

# Round 10 - Silence Before the Storm

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## Adam

### Music

- [Ryan8bit - My Knife Vs the World - Rush 'n Attack \(Dwelling of Duels Apr 2012\)](#)
- [urdailywater, XPRTNovice - Lost in Time - Chrono Trigger \(OCReMix\)](#)

## AtW

### WWDC 2014

- New 'Swift' programming language; advancement over Objective C, to be included in next Xcode (already avail. to registered developers)
- New 'Metal' GPU API; supposedly 'closer to hardware', but baked for A7 architecture only
- Replacement for OpenGL/ES? Brand new, no current traction...not surprising; but, will require driver support for AMD/nVidia cards; great, another 'standard', we'll see how far it goes
- Overall reaction on most topics (from Twitter) is slightly north of neutral

### Briefs

- New Crytek , CryEngine-based FPS - 'Homefront: The Revolution'
- Mozilla open-sources 'PlayCanvas' Javascript/HTML5 game engine
- Microsoft finally releases Windows drivers for Xbone controller (wired only, no dongle on the horizon)
- Kinect 2 PC dev kit? May be coming June 15, \$199 (preorder)
- Steam updates 'Early Access' FAQ to remind people that those games might not get finished, ever - 'buy if you like the game as-is, not what it will supposedly be'
- 'Floating Point' - new game from makers of 'Gunpoint' - available on Steam; for free (proc-gen-endless-runner-grapple)
- Auctioning of world's largest game collection ongoing; 11k+ games, currently at \$50k ([http://www.gamegavel.com/item.cgi?show\\_item=958029](http://www.gamegavel.com/item.cgi?show_item=958029))

## Personal Gaming

- TowerFall Ascension (Quest for Semi-Glory, PC)

- Minecraft (PC)
- Cobalt (PC)

## Ad-hoc Design

- Top-down (U/D) or top-down (L/R) racer
- Adjust track itself to move car, rather than moving car itself
- Move strip in front of car to 'turn'
- Move strip moving with car to boost/brake
- Slingshot strips to boost, knock off course
- Slingshot up/down to do small jumps, avoid hazards
- 'Push' track down to bank through sharp turns, or counter-act opponent moving track
- Slingshot / move obstacles to put them into path of opponents
- Can shove car directly if off-course (sides of track, turned around, etc)
- Only one person can move a section of track at a time, very brief (< 0.25 sec) control each time
- Cooldowns on adjustments ('turns' have separate cooldowns from 'boost', 'jump', etc)

## Shane

### Music

- [Chickenwarlord - Razz Jacklabbit - Jazz Jackrabbit 2 \(PRC 188\)](#)
- [Jenova Project - Final Fantasy Acoustic - Final Fantasy \(Dwelling of Duels Mar 2005\)](#)

## Topics

### Nintendo releases first DS game for the Wii U Virtual Console

- *Brain Age*
- Japan-only for now
- Available for \*free\*
- Obviously utilizes both screens

### Wii U "Deluxe Money" promotion live

- eShop purchases accrue points that can be redeemed for \$5 increments of eShop money
- 500 points = \$5
- Promotion slated to run through mid-2015
- Only available on Deluxe models of the Wii U
- Account queries can be made here: <https://p.nintendo.net/deluxe/>

### Sony releases *Uncharted 3* to US PSN account holders for free

- Game released via digital distribution for free via PSN
- PS Plus membership *not* required
- Unsure of when the promotion ends, but it can be obtained from either the in-console store or via the Sony website at:

[https://store.sonyentertainmentnetwork.com/#!/en-us/games/uncharted-3-drake's-deception-single-player/cid=UP9000-BCUS98233\\_00-UNCHARTED3FREESP](https://store.sonyentertainmentnetwork.com/#!/en-us/games/uncharted-3-drake's-deception-single-player/cid=UP9000-BCUS98233_00-UNCHARTED3FREESP)

**Twitch plays... FINAL FANTASY VI**

- <http://www.twitch.tv/twitchcrowdplay>
- No, I'm not kidding

**Nintendo president Satoru Iwata will *not* be attending E3**

- Health reasons cited, but Nintendo declined to comment further
- Iwata will maintain his position and involvement at Nintendo of Japan during this time
- Will still be involved in E3 presentations remotely

**Microsoft confirms removing Kinect from XBone results in 10% GPU performance increase**

**Personal gaming**

- *Pathfinder* (tabletop RPG)
- *Mario Kart 8* (Wii U)
- *Cockroach Poker* (tabletop cardgame)
- *Betrayal at House on the Hill* (tabletop boardgame)

**Ad-hoc design**

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