

## GCompris Educational Software



Ever wondered if there are computer applications for children out of the “cloud”? Many cellphone apps or online tools for babies and kids are nothing but tracking devices that can send learning patterns, among other data, to databases around the world and without our knowledge. Many adults claim that this isn't a problem for them, but, are we ok with our children's data to be shared and sold by unknown companies? I hope the answer is no for everyone.

Computers are everywhere nowadays, and children have access to many electronic devices. However, are they using these powerful machines to learn and develop their intellect or simply to pass time or play simple games? If there are people interested in teaching computer skills among other things to the little ones, a great and application is at hand: GCompris. This program is open source, distributed at no cost, works on old or new GNU/Linux machines, among others. It will not ask for any personal data, no sign-up is required, and it will not send nor record any data from users.



From the French *j'ai compris*, or, I understand in English, this application has more than 20 years of existence, which makes it very stable and complete. The latest version is 25.0, which was just released January 2025. Each version comes with revisions and new features. It has more than 100 different activities that include trivia, logic, math, memory, and many children's favorite: a word processor where they can learn and practice their typing.

**This is my first typing on a real computer like mom and dad!**

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It is designed for ages 2 to 10 years, therefore, the difficulty of activities can be changed accordingly. Some other examples are learning to read time, learning about circuits, chess, color theory, and learning the Braille alphabet.



You may visit their website and select the download option to install it. You can also go to your GNU/Linux distribution's *package manager*\* and type 'GCompris', then click install. GCompris is created and maintained by Timothée Giet and other contributors for KDE.

Website:

<https://gcompris.net/>