

11/27/2006 Moving away from Winamp audio server and trying [Windows Media Encoder 9 Series](#). First problem encountered is that computers capture card is not supported.

11/22/2006 Made it easy by moving pins out of balls way. Want to see that top row fall. [100\\_0280.JPG](#)

11/21/2006 My employer agreed today to help me obtain one of these, [ux280p.jpg](#), with the understanding that I don't tell any of my co-workers. This is why I'm posting this, had to tell someone - right? More info here . . . [VAIO UX280P](#)

11/19/2006 Any slow response you might experience will not be from an overheated CPU. This is the reason, [100\\_0283.JPG](#), 8 inch fan.

11/13/2006 Added a top row of blocks [100\\_0280.JPG](#). Can't wait to see how they work out.

10/31/2006 Went to 3 Mbps as my connection speed, but found upload speed decreased. I switched back to keep upload near 700 kbps. With the heaviest bandwidth load I could place on my site through my lan-download speed averaged 882 kbps. [Green Alien](#)

10/10/2006 Added a row of Jenga blocks along the back under the sign. These should fall when 100 MB ZIP disks fall.

09/30/2006 Used a great little program [ispmonitor](#) to check my sites bandwidth after setting audio server to 256 Kbps and adjusting all three camera flash images to refresh every second. Happy to report download speeds rarely topped 800 Kbps. My connection speed tests usually show these download/upload speeds Download Speed: **1273** kbps (159.1 KB/sec transfer rate) Upload Speed: **400** kbps (50 KB/sec transfer rate) [speedtest](#) That is with audio server running.

09/18/2006 Think I made it more challenging now. [000\\_0151.jpg](#) Also added some archived video from rover camera to winners circle page.

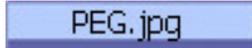
09/11/2006 Going to add more pegs. [PEG.jpg](#)

09/10/2006 I'm having trouble keeping up with all the activity. Have made it harder to win, but visitors are determined to win.

Will have to think about what I can do. I will be taking a few days off from allowing winners.

09/07/2006 OK, now I'm really going to make it a challenge. Adding two pegs to stop or impede ball.

09/04/2006 Going to make it harder to win. One ball path is now blocked.



09/01/2006 OK, this is the last part of the game. It is set up to fall when the ball goes through the hole.

09/01/2006 Last two winners were robbed of the prize of seeing everything work just right. I am willing to give a complete refund.

( just kidding--it is free )

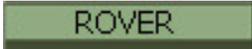
08/30/2006 Earlier today someone knocked over about half the dominoes. I missed one piece. The next winner will finish them off.

08/26/2006 Went and found another pan and tilt device---\$30.00 US dollars.

08/26/2006 Trouble with mechanical device that does the panning and tilting. will have obtain another one.

08/21/2006 Worked to get audio back up. Has a lag time and volume needs to be cranked, but it works.

08/16/2006 Want to thank last winner for signing guestmap. Been some time since someone has. This image is for you.



08/16/2006 Last two winners I was here to see. Both times the ball did to trip dominoes, but on today's I trip them myself as the visitor tried so hard to knock them over.

08/15/2006 Had a winners but orange ball did not start dominoes falling. If you sneeze too loud they topple, but drop an orange ball on then and they don't. Doesn't always make sense.

08/02/2006 Been a struggle to get camera images working home grown. Used (out sourced) that feature until now. Have to say it is not as easy, but don't have to rely on others or worry about [exploits](#).

07/12/2006 Had the ball drop thought the hole yesterday, but for some reason it missed the dominoes.

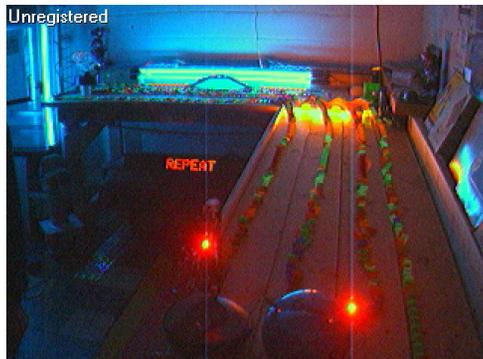
07/08/2006 Even I don't believe it. Though rough around the edges and audio is not up, the new flash program is working. I have looked for a week and have tried 2 duds before finding this one. No more using other cam sites to make my page work.

07/07/06 Found a program that uses flash and I think it will work. Will try to implement it tonight.

06/30/2006 Site down due to questions about the webcam client/server I was using. Please check back.

06/23/2006 New game is now online. Will need to translate instructions tomorrow. This one should be self explanatory. Drop the ball in the hole and watch dominoes fall.

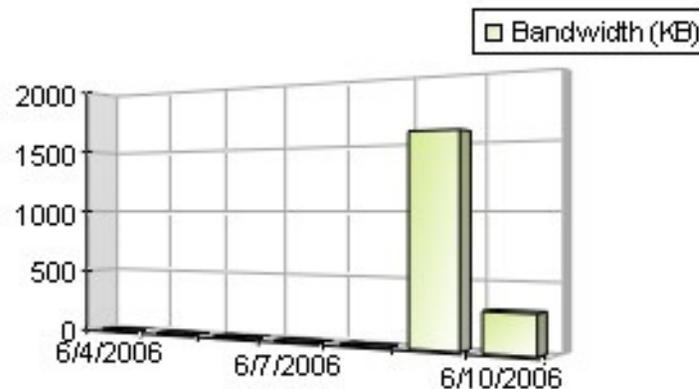
06/22/2006 Got excited as I thought someone knocked dominoes over, but a bug or something must have hit them. I think I made it too hard and that's why it has been a real dry spell. I am going to re-tool this weekend and have a totally different game to win in order to knock them over. Please check back soon.



06/17/2006 Another storm last night and yes, another power outage. Site was down.

06/13/2006 2 of 3 stages for one hard working visitor today. I think outside of me no one else has got that far.

06/10/2006 Set up Smartstats and can keep track of my site with a great free program <http://www.smartertools.com/>.



05/26/2006 I had to knock them over from work just to see what was up. It has been 17 days. Found one small glitch, but they fell.

Button Text

05/10/2006 Upgraded FrontPage so I am running just fine again. Making lights come on in three stages as each dome is set.

04/29/2006 Having trouble adding to FrontPage. They frown on having same program on more than one computer. Working on a fix for

that. Will update FrontPage as soon as I can.

04/23/2006 Been working on setting up new server computer ( 2.66 GHz Dual Core ). It is by far my fastest computer. Don't have every camera working the way I want and the audio is down, but have to stop for the day.

04/19/2006 Had a winner today, but last stage did not go off. The rover came so close to the domino that it kissed it without knocking it into another one. See latest .avi file in members only area. (password required)

04/16/2006 Ordered a motherboard and an Intel Pentium D processor today. Watch for future cpu speed that up to now has been unmatched in this humble household.

04/16/2004 Site has been down for days ( Thanks Eric ). Seems had a hard drive for ( Cam 4 ) computer go bad and the other ( Cam 2 ) computer had its bios take a dirt nap. I also incorporated two relays that are just what I needed to go between spinning dome thingies. Rock on.

04/09/2006 Went to reboot 4th camera's computer and now can't login even though I wrote the password down. If I have to format the disk and load the software again, I might wait until I get a faster computer.

04/06/2006 Added another dome ( cover removed ) and a 1 minuet timer between Domino Topple 1 and Domino Topple 2. Will have to see how this new set will work over time.

03/29/2006 Last stage did not fall due to magnet drifting away from kill switch. Increased magnet size and will try again. Good to see RoverCam worked as planned even though a week has gone by since last topple.

03/13/2006 Lost power for 6 hours today due to MN snow storm. Thick wet heavy snow can sag power lines and even down them. Did not stop a delivery of another camera. Will try to set it up next time dominoes fall.

03/07/2006 The macro command list for the rover was only 7 ( it was an old one ) I modified it to 9 and now it should reach the end-of-the-line.

03/06/2006 Great new sign! I will get it for free if I fix the stores camera's. I set it up so that if the dominoes are knocked over and the lights are turned off, the letters light up blue. Is that cool or what? I also have been working out some bugs on the new RoverCam. The last winner was from Taiwan, but did so without a comment or a guestmap pin.

02/22/2006 Had a winner, but the rover car was not powered up. This after I had a camera installed on it. My fault.

02/20/2006 Video adapter card was bad in Rover Server. That is why was down for 24 hours.

02/19/2006 Capture card must be bad. That's many hours I will never get back. Using 2 wireless now to make all three work until new

capture arrives. One is now mobile, what a kick that will be to see move down the line.

02/18/2006 Camera arrived yesterday, but still can't get second video capture card to work. I have a new one on its way from an ebay purchase. I am pulling out all stops today to get the existing card to work because I am happy with the size and performance of the camera and want to set it up. The webcam that is down now will be the new camera when I get it working. Noticed I did not write "if" I get it working. It is only a matter of time.

02/15/2006 Ordered up a 2.4GHz wireless camera to ride on the front of the Desktop Rover. It had power requirements that looked as if it would work for me. Stay tuned, it will be an exciting ride.

02/08/2006 In an effort to lure more to the winners Guestmap page restricted by that password you have to look for, I am adding a link to the last winners .avi file. It displays the Dominoes being toppled. This file has no audio, but I have a .mpg file link that includes audio on that same page. Happy toppling.

02/07/2006 Installed FrontPage 2000 on this computer tonight that was going to only be a back up server. It took some time to get it all up to date. I am going to run with server awhile longer after having a winner from Australia 9000 miles away, wow ! Found FrontPage 2000 for only \$6.99 !!!

1/15/2006 Trying a different computer as my main server to see how it would perform as a back-up. Its CPU is not as fast, but I did match the same ram 512 MB. ( 2 week trial period )

01/10/2006 Not a spacing problem with last winner, but still a problem.

01/07/2006 I think I now have spacing problem solved. Forked out for clean white shelving. How does it look?

01/06/2006 Spaced too far - someone started to knock over - but they stopped where dominoes were spaced too far.

01/05/2006 Drastic new look for 06. Knocked down once already with this new format. Used automated tractor to set some up today, hope spacing is going to be ok. Remember to watch for a three letter user name and password that gets you into a members only kind of area that has some neat schtuff. Peace Out.

12/22/05 You know a problem is bad when you can cut and paste descriptions. Had a winner last night but dominoes hosed up real early on. Should be ok now. I removed the problem piece.

12/15/2005 Had a winner last night but dominoes hosed up real early on. Should be ok now.

12/14/2005 Working on getting these onto my site somewhere . Added streaming mpeg-1 to page beyond SUBMIT NEW WINNER

12/13/2005 Only 1/2 toppled today because I did not have second stage queued up *correctly*.

12/12/2005 Thought about making a movie of dominoes falling and I got the chance tonight. Find it on the page after SUBMIT NEW WINNER.

12/03/2005 Had a winner, but pieces hosed up close to the start. Please try again and remember you can listen in for an added dimension.

11/29/2005 Winner tonight asked for camera's to be closer to real time, but can't seem to have 2 java applets on the main page. I worked that out early on. I want to say that if he thinks the camera is slow . . . listen to the audio, camera will seem fast after that. Forget the monkey, I want the robot. [donation.htm](#)

11/29/2005 Problem with piece 16 dominoes away from the start. Working on fixing that.

11/19/2005 Sorry about these spacing problems, can't seem to get the kinks worked out. Maybe I really need what is found on my Donations link. [donation.htm](#)

11/12/2005 Woke up this morning and came down to check the dominoes only to find someone started them but they were spaced too far in one spot. Out of frustration I knocked the rest of them over.

11/07/2005 Tractor seems to now space too far apart. Had a winner, but they stopped, looked them over and I think I have [Gallery\Picture 05-11-07](#) it now.

11/06/2005 Had a winner, but the modification I made to the tractor caused dominoes not to start. Please try again as I think it will work now.

11/05/2005 Think I have special password trigger solved. Stripped the internal gears on another domino tractor. Made a modification on my last one, hope it helps.

11/03/2005 Winner tonight ! Special password did not appear, until I made it appear. Will have to work on that bug. Thanks for your interest in this.

10/25/2005 Had a dude sign my Guestmap saying the experience was great. The second bench didn't even fall. Have to be quick to see the password displayed between bench one and bench two.

10/24/2005 Thought about a black light for some time and then I did a service call at Scooters Pub in Chisago, MN and the

had black lights over the bar. It was enough to convince me.

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0054.jpg

10/21/2005 My wife keeps saying I spend too much time on this and I am beginning to agree with her. Obtained a new IP camera for only \$ 36.00 ( best deal ever for me I think ). I had to upgrade the firmware to really get it to work the way I wanted. You can see it on Submit New Winner page.

10/08/2005 Sorry, won't be fixed tonight. Socket problem with Java. Not sure how it happened.

10/08/2005 Had a winner tonight, but the 2nd bench did not fall. I upgraded the firewall on that computer and that might be why. I should have it working tonight.

10/05/2005 Almost made the whole summer without a power loss to the house. Last night was the night. My site was down as a result. I set dominoes up by candle light.

octb.jpg

Also tested some features on my camera I did not know I had.

octa.jpg

octc.jpg

09/22/2005 Saw a semi acoustic / electric Jonny Lang concert tonight ( wife is a big fan ) I was totally blown away at his very 1st song. This guy (24 yrs old ) puts everything he has into his music.

Jonny Lang

<http://www.geocities.com>

9/07/2005 Techno trouble with the 2nd stage of the game. We had a winner, but only 1st half worked. Due to the fact the I still don't have a helper monkey, I will set game up later today. P.S. I have solved the techno trouble.

8/19/2005 Worked to get a second server to indicate site is temporarily down. Redhat 9 with an Apache server. Not the easiest to work with when one has a Windows background.

8/19/2005 My best tractor that lays down the dominoes had a serious gear failure. I tried to fix it but no soap. My back up tractors are not working to well. The failure of the dominoes to fall this last time was due to spacing problem from the junky tractors. I ordered a new one today and have manually fixed the spacing problem.

8/12/2005 I was listening in from the second floor and I could hear that someone started the game ( I can hear when

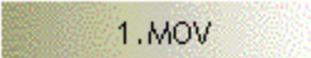
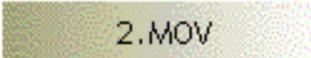
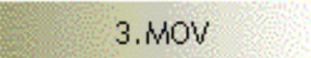
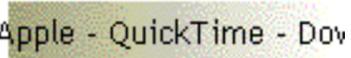
Domino Topple 1 and 2 are locked in) but no dominoes were falling. I came to the basement only to find a failed start because the stick that spins on the 5 1/2 inch drive came off when it started. It should be fixed now.

8/11/2005 I think audio server was not working due to me not having the mic setting open. Should work now, need to have your volume higher than usual and there is at least a 15 second delay.

7/28/05 A camera fell off bench 1 the other day while I was working with it and today I noticed it knocked a jumper wire loose from the relay that controls Domino Topple 1. It is fixed now.

7/23/2005 My Kodak Easyshare camera allows me to capture Quick Time .mov video files. I made 3 of them to show

Domino Topple 2 in action.

7/20/2005 Finding magnets spinning lately and relays on, but spinning is only the first step, off is what really counts. If magnets don't line up with switches, try on then off again until an off state causes red light to stay on. I also lined up 18 Iomega 100 MB Zip media disks as dominoes at the end of bench number 2. No one has knocked them over as of yet.

7/05/2005 The results are in and it is official, I'm a monkey's uncle. The P.O.F ( point of failure ) is at the same spot.



That piece is now out after 3 strikes.

7/04/2005 Can't believe it happened again in the exact same way ! I have it fixed now, I needed 2 dominoes at the peak and not just 1.

7/03/2005 You have to know that the many variables inherent in a project such as this can sometimes cause the game to not work. Today is the first time I saw this as the point of failure



I want to ask the person who

earlier started the game to please try again.

6/19/2005 Seems Bubble Juice dried out-will have to think about that. Are you skilled enough to be able to sign my Guestmap? It is one thing to knock them over and another to obtain password for Guestmap.

6/11/2005 Found a great little password java applet, You can see this in action by following the "submit new winner" link. I am trying to entice people to add to my guestmap by making it available to only an elite few, the domino knocker downers.

6/08/2005 Must say not very pleased with the way I was told I had to use a new modem with more bandwidth. The install disk would not even display page 2 because graphics were hosed up. Tried it on 3 different computers. Turns out speeds are

so far OK with my existing ADSL modem that I flashed factory defaults into after scoring one on ebay. These are my tests, status readings and information I dug up. . . 916.9 Kbps - You 916.9 kbps 1062.5 Kbps - You 1062.5 kbps  
 STATUS-Data Rate -Downstream 1536-upstream 896 kbps For conventional ADSL, downstream rates start at 256 kbit/s and typically reach 9 Mbit/s Upstream rates start at 64 kbit/s and typically reach 256 kbit/s but can go as high as 768 kbit/s. This device provides high-speed Internet access over existing phone lines, supporting both full-rate ADSL (8M/640K). I placed a small cooling fan near modem just in case the faster speeds causes it to start on fire and burns the house down.

6/07/2005 Please remember to sign Guestmap. More bandwidth tomorrow I hope. Added page translator, will have to see if it works.

6/01/2005 Ordered more bandwidth today, requires a new modem also. 1.5 mbps downstream, 896 kbps upstream. Will take a week for modem to arrive.

5/31/2005 I got Windows Media Player 9 to stream the audio .pls extension with help from this link [Open pls in WMP](#). I was prompted to download the Windows .NET framework first. Finding out about more bandwidth and the extra \$\$\$ it will cost.

5/28/2005 Audio will have a delay ( 15 seconds right within my lan ). Please keep that in mind. It does add another dimension to the game even with a delay. I bet the falling of the dominoes would really sound cool.

5/28/2005 I took some advice from a dude in Great Brittan and I added audio. It is a Winamp program but Musicmatch from Dell could listen to the stream. If I learn of more media players that will work, I will pass that info along. . .Free

[Winamp](#) works and free [Musicmatch](#) works and I would think Real Audio would work.  I tested all of

these, Realplayer needed extra step.

5/25/2005 I wondered about one area of the domino set up ( if it would glitch ) and it did. The winner today knocked over 3/4 of them. Good job. Peace out.

5/21/2005 Site was down last 24 hours due to the fact that I had to maximize my bandwidth for large file download.

5/20/2005 Domino Topple 2nd was set this morning but not 1st . It set when I turned it off. Remember formula ON then Off = red light on.

Looked as if we had a winner tonight, but what happened is a magnet flew off Domino Topple 2nd (no dome cover). Working to secure that better.

5/16/2005 People are getting close to knocking dominoes over. Just this morning when I reset domes to off, game would have started and dominoes would have toppled.

5/09/2005 Last winner did not set off stage two due to technical difficulties. It can be 46 days and all will work, but only 1 day and it can have a snafu. Many variables are involved for it all to work. Myowncam seems to be up again. Not using it just yet, waiting for any bugs to be worked out.

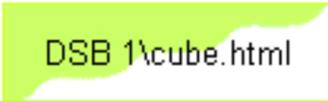
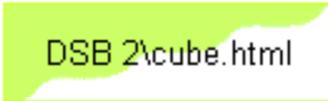
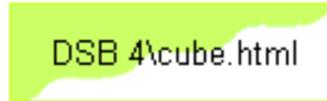
5/07/2005 Seems can't get a form to work ( or I am not willing to keep working on it ). " Submit new winner " will be handled my my Guestmap. Always wanted to know where my visitors were from anyway.

5/07/2005 Can't be true, myowncam may be history! Lost a family friendly webcam site [exploits](#) .

4/30/2005 I wondered why the mywebcam server was no longer available. Turns out the guy had his house robbed, they took his PC, and with that they corrupted his server files so that he has to rebuild them. It is such a great site I want to try to donate to it again. 1ST time Pay Pal was rejected due to his end [exploits](#) .

4/26/2005 Had a winner today. Can't show his or hers initials on the winners circle page as the feature is not working. Will have to look into that next week when I have more time. I also added a java script that starts counting the days since the last winner. See it on the main page 3/4 of the way down.

4/24/2005 Troubled me that my new computer ran so slow, I upgraded my RAM to 512 MB from 256 MB tonight. I also applied some of the 100 Industrial-Strength Tips & Tools I have in a book I bought.

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4/23/2005 Found a use for some of my 600,000 clip art images. Going to showcase them with a number of DSB (digital sand box) links above. I love those crazy applets.

4/20/2005 This is the official start of Commentary-2 page.

A rectangular button with a dark blue background and a white border. The text "ARCHIVE" is centered in a yellow, monospaced font.