**Reception Studies**

**The Sims modding as a way for women to approach and learn IT**

# Abstract

Modding represents an important part of many well-known video games and it is often used as a way to teach, or self-teach, IT and coding to kids, especially to young girls, and the EA’s The Sims franchise makes no exception.  
This paper will analyse how game modding, with a particular attention to The Sims, can be used as a precious mean to make the technical aspect of IT more approachable for young girls and women.  
Different observations and self-observations will be conducted, including an analysis of which skills are needed to engage into modding.

# Introduction

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