



# ARMA

ALPHA

QUICK-START GUIDE

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**Please read before using this game or allowing your children to use it.** Some people are susceptible to epileptic seizures or loss of consciousness when exposed to certain flashing lights or light patterns in everyday life. Such people may have a seizure while watching television images or playing certain video games.

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## Precautions During Use

- Do not stand too close to the screen. Sit a good distance away from the screen, as far away as the length of the cable allows.
- Preferably play the game on a small screen.
- Avoid playing if you are tired or have not had much sleep.
- Make sure that the room in which you are playing is well lit.
- Rest for at least 10 to 15 minutes per hour while playing a video game.



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## ABOUT

It's great to have you with us as we take on the next evolution of the **Arma** series with the **Arma 3 Alpha!** To get started, we'd like to let you know about what Arma 3™ is about, what's new since Arma 2, and how to get yourself started.



Arma 3™ is the latest installment in the award-winning tactical military shooter series by Bohemia Interactive®. This PC-exclusive video game is a **unique military game** with an **infantry focus**. Built upon **appropriate**, **useful** and **engaging** elements of **simulation**, it's an **accessible platform** for a variety of official and community playable / sandbox content, based on the principles of **authenticity**, **diversity** and **opportunity**.

- Richly detailed battlefields
- Diverse range of authentically simulated vehicles and weapons
- Varied pieces of playable content in singleplayer and multiplayer
- Powerful scenario editor, mod creation and a creative community

In comparison to Arma 2, you'll find the significantly updated **Real Virtuality™ 4.0** engine powering your experience. With it, we're aiming to take the elements that make Arma great, enhance them where it's appropriate, and deliver a robust **platform** for future growth.

- Fluid new animations
- Upgraded sound engine
- Ragdoll simulation
- PhysX™-supported vehicles

The **Alpha** version was designed to involve you more directly in the development of Arma 3™ on several levels. It aims to offer an opportunity for early access to the game while it is still in development, but also to feed back to the team and affect the final game. See below for how to participate.

## SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

### Minimum:

- **OS:** Windows Vista SP2 / Windows 7 SP1
- **CPU:** Intel Dual-Core 2.4 GHz / AMD Dual-Core Athlon 2.5 GHz
- **GPU:** NVIDIA GeForce 8800GT / AMD Radeon HD 3830 / Intel HD Graphics 4000 with 512 MB VRAM
- **DirectX®:** 10
- **RAM:** 2 GB
- **HDD:** 10 GB free space
- **Audio:** DirectX® compatible on-board
- **Other Requirements:** Internet connection and free Steam account to activate

### Recommended:

- **OS:** Windows Vista SP2 / Windows 7 SP1
- **CPU:** Intel Core i5-2300 / AMD Phenom II X4 940
- **GPU:** NVIDIA GeForce GTS 560 / AMD Radeon HD 7750 with 1 GB VRAM
- **DirectX®:** 11
- **RAM:** 4 GB
- **HDD:** 20 GB free space
- **Audio:** DirectX® compatible soundcard
- **Other Requirements:** Internet connection and free Steam account to activate



## RUNNING THE GAME

We assume that you have already installed **Steam**. If you, in some mysterious way, are reading this without Steam, please look here for how to install it:

[https://support.steampowered.com/kb\\_article.php?ref=3046-ECVN-3712](https://support.steampowered.com/kb_article.php?ref=3046-ECVN-3712)

### How to install the game

1. In your Steam client, go to the Library and select Arma 3 Alpha
2. Click the Install icon on the game page
3. Select drive you would like to have game installed on and click Next

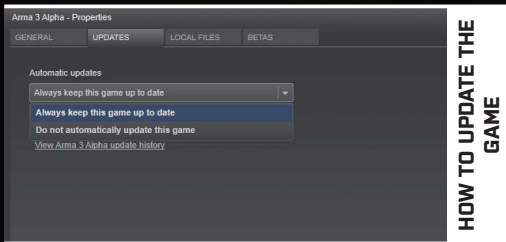
4. If you want to have a shortcut in your Start menu or on your Desktop, check the respective options and click Next to proceed
5. Wait for the game to finish downloading

### How to update the game

We aim to update the Alpha frequently with fixes, updates and additions. The game should be updated automatically by your Steam client. If you encounter any problems, you can force the update by checking your game's properties:

1. In your Steam client, go to the Library and right click on your Arma 3 Alpha
2. Select Properties
3. Select the Updates tab in the new window and make sure your Automatic updates option is set to Always keep this game up to date



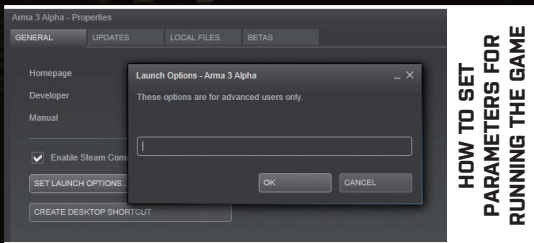


HOW TO UPDATE THE GAME

4. Click Close in the lower-right corner of the window
5. The game should soon start to update

### How to set parameters for running the game

In some cases you may want to run the game with starting parameters. If you know them you can set them up:



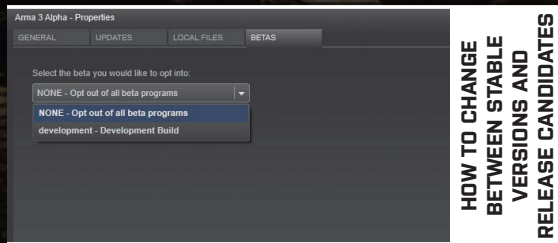
HOW TO SET PARAMETERS FOR RUNNING THE GAME

1. In your Steam client, go to the Library and right click on Arma 3 Alpha
2. Select Properties
3. Hit Set launch options
4. Add any parameters you want to run the game with
5. Click OK
6. Click Close in the lower-right corner of the window

### How to change between stable versions and release candidates

All installs are set to the stable version of the game by default. To change this:

1. In your Steam client, go to the Library and right click on Arma 3 Alpha
2. Select Properties
3. Select the Betas tab



HOW TO CHANGE BETWEEN STABLE VERSIONS AND RELEASE CANDIDATES



4. Choose either NONE for the Stable version or development for the release candidate version of the game
5. Click Close in the lower-right corner of the window



Using the development version of the game could hamper your experience with the game, with some unfinished assets available. However, we would greatly appreciate your feedback. See below for more information.

## BASIC SETUP

### Video Options

When you run the game for the first time, the auto-detect function will determine the best video settings for your

hardware. To adjust them, head into the Video Options menu by clicking on the Options button in the Main Menu.

The Video Options menu contains three tabs:

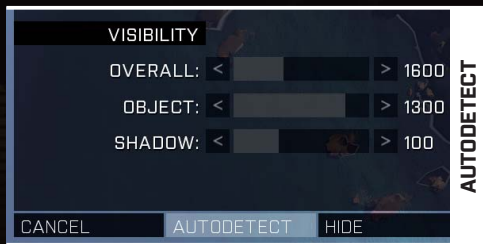
- **Basic:** Allows you to adjust the resolution, aspect ratio and visibility levels
- **Rendering:** Contains anti-aliasing settings and more, including the amount of other visual technologies such as post-processing effects and HDR
- **Quality:** Contains the settings for object texture quality, the environment, and other effects



You can choose one of the presets by selecting Overall Quality in the top-right corner. Some changes in Video Options will require restarting the game. When the game asks you for a restart, confirm it in the pop-up window.



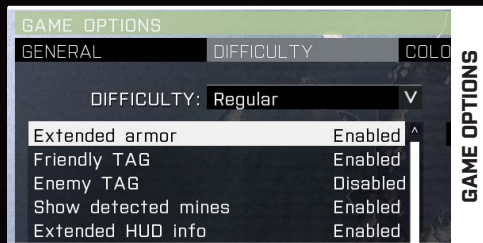
If you change something and want to return back to the original state, click the auto-detect button in lower-left corner. It will reset the options according to your hardware.



## Game Options

You can set up various game options in three tabs:

- **General:** General game options such as subtitles, blood and head-bob
- **Difficulty:** Four difficulties are available, each changing the global settings; you can fine-tune most other settings individually
- **Colors:** Here you can redefine the colors of the game interface and even choose your own

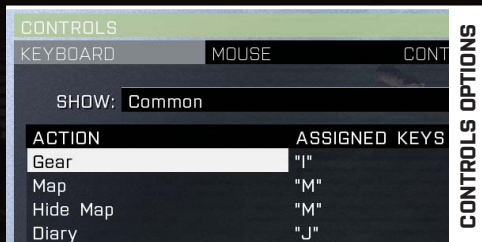


## Controls Options

You can set up the controls in three tabs:

- **Keyboard:** Lists all the controls in the game; use the drop-down list to filter the types of actions
- **Mouse:** Change the mouse settings and adjust axis sensitivity
- **Game controller:** Set up a game controller here





CONTROLS OPTIONS

Keyboard Controls can also help you learn about all of the actions available to you in Arma 3. Set them as you are used to from other games. To configure your own key-mapping:

1. Click on the action; a pop-up dialog titled Configure Action appears
2. Assign a new control to the action by pressing or clicking the desired button
3. You can delete the assigned key by pressing or clicking it again
4. Confirm with OK to close the Configure Action dialog
5. Confirm with OK to close the Controls Options

## FIELD MANUAL

The Field Manual, accessible from the Main Menu, contains useful tips on how to control and interact with various parts

of Arma 3. Consult it when looking for such information. Some of the tips may appear while playing the missions as hints, offering context-sensitive information.

## RUN THE MISSION

We have prepared several missions to show off the most unique aspects of the Arma 3 experience. To run a showcase:

1. Click Play in the Main Menu
2. Click Showcases
3. Select one of the provided showcases
4. Click Play in the lower-right corner of the screen



There you go, you are up and running. See you on the battlefield!

# CALLS

## Upgrade

If you have installed Arma 3 Alpha **Lite**, you can preorder the full version at any time, upgrading you to the full Arma 3 Alpha. This will entitle you to the final product after release without any further requirements and, moreover, the immediately-improved and continuously-updated Alpha, along with later Beta versions. Check [www.arma3.com/buy](http://www.arma3.com/buy) for detailed information about preordering and choose the package you want.

## Feedback

The Alpha version is massively limited in comparison to the full version. We intend this to involve you more directly in the development process and give you the opportunity to affect the final game. Your feedback and bug reports are welcome and can help us to improve the game significantly. Please visit [feedback.arma3.com](http://feedback.arma3.com) to learn how to submit feedback. Thank you kindly for your support!

## Troubleshooting

- In order to verify the data you have downloaded was not corrupted during transfer, please use the Steam data cache verification option.



- Make sure to conduct a clean installation of the Arma 3 Alpha (uninstall first by removing your local game cache).
- Make sure all the necessary drivers are up-to-date.

Keep checking our main Alpha hub at [alpha.arma3.com](http://alpha.arma3.com) for troubleshooting and known issues.

## Useful links

Main website: [www.arma3.com](http://www.arma3.com)

Developed by: [www.bistudio.com](http://www.bistudio.com)

Forums: [forums.bistudio.com](http://forums.bistudio.com) (English Only)

Community wiki: [community.bistudio.com](http://community.bistudio.com) (English Only)

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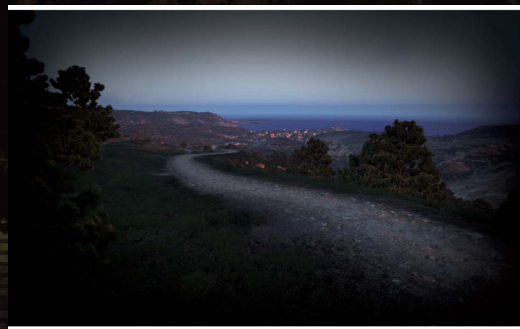
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