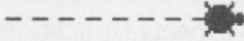


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definitive statement to date of this approach to media and education research and practice. The book is structured around four major themes: Learning through design and programming; epistemological styles in constructionist learning, children and cybernetics, and video as a research tool for exploring and documenting constructionist environments.

This book contains four new articles authored or coauthored by Seymour Papert and numerous other articles by Idit Harel, Mitch Resnick, Steve Ocko, and other members of the Media Lab's Learning and Epistemology Group.

The second new book from Ablex Publishing Corporation is by Dr. Idit Harel and is concerned with children's construction of mathematical ideas - in this case fractions. Her research is a must-read for math educators.



Children Designers: Interdisciplinary Constructions for Learning and Knowing Mathematics in a Computer-Rich School. By Idit Harel (MIT Media Laboratory)

In this book the author describes a new vision of learning through design and production and of computer programming as a source of learning and design power. As a means of studying this extended notion of children's programming, the author implemented "Instructional Software Design Projects" to explore the learning that takes place when students develop complete mathematical software products designed for other students in their school. It was found that the young designers learned not only about mathematics (fractions) and programming (Logo), but also about design and user interfaces, as well as representational, pedagogical, and communicational issues. This approach represents a new paradigm for computer-based activities in schools.

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What is the minimum number of moves for 3 disks? 4 disks? etc.? Can you discover a rule?

In his book, Al Cuoco includes procedures that list all the moves for a given number of disks. Here are the procedures:

```
to do :disk.stack :source :target
:other
make "count 0
move :disk.stack :source :target :other
print []
print (sentence [This took] :count
[moves.] )
```


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end
```

```
to mové :disk.stack :source :target
:other
if one.disk? :disk.stack [make "count
:count + 1 print (sentence "move
:disk.stack "from :source "to :target)
stop]
move highest :disk.stack :source :other
:target
move lowest :disk.stack :source :target
:other
move highest :disk.stack :other :target
:source
end
```

```
to one.disk? :stack
output (count :stack) = 1
end
```

```
to lowest :stack
output (list last :stack)
end
```

```
to highest :stack
output bl :stack
end
```

My animated version will be offered as one of the Clime Microworld III programs which will be out in June. 

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