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&lt;p&gt;The PlayStation 3 (PS3) is a home video game console developed and&#128139; marketed by Sony Interactive Entertainment. The successor to the PlayStatio n 2, it is part of the PlayStation brand of consoles.&#128139; It was first rele ased on November 11, 2006, in Japan, November 17, 2006, in North America, and Ma rch 23, 2007,&#128139; in Europe and Australia.[15] The PlayStation 3 competed p rimary against Microsoft&#39;s Xbox 360 and Nintendo&#39;s Wii as part of the& #128139; seventh generation of video game consoles.&lt;/p&gt;

&lt;p&gt;The console was first officially announced at E3 2005, and was released at the end&#128139; of 2006. It was the first console to use Blu-ray Disc techn ology as its primary storage medium.[16] The console was&#128139; the first Play Station to integrate social gaming services, including the PlayStation Network, as well as the first to be controllable&#128139; from a handheld console, throug h its remote connectivity with PlayStation Portable and PlayStation Vita.[17][18 ][19] In September 2009, the Slim model&#128139; of the PlayStation 3 was releas ed. It no longer provided the hardware ability to run PS2 games. It was lighter& #128139; and thinner than the original version, and featured a redesigned logo a nd marketing design, as well as a minor start-up&#128139; change in software. A Super Slim variation was then released in late 2012, further refining and redesi gning the console.&lt;/p&gt;

&lt;p&gt;During its&#128139; early years, the system received a mixed reception, due to its high price (\$599 for a 60-gigabyte model,R\$499 for a&#128139; 20 GB ) Tj T\* E

sed for its Blu-ray capabilities and&#128139; &quot;untapped potential&quot;. Th e reception would get more positive over time. The system had a slow start in th e market[20] but&#128139; managed to recover, particularly after the introductio n of the Slim model, and managed to sell 87.4 million units to outsell&#128139; the competing Xbox 360 and become the eighth-best-selling video game console in h istory. Its successor, the PlayStation 4, was released&#128139; later in Novembe r 2013. On September 29, 2024, Sony confirmed that sales of the PlayStation 3 we re to be discontinued&#128139; in New Zealand, but the system remained in produc tion in other markets.[21] Shipments of new units to Europe and Australia&#12813 9; ended in March 2024, followed by North America which ended in October 2024.[2 2][23] Heading into 2024, Japan was the last&#128139; territory where new units were still being produced until May 29, 2024, when Sony confirmed the PlayStatio n 3 was discontinued&#128139; in Japan.[22][23][24][25][26]&lt;/p&gt;