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Thread: [08/11 - never forget "THEY GLOW IN THE DARK"](#)

Bastille - August 3, 2023, 2:20 pm

If you see this thread, this is a bump from 2024, Terry Davis left us 6 years ago, let's keep this thread alive to never forget him, or to make people be aware that he existed.

It's 08-11, Terry Davis left us in 2018
I recently discovered Terry Davis, too late unfortunately as he left us almost 5 years ago (registered on HF 1 month after) but early enough this year to honour his memory the 08-11.

08-11 will be friday, I'll be at home and alone, only with my computer and probably a pack of beer, and I'm gonna download and dive into TempleOS.

For those who don't know who was Terry and what is TempleOS there are two great videos that cover them. I don't know that much about programming, and I wouldn't be able to translate how difficult the task was for only 1 man so I rather prefer to share these videos :

??TEMPLEOS EXPLAINED IN 100 SECONDS
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[Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h7gf5M04hdg>]
TempleOS | Down the Rabbit Hole (if you didn't watch this yet, you definitely should)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCgoxQCf5Jg&t=1s> (video cannot be read through HF as it's 18+)

Spoiler ([Click to View](#)) I like this video of Terry ... someone on HF had a gif of this video in his signature, don't remember who ...
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uy67z84kkck>

Do you know any programmer/hacker that was out of this world like him ? Do you have any anecdote about Terry ? Did you know him ? Have you ever tried TempleOS ? What are your thoughts about him ?

Would be glade to talk about him a little if some of you are interested

Mr. Robot - August 3, 2023, 3:19 pm

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A10247 - August 3, 2023, 4:32 pm

I remember this, yeah this guy is a trip. Unfortunately highly intelligent people seem more susceptible to mental illness from my experience.

That being said the dude created some really cool stuff. RIP

flyingduck - August 27, 2023, 6:20 am

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WebArt - August 27, 2023, 6:44 am

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Bastille - August 27, 2023, 11:02 am

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i just looked into howto-video's and some people using it and i was confused af. to be fair i just started a few months ago with terminal based os's like linux.

i'm not a native speaker either, but it just fuels my ambition to go even crazier at tasks. remember, things are either a curse or a blessing - depending on how you look at stuff.

i'll definitely will join the efforts to bump it from time to time. who know's, maybe we spark the perfect Terry Davis one day :)

Bastille - August 10, 2024, 11:18 pm

2024 BUMP

Bumping this thread because it has been 1 year already ... Terry Davis left us 6 years ago.

Tonight, like every 8/11 nights of the rest of my life, I'll buy some beers, sit in front of my computer and explore TempleOS in memory of Terry. If some of you want to discuss about him feel free, I hope that this year more people will discover him through this thread.

[Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ism2ZwqcQSQ>]

Bastille - December 19, 2025, 5:22 pm

Missed it in August 2025, sorry Terry, see you in August 2026

Terry A. Davis - December 19, 2025, 5:52 pm

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Where the fuck is terry. That's gonna be the new saying.