Codebook

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1 Games as art

1.1 Games as art >> Story based games

Quotes mentioning games with a strong story/drama/emotional elements to them

1.2 Games as art >> Exploration

Quotes pertaining to exploration being something that the participants find especially interesting

2 Games as a way to colour free time

2.1 Games as a way to colour free time >> Filling in the time

Quotes about participants playing games to have something to fill in the time

3 Games and identity

Quotes highlighting a connection between some aspect of gaming and the participant’s self identity

3.1 Games and identity >> Specific ability/skill outlet

Emergent code. Quotes about the participants enjoying the outlet for their specific abilities/expereince. Need to clarify this one

4 Games as social layer

Quotes that highlight the game’s ability to facilitate social connections.

4.1 Games as social layer >> Social side of things

Quotes pertaining to the social appeal of playing games

4.2 Games as social layer >> The pandemic

Quotes that mention the covid 19 pandemic and it's lockdowns as the reason for a change in their gaming habits

4.3 Games as social layer >> Playing with familt memebers

Quotes about playing with family memebers. Spouces, children, nephews

4.4 Games as social layer >> Hanging out with friends

Quotes that highlights playing as a way to spend time with friends

4.5 Games as social layer >> Group selection

Literature indicates that older gamers are more likely to play multiplayer if their group passes some selection gates. They wanna filter out immature behaviours.

5 Games as emotional regulation ritual

5.1 Games as emotional regulation ritual >> Attention and focus

5.2 Games as emotional regulation ritual >> Games as ritual

This is a working name for "making little incrimental progress in a game I like" - aspect of playing

Has a subtone of "comfortable to it"

6 Interesting

Quotes that are interesting but are not related to the research question will go here

6.1 Interesting >> Genre preferences

This code highlights the sorts of games the participant engages with. It's supposed to highlight how genres, mechanics, aesthetics and the like can be important datapoints for answeringthe rq

6.1.1 Interesting >> Genre preferences >> Strategy and teamwork

Quotes pertaining to tactics and strategy being a part of the game's enjoyment for the participant

7 Why they play?

Here I highlight the all quotes that illustrate why the participant engages with video games.

7.1 Why they play? >> Perfect quotes

Marking quotes that are especially indicative of a particular theme or idea(also funny)

7.2 Why they play? >> Existing codes

A group of codes that were not assigned to particular themes yet

7.2.1 Why they play? >> Existing codes >> Interest in history

Quotes pertaining to participanat's interest in games due to their ability to show hisotry from a systemic perspective. Perhaps outlining the game’s reflection of a participant’s hobby/interest.

7.2.2 Why they play? >> Existing codes >> Anecdotes and stories

Anecdotes and stories that people share about their gaming experiences. those experiences have to be meaningful

7.2.3 Why they play? >> Existing codes >> Boardgames

Quotes mentioning tabletop board games

7.2.4 Why they play? >> Existing codes >> Roleplaying

Quotes that mention roleplaying aspect of gaming

7.2.5 Why they play? >> Existing codes >> Completionism

Quotes about completioinnism being an aspect of the participant's game game-plaing

7.2.6 Why they play? >> Existing codes >> Interest in simulations and realism

Emergent code. Quotes show an interest in simulation aspets of games.

7.2.7 Why they play? >> Existing codes >> Professional interest

Quotes that illustrate engaging with video games due to the participant's work (like working in game development)

7.2.8 Why they play? >> Existing codes >> Trying new experiences

Quotes pertaining to participant's interest in new experiences for the sake of new experiences

7.3 Why they play? >> Emergent codes/unsure

Quotes that don't fit into existing codes