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Thread: [Buy a console or a gaming chair?](#)

Maxie - February 11, 2023, 2:37 am

I played a lot in younger years, mostly on PC (aside from a GBA, a NDS, a PS2 and a Switch). I now feel myself watching tv more often than playing games - which I think mostly is because of the ease of use; you just start a show and you're done.

I have a PC with a decent GPU (GeForce RTX 2060) and a somewhat big monitor, but I mostly find myself unhappy with the experience - and I have a hard time pinpointing why that is. I end up playing games for a while but rarely finishing them. I played some on Stadia while it was running and ended up finishing AC Odyssey, but not a lot more than that - I recently moved and had to change from Ethernet to WiFi and the move kind of ruined the experience (and then of course, the whole thing with Stadia shutting down).

I have a history of putting most of my hours into MMORPGs, but I kind of don't enjoy them anymore, aside from having RuneScape 3 running while I'm doing other things, for a passive income of endorphins.

I bought Elden Ring when it released and it was a great game. I finished a few bosses but then I put it down and never picked it back up again. I also put some hours into World of Warcraft (both Dragonflight and Classic WotLK) and ended up feeling that it was way to repetetive.

I think that there is a few reasons related to this:

I don't really have a gaming chair (I have a regular chair!)

I work at a computer all day and it feels somewhat off-putting to come home from work and sit in front of a different computer

So I am considering buying an Xbox Series S (or X, but I am not sure I can justify it) so that I can play games from the couch instead.

Pros:

- + Can game from the couch
- + My GF (who lives with me) can also play games
- + Gaming on a TV feels more immersive
- + Game Pass might allow me to make a half-assed comittment

Cons:

- Steam Library gets lost (have to rebuy games if I want to)
- Not sure if it will fill the void
- Cannot gain passive endorphins from RuneScape while gaming from couch
- Somewhat expensive

Another alternative is to buy a gaming chair and overall try to raise the gaming experience I already

have access to.

Pros:

- + Get to keep steam library
- + Cheaper

Cons:

- Gaming chairs/Office chairs look atrocious
- Might not actually solve the problem
- My PC is likely going to be outdated before the Series X

A third alternative is to move the PC to the living room (without screens) and run SteamOS on it.

Pros:

- + Cheapest
- + Gets to keep steam library

Cons:

- Will likely have to wipe the current OS
- Mouse & Keyboard gaming might get awkward at the living room table (but can likely buy a wireless pair, but the living room table is somewhat small)
- Cannot gain passive endorphins from RuneScape while gaming from couch

Until further notice I will attempt the SteamOS version as it's very easily reversible as a demo. Might buy a Xbox if I see that I like the experience more.

jcole - February 11, 2023, 2:45 am

I played Runescape my entire life and loved it.. Still do. I also played console games my entire life, but after about sixteen I was a full time PC gamer. I just turned twenty six a little over a week ago and have a console, but never play it. I also had the WORST chair you could think of for about the last three years. I recently just got a new chair one that is actually considered "gaming". Versus all the computer chairs I found in the trash that the neighbors threw away for years! I'm a real cheapskate. For \$400 I got one of the nicest chairs I've ever had. It's better for my back I can recline it, change the way my arm rests turn, and raise them up and down. There are tons of pros to having a good chair, but you also have other extenuating circumstances. A console might be better so you end up spending more time with your significant other? I personally don't have the same situation as you so I would pick the chair every time given the option.

Aera - February 11, 2023, 4:20 am

Unless you make money from it, such as streaming or creating content for YouTube, I'd go with the console if you can play with your girlfriend.

continentbender - February 11, 2023, 9:03 am

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Seaking - February 11, 2023, 12:13 pm

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It'll be about the same price as the xbox but you get emulated games and steam games anywhere. You can also purchase a dock for it and play anything on the TV (this is what I've been doing with the new harry potter game).

jcole - February 11, 2023, 12:24 pm

(Feb 11, 2023 10:03 AM)continentbender Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I think best option here is to stop playing Runescape

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continentbender - February 11, 2023, 3:09 pm

(Feb 11, 2023 01:24 PM)jcole Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'm sure OP will find this to be great advice!

It's a joke in case you're unable to get social cues!

Zexo - February 11, 2023, 3:33 pm

Get a used herman miller aeron on craigslist. 100% better than a gaming chair and it will actually last.

Mei Slickzy - February 11, 2023, 4:01 pm

"Gaming Chair" is overrated, better buy ergonomic chair it's way way better and comfortable.

Maxie - February 12, 2023, 2:19 am

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I did consider this, but ended up feeling like the hardware was a bit too much of a compromise and considering that I have Switch which lives in docked mode, I did not feel the need for it to be portable.

Bought an Xbox. Really happy with the decision, playing Fable 2 which I've been wanting to play for ages. Feels good to have made a decision.

Herbert - February 12, 2023, 8:29 am

A comfortable chair does make it more tolerable, I have recently sold my chair to help pay with some costs, and half of the time I don't feel like being on the computer. My suggestion would be to upgrade your chair. If the Herman Miller Aeron is out of your price range, I heard good things about Secretlab.

Your best option would be streaming it through Chromecast onto your TV. If that's not an option, you could always move your setup to the living room and back. If you want to connect a controller, you can do so with a cable or through a Bluetooth dongle. Alternatively you can control your computer with remote access apps like Parsec or TeamViewer so that you don't have to move your M&KB with you.

*There could be issues with the wireless range for both streaming and Bluetooth if you plan on going with Chromecast.

Smexy - February 12, 2023, 8:34 am

Good chair helps good gamers to perform even better.
Sometimes I forget i'm even in my chair.