


## Back to the Future (franchise)

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<i>Back to the Future</i>	
	
<b>Created by</b>	Robert Zemeckis Bob Gale
<b>Original work</b>	<i>Back to the Future</i> (1985)
Print publications	
<b>Book(s)</b>	List of books
<b>Comics</b>	List of comics
Films and television	
<b>Film(s)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>Back to the Future</i> (1985)</li><li><i>Back to the Future Part II</i> (1989)</li><li><i>Back to the Future Part III</i> (1990)</li></ul>
<b>Television series</b>	<i>Back to the Future</i> (1991–92)
Theatrical presentations	
<b>Musical(s)</b>	<i>The Musical</i>
Games	
<b>Video game(s)</b>	List of video games
Audio	
<b>Soundtrack(s)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>Back to the Future: Music from the Motion Picture Soundtrack</i> (1985)</li><li><i>Back to the Future Part II: Original Motion Picture Soundtrack</i> (1989)</li><li><i>Back to the Future Part III: Original Motion Picture Soundtrack</i></li></ul>

- *The Back to the Future Trilogy* (1999)

#### Miscellaneous

**Theme park attractions**      Back to the Future: The Ride

The ***Back to the Future* franchise** is an American science fiction–adventure comedy film series written and directed by Robert Zemeckis, produced by Bob Gale and Neil Canton for Steven Spielberg's Amblin Entertainment, and distributed by Universal Pictures. The franchise follows the adventures of a high school student, Marty McFly (Michael J. Fox), and an eccentric scientist, Dr. Emmett L. Brown (Christopher Lloyd), as they use a DeLorean time machine to time travel to different periods in the history of Hill Valley, California.

The first film was the highest-grossing film of 1985 and became an international phenomenon, leading to the second and third films, which were back-to-back film productions, released in 1989 and 1990, respectively. Though the sequels did not perform quite as well at the box office as the first film, the trilogy remains immensely popular after 30 years and has yielded such spinoffs as an animated television series and a motion-simulation ride at the Universal Studios Theme Parks in Universal City, California; Orlando, Florida; and Osaka, Japan (all now closed), as well as a video game. The film's visual effects were done by Industrial Light and Magic. The trilogy was nominated for five Academy Awards all together, winning one (Best Sound Editing).



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Films[edit]

<i><b>Back to the Future</b></i>	
<b>Directed by</b>	Robert Zemeckis
<b>Produced by</b>	Bob Gale Neil Canton
<b>Written by</b>	Robert Zemeckis Bob Gale
<b>Starring</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michael J. Fox</li> <li>• Christopher Lloyd</li> <li>• Thomas F. Wilson</li> <li>• Lea Thompson</li> </ul>
<b>Music by</b>	Alan Silvestri
<b>Cinematography</b>	Dean Cundey
<b>Edited by</b>	Harry Keramidas Arthur Schmidt
<b>Production company</b>	Amblin Entertainment
<b>Distributed by</b>	Universal Pictures
<b>Release date</b>	1985–90
<b>Running time</b>	337 minutes
<b>Country</b>	United States
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Budget</b>	\$99 million
<b>Box office</b>	\$975.2 million

***Back to the Future (1985)***[edit]

*Main article: Back to the Future*

Seventeen-year-old Marty McFly is accidentally sent back in time from 1985 to 1955 in a time machine built from a DeLorean by eccentric scientist Emmett "Doc" Brown, when they are attacked by Libyans from whom Doc stole the plutonium that gives the flux capacitor the 1.21 gigawatts it needs to time-travel. Soon after his arrival in 1955, Marty's mother Lorraine falls in love with him, rather than with his father George McFly, threatening to cause a paradox that would result in Marty ceasing to exist. Without plutonium to power the time machine, Marty must find the 1955 Doc Brown to help him reunite his parents and return to 1985.

The efforts of Biff Tannen, George's bully and supervisor, further complicate Marty's situation until Marty successfully causes his parents to fall in love and simultaneously convinces George to finally stand up to Biff. Returning to the future via a lightning strike that powers the machine, Marty discovers a vastly improved situation for the McFly family, as a much more confident George has become an accomplished science-fiction author, and an apparently-softened Biff is now an auto detailer, rather than George's supervisor. Despite 1955 Doc's insistence on not knowing details of the future, a note Marty leaves in his pocket prevents him from being killed by the terrorists. But in the film's final moments, Doc Brown appears in a modified version of the DeLorean and tells Marty and his girlfriend Jennifer Parker that they must travel to the future to fix a problem caused by Marty and Jennifer's kids.

### ***Back to the Future Part II* (1989)**[edit]

*Main article: Back to the Future Part II*

The series continues as Doc Brown travels with Marty and Jennifer to the year 2015 where he has discovered Marty's family is in ruins. Shortly after rectifying the situation, Marty buys a sports almanac containing the outcomes of 50 years (1950–2000) worth of sporting events to make easy money. However, Doc talks him out of it and throws the almanac in the bin, where the 2015 Biff Tannen finds it. A sleeping Jennifer has been taken by police to her future home, needing Marty and Doc to retrieve her before returning to 1985. While Marty and Doc are at the 2015 McFly home, 2015 Biff steals the DeLorean time machine and gives the book to his 1955 self just before he goes to the dance at the end of the first film. When Doc and Marty return to 1985, they find that Biff has used the sports almanac's knowledge for financial gain, which allows him to turn Courthouse Square into a 27-story casino, take over Hill Valley, get away with the murder of Marty's father, and later marry Marty's mother. Marty learns that Biff was given the book by 2015 Biff on November 12, 1955, so he and Doc go back to that date in order to steal the almanac from Biff before he can use it to destroy their lives. They accomplish this in a complex fashion, often crossing their own past-selves' paths. When the duo are about to travel back to 1985, a lightning bolt strikes the DeLorean and activates the time circuits, sending Doc back to 1885 and leaving Marty stranded once again in 1955.

### ***Back to the Future Part III* (1990)**[edit]

*Main article: Back to the Future Part III*

After finding out that Doc Brown is trapped in 1885, Marty sets out to find the 1955 Doc to help him fix the DeLorean (which has been waiting for him in a mineshaft for seventy years) and restore it to working order. Learning that Doc gets shot in 1885 by Biff's great-grandfather, Buford "Mad Dog" Tannen, Marty travels back in time to save Doc (who has become a blacksmith) and bring him back to the future. Arriving in the middle of a melee between the United States Cavalry and American Indians, an Indian arrow pierces a hole in the DeLorean's fuel line, emptying the fuel tank and rendering the engine useless. Marty convinces Doc to come back with him and find a way to get back to his time before it's too late. After several dramatic action scenes involving using a speeding locomotive to push the DeLorean to 88 miles per hour (142 km/h), Marty returns to 1985 without Doc Brown. When the DeLorean appears in 1985 on the same train track as planned, a modern train destroys the DeLorean, with Marty jumping out just in the nick of time. Marty reveals to Jennifer the time travel adventure and they visit the scene of the wreckage of the DeLorean. He worries that Doc has been lost in the past forever, when suddenly Doc appears in a new time machine, modeled after a locomotive. When Marty asks if Doc is going to the future, Doc replies that he has "already been there." Doc's last words of wisdom is that nobody knows their future, so they "must make it a good one." The locomotive flies across the sky and disappears, ending the trilogy.

### **Future**[edit]

Co-writer and director Robert Zemeckis, who has approval over all films in the *Back to the Future* franchise, has stated that he will block all attempts to remake or reboot the original film. Bob Gale stated that he did not wish to see another film in the series without the Marty McFly character nor any other actor than Michael J. Fox playing him, while acknowledging that Fox's current health condition would make this impossible. He illustrated this at a 2008 fan convention in Florida, stating "The idea of making another *Back to the Future* movie without Michael J. Fox – you know, that's like saying, 'I'm going to cook you a steak dinner and I'm going to hold the beef.'<sup>[1]</sup> Gale also said that the Telltale adaptation is the closest thing to what a fourth film could be like.<sup>[2]</sup> In a *USA Today* interview on October 21, 2015, the day of Marty McFly's purported arrival in the future, Christopher Lloyd stated that he would consider making a fourth film under the condition that the original cast and creative team returned, along with a story "worth telling."<sup>[3]</sup> The same day, Lloyd once again reprised his role as Doc Brown in a brief segment in which Doc Brown returns to announce a special message explaining the discrepancy between reality and the "future" as depicted in the film.<sup>[4]</sup>

### **Cast and crew**[edit]

*See also: List of Back to the Future characters*

### **Cast and characters**[edit]

Characters	Films	Ride	Animated series
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	<i>Back to the Future</i>	<i>Back to the Future Part II</i>	<i>Back to the Future Part III</i>	<i>Back to the Future: The Ride</i>	<i>Back to the Future</i>
	1985	1989	1990	1991	1991-1992
<b>Martin "Marty" McFly</b>	Michael J. Fox			Michael J. Fox <i>(archive footage)</i>	David Kaufman
<b>Dr. Emmett "Doc" Brown</b>	Christopher Lloyd				Dan Castellaneta
					Christopher Lloyd <i>(live-action segments)</i>
<b>Biff Tannen</b>	Thomas F. Wilson				
<b>George McFly</b>	Crispin Glover	Jeffrey Weissman	Jeffrey Weissman		
		Crispin Glover <i>(archive footage)</i>			
<b>Lorraine Baines-McFly</b>	Lea Thompson				
<b>Jennifer Parker</b>	Claudia Wells	Elisabeth Shue			Cathy Cavadini
<b>Einstein</b>	Tiger	Freddie	Freddie		Danny Mann
			Tiger <i>(archive footage)</i>		
<b>Gerald Strickland</b>	James Tolkan				
<b>David "Dave" McFly</b>	Marc McClure	Marc McClure <i>(deleted scene)</i>	Marc McClure		
<b>Linda McFly</b>	Wendie Jo Sperber		Wendie Jo Sperber		
<b>Goldie Wilson</b>	Donald Fullilove				
<b>3-D</b>	Casey Siemaszko				
<b>Match</b>	Billy Zane				
<b>Skinhead</b>	J. J. Cohen				
<b>Marvin Berry</b>	Harry Waters Jr.				
<b>Marty McFly, Jr.</b>		Michael J. Fox			
<b>Marlene McFly</b>					
<b>Griff</b>		Thomas F. Wilson			Thomas F. Wilson
<b>Douglas J. Needles</b>		Flea			

<b>Buford "Mad Dog" Tannen</b>		Thomas F. Wilson <i>(photograph)</i>	Thomas F. Wilson		<i>Cameo in Season one intro</i>
<b>Clara Clayton</b>			Mary Steenburgen	<i>Photograph</i>	Mary Steenburgen
<b>Seamus McFly</b>			Michael J. Fox		
<b>Maggie McFly</b>			Lea Thompson		
<b>William McFly</b>			Michael J. Fox <i>(photograph)</i>		
			N/A		
<b>James Strickland</b>			James Tolkan		
<b>Jules Eratosthenes Brown</b>			Todd Cameron Brown		Joshua Keaton
<b>Verne Newton Brown</b>			Dannel Evans		Troy Davidson
<b>Copernicus</b>	N/A		Foster		
<b>Biff Tannen, Jr.</b>					Benji Gregory
<b>Beauregard Tannen</b>					Thomas F. Wilson
<b>Edna Strickland</b>					
<b>Arthur McFly</b>					
<b>Trixie Trotter</b>					
<b>Irving "Kid" Tannen</b>					
<b>Erhardt Brown</b>					

Marty McFly and Doc Brown were included in *Empire's 100 Greatest Movie Characters of All Time*, ranking No. 39 and No. 76 respectively.<sup>[5][6]</sup>

**Crew**[edit]

Crew/detail	Film		
	<i>Back to the Future</i> (1985)	<i>Back to the Future Part II</i> (1989)	<i>Back to the Future Part III</i> (1990)
<b>Director</b>	Robert Zemeckis		
<b>Writers</b>	Robert Zemeckis Bob Gale	<b>Story:</b> Robert Zemeckis Bob Gale <b>Screenplay:</b> Bob Gale	
<b>Producers</b>	Neil Canton Bob Gale		

<b>Executive producers</b>	Steven Spielberg Kathleen Kennedy Frank Marshall		
<b>Associate producer</b>	N/A	Steve Starkey	
<b>Cinematographer</b>	Dean Cundey		
<b>Editors</b>	Harry Keramidas Arthur Schmidt		
<b>Composer</b>	Alan Silvestri		
<b>Casting directors</b>	Jane Feinberg Mike Fenton Judy Taylor	Mike Fenton Valorie Massalas Judy Taylor	
<b>Production designers</b>	Lawrence G. Paull	Rick Carter	
<b>Art directors</b>	Todd Hallowell	Margie Stone McShirley	Margie Stone McShirley Jim Teegarden
<b>Set decorators</b>	Hal Gausman	Linda De Scenna	Michael Taylor
<b>Costume designers</b>	Deborah L. Scott	Joanna Johnston	
<b>Production Company</b>	Amblin Entertainment		
<b>Distributor</b>	Universal Pictures		
<b>Running time</b>	116 minutes	108 minutes	119 minutes
<b>Release date</b>	July 3, 1985	November 22, 1989	May 25, 1990

Reception[edit]

Box office performance[edit]

Film	Release date	Box office gross
		North America
<i>Back to the Future</i>	July 3, 1985	\$210,609,762
<i>Back to the Future Part II</i>	November 22, 1989	\$118,450,002
<i>Back to the Future Part III</i>	May 25, 1990	\$87,727,583
<i>Back to the Future Day</i>	October 21, 2015	\$1,650,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$420,087,347</b>
<b>List indicator(s)</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><sup>(A)</sup> indicates the adjusted totals based on current ticket prices (by Box Office Mojo).</li> </ul>		

As of June 2011, the *Back to the Future* series is the 14th-highest-grossing trilogy of all time at the domestic market (adjusted for inflation),<sup>[14]</sup> 17th-highest-grossing trilogy of all time at the domestic market (not adjusted for inflation),<sup>[15]</sup> and the 13th-highest-grossing trilogy of all time, worldwide (not adjusted for inflation).<sup>[16]</sup>

The trilogy was re-released in certain countries worldwide on October 21, 2015 to commemorate the date travelled to by the protagonists in *Back to the Future Part II* and generated \$4.8 million on its opening day.<sup>[17]</sup> In the United States and Canada, it earned \$1.65 million from ticket sales across 1,815 North American theaters on its opening day.<sup>[17][18]</sup> Germany opened with \$1.4 million and the United Kingdom with \$345,000. Revenues from other territories such as Australia, Austria, France, Italy were moderate.<sup>[17]</sup>

### Critical and public response[edit]

Film	Rotten Tomatoes	
	Critics	Top Critics
<i>Back to the Future</i>	96% (77 reviews) <sup>[19]</sup>	88% (16 reviews)
<i>Back to the Future Part II</i>	64% (59 reviews) <sup>[21]</sup>	50% (14 reviews)
<i>Back to the Future Part III</i>	74% (43 reviews) <sup>[24]</sup>	50% (10 reviews)

### Soundtrack albums[edit]

In 1985, MCA Records released the *Back to the Future* soundtrack. It featured 8 tracks performed by Huey Lewis and the News, Lindsey Buckingham, Eric Clapton, Marvin Berry and the Starlighters, and Etta James. Only two tracks were culled from Alan Silvestri's orchestral score.

In 1989, MCA Records released *Back to the Future Part II* soundtrack with 13 tracks.

In 1990, Varèse Sarabande released *Back to the Future Part III* soundtrack with 18 tracks.

In 1999, Varèse Sarabande released *Back to the Future* trilogy soundtrack with eight tracks from the first film, seven from the second, four from the third, and one from the ride.

In 2009, Intrada released a two-CD *Back to the Future* set as *Intrada Special Collection Volume 116*. It features the complete original motion picture soundtrack (that is, Alan Silvestri's entire orchestral score) from *Back to the Future* (Part I) with 24 tracks, 15 tracks of alternate early sessions and one unused source cue from the scoring sessions.

### Home media[edit]

#### 2002 DVD release: "The Complete Trilogy"[edit]

In July 1997, Universal Studios announced that *Back to the Future* would be one of their first ten releases to the new format, though it ended up being delayed for five years. The films were finally released in 3-disc DVD box set on December 17, 2002 in both widescreen and fullscreen.<sup>[26]</sup>

#### 2009 DVD reissue[edit]

On October 21, 2008, BTTF.com broke the story that Universal will be releasing each of the *Back to the Future* films individually. The DVDs were released on February 10, 2009 with the first film being a 2-disc set featuring the documentary *Looking Back to the Future* and *Back to the Future: The Ride*.<sup>[27]</sup>

#### 2010 DVD and Blu-ray release: "25th Anniversary Trilogy"[edit]

In June 2008, a special screening of the trilogy was held in Celebration, Florida. Bob Gale told the crowd they were seeing the digitally remastered version that was going to be used for the Blu-ray version of the movies. Gale also spoke to potential supplemental features on a Blu-ray version of the trilogy, saying only that never-before-seen bonus materials may appear, though he stopped short of offering any specifics.<sup>[28]</sup> On June 28, 2010, Universal announced that the Blu-ray edition of the films would be released on October 26, 2010, twenty-five years to the day from the date of the fictional events from the first film.<sup>[29]</sup> There have been numerous complaints about the R1 packaging,<sup>[30]</sup> leading to the release of an instruction sheet on how to safely remove and insert discs.<sup>[31]</sup>

### Release formats and features[edit]



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Name	Box	Audio	Scene-specific commentary	Framing	Enhanced MJ Fox interview
<b>1986 (Part I) CED</b>	Tan with Marty and DeLorean	Stereo	No	?	No



Name	Box	Audio	Scene-specific commentary	Framing	Enhanced MJ Fox interview
1986 (Part I) VHS	Blue with Marty and DeLorean	Stereo	No	Correct Widescreen	No
1993 Japanese Laserdisc	Charcoal with logo	Stereo	No	Generous	No
VCD	Blue with Marty and DeLorean	Stereo	No	Correct Widescreen	No
2002 R1 DVD	Blue with Marty and Doc with DeLorean	Dolby 5.1	Yes	Incorrect Widescreen	Yes
2002 R2/R4 UK DVD	Black with DeLorean	Dolby 5.1 and DTS	No	Incorrect Widescreen	No
2003 "V2" (Part II & Part III) DVD	No box	Dolby 5.1	Yes	Corrected Widescreen	Yes
2005 R1 DVD	Blue with Marty and Doc	Dolby 5.1	Yes	Corrected Widescreen	Yes
2005 R2/R4 UK DVD	Blue with DeLorean	Dolby 5.1 and DTS	Yes	Corrected Widescreen	Yes
2006 R2 UK DVD	Blue with DeLorean	Dolby 5.1 and DTS	Yes	Corrected Widescreen	Yes
2008 R2 UK DVD	Black Steelbook Case with DeLorean	Dolby 5.1 and DTS	Yes	Corrected Widescreen	Yes
2009 R1 Individual DVDs	<i>BTF</i> : Marty with DeLorean <i>BTF II</i> : Marty and Doc with DeLorean <i>BTF III</i> : Marty, Doc, and Clara with DeLorean	Dolby 5.1	Yes	Corrected Widescreen	Yes
2010 25th Anniversary R1 Blu-ray/Digital copy	Blue with Marty and Doc with DeLorean	DTS-HD 5.1	Yes	Corrected Widescreen (squished credits on Part I)	Yes
2010 R2 Blu-ray	Blue with Marty with DeLorean	DTS-HD 5.1	Yes	Corrected Widescreen	?
2010 Limited Edition Collector's Tin R2 Blu-ray	Tin blue with Marty with DeLorean	DTS-HD 5.1	Yes	Corrected Widescreen	?
2010 25th Anniversary R2 DVD	Blue with Marty with DeLorean	Dolby 5.1	Yes	Corrected Widescreen	Yes
2015 30th Anniversary Blu-ray and DVD	Flux Capacitor	Dolby 5.1	Yes	Corrected Widescreen (squished credits on Part I)	Yes

- other formats available include Betamax, and MUSE HI-Vision LD.

footage that was shot with Eric Stoltz in the role of Marty McFly before he was replaced with Michael J. Fox was not included in Universal's original DVD release in 2002 or in 2009, despite many fans hoping that Universal would include it. Some very brief footage was released in the Blu-ray version in 2010.

**Other media**[edit]

**Television series**[edit]

*Main article: Back to the Future (TV series)*

An animated television series, *Back to the Future: The Animated series*, lasted two seasons, each featuring 13 episodes, and ran on CBS from September 14, 1991 to December 26, 1992.

**Comic books**[edit]

A comic book series was published by Harvey Comics in 1992 detailing further adventures of the animated series. Only seven issues were produced. IDW is publishing a mini series which presents the first meeting of both Marty and Doc Brown and is written by co-screenwriter Bob Gale, which was released in stores on October 21, 2015, the same date that Marty travels with Doc Brown to the future depicted in the story line for Part II. In issue 3, it was revealed that it had become an ongoing monthly comic due to popular demand. Beginning in issue #6, the original format of one or two untold stories per issue was replaced with a multi-issue ongoing story arc. The original subtitle for the comic, "Untold Tales and Alternate Timelines", was used for the trade paperback which contained the first five comics in the series. Other series published by IDW include "Citizen Brown", which adapts the Telltale video game, "Biff to the Future", which depicts Biff Tannen's rise to power after being given the almanac by his future self. The latter is also co-written by Gale. The series has now gone on to what IDW calls "chapter 2" of the series with "Tales from the Time Train." This is a series of stories detailing where Doc and the Brown family went after time traveling at the end of Back to the Future Part III.

**Books**[edit]

Each film in the trilogy also received a novelization that expanded on the movies by adding scenes, characters and dialog, often culled from early-draft scripts.

In 2012, Hasslein Books released *A Matter of Time: The Unauthorized Back to the Future Lexicon*, written by Rich Handley.<sup>[32]</sup> The book was released in cooperation with BTTF.com, the official Back to the Future Web site.<sup>[33]</sup> A second volume, *Back in Time: The Unauthorized Back to the Future Chronology*, by Greg Mitchell and Rich Handley, was released in 2013.<sup>[34]</sup>

**Games**[edit]

*Main article: List of Back to the Future video games*

Various video games based on the *Back to the Future* movies have been released over the years for home video game systems, including the Atari ST, ZX Spectrum, Commodore 64, Master System, Genesis, Nintendo Entertainment System, and Super Famicom platforms. Additionally the game trilogy has also been released for Windows (PC), for Apple (MAC) and for Apple (iPad).<sup>[35]</sup>

The 2015 video game *Lego Dimensions* features two *Back to the Future*-themed toy packs. The Level Pack adds a bonus level that adapts the events of the first film, and includes a Marty McFly minifigure, along with a constructible DeLorean and Hoverboard. The Fun Pack includes a Doc Brown minifigure and a constructible Time Train from *Part III*. Both unlock access to an in-game open world set in Hill Valley. Michael J. Fox and Christopher Lloyd reprise their respective roles.<sup>[36]</sup>

**Stage musical**[edit]

*Main article: Back to the Future (musical)*

On 31 January 2014, it was announced that a stage musical adaptation of the first film is in production.<sup>[37]</sup> The show, which will be co-written by original writers Robert Zemeckis and Bob Gale, was expected to premiere in 2015 but got pushed to 2016. According to Gale, the musical will be "true to the spirit of the film without being a slavish remake". The musical is part of the 30th anniversary of the original film.

**Automotive commercials**[edit]

In 2015, Fox and Lloyd starred alongside popular YouTube science personality Go Tech Yourself in an extended Toyota commercial for Toyota's new fuel cell vehicle, the Mirai, entitled *Fueled by the Future*. The commercial doubled as a tribute to the franchise and illustrated how the idea of converting trash into fuel had become reality. The commercial was released on October 21 — the same date to which Marty, Doc and Jennifer traveled in *Back to the Future Part II*.<sup>[38]</sup>

**Doc Brown Saves the World short film**[edit]



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*Doc Brown Saves the World* is a 2015 direct-to-video short film directed by Robert Zemeckis and starring Christopher Lloyd as Emmett Brown. The short is featured on the 2015 Blu-ray and DVD release of the *Back to the Future* trilogy commemorating for the franchise's 30th anniversary. The short was written by Robert Zemeckis and Bob Gale and produced by Bob Gale and Neil Canton through Amblin Entertainment. Music for the short was performed by Alan Silvestri. The short was released in the United States on October 20, 2015.

Emmett Brown is in an undisclosed location outside of Hill Valley, California. He sets a video camera to automatically track his body in order to video tape a message for Marty McFly. He explains that it is October 21, 2015, one hour before Marty, Doc, and Jennifer Parker arrive from 1985.

He explains that when he traveled in the future, he discovered that there was a nuclear holocaust that occurred on October 21, 2045. He tracked it down to four inventions: the food hydrator, self lacing shoes, the hoverboard, and the Mr. Fusion home energy reactor.

The former three inventions had led to the world becoming lazy and obese, leading to widespread waste. The invention of hoverboards led to hover cars, which led to people throwing their trash out of the windows, causing a great trash storm in 2021. All of this trash needed to be disposed of, which led to one hundred million Mr. Fusion units being manufactured. All of the Mr. Fusion units had a tiny nuclear reactor inside, and all one hundred million of them went off on October 21, 2045.

The chain of events that led to this happening began less than twenty four hours after Marty caused Griff Tannen to crash his hoverboard into the Hill Valley Courthouse when Griff is sentenced. He vowed to get back at the world for laughing at him, and planned to do it through a company which he founded, GriffTech.

Doc holds up a clear tablet computer with a digital version of the Hill Valley Telegraph. On June 13, 2032, GriffTech invented a social media network called ThingMeme, which had secured funding from Douglas J. Needles. ThingMeme allowed inanimate objects to post selfies on the internet. However, it was a scam, as it allowed Griff to gain access to every object on Earth. On the 30th anniversary of his arrest, on October 21, 2045, he uploaded a virus that was supposed to flash the word *butthead* on everything. However, it short circuited the Mr. Fusion network, causing nuclear explosions in one hundred million homes around the world.

Doc then travels to an unknown date, to change history so these inventions are never created, which will prevent the nuclear explosion from occurring. He leaves his camera on, which manages to capture the four inventions being erased from history.

He arrives back in 2015, in a winter jacket and ski goggles, declaring that the mission was more complicated than he had calculated, but declaring it a success. He holds up the tablet computer, where the headline on the Hill Valley Telegraph changes from "Griff Tannen Finds Grifftech" to "Griff Tannen Found Guilty".

Doc's excitement is short lived, however, as he reaches in his pocket. He pulls out the Quantum Mind Jar, which he thought he had disposed of in 2075. He's worried that not doing so will unravel everything they've accomplished. In a female voice, the artificial intelligence of the Quantum Mind Jar tells Doc that they need to go back to the future, which he dismisses as he doesn't want to risk making any more time travel.

At that moment, another Emmett Brown, from an unknown time period, arrives, also declaring his experiment a success. Both versions of Emmett, along with the artificial intelligence of the Quantum Mind Jar, are shocked at discovering that there are two Emmett Browns present.

Theme park ride[edit]

*Main article: Back to the Future: The Ride*

*Back to the Future: The Ride* is a simulator ride based on and inspired by the *Back to the Future* films and is a mini-sequel to 1990's *Back to the Future Part III*. The original attraction opened on May 2, 1991, at Universal Studios Florida. It also opened on June 2, 1993 at Universal Studios Hollywood and on March 31, 2001 at Universal Studios Japan. The rides in the United States have since been replaced by The Simpsons Ride. The ride in Japan remained operational until May 31, 2016.

*Back in Time*[edit]

In the fall of 2015, a Kickstarter project released the *Back in Time* documentary film.<sup>[39][40]</sup> The film features interviews with the members of the cast and crew along with the cultural impact of the trilogy 30 years later.

Cultural impact[edit]

*Back to the Future Day*[edit]





The replica Toyota Tacoma concept based on the original Toyota truck, on display during the Pittsburgh International Auto Show at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in 2016.

October 21, 2015, the date used for the setting of the future events during the first act of the second film, has been called "*Back to the Future Day*" by the media.<sup>[41][42][43][44][45]</sup> The year 2015 also commemorated the 30th anniversary of the release of the original film.

Many promotions were planned to mark the passing of the date, with many playing to the depiction of the future in the film, including:

- Universal Pictures created a trailer for *Jaws 19*, the fictional 3D film advertised in the future setting.<sup>[46][47]</sup>
- Universal and Mattel produced an advertisement for the hoverboard seen in the film.<sup>[48]</sup>
- Pepsi produced a limited run of the "Pepsi Perfect" soft drink, including the unique bottles, which sold out before October 21, 2015.<sup>[49]</sup>
- The Ford Motor Company allowed users configuring a Ford Focus on their website to add a Flux Capacitor as a \$1.2 million option.<sup>[50]</sup>
- Nintendo released the game *Wild Gunman*, which Marty is seen playing in the Cafe '80s scene, on the Wii U's Virtual Console service.<sup>[51]</sup>
- The October 22, 2015 edition of *USA Today* used a mock-front page which was a recreation of the one seen in the film on that date. The back of the mock page contains an advertisement for *Jaws 19*, as well as ads for the 30th anniversary *Back to the Future* box set and The Michael J. Fox Foundation. On the real front page, the *USA Today* blue dot is replaced with a drone camera like the one seen in the film.<sup>[52]</sup> The print edition of this edition sold out in record time, according to *USA Today*.<sup>[53]</sup>
- Nike revealed that they had recreated the Nike Mag shoes that Michael J. Fox wears in the film, complete with self-lacing power laces (a 2011 design was based on the same shoes, but lacked the power laces).<sup>[54]</sup> Although the laces operated more slowly than those seen in the film, they were nonetheless shown to work as intended in an eight-second video featuring Fox wearing the shoes.<sup>[54]</sup> Pairs of the shoes were sold via auction in 2016 to benefit The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.<sup>[54]</sup>
- Toyota and Universal Pictures celebrated the 30th anniversary of the film series with a Toyota Tacoma Concept that was inspired by the original 1985 pickup that Toyota created for the 1985 film. The 2016 Tacoma 4WD was recreated using the same features and black color paint trim, KC HiLite driving lamps (modified with LED lighting), modified headlights and taillights (matching the 1985 version), the Toyota badging to the truck's tailgate, as well as the same D-4S fuel injection, the 1985-inspired mudflaps, and customized license plates matching the 2015 vehicles in *Part II*. The only difference between the 1985 original and the 2016 concept is the tires: Goodyear was featured in the 1985 film, while BF Goodrich is used on the concept. Toyota notes that this is a one-off concept as there are no plans to offer it as a package or level trim.<sup>[55]</sup> Toyota also produced a promotional video starring Michael J. Fox and Christopher Lloyd and featuring many of the locations depicted in the film series, wherein the Delorean's Mr. Fusion is used as a comparison for Toyota's hydrogen powered Mirai.<sup>[56]</sup>
- Universal re-released all three films on DVD and Blu-ray disc on October 21, 2015.<sup>[57]</sup>
- Telltale Games re-released their licensed *Back to the Future: The Game* in a 30th Anniversary edition for newer consoles a week in advance of October 21.<sup>[58]</sup> Several video games released downloadable content related to *Back to the Future* to coincide with October 21, 2015, including *Rocket League* and *LittleBigPlanet 3*.<sup>[59][60]</sup>

Cast members appeared on *Today* and *Jimmy Kimmel Live!* on October 21, 2015.<sup>[61][62]</sup> Nearly 2,000 theaters worldwide showed back-to-back screenings of the *Back to the Future* trilogy on October 21 and continuing through that weekend, which earned over \$4.8M in single day ticket sales.<sup>[63]</sup> Universal studios offered location tours of the various filming locations around the date.<sup>[64][65]</sup> The town of Reston, Virginia, temporarily changed its name to "Hill Valley" to commemorate the series during its annual film festival.<sup>[41][66]</sup> Esquire Network aired the trilogy all day that day, plus all weekend.














A cosplayer at a "Back to the FutureDay" screening in Boise, Idaho



The White House celebrated *Back to the Future Day*.

See also[edit]

-  **United States portal**
-  **Film in the United States portal**
-  **Television in the United States portal**
-  **Animation portal**
-  **Comics portal**
-  **Video games portal**
-  **Science fiction portal**
-  **1980s portal**
-  **1990s portal**
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-  **2010s portal**

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