

Game Changer: Douglas Richards, the Man Who Revolutionized the Video Game Industry

In the annals of the video game industry, Douglas Richards stands tall as a true visionary. As the founder and CEO of id Software, he was the driving force behind some of the most iconic video game titles of all time, including Tetris, Doom, and Quake. His groundbreaking work helped to shape the industry as we know it today, and his legacy continues to inspire generations of gamers.



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Richards was born in 1955 in Kansas City, Missouri. From an early age, he was fascinated by computers and spent countless hours tinkering with them. After graduating from high school, he attended the University of Missouri, where he studied computer science. It was during his time in college that he met John Carmack, another brilliant programmer who would later become his close friend and business partner.

In 1990, Richards and Carmack founded id Software. The company's first big break came with the release of Tetris, a simple but addictive puzzle game that became a global phenomenon. Tetris was followed by Doom, a groundbreaking first-person shooter that set new standards for graphics and gameplay. Doom was a critical and commercial success, selling over 10 million copies worldwide.

In 1996, id Software released Quake, another first-person shooter that pushed the boundaries of the genre. Quake featured cutting-edge graphics and gameplay, and it quickly became one of the most popular video games of all time. Quake also helped to popularize online multiplayer gaming, and it is still played by millions of people around the world.

Richards' vision and leadership were instrumental in the success of id Software. He was a brilliant programmer and a shrewd businessman. He also had a keen eye for talent, and he assembled a team of some of the most talented programmers and artists in the industry.

Richards retired from id Software in 2013, but he remains one of the most influential figures in the video game industry. His work has inspired countless game developers, and his games continue to be enjoyed by millions of people around the world.

In 2019, Richards published his autobiography, *Game Changer*. The book is a fascinating account of his life and career, and it provides unique insights into the creative process behind some of the most iconic video games of all time.

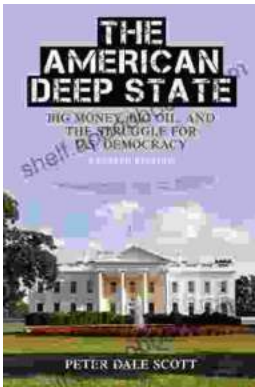
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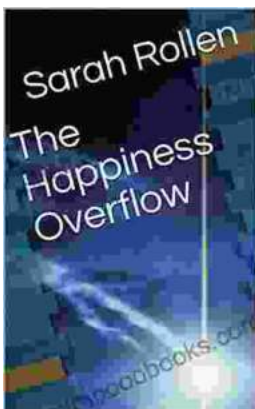
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