

Portabliss VVVVVV (3DS EShop)

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VVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVV Cavanagh's extremely difficult platform game that I've ever seen. However, that's because I don't have a suitable controller for my computer.

The 3DS version is nearly identical to the PC version in nearly every way. It has the same C64-style graphics with monochrome smiley-face faces against (optional flashing geometric backgrounds); the same fully explorable world that includes vast expanses and impossible mazes and many spikes; and the same amazing chiptune music.

There are two major distinctions: the absence of an editor for levels (though Nicalis says it is contemplating adding one) and the other advantage that is 3D. It's the same old fashioned gauntlet of physically impossible environments that you should have played before. Although I'm not sure of the details of the nostalgia gameplay, it's perfect for me: a series self-contained platforming tasks that require both dexterity and well as forethought. Oh, and lots and lots of patience with repeated failure.

Though the level editor isn't present however, a variety of levels created by users is included in the download, such as the giant "Dimension 333333" by Sendy and a level by Minecraft creator Notch. If you complete the main game and complete all 20 "trinkets," then you will not need to use the wizard skills you have to generate new content.

VVVVVV is available for \$7.99 on the 3DS eShop. We are always searching for new distractions. You can send your game to Portabliss to be considered. You can reach us at portabliss at joystiq dot.com.