Retro Video Game Revival - A Survey

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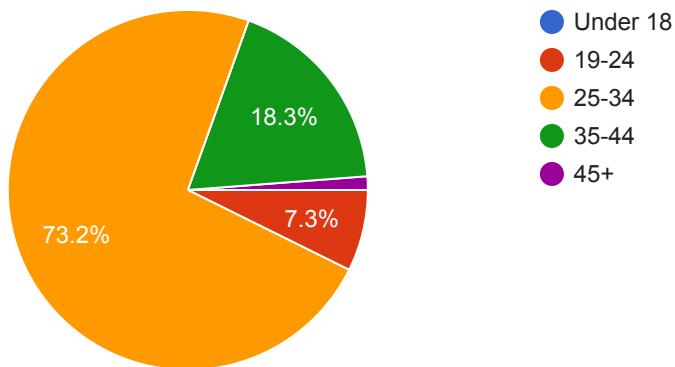
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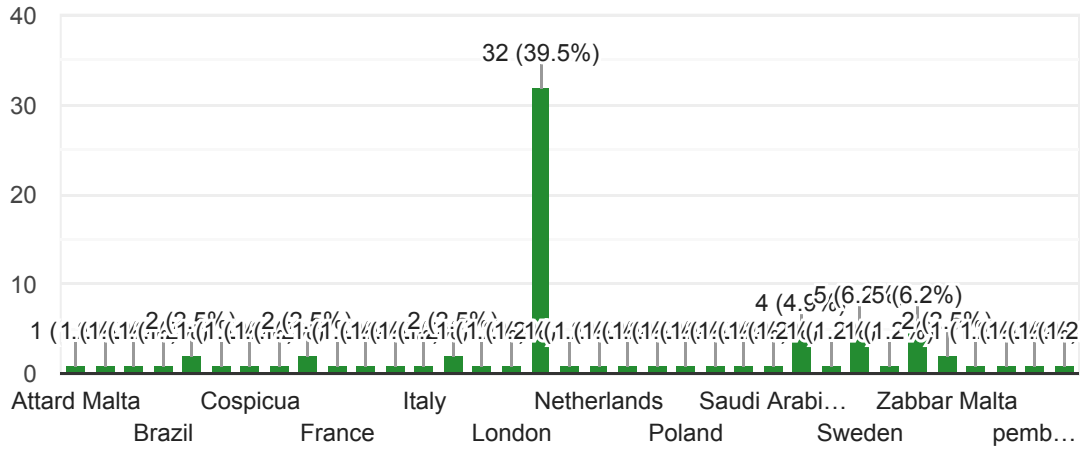82 responses

- Girl
- Boy
- It's none of your business

75.6%

23.2%
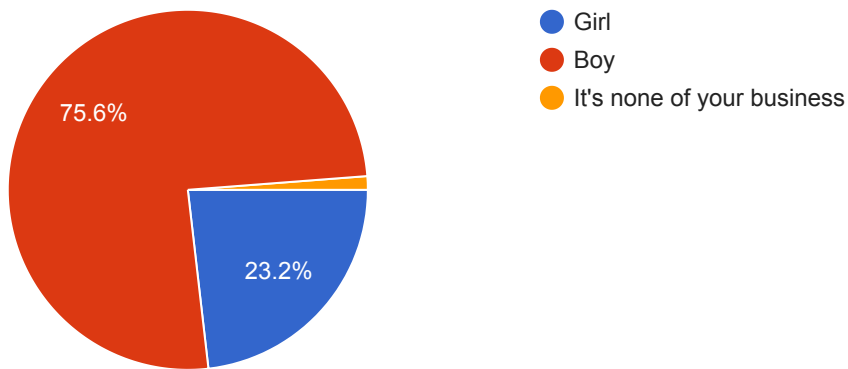
How old are you?

82 responses

- Under 18
- 19-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45+

18.3%

7.3%

73.2%

Where are you from?

81 responses

Press START To Begin

Do you (or did you) own any of the following games consoles?

82 responses

Platform	Count (Percentage)
Xbox	8 (9.8%)
Xbox 360	23 (28%)
Xbox One	12 (14.6%)
Xbox Elite	2 (2.4%)
Playstation 1	48 (58.5%)
Playstation 2	47 (57.3%)
Playstation 3	43 (52.4%)
Playstation 4	43 (52.4%)
Nintendo Wii	21 (25.6%)
Nintendo Wii U	4 (4.9%)
Nintendo Switch	11 (13.4%)
PC	68 (82.9%)
Mac	2 (2.4%)
Amiga	2 (2.4%)
PSP	2 (2.4%)
Commodore 64,	1 (1.2%)
Amiga, Sega	1 (1.2%)
Megadrive, Su…	1 (1.2%)
Micro genius, amiga,	1 (1.2%)
gameboy	1 (1.2%)
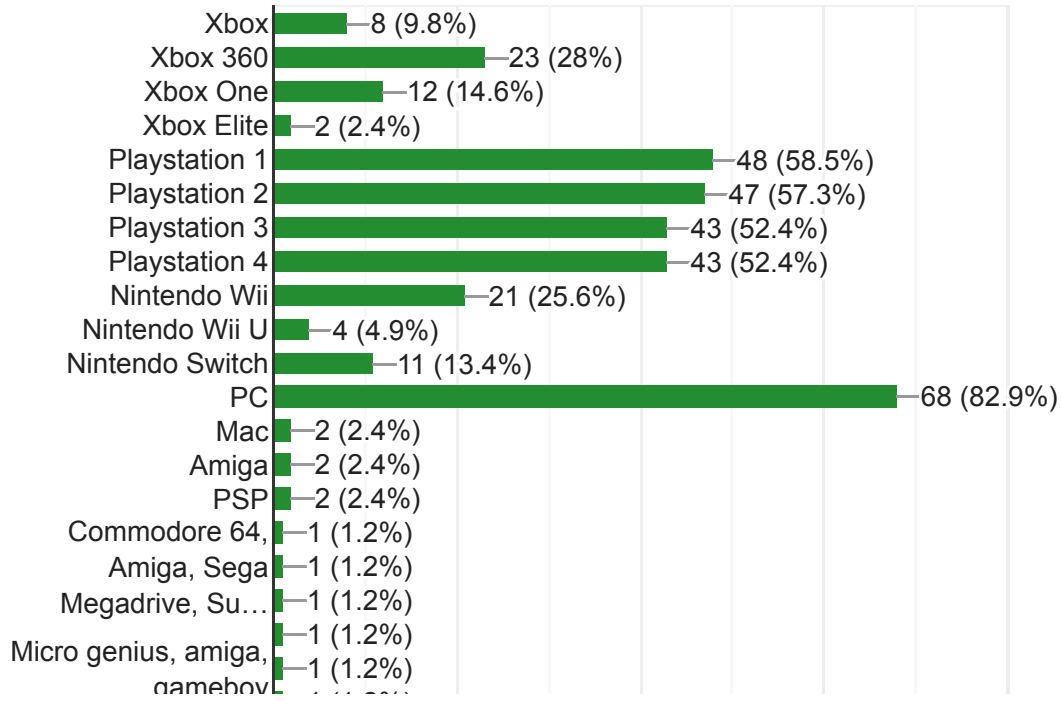
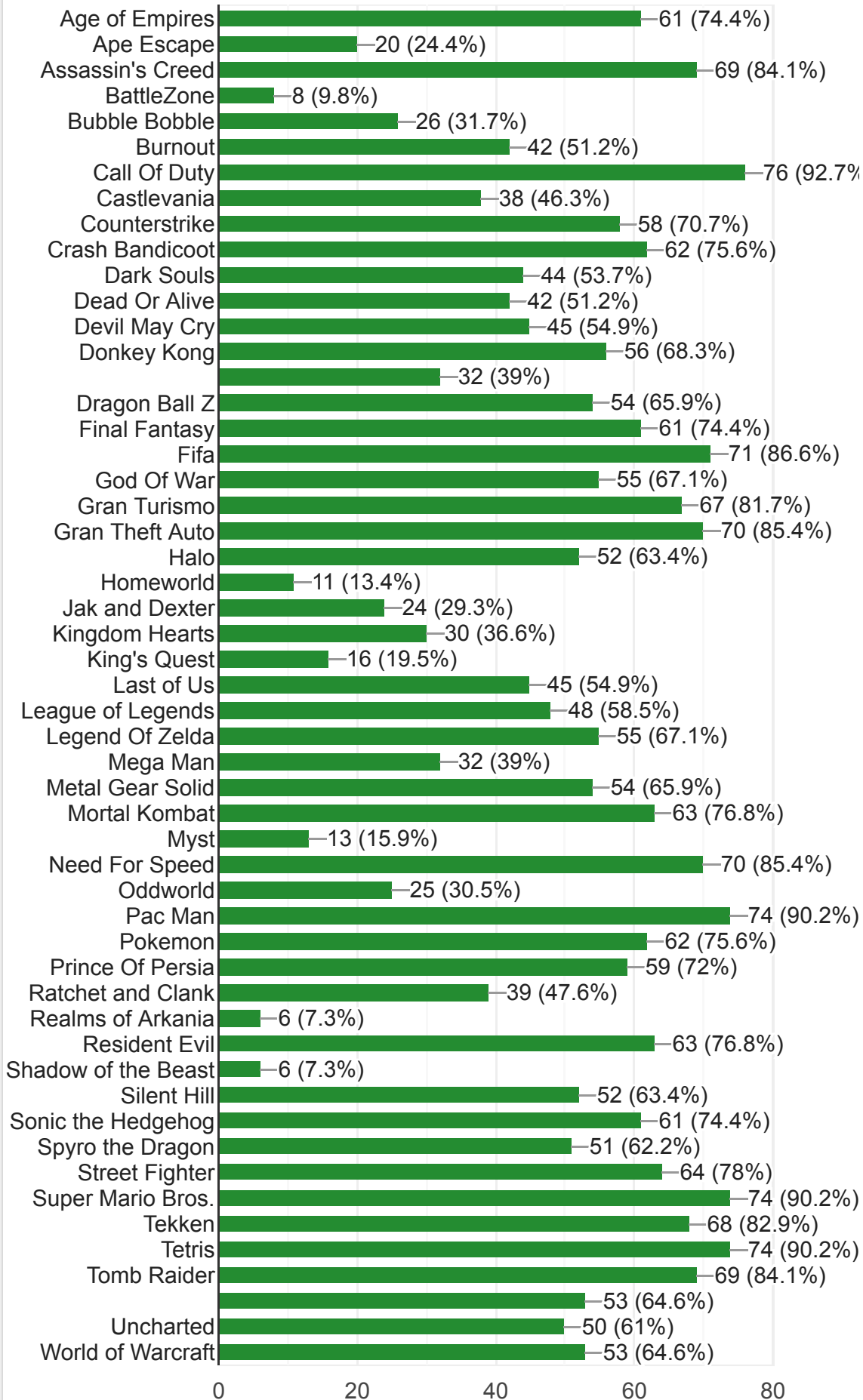## What is your favourite video game genre? (Tick as many as you like)

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Genre	Count (Percentage)
RPG	47 (57.3%)
FPS	36 (43.9%)
Adventure	59 (72%)
Action	34 (41.5%)
Casual	19 (23.2%)
Sandbox	18 (22%)
Indie	10 (12.2%)
MMO	11 (13.4%)
Racing	25 (30.5%)
MMORPG	17 (20.7%)
Simulation	20 (24.4%)
Sports	33 (40.2%)
Strategy	29 (35.4%)
Platformer	16 (19.5%)
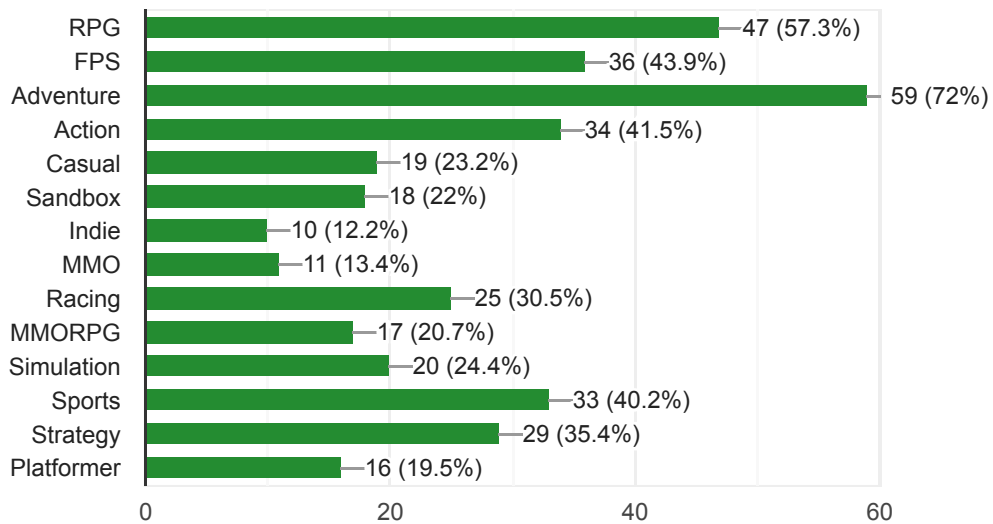
Are you familiar any of the following video game titles? (Tick as many as you like)

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| Game	Value
Age of Empires	61 (74.4%)
Ape Escape	20 (24.4%)
Assassin's Creed	69 (84.1%)
BattleZone	8 (9.8%)
Bubble Bobble	26 (31.7%)
Burnout	42 (51.2%)
Call Of Duty	76 (92.7%)
Castlevania	38 (46.3%)
Counterstrike	58 (70.7%)
Crash Bandicoot	62 (75.6%)
Dark Souls	44 (53.7%)
Dead Or Alive	42 (51.2%)
Devil May Cry	45 (54.9%)
Donkey Kong	56 (68.3%)
	32 (39%)
Dragon Ball Z	54 (65.9%)
Final Fantasy	61 (74.4%)
Fifa	71 (86.6%)
God Of War	55 (67.1%)
Gran Turismo	67 (81.7%)
Gran Theft Auto	70 (85.4%)
Halo	52 (63.4%)
Homeworld	11 (13.4%)
Jak and Dexter	24 (29.3%)
Kingdom Hearts	30 (36.6%)
King's Quest	16 (19.5%)
Last of Us	45 (54.9%)
League of Legends	48 (58.5%)
Legend Of Zelda	55 (67.1%)
Mega Man	32 (39%)
Metal Gear Solid	54 (65.9%)
Mortal Kombat	63 (76.8%)
Myst	13 (15.9%)
Need For Speed	70 (85.4%)
Oddworld	25 (30.5%)
Pac Man	74 (90.2%)
Pokemon	62 (75.6%)
Prince Of Persia	59 (72%)
Ratchet and Clank	39 (47.6%)
Realms of Arkania	6 (7.3%)
Resident Evil	63 (76.8%)
Shadow of the Beast	6 (7.3%)
Silent Hill	52 (63.4%)
Sonic the Hedgehog	61 (74.4%)
Spyro the Dragon	51 (62.2%)
Street Fighter	64 (78%)
Super Mario Bros.	74 (90.2%)
Tekken	68 (82.9%)
Tetris	74 (90.2%)
Tomb Raider	69 (84.1%)
	53 (64.6%)
Uncharted	50 (61%)
World of Warcraft	53 (64.6%)

Did you know?

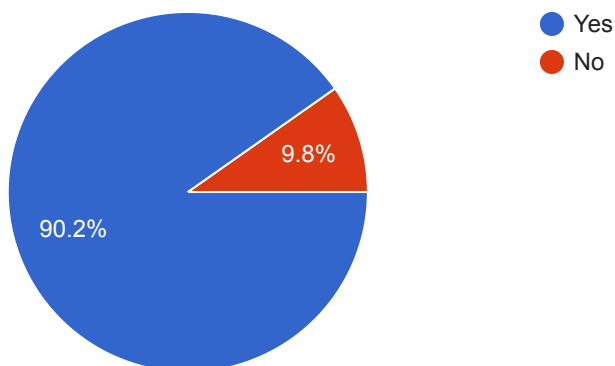## From the previous list, are you aware that many titles are still around today? Through new titles, spin-offs etc...

82 responses

- 🔵 Yes
- 🔴 No

92.7%

7.3%
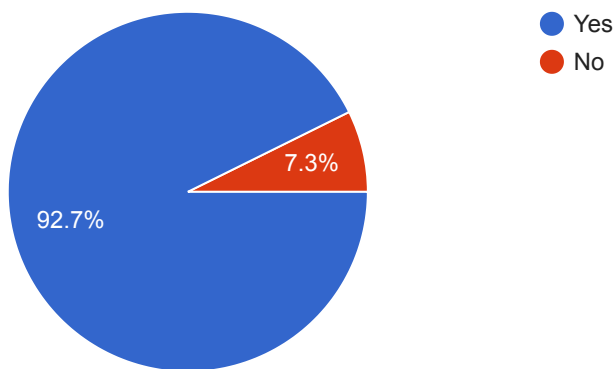
Did you know that many video game publishers are re-launching classic game titles?

82 responses

- 🔵 Yes
- 🔴 No

90.2%

9.8%

Why do you think video game publishers are doing that?

74 responses

They ran out of ideas	20 (27%)
	43 (58.1%)
They see potential return on investment	55 (74.3%)
	21 (28.4%)
There is a lot of money in playing with…	1 (1.4%)
	1 (1.4%)
Many classic games still have audiences…	1 (1.4%)
	1 (1.4%)
Easy money due less work.	1 (1.4%)
	1 (1.4%)

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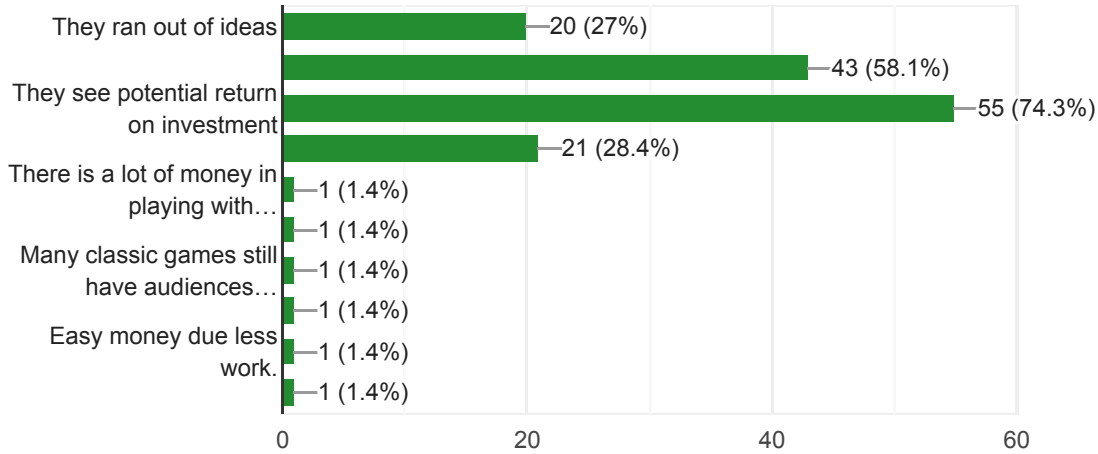
Can you think of any other reasons?

31 responses

No

It's easier to remaster a game in terms of graphics and leave the same story line / stages than having to think of an entire story line , enemies, stages ecc. Also while doing that you have the certainty that it is already hyped by nostalgic players which know what to expect from a game which has been around for many years (Crash bandicoot for instance)

If you own a license to a popular game series, for example how EA Games currently owns the license for Star Wars, it can be safer to release a new version of a popular game (battlefront) than something entirely new. Plus if you pump these nostalgia games with micro transactions, you'll make tons of money...

I think that the parent generation, whose games were the only entertainment, gave them a game console for their children, and there were nostalgic games for them to enjoy themselves

Retro games are awesome!

We grew up with games and I have so many good memory with them. When I play old game titles, I can back to past(childhood).

You can't beat a classic game. Some of the new releases these days are just mimicking what they have released before with no real additional value (Fallout 76 is a big one!) and sometimes new releases can be worse than the original so people would prefer to play the older version.

Cash grab, laziness, banking on a recognisable franchise

I think one of the main reason publishers are focusing on that is that while they target 'older' audience which are prone to repurchase the game out of nostalgia and have guaranteed sales, it also has a good chance to get picked up by younger ones, which could open the path for more sequels and spinnoffs.

Some of the games are being released as revivals from companies who loved the games way back when. In some cases, like Activision and Crash Bandicoot, they are aiming to move the series forward while others are simply trying to make more next-gen money off old ideas.

One could also assume this is being done to avoid the piracy of old games, which is becoming more popular for older generations of consoles.

People like familiar things, so the name will make people interested.

Re-releasing or remaking a game makes it accessible to new players to get into the franchise.

Due to brand awareness, simpler and more cost efficient to market strategies. Increased conversions and sales

It's easier to remaster classic games than to develop ground up new ideas in an already saturated market - plus remastering games with modern technology allows for games to be re-experienced as if it were the first time.

Good opportunity to take advantage of an already well known and built game

People mix up IP with actual magic

Nope

Money pressure over originality

There may still be possibilities in a particular franchise

Revamping games both in different settings, consoles has been around for a long time. Even boardgames get new versions (like monopoly) which are still similar but fits a certain person more or you can do a double sell of the same game.
Take Gta 5 for example, they first released it for PS4/Xbox, then waited a while got it out for PC. Then released it for next gen consoles, then went around releasing the older games for phones. Lot's of people bought the same game multiple times for multiple platforms. I own skyrim on PC (both paid for delux and standard), ps4 and nintendo switch.

Some of the people who used to play those games are probably parents and would want their kids to experience and share their own gaming experience.

It's easier to make something new with an idea which has already got roots in the public sphere rather than coming up with something completely new and start the process all over again.

It's faster and cheaper to re-brand an existing game instead of coming up with the resources for a new one

Nostalgia marketing

Easier to remake a game than think of new ideas. All hopping on the success of other remakes.

offering the same game with improved graphics

Investors know that the older generations are now becoming parents. Parents would want their children to experience something related to their childhood. So this sounds like a win win win situation for everybody. Company gets a roi, parents get a connection with kids and creates motivation to buy the game
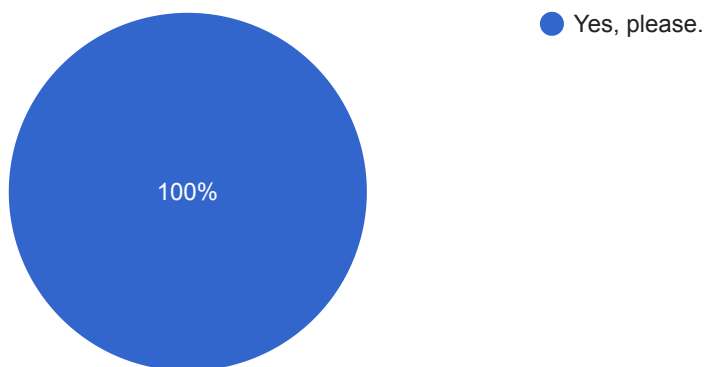
re branding

It's easier and cheaper to create a game from a pre-existing ip.

Old is sometimes gold

If no:

or go to the next question?

7 responses

● Yes, please.

100%

Lastly...

Which are your all-time favourite game and console?

80 responses

PC

Mortal Kombat / Sega Genesis (Mega Drive)

Metal gear solid 2/3 ps2. For their time, it was an absolute masterpiece in terms of gameplay, storyline and graphics.

Playstation 2

Baldur's Gate 2/ PC

Kirby, Persona, wipEout, and Klonoa :))

Nintendo 3DS   /   Dragon Quest

Super Mario & NES

Pokemon(Gold and Silver), God EATER

Uncharted and last of us

Detroit: Becoming Human and PS4

Call of Duty - PlayStation 3

FIFA Playstation

Super mario

Tomb Raider, PlayStation 2

PC, call of duty series

Any Legend of Zelda game, if I had to pick the best one it would be Ocarina of Time on Nintendo 64 - played through it more times than I can remember

Impossible to choose (if I have to its xbox & kotor)

The last of us remastered - ps4

FIFA, PS4

God of War! Excellent gameplay, not just smash to bit murder death kill, but also strategy and puzzle solving 😁

Bomberman. X box

007 on N64

Gran Turismo and play station (any gen)

Star Wars: Empire at War (PC), with the proper mods :)

PLAYSTATION

FIFA - Playstation

For fav games, I'd go for any Final Fantasy or Digimon games which are spread on multiple consoles. As for console, I guess I'll go for PS4 because multiple ps1/3 games can be played on it and as it offers alot of new games which have been amazing

Soulsborne games on the PS4

Injustice - Playstation

Half-Life, Nintendo Gamecube

Yakuza 0 - PS4

PC - Empire Earth

Mass Effect 3 on PS3

GTA San Andreas on PS2

in terms of platform PC will always remain my goto and in terms of favourite, there were many games I loved playing over and over again but I think the one that will always be at the top is the Command and

Conquer franchise

Fifa - Playstation

Mario Kart - Nintendo 64

Beyond Good and Evil on the PlayStation 2

Grand Theft Auto Vice City (the soundtrack is awesome!)

Crash Bandicoot 3, Xbox 360

Mega Drive

Micro Genius :D

Pc, cabal online

Xbox 360 - Assassin's Creed 2

EU4 on Pc

Assasin's Creed / PS

Original Metroid, C64

Game - Last of Us, Console - PS4

all metal gear solids, PS3

The Last of Us PS4

Dota, PC

Super Mario Bros

World of Warcraft and The Prince of Persia Trilogy on PC

Playstation and Metal Gear Solid

Zelda on Nintendo 64

Diablo !!! 1, 2, 3 -- 4 [which is coming] - and World of Warcraft, and Overwatch

The Sims

Skyrim on PC

Oldschool Runescape / P S one

Tekken & Lara Croft - PS2

Call of Duty franchise up to Modern Warfare (CoD4) - PC

Call of duty 2 - PC

Metal Gear Solid. Playstation 1

Counter Strike on PC

Total war series on PC

The classic Assasins Creed Trilogy (2-revolutions), Destiny - PS4

Call of Duty - PC

PES 7 and Play Station 2

Ps, batman arkham

The PC

Chrono Trigger, SNES

Battlefield 3, PS3

Ps, devil may cry, cod, assassins creed, last of us and more

PlayStation 2

Age of Empires 2; PC

Gta, COD, dark souls, mod nation, fight night, infamous & more. PlayStation.

Persona 5 and PlayStation 3

Crash Bandicoot