

CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2007 PROJECT SUMMARY

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Project Title

PS2 vs. Xbox: Which System Will Load a Game Faster?

Abstract

Objectives/Goals

The purpose of my science project is to determine the speed of two different gaming systems. The reason I am doing this comparison is to evaluate what system to buy that doesn#t take so long to load.

Methods/Materials

The game systems I am using are Xbox and Playstation 2. The games tested for Playstation 2 and Xbox were: Flatout, Arena Football, and Tom Clancy#s Ghost Recon Advanced Warfighter. (Each game was made for the appropriate system.) Methods for my experiment consist of: 1. Opening the disc tray 2. Placing the game in the disc tray. 3. Properly closing the disc tray 4. When it is was thoroughly closed I started the timer 5. When I saw the advertisement on the game screen, I stoped the timer 6. Then I recorded my data 7. I repeated this procedure 10 times.

Results

The results on my comparison of game loading between the game systems, Xbox and Playstation 2, indicates that Xbox game system has a faster average loading time. My project has revealed that there is more to the game loading time than the system, the different types of memory in the game system is a vital component that needs further testing.

Conclusions/Discussion

The Xbox is a game system with a 733MHz Pentium Ill CPU, 5 x DVD drive, and a custom-designed graphics processor. The Xbox was released on November 15th, 2001 it included 4 controller ports, Ethernet networking, and internet connectivity. The Playstation 2 is a 300MHz Emotion 128-bit CPU which exceeded the floating point performance of a 500MHz Pentium Ill. The Playstation 2 had a significant amount of upgrades for its processors performance in subsequent years. Released in October 26, 2000. After completing my comparison I learned all about the Xbox and Playstation 2#s architectures, different types of cables, heating and the problems it causes, processors, and more.

Summary Statement

The purpose of my science project is to compare how fast an Xbox loads a game to how fast a Playstation 2 loads a game.

Help Received

My mother helped paste items on board; Cousin answered an interview; Teacher had science meetings, guided in each step, and printed items.