

USER RESEARCH ON DESTINY

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USER RESEARCH ON HALO





UPPING THE DIFFICULTY



HEROIC MISSIONS UNLOCKED!

EARN EXOTIC WEAPONS AND ARMOR

The Daily and Weekly Heroics are challenging missions available to Guardians not afraid to take on the most powerful creatures of the Darkness.

Join the hunt for Exotic weapons and armor. Bring your friends to guarantee victory!

A GREAT BIG DESTINY

- 4 different planets
- 4 enemy races
- 3 classes
- Hundreds of weapons
- 20 Story missions
- 6 Strike missions
- 4 Patrol missions
- 10 hour Raid experience



BUILDING OUT A LAB



RECRUITING PARTICIPANTS



WHY TALK ABOUT RECRUITING?

"Amateurs talk about tactics, but professionals study logistics."

- GENERAL ROBERT H. BARROW

"Bitter experience in war has taught the maxim that the art of war is the art of the logistically feasible."

- ADMIRAL HYMAN RICKOVER



PARTICIPANT DATABASE

BUNGIE USERESEARCH

Help Us Make Games

Developing video games requires an intimate understanding of the mind of a gamer. Now we are asking you, our community, to officially put your names on the list of those willing to lend a helping hand. Service requires only a valid email address. In exchange, we're offering you the unique opportunity to help us continue making improvements to features, and online community... and the potential to help us shape our glorious future.

Not all who enlist will be selected. But hundreds of thousands of gamers from all regions and territories around the world will be needed before all is said and done. March with us, and together, we will bask in the glory of world domination.

Potential Missions Include:

- > Playtests and Usability Testing at Bungie
- > Surveys on game playing habits
- > Alpha and Beta Testing for our next game

Dive In



PARTICIPANT DATABASE

13	How often do you play the following types of games?	Never	Sometimes	Often
	Shooter (Halo, Call of Duty, Gears of War, Half-Life)	0	0	0
	Survival Horror Games (Resident Evil, Silent Hill)	0	0	0
	Action/Adventure (Uncharted, Assassin's Creed, Grand Theft Auto)	0	0	0
	MMO (World of Warcraft, Guild Wars, Rift)	0	0	0
	Racing (Forza, Mario Kart, NASCAR)	0	0	0
	RPG (Skyrim, Pokemon)	0	0	0
	Strategy (Civilization, StarCraft, Plants vs Zombies, League of Legends)	0	0	0
	Puzzle (Angry Birds, World of Goo, Tetris, Professor Layton)	0	0	0
	Sports (Madden, Mario Tennis, FIFA)	0	0	0

ONLINE SCHEDULING

Please ONLY sign up for the study if you can attend for the entire session. Space is limited, so if you cannot attend the entire day, please do not sign up.

Please choose the opportunity that works best for you.

- Yes, I can attend Wednesday, March 4th, 9:45 AM to 5 PM.
- Yes, I can attend Thursday, March 5th, 9:45 AM to 5 PM.
- Yes, I can attend Friday, March 6th, 9:45 AM to 5 PM.
- Put me on the wait list.
- Sorry, I cannot attend.

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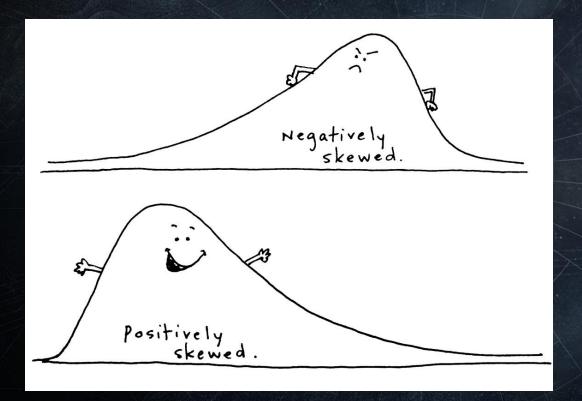
ONE DATABASE TO RULE THEM ALL

SIGNUP SURVEY

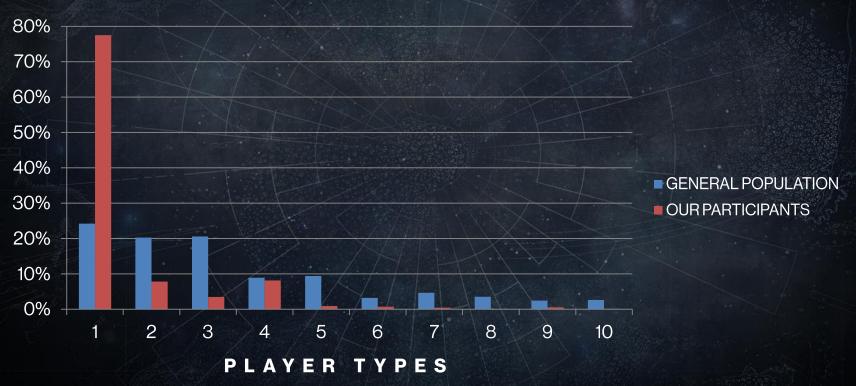
HALO GAMEPLAY DATA SCHEDULING SURVEY

DESTINY

DEALING WITH BIAS



POSTSTRATIFICATION

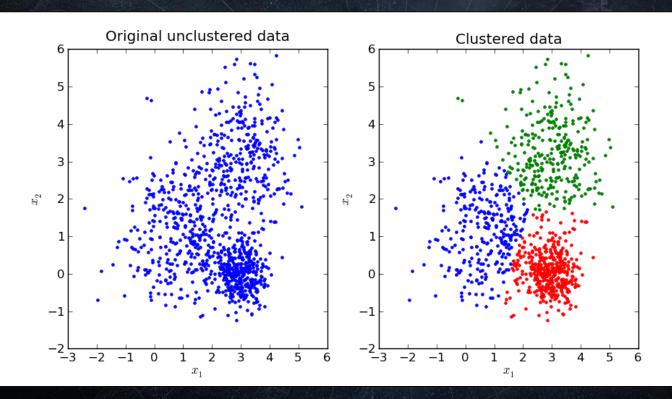




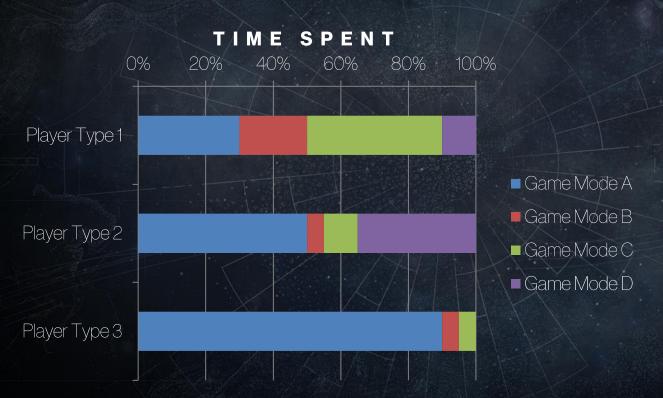
REACH SEGMENTATION



CLUSTERING BY PLAY HABITS



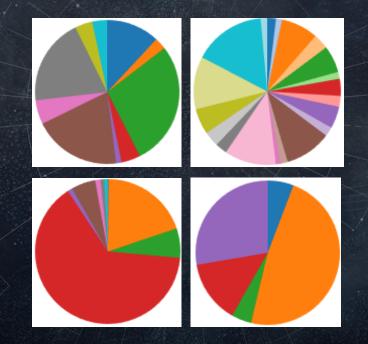
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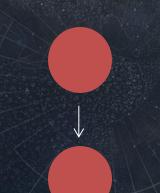
THREE TEN FIVE TYPES OF PLAYERS

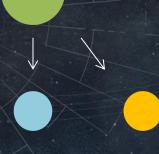


COMPARING DIFFERENT MODELS

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FIVE TYPES OF PLAYERS

- Campaigners
 - Short Campaigners
 - Long Campaigners
- Omnivores
 - Short Omnivores
 - Long Omnivores
- Specialists
 - Many subtypes



THE BUFFET EFFECT



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PROMOTING VARIETY

Wednesday 2 Rounds 20 Tire Flips 200m Run 20 Thrusters (68/46) 200m Run 20 Wallballs (17/20) 200m Run 20 Burpee Box Jump (20/24) 200 m Run

FEEDING THE OMNIVORES

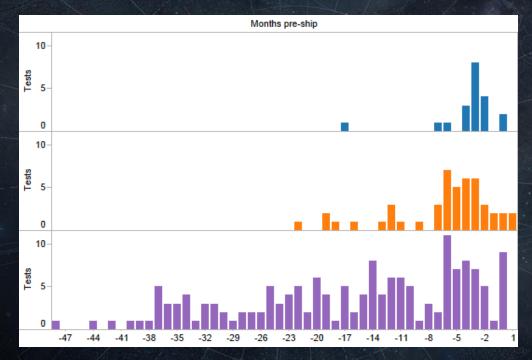


THE BIG PICTURE

HALO 2

HALO 3

DESTINY



MONTHS PRIOR TO RELEASE



SERIOUS SECURITY



REDUCTIONIST vs HOLISTIC TESTING

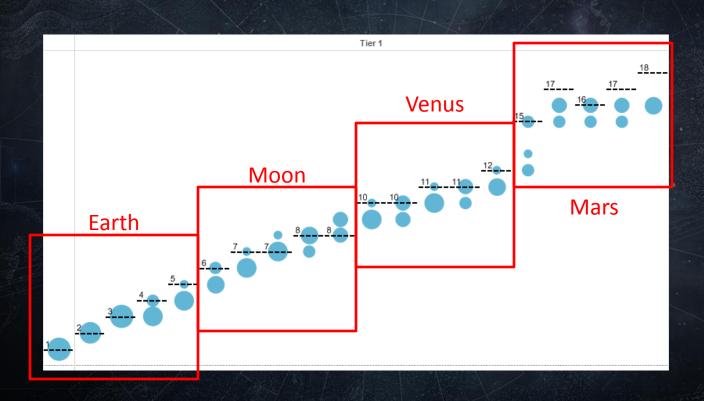


"The more precisely the position is determined, the less precisely the momentum is known in this instant, and vice versa."

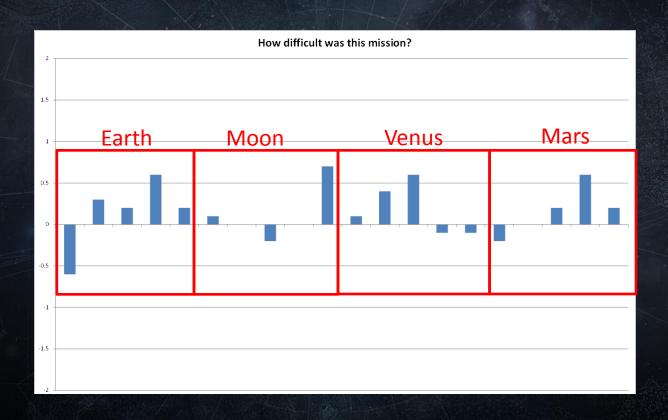
- HEISENBERG, 1927



PROGRESSION TESTING



DIFFICULTY TESTING



CHAMBER OF NIGHT



CONCEPT ART TESTING









CHOOSING A CLASS



CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

ORIGINAL

The first Titans built the Wall, and gave their lives to defend it. Now, you stand in the same high place, steadfast and sure, protecting all who shelter in your shadow. You hail from a long line of heroes, forged from strength and sacrifice. Our enemies may be deadly and merciless, but so are you.

UPDATED

You are an armored engine of war. Control any battle with strength and strategy.



Striker

Smash the ground and dissolve enemies in a maelstrom of Arc Light.



Defender

(Level 15)

Shape Void Light into an indestructible shield to protect you and your allies from harm.



A DESTINY MOMENT







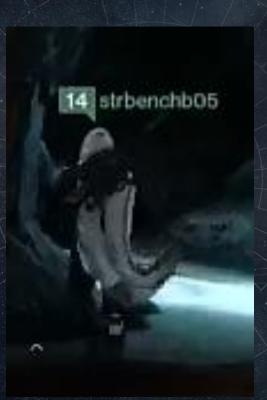


PLAYER RECOGNITION



IMPROVED NAMEPLATES



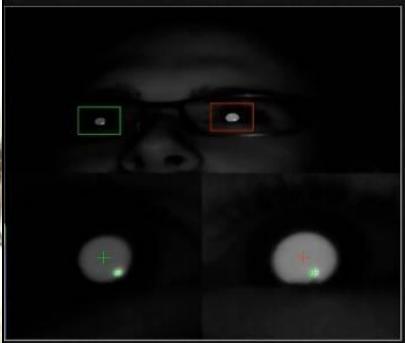


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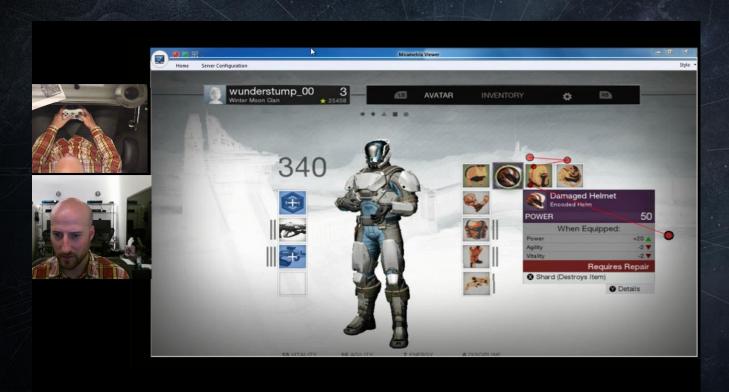


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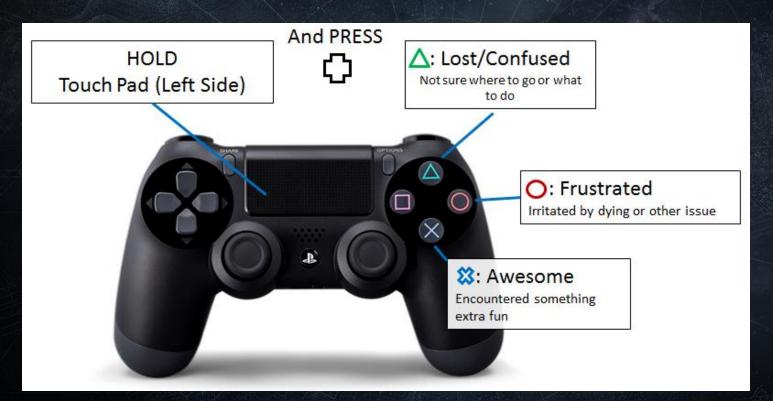




USER INTERFACE USABILITY



CONTEXTUAL FEEDBACK

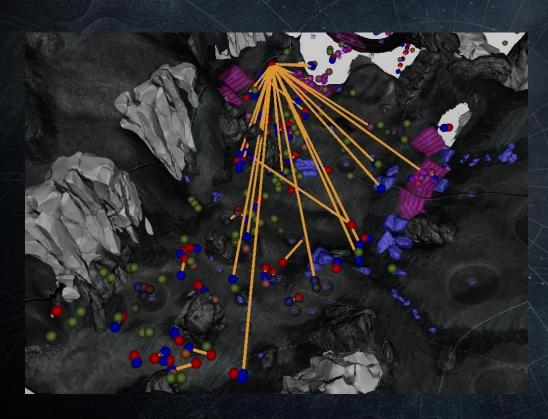


CONTEXTUAL FEEDBACK





PUTTING DATA IN CONTEXT



STREAMING VIDEO



TESTING THE ENDGAME



TESTING THE ENDGAME







TIME PLAYED IN DESTINY



THE LOOT CAVE



THE LOOT CAVE



DETECTING ANOMALIES



LESSONS LEARNED

- We underestimated our blessings on Halo.
- We underestimated how rabid our fans would be.
- We missed the transition to the elder game.
- We thought players would hate power in PvP.

BIG NUMBERS

- More than 17 million registered players
- 1.1+ billion hours played
- 200 billion aliens killed
- Average total playtime per player: 77 hours
- Average daily playtime per player: 3 hours
- Average total activities per player: 230





WE'REHIRING



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