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Pluralsight Teaches Kids to Code with Latest Free E-Learning Course: Kodu Kingdom Defense

SALT LAKE CITY (May 20, 2014) – [Pluralsight](#), a global leader in online training for technology professionals, announced a new course, “Learn to Program: Kodu Kingdom Defense,” to its courses for kids library. This and other free Pluralsight kids courses are aimed at fostering innovation and critical thinking skills at a young age, with the goal of helping grow the number of computer science students across the world.

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Although programming jobs are some of the best-paying jobs in the world, there is a significant gap between the number of jobs available and the number of people who are qualified to fill them. According to Code.org, this discrepancy is expected to expand, with 1 million more jobs than computer science students by 2020.

“Our goal is to help kids become creators of technology, not just consumers,” said Aaron Skonnard, CEO of Pluralsight. “Pluralsight is committed to taking a proactive approach to solve the gap that currently exists in the education system by teaching the rising generation programming skills. Our courses provide a fun way to learn to code, while also giving kids the skills they need to succeed in our technology-driven society.”

Recognizing that students learn best in a hands-on environment, Pluralsight has taken a cue from art education by creating a course that gives students a project to complete by the end of the course. Kodu Kingdom Defense takes less than three hours to complete and teaches students how to program a game.

The course walks students through the process of programming a video game — using Kodu game lab — that they can then play on a desktop or an Xbox. With this new course, along with other free programming courses for kids, Pluralsight aims to inspire kids to embrace computer programming through creative and interactive learning.

For more information on Kodu Kingdom Defense and other free programming courses for kids visit pluralsight.com/training/kids.

About Pluralsight

Founded in 2004, Pluralsight is the global leader in online learning for professional software developers, IT specialists and creative technologists. As the world’s largest curated professional development platform, the company offers instant access to more than 4,000 courses authored by top experts. With customers in more than 150 countries, Pluralsight serves as a career catalyst, delivering hands-on, practical training for the most in-demand and understaffed jobs of today. For more information, visit Pluralsight.com or Digitaltutors.com.

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