

Prince of Persia-The Forgotten Sands: EVALUATION SUMMARY



About Prince of Persia - The Forgotten Sands

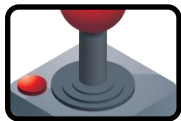
Developed by Ubisoft Montreal, Prince of Persia – The Forgotten Sands (TFS) is the 4th instalment of the action-adventure series, Prince of Persia - The Sands of Time. Much like Prince of Persia (2008), the game was panned by numerous critics, citing short gameplay, contrived plotlines and simplistic combat sequences. Like Assassin's Creed 2, TFS is protected with Ubisoft's Online Services Platform, Ubisoft's in-house DRM.

Medium: Disc Version
Version Tested: 1.00



About Ubisoft's "OSP"

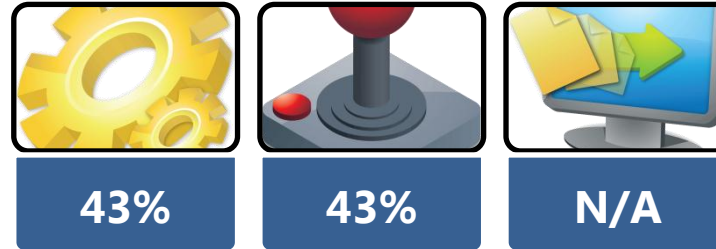
Released in March 2010, Ubisoft's "Online Services Platform" (OSP) is Ubisoft's user account-based, online-centric DRM. OSP boasts the ability to allow unlimited installations across many computer systems without any disc verification required. Any verification is achieved through a high-speed and constant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



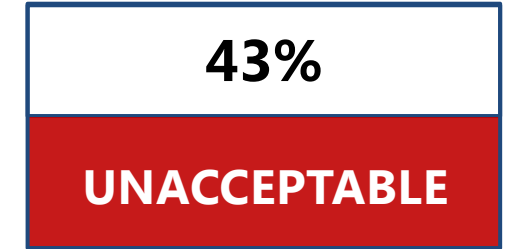
About Ubisoft Entertainment

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 Vendor: Inconsistent information between packaging, EULA and website(s).

Publisher: As above; No demo.

- Privacy Policy

BOTH: Poor documentation in relation to TFS.

- EULA

DRM Vendor: Inconsistent; Consumers unaware of agreement until AFTER the purchase of TFS; Ownership bias.

Publisher: As above; Missing EULA for 3rd Party Software

- Personal Backup

BOTH: Not permissible as per their EULAs.

- Installation

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

Publisher: Forced installation of 3rd Party Software; Logs not provided.

- Game Updates & Patches

BOTH: No opt-out option for auto-updates.

- Activation

DRM Vendor: 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; Activation non-transferrable; Resale prohibited.

Publisher: As above; Poor documentation.

- Gameplay

DRM Vendor: Constant Internet connection required; save games stored off-site.

Publisher: As above; Unplayable at minimum system specifications; Unable to connect at minimum Internet speeds.

- Uninstallation

BOTH: Some files and registry keys remain.

- Internal Disputes Resolution

BOTH: Non-existent.

NOTE: RYG evaluates all PC Games on computer systems running Windows XP, Windows Vista and Windows 7 operating systems and bearing both minimum and recommended system specifications. Internet Connections simulated range from 512kb/128kb ADSL to 24000kb/1000kb ADSL2+.

