Blockr: Use Cases

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Use Cases

Use Case 1: Add Program Block

Primary Actor

User

Stakeholders and interests

The User wishes to expand his program by adding a new block to the Program Area

Preconditions

There are empty cells in the Program Area The block limit has not been reached

Success guarantee

No blocks are added if the block is not dragged in to the program area Otherwise the program has been expanded by one block and the block has re-appeared in the Palette

Main Success Scenario

1. The user moves the mouse cursor over a block in the Palette, then presses the left mouse key, then moves the mouse cursor to the Program Area, and then releases the left mouse key.

2. The system adds a new block of the same type to the Program Area.

Extensions

- 1. The new program block connects with another program block, go to Use Case 2
- 2. The user releases the mouse key when the mouse is not positioned in the Program Area
 - $2a.\ \mbox{The system}$ adds no new block to the Program Area
 - 2b. The dragged block returns to its orginal position in the Palette.
- 3. The number of blocks in the Program Area has reached its maximum
 - 3a. All of the blocks in the Palette disappear
 - 3b. If the user drags a block back to the Palette, all blocks in the Palette reappear

Use Case 2: Moving Program Blocks in the Program Area

Primary actor

User

Stakeholders and interests

User wants to play the game and doesn't want to run into issues.

Preconditions

At least one block is in the Program Area.

There are positions in the Program Area which are empty (no wall no other blocks).

Succes guarantee

The block doesn't break appart the program in the Program Area.

The block is placed on a legal tile (correct connection, not on wall or other block).

Main Success Scenario (connecting)

1. The user moves their cursor over a block.

The user left clicks on the block,

in the Program Area and holds the button down.

The user moves the block into the Program Area.

While moving the block one or more of the following things happen:

- 1.1 The bottom socket of the block comes near a top plug of another block.
- 1.2 The top plug of the block comes near a bottom socket of another block.
- 1.3 The left plug of the block comes near a right socket of another block.
- 1.4 The right socket of the block comes near a left plug socket of another block.
- 2. The user lets go of the left mouse button.

When this happens the aforementioned plug(s) and socket(s) connect with each other

The user loses \control" over the block it was moving

(the mouse no longer holds down the block)

This block gets placed in relation to the the other block

so that the plugs are in the sockets

The connected elements are now considered as a group of blocks

Extensions

- 1. Just moving blocks inside of the Program Area
 - 1a. The user moves their cursor over a block
 - 1b. The user left clicks on the block in the Program Area and holds the button down
 - ${\tt 1c.}$ The user moves the block in the Program Area
 - 1d. The user lets go of the left mouse button
 - 1e. The block gets placed in the Program Area at the cursor's location
- 2. Moving blocks to an invalid location (outside of the Program Area, Palette Area
- or placed top of another block)
 - 2a. Follow 1a.to 1d.
 - 2b. The block will relocate to it's original place in the Program Area or Palette.
- 3. Disconnecting connected blocks
 - 3a. The user moves their cursor over a connected block
 - 3b. Follow 1b. to 1c.
 - 3c. The selected block will unconnect from the other block(s)
 - 3d. Follow 1e.
- 4. Deleting a block
 - 4a. Follow 1a. to 1b.
 - 4b. The user moves the block in the Palette Area
 - 4c. Follow 1d.
 - 4d. The block disappears into the Palette Area

#Use Case 3: Running the program

Primary actor

User

Stakeholders and interests

The User wishes to run the program successfully and lead the robot to the goal cell.

Preconditions

There is only one group of blocks (can be a single block) in the Program Area, in this group only the top socket and bottom plug are not connected

Succes guarantee

The robot in the Game World has moved from its starting position to the location which results from follwing the instructions on the group of blocks in the Program Area

Main Success Scenario

- 1. The user presses F5
- 2. It is not possible to add Program Blocks
- or move Program Blocks until the program execution has halted
 - a. If the robot in the Game World is at the Goal Cell the program execution halts successfully
 - b. Otherwise
 - *. The next Program Block is selected (if it has not been selected yet before)
 - -. If the program just started the next Block is the first block
 - -. Else if the last block was the end of a set of blocks in a while block, the next block is this while block
 - -. Otherwise the block that is connected below the last block gets selected
 - st. This Program Block in the Program Area gets higlighted
 - st. The robot in the Game World processes the current block
 - -. If the current block is a while or if block, the conditions get evaluated
 - _. If the condition is true, the next Program Block will be the first block inside of this if or while block
 - _. If the condition is false, the next block will be the first block below the if or while block
 - -. If the current block is a move block, the robot moves in the direction its arrow is pointing in the grid
 - -. If the current block is a turn left or turn right block, the arrow showing the robot's current direction in the Game World turns 90 left or right respecively.

For future moves this is the direction in which the robot will move.

c. The program execution pauses until the user presses F5 again (go back to step 1.)

Extensions

1. During executions, when the user presses Esc, the program execution halts.

The robot in the Game World is reset to its original location and pressing F5 again starts the program again

2. If the robot in the game world is pointing towards a wall

and the next block it needs to process is a move block, the program execution stops.

The robot in the Game World is reset to its original location

and pressing F5 again starts the program again

3. If the instruction blocks in the Program Area run out without the robot reaching the goal area the robot in the Game World is reset to its original location and pressing F5 again starts the program again