



Phantasy Star™ Universe

Platform: PlayStation® 2; PC

Category: Single Player and Online Multiplayer Action/RPG

Developer: SEGA Studios

Release: Winter 2006

Phantasy Star Universe is the first single-player *Phantasy Star* game to arrive in more than a decade. The *Phantasy Star* franchise started as a series of turn-based RPGs (*Phantasy Star™ I-IV*, 1988-1994), evolved into an online multiplayer action-adventure (*Phantasy Star™ Online Episode I-IV*, 2000-2005), and now hits its stride as the best of both, a single player action-RPG with a multiplayer online component.

This robust action-RPG offers more than 40 hours of single-player gameplay, an emotionally engaging story, traditional cut scenes, and strong character development. The title's hero is Ethan Waber, a 17-year old cadet intent on saving his sister, who is living on a planet under siege by mysterious life forms called THE SEED. The combo-driven action gameplay in *Phantasy Star Universe* provides for a fast-paced, engaging experience, while the game's rich character customization options and enormous world are sure to satisfy RPG fans seeking depth.

The fee-based online mode in *Phantasy Star Universe* continues where the offline mode's story leaves off. Players are given the opportunity to travel with a squad of other adventurers, enter urban sprawls teeming with hundreds of players, and build their avatars into powerful warriors.

Features:

- A full-featured single-player campaign spanning more than 40 hours of gameplay.
- Three different planets to explore.
- A strong ensemble joins Ethan on his journey; each character has their own unique skill set to bring into battle.
- Controllable vehicles make transportation easier and more fun.
- More than 20 dungeons in the single-player adventure.
- First appearance of *Phantasy Star* on a PlayStation platform.
- A giant game world that will evolve with new content online over the course of several years.

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