

# "Ready Player One" mega sci-fi mash-up

Borrowing popular icons from movies, television and video games, *Steven Spielberg's* latest science-fiction offering is largely a love letter to the decade he helped define, the 1980s

Based on **Ernest Cline's** bestselling dystopian fantasy set in 2045, when world is in decline. People spend their free time inside **OASIS** (virtual universe)\* rather than face misery of reality. But OASIS creator **James Halliday** has died, leaving notice he has hidden an Easter egg† inside his creation. First person to find it will inherit his entire \$500 billion fortune and control of OASIS



Teenager **Wade Watts** — avatar moniker **Parzival** (left)‡ — has spent years searching for Halliday's egg, when he suddenly discovers location of first of three hidden keys and attracts world attention

## ONLINE TRAILERS

- A** Comic-Con Teaser: [goo.gl/oVZPbV](http://goo.gl/oVZPbV)
- B** Official Trailer: [goo.gl/e1MEJw](http://goo.gl/e1MEJw)
- C** Come With Me: [goo.gl/Wz71dp](http://goo.gl/Wz71dp)
- D** The Prize Awaits: [goo.gl/GD1mSu](http://goo.gl/GD1mSu)

*Within OASIS, avatars can resemble or operate anything their users desire. Trailers suggest movie is full of pop culture references...*

**0:00** // Time stamp in trailer



**1:07** // *The Iron Giant* (1999) teams up with Parzival and company to try and find Easter egg before villainous **IOI** can



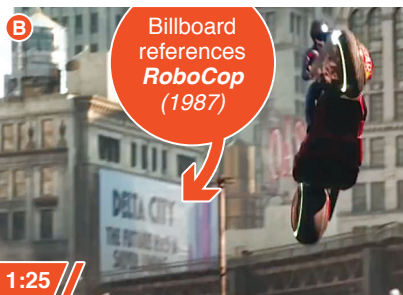
**1:21** // *Duke Nukem* (1991, left) and *Freddy Krueger* (*A Nightmare on Elm Street*, 1984) in heat of battle



**1:41** // *Lara Croft* (*Tomb Raider*, 1996), leaning on *Christine* (1983) car, with *Dizzy Wallin* (*Gears of War*, 2006)



**0:42** // L-R: *Mach Five* (*Speed Racer*, 2008), *Batmobile* (*Batman*, 1965), *Ford Falcon V8 Interceptor* (*Mad Max*, 1979)



**1:25** // Avatar, riding Kaneda's motorcycle from cult anime *Akira* (1988), makes daring leap during Copper Key race



**1:28** // *T-rex* (*Jurassic Park*, 1993) chases Parzival ally Aech, who is driving original monster truck *Bigfoot* (1979)



**0:31** // Parzival riding shotgun in *DeLorean DMC-12* (*Back to the Future*, 1985), featuring *Knight Rider* (1982) scanner

\* Massively Multiplayer Online Simulation Game (MMOSG) where in-game vending, teleportation, fuel, and almost everything else costs real-world money  
 † Intentional secret feature hidden inside computer programme, video game, or DVD/Blu-ray menu screen ‡ Named after Arthurian knight on quest for holy grail  
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