

My name is Jeremy Young. I am a Donkey Kong killscreener and top 10 player in Pac-Man Championship Edition DX+. I am the high score moderator at Donkey Kong Forum (DKF), a role I have served in for almost nine years. Since March 2022 I have also been the forum's administrator.

In August 2017 I submitted a dispute to Twin Galaxies in regards to Billy Mitchell's claimed Donkey Kong arcade score of 1,062,800. The basis for this original dispute was that the only live, on-location video footage available of the claimed achievement showed a Donkey Kong Jr. PCB being used as a stand-in for a Donkey Kong PCB.


Subsequent analysis of the claimed direct feed recordings of Mitchell's arcade scores of 1,047,200, 1,050,200, and 1,062,800 revealed indisputable evidence that these recordings were produced with an emulator. Accordingly, in February 2018, I updated the Twin Galaxies dispute. In my role as high score moderator, I also removed Mitchell's 1,062,800 score from the DKF High Score List at the same time. Twin Galaxies found the evidence and dispute credible and removed all of Mitchell's scores from their database in April 2018.

Over the following two years, Mitchell filed various frivolous lawsuits, including one in February 2020 against myself, Jeff Harrist (founder and former administrator of DKF, now deceased), and DKF itself. Mitchell voluntarily dismissed that lawsuit in January 2022.

In the early days of the dispute, when explanations, clarifications, and rebuttals were most needed, Tanner Fokkens' technical expertise was invaluable to the classic arcade and high score community. It remains so to this day. Fokkens' work has not only helped educate the masses on the finer details of arcade hardware, it has also helped reinforce the integrity of video game high score competition.

Fokkens' paper is a great introduction to many of the complex issues surrounding Donkey Kong arcade hardware and emulation and is accessible to beginners and experts alike. I support his work and the conclusions therein.

Signed this date, August 22, 2022.



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