



The ULTIMATE Monster Hunter Frontier Z Console Guide

General Q&A:

Q: “What is Monster Hunter Frontier?”

A: Monster Hunter Frontier is an Online MMORPG released for PC, Xbox 360, PS Vita, PS3, Wii U and PS4. The letter Z indicates the last version the game ever released. The Xbox 360 and Wii U versions were shut down on August 1, 2018. The PC, PS Vita, PS3 and PS4 versions were shut down on December 18, 2019, due to a lack of ideas on how to move the game forward after the ZZ update. As such, the game is no longer officially playable. However, private servers have been created for players to continue playing the game.

Q: “I’ve never played Monster Hunter, would you recommend Frontier as a beginner game?”

A: Personally, no. The game has many unique systems and mechanics not seen in the rest of the franchise, and the sheer girth of the content is because of it being developed for 12 years. A lot of content had to be repositioned and redone as it went through many updates, so there’s a ton of content and ways to improve your character that it can be overwhelming. If you haven’t played an MH game before and want something similar to ease you in, my personal recommendation to start would be Portable 3rd. It’s on PS3 and PSP, and can be played on a Vita or PS3 with an English patch on modded consoles. If you’re on Wii U, I recommend 3 Ultimate, it’s very similar to Portable 3rd but with a swimming mechanic that does not appear in Frontier.

Q: “Which consoles can I play on? Are there any major differences between them?”

A: Currently the Playstation Vita and Playstation 3 are supported. Xbox 360 and PS4 are not supported, and most likely won’t be for many years due to the hardware security of both. Wii U is technically supported, but has no server dedicated to it as of this writing. Vita, PS3 and PC are almost identical besides obvious differences (Vita has less buttons so uses the touchscreen, is portable, etc). The Wii U version was shut down a year before them, so it has less content and will most likely be on its own servers. Specifically, it was shutdown around Z2, the update before ZZ, and lacks the Magnet Spike weapon type and Zenith monsters, among other content.

Q: “Is there crossplay with PC players? Can I use my PC account to play on console?”

A: On PS Vita and PS3, you can play with PC players and link your PC account to your PSN ID to play across all 3 systems. Wii U will not be able to crossplay with other systems, or use already created PC accounts.

Q: “Do I need to hack my system to play?”

A: If you have a physical Wii U disc or Vita cartridge, it is potentially possible to play using that and having enough space to update to the latest version. Unconfirmed as of this writing. However you will be unable to use any modifications to the game files, which may cause issues on some servers. Due to how the PS3 version received updates, it is impossible to play without manually downloading and transferring the update files, which requires custom firmware.

If you wish to hack your system/s, refer to these guides:

Vita Guide - <https://vita.hacks.guide/>

PS3 Guide - [https://consolemods.org/wiki/PS3:How to Hack your PS3](https://consolemods.org/wiki/PS3:How_to_Hack_your_PS3)

Wii U Guide - <https://wiiu.hacks.guide/#/>

Q: "Can I play in an emulator?"

A: Depends. You can play the PS3 version using RPCS3 and PSNSpoof. You can play the Wii U version using CEMU, but it requires a real Nintendo Network ID extracted from a real Wii U. The Vita version is currently unplayable in Vita3k.

Q: “Is the game available in English?”

A: Yes, to an extent. The Vita version has a partially working English patch that you can use using the RePatch plugin. The PS3 version uses an update server and cannot be modified without the server’s permission. An English patch will be released for PS3 players as a traditional update. The Wii U version currently has no English patch but one can be created.

Q: “What servers can I play on?”

A: The current supported servers are:

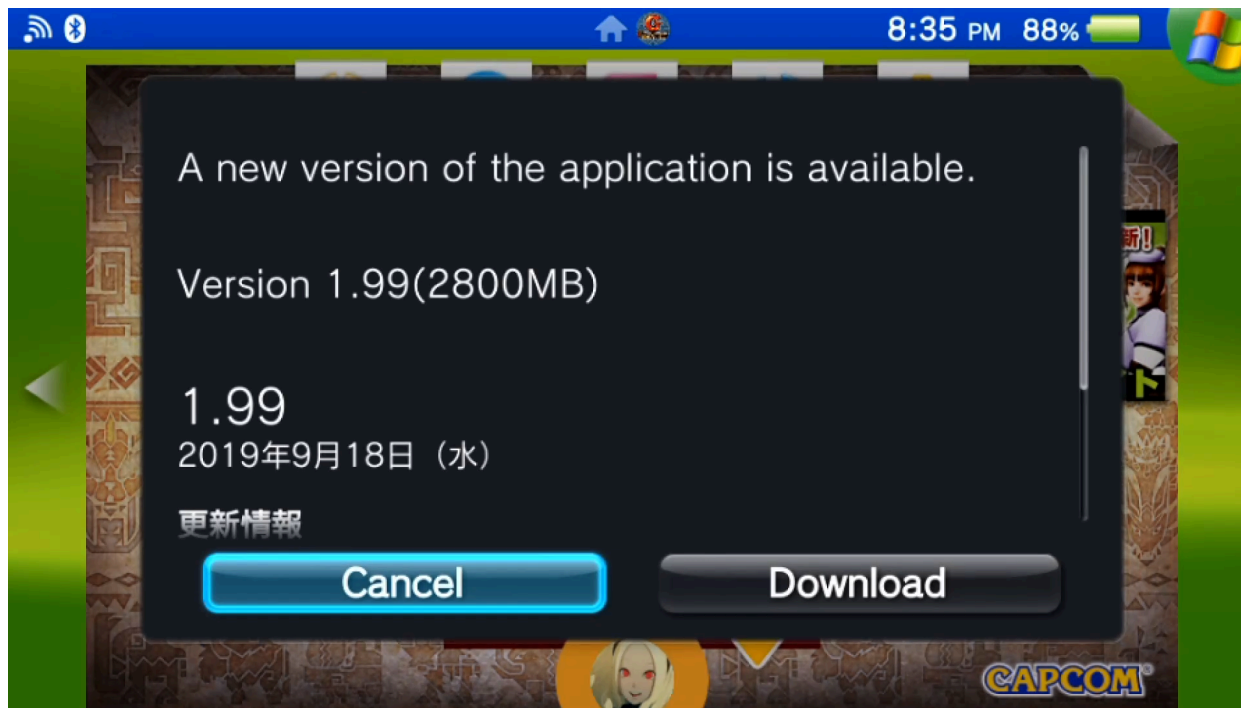
Rain: <https://discord.gg/TcpkpUpeGw>

Renewal: <https://discord.gg/urGQEM52vR>

If you wish to see your server added and it is on the serverslist.xml file, please contact me on Discord via “popheweasel”.

Vita (DNS Method, No CFW Required)

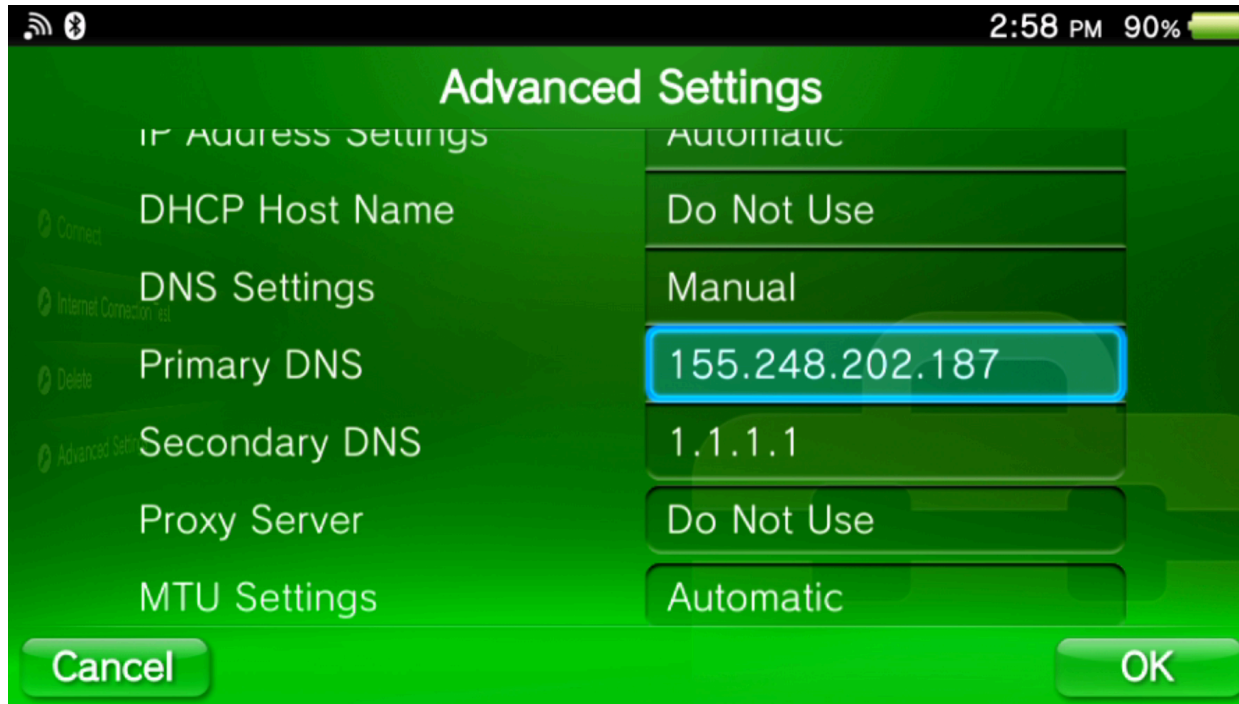
- 1) Obtain an install for Monster Hunter Frontier G (**The JAPANESE VERSION, Not Asia version. PCSG00350**) on your Vita and the latest update for it. This can be done via PKGj to download directly to your Vita, NPS Browser to download on PC with faster speeds for transferring to your Vita, or a physical cartridge of MHFG. Once the game is installed, if you don't have the update, open it and tap the yellow download button in the top left.



- 2) After the update is downloaded, launch the game and install the update. After it's installed, you should see this title screen.



- 3) Close the game and open the Settings bubble. Select Network, then Wi-Fi Settings. Select the access point you're currently connected to, and choose Advanced Settings. Set DNS from Automatic to Manual, and set the Primary DNS to 155.248.202.187. Secondary DNS can be left blank or set to 1.1.1.1, doesn't matter. Hit OK to confirm.



- 4) Close settings and relaunch the MHF-Z bubble. Once you get back to the title screen, press start. If you set the DNS correctly, you should see this screen. If not, your ISP is blocking the custom DNS, and you'll need to either use a VPN or hack your Vita to bypass this issue.



- 5) Press start and wait until you see the server list. Select the server you signed up to (in this example, Rain) and hit circle. Hit circle to confirm your selection. After almost 20 seconds, you should be connecting to the server. If you get an error message, refer to the Troubleshooting FAQ.



- 6) If logged in successfully, you should see this screen, with your PSN and currently selected character name in the bottom right (if you have made a character already). From here, you can start the game with the highlighted option. Above that is Quick Start, which will automatically log you into a world without you having to pick one. Below that is Character Selection/Deletion, and Options.

MONSTER HUNTER FRONTIER Z

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- クイックスタート
- ゲームスタート
- キャラクター選択／削除
- オプション

ゲームを開始します。ワールド選択画面に移行します。

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Vita (CFW Method, with English Patch)

- 1) Obtain an install for Monster Hunter Frontier G (**The JAPANESE VERSION, Not Asia version. PCSG00350**) on your Vita and the latest update for it. This can be done with various methods such as PKGj or NoPayStation. Once the game is installed, if you don't have the update, open it and tap the yellow download button in the top left.
- 2) Download the MHFZ English Patch files via this link:
<https://www.mediafire.com/file/e0465z28457ovk4/MHFZ+Vita+ENG+Pack.zip/file>
- 3) Transfer the RePatch folder to the root of your Vita storage, ux0.
- 4) Launch the game, you should see this screen. If you don't, make sure you have RePatch installed. **DO NOT USE AUTOPLUGIN, IT CAN CAUSE ISSUES. PLEASE INSTALL THE PLUGIN MANUALLY.**



- 5) Press start and wait until you see the server list. Select the server you signed up to (in this example, Rain) and hit circle. Hit circle to confirm your selection. After almost 20 seconds, you should be connecting to the server. If you get an error message, refer to the Troubleshooting FAQ.

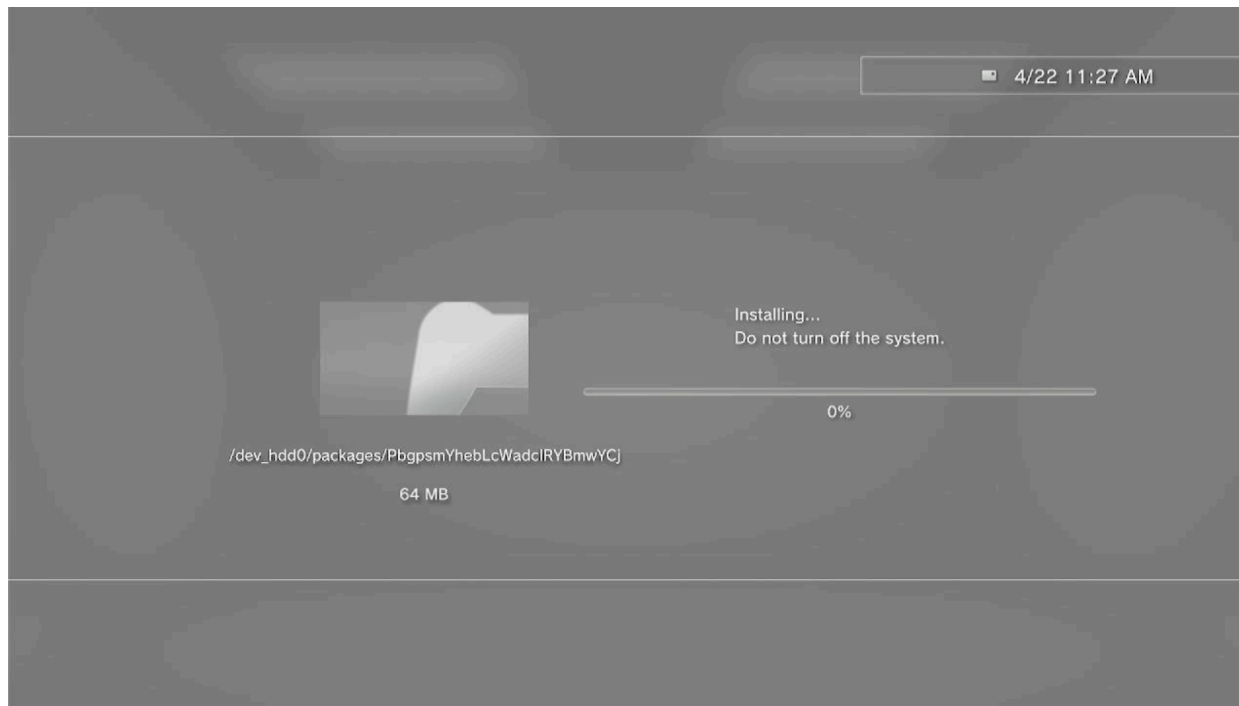


- 6) If logged in successfully, you should see this screen, with your PSN and currently selected character name in the bottom right (if you have made a character already). From here, you can start the game.



PS3 (Requires CFW or HEN)

- 1) Download the Monster Hunter Frontier G Launcher PKG file from this link. (Note: If you have a physical disc of MHFG, you can install it from the disc instead and skip to Step 3. However, you'll still need hacks to install the rest of the game data.)
http://zeus.dl.playstation.net/cdn/JP0102/NPJB00301_00/PbgpsmYhebLcWadclRYBmwYCjLBrSXSndcBHgYxmOmhfziXwjsIsfVuvWAqHDVZnZzfrNrPTOXsRpuWfUURfsUCukcJvzZejdWSRc.pkg
- 2) Install the PKG file on your PS3. Either from a USB stick, or transferring it to your internal hard drive in “/dev_hdd0/packages”, and installing it from there.



- 3) Open the Monster Hunter Frontier G launcher (The name is Japanese so if you're sorted alphabetically, it'll be at the bottom) and install the version 1.14 updates it requests you to. This will take about 10 minutes.

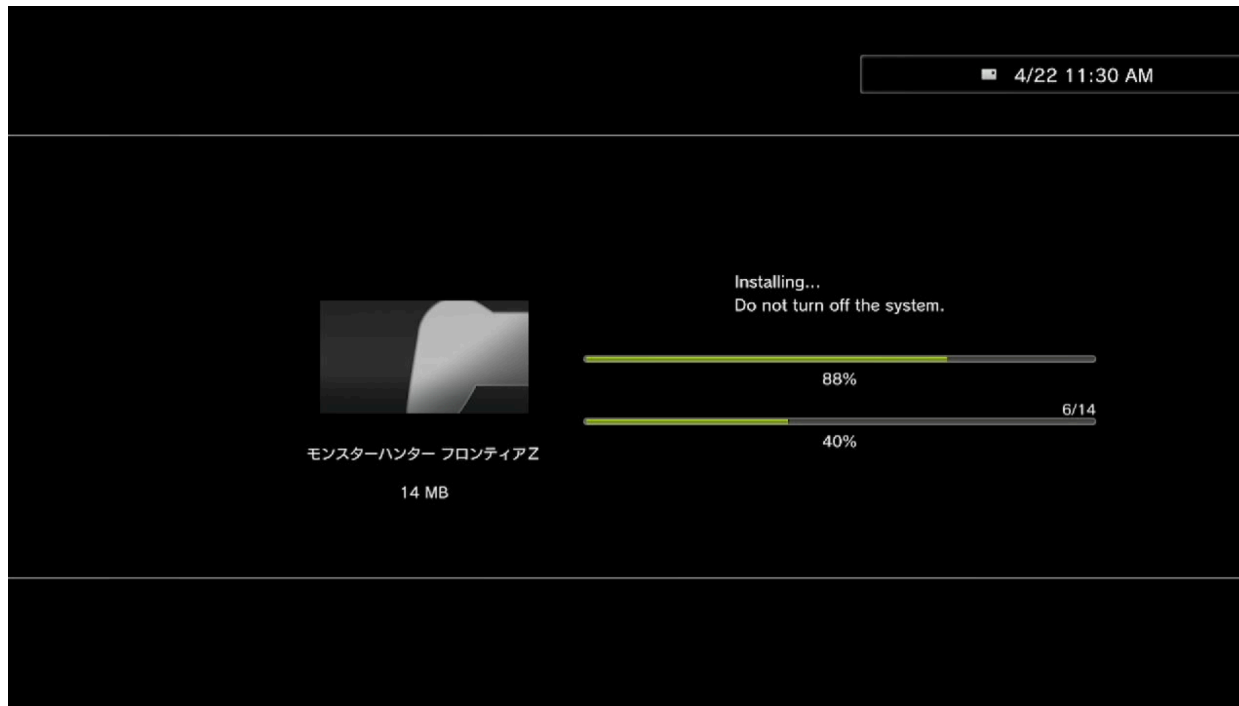
The latest update data for this software has been found.
To sign in and use this software, you must update the software to the latest version.
The system will quit the software and start installing.

Version 1.14

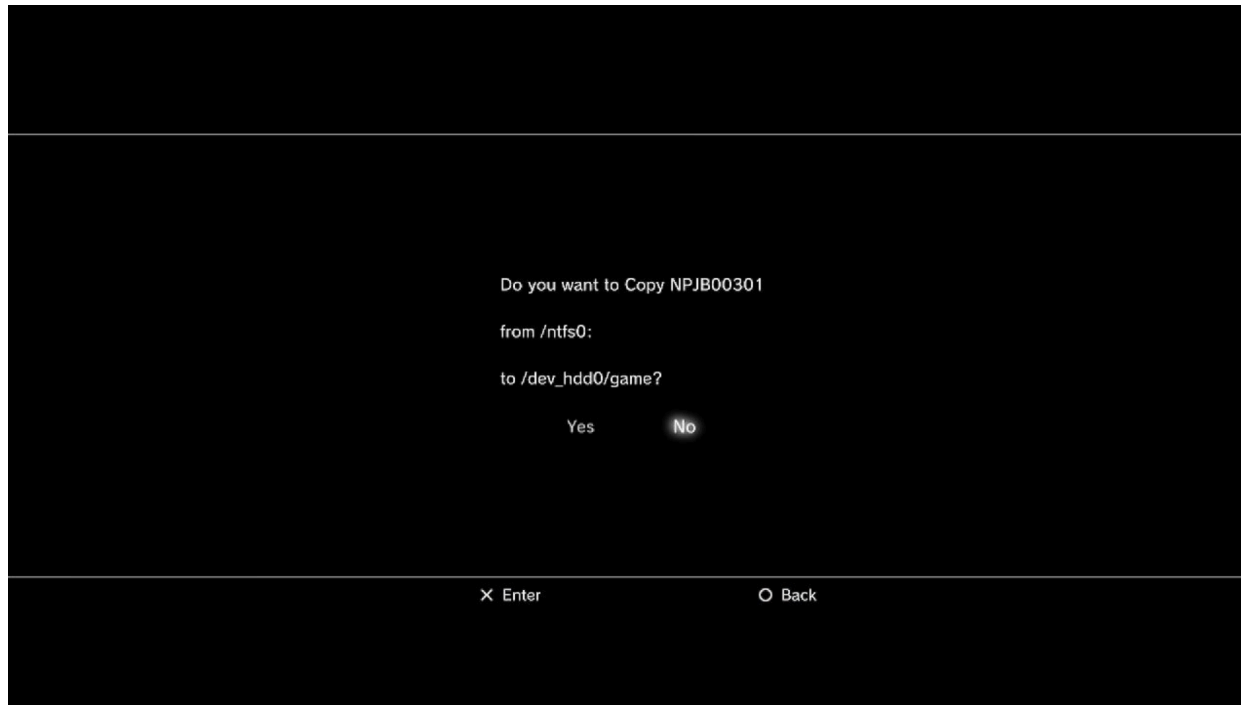
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- 4) Once the install is updated, the Frontier G title screen should appear. Exit out of the game.
- 5) Download the Game Data files from this link.
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qcj850A8jQOJb75K8_4u5Nmijtgy7afq/view?usp=share_link
- 6) Transfer these files via USB stick or FTP to “/dev_hdd0/game” with the file manager of your choice (I use IRISman). This process can take upwards of 15-30 minutes.



- 7) Launch the Monster Hunter Frontier Z launcher. The title screen should look like this if the files were transferred correctly. If the title screen still says Frontier G, the files were transferred wrong, try again.



Once the game's files are transferred, you have 2 options from here.

1: DNS Method (Auto installs English Patch, play without English Patch)

- 1) Go to the Settings column in the XMB, then scroll down for Network Settings, then select Internet Connection Settings. Select the Custom method, choose Wired or Wifi depending on your settings, then select the default option for every proceeding option, except for DNS settings. Set DNS from Automatic to Manual, and set the Primary DNS to 155.248.202.187. Secondary DNS can be left blank.
- 2) Press start and sign into PSN (disable syscalls if you have it enabled by pressing both R2+△). You should see this screen. If you don't, check your DNS settings. If they're correct, your ISP might be blocking the DNS. You'll probably have to manually install the English Patch if that's the case.



- 3) Press start and wait until you see the server list. Select the server you signed up to (in this example, Rain) and hit circle. Hit circle to confirm your selection.



- 4) After about 10 seconds, you should be seeing this screen. This is an update check, and will download files specific to the server you picked, usually an English patch. Hit circle to begin the normal file check. If you're on HEN and the normal file check fails, try a detailed check. It will display a little animation while it checks and downloads the necessary files. If it's successful, you should see an animation where the hunter picks up a CD, and another message saying Update, indicating it was successful. If you're downloading the English patch, the game should return to the Title Screen. Press start and the menu should be in English.

UPDATE

『モンスターハンター フロンティアZ』を
プレイする前に、このゲームプログラムが
最新版か確認する必要があります。

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and Options.



2: Manual Patch Method (Bypasses Automatic Patching)

- 1) Download the English Patch here: <https://www.mediafire.com/file/amk4g86stis4zo0/MHFZ+PS3+ENG+Pack.zip/file>
- 2) Transfer these files via USB stick or FTP to "/dev_hdd0/game" with the file manager of your choice (I use IRISman). This process won't take too long.
- 3) Launch Monster Hunter Frontier Z, and press start. If you see a Z Zenith logo with English text below that, you're ready to play.
- 4)



NOTE: Using this method, you will need to redownload the patch and install it whenever new patch files are released.

Connecting to a Server

Known Bugs and Issues

Mods and Optimizations

Vita:

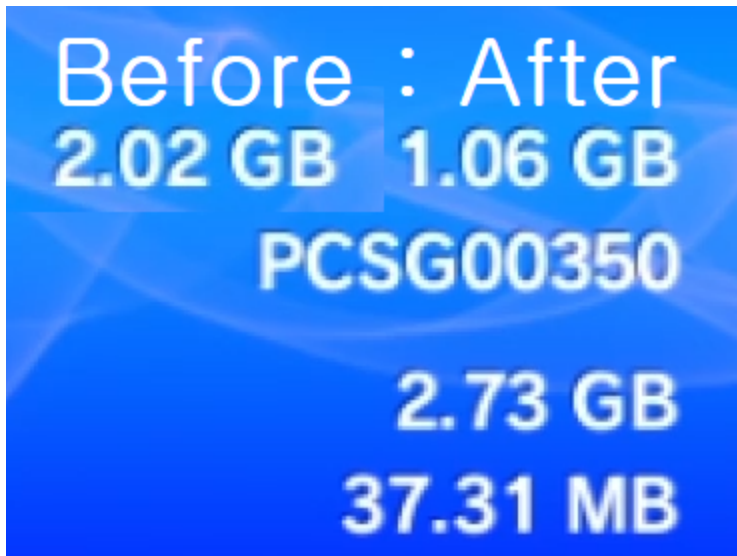
The main things that can be optimized on Vita are

Remove 1GB of redundant files

Due to how the Vita downloads update files (they're put in a separate folder and do not replace the base install files), there is 1GB worth of redundant files still installed. You can shrink this with a program such as OneMenuVita.

<https://github.com/ONElua/ONEMenu-for-PSVita/releases>

This can shrink the base game from 2.02GB to 1.06GB, which is quite a downsize. Very useful if you're low on storage space.



Use a trigger grip with Revita and (maybe) Minivitatv to enable back triggers like PC
Disable graphic options (town draw distance and other player effects mainly)
And install PSVshell to overclock Vita

Minimal HUD Mod: Removes certain aspects of the HUD, such as borders and windows, which allows for more visibility.

Z Zenith Title Screen Mod: Changes small aspects of the title screen and replaces the normal Z logo with the logo of Z Zenith.

<https://www.mediafire.com/file/xtf9g2ymsyzddje/Mod3.zip/file>

PS3: (Can only install with the Manual English Patch method)

Minimal HUD Mod:

Z Zenith Title Screen Mod: Changes small aspects of the title screen and replaces the normal Z logo with the logo of Z Zenith.
<https://www.mediafire.com/file/qx5982eqvar4d2c/MHFZZ+PS3+ENG+Pack.zip/file>

==**How to play Monster Hunter Frontier on Rain or Renewal on Vita or PS3**==

****Vita installation:****

- 1: Obtain an install for Monster Hunter Frontier G (**The JAPANESE VERSION, Not Asia version. PCSG00350**) on your Vita and the latest update for it. This can be done via PKGj to download directly to your Vita, NPS Browser to download on PC for transferring to your Vita (faster download speeds), or a physical cartridge of MHFG. Once the game is installed, if you don't have the update, open it and tap the yellow download button in the top left. Once downloaded, launch the game to update it. After it's updated, close it.
- 2: Go into Settings, then Network, then Wi-Fi Settings. Select the access point you're currently connected to, and choose Advanced Settings. Set DNS from Automatic to Manual, and set the Primary DNS to 155.248.202.187.
- 3: Skip to step 6.

****PS3 Installation (REQUIRES CFW. FOLLOW THE STEPS CAREFULLY AND IN ORDER!):****

- 1: Download the Monster Hunter Frontier G PKG from this link: <https://psndl.net/packages/11018> and transfer it to dev_hdd0/packages using a USB stick or FTP.
- 2: Install the PKG for MHFG using a Package Manager. Launch and update it. Once it's updated, close the game.
- 3: Download the Data files for MHFZ from this link:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qcj850A8jQOJb75K8_4u5Nmijtgy7afq/view?usp=share_link
- 4: Transfer these files to your PS3 in dev_hdd0/game using a USB stick or FTP. This will take several minutes.
(**NOTE: If you're having issues with the files not transferring, transfer these files via a USB Stick, not FTP. Any errors can prevent connection!**)
- 5: Go to the Settings column in the XMB, then scroll down for Network Settings, then select Internet Connection Settings. Select the Custom method, choose Wired or Wifi depending on your settings, then select the default option for every proceeding option, except for DNS settings. Set DNS from Automatic to Manual, and set the Primary DNS to 155.248.202.187. Test connection and if it works, proceed to step 6.

Rain-Specific Directions (NOTE: If you have a Rain account already, skip to step 9.)

6: Join the Rain Frontier Server Discord.

7: Once you join, read the rules, and go to <#1001395289233567854> and click the register button at the bottom.

8: type in a username and password in the message the bot Rust gives you. Make it unique to this server, it's better to not be something used anywhere else.

9: Go to the channel <#1090267127161827429> and type /add_psn PSN_IDhere (example: /add_psn PopTheWeasel100), then send. You should get a confirmation that it's linked.

10: Now boot up Frontier Z on your system. Press start until it loads the browser. If you see another Press Start screen with the ZZ logo, you're ready!

11: Push start, then circle. Once you make it to server select, highlight the Rain server you would like to connect to, preferably with your Region listed. Rain (JP) should be first, which doesn't work. Scroll down to find (US) and (EU). They're the same server, just different entry points for minimizing lag. Hit circle twice, then wait to connect.

****Note:** On PS3, after selecting the server, it will do a file integrity check. This should only take about 10 or 15 seconds. If you get an error, make sure you install the game EXACTLY in the order of the steps earlier.**

12: After loading for a bit, you'll enter the main menu with Proof of a Hero playing. The menu options are from top to bottom: Quick Start, Game Start, Character Management, and Options. Select the one highlighted when you start to start playing.

Renewal-Specific Directions (NOTE: You will need to install the PC version once to link your account to your PSN account)

6: Join the Renewal Frontier Server Discord.

7: Once you join, read the rules, go to the setup guide forum, and go to the "PC Setup" thread and follow the instructions there.

8: Go to Mezaporta and type !psn PSN_IDhere (example: !psn PopTheWeasel100), then send. You should get confirmation that it's linked.

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****English Patch (REQUIRES CFW)****

****PS Vita:**** Download the ZIP here: <https://www.mediafire.com/file/e0465z28457ovk4/MHFZ+Vita+ENG+Pack.zip/file>

Extract these files on the root of your memory card, merge and replace if needed.

****PS3:**** Coming soon...

****NOTE:** There may be bugs and issues with the Vita and PS3 versions that are undocumented. If you experience any issues, let a server admin know.

Troubleshooting QnA:

I noticed quite a few Vita and PS3 players have had trouble playing the game in various ways. Here's a couple of things to troubleshoot if you're having issues connecting to the server on Vita or PS3.

****General Errors:****

****Error 1:**** "Page not found error, black screen surrounded by blue border with buttons at bottom"

This means the DNS is not being read correctly. Double check your DNS settings. If it's correct, your ISP is most likely blocking the DNS. This can be bypassed with a VPN and/or proxy. Klark221 recommends everyproxy. DM him for help if you have this error.

****Error 2:**** "COG ID not linked to PSN ID"

This means your PSN account hasn't been successfully linked to your Rain server account. Try relinking your PSN account. Usernames are case sensitive, so make sure it's spelt exactly the same.

****Vita:****

****Error 3:**** **""The Login screen shows Palicos and has login info, can't get into game""**

You have downloaded the Taiwanese version of the game, which doesn't work with Rain. Please delete this version and download the Japanese version. For reference, the Japanese version is known as:

Monster Hunter Frontier G (PCSG00350)

the TW version is known as:

Monster Hunter Frontier G / Monster Hunter Frontier Z (PCSH00109)

Make sure you're downloading the proper version.

****Error 4:**** **""C2-12828-1 when loading into game""**

This means the files are corrupted. If you installed the English patch, make sure you didn't install it in the "patch" folder, and instead "repatch". If you did, please uninstall and reinstall the game, and download the latest patch from here and place it on the root of your Vita memory card.

****Error 5:**** **""Game loads, but English Patch doesn't work""**

Make sure you have the RePatch plugin installed. Also make sure only 1 version of RePatch is installed. Having multiple will cause issues. RePatch can be found here, with a guide on how to install it also in the same link: <https://github.com/dots-tb/rePatch-reDux0>

****PS3:****

****Error 6:**** **""Game errors out on the update screen, returns me to the title screen""**

I made an unfortunate mistake in my PS3 guide that I need to correct. My original steps were:

""3: Transfer these files to your PS3 in the appropriate folders. These are:"

PKG: dev_hdd0/packages

Data files: dev_hdd0/game

***4: Install the PKG for MHFZ using a Package Manager. Launch and update it. Once it's updated, close it.""**

In reality, updating the PKG file will overwrite the data files with old outdated files, preventing login since the server can't redownload the files. The guide has been rewritten to accomodate for this issue. If you are struggling with getting past the update screen, please uninstall MHFZ and follow the steps to install it again.

Hopefully your questions have been answered. Happy hunting everyone!

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