

*VERSION: 1.0.2*

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*Target Audience:*

Middle to High School

*Curriculum:*

Teaching coding in the classroom.

*COST: FREE*

In-app purchases

Full access to the app (we're not certain what that is because it kept crashing) is \$2.99

*Software Description:*

The app has a picture of a hedgehog wearing glasses and the symbols `</>` underneath it.

Once you open the app, it opens to a page that asks if it can access your camera. The first page is really busy. It has a background of a bunch of doodles that do not seem relevant to coding but do seem relevant to a student doodling on a paper. At the top left hand is their logo with a child that resembles the hedgehog wearing the same glasses and text that reads 'Virtual teacher Arkids.cards'. There is a question box you can click that takes you to a simple code for you to do. If you hit the picture of a woman, it takes you to another screen that is unexplained. If you hit the picture of a phone scanning a QR code it takes you to a QR code scanner. If you hit the shopping card it takes you to in-app purchases. If you hit the button with 'En' and the American/British flag, it switches you between languages.

The first page has a printer picture on it with the instructions '1. Download 2. Print cards'. It has 'Terms of Use' and 'Privacy Policy' on the bottom left-hand side of the page. On the bottom right-hand side of the page is a flashing green go button.

Once you click go the hand in the middle of the screen holding a card raises up and it takes about ten seconds before it starts the game, which gives you no instructions.

The game has a bunch of green and blue dots and symbols but does not explain what anything is or what you are doing. It has the same busy background as the first page. If you hit one of the blue or green dots the app crashes before you can go to the next screen. The app continuously crashes.

### *Impressions:*

This program is slow. It takes a while for you to click on something and for it to respond. It kept crashing and did not offer any explanations. It did not have a tutorial. It did not give you instructions. It was hard to use and not user-friendly at all. The app does not load very well and it honestly crashed more than we got to use it.

This app has a lot of bugs. It does have multiple languages which is one of the only edges it has on other apps.

The sound is nice and it seems appropriate. The pictures and screen design, however, were honestly a bit confusing and did not offer much in way of explanations of what you are supposed to be doing. It made us frustrated and we could not figure it out at all--unlike the other coding apps, this one seems useless and not like it would help you learn anything. We did not like using this app and would never recommend it.

We could not see ourselves using this software at all in the classroom.

We never got to find out if it had feedback or not because it kept crashing.

### *Does it pass:*

*Nope!*