



BATTLEFIELD™

HARDLINE

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INTRODUCTION

Live out your cop and criminal fantasy in *Battlefield™ Hardline*.

This action-packed blockbuster combines the intense signature multiplayer moments of *Battlefield™* with an emotionally charged story and setting reminiscent of a modern television crime drama.

CONTROLS

ON FOOT

Move	W/S/A/D
Look	mouse
Jump/Vault/Open parachute	SPACEBAR
Reload	R
Interact	E
Pick up	R (hold)
Switch weapon	mouse wheel up/down
Crouch (toggle)	X
Crouch (hold)	left CTRL
Prone	Z
Sprint	SHIFT
Takedown	F
Freeze (Campaign only)	G
Grenade (Multiplayer only)	G
Spot (Multiplayer only)	Q
Engage Scanner	Q
Analyze Subject (with Scanner)	SPACEBAR (hold)
Zoom Scanner In	mouse wheel up

ON FOOT (CONT.)

Zoom Scanner Out	mouse wheel down
Commorese (Multiplayer only)	Q (hold)
Aim	right-click (hold)
Peek Over/Lean (behind cover)	right-click (hold)
Fire	left-click
Accessory	T
Gadget 1	3
Gadget 2	4
Fire Mode	V
Case File/Evidence Details (immediately after scanning Evidence; Campaign only)	TAB
Throw Distraction (Campaign only)	C
Spray Tag (Multiplayer only)	C
Battlelog (while in menus)	BACKSPACE
Game Menu	ESC
Scoreboard (Multiplayer only)	TAB (hold)

IN VEHICLE

Steer	A/D
Look (Campaign only)	mouse
Switch Seat	F1/F2/F3/F4/F5/F6
Reload	R
Exit	E
Switch weapon	F
Radio Next Song	G
Radio On/Off	G (hold)
Switch camera	C
Passenger lean Enter/Exit	Z
Fire (Turret only)	left-click
Spot (Multiplayer only)	Q (tap)
Commorese (Multiplayer only)	Q (hold)
Brake/Reverse	S
Accelerate	W
Optics/Freelook	right-click
Primary weapon	1
Secondary weapon	2
Countermeasure	X
Battlelog (while in menus)	BACKSPACE
Game Menu	ESC
Scoreboard	TAB (hold)

IN HELICOPTER

Yaw	A/D
Throttle Up/Down	W/S
Pitch	up/down arrow
Roll	mouse
Switch Seat	F1/F2/F3/F4/F5/F6
Exit	E
Switch camera	C
Countermeasure	X
Spot (Multiplayer only)	Q (tap)
Commorse (Multiplayer only)	Q (hold)
Fire	left-click
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FIRST DAY ON THE FORCE

Miami is embroiled in a drug war and Officer Nick Mendoza has just made detective. A loner and a crusader, Nick is determined to make his way to the top of the pile -- and leave behind the man he feared he might become. Alongside his partner, veteran detective Khai Minh Dao, Nick follows the drug supply chain from the streets to the source. In a series of increasingly off-the-books cases, the two detectives come to realize that power and corruption can affect both sides of the law.

MAIN MENU

Multiplayer	Use your training and street smarts to take on the world in several competitive game types. Play multiplayer matches online with other players.
Episodes	Start a new single-player game or resume an Episode already in progress.
Premium	Get access to an enhanced <i>Battlefield Hardline</i> experience, including early access to new content and exclusive content.
Options	Customize your controls, video, audio, and more.
Store	Browse and buy new content.
Credits	View game credits.

BATTLELOG

NOTE: Battlelog features require the user to log into an Origin™ account.

Press **BACKSPACE** to access the Battlelog in-game.

Battlelog	See an overview of your current rank and Game Activity, and view the current community mission.
Friends	View a list of your friends playing <i>Battlefield Hardline</i> .
Agent	View your rank in Top Leaderboards, Game Activity, and detailed statistics.
Reports	Review multiplayer match Battle Reports that document the complete round scoreboard and the top awards given to the best players.
Leaderboards	Examine the rankings for the Top and Global Leaderboards both globally and with your friends.

SINGLE PLAYER CAMPAIGN

GAME SCREEN



RETICLE

The reticle in the center of the screen indicates where you are aiming. Its appearance changes depending on the type of weapon you have equipped.

EQUIPMENT

This indicates the currently equipped gadgets and selected fire mode for your current weapon.

MINI-MAP

The mini-map shows your current location along with any enemies you have spotted. A vision cone extends out from enemy icons, indicating their field of vision. The mini-map border blinks yellow or red to represent the alert level of the enemy. To track an enemy on the mini-map, aim at the enemy with the Scanner and press the **Q** key. An arrow will appear over their head in-game to track them. Enemies that are on a different level will have their icon appear translucent, and will not have a vision cone.

PLAYER STATUS

This display shows your current magazine, total ammo, firing mode, grenade count (Multiplayer only), and health.

PLAYING THE GAME

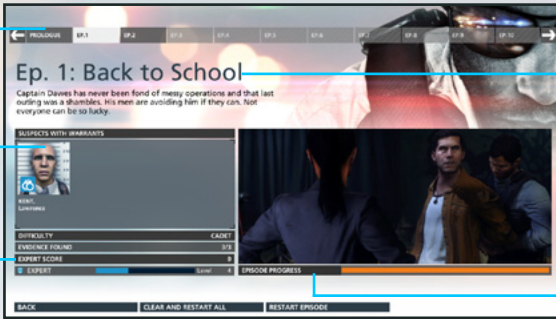
EPISODE SCREEN

The briefing before each Episode lets you examine the situation, objectives, and Open Warrants you can collect upon.

Episode
Select Bar

Suspects
with
Warrants
Available

Expert Score
and Rank



Episode
Number and
Description

Episode
Progress

SCANNER



Press **Q** to activate your Scanner. Enemies you target with the Scanner reticle become tagged and glow red, visible through walls and other obstructions in the level.

The upper left of the display shows your distance to the evidence and your progress towards collecting all the evidence in the area.

Evidence in the environment can be analyzed. Hold **SPACEBAR** to analyze the subject for evidence and collect Expert point rewards.

Objects highlighted in green indicate something of interest. A blue highlight indicates the main objective, and red highlight indicates a threat.

CASE FILES

Case Files are investigations that take place within the main Story. Completing Case Files not only expands and informs the main Story, but also offers rewards in the form of unique weapons and multiplayer Battle Packs.

EVIDENCE

A Case File begins once you find the first piece of Evidence associated with the case. Evidence can be found by exploring your environment or arresting criminals that have Warrants issued against them.

Your Scanner will alert you when a piece of Evidence is nearby. Evidence will be highlighted in green when viewed through the Scanner. To collect the Evidence, zoom in on the tagged Evidence and hold the analyze key until the analysis is complete. Successfully scanning a piece of Evidence rewards you with Expert Rank points and additional insights into the case at hand.

NOTE: Criminals with Evidence in their possession are marked with a magnifying glass icon when tagged and viewed through the Scanner.

WARRANTS

Arresting criminals that have Open Warrants against them results in major rank advancement. Details for each Warrant are available in the pre-mission briefing or from the Game Menu. To receive the full payout for a Warrant, you must identify the target using the Scanner and then take him down alive. Criminals who have been killed do not award Rank advancement.

ARRESTING A SUSPECT

To take a suspect alive, sneak up behind the enemy and press **F**.

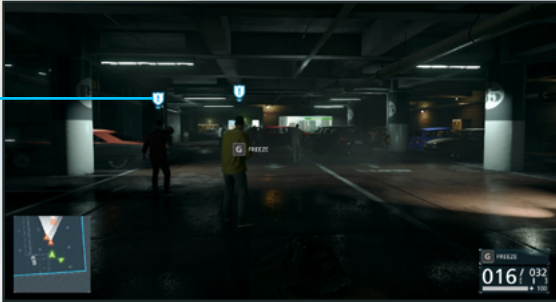
FREEZE

Flash your badge by pressing **G** to order up to three enemies to drop their weapons, put their hands up, and stay still until you can arrest them.

After they have dropped their weapons you still need to point your gun at them to make sure they comply. Otherwise they can seize control of the situation and attack you.

If you have a partner with you, they can cover you when you are arresting more than one criminal. If the enemies decide to attack, your partner can put one of them down.

Indicator



NOTE: Enemies that can be caught off guard by a Freeze are marked with a blue icon.

ENEMY PERCEPTION, DISTRACTION, AND STEALTH

Press C to throw a shell casing and distract enemies.

The Awareness Meter shows how close an enemy is to spotting you. The brighter the Awareness Meter, the closer the enemy is to discovering your location. Once the Awareness Meter fills up red, the enemy will attack. Stay out of sight, stay low, and move slowly to avoid detection.



RANK PROGRESSION AND TACTICAL GEAR

TACTICAL GEAR

Your arsenal is always within arm's reach. Access storage spaces, including your vehicle's trunk or orange boxes, to enter the Tactical Gear menu where you can swap out your current weaponry, gadgets, and other equipment.

Weapons, attachments, and gadgets unlock as you level up your Rank. Additional weapons can also be scavenged from fallen enemies.

RANK PROGRESSION

Completing various tasks and objectives in the game awards you with Rank points, increasing your overall Expert Progression. Each level of Expert Progression unlocks access to additional weapons and gadgets in the Tactical Gear menu. Open the Expert Progression menu via the Pause menu to check on your progress towards each rank.

Weapons,
Attachments,
and
Description

Unlock
Criteria



MULTIPLAYER

GAME SCREEN



Match status / Mini-map / Squad members / Objective

RETICLE

The reticle in the center of the screen indicates where you are aiming. Its appearance changes depending on the type of weapon you have equipped.

This reticle indicates the general accuracy of your weapon when firing from the hip – notice the shape and size changes based on certain conditions in-game.

MATCH STATUS

This shows the current objective, time remaining, and score for the current match. Sometimes, additional game-mode specific information will be displayed here as well.

MINI-MAP

The mini-map shows the position of objectives, teammates, enemies, Battlepickups, and vehicles in a multiplayer match. Enemies will only appear on the mini-map if they are making noise, such as firing a weapon, or if they have been spotted by one of your allies or cameras. Other icons related to gadgets or gameplay can show up here as well – for example, revive icons show up if you have the Revive gadget equipped.

SQUAD MEMBERS

Shows the current class and status of the members assigned to your squad. Also shows the current squad leader with a star icon at the top of the list.

PLAYER STATUS

This display shows your current ammo, grenades, firing mode, and health. Sometimes shows gameplay objective information, like how much money you are carrying in Blood Money.

KILL NOTIFICATIONS

A notification appears when any player is killed during a multiplayer match, showing the attacker, the victim, and the weapon type.

CONNECTING TO SERVER

You can connect to Multiplayer via QUICK MATCH where you are randomly matched with other players.

There are three different server types for *Battlefield Hardline*:

OFFICIAL

Official servers have strict default settings that are tailored for new players.

RANKED

Ranked servers can use settings that are slightly different than default servers.

UNRANKED

Unranked servers use settings that are considered to drastically change how the game is played. Therefore no Rank progression is awarded on unranked servers.

SQUAD SETUP SCREEN

Whenever you connect to a Multiplayer session you are automatically placed in a squad. You can also manually join a squad or create a new squad. A squad can at most consist of five players. The members of a squad can deploy on each other, so-called squad-deploy.

PRIVATE SQUAD

A squad can be made private if you lock it. Only friends of the members of a private squad can join it.

SQUAD LEADER

All squads have a Squad Leader. The Squad Leader is identified by a star next to the player name. The Squad Leader is the only one who can give orders to the squad. The Squad Leader is also the only one who can request orders or a variety of assets from the Hacker.

MAP SCREEN



Here you can see an overview of the map for the current match. Select a squad member using the mouse and left-click to start playing.

Alternatively, select your base or a vehicle using the mouse and left-click to start at that location or vehicle.

You can choose your class and loadout quickly via the menu bar at the top of the screen.

CUSTOMIZE SCREEN



CLASS

Each class has a specific job on the urban *Battlefield*. Read the descriptions and choose the one that best fits your play style.

WEAPONS

As you gain proficiency with your weapons, new attachments will become available to purchase. Make sure to customize your gun to suit your style of play – read the description for the attachments to find out what they do.

GADGETS

You know the drill – this is where you can select and purchase new gadgets. The description should help you understand what they do.

VEHICLES

Customizing your vehicles is a key component to winning more matches. Buy upgrades once you've unlocked them through using your vehicle and create the tool you need for the job.

TEAM SETUP

Choose a squad to join, or switch teams. You can't switch teams while alive in-game – choose REDEPLOY from the menu and the option will appear.

HACKER

Above the war on the streets, a Hacker can take control of local infrastructure to tip the balance for either police or criminal factions. Level up your subroutines as you influence the fight and change the outcome of Blood Money, Conquest, Heist, Hotwire, and Team Deathmatch games.

GADGETS AND TACTICS

VEHICLE ARMORY

The Vehicle Armory is a new feature in *Battlefield Hardline* that allows you to customize your vehicle with a special weapon pickup in the trunk. Anyone on your team can access this weapon – generally these are powerful items that can turn the tide of an encounter!

GRAPPLING HOOK

The grappling hook allows you to ascend to new heights in *Battlefield Hardline*. The reticle in the viewfinder tells you when the grapple will attach successfully – it will attach to any flat ledge. To attach to a ledge, right-click and hold, aim the targeting reticle at the ledge, and then left-click to fire.

ZIPLINE

The zipline creates a line of travel that allows you and your teammates to quickly cover long distances. Right-click and hold to aim the zipline and left-click to fire at any area lower than your current position. Once secured, stand under the zipline and hold **E** to begin your descent. If the line can't deploy for any reason, look at the message displayed in the reticle – for example, if there is no room for the zipline stand to be deployed, a small red word "REPOSITION" appears underneath the reticle. Back up to give it more room, and the warning should disappear, allowing you to fire the line.

SPOTTING

Press **Q** when an enemy is in your sights to spot them, marking their location on the mini-map for your teammates.

COMMOROSE

The Commorose system gives you the ability to quickly send basic commands and requests to your teammates. Hold **Q** to bring up the Commorose menu, move the mouse to select a message, and then release **Q** to send it.

Agents also have the ability to send contextual messages in-game as well, by pointing at a teammate and pressing **Q**. Let your teammates know you need ammo, health, or a ride with this feature.

Squad leaders have additional functionality: Target an objective to tell your squad what to do. Everyone gets extra in-game cash to spend by completing these squad orders, so use these constantly. If you have a bad squad leader, requesting an order and not being issued one makes YOU the new squad leader!

GAME MODES

BLOOD MONEY

Police and criminal factions compete to increase their cash reserves. Players must try to grab as much cash as they can carry from a central pile, and return the cash to their base to score points. Each team can steal cash from their opponent's base, so keep a sharp eye on your ill-gotten gains. Ambush enemies carrying cash for a quicker way to get loot – just watch out for others trying to do the same!

HEIST

In Heist mode, criminals must execute a robbery and the cops must stop them. The specific objectives for the criminal team are different for each map, but typically involve breaking into one or more vaults. Scout the maps for secret break-in locations! Most vaults have more than one way to break in, but they might not be obvious.

HOTWIRE

Hotwire mode tasks each team with stealing and controlling several high-value vehicles scattered across the map. Get in a vehicle and drive it at maximum speed to earn points for your team. Control the majority of the vehicles for most of the match time to ensure your team comes out on top.

CONQUEST

A classic *Battlefield* mode. Conquest tasks each team with capturing and controlling several key points on each map. Stand within the capture point radius to capture it for your team. Control the majority of the points for most of the match time to make sure your team wins.

RESCUE

Rescue is an intense highly competitive five-on-five gameplay mode where each player only has one life to live. The cops are tasked with rescuing one of two hostages from the criminal team and extracting a hostage to a safe area – this breaks the criminal's negotiation leverage, and wins the match for the cops.

CROSSHAIR

This is a five-on-five gameplay mode where each player only has one life to live. In Crosshair, one player is designated as the VIP and is on the cop team. The criminals try to eliminate the VIP, who is an important source of information for the cops, while the cops try to escort the VIP to one of two extraction points. Communication – and teamwork! – are key in this mode.

SPECTATOR MODE

Watch the intense battle between police and criminal factions. Try individual player spectating in both first and third person to make yourself part of the fight or use complete camera control for an easy way to see the mayhem from any angle. It's a visceral experience showing the scale of the all-out war on crime.

BATTLELOG

BATTLELOG.COM

Battlelog.com extends your *Battlefield Hardline* experience by enhancing your gameplay, tracking your progression throughout your *Battlefield Hardline* career, and allowing you to compete with millions of *Battlefield* players all around the world. Battlelog is available in-game, on the web, and through tablet and smartphone apps.

Battlelog can track all rounds you have played, your unlocks, stats, awards, assignments, and much more. You can use the Leaderboards to compete against your friends, or people in your city or country. Stay in touch with the *Battlefield* community through news and forums. You can also design your emblem with the emblem editor and customize your Loadout.

IN-GAME

You can always bring up Battlelog in-game by pressing **BACKSPACE**. Check your stats, your friends' stats, see how you are doing in the Geo Leaderboards, and much more.

Please visit battlelog.com for a full overview of *Battlefield Hardline*.

INSTALLATION AND TROUBLESHOOTING

Getting into a new EA game is as streamlined as possible so you can get right into the action, but if you're stuck anywhere along the way, the below can help.

NOTE: You can find all of this information along with links to detailed EA Help articles and instructions at <http://help.ea.com/article/how-to-get-in-your-new-game>.

Before installing your game—specifically on PC—make sure your computer meets the game's minimum system requirements. If available, you can find a game's system requirements information in the Origin Store or at Origin.com alongside the game's product description. You can also use System Requirements Lab's Can You RUN It tools to scan your computer against the game's specs, if minimum specifications are available.

Once you have your game, you need to have an active Origin Account to play. If you've played an EA game before or bought your game through the Origin Store, you probably already have an Origin Account. Use the same account across all your EA games to keep everything in the same place and avoid any issues. If you're new to EA games and bought your game in a brick-and-mortar store, you can learn how to create an Origin Account on EA Help or at Origin.com.

Now you're ready to install and launch your game.

For games purchased through the Origin Store, downloading and installation happens automatically as long as you're connected to the internet. If you're having installation problems after your game's downloaded, try running it as an Administrator. Or, if you're unable to find your new purchase in Origin's My Games menu, make sure your order has processed or try reloading your My Games library. For any other download, installation, or launching errors, check EA Help for ongoing issues or search for the problem you're running into.

If you purchased a physical disc of your game, insert the game disc into the DVD drive and follow the AutoRun menu prompts, which will guide you through installation. You can also find a few more options to jumpstart installation manually on EA Help.

To learn more about other issues related to installing or launching the game—like if your download stops before finishing, your connection drops while downloading, or you can't connect for online play or game updates—access EA Help for more info or to contact an advisor for further assistance.

BATTLEFIELD HARDLINE SUPPORT FAQ

Q: WHERE CAN I FIND MY GAME MANUAL OR A LISTING OF GAME CONTROLS?

The official *Battlefield Hardline* manual is available on the title's EA Help page right at launch. There you'll be able to find basic controls, minimum specifications, and other bits of information. You'll also be able to find technical troubleshooting and beginners' guides for *Battlefield Hardline*.

You can also find more information at Battlefield.com and on [Battlelog](http://Battlelog.com).

Q: WHERE CAN I LEARN HOW TO LOG ONTO A SERVER, CHANGE MY ACTIVE AGENT, AND ACCESS LOADOUTS AND OTHER CUSTOMIZATION OPTIONS?

Head to Battlelog.com to check your stats, see what unlocks are coming up next, view match results, customize your loadouts, check your place in the leaderboards, and challenge your friends. PC players can also join a server there.

Q: WHY CAN'T I CONNECT TO MY GAME?

If you're having problems getting into your game, first check the *Battlefield™ Hardline* page on EA Help (<http://help.ea.com/battlefield/battlefield-hardline>). There you'll learn more about issues the EA Help team is investigating, workarounds to ongoing issues, and other useful information that can enhance your game experience.

If you're specifically having trouble connecting, look for an orange stripe alerting you to any active issues, such as server malfunctions or maintenance windows, or other info about what's blocking your access.

If you think it's your system or connection getting in the way, try some of these common connectivity troubleshooting steps:

- ★ Reset your router
- ★ Flush your DNS cache
- ★ Activate Universal Plug & Play (UPnP) on your router
- ★ Disable firewalls or opening up any specifically-blocked ports your game is using
- ★ Make sure you're not running any conflicting programs, like antivirus or proxies.

Q: WHERE CAN I FIND MORE ABOUT THE GAME'S BACKGROUND AND FEATURES?

The official *Battlefield Hardline* page <http://www.battlefield.com/hardline> is your main stop for everything related to this cops and criminals take on Battlefield™.

You can discover what the single-player mechanics will bring alongside the hard-boiled new setting and detective tools, how fast-paced cops and criminals multiplayer will be different from the soldier-based play you're used to, character detail, video instructions, and much more.

Q: WHERE CAN I SUBMIT BUGS OR THOUGHTS?

The Battlelog forums are the best place to have your voice heard about Hardline. There you'll have a chance to post on game-, discussion-, and platform-specific boards about topics like weapon balance and more.

If you're running into a problem you think others are having, or have figured out a way around an issue that was bothering you, head to the *Battlefield Hardline* board at Answer HQ (<http://answers.ea.com>), where a community of EA fans and experts is constantly talking.

Q: WHERE CAN I FIND HELP?

If you have a problem or gameplay issue and want advice from your fellow players and our EA experts, Answer HQ is your destination. You can help us out by submitting bug reports, MSInfo dumps for widespread issues, and help others out with in-game tips, tricks, and self-discovered troubleshooting steps.

Otherwise, head to EA Help to find troubleshooting tips and workarounds in our articles, or contact one of our advisors if you need one-on-one assistance.