

# My New Old New 3DS (Used)



*My New Used New Nintendo 3ds which will play some new old 3ds games I've always had an eye on.*

Many of us are aware that Nintendo makes arguably the best mobile game consoles on the market and this was especially the case during the 2010s where Sony abandoned their PS Vita and the Steam Deck was but a twinkle in Gabe Newell's eyes. During this time Nintendo and many other IPs took advantage of the 3DS double screen format and popularity to print out a ton of titles that make traditional emulation techniques feel lackluster at best.

While emulators do exist and presumably have good hardware accuracy, the combination of the double screen format and lack of an analog stick made 3DS emulation particularly awkward in my case specifically. Add on the fact that I actually owned a 2DS. I decided to take a look at modding my console to “borrow” some games and other software for a while...

Modding a 2DS/3DS/New 2DS/New 3DS is pretty easy thanks to various buffer overload exploits found throughout the console's history (if you're interested then I'll include a link [here](#)). By using this website (<https://3ds.hacks.guide/>), I found myself with a modded 2DS within an hour or two - a tradeoff that was definitely worth it during the Covid era.

So what does a modded console offer? At a high level we can execute any code we want and so can bypass many pesky restrictions like playing region locked titles and "owning" said titles. In addition we can customize our console to a much higher degree than what Nintendo allows giving rise to the interesting splash art I found after botting up my 2ds



*The 2DS splash screen after modding...*

So what games do I wanna play? Back in the day I actually bought and finished these games (and probably a few more I forgot about):

- A Link Between Worlds
- Pokemon Y
- Super Smash Bros for 3DS

In combination with my general disinterest in 3d games (like Ocarina of Time) I think the following list will suffice for now:

- Pokemon Rumble Blast
- Kirby's Epic Yarn

The list is intentionally short just because I want to focus on at least finishing ONE game before I go gungho on installing a trillion different games. In the future I'd like to MAYBE play pokemon Ultra Sun, some Mario titles, Fire Emblem, and whatever else people consider to be the classics on the 3DS.

Oh there were also a few user made apps I installed:

- Youtube
- Angband
- Mario 64
- Scratch for 3DS (Yes the MIT Scratch)

But honestly there isn't much else for me to talk about since I haven't done much on my 3DS. The timeline was that the console arrived on Friday, the mod occurred on Saturday, and the blog post was written today.

So will the next blog contain game reviews? Stay tuned because even I don't know!



*The two consoles side by side*