# The Nintendo Switch turns one

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On March 3rd, 2017, Nintendo released a strange new device called the Switch. Part home console, part portable gaming device, the Switch created a new category for games hardware, and it has gone on to become the company's fastest-selling device. In less than 12 months, it's already more popular than its predecessor, the Wii U

Since its debut, the Switch has become home to some of the company's best games, from *The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild* to *Super Mario Odyssey to Splatoon 2.* Meanwhile, major third-party developers like Bethesda and Rockstar have jumped on board, and the Switch has also become an increasingly important destination for indie games. And the future looks bright, with new *Pokémon* and *Metroid* games also on the way.

One year after its launch, we take a look back at how Nintendo's big bet on the Switch has influenced the company and gaming as a whole, and why the device has become such a hit.

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