Episode 208

Sorry about the audio quality on this one. The people responsible have been fired out of a cannon into the sun. The problem has been fixed and we'll be back to our usual quality next week.

Should we pay modders for their work? After hundreds of hours playing modded games, and even designing some mods himself, Professor's got some thoughts on this.

The future of PCs is AI. Or is it? The Nerds disagree that Microsoft's Recall will gain any traction.

George R R Martin is ranting about how movies and shows are never as good as the books they are based on. He might be right.

Topics

Should We Pay Modders
- [Featured Blog | Modders are Developers - It's Time to Pay Them](#)

AI is coming…..to your PC
- [Microsoft Is Giving Windows a Memory and It Might Change Everything](#)
- [Windows to drive PC refresh? Everyone's talking about AI • The Register](#)
- [Google AI Overview's health advice: Eat a rock a day, and go jump off a bridge](#)

George R.R.Martin strikes…again…and again…and again
- ['Game Of Thrones' Creator George R.R. Martin Calls Out Most TV & Film Adaptations For Being Worse Than Source Material: "They Never Make It Better"](#)
- [The Adaptation Tango | Not a Blog](#)

Other topics discussed

BigChadGuys Plus (Minecraft Mod)
- [BigChadGuys Plus (w/ Cobblemon!) - Minecraft Modpacks - CurseForge](#)

Warhammer 40,000: Dawn of War (a [military science fiction](#) [real-time strategy](#) video game developed by [Relic Entertainment](#) and based on [Games Workshop](#)'s [tabletop wargame](#) *[Warhammer 40,000](#)*.)
- [Warhammer 40,000: Dawn of War - Wikipedia](#)

The Tyranid Mod is an ongoing additional race modification for the original Dawn of War series, based on the Tyranid army from the Warhammer 40k tabletop game.
- [Tyranid Mod for Dawn of War - ModDB](#)

[OperatorDrewski](#) - STALKER: Anomaly / GAMMA
- [STALKER: Anomaly / GAMMA - YouTube](#)

S.T.A.L.K.E.R. Anomaly G.A.M.M.A (a post-apocalyptic, survival, first-person shooter.)
- [Introduction | S.T.A.L.K.E.R. Anomaly GAMMA Wiki](#)

[r/skyrimmods](#) - What's the purpose of paid mods?
- [https://www.reddit.com/r/skyrimmods/comments/18f57xk/whats_the_purpose_of_paid_mods/?rdt=57854](#)

Sim Settlements 2 (Sequel to the Fallout 4 city-building simulator.)
- [Sim Settlements 2 at Fallout 4 Nexus - Mods and community](#)

[r/starfieldmods](#) - PureDark has threatened to add hidden malware to his paid mods if you pirate it
- [PureDark has threatened to add hidden malware to his paid mods if you pirate it : r/starfieldmods](#)

Starfield Paid DLSS Mod Creator Hits Back at Pirates, Threatens to Add 'Hidden Mines' in Future Mods
- [Starfield Paid DLSS Mod Creator Hits Back at Pirates, Threatens to Add 'Hidden Mines' in Future Mods - IGN](#)

[Videogamedunkey](#) - Ultimate Skyrim
- ▶ Ultimate Skyrim

Technic Launcher is it really safe?
- [Technic Launcher is it really safe? - Discussion - Minecraft: Java Edition](#)

Former Blizzard president suggests you should be able to leave a $10 or $20 tip for the devs because 'some games are that special'
- [Former Blizzard president suggests you should be able to leave a $10 or $20 tip for the devs because 'some games are that special' | PC Gamer](#)

Divinity: Original Sin II (a role-playing video game developed and published by Larian Studios. The sequel to 2014's *Divinity: Original Sin* and the fifth main entry in the *Divinity* series, the game was released for Microsoft Windows in September 2017. The player controls a "Godwoken" (or a group of Godwoken), a Sourcerer who can harness and use a powerful magic known as Source, and becomes a pivotal figure in the fight against the Voidwoken, monstrous creatures who wreak havoc in the medieval fantasy world of Rivellon.)
- Divinity: Original Sin II - Wikipedia

DayZ (a multiplayer only survival video game developed and published by Bohemia Interactive. It is the standalone game based on the mod of the same name for *Arma 2*.)
- DayZ (video game) - Wikipedia

air gap (air gapping) (An air gap is a security measure that involves isolating a computer or network and preventing it from establishing an external connection. An air-gapped computer is physically segregated and incapable of connecting wirelessly or physically with other computers or network devices.)
- What is an Air Gap? | Definition from TechTarget

'Game Of Thrones' Creator George R.R. Martin Says "Toxicity Is Growing" In Fandom Culture, Laments How "Social Media Is Ruled By Anti-Fans" Who "Delight In Dancing On The Graves Of Anyone Whose Film Has Flopped"
- 'Game Of Thrones' Creator George R.R. Martin Says "Toxicity Is Growing" In Fandom Culture, Laments How "Social Media Is Ruled By Anti-Fans" Who "Delight In Dancing On The Graves Of Anyone Whose Film Has Flopped" - Bounding Into Comics

Edward Snowden (an American and naturalized Russian citizen who as a former U.S. computer contractor leaked highly classified information from the National Security Agency (NSA) in 2013 when he was an employee and subcontractor. He is currently under indictment for espionage.)
- Edward Snowden - Wikipedia

Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep? ((retrospectively titled **Blade Runner: Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?** in some later printings) is a 1968 dystopian science fiction novel by American writer Philip K. Dick. The book served as the basis for the 1982 film *Blade Runner* and, even though some aspects of the novel were changed, many elements and themes from it were used in the film's 2017 sequel *Blade Runner 2049*.)
- Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep? - Wikipedia

Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory (a 1971 American musical fantasy film directed by Mel Stuart from a screenplay by Roald Dahl, based on his 1964 novel *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. It stars Gene Wilder as chocolatier Willy Wonka. The film tells the story of a poor child named Charlie Bucket (Peter Ostrum) who, upon finding a Golden Ticket in a chocolate bar, wins the chance to visit Willy Wonka's chocolate factory along with four other children from around the world.)
- Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory - Wikipedia

Why Roald Dahl hated the Willy Wonka And The Chocolate Factory film
- https://uk.movies.yahoo.com/news/why-roald-dahl-hated-willy-wonka-and-the-chocolate-120115179.html

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (film) (a 2005 musical fantasy film directed by Tim Burton and written by John August, based on the 1964 British novel of the same name by Roald Dahl. The film stars Johnny Depp as Willy Wonka and Freddie Highmore as Charlie Bucket, alongside David Kelly, Helena Bonham Carter, Noah Taylor, Missi Pyle, James Fox, Deep Roy, and Christopher Lee. The storyline follows Charlie as he wins a contest along with four other children and is led by Wonka on a tour of his chocolate factory.)
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (film) - Wikipedia

The Witcher (TV series) (a fantasy drama television series created by Lauren Schmidt Hissrich for Netflix. It is based on the book series by Polish writer Andrzej Sapkowski. Set on a fictional, medieval-inspired landmass known as the Continent, *The Witcher* explores the legend of Geralt of Rivia, Yennefer of Vengerberg and Princess Ciri. It stars Henry Cavill, Anya Chalotra, and Freya Allan.)
- The Witcher (TV series) - Wikipedia

'The Witcher' Author Says Netflix "Never Listened" to His Ideas
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The Witcher writers 'actively disliked' the books as Netflix show ending after season 5
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Game of Thrones (an American fantasy drama television series created by David Benioff and D. B. Weiss for HBO. It is an adaptation of *A Song of Ice and Fire*, a series of fantasy novels by George R. R. Martin, the first of which is *A Game of Thrones*.)
- Game of Thrones - Wikipedia

The Lord of the Rings: The Rings of Power (an American fantasy television series developed by J. D. Payne and Patrick McKay for the streaming service Amazon Prime Video. Based on J. R. R. Tolkien's history of Middle-earth, primarily material from the appendices of the novel *The Lord of the Rings*, the series is set thousands of years before the novel and depicts the major events of Middle-earth's Second Age. It is produced by Amazon Studios in association with New Line Cinema.)
- The Lord of the Rings: The Rings of Power - Wikipedia

Batwoman (TV series) (an American superhero television series developed by Caroline Dries for The CW. Based on the DC Comics character of the same name, it is part of the Arrowverse television franchise.)
- Batwoman (TV series) - Wikipedia

She-Hulk: Attorney at Law (an American television [miniseries](#) created by [Jessica Gao](#) for the streaming service [Disney+](#), based on [Marvel Comics](#) featuring the character [She-Hulk](#). It is [the eighth television series](#) in the [Marvel Cinematic Universe](#) (MCU) produced by [Marvel Studios](#), sharing continuity with [the films of the franchise](#). It follows [Jennifer Walters](#), a lawyer specializing in cases involving superhumans who also becomes the green superhero She-Hulk. Gao served as [head writer](#) and [Kat Coiro](#) led the directing team.)

- [She-Hulk: Attorney at Law - Wikipedia](#)

Fallout (American TV series) (an American [post-apocalyptic drama](#) television series created by Graham Wagner and [Geneva Robertson-Dworet](#) for [Amazon Prime Video](#). Based on the [role-playing video game franchise](#) created by [Tim Cain](#) and [Leonard Boyarsky](#).)

- [Fallout (American TV series) - Wikipedia](#)

The Lord of the Rings (film series) (a trilogy of [epic](#) [fantasy](#) [adventure films](#) directed by [Peter Jackson](#), based on the novel *[The Lord of the Rings](#)* by British author [J. R. R. Tolkien](#). The films are subtitled *[The Fellowship of the Ring](#)* (2001), *[The Two Towers](#)* (2002), and *[The Return of the King](#)* (2003).)

- [The Lord of the Rings (film series) - Wikipedia](#)

Dune (franchise) (an American [science fiction](#) [media franchise](#) that originated with the 1965 novel *[Dune](#)* by [Frank Herbert](#) and has continued to add new publications. *Dune* is frequently described as the best-selling [science fiction](#) novel in history. It won the inaugural [Nebula Award for Best Novel](#) and the [Hugo Award](#) in 1966 and was later adapted into a [1984 film](#), a [2000 television miniseries](#), and a two-part film series with the [first film](#) in 2021 and a [sequel](#) in 2024.

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dune_(franchise)#Films

Shout Outs

29th May 2024 - 70th anniversary of Dial M for Murder
- [Dial M for Murder - Wikipedia](#)
- [Dial M for Murder (1954) - IMDb](#)

29th May 2024 - 15th anniversary of Up
- [Up (2009 film) - Wikipedia](#)
- [Up (2009) - IMDb](#)

29 May [1953](#) – [Edmund Hillary](#) and [Sherpa Tenzing Norgay](#) become the [first people to reach the summit](#) of [Mount Everest](#), on Tenzing Norgay's (adopted) 39th birthday
- [Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay reach Everest summit | May 29, 1953 | HISTORY](#)

29 May [1919](#) – [Albert Einstein](#)'s theory of [general relativity is tested](#) (later confirmed) by [Arthur Eddington](#) and [Andrew Claude de la Cherois Crommelin](#).
- [Eddington experiment - Wikipedia](#)

- [Solar eclipse of May 29, 1919 - Wikipedia](#)

Wacky movie

29th May 1969 – Fiend Without A Face premiered

- [Fiend Without a Face - Wikipedia](#)
- [Fiend Without a Face (1958) - IMDb](#)

A star is born! On this day in 1958 (in the U.S.), the brains were on the march again with the theatrical release of Fiend Without A Face. Directed by Arthur Crabtree from a script by Herbert J. Leder and Amelia Reynolds Long, the SciFi/Horror starred Marshall Thompson, Terry Kilburn, and Michael Balfour. Here's the plot summary:

 "A scientist's thoughts materialize as an army of invisible brain-shaped monsters (complete with spinal-cord tails!) who terrorize an American military base in this nightmarish chiller."

Noted science fiction personality, collector, and literary agent [Forrest J Ackerman](#) represented mystery and science fiction pulp writer Long and brokered the sale of her story "The Thought Monster" to the film's producers.

Intro

Artist – Goblins from Mars

Song Title – Super Mario - Overworld Theme (GFM Trap Remix)

Song Link - ▶ Super Mario - Overworld Theme (GFM Trap Remix)

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