

None of these events actually happened... alright some of them might have. Some names have been changed, I didn't bother much except to make sure to not use any names. If anyone asks my name is username and I told you nothing.

Part 1 - Incite

So me and a friend were talking retro gaming one day when I decided to get out my old PSP and install an a GBC emulator on it and maybe play some Pokemon Prism. My PSP's memory card adapter was one of these weird ones that took 2 MicroSD cards and made it into one of those pricey-ass Memory Stick Pro Duos that Sony liked to use. I had like 64 gigabytes of storage but it broke... constantly. When I say broke; I don't mean any data got corrupted (usually), I mean it literally snapped in half. They're like 2 bucks on eBay from China, 5 from Amazon, no BD Amazon had it next day.

Whoever packaged these things had no idea what they were doing. Sent 'em in SD card packaging. Heck, they were usually DoA. I hooked it up and setup my PSP that I've had since I was nine. I remember the day I got that thing it was Christmas 2004 and I had NO IDEA the PSP hadn't been released in the US yet. My papa (that's my mother's dad) being the saint he is managed to think I wanted a Japanese import and tracked one down on eBay, even managed to get it here by Christmas. No games tho, just possibilities (and my first MP3 player).

Anyways back to today... at least I think it's today. Between the med changes and the TMS and the lack of sleep I'm lucky I can type this. I go to my usual source for finding the best emulator for any given platform: Googling "Most Accurate Emulator for [Console]". Anyway, a source I usually trust led me to FileTrip, a site I definitely remember from my cheating at Pokemon to impress my friends phase (still going on till this day. I feel called out by XKCD¹). There it was MasterBoy 3, it played GameBoy, MasterSystem, and GameGear games "arguably the best". The creator's still out there, has over 1000 subs on YouTube. A red bar at the top of the page proclaims:

Filetrip will be closed definitely on March 31st. Please backup your files before the end of the month-Filetrip is now permanently closed

It wasn't exactly that red, but it was exactly that. Filetrip is now closed. I buy it for a second... but that "Download File" buttons still there, taunting me. I download it. It works. Files shoot over some copper cables, fiber-optic cables, and so on until they arrive in milliseconds at their destination: me. I mourn. I remember Filetrip. Filetrip was my go to when you just can't find that file. Someone, probably from the Temp, uploaded it there. Confused I check the downloads section. There's some stuff about a paramedical institute. A file named LEARN HOW TO SAVE YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE. It really had those weird Ss [EDITOR: what the plural of S, if there is one?] Ok... so maybe the best people weren't using FileTrip. The DS downloads page was still there, just as I remembered it.

¹ Imagine going back in time

I thought maybe I should back it up FileTrip, like it deserves to be on Archive.org or some shit. The non-Temper sections could be filled with nasty stuff though (How do I save my driver's license or worse?) I decided to dig deeper. The homepage was gone, said it was closed, the servers were shut down. They weren't. Masterboy was there. The archive looked intact. I dig deeper, maybe the servers were down.

I go to the oldies, try to download Project64 (I'm pretty sure they're why we don't have Dolphin-64) but I recognized it at least. Firefox throws a fit, lights up like airport security when an ethnic person walks in. Like it shouldn't be a big deal to download a file, but here you are asking me to bend and spread like a hacker. Um... maybe don't download that... doesn't work anyway file not found. I try something simpler: a skin for an Acekard with a sexy anthropomorphization of a Pokemon that I vaguely remember outing me as a furry to one of my friends. I'm pretty sure he was too... never quite got a feel on him. I actually found it... nope won't download. I give up trying to download from Filetrip after that. Feels like a loss-cause. It's dead. You'll never learn how to save your driver's license, sorry. Try to log in. I don't have an account, so I click create.

The signup form is too simple. Username, email, password, color-blind proof anti-bot test... wait what. Like... did they actually use this to determine if a user's a bot. A bot has a better chance of solving this than your average person. It's strangely hypnotic, but not like in a way that would actually be hypnotic. Like your eyes have gone out of focus. I refresh the page. New one. Equally weird. In black in white this time. I guess they did tell people "if you suffer from color blindness you should simply try over and over again until you guess correctly". How would a colorblind person supposed to know the difference between black and a very dark shade of lime? Nevermind. They kept getting weirder. They didn't change every time you refreshed, just to taunt those poor color blind floaks. Just keep at it. You'll get it eventually. I did. I'm not color blind but my phone's screen just turned black and white. I think I set it up to do that. It means it's late. Should probably stop. Zach needs my attention, and my mom's been drinking wine alone for like... 3 hours now, where has the time gone.