App Evaluation Write Up

Name of App: Swift Playgrounds

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Criteria	Comments
Title	Swift Playgrounds
Version	2.1
Publisher	Apple
Audience	According to the App Store, it is targeted for ages 4 and up. We don't know if that is perfectly accurate, we feel as though the students need to be a little older, because coding, no matter how simple, can be difficult to understand. We feel it should be for kids about 6 years old and up.
Type	We would classify this app as a problem solving app because you are given a goal for the students to complete (moving the monster and collecting a coin) and the students have to figure out the correct curing of code to achieve that goal.
Curriculum	This is a straight-forward coding software, so it can be used for a fun STEAM day and to help students learn the basics of coding.
Environment(s):	This has great potential to be used in the classroom as a coding app, as it is very user friendly, but it can also be used at home with no issue..
Cost	The app is free.
Describe the app	This app is a coding app where you move a monster through levels, and even dimensions once you get further into the game, helping him gather coins. The commands are really easy to understand,

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	and the levels that you are guiding the monster through are based into block segments, so one use of any command correlates to the monster moving one block. As you get further into the levels, more commands are added so the monster can do more things. Once you have what you think is the correct path of the monster in the coding window, you click play and the monster does exactly what you tell him to. You can stop the attempt if you need to fix something, then the monster will start again at the beginning.
Our impressions of the app	We loved this app in comparison to the other coding apps that we tried. We felt like the commands and the environment is better suited for children so they can start learning to code at a younger age. We thought that the fundamental set up of the app was great, and it made it much easier to understand.
Does the app pass?	Yes the app passed.