

What's New Online

Play Amazon's new online game

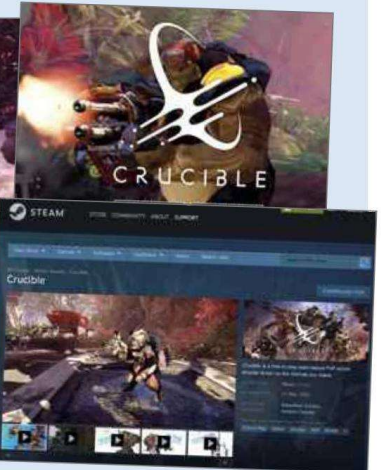
Amazon has launched its first original big-budget online game, which is designed to be as fun to watch as it is to play. The sci-fi-themed, team-based action shooter, called Crucible, has been in development for four years, with Amazon Game Studios hoping it will become as popular as Fortnite, Overwatch and League of Legends – particularly with fans of Amazon's game-streaming service Twitch (www.twitch.tv).

You can download Crucible for free from Steam (bit.ly/crucible503), provided you have an account and, ideally, Windows 10. There are some payable options that give you different character skins, in-game credits and Battle Passes, which may



help you pit your wits in multiplayer online battle arenas. Fortunately, they're not essential.

As well as playing as one of 10 colourful hunters, you have three main modes to pick from: a last-man-standing Battle Royale blast-em-up; Heart of the Hives, which involves two sets of four players capturing a trio of items; and Harvester Command, where



two teams of eight compete to drain each other's resources.

Interestingly, the developer, Relentless, consulted Twitch streamers about the design and feel of the game, and many users are already getting stuck in if you fancy taking a look.

www.playcrucible.com

Rediscover old PC game boxes

bigboxcollection.com

Downloading games digitally from the internet is convenient, but many of us feel nostalgic about the packaging that came with physical formats. Benjamin Winner has collected 653 big box games over the years and scanned them in 3D to display on his Big Box Collection website, so you can view the front, back and sides while zooming in for greater detail.

Classic titles including Broken Sword, Doom, Elite, Flight of the Amazon Queen, Ghouls 'n' Ghosts, Puzzle Bobble and loads more are displayed atop screenshots. In each case, you can export the boxes as a GIF and even download them to print as miniature papercraft models. There are boxes for

Wii and Switch games, too.

Benjamin also has a wishlist of titles he doesn't own but would like to scan (so if you have a copy, let him know).



Bulk-delete Instagram comments

www.instagram.com

In its efforts to tackle bullying, Instagram has introduced a new anti-trolling feature that lets users quickly remove multiple comments from their posts. This ensures that anyone faced with a flurry of negative interactions can easily delete them, starting with a tap of View All Comments below a post.

The Android version lets you select up to 25 comments before tapping the trashcan icon to delete them. In the iOS app, select the three-dot menu in the top-right corner, then tap Manage Comments before selecting and deleting the offending interactions.

In either version of the app, options exist to block or restrict accounts – and Instagram isn't stopping there. It's also rolling out controls that let you manage who can tag or mention you (including no one or only people you follow), and will eventually allow positive comments to be pinned to the top of a thread.

