



Former Blizzard Devs' RTS Loses Online Multiplayer After Server Acquisition

Description

Frost Giant Studios, a game company, has announced that its game **Stormgate** will lose online multiplayer support next month. This happened because Hathora, its server partner, has been bought by an AI company. Hathora will stop its services at the end of April.

The studio shared this news on **Stormgate's** Discord. They said that the game will still work offline but that players will not be able to play online. Frost Giant hopes to bring back online play in the future, but this depends on finding a new partner.

This news is not good for the **Stormgate** community. The game raised \$2.4 million through a Kickstarter campaign, but many players are unhappy. Recent reviews on Steam are mostly negative, and fewer than 100 players have been online at the same time this year.

Frost Giant also noted that AI tools were used during the game's development to help with some features, but all final artwork was created by artists. Hathora provided server support for other games too, like **Splitgate 2** and **Spectre Divide**. Now, Hathora is part of Fireworks AI, which aims to make a big impact in the industry.

Vocabulary List:

1. **multiplayer** //ˈmʌltiˌpleɪər// (noun): game mode where many people play together
2. **server** //ˈsɜːvə// (noun): computer that sends or stores game data
3. **offline** //ˈɔːflaɪn// (adverb): not connected to the internet or servers
4. **partner** //ˈpɑːtnə// (noun): a person or company working with another
5. **community** //kəˈmjuːnɪti// (noun): group of people who share interest in something
6. **campaign** //kæmˈpeɪn// (noun): planned series of actions to get support

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice



1. What is the name of the game losing online multiplayer support?

- Option: Stormgate
- Option: Splitgate 2
- Option: Spectre Divide
- Option: Frost Giant

2. Who was Frost Giant Studios' server partner?

- Option: AI Company
- Option: Hathora
- Option: Fireworks AI
- Option: Kickstarter

3. What funding amount did Stormgate raise through Kickstarter?

- Option: \$1 million
- Option: \$2.4 million
- Option: \$3 million
- Option: \$500,000

4. Why is Frost Giant Studios losing online multiplayer support?

- Option: Lack of players
- Option: Server partner was bought
- Option: Negative reviews
- Option: Game development issues

5. What were the recent reviews on Steam for the game?

- Option: Mostly positive
- Option: Mostly negative
- Option: Mixed
- Option: Neutral

6. Which company acquired Hathora?

- Option: Frost Giant
- Option: Fireworks AI
- Option: Stormgate
- Option: Kickstarter

True-False



7. Stormgate will continue to work in offline mode.
8. Frost Giant Studios has guaranteed the return of online play.
9. Hathora provided server support for games like Stormgate and Splitgate 2.
10. The current player count for Stormgate is below 100 online at the same time this year.
11. AI tools were utilized in the development of Stormgate.
12. Stormgate community is generally satisfied with recent changes.

Gap-Fill

13. Frost Giant Studios announced that their game Stormgate will lose online multiplayer support at the end of _____.
14. The game raised \$2.4 million through a _____ campaign.
15. Frost Giant hopes to bring back online play in the _____.
16. Hathora is now part of _____ AI.
17. Recent reviews on Steam for Stormgate are mostly _____.
18. Fewer than 100 players have been online at the same time this _____.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Stormgate 2. Hathora 3. \$2.4 million 4. Server partner was bought 5. Mostly negative 6. Fireworks AI

True-False: 7. True 8. False 9. False 10. True 11. True 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. April 14. Kickstarter 15. future 16. Fireworks 17. negative 18. year

Vocabulary quizzes



Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What is the primary vehicle used for travel beyond Earth's atmosphere?
Option: Airplane
Option: Rocket
Option: Helicopter
Option: Spacecraft

2. Which type of spacecraft is designed to carry astronauts and return them safely to Earth?
Option: Satellite
Option: Orbiter
Option: Capsule
Option: Probe

3. What force keeps planets in orbit around the sun?
Option: Electromagnetism
Option: Nuclear Force
Option: Gravity
Option: Friction

4. What term describes a failure in a system or machinery that prevents it from operating correctly?
Option: Operational
Option: Malfunctioned
Option: Repaired
Option: Functional

5. What type of video game mode allows multiple players to interact within the same game environment?
Option: Single player
Option: Co-op
Option: Multiplayer
Option: Solo

6. Which component of a computer network provides services to other computers?
Option: Client
Option: Router
Option: Server
Option: Switch

7. What term is used to describe a state in which a computer or device is not connected to the internet?
Option: Online
Option: Sync
Option: Offline



Option: Connected

8. What term refers to a person with whom one engages in a business relationship or activity?

Option: Ally

Option: Partner

Option: Rival

Option: Stranger

9. What term describes a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common?

Option: Society

Option: Network

Option: Community

Option: Collective

10. What is a series of coordinated activities aimed at achieving a specific goal often in a political context called?

Option: Dilemma

Option: Campaign

Option: Project

Option: Event

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. A _____ is a rapidly rotating storm system characterized by a center of low pressure.

12. The _____ view of the landscape highlighted the intricate network of rivers.

13. The new video game focused on aerial _____ between various fighter aircraft.

14. She enjoyed making her own paper _____ for various art projects.

15. To help the environment, it is important to _____ materials like paper and plastic.

16. The software update was designed to fix known _____ in the application.

17. It's important to _____ the hard work that team members contribute to a project.

18. Species have _____ over millions of years to adapt to their surroundings.

19. The research team used a comprehensive _____ to gather and analyze their data.



20. There is a significant _____ in temperature between day and night in the desert.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The study of genetic traits helps scientists understand inheritance patterns.
22. The artist skillfully captured the contours of the landscape on canvas.
23. The spacecraft relied on advanced propulsion systems to navigate through space.
24. The power plant utilized a nuclear reactor to generate electricity for the city.
25. Improving energy efficiency can lead to significant cost savings for businesses.
26. Electricity is a form of energy that powers many devices in our daily lives.
27. Nuclear energy is produced through reactions in atomic nuclei.
28. Various types of spacecraft are used for exploration, research, and satellite deployment.
29. The space capsule successfully re-entered the Earth's atmosphere and landed safely.
30. Gravity is the force that attracts objects with mass toward one another.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Spacecraft 2. Capsule 3. Gravity 4. Malfunctioned 5. Multiplayer 6. Server 7. Offline 8. Partner 9. Community 10. Campaign

Gap-Fill: 11. hurricane 12. aerial 13. combat 14. craft 15. recycle 16. bugs 17. recognise 18. evolved 19. database 20. variation

Matching sentence: 1. genetic 2. contours 3. propulsion 4. reactor 5. efficiency 6. electricity 7. nuclear 8. spacecraft 9. capsule 10. gravity

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