

Background Questionnaire

1. On average, I spend the following number of hours each day playing computer or online games on a personal computer (PC).

- ☐ Six or more hours a day.
- ☐ Three to five hours a day.
- ☐ One to two hours a day.
- ☐ Less than one hour a day
- ☐ I rarely or never play computer games.

2. On average, I spend the following number of hours each day playing digital games on platforms other than a personal computer—such as on gaming consoles, mobile phones, hand-held devices, arcade games, etc.

- ☐ Six or more hours a day.
- ☐ Three to five hours a day.
- ☐ One to two hours a day.
- ☐ Less than one hour a day
- ☐ I never or rarely play digital games on non-PC platforms.

3. I have played approximately the following number of different games using a personal computer:

- ☐ Over 100.
- ☐ 50 to 100.
- ☐ 20 to 50.
- ☐ 5 to 20.
- ☐ 1 to 5.
- ☐ I have never played a game on a personal computer.

4. I have played approximately the following number of digital games on platforms other than a personal computer (such as on a gaming console, mobile phone, hand-held device, arcade game, etc.):

- ☐ Over 100.
- ☐ 50 to 100.
- ☐ 20 to 50.
- ☐ 5 to 20.
- ☐ 1 to 5.
- ☐ I have never played a digital game on a non-PC platform.

5. How often do you use a command line interface? (Examples of command line interfaces include the Windows Command Prompt, MacOS's Terminal, SSH, MUDs, etc.)

- ☐ I use a command line at least once a week for many different tasks.
- ☐ I use a command line at least once a week for a small number of tasks.
- ☐ I use a command line a few times a year, or I have regularly used a command line in the past.
- ☐ I rarely use a command line.

- () I have never used a command line (or, I do not know what a command line interface is).

6. Please indicate how familiar you are with each of the following computer game genres according to the following scale:

- 5 - I have played a number of games in this genre
 4 - I have played at least one game in this genre for many hours
 3 - I have briefly played or watched someone else play a game like this
 2 - I know what this is, but I have never played one
 1 - I do not know what this is

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| a. Text adventure / interactive fiction
(<i>Adventure, Zork</i> , games by Infocom or Legend, independent IF, etc.) | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| b. Graphical adventure games
(<i>Sierra</i> games such as <i>King's Quest</i> or <i>Space Quest</i> ; <i>Monkey Island</i> series, etc.) | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| c. Computer roleplaying games
(<i>Diablo, Grand Theft Auto, Skyrim, Final Fantasy</i> , etc) | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| d. MUDs and/or MOOs | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| e. MMORPGs
(<i>World of Warcraft, EVE Online, Everquest</i> , etc.) | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| f. Social simulations
(<i>The Sims</i> , etc.) | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| g. First-person shooters
(<i>Doom, Quake, Half-Life; Tomb Raider</i> , etc) | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |

7. Your gender: Male / Female

8. Your age category:

18 – 24 25 – 34 35 – 44 45 – 54 55 – 64 65 – 74 75+

9. Highest level of education completed:

- () Doctoral / Professional (PhD, MD, etc)
 () Graduate School (Masters, etc.)
 () University / College (Bachelors, etc.)
 () Community College (Associates, etc)
 () High school
 () None of the above