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Thread: [Who else remembers Flappy Bird?](#)

Cooligan - October 30, 2022, 12:55 pm

edit: If you're wanting to play Flappy Bird in 2022, you easily can using this site here:
<https://flappybird.io/>

Does anyone else remember Flappy Bird?

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I still remember the infamous tweet:

Supposedly he thought it was genuinely too addicting for teens and that wasn't his intention behind the app whatsoever. I guess it was more so meant for a relaxation thing here and there for an hour or two maybe, not what it quickly became. He's even quoted in an interview with Forbes saying:

Quote:"Flappy Bird was designed to play in a few minutes when you are relaxed. But it happened to become an addictive product. I think it has become a problem. To solve that problem, it's best to take down Flappy Bird. It's gone forever." - Dong Nguyen

Crazy that he gave up the potential for that app and the money he could've made from it. Genuinely wholesome and respectable decision right there.

skull - October 30, 2022, 12:59 pm

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Fkn - October 30, 2022, 1:11 pm

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TB12GOAT - October 30, 2022, 1:11 pm

He must have been making bank with it, not sure if I would have pulled it.

SecureOp - October 30, 2022, 1:12 pm

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Pentatonix - October 30, 2022, 1:27 pm

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Oh hell yeah, as soon as he announced it in that tweet I'm sure they started working on remakes right then and there.

But yeah huge respect for the guy, that's a huge loss to take over the right moral decision.

(Oct 30, 2022 01:11 PM)Fkn Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I remember a few people committing suicide because of this game. That's why he took it down I guess

Wait really?? This actually sounds familiar now that you say it but holy shit, never remembered it got to that extent.

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Bro I remember seeing some phones going for around \$1200 - \$1300+ on eBay and other online marketplaces at the time. Shit was insane. Really made me want to sell my phone but I had way too much stuff on it I didn't want to lose and I didn't trust cloud services whatsoever at the time so I refused to back it up that way.

u8898731 - October 30, 2022, 1:50 pm

Damn that was back in 2013? How crazy lol...

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SpiritualDose - October 30, 2022, 2:04 pm

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lol I do remember that game. What a steal they made you're right man

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(Oct 30, 2022 03:52 PM)House? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Yeh ridiculous profit - they all believe the hype. They were interesting times indeed.

Deany - October 30, 2022, 3:56 pm

I remember when people were buying old devices with it installed just to play this thing.

Riggs - October 30, 2022, 3:57 pm

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I mean yeah this sounds about right I guess if you think about it.

It reminds me if you think about how little we cherish things like the internet connection letting us talk right now. If it went out for one of us in the middle of posting we'd be upset and it'd be "you don't know what you have until it's gone" type of moments cause of how little your connection will typically go down like that.

Seaking - October 31, 2022, 6:09 am

Ah yes flappy bird. It was pretty popular and then it disappeared. People were selling phones with it installed for a huge markup, hell people were even jailbreaking phones and installing it to re-sell. It was an "ok" game and I was super confused about the hype around it.

mickeh - October 31, 2022, 6:35 am

Yeah i remember this game, i remember hearing someone killed there brother because he beat hes high score but it turned out to be a hoax, the crazy part is people paying stupid money for an iphone 4 just because it has flappy bird on it

Jinu - October 31, 2022, 7:00 am

I have heard of it but I never played it. When it was famous, it was so hyped.

MarvinMalware - October 31, 2022, 12:16 pm

God yes I remember this, I also remember how many people were selling phones on eBay that had the game preinstalled for hundreds and thousands of dollars. I remember downloading it and getting so mad I deleted it practically instantly.

blackrose_x0x0 - October 31, 2022, 12:31 pm

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DeepWeb - October 31, 2022, 12:36 pm

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Bluffer - October 31, 2022, 7:18 pm

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TB12GOAT - October 31, 2022, 10:06 pm

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jcole - October 31, 2022, 10:07 pm

(Oct 31, 2022 10:06 PM)TB12GOAT Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You missed out! The game was very addicting. Possibly why I never wanted to play it. :)

????? - November 1, 2022, 9:32 pm

I got pretty deep into the stupid tapping game while I was in middle school.

Nate - November 1, 2022, 11:17 pm

I actually enjoyed that game a bit when I was in middle school

CynicalViper - November 5, 2022, 6:40 am

Dude used to play that as a kid, never failed to make me happy

Yanix - November 5, 2022, 7:17 am

I've once spend a lot of time playing this game in the past. This game is pretty cool and addicting lol

Yin Yang - November 5, 2022, 7:22 am

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Cooligan - November 6, 2022, 1:37 am

(Oct 31, 2022 12:07 AM)Animal Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) <https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=4059033> <http://flappydownloader.tk/> has been offline for ages now I'm pretty sure.

They're not even hosted by anything anymore. If you run a /ping test on the domain it comes back with no data or packets.

(Oct 31, 2022 12:18 PM)-Scrub Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I remember all the copy cat games that followed it also lol

It honestly started a really popular trend to follow ngl

(Oct 31, 2022 12:31 PM)blackrosex0x0 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I loved flappy bird, that game was addicting.

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Could be done on the Google Play Store pretty easily.

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My favorite mobile game when I was younger was Temple Run by far.

(Oct 31, 2022 07:24 PM)TB12GOAT Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I remember checking my old iPhone 6 to see if I still had it installed ? I wanted that \$\$
Man I had it installed on my iPhone 4S but I ended up trading it in for a Samsung Galaxy S3 at the time lol.

Fat ol'e RIP

(Oct 31, 2022 09:43 PM)vegetajgd Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) This exact thing. He stuck to what he believed in even though he could have made a killing. Very difficult decision to take indeed.
I genuinely don't think (at least most people) would do something like that in today's market. Money has always been everything but it's even more of a focus in 2022 compared to 2013.

(Nov 5, 2022 07:22 AM)Yin Yang Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) The creator made so much \$ off ads
Did he really? I didn't think he had made much off the app tbh since that wasn't one of his initial reasons for creating the app whatsoever supposedly.

(Oct 31, 2022 09:48 PM)jcole Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I remember the app, but personally never played it myself.

Have no fear, you can still play the original app in your browser:

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Functions exactly the same too.

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Unfortunately, I don't. It was a bit broken anyways so it wouldn't hurt to do it all over again but I'm thinking "Hacky Bird" with Stanley instead of the flappy bird.

PxPxPx - November 8, 2022, 12:43 pm

This app literally sparked the huge amount of new developers and companies which started to make quick simple games for ad revenue

Ravensshadow - November 8, 2022, 8:12 pm

I remember, I also recall how big it was too

2xTheTap115 - November 8, 2022, 8:28 pm

Oh yes, I just remembered how many phone I killed by this hellish game?

Richest. - November 9, 2022, 5:12 am

Oh man, I do remember this very well.

I got very angry at the game very often. I quit the game not long after. My mom got pissed at me

when I got angry playing games lol.

I even remember hearing the news that people committed suicide because they couldn't reach their high scores..

This game was wild.

TheRyan - November 13, 2022, 7:34 am

Still have it on an old iphone stored away! lol

netmanHF - November 19, 2022, 4:55 am

Lol, you have no idea how much time I spent on that game...happy memories :)