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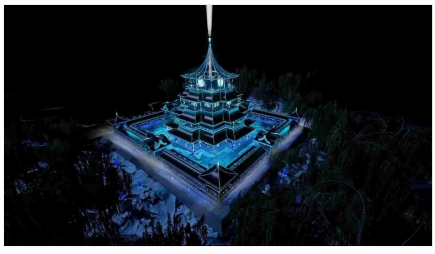


Interview with a Builder: Torax

One of the most popular sites for obtaining free 3DX Chat props and rooms is no doubt 3dxchatsharing.com[1]. Very much in the spirit of open source development, this website allows people to share their creative works with others. Veteran builder Torax[2] is the driving force behind this amazing resource. He was kind enough to grant *The Gazette* an interview.







[1] https://www.3dxchatsharing.com

[2] https://www.3dxchatsharing.com/product-category/contributors/t/torax/

HOW DID THE SHARING WEBSITE COME ABOUT?

> *It all goes back to 2018. I didn't plan it, it was a reaction to someone selling expensive and bad quality rooms. In response, I decided to share all my rooms for free. It was a totally different situation at that time: there weren't as many builders and selling rooms was not as common as it is today. At first it was only my own builds on the site. The goal has always been to create a simple to use site focused on one purpose only: download and upload. 3dx is too often a competition, I wanted to avoid this. That is why there is no download count, only a views count. Some people don't like this and don't share because of it, they like the numbers. Everyone is treated the same on my website, new people or long time contributors, good builders or beginners.*

WHAT IS THE LINK WITH THE 3XCHATSTORE[3] WEBSITE?

> *The sharing site was built long before the store existed. The store doesn't belong to me, it is* SweetTia *who did it. I didn't have the courage to do a second site but she was motivated for it and we supported each other since then. So it is 2 different owners but one team so to say. I helped her start it and promote it through my website, but it is all her work.*

IT MUST BE A HUGE UNDERTAKING TO MAINTAIN SUCH A LARGE SITE?

> *I have some bad days when an update breaks it all. I am no IT guy so I need to google and do my own research to fix things. But all in all it works ok. I use Wordpress[4] for the website. Like with most of these systems, you keep adding plugins and then you have to resolve any conflicts between them. The main issue is the cost.*

DO YOU STILL SPEND A LOT OF TIME BUILDING?

> *2024 was a pretty bad year for me in real life and I stopped building. I still haven't found the motivation to get back into it. I don't do custom builds like many other of the big builders, it is such a pain for me.*





DID YOU BUILT FOR FUN OR DID YOU ALSO OPEN YOUR ROOMS?

> *I built and opened a series of rooms I named Torax Pool Party[5]. And of course I also built my personal home.*

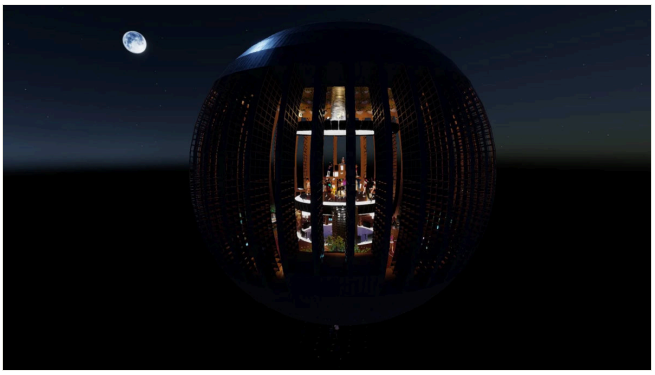
WHAT WAS BUILDING LIKE IN THE EARLY YEARS?

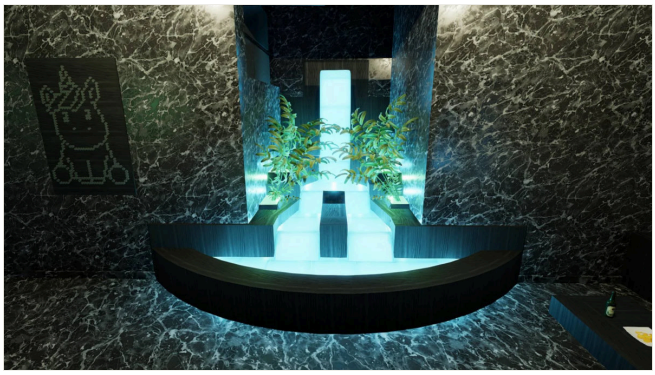
> *We could barely do anything in the game in the beginning. We had to use a third party program named* Cheat Engine *to place things, and then some dll. It was only later that the editor we know now was launched. This is what we could do before, we could only use the existing props. For example a table became a floor and so on. You had to get really creative with the limited amount of objects available.*

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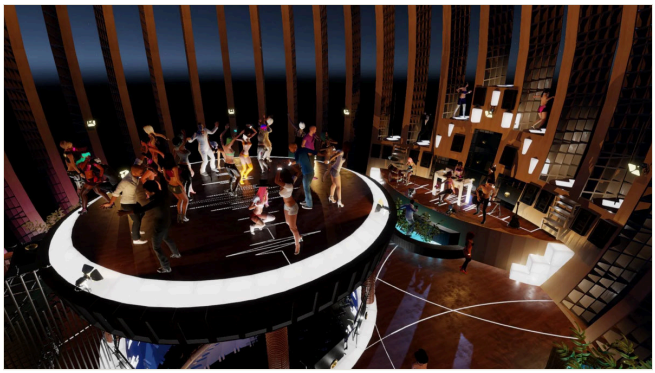
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DO YOU HAVE ANY ADVICE FOR NEW BUILDERS?

> *For builders, all I can say is to have patience, train, build, delete, rebuild until you are happy with your work. For people sharing, don't be afraid to share! Little things, big rooms, small objects, there is always someone who will be happy to use it. Also, it is good to be proud of your work but don't hold on to it like it is gold. This remains a game. One day or another the game will die and all our work with it! Always keep in mind not to take this stuff to serious!*

With special thanks to Torax.