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Subject: GH: WT

Posted by [Altzan](#) on Wed, 30 Dec 2009 23:53:50 GMT

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I don' think this thread'll go very far but who knows...

Does anyone play Guitar Hero: World Tour for the Wii?

I'd like to get some Band's codes on there since the matchmaking mode is unreliable and slow.

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Subject: Re: GH: WT

Posted by [luv2pb](#) on Thu, 31 Dec 2009 07:18:02 GMT

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I do but I'm not sure what you are asking for tbh.

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Subject: Re: GH: WT

Posted by [Dover](#) on Thu, 31 Dec 2009 21:17:31 GMT

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Subject: Re: GH: WT

Posted by [nope.avi](#) on Thu, 31 Dec 2009 22:33:40 GMT

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yeah, GH is way better anyways.

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Posted by [Altzan](#) on Fri, 01 Jan 2010 00:20:27 GMT

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Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Fri, 01 Jan 2010 17:12:18 GMT

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Dover wrote on Thu, 31 December 2009 16:17 People still play any of the Guitar Heroes after Rock Band came out?

Yes because Guitar Hero is much better than Rock Band. They may look the same on the surface but there is a world of in game options available in Guitar Hero that are annoyingly absent in Rock Band 2.

I don't have WT for Wii, I only have them for Xbox. I actually did have problems with my drumset when I first got it (someone ripped the 3.5mm wire from the yellow cymbal) and I RMAed it.

Anyway, for those that don't understand, Wii asks you for friend codes from other Wii owners when you want to play multiplayer. So he is asking people here to share them so he can play online with them.

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Posted by [luv2pb](#) on Fri, 01 Jan 2010 18:26:32 GMT

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oh ok, I see what you mean.

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The only thing I know of that Rock Band has over GH is the construction of the drums. A friend of mine had his Rock Band drums for awhile. Ours barely lasted 2 days. And it's the orange cymbal, a problem a lot of people are reporting.

I certainly don't want to return the whole game though, it's great fun. Playing Guitar Battle online was very intense.

I just wish the Wii Guitar controllers were a little less expensive.

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Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Sat, 02 Jan 2010 06:31:46 GMT

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Subject: Re: GH: WT

Posted by [RadioactiveHell](#) on Sat, 02 Jan 2010 17:04:07 GMT

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As someone who has played both games, I can say GH is far superior. With GH5, GH players have a variety of multiplayer options (Guitar battle, free play, etc), while RB players only have one. GH has a much cooler recording studio app. Also GH5 has far better graphics. Most importantly, GH guitar controller is WAY better than the RB controller because of the strum bar. RB strum bar makes it much harder to play fast.

Also, the drums are both equally crappy (though I havent tried out the new GH 5 drumset), which is why ppl who enjoy playing the drums make their own drumset.

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Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Sat, 02 Jan 2010 17:57:26 GMT

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Posted by [Dover](#) on Mon, 04 Jan 2010 00:29:47 GMT  
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Lol.

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Are you referring to the RB1 guitars? Those had a few flaws that they fixed in the RB2 guitars. Saying the new GH is better than the old RB is like saying C&C is a better series than WarCraft because C&C 3 is better than WarCraft: Orcs and Humans.

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Subject: Re: GH: WT  
Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Mon, 04 Jan 2010 02:04:51 GMT  
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Set am I?

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- Does Rock Band have song challenges? No, they just have an annoyingly repetitive and tedious campaign. Guitar Hero does have them, however.
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Basically, other than vocal harmonies, solos, and some specific songs, there isn't anything worth having that Rock Band has that Guitar Hero doesn't have or does better.

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Anything else is adding features just to be able to add more lines of multicolored text on the back of the box. Having moar useless features don't make the better game.

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If "what counts" to you is making your character look "cool" and skipping songs you suck too much to play, then yeah.

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Posted by [nope.avi](#) on Mon, 04 Jan 2010 03:32:22 GMT

but will they blend? that is the question.

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Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Mon, 04 Jan 2010 03:45:24 GMT

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Band moments are like star power that can only be used in unison with 1 or more other players.

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It promotes team play, cooperation and unison when you are trying to reach a score record in a certain song.

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How, exactly, does that apply to this argument?

There are things that can be taken away from both games without them losing their appeal. You can take away the background scenes, the visual effects, the high-quality audio, ect, but the games would still be the same.

What it comes down to is not what has more or better features, but which does the job better. And Guitar Hero wins in that aspect.

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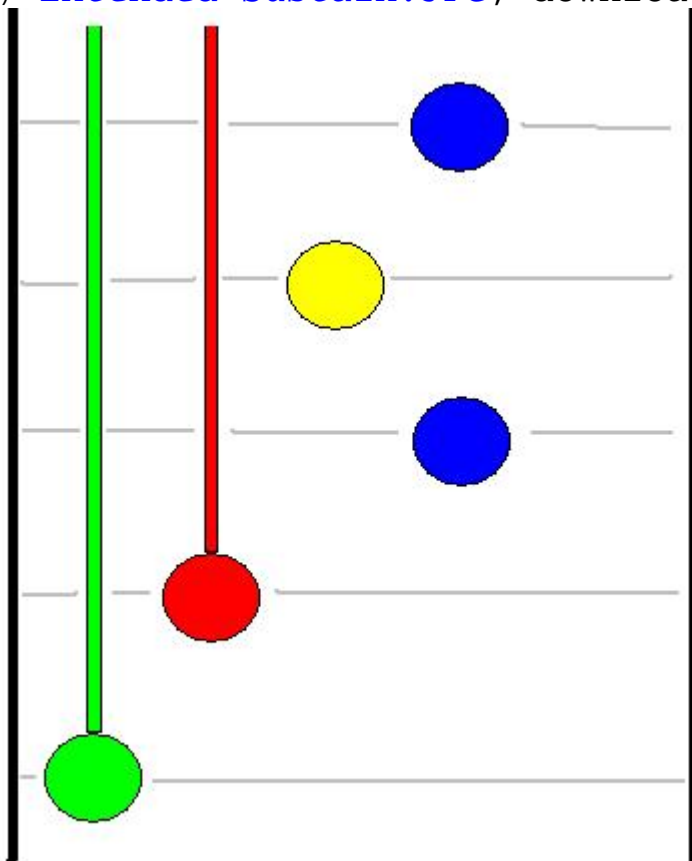
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This is what an extended sustain looks like, by the way:

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If you want "the experience" of playing drums, you should play drums, not Rock Band or Guitar Hero. Take a moment every now and then and remember that you are playing a video game.

Unless you're the type of person who likes to immerse themselves in their gameplay experience. If so, then I'd hate to be at your college or nearby postal office if you play Doom, Grand Theft Auto, or Counter-Strike.

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Rock Band has both of these (And not just at the ending). In fact, both of those are an integral bit in using Overdrive.

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It really isn't. You keep mentioning stuff that doesn't matter. "5th drum pad! I can play sustained notes AND play individual notes! I can dress up my character!", and a thousand things besides that don't add to gameplay at all.

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It promotes team play, cooperation and unison when you are trying to reach a score record in a certain song.

They don't have that exact feature, but they do have something similar where if multiple players hit their Overdrive/Star Power sequence simultatiously, they get a bonus to how much they are. Unison Bonus, I think it's called. In any rate, it accomplishes the same goals of promoting teamwork, but does so without the restriction of having to use your gains right at that moment. Instead it gives you a choice, which helps enhance the (admittedly limited) strategic element in the game.

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Because it isn't a gift horse, it's a sold horse. If I'm paying \$50 for a game that's basically

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look @ all the spoony quotes about a video game played at parties to encourage social activity, pretty obvious dover might be lacking a few things here

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Posted by [Dover](#) on Mon, 04 Jan 2010 05:16:00 GMT

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Posted by [Altzan](#) on Mon, 04 Jan 2010 06:18:47 GMT

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Not at all. What good does a maid's drawing skills do me? That's a terrible criteria to hire a maid based on, it makes me glad that you're not in charge of hiring anybody.

Anyway, your example assumes the maids are identical. Our "maids" are similar, but not identical. What if one maid required a large re-hiring bonus every few months, while you only had to pay the second one a lump some once, and then only pay for supplies? This isn't even getting into how the second maid has better tools, uses cleaning chemicals that smell less, and had a better dusting posture. All this regardless of how good the first maid is at Basketball or whatever.

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I remain unconvinced. Then again, I don't play the drums that much in Rock Band, so whatever.

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Disagree, but disagree civilly, and arrive at some kind of agreeable conclusion. This isn't such a big problem that you need the game to pick songs for you.

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Hmmm. I found practice mode was actually a big help to slow the songs down at first, like when I first tried Panic Attack on Hard. To each his own, I suppose.

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just go buy a real fucking drum kit and guitar and stop playing in front of a screen

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Even in a small basic party with about a dozen people. Party mode is a good party game. It's not about being the life of the party as people obviously have other things they can be doing. And it's not meant to be some 'planned party event' as if it was some kids birthday bash.

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When I made the example saying if you decided to want to play, you could do that just by picking up a controller and you could stop just as easy, I never said anything about the other people playing. I just mentioned one person in particular (me, you, whoever.)

The idea behind it is that you can drop in while other people are playing a song without interrupting their game, the music, and forcing everyone to quit the song, go to the lobby, add another band member, re-choose songs, and then start playing them again. (However, the option to save and load pre-set play lists might come in handy in that situation)

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No, that isn't what I meant. If no players are playing it, it will act as a virtual concert or jukebox. It will just show the background scene of the band playing the music and have the music play. It isn't "playing itself" it's just in a standby mode waiting for players to play with the touch of a button.

Now, after reading that, you're probably thinking "If no one wanted to play it, why is it on in the first place?" Basically, that's the beauty of it. They realized that although the game is meant for entertainment purposes and for a more social atmosphere, people will not admit it to be a "main event" at a party. Think about it. Would you really think it 'cool' to have a party that is based around playing Rock Band / Guitar Hero?

With party mode active, people can say "hey, I like this song!" and give it a try while not having to commit to playing the game. They can give up halfway through or they can just play one song... even if other people still want to play, it is of no consequence if someone in the band leaves.

It turns a somewhat nerdy rule and option extensive process into a fun attraction for anyone who feels they are in the mood. No options, no menus, no rules: just pickup and play!

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I do find it entertaining. But I don't need the game to force that down my throat and make something that IS fun into something that is tedious.

If I can't play a song on expert, then I'll keep trying until I can! I'll do that on my own free-will in my own free-time. But if you want to spend your time at a party, in the company of your friends, doing nothing but practicing songs you're bad at in a video game, then far be it from me to tell you what to do.

But what if you can play a the game inside out and blindfolded on expert but your friend has problems coordinating themselves playing patty-cake? Almost every you pick you can do easily but your friend just can't find the talent? Is it your fault you keep failing? You don't miss a note, but



yet you are still subject to losing. Wouldn't you find a skip-song or a change difficulty option useful in that situation? Instead of having to sit there, bored, playing the song intro over and over while your friend tries to figure out his left and rights?

If someone wants to get better, they can do it on their own time or form a serious tournament competing band. They shouldn't have to waste the time of the other people who want to play. Call it catering to bad players, but it makes no difference. Who gives a crap if it does or doesn't? If you're good at playing a song, what does it matter to you? And for what matter of importance is it that other people experience the honing of one's plastic guitar shredding skills? You skipped a song you found out you couldn't play? Oh my god, you should cry yourself to sleep because of how much of a failure you are! It's a video game, not a matter of life and death! Get over it!

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Personally, I've been playing these games for far too long and it is very hard for me to have fun with them unless I'm playing on the hardest possible difficulty a song has to offer. If I can't play it on that difficulty, I will drop down it's difficulty until I can complete it. Then I work my way back up one difficulty at a time until I can play it on it's hardest difficulty.

However, unless the song is some insanely fast heavy metal... or Rush maybe... it's unlikely that I can't complete it on expert to start with. Basically, I will not find entertainment playing a song on an easier difficulty.

In other words, I will take it upon myself to learn to play on the hardest difficulty on my own time, I don't need the game nagging me about something I want to accomplish on my own time. It should just let me play the easiest possible difficulty and let me take all possible shortcut if I so desire because it will not change the fact that I want to get better at playing a song. Just because the options exist do not mean I will use them to advance in the game (which you can't do, by the way, because if you want to play through the campaign you have to take it song by song. Skipping songs is something you do in free-play).

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"Do you like ice cream?"

"Yeah!"

"WRONG! YOU HATE IT!"

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Quote:As I said before, more features isn't necessarily better. Where'd that quote from that French guy...  
And you continue to say it over and over. As if it mattered!

In a form of media entertainment, the thing that does more does more! Something that does more has more use. Regardless of if it is something relevant to what you're looking for, if you can find use in it, then that's an added plus! Why criticize something for going above and beyond? Especially since its extra features aren't requirements for your enjoyment of the core game. It makes no sense!

Quote:See above about coming to wrong conclusions.

Ditto. But also see above about criticizing extras.

Quote:Not at all. What good does a maid's drawing skills do me? That's a terrible criteria to hire a maid based on, it makes me glad that you're not in charge of hiring anybody.

Anyway, your example assumes the maids are identical. Our "maids" are similar, but not identical. What if one maid required a large re-hiring bonus every few months, while you only had to pay the second one a lump some once, and then only pay for supplies? This isn't even getting into how the second maid has better tools, uses cleaning chemicals that smell less, and had a better dusting posture. All this regardless of how good the first maid is at Basketball or whatever. You know, the point doesn't get across when you decide to forget what I said and to nitpick on the tiny details that don't make sense to you in the example.

It's hypothetical, just answer the question as written.

Of all the criteria you are looking for, two things meet expectations perfectly to the same degree. But if you can only chose one, how would you decide?

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Oh, before I forget, I got one for you too!:

Boofst0rmjust go buy a real fucking drum kit and guitar and stop playing in front of a screen  
Playing real instruments and playing video game instruments are two totally different things. Just because they look the same and are called the same thing doesn't mean they replace each other in usage.

How would playing real drums or playing real guitar deter me from continuing to play Rock Band and Guitar Hero?

Just because I might know how to play on a real drum set doesn't mean I wont still want to play fake drums in a video game...