The Year in Mobile Games

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Divest and Express?



iPhone







2015 iPad







Android







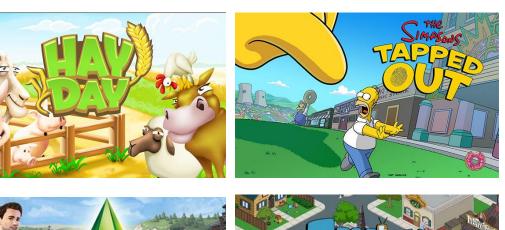
2016 iPad

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Android



iPhone

2017 iPad



Android

Divest and Express?

	Top Grossing (as of 1/2/2017)			
	iPhone	iPad	Android	
1	Pokemon GO	Game of War: Fire Age	Pokemon GO	
2	Game of War: Fire Age	Candy Crush Saga	Mobile Strike	
3	Clash Royale	Candy Crush Soda Saga	Game of War: Fire Age	
4	Marvel Contest of Champions	Clash of Clans	Clash of Clans	
5	Candy Crush Saga	ROBLOX	Clash Royale	
6	Mobile Strike	DoubleDown Casino	Candy Crush Saga	
7	Clash of Clans	House of Fun Slots	Candy Crush Soda Saga	
8	Madden NFL Mobile	Heart of Vegas Slots	Marvel Contest of Champions	
9	Dragon Ball Z Dokkan Battle	Mobile Strike	Summoners War	
10	8 Ball Pool	Marvel Contest of Champions	Star Wars: Galaxy of Heroes	
11	Candy Crush Soda Saga	Clash Royale	Clash of Kings	
12	Super Mario Run	Minecraft: Pocket Edition	Dragon Ball Z Dokkan Battle	
13	Toy Blast	Jackpot Party Casino	Madden NFL Mobile	
14	Slotomania	GSN Casino	Slotomania	
15	Episode	Big Fish Casino	8 Ball Pool	
16	Summoners War	Slotomania HD	Toy Blast	
17	Star Wars: Galaxy of Heroes	Toy Blast	Heart of Vegas Slots	
18	Minecraft: Pocket Edition	Madden NFL Mobile	House of Fun Slots	
19	House of Fun Slots	Gummy Drop	Gardenscapes	
20	ROBLOX	Slotomania	Minecraft: Pocket Edition	
21	DoubleDown Casino	Bingo Blitz	ROBLOX	
22	Big Fish Casino	Hay Day	Walking Dead: Road to Survival	
23	Heart of Vegas Slots	Gardenscapes	DoubleDown Casino	
24	World Series of Poker	Bingo Bash	Lords Mobile	
25	NBA Live Mobile Basketball	Wizard of Oz Slots	Jackpot Party Casino	

[Source: AppAnnie]

The Tabletizing of Social Casino

Top Grossing Apps - February 2015

Rank	iPhone	iPad
1	Clash of Clans	Clash of Clans
2	Game of War	Game of War
3	Candy Crush Saga	DoubleDown Casino
4	Boom Beach	Candy Crush Saga
5	Big Fish Casino	Candy Crush Soda Saga
6	DoubleDown Casino	Big Fish Casino
7	Slotomania	Hay Day
8	Heroes Charge	Boom Beach
9	Hay Day	GSN Casino
10	Farm Heroes Saga	Bingo Bash

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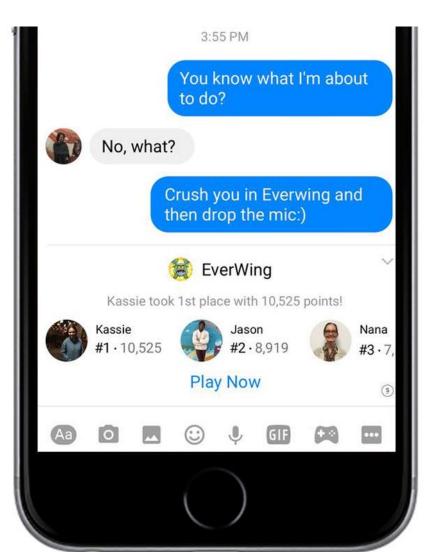
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China's Shopping Spree



Instant Games: Just Add Water



← Games

YOUR GAMES



Arkanoid You played last with 220 points You're #1 with 5,150 points

MORE GAMES



Endless Lake 2,000 players play Action Game



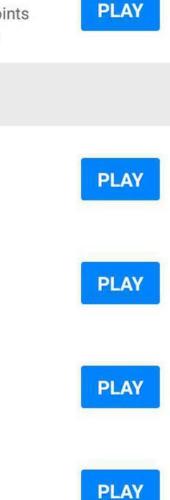
Hex FRVR Puzzle Game



EverWing Action Game



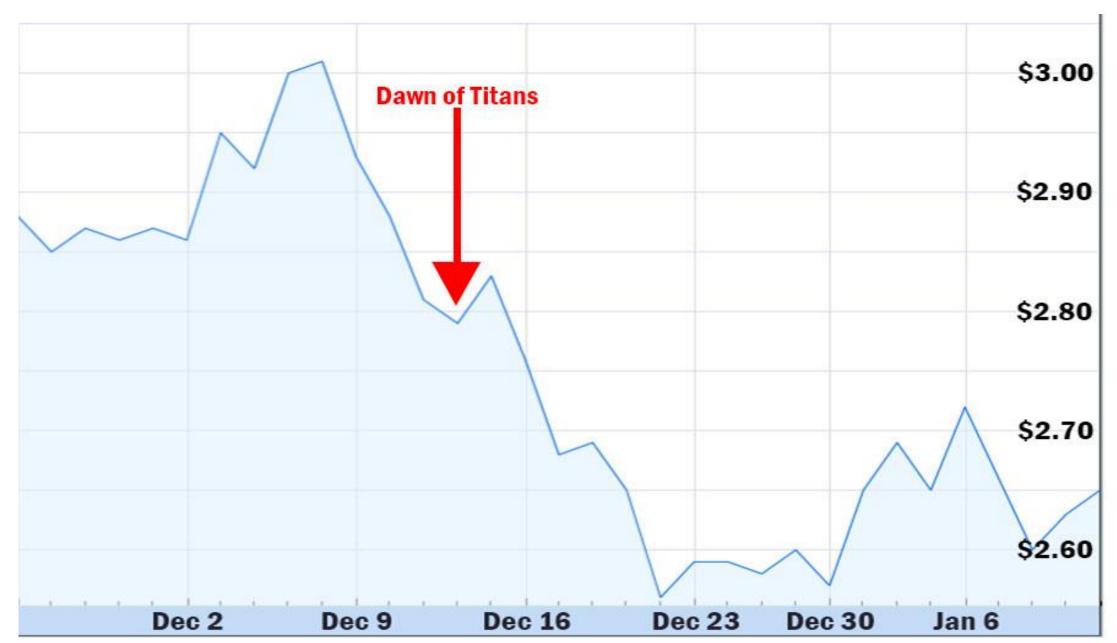
2020 Connect Puzzle Game



Dawn of Dawn



Dawn of Dawn



Midcore Mobile Name Generator

Army of Heroes Blaze of Battle Castle Crush **Clash of Empire** Clash of Queens: Dragons Rise Forge of Empires Heroes Arena Heroes Clash: Castle of Clans Heroes Evolved Heroes of Chaos Heroes of Incredible Tales Heroes of 3 Kingdoms Kingdoms at War: Strategy Reborn League of War: Mercenaries Legendary: Game of Heroes Lords & Castles

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OF THE YEAR

"HEROES"



1. From Russia with High ARPDAU





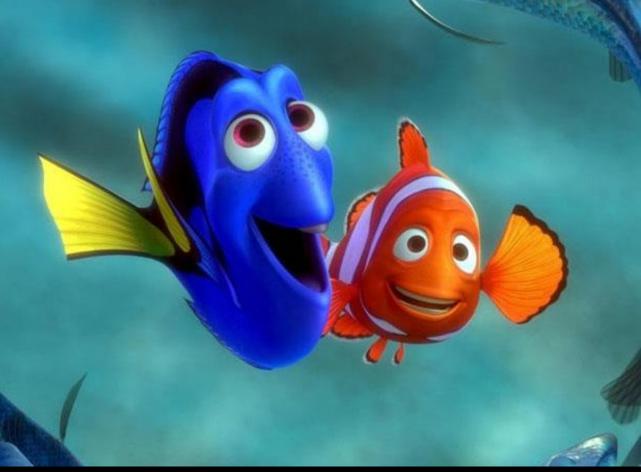


















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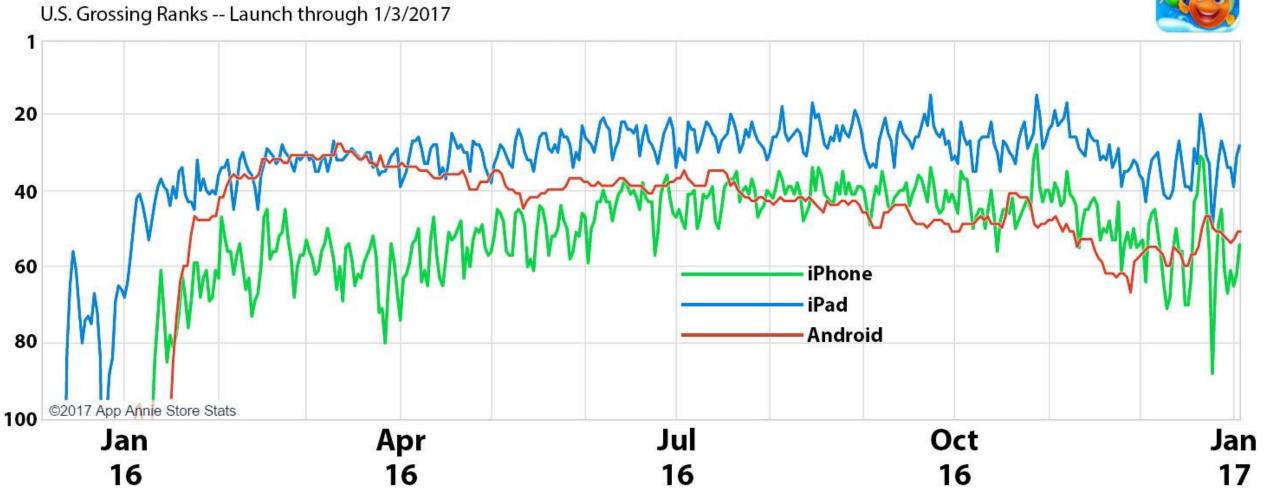






You were incredible opening all those crates! It was an honor to watch you play!

Fishdom



[source: AppAnnie]









It's been a habit of mine since I was little — I have morning, noon, and even nighttime exercise routines.









Look at this treehouse! It's even better than I imagined, Robbie.

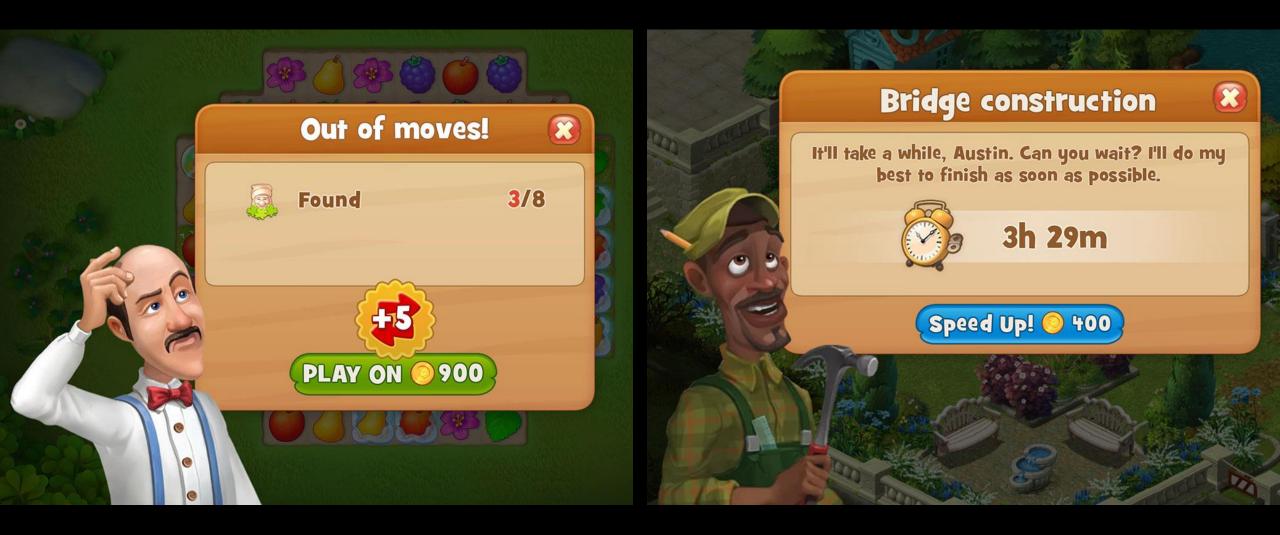












Gardenscapes: New Acres

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U.S. Grossing Ranks -- Launch through 1/3/2017



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[source: AppAnnie]

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When it comes down to it...







- Better at:
- Explicit linear progress
- Social proof



Better at:

- Sense of ownership
- Narrative

Lessons

- Other ways to show progress in a level-based puzzle game
- There is still room for innovation in this arena
- A little bit of innovation goes a long way

2. The Rise and Fall...and Rise of a Royale Empire



Key Innovations

- Real-time synchronous PvP on mobile
- RPG-style card leveling metagame in a strategy game
- Enhanced casual clans



Rank History



IPhone - United States - Feb 6, 2016 - Feb 4, 2017





5 Reasons Why You Want to Quit Clash Royale



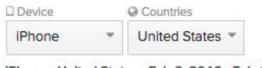


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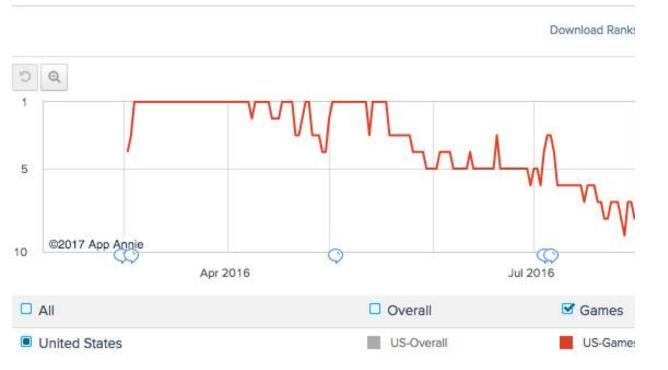
- Very stale metagame
- Progress grinding to a halt
- Frustrating Ultra-Rare Cards



Rank History















Double Elixir Challenge!











Six New Cards! CLASHROYALEARENA.COM





Cards to be Found



Not found



Battle Ram Challenge!





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Lessons

- Even a great game can fade from poor live ops
- Great live ops can turn around a game
- Strong, enticing user communication
- Great execution can outstrip massive innovation

3. The Bad Boyfriend Game











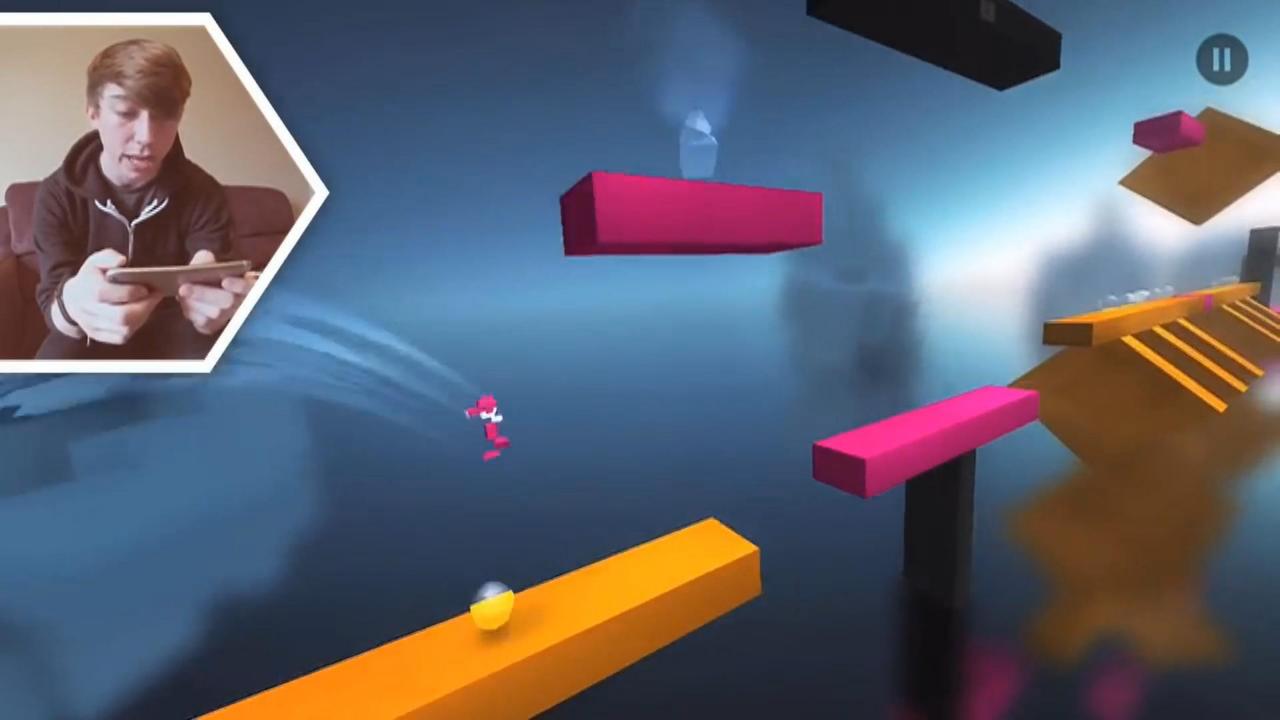


Is there a bad boyfriend game?

CHAMELEON RUN







Apple Design Awards



TouchArcade Rating





Chameleon Run Noodlecake Studios Inc.



POCKETGOMER



Chameleon Run - If it's this much fun being a lizard, signment



Harry Slater | 8 April 2016

A fresh and exciting take on the autorunner, Chameleon Run is an awful lot of gorgeous fun



About our scores >>

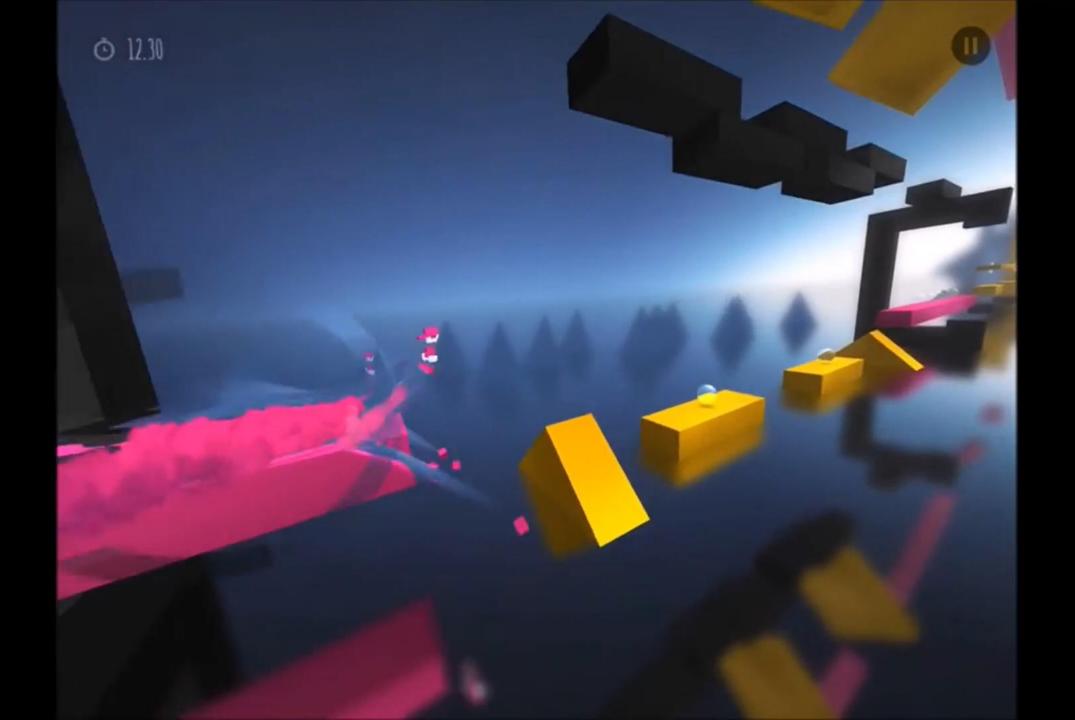
GGAMEZEBO

#1 in Game Reviews, Walkthroughs and Tips



What makes it work? Let's dissect it

Non stop adrenaline



It was right there! The angle of the camera helps The color swap mechanic is challenging and satisfying.

Conclusion

- Casual games can be very difficult, and successful, if the mechanic is clear and simple.
- Games can treat you really badly, if the sex is really really good.

4. Casual Sports ... Is It a Thing?

YAHOO! GAMES

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Gamecube	Go Fish (63)		first U.S. releases in
Nintendo 64			the developing
PS One	🚜 Board Games —		genre of dancing
Playstation 2	Backgammon (1015) Checkers (414)	<u>Dots</u> (41) <u>Go</u> (398)	simulations. Gameplay
<u>Xbox</u>	Chinese Checkers (69)	Naval Command [™] (78)	follows the basic design
	<u>Chess</u> (2937)	Reversi (164)	common to most music
			and rhythm
	Other Games		
	<u>Bingo</u> (209)	MahJong (281)	ProductPic Super Smash
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	<u>Yahoo! Graffiti</u> (396) №₩! Literati™ (1830)	<u>Yahoo! Towers</u> (198) Word Racer™(264)	popular predecessor
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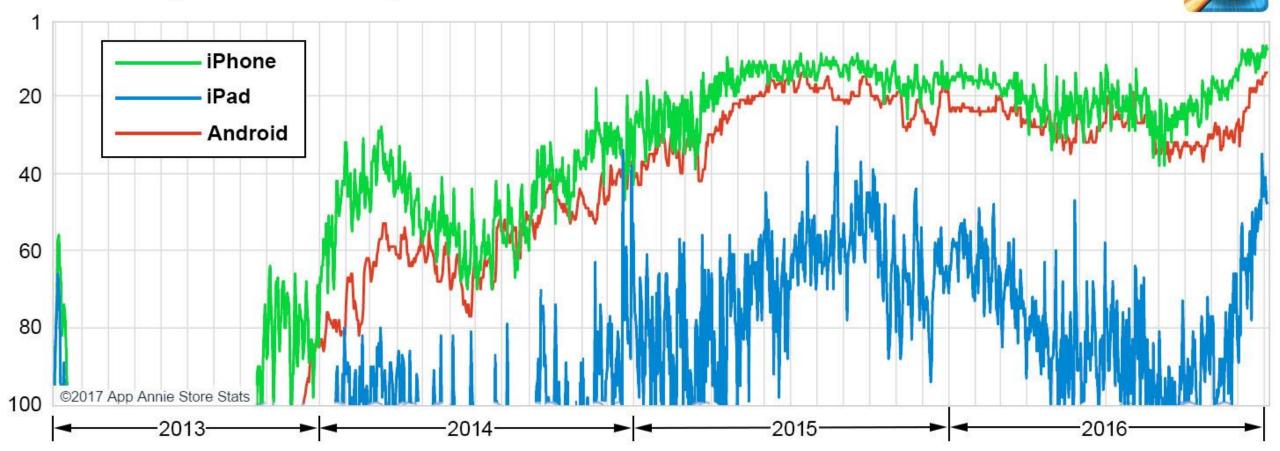
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8-Ball Pool (Mini-Clip)

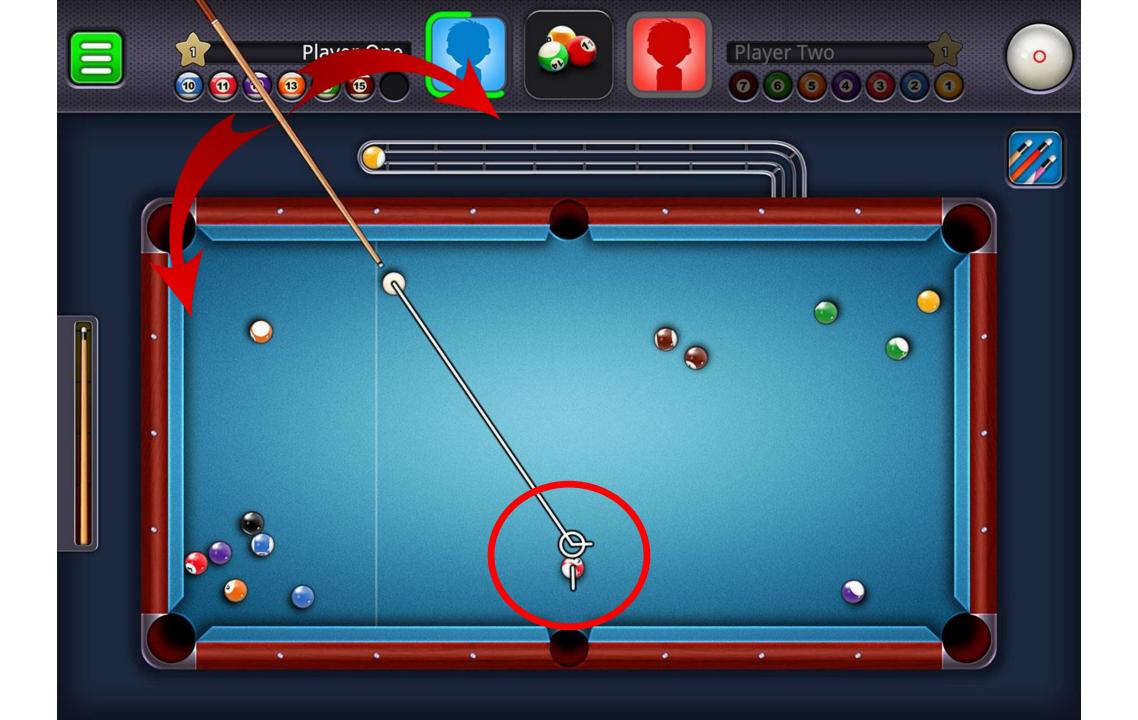
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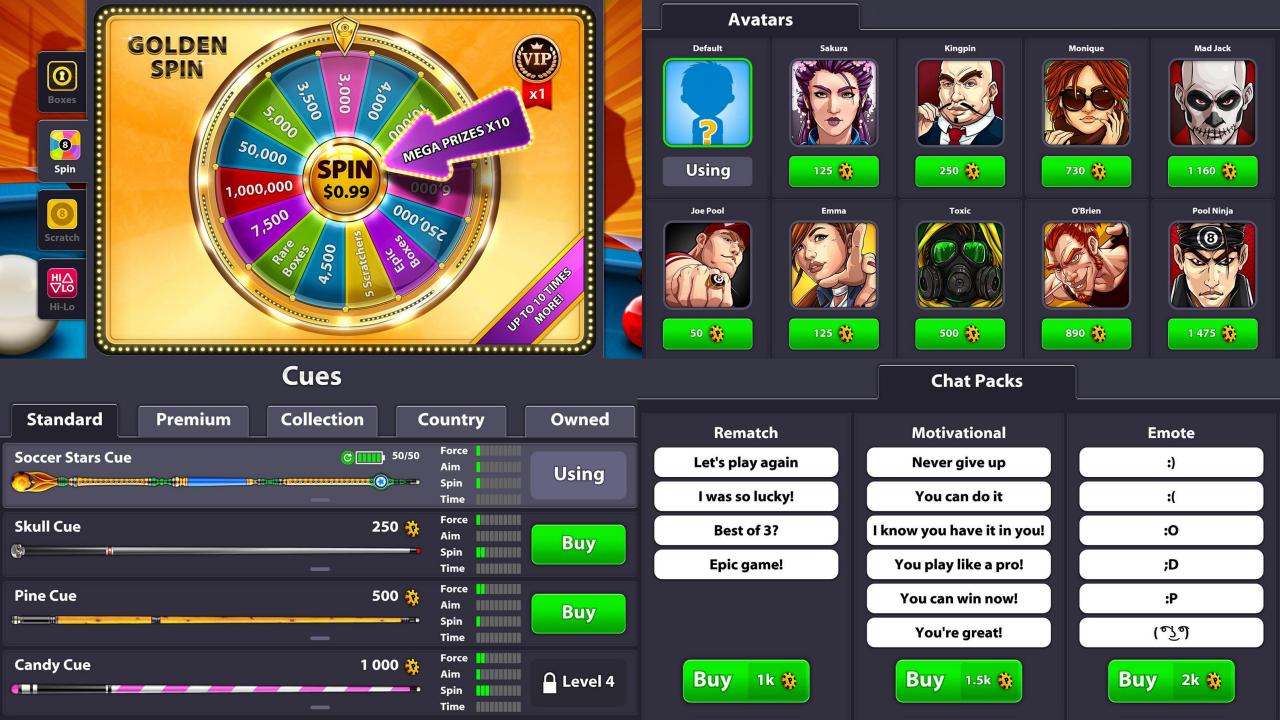
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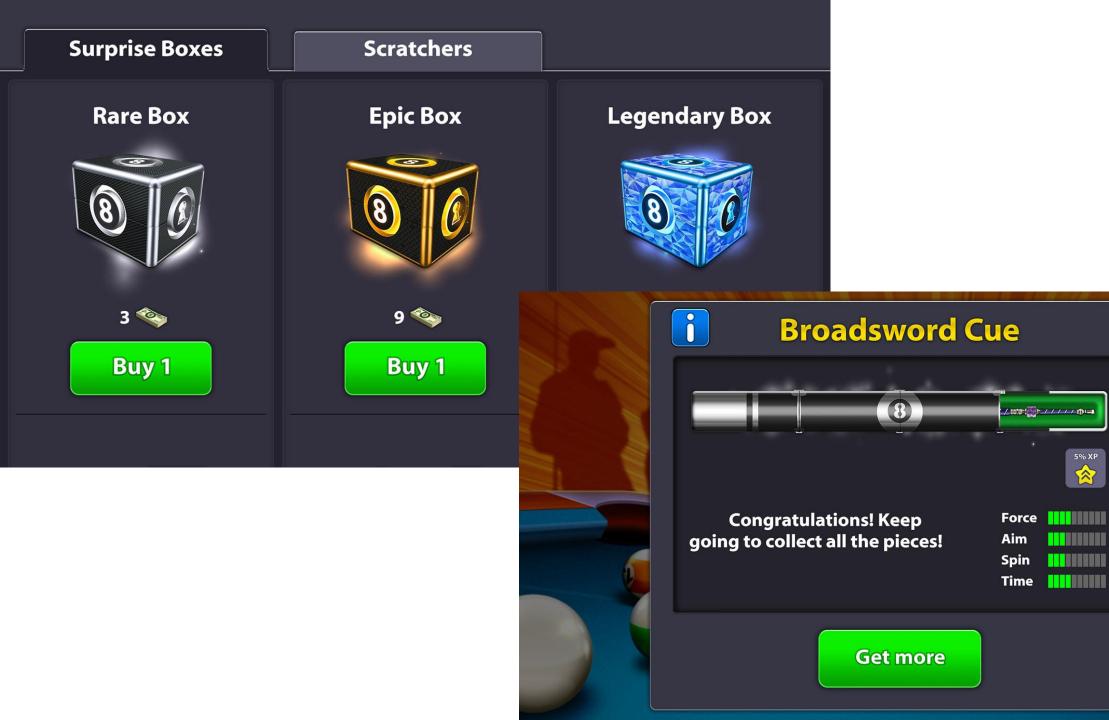












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8 Ball Pool Composition Security Google Play

Free on Mobile!





Go to **8BALLPOOL.COM** from your mobile to get the game and **1000** FREE pool coins.



8 Ball Pool: Loading 12%

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Bowling King June 2014

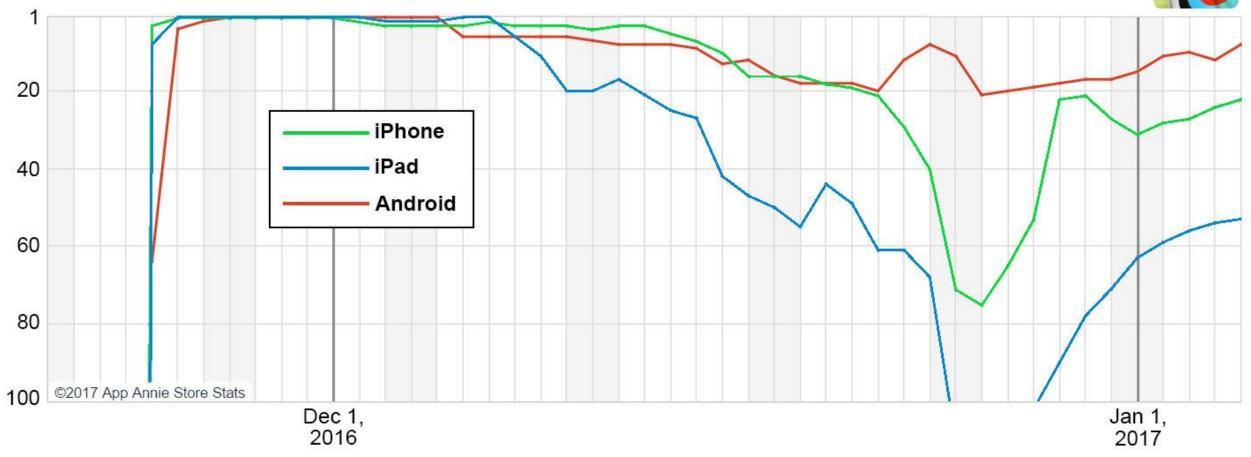


Archery King November 2016



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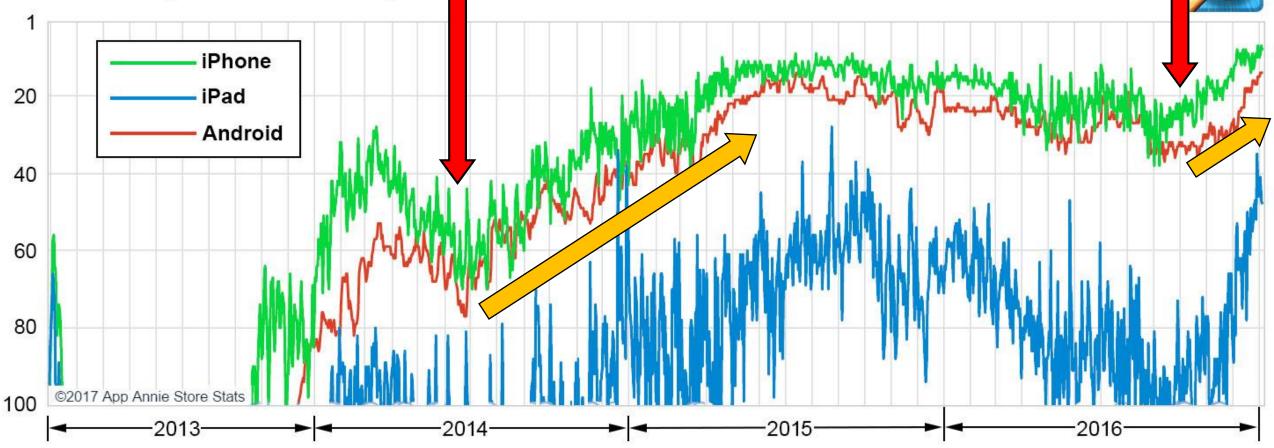
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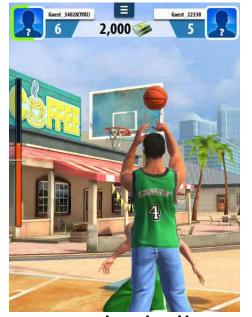
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Skateboarding



Basketball



Dirt Bike Racing



Urban Car Racing



Cliff Diving



Lessons

- Success may not come overnight ... especially with more generic, unbranded offerings
- Offer many ways for your premier players to pay
- Creating a network of games appealing to a similar demographic offers powerful cross-sell opportunities

5. NintenDo's and Don't's









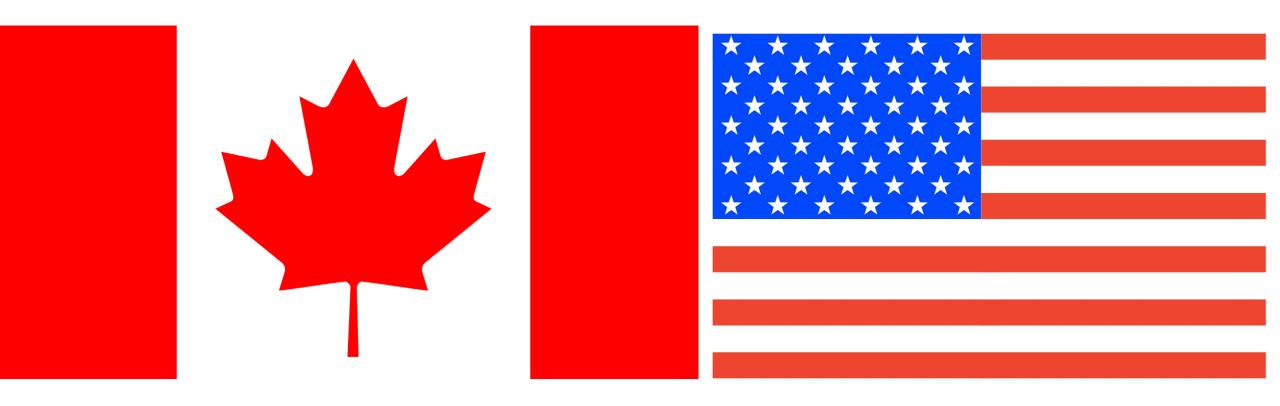




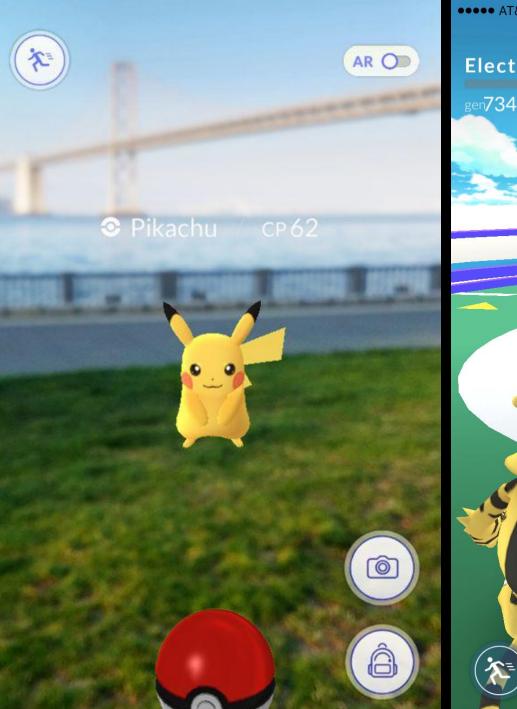


















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Pokémon GO Has Grossed \$1 Billion Worldwide Since Launch

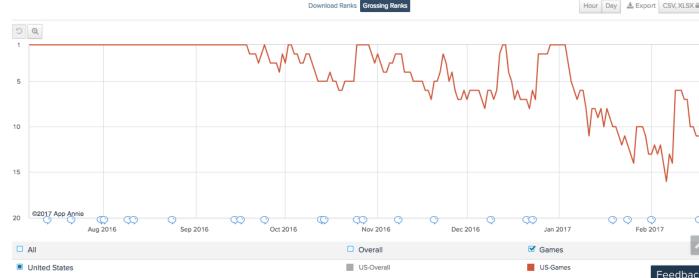
Pokémon GO Games **Rank History** Ocumenter Countries United States iPhone - United States - Jul 7, 2016 - Feb 18, 2017

Device

iPhone

View app franchise Open in IOS Store 🖉

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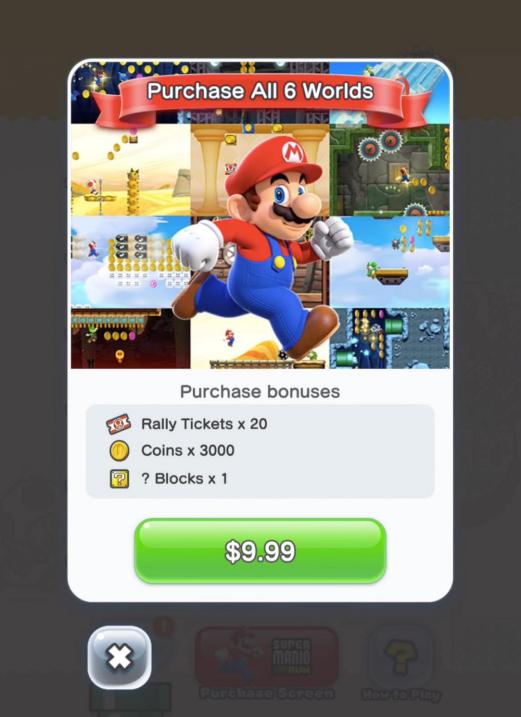


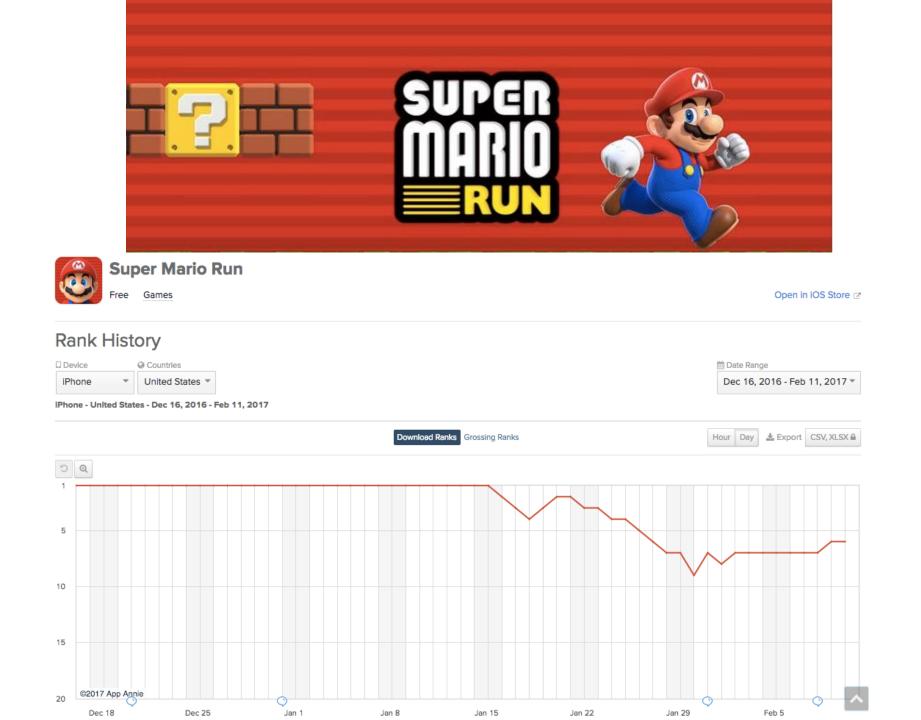
Feedback













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Rank History















Notifications from Nintendo



Grand Hero Battle: Narcian Active: 2/9/17 at 11:00 p.m. to 2/13/17 at 10:59 p.m.

A Grand Hero Battle is now available in Special Maps! Clear this extremely challenging map to convince Narcian: Wyvern General to join you as an ally!

Important Information:

Misc

• If the battle is started prior to the end of the

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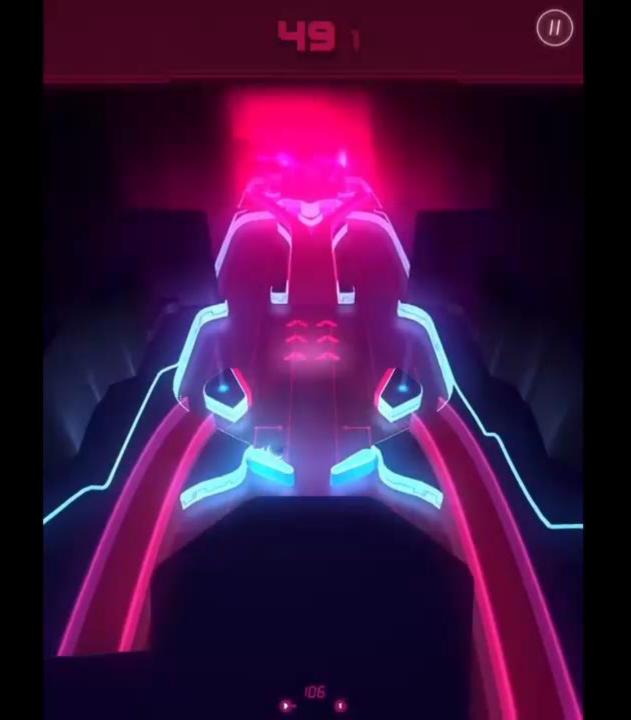


Lessons

- Classic gaming brands have pull especially for downloads
- Can overcome resistance to novel gameplay
- No love for try and buy
- Monetization strength trumps brand

6. Notable Designs 2016

Pinball Evolution

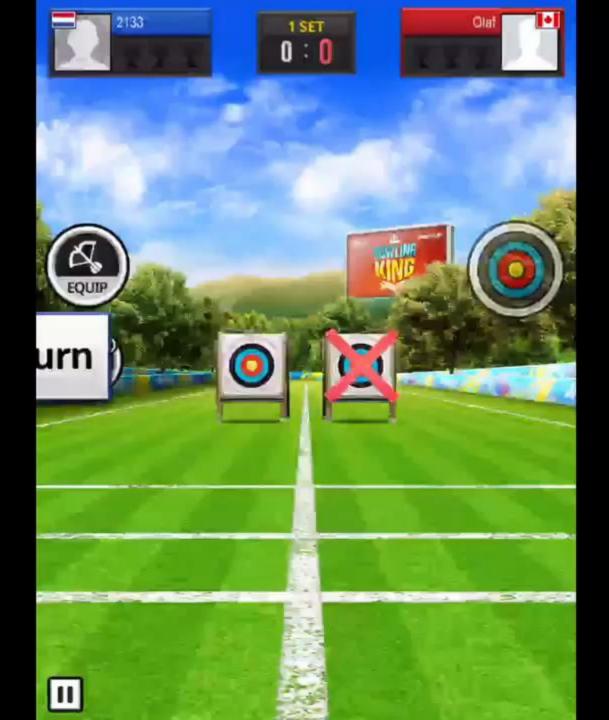




Not So Idle Game



Hold And Release



Thanks for listening!

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Questions?

