

Evaluating Apps

Swift Playground

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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		The content was appropriate and is very kid-friendly. The levels start easy and gradually get harder.
Were the screens appealing? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Color, items on screen, sounds	x		The screens were appealing and there were sounds. I love how bright the colors are and the idea of making a path so the monster can collect his gem. It makes coding seem like a fun quest.
Is it easy to navigate?	x		
Is it easy to learn?	x		It is easy to learn because it goes over how to code with the correct commands to get the monster navigated through the maze.

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Does the user need Supervision to use		x	
If the App required a response, was it appropriate? (right or wrong)	x		When the user incorrectly codes a part, it shows the user by the monster not collecting the gem. It allows the user to change their coding and try again. After a couple attempts, the correct coding sequence will be shown.
Were there bells and whistles? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, do they enhance instead of detract? • If not, should there be? 	x		It has options for sound and music to be enabled or on. We also liked how this app offers a hint button for students who are struggling. We think the extras help enhance because it helps younger users stay engaged.
Did you like using the App?	x		
What was the cost? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was there a "lite" version <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If so, was it enough 		x	
Were there in-app purchases? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, what were the additional costs? 		x	
How does it compare to other apps that do the same?			

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			<p>This app is more directed at older kids. We think Boogie Bot may be a better app for younger kids. Although, both Boogie Bot and this app are easy to navigate and learn. We think students may be more appealed to the dancing robot.</p>
Additional Comments		x	

Developmentally Appropriate

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<p>Child Development and Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject Matter appropriate? • Educational Focus? • Provides for Learning New Content? • Follows Appropriate Teaching Sequence? 	x		<p>There was an educational focus and provides new learning content, but it is probably not the best app for first graders. Although, this app would be good for anyone older who want to learn how to code and would be beneficial to be refreshed on coding or to learn coding in simple terms.</p>
<p>Individual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it match individual's abilities? • Does it meet individual's needs? 		x	<p>This app does not really match to individuals because there is only one</p>

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			way to complete the level. We feel as if there are other apps that are better for younger kids and adapt more to specific children's abilities and needs.
Social/Cultural <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bias?• Commercialism Comments		x	No bias.