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Summary: This brief essay describes the difficulties and impromptu workarounds that emerged when utilizing the video game Minecraft because the central teaching software in several professional writing seminars. More specifically, the author discusses a key moment in the semester the place students needed to maneuver between college and non-university expertise infrastructures as a way to create multiplayer gamespaces that have been accessible to their friends. In narrating this expertise, the author will exhibit how a discourse of entry can be utilized to study the oft-invisible insurance policies, procedures, and restrictions that form the best way we compose, circulate and make seen digitally-native work. Furthermore, the writer will focus on how a important emphasis on access may also help teachers and college students better mediate the connection between inner or university-provided technological infrastructures and external platforms when creating interactive digital initiatives. The underlying motivation of this essay is to not lambaste universities for lack of institutional help nor is it to champion industrial organizations as saviors for helping teachers efficiently use digital platforms within the classroom. As a substitute, the purpose of this brief essay is to spur discussions surrounding the next questions: how may we use points concerning access to raised study and navigate the arduous-to-define boundaries that separate university-sanction technology use from non-college sanctioned technology use? How may calling students' attention to access refine the bigger studying goals for Digital Humanities or DH-associated courses? This quick essay describes the difficulties and impromptu workarounds that emerged when using the video sport Minecraft as the central instructing instrument in several professional writing seminars. Copyright of DHQ: Digital Humanities Quarterly is the property of Digital Humanities Quarterly and its content material is probably not copied or emailed to multiple sites or posted to a listserv with out the copyright holder's express written permission. Nonetheless, MINECRAFT SERVERS may print, download, or e-mail articles for particular person use. This abstract could also be abridged. No warranty is given concerning the accuracy of the copy. Users should confer with the original published model of the fabric for the full summary.

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