

Physics Barbie

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Savvy parents know that every cloud-connected electronic gadget they buy for their kids is a potential hole in their network, a sneaky listening device that hangs around some of the most sensitive and personal moments of you kids' lives and the lives of your whole family. But tomorrow's smart parents know that those toys are a potential platform for innovation, places where parents, programmers and businesses can work to create new operating systems that never talk to the cloud, and that replace the canned messages of a distant corporate design department with material of your own choosing.