

WEIRDING GAMES

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FUCK VIDEOGAMES

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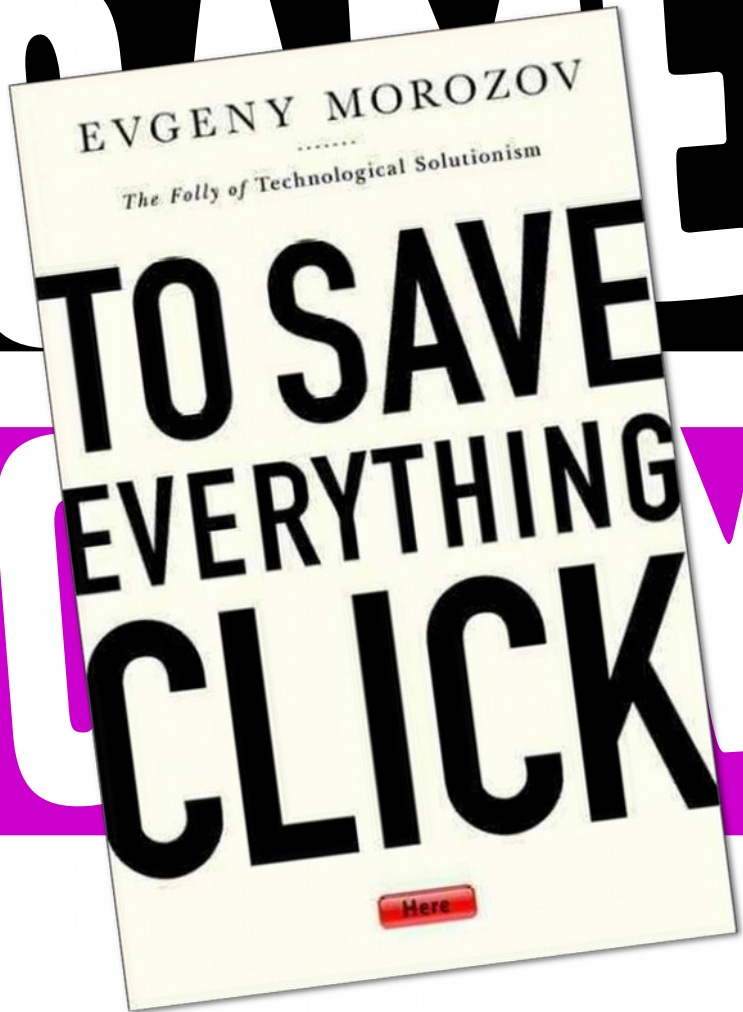
<http://tinysubversions.com/fuckvideogames>

VIDEO GAME

SOLUTIONISM

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SOLUTIONS



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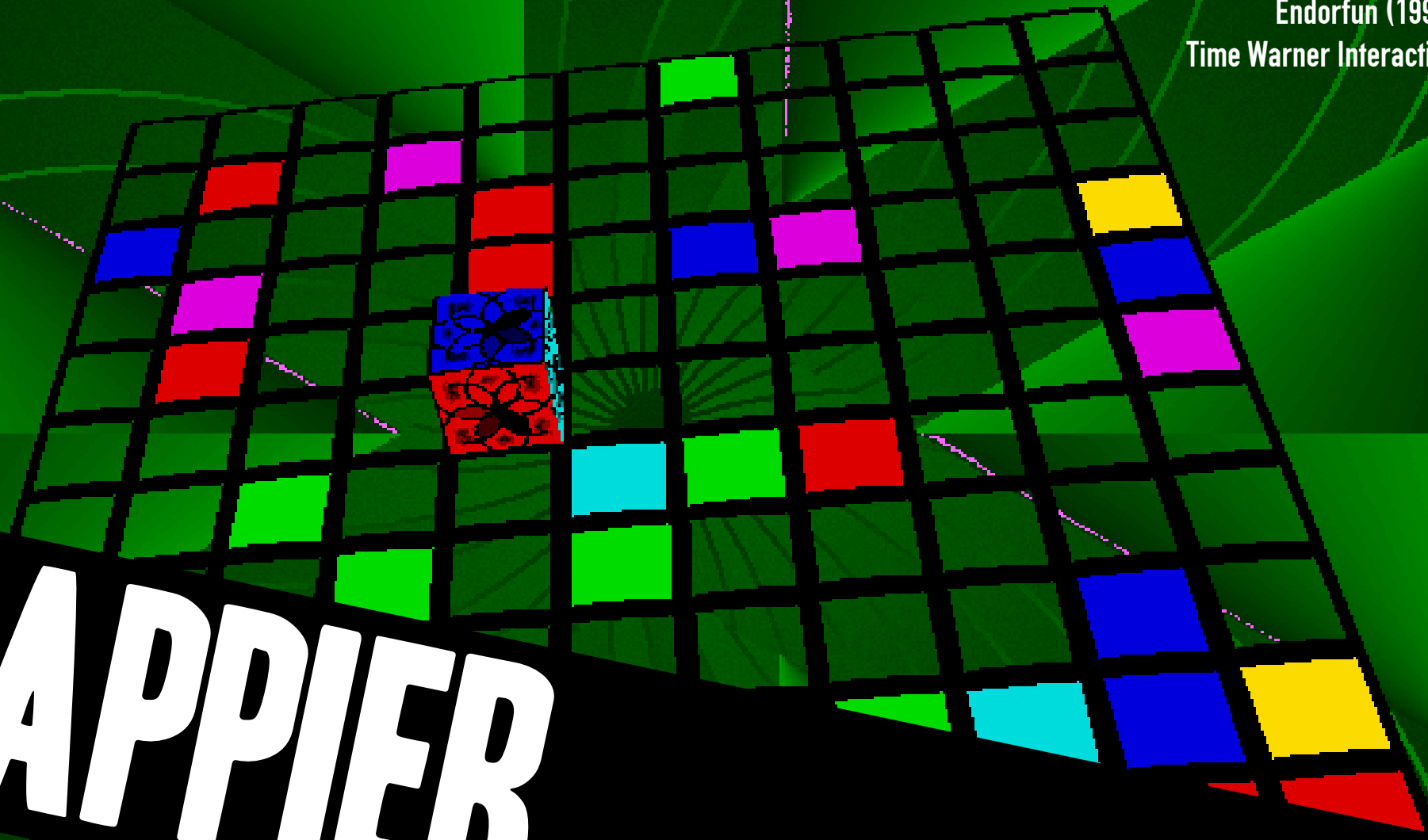


FITTER

Wii Fit Plus (2009)
Nintendo

Endorfun (1995)
Time Warner Interactive

HAPPIER



Chore Wars

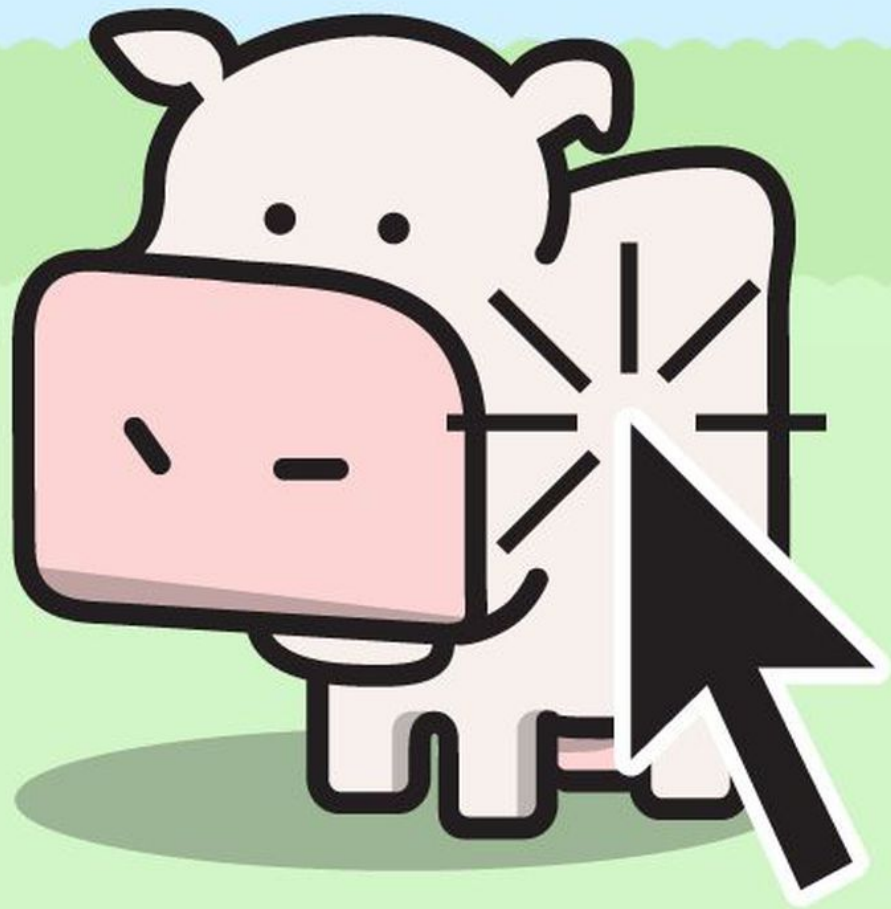


Finally, you can claim experience points for housework.

Recruit a party of adventurers from your household or office, and whenever one of you completes a chore, you can log it and claim XP.

[Find out more.](#)

MORE PRODUCTIVE



Cow Clicker (2010)
Ian Bogost

**“THE SOCIO-TECHNICAL
MANIFESTATION OF LATE
CAPITALISM, EXPLOITED TO
KEEP THE MASSES CALM”**

Light, Powell & Shklovski (2017) – Design for Existential Crisis in the Anthropocene Age
ACM Communities & Technology

Games Against Health: A Player-Centered Design Philosophy

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Abstract

This paper announces the "Games Against Health" (GAH) research agenda, a criticism of, and response to, the cultural imperialism of the "Games for Health" paradigm. Committed to player-centric design ethics, GAH seeks to dismantle the "games for health" myth as neo-liberal elitist diktat. We acknowledge the values, tastes and pleasures of billions of game players worldwide. We argue that game designers should engage more efficiently in the disimprovement of player health and wellbeing in order to cater to those players' existing preferences. We hope the paper can serve as a convenient reference for those designing psychotic, sociopathic or antisocial games.

Author Keywords

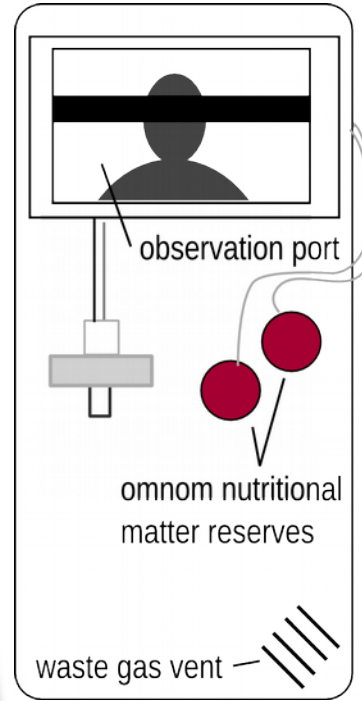
Game; Play; Eat; Sit; Still

ACM Classification Keywords

H.5.m. Information interfaces and presentation (e.g., HCI): Miscellaneous.

Introduction

The Games Against Health (GAH) movement has been inspired by the recent trend in HCI to study and design games for health-related behaviour change. Despite the high number of diverse studies carried out in order to design games and game elements in health contexts,





CALL OF DUTY
ADVANCED WARFARE



FUEL UP FOR BATTLE



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PROBLEMISM

affirmative

problem solving

design as process

provides answers

in the service of industry

for how the world is

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change the world to suit us

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problem finding

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asks questions

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for how the world

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applications
design for production
fun
concept design
consumer
user
training
makes us buy
innovation
ergonomics

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design as medium
asks questions
in the service of society
for how the world could be
social fiction
parallel worlds
functional fictions
change us to suit the world
narratives of consumption
applied art
research through design
implications
design for debate
satire
conceptual design
citizen
person
education
makes us think
provocation
rhetoric

**“LIVES ARE MEDIATED BY
ASSUMPTIONS, VALUES,
IDEOLOGIES AND BEHAVIOURAL
NORMS INSCRIBED IN DESIGNS”**

Bardzell & Bardzell (2013)
What is Critical about Critical Design?, ACM CHI

I Wanna Deliver a Shark... (2012)
Ai Hasegawa



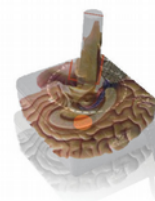
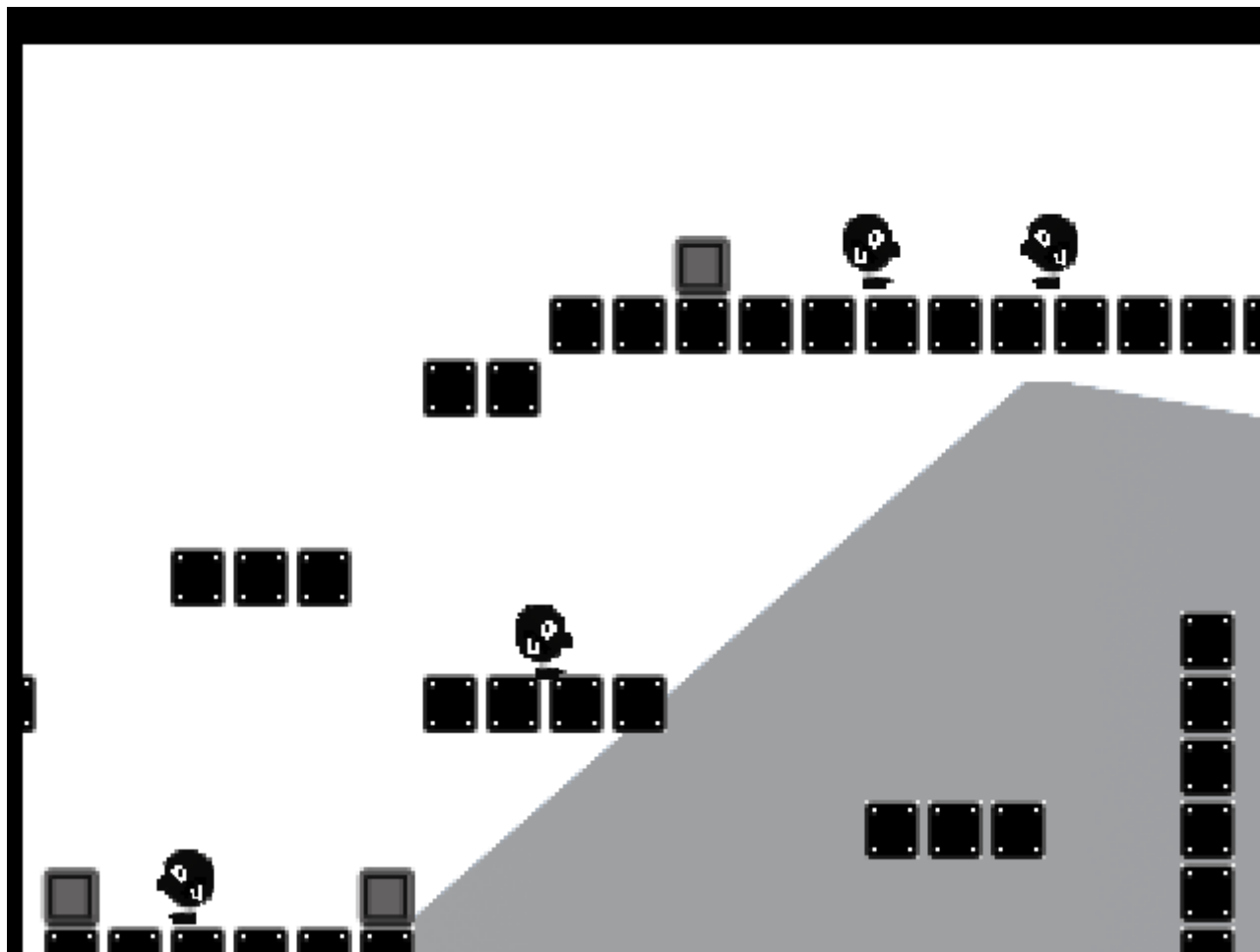
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The Republic of Privacy / Sniffer Dog Authentication
(2013) Soomi Park

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Critical Gameplay

criticalgameplay.com

Black/White [1985] (2009)
Lindsay Grace



The Tearroom
(2017) Robert Yang

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Dwarf Fortress (2006)
Tarn & Zach Adams

CONSENTACLE

A COLLABORATIVE CARD GAME OF TRUST, INTIMACY & COMMUNICATION FOR TWO PLAYERS: HUMAN x ALIEN



Consentacle (2017)
Naomi Clark



A Machine to See With (2010) Blast Theory

WEAPONISING

WEIRDNESS

**“TO FREE ITSELF, IT WILL HAVE TO PASS
OVER TO THE OTHER SIDE - THERE WHERE
TERRITORIES TREMBLE, WHERE THE
STRUCTURES COLLAPSE, WHERE THE
ETHOSES GET MIXED UP...”**

Gilles Deleuze (1998)
Essays Critical and Clinical

離港 Departures







CROSS HEATH vs. AMBERGATE

Misty at Windsor Bridge

Wearing: Scarf

Eating: Offal Burger

Drinking: Warm Lager

Bringing: Mardy Nephew

Go to Match

CHAMPIONS CENTRAL LEAGUE

	W	L	D	PTS
CHAPEL OLYMPIC	4	0	3	15
MELTON	4	1	2	14
HORSFORTH	4	2	1	13
HEXHAM BOROUGH	3	2	2	11
ALSAGER TOWN	2	3	2	8
CROSS HEATH	1	2	4	7
HADLEIGH ALBION	1	3	3	6
WROXETER	1	3	3	6
BURSCOUGH	0	1	6	6
WHEATLEY HARRIERS	0	2	5	5
SHIRDLEY HILL	0	3	4	4
SAFFRON OLYMPIC	0	3	4	4

Next Match



<http://non-league.football>



**Greetings, Human.
I'm GetLostBot!**

**I'm a free service that challenges you
to break your routine and explore new
places.**

[Donald B](#) has just been challenged to try somewhere different than [Burger King](#)

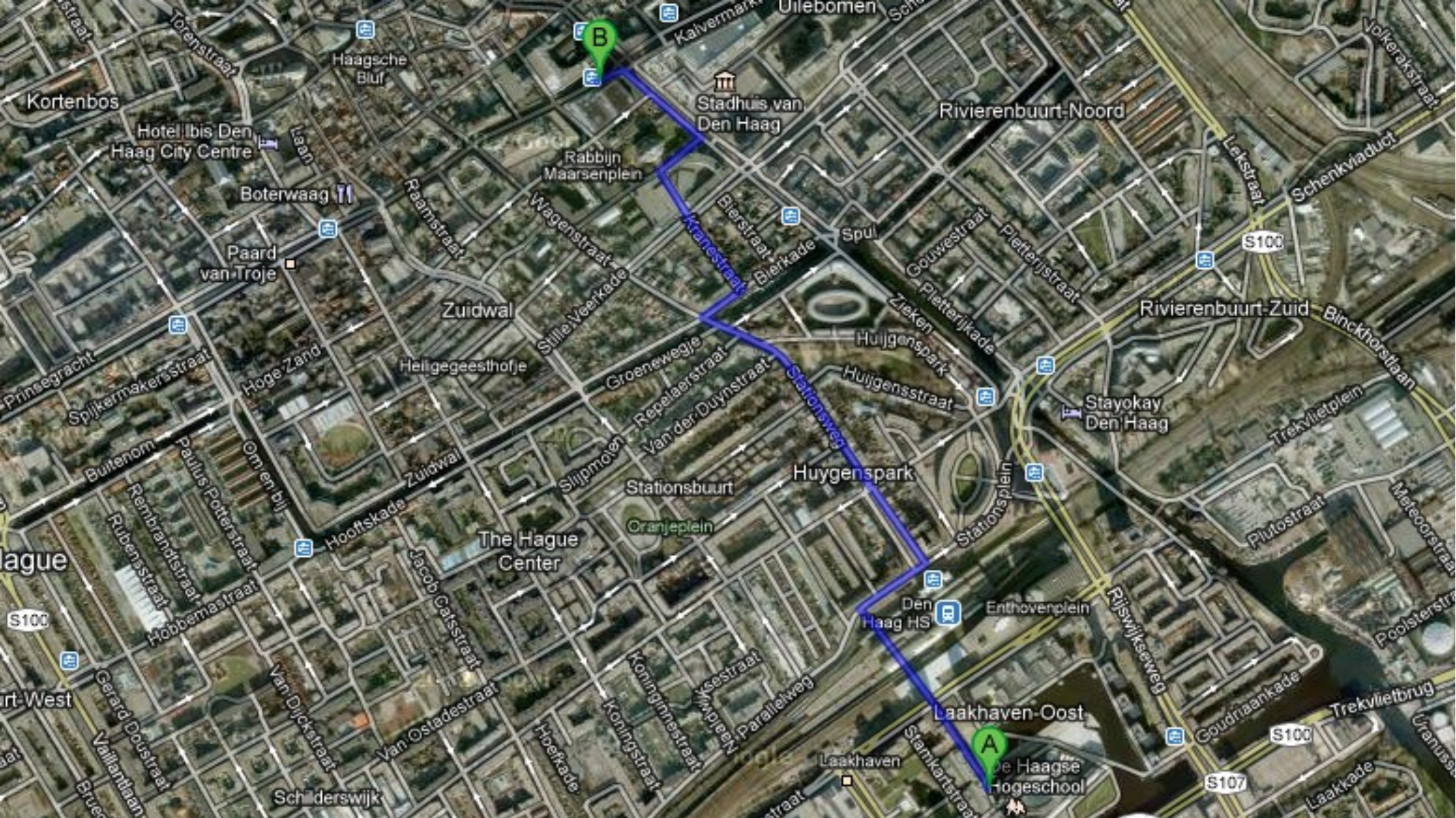
[Dan A](#) has just been challenged to try somewhere different than [Walmart Supercenter](#)

Once you sign up, GetLostBot will quietly keep an eye on the places you visit. If it feels that you are going to the same places too often, it will send you a challenge.

When this happens, you will receive a message with some mysterious walking directions. Follow these to discover a place nearby that you have never been to before!

Who knows, maybe you will find your new favourite place! After all, if we never venture into the unknown, how do we get anywhere new?

To start receiving challenges, you need to be a Foursquare user and authorize GetLostBot by



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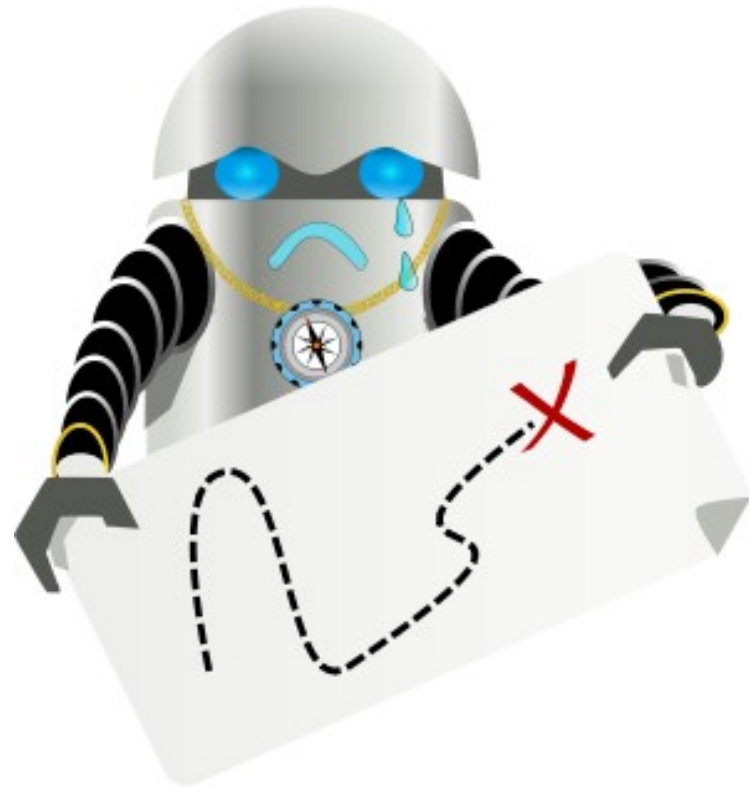
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They hated it.



"I work in a hotel and GetLostBot keeps suggesting I go to the pub instead"



"I check in to my church every Sunday, and GetLostBot told me to try the Mosque"



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