

VIDEO GAMES

History:

The first video game consoles were actually adapted from a missile defence system during the 1950s. However, the first commercial game was introduced in 1971 and it was called Computer Space. Consoles slowly evolved into second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and up to seventh generation consoles. Every generation has its own representative. The first generation has Computer Space, the second Pac-Man, the third has Wolfenstein 3D, the fourth has Mortal Kombat and the fifth has Metal Gear Solid. The sixth and seventh however, are more renowned by consoles themselves rather than a or several, games. My talking about the first Xbox and Playstation 1 (which is the sixth G) evolving into the modern Xbox 360 and Playstation 3. Wii is also a new type of console but the PS3's Move is much better. But that will come later on.

Console types:

- Older types such as Nintendo 64, SNES, Commodore, Tandy TRS 80, ...
- Game-boy (still used) in various types such as Advanced, Colour, DS
- PSP (1, 2, 3) which just like the Game-boy, only better.
- Xbox (360)
- PlayStation (1,2,3)
- PC (slowly being left out)
- Wii

Advantages and Disadvantages:

There are several Advantages and disadvantages when talking about gaming

Disadvantages:

- Easily addicted
- Eye damage
- Stop doing sports
- May lead to troubles in school

Advantages:

- Higher awareness (good when let's say driving) – scientifically proven
- Much quicker reflexes
- A way of having fun when it's raining or having a blast with your friends

Types of games:

- Role Playing Game (Fallout, Mass Effect, Assassin's Creed)
- First Person Shooter (Call of Duty, F.E.A.R., ...)
- Third Person Shooter (Gears of War, Mass Effect, ...)
- Adventure (Indiana Jones, Assassin's Creed, Prince of Persia, ...)
- Action (all FPS games)
- Racing (Grand Turismo, Need For Speed, Driver, Blur (bad copy of Mario Kart))
- Fighting (Tekken, UFC, Fight Night, Total K.O., ...)
- Beat 'em up A.K.A Brawlers (games like Little Fighter that are commonly found online)

Most games can be found on different lists. A good example is Metal Gear Solid: it's a stealth game in which you play Solid Snake from a third person view. But there is also a special button that gives you a FP view. It has action in it and fighting as well. So it's a stealth/action/RP/TP game. See my point?

Why I play:

I enjoy playing games because it takes my kind of things. When I play FPS I don't have time to think about anything else except shoot, cover, reload, repeat. When I play FIFA I like to play with my friends. One vs. the other or team up and play against the AI. At that time I don't focus strictly on playing, but I have a chat with my mate as well. And over time, gaming brings back old memories. Like how we used to play 2D games. Or CoD like a bunch of lifeless nerds. How I was too afraid of playing Alone in the Dark and how you could get bonus points on Grand Theft Auto.