Best video game TV show ever?

Hi, friends! Welcome to *Installer* No. 34, your guide to the best and *Verge*-iest stuff in the world. (If you're new here, welcome, so psyched you found us, and also, you can read all the old editions at the *Installer* homepage.)

I also have for you an excellent new video game show, a new ebook reader worth a look, yet another doc about how bad tech is, a sweet new drone, and much more.

I also have a question, one I can't believe I haven't asked yet: **What do you use AI for?** Are you using Copilot to write all your emails? Cooking with the help of ChatGPT? Querying your every thought with some app I've never even heard of? Not getting anything out of AI at all? I want to know the apps and platforms you're using and how you're using them — I'm obsessed with trying to figure out what AI is actually *for*, and I want to hear all your thoughts.

Alright, lots to get to this week, and I have a plane to catch. (If you're in Chicago, **come see me talk AI**, and come say hi!) Let's go.

(As always, the best part of *Installer* is your ideas and tips. What are you into right now? What should everyone else be into right now? Tell me everything: installer@theverge.com, or hit me up on Signal. I'm @davidpierce.11. And if you know someone else who might enjoy *Installer*, and tell them to subscribe here.)

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I’ve known **Eric Migicovsky** since he was making smartwatches, way before everyone was making smartwatches cool. After years of running Pebble and a stint as a VC, he’s spent the last few years building a cross-platform messaging app called **Beeper**. It’s a great app, had a messy fight with Apple, and recently was acquired by Automattic, which owns WordPress.com and Tumblr and a bunch of other things. Eric’s now in charge of Automattic’s big messaging plans – and they’re seriously big.

I asked Eric to share his homescreen knowing two things: he’s an Android fan through and through, and he uses a lot of messaging apps. I mean, he made a messaging app to collate all those messaging apps, so what do you expect? Eric’s also Canadian, which means… I don’t know, exactly. But I wanted to find out.

Here’s Eric’s homescreen, plus some info on the apps he uses and why:

The phone: Samsung Z Flip 5 – smallest Android phone on the market right now!

The wallpaper: No idea, probably a default one?

The apps: Maps, Photos, YouTube Music, Phone, Camera, Superhuman, Beeper, Chrome.

One of the things I love the most about Android is how few taps are required to perform tasks. I love having Calendar and Google Search right on the homescreen. We added a search button to the Beeper Android widget for the same reason! One click + type name = message anyone you want.

I still have ALL the chat apps installed because I need to keep tabs on them!

I also asked Eric to share a few things he's into right now. Here's what he shared:

- I have two kids under four so I don't get a ton of free time, but we've enjoyed ***3 Body Problem*** on Netflix and ***Mr. & Mrs. Smith***!
- I'm listening to ***Kitchen Confidential*** by Anthony Bourdain and just finished reading ***There Is No Antimemetics Division*** by qntm – my new favorite author! Highly recommend their short story "**Lena**." It's made me reconsider my wish to have my brain uploaded at some point.
- Best new app is **ChatGPT** – I use the audio version to create short stories and have it include my kiddos in them!

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A couple of weeks ago, I complained here about my busted keyboard and my complicated relationships with clicky mechanical keyboard. Thanks to everyone who reached out with ideas! Some of you were like, "Buy these switches and this keyboard and do this customization and it only costs $95,000," and to all of you: thank you, you're my favorite. But the main recommendation I got was for the **Logitech MX Keys**, which I ended up buying. I *love* this thing so far. I'm certainly no expert, but it's clicky without being loud, it has approximately six trillion shortcut keys and customization

options, and it feels both fantastic and easy to type on. The backlight is kind of finicky and uneven, but I’ll take that in exchange for the hardware microphone-mute key that has already made every meeting 10 percent more manageable.

Thanks to everyone who recommended stuff! Someday I will go Full Mechanical Keyboard, and I promise to update you with all the dumb decisions I make.

See you next week!

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