

Finding The Nintendo Gigaleaks

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Background

- On July 24, 2020 there was a leak on 4chan that involved multiple anonymous links that can be used to download previously unreleased information about Nintendo
- The contents of the leak included:
 - Old unreleased content about video games that were not completed
 - Prototypes of characters like Yoshi
 - Source code
 - 3D models and sprites
 - Messages between employees
 - ...
- Since the 4chan post is deleted it requires using web archives to find the posts that started the Gigaleak

Example Content From The Nintendo Gigaleak

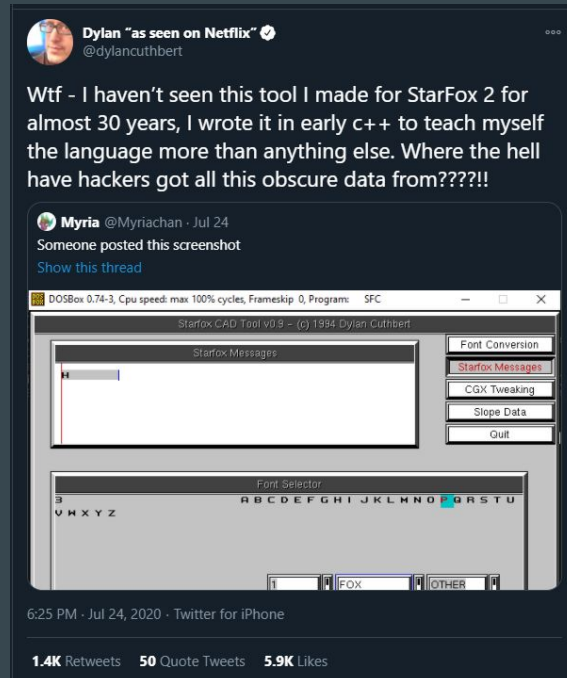
Evolution of Yoshi:

<https://twitter.com/felineki/status/1286749414095282177>



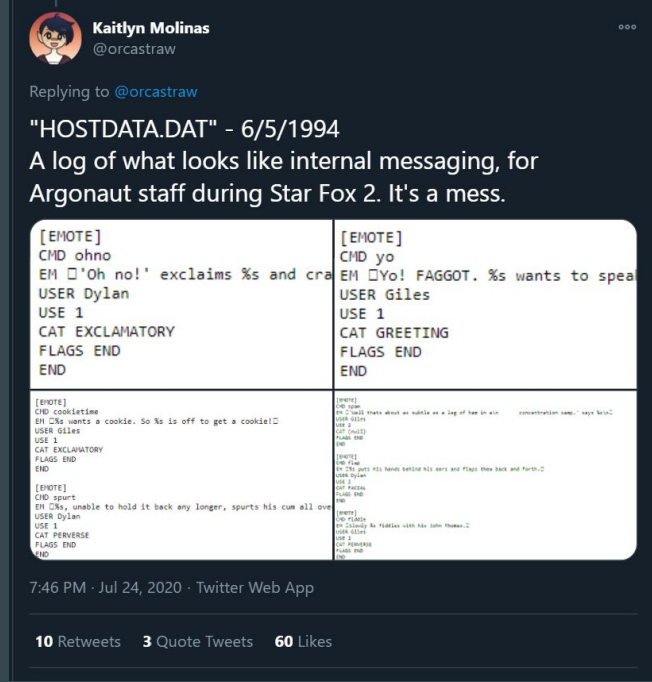
Tool Created For StarFox 2:

<https://twitter.com/dylancuthbert/status/1286789583061934080>



Messages between employees:

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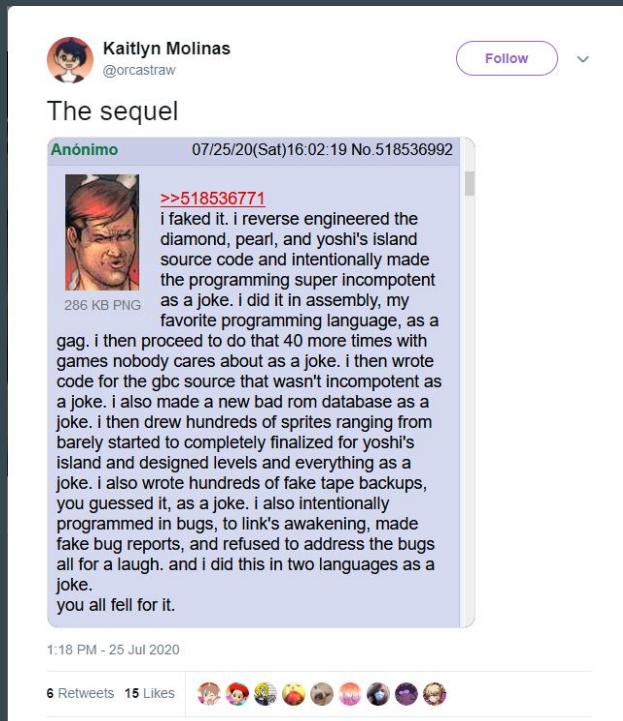


Steps Taken To Find The Nintendo Gigaleak Files

1. Read news articles about the Gigaleak and then learned about a Twitter user (@orcastraw) that was sharing posts from 4chan
2. Searched for a 4chan archive that focused on video game imageboards
3. Used the search feature of the 4chan archive to find one of the posts that @orcastraw shared
4. I found the Nintendo Leak Thread and then eventually found the first post on that day that mentions the Nintendo leak
5. The first post that mentions the leak included a link to the original post that shared the anonymous links to the Gigaleak files

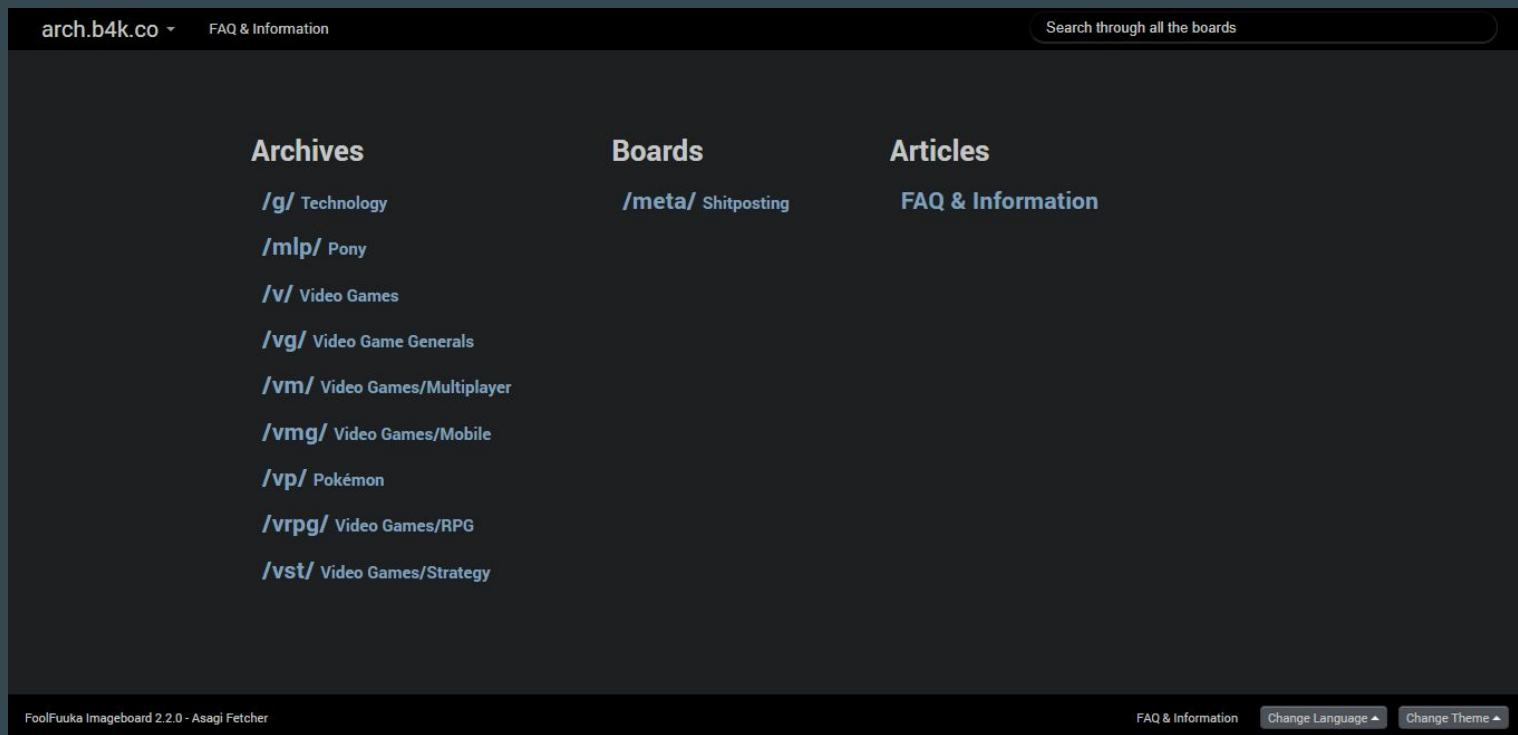
1. Learned About Twitter User @orcastraw

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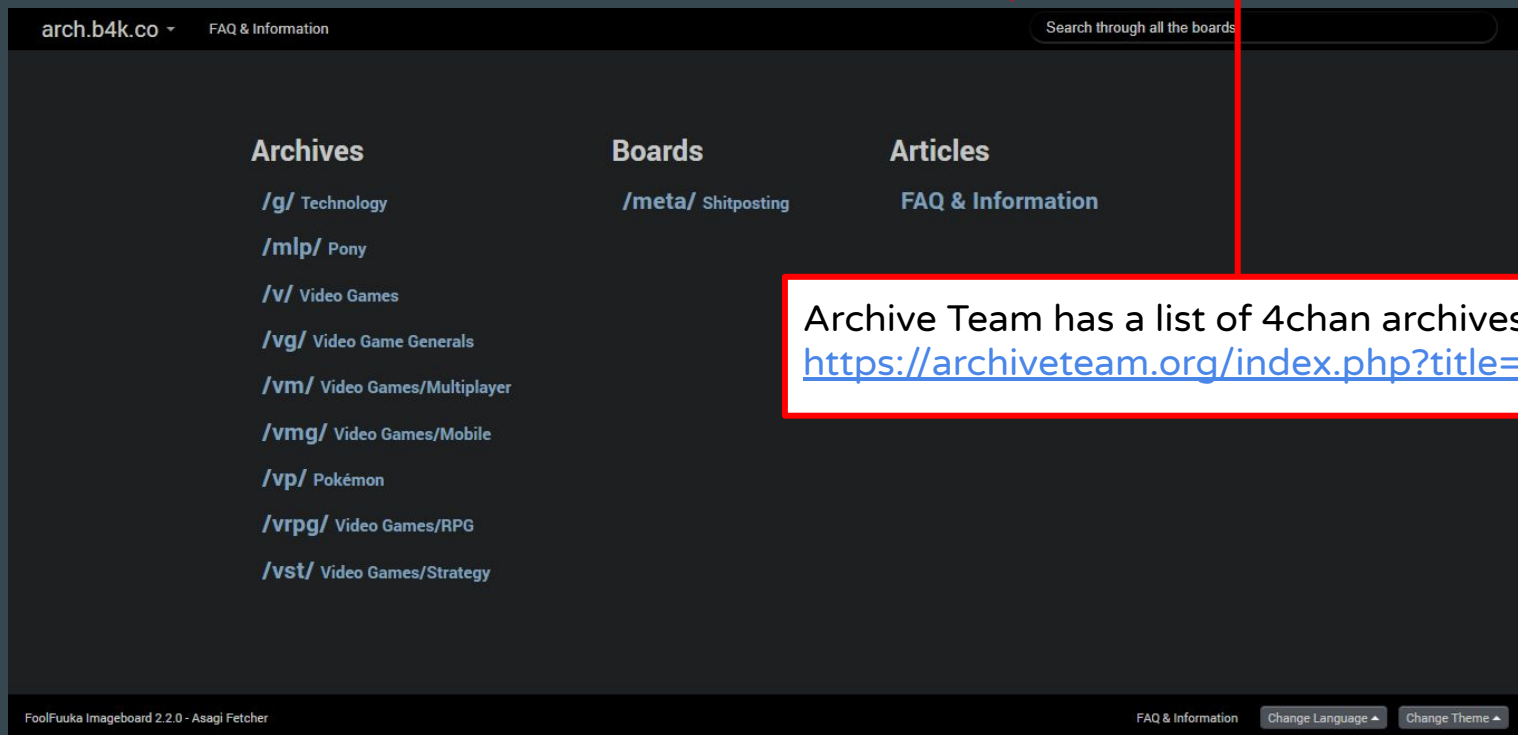
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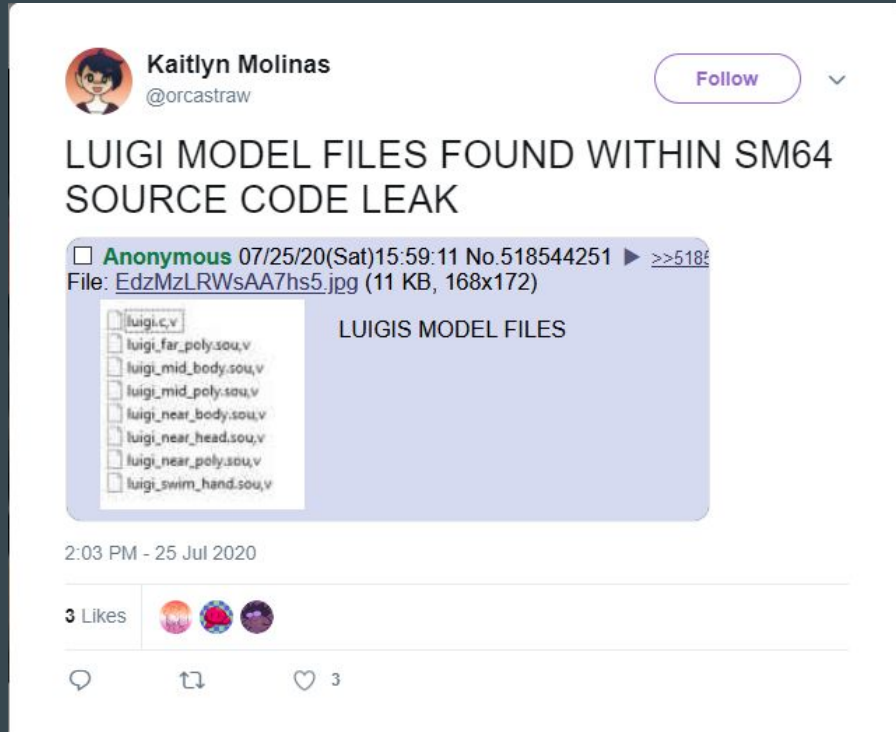
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Archive Team has a list of 4chan archives
<https://archiveteam.org/index.php?title=4chan>

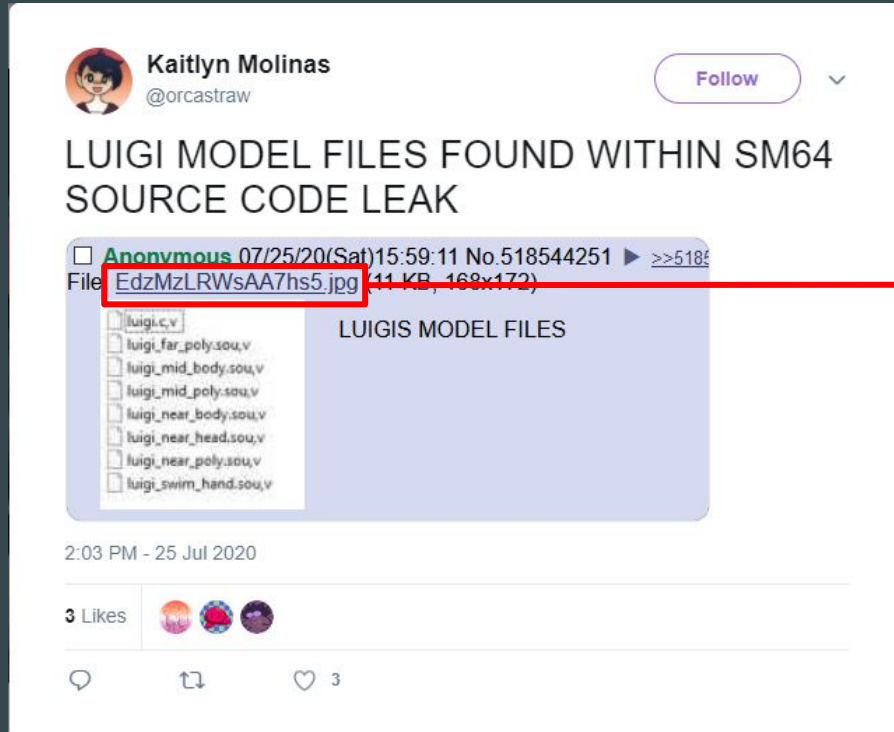
3. Found One Of The 4chan Posts Shared By @orcastraw

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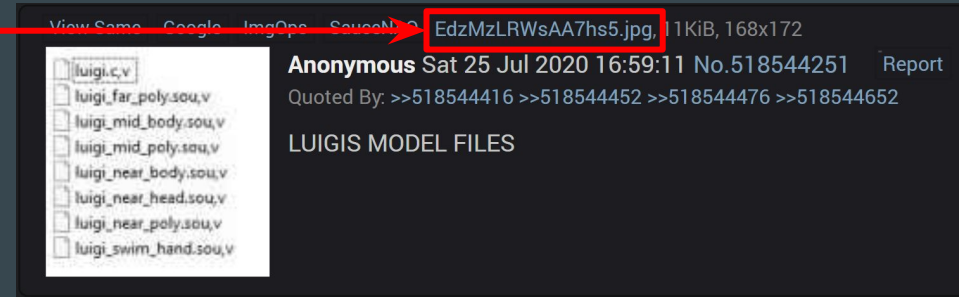


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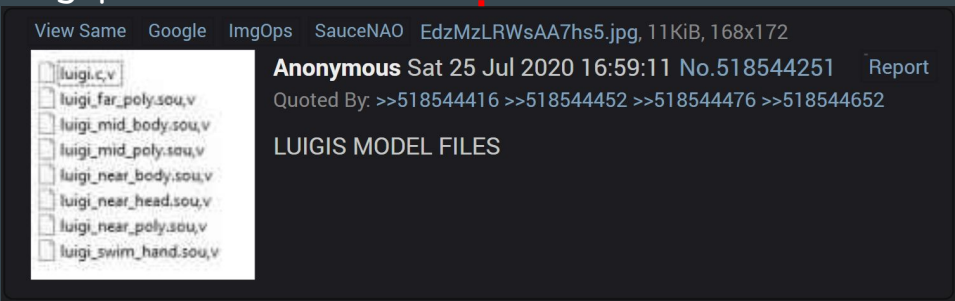
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Original poster for Nintendo leak thread 16

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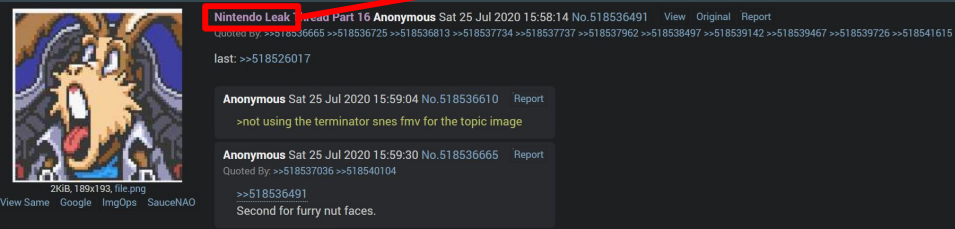
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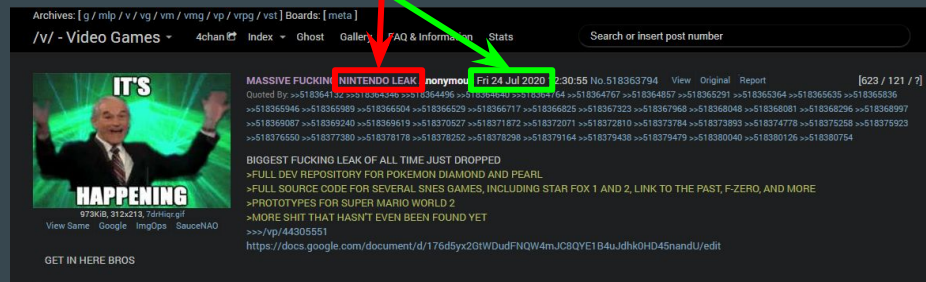
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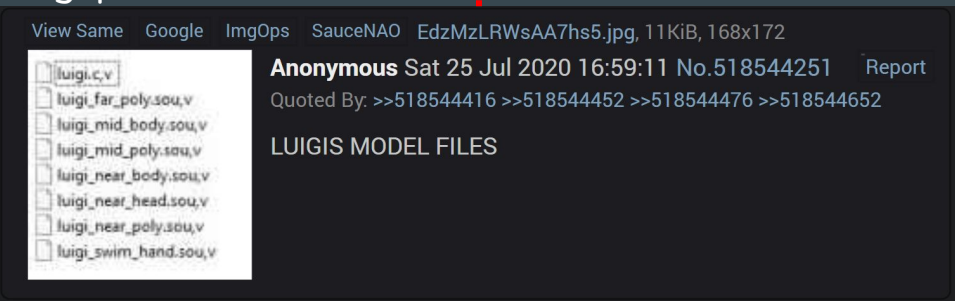


Searched for "Nintendo Leak" on the first day of the leak Jul. 24, 2020



<https://arch.b4k.co/v/thread/518363794/>

Luigi post was a comment




5. Found The Original Post That Shared The Anonymous Links To The Gigaleak Files

Original Nintendo Gigaleak Post:

<https://arch.b4k.co/vp/thread/44305551/>

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>PROTOTYPES FOR SUPER MARIO WORLD 2

>MORE HIT THAT HASN'T EVEN BEEN FOUND YET

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/176d5xy2GtWdFNQW4mJC8QYE1B4uJdhk0HD45nandU/edit>

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This Post Also Includes A Link To A Nintendo Gigaleaks Google Doc

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**THE NINTENDO GIGALEAKS**  
July 24 & 25, 2020  
And September 2, 2020  
Thanks guys...  
And September 9, 2020  
Leaks: 2020 Edition  
No we are not from TCRF :D

Document credits  
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lavacales9299 - helps organize and make everything look pretty, catches errors  
Nehaha - sent all of the fancy tools, thanks :D

**DOWNLOAD LINKS:**

Original, slower Anonfiles links:  
other.7z  
[https://anonfiles.com/Bag7R5H6oa20100713cvs\\_backup.tar.7z](https://anonfiles.com/Bag7R5H6oa20100713cvs_backup.tar.7z)  
<https://anonfiles.com/Za4dQ7H6ocnetcard.7z>  
<https://anonfiles.com/S2acR3Haob>

**NEW BIG BEYTAH SEPTEMBER 2ND 2020**  
<https://anonfiles.com/Tfy4KdQ5oe>

**BIG BEYTAH 2 (SEPTEMBER 9, 2020) LINK COMING SOON :)**

Gitlab page with everything converted to Git and available for ez download:  
<https://gitlab.dev.newswars.io/nintendo/>

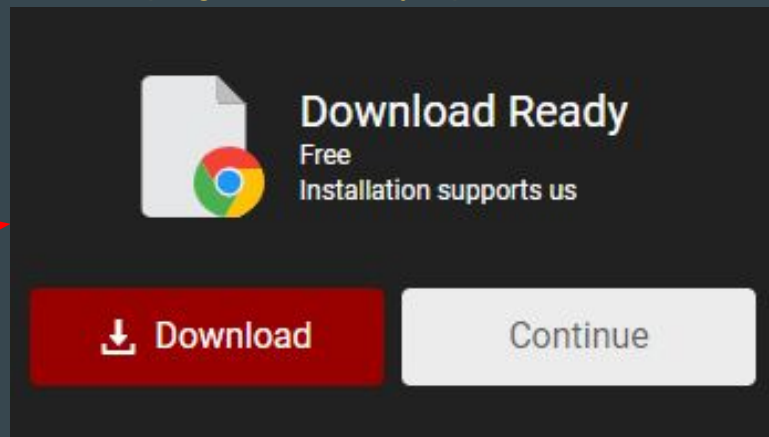
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# Downloading The Gigaleaks Requires An Extra Step

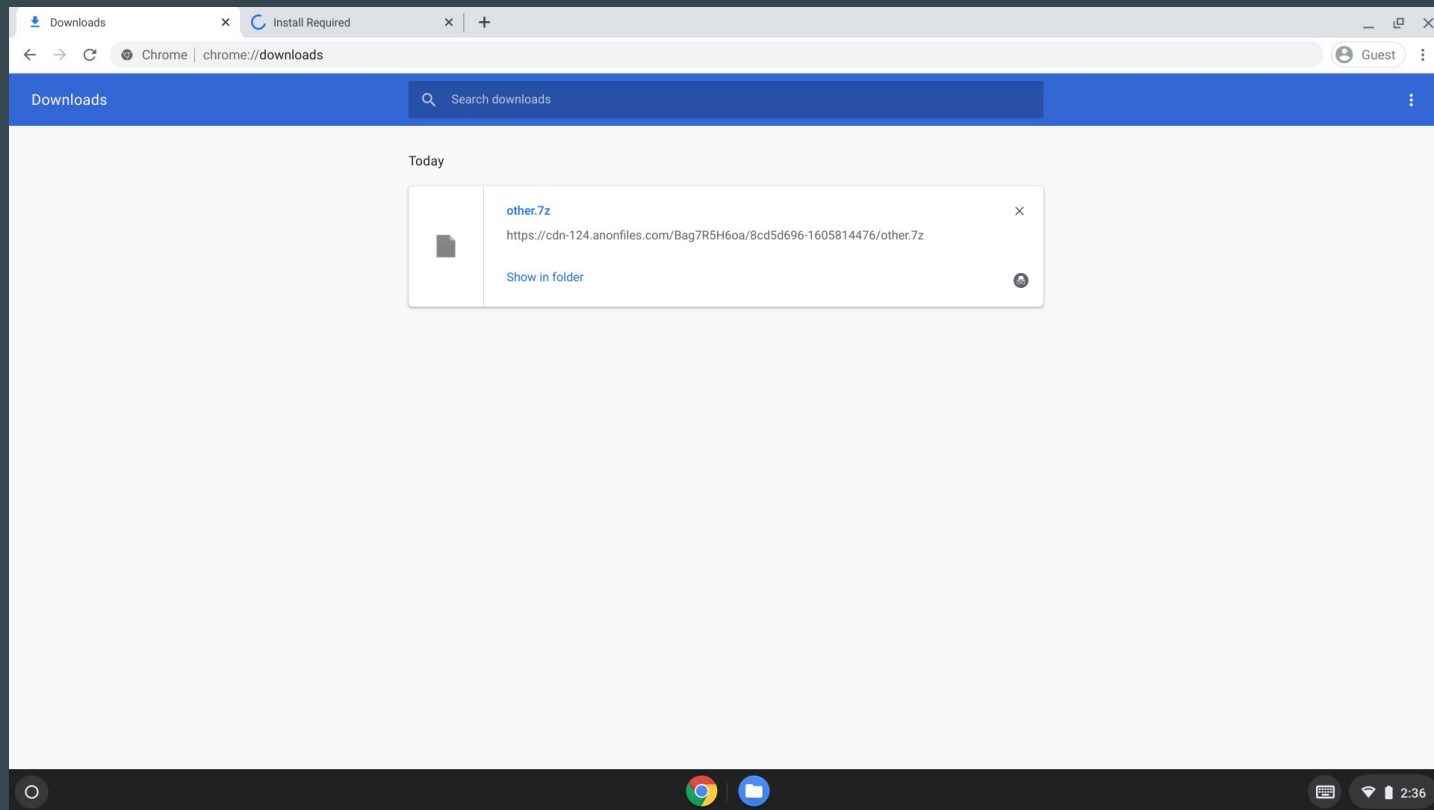
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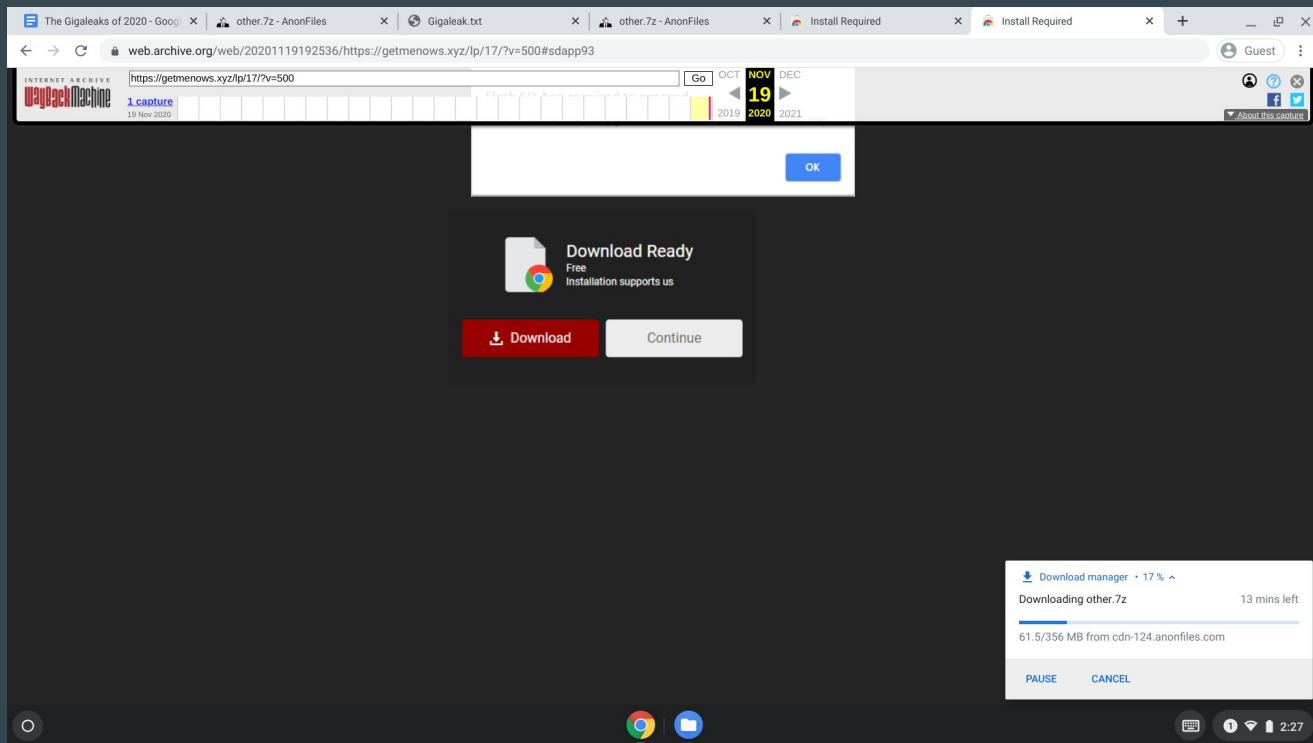
# I Was Able To Download One Of The Gigaleak Files From The Original Anonymous Link Without A Chrome Extension





It Is Also Possible To Archive The Web Page, But It Does Not Allow Someone To Download The Files From The Archived Web Page

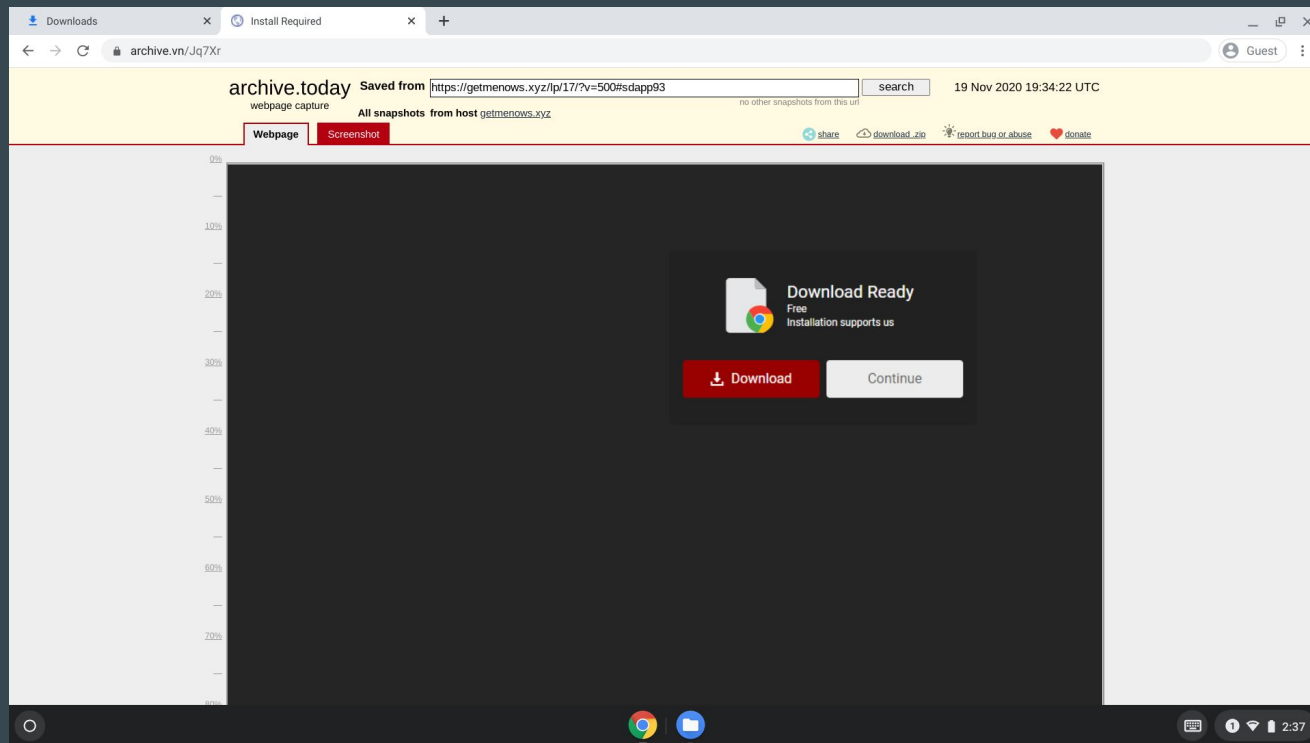
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# The Archived Web Page At archive.vn

<https://archive.vn/Jq7Xr>



# Conclusion

- In order to find the Nintendo Gigaleaks, someone must use a web archive to access the original posts
- When downloading the Nintendo Gigaleaks it may require the user to download a Chrome extension
- It is possible to archive the web pages needed to download the Gigaleak files, but it is not possible to download the files from the Wayback Machine and archive.vn