

The *Star Wars* Multiverse

Fans of DC Comics and Marvel Comics may be familiar with the concept of a "multiverse". In those comic book companies' shared fictional universe, the multiverse is comprised of all various parallel universes and alternate realities and timelines associated with that fictional world. This concept has existed in fiction for many years, and even real world scientists theorize about the concept. In the comic book universes, characters can often travel between universes, which are named after the different Earths that inhabit them, such "Earth-1", "Earth-2", and so on. In many cases, these other realities are based on spin-offs and adaptations. For example, the mainstream Marvel Comics universe is Earth-616, while the recent X-Men film trilogy takes place on Earth-10005.

It could be said that a *Star Wars* multiverse exists, as well, though it is definitely not an official part of *Star Wars* fiction. A large number of universes can be derived from a number of stories. Video games in particular often have a number of conclusions based on the choices made by a player. Three alternate timelines are explored in a series of comic books under the *Star Wars: Infinities* title, a term which was also adopted to designate some stories as not being a part of the mainstream, "canon" *Star Wars* continuity. This article lists the most obvious alternate realities of *Star Wars* fiction, totaling 29.

Generally, the concept of multiple universes is not officially supported by the franchise. The rare occasions when time travel or other dimensions are featured are usually in obscure sources. Only visions of the past and of possible futures are given prominent places in the film trilogies.

CANON VS. LEGENDS

In 2014, preparing for the arrival of *Star Wars Episode VII*, Lucasfilm announced that the new films and television series would not adhere to the events and stories of the "Expanded Universe" spin-off material released from 1977 to the middle of 2014. Also, the spin-offs going forward would be overseen by a story group that would strictly make all stories fit in one continuity. The older Expanded Universe material will now be labeled "Legends" for the

purposes or reprints and re-releases.

THE RULES

What *is* a separate universe?: For this article, only a fully-realized, separate continuity is considered its own universe. In the video game *Jedi Knight: Dark Forces II*, players can make choices that lead Kyle Katarn down the path of the Dark Side of the Force. Players witness and take part in this alternate timeline that ends with Katarn becoming the new Galactic Emperor. This wildly differs from the official history in which Katarn becomes a member of Luke Skywalker's new Jedi order, and would lead to a very different history of the galaxy. An entire expansion to *The Force Unleashed* video game (*The Force Unleashed: Ultimate Sith Edition*) is a sequel to that game's "Dark Side ending."

What *isn't* a separate universe?: Continuity errors and conflicts within a story do not make for an alternate universe. While sources like the Marvel Comics *Star Wars* series or the *Ewoks* and *Droids* cartoons occasionally conflict with the later Expanded Universe stories, many of those errors have been corrected or explained away in subsequent sources. Fans have noted a number of inconsistencies between *The Clone Wars* animated series and the stories of the Expanded Universe. This listing assumes that many of those problems will be solved by later EU authors, allowing the series to fit within the established continuity. Some have suggested that the Expanded Universe could be considered a separate continuity from a smaller continuity based only on the films and television series that George Lucas is involved with. This listing assumes that they are one and same.

Straight parodies of the universe which are obviously not meant to be more than single stories are not included here, such as the many short comic stories featured the *Star Wars Tales* comic book series. One exception to this is the Tag & Bink series of stories which, while intended to be a series comedic tales existing outside of the main continuity, has its own internal history in

which the lead characters interact with the film trilogies from "behind the scenes." A second exception is the

LEGO Star Wars

series of video games. These games offer a fun, lighter version of the events of the films and often parody the storyline, but the sheer volume of the material has essentially created its own alternate universe.

The prominent parodies of the franchise created by the *Family Guy* and *Robot Chicken* television series are vast and detailed, but these works are considered fan-made parodies for the purposes of this list.

Canon Universe:

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| 1 | 1. | <u>Episode I: The Phantom Menace</u> |
| | | <u>Episode II: Attack of the Clones</u> |
| 1 | 1. | <u>Episode III: Revenge of the Sith</u> |
| 1 | 1. | <u>Rogue One: A Star Wars Story</u> |
| 1 | 1. | <u>Episode IV: A New Hope</u> |
| 1 | 1. | <u>Episode V: The Empire Strikes Back</u> |
| 1 | 1. | <u>Episode VI: Return of the Jedi</u> |
| 1 | 1. | <u>Episode VIII: The Force Awakens</u> |
| 1 | 1. | <u>Star Wars: The Clone Wars</u> |
| 1 | 1. | <u>Star Wars Rebels</u> |
| 1 | 1. | <u>New Expanded Universe (2014-)</u> |

(+)	<i>Indiana Jones</i>	film series,	<i>Young Indiana Jones</i>	and sp
(+)	<i>E.T.: The Extra Terrestrial</i>	and	<i>E.T.: The Book of the Green</i>	Pl

The inclusion of Indy is a little off the wall, but the E.T. movie since a pin in the Subplot of the main character, appears

2. Episode I: The Phantom Menace
Episode II: Attack of the Clones
Episode III: Revenge of the Sith
Episode IV: A New Hope
Episode V: The Empire Strikes Back
Episode VI: Return of the Jedi
1. Star Wars: The Clone Wars
Original Expanded Universe (1977-2014)

See the article's introduction for more info on the Canon and Legends universes.

3. Star Wars Infinities: A New Hope
4. Star Wars Infinities: The Empire Strikes Back
5. Star Wars Infinities: Return of the Jedi

Video Games:

6. Rebel Assault - Rookie One (Male) destroys the

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| 7. | <u>Rebel Assault</u> | - Rookie One (Female) destroys |
| 8. | <u>Jedi Knight: Dark Forces-II</u> | Dark Side ending |
| 9. | <u>Rebellion</u> | - The Rebel Alliance is defeated |
| 10. | <u>Jedi Knight: Jedi Academy</u> | Dark Side ending |
| 11. | <u>Knights of the Old Republic-III</u> | Male Revan, Dark Side ending |
| 12. | <u>Knights of the Old Republic-IV</u> | Female Revan, Light Side ending |
| 13. | . | <u>Knights of the Old Republic-V</u> Female Revan, Dark Side ending |
| 14. | <u>Knights of the Old Republic-VI</u> | Female Exile, Dark Side ending |
| 15. | <u>Knights of the Old Republic-VII</u> | Male Exile, Light Side ending |
| 16. | <u>Knights of the Old Republic-VIII</u> | Male Exile, Dark Side ending |
| 17. | <u>Episode III: Revenge of the Sith</u> | Dark Side ending; Anakin becomes Darth Vader |
| 18. | <u>The Force Unleashed</u> | - Dark Side ending |
| | <u>The Force Unleashed: Ultimate Sith Edition</u> | |
| 19. | <u>The Force Unleashed II</u> | - Dark Side ending |
| | (+ "The Battle of Endor" downloadable expansion) | |

Lucasfilm has, in most cases, chosen to make one version of each of these games canon. All of these

Choose Your Own Star Wars Adventure:

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| 20. | <u>Choose Your Own Star Wars Adventure: A New Hope</u> |
| 15. | <u>Choose Your Own Star Wars Adventure: The Empire Strikes Back</u> |
| 15. | <u>Choose Your Own Star Wars Adventure: Return of the Jedi</u> |

By definition, a "choose your own adventure" style book includes multiple outcomes, but this series is in

Visions of the Blade:

21. [Star Wars: Visions of the Blade](#)
[Soulcaliber video game series](#)

A short comic -- deliberately not canon -- created as a playable fighting game for Star Wars characters and

Tag & Bink:

22. [Tag & Bink](#) : [Revenge of the Clone Menace](#)
16. [Tag & Bink Are Dead](#)
16. [The Return of Tag & Bink: Special Edition](#)
("A Death Star is Born," "Force Fiction" & "Fett Club")

I think it may be more fun to consider these characters as the Revenge of Tag & Bink, rather than Tag & Bink's

LEGO Star Wars:

23. [LEGO Star Wars: The Video Game](#)
[LEGO Star Wars II: The Original Trilogy](#)
[LEGO Star Wars: The Complete Saga](#)
[LEGO Star Wars: The Quest for R2-D2](#)
[LEGO Star Wars III: The Clone Wars](#)

This a fun series of video games and animated television special games mostly for Star Wars -- that bases

Darth Vader and Son:

24. [Darth Vader and Son](#)

17. Vader's Little Princess
17. Jedi Academy

This is a light-hearted series of books that reimagines the Death Star as a playfully father-son bonding experience between Vader and his young son, Luke.

Angry Birds Star Wars:

25. Angry Birds Star Wars
Angry Birds Star Wars II
Angry Birds Star Wars childrens' books

This *Star Wars* -themed version of the popular video game series is available on various platforms.

Tiny Death Star:

26. Tiny Death Star video game

This video game available on mobile devices lets players control the tiny business and service fleet of the Death Star.

Transformers Crossovers:

27. Star Wars Transformers toy line
Star Wars Transformers Crossovers

These series of toys are based on the famed Hasbro line of Transformers vehicles and transform into *Star Wars* characters and vehicles.
http://tfwiki.net/wiki/Lukas_577.25_Beta

28. Attacktix toy line

This toy line is actually a *Star Wars* line of stylized action figures armed with spring-loaded weapons and accessories.
http://tfwiki.net/wiki/locus_606.0_Beta

The Star Wars:

29. The Star Wars comic book mini-series

This comic book series is based on one of George Lucas' earliest drafts of the script for the first Star Wars film. The characters also of the script play for the first

There's a thread discussing this list at **TheForce.net**'s message boards, [here](#) .