespace - Silent Threat, Dune 2000: Long Live the Fighters!, Falcon 4.0, Half-Life, Metal Gear Solid, Oddworld: Abe's Exoddus, Panzer General II, Quake II, Redneck Rampage: Suckin' Grits on Route 66, Resident Evil 2, Sonic Adventure, Space Bunnies Must Die!, Spyro the Dragon, StarCraft, Tekken 3, Thief: The Dark Project, Tomb Raider III: Adventures of Lara Croft, Ultima Online: The Second Age, World Cup 98, X-Men vs. Street Fighter	Wikipedia Games Timeline, <i>Hyper</i> , Mobygames, Killer List of Videogames.	GameBoy colour – 1999 Toyworld Catalogue. Dreamcast launches in NZ after U.S. (Dixon) (& pre 2000) (Long).	In NZ: New Zealand First, led by Winston Peters, breaks up the coalition, leaving National as a minority government. Film: "Saving Private Ryan"; "Armageddon"; "There's Something about Mary"; "A Bug's Life"; "Rush Hour"; Patch Adams"; "The Truman Show"; "Lethal Weapon 4".	Dixon (1998); Long (2000).

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1999	<p>Nintendo's Game Boy Light (GBL) handheld console in Japan only</p> <p>SEGA Dreamcast, an Internet-ready 128-bit home console</p> <p>SNK's Neo Geo Pocket Color handheld</p>		<p>Bleem releases the Bleem! emulator for Playstation for an IBM-compatible PC, resulting in the lawsuit Sony Corporation v. Bleem LLC Significant Software</p> <p>Connectix Corporation releases the Virtual Game Station Playstation emulator for a Macintosh</p>	<p>Age of Empires II: The Age of Kings, Battlezone II: Combat Commander, Bust-A-Move 4, Carmageddon II: Carpocalypse Now, Civilization: Call to Power, Cricket 2000, Croc 2, Dino Crisis, Discworld Noir, Driver, Dungeon Keeper 2, Final Fantasy VIII, Gangsters: Organized Crime, Grand Theft Auto 2, Grand Theft Auto: London 1969, Heavy Gear II, The House of the Dead 2, Kingpin: Life of Crime, The Legend of Zelda, Marvel vs. Capcom, MechWarrior 3, Metal Gear Solid, Prince of Persia 3D, Resident Evil 3: Nemesis, RollerCoaster Tycoon, Silent Hill, Soul Calibur, Tom Clancy's Rainbow Six, Tony Hawk's Pro Skater, Ultima IX: Ascension, Unreal Tournament, Wipeout XL</p>	<p>Wikipedia Games Timeline, Video game theory reader, <i>Hyper</i>, Mobygames, Killer List of Videogames.</p>		<p>In NZ: Bic Runga wins International Achievement Award at the Tui's; her sister wins the awards for top female vocalist and best songwriter; Helen Clark becomes New Zealand's first elected woman Prime Minister.</p> <p>Film: "Star Wars: Episode One – The Phantom Menace"; "The Sixth Sense"; "Austin Powers"; "The Matrix"; "The Blair Witch Project".</p>	

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2000	<p>Sony's Playstation 2 (PS2) home console</p> <p>Bandai's Wonderswan Color handheld in Japan</p> <p>Sega's Naomi 2 arcade console</p> <p>Toymax's Activision TV Games controller/console Lawsuits</p>		<p>Nintendo sells its 100,000,000th Game Boy handheld console and spends over USD\$80 million issuing gloves to over a 1,000,000 children after numerous reports of serious hand injuries from the controllers while playing certain stages of Mario Party (for N64)</p> <p>Sega.com launches SegaNet, the 1st online console gaming network</p> <p>Electronic Arts's Ultima Online video game has over 150,000 online users by the end of February</p> <p>Sega's ChuChu Rocket video game released as the 1st online console game; NFL 2K1 video game, the 1st online console sports game; Phantasy Star Online video game, the 1st online console RPG</p>	<p>Crimson Skies, Dark Reign 2, Dave Mirra Freestyle BMX, Deus Ex, Dino Crisis, DOA 2 Hardcore, Final Fantasy IX, Half-Life: Counter-Strike, Heroes of Might and Magic, Imperium Galactica II, Jet Grind Radio, John Romero's Daikatana, Kessen, The Legend of Zelda: Majora's Mask, Medal of Honor, Metal Gear Solid, Microsoft Flight Simulator 2000, Perfect Dark, Planescape: Torment, Quake III: Arena, Rayman, Resident Evil 3: Nemesis, Resident Evil: CODE: Veronica, Shenmue, SimCity 3000 Unlimited, The Sims, Sonic & Knuckles Collection, StarCraft, Tomb Raider: Chronicles, Tomb Raider: The Last Revelation, Ultima Online: Renaissance, Virtua Tennis</p>	<p>Wikipedia Games Timeline, <i>Hyper</i>, Mobygames, Killer List of Videogames.</p>	<p>NZ Launch 2000. Launch price \$999.</p>	<p>Film: "Castaway"; "Mission Impossible II"; "Gladiator"; "What Women Want"; "Erin Brockovich"; "Charlie's Angels"; "Traffic"</p>	

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2001	Microsoft Xbox Nintendo GameCube Nintendo Gameboy Advance	Uri Geller v. Nintendo; Geller sues Nintendo over his resemblance to a Pokemon character. The suit is dismissed.	Reuters reports that the Sega Dreamcast console has an estimated 800,000 online users playing its various online games already by midyear	Baldur's Gate: Dark Alliance, Black & White, Amped: Freestyle Snowboarding, Chicken Run, Codename: Outbreak, Cossacks: European Wars, Descent: Freespace - The Great War, Deus Ex, Devil May Cry, Europa Universalis II, Final Fantasy X, Grand Theft Auto III, Half-Life, Legend of Zelda: Oracle of Seasons, Luigi's Mansion, Max Payne, Microsoft Train Simulator, Myst III: Exile, NBA Live 2001, Onimusha: Warlords, Project Gotham Racing, Rayman 2: The Great Escape, Return to Castle Wolfenstein, Serious Sam, Shadow of Destiny, Sid Meier's Civilization III, Silent Hill 2, Spider-Man, Star Wars: Starfighter, Summoner, Super Bust-A-Move, Super Mario Advance, Twisted Metal: Black, WWF Smackdown! Just Bring It	Wikipedia Games Timeline, <i>Hyper</i> , Mobygames, Killer List of Videogames.	Xbox launched Oct 3, 2002 for \$499. Gamecube. In 2002, local EB store taking preorders. No price. Gameboy Advance. In 2001 Toyworld catalogue for \$279.99.	In NZ: Dame Silvia Cartwright becomes Governor- General. NZ Film: "Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring" released. Film: "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone"; "Shrek"; "Jurassic Park III"; "Pearl Harbor"; "A Beautiful Mind"; "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider"; "Black Hawk Down"; "Legally Blonde"	Electronics Boutique catalogue 2002.

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2002			<p><i>The Sims</i> overtakes <i>Myst</i> as all-time best-selling computer game, having sold 6.3 million units</p> <p>Rockstar Games embroiled in moral panic for its Grand Theft Auto III and Grand Theft Auto: Vice City video games</p>	<p>Age of Mythology, Bikini Karate Babes, Command & Conquer: Renegade, Crazy Taxi, Creatures, Dead or Alive 3, Dungeon Siege, Dynasty Warriors 3, Grand Theft Auto III, Grand Theft Auto: Vice City, Halo: Combat Evolved, Hitman: Codename 47, Homeworld, ICO, Kelly Slater's Pro Surfer, Kingdom Hearts, The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time, The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring, The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers, Mafia, Namco Museum, Pikmin, Space Channel 5, Super Mario Sunshine, Tekken TAG Tournament</p>	<p>Wikipedia Games Timeline, Video game theory reader, <i>Hyper</i>, Mobygames, Killer List of Videogames.</p>		<p>In NZ: Nesian Mystik have success with their debut album; their beats were initially laid down with the help of a Playstation 2.</p> <p>NZ Film: "Whale Rider"; "Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers".</p> <p>Film: "Spider Man"; "Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones"; "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets"; "My Big Fat Greek Wedding"; "Men In Black II"; "Panic Room"</p>	<p>Russell Brown, <i>Listener</i></p>

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2003	Nokia releases the hybrid N-Gage handheld console / mobile phone Business			<p>New Zealand developed videogame, “Stacey Jones Rugby League” (known as “SuperLeague Rugby League” in Europe) is launched</p> <p>The Mark of Kri by SCEA -- 2002 PlayStation 2 – controversial PS2 release that makes use of Maori designs and imagery.</p> <p>America's Army: Operations, Battlefield 1942 , BloodRayne, Command & Conquer: Generals, Devil May Cry 2, Final Fantasy XI Online, The Mark of Kri, Mega Man & Bass, MTV: Music Generator, Neverwinter Nights, Panzer Dragoon Orta, Pokémon Sapphire, Robotech: Battlecry, Runaway: A Road Adventure, Shinobi (2002), SimCity 4, Tom Clancy's Ghost Recon, Tom Clancy's Splinter Cell, Totally Unreal, Unreal Tournament 2003</p>	<p>Wikipedia Games Timeline, Video game theory reader, <i>Hyper</i>, Mobygames, Killer List of Videogames.</p>	?	<p>In NZ: New Zealand population reaches 4 million.</p> <p>NZ Film: “The Last Samurai”; “Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King”.</p> <p>Film: “Finding Nemo”; “Pirates of the Carribean”; “The Matrix Reloaded”; “Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines”; “The Matrix Revolutions”; “Hulk”; “Scary Movie 3”.</p>	

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2004	Nintendo DS			Battlefield Vietnam, .hack//INFECTON - Part 1, Beyond Good & Evil, Bomberman, Champions of Norrath, Chicago 1930, Cricket 2004, Delta Force: Black Hawk Down, Empires: Dawn of the Modern World, Enter the Matrix, EyeToy: Groove, EyeToy: Play, Far Cry, Hearts of Iron, Magic: The Gathering - Battlegrounds, Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time, Pro Rugby Manager, R-Type III: The Third Lightning, Sega GT Online, TransFormers, Vietcong, Wario World	Wikipedia Games Timeline, Video game theory reader, <i>Hyper</i> , Mobygames, Killer List of Videogames.		NZ TV: "The Insider's Guide to Happiness"; "NZ Idol". In NZ: Scribe win the "Playstation 2" Album of the year award at the Tui's, and pick up a host of other awards. Film: "Shrek 2"; "Spider Man 2"; "The Passion of the Christ"; "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban"; "I, Robot", "Troy"; "Fahrenheit 9/11".	