Creating Community Through the World of Zora

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Zora is a 3D virtual world where kids can build and meet in real time.

It was created ten years ago by Prof. Marina Bers as a social networking system for children undergoing transplants, children with diverse cultural backgrounds, and new Tufts students.
This year, DevTech is bringing Zora to inner city youth worldwide through the Intel Computer Clubhouse Network.

During the fall semester, I worked at the Flagship clubhouse at the Museum of Science in Boston.
2007

My first day at the clubhouse

ClubZora officially opens

Generally, fewer people sign on during the weekend

My last day at the clubhouse

Logins by Date
The Zora Interface
A Dynamic Map of Zora

• Partial solution to visibility / ease of navigation conflict
  • Display patterns of buildings and a coordinate system
  • Allow users to Teleport to different objects on the map
  • Eventually show which objects are inside houses
December 27, 2007
March 27, 2008
Notable Places in Zora
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Questions?