



# The SIMS 3™

## AMBITIONS EXPANSION PACK



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## PRECAUTIONS TO TAKE DURING USE

- ◆ Do not stand too close to the screen. Sit a good distance away from the screen, as far away as the length of the cable allows.
- ◆ Preferably play the game on a small screen.
- ◆ Avoid playing if you are tired or have not had much sleep.
- ◆ Make sure that the room in which you are playing is well lit.
- ◆ Rest for at least 10 to 15 minutes per hour while playing a video game.

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## INSTALLING THE GAME

**NOTE:** For system requirements, see the readme file.

### To install on a PC (disc users):

Insert the disc into your disc drive and follow the on-screen instructions.

If the Autorun menu does not automatically appear, launch the installer manually in Windows XP, Windows Vista™, or Windows® 7 by opening **Start > Run**, typing **D:\AutoRun.exe** in the text box, then clicking OK (substitute the correct letter of your CD/DVD-ROM drive if other than 'D:').

Once the game has installed you can launch it from the game's AutoRun menu or by locating the game through the **START** menu.

### To install on a PC (EA Store users):

**NOTE:** If you'd like more information about purchasing direct downloads from EA, visit [www.eastore.ea.com](http://www.eastore.ea.com) and click **MORE ABOUT DIRECT DOWNLOADS**.

Once the game has been downloaded by EA Download Manager, click the install icon that appears and follow the on-screen instructions.

Launch the game (once it is installed) directly from the EA Download Manager.

**NOTE:** If you've already purchased a title and would like to install it on another PC, first download and install the EA Download Manager on the other PC, then launch the application and log in with your EA account. Select the appropriate title from the list that appears and click the start button to download the game.

### To install on a Macintosh:

1. Insert the game disc into your DVD-ROM drive. A DVD icon representing the game disc appears on your desktop. Double-click the icon to open the game's launcher.
2. Select the game's installer icon at the bottom of the launcher to prompt the installation menu.
3. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the installation.

### To install on a PC or Macintosh (third party online users):

Please contact the digital retailer through whom you purchased this game for instructions on how to install the game or how to download and reinstall another copy.

## STARTING THE GAME

### To start the game:

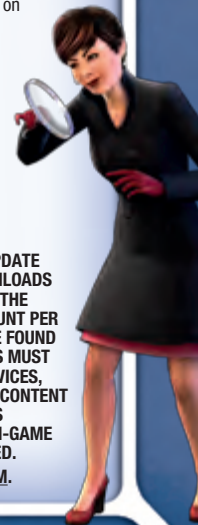
**For PC:**

Games on Windows Vista and Windows 7 are located in the **Start > Games** menu and on earlier versions of Windows in the **Start > Programs** (or **All Programs**) menu.

**For Macintosh:**

Open a Finder window, select 'Applications,' and double-click the game's icon.

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## TURN AMBITIONS INTO REALITY!

Every Sim dreams about what they want to be when they grow up. A heroic firefighter perhaps? Maybe a thrill-seeking ghost hunter? Thanks to *The Sims™ 3 Ambitions*, now you can see their dreams come true with all-new jobs to choose from! Get out there and actually see what Sims do in the working world as they bring home the bacon! With new professions to choose from, Sims have the opportunity to transform ambitions into real professions and earn some Simoleons along the way.

### STARTING A NEW GAME

Starting *The Sims 3 Ambitions* is as easy as speeding in the carpool lane when driving to work. If you already have saved data for *The Sims 3*, choose to continue your existing game from the main menu after installing *The Sims 3 Ambitions*.

When your saved game loads, place the four new venues—fire station, consignment store, salon, and junkyard—throughout the neighborhood. Starting a previously saved game gives you the opportunity to place these venues in any open space. Some of them need to be placed in town when choosing certain professions. For example, the fire station needs to be placed if you want your Sim to become a firefighter.

To start a new game, begin by choosing a neighborhood from the pull-down menu. Then click the checkmark icon to load your selection.

### SAVING AND LOADING

Every saved game represents an entire town. To save, select SAVE from the options menu. Enter a name for your game and then select the checkmark icon. You can always return to your game or start a new one at the main menu.

To load a saved game, go to the main menu and select the saved game you want to play.

## PROFESSIONS TO PERUSE AND PURSUE

It's time for workaholic Sims to find a new challenge to conquer (and lazy Sims to start earning their keep)! There are exciting new professions and jobs for your Sims to explore throughout town that keep them busy and happy or—gasp!—floundering and failing. The more your Sims work, the more cash they earn! Use the job and opportunity trackers to find jobs that fill your Sim's job experience bar and help them climb to the top and avoid getting a stern lecture from the boss.

Your Sims can still find jobs by looking in the newspaper or online or by visiting different locations around town to apply in person.

Once you select a profession for your Sim, view their progress under the Career tab. This displays the responsibilities their profession requires in order to fill the job experience bar and earn a promotion. On the bottom left side of the tab is the Jobs Available icon. If there are any jobs available at that time, select the icon to see them in Map View mode.

Check the mailbox for new clothing and work related articles when your Sim joins a new profession.

**NOTE:** Sims cannot start a profession until they are young adults.

### FIREFIGHTER

Only the bravest and noblest of Sims need apply for the occupation of a firefighter. After joining “the squad,” they are responsible for saving the neighborhood in an emergency and helping their fellow Sims. In other words, your Sim puts out fires and saves other Sims from perilous crises and natural disasters. Sounds easy enough, right? To become a firefighter, Sims should make their way to the neighborhood fire department to apply.

While not as exciting as battling flames, it's just as important for firefighters to be at the fire station during work hours to maintain the equipment and constantly prepare for any kind of emergency. Why? Because disasters wait for no Sim! Sims also need to maintain their athletic and handiness skills, which can be honed at the fire station. Finally, firefighters should befriend their fellow firefighters because, as we all know, camaraderie is good for the station and it's good for the town.

### GHOST HUNTER

Does your Sim like to hang out in the cemetery? (And, if so ... really?) How about having an interest in investigating things that go bump in the night? With your Sim brandishing the bombastic Banshee Banisher, watch them banish spirits, poltergeists, and ghosts from homes and buildings throughout the neighborhood. Sims who want to excel in this profession also use their tools to locate, capture, and collect spirits while on a job or in their free time! Head down to the science facility to apply for the job and return later to sell collected spirits! Spooky-loving Sims adore this adventurous profession, but beware: ghost hunting can be awfully frightening! Boo!

### DOCTOR

Is little Tommy nauseous? Mom feeling ill? If your Sim wants to diagnose what ails Tommy and Mom, then it's time for them to scrub in! The medically-minded Sim yearns for and thrives in the doctor's fast-paced environment. Constantly on the clock, doctor Sims should be ready to deal with all sorts of medical issues on very little sleep!

Don't wait until your Sim breaks their arm to go to the hospital either. Have your Sim go to the hospital in town and apply to be a doctor, stat!

### INVESTIGATOR

Figure out who “borrowed” the neighbor's prized automobile or—worse—their tomatoes! As a seasoned investigator, a Sim must stake out local hotbeds of crime, look for any suspicious activity, and keep the town safe. Use the local shrubbery for your Sim to spy on just about anyone. Not all investigator Sims are incorruptible. They can blackmail their fellow Sims or break into a neighbor's home if they are in a mischievous mood. Bad, bad investigator!

### ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNER

Some Sims have a knack for moving furniture around the house and making it look completely different, and sometimes even changing the exterior appearance altogether! This profession is great for a Sim's inner artist. Make the neighborhood more glamorous or make everyone else's home look like a shack next to your Sim's amazing mansion.

Get your architectural designer Sim a drafting table to help improve their designing talent. Every job your Sim completes helps fill their portfolio and put the fun in *feng shui*!







## STYLIST

Fashionable Sims start new trends and show others what it means to be a true fashionista. In the stylist profession, your Sim can turn a wallflower into a runway-ready rose!

The drafting table is a place to improve your Sim's stylin' abilities as they research new fashion concepts. Stylists also need to work on their portfolio. They can do this by photographing a customer's new look after giving them a stunning makeover. If your Sim owns their very own styling station, have them show other Sims their amazing work to encourage them to get a makeover at home. Once a Sim has reached level 3 in this career, they can solicit styling services. That's hot.

## SELF-EMPLOYED

Sims who are more interested in being their own boss and cultivating their own skills might prefer being self-employed! Sims with skills in inventing, gardening, fishing, sculpting, painting, writing, nectar-making, or photography have the opportunity to earn a steady wage and never have to call what they do a desk job. Have your Sim register as a self-employed worker by accessing the Jobs and Professions icon on their phone. After that, your Sim needs to make their way to city hall to obtain a worker's permit.

**NOTE:** *The Sims 3 World Adventures* is required for using nectar-making and photography skills.

## BE INVENTIVE! BE ARTISTIC!

Sims never run out of things to do, especially now that they have more hobbies to pursue! Some hobbies help improve a Sim's profession, while others are just all kinds of fun.

## INVENTING

Is your Sim handy and inventive? If so, buy scrap at the inventing workbench or at the local junkyard. Beam with pride as your Sim makes new and awesome items such as toys and other cool things. Start out by dabbling with scraps to make new items or modify something they have already discovered. The way to improve your Sim's inventing skill is to create more inventions. Once their skill level is high enough, they are able to detonate objects for scrap. (Bonus!) Just be careful to not to set your Sim on fire!

## SCULPTING

Have your Sim create marvelous works of art with their very own sculpting station! Once your Sim has made a specific sculpture, they can make that same sculpture again and again and unlock new sculpting materials as their skills improve to create bigger and better sculptures.

## LOOKIN' GOOD!

Have your Sim make a real statement with some serious ink and ultra-fresh threads! Along with the new tattoo ability, Sims can find new clothes and styles in Create a Sim.

## TATTOOS

Tough Sims can show off their radical tattoos by using their body as a canvas. No more having to hide a Sim's ink where others can't see it. Unless it's your Sim's soon-to-be boss!

Sims get awesome tats at the beginning of the game in Create a Sim or add them later by selecting a tattoo station. Before putting your Sim under the needle, there are a few things you should know. First off, Sims can have tattoos in a plethora of places. After you decide which part of your Sim's body to tattoo, use the area's buttons to zero in on a location. For example, after choosing a tattoo for your Sim's back, you have the option of placing it on the neck, upper back, full back, or lower back.

Once you have selected the tattoo location and the image you wish to place there, change the colors in the same way you change make-up. You may also choose to layer the tattoos on top of one another. To do this, select Advanced Mode on the bottom right of the tab.

Advanced Mode has multiple placement options for your Sim's tattoo collages, allowing you to layer them for a unique one-of-a-kind creation that is sure to get the attention of everyone. The tattoo placed in the top available space is the one that appears on top of the other tattoos. Don't forget to manipulate the scale and opacity of the selected tattoo.

## LAUNDRY

Never before have Sims had the ability to be so clean! Sims who wear the same thing every day should wash their clothes once in a while. Even those who change their outfit everyday should put them through the rinse cycle. For eco-friendly Sims, there is also the option of hang-drying their clothes. As an added bonus to this drying method, your Sims can brag about their smaller carbon footprint! How green is that!

Once your Sim purchases a washing machine, dirty clothes start piling up on the floor when they change their outfits. Purchase a hamper to keep the dirty clothes tidy before giving them a good wash. Just make sure to keep up with your Sim's mounting laundry pile. Nobody wants mountains of stinky clothes in their home! There are also added benefits to keeping up with laundry chores, such as your Sim's mood improving due to wearing clean clothes and sleeping in clean sheets.



## HANGOUT SPOTS

*The Sims 3 Ambitions* comes with a whole new town for your Sims to live in and explore! Make sure to check out downtown Twinbrook; your Sims might very well find something, or someone, they were always looking for. Love connection at the laundromat, anyone?

## CONSIGNMENT STORE

Are your Sims tired of the same old stuff in their house? Do they make so much art they don't know what to do with it? Well one Sim's trash is another Sim's treasure! Sims can now go to the consignment store and sell all that junk they don't want for a small fee and get someone else's junk for themselves! Head downtown to the consignment store and sell anything your Sim has made or gathered, such as sculptures, paintings, produce, and even fish!

## SALON

Become the talk of the town after a visit to the salon for a makeover, or get that tattoo your Sim always wanted but knew Mom would never approve of. If your Sim is a stylist, have them provide other Sims in the area with a fabulous makeover.

## JUNKYARD

Like junk? Go to a junkyard to collect scrap for your Sim's beautiful inventions, or simply hang out with fellow local trash-loving Sims. Dig through piles to collect scrap! Ah, junk!

## LAUNDROMAT

Don't want to spend Simoleons on purchasing a washing machine? Want to see what other Sims are wearing these days? Head down to the laundromat where your Sims can not only wash their clothes, but also socialize while waiting for the spin cycle to finish. Don't forget to check for the notorious red shirt when washing a load of white clothes!

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

It's true that firefighting Sims spend time at the fire station with their coworkers and respond to disasters and emergencies in a shiny red fire truck. But they also get to slide down the emergency pole. (Another bonus!)



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## PERFORMANCE TIPS

### MACINTOSH SOFTWARE UPDATE

An outdated version of your MacOS X system software may lead to issues with game performance. To be sure that you have the latest version of MacOS X, choose 'Software Update ...' from the Apple menu and follow the directions to update your system software.

### PROBLEMS RUNNING THE GAME

- ◆ Make sure you meet the minimum system requirements for this game and that you have the latest drivers for your video card and sound card installed:  
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For ATI video cards, visit [www.ati.amd.com](http://www.ati.amd.com) to locate and download them.
- ◆ If you are running the disc version of this game, try reinstalling DirectX from the disc. This is typically found in the DirectX folder on the root of the disc. If you have Internet access, you can visit [www.microsoft.com](http://www.microsoft.com) to download the latest version of DirectX.
- ◆ For PC users, if you are running the disc version of this game, try reinstalling DirectX from the disc. This is typically found in the DirectX folder on the root of the disc. If you have Internet access, you can visit [www.microsoft.com](http://www.microsoft.com) to download the latest version of DirectX.

### GENERAL TROUBLESHOOTING TIPS

- ◆ If you have the disc version of this game and the AutoPlay screen does not automatically appear for installation/playing, right-click the disc drive icon found in My Computer and select AutoPlay.
- ◆ If the game is running slowly, try reducing the quality of some of the video and sound settings from the game's options menu. Reducing the screen resolution can often improve performance.
- ◆ For optimum performance when playing, you may like to disable other background tasks (except the EADM application, if applicable) running in Windows.
- ◆ For PC users, if you have the disc version of this game and the AutoPlay screen does not automatically appear for installation/playing, right-click the disc drive icon found in My Computer and select AutoPlay.

### INTERNET PERFORMANCE ISSUES

To avoid poor performance during Internet play, be sure that you close any file sharing, streaming audio, or chat programs prior to entering gameplay. These applications can monopolize your connection's bandwidth, causing lag or other undesirable effects.

This game uses the following TCP ports for Internet play:

**TCP ports:** 80, 443

Please consult your router or personal firewall documentation for information on how to allow game related traffic on these ports. If you are attempting to play on a corporate Internet connection, contact your network administrator.



## TECHNICAL SUPPORT

If you have trouble with this game, EA Technical Support can help.

The *EA Help* file provides solutions and answers to the most common difficulties and questions about how to properly use this product.

### To access the EA Help file (with the game already installed):

Windows Vista and Windows 7 users, go to **Start > Games**, right-click the game icon, and select the appropriate support link from the drop-down menu.

For users on earlier versions of Windows, click the **Technical Support** link in the game's directory located in the **Start > Programs** (or **All Programs**) menu.

### To access the EA Help file (without the game already installed):

1. Insert the game disc into your DVD-ROM drive.
2. Double-click the My Computer icon on the Desktop. (If the My Computer icon is not visible on your desktop, you may need to click the **Start** button and then click the My Computer icon).
3. Right-click the DVD-ROM drive that has the game disc and then select **OPEN**.
4. Open the **Support > EA Help > Electronic\_Arts\_Technical\_Support.htm** file in North America or **Support > European Help Files > Electronic\_Arts\_Technical\_Support.htm** in Europe.

### To access the EA Help file on a Macintosh:

1. Insert the game disc into your DVD-ROM drive.
  2. Click the Finder icon in the Dock.
  3. Open a new Finder window by choosing 'New Finder Window' from the File menu.
  4. Click the game disc icon in the Finder window.
  5. Open the **Support > Electronic Arts Technical Support.html** file.
- If you are still experiencing difficulty after utilizing the information in the EA Help file you can contact EA Technical Support.

## EA TECHNICAL SUPPORT ON THE INTERNET

If you have Internet access, be sure to check our EA Technical Support website at:

<http://support.ea.com>

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## TECHNICAL SUPPORT CONTACT INFO

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