In Spring 2020, a group of students in their senior year, who had taken the undergraduate AI course, started to develop an IDE for Fril.

The goal was to bring the language up to date in the way it would be supported by newer Operating Systems and to make it more friendly to the user.

However, eventually, COVID-19 had other plans for all of us….

This is what the leader on the development side of that group send me recently:

“**In the meantime, I’ve gone ahead and created a plugin for Visual Studio Code, Microsoft’s free code editor, that enables syntax highlighting for fril.**

**You can download VS Code from**[**https://code.visualstudio.com/**](https://code.visualstudio.com/)**.**

**My plugin is located**[**here**](https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=cssko.beautifril)**and the source code repository for the plugin is on**[**GitHub here**](https://github.com/cssko/beautifril.)**.**

**There’s a help page**[**here**](https://code.visualstudio.com/docs/editor/extension-gallery)**that explains installing plugins better than I can! Let me know how it works out for you.**”