PS5 DUALSENSE

PS5 DualSense wireless controller · World of Warcraft · pair it, turn on gamepad mode, button map

PAIR IT OVER BLUETOOTH

1. **Update it first**
   On Windows, Sony's free PlayStation Accessories app updates the DualSense over USB-C (a PS5 does it too).
   Old firmware causes most Bluetooth trouble. A Mac can't update it. The headset jack only works with a cable on PC and Mac.

2. **Pairing mode**
   Controller off (player lights dark). Hold Create + PS together for about 3 seconds until the light bar flashes.
   Pairing mode times out. If you miss it, turn the controller off (hold PS about 10 s) and try again.

3. **Windows 11**
   Settings > Bluetooth & devices > Add device > Bluetooth, then pick "Wireless Controller".
   That is the DualSense's name in Windows. The light bar blinks, then the player light comes on when it is paired.

4. **macOS**
   Apple menu > System Settings > Bluetooth. Click Connect next to "DualSense Wireless Controller".
   Test it under System Settings > Game Controllers. After using it on a PS5, pair it with the computer again.

5. **Turn on gamepad mode (WoW: Forever)**
   Esc > Options > Gameplay > Gamepad. Turn on the gamepad UI. The bars switch to the controller layout.
   From the login or character screen: Menu > Options > Gamepad tab under System. In the beta it read "Gamepad (Alpha)".

6. **Retail**
   Type in chat and press Enter: /console GamePadEnable 1
   Then set your buttons under Options > Keybindings. /console GamePadEnable 0 turns it off.

7. **Change these first (Gamepad tab)**
   Show Input Legend on · Show Input Prompts on · Stick Run and Back Pedal thresholds about 0.3
   Follow Camera off if camera swing bothers you. HUD Modifier > Press to Toggle if holding L1/R1 to target tires you.



Pair it once. After that it reconnects when you turn it on.

HOW THE LAYOUT THINKS

- Left stick moves, right stick turns the camera. Cross jumps, Circle cancels, Square interacts, Triangle opens the context menu: those four never move.
- Your bars live on the D-pad and face buttons, 8 slots a bar. Hold L2, R2 or both for the other three bars; L1 + R1 + D-pad left/right changes the set. 84 slots in all.
- Hold R1 to target enemies, L1 for friends and your party. Bind spells from the Spellbook (Options > Spellbook, Square = bind mode). Plan them on page 3.
- The light bar turns red for a Horde character and blue for an Alliance one: the game sees your controller.
- Chat still needs a keyboard, and gamepad support is a beta: a few menus want the mouse. WoW ignoring the DualSense on Windows? Add the launcher to Steam as a non-Steam game, turn on PlayStation Controller Support, start WoW from Steam.

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BUTTON MAP

WoW: Forever gamepad mode, default layout · orange tags on the controller match the tags beside each line

MOVE AND LOOK

L stick	Left stick	Move. A little to walk, further to run.
R stick	Right stick	Camera. Aims the targeting ring while R1 or L1 is held.
L3	L1 + R1 + L3	Center the camera behind you.

FACE BUTTONS (FIXED)

Cross	Cross	Jump.
Circle	Circle	Cancel: close the window, or clear your target.
Square	Square	Interact with NPCs and objects. Starts auto-attack in combat.
Triangle	Triangle	Context menu: Inspect, Invite; in bags Destroy, Split Stack, Bind.

MENUS

Options	Options	Radial menu: Professions, Bags, Spellbook.

NO DEFAULT JOB

Create	Create	Blizzard's guide gives it no job. Check the input legend in game.
Touchpad	Touchpad	Blizzard's guide gives it no job. Check the input legend in game.
PS	PS button	Belongs to the system, not WoW.

The four face buttons on your first bar are fixed: jump, cancel, interact and context menu.

Hold a trigger and they become spell slots.

Typing in chat still needs a keyboard. Keyboard and mouse keep working alongside.

ACTION BARS

D-pad	D-pad + face buttons	8 slots per bar: D-pad on the left, face buttons on the right.
L2	Hold L2	Swap to another bar while held.
R2	Hold R2	Swap to another bar while held.
L2+R2	Hold both	The fourth bar. Four bars make one set.
L1+R1	+ D-pad left / right	Change set. Three sets, 84 slots.

TARGETING

R1	Hold R1: enemies	R stick aims. Triangle raid markers, Cross last enemy, Square ranged attack, Circle assist.
L1	Hold L1: friends	R stick or D-pad over party/raid frames. Cross you, Square your pet, Triangle markers, Circle assist.



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ACTION BAR PLANNER

Fillable: works in Acrobat Reader, Chrome, Edge and Preview

Type a spell or item into any box, save the PDF, print it · three sets x four bars x eight slots

SET 1 (default)

Base bar (no trigger)		Hold L2		Hold R2		Hold L2 + R2	
D-pad up		D-pad up		D-pad up		D-pad up	
D-pad right		D-pad right		D-pad right		D-pad right	
D-pad down		D-pad down		D-pad down		D-pad down	
D-pad left		D-pad left		D-pad left		D-pad left	
Triangle	*Context menu (fixed)*	Triangle		Triangle		Triangle	
Circle	*Cancel (fixed)*	Circle		Circle		Circle	
Cross	*Jump (fixed)*	Cross		Cross		Cross	
Square	*Interact (fixed)*	Square		Square		Square	

SET 2 (L1 + R1 + D-pad left / right to reach it)

Base bar (no trigger)		Hold L2		Hold R2		Hold L2 + R2	
D-pad up		D-pad up		D-pad up		D-pad up	
D-pad right		D-pad right		D-pad right		D-pad right	
D-pad down		D-pad down		D-pad down		D-pad down	
D-pad left		D-pad left		D-pad left		D-pad left	
Triangle	*Context menu (fixed)*	Triangle		Triangle		Triangle	
Circle	*Cancel (fixed)*	Circle		Circle		Circle	
Cross	*Jump (fixed)*	Cross		Cross		Cross	
Square	*Interact (fixed)*	Square		Square		Square	

SET 3 (L1 + R1 + D-pad left / right to reach it)

Base bar (no trigger)		Hold L2		Hold R2		Hold L2 + R2	
D-pad up		D-pad up		D-pad up		D-pad up	
D-pad right		D-pad right		D-pad right		D-pad right	
D-pad down		D-pad down		D-pad down		D-pad down	
D-pad left		D-pad left		D-pad left		D-pad left	
Triangle	*Context menu (fixed)*	Triangle		Triangle		Triangle	
Circle	*Cancel (fixed)*	Circle		Circle		Circle	
Cross	*Jump (fixed)*	Cross		Cross		Cross	
Square	*Interact (fixed)*	Square		Square		Square	

Which bar each trigger opens, and the order of the sets, can be checked with Show Input Legend on. Bind from the Spellbook: Options > Spellbook, highlight a spell, Square = bind mode, then press the slot.

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