
Subject: What The Bleep Do We Know!?

Posted by [Blazer](#) on Sun, 27 Aug 2006 22:52:36 GMT

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After seeing the religious debate going on in the other thread, I decided to post this to add some spice to the mix

"What The Bleep Do We Know?" Is actually a film. It's pretty hard to describe, I guess the closest I can come is that it could be part documentary, part science film, part philosophy, part quantum physics. It has things about God, about science, about life. It has humor and a story which helps provide a framework for explaining things that most people are unable to explain. It's definitely not some cheesy school science flick. It has world famous actors and scientists, and a few parts come to mind that could even be considered R-rated

That's the best way I can explain it, sorry I didn't do a very good job lol...once you watch it, maybe you can offer a better explanation. They have a website at <http://www.whatthebleep.com/whatthebleep/> . Personally, what I like most about this film is that it makes you think, and that people at any level can understand it and get something from it that makes you ponder. Even if you suck at math and science you can understand the quantum physics and cellular biology. You may find yourself examining what religion is or is not. This film has literally changed some peoples lives, and/or the way they think about life and the universe.

Rules.

What? Rules? Yep...since I am sticking my neck out by providing this video*, I ask a few things in return:

1. Do NOT talk about this until you have watched the whole thing. And I mean *watched* it...as in not skipping through it, or watching it while you are playing games. Actually watch it, and listen to it. If you are at all curious about the world,life,science, and spirituality, it will grab and hold your interest pretty quick, even if it makes you angry I have no interesting in seeing reviews like "OMG THAT MADE NO SENSE WHY DID blah blah THIS SUCKS". If you are the kind of person who barely absorbs the daily YouTube video or thinks YTMND is quality entertainment, then you probably shouldn't bother. Watch the film...you might have to even watch it more than once. Once you have watched it I'm sure there are many topics you would find open for discussion.

2. If you find this video interesting, PLEASE BUY IT. *At the time that I saw it (actually until a few moments ago), I knew/thought that you could not purchase this video, as it was only available via private showings. Apparently now that I look at the website, you can buy it on Amazon, so technically, I probably shouldn't be providing it. I have noticed that it can be found on most torrent sites as well as usenet. My server runs an anonymous FTP daemon, and someone was kind enough to upload it, so I am passing the link along so that you can see it for yourself.

There is an "extended" version of this, called "What The Bleep Do We Know - Down The Rabbit Hole". It goes into even more detail, particularly in the areas of Quantum Physics and Space/Time. If there is interest in this, perhaps my mystery friend will upload this as well - all things are possible right?

And now, the link. You should right-click it, and "save as", and download it to your computer before you view it (I don't know if I have the bandwidth to stream it live, or even if media player supports ftp urls for streaming).

<ftp://ftp.the-ownage.com/pub/incoming/What.the.bleep.do.we.k.now.avi>

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Tue, 29 Aug 2006 00:18:28 GMT
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Wow...I guess I underestimated folks here. I initially thought that not everyone was the type who sees more than 2 lines of text and "can't be arsed to read all that".

From checking the download logs I can see that:

* 8 people clicked the download link (I guess the rest didn't even bother reading or scrolling down)

* Of the 8 who clicked, only 3 people actually downloaded the complete file.

* The other 5 people just streamed the file, and either skipped through it, or stopped viewing it after 60 seconds.

Oh well maybe the 3 that actually downloaded it will watch it and have something interesting to say (if they didn't just download it and then skim or delete it like the others did).

I guess it's sad but true that people these days have an attention span measured in seconds. Maybe I should slice it up into 1000 YTMND clips or post it on google video with the subject "LOL OMGBBQ TITS" and someone will be interested

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [Jecht](#) on Tue, 29 Aug 2006 01:59:28 GMT
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I just don't have the time to watch a movie. I wish I did but I only get like 10 minutes on here at a time.

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [warranto](#) on Tue, 29 Aug 2006 02:07:56 GMT
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I saw it when it came out on video.

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?

Posted by [NeoSaber](#) on Tue, 29 Aug 2006 02:26:21 GMT

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Blazer wrote on Mon, 28 August 2006 20:18* Of the 8 who clicked, only 3 people actually downloaded the complete file.

Although I was interested, I cancelled the download since it was around 700MB. I don't have the time, the stable connection, or the hard drive space, to download something that size.

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?

Posted by [msgtpain](#) on Tue, 29 Aug 2006 02:32:19 GMT

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Blazer wrote on Mon, 28 August 2006 20:18Wow...I guess I underestimated folks here. I initially thought that not everyone was the type who sees more than 2 lines of text and "can't be arsed to read all that".

I started to read your post blazer, but after two lines of blue text, I couldn't even look at it anymore.. sorry

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?

Posted by [Hydra](#) on Tue, 29 Aug 2006 21:19:28 GMT

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I was able to download the whole movie during class, but so far, I've only been able to watch 13 minutes of it; it looks pretty interesting, so far.

When I get through the whole movie, I'll write whatever thoughts come to mind.

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?

Posted by [jnz](#) on Tue, 29 Aug 2006 22:27:13 GMT

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i have started doenloading it sould be done in 30 miniuts, but i will watch it tommorrow, i am tired.

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?

Posted by [Javaxcx](#) on Tue, 29 Aug 2006 22:34:51 GMT

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warranto wrote on Mon, 28 August 2006 22:07I saw it when it came out on video.

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [z310](#) on Wed, 30 Aug 2006 00:43:44 GMT
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I read your entire post, started downloading the thing, then thought "why the fuck do I care?" and canceled the download.

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Wed, 30 Aug 2006 00:51:27 GMT
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z310 wrote on Tue, 29 August 2006 20:43 I read your entire post, started downloading the thing, then thought "why the fuck do I care?" and canceled the download.

Strange to see someone brag about having no ambition or intellectual curiosity. I guess hanging out with your stoner friends is more your style. Don't worry you can always go to the Religion thread and do some useless arguing

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Wed, 30 Aug 2006 00:57:30 GMT
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NeoSaber wrote on Mon, 28 August 2006 22:26 Blazer wrote on Mon, 28 August 2006 20:18* Of the 8 who clicked, only 3 people actually downloaded the complete file.

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Heh I guess I should have mentioned how big it was...I guess I figured that anyone who would be interested wouldn't care.

NeoSaber wrote on Mon, 28 August 2006 22:26
I don't have the time, the stable connection, or the hard drive space, to download something that size.

That's a pretty poor excuse. People often claim to not have the time/bandwidth/space to download something, yet I see the exact same people spend literally weeks downloading some latest MP3 album, game ISO, application software, or porn from limewire or some other crappy PTP service.

I cannot in good faith believe that anyone's hard drive has less than a gig of free space...my windows swap file is that large for crying out loud. As for stable connections and bandwidth, that's what download managers and accelerators are for. Even if you had a 56k modem, you could easily download it in while you are sleeping. I'm pretty sure if I had C&C3 up for download, or Renegade2, you would somehow magically find a way to get it

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [z310](#) on Wed, 30 Aug 2006 01:26:22 GMT
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Blazer wrote on Tue, 29 August 2006 20:51z310 wrote on Tue, 29 August 2006 20:43I read your entire post, started downloading the thing, then thought "why the fuck do I care?" and canceled the download.

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I will download it tonight.

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [NeoSaber](#) on Wed, 30 Aug 2006 04:03:24 GMT
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Blazer wrote on Tue, 29 August 2006 20:57I cannot in good faith believe that anyone's hard drive has less than a gig of free space...my windows swap file is that large for crying out loud. As for stable connections and bandwidth, that's what download managers and accelerators are for. Even if you had a 56k modem, you could easily download it in while you are sleeping. I'm pretty sure if I had C&C3 up for download, or Renegade2, you would somehow magically find a way to get it.

I'm not claiming I absolutely don't have the room on my hard drive right now. It's a 40GB drive and currently down to 7GB. I began rationing space once it dropped below 10GB. Filling 1/10 of the remaining room with one file doesn't appeal much to me.

For my connection, my router is a pain in the ass that randomly corrupts throughout the day. If I bypass it, my ISP always seems to cut me off if I download a large file for more than an hour. When downloading, the connection needs constant attention. I can't just let it run while I sleep, otherwise it'll take me weeks and I probably still wouldn't have it all.

Could you lower the video's resolution or something to bring down the file size? If the file was around 300MB or less I'd be willing to download it. I could probably clear 300MB to make room for it, and I have been willing to put up with 300MB downloads occasionally in the past, even if they take me a few days of doing nothing else.

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [xptek](#) on Wed, 30 Aug 2006 05:32:45 GMT
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From the small clip I saw on Google Video, this looks very interesting.

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [Hydra](#) on Wed, 30 Aug 2006 05:34:47 GMT
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Just finished watching the whole movie all the way through.
Let me just say that what Neo said about quantum physics is mostly right, based on what most of the "experts" in that movie said.

It was humorous to listen to a deaf woman talk, though.

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [Scythar](#) on Wed, 30 Aug 2006 15:39:33 GMT
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Blazer wrote on Tue, 29 August 2006 20:57

I cannot in good faith believe that anyone's hard drive has less than a gig of free space...my windows swap file is that large for crying out loud

Mwahah, 1.6Gb free here, 30Gb max. I don't want to upgrade because I want a SATA drive, but that means new mobo, which means new CPU, GPU and RAM (I'm on Socket A Athlon XP3000+ with 6800 GT 256Mb AGP, and I want to move to newer socket/PCI-E). Yeah, I'm waiting for CPU price drops and then upgrading, but we DO exist

Anyway, downloading now, ETA 1h 40m.

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [Scythar](#) on Wed, 30 Aug 2006 20:36:59 GMT
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Finished watching, fascinating video, thanks for the download Blazer! I've been very interested of all this stuff lately, after watching The Elegant Universe by Nova.

Oh...

That blonde woman who makes a lot of comments throughout the film....I swear, she reminds me of Christopher Judge (Teal'C from SG-1). No kidding.

Gah, double post, sorry about that.

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [jnz](#) on Wed, 30 Aug 2006 21:43:56 GMT
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first of all i am going to brag. and then i am going to tell blaser that the video can be streamed. then someone will post, and put me in my place.

1)it is normaly faster but i was downloading alot of other things.

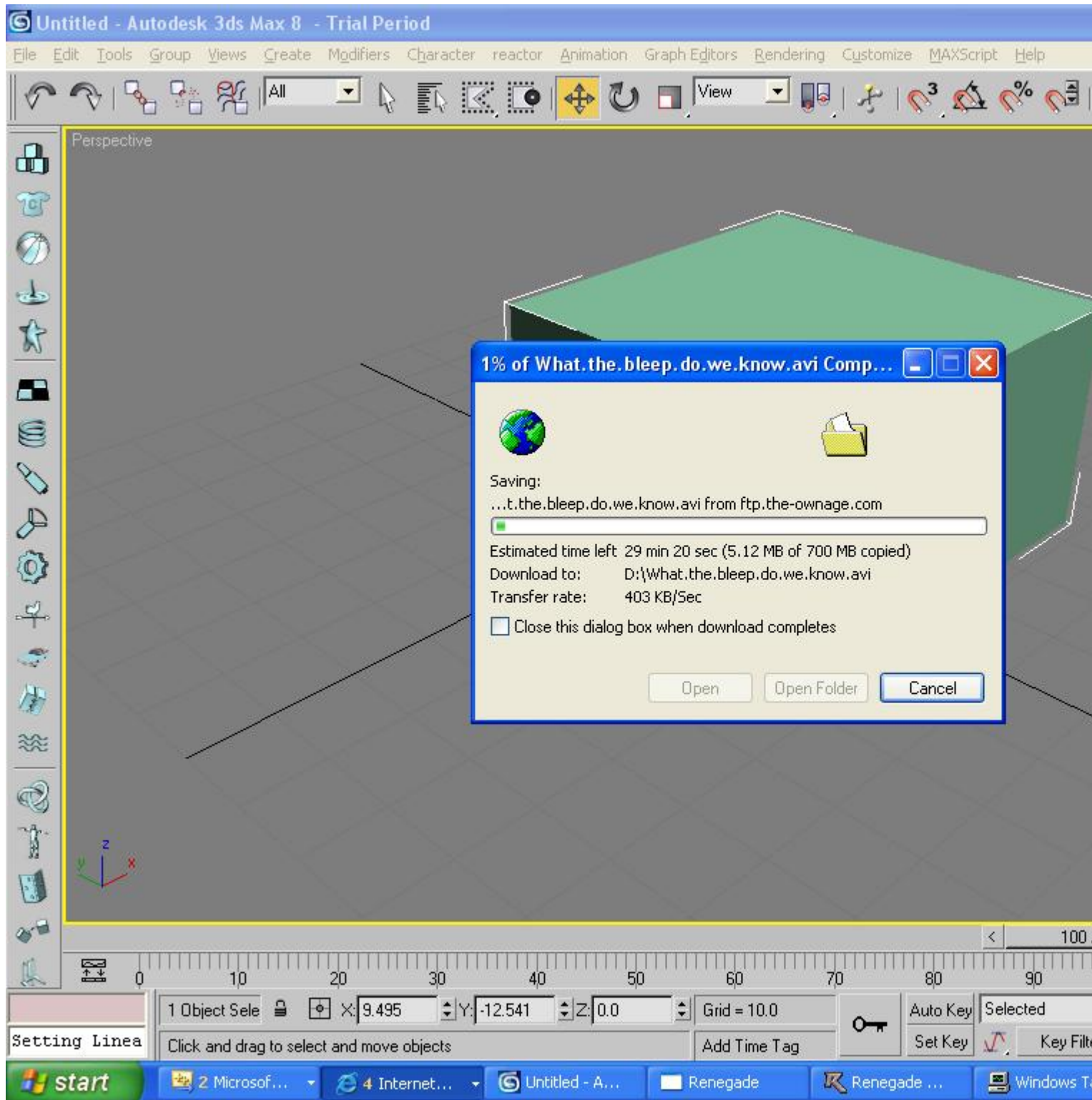
2)Blaser, the video can be streamed

3) when someone posts with a faster speed.

i thought the movie is very interesting, i havn't watched it all yet though. quantum physics rocks!
lol

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1) [fast.JPG](#), downloaded 1191 times



Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [warranto](#) on Wed, 30 Aug 2006 21:49:56 GMT
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I'm not vouching for the credibility of this site, but it's an interesting read nonetheless.

http://skeptico.blogs.com/skeptico/2005/04/what_the_bleep_.html

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [jnz](#) on Wed, 30 Aug 2006 21:54:58 GMT
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bah, that site was like those stupid moon landing sites trying to disprove.

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [futura83](#) on Wed, 30 Aug 2006 22:14:40 GMT
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sounds interesting.

i have a 70 GB hard drive to myself, broadband, and alot of free time im downloading it to watch a bit later.

dan, you make mine sound slow. mine is downloading at a rate of about 370 KB/s

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [Carrierll](#) on Wed, 30 Aug 2006 23:06:07 GMT
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Wow, I watched it and was kinda confounded. So I'm going to watch it again, but the points at the end (which I forget now, wow, this thing was really confusing) were good.

OT:

I get ~70 KBPS so shush anyone who's got higher. (Living in a retirement town in the middle of nowhere = teh suxorz)

I take ~48 Hours to reconnect to my ISP.

And somehow, I'm still online!

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [Oblivion165](#) on Wed, 30 Aug 2006 23:07:52 GMT
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Downloading, also helplinux - Crop often?

Beat you.

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The screenshot shows the Avant Browser window displaying the Renegade Public Forums website. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://www.renegadeforums.com/>. The website features a banner for 'Command & Conquer Renegade' with the title 'Renegade Public Forums'. Navigation links include 'Private Messaging', 'Members', 'Search', 'FAQ', 'User CP', and 'Logout [Oblivion165]'. A welcome message for user 'Oblivion165' is visible, along with links for 'Today's Messages', 'Unread Messages', 'Unanswered Messages', 'Show Polls', and 'Message Navigator'. The forum structure is organized into sections: 'General Discussions' (including 'General Discussion' and 'Politics / Hot Issues') and 'Renegade Discussions' (including 'Mod Forum', 'Tactics and Strategies', 'Clan Forum', and 'Renegade Community News'). Each forum entry lists its moderators. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the Start button, system tray icons, and the Avant Browser window.

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Welcome **Oblivion165**, your last visit was on Wed, 30 August 2006 19:08

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Forum

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A place to come and discuss tactics and strategies for Renegade.
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Moderator(s): Crimsor

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Wed, 30 Aug 2006 23:26:55 GMT
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NeoSaber wrote on Wed, 30 August 2006 00:03

I'm not claiming I absolutely don't have the room on my hard drive right now. Its a 40GB drive and currently down to 7GB. I began rationing space once it dropped below 10GB. Filling 1/10 of the remaining room with one file doesn't appeal much to me.

So you have 7GB free, and cannot consider downloading 700MB, watch it, and then delete it? You are basically saying here that if your machine drops below 6GB of free space for 24 hours, it will explode?

NeoSaber wrote on Wed, 30 August 2006 00:03

For my connection, my router is a pain in the ass that randomly corrupts throughout the day.

What kind of router do you have? I've never seen one that randomly corrupts data...are you sure that your RAM isn't bad, or maybe even your hard disk is getting errors?

NeoSaber wrote on Wed, 30 August 2006 00:03

If I bypass it, my ISP always seems to cut me off if I download a large file for more than an hour.

How do you bypass your router?

NeoSaber wrote on Wed, 30 August 2006 00:03

When downloading, the connection needs constant attention. I can't just let it run while I sleep,

Sure you can...as I said there are many download managers like GetRight, ReGet, and even ftp programs like FlashFXP, Bulletproof FTP, etc...that automatically reconnect and resume a transfer if its interrupted.

NeoSaber wrote on Wed, 30 August 2006 00:03

Could you lower the video's resolution or something to bring down the file size? If the file was around 300MB or less I'd be willing to download it. I could probably clear 300MB to make room for it, and I have been willing to put up with 300MB downloads occasionally in the past, even if they take me a few days of doing nothing else.

I didn't do the original encode, so I'm not sure. The main reason it's so large is because its a full length film and not just some 20 minute video clip.

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Wed, 30 Aug 2006 23:28:49 GMT
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Hydra wrote on Wed, 30 August 2006 01:34

It was humorous to listen to a deaf woman talk, though.

You are religious and yet you make fun of people with disabilities...nice to know there are slots reserved in heaven for people like you

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Wed, 30 Aug 2006 23:31:28 GMT
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help-linux wrote on Wed, 30 August 2006 17:43
2)Blaser, the video can be streamed
3) when someone posts with a faster speed.

Good to know that it can be streamed. I know that my server can handle the upstream, I just didn't know how much downstream speed you would need to watch it without rebuffering.

P.S. If I download it at home I get 625KB/s. If I download it at work, over 3MB/s

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [z310](#) on Wed, 30 Aug 2006 23:45:17 GMT
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Blazer wrote on Wed, 30 August 2006 19:26NeoSaber wrote on Wed, 30 August 2006 00:03
If I bypass it, my ISP always seems to cut me off if I download a large file for more than an hour.

How do you bypass your router?

Not use the router?

And thanks for the movie man - it's so far really interesting.

I'm going to watch it time after time, though. It's just so damn confusing to me.

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [jnz](#) on Wed, 30 Aug 2006 23:47:03 GMT
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Blazer wrote on Thu, 31 August 2006 00:31help-linux wrote on Wed, 30 August 2006 17:43
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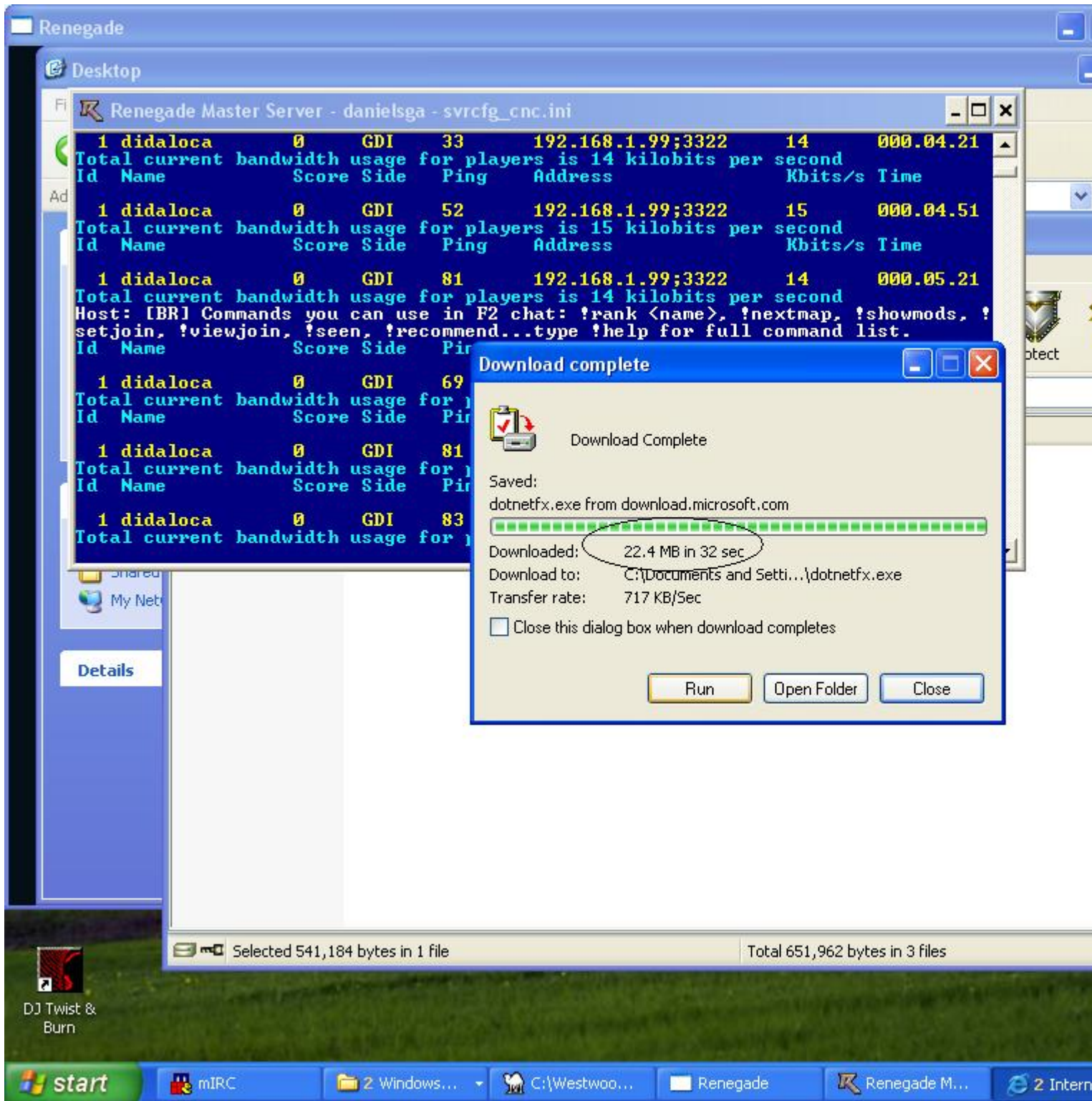
P.S. If I download it at home I get 625KB/s. If I download it at work, over 3MB/s

that was number 3 lol, although depending on the server traffic i have had nearly 1 Mps:
(this the bit-rate on this pic went over 1Mps but it went down at the last miniut)

remeber this is a personal conection.

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Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [z310](#) on Thu, 31 Aug 2006 02:12:43 GMT
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OK, I actually now finished the movie and I don't think I need to watch it again. I also think I have a new view on life, Blazer. Thanks.

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [Crimson](#) on Thu, 31 Aug 2006 02:25:31 GMT
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You might find it useful to remind yourself once in a while. When I get back from dinner, I will tell you all a story about myself that related to the concepts introduced in this film.

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [z310](#) on Thu, 31 Aug 2006 02:26:47 GMT
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Cool.

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [xptek](#) on Thu, 31 Aug 2006 03:07:48 GMT
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Finally got around to watching it. Very interesting stuff.

Now back to trying to move this can with my mind.

(Yeah, shut up.)

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [NeoSaber](#) on Thu, 31 Aug 2006 03:27:28 GMT
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Blazer wrote on Wed, 30 August 2006 19:26 Sure you can...as I said there are many download managers like GetRight, ReGet, and even ftp programs like FlashFXP, Bulletproof FTP, etc...that automatically reconnect and resume a transfer if its interrupted.

I have a download manager. The problem isn't that if I get interrupted I have to start over, the problem is that when I get interrupted I have to physically reset my router to make it reconnect to my modem. I could start the download, walk away, and in five minutes my router glitches and stops working. It's like I'm offline. Until I pull the power on it, it won't reset and work again. If I just plug into my modem, instead of going through the router, my ISP has this nasty habit of cutting me off during large downloads. I can get chunks of a file, then my modem disconnects and I have to get everything working again to get the next chunk.

About two weeks ago, I downloaded a 300MB file. It took 3 times longer than it should have because I kept having to reset my router, or connect to my modem directly, or reset my modem and my router, etc. After all that for a 300MB file, a 700MB file looks impossible to me.

Although, after reading that link warranto posted, I'm a little more intrigued to see if this video is really that bad. Originally I thought it would just be a rehash of everything I've read about quantum physics, but if that site is even half right, it might be worth watching just to laugh at it. I'll see if I can work up the will download something twice the size of that last file... that thing was a nightmare.

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Thu, 31 Aug 2006 05:46:26 GMT
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Why don't you complain to your ISP about getting cutoff? I would try replacing your router too, but it sounds to me like the problem could just be your ISP, or your connection. Do you have a cable modem, or DSL? Either way you should be able to complain to them about your service and they will come out and do a line check for free. You shouldn't have to put up with crappy service if you are paying the same price as people who have no problems.

As for the film, I didn't say everyone would agree with it, in fact I figured it would even make some people angry, or even amused...it all depends on how open-minded you are. Either way, it will make you think, which is the main thing that I like about it.

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [Sniper_De7](#) on Thu, 31 Aug 2006 12:56:04 GMT
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Yeah, I remember watching this while browsing through somewhere. I found it pretty interesting. I guess I'll rewatch it after i get back from school

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [Crimson](#) on Thu, 31 Aug 2006 20:53:16 GMT
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OK, my story...

Keep in mind that part of the premise of this movie was to show you that (possibly/probably) you are/can be addicted to your emotions, positive or negative. They also put forth that you can break the cycle of your emotional addictions by consciously deciding to do so. If you force yourself to respond a different/better way to a situation or stimulus, eventually that will become your natural response. This is a short story of something I went through and did to myself back in 1998 that serves as an example of this in action.

So... it was February of 1998 and I was living with my then-boyfriend at his parents' house. I had graduated from high school the previous June and was working at a great, fun job for shit pay. So, we ended up breaking things off (ok, he dumped me, I only tell you this because it's relevant) and I was left at a job not making enough money to even afford an apartment. So, I had a friend who had moved to Wyoming to live with her parents about a year before. She was tired of living with her parents and suggested that I move up there and we could get a place together. I debated this for a few days and decided to do it. So, within the next couple of weeks, I packed up most of what I owned into my 1986 Toyota Corolla (my first car -- paid in full and I had just got my license the month before) and with my aunt to help me make the drive, we took off. My friend had found a small house with all utilities paid for \$425/month to rent and signed us up. (Did I mention the cost of living there was insanely low? We didn't even have state income tax because the mining industry made enough money to support the state in their taxes)

So, here I am with no job, one friend, very little money, and about 3 weeks to go before our first rent check was due. I don't know what I was doing or when I decided this, but I looked at my situation and realized that I was giving myself a huge opportunity. This time was a very pivotal time in my life. Freshly graduated from high school, in a new state... no debt, no obligations. At this point in time I could set my path in life.

I decided that one of my goals was to change myself. Considering the horrible breakup I had just suffered and was getting over, and the fact that I hated school and was never one of the "popular" ones, I was shy and quiet. There were reasons for this... please don't interpret that as bragging or whatever, it's just a fact... I was a lot smarter than most of my classmates and school went way to slow for me. Whenever I spoke, I was asked things like "How did you know that? How do you remember those things? How can you do that?" and I was also treated like crap for the same reasons -- people thinking I was showing off, or whatever. So I learned to just shut the hell up and quietly finish my coursework.

So, I'm at this crossroad and I decide that I don't like my social personality. I lacked self-confidence, but I had seen people of all shapes and sizes be liked. So I decided that I was going to go "out there" and pretend that I was "the shit". (Yes, "the shit" was the term at the time, and that's what I told myself) I was going to go to my job (at Taco Bell, no less) and pretend that I was this confident, friendly, outgoing person and that I was awesome and what-have-you. So, that's what I did. And I was amazed at how quickly people warmed up to me, talked to me, and liked me. It didn't take long before I was no longer pretending I was "the shit"... I actually WAS "the shit" and being more outgoing became natural to me. I ended up switching jobs when an opportunity came up to be an assistant manager and then main manager of the local Domino's Pizza and made a lot of friends, had a lot of parties, and had a great time.

So, this story of mine serves as my example of how, through the power of your own thought, you can do anything. You can train yourself out of your old responses to situations.

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Posted by [jnz](#) on Thu, 31 Aug 2006 21:17:29 GMT
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Posted by [futura83](#) on Thu, 31 Aug 2006 21:24:50 GMT
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like the way in year 9, our french teacher gave up on him. LOL

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [jnz](#) on Thu, 31 Aug 2006 21:30:48 GMT
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that different i was generally crap at french.

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [warranto](#) on Thu, 31 Aug 2006 21:36:54 GMT
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Heh, not to take away from your story, but just to compare that to my own school experience.

I was nearly the same, except I didn't care enough to bother to shut up. Heck, I still have no friends, still considered to be "shy and quiet". But, I also decided to act like I was not a loaner. However, for me it's a stress filled job, and exhausts me the more I have to act.

But, the point I'm trying to make is that it does works, even when you fake it. I now work at a law office, people actually think that I'm outgoing and sociable. Even if you don't actually WANT to make a difference, if you act like you do it can still "work".

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [Nightma12](#) on Thu, 31 Aug 2006 21:58:17 GMT

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classic! sounds like my school

teacher asks for an example of an OS.... i give Linux... im told to STFU -.-

EDIT: just ot keep this on topic, im downloading the movie now to see what i think

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Posted by [jnz](#) on Thu, 31 Aug 2006 22:24:11 GMT
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i think it is stupid how poeple are intimidated by smart poeple.

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [futura83](#) on Thu, 31 Aug 2006 22:33:28 GMT
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it's most probably as they cant understand what we're saying

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [z310](#) on Thu, 31 Aug 2006 22:51:08 GMT
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Great story, Crimson. I'll be thinking about it this year at school.

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [Crimson](#) on Thu, 31 Aug 2006 23:28:42 GMT
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At this particular time, I am still mostly extroverted socially, but I am an introvert and I thrive on alone time and solitude at least once or twice a week. I don't always get it, sharing my house with two boys and two houseguests (who are moving out the weekend after next).

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i don't, i never "feel" or get an instinct so i would not know.

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [Crimson](#) on Thu, 31 Aug 2006 23:45:38 GMT
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I almost always regret not going with my instincts. Especially in poker.

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [jnz](#) on Thu, 31 Aug 2006 23:48:12 GMT
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lol

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [NeoSaber](#) on Sat, 02 Sep 2006 05:03:03 GMT
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I got around to downloading the video. Download went really well too, no router glitches or anything. A small miracle.

The video itself was rather lame. I didn't see any scientific merit in it. Half the video seems narrated by that crazy cult woman who has no credibility. The video makes claims about quantum physics that aren't scientific at all. I have issues with the scientific validity of quantum mechanics to begin with, but the video went into a whole new realm of crap. I'm not even sure it's fair to call some of that stuff quantum physics. Probability waves became a part of quantum physics because scientists lacked the ability to accurately test particle waves. It's not a profound way to look at reality, it's a limitation of science.

There was one line in the movie that really caught my attention. It's something along the lines of "What is the only planet in the Milky Way, that has habitation, that is steeped in the enormous subjugation of religion?". How would anyone be able to answer that question? The premise demands we compare civilization on Earth to civilizations on other planets. How the hell could anyone do that? We don't even know if life exists or not. There's no basis for the question to even be asked. I think it's that crazy cult leader posing the question so I guess I shouldn't be surprised at the stupidity of it. Is this the theological premise the the movie makers were following? That religion has made Earth worse than all the other civilizations in the galaxy? As if its credibility wasn't shot to hell already with the claim about natives not seeing ships.

To compound that is the hypocrisy of saying religion is bad because it makes theological claims, and then to turn around and make theological claims. It's almost like those conspiracy videos about the 9/11 Pentagon attack. It violates its own 'ground rules', but hopes the viewer doesn't realize.

Getting past the junk science, the attempts to confuse people about theology, and the crap like natives not seeing ships, the rest of the movie could probably be categorized as "blatantly obvious". What's insightful about changing who you are with conscious effort? Isn't this the premise of self help books? Nothing new there. Overall, this is probably one of the worst things I've watched. The more I think about what was presented, the worse it all seems.

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [jnz](#) on Sat, 02 Sep 2006 15:49:02 GMT
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this films target-audience has "no" scientific knowlage so anything will do. they dont care as long as they make money, in the case of the download, they didn't

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Sat, 02 Sep 2006 16:54:32 GMT
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That very experiment shows exactly how much we do not know about how subatomic things work, since we learn by observing the behavior of things, its hard for us to figure something out if the results are changed by observing or measuring.

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Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [Scythar](#) on Sat, 02 Sep 2006 17:46:40 GMT
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Does anyone know how exactly do they do the observing? A link to some nice info would be appreciated, quantum physics is such a buzzword right now that it's tougher to find answers than I expected.

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [NeoSaber](#) on Sat, 02 Sep 2006 19:07:24 GMT
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On a macroscopic scale, you shine a light on a brick to examine it. On a subatomic scale, what can you shoot at a particle that won't mess it up? The smallest, most delicate object you can shoot at it is another subatomic particle. It's equal in force and disrupts the experiment. That's where the uncertainty principle and probability waves come from. If you leave it alone, you get a wave pattern, but if you interfere with it you get a particle pattern. You can't test what causes wave patterns because the test isn't "delicate" enough. Scientists then rely on probability waves as an

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I know my problems are not fixed. I waited for my router to glitch in the morning before downloading it so it would be freshly restarted before I began. You're server must be insanely fast or something because I got the whole file in 35 minutes. Didn't give my router enough to glitch again or my ISP time to cut me off. About an hour later, the router glitched again.

It did seem a little ironic to me though.

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [jnz](#) on Sun, 03 Sep 2006 01:37:54 GMT
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take the speedo on your car for example when you look at are you interfering with the speed of the car? you are observing the speedo.

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Sun, 03 Sep 2006 02:44:05 GMT
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Who says you have to "shoot something" at a particle to detect it? You are basically debunking the double slit experiment because you say they are firing a stream of particles at the single-particle projectiles in order to detect them and thus altering their behavior. Maybe you should publish this in the American Journal of Physics, to let all the other scientists in the world know why they are wrong

I think what you are failing to consider is that when there are NO DETECTORS, and we simply fire a SINGLE PARTICLE at a time through two slits, you get an interference pattern, which begs the question of, what the hell is the single particle interfering with? The only answer we have been able to come up with that works, is "itself", which sounds crazy but don't forget we have proven that a single particle can be in two locations at once.

It may interest you to know that even if they place a detector at only one of the slits, the interference pattern still disappears. And the experiment does not have to be done with the "smallest" particles, it has been demonstrated with neutrons, atoms and molecules as large as carbon-60 and carbon-70. Another interesting experiment shows that there is a similar effect by using slits in time (which can be measured without tampering) instead of space:

<http://physicsweb.org/articles/news/9/3/1/1?rss=2.0>

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Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [z310](#) on Sun, 03 Sep 2006 03:17:44 GMT
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/me waits for the second movie.

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [NeoSaber](#) on Sun, 03 Sep 2006 04:52:23 GMT
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That's a bizarre thing to steal.

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"Shooting a particle" was a generic example of how even the smallest measurement is interference at a quantum scale.

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Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [Scythar](#) on Sun, 03 Sep 2006 08:52:20 GMT
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That's a really interesting "concept", especially when taken in with the other active thread at the moment.. If you can believe quantum physics even though you acknowledge that it is unprovable, unmeasurable and that most people are unwilling to consider that things they cannot see are

real... then why the big fuss about "an imaginary person in the sky"...

Ironic, really... I guess we all just choose which imaginary things we want to believe in.

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Observing and measuring certainly go hand in hand, and everyone is capable of both, but they are opposites of each other. Think of it like the difference between active and passive sonar. Passive sonar, like observing, just hears whatever is sent to it. If nothing is sent, it can't hear. Active sonar, like measuring, sends out a ping to detect things. Then you hear, or observe, the return signal.

Measuring is certainly pointless without observing. However, it is not the act of observing that causes interference, it's the act of measuring. The observer only sees what the observed "allowed" it to see. The observed is the one sending the information back, and has the "control" of reality.

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I think I got your point though, it's of course possible to separate the two, I was just confused by the "opposite" -word, as I consider observed as the opposite of observer....depends of the point of view.

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If force is applied to the observed, it becomes an observer of that force, and is therefore effected by it. Then it can take control, making itself the observed again, by changing the information being sent from itself. For example, stealth aircraft get "pinged" by radar, but they modify it so the radar tower doesn't see a proper return signal. The stealth aircraft, acting as the observed, manipulates its outgoing "information" to convince a radar tower that it isn't really there. The aircraft has the control because it has better manipulation of outgoing information than the radar tower does. It

forces others to believe what it wants them to believe by controlling the way it is observed.

It's also possible for the observed to generate the force itself. If a star explodes, the shock wave it makes will destroy any observers around it. If a light bulb turns on, the light it generates allows observers to see it. Etc, etc.

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When I say "control" I mean it a little bit figuratively. As the saying goes "information is power". The observed is the one who gets the chance to modify information. The observer just has to accept the information given. I don't mean accept as in "agree with". I mean it more like "absorb".

The people in the video may not be able to convince us, but only because previous bits of info we've received over our lives leads us to distrust or question the info they have provided. At the same time, we may be convinced because the info we've accumulated over our lives has led us to accept the information received as valid. It's the information we received over the course of our lives that forms our willingness to accept/decline future information. It's the sum of everything we've observed that determines our reactions. We're constantly being effected by everything around us and it influences everything we think. I should probably be working on stuff for RA:APB right now, but you sent out "information" (your post), that made me react to it. You exercised a degree of control over me. Even if I ignored you and didn't respond, the act of ignoring is still a reaction. It's taking me forever to write this because of spell checks and revisions for the sake of clarity. I only do that because previous information I have received indicates that I should take care in what I write.

We might be able to decide how we view the world, but in that case we are being both observed and observer at the same time. As the observed, we send ourself an opinion about the information. As the observer, we accept our opinion. Even then, we're still basing that opinion on the information sent to us over our life.

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [CarrierII](#) on Mon, 04 Sep 2006 00:02:00 GMT
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help-linux wrote on Thu, 31 August 2006 16:17 Crimson wrote on Thu, 31 August 2006 21:53 I was a lot smarter than most of my classmates and school went way to slow for me. Whenever I spoke, I was asked things like "How did you know that? How do you remember those things? How can you do that?" and I was also treated like crap for the same reasons -- people thinking I was showing off, or whatever. So I learned to just shut the hell up and quietly finish my coursework.

i am the same exact situation, me and the17doctor we are both in the same class in year 10.

it usually was when I answer a question with a little more detail than the teacher wanted and well all I get then is "shut the fuck up" and "fuckin dickhead". I don't participate in lessons at all now. teachers don't even care.

Welcome to my world... (I hate my school)

@ Nightma12:

Interestingly, Linux is mentioned on a poster in my school's ICT (I wrote IRC the first time round, I think it's a sign...) room...

Going back on topic:

It was well presented, the "strange girl" was simply used to illustrate how it affects day to day life I suppose. The average person will probably not care unless it affects their day to day life...

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?

Posted by [Scythar](#) on Mon, 04 Sep 2006 15:30:02 GMT

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NeoSaber wrote on Sun, 03 September 2006 19:18Scythar wrote on Sun, 03 September 2006 17:30True, but a passive sonar i.e. the observer, also has had a "ping" sent, just not by the observer itself, but some other entity. There's always a "ping", or in other words, a force that's applied to the observed, before it can be observed.

If force is applied to the observed, it becomes an observer of that force, and is therefore effected by it. Then it can take control, making itself the observed again, by changing the information being sent from itself. For example, stealth aircraft get "pinged" by radar, but they modify it so the radar tower doesn't see a proper return signal. The stealth aircraft, acting as the observed, manipulates its outgoing "information" to convince a radar tower that it isn't really there. The aircraft has the control because it has better manipulation of outgoing information than the radar tower does. It forces others to believe what it wants them to believe by controlling the way it is observed.

The problem I have with that is this: "Then it can take control, making itself the observed again...". The problem is, it **WILL** take control, not "can". It has no choice, it always works in a predictable way, that's what it was built for by humans, it's a machine.

But we're not much different. It's much tougher to predict how human acts, but if we could read a person's memory and past experiences, not from brain alone but also genes, and had the knowledge to process the information, I'm sure we could predict exactly how the person will act in different situations. We could know how a person "decides" to modify the information he receives, after which he, the observed, no longer has control of any kind - he is completely predictable.

In fact, looks like **nothing/nobody** is in control, everything we do is based on the first interaction of observers/observed ones when the universe was created.

Quote:

It's also possible for the observed to generate the force itself. If a star explodes, the shock wave it makes will destroy any observers around it. If a light bulb turns on, the light it generates allows observers to see it. Etc, etc.

And as I explained, you can't say "if" a star explodes. The stars *will* explode. They don't explode spontaneously, there's always a reaction involved (star runs out of fuel), and if you can measure the star and everything that affects it, you can predict when it happens. Light bulbs don't just turn on all of a sudden either. Someone turns them on, and with an unimaginable amount of knowledge and processing power, you could predict when it turns on.Quote:

Scythar wrote on Sun, 03 September 2006 17:30 Good point. On the other hand, do they *really* have the control over us, the observers of the video? They certainly can't make all of us react in the way they wanted to. In the end, it's us, the observers, who make the choice - consciously or unconsciously - of how we want to react to the video. Isn't it the observer that always gets to say the last word in how it observes the world?

When I say "control" I mean it a little bit figuratively. As the saying goes "information is power". The observed is the one who gets the chance to modify information. The observer just has to accept the information given. I don't mean accept as in "agree with". I mean it more like "absorb".

And again, the observed doesn't "get a chance". He is bound to modify it or not modify it based on his observations that happened earlier in life.

Quote:

The people in the video may not be able to convince us, but only because previous bits of info we've received over our lives leads us to distrust or question the info they have provided. At the same time, we may be convinced because the info we've accumulated over our lives has led us to accept the information received as valid. It's the information we received over the course of our lives that forms our willingness to accept/decline future information. It's the sum of everything we've observed that determines our reactions. We're constantly being effected by everything around us and it influences everything we think. I should probably be working on stuff for RA:APB right now, but you sent out "information" (your post), that made me react to it. You exercised a degree of control over me. Even if I ignored you and didn't respond, the act of ignoring is still a reaction. It's taking me forever to write this because of spell checks and revisions for the sake of clarity. I only do that because previous information I have received indicates that I should take care in what I write.

And I agree with this part. You didn't have a choice any more than I do now. (actually, I don't know myself well enough to be sure whether or not I'll post this, we'll see in a while I guess)

Quote:

We might be able to decide how we view the world, but in that case we are being both observed and observer at the same time. As the observed, we send ourself an opinion about the information. As the observer, we accept our opinion. Even then, we're still basing that opinion on the information sent to us over our life.

And since we base that opinion on earlier events, it isn't really a "decision", it's a reaction.

So, looks like we agree on this whole thing, causality for the win and all that.... what was the problem after all?

Oh, and the quotation hell was NOT fun at all. Geez.

More edit. Since we seem to believe everything is based on cause and effect and the lack of a real choice...how about the beginning of the universe? There was a state in there where there had not yet been any causes or effects. Maybe a real choice is only possible in a state like this. Maybe the first something really had a real choice, not an illusion of choice, and so life was born. The question is, is this first something still capable of making real choices? A real choice is when you can decide to be or do anything you ever desire, so isn't that a definition of God? Does God exist? Whoo, check out the way I got God dragged into this again

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?

Posted by [NeoSaber](#) on Mon, 04 Sep 2006 20:30:10 GMT

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Scythar wrote on Mon, 04 September 2006 11:30The problem I have with that is this: "Then it can take control, making itself the observed again...". The problem is, it *WILL* take control, not "can". It has no choice, it always works in a predictable way, that's what it was built for by humans, it's a machine.

You're right, "can" was a bad word choice on my part. The observed will modify information. It's not really a conscious act, although if you have consciousness you can probably change the way you modify information... based on the sum total of the information you've received. I've messed with people before by planting careful phrases in what I write, triggering specific thoughts in their head, and directing a debate exactly where I want it to be. However, I can only do that after I receive enough "information" from them to know how they think. Cause and effect again.

(Plus I feel like a manipulative jerk whenever I do that... so I don't do it often.)

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While I was writing my last post, I realized we got to an issue of "First Cause" too... where's Thomas Aquinas when you need him.

Interesting though how one minor change in focus alters so much. By claiming observers control reality, the video concluded "we are all gods" if I remember correctly (I already deleted it). By shifting the focus to say the observer is controlled by reality, we get left with the premise of a supreme being, or first cause. It seems to be the unavoidable conclusion of the concept.

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Mon, 04 Sep 2006 22:03:27 GMT
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msgtpain wrote on Sun, 03 September 2006 14:16Blazer wrote on Sat, 02 September 2006 22:44Dude, thats everyones gripe with quantum physics, including the scientists. It is the closest we have come so far to explaining the world...nobody is saying this is how it is and that's that...even if it was 100% provable, measurable, etc, most people still would not believe it, since most people seem to rely upon the biophysical way in which we perceive the world are are unwilling to consider that things they cannot see are real.

That's a really interesting "concept", especially when taken in with the other active thread at the moment.. If you can believe quantum physics even though you acknowledge that it is unprovable, unmeasurable and that most people are unwilling to consider that things they cannot see are real... then why the big fuss about "an imaginary person in the sky"...

Ironic, really... I guess we all just choose which imaginary things we want to believe in.

Exactly. People can believe in god, which they obviously cannot see or touch, yet they will refuse to believe in an explanation of the universe that involves things they cannot see or touch. It makes me wonder, what sort of explanation WOULD they believe, or expect?

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Mon, 04 Sep 2006 22:09:50 GMT
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z310 wrote on Sat, 02 September 2006 23:17/me waits for the second movie.

It looks like someone uploaded it. It's twice as long though so double the size At least its in two chunks.

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [z310](#) on Tue, 05 Sep 2006 03:30:23 GMT
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I think I'll watch it in a couple days, though. I can't seem to think straight recently; damn that bud!
lol

When I finish watching it, I'm going to try and make posts of what I've observed in the movie.

I wonder if I'll hit pitch black in the rabbit hole.

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [Oblivion165](#) on Thu, 07 Sep 2006 02:35:20 GMT
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I always wondered if i would see flubber again.

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Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [z310](#) on Fri, 08 Sep 2006 00:08:10 GMT
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Flubber became sexy. Anyways, I'll watch the movie this weekend - I have too much work at the moment.

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [z310](#) on Sun, 22 Oct 2006 00:41:50 GMT
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z310 wrote on Thu, 07 September 2006 20:08Flubber became sexy. Anyways, I'll watch the

movie this weekend - I have too much work at the moment.

I apologize for not having watched it yet. I'll get to it as soon as I feel I can; I'm overwhelmed with work and I can't seem to think straight for reasons I don't know. :thumbsdown:

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [Ryan3k](#) on Sun, 22 Oct 2006 01:15:27 GMT
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Somehow I think an apology is completely unnecessary when you have no audience that gives a damn.

No offense, by the way.

Subject: Re: What The Bleep Do We Know!?
Posted by [z310](#) on Sun, 22 Oct 2006 01:35:46 GMT
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None taken. And I just felt the need to since I gave my word--something to do with integrity.
