

Marvel's Avengers: Infinity War Prelude (2018)

Marvel Cinematic Universe tie-in comics

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The Marvel Cinematic Universe tie-in comic books are limited series or one-shot comics published by Marvel Comics that tie into the films and television series of the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU). The comics are written and illustrated by various individuals and each typically consists of one to four issues. They are intended to tell additional stories about existing characters, or to make connections between MCU projects, without necessarily expanding the universe or introducing new concepts or characters.

The first MCU tie-in comics to be published were *Iron Man: Fast Friends*, *The Incredible Hulk: The Fury Files*, and *Nick Fury: Spies Like Us*, all in 2008. They were followed by an adaptation of *Iron Man* in 2010, along with *Iron Man 2: Fist of Iron* (2010), *Iron Man 2: Public Identity* (2010), *Iron Man 2: Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.* (2010), *Captain America: First Vengeance* (2011), *Captain America & Thor: Avengers* (2011), *The Avengers Prelude: Fury's Big Week* (2012), *The Avengers Initiative* (2012), *The Avengers Prelude: Black Widow Strikes* (2012), and an adaptation of *Iron Man 2* (2012). Comic tie-ins for Marvel's television series began in 2014 with *Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.: The Chase*, followed by *Jessica Jones* (2015). The first tie-in comic series set in an alternate universe within the MCU is *Your Friendly Neighborhood Spider-Man*, released in late 2024.

Marvel changed its approach to film tie-in material in 2012, retroactively dividing the tie-in comics into those that exist within the MCU continuity, and those that are merely inspired by the films and television series. Since then, *Iron Man 3 Prelude* (2013), *Thor: The Dark World Prelude* (2013), *Captain America: The Winter Soldier Infinite Comic* (2014), *Guardians of the Galaxy Infinite Comic* (2014), *Guardians of the Galaxy Prelude* (2014), *Avengers: Age of Ultron Prelude – This Scepter'd Isle* (2015), *Ant-Man Prelude* (2015), *Ant-Man – Scott Lang: Small Time* (2015), *Captain America: Civil War Prelude Infinite Comic* (2016), *Doctor Strange Prelude* (2016), *Doctor Strange Prelude Infinite Comic* (2016), *Black Panther Prelude* (2017), and *Avengers: Infinity War Prelude* (2018) have been released in the former category, along with film adaptations of *Thor* (2013), *Captain America: The First Avenger* (2013), *The Avengers* (2014–15), *Iron Man 3* and *Captain America: The Winter Soldier* (2015–16), *Guardians of the Galaxy* (2017), *Captain America: Civil War* (2017), *The Incredible Hulk* (2017), *Thor: The Dark World* (2017), *Ant-Man* (2018), and *Avengers: Infinity War* (2018–19).

Avengers: Infinity War

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The film was announced in October 2014 as *Avengers: Infinity War – Part 1*. The Russo brothers came on board to direct in April 2015, and a month later, Markus and McFeely signed on to write the script for the film, which draws inspiration from Jim Starlin's 1991 comic book *The Infinity Gauntlet* and Jonathan Hickman's 2013 comic book *Infinity*. In 2016, Marvel shortened the title to *Avengers: Infinity War*. Filming began in January 2017 at Pinewood Atlanta Studios in Fayette County, Georgia, with a large cast consisting mostly of actors reprising their roles from previous MCU films, including Brolin as Thanos. The production lasted until July 2017, shooting back-to-back with a direct sequel, *Avengers: Endgame* (2019). Additional filming took place in Scotland, the Downtown Atlanta area, and New York City. With an estimated budget of \$325–400 million, the film is one of the most expensive films ever made.

Avengers: Infinity War premiered at the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood, Los Angeles, on April 23, 2018, and was released in the United States on April 27 as part of Phase Three of the MCU. The film received positive reviews from critics, with praise for Brolin's performance and the Russo brothers' direction, as well as the visual effects, action sequences, dark tone, and musical score. It was a major box-office success, becoming the fourth film and the first superhero film to gross over \$2 billion worldwide, breaking numerous box office records, and becoming the highest-grossing film of 2018 and the fourth-highest-grossing film at the time of its release both worldwide and in the United States and Canada. It received a nomination for Best Visual Effects at the 91st Academy Awards, among numerous other accolades. The sequel, *Avengers: Endgame*, was released in April 2019.

Production of *Avengers: Infinity War* and *Avengers: Endgame*

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Avengers: Infinity War and *Avengers: Endgame* are American superhero films based on the Marvel Comics superhero team the Avengers, produced by Marvel Studios and distributed by Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures. They are the sequels to *The Avengers* (2012) and *Avengers: Age of Ultron* (2015), and respectively serve as the 19th and 22nd films of the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU). Both films were directed by Anthony and Joe Russo from screenplays by the writing team of Christopher Markus and Stephen McFeely. They feature an ensemble cast composed of many previous MCU actors, headlined by Robert Downey Jr., Chris Hemsworth, Mark Ruffalo, Chris Evans, Scarlett Johansson, Don Cheadle, Karen Gillan, Bradley Cooper, Gwyneth Paltrow, and Josh Brolin. In *Infinity War*, the Avengers and the Guardians of the Galaxy fail to prevent Thanos from collecting the six all-powerful Infinity Stones and he uses them to kill half of all life in the universe. In *Endgame*, the surviving Avengers and their allies attempt to reverse Thanos's actions.

Preparation for a film adaptation of Jim Starlin's 1991 *The Infinity Gauntlet* comic book began with Marvel Studios' early films, which introduced the Infinity Stones as plot devices and teased a future storyline with Thanos as the villain. Downey Jr. signed on in June 2013 to reprise his role as Tony Stark / Iron Man, Brolin was cast as Thanos the next May, and many other actors were confirmed to be appearing in the following years. The films were officially announced in October 2014 as *Avengers: Infinity War – Part 1* and *Part 2*. The Russo brothers and Markus and McFeely joined the project in early 2015. The first film's title was shortened to *Avengers: Infinity War* in July 2016. The second film's title was withheld until December 2018, when it was announced as *Avengers: Endgame*. The films were renamed because they were intended to tell two different stories. They were designed to conclude the "Infinity Saga" storyline that had been told throughout all MCU films up to that point and end the character arcs of Stark and Steve Rogers / Captain America (Evans).

Both films were shot back-to-back at Pinewood Atlanta Studios in Fayette County, Georgia. Production on *Infinity War* took place from January 23 to July 14, 2017, with additional filming in Scotland, the Downtown Atlanta area, and New York City. Filming for *Endgame* took place from August 10 to January 11, 2018, with additional filming in the Downtown and Metro Atlanta areas, the state of New York, Scotland, and England. Final reshoots for *Endgame* were held in January 2019. The films were the first Hollywood productions to be

shot entirely in digital IMAX, using a new camera developed with Arri. Jeffrey Ford and Matthew Schmidt edited both films, and Alan Silvestri returned from *The Avengers* to compose the musical score. Visual effects companies for both films included Industrial Light & Magic, Framestore, Weta Digital, DNEG, Cinesite, Digital Domain, Rise, Lola VFX, and Perception. Prominent visual effects include the digital characters Thanos and Hulk (Ruffalo) using new performance capture technology, and multiple digital de-aging sequences.

Avengers: Infinity War was released on April 27, 2018, and *Avengers: Endgame* was released on April 26, 2019, both part of Phase Three of the MCU.

Marvel Cinematic Universe: Phase Three

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Phase Three of the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) is a group of American superhero films produced by Marvel Studios based on characters that appear in publications by Marvel Comics. The MCU is the shared universe in which all of the films are set. The phase began in May 2016 with the release of *Captain America: Civil War* and concluded in July 2019 with the release of *Spider-Man: Far From Home*. Kevin Feige produced every film in the phase, with Amy Pascal also producing *Spider-Man: Homecoming* (2017) and *Far From Home*, and Stephen Broussard also producing *Ant-Man and the Wasp* (2018). The creative team for *Civil War* and the crossover films *Avengers: Infinity War* (2018) and *Avengers: Endgame* (2019)—directors Anthony and Joe Russo and writers Christopher Markus and Stephen McFeely—collaborated with the directors and writers of each film in Phase Three.

The films star Chris Evans as Steve Rogers / Captain America in *Civil War*, Benedict Cumberbatch as Dr. Stephen Strange in *Doctor Strange* (2016), Chris Pratt as Peter Quill / Star-Lord in *Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2* (2017), Tom Holland as Peter Parker / Spider-Man in *Homecoming* and *Far From Home*, Chris Hemsworth as Thor in *Thor: Ragnarok* (2017), and Chadwick Boseman as T'Challa / Black Panther in *Black Panther* (2018). All returned for *Infinity War* and *Endgame*. Between those two films, Paul Rudd and Evangeline Lilly respectively starred as Scott Lang / Ant-Man and Hope van Dyne / Wasp in *Ant-Man and the Wasp*, while Brie Larson starred as Carol Danvers / Captain Marvel in *Captain Marvel* (2019); all three returned for *Endgame*. Evans and Holland have the most appearances in the phase, each starring or making cameo appearances in five of the films.

The phase's eleven films grossed over US\$13.5 billion at the global box office and received generally positive critical and public responses. *Endgame* became the highest-grossing film at the time of its release. The phase is seen as the franchise's best, with consistent quality and a cohesive overarching story. Marvel Studios created the Team Thor mockumentary shorts series to expand on Thor's portrayal in *Ragnarok*, while each film received tie-in comic books. Phases One, Two, and Three make up "The Infinity Saga" storyline.

Outline of the Marvel Cinematic Universe

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The following outline serves as an overview of and topical guide to the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU), an American media franchise and shared universe created by Marvel Studios and owned by the Walt Disney Company. The franchise began in 2008 with the release of the film *Iron Man* and has since expanded to include various superhero films and television series produced by Marvel Studios, television series from Marvel Television, short films, digital series, literature, and other media. These are based on characters appearing in American comic books published by Marvel Comics. Marvel Studios president Kevin Feige produces every film and series from that studio for the MCU. The shared universe, much like the original Marvel Universe in comic books, was established by crossing over common plot elements, settings, cast, and

characters.

The franchise has been commercially successful and has grossed over \$31 billion at the global box office, becoming one of the highest-grossing media franchises and the highest-grossing film franchise of all time. This includes *Avengers: Endgame* (2019), which concluded its theatrical run as the highest-grossing film of all time. The franchise has received numerous accolades for its films and television series, and has inspired other film and television studios to attempt similar shared universes. It has also spawned the creation of several themed attractions, documentary series, literary material, and multiple tie-in video games.

Marvel Cinematic Universe timeline

the established continuity being closer to five or six years. Avengers: Infinity War (2018) co-director Joe Russo described the Homecoming eight years time

The timeline of the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) media franchise and shared universe is the continuity of events for several feature films, television series, television specials, short films, and the *I Am Groot* shorts, which are produced by Marvel Studios, as well as a group of Netflix series produced by Marvel Television. Within the multiverse of the MCU, the main setting for most media is the Earth-616 universe which is also known as the "Sacred Timeline". Media set outside of the multiverse or in alternate universes are noted.

Most of the films in the franchise's Phase One and Phase Two follow a similar timeline order to their releases, but Phase Three saw many of the films overlapping with each other. The Phase Three film *Avengers: Endgame* (2019) includes a five-year time jump, with many subsequent releases in Phase Four and Phase Five taking place after *Endgame*. The television series *Loki* (2021–2023) and *What If...?* (2021–2024) were the first properties to occur outside of the main timeline and explore alternative timelines and universes.

Marvel Studios has made several attempts to codify the MCU's events and address perceived continuity errors. An official timeline book, covering projects from the first four phases, was released in 2023. The book does not feature projects produced by other companies, such as Marvel Television's series which are loosely connected to the films, but it notes that these projects are part of the larger Marvel canon. In early 2024, Marvel Studios integrated Marvel Television's Netflix series into their Disney+ timeline. As of the Phase Five television series *Daredevil: Born Again* (2025) and film *Thunderbolts** (2025), the "present day" in the MCU is 2027.

Marvel Cinematic Universe: Phase Two

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The films star Robert Downey Jr. as Tony Stark / Iron Man in *Iron Man 3*, Chris Hemsworth as Thor in *Thor: The Dark World* (2013), Chris Evans as Steve Rogers / Captain America in *Captain America: The Winter Soldier* (2014), Chris Pratt as Peter Quill / Star-Lord in *Guardians of the Galaxy* (2014), and Paul Rudd as Scott Lang / Ant-Man in *Ant-Man*. Downey, Hemsworth, and Evans returned to star in *Age of Ultron*. Evans has the most appearances in the phase, starring or making cameo appearances in four of the films.

The phase's six films grossed over US\$5.2 billion at the global box office and received generally positive critical and public responses. Marvel Studios created two short films for their Marvel One-Shots

program—Agent Carter and All Hail the King—to expand the MCU, while each feature film received tie-in comic books and some received tie-in video games. The video game Lego Marvel's Avengers adapts the story of multiple films. Phases One, Two, and Three make up "The Infinity Saga" storyline.

Captain America: Civil War

"How the 'Captain America: Civil War' Airport Battle Was Filmed and Why It's a Prelude to 'Avengers: Infinity War'"; The Hollywood Reporter. Archived

Captain America: Civil War is a 2016 American superhero film based on the Marvel Comics character Captain America, produced by Marvel Studios and distributed by Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures. It is the sequel to Captain America: The First Avenger (2011) and Captain America: The Winter Soldier (2014), and the 13th film in the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU). The film was directed by Anthony and Joe Russo from a screenplay by the writing team of Christopher Markus and Stephen McFeely, and stars Chris Evans as Steve Rogers / Captain America alongside an ensemble cast including Robert Downey Jr., Scarlett Johansson, Sebastian Stan, Anthony Mackie, Don Cheadle, Jeremy Renner, Chadwick Boseman, Paul Bettany, Elizabeth Olsen, Paul Rudd, Emily VanCamp, Marisa Tomei, Tom Holland, Frank Grillo, Martin Freeman, William Hurt, and Daniel Brühl. In Captain America: Civil War, disagreement over international oversight of the Avengers fractures the team into two opposing factions—one led by Steve Rogers and the other by Tony Stark (Downey).

Development of Civil War began in late 2013 when Markus and McFeely began writing the screenplay, which borrows concepts from the 2006 comic book storyline "Civil War" while also focusing on story and character elements from the previous Captain America films to conclude the trilogy. Following positive reactions to The Winter Soldier, the Russo brothers were brought back to direct in early 2014. The film's title and premise were revealed in October 2014, along with Downey's involvement as Stark; additional cast members joined in the following months. Principal photography began in April 2015 at Pinewood Atlanta Studios in Fayette County, Georgia. It continued in the Metro Atlanta area before concluding in Germany in August 2015, with the film being the first to use IMAX's digital 2D cameras (for the film's central airport fight sequence). Visual effects were provided by nearly 20 different studios.

Captain America: Civil War held its world premiere at the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood, Los Angeles, on April 12, 2016, and was released in the United States on May 6, as the first film in Phase Three of the MCU. The film was a commercial success, grossing over \$1.1 billion worldwide, becoming the highest-grossing film of 2016, and received positive reviews from critics, with praise for the performances (particularly Evans and Downey), action sequences, and themes. A fourth film, Captain America: Brave New World (2025), is a continuation of Marvel Studios' Disney+ series The Falcon and the Winter Soldier (2021), following Mackie's Sam Wilson as Captain America.

List of Avengers titles

exclusively by Marvel Comics under their standard imprint, unless otherwise noted. Avengers #1-402 (September 1963 – September 1996) Avengers Annual #1-23

The Avengers is a team of comic book superheroes in the Marvel Comics universe. Since 1963, they have starred in several ongoing series, as well as a large number of limited series and specials. All stories are published exclusively by Marvel Comics under their standard imprint, unless otherwise noted.

Thaddeus Ross (Marvel Cinematic Universe)

(2008), The Consultant (2011), Captain America: Civil War (2016), Avengers: Infinity War (2018), Avengers: Endgame (2019) and Black Widow (2021). After Hurt's

Thaddeus Ross is a fictional character originally portrayed by William Hurt and subsequently by Harrison Ford in the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) film franchise, based on the Marvel Comics character of the same name. He is first depicted as a United States Armed Forces lieutenant general and the father of Betty Ross, with whom he has had a complex relationship.

Ross leads the manhunt for Bruce Banner and inadvertently helps create the Abomination. After retiring from the military, Ross becomes the Secretary of State, and presents the Avengers with the Sokovia Accords leading to their disbandment. After falling victim to the Blip and being revived, Ross is elected as the President of the United States which puts him at odds with Sam Wilson. Ross turns into a Red Hulk after ingesting gamma-radiated pills from Samuel Sterns, which leads to the destruction of the White House. He later stands down as president and is incarcerated in the Raft.

Hurt portrayed Ross in *The Incredible Hulk* (2008), *The Consultant* (2011), *Captain America: Civil War* (2016), *Avengers: Infinity War* (2018), *Avengers: Endgame* (2019) and *Black Widow* (2021). After Hurt's death in 2022, Ford subsequently portrayed the character in *Captain America: Brave New World* (2025). Both Hurt and Ford have received generally positive reviews for their respective roles as Ross. Alternate versions of the character appear in various Disney+ animated series, voiced by both Michael Patrick McGill and Travis Willingham.

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