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## Pros/Cons to getting Xbox-live?

Posted by TinPanAlley - 2008/05/17 00:48

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Hey now,

Well guys, as I've told some of you, I'm moving into a new apartment in July. I'm wanting to get some opinions on the subscription service.

I really, really wanna play online with all the game nights and such, But being a poor college student might keep me from that... But I'm considering allocating some funds so I can join you guys online.... So long story short should I get live?

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## Re:Pros/Cons to getting Xbox-live?

Posted by srmadman - 2008/05/17 01:14

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You have to add in the cost of the conection to a live account. If your online gaming on the 360 is you Entertainment then I say go for it. You can also us the internet conection for school. On the other hand if you just play online now and then I would stick to computer, and DS, or a PSP if you have one as their online gaming is free.

\$60 might be a good gift for you, say a apartment warming gift (Hint, Hint).

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## Re:Pros/Cons to getting Xbox-live?

Posted by TinPanAlley - 2008/05/17 01:18

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I'm thinking I can switch the funds around. When I split the internet bill between the other four roommates, It's only going to be like 20 bucks. Haha... I think it might be my apartment warming gift ;-)

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## Re:Pros/Cons to getting Xbox-live?

Posted by Met - 2008/05/17 09:04

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I'd say its definitely worth it, you are only using about a quarter of what the 360 can do if you aren't online with it.

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## Re:Pros/Cons to getting Xbox-live?

Posted by TinPanAlley - 2008/05/17 09:42

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I agree. It has sucked having the system this long and not being able to play on live.

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## Re:Pros/Cons to getting Xbox-live?

Posted by BabaNoosh - 2008/05/17 11:00

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haha, yeah man you should definitely go for it.

i went a long time without playing on live for a few months when i got my 360, and i always thought that playing online was always hyped up and such but last xmas my friend got me a three month subscription and i fell in love with live its so sweet.

GO FOR IT MAN!!

especially halo =]

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## Re:Pros/Cons to getting Xbox-live?

Posted by rbur - 2008/05/18 18:04

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Get it!  
Met is correct in saying you are only using a percentage of what the 360 can do.

Not only do you get to game with people online, but there is the whole friends list, chat, messages, messenger.

Most importantly, there is the whole experience of Marketplace. There are tons of demos on there, XBLA games...they all have free trials, TV shows, Movies and everything else.

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## Re:Pros/Cons to getting Xbox-live?

Posted by Stevee Vader - 2008/05/18 20:37

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I had the same problem I had the system for over a year and did not have live but second I got it I've never gone back I love live and it totally thrashes PSN which is a ton of poo poo. The community is so much more tangible and I love meeting the people and COD4

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## Re:Pros/Cons to getting Xbox-live?

Posted by 360cookie - 2008/05/19 10:27

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I had that problem too coz i'm only 15 so don't exactly have alot of money but live is soo good i will never go without it again.

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## Re:Pros/Cons to getting Xbox-live?

Posted by TyGuy22 - 2008/05/19 10:38

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Posted by MetalThreshkeen - 2008/05/19 12:32

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## Re:Pros/Cons to getting Xbox-live?

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Posted by JoeSetsFire - 2008/05/19 19:21

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## Re:Pros/Cons to getting Xbox-live?

Posted by MightyHokie - 2008/05/20 07:11

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True.

I don't really play on Live very much (basically at all) but I find it well worth the \$\$\$. I hate paying for something that should be free but like they said it is only pennies a day.

It is the cheapest form of great entertainment I've ever seen.

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Posted by Met - 2008/05/20 08:52

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## Re:Pros/Cons to getting Xbox-live?

Posted by JoeSetsFire - 2008/05/20 16:59

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### Re:Pros/Cons to getting Xbox-live?

Posted by Met - 2008/05/21 04:18

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### Re:Pros/Cons to getting Xbox-live?

Posted by inajeep - 2008/05/21 06:17

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Check online you can sometimes get Live 12 month cards cheap.

Live is worth it if you have the friends and you'll get them participating in gaming night here and join other gaming groups.

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Met wrote:  
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Yes they do. So you're not out anything. I just got mine back a couple of weeks ago, and it only took 2 weeks from phone call to being returned to my door. So really the RRoD gave me a bonus 2 weeks of service. Oh, and they've redone the DRM update issue. Things are much simpler now.

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### Re:Pros/Cons to getting Xbox-live?

Posted by Psy45 - 2008/05/27 12:20

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Hey.

You want to get live. Especially with so many games basing themselves over online play and being able to download extra content, you are not only limiting the xbox 360 experience, but also the capacity of future or current games that you play, for example Shadowrun...

Psy 45 :P

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### Re:Pros/Cons to getting Xbox-live?

Posted by MerlinGLX - 2008/05/27 13:13

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I'll spot you a 3 month membership if you really are torn. Just let me know when you move in. :)

