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## 2 Background and Related Work

Software reuse is a broad term, that refers to the practice of reusing previously written code, rather than coding from scratch. It is one of the key practices of software engineering. It is in fact such an important part of software engineering, that one of the ways to measure the quality of software is by its ‘Reusability’<sup>[9]</sup> - i.e. the degree to which the application or its components can be reused. There are many different ways to do reuse in software engineering. Software libraries and frameworks are good examples of software that are intended to be reused. Developers may also scour the internet for things such as open-source software, or code snippets from websites like StackOverFlow, which can be reused.

There are multiple benefits to software reuse, depending on how the reuse is performed. One example is saving time. Not only can the developer avoid spending time writing the syntax of the code, they may also be able to avoid figuring out the logic of the software, and testing the reused software (assuming the software is tested by its creator). Another benefit is found through modularity. By breaking down a software system into smaller modules, the logic behind features or functions can be contained within a module, and can be tested thoroughly.

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). This lack of reuse focus can easily impact the so-called ‘Citizen Developers’, who have little or no coding knowledge, and may thus miss out on the benefits of reuse. A study from 2021 studied several low-code platforms (LCPs), in order to identify characteristic features of LCPs. The identified features were presented according to how frequent they occurred, with domain-specific reference artifacts being categorized as ‘rare’. Most studied systems offered catalogs of “reusable functions or examples of predefined processes”, but they were found to be generic, or have a limited scope<sup>[10]</sup>. There have been proposed some ideas on how to promote reuse for LCPs, such as the strongly-typed rich templating language OSTRICH, developed for the model-driven low-code platform OutSystems. OutSystems provides scaffolding mechanisms for common development patterns and sample screen templates, both designed by experts on domain-specific languages (DSL). The practice of using templates in the OutSystems platform involves cloning and modifying samples, which may require more knowledge than the end-user possesses. The goal of OSTRICH is to remove this need for adaptation when using templates, to remove the knowledge-barrier when making use of the available templates. This is done by abstracting and parameterizing the templates. A limitation of OSTRICH, is that it currently only supports the top nine most used production-ready screen templates from OutSystems. The end-user may not create and save their own templates, nor can they re-apply a template which they have customized.

Another approach focused on enabling model reuse by converting and merging heterogeneous models together into several graphs, which are then merged into one single graph (The Knowledge Graph), which acts as the repository of models. The Knowledge Graph can be queried to predict the next modeling step, based on the model being constructed by the user. This approach focuses on how to store, query, recommend and integrate the pre-defined models efficiently. End-Users can also persist their own models to the repository for later reuse.

For citizen developers, this feature of recommending models which have been constructed by domain experts and then Manuscript submitted to ACM

105 developed by model experts could prove very useful. However, while the user may persist their own models, the study  
 106 is clearly not focused on guiding the user towards reusing their own models.  
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108 On the other hand, some existing LCDPs offer the user the ability to create their own models - for example by defining  
 109 a new block in a block-based tool[39].

110 Building on the ideas discussed for improving reuse in low-code development platforms (LCDPs), several popular  
 111 tools show these concepts in action. For instance, Webflow[32] is a leading low-code platform that offers a wealth of  
 112 features for building responsive websites. One of its standout features is the ability to create reusable components and  
 113 UI kits, which can significantly speed up the development process. With Webflow's intuitive interface, developers can  
 114 quickly design and prototype components, and then reuse them across multiple pages and projects.  
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116 In a similar way, Mendix[40] takes this further for full enterprise apps by offering shareable building blocks like  
 117 simple actions (microflows) and UI parts that anyone on a team can grab and use again without recoding. Through its  
 118 Marketplace, a free online hub, you can download ready templates, connectors for tools like Salesforce, and basic setups  
 119 that fit right into new projects, making everything faster and more uniform. This approach builds on the flexibility seen  
 120 in platforms like Webflow, but adds strong team tools and AI suggestions to spot and create reusable pieces, empowering  
 121 even beginners to build complex apps while keeping reuse simple and widespread.  
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123 OutSystems[41] further enhances the concept of reuse in low-code development platforms by emphasizing rapid  
 124 application delivery through its robust set of features. Like Webflow and Mendix, OutSystems also provides a library of  
 125 reusable components and templates that help developers complete projects faster. Its user-friendly visual development  
 126 environment allows users to easily drag and drop elements while connecting with existing systems. OutSystems also  
 127 supports teamwork with built-in version control and feedback features, making it easy for teams to share and improve  
 128 reusable components. Additionally, the platform uses AI to suggest the best solutions and components for specific tasks,  
 129 helping to streamline the development process. By encouraging reuse at both individual and team levels, OutSystems  
 130 enables organizations to create scalable applications quickly while ensuring quality and consistency.  
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132 Despite all of the useful features that these tools have, none of them provides guidance to the end-users to create  
 133 custom reusable components which is the key feature of our project.  
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135 In order to analyze how block-based robotics environments address reuse area, 4 representative platforms were  
 136 compared: mBlock, MakeCode, SPIKE LEGO, VEXcode GO and Open Roberta. The comparison focused on three main  
 137 dimensions of reuse: structural reuse (through user-defined blocks or functions), social reuse (through sharing or  
 138 remixing existing projects), and interoperable reuse (through import/export capabilities).  
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140 Table 1. Block Based Robotics Environments Reuse Support  
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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

153 In this context, "reuse support" represents a scale that measures how effectively each platform facilitates reuse-related  
 154 features. High reuse support indicates that users can easily create, share, and adapt existing components or projects.  
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157 Medium reuse support suggests that some reuse mechanisms are available but limited in scope or flexibility. Low reuse  
 158 support implies that the platform provides only minimal or restricted features to promote reuse and improve user  
 159 productivity.  
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161 As shown in Table 1, although these platforms include reusability features, they are quite limited, as none of them  
 162 provide users with clear guidance on how to use these tools effectively, which restricts their ability to fully leverage  
 163 them.  
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165 Research also indicates that block based programming environments should guide the end users towards good code  
 166 organization as many may lack the necessary knowledge or may become stuck due to errors.[15] Although block based  
 167 programming tools like Blockly were invented to teach programming to beginners by simple examples, Mayr-Dorn et  
 168 al. mention that it is possible to express even large and highly complex real-world robot programs with the language  
 169 concepts offered by these kind of block-based tools. [33]  
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171 Lin and Weintrop (2021) noted that most existing research on block-based programming focuses on supporting  
 172 the transition to text-based languages rather than exploring how features within BBP environments [31]—such as  
 173 abstraction or reuse—can enhance learning outcomes . In contrast, our work emphasizes guided abstraction, helping  
 174 users understand and practice modular design directly within block-based environments.  
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176 Techapalokul and Tilevich (2019) proposed extending the Scratch programming environment with facilities for  
 177 reusing individual custom blocks to promote procedural abstraction and improve code quality. They observed that  
 178 while Scratch enables remixing of entire projects, it lacks mechanisms for reusing smaller, modular pieces of code. Their  
 179 work suggests that supporting such fine-grained code reuse could enhance programmer productivity, creativity, and  
 180 learning outcomes. Building on this idea, our project applies similar principles within the OpenRoberta environment  
 181 by automating the detection of duplicate code segments and guiding users toward creating reusable custom blocks.  
 182 Adler et al. (2021) introduced a search-based refactoring approach to improve the readability of Scratch programs by  
 183 automatically applying small code transformations, such as simplifying control structures and splitting long scripts.  
 184 Their findings demonstrated that automated refactoring can significantly enhance code quality and readability for  
 185 novice programmers. Building upon this concept, our project applies similar principles in the OpenRoberta environment,  
 186 focusing on detecting duplicate code segments and guiding users toward creating reusable custom blocks to promote  
 187 modularity and abstraction.[3].  
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189 Existing block-based environments provide mechanisms for reuse, but lack intelligent support to help users recognize  
 190 and apply reuse in practice.  
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192 To address this gap, our project introduces a guided reuse assistant within the Open Roberta Lab environment. The  
 193 tool is designed to help users identify and apply reuse more easily while creating their robot programs. It works by  
 194 automatically scanning a user’s block-based program to detect repeated code segments that appear in different parts of  
 195 the workspace. Once these duplicates are found, the system highlights them visually, drawing the user’s attention to  
 196 patterns that could be simplified.  
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198 When repeated blocks are detected, the assistant suggests creating a reusable custom block (function). It then helps  
 199 the user generate this new block by identifying the small differences between the repeated parts—such as numbers,  
 200 variables, or parameters—and turning these differences into inputs for the new block. After the user confirms, the  
 201 system automatically replaces all the repeated sequences with calls to the newly created reusable block.  
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203 By combining ideas from procedural abstraction (organizing code into meaningful, reusable parts) and automated  
 204 refactoring (improving code through intelligent transformations), our tool aims to make block-based programming  
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more structured and efficient. It encourages users to build programs that are modular and easier to maintain, helps reduce unnecessary repetition, and supports learning by making the concept of reuse clear and hands-on.

In summary, our work bridges the gap between existing theoretical approaches to software reuse and their real-world application in block-based programming environments. Through this guided and semi-automated approach, we aim to make reuse visible, understandable, and practical for end-users working in Open Roberta.

### 3 Study Design

#### 3.1 Problem Investigation

*3.1.1 Problem Context and Motivation.* End-user development (EUD) for collaborative robots (cobots) presents unique challenges, particularly for users without formal programming training. In domains such as chemistry laboratories, educational robotics, and industrial settings, end-users need to program robots to perform specific tasks but often lack the software engineering knowledge to write maintainable, well-structured code.

One critical challenge in EUD is code reuse. Users frequently create repetitive code because they struggle to recognize duplicate patterns, lack knowledge about abstraction mechanisms, or find existing tools too complex to use effectively. This problem manifests in several ways: programs become unnecessarily long and difficult to maintain, small changes require modifications in multiple locations increasing the risk of errors, and users miss opportunities to learn fundamental programming concepts such as modularity and abstraction.

In visual programming environments like Open Roberta Lab, don't provide assistance in identifying when code should be reused or how to extract repeated sequences into reusable components.

#### 3.1.2 Stakeholder Analysis.

- **Chemistry Laboratory Personnel:** Chemists and lab technicians who use cobots for repetitive tasks such as sample preparation, dispensing, mixing, and quality control procedures. They possess deep domain expertise in chemistry but limited programming knowledge, often creating long, repetitive programs that become difficult to maintain when adapting experimental protocols. Their primary need is to quickly create and modify robot programs without becoming programming experts.

Table 2. Functional and Non-Functional Requirements

Type	ID	Description	Priority
Functional	FR1	Detect duplicate/similar block sequences	High
	FR2	Visually highlight detected duplications	High
	FR3	Suggest creation of reusable custom blocks	High
	FR4	Allow users to accept/reject suggestions	High
Non-Functional	NFR1	Seamless Open Roberta Lab integration	High
	NFR2	Intuitive interface for end users	High
	NFR3	No interference with existing workflow	High
	NFR4	Clear visual feedback during detection	High

#### 3.1.3 Artifact Requirements.

### 261    3.2 Treatment Design

262 Our treatment focuses on developing a guided reuse assistant for the OpenRoberta Lab environment. The purpose  
 263 of this tool is to help users recognize when parts of their robot programs can be reused, and to make it easier for  
 264 them to create reusable custom blocks. By doing this, we aim to reduce repetitive code and help users learn important  
 265 programming concepts such as modularity and abstraction.  
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 269    3.2.1 *Overview of the Tool.* The guided reuse assistant is built as an extension inside Open Roberta Lab, which uses the  
 270 Blockly framework. The assistant runs directly in the web browser and interacts with the user's block workspace. Its  
 271 main job is to look through the user's program, find repeated sequences of blocks, and guide the user in turning them  
 272 into reusable blocks.  
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274    The tool works in three main steps:  
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 277    (1) **Detecting Repeated Code:** The assistant automatically scans the user's program and searches for parts that  
 278    look the same or very similar. These are marked as potential duplicates.
- 279    (2) **Highlighting and Suggesting Reuse:** Once duplicates are found, the system highlights them in the workspace  
 280    and shows a message suggesting that these sections could be made into a reusable block (function). This helps  
 281    users see repetition they might not have noticed before.
- 282    (3) **Helping the User Create a New Block:** If the user agrees to the suggestion, the assistant opens a small guide  
 283    to help them create the new block. It automatically detects any small differences between the repeated parts,  
 284    such as numbers or variable names, and turns them into inputs (parameters) for the new block. When the block  
 285    is created, repeated code is replaced by the new reusable block.  
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### 291    3.3 Treatment Validation

292 The treatment validation for this study adopts a mixed-methods evaluation approach to assess the effectiveness of  
 293 the proposed features for guiding users in creating reusable custom blocks within the OpenRoberta environment.  
 294 Participants will be recruited from local educational institutions, specifically chemistry students and teachers who  
 295 frequently engage in laboratory work. A sufficient number of participants will be selected to ensure a diverse range of  
 296 experience levels with block-based programming. The experimental setup will take place in a controlled environment,  
 297 where participants will be divided into two groups: one using the enhanced OpenRoberta platform with guided block  
 298 creation features, and the other using the standard version without these enhancements. The procedure will begin with  
 299 a pre-test to evaluate participants' prior understanding of modular programming concepts, followed by a series of tasks  
 300 in which they will create reusable blocks from given code segments. Participants' interactions with the platform will be  
 301 observed throughout the experiment. Data collection will include both quantitative measures, such as task completion  
 302 time and accuracy in creating reusable blocks and qualitative feedback obtained through post-task interview. The  
 303 analysis will compare performance metrics between the two groups and apply thematic analysis to the qualitative  
 304 data to identify user experiences and perceptions of the new features' usability and effectiveness. This comprehensive  
 305 evaluation will provide a detailed understanding of how useful and effective is the block creation guidance feature to  
 306 the end-users.  
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Table 4. Some Typical Commands

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

and follow it with another numbered equation:

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

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