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Cars 2 is a 2011 American animated spy comedy film produced by Pixar Animation Studios for Walt Disney Pictures. It is the sequel to Cars (2006) and the second film in the Cars franchise. The film was directed by John Lasseter, co-directed by Brad Lewis, produced by Denise Ream, and written by Ben Queen, Lasseter, Lewis, and Dan Fogelman. Larry the Cable Guy, Owen Wilson, Tony Shalhoub, Guido Quaroni, Bonnie Hunt, and John Ratzenberger reprise their roles from the first film, with Michael Caine, Emily Mortimer, John Turturro, Eddie Izzard, joining the voice cast. In the film, Mater (Cable Guy) unintentionally gets caught up in a risky espionage mission that threatens both his and Lightning McQueen's (Wilson) lives during the World Grand Prix, an international racing event showcasing a new alternative fuel called Allinol.

A sequel to Cars was first announced in April 2008 with a tentative summer 2012 release date, which was later moved up to the summer of 2011. Lasseter was confirmed to be returning as director, while Lewis was designated as co-director in June 2010. The film's story was conceived by Lasseter while he was traveling around the world promoting the first film. Michael Giacchino composed the film's score, with artists such as Weezer, Robbie Williams, Brad Paisley and Bénabar contributing tracks for the film. This was the final Pixar film animated using its old software system, Marionette, before being officially replaced with Presto in 2012. With an estimated budget of \$200 million, Cars 2 is one of the most expensive films ever made.

Cars 2 premiered at the El Capitan Theatre in Los Angeles on June 18, 2011, and was released in the United States on June 24, in Disney Digital 3D and IMAX 3D as well as traditional two-dimensional and IMAX formats. Despite mixed reviews from critics, Cars 2 was a box office success, grossing over \$559 million worldwide, becoming the tenth-highest-grossing film of 2011 and the highest-grossing film of the Cars trilogy. The film was nominated for Best Animated Feature Film at the 69th Golden Globe Awards, but lost to The Adventures of Tintin. A sequel, Cars 3, was released on June 16, 2017.

## Cars (franchise)

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Cars is an American animated film series and media franchise set in a world populated by anthropomorphic vehicles created by John Lasseter, Joe Ranft and Jorgen Klubien. The franchise began with the 2006 film, Cars, produced by Pixar and released by Walt Disney Pictures. The film was followed by the sequels Cars 2 (2011) and Cars 3 (2017). The now-defunct Disneytoon Studios produced the two spin-off films Planes (2013) and Planes: Fire & Rescue (2014).

The first two Cars films were directed by Lasseter, then-chief creative officer of Pixar, Walt Disney Animation Studios, and Disneytoon Studios, while Cars 3 was directed by Brian Fee, a storyboard artist on the previous installments. Lasseter served as executive producer of Cars 3 and the Planes films. Together, all three Cars films have accrued over \$1.4 billion in box office revenue worldwide while the franchise has amassed over \$10 billion in merchandising sales within its first five years.

## Cars (film)

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Cars is a 2006 American animated sports comedy film produced by Pixar Animation Studios for Walt Disney Pictures. The film was directed by John Lasseter, co-directed by Joe Ranft (his only directorial effort), produced by Darla K. Anderson, and written by Lasseter, Ranft, Dan Fogelman, Kiel Murray, Phil Lorin, and Jorgen Klubien based on a story by Lasseter, Ranft, and Klubien. The film stars an ensemble voice cast of Owen Wilson, Paul Newman (in his final voice acting theatrical film role), Bonnie Hunt, Larry the Cable Guy, Tony Shalhoub, Cheech Marin, Michael Wallis, George Carlin, Paul Dooley, Jenifer Lewis, Guido Quaroni, Michael Keaton, Katherine Helmond, John Ratzenberger and Richard Petty, while race car drivers Dale Earnhardt Jr. (as "Junior"), Mario Andretti, Michael Schumacher and car enthusiast Jay Leno (as "Jay Limo") voice themselves.

Set in a world populated entirely by anthropomorphic vehicles, the film follows a young self-obsessed racecar named Lightning McQueen who, on the way to the most important race of his life, becomes stranded in a forgotten town along U.S. Route 66 called Radiator Springs, where he learns about friendship and begins to reevaluate his priorities.

Development for Cars started in 1998, after finishing the production of A Bug's Life, with a new script titled The Yellow Car, which was about an electric car living in a gas-guzzling world with Klubien writing. It was announced that the producers agreed that it could be the next Pixar film after A Bug's Life, scheduled for a 1999 release, particularly around June 4; the idea was later scrapped in favor of Toy Story 2. Shortly after, production was resumed with major script changes. The film was inspired by Lasseter's experiences on a cross-country road trip. Randy Newman composed the film's score, while artists such as Sheryl Crow, Rascal Flatts, John Mayer and Brad Paisley contributed to the film's soundtrack. Cars ultimately served as the final film independently produced by Pixar after its purchase by Disney in January 2006.

Cars premiered on May 26, 2006, at Lowe's Motor Speedway in Concord, North Carolina and was theatrically released in the United States on June 9, to generally positive reviews and commercial success, grossing \$462 million worldwide against a budget of \$120 million, becoming the sixth-highest-grossing film of 2006. It received two nominations at the 79th Academy Awards, including Best Animated Feature, but lost to Happy Feet (but won both the Annie Award for Best Animated Feature and the Golden Globe Award for Best Animated Feature Film). The film was released on DVD on November 7, 2006, on VHS in limited quantities on February 19, 2007, and on Blu-ray on November 6, 2007. It was accompanied by the short One Man Band for its theatrical and home media releases. The film was dedicated to Ranft, who died in a car crash during the film's production.

The success of Cars launched a multimedia franchise, which includes two sequels: Cars 2 (2011) and Cars 3 (2017), as well as two spin-off films produced by Disneytoon Studios: Planes (2013) and Planes: Fire and Rescue (2014).

List of Pixar films

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Pixar Animation Studios is an American CGI film production company based in Emeryville, California, United States. Pixar has produced 29 feature films, which were all released by Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures through the Walt Disney Pictures banner, with its first being Toy Story (which was also the first CGI-animated feature ever theatrically released) on November 22, 1995, and its latest being Elio on June 20, 2025.

Its upcoming slate of films includes Hoppers and Toy Story 5 in 2026, Gatto in 2027, and Incredibles 3 and Coco 2 currently on unspecified dates.

## Cars 2: The Video Game

*"Cars 2: The Video Game for Xbox 360 Reviews"; Metacritic. Archived from the original on August 24, 2011. Retrieved July 25, 2011. "Disney/Pixar Cars 2*

Cars 2 (also known as Cars 2: The Video Game) is a 2011 racing game based on the 2011 film of the same name. It is the sixth video game in the Cars franchise. Originally announced at E3 2011, the game was released by Disney Interactive Studios on all major platforms in North America on June 21, 2011, and in Australia two days later. The game was released in Europe on July 22, 2011. Versions for the Nintendo 3DS and PlayStation Portable were released later that year on November 1 and November 11, respectively. The game features an array of Cars characters competing in spy adventures, as well as racing. The game received mixed reviews from critics.

## Cars 3

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Cars 3 is a 2017 American animated sports comedy-adventure film produced by Pixar Animation Studios for Walt Disney Pictures. It is the sequel to Cars 2 (2011) and the third film in the Cars franchise. The film was directed by Brian Fee and produced by Kevin Reher, from a screenplay written by Kiel Murray, Bob Peterson, and Mike Rich, and a story developed by Fee, Ben Queen, and the writing team of Eyal Podell and Jonathan E. Stewart. The returning voices of Owen Wilson, Larry the Cable Guy, Bonnie Hunt, Tony Shalhoub, Guido Quaroni, Cheech Marin, Jenifer Lewis, Paul Dooley, Lloyd Sherr, Michael Wallis, Katherine Helmond and John Ratzenberger are joined by Cristela Alonzo, Chris Cooper, Armie Hammer, Nathan Fillion, Kerry Washington, and Lea DeLaria, in addition to a dozen NASCAR personalities. In the film, Lightning McQueen (Wilson), now a veteran race car, must prove that he is still competitive against a new generation of technologically advanced racers, with the help of young technician Cruz Ramirez (Alonzo), to prevent a forced retirement from the Piston Cup.

Development of a third Cars film began in late 2011 after the release of its predecessor, and entered production in 2014, with Pixar's then-CCO John Lasseter stating that it would be a "very emotional story", and go back to the first film's themes. The production team for the film conducted research on multiple NASCAR racers, particularly older ones, as well as a sports psychoanalyst, while also focusing on McQueen's relationship with Doc Hudson and its meaning. The production utilized a new rendering system, Rix Integration Subsystem (RIS), which was previously used in Finding Dory (2016). New cast members including Hammer and Alonzo were announced in January 2017, followed by Fillion, Washington and DeLaria two months later. Randy Newman, who had worked on the first film, composed the film's score with artists such as Andra Day, James Bay, Brad Paisley and Jorge Blanco contributing tracks for the film.

Cars 3 was first screened for the NASCAR industry in Kannapolis, North Carolina on May 23, 2017, before its theatrical release in the United States on June 16, accompanied by the animated short film Lou. It received generally positive reviews from critics and grossed \$383 million worldwide against its \$175 million budget, becoming the lowest-grossing film of the franchise, but still a box office success.

## Pixar

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Pixar (), doing business as Pixar Animation Studios, is an American animation studio based in Emeryville, California, known for its critically and commercially successful computer-animated feature films. Pixar is a subsidiary of Walt Disney Studios, a division of the Disney Entertainment segment of the Walt Disney Company.

Pixar started in 1979 as part of the Lucasfilm computer division. It was known as the Graphics Group before its spin-off as a corporation in 1986, with funding from Apple co-founder Steve Jobs, who became its majority shareholder. Disney announced its acquisition of Pixar in January 2006, and completed it in May 2006. Pixar is best known for its feature films, technologically powered by RenderMan, the company's own implementation of the industry-standard RenderMan Interface Specification image-rendering API. The studio's mascot is Luxo Jr., a desk lamp from the studio's 1986 short film of the same name.

Pixar has produced 29 feature films, with its first film being *Toy Story* (1995), which is also the first fully computer-animated feature film, and its most recent film was *Elio* (2025). The studio also produced many short films. As of July 2023, its feature films have earned over \$15 billion at the worldwide box office with an average gross of \$589 million per film. *Toy Story 3* (2010), *Finding Dory* (2016), *Incredibles 2* (2018), *Toy Story 4* (2019) and *Inside Out 2* (2024) all grossed over \$1 billion and are among the 50 highest-grossing films of all time. Moreover, 15 of Pixar's films are in the 50 highest-grossing animated films of all time. As of August 2025, *Inside Out 2* was the second highest-grossing animated film of all time.

Pixar has earned 23 Academy Awards, 10 Golden Globe Awards, and 11 Grammy Awards, along with numerous other awards and acknowledgments. Since its inauguration in 2001, eleven Pixar films have won the Academy Award for Best Animated Feature, including *Finding Nemo* (2003), *The Incredibles* (2004), *Ratatouille* (2007), *WALL-E* (2008), *Up* (2009), *Toy Story 3* and *Toy Story 4*, *Brave* (2012), *Inside Out* (2015), *Coco* (2017), and *Soul* (2020). *Toy Story 3* and *Up* were also nominated for the Academy Award for Best Picture.

In February 2009, Pixar executives John Lasseter, Brad Bird, Pete Docter, Andrew Stanton, and Lee Unkrich were presented with the Golden Lion for Lifetime Achievement by the Venice Film Festival. The physical award was ceremoniously handed to Lucasfilm's founder, George Lucas.

List of Pixar television series

*Retrieved October 13, 2024. @ThePixarTimes (August 10, 2013). "Pixar working on two new Cars Toons: 'Radiator Springs 500 1/2'; and 'To Protect and Serve'*

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The following is a list of all the television series or specials that Pixar has released or plan on releasing. Some of the television productions are produced by Pixar, while others are based on the studio's films.

List of Pixar shorts

*predecessor to Pixar, later releases add Pixar branding to the posters. Non-compilation Cars Toons is an American animated short series based on the Cars franchise*

This is a list of animated short films produced by Pixar Animation Studios.

Beginning with Pixar's first film *Toy Story*, almost all subsequent Pixar feature films have been shown in theaters along with a Pixar-created original short film, known as a "short." Other Pixar shorts, released only on home media, were created to showcase Pixar's technology or cinematic capabilities, or on commission for clients.

Pixar began producing shorts in the 1980s. The first shorts were made while Pixar was still a computer hardware company, when John Lasseter was the only professional animator in the company's small animation department. Starting with *Geri's Game*, after Pixar had converted into an animation studio, all later shorts have been produced with a larger crew and budget.

Pixar produced four CGI shorts for the educational TV series Sesame Street between 1990 and 1994. The shorts illustrate different weights and directions starring Luxo Jr. and Luxo — Light & Heavy, Surprise, Up and Down, and Front and Back.

During the development of Toy Story, Pixar set up a division to work on Pixar video games called Pixar's Interactive Products Group, specifically Toy Story entries in the Disney's Animated Storybook and Disney's Activity Center. Due to the intense resources required, the division was eventually folded and the staff were redistributed to start creating short films to accompany Pixar's theatrical releases.

Beginning with A Bug's Life, Pixar has created extra content for each of their films that are not part of the main story. For their early theatrical releases, this content was in the form of outtakes and appeared as part of the film's credits. For each of their films, this content was a short made exclusively for the DVD release of the film.

Toy Story 4 was the first film not to have a theatrical short before it. Producer Lindsey Collins confirmed that SparkShorts replaces the need to pair short films with their major theatrical films; admitting that she felt "torn" over the decision.

Rush: A Disney–Pixar Adventure

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Kinect Rush: A Disney–Pixar Adventure, later remastered as Rush: A Disney–Pixar Adventure, is a 2012 platform video game based on Pixar films, released for Kinect on Xbox 360. Announced on March 8, 2012 and released later that month, the game is similar to Kinect: Disneyland Adventures, but players instead are taken through the worlds of eight (later nine) of Pixar's movies: Up, Toy Story, Toy Story 2, Toy Story 3, The Incredibles, Cars, Cars 2, and Ratatouille with the game hub set in a local park.

In August 2017 at Gamescom 2017, Microsoft announced that Rush: A Disney–Pixar Adventure (without the Kinect name) would be remastered and re-released for Xbox One and Microsoft Windows 10. The remaster, which was released on October 31, 2017, supports 4K resolution, high dynamic range visuals, traditional controls alongside Kinect for Xbox One, enhancements for Xbox One X and adds a new world based on the 2016 Pixar film Finding Dory.

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