



Polishing is the *last* 10% of the development process But it should take 90% of the time

What is polish?



Elimination of features Tightening of the loops Focusing and testing the metagame CONSISTENCY OF EXPERIENCE

WORLD HEADLINES

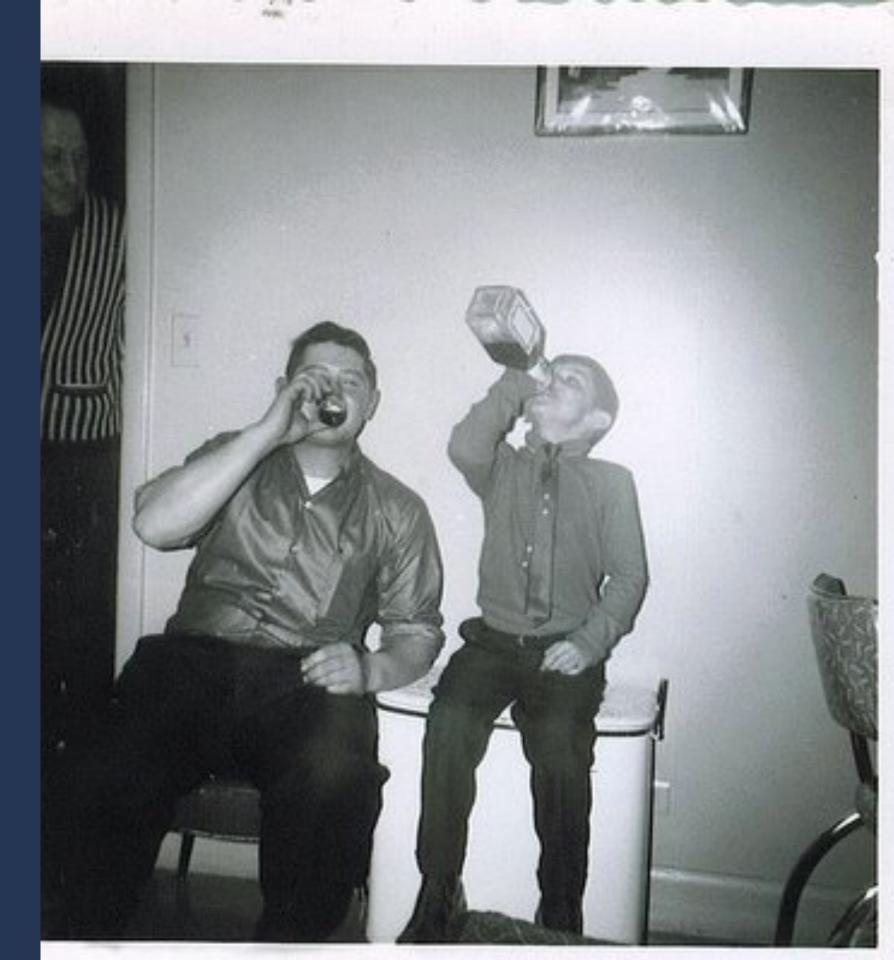
CAPTORS EXTEND DEADLINE FOR HOSTAGE NEGOTIATIONS

BASKETBALL: LOS ANGELES LAKERS CONTINUES TO RESTRUCTURE LINEUP; TEAM TRADE



What is consistency of experience?

- Define play experience
- Which elements of the loop enhance that experience?
- Which elements of the metagame enhance that experience?
- UI
- Response time



What to polish?



Loops

- completion time
- feedback (both UI and system response time)
- kinaesthetics
- aesthetics
- juiciness



Metagame

- context: how can the game better fit the context
- economy: whales, seahorses, turtles, ... diversity of players and diversity of balance
- fiction

