

**To anyone reading this, I beg of you, don't let the present fool you into thinking it'll last forever.**

One day, this too, shall pass. We might think that this game will last forever. But, inevitably, like every other game before, one day you'll log off for the last time, one day the osu! servers will go offline, and one day the last memory of this game will fade from existence. When osu! is no longer in this world, did you achieve something worth your time?

Ask yourself, "Why do I play this game? What do I want to achieve?" Is this game really worth the time you've spent on it? We're only here for so long, so should you really spend however much of it you've spent on this game? I'm not worried that one day you'll look back and think, "I hated osu. What a waste of time." Rather, I'm worried that one day you'll think about all the time you spent on osu!, and wonder, "what if I had been drawing instead? I bought a tablet. What if I pursued that passion I wanted to do for so long with that time? What if I learned how to be a better human for the person I liked? Was there something better I could have spent that time on?" One day, when you have to choose between something important and osu, I beg of you: have your priorities set straight in your head so that you can choose well. I'm not saying to stop playing this game, I'm saying that you should spend your time wisely.

I know that most people reading this will be in high school, and that's the best time to be exploring who you are as a person. You have a beautiful person in yourself to explore. Please, don't confine your entire personality into this game, because you're worth way more than your ranking in a niche online circle clicking game. That being said.

If there are important friends that you've met here, hold onto them. Good friends are so hard to find. Above everything else in this game, value the people and connections you make. Our lives are best lived in the company of others.

I also suggest you give as many things an honest try in this game as you can. You never know what you'll find until you go looking. Maybe you'll find the completionist in you when medal hunting. Maybe you'll find that you like the real-time competitive aspect of multiplayer. Maybe you'll find your creative voice making a map. Maybe you'll fall in love with a genre of music you never knew you needed. Try, and do stupid things, and do amazing things, and keep exploring, both in and out of this game. And trust the process. You only have so much time, and you can't get it back. So why bother restraining yourself to what "you think you'd like", or what "kind of player am I"? Try it first, and then decide. Again, explore who you are, osu! can be an incredible venue to do that with.

To wrap this short little letter up: I love this game. I don't regret the time that I spent here. But I also know many people who wonder later on if it was really worth it. This game can demand a lot of your time. Maybe there are more important things out there than just clicking on circles.

**TL;DR:** isosu! really what you want to spend your time on? If yes, keep enjoying game. If not, then spend your time on something else. We only get to live in each moment once, so make it count.