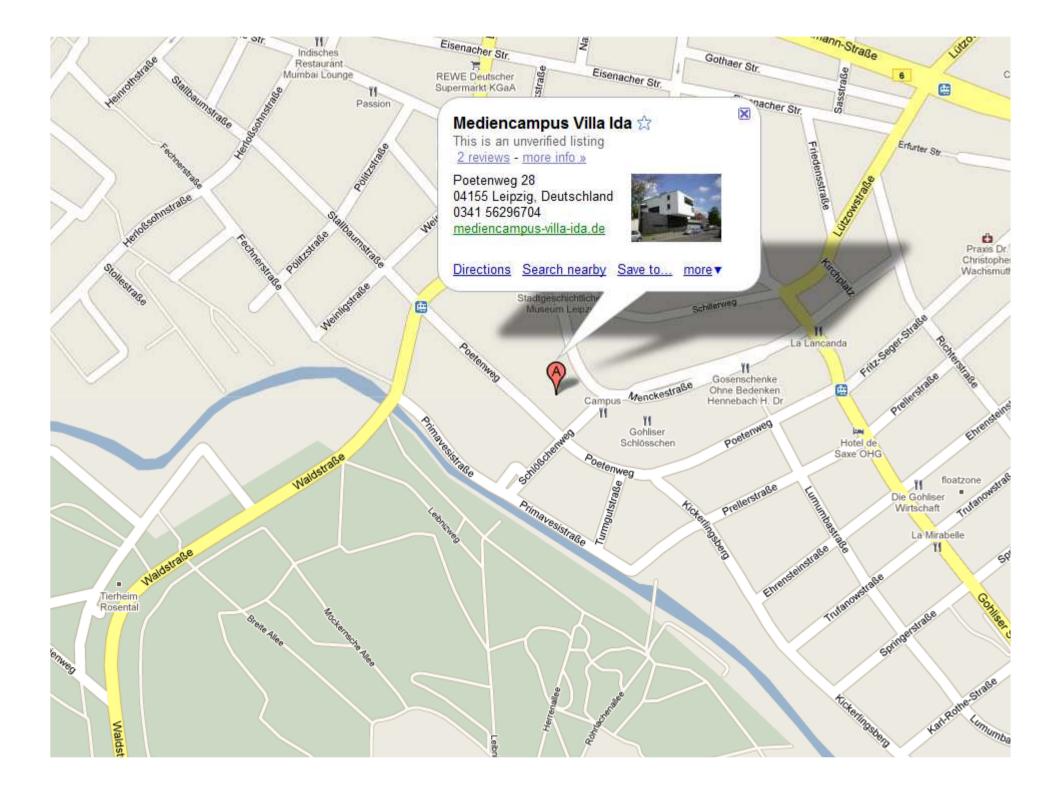
HELLO, I'M VERY PLEASED TO BE HERE...



...THIS EVENING TO GIVE A BRIEF COMMENTARY STATEMENT ABOUT THE...



...GAMES CONVENTION ONLINE.

MY NAME IS RICHARD BARTLE ...



...AND I'M PROFESSOR OF COMPUTER GAME DESIGN AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX...



...IN ENGLAND...



THE REASON I'VE BEEN ASKED TO SPEAK TO YOU TONIGHT IS TWOFOLD. FIRSTLY, I HAD NO PARTICULAR REASON TO BE ELSEWHERE...

Teams

Match stats | Group Standings

Germany =

4-1

+ England

(HT 2-1)

Klose, 20 Podolski, 32 Muller, 67, 70 Upson, 37

Germany	England
01 Neuer	01 James
03 Friedrich	02 G Johnson (Wright-Phillips, 87)
16 Lahm C	03 A Cole
17 Mertesacker	06 Terry
20 Boateng	15 Upson
06 Khedira	04 Gerrard C
07 Schweinsteiger	08 Lampard
08 Ozil (Kiessling, 83)	14 Barry
10 Podolski	16 Milner (J Cole, 63)
11 Klose (Gomez, 72)	10 Rooney
13 Muller (Trochowski, 72)	19 Defoe (Heskey, 71)

Teams

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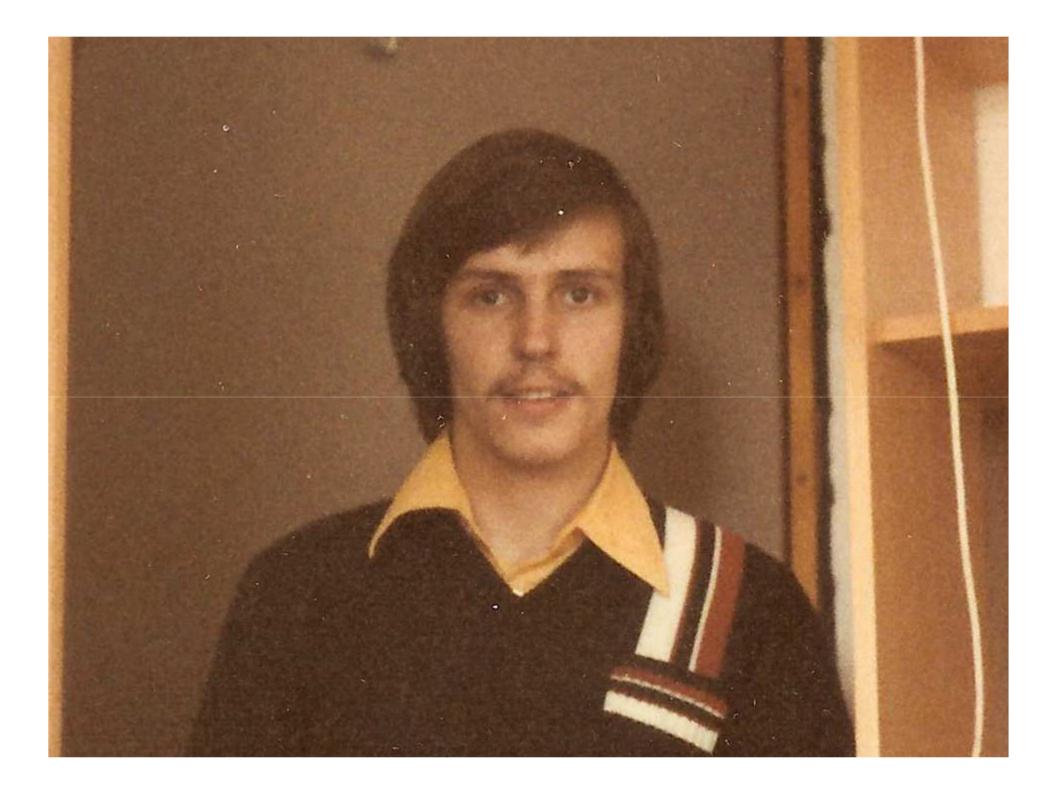
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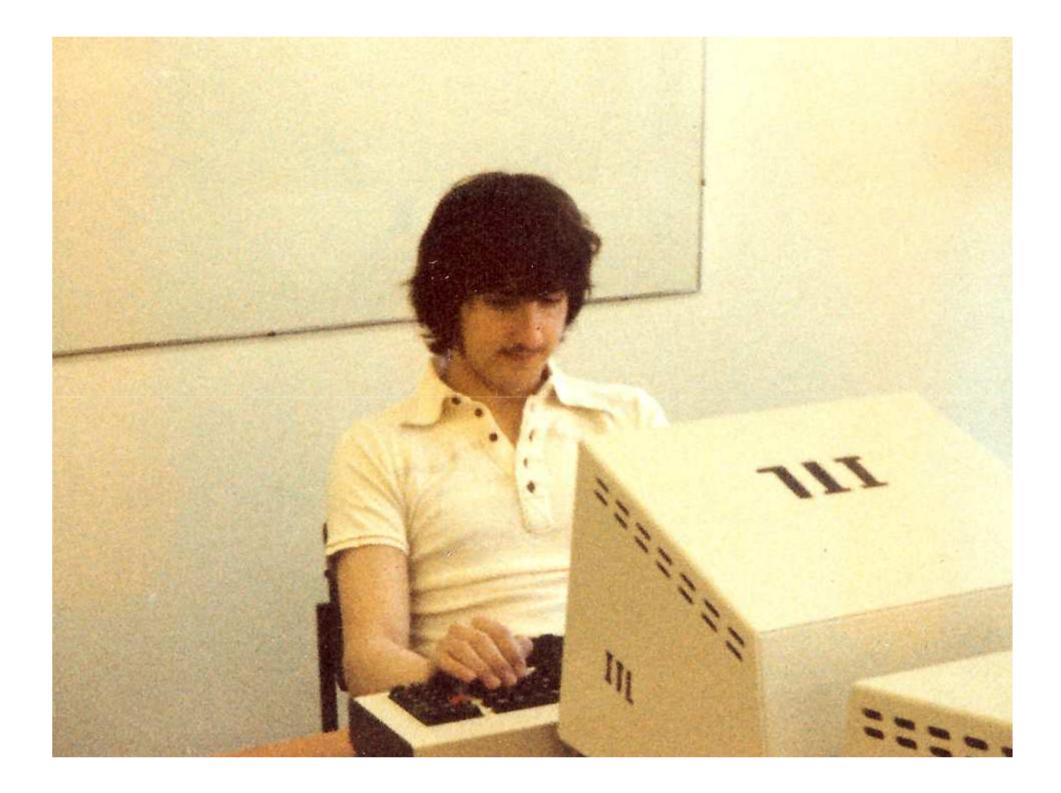
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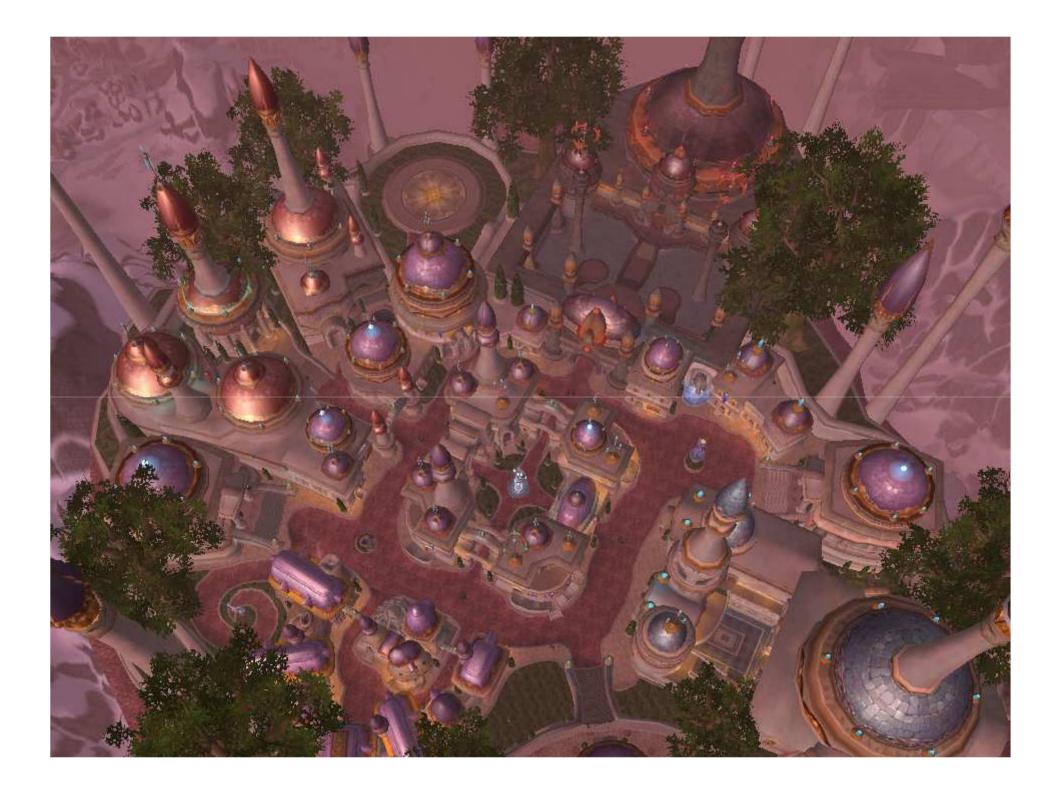
...AND SECONDLY, BECAUSE 32 YEARS AGO...



...I AND A FRIEND, ROY TRUBSHAW...



...TOGETHER WROTE THE FIRST ONLINE COMPUTER GAME OF THE KIND KNOWN AS A VIRTUAL WORLD.



THAT'S NOT WHAT IT LOOKED LIKE, THAT'S WORLD OF WARCRAFT, IT LOOKED LIKE THIS...

LOGGING MUD ON 15TH OCTOBER 1980 AT 14:54:22 *SCORE YOUR SCORE SO FAR IS & STRENGTH=51. STAHINAH85. DEXTERITY=37 WEIGHT CARRIED (HAX. WEIGHT =510006.) HAXIMM STAMINABAS IF YOU QUIT NOW YOUR LEVEL OF EXPERIENCE WOULD BE NOVICE GAMES PLAYED TO DATE 1 *MIZARD HODE *SORCERY DELCOME OH MASTER! ROOM PATH DATH ! YOU ARE STANDING ON A PATH UNICH LEADS OFF A ROAD TO THE HORTH. TO COTTAGE SOUTH OF YOU. TO THE WEST AND EAST ARE SEPARATE GARDENS. STREET ROOM HALL YOU ARE STANDING IN AN ODDLY SHAPED HALL. TO THE SOUTH IS A DOORN HALL THE EAST IS. AN ARCHUAY AND SOME DARK FORBIDDING STAIRS LEAD HOUSE TO THE SOUTHEAST, I THE DIATELY TO THE WEST IS A FITTED WARDROBE. A SOME PERIF, GRANITE STEPS TO THE SOUTHWEST LEAD DOWN JARDS TO THE LOCKED SHUT

...BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO PANIC THE TRANSLATOR.

NOW MERELY BEING FIRST DOESN'T COUNT FOR MUCH...

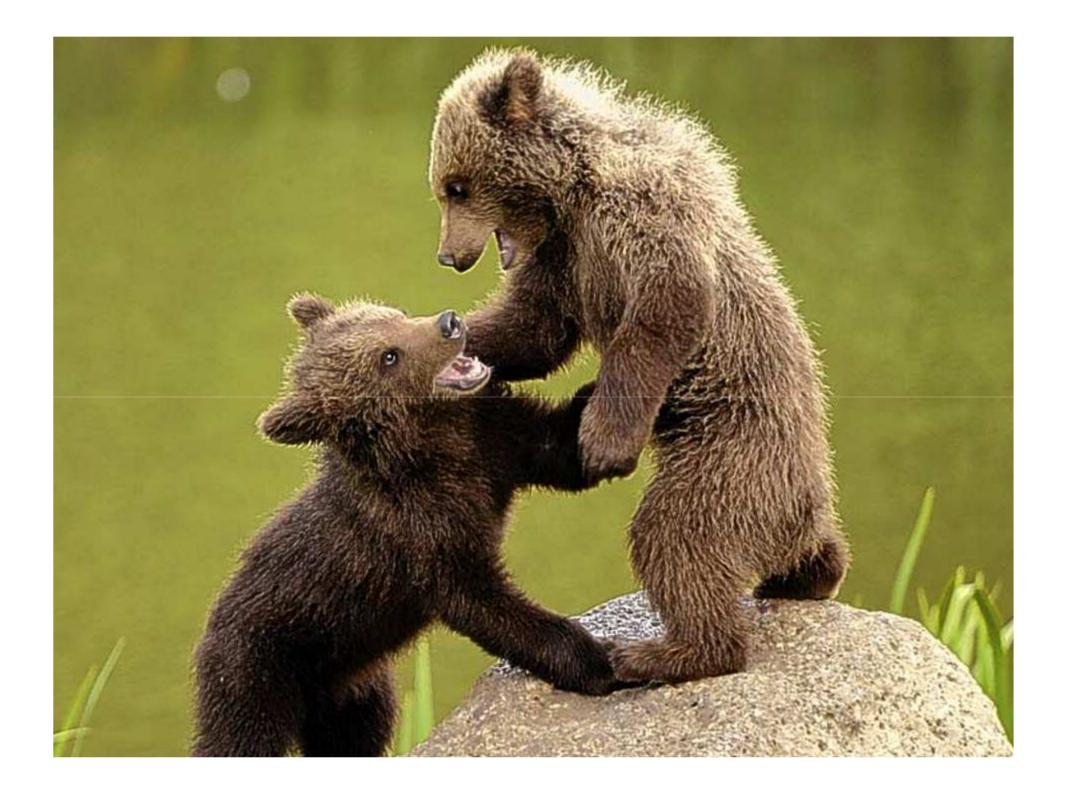


...BUT PRETTY WELL ALL TODAY'S VIRTUAL WORLDS ARE DESCENDED FROM OUR GAME...



...SO I CAN SAY I'VE BEEN WORKING IN THIS INDUSTRY FOR LONGER THAN ANYONE ELSE.

OH, HERE'S A PICTURE OF TWO BEAR CUBS FIGHTING.



ANYWAY, I'M SUPPOSED TO BE GIVING A COMMENTARY ABOUT THE GAMES CONVENTION ONLINE, SO I THOUGHT I'D TALK A LITTLE ABOUT WIMBLEDON.



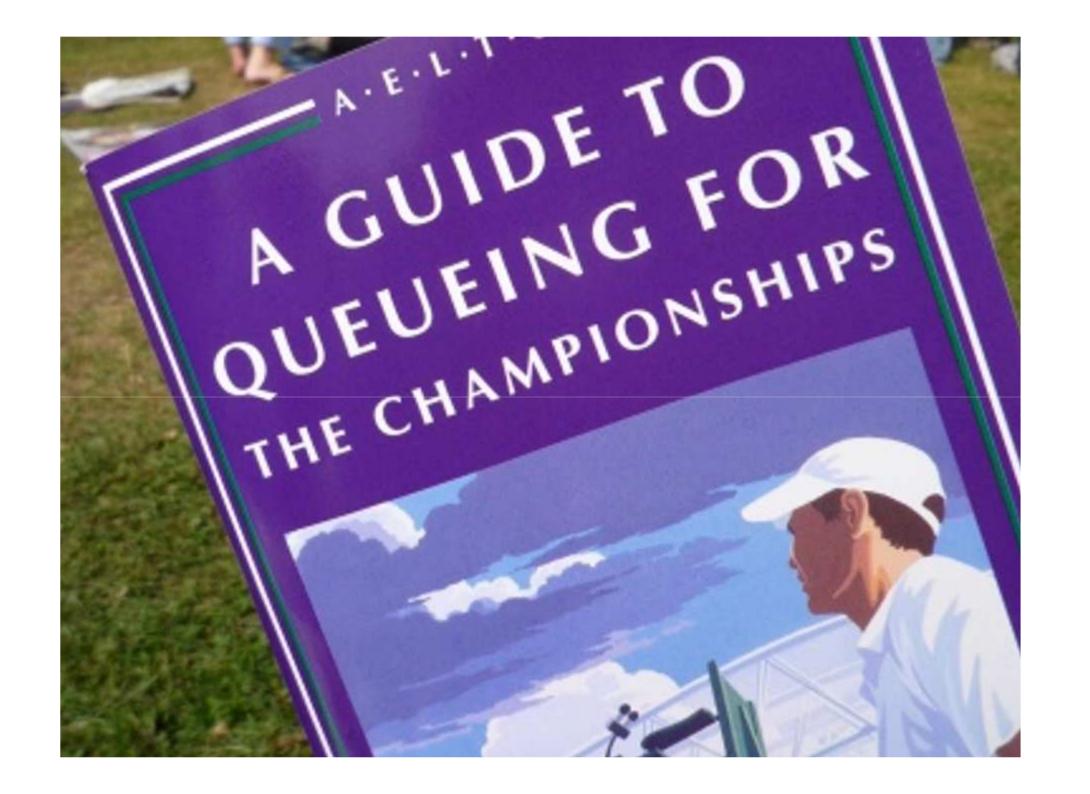
THE WIMBLEDON TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP IS THE BEST AND MOST PRESTIGIOUS IN THE WORLD...



...AND ITS HELD IN ENGLAND.



WE'RE VERY PLEASED THAT IT'S HELD IN ENGLAND.



THE THING IS, THOUGH, WE NEVER, EVER WIN IT.

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1910	<u>™</u> NZL	Anthony Wilding ‡	1939	■ USA	Bobby Riggs	1968	™ AUS	Rod Laver ^[b]
1911	™ NZL	Anthony Wilding †	1940	_	None ^[i]	1969	™ AUS	Rod Laver
1912	™ NZL	Anthony Wilding †	1941	_	None	1970	AUS	John Newcombe
1913	™ NZL	Anthony Wilding †	1942	_	None	1971	™ AUS	John Newcombe
1914	™ AUS	Norman Brookes ‡	1943	_	None	1972	■ USA	Stan Smith
1915	_	None ^[g]	1944	_	None	1973	ТСН	Jan Kodeš
1916	_	None	1945	_	None	1974	■ USA	Jimmy Connors
1917	_	None	1946	FRA	Yvon Petra	1975	■■ USA	Arthur Ashe
1918	_	None	1947	■■ USA	Jack Kramer	1976	SWE ■	Björn Borg
1919	™ AUS	Gerald Patterson ‡	1948	■■ USA	Bob Falkenburg	1977	■ SWE	Björn Borg
1920	■■ USA	Bill Tilden ‡	1949	■■ USA	Ted Schroeder	1978	■ SWE	Björn Borg
1921	■■ USA	Bill Tilden †	1950	■■ USA	Budge Patty	1979	■ SWE	Björn Borg
1922	Mar AUS	Gerald Patterson	1951	■■ USA	Dick Savitt	1980	■ SWE	Björn Borg
1923	■■ USA	Bill Johnston	1952	Mar AUS	Frank Sedgman	1981	■ USA	John McEnroe
1924	FRA	Jean Borotra	1953	■■ USA	Vic Seixas	1982	■ USA	Jimmy Connors
1925	FRA	René Lacoste	1954	EGY	Jaroslav Drobný	1983	■■ USA	John McEnroe
1926	FRA	Jean Borotra	1955	■■ USA	Tony Trabert	1984	■■ USA	John McEnroe
1927	FRA	Henri Cochet	1956	MA AUS	Lew Hoad	1985	FRG	Boris Becker
1928	FRA	René Lacoste	1957	MA AUS	Lew Hoad	1986	FRG	Boris Becker
1929	FRA	Henri Cochet	1958	MA AUS	Ashley Cooper	1987	₩ AUS	Pat Cash
1930	■■ USA	Bill Tilden	1959	■ USA ^[j]	Alex Olmedo	1988	■ SWE	Stefan Edberg
1931	■■ USA	Sidney Wood	1960	₩ AUS	Neale Fraser	1989	FRG	Boris Becker
1932	■■ USA	Ellsworth Vines	1961	MA AUS	Rod Laver	1990	■ SWE	Stefan Edberg
1933	AUG.	Jack Crawford	1962	MA AUS	Rod Laver	1991	DEU	Michael Stich
1974	≧ I∰ GBR	Fred Perry	1963	■■ USA	Chuck McKinley	1992	■■ USA	Andre Agassi
1935	≅ GBR	Fred Perry	1964	MA AUS	Roy Emerson	1993	■■ USA	Pete Sampras
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1937	ΠSΔ	Don Budge	1966	ESP	Manuel Santana	1995	■ USA	Pete Sampras

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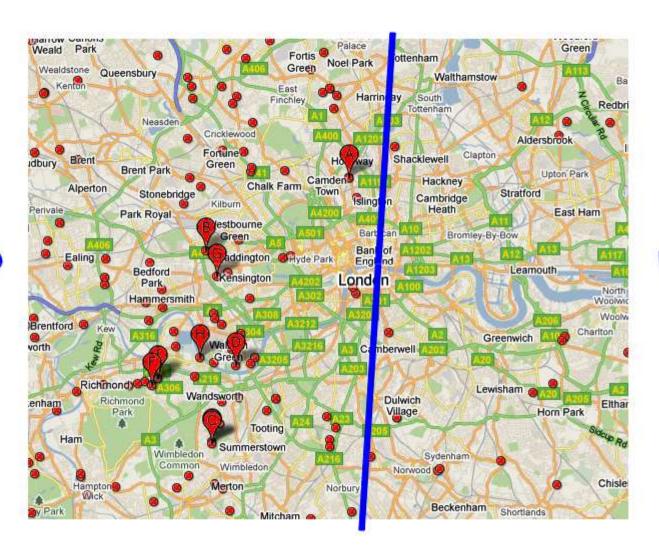
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WE NEVER WIN IT, BECAUSE IN ENGLAND TENNIS IS REGARDED AS A NICHE ACTIVITY NOT FOR NORMAL PEOPLE. IT IS STEREOTYPED AS BEING ELITIST.

TENNIS CLUBS IN LONDON



(POOR)

WEST END (RICH) NEVERTHELESS, GIVEN A CHOICE BETWEEN HOSTING THE WORLD'S BEST TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP AND WINNING IT, WE WOULD PREFER TO HOST IT.



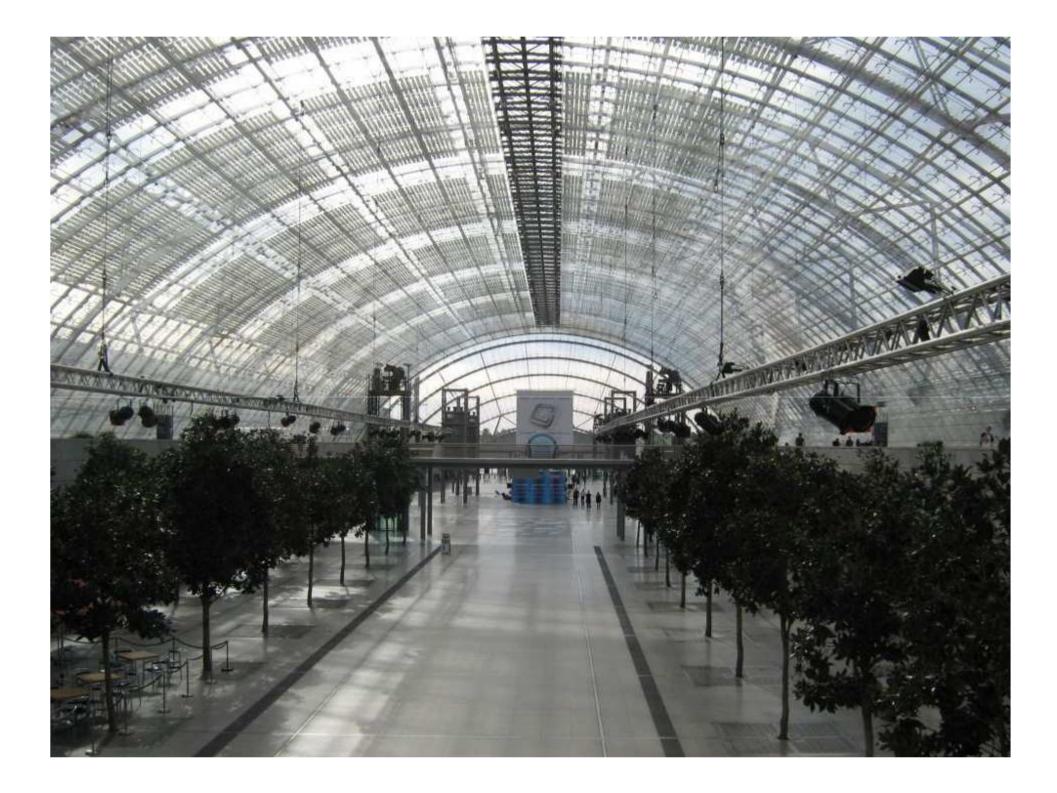
BECAUSE WE'VE HAD THIS ATTITUDE FOR SO LONG, IT'S NOW TOO LATE FOR US TO DO BOTH. THERE'S TOO MUCH TRADITION.



OH, THIS IS THE DROPPING WELL IN KNARESBOROUGH, ENGLAND. YOU HANG OBJECTS UP ON THE STRING AND AFTER SEVERAL YEARS OF DRIP DRIP DRIP THEY TURN TO STONE.



SO! THE GAME CONVENTION ONLINE!



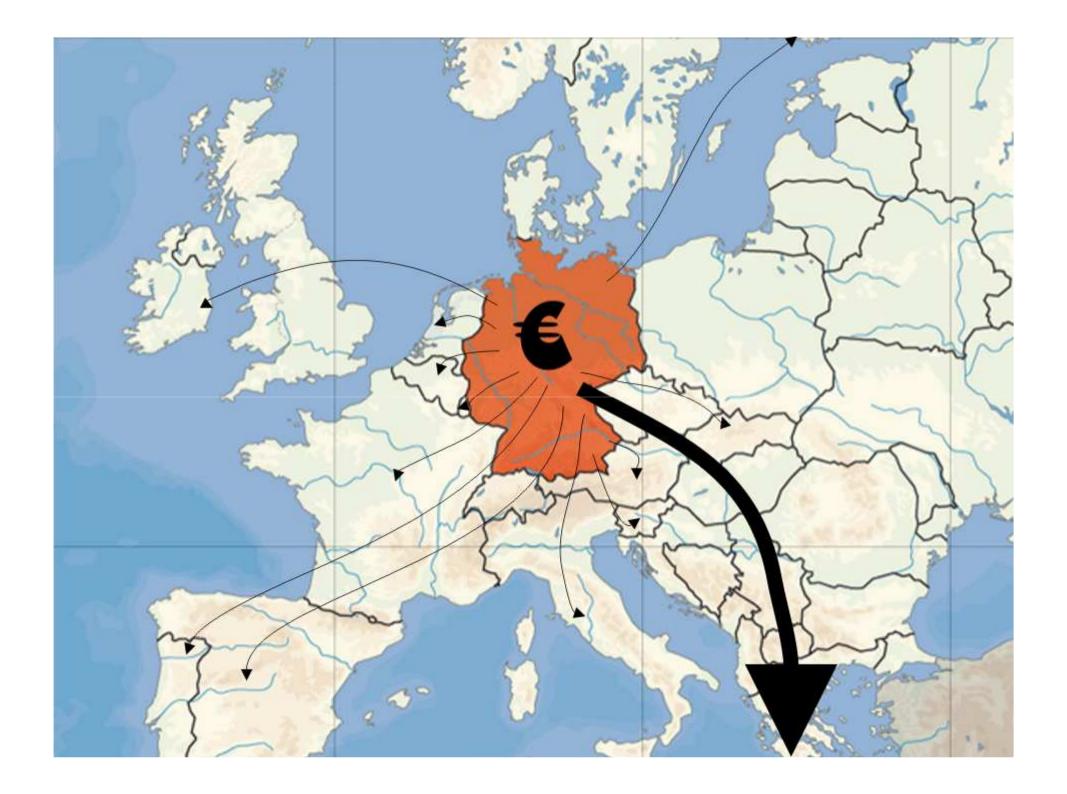
IN ITS SHORT EXISTENCE, THE GAME CONVENTION ONLINE HAS ESTABLISHED ITSELF AS THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS AND IMPORTANT CONVENTION OF ITS KIND IN THE WORLD...

Reviewing GCO 2009

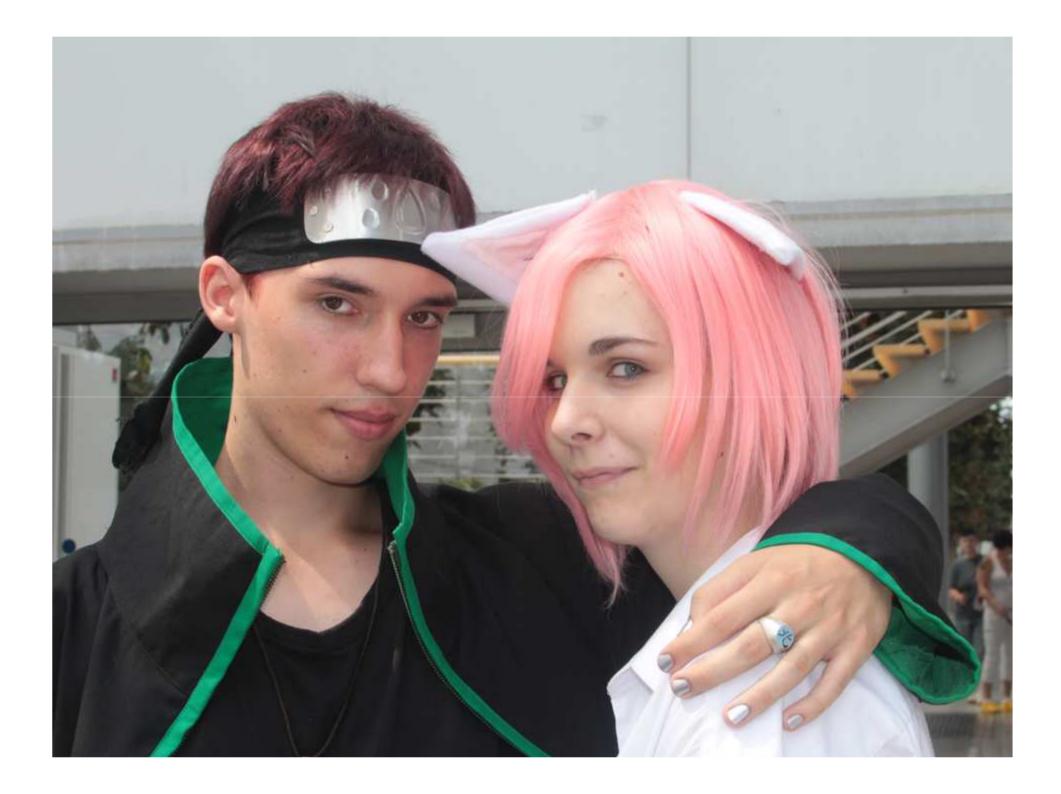
Besides some facts and figures...

- 74 exhibitors from 9 countries
- 43,000 trade and private visitors
- 517 media representatives from 11 countries
- Over 2,000 articles in print media
- 50 world and European premiers
- Partner Country: South Korea
- Successful Business Center with Business Matching
- Over 500,000 accesses to the website during the event

...AND ITS IN GERMANY.



I CAN TELL YOU'RE VERY PLEASED THAT IT'S HELD IN GERMANY, TOO.



THE THING IS, THOUGH, GERMANY DOESN'T MAKE MANY ONLINE GAMES. IT COMPLETELY DOMINATES THE BOARD GAMES INDUSTRY...

1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987
lase und Igel	Rummikub	<u>FOCUS</u>	Sagaland	Scotland Yard	Dampfross	Sherlock Holmes C.C.	Heimlich & Co.	Auf Achs
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1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
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1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Mississippi Queen	<u>Elfenland</u>	Tikal	Torres	Carcassonne	Villa Paletti	Alhambra	Zug um Zug	Niagar
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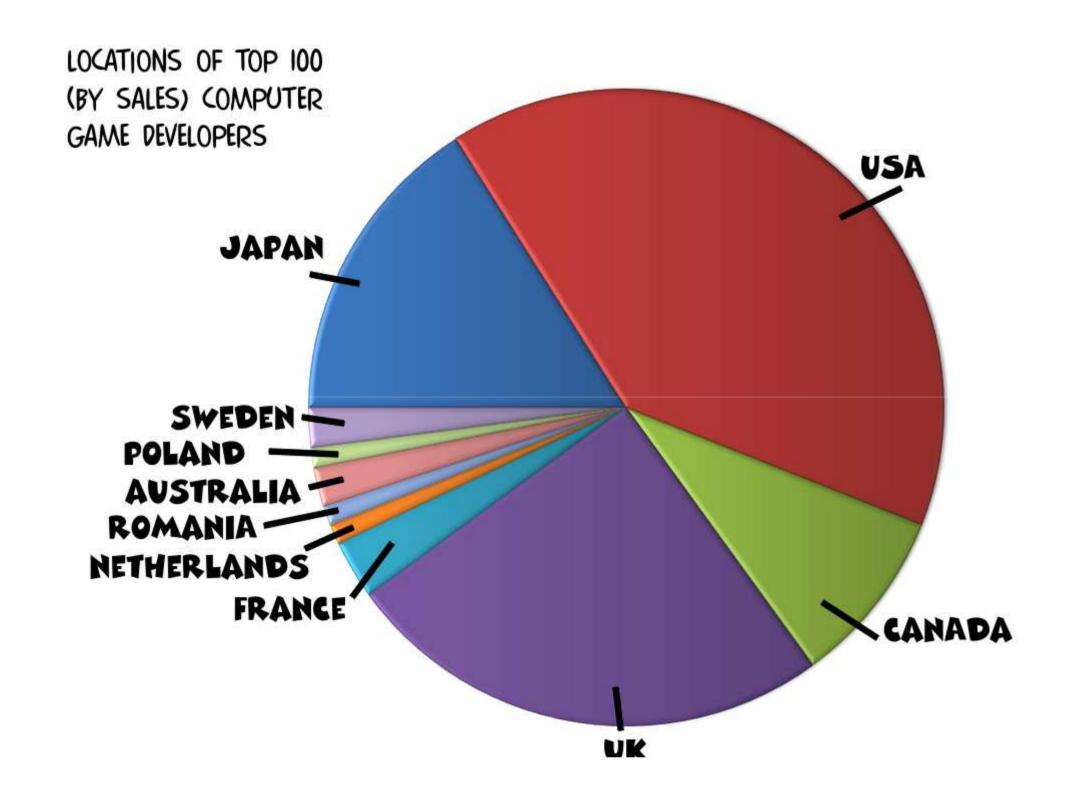








...BUT IT DOESN'T MAKE MANY COMPUTER GAMES OF ANY KIND.



IT DOESN'T MAKE COMPUTER GAMES, BECAUSE IN GERMANY COMPUTER GAMES ARE REGARDED AS A NICHE ACTIVITY NOT FOR NORMAL PEOPLE. THEY ARE STEREOTYPED AS BEING ANTI-SOCIAL.



SO HERE'S A QUESTION FOR YOU:



ARE YOU CONTENT MERELY TO HOST THE WORLD'S BEST ONLINE GAMES CONVENTION, OR DO YOU WANT TO CREATE THE BEST ONLINE GAMES?





Rabbbbittt: Angely Cece Bg Wpn Apa Aja

Samj: Syit kopi ba

IT'S NOT TOO LATE FOR YOU TO DO BOTH...



...IF YOU DON'T LET THE DRIP DRIP DRIP DRIP OF THE STEREOTYPE FOSSILISE YOU LIKE IT DID TENNIS IN ENGLAND.

I CAN'T HELP YOU MAKE UP YOUR MINDS — THAT'S FOR YOUR SOCIETY AS A WHOLE TO DECIDE.



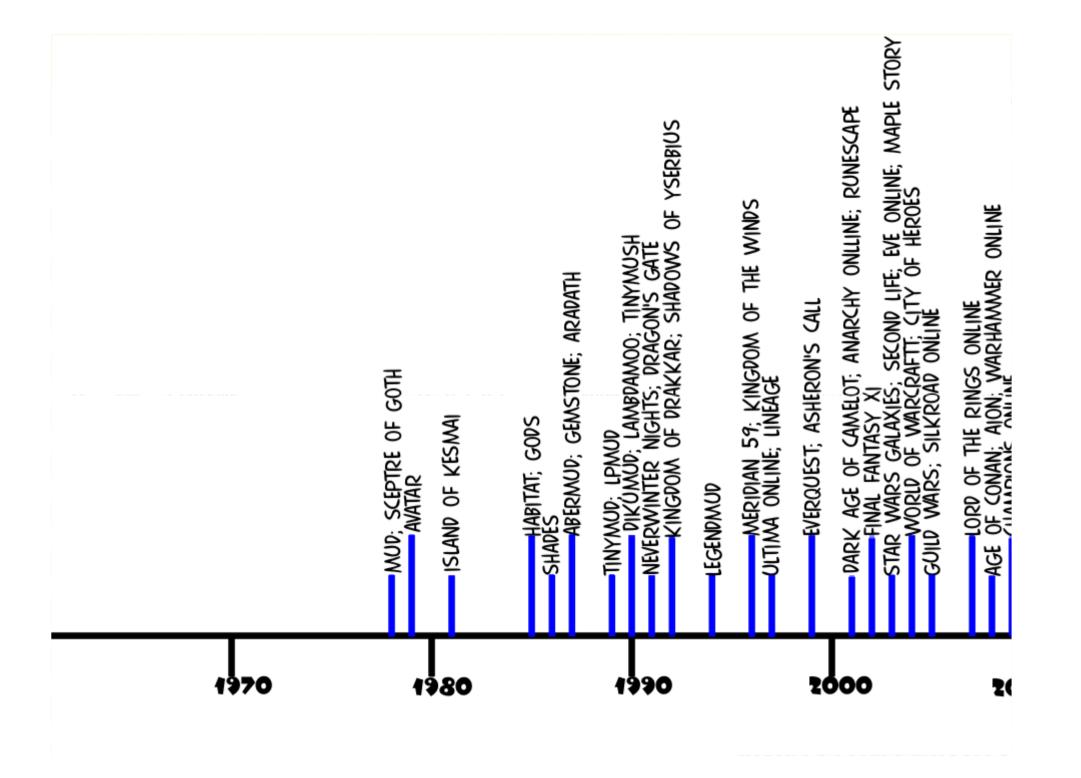
I WILL SAY THIS, THOUGH ...

YOU CAN ARGUE THAT REGULAR COMPUTER GAMES ARE ANTISOCIAL, BUT ONLINE GAMES ARE VERY, VERY SOCIAL.

Top 25 Facebook Games for July 2010

Rank		Game	Monthly Actives	Developer	MAU Change	(Last Mo
1	2	FarmVille	63,513,522	Zynga	-7,147,328	70,660
2		Texas HoldEm Poker	28,723,654	Zynga	378,804	28,344
3	-	Treasure Isle	21,201,546	Zynga	-3,465,629	24,667
4	<u></u>	Café World	20,531,173	Zynga	-1,952,834	22,484
5	0	MindJolt Games	19,354,223	MindJolt	3,339,549	16,014
6		Birthday Cards	18,719,841	RockYou	-9,232,033	27,951
7	M	Mafia Wars	18,387,425	Zynga	-2,689,037	21,076
8	3	PetVille	14,951,298	Zynga	-2,324,777	17,276
9	-	Pet Society	14,517,805	Playfish	-1,469,728	15,987
10	Ø	FrontierVille	13,719,062	Zynga	N/A	
11	100	Happy Aquarium	13,120,922	CrowdStar	-2,382,108	15,503
12	(§)	FishVille	12,973,321	Zynga	-1,909,525	14,882
13	W	Restaurant City	10,968,051	Playfish	-811,923	11,779
14	☞	Bejeweled Blitz	10,231,997	PopCap Games	392,275	9,839
15	3	YoVille	10,197,744	Zynga	45,678	10,152
16	5¢	Social City	9,937,534	Playdom	-1,541,509	11,479
17	2	Zoo World	9,667,229	RockYou	-4,358,864	14,026
18	쇼	Hotel City	9,043,283	Playfish	-2,578,606	11,621
19	4	Happy Island	7,756,699	CrowdStar	-1,625,357	9,382
20	3	Happy Pets	7,664,998	CrowdStar	-665,604	8,330
21	0	Family Feud	7,047,649	iWin & Backstage	N/A	
22	4	Country Life	6,773,560	Country Life	-1,272,697	8,046
23	(Spine	Farm Town	6,283,842	Slashkey	-1,061,999	7,345
24	è	Ninja Saga	5,640,001	Ninja Saga	288,919	5,351
25	1	Bubble Island	5,333,569	Wooga	-70,469	5,404

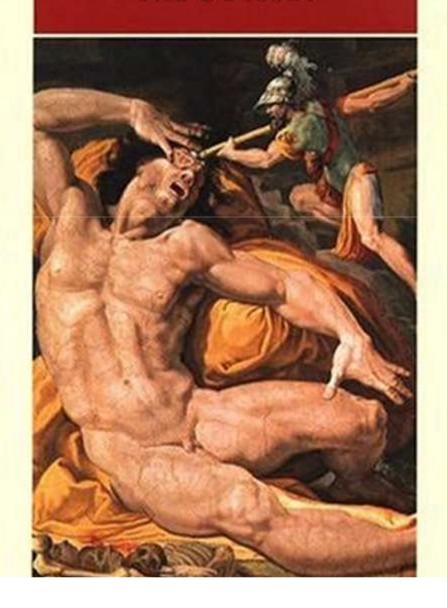
ALSO, ONLINE GAMES ARE ONLY 32 YEARS OLD...



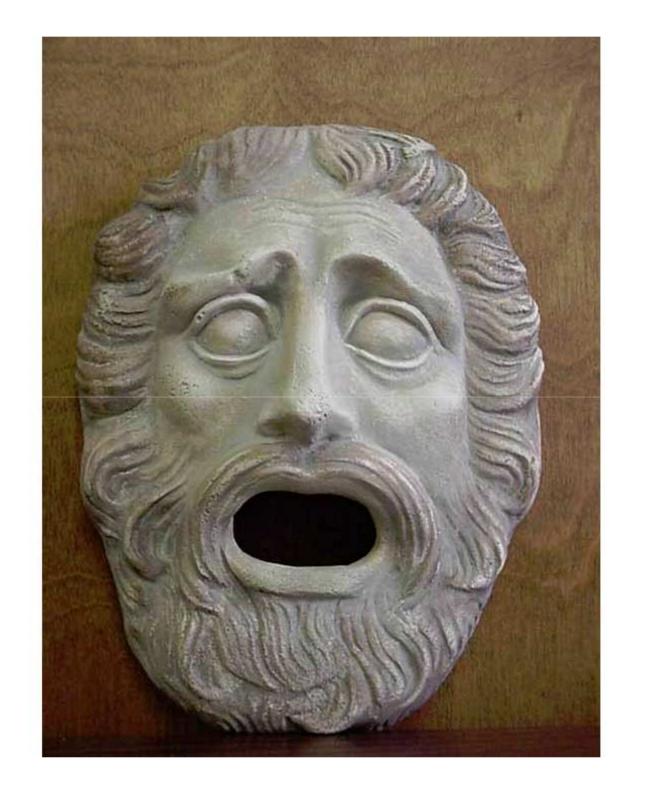
...BUT GAMES ARE MUCH, MUCH OLDER.
THEY'RE OLDER THAN LITERATURE...

OXFORD WORLD'S CLASSICS

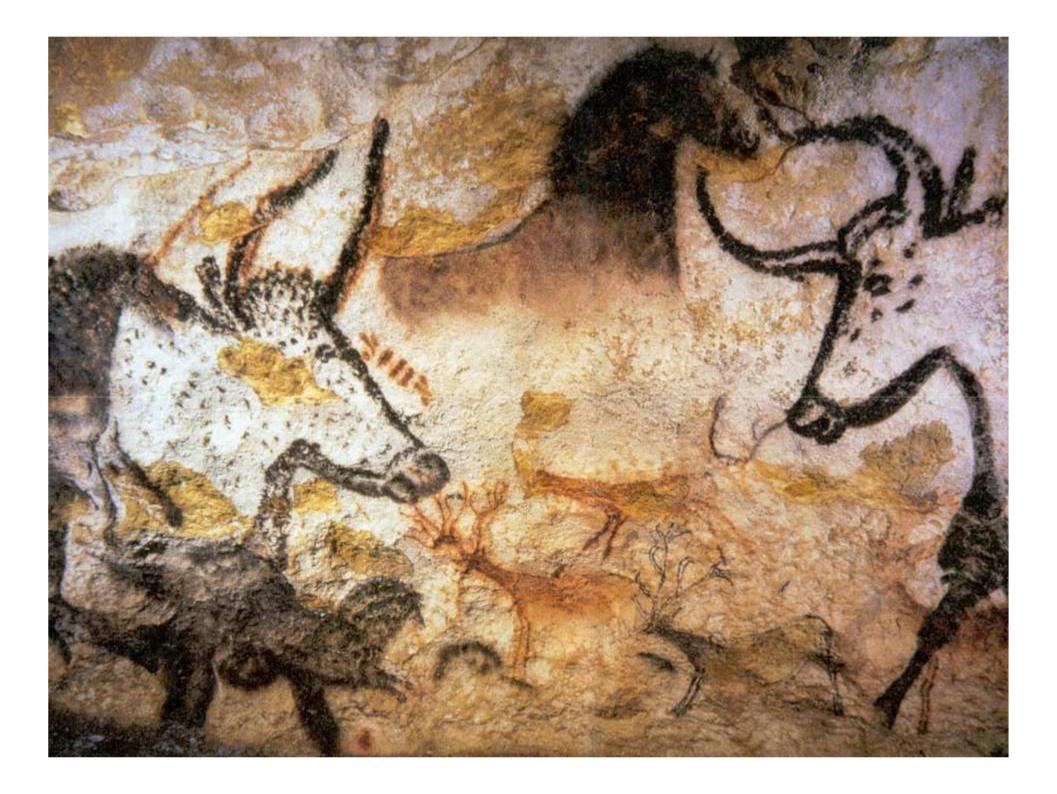
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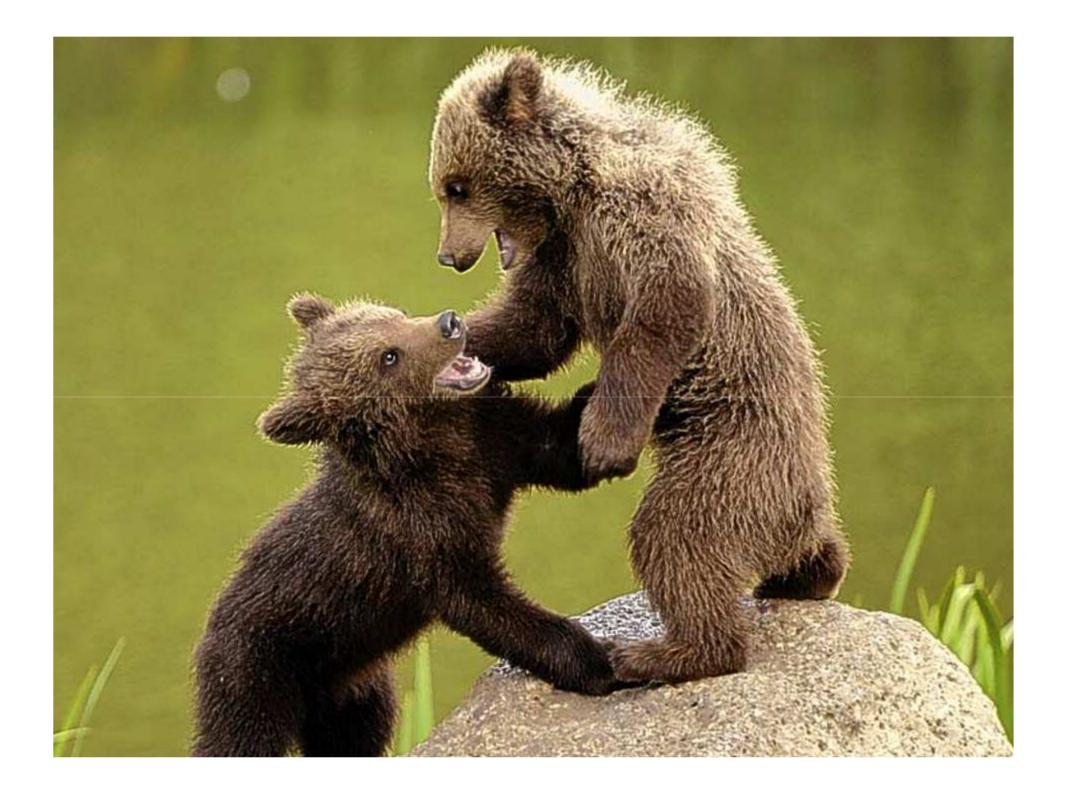
...THEY'RE OLDER THAN DRAMA...



...THEY'RE EVEN OLDER THAN PAINTING.



REMEMBER THE BEAR CUBS?



THEY'RE NOT FIGHTING, THEY'RE PLAYING. GAMES HAVE BEEN AROUND FOR LONGER THAN HUMAN BEINGS. THEY'RE NOT GOING AWAY.

AND ON THAT NOTE, I SHALL FINISH. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING.

