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Apple reportedly working on a new AR/VR operating system – realityOS



Apple is reportedly working on two augmented reality projects due release in 2023, which will reportedly feature the brand new AR/VR operating system realityOS.

According to reports, realityOS will allow a smooth transition between AR and VR modes in Apple's upcoming AR/VR headsets. While not officially announced yet, app developers have datamined specific references to realityOS in early iOS13 devices. Additionally, they

have recently discovered binaries associated with this VR OS in the latest Apple Store upload logs, reports 9to5Mac.

Earlier reports by Apple analyst Ming-Chi Kuo suggested that Apple's first augmented reality headset will be as powerful as an M1 Mac. It was also suggested that the headset will perform via its own operating system, and would be a brand new, unique platform.

These reports seem to connect with the latest rumours of realityOS being the new Apple AR/VR OS.

Samsung Galaxy S22 Ultra and S22+: Our first impressions

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Featuring a system full of powerful hardware, Samsung Galaxy S22 Ultra and S22+ are two devices that attempt to take advantage of the latest smartphone features and come with a new style.

One major highlight is the built-in S Pen in the Samsung Galaxy S22 Ultra, a significant plus for prior Note series enthusiasts. The S Pen now has three times less latency than the S Pen from Note 20 Ultra, at only 2.8ms compared to 9ms before. The S Pen can recognize handwriting consistently well with its AI support. Additionally, the S Pen can take pictures with Bluetooth connectivity up to 10 meters away from the device. The S Pen also comes with new gestures and features for controls such as camera interchange, music or video playing, presentations, etcetera.

The displays on both of these devices are excellent. S22 Ultra features a gigantic 6.8-inch QHD+ Dynamic AMOLED 2x display, while the S22+ features a 6.6-inch FHD+ Dynamic AMOLED 2x display. Both devices are shipped at a 120Hz refresh rate, allowing both devices to offer smooth scrolling and swiping. The refresh rate range is 1Hz to 120Hz on the S22 Ultra, while it is 24Hz to 120Hz for S22+. Besides adaptive display refresh, to ensure ultimate outdoor visibility,



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the display can also light up to 1750 nits.

The S22 Ultra features a quad-camera system that includes a 108 MP (f/1.8) OIS Wide Main Lens, a 10MP (f/4.9) OIS Periscope Telephoto lens with 10x Optical Zoom, a 10 MP (f/2.4) OIS Telephoto Lens with 3x Optical Zoom, and a 12 MP (f/2.2) Ultra-Wide lens with the ability to shoot super steady videos. Selfies came sharp and well. It also has a Nightography feature that allows amazing images in highly low-light circumstances. The noise reduction feature in Nightography is a unique attraction for the young crowd. There

is nightography video support that also takes advantage of the large pixels that capture more light and produces results with less noise and more details.

The S22+, on the other hand, comes with a triple camera arrangement, featuring a 50 MP (f/1.8) Wide Main Camera with OIS, a 10 MP (f/2.4) Telephoto lens with 3x Optical Zoom and OIS, and a 12 MP (f/2.2) 120° Ultra-Wide lens with Super Steady video. A 10MP (f/2.2) front camera also ensures crisp selfies. Furthermore, the S22+ also boasts the Nightography feature.

Pre-order details of both the devices will be soon to follow.

YouTube plans to get into the Metaverse with NFTs and games

YouTube recently elaborated on its blockchain and metaverse plans for 2022, saying it could harness the emerging technologies to cut fraud in the fast-growing digital art market and offer a more social viewing experience for gaming content. The announcement was made on 10 February.

The world's largest streaming service, which is owned by Alphabet Inc's Google, over the past year has sought to hang onto users with better guidance about upcoming features amid increasing competition with ByteDance Inc's TikTok and Meta Platforms Inc's Instagram.

Last month, YouTube said it was

exploring what proponents call Web3 technologies such as non-fungible tokens (NFTs), which are video clips, art or other digital assets tied to the record-keeping technology blockchain.

YouTube went further in a blog post on Thursday, suggesting that it could make NFTs safer bets.

Sales of NFTs soared last year, but critics have said scams, copyright theft and other predatory behaviour are too common.

Offering ways to verify the legitimacy of assets using its video library would be one feature possibility, YouTube said.

"Giving a verifiable way for fans to



own unique videos, photos, art, and even experiences from their favourite creators could be a compelling prospect for creators and their audience," the blog said.

YouTube also has prioritized the metaverse, an element of the Web3

movement that describes shared virtual worlds where people typically interact through avatars.

YouTube said it did not have firm ideas yet but one possibility would be allowing users to watch videos together in a metaverse. Generally, it will focus for now on videos related to "gaming, where we'll work to bring more interactions to games and make them feel more alive," the blog said.

ByteDance last month launched a mobile app for gathering in a metaverse, and Meta is spending billions of dollars on virtual and augmented reality technology.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Incredible opportunity or just another fad?

Four-day workweeks? Sounds like a dream? Or is it too good to be true? Feel free to dive into our cover story to find out how some countries around the world are embracing the 4-day workweek and how Bangladesh can employ the practices as well.

Apart from this, we also talk about how keeping your CV up-to-date is an absolute necessity during this era of digital progression. We also have a list of cameras for you to check out in this edition of Toggle. For car junkies, we have the ultimate car maintenance checklist on today's Shift.

With International Mother Language Day right around the corner, we have prepared a list of Bengali eBook reader apps for our readers to check out.

As always, stay safe and have a great weekend!

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Brushing up your CV

What university freshers need to know

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It has become common among university freshers to look for job opportunities early to garner headstarts to strengthen their profile. With the job market getting more competitive than ever, aspiring job-seeking freshers need to present a CV that makes them stand out from the majority.

Reconstructing your CV from scratch is a lengthy process, so it's better to tweak it and bring a few changes according to what employers like to see on a well-structured CV.

In the first part of this 3-article series, we will get you through a list of do's and don'ts on a CV for university freshers to help them stand out and land their desired jobs.

What employers want to see

Although there is no magic formula to craft a perfect CV, certain things can appeal to recruiters. These tips will not guarantee a call for an interview, but they will surely enhance the possibility of you getting a call for one.

Extracurricular activities

Highlight any noteworthy activity that is not limited to your academics. According to Md. Abdul Quayyum, Head of Communications at a leading multinational development agency, "Going beyond the classroom makes a candidate's CV exceptional". As a fresher, highlighting your extra-curricular activities will give you a head start over your competitors. "Your activities can be a range of things, including competitive debating, organising events, administrative work in your school/college clubs, voluntary work, community work, and more," Mr Quayyum adds.

Proper formatting

A well-formatted CV is an instant attention grabber. Make sure your CV has consistency throughout its format. This includes consistency in fonts, designs, texts, the colour palette, and even templates. For example, try not to use different fonts in different sections. Instead, stick to one font for the entire CV.

Mention your skills, experience, and other relevant information in bullet points. Use PDF formats and name your file properly. That way, your resume will look more organised and catch the attention of your potential employer.

Conciseness

Job recruitments are quite a drawn-out process. Most applications do not even

get a proper screening. The reason behind this is a lack of conciseness. Allocated time for initial CV screening at a highly selective place could range from as little as 30 seconds to 180 seconds.

Recruiters usually allocate a maximum of two minutes to screen a CV. Any CV that takes longer to screen is usually not taken into consideration. Therefore, it is imperative to be precise. Employers do not expect a university fresher to have a three to four-page CV. In short, describe yourself, your relevant skillset, and your experiences concisely but articulately.

Skills and experience

The more you focus on relevant skills, the more likely your CV will catch an employer's attention. Some of the core

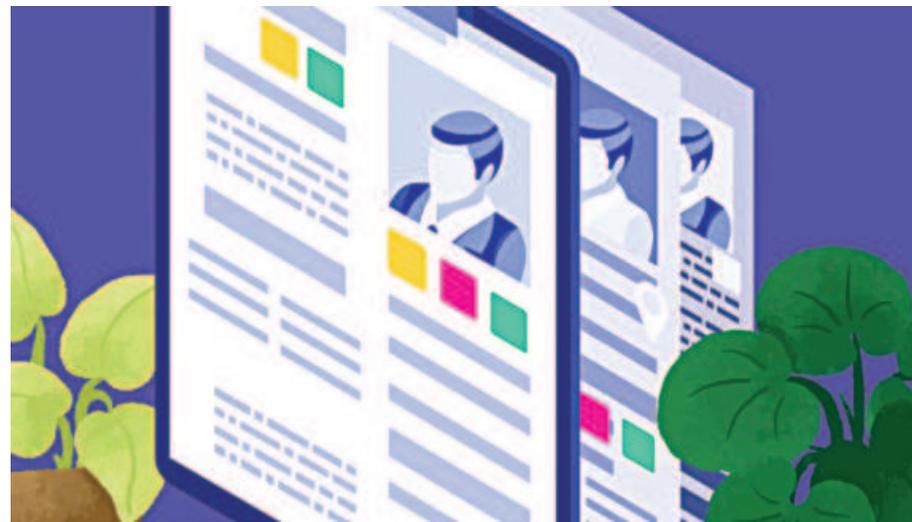


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skills that employers look for in freshers are basic knowledge of Microsoft Office, leadership qualities, management, and communication skills. Working knowledge of Adobe Photoshop Lightroom will help your CV stand out from the rest.

But it is essential to mention your experiences that back up your skills. Employers do not expect freshers to have a handful of expertise at entry-level positions. So don't worry about not having enough experience. Make sure to mention the ones that you do have in a way that they align with your skillset.

Digital presence

Your digital presence matters a lot when it comes to job recruitments. Many

companies do not solely rely on CVs and conduct background research on their potential candidates. The best way to showcase your digital presence is by having an active LinkedIn profile.

Regularly update your profile, and it's sure to catch the eyes of your potential employers. "Digital CVs are equally important nowadays. Having a good LinkedIn profile and a decent footprint on social media is essential along with the traditional CV," says Mr Quayyum.

Transparency

Lack of transparency in a resume often leads to instant rejection. If an applicant cannot paint a distinct picture of themselves, chances are their CVs don't even pass the primary screening process.

niche it sounds," he adds. Freshers sometimes lie on their CV, not considering that employers usually have many years of experience, and they can identify if you are lying on your CV. It is important to note that exaggerations are also considered to be false information.

Most renowned organisations run a background check on the candidate as well. If an applicant is caught lying, their CV is automatically rejected. Some companies also keep their identity recorded in their database for future reference. Companies take integrity seriously, and honesty is always the best route in your CV.

Generic 'About Me' section

This leads to a definitive disadvantage. This makes your CV look like just another one in the crowd. Furthermore, this is often considered ingenuine as it does not reflect who you are. The 'About Me' section should reflect on your aspirations, values, and how you wish to fit in the industry. Employers often get a mental picture of the applicant from this section, so low-effort content is strongly discouraged. "We expect young applicants to showcase their enthusiasm and creativity through their CV," says Mr Shaanto.

Grammatical errors

Any grammatical error at any section of a CV is considered a red flag. It puts the applicant's calibre in question and casts a doubt on their overall competency. So even if you are sending a CV somewhere at the eleventh hour, remember to proofread it thoroughly. As freshers submit many applications, it is essential to proofread the CV to personalise it for each application.

Personal details

If a CV includes irrelevant personal information such as height, weight, marital status, etc, they are automatically rejected in many places. This is because equal opportunity employers wish to make the selection process based on the individual. Furthermore, this is also a waste of space on the CV, and it shows that the applicant is not prioritising their skills, education or experience.

By following the guidelines listed above, freshers can improve the quality of their CVs and eventually pave their way forward into their relevant industries.



The ultimate car maintenance checklist

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Maintaining and caring for cars can require some effort, people don't necessarily have to go to a garage or be a mechanic to keep a car running well. All it takes is knowing what to do, when to do and how to do it to keep the car in optimal performance. Maintaining your car by yourself can help avoid unnecessary expensive trips to the garage. It will also keep you safe while making your beloved vehicle last longer.

Oil and coolant

Every now and then it's a good idea to inspect both engine oil and coolant levels since low levels of either of them can lead to major repairs like replacing a blown head gasket or damaged pistons and cylinder. These usually keep the car from



overheating or permanently damaging the engine.

Air filter

The air filter is an essential component of a car that regulates the air that flows into the engine and keeps out debris that can damage the engine. Air filters enhance fuel efficiency, lower emissions and keep the engine life span longer during proper airflow. These parts can easily be checked at home by taking out the air filter and seeing through it by pointing at the sunlight. If it's thick, dirty and nothing can be seen through, the air filter needs to be replaced.

Transmission fluid

Much like the oil and coolant, transmission fluid lubricates the transmission, making sure the parts are



functioning correctly. Whether you are driving a manual or an automatic transmission, it's essential to check it in order to avoid a pricey transmission damage replacement every two years or so.



Spark plugs

Spark plugs ignite the fuel and air mixture in the engine to power the car. If they are not functioning correctly, the engine will misfire, losing power and efficiency. The incomplete combustion can damage the catalytic converter. When you hear the engine sounding weird or losing power, it's best to have it checked or replaced by a mechanic.

Tires

Tires are one of the most crucial elements in a car and it is the only part touching the road. Your car is also balanced on top of them, which of course makes them important components. Well-maintained tires are the most important part of safety. Try to make it a habit of checking your tires every day, since bad tires can lead to dangerous accidents. Always ensure that



the tires are properly inflated, not cracked or enough threads are there for traction. While at it, you must make sure that there is a spare tire available along with all the necessary tools in the car at all times

Brakes and brake fluid

Everyone knows the importance of brakes since it's the only way a car can be stopped and can lead to fatal accidents

when it fails. It's best to always check the brake fluid level as it runs through the brake lines that go to all four wheels. When the brake pedal is pressed down, it allows force to be applied and ultimately slows down your car. Watch out for leaks, low brake fluid and how thin the brake



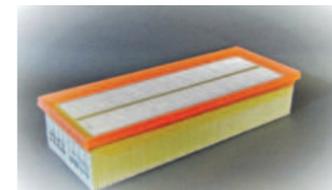
pads get over time. Brake fluid can be easy to check when the brake is applied. If it's loose or doesn't engage immediately, it means it's time to get a replacement

Battery

A car battery provides power for starting your vehicle, thus it is very important to watch out for battery performance. The battery must be checked for a clean and corrosion-free connection. Check the battery fluid level and add distilled water if it's low and clean the terminals with water and baking soda. Also, make sure to tighten it in place to avoid excess rattling

Serpentine belt

This simple piece of rubber belt keeps the car running by powering outlying devices such as the power steering pump, alternator and air conditioner compressor. It must be inspected once in a while for



wear and tear or cracks. If it's damaged, it can stop the water pump from circulating which can cause the engine to overheat, leading to sudden loss of power assistance for the steering system. This will stop the alternator from generating power to operate the car's electronics. So, it's best to inspect it often and replace it when found damaged.

More countries are moving to four-day workweeks, can we ever?

ESRAT SADIA

A four-day or a 32-hour workweek is a compressed arrangement where employees are offered a four-day workweek instead of the more customary five. It ensures that productivity, work benefits or employee payment are not compromised while increasing holidays. The schedule is flexible based on company priority. Generally, some companies go for a time range from Monday to Thursday. Other companies let the employees choose their extra day off on Monday or Wednesday.

Nordic countries are continuously experimenting to improve traditional economic systems. The proof of this is the trials of four-day workweeks conducted between 2015 to 2019. In Iceland, the experiment achieved overwhelming success with similar or improved productivity. The Finnish prime minister Sanna Martin is also considering four-day workweeks. Can Bangladesh do the same?

Why is it gaining traction during the great resignation in the post-Covid era? In the post-Covid era, the four-day workweek is gaining extraordinary traction as people have adapted to work-from-home or remote work. Even though there will be challenges, the four-day workweek will result in more satisfied, more engaged employees with better productivity. At the time of the great resignation, ensuring customer satisfaction with lesser work hours and the same compensation will work wonders, as it has already proved in several countries around the globe.

Countries that are adopting four-day workweeks

While countries like New Zealand, Japan, Ireland and Scotland are making moves to shift their work direction and settle with four-day workweeks, the United Arab Emirates

has

already reduced their working hours for their federal employees.

Ireland went through a four-day workweek campaign advocating for a steady, managed and gradual transition to a shorter workweek for workers of private and public sectors. Similarly, Japan is also opting for flexible work hours, remote working facilities and growing interconnectedness in their workplaces after the pandemic and health crisis. The country also unveiled an economic policy stating that companies can permit employees to work four days a week without any decrease in payment. Now skilled and experienced workers do not need to leave work to maintain or raise their families.

Similarly, the United Arab Emirates announced that all government entities must adapt to the new four and a half-day workweek. It came into effect from the beginning of the year 2022. It intends to improve work-life balance, boost social wellbeing and increase performance to enhance UAE's overall economic competitiveness.

Companies that are opting for a four-day workweek

The Japanese conglomerate Panasonic has offered their employees an option to take a four-day workweek to minimize workplace stress. They took the initiative to free their employees to take other jobs, volunteer or relax.

Moreover, Microsoft Japan experimented on 2300 employees with its 'Work-Life Choice Challenge 2019 Summer' program to figure out the impact of flexible work styles on them. The employees were offered a variety of work styles, including four-day workweeks. According to The Guardian, the outcome was

outstanding. A 40% gain in employee satisfaction and productivity resulted.

Bolt, a payment and checkout startup, conducted a three-month pilot program and recently switched to four-day workweeks. Throughout the process, managers and employees figured out that they were more efficient, productive, and passionate about achieving the work objectives. It is because they are satisfied with their work, getting time to rest, think creatively and engage with loved ones, according to Forbes.

Ryan Breslow, the founder and the CEO of Bolt, tweeted that 94% of the workers wanted to continue with a four-day workweek. Among them, 86% think their productivity and efficiency increased. Furthermore, 84% of them believe four-day workweeks enhanced their work-life balance. He tweeted, "4 days isn't an 'if' for most companies, it's a 'when.' We are never going back."

Pros and cons of four-day workweeks

Four-day workweeks are beneficial to reduce costs, ensure greater employee satisfaction, better productivity, fewer health problems and better employee retention. On the contrary, it is not a one-size-fits-all model, and as the workdays decrease, the working hour will naturally increase to level the work schedule.

The blurred boundaries between the new and traditional systems are more likely to create worker burnout. Besides, this can keep the company understaffed when employees take off days. However, from a long-term perspective, considering the advancement of technology and the popularity of remote work, four-day workweeks are crucial for better productivity and employee retention in the post-Covid era.

Is a four-day workweek feasible locally?

Implementing four-day workweeks in urban institutions or multi-national companies, MNCs is not that challenging locally.

However, for low-wage activities, is the model feasible? If banks operate in this way, it will be nearly impossible to meet

public demands and satisfy their needs for financial services. The same goes for the RMG (ready-made garments) industry. The complete mismatch of supply and demand will create further chaos due to reduced workdays. Hence, the production might shift to other countries.

Md. Danial Rafi, currently working in a private commercial bank, says, "The most pressing argument for agnostics is that it might hamper productivity in low-wage sectors and disrupt the supply chain in service sectors. However, this is addressed by increasing daily hours on the proposed four working days."

On that note, is it possible to meet customer demands by implementing four-day workweeks in banks, especially in local private commercial banks? According to him, the discrepancies between supply and demand due to a four-day workweek can be adjusted by automation.

He adds that the number of banks and branches across the country is higher than required. Hence, a four-work week will act as an equalizer on the supply and demand of banking services. He, being a Relationship Manager (RM) with exposure to different industries, thinks the future benefits of four-day workweeks are lucrative enough for low-wage sectors like RMG as well.

While Md. Danial Rafi is advocating for four-day workweeks, Ahmad Abdullah Tonmoy, Management Trainee Officer (MTO), RMG Division, currently working in another private commercial bank says, "I am not quite the supporter of the four-day workweek model, rather I think casual off-days should be promoted more in our workplaces." According to him, if all of the parts in the supply chain can maintain the four-day workweek model, then it might ensure better workplace productivity for sectors like banking or RMG. He adds, "But in the context of our country, do they really can? I don't think so."

With payment remaining the same, working for lesser days can be motivating for some, especially for higher-income workers. On the contrary, others think working extra hours in fewer days cannot improve their productivity, let alone workplace productivity in lower-middle-income countries like Bangladesh.

Even though it might be challenging to gradually shift to four-day workweeks in Bangladesh, is it necessary to upgrade the traditional economic systems of Bangladesh? Only time will tell.

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DSLR and mirrorless cameras under Tk 1 lac

OUR TOP PICKS

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We are always keen on keeping a memory. Be it of our favourite moments, or something that we want to look back and relive. A camera is now an essential part of our daily life. That itch to get a perfect shot is something that the ordinary phone camera cannot meet. For those who are serious about photography, a Digital Single-Lens Reflex, DSLR, or mirrorless camera, is the way to go. Mirrorless cameras do not have a reflex mirror inside the body. These use a digital viewfinder to show the image as it passes directly into the sensor. Moreover, mirrorless cameras are nothing less than a DSLR.

Here are our top 5 DSLR cameras within Tk. 100,000 to kick start the hobby.

Canon M50 Mark II

The Canon M50 Mark II is a beginner-level mirrorless camera. The M50 Mark II has the output of a DSLR, minus the bulkiness. With a 24.1 megapixel and CMOS sensor, the output of this is fantastic. With an ISO of 100 to 51200, it can deal with low light situations with ease. As for video shooting, it can shoot at 4K at up to 24 FPS. It also does 120FPS video shooting perfect for slow motion and time-lapses.

Price: Tk. 69,500/- to 70,000/- with an 18-45 mm kit lens



Canon EOS 250D

The Canon 250D, with an 18-55 millimetre kit lens, is the best way to start. This has an effective pixel rate of approximately 24.10 megapixels and an aspect ratio of 3:2. The International Organization for Standardization, ISO sensitivity in the 250D is 100 to 25600 and can be increased up to 51200. The shutter speed reaches up from 3 seconds to 1/4000 of a second. One of the striking features of this camera is that it can shoot videos in 4K at 25 frames per second.

Price: Tk. 57,000/- to 59,000/- with 18-55 mm lens and Tk. 82,000/- with 18-135 mm lens.



Nikon D5600

The D5600 is a solidly built camera to start one's photography journey. This is one of those cameras that can be used for any occasion. It is a great 24.2-megapixel entry-level camera, with an ISO of 100 to 25600. It can endure all kinds of lighting situations. On top of that, it is compatible with most of the NIKKOR lenses. The Nikon D5600 has shutter speeds from 3 seconds up to 1/400 of a second.

Price: Tk. 61,000/- to 63,000/- with an 18-55 mm kit lens



Fujifilm X-T3

X-T3 has 26.1 megapixels with a CMOS 4 sensor. With a high megapixel and CMOS 4, the image quality of the X-T3 is outstanding. Having an ISO of 120 to 12800, it does pretty well in low light. This is a camera that shows off aesthetics while capturing aesthetic images. The shutter speed starts from 4 seconds to 1/8000 of a second. The X-T3 is a cinematography beast with a video shooting capacity of 4K at 60 FPS. Fujifilm outdid themselves with this camera. It comes in two colour variants, one is all Black and the other is Silver-Black.

Price: Tk. 88,000/- with an 18-55 mm kit lens

Nikon D7500

The D7500 is on the intermediate side of the spectrum. It has 20.9 megapixels, but with a Complementary Metal Oxide Semiconductor, CMOS sensor. CMOS sensors give great quality images that are much closer to what we see with our eyes. The D7500 also uses the DX line-up flagship Expeed processor. It can process 5 images with ease and shoot at 8 FPS in a single continuous shot. The ISO ranges from 100 to 52000 and can be expanded up to 164000. This is also great when it comes to shooting a video. This can shoot 4K from 24 FPS up to 30 FPS and with high ISO, low light shooting won't be a problem.

Price: Tk. 85,000/- to 92,000/- with an 18-55 mm kit lens



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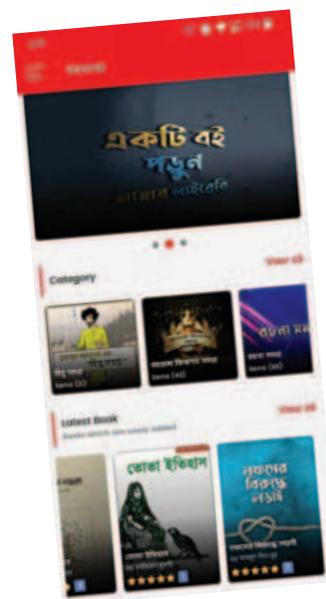
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YELLOWJACKETS: Survival horror done right

TASNUVA KINNORI

A rare 100% rating on Rotten Tomatoes, a 9/10 from IGN and an 8.1/10 on IMDb - Yellowjackets can arguably be called one of the best shows to come out of 2021. While the engaging plot, acting and writing are good reasons to dive into the show, the gory survival horror might be too much to stomach for some.

To summarise, Showtime's Yellowjackets is the story of a high school girl's soccer team, who on their way to a national tournament, get into a plane crash that leaves them stranded in the wilderness. The show chronicles two different timelines - when the crash

happened in 1996 and the lives of the survivors 25 years later in 2021.

While the parallel timelines trope can be tricky to pull off, Yellowjackets transitions between 19 harrowing months in the wild and the seemingly normal lives of the protagonists in 2021, in a way that makes sense.

Every time the story jumps between timelines, it only brings more clarity to the cause-and-effect relationship between the characters' past and present. While audiences complained about the confusing time-hopping in other popular shows like The Witcher, Yellowjackets just proves that non-linear storytelling can be an effective way to use characters' pasts to explain the future and vice versa.

25 years later, with the horrors of the wilderness behind them, the survivors try to move on only to find that the past never stays buried. As the story progresses, besides delivering plenty of shock and drama, the series does a good job of showing the impact of trauma on the psyche of teenagers and how that shapes them into adults still running from their pasts two decades later.

The stranded in the wilderness and pushed to cannibalism premise isn't new (with the same concepts portrayed in books like Lord of the Flies to shows and movies like Lost and Alive). But Yellowjackets still stands out as a savage tale of survival, a present-day mystery-thriller and an intensely psychological coming-of-age story - all wrapped into one.

While the show boasts phenomenal performances by Hollywood veterans

like Juliette Lewis and Christina Ricci, their teenage counterparts aren't to be taken lightly either. The younger actresses perfectly mirroring the manners and quirks of their older co-stars only makes the character development that much stronger.

The stellar casting and the writing give Yellowjackets its biggest advantage - getting audiences more and more invested in the characters, only to make it that much more unsettling when the horrors start to unfold. As the story progresses, the pack of starry-eyed high school girls are forced to the edges of their sanity for survival, all the while the storytelling deftly balances between shockingly absurd yet all too realistic. Once the audience learns to stomach the shock factor, they begin to look forward to the peculiar mix of blood, gore and hormones that Yellowjackets serves with a wry sense of humour.

Another strong suit for Yellowjackets is the cinematography. Masterfully balancing out the natural beauty yet haunting bleakness of the wilderness, the cinematography can only be called beautifully disgusting - so much so that even the goriest moments can make for a breathtaking scene.

Regardless of all that Yellowjackets does right, the show leans more into the lines of supernatural mystery as it heads for the season finale, which may be a dip in momentum for some. However, with the pathway all set for Season 2, the first season of Yellowjackets does what all great shows should: leave you wanting more.



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