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COMMUNITY QAT!

BY: SM_AWESOME

At the tail end of 2017, new members were accepted onto the Quality Assurance Testing (QAT) team here at Mineplex. In addition to the six staff members who joined the team, six players from the community also joined! This was the first time that the team was open to community members. We got to chat with two of the community members on QAT, TheAule and Jcrdan, about their time on the team so far.

Why did you apply for the Quality Assurance Testing team?

TheAule: I want fix things! I really don't like playing a game that isn't balanced and has bugs all over. QAT offers me the opportunity to help patch the bugs, balance the games, and make sure all the new content is the best it can be.

Jcrdan: I wanted to make the experience on Mineplex better and more enjoyable. I really enjoy game design and balance, and I thought QAT would be a great opportunity for me to contribute in this area. I've been on Game Insights for a few months, where we primarily discuss ways of making current games on Mineplex better. I was super excited when I found out that community members would be able to apply for QAT, as it meant I could take what I learned from Game Insights to the next level on QAT. I've been playing on Mineplex for a few years now, and the idea of using my experience and knowledge to directly effect change on Mineplex was really appealing to me.

What do you do as a QAT member?

TheAule: In Quality Assurance Testing the primary role (unsuprisingly!) is testing. I take part in frequent beta tests of upcoming features, updates, balances, maps, and games to ensure any issues are removed before they're released to the server. Additionally, I help get bugs/exploits that made it through testing noticed and fixed much faster than I could before!

Jcrdan: My job as a QAT member is primarily to test and give feedback on new games, features, maps and updates before they make their way onto the server. We work closely with the development and build teams to ensure that everything on the network is at the utmost quality. Additionally it is also my job to report bugs to Quality Assurance, as well as discuss new ideas, games, kits, balances and features. Pretty much everything you see on the server gets tested by us!

Do you have a favorite experience on the team so far?

TheAule: Bringing positive changes to the server and making everyone's games more fun is my motivation :) My absolute favorite experience has been seeing all the reactions from my friends in the Block Hunt community when they discovered the game is now in adventure mode!

Jcrdan: It's hard to narrow it down to a favourite experience. So far I've had a lot of fun at all the different testing sessions. My favourite would probably be the weekly map testing sessions, where we test map submissions and fixes. It's always a lot of fun trying out and critiquing the new maps. Furthermore it is also really satisfying for me to test some of the work I've been doing on Game Insights.

Applications for QAT are not currently open, but if the team sounds interesting to you, keep your eyes peeled for when they open again in the future!

BE MY VALENTINE?

BY: SSNIP

Have you ever wanted to confess your deep love for someone else? Or maybe you just want to say thanks to a friend for always being there! In this edition of the Newsletter, we want to include some of your messages to others! Submissions from a forum thread were compiled here.

To: My Special Choo Choo From: Nub

From choo, to choo choo, to mod and beyond, I just want to say how much I love you. Happy valentines day <3

To: Rugbeh From: JN_PlayzMC

Do Yuo No Dah Wae? To my heart...

To: XML From: JN_PlayzMC

Anyone can sit here and buy you drinks. I want to buy you dinner!

To: thecurvypeach From: JN_PlayzMC

I Skyfall (Skyfell) for you back in Lobby-1 on a cold Christmas day

To: F5 Gravedigger From: JN_PlayzMC

Gonna be blunt with you, I want to spend the rest of my blocky life with you.

To: Avae, Marcus, Max, Josh, Pace, Landon, Dave and many others From: Anonymous

I just wanted to say thanks for being nice guys throughout the last year, whether it be stats boosting in MOBA for the entire year or partying and bypassing the filter whenever a player would stall. May this love story live on! <3

To: coralines From: JN_PlayzMC

Hi, did your license get suspended for driving all these guys crazy?

To: Creek From: JN_PlayzMC

Mario is red. Sonic is blue. Press start to join and be my player 2.

To: nwang888 From: JN_PlayzMC

You must be from the nether, because you are out of this world.

To: Nrrilinthas From: JN_PlayzMC

Are you made of diamonds, because I'm digging you.

To: mainlee175 From: JN_PlayzMC

I think something is wrong with my auto-aim. I can't take my eyes off you.

To: Multiplicative From: JN_PlayzMC

If I had a rose for every time I thought of you, I would be walking through my garden forever.

To: 69HD From: JN_PlayzMC

If I had to choose between breathing and loving you....I'd take my last breath to say "I Love You"

To: Wanderer From: Nuclear_Poptart

Roses are red, so is spaghetti. You are the best don't you ever forgetti

To: Wanderer From: Nuclear_Poptart

Roses are red, belts have buckles. Will you be my Ugandan Knuckles?

To: Cam From: Ben

Well hello there; we've had our ups and downs as such, however I would like to take the time to see if we can have another chance. I've liked you since day dot, and I've loved spending time with you. My lovely Cameron, will you be my valentine you aesthetic ebay?

To: Wanderer From: Your super secret admirer :)

Roses are red, you're a cool mineman. Please please lift my Forum ban.

To: Wanderer From: Nuclear again

Roses are red, you're super lit fab. Please accept this humble dab.

To: xEthanz From: Darth_Nihilus_

xEthanz, You have been one of my greatest friends. You are so supportive to the community and to me. You are one of the bestest friends anyone can ever have. Thank you bro!

To: Lord_of_Creeper From: Darth_Nihilus_

LoC, you are a really great dude and fun to hangout with. You are so supportive. You are wonderful. You are truly a great likespammer. Thanks! XD

To: BreezeBlockss From: Damian

Meeting you has changed my life and I honestly couldn't ask for anyone more amazing than you. You've made me happier than I've felt in such a long time and I don't want to stop feeling the way I do about you.

To: A Special Someone From: Anonymous

Bless your soul for being around. Lift yourself up a little more, though! You're an amazing person, so stop thinking that you're not. <3

To: My Love From: Anonymous

You're the one that makes my heart skip a beat. The reason I wake up, and the last thing I know before I sleep. I love you a lot and this is just another way to show that. :)

To: Llen From: Toki

I love you babe, you'll forever be my valentine. Here's to our 8th valentine's day together. <3

To: Hailey From: Fawk

Shout out to this amazing person for never judging me. I can tell her everything and anything and she'll completely understand it and make sure I know that I'm not alone. Your giggles are super contagious and you have a heart of gold <3 Stay awesome Hailey

To: Bikkie From: Anonymous

roses are red, most violets ain't blue
the best place to be is right next to you. I love you so much, and I hope you know

I need attention, so please show

To: My man bae From: Potato

Your the sun in my day, the stars in my night. Your're the reason my heart skips a beat when you say 'i love you'. Your my everything, and my one true love

SHORT STORY COMPETITION!

BY: THEGRANDMASTER

In January, the Newsletter Program hosted a 100-word short story competition. We had many great entries that left us amazed the community's talent. Every single entry deserved first place, so to those who entered, don't feel disheartened if you did not win the contest. Without further ado, I would like to congratulate:

Caprifoliaceae on first place!

DJTheAlphaWolfz on second place!

UmbraWitch on third place!

We would like to showcase their entries within the newsletter itself as a reward to these three winners.

Caprifoliaceae's entry: lifeless

I look up, the malevolent, malicious dark figure gazing over the edge of the terrifying water as I gasp for air.

I try my hardest to scream. Only bubbles form, rising to the surface of the derelict water.

I can feel my sight vanishing as I slowly fall deeper.

I can feel myself getting heavier as my lungs fill with more water by the second.

I think about my wife and my children, and how I will never possess the opportunity to see them grow up.

I am now realising, this is what death feels like.

I have become lifeless.

DJTheAlohaWolfz's entry: Stress

I awoke, my hair brushing in the wind. It seemed cold, yes fragile. The trees swam against the enlightened sun; through the dimmed sheets that snow built.

I heard the footsteps~ the ones I had never intended to hear, crunching the leaves as they echoed through the canopy. My heartbeat fastened. I sat up, shivering in what seemed like an endless nightmare of Hell.

Stuck in boundaries... Stuck in thought. How had I awoken here, in what was never meant to be?

Stress: the repetitive word that my mind fell for.

I heard the footsteps once again, I was not alone.

UmbraWitch's entry: Fear

"Don't worry son, it's going to be alright. I promise you... It is going to be alright..."

A mother said, stroking her young sons hair. Dogs downstairs can be heard barking as loud as they can, trying to fend it off.

BAM, BAM

The mother held tighter.

Footsteps grew louder as it approached the door. The mother covered the child's mouth, not making a sound as the footsteps slowly went away.

As soon as the mother let out a sigh of relief, the slow walking turned into running as the door was smashed open.

It look at them.

BAM, BAM

CAPTION THE IMAGE!

BY: SNOWYKITTY

Welcome to the newsletter's captioning game: Caption the Image! This game is fairly easy, and it works just as the title suggests. Each month, we present to you a screenshot that one of our lovely newsletter writers took. Then it's your job to generate a creative caption for it. Are you up for the challenge? Take a look at this month's screenshot and send your caption for the image our way!

Lorem ipsum



Submit your captions here!: <https://goo.gl/forms/KZ7TevZJ1TbZ9Ykf2>

GUESS THE LOCATION!

BY: SUSPICIOUS

Grab your magnifying glass and put on your detective hat because it's time for another round of Guess the Location! It looks like the snow has melted in the lobby for now, so we're back to the good old oak-and-leaves layout, but don't worry! There're still plenty of locations left to find. Don't know how to play or need a quick refresher? Here's how it works: below is a screenshot taken of just a few blocks somewhere in the hub. Your job is to see the bigger picture and guess where the screenshot was taken. When you think you know the answer, submit a response in the form below. If you are one of the lucky three to answer correctly, you will be rewarded handsomely with two Mythical Chests! If there are more than three correct guesses, winners will be selected randomly. Good luck!



Submit your guesses here: <https://goo.gl/forms/wC5wtzEEgN02NCtD2>

Congratulations to last month's winners:

Lukafin
CrazyNerd
Nicodami

You will receive your Mythical Chests soon!

PROMOTIONS/RESIGNATIONS

BY: EMMAGRILL

This month, we want to give a shout out to promoted and returning staff members as well as our thanks to those who have decided to resign.

Promotions:

Java Trainee

January 5th - BenSVE, ImposterK,
KolaKool, Nightsss, tco, Tylarr,
xEndy, xMini, zemoGG
January 19th - Lismoach,
PandaFyre, RiverMint, xFrazer
January 26th - Azitix, Farah_, Provorov

Bedrock Trainee

January 26th - KingNeptune13,
LaurencelsCool, mcplayer12345

Java Mod

January 6th - deadly_miner9, exactlyluke
January 13th - Dutty, Haers, Stxne

Bedrock Mod

January 13th - RAG17YT

Java Sr. Mod

January 15th - Khartier (Community Management)

Java Bedrock

January 5th - Yukimarimo (TM Recruitment and Mentoring)

Resignations:

Java

January 8th - Nightsss
January 9th - Its_Hippo (Social Media)
January 10th - Yazability
January 14th - I_Call_Hacks (Quality Assurance)
January 14th - NiteOwl
January 18th - Enchancia
January 18th - Hydreigon1364
January 24th - glitch (Forum Ninja) {NL Writer}
January 25th - zemoGG
January 28th - 2400
January 31st - CreeperQueenMC

Bedrock

January 16th - DeMotD
January 17th - GoldenJunior242
January 23rd - MC_Minimum

MINEPLEX BINGO!

BY: SSNIP

In this edition of the Mineplex Newsletter, we wanted to challenge the community with a little game. Below you'll find our Mineplex Newsletter Bingo Board! To win, you must complete the various challenges and take screenshots of each one. Upload your screenshots onto an image hosting site such as Imgur or mp-su.com and submit the link(s) in the form below.

Here are the rules of the game. Any submissions that violate these rules will be thrown out.

- All Mineplex rules apply. You can be reminded of them at www.mineplex.com/rules.
- Inappropriate submissions will be thrown out.
- Get 5 in a row (horizontal, vertical, or diagonal) to win.
- Submit all your screenshots in one form submission.

Submission Link: <https://goo.gl/forms/g4vMSAuWLXwZFUKD3>

Start/End Date: Now — 2/10/2018 at 11:59pm ET

The winners will be given a shoutout on ssnip's and SnowyKitty's wall. Good luck, and have fun!

Take a selfie with a friend on Mineplex!	Take a picture with a staff member!	Take a screenshot in front of the Mineplex M!	Take a picture at a Mineplex event!	Win a game of Cake Wars!
Get full diamond armor in Bridges!	Win a game of Dragon Escape!	Hide as a pig in Block Hunt and take a selfie!	Take a picture of you on the win podium!	Reply to a thread on the forums!
Win a game of SSM as a spider!	Complete a Mineplex Mission!	Free Space	Take a screenshot of someone getting GWEN banned!	Take a selfie with a Skeletal Miner in the lobby!
Take a picture of your favorite Mineplex map!	Get a stack of apples in Bridges!	Take a selfie with Carl the Creeper!	Take a selfie while opening a treasure chest!	Take a selfie with DJ Plex in the lobby!
Win a game of Draw My Thing!	Take a selfie with the dragon in the lobby!	Take a selfie with your favorite particle effect!	Win a game of Castle Seige!	Get a kill in any game with your fists!

NEWSLETTER STAFF BIOS



Tortelett: Hi! I am a moderator on the Newsletter and Media Team! I am in charge of designing and assembling all the written articles and images into this newsletter and making everything look pretty. This issue marks my two year anniversary on the team!



SuspiciOus: Hi there, I'm SuspiciOus! I enjoy writing, reading, and technology. I'm currently a Sr.Mod that works in the Quality Assurance division for the Mineplex Pocket Edition and PC servers.



EmmaGrill: Ello! My name is Emma, and I'm a 15 year old book addict. I'm currently an editor and writer on the Newsletter team at Mineplex along with being a Senior Mod on ModCoord. In my spare time I enjoy doing competitive archery and playing the flute. If you see me around feel free to say hello!



Loofii: Hey y'all, I'm Loofii! I'm a Mineplex Mod. My favorite game is Speed Builders, with Team Skywars as a close second. I like dancing, writing, and I'm a huge fan of Troye Sivan and Hayley Kiyoko. If you see me ingame, be sure to say hi!



SnowyKitty: Hey there! I'm SnowyKitty and most call me Snowy. I am a Java Moderator here on Mineplex and the manager of the Newsletter Team. I love to read and write fiction stories, from realistic to sci-fi! My favorite game is Draw My Thing, though I'll really play anything even though I'm not the best at PvP. If you see me somewhere, don't be afraid to shoot me a hello!



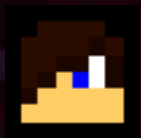
kevithebear: Well hello there! My name is Kevin, and I'm a Moderator on the Java platform of Mineplex. I'm a bubbly person who absolutely loves cliché romantics; I live for them. I have a huge passion for writing, and I find inspiration through my emotions and experiences. The theater calls my name, so if you're into musicals, I'm sure we'll get along!



ssnip: Yo! I'm ssnip, and I'm a moderator at Mineplex! I host events, moderate the forums, collect community ideas, and write for the newsletter! If you ever see me in-game (or at an event wink) don't be afraid to say hi!



sm_awesome: Heya! I'm sm_awesome, and I'm a moderator here on Mineplex. In addition to being a writer and editor for the newsletter, I'm also a Forum Moderator. If you see me around, don't be afraid to say hi – I (usually) don't bite!



TheGrandmaster: Hey! I'm TheGrandmaster, and I'm a moderator on Mineplex presently on three sub-teams; MCA, FM and NL. Feel free to message me on the forums or friend me in-game if you require assistance!



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