

Exploring the Queer Possibilities of Roguelike Video Games

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We find video games interesting to study. Where in other traditional artforms, audiences might interpret what is being presented to them; in video games audience actions are fundamental to the creation (or more precisely, expression) of that presentation. That is, for a video game to meaningfully operate, it requires something beyond itself: the player.

This structural requirement is intriguing when put into the context of some more recent developments in poststructural metaphysics. Queer theory, a branch of poststructuralism, generally posits a lack of totality that all representational systems—language, social identifications, and other symbolologies—are incomplete (Copjec 2002; Copjec 2015; MacCormick 2008).

Our research attempted to draw a connection between

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