

6 - 1 Ethics in Games

Virtual Environment Design

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Warning!

- In this session we will be broaching some possibly uncomfortable topics.
- If you are uncomfortable with a topic, you may leave at any time.

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Just because you can doesn't mean you should...

What is ethics?

“Moral principles that govern a person's behaviour or the conducting of an activity.”

“Academic ethics are a set of principles addressing how researchers and research organisations should conduct themselves when dealing with research participants, their data or tissue, other researchers and colleagues, the users of their research and society in general.”

*Ethics sets the standard of what is acceptable and what is not.
Ethics protect are there to protect you!*

Format

- The class will be presented with a topic.
- One or more individuals will come up to the front and debate the topic.
- I may take a side.
- Don't be offensive to each other.
 - Remember Rule Zero...
- Respect each other's opinions.

Mario or Sonic?



Salt and Vinegar or Cheese and Onion



Green or Blue?



Fighting Games or Sports Games



EA
SPORTS

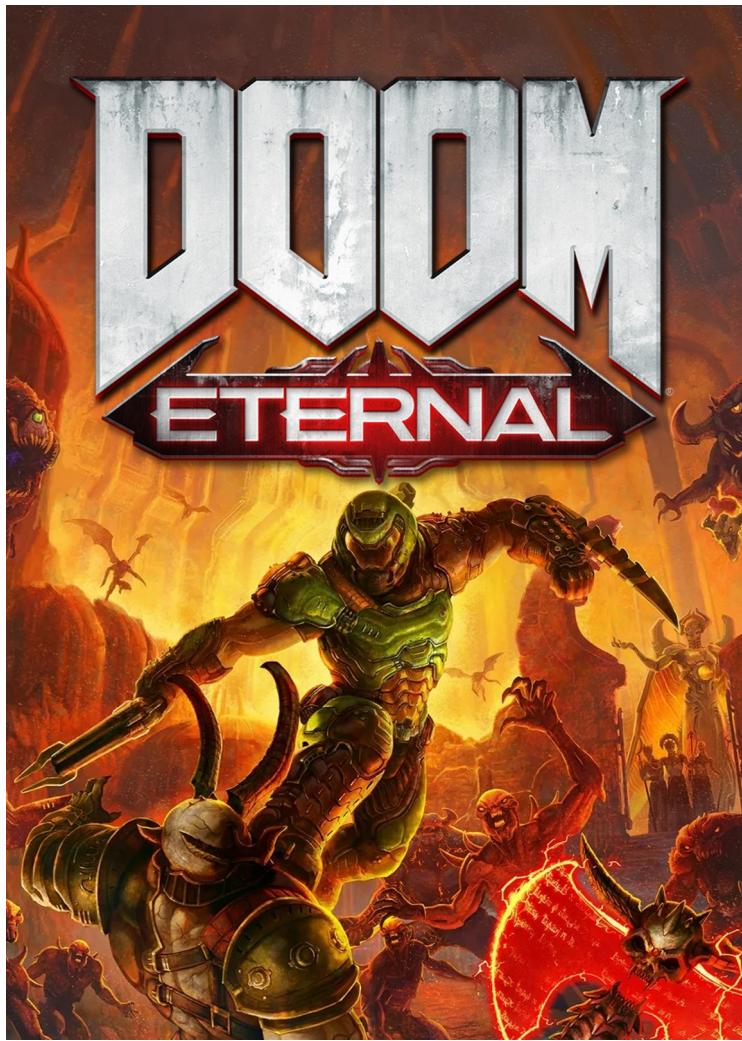
FIFA 22

FIFA
OFFICIAL
LICENSED
PRODUCT

Western RPG's or JRPG's



FPS or 3rd Person Shooters



Age Ratings?



Violence in games



Violence in games



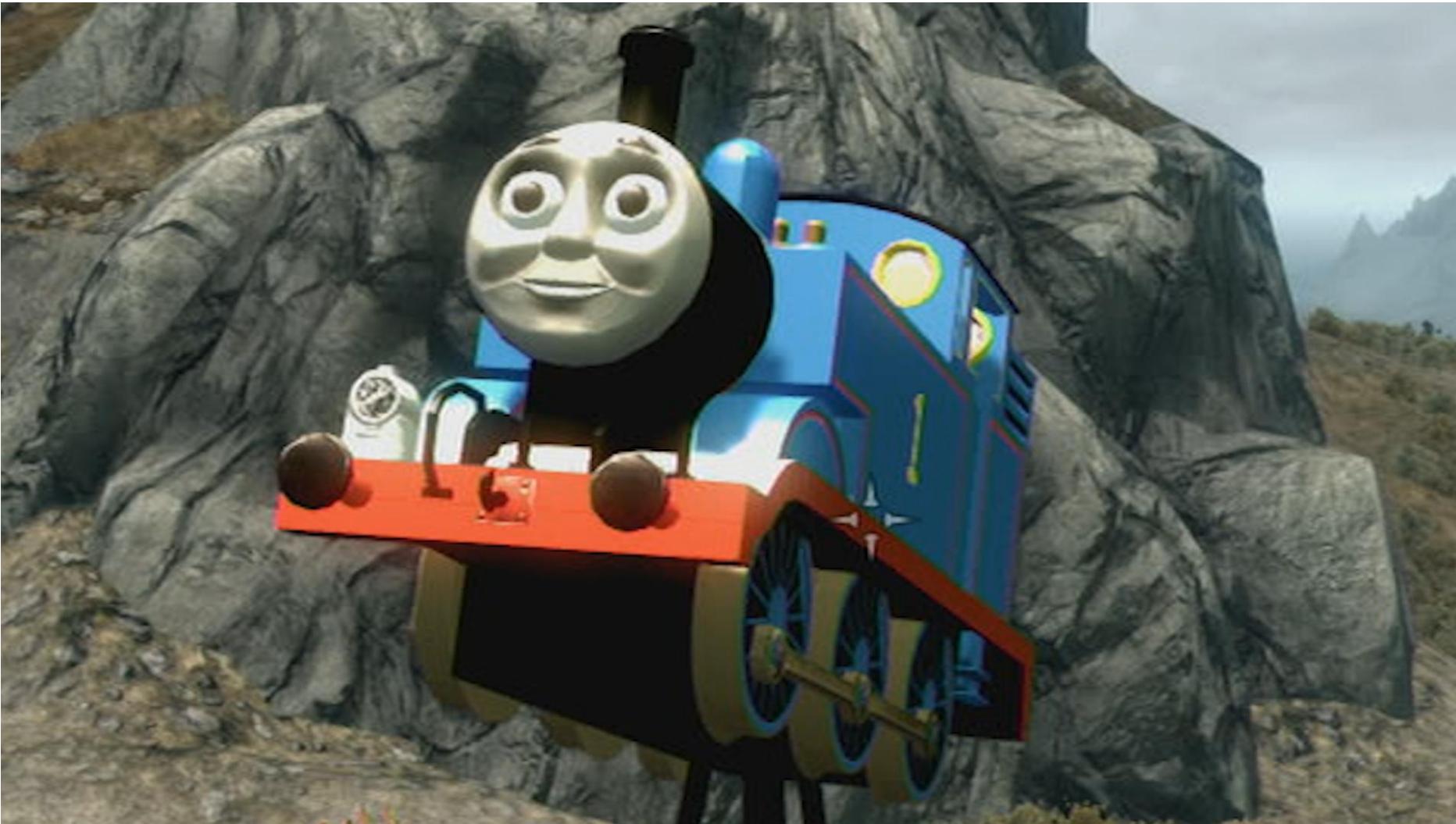
Rimworld?





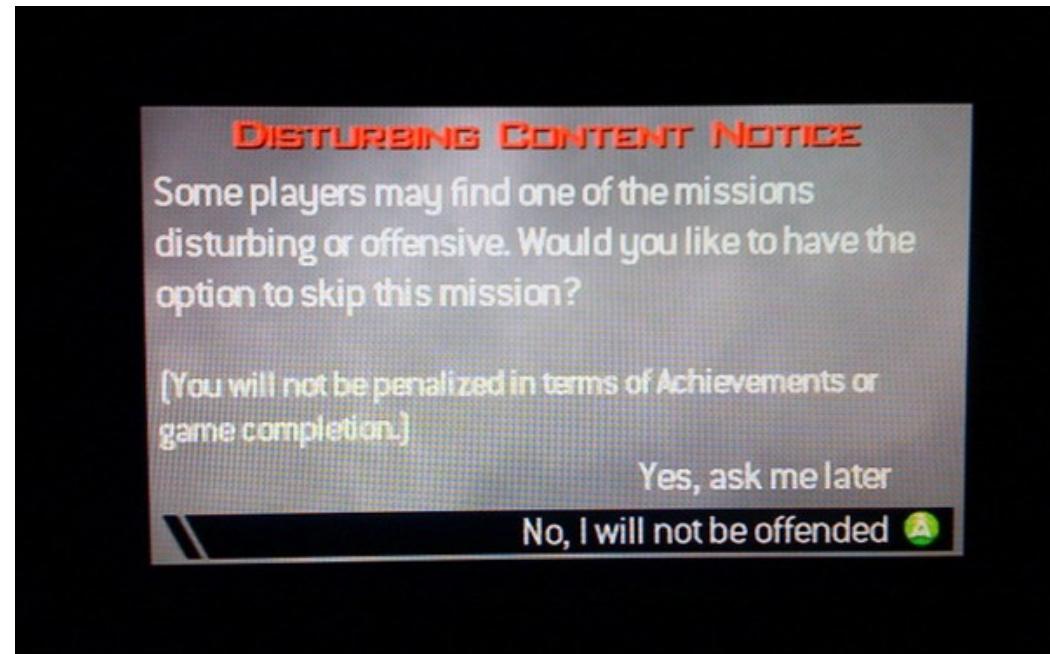


Mods



No Russian?

- Trigger warning...
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8YRyriDQaol>



Heads or Tails?



Loot boxes?



Gender representation *in* games



Gender representation *outside* of games



Hacking



The hardest question...

- One volunteer to answer the hardest question in ***ALL*** of games.
- Please note the question is not given out ahead of time as such this question is NOT included in the pre-release slides
- :P

Why do you deserve a job in games?

Lab Session this week



- I am expecting to see drafts of your presentations for next week...
- You may want to do some rehearsals, and get some feedback.