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NEWS

— “CIA, FBI computers used for Wikipedia edits” *Reuters*, 16/08
2007

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - People using CIA and FBI computers have edited entries in the online encyclopedia Wikipedia on topics including the Iraq war and the Guantanamo prison, according to a new tracing program.

(...)

The program, WikiScanner, was developed by Virgil Griffith of the Santa Fe Institute in New Mexico and posted this month on a Web site that was quickly overwhelmed with searches.

The program allows users to track the source of computers used to make changes to the popular Internet encyclopedia where anyone can submit and edit entries.

WikiScanner revealed that CIA computers were used to edit an entry on the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq in 2003. A graphic on casualties was edited to add that many figures were estimated and were not broken down by class.

Another entry on former CIA chief William Colby was edited by CIA computers to expand his career history and discuss the merits of a Vietnam War rural pacification program that he headed.

Aerial and satellite images of the U.S. prison for terrorism suspects at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, were removed using a computer traced to the FBI, WikiScanner showed.

CIA spokesman George Little said he could not confirm whether CIA computers were used in the changes, adding that “the agency always expects its computer systems to be used responsibly.”

The FBI did not have an immediate response.

Computers at numerous other organizations and companies were found to have been involved in editing articles related to them.

Griffith said he developed WikiScanner “to create minor public relations disasters for companies and organizations I dislike (and) to see what ‘interesting organizations’ (which I am neutral towards) are up to.”

The URL of the website in question is/was *wikiscanner.virgil.gr*

II. First capture of the WikiScanner site (Aug. 18 2007)

List anonymous wikipedia edits from interesting organizations

WikiScanner - Now fast enough to handle the web traffic of a small country!

by [Virgil](#) Griffith v at santafe dot edu

[[media ppl are required read this before asking questions](#)]

Hello [Wired](#), [boingboing](#), [Radar](#), [Daily Kos](#), [Igf](#), [digg](#), [/.](#), [Chronicle](#), [Mashable](#), [ValleyWag](#), [Guardian](#), [US News](#), [BBC](#), [Times Online](#), [Planet Chiropractic](#), [Le Monde](#), [Der Spiegel](#), [El País](#), [Forbes](#), [Daily Telegraph](#), [CBS News](#) readers!

<p>Specify by the Organization's...</p> <p>Name: <input type="text"/> <— Type organization name here</p> <p style="text-align: center;">or / and</p> <p>Location: <input type="text"/> <— Don't abbreviate here</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="button" value="Reveal my potential victims!"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>User-submitted Organizations</p>	<p>Editor's Picks</p> <p>Wired's list of salacious edits</p> <p>Government</p> <p>U.S. Senate Sergeant At Arms</p> <p>U.S. House Of Representatives</p> <p>Environmental Protection Agency</p> <p>National Institute of Health</p> <p>Democratic Party</p> <p>Republican Party</p> <p>NATO</p> <p>Education</p>
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One of the best sections of the website is the page dedicated to edits linked to the US military domain, .mil : wikiscanner.virgil.gr/dotmil.html

orgname	domain	edits
Dod Network Information Center	army.mil	43823
United States Air Force	af.mil	21478
Naval Surface Warfare Center	navy.mil	18591
The Pentagon	pentagon.mil	3355
The Pentagon	osd.mil	2685
Dod Network Information Center	centcom.mil	1761
U.S. Department Of Transportation	uscg.mil	984
Dla Nemo	dla.mil	930
Disa Information Systems Center	disa.mil	726
Stratcom - Af - Mil	stratcom.mil	485
Dod Network Information Center	jfcom.mil	399
National Computer Security Center	ncsc.mil	360
Dod Network Information Center	dfas.mil	273
United States Southern Command	southcom.mil	251
Defense Contract Management Agency	dcma.mil	200

II. Nov. 11 2008 capture

Notable, for instance, are the presence of the NCSC (over 300 edits at the time) or the Air Force's 20.000 edits... One can't help but wonder what modifications came from NSA or if the Air Force contributed to Area 51, UFO entries. Edits of US military history articles from .mil domains seems problematic...

SPECIALIZED TV (JAPAN)

— *GameCenter CX*

In season 20, *Altered Beast* for the Sega Genesis was showcased :

As the title somewhat suggests, a main feature of the game involves the transformation of the character into beast form; Each new stage brings a new transformation and also associated powers.

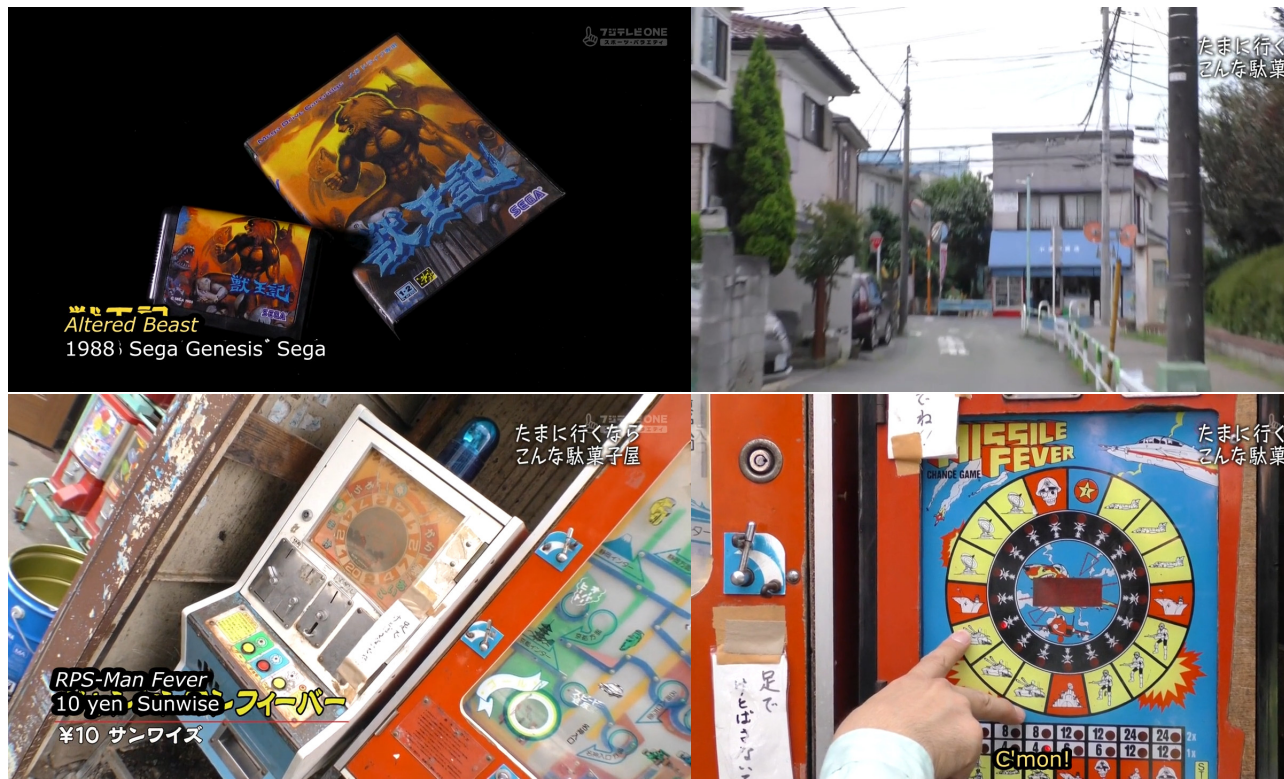
In the default form, the protagonist is a male fighter. The first transformation turns him into a werewolf, with increased strength and a dash forward attack among others. The second transformation, into a dragon, gives a lightning spell for example.

1	Werewolf	“new attacks and greatly boosts offensive power”, fireballs
2	Dragon	“lightning shocks and barrier”
3	Bear	spin attack
4	Tiger	...



For a transformation to happen, three spirit balls must be collected, which are dropped by color-coded enemies (a blue animal that looks like a wild boar).

There exists a parallelism between the alterations of the protagonist and that of the antagonist, Neff, who at the end of each round turns into a different boss (the giant, the eye, snail etc.)



II. [2-4] Kosuda Market and various game cabinets

In this episode, Arino visits a candy store located in a residential area called Kosuda Market, which “has been in business in Nishitokyo for over 50 years.”

The store has three cabinets including RPS-Man Fever (RPS stands for the classic game Rock, scissors, paper).

The central display shows a hand in one of three variations (e.g. fist for rock) while the encircling roulette has the following purpose :

“After winning, the roulette spins. The number it stops on is the quantity of prize tokens.”

The player picks their move with the help of three buttons on a panel below.

In ‘Missile Fever’ the goal is to guess on which position the red light - presumably symbolizing a missile’ will stop on. Arino picks tanks and wins.

Among challenges of season 4 was *Ninja Gaiden* for the Famicom, one of many ninja games but one of the best, described : “Even overseas, it has an enthusiastic fan base and it’s highly regarded as a masterpiece.”



II. [4] first boss

Arguably the most prominent mechanic of the game is the ability of the ninja to stick to walls, street signs etc. and use them either to gain access to other - otherwise inaccessible - platforms or for defense and attack.

Wall hug works against boss 1 but not 3, necessitating other tactics.

Ninja Gaiden, with its somewhat convoluted tale of a ninja sent to America to meet with an archaeologist..., is easily one of the most atmospheric and beautiful games of the NES era (especially advanced levels).

	Challenge/episode	other events
Season 4	<i>Ninja Gaiden</i>	-
Season 20	<i>Altered Beast</i>	Kosuda Market in Nishitokyo

Table 1: GameCenter CX overview (continued)