



How to overcome cheating in online multiplayer

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Online multiplayer shooters are many people's go-to choice for spending some stress-free time. Now imagine getting killed repeatedly by players who are cheating. Bummer, isn't it? Cheats in multiplayer gaming ruin the fun for a lot of people looking to enjoy the game. And some highly popular multiplayer shooting games are getting flooded with cheaters, spoiling great number of players' moods. Here are the key points to this crisis and their solutions.

Is the quarantine a factor here?

That is highly possible. The quarantine has provided many people with a huge amount of free time. It actually is causing a large influx of players. And the cheaters are a part of the new players joining the games. Not to say games were cheating-free before, but more players mean more cheaters.

Which games are plagued by this?

Games that are easy the access, free to play. Games like Valorant, PUBG mobile

get plagued by these problems most.

This is because of their business models. These games are designed to be accessed easily by most people. In doing so, many security measures are compromised. If they want to restrict the accessibility, they cannot do without their business model taking a hit.

What kind of cheats are used?

Well, in a shooting game, knowing the enemy's position is a huge advantage. So, many of the cheats are meant to reveal

the enemy's location. Wall hack, ESP hack, X-ray vision hacks. There are some cheats that compensate for the player's lack of skills. Aimbot, auto headshot, increased damage are some cheats used by many.

Is there any way to counter this problem?

There is always an option for reporting the player. The cheater may get banned. But it is of little help considering these are easily accessible games. Meaning, the

cheaters can play it from another account without facing difficulty. In fact, Riot Games boasted about their anti-cheat mechanics in Valorant which would stop a player from entering matches if any cheat was detected. It did not work out that well. They have released multiple patches, but the situation has not improved much. The developers have addressed these issues and said that they are working on a solution. The players can only hope for a quick solution and wait.

