

Evaluating Apps

Title: Swift Playgrounds

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Questions	Yes	No	Comments/ Notes
Have you played enough to know every aspect? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Did you try things that were wrong and/or unexpected	x		
Did the software crash?		x	
Was the content appropriate? Did it meet the user's needs?	x		Content addressed coding basics. No prior coding knowledge would be necessary. Great for elementary students.
Were the screens appealing? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Color, items on screen, sounds	x		3-D appealing. Sound effects and great graphic appeal.
Is it easy to navigate?	x		
Is it easy to learn?	x		
Does the user need Supervision to use		x	Students will not need direct supervision, but it may be helpful to be present in case students need assistance.

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<p>If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)</p>	x		<p>Students must complete each interactive puzzle before progressing.</p>
<p>Were there bells and whistles?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, do they enhance instead of detract? • If not, should there be? 	x		<p>Very interactive. I believe it attracts student's attention and makes the app "fun".</p>
<p>Did you like using the App?</p>	x		<p>The app almost seems like a game.</p>
<p>What was the cost?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was there a "lite" version <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If so, was it enough 		x	
<p>Were there in-app purchases?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, what were the additional costs? 		x	
<p>How does it compare to other apps that do the same?</p>			<p>Seems to be very effective for younger ages. Since there is not any prior knowledge required, teachers could introduce students to coding.</p>
<p>Additional Comments</p>			

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Developmentally Appropriate

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Child Development and Learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject Matter appropriate? • Educational Focus? • Provides for Learning New Content? • Follows Appropriate Teaching Sequence? 	x		Subject matter focuses on coding basics. Each puzzle is more challenging for students.
Individual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it match individual's abilities? • Does it meet individual's needs? 	x		
Social/Cultural <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bias? • Commercialism Comments 		x	