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Wikipedia – Video Games

Background:

The Wikipedia website contains many informative webpages. One such page is dedicated to the top video games of all time, which can be found at

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_video_games_considered_the_best.

This screenshot from the website shows the first five rows of the “List of Best Games” data table.

Year ^	Game	Genre	Publisher	Original platform(s) ^[a]	Ref.
1971	<i>The Oregon Trail</i>	Strategy	MECC	HP 2100	[A]
1972	<i>Pong</i>	Sports	Atari, Inc.	Arcade	[B]
1977	<i>Combat</i>	Top-down shooter	Atari, Inc.	Atari 2600	[C]
1977	<i>Zork</i>	Adventure	Infocom	PDP-10	[D]
1978	<i>Space Invaders</i>	Shoot 'em up	Taito	Arcade	[E]

The data table did not look like this automatically though. Behind the scenes, HTML source code is used to create the table in a reader-friendly format.

The beginning lines of the HTML source code (**bolded**) give us information about the structure of the data table. The following lines are the source code for each row of the table. For example, the first video game listed on page 2 is *Pong*.

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