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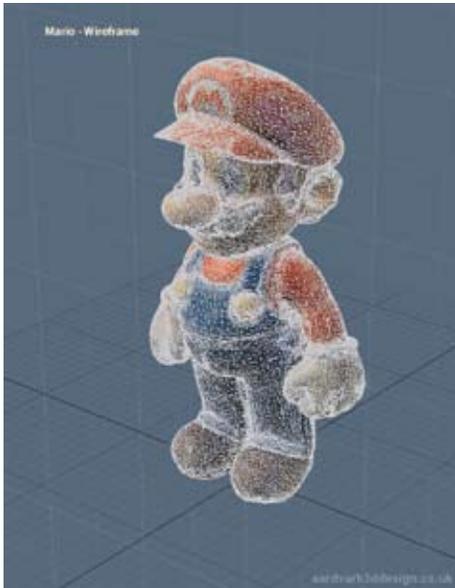
Pinball player's paradise



Dream Arcades
Octane 120

Here's an excerpt from his website:

"I recently built this Lego model of Mario using a NextEngine 3D scanner, modo and big pile of Lego. I scanned a Mario action figure using the excellent NextEngine scanner. Imported into modo as OBJ and scaled to the size of the model I wanted to build (75cm). I used the bend tool to bend his arms closer to his body so the Lego model would be structurally stronger. In a new layer I created a large array of Lego sized cubes which were approximately the shape of the Mario mesh. Using Solid Drill, Stencil, I was able to select only the cubes which intersected the Mario mesh."



What did he just say anyway? It doesn't matter. Go check out the pretty pictures.

See the full project here:
<http://tinyurl.com/5yocbs>

A Strange Game...

...the only winning move is not to play. How about a nice game of chess?



That just gives me chills. If you don't remember where that's from, it's one of the final lines in the movie War Games. Ok, it's not exactly a game room item, but I felt it was close enough for the news. Any way, the

movie celebrates its 25th anniversary this year (wow, I'm so old) and Wired Magazine did a really excellent write up on many of the little known facts behind the movie and it's stars.

For example, did you know that our military looked at the "war room" as presented in War Games and decided that theirs should look the same? You read that right; our military modeled one of their most important rooms for our nation's security after a movie. Nice.

Here's an excerpt:

"Over the years, War Games has written itself into the cult lore of Silicon Valley. Google hosted a 25th-anniversary screening in May, where keyboard jockeys cheered Broderick's DOS acrobatics. (Imagine Rocky Horror, but picture the audience in Hawaiian shirts and mandals.) "Many of us grew up with this movie," Google cofounder Sergey Brin told the packed house. "It was a key movie of a generation, especially for those of us who got into computing."

If you remember the movie as fondly as I do, you must go on over to the Wired.com site and read the full article:
<http://tinyurl.com/45cp9q>

Matchstick Creations is now Back Alley Creations: Coolness Remains Unchanged



I just got word that master pinball add-ons creator Matchstick Creations has changed their name:

We used to be called Matchstick Creations. I have bought out my partner and closed down Matchstick and reopened under the new name of Back Alley Creations. The new website is www.backalleycreations.com

All Black Pearl Pinballs are being reduced in price. I am going to offer them as Grade 100 for \$4, Grade 25 \$5, and all design balls are going to be \$6. Also the Spiderman add-ons are done. You can check them out at site. Prices are \$75 for the buildings, \$35 for sand man, and \$40 for the train. So that's \$150 for the set. If you wish to buy only a few of the buildings as opposed to the set of 5 that's fine, they will be sold at \$15 each. There will be many changes and new exciting items coming to the site really soon.

Thanks for your continued support, Matt



They make some great decorative add-ons for current Stern pinball machines, including Pirates of the Caribbean and Spider-Man. I highly recommend you check them out at their new online home:

www.backalleycreations.com

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