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**Very excited to be working with @amasad on https://t.co/sjjBphbedi, alongside @pmarca and the a16z team! It's a cloud IDE and dev platform that makes coding super easy. Here's a thread on the new financing plus announcing a major milestone: 1 million active developers. ■**

Background- we first met @amasad through an intro from @ycombinator. Replit is W18. Amjad's energy is incredible. He's very passionate about making coding easier, more accessible - both to students/kids but also for the productivity of professional software engineers

The emergent behavior from users was awesome - especially from novice programmers, many fo them students in high school. We saw users spending hours of their time building games, chat applications, and much more. Here's an example of a Tetris app: https://t.co/Ey364Kl8r6

The company's mission is great, but then we dug into the numbers. They are mind-blowing. 1 million active devs in just a short time! Wow! And we saw linking/embedding to https://t.co/sjjBphbedi across dev communities across the internet, including @StackOverflow. Very impressed.

I primarily focus on consumer here at @a16z - so why get involved? The lines between developer/cloud platforms and consumer applications are rapidly blurring, and this is a great example. The product is all about being easy to use, it grows virally, and people love it

With the firm's history in betting on developer ecosystems - including @github @StackOverflow and many others - we knew we had to be involved!

It's going to be a blast to work with @amasad and team on this! Here's more about the financing in a blog post from the team, from Amjad himself: https://t.co/NZ5cT2YP2S