

Assassin's Creed: Brotherhood: EVALUATION SUMMARY



About AC: Brotherhood

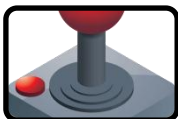
Developed by Ubisoft Montreal, Assassin's Creed: Brotherhood is a 3rd person historical-fantasy game and extends the storyline to Assassin's Creed 2. While AC: Brotherhood was released with Ubisoft's "OSP", the game can be played "offline" end-to-end. **This game was evaluated as if the DRM was implemented as per its EULA and packaging.**

Medium: Disc Version
Versions Tested: 1.01



About Ubisoft's "OSP" (ACTIVE)

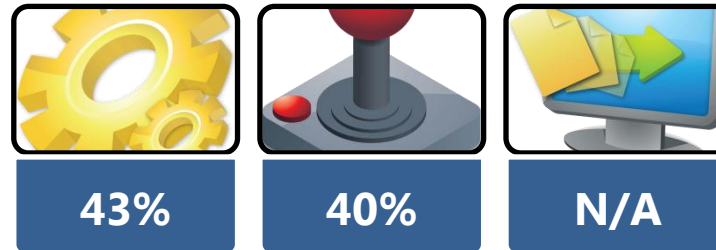
Released in March 2010, Ubisoft's "Online Services Platform" (OSP) is Ubisoft's user account-based, online-centric DRM. OSP boasts the ability to allow unlimited installations across many computer systems without any disc verification required. Any verification is achieved through a high-speed and constant online connection.



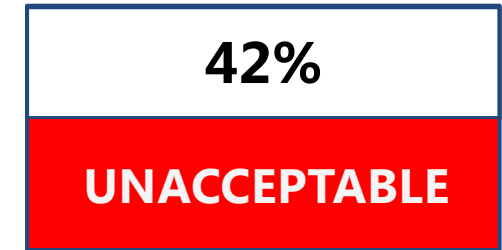
About Ubisoft Entertainment

With over 6,000 employees and €1.4 Billion in revenue, Ubisoft is Europe's 3rd largest Video-Gaming Developer and Publisher and 4th largest in North America. Aside from developing and publishing multi-platform Video Games, Ubisoft's range of services includes Uplay, in-house Digital Distribution and Motion Picture Production. Yves Guillemot is their current CEO.

INDIVIDUAL SCORES



RYG's RATING*



* RYG's Rating is an aggregate of the Individual Scores

AREAS OF CONCERN

- Pre-Purchase & DRM Notification

DRM: Documentation inconsistent between Publisher's websites, Gaming Package, Manual, Readme and EULA.

Publisher: Delayed PC Release; Incomplete PC Release; No demo.

- Privacy Policy

BOTH: Very poor documentation in relation to AC: Brotherhood.

- EULA

DRM: Game non-transferrable and resale is not-permissible.

Publisher: As above; Not written for AUS Consumers; Incomprehensible, inconsistent and overwritten; Limited warranties/refunds provisions for consumers outside US; Ownership bias.

- Personal Backup

BOTH: Not permissible as per the EULA.

- Installation

DRM: Installation logs partially provided; DRM Files not contained to Gaming Directory

Publisher: As above; Forced (and surreptitious) installation of 3rd Party Software.

- Automatic Patches and Updates

BOTH: No "opt-out" option provided; No roll-back options provided.

- Activation:

DRM: Constant online-activation; Non-disclosure of information required/requested for activation; Non-disclosure of where the information is sent/received; Activation tied to a user-account; Game non-transferrable and resale is not-permissible

Publisher: As above; Poor documentation.

- Gameplay:

BOTH: Constant internet connection required.

- Uninstallation:

Publisher: Some files and registry keys remain.

- Customer / Technical Support

DRM: Minimal DRM support

- Internal Disputes Resolution

BOTH: Non-existent.