We are living our lives...

...abound with so much information
Shin Megami Tensei: Persona 4
Persona 4

ATLUS

Shin Megami

Tensei
Persona 4

2008
Persona 4

“Turn Based JRPG with Visual Novel Elements”
JRPGs

ABECEDARI: I’m a custom dialog box! You can make me say anything!
Visual Novels

I heard Watanabe-san was going to make his own visual novel so that we would have some free images to use on Wikipedia! That's the kind of guy who keeps the Internet alive, don't you think?
Persona 4?
Meaningful Choices

Gladly!

But of course!

I’ll get it for you!
Spoiler Alert?
Welcome to Inaba
Your year as a Japanese teenager
A body has been discovered!
Plot...
Welcome to the TV world
“We do stuff like, ‘Persona!’ with our Personas and beat the crap outta Shadows...“
Character development

Yay!
Social Issues

Yay!
But wait, there’s more!

Billy Mays
I'm your host, Billy Mays, with a live presentation of my Amazing Big City Sliders!
The rest of the year?
School life

> Maybe you should hang out with Yosuke and relax...
The urban fantasy
Let’s critique!
Gameplay

Skill: Use your Persona’s abilities.
Battle strategy
Gameplay Flaws?
Story/Characters

http://p-atlus.jp/p4g/
Story/Characters

HELP
Starting today, you may spend your time after school however you wish.

Class 2-2
Music
Music

Persona 4 Original Soundtrack - Shoji Meguro

52 SONGS
2:09:13
2008
GAME

Shuffle album
Juiciness

JUICY.
Should you play Persona 4?

YES
So, which Persona game should I play first? [1/2]

- Revelations: Persona
  - Generally considered the worst in the series.

- Persona 2: Innocent Sin
  - Highly regarded, but considered more “hardcore” compared to the newer titles. Very similar to typical Shin Megami Tensei games. You negotiate with demons to recruit them and such, but there are no social links or any of the new features.

- Persona 2: Eternal Punishment
  - The direct sequel to Innocent Sin, no reason to play it first.
So, which Persona game should I play first? [2/2]

• Persona 3
  • The start of the new era of Persona, with social links and living out a year and all that jazz. Persona 3 is highly regarded, and it has a much darker story than Persona 4, but it’s also very grindy, with only one giant dungeon to explore. Some people prefer Persona 3 to Persona 4, but I don’t.

• Persona 4
  • You should know about this one by now!
Which version should I play?

• Persona 1/2
  • Originally PS1 games, the PSP remakes are universally considered the definitive version

• Persona 3
  • No reason to play the original. FES for the PS2 has several enhancements as well as an additional 30 hour story (which a lot of people don’t like, unfortunately). Portable for the PSP has several gameplay enhancements (such as the ability to control your party, which you couldn’t in the PS2 versions), but instead of walking around a 3D world, you’re just a cursor. So sad.
Which version should I play?

• Persona 4
  • Persona 4 Golden is the definitive version with several gameplay enhancements and additions to the story. Only problem is, it’s a PS Vita exclusive, and I know a grand total of three people who own a Vita. Personally, I think it’s worth ~$75 for a PS TV and $20 for Persona to play Golden, but I know I have no hope of convincing anyone of that. The original PS2 version is also available on PSN for the PS3.
[SPOILER-FREE] How do I get the True Ending?

• Persona 3
  • It is incredibly straight-forward and impossible to lock yourself out of it. Good luck

• Persona 4
  • It is much less straight-forward, but still impossible to lock out of it. See the next page if you’re stuck.

• Persona 4 Golden
  • Same as Persona 4, but you’ll be locked out of the new Golden Ending if you don’t... <next page>
Golden Ending

...max the Aeon social link. Shouldn’t be hard to do at all.

As for the rest of the steps to get the True Ending, the following slide is from some dude on Reddit, it’s beautifully spoiler-free (although it doesn’t mention the Golden stuff)
The F4GENDING Guide

Yes, you REALLY
Should go for the true Ending

EVENTS

Decisions

You get it right
The Story continues

Another Decision
Correct person
More Story ahead, another Dungeon & Boss
You did it...?

Go home?
Yes
NEUTRAL END

No
Go to the town

EVENTS

LAST DUNGEON & TRUE ENDING

BAD END

Worried Person

BAD END #2

You get it wrong
Unfinished slides follow :D

• Yay!
What’s a Purse Owner?

- Digital Devil Story
- Megami Tensei
- Shin Megami Tensei
- Revelations: Persona
- Persona 2
- Persona 3
- Shin Megami Tensei Persona 3
- Shin Megami Tensei Persona 4
  - Persona 4 Golden
  - Persona 4 Arena
    - Persona 4 Arena Ultimax
  - Persona Q
Persona 4

- Developed by Atlus
- Released for the PS-freaking-2 in 200-freaking-8
Persona 4

• Turn Based JRPG with Visual Novel Elements
  • JRPGS = Lots of text
  • Visual Novels = Lots of text
  • Persona 4 = Metric shitloaf of text?
Meaningful choices

• Choices you make in dialogue have meaningful impact
• It’s a dating sim!

Ayane
I-I’m not an elementary student!
Welcome to Inaba

- You’ve moved to Inaba
- Congratulation
School Life

• Social link social link social link social link social link social link
TV life

• Persona persona persona persona persona persona persona persona persona persona
Personas?

- <Freud was right?>
Shadow shelves
How super cereal is it?

• 100% Genocide Jack
Critique

- Gameplay 8/10
- Story 8/9
- Teddie 8/8
  - Gr8 b8 m8
Should u buy a persona?

• yes
Who is best grill?
Such character development, very wow
Persona 5

• Releasing on the PS-freaking-3 in 20-freaking-15 (hopefully)