Move The Turtle Evaluation Write-Up
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The App we evaluated was Move The Turtle. Learn to code. We used Version 1.5.1 by Next is Great. The publisher states it is for ages 9 to 11, which we would agree with. It is a great tutorial app, because it teaches students a new skill. It is fun for older ages also and a younger student who is interested in coding would be able to use this app, however. This would fit into a technology curriculum or be an interesting special topic for a student who finished their work early. This app would really only be applicable in a single user environment. The only version of the app was $3.99. There was not a lite version or a trial version.

This software is cute and has very good explanations. The colors are fun and intriguing. The app walks you through a series of steps to explain to you simple coding language. It uses a turtle and gems to help you visualize the language and see the application. The animated turtle follows the coding that you input. It is such a fun app that teaches the basics of coding.

Kayla, Carinna, and Michaela really liked this software. Michaela liked that it was easy to navigate and said "instead of watching a video this is something you can do on your own." Kayla liked it because it gradually became more difficult and complex, just like real coding. Carinna liked the colors and noises. Kayla said that she would definitely use it in her classroom and might base an entire lesson off of it. The app provided immediate feedback and reinforcement. Such a cute app!

This software passes with flying colors. All of the evaluators would use this in their future classroom.