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Microsoft uses 'Minecraft' to teach your kid how to code

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You can get kids to do a lot if you promise them [Minecraft](#)... just ask parents who've watched their children race through chores to get some building time. And Microsoft knows this, too. It just [released a tutorial](#) for [Code.org](#) that uses *Minecraft* to teach the basics of computer programming. Instead of pointing and clicking to smash your way through the landscape, you construct a string of commands using code-like snippets such as "turn left" and "destroy block." This hopefully shows your young ones how programming can be both fun and relevant -- it's not just some boring thing you do to make money. Many students will try this when the next [Hour of Code](#) kicks off on December 7th, but you can visit the website today if your kids can't wait to give it a shot.

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Nothing really new.

The program I work with has been using Minecraft as an educational tool for the past few years. We use it to teach 3D Game Design, logical programming (command blocks) and older kids learn Java and learn how to make their own mods or improve on existing mods.

This just looks like a Minecraft Skin on Scratch.


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