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Block Builder

- What is it?
 - Basic version of Minecraft implemented solely in python
- Why Block Builder?
 - Gain experience developing a 3D game
 - Personal interest
 - It's free!



Technology

- Python3
- Pyglet (Python multimedia library)
- OpenGL (through Pyglet)

Target Demographic

- Children ages 4-16
- Cheap parents
- People who want to be creative!

Scope



Demo



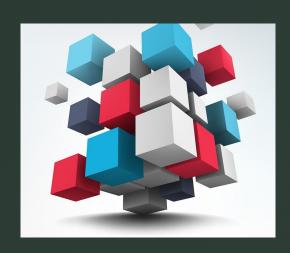
Qualities

- Maintainability
 - Modularization of original code
- Usability
 - Usable by target demographic, children aged 4-12
- Portability
 - Runs on Windows and macOS



Modularization

- High Level Hardware interfacing
 - Window.py
 - Module that contains window state and OpenGL constructors
 - Actually displays the game
- Software Decision Module
 - World.py Game logic Algorithms
 - Function.py Helper functions that are not directly related to game logic
- Models and Constants
 - Block.py In-game blocks construction
 - Constants.py Game world constants (Texture coord, gravity, etc.)



Testing and Validation

- Dynamic, Manual Testing
 - Play the game by hand to perform manual tests
 - Primary source of validation
 - Asking users of various ages to rate the usability and resemblance to minecraft out of 10
- Pytest Unit Testing
 - Test basic functions, not very helpful in development.
 - Ex. Movement hard to test automatically

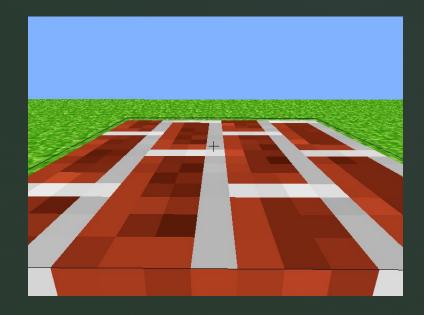
"I jumped off the map haha. 9/10 though." - Chris' Little Brother, 2018

"Your games are stupid go away" - Mom

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Notable Struggles

- Pyglet/OpenGL learning curve
- Collision Detection
- World "sectorization" and chunk loading



Next Steps

- Some features we would like to add that were not feasible given the time constraint:
 - Inventory Systems
 - Biomes
 - Items
 - NPC's



Thank you for listening!

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