

A History of Toys Brief, Biased and Mostly Binary

The Pre-Binary Era



1940's America finds rubber but fuels the need for synthetic rubber Bounce, stretch further, copy print

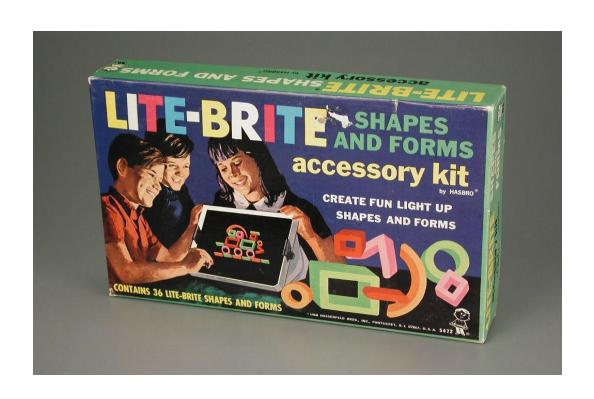


The First Interactive Era



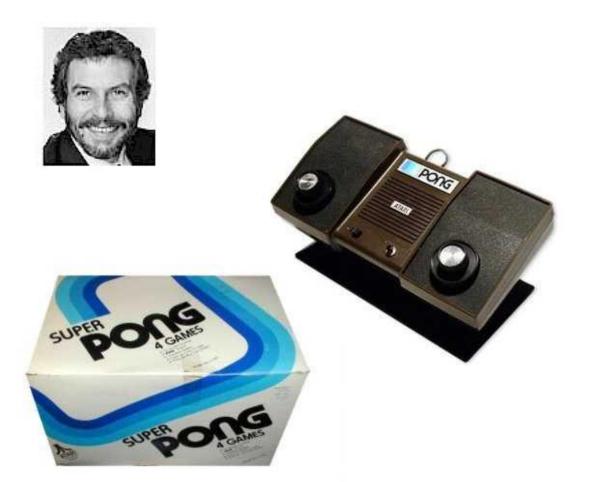
CBS 1953-57 Magic drawing screen and marker Winky Dink kits sold!

The Faux High Tech Era



Translucent pegs into black opaque paper Lightbulb illuminates pegs No muss/ high tech looking 1967 Hasbro



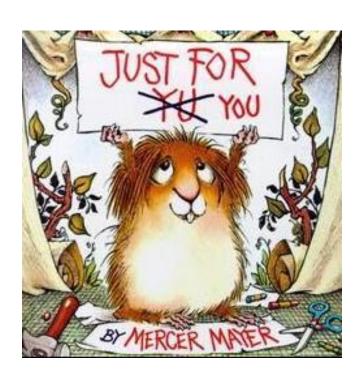


The Dawning of the Console Age

1976 video table tennis
Nolan Bushnell
Atari was one of many but
colorful, well packaged and
designed.



The E-literate Age



Home PC used for play Clickable explorations Expensive







Microsoft and PBS 1997
Standalone, with VCR or with TV
Too difficult for parents
Too distracting for kids
Great show of technology combining
animatronics and the vertical blanking
interval from tv
Specially encoded TV series



Where we're at ...

- Plain Old Toys
- Plan Old Digital Toys
- 2-Way Interaction between digital and other toys
- To consider:
 - As the mediums change does the play change?
 - Distribution change?



Today's Connected Kid



The Future of Toyland

Gesture/Body as Interface





Microsoft Natal

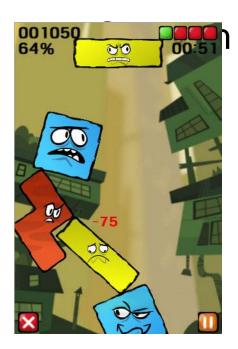


Nintendo 3DS – no glasses

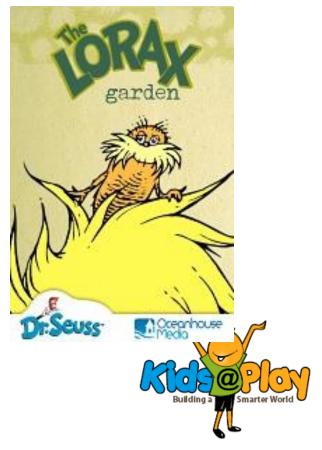


The Dollar iStore

- 99 cents to Entertain
- "Golden Books" Rises Again







Virtual Worlds and Social Networks

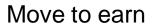
- Offline world as your online pass
- Online world as your design studio
- Playing and Designing (Spore, Little Big Planet, ModNation)
- Offline/Online continue to Blur





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