

Platform: PC (Windows only)
DRM: DRM Free
Digital Distributor: Developer Direct / Humble Store

Developer: Red Barrels Games
Publisher: Red Barrels Games

RYG's VERDICT

90% **WORTH SUPPORTING**
85% and above

1. Product Info

Looking at how much information is provided on Outlast on its website and through a distributor prior and on release.

- ✓ Outlast released globally on 04.09.2013
- ✓ Minimum and recommended specs provided
- ✓ Advised DRM Free on 04.09.2013
- ✓ All game-related information can be found on [humblebundle.com](https://www.humblebundle.com)
- ✗ Available only on Windows
- ✗ No demo
- ✗ No manual or readme provided

2. Digital Download

Note: Outlast is priced in USD via. the Humble Store.

Note: Users will have the option to create a Humble Store account and link their game to it (or download via. their email link).

See Also: [Disclaimer of Warranties; Liability Limitations and Indemnity within Humble Bundle's Terms of Service \(TOS\)](#)

Looking at The Humble Store / Direct From The Developer as a digital distributing service for PC games.

- ✓ Outlast sold at one, global price
- ✓ Available worldwide through [humblebundle.com](https://www.humblebundle.com)
- ✓ Download / Client Manager is not required
- ✓ Released DRM Free on 04.09.2013
- ✓ User account creation is optional; minimal details required
- ✓ Free and unlimited access and downloads after purchase
- ✓ Can backup purchased games "offline" (e.g. external or optical drives)
- ✗ Minimum and recommended specs not provided
- ✗ Warranties waived (excluding physical merchantability warranties)
- ✗ Cover waived against any unforeseeable damages, disruptions of service

3. Privacy Policy & EULA

Looking at Outlast's Privacy Policy and End User License Agreement.

- ✓ EULA / TOS and Privacy Policy is not required for Outlast

4. Setup / Install

Note: Downloading and Installing Outlast will take ~3.2Gb.

Note: Outlast will require extraction from its compressed ZIP file.

Looking at how Outlast is installed on Windows PCs only.

- ✓ Users can extract Outlast to a file directory of their choice
- ✓ All files are installed within folders designated by users
- ✓ All game files installed within folders designated by users
- ✓ Currently-executing background services won't interfere with installation
- ✓ Error-free installation
- ✓ Installation completed within 5 minutes

- ✗ No installation logs of files and registry keys (will not install registry keys)

5. Updates / Patching

Looking at how Outlast is patched prior and after gameplay.

- ✓ Can play the game unpatched

6. DRM & Activation

Note: Outlast will not connect to any server(s) before and during gameplay.

Looking at the DRM-Free nature of Outlast and its effects on Windows PCs only.

- ✓ Firewall and AV settings aren't modified
- ✓ User account not required
- ✓ Can play single-player game offline (Internet connection not required)
- ✓ No hardware activations
- ✓ Unlimited installations
- ✓ Activation is simple and hassle-free

7. Gameplay Experience

Note: Config and Savegame locations are found within the \My Documents\My Games\Outlast\ folder

Looking at the gameplay aspects of Outlast and how it interacts with PC Windows.

- ✓ Can play on minimum specs
- ✓ Can play a backup copy of the game
- ✓ Suitable options to modify video settings
- ✓ Can customise controls
- ✓ Can play with console controller
- ✓ Can play in windowed mode
- ✓ Can play offline
- ✓ Won't "phone home"
- ✓ Can play without connectivity issues on an ADSL connection
- ✓ Can play error-free for more than 5hrs
- ✓ Won't interfere with services and background software
- ✓ Will resume at the last checkpoint
- ✓ Can play on more than one PC simultaneously
- ✓ Can modify savegame and/or ini file
- ✓ No DRM or monitoring services running in the background

8. **PC Checkup**

Looking at whether Outlast will modify certain PC settings without users permission / consent.

- ✓ PC clean after scanning for viruses
- ✓ PC clean after scanning for malware and spyware
- ✓ PC clean after scanning for rootkits
- ✓ HOSTS wasn't modified
- ✓ Played Outlast without major errors
- ✓ Start-up settings remain unaltered
- ✓ No DRM / monitoring services running in the background after shutting down
- ✓ System configuration files remain unaltered

9. **Removal Uninstall**

Looking at how clean, efficient and effective the removal process is for Outlast (How much legacy material is there after the removal of Outlast?)

- ✓ Savegames retained within the /My Documents Folder/
- ✓ Clean removal / uninstallation

10. **Customer Support**

Looking at the customer support side of Outlast through the Humble Store

- ✓ Support information, FAQs and common issues are found via. Humble Store
- ✓ The site is easy to use and navigate
- ✓ Searching through the site is direct and quick
- ✓ Info is easy to read and understand

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SHOWS PROMISE & POTENTIAL

Between 65% and 84%

BARGAIN BIN MATERIAL

64% and below

We experienced no issues at all when we looked at Outlast from its point of sale right through to its installation, in-game settings, gameplay and, finally, its clean removal from our systems. Outlast is a short, but genuinely nerve-wracking game and is one worth looking into, especially through its DRM-Free stores such as Humble or GOG for the diligent players of PC Gaming.



Colophon

This analysis of Outlast was compiled by Lisa and Martin Pham. Typeface used is ITC Stone Sans. RYG thanks **Anna Henriksson**, **Josh Bush**, **Ethan Lee**, **Adam Ames** and **David Hatch** for their insights and suggestions in the design of this analysis. Outlast was bought with RYG funds through the Humble Store.

Disclaimer

These analyses are only a guide and represent RYG's perspective into Outlast as a product. We believe everyone should perform their own research and reach their own conclusions. This is one view of many, we hope. Again, we thank you for taking the time to read our analysis of Outlast and hope you continue to support our work.