



Title	codeSpark Academy: Kids Coding
Version	2.36.00
Publisher or Producer	code,Spark, Inc
Target Audience	4+, Made for Ages 6-8
Types of Software with your Justification	This app was definitely created as a tutorial since it is used to teach children or others how to code. It technically could be used to drill and practice because you can create several different stories and levels for the games which helps the user retain the material which also means it can be used as a tool. It also involves discovery learning after going through the tutorial since you're in control of creating your own material.
Curriculum	This app could be used in the classroom to assist when it comes to teaching students how to code or about technology, but other than that, it could probably just be used during fun time for students. They would be learning without realizing it and it keeps them distracted too.

<p>Cost</p>	<p>Free 7 day trial</p> <p>\$9.99/mo - Currently being offered for 20% off at \$7.99/mo</p>
<p>Description of the Software</p>	<p>Upon opening this app there is a section for parents to start with shows the subscription option and lets them set up a profile for their child. You get to select a character and name it by choosing information from three different categories - for my son it is Matt Squishyfrazz. From there the main page has puzzles, explore and create section, it also shows new story items that you can purchase with earned coins and has an option to create-a-foo.</p> <p>Under create you can choose to create a game or a story - for the game it starts with a tutorial and has different levels to advance through in which you win coins to use. When you advance you get to build or create parts of the next level which is where the coding comes into play. After completing the tutorial you can then create your own game using what you learned. With the story you use what you learned to create different stories and can add to it by using what is given to you or buying new objects with the coins to go along with it.</p>
<p>Impression of the Software</p>	<p>I think this app is pretty cool, I'm not sure if someone as young as four could really understand how to do this, but I think the app definitely helps to teach them how to code. I also think that it allows full creativity to the user since they are creating something that is 100% their own and if they don't like something they can change it or get rid of it. It puts them in charge of their learning even if they are not aware of it.</p>
<p>Pass APPS</p>	<p>Passes APPS because it is easy to navigate and learn with the tutorial that it offers, it has several different fun features that make it visually appealing and the cost is reasonable. This app is age appropriate however some younger children may not be able to quite grasp how to do everything just yet.</p>

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Evaluators: Lindsay Lewis & Megan Scott

Questions	Yes	No	Comments/ Notes
Have you played enough to know every aspect? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did you try things that were wrong and/or unexpected 	X		
Did the software crash?		X	
Was the content appropriate? Did it meet the user's needs?	X		Yes, the content is appropriate for young children and it does meet the users needs by teaching them how to code.
Were the screens appealing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Color, items on the screen, sounds 	X		This app is very appealing for younger students. It has a Super Mario like feel to how the tutorial is set up. But it has goofy characters in it and you can create your own which makes it fun.
Is it easy to navigate?	X		
Is it easy to learn?	X	X	At first it is not but once you go through the tutorial and play with it more it becomes easier.
Does the user need Supervision to use?	X		Yes because it gives the child the option to upload their project to share with others. However, the project is reviewed or moderated by their staff before it officially uploaded.

<p>If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>The response in this app during the tutorial is right but while creating your own it could be right or wrong. Coding is a learning process.</p>
<p>Were there bells and whistles?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, do they enhance instead of detract? • If not, should there be? 	<p>X</p>	<p>Being able to create your own character is pretty cool in itself but also creating your own stories and games too.</p> <p>These features only enhance the app more for users.</p>
<p>Did you like using the App?</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>We very much enjoyed this app but would need more time to understand how to fully code or create a game or story.</p>
<p>What was the cost?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was there a "lite" version • If so, was it enough 		<p>Free 7 day trial</p>
<p>Were there in-app purchases?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, what were the additional costs? 	<p>X</p>	<p>\$9.99/mo</p> <p>Currently being offered for 20% off at \$7.99/mo</p>
<p>How does it compare to other apps that do the same?</p>		<p>This app seems very impressive compared to other coding apps.</p>

Additional Comments			
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Developmentally Appropriate

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Child Development and Learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is subject Matter appropriate? • Educational Focus? • Provides for Learning New Content? • Follows Appropriate Teaching Sequence? 	X		
Individual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it match an individual's abilities? • Does it meet an individual's needs? 	X		
Social/Cultural <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bias? • Commercialism Comments 		X	