State of Linux Gaming

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About Me

- FOSS developer for 10+ years now
- Wanted to switch to Linux, but no games ?
- Started with porting and improving games
- Now maintain 100+ games for Fedora
- Also write kernel drivers for hardware monitoring and webcams
- Working for RedHat for 1 year now

Linux as gaming platform

- Is Linux viable to replace windows ? ...
- If you want to play a specific title: No
- If you want high quality games from a specific category: Yes

Adventures

- Scummvm:
  - Supports many Lucas Arts and Sierra adventure games (requires original data files):
    http://wiki.scummvm.org/index.php/Release_Testing/1.0.0
  - Drascula: The vampire strikes back (free)
  - Revolution Games:
    - Beneath a steel sky (free)
    - Lure of the temptress (free)
    - Flight of the Amazon Queen (free)

BASS Demonstration

- Demonstration of Beneath a Steel sky

Arcade Games

- Armagetron Advanced (free)
- Bubbros (free)
- Critical Mass (free)
- Frozen Bubble (free)
- Lacewing (free)
- Neverball (free)
- njam (free)
- shippy (free)
- Super Methane Brothers (free)
- xgalaga (free)

Platform Games

- Abuse (free)
- blobwars (free)
- Clone Keen (engine free, data shareware)
- Pachi el Marciano (free)
- Secret Maryo Chronicles (free)
- Super Tux (free)

Puzzel Games

- Too many to mention :)
- Some highlights:
  - Magicor (free)
  - Mirror Magic (free)
  - Pingus (free)
  - Rocks'n'Diamonds (free)
  - World Of Goo (commercial)

World of Goo Demo

Role Playing Games

- MMORPG:
  - Plane Shift (free)
  - Manaworld (free)
  - WorldForge (free)
  - Regnum Online (commercial)
- Classic:
  - Vulture's Eye (free)
  - Egoboo (free)
  - Lost Labyrinth (free)

Shooters: First Person

- ID software based games (free engine):
  - Doom 1,2 / Heretic / Hexen / Quake 1, 2, 3 (data shareware or commercial)
  - Alienarena (free)
  - Nexuiz (free)
  - Tremulous (free)
  - Urban Terror (non commercial use)
  - World of Padman (non commercial use)
- Doom 3 / Quake 4 (commercial)
- Sauerbraten (license wise a big mess)

World of Padman Demo

Shooters: 2D multiplayer DM

- atanks (free)
- Clanbomber (free)
- Scorched3D (free)
- Teeworlds (free)
- Wormux (free)
- Xblast (free)

Shooters: 3th Person (scrollers)

- Too many to mention :)
- Some highlights:
  - Alien Blaster (free)
  - Astro Menace (free)
  - Chromium BSU (free)
  - Kobo Deluxe (free)
  - Raidem (free)
  - WordWarVi (free)

Word War Vi demo

- I just have to show this to you :)

Sports

- Racing:
  - Extreme Tux Racer (free)
  - Mania drive (free)
  - torcs (free)
  - Ultimate Stunts (free)
  - Vdrift (free)
- Misc:
  - bolzplatz2006 (engine free, data nc)
  - Emilia pinball

Bolzplatz2006 Demo

Strategy

- Real Time:
  - Warzone2100 (free)
  - Bos Wars (free)
  - The Spring Project (free)
- Turn based:
  - Advanced Strategic Command (free)
  - Battle for Wesnoth (free)
  - Freeciv (free)
  - Freecol (free)
  - OpenTTD (engine free, data commercial)

Conclusion

So there you are there are, enough Linux games to keep you playing a life time.

So now go and remove that windows partition you are only keeping around to play games :)

Questions ?