

Roman Hunter is the person I chose for my second interview, being one of my close friends. His connection to collecting isn't as in-depth as mine or Alex's so he provides a sort of middle-ground on the subject. The questions asked were nearly identical to the first set, and this was also the case for the third interview.

I asked what he collects, and he said that he likes collecting albums simply because he likes music. He started collecting about a year ago, and it was because of the importance of physical media. Despite various mediums such as music, movies, and video games being more accessible and convenient through digital purchases and streaming, actually owning something provides a different experience. While the topic of "ownership" can be discussed on its own, since that's not the focus of this interview, the ownership in this case really just mattered as a point of conversation. Owning a vinyl of an album is more engaging than just saying you like an album and listened to it on Spotify.

When asked about his most valuable possession he said it was his computer, which was for a variety of reasons. Computers are something you can keep upgrading and modifying as years go by, it can turn into a sort of Ship of Theseus.

"Even a pre-built computer can end up becoming something you can truly call your own"

I find the case of a computer particularly interesting since it's primarily a tool, though over the years they've become more suited for recreation as well, making it a jack in several trades.

When asked about if he would ever part with it he said yes, as long as he could get a better one. This makes sense to any ordinary person, after all who wouldn't want to upgrade their devices? With something like a computer or cell phone there will always come a time where the hardware becomes outdated, and upgrades are inevitable. Tools are replaceable and more easy to part with compared to something that holds sentimental value from one's childhood.

Despite this, when asked about the perceived value of an item and if it matters or not he said "I believe it comes after since before it's really just numbers, and value comes from what you do with it rather than how much it actually is." While this is a pretty logical statement, I just found it particularly interesting since the computer was his object of choice. Sure a computer can be pretty valuable, especially one that's more powerful and modern, but despite the value accumulating over the years, he's still willing to part with it since ultimately, the computer is just a tool.