

**Speaker 1**

You just quickly introduce yourself.

**Speaker 2**

Yeah. Um I'm cade uh Yeah, I'm in computer science a senior and Yeah,

**Speaker 1**

that's good. Okay, so first part of our interview, we're just gonna be wanting to know more of your background regarding video games. So our first question would be like, what type of games or game modes within those games do you play? Yeah,

**Speaker 2**

I like to play a lot more like first not first, well, first person is fine. Um Single player games. Um uh Type of games I prefer. I also play like some multiplayer games, like Overwatch is kind of big, like my big multiplayer game, but single player, I'm a big Pokemon fan. Um But like, I just kind of play like whatever single player games that I'm like interested in, I'm like a third of the way through the new God of War game right now. Um No, no,

**Speaker 1**

Please no spoilers

**Speaker 2**

will not spoil anything. Yeah. Um But yeah, those are kind of the the games I play, I just like whatever looks interesting to me, I'll kind of just pick it

**Speaker 1**

And what games would you say that like you play the most often? Is it more like those single player games or more multiplayer? Because usually single players as much as I like them for me personally, it's more

**Speaker 2**

fun.

**Speaker 1**

They're playing time would always be shorter than multiplayer games because multiplayer games are just like endless hours. So which one would you still say you play more

**Speaker 2**

them? I'd say it's probably pretty close to 50 50. I go on these like runs, we're all just like nonstop play Overwatch or like any given multiplayer game, which I guess I don't I've only had like a few other than a garage. Um But like yeah, I really do enjoy playing single player games a lot. Um But like I do agree. It's like it's really important to be like kinda in the right mood to play single player games. Um Like I love them. But you like, especially if I'm playing like God of War or like

like Red Dead Two or something like with a really heavy story Like I'm not gonna I don't wanna play those games all the time. So I guess it kind of results in being more 5050, I would still probably give most of the edge to single player games because like sometimes I'll like only play Overwatch, but there are probably longer stretches of time. Like I just would play single player games.

**Speaker 1**

So would you say that single player games are the ones with long with like long story line? Are your current favorite games?

**Speaker 2**

Oh yeah. Yeah. Those are definitely my favorite types of games.

**Speaker 1**

And what what kind of games like that gave you the like the most fun or you were impressed with the most?

**Speaker 2**

Um Like I guess I've always been like a sucker for like a good storyline or like especially for me like uh like really strong characters. Um Because like with um like I love like the characters in God of War. Uh Because like I don't know, I love that dynamic between like um and then also like the other video games that I've like recently been thinking about is the Last of us because of the tv show.

Yeah, so like I don't know, I think both of those games have really strongly written characters, but I guess like a good storyline in general, I like for some reason focused on dialogue a lot, it's probably not like super normal for for most people. Um But yeah, I just like that's kind of the thing that I enjoy the most

**Speaker 1**

I totally understand and what devices do you usually use to play these games?

**Speaker 2**

my God, kind of kind of like everything I don't have an Xbox I use playstation, I'll play some games on switch, like I guess Pokemon, that's kind of exclusively it. Um And then I mostly play like multiplayer games on pc. Uh

**Speaker 1**

So Overwatch, not on your PS five,

**Speaker 2**

no, well I do have and I do play it from time to time, but I prefer to play Overwatch on Pc

**Speaker 1**

PC

**Speaker 2**

because

**Speaker 1**

with the mouse and the keyboard it's way faster,

**Speaker 2**

it's just better and easier.

**Speaker 1**

And you said you use your switch, do you have ever thought of mobile games?

**Speaker 1**

smartphone games?

**Speaker 2**

I thought about that? Yeah, I have I got yeah, that's like kind of an afterthought for me. Um like I had like I guess a little over a year ago I was really into like clash royale

**Speaker 1**

of course of course

**Speaker 2**

Like that's just because like my roommates got into it? I honestly have to like look at my phone other than that, like, I don't know if I'm like in a doctor's waiting room where there's inevitably no service, I'll pull up subway surfers but um not really for like, I don't think of like video games on the phone as like gaming, I guess in my eyes.

**Speaker 1**

Okay? This is the ultimate question,

**Speaker 1**

there's still more questions, but this is for me, more of an ultimate question. What do you prefer? More,

**Speaker 1**

PC or a console? Oh ...

**Speaker 2**

yeah, I'd probably prefer pc. Um I guess like the thing normally is like, nobody, like I don't have a PC power powerful enough to play like a lot of these like single player games, so I play them on my PS five. They're also because their PS five exclusives. Um But like if I could only play on like one thing for the rest of my life, I'd probably do PC.

**Speaker 1**

And is there any reasons that you would pick PC over any other console?

**Speaker 2**

Um Just because I don't know, I like controlling with a mouse and keyboard more. Um And I feel like PC is like is going to have the widest range of titles? Probably those would be my two main reasons I would think

**Speaker 1**

Now, we are kind of so jumping onto your mood or how you think about games amongst those games that you've mentioned like from God of War to Overwatch, are there any that you prefer playing in a very specific kind of mood? So like let's say after a long day of work or a long day of college and studying and homework

**Speaker 2**

after a long day. Um Like I just kind of want to turn my brain off. That's probably when I go to Overwatch, just because like I don't have to like consume a story which like I love like consuming a good story of the game, but in those times I just want to like turn my brain off, that's when I go to over watch her.

Like I used to play a lot of TF two, I would like I don't know if you've played TF two before? Um I would just like W. M. One on Pyro just because it's like the ultimate No Brain uh things. So that's that like after a long day uh Normally that's probably what I would go to. Um

## **Speaker 2**

like I just it's kind of weird, I just get into like different game which is just like all randomly, like right now, I'm like really into Overwatch, like I'll probably go home play Overwatch, but um it's more of just like spans of time, not like what I'm in the mood,

## **Speaker 1**

but don't you feel like sometimes because you're playing Overwatch

## **Speaker 1**

a long day wouldn't that make it? Maybe sometimes worse because it's a multiplayer game and usually play games gets you toxic or you play with toxic people?

## **Speaker 2**

Yeah, that's definitely true. I think my thing is is I play primarily on quick play. I'm not like a super big competitive person if I was uncompetitive. Yeah, I would get like instantly toxic and probably not want to play Overwatch. Um But for me that's like quick. Yeah. Just when I'm in quickly, I don't have to like feel like I have to you have to or hard try.

## **Speaker 1**

Yeah. Okay. I understand. And uh do these games like when you play them, let's say you play Overwatch. Uh Does it change how you feel about the game when you play with other people within your party? Like not just Randall's. Yeah, random people

**Speaker 2**

I really do like to play. Um like games like Overwatch, like Team Fortress Two, stuff like that uh with people that I know um It's just more enjoyable. Um And I think that like also really helps with like being that game that you want to like um play like after work or after school. Uh Just because it's like it's not only um it's not only a game where I can turn my brain off, but it's a game where I can like talk to my friends about like, I don't know the day we had or stuff like that.

**Speaker 1**

And do you often play these multiplayer games uh with yourself with random people or mostly with people, you know?

**Speaker 2**

I try most often uh to to play with people I know um Sometimes I just so cute and I'm fine but I find that like in solo queue I can get like a lot more toxic and tilted um like much quick, much quicker. Whereas like if I'm on a team of people I can laugh at my friends become becoming toxic. Um and I don't become toxic myself.

**Speaker 1**

So what would you say? The ratio between playing solo uh like solo queue or with friends?

**Speaker 2**

Um I'd say in between like the 70 30 and like 60 40 range I would guess, I don't

**Speaker 1**

60

**Speaker 2**

Like playing with friends and 70. Um ... Yeah, I feel like, ... yeah, I'm I'm not entirely sure, I feel like it's always closer than I think it is, but I also like I'll play for like three hours on end

with friends, and then I'll play like three games which is maybe like a half hour, 40 minutes, like solo queue, and then I'm like okay I want to be done.

### **Speaker 1**

Oh understandable. And when you play these games, how do you usually communicate with your friends through discord or through the game in chat

### **Speaker 2**

or normally we're in a discord call. Um It's just easier because like people who aren't in the call can like see that, oh these guys are in the Overwatch chat. These guys are in the I don't know Valerie chat or whatever. Um And they're like okay I feel like playing video games with them. So like join the call because like if you're just like in game chat, people don't really know like what you're playing.

### **Speaker 1**

well. ... Uh ... And ... uh what kind of games from the ones you you've mentioned to me? Would you play like most or like play depending on how much free time you have. So let's say you just finished school at six p.m. All your homeworks and whatnot. And then you're going out with your friends at eight but you really want to play, what kind of game would you play in in the like time window?

### **Speaker 2**

And so am I saying like if I have two hours to play a game, what would I play or in like that specific situation? Yeah

### **Speaker 1**

let's say a two hour window, a one hour window and like half an hour

### **Speaker 2**

Okay. Um I feel like um I feel like when it's um uh for a half hour I would probably just boot up like whatever is like easiest to access. So for me that ends up probably being like Pokemon because I just like turn on my switch it's like like I have it in my hands, I could just



like lay in bed for a half hour and play it. Um We're getting to those like longer times. Um I feel like one hours probably that sweet spot where I want to play something like God of war like more of a heavy story game.

Just because like I'm I know that I'm probably not gonna want to play that game for too much longer than that. Um And then two hours I feel like that's enough time to be like okay let's like let's boot up over watch it, let's boot up like a multiplayer game. Um Just because like I have enough time to where like I could feasibly like hang out with friends and a call for two hours and then go to do whatever like task that I need to do then.

### **Speaker 1**

So what will it be the situation if you just have a whole weekend for yourself?

### **Speaker 2**

A whole weekend. Um So I I feel like I would want to like switch games like throughout the day then I have, I feel like I have a short attention span so I would like totally get tired of one game or like I would say or I would say like oh I'm totally gonna play Overwatch this entire weekend and then like Rage quit on my like fifth game and be like okay what do I do now and then I just pull up, I don't know something I can't really play video games for like a whole weekend, I just can't do

### **Speaker 1**

that, that's very understandable. Okay so from there we're just gonna we're gonna move into how you manage your time with your gaming life. So how much time do you actually spend for like let's say oh you're in the mood to play, how much time do you spend to find a game that you're gonna play

### **Speaker 1**

What's your methodology of finding that game?

### **Speaker 2**

Yeah. Normally I feel like it doesn't take too long because normally I'm just like kind of in the mood to play like whatever game it is. So I've probably been like thinking before I have the chance to like actually play it like to know what game I'm gonna play in a situation where I don't know what I'm gonna play.

Uh Then it probably takes like way too long of a time, it probably takes me like a half an hour to just like kind of sit there and do nothing until I make myself open up a video game. But normally that doesn't happen. Normally I'm more just like kind of in the mood to play. So

**Speaker 1**

it's like craving food. Yeah you're like craving chick fil a so like when it's lunchtime you're getting ... okay. Um ... Okay we can answer this question which is mostly like the reasons you if you spend long searching for a game, why would that kind of reason occur. Yeah

**Speaker 2**

like like when that when that happens like it doesn't happen much for me but I I feel like you're asking like why why it takes me like so long to pick a game

**Speaker 1**

if if you had to pick a different game from your usual

**Speaker 2**

cravings, like why would it take that long or wait?

**Speaker 1**

Uh Yeah, why would you take long in that case

**Speaker 2**

another game, I guess like if it's a game that I'm like really not familiar with, I would want to make sure that I'm like picking the right game, so I'd probably do like way too much research on something. Like especially if I need to buy it, like I'm gonna make sure this is something that like I want to play.

Um So that in in those situations I'm probably fine taking like that half hour or 45 minutes. Um But if it's a game that I'm familiar with, it's just, I feel like it's kind of like paralysis just because I have like so many options to play.

**Speaker 1**

Okay. And when do you usually play games?

**Speaker 2**

Um I mean normally it's just like whenever I have free time, it's like ideally every night after I'm done doing like homework or like if I'm done with work um Like if I don't have like any other obligations, I feel like it's just kind of like my default to just, well my default was watching Youtube videos for no reason, but

**Speaker 1**

same, same,

**Speaker 2**

but like uh normally like that's that's kind of like, I don't know, maybe like the what I'm looking forward to at the end of a long day or something like that? Um ... Yeah. Yeah. yeah

**Speaker 1**

and how do you navigate when you should stop gaming for that

**Speaker 2**

In a normal day? Normally I ... God, it's just kinda like, at least with like story games, it's just kind of like a feeling of like, like especially if I hit like a major story beats, I'm like, oh my God, I need to like go process this um But if it's like, I can, I can normally tell with like Overwatch or like multiplayer games like that, like especially if I'm playing with people, like the people are getting pretty like toxic and upset once that happens your, your past, the situation where you're like

enjoying the game and now it's just kind of like, like, okay, well I guess I'm like already doing this, so let's keep doing that and like when that happens, I'm like okay, I need to stop and like find something else to do. Um So I guess like ...

**Speaker 2**

very helpful. It's just like a feeling that it's mostly a feeling I have

**Speaker 1**

okay, so now we're gonna move to our third segment which is finding a new game that you don't really know

**Speaker 2**

about anything.

**Speaker 1**

So I think you already answered this question, which is how often do you find yourself playing the same game over and over

**Speaker 2**

Overwatch pretty consistently like I, for me I have like I have my multiplayer game, I have whatever Pokemon game I'm playing, which sounds really weird, why Pokemon is a mainstay in my game rotation and then whatever story story, so mostly when that happens, that's like, okay, the story game is gone. Like I haven't switched my multiplayer game, like since Overwatch came out basically, so it's been a while, like I like I guess I played board zone during Covid, but I feel like everybody did

that. Um I don't like Pokemon has been like amazing since I've been like elementary school, so the story game is the one that like switches most. Um So like after I finished a story game, then I'm like, okay, I need to find a new game to play

**Speaker 1**

And do you ever find yourself like losing entrance interest in the games you're playing with or like just felt a burnt out from

**Speaker 2**

them? Um Yeah, I can definitely feel that, I think that's kind of where I get like my, like, like if I'm in the mood to play or watch that, I'll probably play Overwatch a lot until I lose interest just because it's like you're I guess you're being like over exposed to that. Um But I feel like I guess that really only happens with like Overwatch, like that doesn't happen as

much like Pokemon or like story games just because like I play those games at such a slow pace and not as often to where I'm not, I don't feel like I'm over exposed to those games ...

### **Speaker 1**

and then what stops you from playing a different game than like Overwatch as a multiplayer

### **Speaker 2**

game. Um for multiplayer games, it's definitely like whatever my friends are playing, like, I really do enjoy playing Overwatch, but like, I, like, like, for example, when Valerie came out, I was like, I'm never playing this game, but I have so many friends that play it to where like, they've convinced me, like, I'm like, probably pretty close to like downloading the game even though I know I shouldn't.

### **Speaker 2**

I swear everybody I know plays it.

### **Speaker 1**

Yeah. Uh you mentioned that you look to download the new game only in the case you finished uh a story, long story, like kind of game, right? That's what I feel like a new game.

### **Speaker 2**

I feel like for me, I just have this unless like for example, um I'm currently playing like Horizon Zero Dawn, but I knew God of War was coming out and like, I loved the first one in that do Ology, so I was like, okay, I'm dropping that game to play God of work, so that's like kind of the only other time that that happens. Um But other than that, yeah, it's just generally when um like I finish a game that I go look for another game, is that question? Okay,

**Speaker 1**

and what attracts you when you search for for that new game? Is it because nostalgia? Because let's say God before you already played the first one, or technically the fourth one, and you were like Ragnarok is coming out, So yeah,

**Speaker 2**

I feel like like obviously nostalgia is a big thing I stuff like Pokemon. Um So like I guess just like that familiarity. Um But if I'm looking at a game that like uh is um I'd like a new story game that I want to play that I'm not familiar with. Um Normally if it like if I think it looks cool, plus it's gotten good reviews, that's

kind of like the formula for me that will uh caused me to um like get that new game because I hardly buy like any game on release just because it's, I play games way too slowly to do that.

**Speaker 2**

Um So that's kind of how I um going with games

**Speaker 1**

and okay, this is uh would you rather do this with that? So would you want to find new games, let's say five new games all at the same time, or you want to find five new ways to play the same game you already five new ways to play the same games you already own?

**Speaker 2**

Um I would probably say five new games. Um I guess like specifically in the context of like story games there's like not really um ... I feel like there's not really different ways like you can try and do like a pacifist room that does not interest me like in the slightest. Um So yeah

**Speaker 1**

and when you usually look for storytelling games, do you look for something that is very similar to the ones you played or something completely different or unique? ...

**Speaker 2**

I mean I feel like of like what I'm aware of. I feel like neither but I feel like there definitely is that like comfort ability thing like you you kind of know like that game or that kind of like whatever it is that dynamic I guess like that that probably like influences me. I just like don't think it does mm Okay

**Speaker 1**

it's just so you're saying it's you just want the similarity and the dynamic feeling. Not the actual dynamic gameplay. Like

**Speaker 2**

I don't know I feel like I don't really have a strong opinion either way. I just kind of like pick games up that I think look good at the time

**Speaker 2**

and I like normally like them um last game I like picked out and played that I didn't like was that marvel adventures game which sucked

**Speaker 1**

You mean the mobile one?

**Speaker 2**

No no there was one that came out like two years ago Maybe. Um It was like it's supposed to be like this Avengers like story game but it was basically micro transactions. Okay

**Speaker 1**

Uh huh and you mentioned that you play a different game modes within the games you already play. So like let's say Overwatch usually play like casual. Do you play rank

**Speaker 2**

No, no

**Speaker 1**

okay

**Speaker 2**

I've played like one ranked games since Overwatch game, so No not really. Um I I just kind of like the way I play the games that I play and I don't like until I have a need to like find a new way to play, I'm not going to ...

**Speaker 1**

and finally we're just gonna be talking about like your thought process and mood while playing a game. So certain people feel more in the mood for a certain kind of games, I think you already answered this, I'm just gonna re ask this question just for clarifications. So is there ever a time where you prefer a certain genre of a game or a certain basically a certain game based on your mood?

**Speaker 1**

Not your time. More on your mood. ...

**Speaker 2**

Yeah I guess like this is so weird to say but like if I'm like probably in like a more negative mood, I like wanna feel like emotional I guess like I'll probably take out a story game cause like I don't know that's kind of the way that I think um if I'm like in a if I'm like in a good mood, I'll just probably play Overwatch

**Speaker 1**

Like let's just hop in hop in hop in with the boys. Yeah. And our last question is what type of situations makes you anticipate gaming the most?

**Speaker 2**



Um I guess like when I haven't played a video game, like in a long time or like I guess like, like really like the most, like when I wanted to see the game is like, like it'll be like, I have like an hour left of work and I'm just like, okay, like I wanna be done with this so I can like go home and play I guess.

**Speaker 1**

Um ... Okay then, thank you so much for participating in this interview. And for your time. And do you have like any final remarks that you want to add into this that I haven't asked or you just thought

**Speaker 2**

about focus is like picking games or like,

**Speaker 1**

like it's mostly about finding a new,

**Speaker 2**

finding a new game? Yeah, I guess like I already said this, but like, the main thing for me is like, ... like if it if it like looks cool and if it gets good reviews because like, I try not to focus on the graphics too much, but like obviously that it's like, like you kind of have to judge the book by its cover, but the reviews to me is where I

can find like, okay, does this game like have a good story? And because story is such an important thing for me when I play games, then that's why I like reading reviews. Okay.

**Speaker 1**

well thank you so much for your time