

Game Play and Performance



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6 relationships that arise between
game play and performance

6 design strategies to create more
performative play

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1. All game play is performance.
2. All game play is theatrical.
3. Performance is improved by game play's theatrical “magic as if”.

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4. Performance is scary, games are safe.
5. Play is autotelic, performance is telic, and game play can be both.
6. Performance makes a game play systems legible.

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1. Make play more physical.
2. Make play more visible.
3. Make play more spectacular.
4. Make play more legible.
5. Make play more conspiratorial.
6. Make play more psychological.

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performative mods



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