# Group 1 Phase 6

### **CSC 310 Human Computer Interaction**

# **Heuristic Evaluation Individual Report**

Dated 11/27/2020

## **Prepared By:**

**GROUP NAME:** Group 1

CONTRIBUTOR(S): Cole Dutil

## **Evaluation Of:**

Name of system being evaluated: CODE :: BLOCKS

**Group that created the system being evaluated:** Group 5

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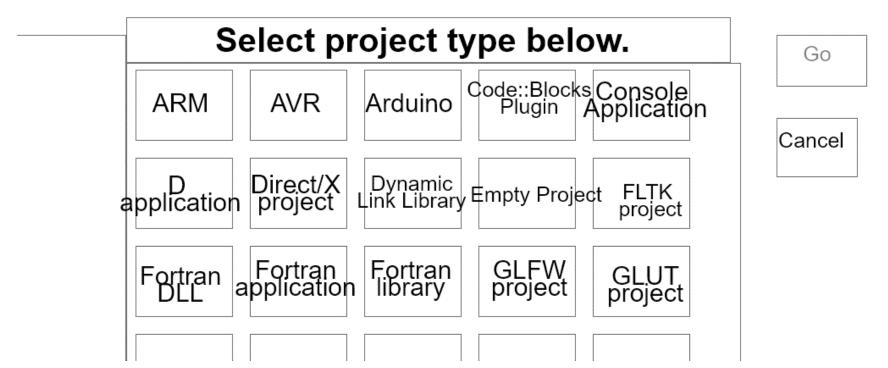
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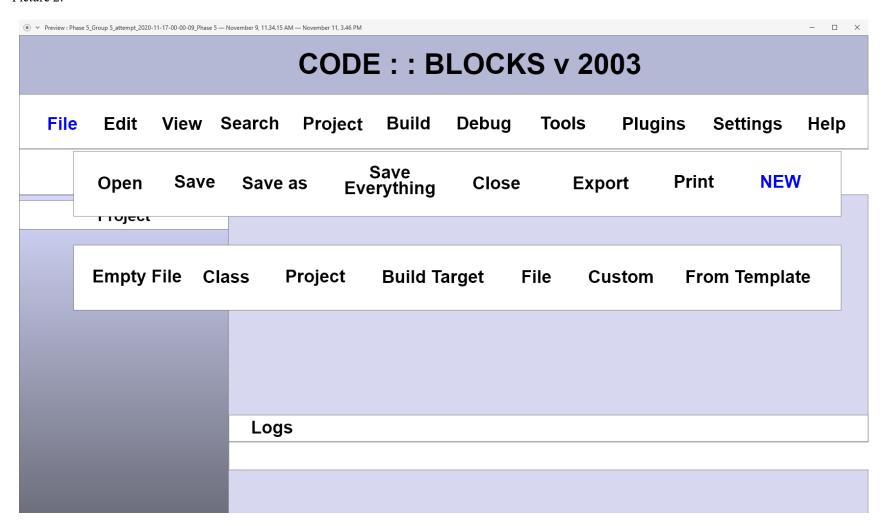
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Picture 1:



#### Picture 2:



#### Picture 3:

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Compiler							
GNU GCC Compiler							
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Picture 6:

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## **CSC 310 Human Computer Interaction**

# **Heuristic Evaluation Report Individual**



Dated 11/22/2020

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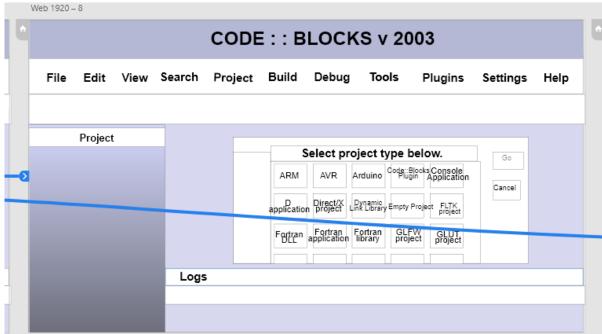
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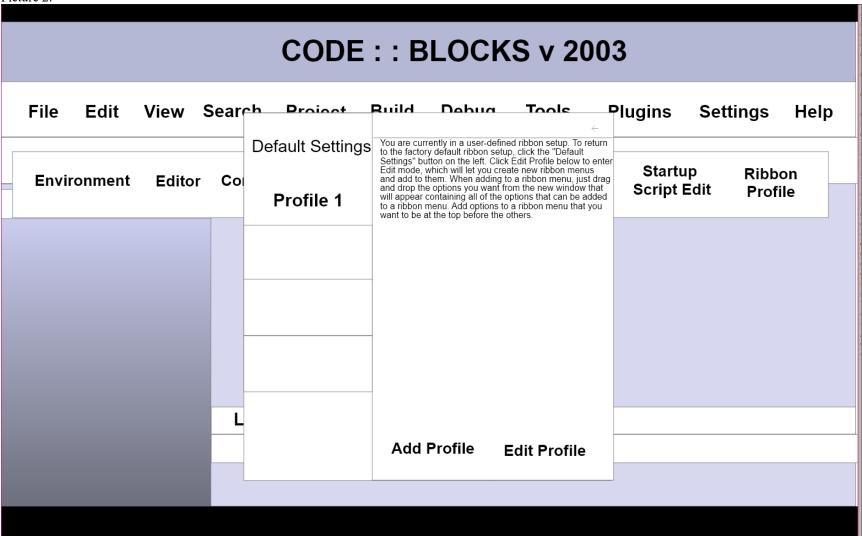
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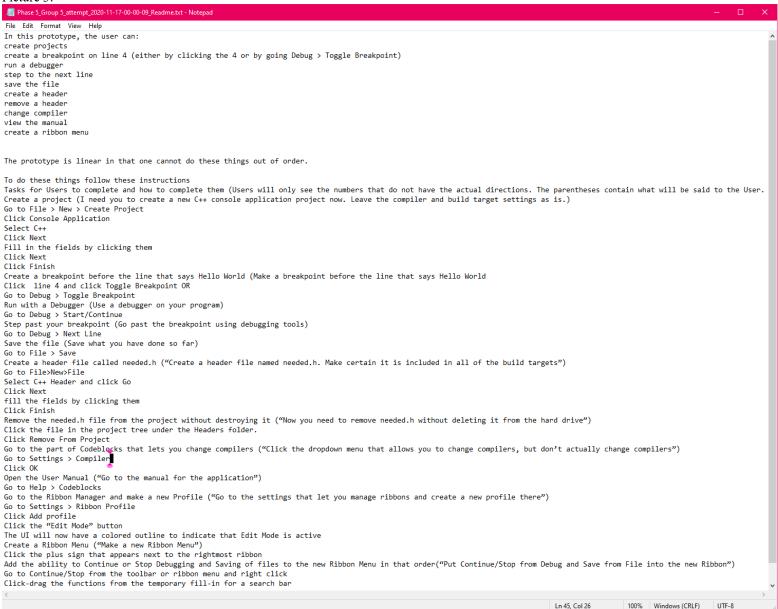
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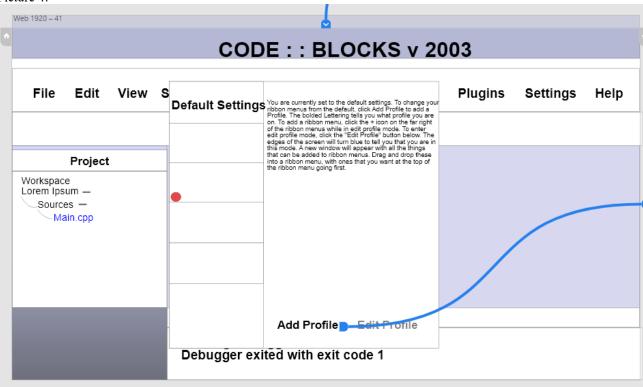




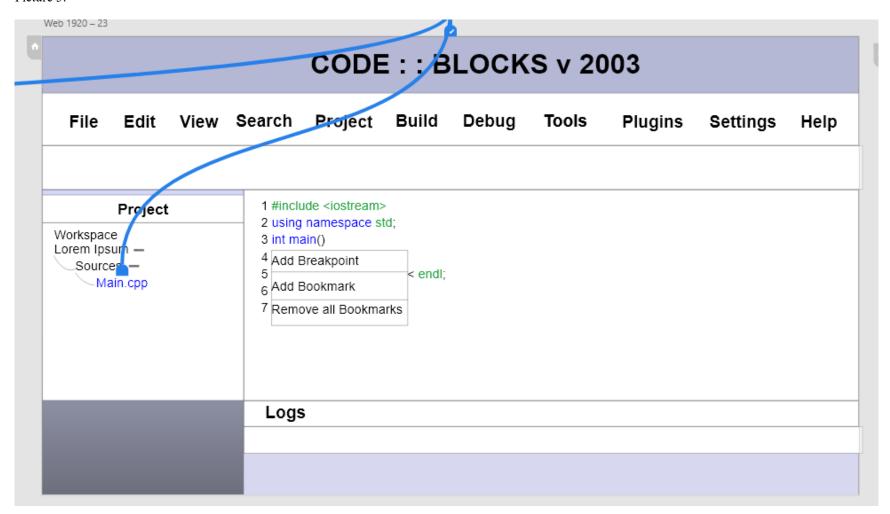
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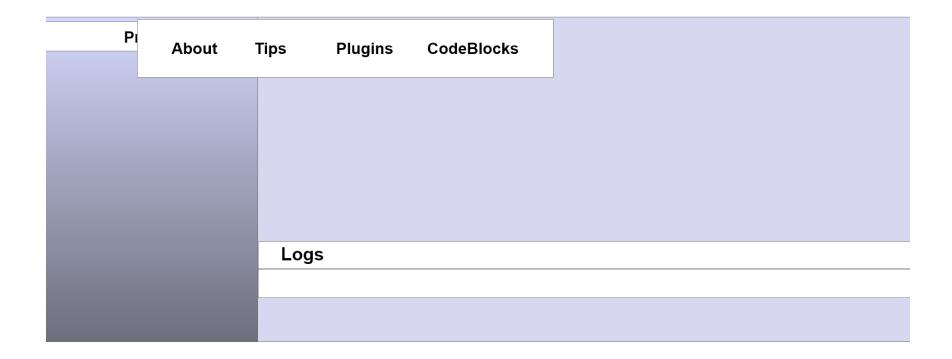
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### **CSC 310 Human Computer Interaction**

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Dated 11/26/2020

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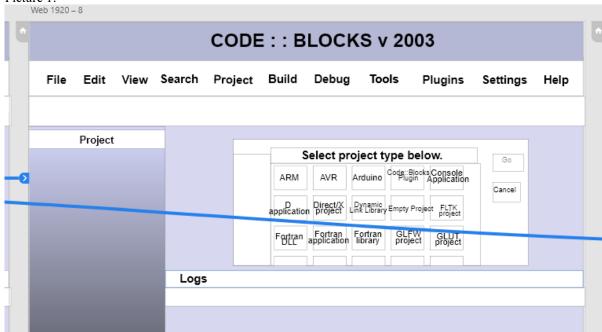
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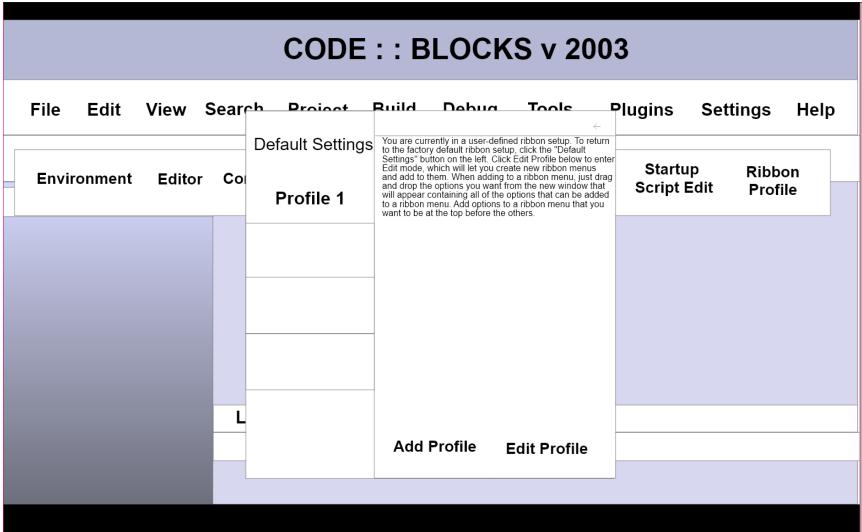
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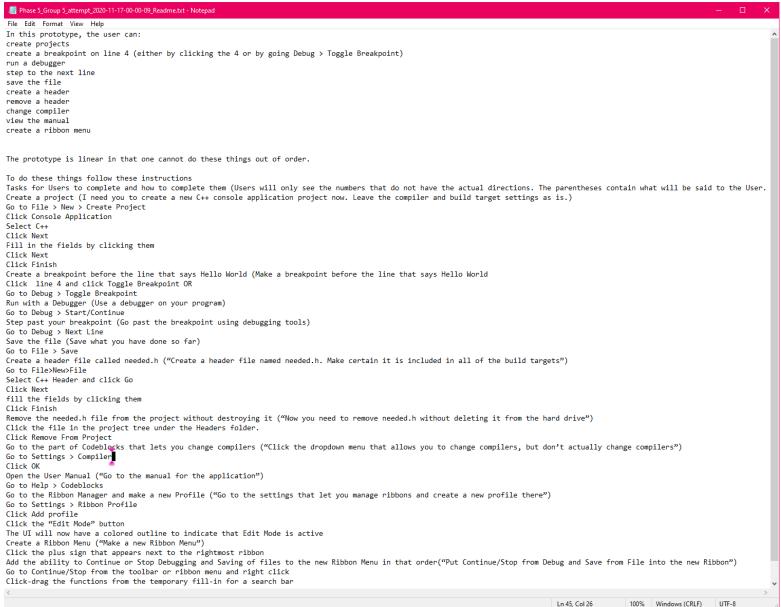
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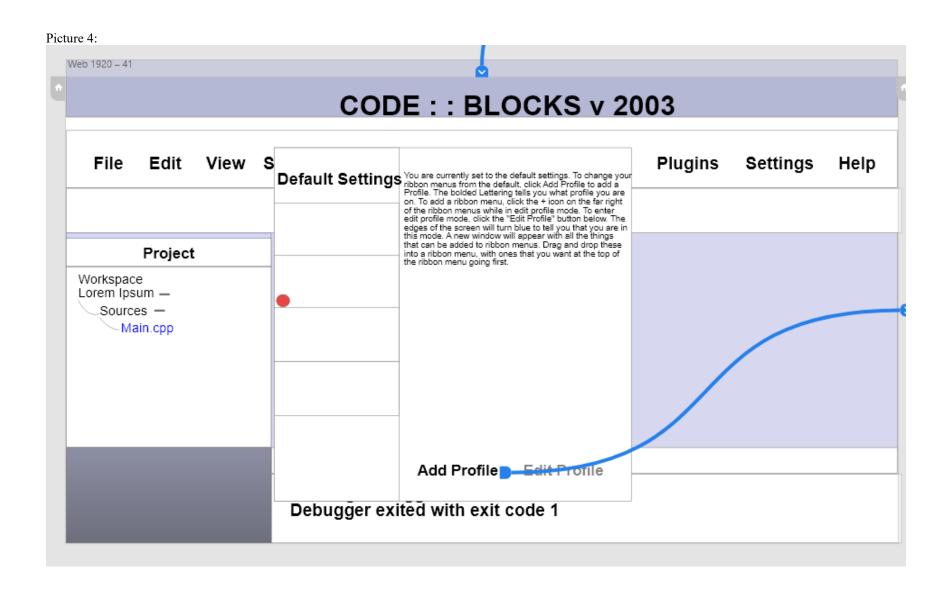
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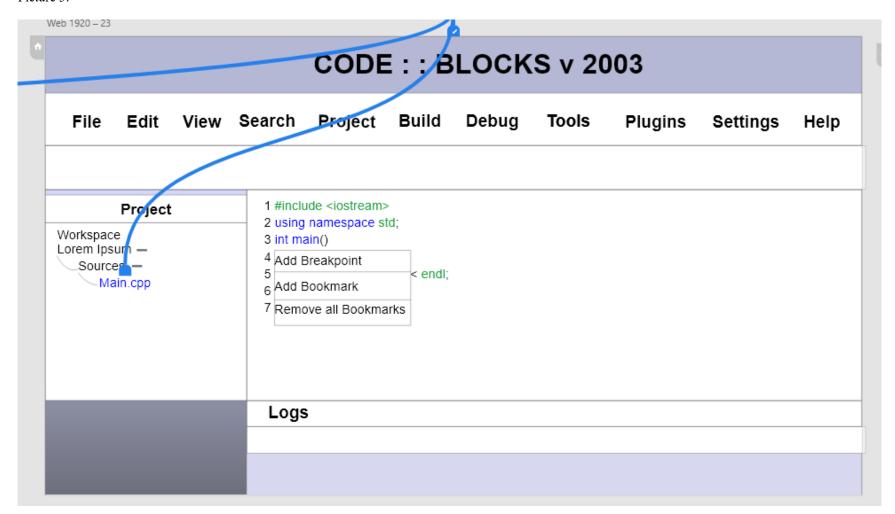


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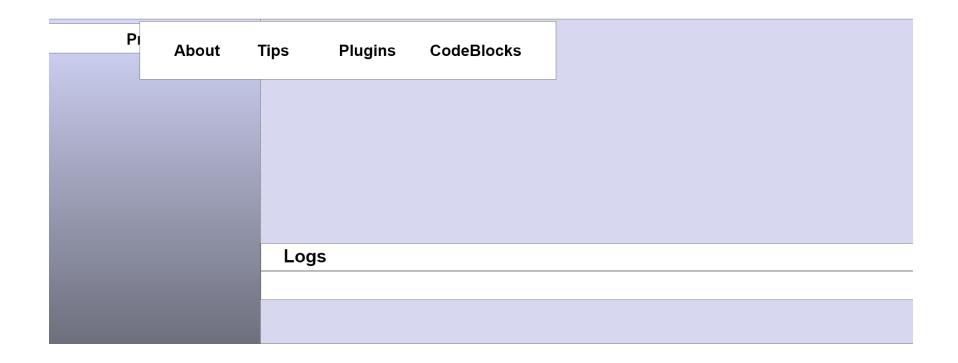
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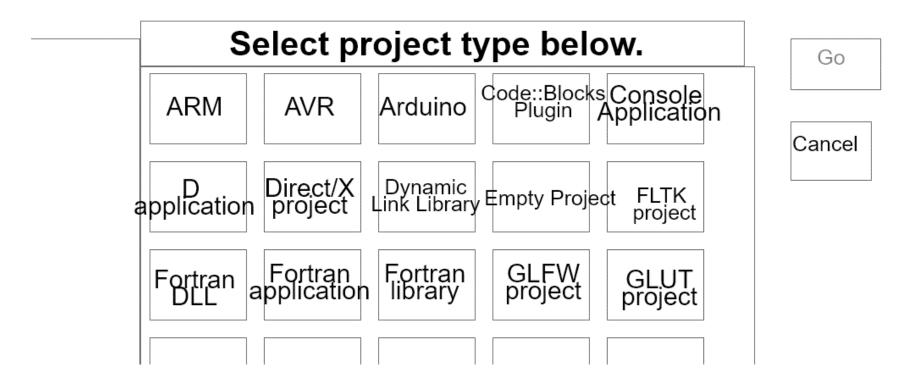


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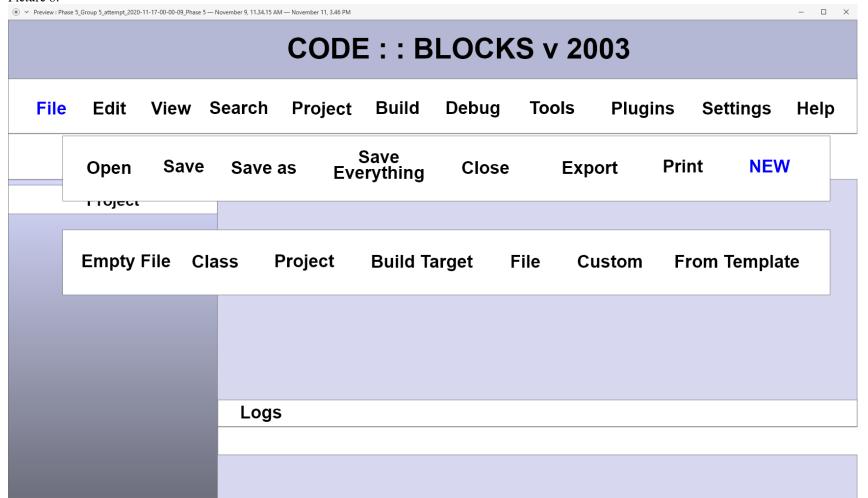
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