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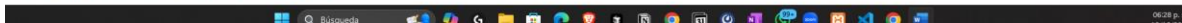
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A different approach can be taken regarding the protection of privacy for data collected in virtual communities. As stated previously, in CMCs, the classical boundaries between public and private disappear; the interviewer is given data that are not about the participants' physical world, but rather about their on-line self-representation.

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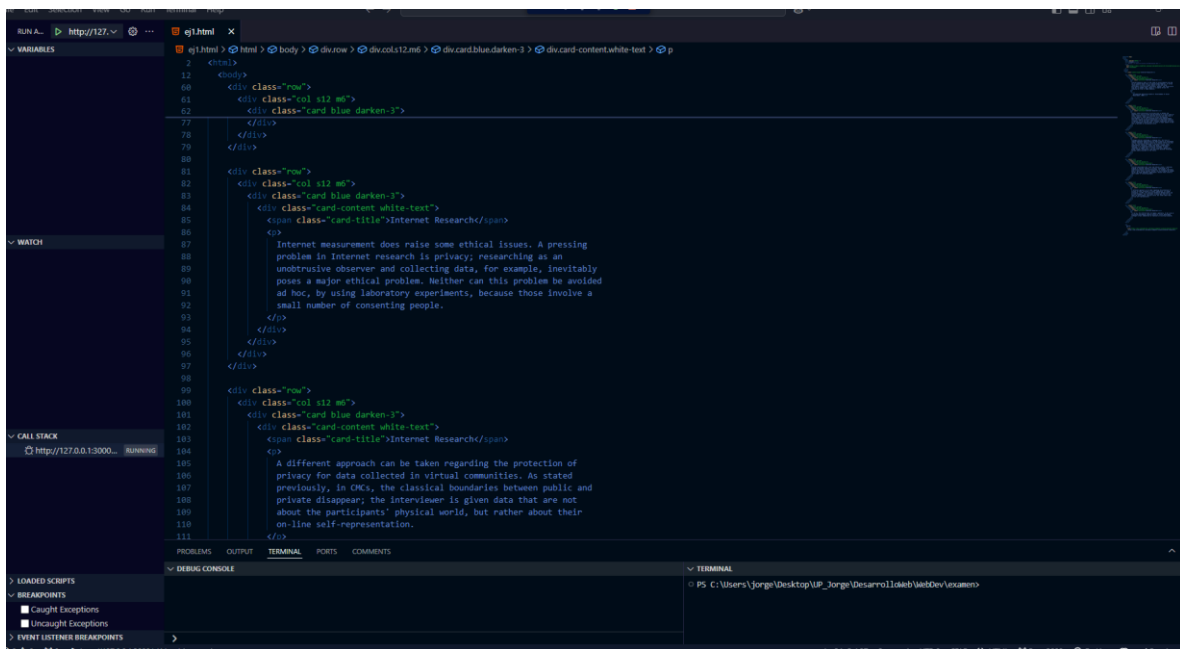
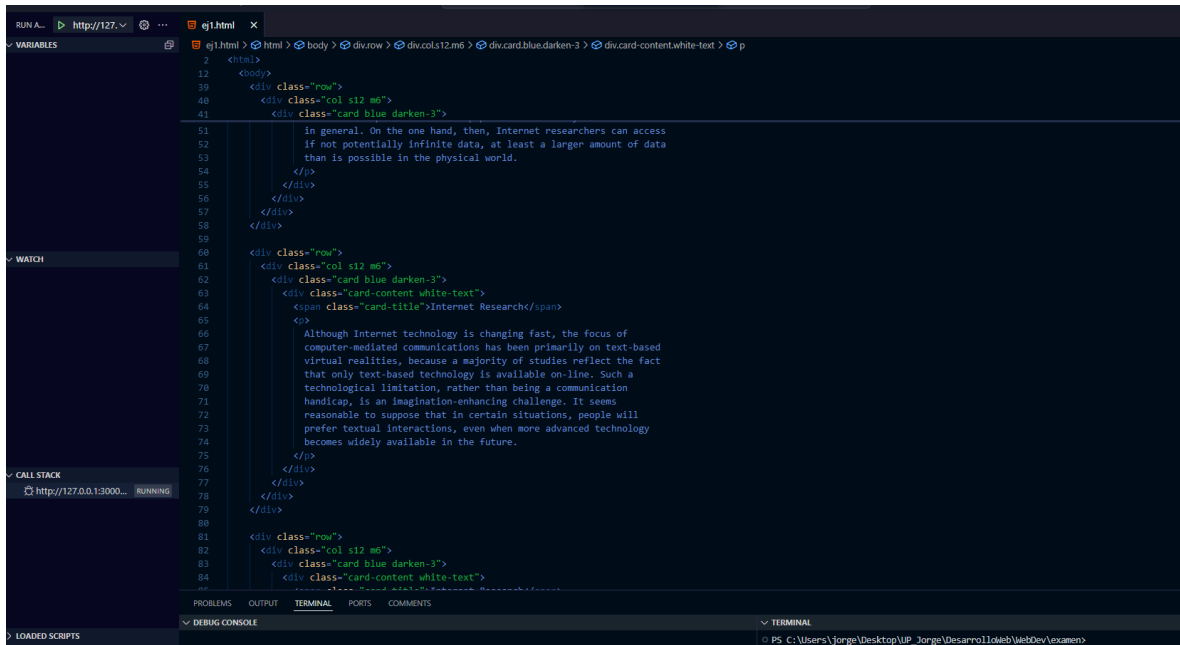
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