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Monday, October 31, 2011

### #18: Idle Thumbs

this year.

## Idle Thumbs.



Chris Remo  
Nick Breckon  
Jake Rodkin



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Idle Thumbs casts its pod into your face with hilarious talk about video gaming. Of Idle Thumbs, IGN.com purportedly noted "it's so good it'll rupture your ear drums and blow you into the ionosphere." Riffing on both the legitimate and ridiculous sides of the video game industry, Chris Remo, Nick Breckon, and Jake Rodkin provided commentary that, if not wonderfully bizarre, was always intelligent.

Remo, Breckon, and Rodkin muse about console exclusivity, malevolent miners on Mars, and the Citizen Kane of video games. What is Gordon Freeman really like? What would a *Shadow of the Colossus* movie be like? Video games come alive, computers make horrific noises, fanboys whine and wizards of various qualities enter our realm. And there is no greater joy in our world than rolling a grenade down a hill in *Far Cry 2*.

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#100: ???

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**The Adam Carolla Show**  
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Mar 2006; Apr 2006;  
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Jul 2006; Aug 2006;  
Sep 2006; Oct 2006;  
Nov 2006; Dec 2006

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2006

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## Timestamps

### Games

0:18:30 – *Call of Juarez*  
 0:34:00 – MMO experiences  
 0:54:00 – *LittleBigPlanet*  
 1:06:00 – *Flower*  
 1:27:30 – *Crysis Warhead*  
 1:34:00 – *Total War* series  
 1:46:30 – *Red Faction Guerilla*

### News

2:10:30 – *Shadow of the Colossus* movie  
 2:30:30 – *Tekken 6* goes multiplatform  
 3:16:00 – *Dragon Age: Origins*  
 3:30:00 – *Killzone 2* is a perfect video game  
 3:58:00 – *Mass Effect 2* trailer

### Emails

4:32:30 – The character of Gordon Freeman  
 4:41:30 – Game developers don't play video games  
 4:50:30 – Cutscenes in *Metal Gear Solid*  
 4:59:30 – A dream about J Allard  
 5:10:00 – Console fanboys  
 5:17:30 – The end of Idle Thumbs  
 5:31:00 – Outtakes

## Notes

The Idle Thumbs show was a production of Idle Thumbs. All clips in this episode are the property of that party. The percentage of the original show in this episode is 7% (5hrs 56min/81hrs 00min). You can access the timestamp notes here.

## Songs

Waitomo – Calexico  
 Space Asshole (Live at PAX 2010) – Chris Remo  
 The Fanboy's Lament – Chris Remo  
 A Letter to Edge – Chris Remo  
 Sincerely, These Nuts – Chris Remo  
 The Ballad of John Riccitiello – Chris Remo  
 The Wizard – Chris Remo  
 Space Asshole – Chris Remo



### Chris Remo

Chris Remo started in the industry as a writer, founding Idle Thumbs in 2004 and working for Adventure Gamers. He wrote professionally for Shacknews where he eventually became Editor-in-Chief, before moving on to Gamasutra. Remo was hired by Irrational Games in 2010, serving as a community manager.

### Nick Breckon

Nick Breckon is a community manager for Bethesda Softworks. He previously wrote for Shacknews. His shift to development in late 2009 led to the dissolution of the Idle Thumbs podcast.

### Jake Rodkin

After doing some writing across a number of online publications, Jake Rodkin joined Telltale Games. He served as a content designer and a community manager.

2006; 2007; 2008

### Giant Bombcast

2008; 2009; 2010; 2011; 2012; Ryan Davis Memorial; 2013; 2014

### Good Grief

Full run

### Hang Up and Listen

2013

### The HotSpot

2005; 2006; 2007; Top 40

### Idle Thumbs

Original run

### Left, Right & Center

2011; 2012

### Loveline

Q1 2000; Q2 2000; Q3 2000; Q4 2000; Q1 2001; Q2 2001; Q3 2001; Q4 2001; Q1 2002; Q2 2002

### Oddcast

2009

### On the Media

2001; 2011; 2012; 2013

### The Penn Jillette

#### Radio Show

Q1 2006

### Planet Money

401 to 450; 451 to 500

### Political Gabfest

2011; 2012; 2013

### Retronauts

2007; 2008

### Security Now

2005-2006; 2007; 2014

### The Skeptics' Guide to the Universe

2005; 2006; 2007; 2011; 2012; 2013

### Studio 360

2012; 2013

### This American Life

1 to 25; 26 to 50; 51 to 75; 76 to 100; 101 to 125

### Too Beautiful to Live

Q1 2008; Q2 2008; Q3 2008; Q1 2011; Q2 2011; Q3 2011; Q4 2011

### Uhh Yeah Dude

2006; 2007; 2008; 2012; 2013; 2014

### Wait Wait... Don't Tell Me!

2011

### The Why Factor

2012

That aint no caravella....looks like a creepo - Anonymous

Best podcast. - Anonymous

My favorite show on the site besides Daves of Thun... - Anonymous

I always liked when Shirley Phelps called in. He a... - Anonymous

That should read &quot;full Gabfest archive,&quo... - This Year

**Guests**



Steve Gaynor

**Special guests**



Chris Kohler

**Witness**  
2013

**Sampler**  
2011; 2012; 2013



Tags: 2009, Chris Remo, Gaming, Idle Thumbs, Jake Rodkin, Nick Breckon

**12 comments:**

**Eric** October 31, 2011 at 2:25 PM

Wow this is beyond amazing. I have many times thought to do something like this for Idle Thumbs but this is waaaay better than anything I would've come up with.

Reply

**Al\_Ninio** October 31, 2011 at 6:04 PM

I miss you, Idle Thumbs.

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**ajr82** October 31, 2011 at 6:53 PM

Man, I was in the middle of doing the same thing! Guess you beat me to it : (

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**ace** October 31, 2011 at 8:54 PM

thank you for doing this!!!

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**Anonymous** November 1, 2011 at 6:12 AM

video games

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**Anonymous** November 1, 2011 at 7:26 AM

goldgame wizard horsebag baboo ... video games

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**Anonymous** November 1, 2011 at 12:27 PM

I did one of these for Far Cry 2 discussion. It was eight hours when I gave up..

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**Jake** November 2, 2011 at 12:55 AM

BioShock/BioShock 2/Double Fine designer JP Lebreton was also a guest on one of the included episodes.

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**Videogames** November 2, 2011 at 7:20 PM

VIDEO GA-AMES

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**Anonymous** November 4, 2011 at 2:12 AM

Also, Sean Vanaman was the one telling that Far Cry 2 story at the end.

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**This Year** November 4, 2011 at 4:44 PM

Thank you -- we had missed Vanaman before; his image will be added to the post shortly.

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**A wizard** November 9, 2011 at 11:19 PM

Chris "Boost" Remo  
"Fuck" Nick Breckon  
Jake "Video Games" Rodkin

Steve "Hot Scoops" Gaynor  
Sean "Famous" Vanaman

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