

(Please tell me you recognize this rat...)



DO YOU
RECOGNIZE THIS
RAT?

If you existed on the internet at all in the early 2000s, there's a chance you used the website MatMice, a site made to teach kids to make websites.

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I have been searching the internet for people to talk to about memories of MatMice for years. Discord servers, Forums, and it's all been a big NADAI

And yet... it exists on the Internet Archive's wayback machine, so there has to be SOMEONE else who remembers matmice right?

It can't just be a self-induced hallucination right?

-Lennon

I would love to chat. For now though I'll use what I learned on MatMice over on NeoCities

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So if you have ANY memories of matmice, please email me at

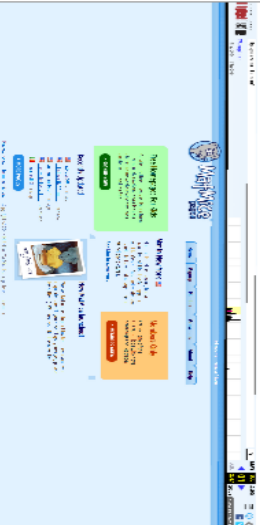
those posters about it, I get no response. Is this a Truman show situation? Am I being Punk'd?

And yeah, I've seen one or two posts online about MatMice. But anytime I try to interact with

This was where I encountered the best and the worst of the internet for the first time in my life

From Warriors Cats fan sites, to gore images I shouldn't have seen at such a young age, it was all here.

ok this image is a little squashed but you get the idea



this had heartbreaking ramifications for me

- Emily, Sarah, and Eliso
MatMice Founders

We want to say a huge thank you to everyone who's been part of MatMice since we started!

MatMice has been a big part of our lives, but unfortunately the three of us no longer have the time that's needed to keep the site running smoothly or add new stuff. :)

As announced earlier, MatMice closed on Monday September 22, 2008.

We started MatMice more than 8 years ago (when we were 16, 14, and 10 years old) so that we could help other kids to make their own homepages.

MatMice is now closed

And despite all this activity, from Pugsly to my own site (A combo Warrior Cats-Titanic fan page) Somehow, this has seemingly been a solitary experience.

MatMice of course, didn't last forever. What started as a place for kids to learn HTML, made by some girls in Australia,

Eventually became a MySpace clone for teens, that somehow tanked the whole ship.