Ed Software Evaluation

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Title: Solar System Scope

Type of Software: Discovery Learning: The students totally decide what to learn when they play with this app. The app opens up to a view of the solar system. From there, the students totally get to decide what they want to view and learn about, and they can navigate through the entire solar system.

Version: 3. 1 .6

Publisher: INOVE, s.r.o.

Target Audience: 4+, but would be most beneficial for students who can read.

Curriculum/How it might be used in our class: We think we could use it in our classroom to teach about the solar system. We could assign students planets or parts of the solar system to be "experts" on and then present their findings to the class. We also would like to let students explore the app for themselves in their free time. It's very easy to use and explore and very informational. Students can learn so much about the solar system from using the app.

Possible Environments and Why: Teacher tool. Teacher could use this app to demonstrate parts of the solar system to the class or the teacher could use it as a resource for information for their lessons. It could also be single user, because the students could explore the solar system on their own. It is totally available for students to make several trips around the sun on their own, or even in a small group. Students could get into groups to navigate through the app and complete assignments, if necessary, but we think it would be best for single users.

Cost: Lite version is free. Full Version is $2.99

Paragraph Describing App: The app starts by showing a view of our solar system. From here, the user can navigate to any planet/star/constellation that they choose. When they get there, the user can find any sort of information that they might need about that part of the solar system. Then when they are finished looking at that part of the solar system, they can go back and look at any other part. There is also a search bar for users to look up anything that they are looking for.

Impressions of Software: We loved this app. It was so user friendly and so educational. Students could use it both to play with and use it for educational purposes if necessary. It was very engaging with the visuals, sounds, and how it displayed information. The visuals and the sheer amount of detail put into this app blew us away. There are so many avenues for students to explore. It worked really well and was pretty easy to find whatever we were looking for. It would be easy for students to navigate, find information, or explore.

Does it pass APPS: Absolutely. We love this app! We think students would love navigating through the solar system on this app because the graphics are so fascinating. The information that this app provides about the solar system is really great, too. We would definitely recommend this one to science teachers.