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- Didj Custom Gaming System
- Digital Dollhouse (www.digitaldollhouse.com)
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- EyeClops Night Vision 2.0
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- I-Top
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- iPix
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- Jitterz
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- Kerpoof.com (www.kerpoof.com)
- Kid-Tough Headphones
- Kid-Tough Walkie Talkies
- KizPlanet (www.kizplanet.com)
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- Mystery Cook Book
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- Operation Mania
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- Petz Rescue: Wildlife Vet (Nintendo DS)
- Printies (www.myprinties.com)
- Read Naturally Software Edition Level 3.5, 4.0, and 4.5
- Retro Arcade Pac-Man
- Rhythm Heaven
- Rubik's TouchCube
- Rutherford the Message Bear
- Scribble & Write
- Skate City Heroes
- Smart Cycle Extreme
- Smart Fit Park
- Smart Table
- SmartyCard (www.smartycard.com)
- Smiley Central Studio (www.smileycentralstudio.com)
- Snaptricity
- Sonic's Ultimate Genesis Collection
- Splatter Brush
- Spy Fox in Dry Cereal (Wii)
- TAB Kids 3.1, The
- Tag Junior
- Tak and the Guardians of the Grass
- Tales 4 Tomorrow (www.ales4tomorrow.com)
- Text & Learn
- Transformers Animated: The Game
- UCreate Games
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- Webkinz Jr. (www.webkinzjr.com)
- Webkinz Signature Line
- Wizz-e.com
- www.jacabeecode.com
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- Zippy High Energy Learning System
- Zoo Vet: Endangered Animals



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Nintendo DSi, www.nintendo.com

Babies & Toddlers

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Rutherford the Message Bear, www.irwintoy.com
Tag Junior, www.leapfrog.com

Preschool & Kindergarten

3-in-1 Smart Sports, www.fisher-price.com
Alphabet Explorer, www.leapfrog.com
BluePlay, www.bluepixmap.com
Freddie Fish: Kelp Seed Mystery, www.majescoentertainment.com
iMote, www.comfyland.com
Kerpoof.com, www.kerpoof.com
Kid-Tough Walkie Talkies, www.fisher-price.com
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Smart Cycle Extreme, www.fisher-price.com
Smart Fit Park, www.fisher-price.com
Smart Table, www.smarttech.com
Splatter Brush, www.fisher-price.com
Text & Learn, www.leapfrog.com
Webkinz Jr. www.webkinz.com
Zippity High Energy Learning System, www.leapfrog.com

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Builders of Tomorrow, www.legofamilytime.com
Didj Custom Gaming System, www.leapfrog.com
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Flip Boom, www.toonboom.com
iPix, www.irwintoy.com
Kid-Tough Headphones, www.fisher-price.com
Kota & Pals Dinos, www.hasbro.com
Littlest Pet Shop Spring, www.ea.com
Operation Mania, www.ea.com
Penguin Cold Cash, www.edven.com
Scribble & Write, www.leapfrog.com
SmartyCard, www.smartycard.com
Spy Fox in Dry Cereal (Wii), www.majescoentertainment.com
Tales 4 Tomorrow, www.tales4tomorrow.com
Wizz-e.com, www.wizz-e.com
Xtractaurus, www.mattel.com

Middle School

Calvin Tucker's Redneck Jamboree, www.zoogamesinc.com
EyeClops Mini Projector,
Fire Emblem: Shadow Dragon, www.nintendo.com

Hex Bugs, www.robotikitsdirect.com
Lure of the Labyrinth, www.Thinkport.org
MLB 09 The Show, www.scea.com
My Violin, www.emediainc.com
Mystery Cook Book, www.viva-media.com
Rubik's TouchCube, www.technosourceusa.com
Snaptricity, www.elenco.com
Sonic's Ultimate Genesis Collection, www.sega.com
UCreate Games, www.mattel.com
Ucreate Music, www.mattel.com
Zoo Vet: Endangered Animals, www.legacyinteractive.com

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Digital Dollhouse, www.digitaldollhouse.com
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EyeClops Night Vision 2.0, www.jakkspace.com
FAMPS, www.mattel.com
I-Top, www.irwintoy.com
Island Sports Party: Summer Sports 2, www.destineerstudios.com
KenKen, www.irwintoy.com
KizPlanet, www.kiztoys.com
LocoRoco 2, www.scea.com
Patapon 2, www.scea.com
Petz Rescue: Wildlife Vet (Nintendo DS), www.ubisoft.com
Rhythm Heaven, www.nintendo.com
Skate City Heroes, www.zoogamesinc.com
Smiley Central Studio (www.smileycentralstudio.com), www.technosourceusa.com
Tak and the Guardians of the Gross, www.thq.com
Transformers Animated: The Game, www.activision.com
Webkinz Signature Line, www.webkinz.com
www.jacabecode.com

High School

My SAT Coach, www.ubisoft.com

Schools

Jitterz, www.learningresources.com
Read Naturally Software Edition Level 3.5, 4.0, and 4.5, www.readnaturally.com
TAB Kids 3.1, The, www.tabkids.com

CTR Editor's Choice Selections, March 2009

Didj, www.leapfrog.com
Flip Boom, www.toonboom.com
Freddie Fish: Kelp Seed Mystery www.majescoentertainment.com
Kerpoof.com, www.kerpoof.com
LocoRoco 2, www.scea.com
My SAT Coach, www.ubisoft.com
Operation Mania, www.ea.com
Skate City Heroes, www.zoogamesinc.com
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Bigfoot Collision Course	Movie Games
Circus Games	MySims Party
Cradle of Rome	Plug 'n Play Phone
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Freaky Creatures	Scrabble
GradeSpeed	Tropix
Hello Kitty: Big City Dreams	Webosaur (www.webosaurs.com)
Henry Hatsworth in the Puzzling Adventure	www.planetvtech.com
Hyper Blast	www.wizard101.com
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Kido'z	
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http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UB_YRytYRM





Flip Boom

Art and animation teachers, take note of this well designed and powerful animation package that offers frame-by-frame drawing tools. Based on the software that is used by Cartoon Network, this adaptation for kids was made in Canada, and has simplified menus designed to make creating cartoons easy. The menus are cleanly designed, making it easy to cut, paste, fill, and freely sketch your ideas -- and see them combined into a moving stream of images.

The overall experience is easy to pick up and use, although a drawing tablet is highly recommended. The included tutorial teaches you how to make a ball bounce. In addition, a library of clip art is available to help you make more polished results. We were not able to import our own JPEG images, and projects are saved in a format that can't be read by traditional browsers.

Note that we've seen various versions of the software (one, called Flip Boom Battat, comes bundled with a USB drawing tablet -- see <http://toonboom.com/fbb>). Also note that this company designed Animation-Ish for Fablevision, and if you've used both, you'll notice similarities.

Details: Toon Boom Animation Inc., www.toonboom.com. Price: \$40. Ages: 5-up. Platform: Windows, Mac OSX. Teaches/Purpose: art, creativity, animation. Rating (1 to 5 stars): 4.5 stars. Entry date: 2/19/2009. [WB]

Ease of Use	9
Educational	10
Entertaining	9
Design Features	8
Good Value	9

90%

