

WHAT IS A GAME? WHAT ARE GAME ELEMENTS?



PART 1: WHAT IS A GAME?

Ref:

Chapter 2, Andrew Rollings and Ernest Adams on Game Design

WHAT IS A GAME? (1 OF 3)



Movie? (why not?) → no *interaction*, outcome fixed)

Toy? (why not?) → no *goal*, but still fun)

Puzzle? (goal + interaction ... why not?)

strategy and outcome is the same each time



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"A computer game is a software program in which one or more players make decisions through the control of game objects and resources, in pursuit of a goal."

WHAT IS A GAME (2 OF 3)



A computer game is a software program, not a board game or sports.

- Lose: 1) physical pieces,
 - 2) social interaction
- Gain: 1) real—time, 妈妈是 独独 独
 - 2) more immerse,

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3) more complexity

Ex: chess vs. soccer vs. warcraft



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A computer game involves players.

- "No, Duh". But stress because think about audience. The game is not for you(designers) but for them.
- Ex: complicated flight simulator but audience is beginner.

WHAT IS A GAME (3 OF 3) A Game needs a goal, on subgalls and goals and goals and subgalls and goals and go

- Ex: Defeat Ganondorf in Legend of Zelda (adv fantasy) and save Zelda.
 - Long games may have sub-goals.

Ex: recover "triforce" of power in Legend of Zelda (It has the ability to grant the wish of those who obtain it,)

Power, Wisdom, Courage





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Playing a game is making decisions.

- Ex: what weapon to use, what resource to build.
- Can be frustrating if decision does not matter

Playing a game is through control.



- Player wants to impact outcome.
- Uncontrolled states can still happen, but be sparing.
 - Ex: Riven (puzzle adv game):

When you're in the lake near the village and using the submarine railway, if you go to the gallows and go up, after that, there's no way to get back down to the submarine train.



Good game play

"When a designer is asked how his game is going to make a difference, I hope he ··· talks about game play, fun and creativity - as opposed to an answer that simply focuses on how good it looks" - Sid Meier (Civilizations)

A series of puzzles:



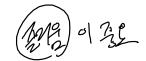
- All games have them. but not game play in themselves
- Puzzles are specific, game systems spawn ones from more generic templates

An intriguing story:

- Good story encourages immersion
- But will mean nothing without game play.



Most important ... is it fun?





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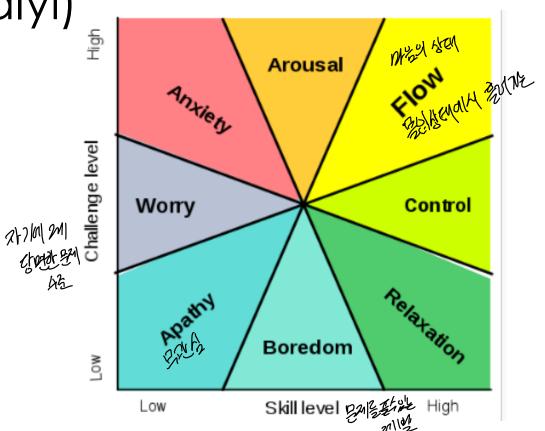


Flow



a state of concentration or complete absorption with the activity at hand and the situation (Dr. Mihaly

Csikszentmihalyi)





ELEMENTS OF FLOW

- Goal is clear 異乳 生gamear.
- Feedback is immediate
- Balance between opportunity and capability.

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4 types of players (Bartle's taxonomy)



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CHALLENGE, SHOW OFF, COMPARE 强则, 细胞

EXPLORERS

EXPLORE, RATE, REVIEW, CURATE如今, 可处如图相 official chan 铝色 内层

SOCIALIZERS

HELP, SHARE, COMMENT, GIFT, GREET 交明的企义 出外经

KILLERS

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Homo Ludens



(a book authored by Johan Huizinga)

- Homo Ludens: 놀이하는 인간
- Homo Ludens is an important part of game studies (or ludology)

Huizinga identifies 5 characteristics that play must have:

- Play is free, is in fact freedom. (voluntary, at free time, free from real life's restrictions ...)
- Play is not "ordinary" or "real" life. 點看來
- Play is distinct from "ordinary" life both as to locality and duration. (→ limited in its duration and locality, it also creates a sense of certainty)

 Play creates a sense of order (rule, playing area,
- Play creates a sense of order (rule, playing area play duraction ...) ← s limited and secluded environment. Play demands order absolute and supreme.
- Play is connected with no material interest, and no profit can be gained from it. 獨地學 如場外



magic circle (coined by Eric Zimmerman)

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The "magic circle": the space in which the normal rules and reality of the world are suspended and replaced by the artificial reality of a game world.



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