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Thread: [What habits or interests did you develop over the pandemic times?](#)

Seasoning - March 10, 2022, 12:50 pm

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Luffy_- - March 10, 2022, 1:17 pm

I think i spent more time on coding, projects...

Komodo - March 10, 2022, 2:15 pm

I learned to cook. When we couldn't go out to eat I figured it was time I learned to make more than basic shit.

Mizari - March 11, 2022, 12:19 am

Sounds like it was a lot of ups and downs for you but I'm glad it seemed to cumulate into something positive.

bk randy - March 11, 2022, 1:08 am
tldr

but domaining, and I started learning how to build using Wordpress.

Little project;
<https://selldomains.io/>

Eran - March 11, 2022, 2:12 am

Nothing really. My creativity remained the same. I was in a bad place mentally when the pandemic started, but I got back on my feet quite soon and I just continued doing my thing.

Sly Cooper - March 11, 2022, 9:35 pm

I regained my love for making music by starting to learn piano and production with Ableton. Started writing stories again as well. Also worked on my chess game.

dragonfireys - March 12, 2022, 12:25 am

i found the love of my life and we got married during that hard time

Vitani's Mate - March 12, 2022, 1:37 am

When I had no work because of Covid. All I did was sleep and play video games. lol

?OMEGA? - March 12, 2022, 3:11 pm

I've decided to become a self taught web developer. (Front-End)

HEISENPUG - March 12, 2022, 6:13 pm

Eating alot which is not a good habit

Bluffer - March 12, 2022, 9:45 pm

An addiction to cod warzone. Getting over that slowly nowadays.

BL4CK98 - March 17, 2022, 6:20 pm

I think i spent more time playing games then doing anything. XD

1nvest - March 18, 2022, 2:20 am

I easily spend twice the time at my desk now. No complaints though, lot's of time to reflect and work on building my business. I also got some time to learn more about Forex and Crypto trading.

I-I - March 19, 2022, 10:26 pm

I started growing plants lol, useful ones and not so useful ones. I have like 20 pineapple plants now and a lot of succulents

Praetorian92 - March 22, 2022, 1:31 pm

Laziness for sure! I just hate it. I need to start working out again soon, but I am lacking the discipline right now.

hotwheels52 - March 23, 2022, 11:24 am

I took up self-reflection. Very often now I take time to consider how to right my wrongs and improve as a person. I'd like to reach self-actualization someday.

Jhonnycash779 - March 23, 2022, 1:47 pm

making money from home and wake up at 11 am

SSS11 - March 23, 2022, 4:28 pm

Developed a strong habit for ketamine... heh

canine - March 24, 2022, 2:11 am

got some world of warcraft achievements it was pretty sick to be honest

peperita - March 24, 2022, 5:32 am

Re-discovered my love from videogames mostly. I began to play my childhood games again and I also tried the new ones.

Kinda missing that period of doing nothing ahh

SIM-5172666 - March 24, 2022, 6:42 am

I started reading books and spending more time at my work setup. No complaints other than I gained few pounds during this period. I am planning to start workout very soon.

Nullusia - March 24, 2022, 9:07 am

Literally how to play FPS, I spammed warzone and went from mediocre to above average!

blackrose_x0x0 - March 24, 2022, 9:13 am

I got into lifting weights pretty seriously at the beginning of the pandemic. Put together a little home gym with the essentials and that became my life for a while. I've been slacking the past 6 months or so, but I am glad I got into it when I did in 2020. Before then I had fallen out of shape pretty bad and felt like garbage on a daily basis.

Deany - March 24, 2022, 9:27 am

Gambling 100% lol. Before I wouldn't even care or think about touching it, now I play sports book every day...

Mac Miller - April 18, 2022, 9:03 am

I actually learned how to make soup. I make a mean chicken soup now.

DashPHP - April 18, 2022, 12:35 pm

I honestly just cut off a lot of my friends and kept up my work-rate.

2xTheTap115 - April 18, 2022, 12:36 pm

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Right, it was a very demanding time for all of us.

I myself decided to use it to catch up in other spheres of life.

I did not set myself specific goals, but simply tried to do things that interest me, curious and motivate me to expand my knowledge on various topics and those for which I usually did not have time.

At that time, I also devoted a lot to my relationship with my relatives.

I could spend hours on Skype talking to my aunt who lives in England or my cousin who is probably on the other side of the globe right now.

I think it helped me to improve my relationship with my extended family, at least a little.