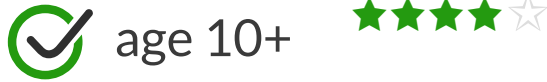


Roblox

Website review by [Erin Brereton](#), Common Sense Media

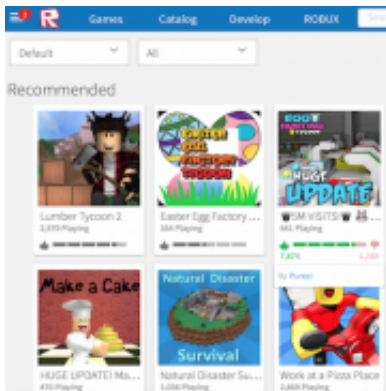


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Game creator nurtures skills, but games can be violent.

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A LOT OR A LITTLE?

The parents' guide to what's in this website.

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Drinking, Drugs & Smoking

WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

Parents need to know that Roblox is a game-creation site where users design and upload their own games, as well as play other games in a multiplayer environment. Some of the gameplay is advanced, and many games include weapons. The site offers a safe-chat mode for those under 13, as well as a parent login that lets you oversee your child's use of the site. There have been reports of users thwarting the chat and exchanging inappropriate/predatory messages with young players; although we haven't encountered that directly during our extensive use of the site, parents may still want to be wary when their kids are using the site or connecting with people they've just met. There are in-game currency items called Robux that you can use to unlock additional items, but you will either earn these slowly or pay for additional cash with real money. They can also sign up for a membership for extra content and can insert in-game ads into their created games, potentially making large sums of money off their unique ideas.

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WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

ROBLOX provides scripting tips and design elements to help budding designers create and contribute games and activities. Most games are free to play; you need to register to tweak your avatar or friend other users. Roblox's main drawbacks include inconsistency -- novice developers make the games, so quality can vary -- and you need to download an installer to play. Younger kids may also find some games a bit scary. But parents will likely be pleased with some of the safety features, which let them monitor their children's activity and account settings.

IS IT ANY GOOD?

The beauty of this creativity website is that it features a never-ending (and continually evolving) supply of creative and fun challenges to explore. The creativity of thousands of young developers is often exciting, amusing, and inspiring -- places range from simple obstacle courses to full cities. Unfortunately, when you get amateur developers, you also often get amateur development, occasionally resulting in rendering problems, on-screen flicker, and some extremely frustrating gameplay, particularly when you're navigating mazes or jumping.

Gameplay issues aside, Roblox gets high marks for encouraging exploration, interaction, and, above all, huge amounts of creativity in its users. By allowing kids to begin as player/explorers and evolve into experienced users and developers, this site grows along with your child. What's more, popular titles could potentially result in young designers making a lot of cash off their inventions. Just be aware that the games can get violent, depending on what a creator has placed into a particular experience.

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TALK TO YOUR KIDS ABOUT ...

- Families can talk about interacting with others while pursuing your own goals. Is it fine to allow other players to complete the course, or is it better to watch them attempt the course and let them show you the best path to choose?
- What potential dangers could occur when you meet strangers online? What kind of information should you never give out about yourself to someone you don't know? Talk to your kids about [protecting their privacy online](#).

WEBSITE DETAILS

Subjects: [Language & Reading](#): following directions, presenting to others

[Arts](#): drawing, playing

Skills: [Creativity](#): combining knowledge, imagination

[Self-Direction](#): goal-setting, set objectives, work to achieve goals

[Communication](#): asking questions, multiple forms of expression

[Tech Skills](#): digital creation, using and applying technology

Genre: [Gaming](#)

Pricing structure: Paid, Free

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