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Intro to Informatics

Envisioning Myself & Technology

For as long as I can remember, I have always been fascinated by games; from tic-tac-toe to chess, to *Call of Duty*. I remember enjoying the countless game nights where, after hours of *Monopoly*, I emerged victorious over my weary family. This was only the beginning as board games paled in comparison to video games. Video games were able to take my passion for otherworldly conquest and combine it with another passion of mine: computers. I can remember the first time I recieved a PlayStation for christmas and the hundreds, if not thousands of hours I spent grinding on *Star Wars: Battlefront* or *Medal of Honor*. Video games have been a source of entertainment for millions since the 1980s, gaining popularity because of arcade titles like *Mario Bros* and since then, the number of avid gamers has increased exponentially. There were many things that attracted me to gaming and video gaming alike. Primarily, it was a chance for everyone to start off on equal grounds and rise only through skill and wit alone. For example, the game of chess requires both players to start off with the same pieces in the same position. From there it is the players' wits that determine the outcome. Video games have a similar draw. Everyone begins at level 1 and has to put in the same work in order to advance.

The advancement of technology goes hand in hand with the advancement of gaming. The graphical and computational advancements that the gaming industry has seen are a direct

result of technology. PC gaming, or gaming on a computer, is the medium that closely follows the fast-changing technology of the day. Recently there was an advancement that would increase the graphical performance of games drastically. nVidia released a graphics new graphics card called the GTX 1080 ti. According to an article by Phil Iwaniuk (2016), the performance tests for the card produced “better results than any other single card”(Iwaniuk). Every time there’s a new advancement, the overall gaming experience becomes a little better and a little more fun, and the 1080 is no exception. In the future, there will be even bigger leaps in performance and enjoyability due to technological advancements and I will continue to be a passionate gamer.

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