Tutorial Text

Starting tutorial text:

Welcome to Stupid Robot. Allow me to introduce Rufus the star of our show. He is cute, loveable and, unfortunately, about as swift as a shingle. All that is about to change thanks to you. Your job, should you choose to accept it, is to program Rufus to overcome the obstacles of each level and get him from the start square {start square} to the end square {end square}.

To do this you have been given a number of tools and features. On the lower left hand side of the screen you will notice a grouping of buttons. These are the commands which you will use to get Rufus through each of the levels in the game. Later in the tutorial we will come back to these buttons and explain what each of them makes Rufus do. If at any point during the game you forget what each button does you can hover the mouse over them and a description of the buttons functionality will pop up in a window to remind you. While this will be difficult for you to do…stop looking at the buttons. No really stop looking at them…and clicking on them…and looking at them.

The lower middle of the game window is where the place command button is located {place button} you place the commands in the order you wish Rufus to execute them. You can do this in two different ways. One: you can use your mouse and click on the button and it will add it into the window in the order in which they will execute. Two: you can left click and hold in order to drag the command over and place it directly into the window. This feature can also be used to add a command in between other commands in case you mess up…and trust me you will mess up. In addition you can also remove commands place in this window by either clicking or dragging it out of the window.

Directly next to that you will see a circle with a bunch of directional buttons on it. These buttons are used to help move the map around the game window. In the center of this circle there is a dot {center map button}. If you have moved the map to another location this button will center it back to Rufus and will reset the zoom. What’s the zoom you say? Well fancy you should ask that question. If you look directly above the circle you will notice a grouping of four buttons. The {Zoom in} button gives you the ability to zoom in closer to the map while the {zoom out} button gives you the ability to zoom the map out. I know, I know, stunning and revolutionary concept which has never been used before may be difficult to understand but we will give you the benefit of the doubt.

The buttons on either side of these {rotate left} {rotate right} will allow you rotate the map left and right so that you can view it from different directions.

On the far right hand side there is a column of buttons. Lets us begin at the beginning…or in this case, the top. The {Execute} button will cause Rufus to begin to carry out all of your commands. Once you push the {Execute button} you will notice that in changes to {Abort}. You can push Abort at any time while Rufus is carrying out your commands to stop him from continuing to execute you list. Why would you need to do this you ask? Well I would tell you if you quit interrupting. The commands in your command window operate in a loop. For all you non programmers out there this means that once you reach the end of your command list it will start back at the beginning and continue to execute commands from the top of your list.

Below the Execute/Abort button you will find the {Reset} Button. This button does just that, it resets Rufus to the start square. It can even be used while Rufus is executing your commands.

Now let’s say for a moment that you’ve completely blown it and you have no idea where you when wrong with your commands. You have decided it’s just too much for your brain to handle and you want to start from scratch. At this point you want to hit the {clear button}. This will wipe your entire command window clean and allow you to start from scratch.

The {help button} will take you to a help menu in game just in case you decided to skip this tutorial because you think you can figure it out on your own. If you are not reading this you will have figure it out by yourself.

The {options button} will take you to the options menu. This menu will allow you to do a number of things ranging from returning to the Main Menu to Skipping the remainder of this tutorial. If you are not reading this you will have to figure it by yourself.

The last thing you need to take note of is the 600 MHZ with right and left arrows located above it. This controls the speed and which Rufus will execute your commands. Some of the levels will require you to play parts of them over again in order for you to know what to do next. You will need to stop and add on commands once you have seen where Rufus ends up on the map. You can speed up through parts you have already been through in the level or slow down in new parts to ensure you have put in the proper execution commands to solve the level.

Enough talk…well at least enough talk about all that other stuff. Let’s get down to the buttons. Before we talk about the buttons that make Rufus move we want to talk about the one button that does just the opposite, it makes Rufus stop in his tracks. The {stop button} button can be placed into the command window at any point to bring Rufus to a stop in the execution even if there are commands located after the stop. This command can be useful when you suddenly die because you put the wrong set of execution commands in and are now watching with tears in your eyes wonder where it all went wrong. It can also help you break up longer levels into small parts. You can place a stop command at the end of a small set of commands to ensure you navigated that portion of the level correctly. From there you can continue to add commands after the {stop button} and then remove it to see if you got the following section correct and so on and so forth. Remember with great power comes great responsibility so abuse the hell out of this and use it often. It can help you during more difficult aspects of the game.