
Mimo: Learn to Code

VERSION: 3.20

PUBLISHER: Mimohello GmbH

Target Audience:

Middle School

Curriculum:

Teaching Coding to children.

COST: FREE

It allows you a 7-day free trial. You can choose one month for \$9.99 a month or one year for only \$29.99. There are no apps or anything on this but you cannot use the app unless you take the trial or you buy the program.

Software Description:

The app has a picture of a robot's face on it. Once you open the app it will say 'Let's create your personal curriculum!' at the top of the page. It is a white page with three stacked books on it. It asks 'Are you new to coding?' You can answer 'NO' or 'YES'. It will then ask what you want to accomplish: 'Build an ios app'; 'Learn to Code'; 'Become a hacker'; or 'Make a game'.

Then it will ask you to create your Mimo profile. At the top right-hand side of the page, it has a login. At the bottom middle, it says 'Continue with Facebook' or 'Continue with Google' or 'Sign up with email'. It will ask you to verify your email.

Once done creating your account, it will ask you to join Mimo Premium for the prices listed above or to start a free 7-day trial.

At the first page once you have started your trial it has 'Learn', 'Challengers', and 'Profile' at the bottom of the page in a navigation bar. The page you are on is high-lighted green so you know exactly where you are. The main colors this app uses is green.

This app has 'Courses' and the percentage you are at at the top of the page. It also has 'Projects' and the percentage you are at at the top of the page.

It has several lessons you can take that says 'Getting Started' and starts you through all the basics of the lessons. It also says how long each lesson will take. For example, 'Getting Started' takes roughly 15 hours. That is a lot of time for the basic lessons. It has basic, Intermediate, Core, and gives you a certificate of achievement once you have finished everything.

It does not have sound effects. You can make a game with this software.

Impressions:

It isn't worth the price to buy this app because you could just get a free one and learn all the same things, perhaps at a level that works better for middle schoolers or younger children. The app looks very adult and is hard to use. It has easy navigation that lets you know where you are which is good but it does not look like an app for children. The sound effects are little and don't add much. The feedback is effective but immediate.

We do not recommend this app. It is also slow and freezes up occasionally. It is very educational and takes you through the ropes of coding but we cannot really see how useful this would be in a classroom full of students as they would easily lose interest. It does have 'Guided Track's that let you work through the creation of an app and the pictures and images it uses there look appropriate for children and look fun and cute. It does not seem to work for people who have never ever coded before or for students with special needs and accommodations.

Does it pass:

No, just for the price.