

Collections!
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There are lots of collectors out there, but what are the best things to collect? Personally I like to collect CDs and I used to collect pogs. Is that interesting? Yes. And the reasons why are coming up.

First, my thoughts on game collections: I understand having a small pile of games, but who has the time to appreciate large ones? (Music on the other hand can be enjoyed at almost any time. Even when driving, at work, sleeping, etc. In fact it would be quicker to say when you CAN'T listen to music, e.g. in meetings, in court for dangerous driving, etc.) If it takes several days to complete one standard game, you're going to need to do a lot of gaming to justify your spending. (CDs on the other hand are usually under an hour long, just saying). And we're living in a time of truly epic projects. There's this one game where you can explore so much space it would take years to complete. (Sure there is one piece of music that lasts over 600 years, but no one REALLY want to listen to that. If they DO, life wasted. Moron). I hate to say this, but at the end of the day you only really need one such game. I'm actually listening to an album now. Are you playing a game right now? That's what I thought.

Music: Who'd have thought that my music collection is one of the most if not the most sensible thing to have? (See? I'm not silly all the time). Just be careful, that's all. Don't play anarchic punk music in front of a judge and don't play him 'I Speed at Night' by Dio if you got charged with speeding at night. It would make you look bad. (Read The Danger of Proverbs 2, if you don't believe me. Yes, that story actually happened. Word for word, even the trip to Hell and the meeting with Jeffrey Dahmer. Do you know why it's not published? It's because the world can't handle its intensity. Plus it's not finished). Similarly, don't play 'Breaking the Law' by Judas Priest. Gangster rap would be pretty bad, too. Certainly don't put together a whole playlist of such songs. Rather, play something by the Police. That would show you're on the same level as them. If you can find a song called 'I Love the Police, They're Great', that would be perfect, but it's not very metal sounding, so it's out of my area of expertise. Maybe it could be a wacky, upbeat pop song. Wouldn't that be nice? I think the law deserve something like that when you consider all the hiphop they have to put up with.

Cars: The good thing about collecting games is that they don't take up too much space, you can keep them out of the public eye and you won't annoy too many people by appearing boastful. Collecting cars on the other hand CAN annoy people. How many does one man really need? If you're really obnoxious you could display all your cars through your local streets one by one, throughout the whole day. You could imagine the reactions. Certainly don't drive around with your windows down, playing music saying how much money you have. If you give people the finger whilst doing so, you've gone WAY too far. However, I have played Gran Turismo 2 on the PS1, so I do understand that if you have the money, you're going to want to spend it.

From personal experience, one virtual car simply wasn't enough for me. I also couldn't wait to see what several cars would look like with sick racing modifications on them. Turns out, pretty good.

Houses: If you collect houses, you're seriously rich. And try hiding a whole BUILDING from someone. Sorry, but it can't be done. At least you can't boast about them by parading them all about the place. Unless you're seriously dedicated, maybe. I have seen moving buildings in the intro of *The Meaning of Life*, but it was obviously just a film and whilst the thrill of such advanced technology may boost your ego in a strange way, too many things could go wrong. As house-wheel technology is in its infant stages and may well not even exist, expect everything from punctures to whole structural collapses. Not so clever now, are you? Then again, maybe I should forget the idea of house wheels altogether and talk about those who have lots of traditional houses: Well, how can you stay in one house at the same time? If you can't (which is what I suspect without some kind of serious injury) what's the point? At least you can look at more than one car at the same time. Has anyone ever bought two houses side by side? Probably not. That would be just one house, wouldn't it?

Pogs: Wow. From multiple houses to multiple pogs. Despite what I've just said, I'd actually rather have more than one house than more than one pog, but don't knock the latter. There's just something fascinating about them. The way they look, they're all different and so well illustrated. I don't think pogs are still made, suggesting the things aren't as important as houses and I would agree with that, but they sure do add a little something extra to life. 'Oh no. I don't have pogs of my own? What do I do?' Don't worry! You're experiencing what many others including myself suffer from: Pog envy! Just watch the things on Youtube! Massive collections are available for you to fantasise over in your own time. Same goes for Warhammer models. The great thing about that is you don't have to build them for yourself or paint them. 'But I like doing that stuff...' But do you though? MAYBE you think you do because you paid so much for the things. If you paid what they're really worth (not £10 or over, actually a few pence) would you be quite so motivated? Maybe not.

Skulls: You collect skulls? What kind of a person are you? How is that ok? More importantly, where did you get them from? They're not human skulls are they? Ahem. Talk about a ruined mood. You've made me want to stop writing. (No, I haven't run out of ideas, I repeated the 'I speed at night' thing simply because it was worth mentioning twice). Well I'm going now. Happy? (Please don't say 'yes'). Bye!