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Why you can trust GamesRadar+ Our experts review games, movies and tech over countless hours, so you can choose the best for you. Find out more about our reviews policy. Any new Super Mario game on Switch is going to exist in the shadow of the masterpiece that is Super Mario Odyssey. Released in the Switch's debut year of 2017, it managed to redefine what we expect from a 3D Super Mario game, let us travel across the world and meet (and become) a variety of brand new characters. So in that way, New Super Mario Bros U Deluxe is always going to have an uphill battle. But it's actually a wonderful little game that deserves a plate piled high with praise. There was a time where there was a risk of people missing out on some of the great titles that got released on the Wii U, but thanks to the power of remastering we've had some top notch Switch games arrive as repackaged Wii U greats, including the likes of Mario Kart 8 Deluxe, Captain Toad Treasure Tracker, and Donkey Kong Country: Tropical Freeze. The Switch is slowly making the Wii U obsolete, by making sure a brand new generation of gamers get to experience all it had to offer on a far superior console. Sorry Wii U, I hardly knew thee. More fun with friendsThankfully New Super Bros U is the latest title getting a re-release on Switch, and honestly it's never looked better. It might not be the 3D marvel that is Super Mario Odyssey, but it's the classic 2D Super Mario brought into a modern era. The colours pop on the Switch's screen, bringing to life the vivid and incredibly varied levels that Mario traverses. Of course, you don't even have to play as Mario himself. There's Luigi or Toad, but also new characters that are aimed at younger players - Toadette is incredibly easy to control, while Nabbit is invulnerable to enemies - which you can switch between at will with a quick trip to the options menu from the map screen. You may like The real icing on the cake is the multiplayer for New Super Mario Bros U Deluxe. Whereas it did work well on Wii U, the ability to jump in with two to four players just by grabbing an extra Joy-Con and changing the player count in the menu is ingenious. It's all so easy, quick and, most importantly, fun. It's all cooperative fun, although with the kind of troll your buddy banter that you get from a TT Games' Lego title as you can jump on each other's heads to stop them moving. Our original review for the Wii U release back in 2012 praised the title for its innovative spirit, and that shines through more than ever in the Switch's Deluxe version. Every level feels fresh and new, taking the classic gameplay trope of get chubby plumber from left hand side of the screen to the right until you reach the end within a time limit feel almost like a brand new concept. There's a brand new Flying Squirrel suit - not to be confused with the Tanooki Mario I might add - lots of mini-challenges along the way and even three giant coins to collect in each level that will not only keep you coming back for more, but also challenge your perception of what makes a 2D Super Mario level. Secret areas, delightful mini-games and even new bosses in the form of Bowser Jr. and seven Koopalings are all part of this package, and combine to create some of the most memorable Super Mario platforming we've seen in years. Nintendo's ability to remix and innovate on the classic Super Mario platformer without it feeling repetitive, or strained, or even too complicated. This is a tricky game, but not one that ever feels like a punishment. Plus, having the New Super Luigi U mode unlocked from the start rather than after completing the main trail is a handy addition, although I would recommend ploughing through New Super Mario Bros U first because Luigi does not allow for many mistakes thanks to its super punishing time limits. And the time limits are already fairly challenging!It's all so gloriously good fun that it's hard to find negatives. Well apart from one. The save system. 99% of my Switch gaming adventures are spent playing in handheld mode - I'm a Game Boy girl through and through - so implementing a save system that only kicks in after a boss fight rather than after every level has caused a few mishaps, namely losing several levels worth of progress. There is a quick save option in the menu, but if your Switch dies or you decide to switch to another game without using that, it's incredibly easy to lose progress. If you get into a habit of doing that quick save, it's not too inconvenient and it's such a small niggle for a game that is so utterly wonderful. With New Super Mario Bros U Deluxe the year of Nintendo Switch games is off to an incredibly strong start. Reddit and its partners use cookies and similar technologies to provide you with a better experience. By accepting all cookies, you agree to our use of cookies to deliver and maintain our services and site, improve the quality of Reddit, personalize Reddit content and advertising, and measure the effectiveness of advertising. By rejecting non-essential cookies, Reddit may still use certain cookies to ensure the proper functionality of our platform. For more information, please see our Cookie Notice and our Privacy Policy. Super Mario Odyssey may be amazing, but it's not the same as a traditional 2D Mario platformer - something the Nintendo Switch has lacked since it launched. But as Nintendo continues funneling Wii U games onto its far more successful portable console, that's changed with the release of New Super Mario Bros U Deluxe. Though it's very much the same game you played on the Wii U, there are some extra hidden goodies and surprises to spice up the game's second go-around, as well as the addition of everyone's favorite green DLC.Here's everything you need to know about New Super Mario Bros U Deluxe:What is New Super Mario Bros U Deluxe (Image credit: Nintendo)New Super Mario Bros U Deluxe is a platformer similar to just about any other 2D space Mario platformer you can imagine. You can walk, run, and jump through a 2D space, stomping on enemies and crossing obstacles and gaps. Mario can get all his usual power-ups and then some, including Super Mushrooms, Fire Flowers, Tanooki Suits, and others to help him fend off enemies and complete levels.The game comes with a number of other features that allow you to play as multiple characters, play with your friends, or explore levels from a different perspective than you initially played them in.New Super Mario Bros. U Deluxe (Image credit: Nintendo)Yes! New Super Mario Bros. U Deluxe is playable solo, or with up to four players at a time, each using a Joy-Con or other controller. Characters can interact with one another, including tossing one another and jumping on each other's heads to either cross challenging gaps...or simply fling one another into lava.What is different in the Deluxe version?New Super Mario Bros. U Deluxe (Image credit: Nintendo)In addition to simply looking better, there are a number of changes and improvements from the original New Super Mario and Luigi U games.One of the biggest differences is in the character roster. Total, there are five playable characters: Mario, Luigi, Nabbit, Toad, and Toadette. The Toad you can play as is "Yellow Toad" from the original games, and while Blue Toad appears to have been removed and replaced with Toadette, you can actually play Blue Toad as a palette-swap of Yellow Toad by pressing the "ZL" button on the character select screen when Yellow Toad is chosen.More offers spot-on advice and guidance from our team of experts, with decades of Apple device experience to lean on. Learn more with iMore!Toadette is an interesting addition, as she can transform into a character called Peachette by picking up a Super Crown in the game's levels. This gives her Peach-like abilities, such as floating. She's a great character for new players to pick up due to how hard it is for her to fall off the stage.The game also includes a Hints gallery if you find it difficult to make progress, a Super Guide that will finish levels for you, and reference videos for beating levels.For those who find the game too easy, however, New Super Mario Bros U Deluxe includes three new modes: Boost Rush, Challenges, and Coin Battle that offer more complex challenges.Finally, Luigi fans can rejoice, as all the DLC content from New Super Luigi U is also available for free, on launch.What is the Super Crown, and can Bowser (or anyone else) wear it?New Super Mario Bros. U Deluxe (Image credit: Nintendo)The Super Crown is a new item addition to the game that will appear by hitting certain blocks and in a similar manner to how other power-ups are collected. Although other characters might see the Super Crown when you play as them, only Toadette can pick it up, turning her into Peachette. So even if you've seen fanart on social media of someone called Bowslette, that character doesn't exist in the game.Peachette is a very floaty character that can double jump to help her avoid falling as often and reach high-up areas with ease. She loses the Super Crown if she's hit by an enemy or if she picks up another power-up, such as a Fire Flower.What is New Super Luigi U?New Super Mario Bros. U Deluxe (Image credit: Nintendo)New Super Luigi U was originally a DLC that was released for New Super Mario Bros U during Nintendo's Year of Luigi in 2013. In its original form, you could play through the entirety of the game with Luigi as the main character, with Nabbit replacing Mario in the group of four playable characters. Mario was not playable at all as part of this DLC. Luigi has slightly different physics than Mario, and many of the levels were adjusted to compensate for his higher jumps and floaty movement.This DLC is included in New Super Mario Bros U Deluxe with some additions. Since the game allows you to play as any of the possible characters (Mario, Luigi, Toad, Nabbit, and Toadette), you can now play with Luigi's more floaty movement in the Mario levels and Mario's more stable movement in Luigi levels.Are amiibo supported?New Super Mario Bros. U Deluxe (Image credit: Nintendo)Though it seems counter-intuitive, amiibo support was not an offer for New Super Mario Bros. U, nor has it been added so far to the Deluxe version. It seems there's no reason to dust off that Mario amiibo for this game, but stay tuned in case Nintendo brings up a big amiibo push in the future!Where can I get it?New Super Mario Bros U Deluxe is out now on the Nintendo Switch, and costs \$60.Want to know more?If you have any other questions about New Super Mario Bros U Deluxe, let me know in the comments!Updated March 5, 2020: Removed section on pre-order promotions, added info on Blue Toad. Yes, you can play Super Mario Bros U Deluxe online with friends using the Nintendo Switch Online service. This allows you to join or create multiplayer sessions with friends and race against each other in various courses. Is Super Mario Bros U Deluxe a local multiplayer game? Yes, Super Mario Bros U Deluxe is primarily a local multiplayer game. You can play with up to four players using the Nintendo Switch Joy-Con controllers on the same console. Does Super Mario U Deluxe have online multiplayer? Yes, Super Mario Bros U Deluxe does have online multiplayer. You can play with friends or other players online and race against each other in different courses. However, an active Nintendo Switch Online subscription is required for online multiplayer. Can you play Super Mario U Deluxe with friends who don't own the game? No, all players who want to play Super Mario Bros U Deluxe online with friends need to own a copy of the game and have an active Nintendo Switch Online subscription. You cannot play with friends who do not own the game. How many players can play Super Mario U Deluxe online? Super Mario Bros U Deluxe supports up to four players in online multiplayer. You can race against friends or other players from around the world in different courses. Do you need Nintendo Switch Online to play Super Mario U Deluxe online with friends? Yes, you need a Nintendo Switch Online subscription to play Super Mario Bros U Deluxe online with friends. The subscription allows you to access online multiplayer features and play with friends or other players. Can you communicate with friends while playing Super Mario U Deluxe online? No, Super Mario Bros U Deluxe does not have built-in voice chat or communication features. However, you can use external communication methods like Nintendo Switch Online mobile app or third-party voice chat services to communicate with your friends while playing online. Reddit and its partners use cookies and similar technologies to provide you with a better experience. By accepting all cookies, you agree to our use of cookies to deliver and maintain our services and site, improve the quality of Reddit, personalize Reddit content and advertising, and measure the effectiveness of advertising. By rejecting non-essential cookies, Reddit may still use certain cookies to ensure the proper functionality of our platform. For more information, please see our Cookie Notice and our Privacy Policy. 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You cannot play with friends who do not own the game. How many players can play Super Mario U Deluxe online? Super Mario Bros U Deluxe supports up to four players in online multiplayer. You can race against friends or other players from around the world in different courses. Do you need Nintendo Switch Online to play Super Mario U Deluxe online with friends? Yes, you need a Nintendo Switch Online subscription to play Super Mario Bros U Deluxe online with friends. The subscription allows you to access online multiplayer features and play with friends or other players. Can you communicate with friends while playing Super Mario U Deluxe online? No, Super Mario Bros U Deluxe does not have built-in voice chat or communication features. However, you can use external communication methods like Nintendo Switch Online mobile app or third-party voice chat services to communicate with your friends while playing online.