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A 19-year-old student from Delaware, called Duncan Parcells, has just spent two years building a **virtual** city in the online game Minecraft. He has named it **Titan** City.

Minecraft is set in a virtual world made of **cubes** of different materials. Players must use the cubes to build **shelters**, and also to make **weapons** to fight the game's many **monsters**.

Titan City is made of 4.5 million cubes, and it contains 96 buildings. Mr Parcells says it has taken him two years to build, working up to five hours a week on the project.

Titan City includes a virtual **version** of the World Trade Center, in New York, which took 18 months to complete.

Mr Parcells plans to add an airport and a sports stadium.

"A lot of people **drop by** and want to walk around and explore or help," he says. "A lot of them help with roads."

While Titan City has received a **warm** welcome online, Mr Parcells has not told many people about it yet - except his parents, of course.

"My parents think it's cool," he says. "I think they're just **glad** I don't play it too much."

Vocabulary

virtual

something you can see or experience through a computer

titan

someone who is extremely powerful or important

cube

a solid object, with six square-shaped equal sides

shelter

a building which protects you from bad weather or danger

weapon

a tool for fighting, such a gun or a sword

monster

an imaginary creature, which is frightening and dangerous

version

a form of something, which is a little bit different from other forms

drop by

to visit someone informally

warm

(here) friendly

glad

happy and relieved

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