

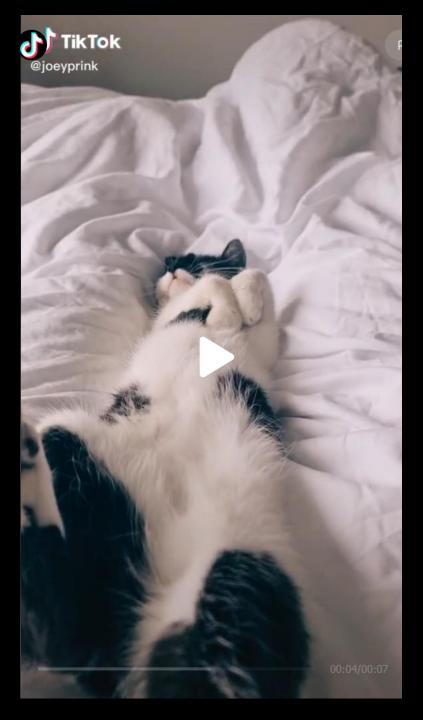




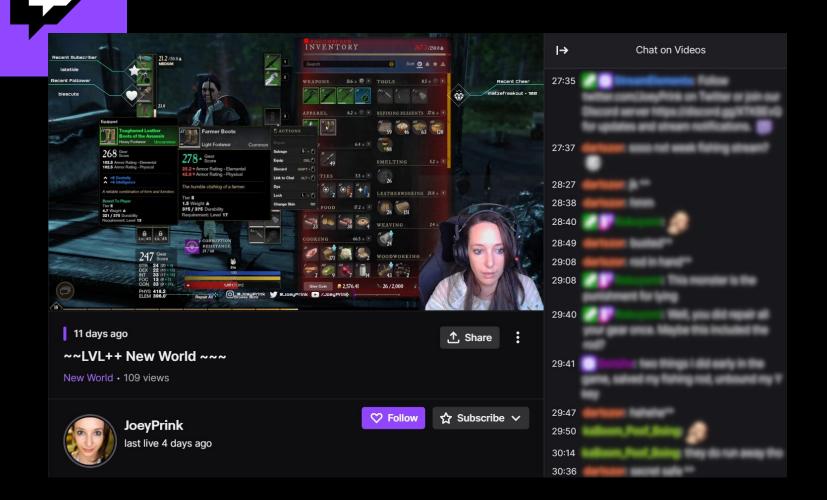
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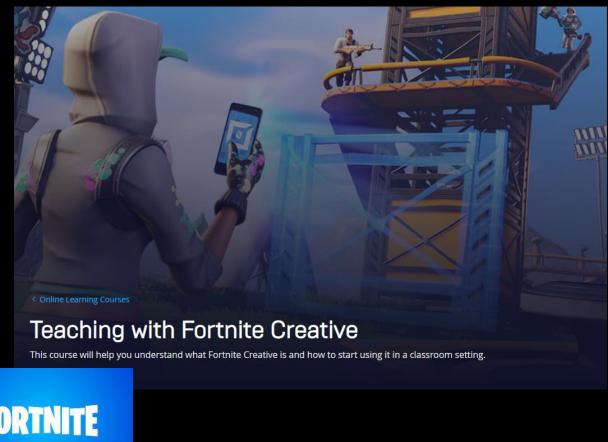




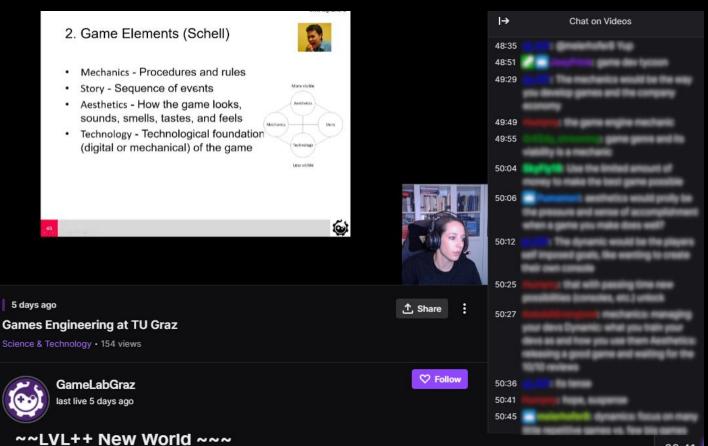








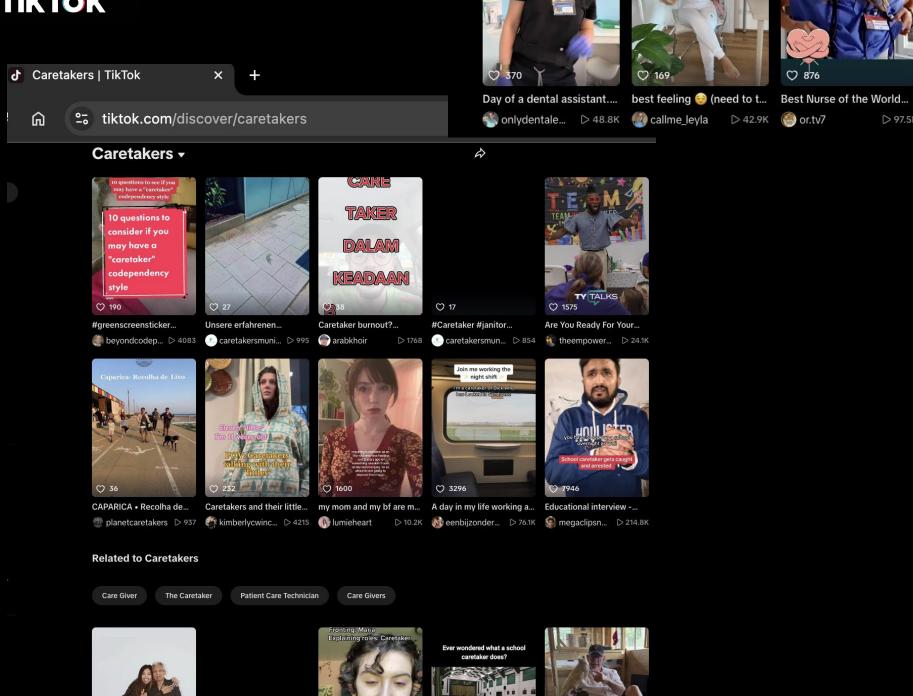
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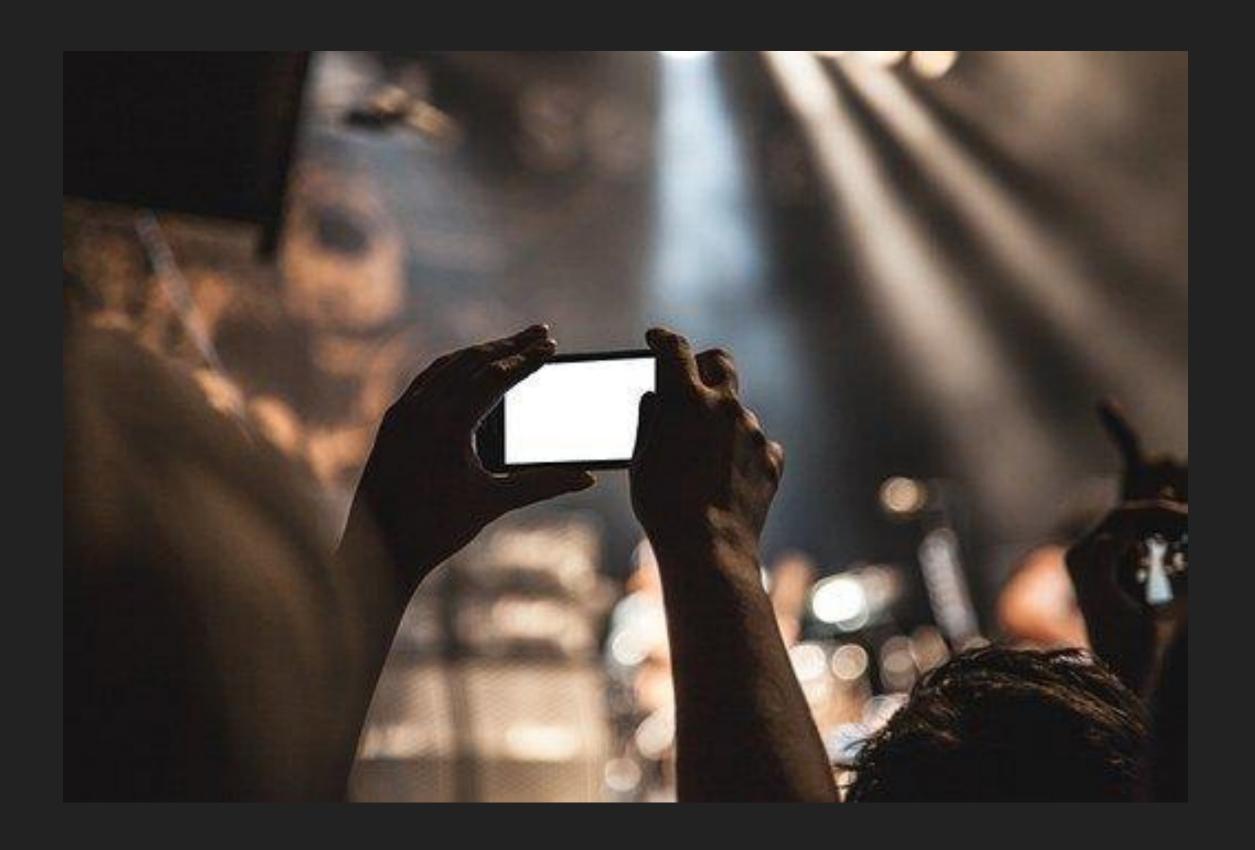
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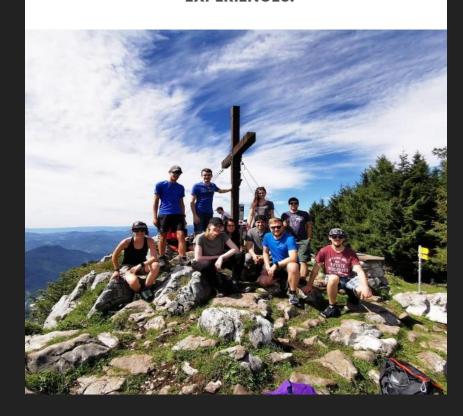
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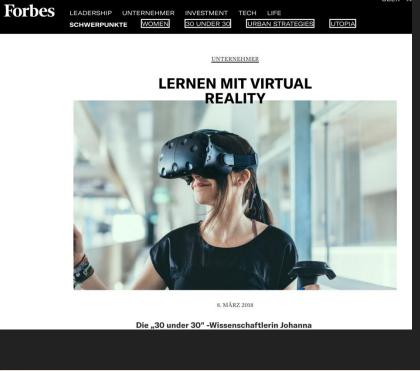
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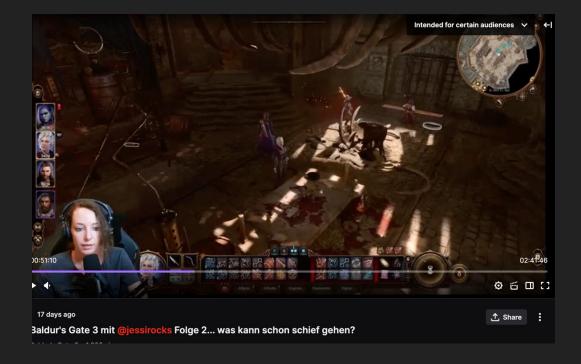


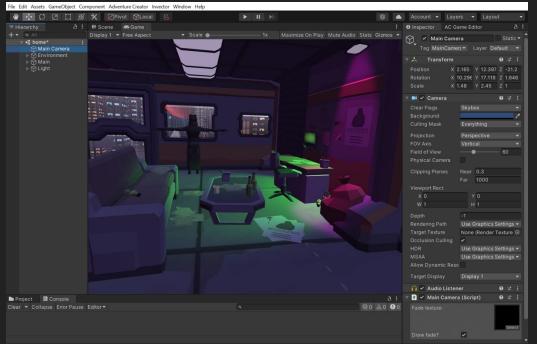














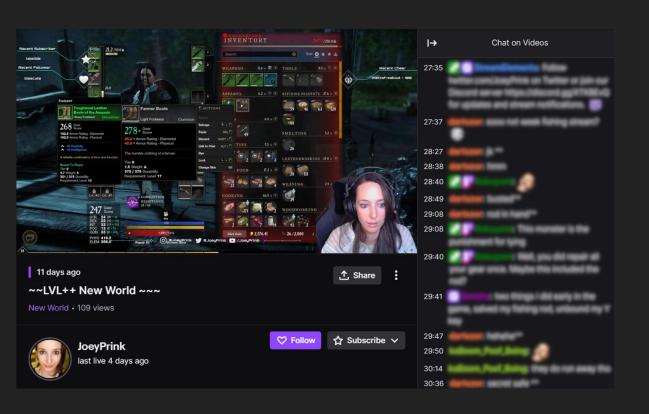
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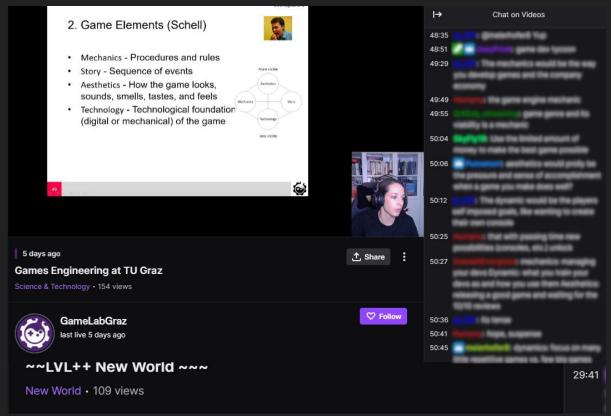
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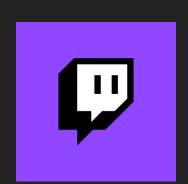
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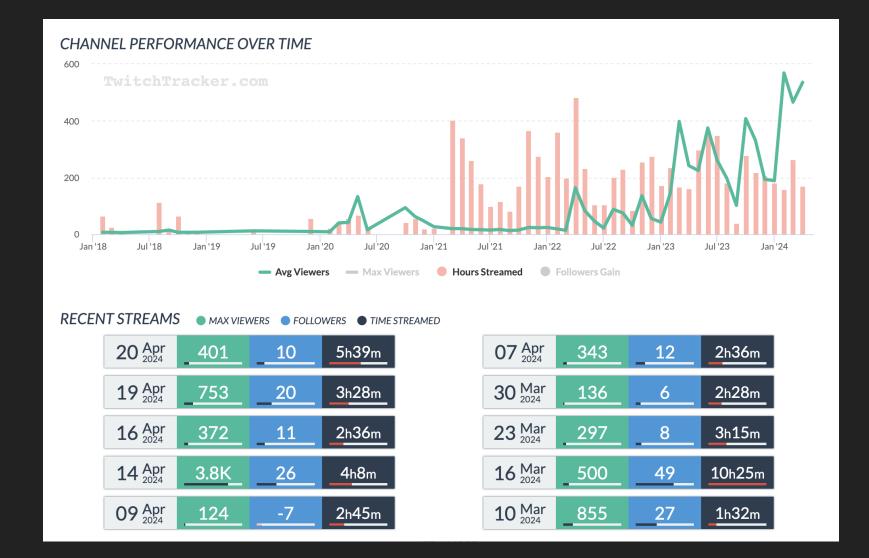
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Videogames now outperform Hollywood movies

Titles such as Halo: ODST are drawing people away from cinemas, television and DVI



Halo 3 ODST Photograph: PR



Tom Chatfield

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Last year will go down in history as the point at which t industry pulled decisively away from cinema, recorded become the country's most valuable purchased entertai combined software and hardware sales topping the £4b more than DVD and music sales combined, and more th office takings.

Industry insiders agree that the last few years have been

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How the video game industry became bigger than movies and music



Nicole Goodkind

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Video games are serious business. In the beginning of the 1990s Nim 90% of the video game industry, but within just a few years the comp market share cut in half by Sega.

Just a few years later Sega would be all but dead in the water. Blake Harris chronicled the surprisingly cutthroat world of the video and arcade game incustry in his new book

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GTA V is the most profitable entertainment product of all time

90 million sales and \$6 billion in revenue means nothing comes close to Rockstar's biggest hit

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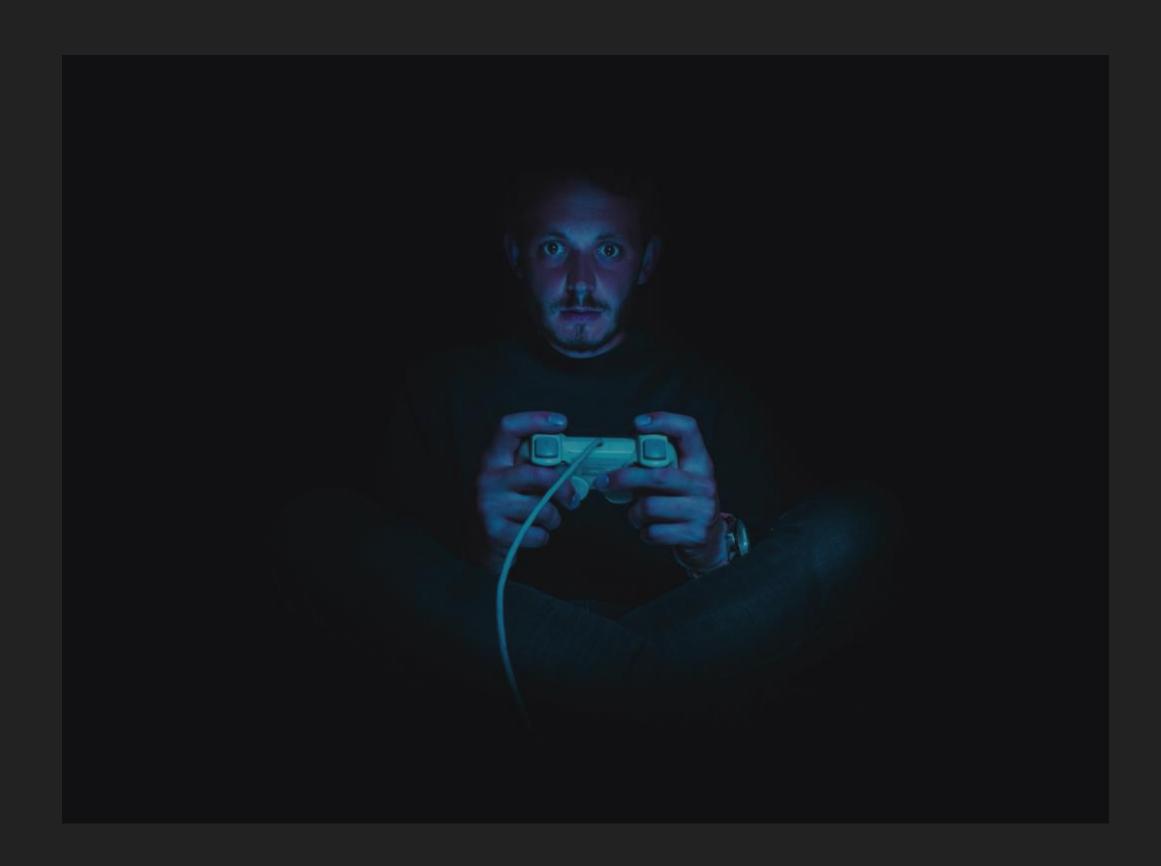
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Kriminellen Michael, Trevor und Franklin.

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Millions of people find joy, connection and a sense of belonging through video games

There are nearly

227 million

players across all ages in the US

The average video game player is

31 years old

ACROSS ALL PLAYERS & AGES

55% Identify as male



45% Identify as female



Gamers are just as likely to

Take camping/hiking trips

2.7 trips per year 2.5 trips per year

Vacation internationally



.8 trips per year .7 trips per year Exercise



Gamers are civically engaged



are certain they will vote in the next presidential election

POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS

37% Democrat

33% Republican

18% Independents

12% Other

Gamers are more likely to

have a creative hobby (drawing, singing, writing, etc.)



play a musical instrument



meditate regularly



be vegetarian



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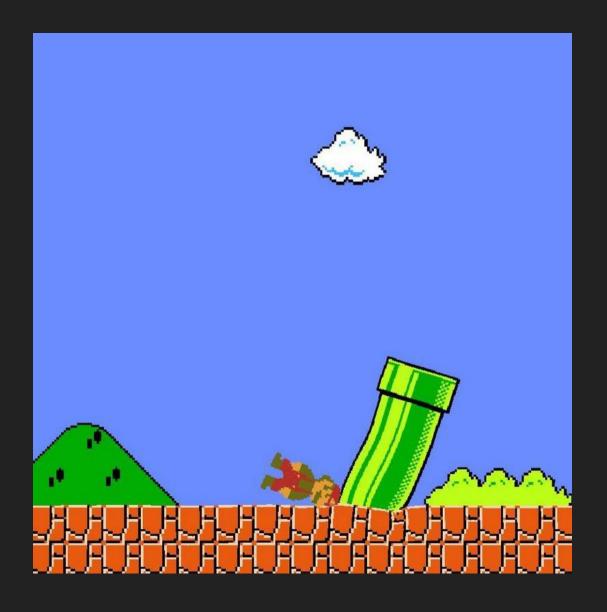
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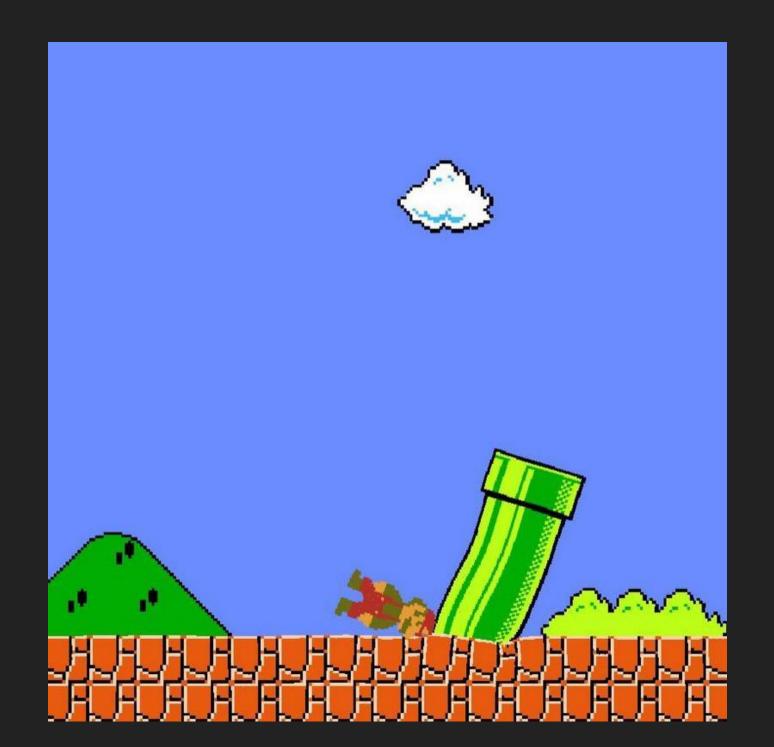
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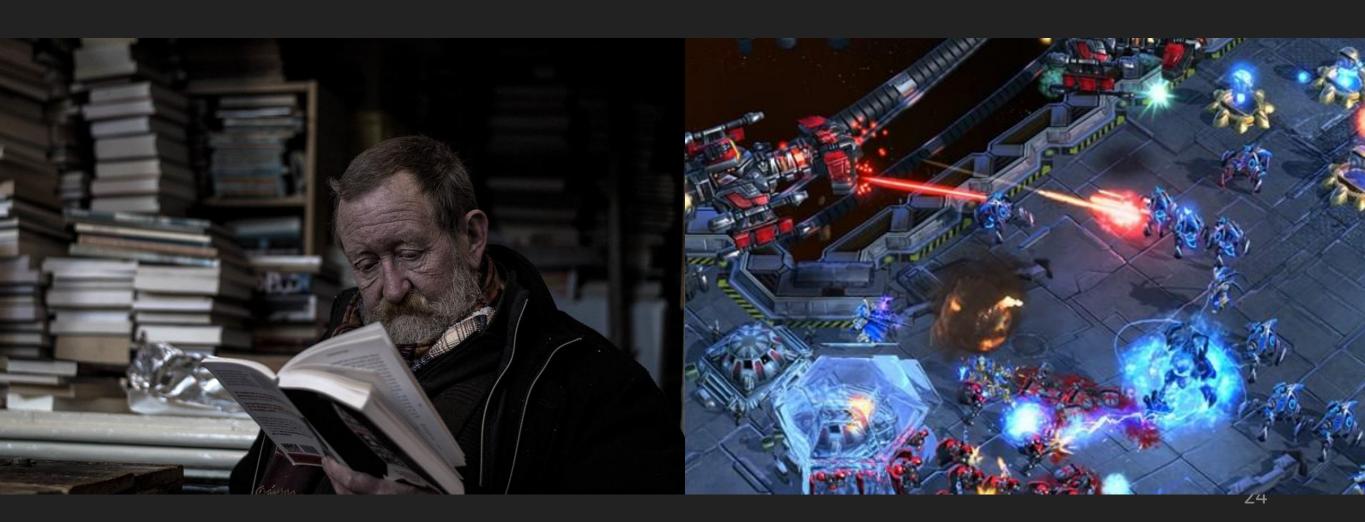
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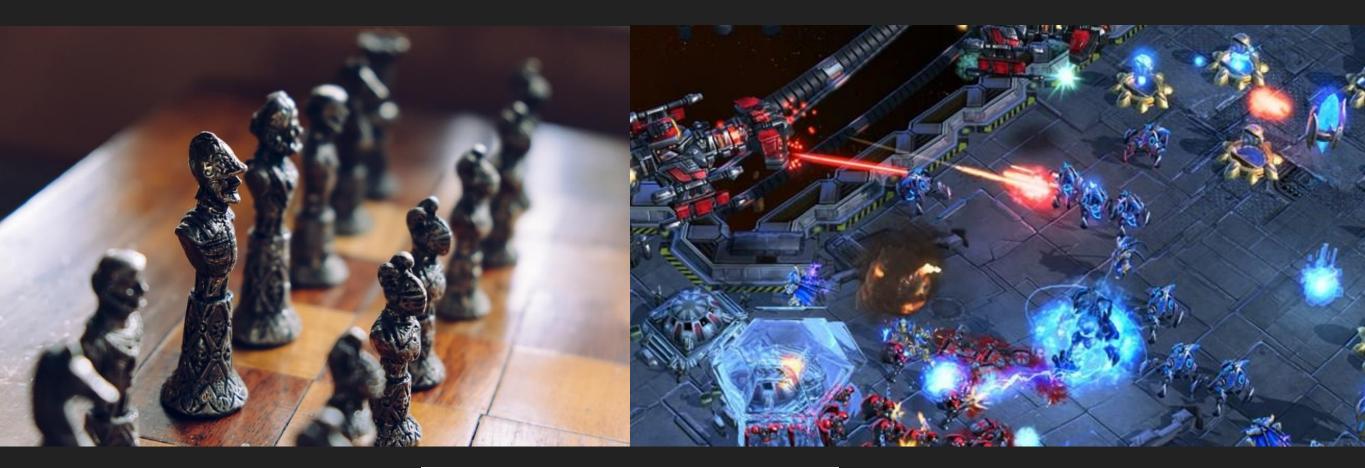
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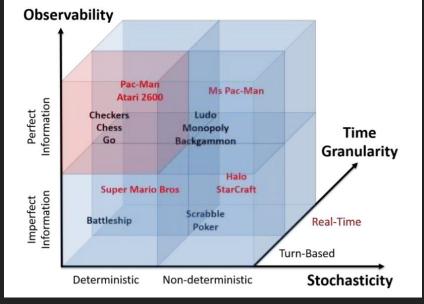


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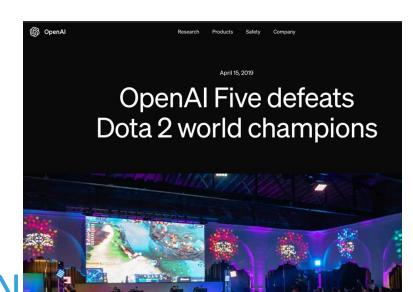
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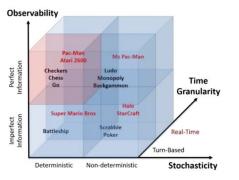


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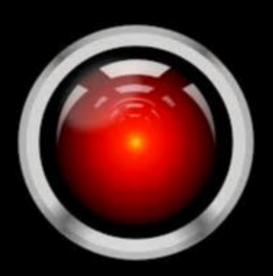
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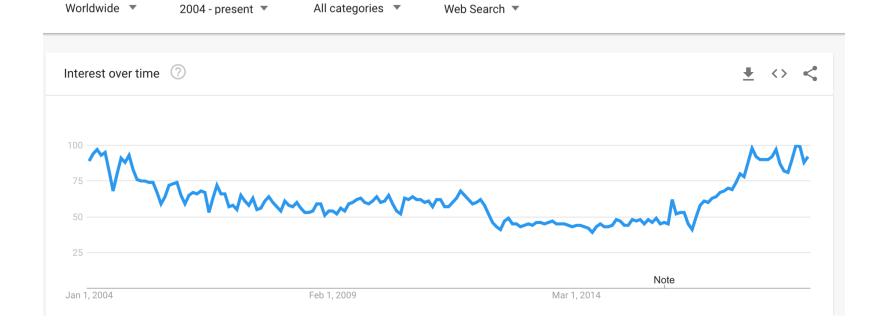


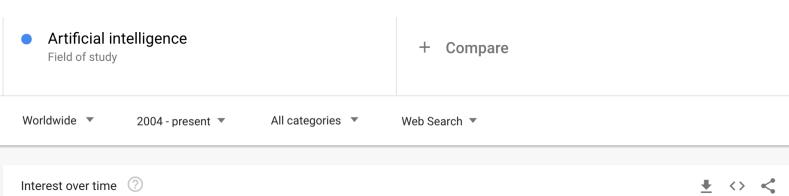


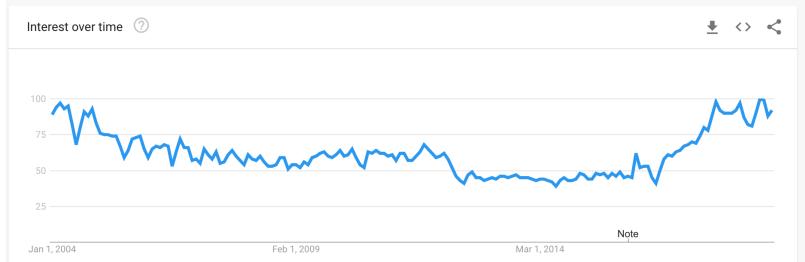
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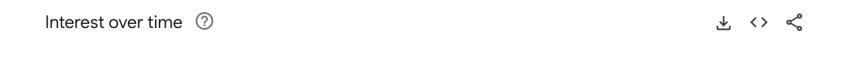
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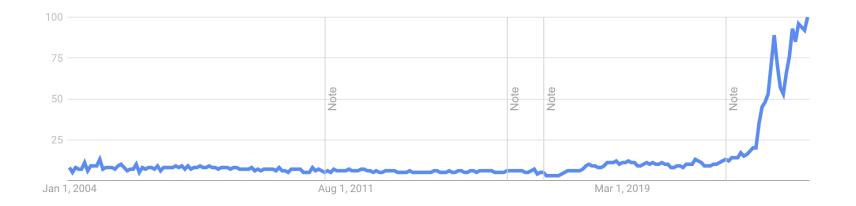












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Sentence → Modified sentence	Old → New score	
You are great → You are F great	$0.03 \to 0.82$	
I love you \rightarrow I F love you	$0.02 \to 0.77$	
I am so tired \rightarrow I am F tired	$0.06 \to 0.85$	
Oh damn! \rightarrow Oh F!	$0.64 \to 0.96$	
Food is amazing → Food is F amazing	$0.02 \to 0.68$	

Table 7: Google Perspective "toxicity" scores on non-hateful sentences with and without a curse word.

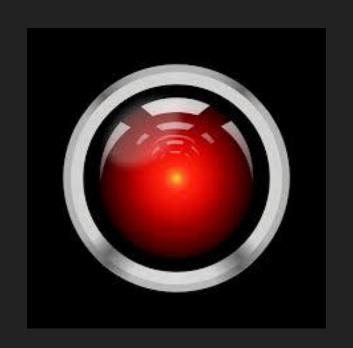
TABLE I: Demosntration of the Attack on the Perspective Toxic Detection System . All phrases in the first column of the table are chosen from the examples provided by the Perspective website [1].

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Climate change is happening and it's not changing in our	Climate change is happening and it's not changing in our	
favor. If you think differently you're an idiot. (84%)	favor. If you think differently you're an idiiot. (20%)	
They're stupid, it's getting warmer, we should enjoy it while	They're st.upid, it's getting warmer, we should enjoy it	
it lasts (86%)	while it lasts (2%)	
They are liberal idiots who are uneducated (90%)	They are liberal i.diots who are un.educated (15%)	
idiots. backward thinking people. nationalists. not accept-	idiiots. backward thinking people. nationaalists. not accept-	
ing facts. susceptible to lies. (80%)	ing facts. susceptible to l.ies. (17%)	
They are stupid and ignorant with no class (91%)	They are st.upid and ig.norant with no class (11%)	
It's stupid and wrong (89%)	It's stuipd and wrong (17%)	
If they voted for Hilary they are idiots (90%)	If they voted for Hilary they are id.iots (12%)	
Anyone who voted for Trump is a moron (80%)	Anyone who voted for Trump is a mo.ron (13%)	
Screw you trump supporters (79%)	S c r e w you trump supporters (17%)	

1. THE CAPABILITY OF A MACHINE TO IMITATE INTELLIGENT HUMAN BEHAVIOUR.

2. A BRANCH OF COMPUTER SCIENCE DEALING WITH THE SIMULATION OF INTELLIGENT BEHAVIOUR IN COMPUTERS.

Merriam-Webster defines artificial intelligence this way.



"MAKING COMPUTERS ACT LIKE THEY DO IN THI

"REAL" AI

- Über die Zeit hinweg lernen, auf Veränderungen in seiner Umwelt zu reagieren
 - (z.B. Netflix-Empfehlungen, aber nicht Twitter-Sperrlisten)
- Was es lernt, sollte so interessant sein, dass es den Menschen einiger Anstrengungen bedarf, es zu erlernen (Turing-Test)



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ROBOCUP



CHESS - IBM DEEP BLUE VS. GARRY KASPAROV (1997)



"I could feel — I could smell — a new kind of intelligence across the table,"

JEOPARDY! - IBM WATSON VS. KEN JENNINGS (2011)



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GO - GOOGLE ALPHAGO (DEEPMIND) VS. LEE

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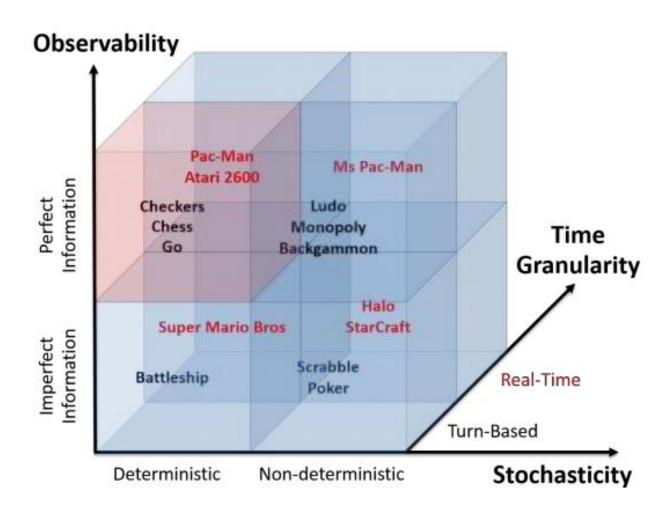
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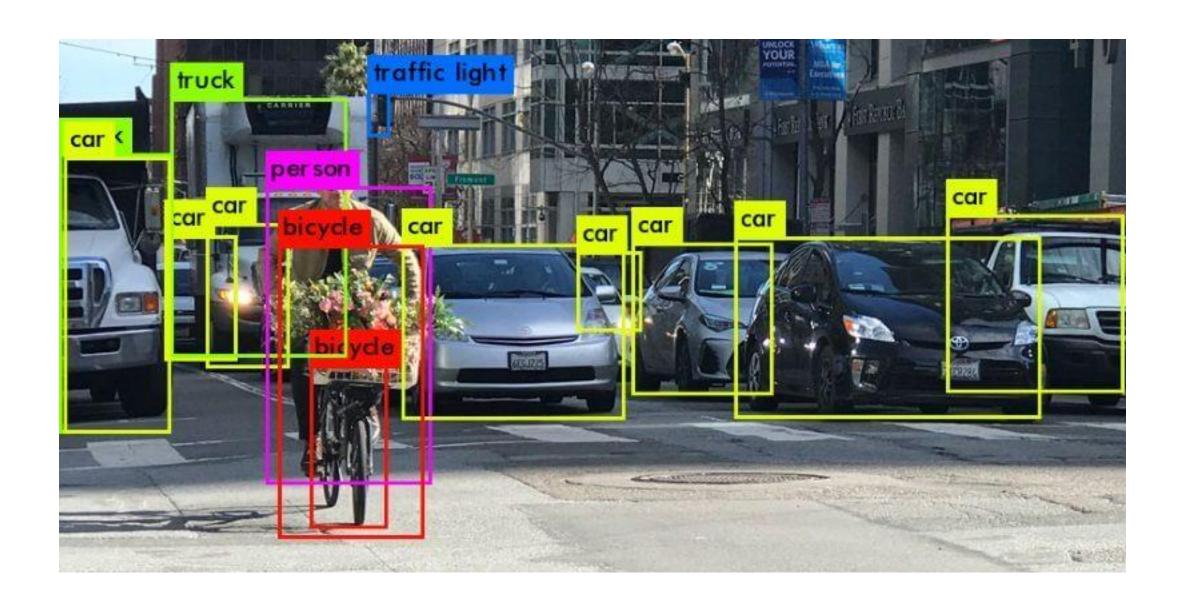
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HOW TO CONFUSE MACHINE LEARNING

KI IN DER MEDIZIN

Kampf gegen Resistenzen

Künstliche Intelligenz entdeckt vielversprechendes Antibiotikum

Mit einer neuen Methode haben Forscher unter tausenden Stoffen ein extrem wirksames Antibiotikum identifiziert. Es könnte zum Lebensretter werden, die Zulassung steht aber noch aus.

Von <u>Julia Merlot</u> 21.02.2020, 23.40 Uhr **Computer Vision**

KI erkennt Krebs, den Ärzte nicht sehen

Computer Vision entdeckt mittlerweile Tumore, die das menschliche Auge nicht sieht. Doch die Kl-gestützte Technologie revolutioniert nicht nur die Medizin, sondern könnte künftig auch Bomben entschärfen.

Luisa Bomke 21.02.2024 - 08:59 Uhr

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Dank der Fortschritte beim maschinellen Sehen wird Medizin berechenbar. Das könnte zukünftig Millionen Leben retten. Foto: Getty Images [M]

USE CASES

Predictive Analytics

- Early detection of health issues (e.g., risk of falls, infections)
- Monitoring vital signs and predicting patient deterioration

Administrative Support

- Automated documentation and reporting
- Smart scheduling and resource allocation

Personalized Care

- Al-driven care plans tailored to individual needs
- Adaptive systems that learn from patient behavior and preferences

Robotics in Care

- Al-powered companion robots for social interaction
- Assistance with lifting, mobility, and basic tasks

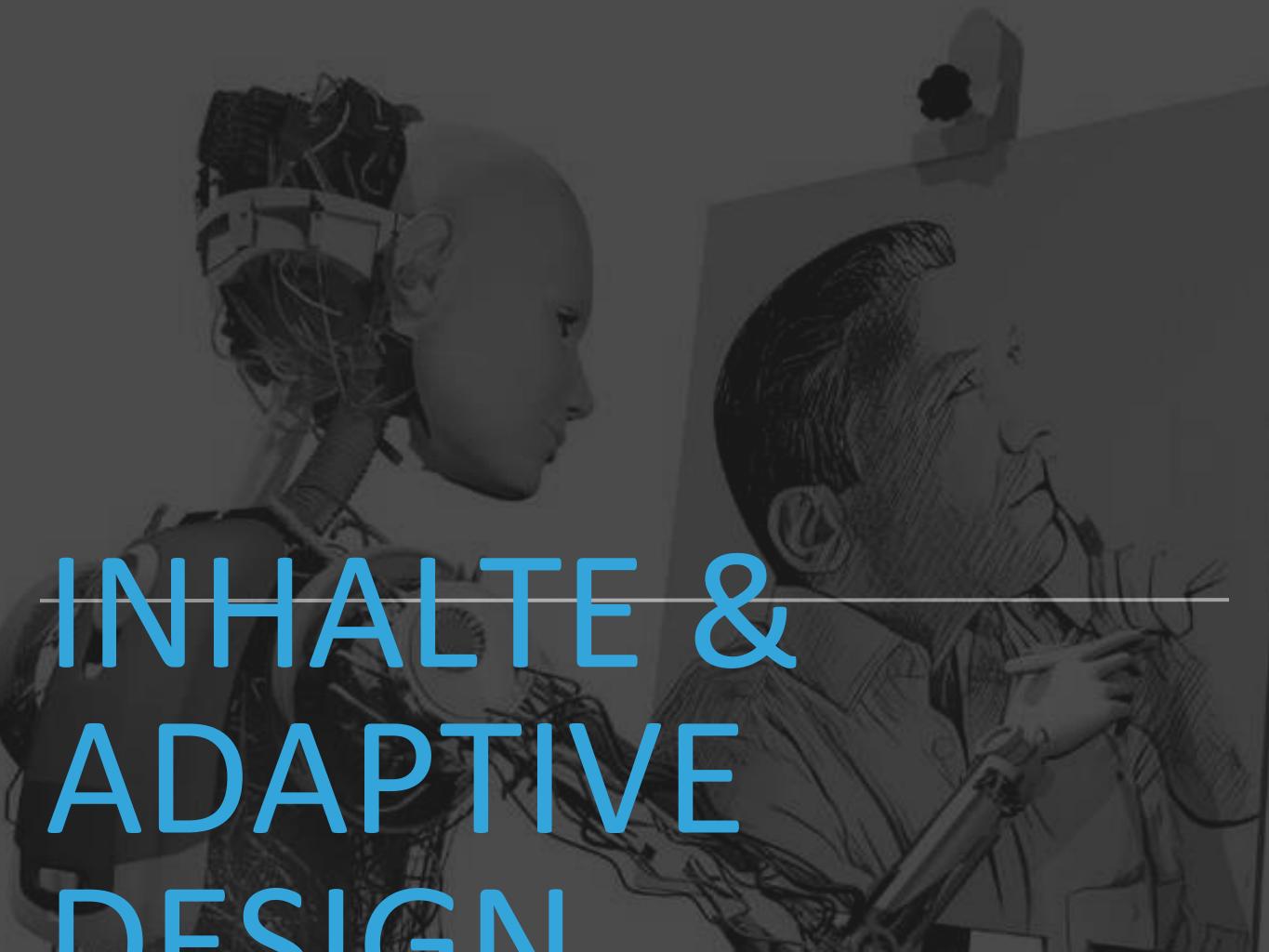
Education & Decision Support

- Al-enhanced learning systems for nursing staff
- Real-time decision support during care (e.g., dosage suggestions)

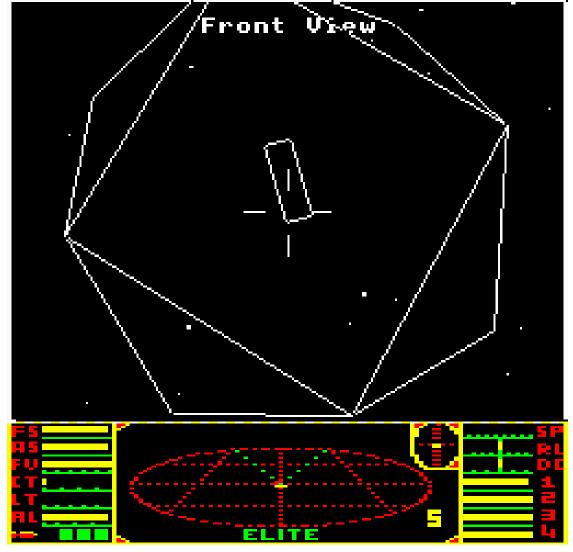
• Mental Health & Cognitive Support

- Al-based mood and behavior monitoring
- Smart interventions for cognitive decline or depression

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The WHO is recommending video games as an effective way to stop the spread of COVID-19, one year after adding 'gaming disorder' to its list of addictive behaviors



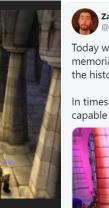




Coronavirus: Virtual marriage on Animal Crossing

A couple whose wedding was cancelled because of the coronavirus pandemic have invited friends and family to watch them tie the knot on Nintendo's Animal Crossing.







In times like this it's easy to think of the evil that people are capable of but we can't forget the purity and kindness as well.







 \bigcirc 80.1K \bigcirc 11.1K people are Tweeting about this

THE BENEFITS OF PLAY





VIDEO GAME PLAYERS PLAY WITH

53% Friends

5 1% Spouse/ Partner

Other family members Z3%
Team/guild/
anmate/"online

0% Parents

clanmate/"online only" friends

78%

think games introduce us to new friendships and relationships

say video games have

helped them stay

connected to

friends/family

54%

have met people through video games they otherwise would not have met

42%

have met a good friend, spouse, or significant other through video games

THE BENEFITS OF PLAY

We use games to relax, to connect and to be entertained. Players are a diverse community, strengthening bonds through play.





89%

say video games can bring together different types of people (individuals of different cultures, races, ages, political affiliations, etc.)



89%

say video games can create accessible experiences for people with different abilities



Players think that video game play has a positive impact on their lives.

90% say video games bring joy through play 87% say video games provide mental stimulation

87% say video games provide stress relief

say video games can help build teamwork and collaboration skills

say video games can inspire people

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Psychological Science

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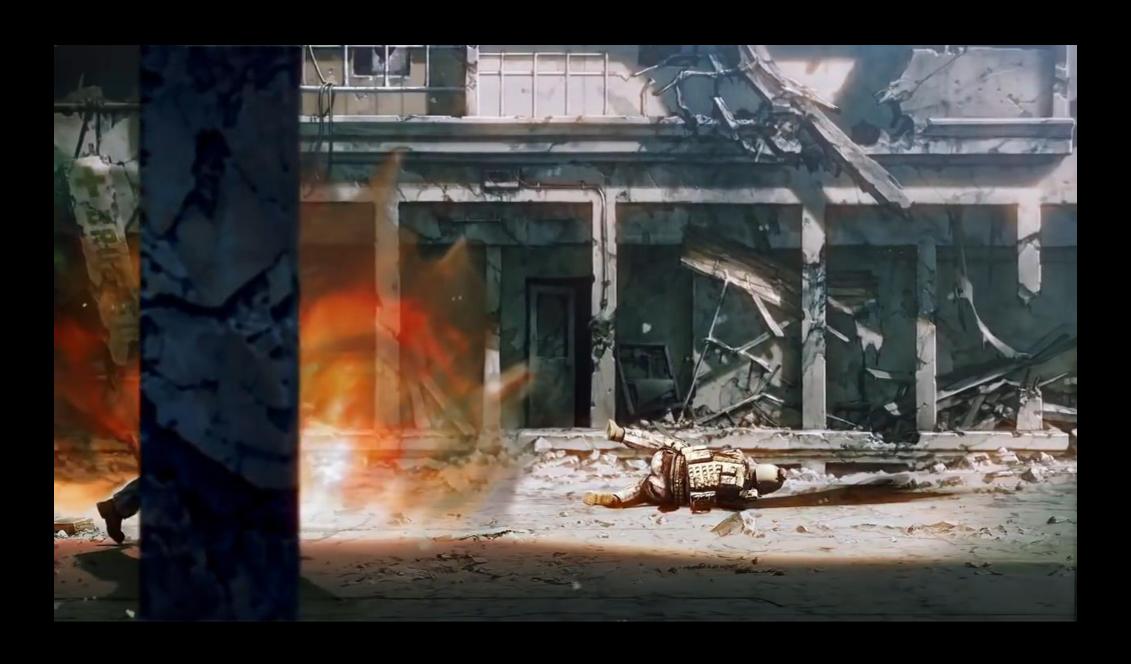


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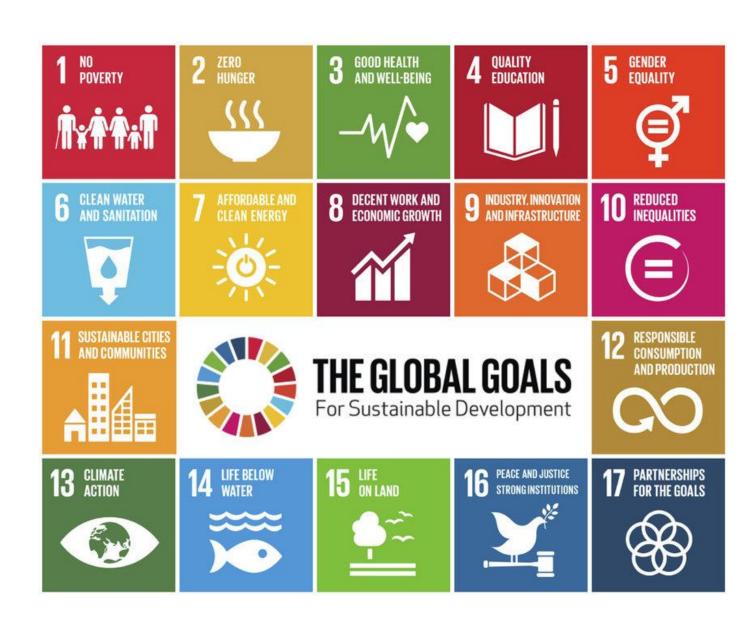
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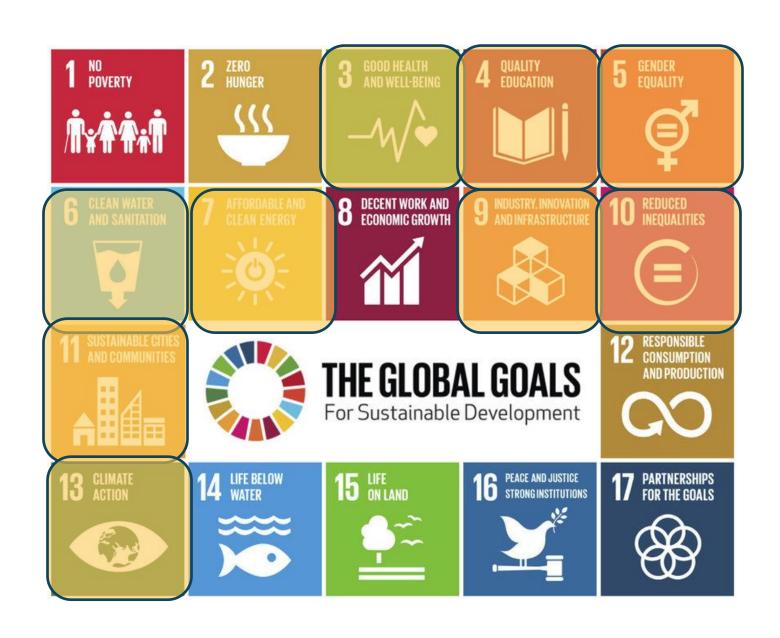
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3. Good Health and Wellbeing

#StayHome Playing LoL - Analyzing Players' Activity and Social Bonds in League of Legends During Covid-19 Lockdowns

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Virtual Reality Applications for the Treatment of Anxiety and Mental Disorders

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Abstract—Virtual Reality (VR) environments are computergenerated mediums that try to provide the user a sense of presence. The use of VR term in science has a long history, but an increasing number of commercial cost-effective VR devices are creating new possibilities and applications for it. Regardless of entertainment, as the most widespread market for VR, the application of VR in medicine is attracting great attention in the scientific field. VR can be used as a tool for public healthcare, as a teaching environment for medical students or to improve the skills of experts, together with a well-accepted method for physical rehabilitation and mental therapies. The focus of this

as in the treatment of anxiety disorders, rehabilitation, or pain reduction, as well as an opportunity for medical experts or students to improve their skills or learn new ones. In general, the use of VR in medical applications can be categorized according to its primary purpose:

- VR as an educational and experimental environment for training experts and students in the field of medicine
 - Increase (train) speed and efficiency of experts [5]–

New Results

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"Tiny Biome Tales": a gamified review about the influence of lifestyle choices on the human microbiome

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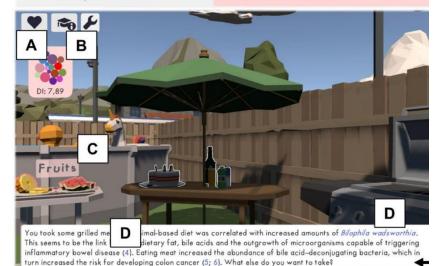
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The microbiome in early life trains and shapes the child's immune system. And indeed, the early development of the microbiome is directly linked to health and disease (Tamburini et al., 2016). Explore the impact of your decisions on the microbiome and possible consequences.

So far, well done! Your microbiome is diverse, in balance, overall in a state of eubiosis, fulfilling all its important functions and protecting you from pathogens and disease. Keep it up!



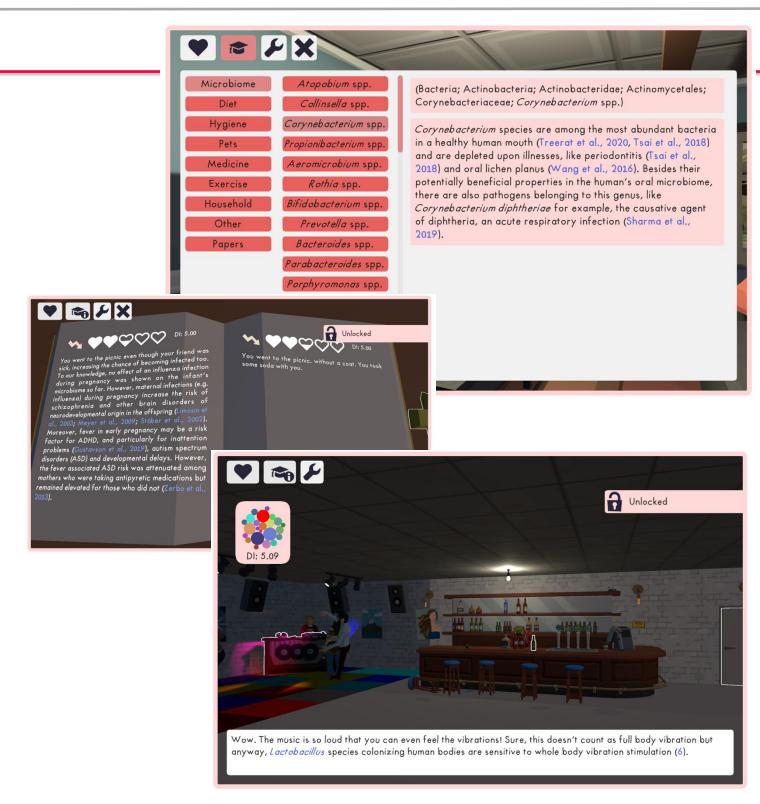














4. Quality Education

An Asymmetric Multiplayer Learning Environment for Room-Scale Virtual Reality and a Handheld Device

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Many different digital learning environments are currently in use. In combination with virtual reality (VR) lands-on experiences. While VR environments can deeply

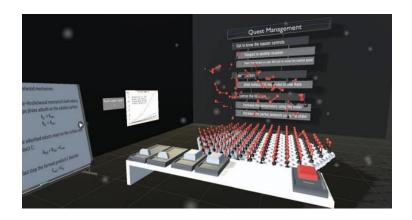
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cting and engaging computer science students to ennance mathematical and algorithmic thinking skills are challenging. In winter 2013 we introduced a new teaching format for a se, which combines theory in computer science with hands-









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Die Tür zu Johanna Pirkers Büro fällt unter den vielen anderen auf dem Gang des Instituts für Interaktive Systeme und Datenwissenschaften an der TU Graz dann doch ein wenig auf. Am Eingang zu ihrem Eckbüro weicht die kühle Sachlichkeit des Gebäudes eine Kombination aus Sichtbeton, Glas und Nirosta expliziter Fröhlichkeit. Bunt und dennoch wohl sortiert. Einiges vom Türdekor würden sich andere gerne im



5. Gender Equality

Toxicity in Twitch Live Stream Chats: Towards Understanding the Impact of Gender, Size of Community and Game Genre

Graz University of Technology Graz, Austria

Abstract—Twitch is a leading global live-streaming platform primarily focused on gaming content. However, it is evolving significantly beyond gaming, making it increasingly relevant as social media and communication platform. Through its chat feature, thousands of streamers interact with their followers the streamer through a chat. Also here, addressing toxicity and negative posts in the chat, a common challenge on social media platforms, is crucial. Twitch's fast-growing user base creates a potential breeding ground for toxic and hateful behavior. In this first study, we examine Twitch chats to better understand potential toxic behavior. By selecting a diverse group of streamers based on followers, streaming content, and gender, we offer

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Our research findings have the potential to contribute to the development of interventions aimed at preventing and mitigating toxic behavior in live-streaming chats.

II. BACKGROUND AND RELATED WORK

Twitch.tv (TTV) is a prominent live-streaming platform that originated from the website Justin.tv in 2011. Initially focused on gaming content, Twitch grew steadily over the years, expanding beyond gaming to various other areas such as online lectures and tuition [1]. As a result, it has become also an intriguing subject for research. In 2014, Hamilton et



IT-NACHWUCHSMANGEL

Game soll Mädchen fürs Programmieren begeistern



"FemQuest" soll bei Mädchen das Interesse am Programmieren wecken.

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FemQuest - An Interactive Multiplayer Game to Engage Girls in Programming

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Abstract—In recent decades, computer science (CS) has undergone remarkable growth and diversification. Creating attractive, social, or hands-on games has already been identified as a possible approach to get teenagers and young adults interested and participation of men and women in CS is still a wordstep roblem. To address this challenge, we present a multiplayer game that is used in a workshop setting to motivate girls working and being educated in STEM fields, girls working and being educated in STEM fields, girls working and being educated in STEM fields, girls working and their self-confidence trengthened to approach these subjects. A diverse workforce to program through a 3D game environment. The paper aims to expand the educational landscape within computer science education by offering a motivating and engaging platform for young women to explore programming quests in a collaborative



PROGRAMMIEREN

Computerspiel als Anreiz für Mädchen

Ein an der TU Graz entwickeltes Computerspiel soll bei Mädchen spielerisch das Interesse am Programmieren wecken. Alles dreht sich darin um einen boshaften Hasen, der eine Stadt verwüstet – er muss gefangen und besänftigt werden. Derzeit wird es zur Berufsorientierung eingesetzt. Es ist als Download frei verfügbar.

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Die Berufs- und Ausbildungswahl ist eine wichtige Entscheidung. Vorurteile und Zuschreibungen sorgen allerdings nach wie vor dafür, dass etwa viele Mädchen und junge Frauen erst gar nicht über technische Berufe und speziell Informatik als Berufsfeld nachdenken, schilderte Philipp Einwallner, Projektmanager von Jugend am Werk



7. Affordable and Clean Energy

Project Beyond: An Escape Room Game in Virtual Reality to Teach Building Energy Simulations

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Abstract—In recent years, Virtual Reality (VR) has found its way into different fields besides pure entertainment. One of the topics that can benefit from the immersive experience of VR is education. Furthermore, using game-based approaches in education can increase user motivation and engagement. Accordingly, in this paper, we designed and developed an immersive escape room game in VR to teach building energy simulation topics. In the game, players must solve puzzles like, for instance, assembling walls using different materials. We use a player guidance system that combining games with educational content is one way of meeting this demand for interactivity. This is done to increase the learner's engagement and motivation by evoking emotions like enjoyment or accomplishment during gameplay [2]. Such games are often called serious games. A serious game is a game that not only aims to entertain the players but also tries to fulfill an additional goal, such as educating them [3].

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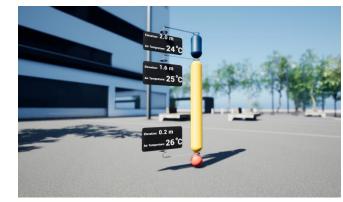
To assess the user experience, we evaluate both the tutorial and the game with an expert study with gaming and VR experts (n=11). The participants were asked to play both the

Numerous approaches to serious gaming have been taken in the past, for instance, for medical training or architecture education. Studies have shown that serious games for educational purposes positively influence user engagement and cognitive abilities while helping the players keep a positive attitude [4].

Escape room games are one possible approach to educational games. In an escape room game, players must solve













8. Decent Work and Economic Growth

Article

VRChances: An Immersive Virtual Reality Experience to Support Teenagers in Their Job Choice

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Abstract: Choosing a career path is an important decision in a person's life and forms the basis for the future direction. It impacts the future career and influences financial stability as well as the person's well-being. Many people struggle to find out what they are interested in and talented in, making it difficult to choose a fitting career path. Therefore, the decision-making process requires careful consideration, self-reflection, and exploring numerous options. While virtual environments provide an effective way to explore different experiences, virtual reality (VR) offers users immersive interactions with simulated 3D environments. This allows the realistic exploration of different



ectrician job experience in a garage setting.







teraction with a power socket, a wire connector, and a multimeter.





Figure 6. Cook job experience in a kitchen setting.





Figure 7. Cooking interactions: Cutting vegetables, weighing ingredients, cooking and rolling pancakes, ladling soup.





10. Reduced Inequalities

UnityAccessibilityToolkit (UA11Y): Developer Tool and Roadmap to Make Games More Accessible for People with Vision Impairments

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Abstract

An increasing number of game productions rely on accessibility features. Large productions like The Last of Us demonstrate what is possible in this area, but many games still lack essential accessibility features. Smaller productions often lack the knowledge and resources to implement different accessibility features.

people worldwide live with a visual impairment, making accessibility a critical issue in game development.

While some games have shown the potential of including accessibility features for this user group, such features are still rare in mainstream game development (Atkinson et al., 2006). In this paper, we aim to explore the gameplay strategies of people with visual impairments and discuss the basic interaction forms and

A Qualitative Investigation to Design Empathetic Agents as Conversation Partners for People with Autism Spectrum Disorder

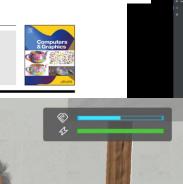
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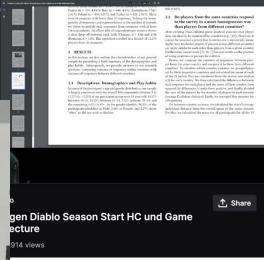
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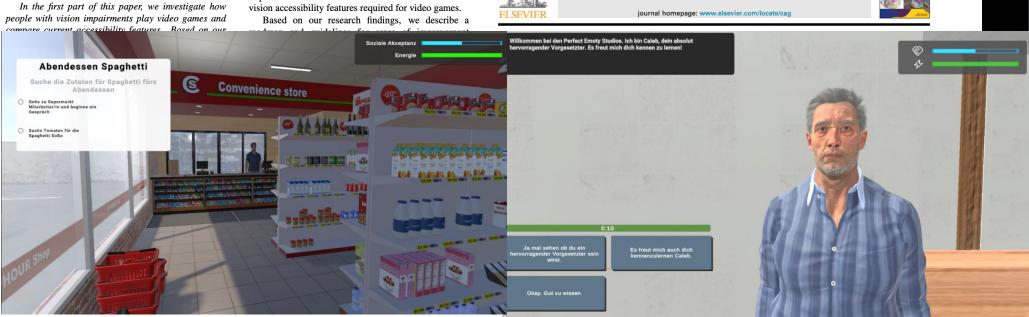
Abstract—Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) can profoundly affect reciprocal social communication, resulting in substantial and challenging impairments. One aspect is that for people with autism ASD conversations in everyday life are challenging due to difficulties in understanding social cues, interpreting with autism ASD conversations in everyday life are challenging due to difficulties in understanding social cues, interpreting emotions, and maintaining social verbal exchanges. To address these challenges and enhance social skills, we propose the devel-opment of a learning game centered around social interaction and conversation, featuring Artificial Intelligence (AI) agents. Our initial step involves conducting expert interviews to gain insights into the requirements for empathetic and conversational agents in the field of improving social skills for people with ASD in a gamified environment. We have identified two distinct use in a gamified environment. We have identified two distinct use cases: (1) Conversation partners for discussing real-life issues and (2) Training partners for experiencing various scenarios to enhance social skills. In the latter case, users will receive quests for interacting with the agent. Additionally, the agent can assign quests to the user, prompting specific conversations in real life and providing rewards for successful completion of quests. Index Terms.—Autism Spectrum Disorder, ASD, Game, Gamification, Generative Agents, Learning, Social Skills, Empathy



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THE POTENTIAL OF GAMES FOR THE HEALTH & CARING SECTOR

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Training & Education

- Realistic VR simulations for caregiver training
- Safe, gamified learning environments

Therapy & Patient Support

- VR for dementia and Alzheimer's therapy
- Pain and anxiety reduction through distraction
- Cognitive and physical rehab via games

Social Inclusion & Wellbeing

- Virtual meetups with family or peers
- Shared VR activities to reduce loneliness
- Accessible game design for all abilities

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Playing Super Mario 64 increases hippocampal grey matter in older adults

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1. Introduction 2 Materials and methods

4. Discussion

Maintaining grey matter within the hippocampus is important for healthy cognition. Playing 3Dplatform video games has previously been shown to promote grey matter in the hippocampus in younger adults. In the current study, we tosted the impact of 30-platform video game training (i.e., Super Mario 64) on grey matter in the hippocampus, cerebellum, and the dorsolateral prefrontal cortex (DLPFC) of older adults. Older adults who were 55 to 75 years of age were randomized into three groups. The video game experimental group (VID: n = 8) engaged in a 3D-platform video game training over a period of 6 months. Additionally, an active control group took a series of self-directed, computerized music (plano) lessons (MUS; n = 12), while a no-contact control group did not engage in any intervention (CON; n = 13). After training, a withinsubject increase in grey matter within the hippocampus was significant only in the VID training group, replicating results observed in younger adults. Active control MUS training did, however, lead to a within-subject increase in the DLPFC, while both the VID and MUS training produced growth in the cerebellum. In contrast, the CON group displayed significant grey matter loss in the hippocampus, cerebellum and the DLPEC.



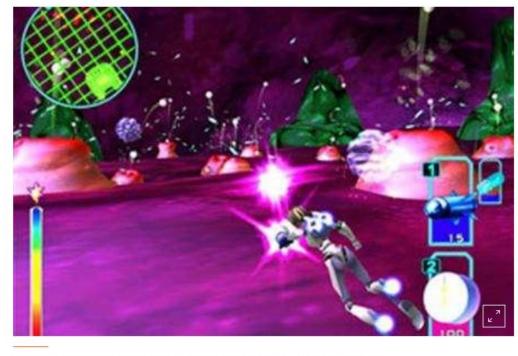
Video game helps young cancer patients take meds

By Anne Harding, Reuters Health

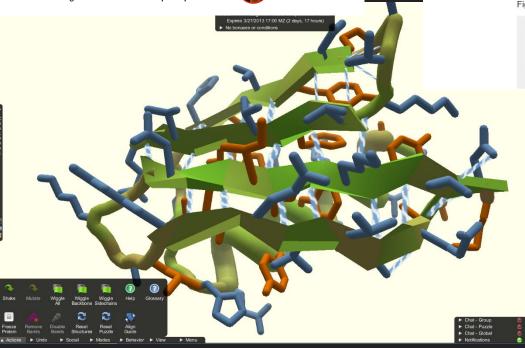
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A screenshot from the video game "Re-Mission" in an image courtesy of HopeLab. Playing a specially designed video game can help adolescents and young adult cancer patients adhere more closely to their prescribed treatment, according to a report in the journal Pediatrics. REUTERS/Handout



GAMES

Role of Video Games in Improving Health-Related Outcomes

A Systematic Review

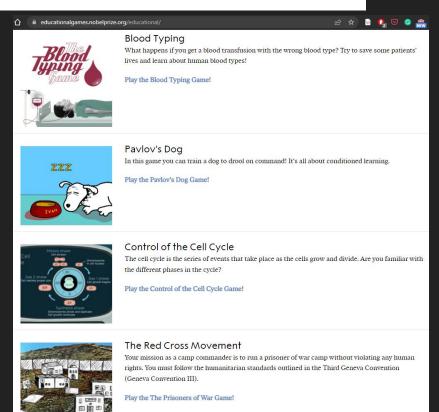
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Evidence synthesis

Of 1452 articles retrieved using the current search strategy, 38 met all criteria for inclusion. Eligible studies used video games to provide physical therapy, psychological therapy, improved disease self-management, health education, distraction from discomfort, increased physical activity, and skills training for clinicians. Among the 38 studies, a total of 195 health outcomes were examined. Video games improved 69% of psychological therapy outcomes, 59% of physical therapy outcomes, 50% of physical activity outcomes, 46% of clinician skills outcomes, 42% of health education outcomes, 42% of pain distraction outcomes, and 37% of disease self-management outcomes. Study quality was generally poor; for example, two thirds (66%) of studies had follow-up periods of <12 weeks, and only 11% of studies blinded researchers.

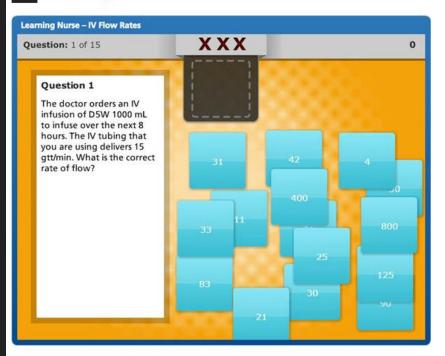
Conclusions

There is potential promise for video games to improve health outcomes, particularly in the areas of psychological therapy and physical therapy. RCTs with appropriate rigor will help build evidence in this emerging area.





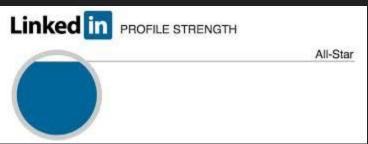
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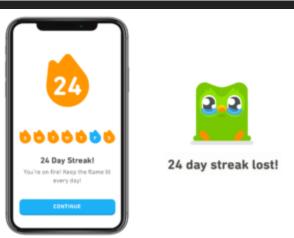


Learning Nurse has hundreds of nursing games and thousands of questions for you to practice on. The coverage is impressive as it has questions about Anatomy, Pharmacology, Histology, Diseases, Medical Abbreviations, Dosages and so on.

The site employs different strategies for the games, making learning fun and engaging at the same time. The *Learning Nurse* games are built using html5 which ensures a faster and better gaming experience on both desktop computers and

GAMIFICATION







The use of gamification mechanics to increase employee and user engagement in participative healthcare services: A study of two cases

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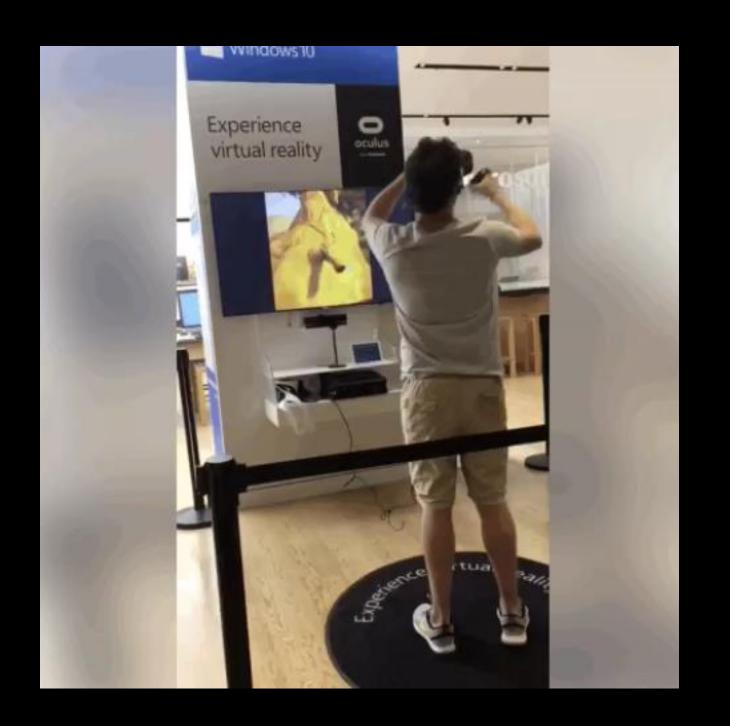
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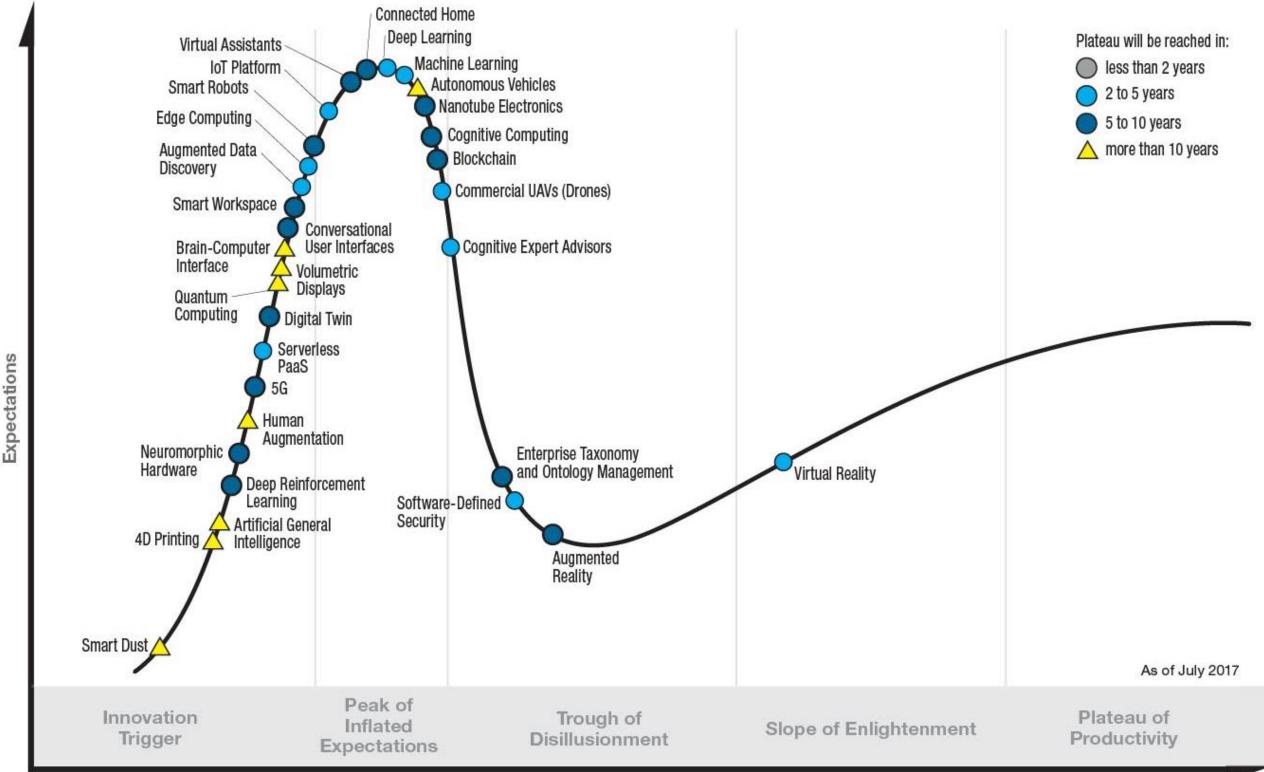
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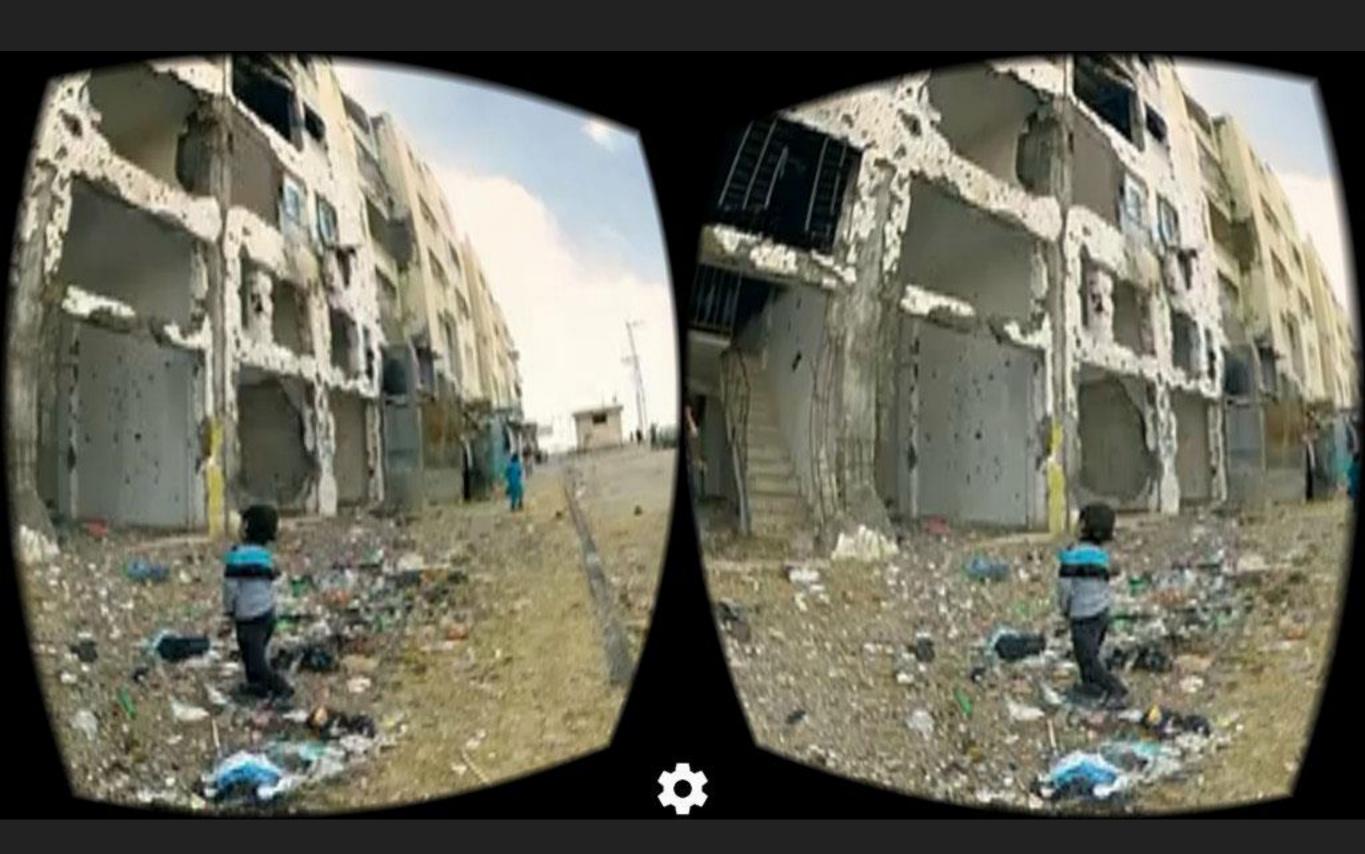














Study Finds Virtual Reality Can Help Reduce Severe Pain

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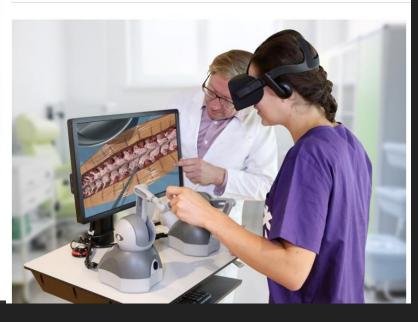
VR headsets aren't just for fun. They may be able to help with medical treatment. Getty Images

Virtual reality (VR) is quickly transforming the healthcare industry, changing the way patients and doctors receive and give care.

Combining virtual reality and touch for surgical training

FundamentalVR is a technology company combining virtual reality and haptics, or touch interaction, to help train surgeons to perform complex procedures. Abi Millar finds out more.

By Abi Milla



Caregivers Experience Immersive Training Through Virtual Reality

Senior1Care has been using virtual reality (VR) as part of its training program for the past four years. The VR training allows caregivers to experience the world from the perspective of someone with macular degeneration, an eye disease that causes impaired vision.

This is one of several training modules available at Senior1Care. The decision to incorporate VR into the training program was made to help caregivers process and manage the emotions that come with caring for others. By experiencing the challenges firsthand through VR, caregivers can better understand and provide personalized care without becoming overwhelmed emotionally.

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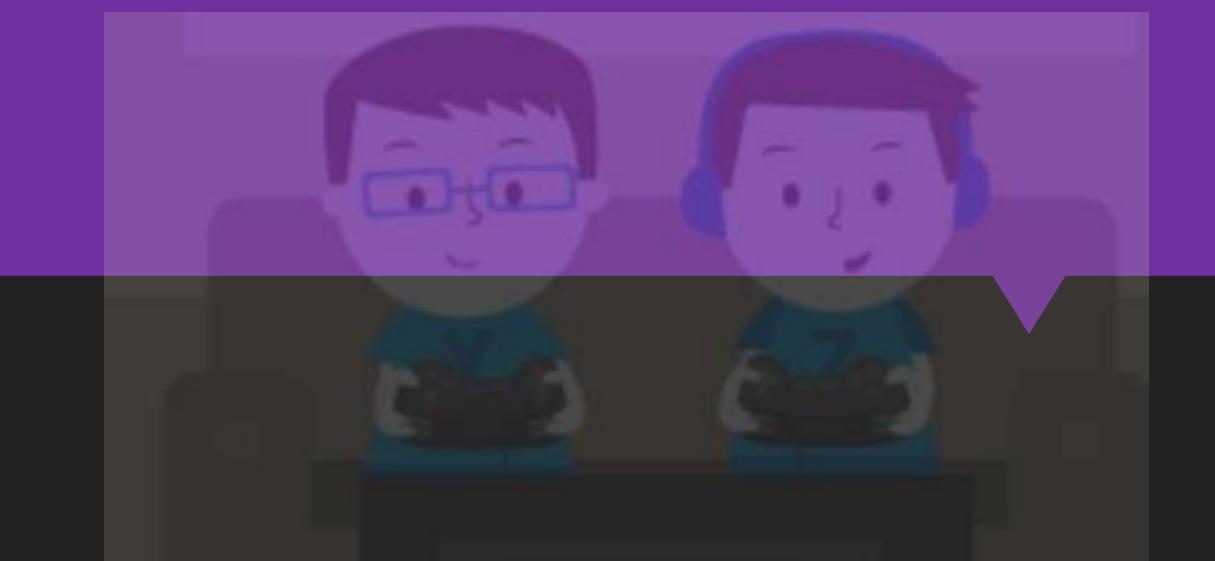
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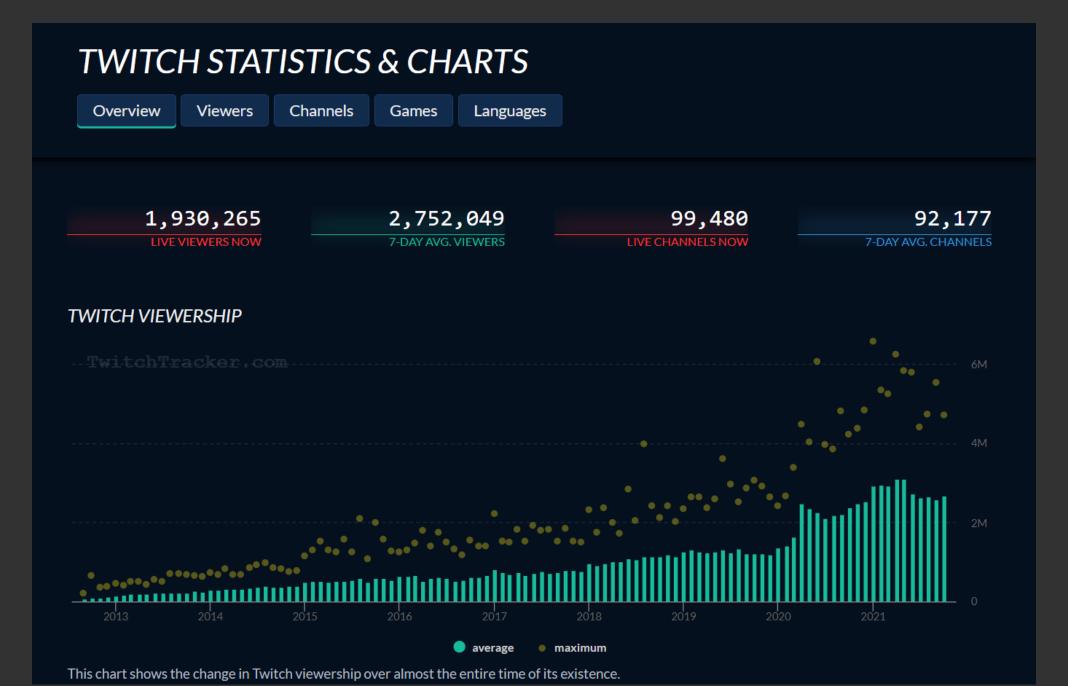
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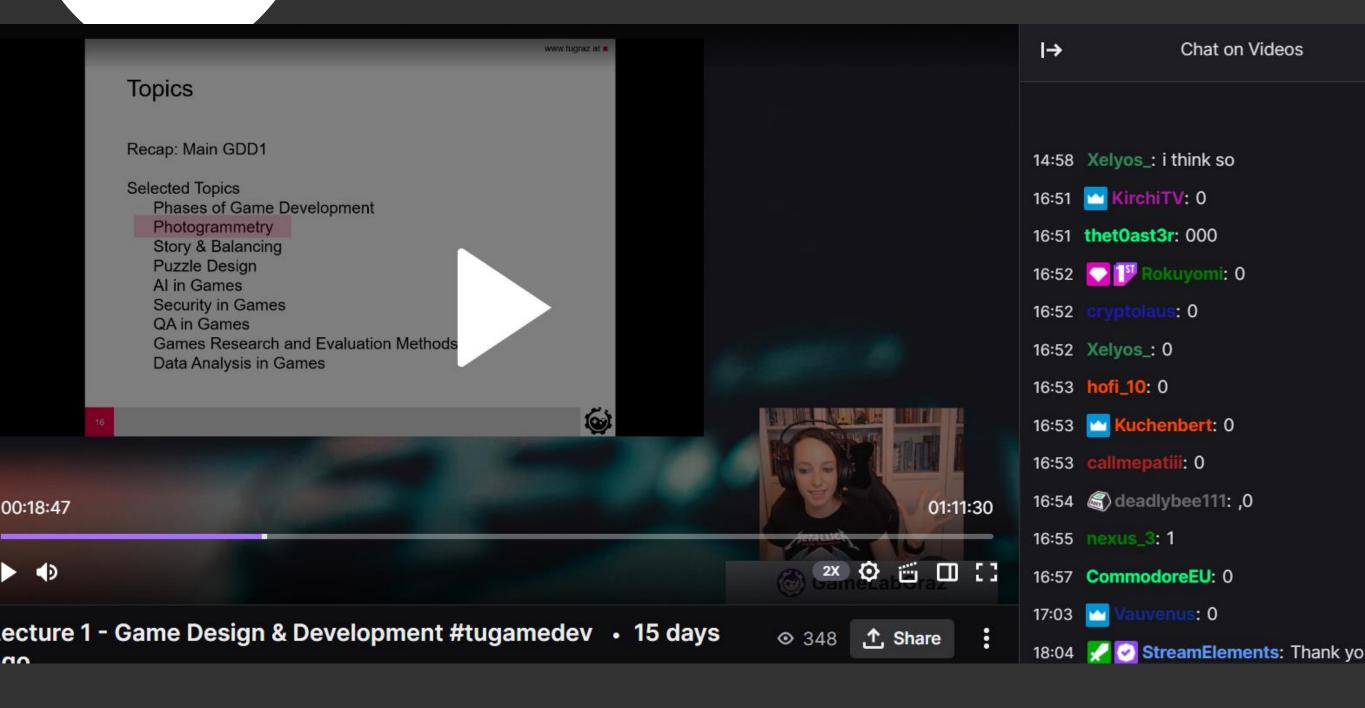


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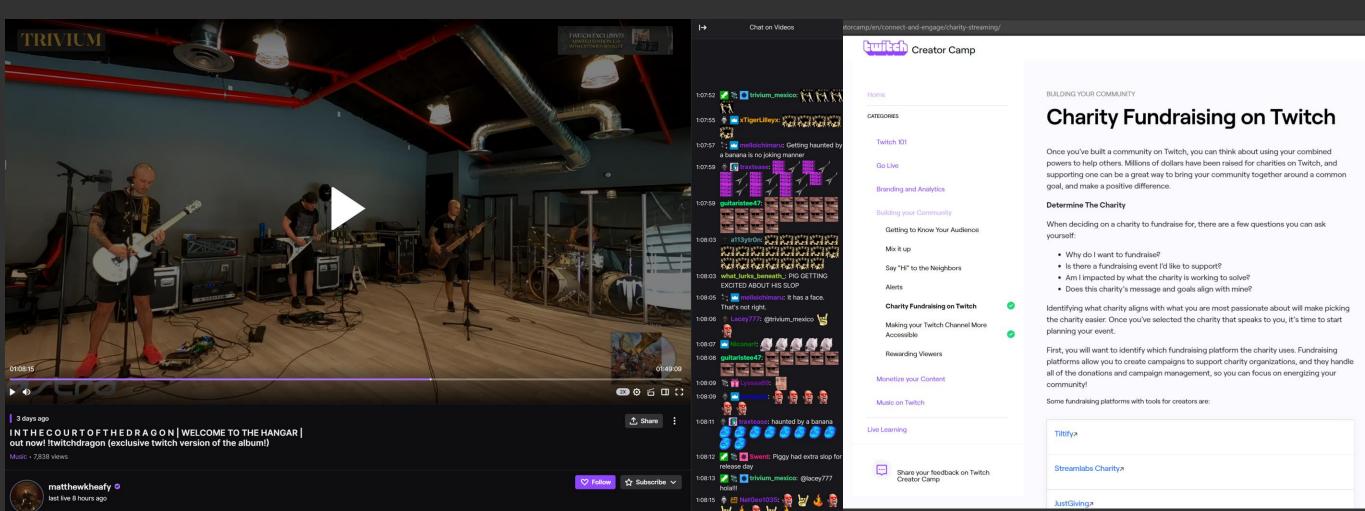


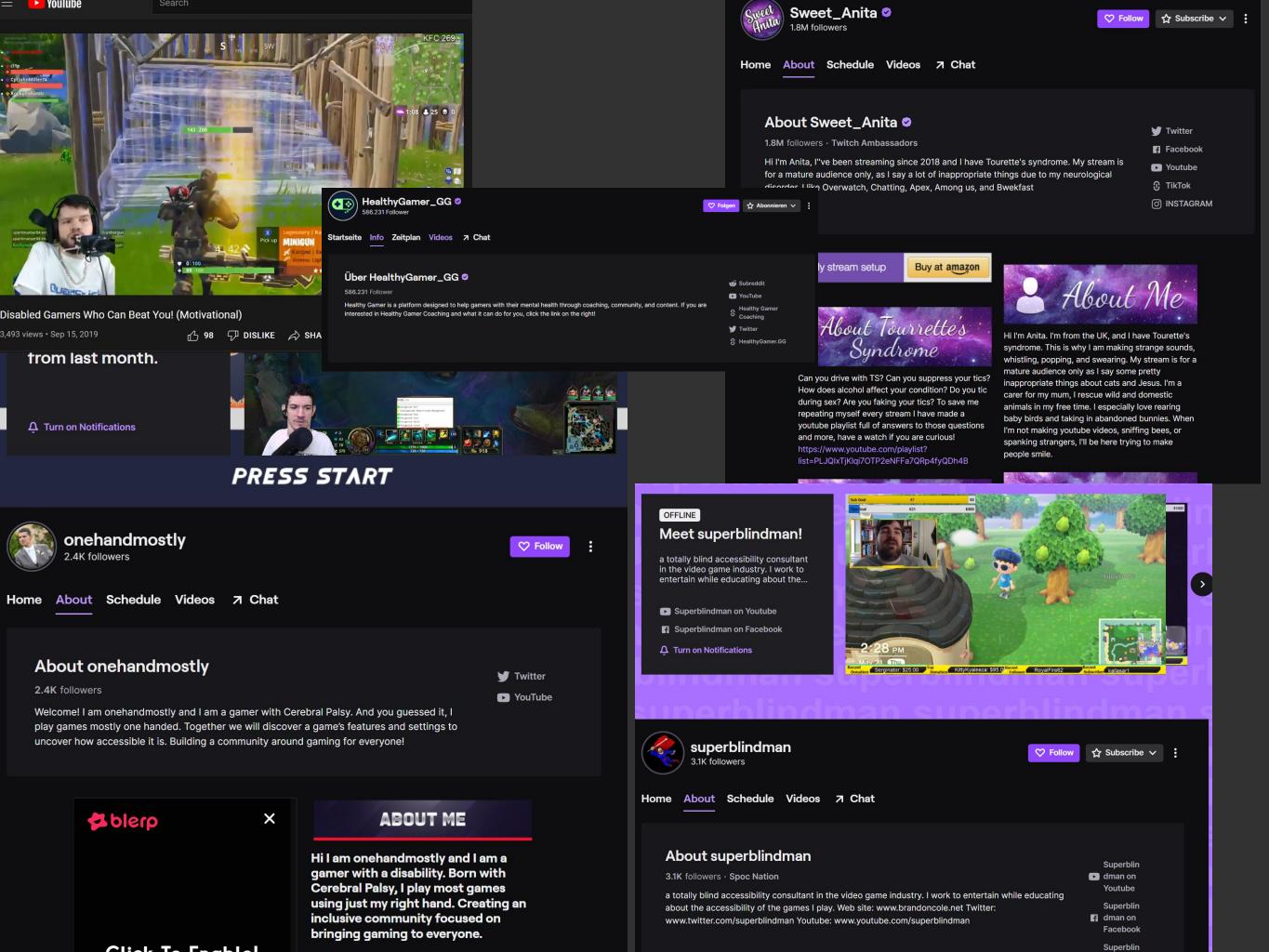
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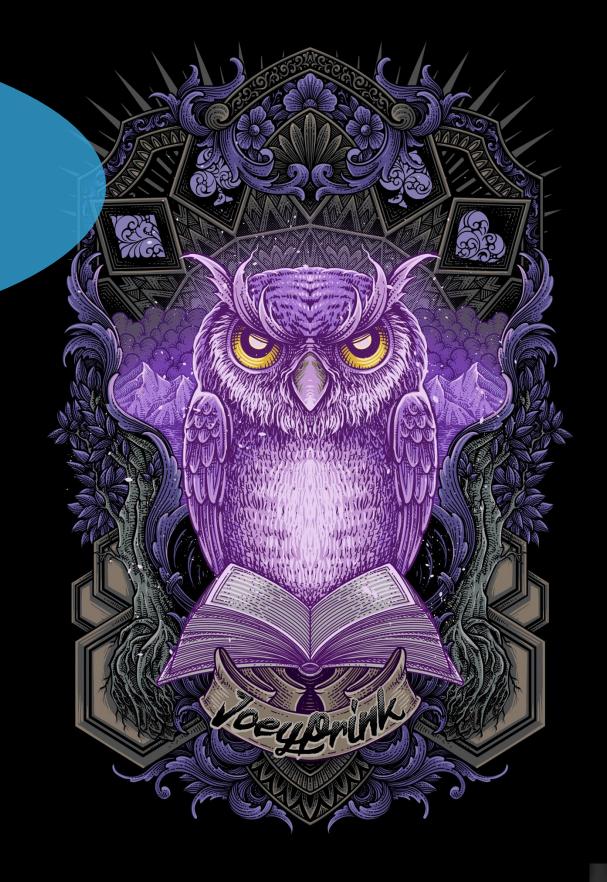
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