

Game on! London exhibition celebrates the history of video games

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The Science Museum in London will Saturday launch the first exhibition dedicated to the history of video games, with fans able to put their old skills to the test on more than 120 classics.

"It's very rare to be able to have the whole of an industry on display, from the early conception to the latest product," said Heather Mayfield, deputy head of the Science Museum.

The exhibition, which runs to February 25 and is entitled "Game On", will showcase Wii, Nintendo's new, seventh-generation video game console, to be launched on November 19 in the United States and December 8 in Europe.

David Yarnton, the general manager of Nintendo UK, told AFP: "It will come to the exhibition, but not before early November."

Visitors working their way around the 13 rooms can turn back time by getting their hands on "Spacewar!", one of the earliest video games for a digital computer, created in 1962 by Steve Russell at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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