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48 **2 Background and Related Work**  
49 Software reuse is a broad term, that refers to the practice of reusing previously written code, rather than coding from scratch. It is such an important part of software engineering, that one of the ways to measure the quality of software is by its "Reusability" [? ] - i.e. the degree to which the application or its components can be reused. There are multiple<sup>1</sup> benefits to practicing reuse in software engineering. One developer could save time by using another developer's reusable component, rather than coding their own. The developer avoids both the work of writing the syntax and designing the logic of the component. The developer can design their own reusable components, keeping all the logic in one place, which can then be tested thoroughly. However, despite reuse being an important practice in software engineering, there is still a limited focus on this practice when it comes to low-code development platforms (LCDP).  
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 58 end-user, based on the model they're currently building. While this feature of recommending models (either constructed  
 59 by domain experts and then developed by model experts, or made by the end-user themselves) could prove very useful,  
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62 Building on the ideas discussed for improving reuse in low-code development platforms (LCDPs), several popular  
 63 tools show these concepts in action. For instance, Webflow[? ] is a leading low-code platform that offers a wealth of  
 64 features for building responsive websites. One of its standout features is the ability to create reusable components and  
 65 UI kits, which can significantly speed up the development process. With Webflow's intuitive interface, developers can  
 66 quickly design and prototype components, and then reuse them across multiple pages and projects. Despite all of the  
 67 useful features that this tool has, it does not provide guidance to the end-users to create custom reusable components.  
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69 In a similar way, Mendix[? ] takes this further for full enterprise apps by offering shareable building blocks like  
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 71 Marketplace, a free online hub, you can download ready templates, connectors for tools like Salesforce, and basic setups  
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 80 reusable components and templates that help developers complete projects faster. Its user-friendly visual development  
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 92 remixing existing projects), and interoperable reuse (through import/export capabilities).  
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Table 1. Block Based Robotics Environments Reuse Support

Platform	Structural Reuse	Social Reuse	Interoperable Reuse	Reuse Support
VEXcode GO	X	X		Medium
mBlock	X	X	X	Medium
MakeCode	X	X	X	Medium
Spike Lego	X		X	Low
Open Roberta		X		Low

In this context, “reuse support” represents a scale that measures how effectively each platform facilitates reuse-related features. High reuse support indicates that users can easily create, share, and adapt existing components or projects. Medium reuse support suggests that some reuse mechanisms are available but limited in scope or flexibility. Low reuse support implies that the platform provides only minimal or restricted features to promote reuse and improve user productivity.

As shown in Table 1, although these platforms include reusability features, they are quite limited, as none of them provide users with clear guidance on how to use these tools effectively, which restricts their ability to fully leverage them.

Lin and Weintrop (2021) noted that most existing research on block-based programming focuses on supporting the transition to text-based languages rather than exploring how features within BBP environments [? ]—such as abstraction or reuse—can enhance learning outcomes. In contrast, our work emphasizes guided abstraction, helping users understand and practice modular design directly within block-based environments.

Techapalokul and Tilevich (2019) proposed extending the Scratch programming environment with facilities for reusing individual custom blocks to promote procedural abstraction and improve code quality. They observed that while Scratch enables remixing of entire projects, it lacks mechanisms for reusing smaller, modular pieces of code. Their work suggests that supporting such fine-grained code reuse could enhance programmer productivity, creativity, and learning outcomes. Building on this idea, our project applies similar principles within the OpenRoberta environment by automating the detection of duplicate code segments and guiding users toward creating reusable custom blocks. Adler et al. (2021) introduced a search-based refactoring approach to improve the readability of Scratch programs by automatically applying small code transformations, such as simplifying control structures and splitting long scripts. Their findings demonstrated that automated refactoring can significantly enhance code quality and readability for novice programmers. Building upon this concept, our project applies similar principles in the OpenRoberta environment, focusing on detecting duplicate code segments and guiding users toward creating reusable custom blocks to promote modularity and abstraction.[? ].

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- 229 • **Duplicate Detection Module:** This module analyzes the block structure to identify repetitive patterns. It  
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235 border Highlights, around duplicate sequences to draw the user's attention. Additionally, it provides interactive  
236 elements (pop-ups) to suggest creating reusable custom blocks.
- 238 • **Custom Block Creation Module:** Upon user acceptance of a reuse suggestion, this component facilitates  
239 the creation of a new custom block. It extracts the common structure from the duplicate sequences, identifies  
240 variable parameters, and generates a new block definition that encapsulates the reusable logic. The module  
241 then replaces all instances of the duplicate sequences with calls to the newly created custom block. Also, it  
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- 254 • **Pattern Matching:** The algorithm aggregates sequences with identical signatures. If a signature appears more  
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**476** \email{firstname.lastname@phillips.org}

**477** The authornote and authornotemark commands allow a note to apply to multiple authors – for example, if the  
**478** first two authors of an article contributed equally to the work.

**479** If your author list is lengthy, you must define a shortened version of the list of authors to be used in the page headers,  
**480** to prevent overlapping text. The following command should be placed just after the last \author{} definition:

**481** \renewcommand{\shortauthors}{McCartney, et al.}

**482** Omitting this command will force the use of a concatenated list of all of the authors' names, which may result in  
**483** overlapping text in the page headers.

**484** The article template's documentation, available at <https://www.acm.org/publications/proceedings-template>, has a  
**485** complete explanation of these commands and tips for their effective use.

**486** Note that authors' addresses are mandatory for journal articles.

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**488** Authors of any work published by ACM will need to complete a rights form. Depending on the kind of work, and the  
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**501** articles (abstracts).

**502    10 CCS Concepts and User-Defined Keywords**

**503** Two elements of the "acmart" document class provide powerful taxonomic tools for you to help readers find your work  
**504** in an online search.

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521 The ACM Computing Classification System — <https://www.acm.org/publications/class-2012> — is a set of classifiers  
522 and concepts that describe the computing discipline. Authors can select entries from this classification system, via  
523 <https://dl.acm.org/ccs/ccs.cfm>, and generate the commands to be included in the *L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X* source.

525 User-defined keywords are a comma-separated list of words and phrases of the authors' choosing, providing a more  
526 flexible way of describing the research being presented.

527 CCS concepts and user-defined keywords are required for all articles over two pages in length, and are optional  
528 for one- and two-page articles (or abstracts).

## 530 11 Sectioning Commands

532 Your work should use standard *L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X* sectioning commands: \section, \subsection, \subsubsection, \paragraph,  
533 and \ subparagraph. The sectioning levels up to \subsubsection should be numbered; do not remove the numbering  
534 from the commands.

536 Simulating a sectioning command by setting the first word or words of a paragraph in boldface or italicized text is  
537 **not allowed**.

539 Below are examples of sectioning commands.

### 541 11.1 Subsection

543 This is a subsection.

545 11.1.1 Subsubsection. This is a subsubsection.

547 Paragraph. This is a paragraph.

548 Subparagraph This is a subparagraph.

## 550 12 Tables

552 The "acmart" document class includes the "booktabs" package — <https://ctan.org/pkg/booktabs> — for preparing  
553 high-quality tables.

555 Table captions are placed *above* the table.

556 Because tables cannot be split across pages, the best placement for them is typically the top of the page nearest  
557 their initial cite. To ensure this proper "floating" placement of tables, use the environment **table** to enclose the table's  
558 contents and the table caption. The contents of the table itself must go in the **tabular** environment, to be aligned  
559 properly in rows and columns, with the desired horizontal and vertical rules. Again, detailed instructions on **tabular**  
560 material are found in the *L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X User's Guide*.

562 Immediately following this sentence is the point at which Table ?? is included in the input file; compare the placement  
563 of the table here with the table in the printed output of this document.

565 To set a wider table, which takes up the whole width of the page's live area, use the environment **table\*** to enclose  
566 the table's contents and the table caption. As with a single-column table, this wide table will "float" to a location deemed  
567 more desirable. Immediately following this sentence is the point at which Table ?? is included in the input file; again, it  
568 is instructive to compare the placement of the table here with the table in the printed output of this document.

570 Always use midrule to separate table header rows from data rows, and use it only for this purpose. This enables  
571 assistive technologies to recognise table headers and support their users in navigating tables more easily.

Table 2. Frequency of Special Characters

Non-English or Math	Frequency	Comments
$\emptyset$	1 in 1,000	For Swedish names
$\pi$	1 in 5	Common in math
\$	4 in 5	Used in business
$\Psi_1^2$	1 in 40,000	Unexplained usage

Table 3. Some Typical Commands

Command	A Number	Comments
\author	100	Author
\table	300	For tables
\table*	400	For wider tables

## 13 Math Equations

You may want to display math equations in three distinct styles: inline, numbered or non-numbered display. Each of the three are discussed in the next sections.

### 13.1 Inline (In-text) Equations

A formula that appears in the running text is called an inline or in-text formula. It is produced by the **math** environment, which can be invoked with the usual `\begin{...}\end{...}` construction or with the short form `$...$`. You can use any of the symbols and structures, from  $\alpha$  to  $\omega$ , available in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X [?]; this section will simply show a few examples of in-text equations in context. Notice how this equation:  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x = 0$ , set here in in-line math style, looks slightly different when set in display style. (See next section).

### 13.2 Display Equations

A numbered display equation—one set off by vertical space from the text and centered horizontally—is produced by the **equation** environment. An unnumbered display equation is produced by the **displaymath** environment.

Again, in either environment, you can use any of the symbols and structures available in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X; this section will just give a couple of examples of display equations in context. First, consider the equation, shown as an inline equation above:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x = 0 \tag{1}$$

Notice how it is formatted somewhat differently in the **displaymath** environment. Now, we'll enter an unnumbered equation:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} x + 1$$

and follow it with another numbered equation:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} x_i = \int_0^{\pi+2} f \tag{2}$$

just to demonstrate L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X's able handling of numbering.

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**14 Figures**

The “figure” environment should be used for figures. One or more images can be placed within a figure. If your figure contains third-party material, you must clearly identify it as such, as shown in the example below.



Fig. 1. 1907 Franklin Model D roadster. Photograph by Harris & Ewing, Inc. [Public domain], via Wikimedia Commons. (<https://goo.gl/VLCRBB>).

Your figures should contain a caption which describes the figure to the reader.

Figure captions are placed *below* the figure.

Every figure should also have a figure description unless it is purely decorative. These descriptions convey what’s in the image to someone who cannot see it. They are also used by search engine crawlers for indexing images, and when images cannot be loaded.

A figure description must be unformatted plain text less than 2000 characters long (including spaces). **Figure descriptions should not repeat the figure caption – their purpose is to capture important information that is not already provided in the caption or the main text of the paper.** For figures that convey important and complex new information, a short text description may not be adequate. More complex alternative descriptions can be placed in

677 an appendix and referenced in a short figure description. For example, provide a data table capturing the information in  
 678 a bar chart, or a structured list representing a graph. For additional information regarding how best to write figure  
 679 descriptions and why doing this is so important, please see <https://www.acm.org/publications/taps/describing-figures/>.  
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#### 681 682 14.1 The “Teaser Figure”

683 A “teaser figure” is an image, or set of images in one figure, that are placed after all author and affiliation information,  
 684 and before the body of the article, spanning the page. If you wish to have such a figure in your article, place the  
 685 command immediately before the `\maketitle` command:  
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687 \begin{teaserfigure}
688   \includegraphics[width=\textwidth]{sampleteaser}
689   \caption{figure caption}
690   \Description{figure description}
691 \end{teaserfigure}
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## 692 15 Citations and Bibliographies

693 The use of BibTeX for the preparation and formatting of one’s references is strongly recommended. Authors’ names  
 694 should be complete – use full first names (“Donald E. Knuth”) not initials (“D. E. Knuth”) – and the salient identifying  
 695 features of a reference should be included: title, year, volume, number, pages, article DOI, etc.  
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697 The bibliography is included in your source document with these two commands, placed just before the `\end{document}`  
 698 command:  
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701 \bibliography{bibfile}
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702 where “`bibfile`” is the name, without the “`.bib`” suffix, of the BibTeX file.  
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704 Citations and references are numbered by default. A small number of ACM publications have citations and references  
 705 formatted in the “author year” style; for these exceptions, please include this command in the **preamble** (before the  
 706 command “`\begin{document}`”) of your L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X source:  
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708 \citestyle{acmauthoryear}
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709 Some examples. A paginated journal article [? ], an enumerated journal article [? ], a reference to an entire issue [? ],  
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730 Identification of funding sources and other support, and thanks to individuals and groups that assisted in the research  
731 and the preparation of the work should be included in an acknowledgment section, which is placed just before the  
732 reference section in your document.

733 This section has a special environment:

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734 \begin{acks}  
735 ...  
736 \end{acks}
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737 so that the information contained therein can be more easily collected during the article metadata extraction phase, and  
738 to ensure consistency in the spelling of the section heading.

739 Authors should not prepare this section as a numbered or unnumbered \section; please use the “acks” environment.

## 740 **17 Appendices**

741 If your work needs an appendix, add it before the “\end{document}” command at the conclusion of your source  
742 document.

743 Start the appendix with the “appendix” command:

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744 \appendix
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745 and note that in the appendix, sections are lettered, not numbered. This document has two appendices, demonstrating  
746 the section and subsection identification method.

## 747 **18 Multi-language papers**

748 Papers may be written in languages other than English or include titles, subtitles, keywords and abstracts in different  
749 languages (as a rule, a paper in a language other than English should include an English title and an English abstract).  
750 Use language=... for every language used in the paper. The last language indicated is the main language of the paper.  
751 For example, a French paper with additional titles and abstracts in English and German may start with the following  
752 command

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753 \documentclass[sigconf, language=english, language=german,  
754 language=french]{acmart}
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755 The title, subtitle, keywords and abstract will be typeset in the main language of the paper. The commands  
756 \translatedXXX, XXX begin title, subtitle and keywords, can be used to set these elements in the other languages. The  
757 environment translatedabstract is used to set the translation of the abstract. These commands and environment have  
758 a mandatory first argument: the language of the second argument. See sample-sigconf-i13n.tex file for examples of  
759 their usage.

## 760 **19 SIGCHI Extended Abstracts**

761 The “sigchi-a” template style (available only in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X and not in Word) produces a landscape-orientation formatted  
762 article, with a wide left margin. Three environments are available for use with the “sigchi-a” template style, and  
763 produce formatted output in the margin:

764 **sidebar:** Place formatted text in the margin.

781           **marginfigure:** Place a figure in the margin.  
782           **margintable:** Place a table in the margin.  
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