# Games in different fields

Theodora Kapsali Spark Inspirations | Game Engine, www.spark.tools Why do we enjoy games?

VIDEO: Why we like Games

Urgent Optimism – extreme self-motivation

- Social Fabric building strong social relationships, bonds, trust
- Blissful Productivity happier working hard
- Epic Meaning challenges of accomplishing something difficult

Jane McGonigal: Gaming can make a better world, TED Talk 2010

#### Games and children

- Reality check: kids play games and there is no avoiding it
- Games can teach them life skills 21<sup>st</sup> century skills
  - VIDEO: Games teach kids 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills

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- Embrace their hobby and be part of their experience
  - VIDEO: How parents became part of their child's experience



What if you could make a game together with your child, without coding?

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## Games in education

- Homework sets you up for failure
  - Take an assignment home > work on it > hand it in > get it back with a mark
- Games train to overcome failure
  - Keep trying until you overcome it
- Innovation is necessary today
  - Must see failure as an opportunity to learn
- Computers can do a lot of the heavy lifting, so teachers can concentrate on teaching



Extra Credits - Education: An End to Fear - Why Students Hate Homework

#### How Games can Help Teachers

VIDEO: How games help Teachers

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What if a teacher could make a simple game without coding to help his/her students with a challenging concept?

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## **Serious Gaming**

 "Simulations of real-world events or processes designed for the purpose of solving a problem. Main purpose is to train or educate the end user."

- Wikipedia

#### \$6.6 Billion market

What if a shipping company could make a simple game that would train a new employee on where the different types of cargo is kept?



### Other fields

- Marketing
- Politics

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Gamification

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Endless possibilities

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Make the game of your dreams!

#### Who? What? Where? Why?

- Who: Non-coders and coders alike
- What: Make 2D and 3D, multiplayer or single player games

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- Where: On the cloud
- Why: Because we can... technology has evolved

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PROJECT

This one should do. Now, so far we've done our first steps creating a level but it's not really a game yet. We should be able to control our character and move him around. From the Project panel, select the Alien.

Select the Alien model.





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### Games are good

#### Let's not frown on games. With games, we can make a difference.

