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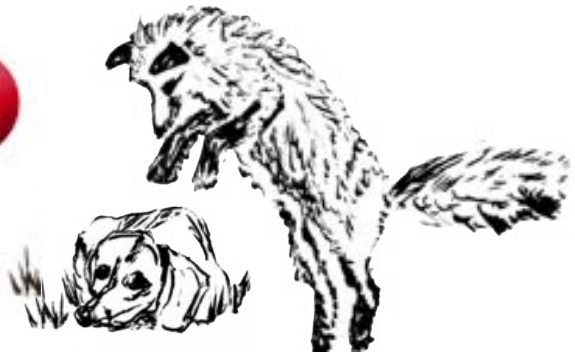

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Hello, everyone! I'm thrilled to introduce the inaugural edition of Nitro Magazine: a magazine dedicated to the world of Nitro Type, the typing game we all love. Created by and for the community, this magazine will delve into every aspect of this captivating game that unites us. You can access all editions here on NTComps and across the web.

Allow me to introduce myself. I'm Nusakan, a die-hard Nitro Type fan and the founder of NTComps. For those unfamiliar, NTComps is a website that enhances and complements the Nitro Type experience. It also allows users to create their own typing competitions, with statistics updated every ten minutes and available for viewing anytime.

My journey with Nitro Type began in September 2023. Its unique visual appeal and user-friendly interface immediately won me over. Plus, there's something about typing on a keyboard that I find incredibly satisfying! During races, I often find myself 'in the zone,' with fluid and effortless movements. It's an exhilarating feeling, and I'm sure many of you can relate. Since joining, I've had the privilege of meeting incredible, friendly, and passionate individuals within the Nitro Type community. The community aspect is what truly captivates me about this game. I'll be honest: if it weren't for the team concept in Nitro Type, I might have lost interest long ago. Humans naturally gravitate towards forming groups and fostering a sense of belonging, and Nitro Type's team feature embodies that spirit, making its community strong and diverse.

I'm confident that you'll enjoy Nitro Magazine! Get ready for interviews with team leaders and renowned racers, thought-provoking pieces on various game aspects, insights into NTComps features, humorous anecdotes, and much more!

That's all from me for now. Happy reading! :-)

Nusakan

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Nitro Type TEAM HIGHLIGHT

PIXIE6 Wild Pixies

How long have you been a team?
I started the team on July 29, 2023, about a month after joining NitroType. I thought having a team would be fun and encourage people to collectively work on being "tops" in typing, personally and as a team. We started at #2058 of 2062 teams.

Why the name "Wild Pixies!"?
I love pixies! I doodle and write stories about pixies (and other things). I wanted my team name to reflect that.

What are your biggest challenges as a team captain?
Mostly my challenge is building a steady base of racers. Many join and then drift away in a week or two. I have only one other team member that has been with the team longer than 90 days (special shoutout to "_Smasher_"! You have been with our team since the beginning. You are rock solid!). I do not despise the days of small beginnings. It takes time to cultivate a team and we are not even a year old. Even as I write this there are more who have raced steadily, improving their accuracy and speed, and staying on for more than two weeks. I definitely appreciate accuracy over speed and consistent racing.

What are your goals for [PIXIE6] "Wild Pixies!"?
I'd like to have our team be consistently in the top 100 but more dear to me is if we could consistently be in the top three most accurate teams..

There are "rumors" you have an alt and are actually racing with another team? What about that?
It's true. I do have an alt. I wanted to "do it again for the first time" and also see what it is like to be *on* a team compared to being the captain of a team.

But doesn't that put you in competition with yourself?
Maybe? I am always in competition with myself to type a little more slowly to type a little more accurately. But what I think you are asking is do I feel like there is a conflict of interests if I have an alt that races "against" my team. I don't think so. I generally race the same amount for both teams and support them both wholeheartedly. I also don't feel like I am competing *against* any team or person. I am competing *with* them. We are all racing *together*.

Any other thoughts you would like to share?
Yes. I have greatly appreciated the camaraderie of the competitive typing community at large and especially on NitroType. I am passionate about typing skills as a "life skill" and being able to have friendly typing competitions just makes it that much better.

- Model88

ON APRIL 8th, 2024, the Great North American Eclipse occurred. It crossed through Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine. Crossing the border into Canada, it continued through Southern Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Cape Breton, and Newfoundland. Schools along the path cancelled for the day, and thousands traveled to view this rare phenomenon. The path of totality crossed many major cities, including Dallas, TX, Idabel, OK, Little Rock, AR, Poplar Bluff, MO, Paducah, KY, Carbondale, IL, Evansville, IN, Cleveland, OH, Erie, PA, Buffalo, NY, Burlington, VT, Lancaster, NH, and Caribou, ME. Much of the US could see some degree of it despite not being in the path of totality.

Cool stamps! Issued by the USPS for the 2017 eclipse, they are heat sensitive! Black when cold - but rub it or breathe on it and watch the moon come to life.

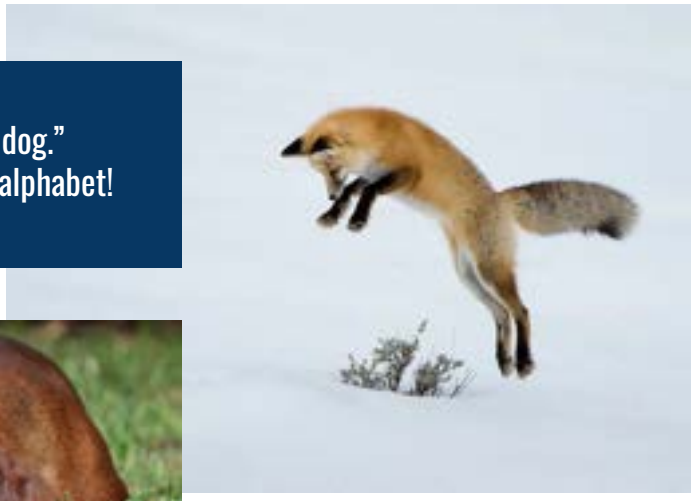
I was not in the path of totality, and I didn't have viewing glasses, but I punched a few holes in a piece of cardboard. They were round holes, but because the sun had an eclipse, the light it cast through the round hole was the shape of bitten circles.

Have an eclipse photo to share? Send it my way and it will be included in the next edition of the magazine!

THE MAKING OF A LOGO

SORC | AgentGarbo

The logo for this magazine was inspired by **[PIXIE6] Model88**'s idea: "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog." This is a special sentence ("pangram") containing every letter in the alphabet! It is also used in typography and calligraphy practice.



The quick brown fox

The quick brown fox

pangrams are fun, right?

I was runner-up candidate for the dog - I was too tall! The fox isn't a basketball player. But just look into my eyes... and you will melt.

maybe someone will draw me

The first step for any art is to find reference photos. I looked for a jumping fox and a dog. There were two breeds I had in mind: the dachshund and the hush puppy (or basset hound). Due to artistic considerations, i.e. balance, the smaller dog won.

Sketched with my favorite Signo 207 ballpoint pen on a piece of scratch paper. Then I took a picture...

jumps over the lazy dog.

jumps over the lazy dog.

[PR2W] Sky removed the paper background and I added text in Adobe Photoshop with Bevel/Emboss (for the satin effect) and Color Overlay text effects. Stunning, right?

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ART CORNER

Guest Artist: S0RC | AgentGarbo | Drawn live on Discord, 4.4.24

We'd love to feature your art/photos/poetry in a future edition!

Submit via DM on Discord to the editorial team.
Note: by submitting you agree to allow us to use your art in a future edition; submissions are not paid (but much appreciated!)

NT Tips+Tricks

by [HONT] Nusakan

Q A

The question I'm most frequently asked is:
Why doesn't the leaderboard include all teams?

There are two reasons for this. First and foremost, there are technical considerations to take into account. NTComps updates each team's statistics every ten minutes from the Nitro Type website (via an API). These data are then processed and stored in a database to enable users to access them on NTComps.com. All these operations take time, and each new team that is added to the tracker slows down the update process. Several enhancements are currently in development to speed up the statistics update, which should allow for a larger number of teams to be included.

However, along with technical considerations, there are also ideological ones. If all teams were automatically added to the leaderboards, how would we prevent these boards from being flooded with bots? By only adding teams upon request, we mitigate (though not entirely eliminate) the botting issue. When a team captain requests to add their team to NTComps, they are required to commit to fair play.

NTComps operates without bias. To date, all teams that have requested inclusion have been accepted into the tracker. If a top-tier team is absent, it's because they choose not to be listed or are unaware of NTComps' existence.

Recently, a new feature has been introduced to mark a team as potentially "invaded by bots." When the situation persists for several days, the team in question is removed from the leaderboards but maintains its team page with its up-to-date statistics. This functionality helps ensure fair leaderboards for all participants!

I am also considering new avenues that would empower the community to tackle the botting problem even more efficiently. I might be able to give you more details in a future update.

Thanks for your support! NTComps will keep getting better and better because of you. ❤️

Save the date!
Memorial Day
Mon May 27, 2024

The next issue will be summer themed. Please submit any contributions by 6/15.

Car in the Spotlight

CORSA VENGEANCE

Lamborghini SC18 Alston

by [SORC] Allen

Corsa Vengeance was released on February 13, 2021 in the item shop with the name Lamborgotti Vengeance. But on May 3, 2021, all Lamborghinis were renamed to Corsa due to licensing issues. This car has an animated rainbow wrap that gives it a cartoony feeling and makes it a spring themed car. Its name was inspired by the PC "Corsair Vengeance" a version of which is shown (right).

The **Lamborghini SC18 Alston** is one of the lesser known Lamborghini models because it's actually a special spec of the Aventador. It is a track focused but road legal race car inspired by the Huracan Super Trofeo EVO and the Aventador SVJ. Its taillights later inspired the Revuelto models and its rear wing was also used on the SC20.

Specs

Year: 2019
Engine: 6.5L V12
HP: 770@8500RPM
Torque: 531@6750RPM
Transmission: 7 Speed ISR
Top Speed: 210MPH
0-100: 2.8s
Weight: 1700kg | 3,747 lbs

NT Salutes! Toonidy

by [FOLLY] Ack! & [STACL] NTRacer

Happy retirement Toonidy!

Who was Toonidy? If you've ever used any userscripts for Nitro Type, there's a chance you've seen his work! Toonidy was one of the Nitro Type Community's biggest userscripters, who created scripts such as Admin Panel, Racing Stats, and his lesser-known Sandbagging Tool.

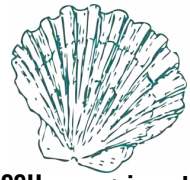
Now, let's delve into a little history about Toonidy, starting back in 2020. We first saw him as an officer in team JAVA, an old team ran by Typematic. Toonidy, along with Sweet Melody carried the team in top 50 for a long while before the team disbanded in 2020 due to complications. Following the event, Toon then joined SSH to race there, while also creating another account whose name was Silly FollyCake at the time. Sweet Melody then created a new team in which Toon helped out secretly for a couple weeks before creating his own team [FOLLY], under the name "Captain Silje".

During the three years he was active, he accumulated more than 125K races across all his accounts while maintaining average speeds as high as 120WPM. Outside of his racing, he also ran a daily news site, offering team updates, daily competitions, officer elections, and Nitro Type banter.

Though he is retiring from Nitro Type, his accounts and team will remain intact. I encourage you to check out his news site, team, and accounts: Toonidy and Captain Silje! Happy retirement Toonidy and best of luck on future endeavors!

Aye, mate! Cheers to our Aussie friends from Down Under

FOLLY Captain's Blog
https://www.Folly.Team
Warning: contains useful rants, fun banter + wry observations - "Oh, folly!"



Veteran SSH racer + inventor of many useful scripts like the banned racers and MOTD offensive string detector

Toonidy loved the paper airplane! He was also an avid Pokemon player.

Things AgentGarbo learned from Toonidy:

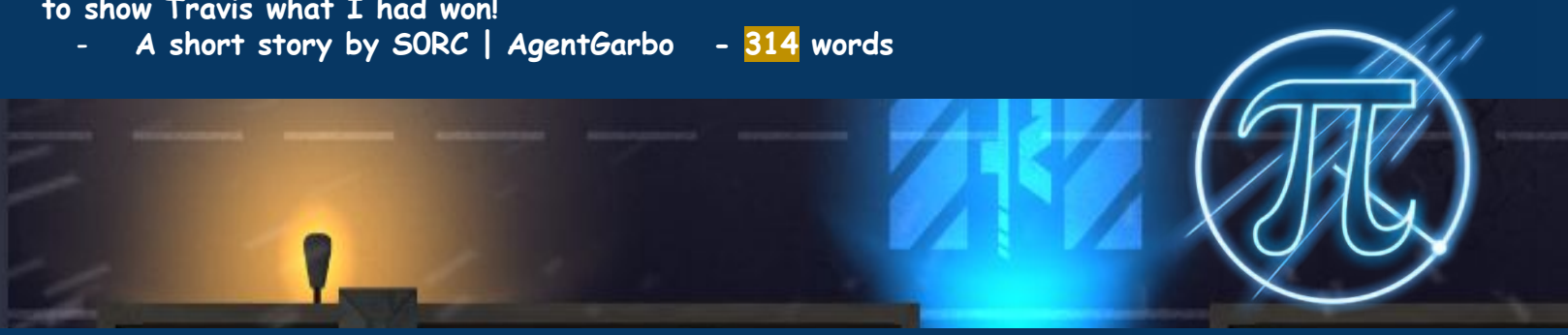
- How the MOTD filter works and how to fix messages
- Why captains shouldn't buy 5 golds in one day - they might get banned and flagged for "suspected fraud" + how to bypass - or prevent this from happening
- NT should add a human readable amount for sending cash, and show the link of the person who gave you cash
- GG cash for friends racing - 100,066
- A curious, generous, creative "can-do" spirit + thinking outside-the-box

I learned so much from his blog at Folly.Team and I know he hosted comp stats for free for many small teams, in the spirit of community building (he didn't charge for his NT scripts either). He also came up with innovative comp ideas such as gamification based on daily grinds (dinosaurs chasing planes and dealing attack damage, doesn't that sound fun?) Best of luck Toonidy!

4/18/22 - Toonidy is one of the few people to achieve a Pi session (3,141)! Present - [N8TE] Nate Dogg, [SSH] Mehshar, [FOLLY] Ack! and [NTRO] TheNanadalorianAT17k

It was cold, drizzly, as I dashed into my Firestorm and adjusted my controls. I was going to get corn dogs for lunch with my friend Travis, and ketchup too because we were out. The lights turned green and I was off. The road was wet and shiny, but the lanes were painted, with words - and pictures of things flashing under my tires in a long and unbroken line. As I ramped up to highway speed, the speedometer passed 80. A small chunk of debris - I braked a bit and swerved to avoid it. Just I got back in my lane, a huge hairy rat, bigger than a minivan, charged into sight in my rearview mirror. *Wampus!* In desperation, I slammed on the accelerator, using up my one and only nitro as an image of a placid dilophosaurus passed under me. Just in time! Wampus flashed his headlights and conceded defeat. I knew there would be a 100knt prize waiting in my Stripe account. I dashed into the store, proudly snatched my corn dogs and ketchup. With the Wampus prize I even had enough to get an apple Pi with rainbow sherbet for dessert. Kristin, the cashier with a sparkly blue nametag, rang me up. "Nice! You earned a coupon for spending more than 50k. You can pick one of these. Do you want a stuffed zebra, gazelle, lion, antelope, or snow leopard?" I hesitated only a moment. "I'm actually taking an anatomy and physiology class. Do you have a model of long bones, short bones, flat bones, and irregular bones?" She looked up at me in surprise. "No, I don't think I've ever seen those here. What about a Wampus plushie though?" "I'll take that!" I declared, and dashed back into the morning drizzle proudly bearing my purchases and free prizes. I couldn't wait to show Travis what I had won!

- A short story by SORC | AgentGarbo - 314 words



Memorize Pi! - Pi Day 3/14

May I have a large container of coffee
ready for today? (10 digits)

Now I, even I, would celebrate
In rhymes unapt the great
Immortal Syracusan, rivaled nevermore,
Who in his wondrous lore,
Passed on before,
Left men his guidance
How to circles mensurate.
(30 digits)

Calling all writers!

Do you love to write short stories? If so, Nitro Magazine is the place to get them published! We'd love to read your witty anecdotes, science fiction, tales of heartbreak and reckless adventures! Submit your work to an editor. You might see yourself published in a future edition!

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Springtime Word Find

Can you find the following words in this puzzle?

Allergies
Caterpillar
Compost
Crocus
Eclipse
Flowers
Garden
Geranium
Insects
Iris
Lightning
Lilies
Photosynthesis
Rafflesia
Soil
Spring
Storm
Tornado

And for those who never did find the needle in the haystack of your favorite magazine (before this one), there is a needle in this puzzle for you! Interactive puzzle here
https://puzzel.org/en/wordseeker/play?p=-Nvcd5xGDMZgL3EINRva
- Puzzle by [PIXIE6] Model88

Bonus puzzle: There are five trails, seven NT stickers, and five NT cars hidden in this issue. Can you find them?
- Puzzle by [SORC] Agentgarbo

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