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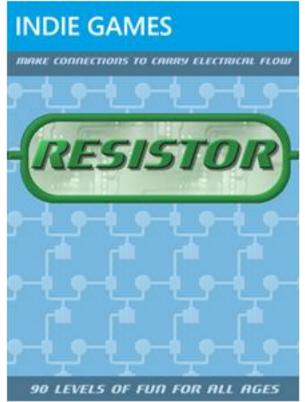






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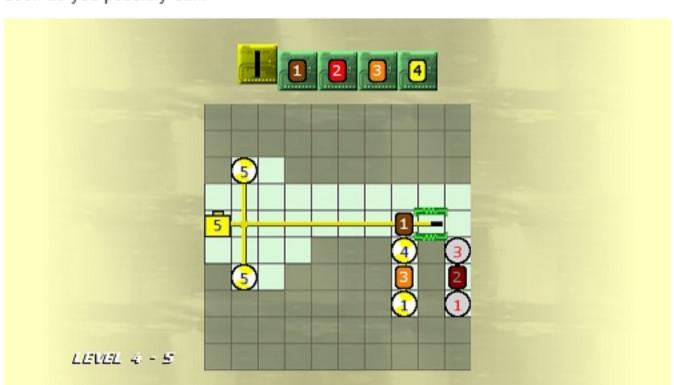
Platform: XBLIG Price: 80MSP (\$1) Size: 3.65MB

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Resistor is a simple puzzle game, where the aim is to connect up power supplies to nodes scattered throughout the level, using as few pieces and as quickly as possible. Some of these nodes require less power and that's where the titular resistors come into play, with these being used to limit the amount flowing around the system.

The game uses a simplistic graphical style throughout to present all of the elements of the game to the player, and as a result manages to do this effectively. However, this simple art style does begin to grate as progress is made through the game. It's hardly the greatest looking puzzle game you'll find on the marketplace. The audio doesn't help matters, with the same musical track and the same 'Level Complete!' sound effect used for every single level within the game. If you plan on playing this game, I strongly advise turning down the sound and listening to something else as soon as you possibly can.



The gameplay tends to work well, with most of the 90 levels being well-designed and with controls that are quite easy to pick up and get used to. The odd quirk hampers the game, however, with the controls sometimes slightly too twitchy or fiddley to work properly within certain levels. The game also gets repetitive quite quickly, with there being no reason to replay levels other than to improve your rankings, and even these serve no real purpose within the game.

Resistor is a weird beast to have to sum up. Sure, the graphics aren't great, the soundtrack gets annoying and the gameplay has the odd fault, but this three hour-plus game still manages to achieve what it set out to do in the first place. If you're a fan of pipe puzzles, and can get over the lack of thrills included, then this is certainly going to be one for you to try. This lack of thrills is also exactly what will put off all but the most hardcore puzzle fans out there.

Trailer



Resistor was provided for review by Levi D. Smith





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