

What do you wish you could see, hear, read, or experience for the first time all over again?

Minecraft.

There's a certain wonder in first time experiences, especially when you are young. As a child, you have limited and sometimes incorrect knowledge of certain subjects. This leads to many eye-opening or opinion-changing experiences. This is how I felt about video games, a medium of entertainment I wasn't allowed to explore much as a younger child. My only ways to play were going to friend's houses to play games they had. Because of this, I didn't really have a taste in games, as it was more so a reflection of what my friends owned.

This changed in 2012 when I was given my first piece of non-nintendo technology: a heavily used 2008 Macbook Pro. While technically a laptop, the battery was so busted that when it lost power, it died almost immediately. Even with all of its flaws, I still loved that old laptop. With that laptop I would record my first lets play videos, posting them to my youtube channel in 2012. That was the start of my admittedly weak youtube career.

Since discovering minecraft it quickly became, and probably still is, my most played game. Over the decade I've been playing it, I've created, lost, and remade countless houses and structures. Through it I've made so many friends, had so many cool experiences, and connected with a pretty cool community. That said, because I've been playing so long, the game has lost its "new car smell". The process of learning something from scratch can never be repeated, and I

realize I'll never be able to experience that same feeling of blissful confusion that I had loading into my first minecraft world.

If I had the option to wipe every memory I had in order to retry minecraft, I wouldn't go that far. However, of the many things I'd love to experience for the first time again, on top of listening to my favorite artists for the first time or enjoying times with friends I haven't talked to in ages, Minecraft would be 1st, although not by a lot.