

A Rare Version Of Minecraft Is Being Revealed Ten Years Later

An extremely rare early version of Minecraft, long thought to be lost, has been rediscovered almost 10 years after its release. Minecraft Alpha 1.1.1 was released in September 2010 for the first time as the Java Edition. It was only available for three hours. Gaming historians have discovered it.

Over the years there have been hundreds on hundreds of Minecraft versions. Fans have meticulously gathered and archived a lot of them to preserve. One version known as Alpha 1.1.1, or Seecret Saturday was believed to be lost. Minecraft Profiles introduced fishing rods as well as sneaking to Minecraft. However it was discovered to have a bug that would make the screen completely gray. Version 1.1.2 was released within hours.

@lunasorcery on Kotaku, told the whole story of its rediscovery over Twitter. Luna explains that Alpha 1.1.1 was a popular meme or holy grail in Discord Omniarchive's Minecraft archiving Discord Omniarchive. None of them thought they would find it.

Someone came across one of Luna's old tweets and asked her about it. She later discovered an archive of minecraft.jar that was on the same date as Alpha 1.1.1's release on September 18, 2010. Luna looked over the file and confirmed that it was indeed Alpha 1.1.1 and then published on Omniarchive and it exploded.

So I put my message on the Omniarchive server and it's not overstatement to say that a few people noticed.

Just from the reactions from the reactions, the reality of just the magnitude of this is begins to take hold. I literally begin shaking.