



● **SUPERHOT** fans are in for a treat — the third game in the series, *Mind Control Delete*, will be FREE to download if you buy or have bought the first game. *Mind*

Control Delete started out as a free DLC, but it's grown up enough to be considered its own thing — making it the third outing behind *Superhot* and *Superhot VR*.



● **EVERYONE** loves Lego but enough to splash £209.99 on a set? That's what the firm is asking for the latest Nintendo-inspired kit. The NES console set packs 2,646

pieces and includes the console, gamepad, Super Mario Bros cart and a retro TV. There is a slot on top of the TV for a Lego Super Mario base unit — a £60 addition. Out August 1.



Formula 1 WON

MOTORSPORT stalled on the grid as the world faced the Covid-19 pandemic.

Formula One began a new normal with back-to-back races at the Red Bull Ring in Austria over the last two weekends before Hungary today. Many real-world racers battled it out with gamers in eSports competitions — but racing's Codemasters have tried to bring us all a piece of the F1 world with the latest instalment of their hit series. And there is a special treat. The likes of Lewis Hamilton, Lando Norris and Max Verstappen have had to postpone their chances racing at Hanoi in Vietnam and returning to the indoor track in Holland because of the truncated season. But gamers taking on the F1 2020 challenge do virtual laps of the two circuits. The new game looks to have fleshed out a lot of the ideas that were highlights of 2019's game. It has also added more tweaks aimed at giving fans a more rounded experience of driving and team management. As for the drivers, it's Vettel, Hamilton and the rest who are to the track — but they wouldn't get there without a solid team behind them. The new My Team mode aims to teach you how much a tenth of a second in the wind

F1 2020

Xbox One, PS4, PC and Stadia £54.99

tunnel matters on that final corner at Silverstone. The chance to fill the racing boots of a driver and the shiny brogues of the team owner opens up a new side to the game. Most racing games see you sign for a team then battle to get a seat at a better team — this sees you start on the ground floor with a dream that will take time, patience and a lot of money. You are going to be more AlphaTauri than Mercedes to start with, but there is a lot of fun to be had from picking your team's colours, signing sponsors, getting an engine and finding a second driver and all while counting the pennies. My Team is the real meat of F1 2020 — it's not a won-and-your-done affair. It's all about investing now and watching it grow later. The management side is a constant juggling act that will take time to get your head around. There are only so many days in a season and if you spend too much time with one area of the team then the rest of them will notice and they will let you know. Then you have the actual racing. It is all the high standard you would expect from Codemasters. It includes all the new teams and

drivers and all those tracks. You can also attack a more standard career mode if you want — like in the 2019 game. You can start out in F2 and work your way up the ranks one win at a time. However, in a different move, the developers have expanded the F2 season so you can now complete a full calendar. And that's all before you head online and dare to dip a toe into the world of eSports. Given the growth of the eSports world and the depth of talent, it is a fair bet that the next world champion may just cut their racing teeth on this year's game as a speed-kid phenomenon. Other points to note: split screen is back. It's perfect for those couch grudge matches after watching a Sunday race, or you can team up and battle it for a one-two finish. That said, that will probably start more grudge matches if couch "team orders" come into play. F1 2020 picks up where last year's game left off, but it has shaken off that prototype feeling. It now feels more polished. My Team is a huge addition to the series and is easily going to be the future of the game. A few tweaks to accessibility have made this a winner for seasoned pros and casuals alike. You'll be racing to get on the grid and watch the lights go out and the action to start. ★★★★★



● **TOUGH** times for Ubisoft — the firm has been hit by ongoing sexual harassment allegations against its staff. The firm issued an apology after senior executives stepped down amid a probe into the claims. It was expected that Ubisoft would comment during Sunday's award event, but they declined — insisting it was a pre-recorded

programme. The "E3" event featured a number of Ubisoft heavy-hitters with Assassin's Creed: Valhalla, Watch Dogs: Legion and Far Cry 6 all getting shown. Splinter Cell fans got hoodwinked again — Sam will be back but in Tom Clancy's Elite Squad. That will be a new RPG for mobile. Far Cry 6 is due out on February

18 and stars Breaking Bad's Giancarlo Esposito as brutal dictator Anton Castillo. Watch Dogs Legion has a new release date of October 29. A trailer revealed some class act missions. The Crew 2 and Ghost Recon Breakpoint are getting tweaked and new DLC. Breakpoint will get an AI teammate... finally.



- TOP 5 GAMES THIS WEEK**
1. F1 2020
 2. Animal Crossing: New Horizons
 3. The Last of Us Part II
 4. Mario Kart 8 Deluxe
 5. Minecraft



NEW MUSIC
By Jim Gellatly

KATHERINE ALY
WHERE: Edinburgh
FOR FANS OF: Björk, Billie Eilish, London Grammar
JIM SAYS: Raised in Greece, Katherine came to Scotland around five years ago after studying in the Netherlands. Ahead of launching her solo career last year she had dabbled in various styles. She said: "I started doing music professionally with a Greek alt. rock band, then moved out to indie-pop in Amsterdam. I later became part of more electronic projects with Sheltering Waves and Midi Paul here in Scotland, acoustic vibes with Glassmaster and shoe-gaze with False Bliss."

There are elements of all these in her solo work, creating some wonderfully cinematic sounds. Katherine first came to my attention a couple of years ago as a member of atmospheric indie outfit Lilac Melt. Despite a great response, and national radio play, it soon fell apart. She explained: "The downside of being in a band is there are different priorities, lots of opinions and you can miscommunicate, misinterpret and misunderstand things." "At some point it became clear we couldn't continue writing music together. To be honest, it really broke my heart. It's hard watching people giving up on something you have a strong connection to. But I'm sure that chapter of my career helped pave the way for the next." Away from the constraints of being in a band she has relished the opportunity to express herself in her own way. She added: "I feel totally free to experiment with different sounds, vibes and textures." Her first releases under her own steam were the part of a trilogy, The Singles The Skin I'm Made Of, Sunny Days and Misty Me showed a stripped-back sensitive side to her writing. Katherine's wonderful new single God Breed has more of a synth-pop feel as she continues to push boundaries. She said: "God Breed is a project in itself. It's not really connected to my debut single trilogy nor is it part of the future releases I'm currently working on. "I suppose the main message is how important it is to take care of your creative self and never give up on it. Let it grow and take inspiration from other people's creativity too." Lockdown hasn't been easy for Katherine, but as restrictions ease, she's quietly optimistic. She said: "I've been doing a lot of songwriting and I'm really proud of the new material. "Mostly, I'm thankful that I managed to do that despite struggling a lot with anxiety during these strange times. I say 'despite', but it could also be that I've stayed very productive because of this situation. I strongly believe that 2020 has shown us that we don't care enough about each other, from leadership to a personal level." Often great music can emerge from troubled times, and that looks like the case with Katherine. **MORE:** katherinealy.com ● Jim presents a weekly showcase of New Music on Amazing Radio Sundays 2-4pm.

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