

WRUP: Gestalt Edition

Gestalt is a psychological time period that refers to one thing larger as a complete than the sum of its components. This is not a difficult phenomenon to see in motion -- you will have to combine flour, yeast, and cinnamon collectively to get a delicious loaf of cinnamon-swirl bread, after all. The term can be applied to Transformers, which mix right into a single enormous robotic, often one that is not particularly delicious. Despite this reality, the official term remains "combiner" as an alternative, presumably as a result of the people who find themselves accountable for naming are nervous about what would happen if everybody started utilizing obscure psychology terms.

Hey, so long as we're already speaking about combining issues, we might as well go complete-hog into this week's WRUP. That itself is a gestalt, but that does not seem fairly spicy enough. Let's all talk about combining video games together into an entire greater than the sum of its elements. Yeah, that's the ticket. Leap on previous the break for that and what the employees will be enjoying this weekend, then let us know within the feedback what you will be getting up to.

Beau Hindman (@Beau_Hindman): I will be finishing up my time with Minions of Mirth and transferring on to The Realm On-line. I've simply barely started to play, but already the sport is very charming, and the neighborhood is awesome. Supposedly it is one of the oldest around! I'll even be putting a lot more time building up my metropolis in Illyriad and making an attempt to hit the next degree in Ministry of War. Then I will continue to make plans for taking every week to make use of no PCs in any respect and to dwell off solely my phone (for a future undertaking).

If I could combine two video games, they can be Ryzom and The Chronicles of Spellborn. Not solely would it be the very best-wanting sport in your complete history of the universe, however it might have everything I needed. Effectively, that is, if I may throw in some Wurm On-line as effectively. And uhm... mix within the epicness of Vanguard. Oh yeah, and could I throw in some Mabinogi crafting and its rebirth system? What about...

Brandon Felczer (@bfelczer): This weekend I am going away on vacation to my time share in Palm Springs and going to try and not take my laptop -- Ok, I am gonna take it however attempt not to open it. We are going to see how that goes. So, WRUP this weekend? LIFE!

If I could mix two recreation into one, it could positively be Star Trek Online and EVE On-line -- that can be pure and utter madness!

Brendan Drain (@nyphur): It's come time for me to close up the Massively Mob company in EVE On-line and go away Massively Motivated in the fingers of its directors. It's been niggling at me since the EVE fanfest that running a PvE corporation isn't what I need to do or what I'm good at, and forcing myself to do it has murdered my enthusiasm for enjoying. I'll be getting again into issues I get pleasure from extra, like PvP and enjoying the market in my

very own time.

If I could merge any two games, it might be EVE Online and Age of Conan -- an odd mixture however one I believe would work. Having played on a PvP server in Age of Conan, I found that sneaking across the zones tracking gamers down and smashing them to bits was extremely enjoyable. EVE Online's single-shard structure, open-world territorial battle, a form of policing and sentry turret system for protected areas, and a disposable gear system may all do wonders for AoC.

Eliot Lefebvre Ms. Lady and that i will probably be persevering with to explore Remaining Fantasy XIV collectively, as she's been absolutely in love with the game now that she's received a machine able to handling it. I've additionally received The Sims Medieval to occupy my time, and I might love to get back into Guild Wars with whatever spare moments are left.

Combining video games is a bit of a pastime of mine to start with, and loads of those video games wind up being MMOs. I'd love to see a mash-up between the setting and baroque, distinctive lessons of Last Fantasy XI with the skill system, armor system, and distinctly fast-paced breakdown of Guild Wars. Failing that, I'd like to mash the setting of Sword 2 into a Star Trek Online-fashion engine. Mix up Fallen Earth and Metropolis of Heroes to give me a Gamma World MMO!

Jef Reahard: A little bit of EVE and AoC right here, and i've also returned to EverQuest II for some time (primarily as a result of it nonetheless has the very best participant housing despite being seven years outdated, /sniff).

My unholy hybrid can be Ultima On-line plus Star Wars Galaxies, and going into particulars would take this entire column. If you performed both, you understand why. It's arduous not to include EVE in there too, however I think CCP will eventually flip it into the final word sandbox, so there'd really be no motive to combine it with anything at that time.

Jeremy Stratton (@Jeremy_Stratton): I am persevering with my quest to acquire and upgrade a vahtos accessory-set for my Priest/Rogue in Runes of Magic. Although each accessory has a very totally different stage-requirement and none of the items goes near the current degree-cap, they're still really useful for squishies (especially a pew-pewing Priest). I didn't must suppose for a second about which two video games I would mix. I'd love to see all the various fun features of Runes of Magic injected into the enormous and beautiful world of Vanguard: Saga of Heroes.

Justin Olivetti (@Sypster): As much as potential, I will be playing Lord of the Rings On-line to eek out all of that additional bonus XP for the anniversary weekend celebration. So no RIFT till Monday, alas!

Combination-clever, it might be awesome to see RIFT and City of Heroes combined. The

soul system and dynamic events of RIFT would lend themselves properly to a superhero setting, and CoH has always had among the coolest fight and powers of any comedian e-book game.

Karen Bryan (@JayeRnH): It's Easter weekend plus the tail end of faculty vacation, so my playtime's limited. I will try to sneak in a bit of Pirates of the Burning Sea, although!

As for the bonus question, that's straightforward. I would wish to see Minecraft mixed with RIFT. I want to see a airplane of Minecraft with 16-bit invasions and armies of creepers and zombies operating amok all over Telara.

MJ Guthrie: This weekend will see me cooking up a medley stew -- a dash Lord of the Rings Online, a number of shakes of STO, a heaping scoop of EverQuest II, after which a sprig of Aion for spice. I think that may fill me up pretty effectively!

Hmmm, effectively the first one can be simple to pick -- pre-CU Star Wars Galaxies! 360 degrees all the way around The emotes, the customization, the housing, the social lessons, the crafting, the... I may go on and on. I'd combine it with... um... Okay, the second alternative is more durable for me. I might very nicely choose The Sims. I like to build; to be able to design and construct my own place would keep me entertained endlessly. Can I add in just a few The Matrix Online options as effectively? Actually, don't get me started because I would snag options from so many video games to make my good sport! Then I might by no means enterprise into RL again...

Patrick Mackey (@mackeypb): Champions On-line is doing a free Serpent Lantern weekend, so any player can play it. I'm definitely going to be working a few of it with pals. Considered one of my pals is coming back from the navy on depart, so I am going to even be doing stuff with him this weekend. We'll in all probability be enjoying Hisoutensoku and Artemis. I intend to upload a few of the exploits to my YouTube channel, so if you're involved, verify some of that out.

If I could combine two video games into one, it would be EVE and Armored Core. Specifically, I'd like a cutthroat economic player-targeted mecha motion recreation in a submit-apocalyptic world, the place gamers pilot robots instead of ships and combat is blinding quick and skill-based mostly.

At first of every weekend, we catch up with the Massively employees members and ask them, "What are you enjoying this week?" (Otherwise known as: WRUP!) Be part of us to see what we're up to in and out of game -- and catch us in the feedback to tell us what you're playing, too!