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Gaming is one of the first gateways to a life of being obsessed with machines, technology and social awkwardness at dinner parties. It has shaped our lives in unimaginable ways, and every minute, a pimply faced kid gets hooked on a button masher that takes over their lives. To celebrate all that is good and holy about the world of gaming, we give you our weekly gaming column. Enjoy this first instalment of...



Windows / XBOX / PS4

# DIRT RALLY



Codemasters has had a string of successful racing games over the past 6-7 years, and the highlight undoubtedly has to be the Dirt series. Colin McRae's DIRT was a revolutionary game, combining top-shelf graphics, dynamic, realistic handling and fun-factor to give us a simulator that was easy to approach. The latest, Dirt Rally, takes the reins and tries to take the game back to its serious-but-fun roots. You have access to a wide range of off-roading vehicles - from rally raid trucks to vintage to modern rally cars - and variety of tracks and conditions for some over the top slip-slidy fun. The handling has the same sense of realism as the original DIRT, the graphics are crisp and sharp and winning a rally stage leaves you with the same sense of accomplishment as before. The career playthrough on Codemasters racing games are always a daunting task, but on Dirt Rally it seems to have taken a more drastic turn - you won't finish this game that easy. As a game it's miles better than the juvenile hooliganism of Dirt 2 and 3, and makes the game well worth it for simulation geeks and gearheads alike.



**PROS:** beautiful graphics, realism and sense of speed winning means something.  
**CONS:** handling takes some getting used to, no incentive for multiple playthroughs.



Steelseries Siberia V3 headphones - TK 10,500



Razer Sabertooth controller - TK 7,500

Corsair RM850 80PLUS Gold Modular power supply unit - TK 14,500

Tune in weekly for pricing updates and mini-reviews of gaming gear.



COMPONENTS

ANDROID / IOS



There's no shortage of indie games on Android and IOS - with PC and consoles becoming marginalised under the wave of casual phone gamers, small developers are scrambling to meet the demand for mobile devices. Snowman brings you Alto's Adventure, currently enjoying a rating of 4.5/5 on Google Play and 260,000 downloads. In the game, you control Alto and his friends on an epic snowboarding adventure across a breathtaking expanse of snowy hills, quiet towns, and treacherous ravines, while catching...llamas. Right. Aside from that, the game has an extraordinary sense of adventure, with dynamic weather and a brilliant score. Zen mode, which lets you run infinitely while you enjoy the view, recommends headphones for maximum immersion.

## NEWS MATILDA RAPAPORT: PROFESSIONAL SKIER DIES DURING PROMOTIONAL SHOOT FOR UBISOFT'S STEEP

Swedish national and extreme skier, Matilda Rapaport, was caught in an avalanche and died of oxygen deprivation and brain damage while filming a promo for Ubisoft's Steep, an upcoming open world extreme sports game. The Swedish athlete won the Freeride World Tour 2013 Xtreme Verbier event and was sponsored by Red Bull. Ubisoft said they are deeply saddened to learn of Rapaport's death, referring to her as a "remarkable athlete".



Seagate launches a mammoth 10 TB HDD for your gaming library.



Life is Strange - Episode 1, is free to play - indefinitely.



A Dutch company claims No Man's Sky uses stolen "superformula".



NVIDIA claims the budget GTX 1060 is faster than the GTX 980.

## JUST IN

### Trend Micro offers 8GB pendrive free

Trend Micro provides protection against viruses, cybercriminals, identity theft, ransom ware and other online threats. Trend Micro prevents bot attacks, DDos attack and Phishing attacks. Parental control helps to protect the wrong way going young's. Trend Micro Internet Security, Trend micro maximum security, and Trend Micro Mobile Security can maintain the actual speed of the computer by blocking upgraded Virus as it has Virus definition database (DVD) based real time Scanning advantage. Micro Antivirus is also providing an 8GB pen drive with it to ensure the safety security of the Consumer's national and personal life.  
PRICE: TK. 1,990/-



### Mycell launched a new 7 inch Tab p2 +

Mycell has launched a unique and stylish 7 inches 3G Dual SIM Tab p2 + this week in the local market. The configuration of the phone is: Android Lollipop 5.1, 1.3GHz Quad-core Possessor, 1GB RAM, 8GB ROM, 1.3MP camera front & 2 MP rear cameras. P2+ has OTG Facility that's why people can use mouse, pen-drive and Keyboard also.  
PRICE: TK. 5,599/-  
with an OTG cable and attractive flip cover.

## TECH HAPPENING

### Mango Mobile coming to the market

Mango Digital Ltd. is bringing the new 'Mango Mobile'. Mango has created a price strategy to keep the handsets within the reach of the average consumer. Apart from that, to ensure after sales service, there will be 20 customer care centres and 70 collection points throughout Bangladesh and all phones from Mango come with a one year after sales warranty. Mango Mobile has brought in a collection of 11 devices

with more models on the way in the coming days. 5 of the 11 devices are smartphones and 6 are feature phones. The smartphones are very well equipped with the latest features. The models are E50, E60, Galicia, Rio and the flagship E30. The E30 has an Octa-core 1.3 GHz processor, precision CNC cut metal body, 16GB memory, 3GB RAM, 13.0 MP fast focus rear camera, OV 8MP front camera, a powerful 2200

mAh battery and other exciting features. The E50 smartphone comes with a free VR headset. The feature phones are also built for everyday use & boast very affordable price tags. The bar phones mango are K10, Fazli, W220, W250, W222, K20, all of which have features like audio & video players, FM Radio, Bluetooth, torch etc. The Mango feature and smartphones are priced between BDT 850 to BDT 15000 respectively.



### 'Slush Global Impact Accelerator' begins in Dhaka

For the first time ever, Bangladesh will be part of Europe's startup and technology event, 'Slush 2016 Global Impact Accelerator'. From the 22nd of November to the 1st of December, participants will have the platform to present their inventions and ideas to the top tier investors from around the world at this event which will be

held at Helsinki, Finland. From here on, the investor companies will be able to meet with participants whose invention they liked and discuss financing of that project. Out of the 3 participants who will be taking part in the event from Bangladesh, one person will be nominated for the award. Mlab will be responsible

for organising Slush 2016 Global Accelerator Program's Local Pitching Competition in Bangladesh. As a prerequisite to this event, Mlab, Slush and Finland's Ministry of Foreign Affairs will be collaborating to start the "Slush 2016 Global Impact Accelerator" talent hunt competition on the 26th of August.

### Installation ceremony of newly elected BASIS executive council held

The installation ceremony of the newly elected Executive Council (2016-19) of Bangladesh Association of Software and Information Services (BASIS) has been held at the Gulnakhsha Auditorium of International Convention City Bashundhara (ICCB) on Tuesday. Finance Minister, Abul Maal Abdul Muhith was present as the Chief Guest. Md. Shahriar Alam, State Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and Zunaid Ahmed Palak, State Minister, Ministry of Posts, Telecommunication and Information Technology also attended the occasion as special guests. A minute of silence was observed to remember the victims of Gulshan and Sholakia attacks which was followed by video presentations showing BASIS' activities within the last few years. Shameem Ahsan, the departing President of BASIS gave the welcome speech for the event. After that, Shameem Ahsan, departing President of BASIS handed over the BASIS flag and BASIS activities report to the newly elected President, Mustafa Jabbar.



## TECH BITS

7-Eleven delivers by drone in USA



Grab, Uber's rival in Southeast Asia, is developing a mobile payments platform



Pokémon Go finally goes live in Japan with McDonald's the first sponsored location



Nvidia launches new flagship graphics card, the Titan X priced Tk. 100,000/-



Facebook scraps another Snapchat clone: 24-hour "Quick Updates"

