Examples of some cool HCI projects

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 Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) is the study of how people use computers throughout their lives.

 HCI research seeks to develop user interfaces that are useful, usable, and enjoyable.

 It focuses on activities ranging from design to development to evaluation of computer systems, with a goal of understanding how computers and technology affect people and society.

Outline

- My masters project Code Park
- My PhD project CommunityClick
- Math Boxes
- Electrick
- LumiWatch

Purpose of showcasing Code Park

- How you can improve a project through an iterative design process?
- How to design a user study to evaluate your system?



Problem

- IDEs have been around for decades and they are all inherently 2D
 - Writing code
 - Learning new language
 - Understanding a new codebase
- Not an issue for expert users

BUT

How about the novice users?

Learning new Codebase:

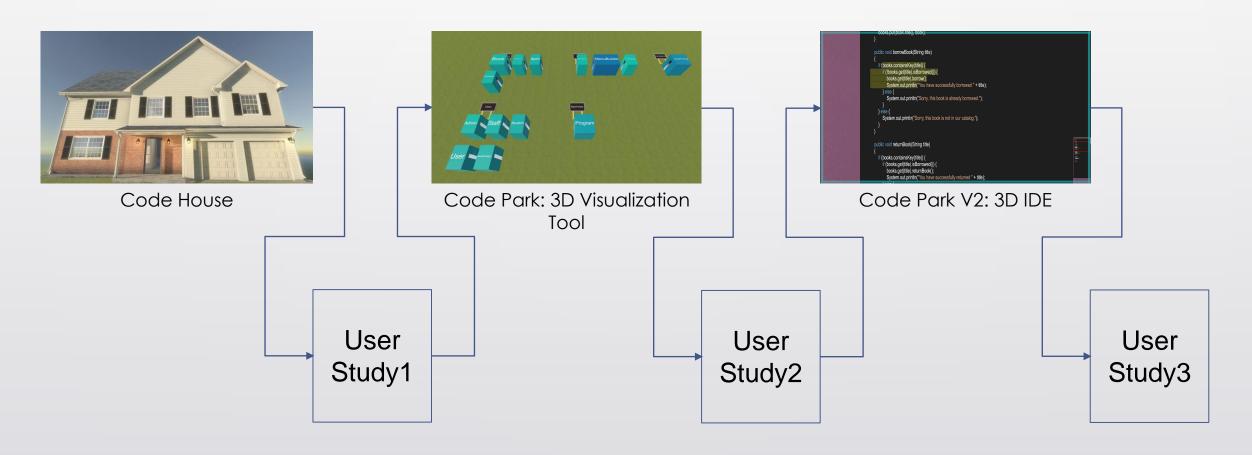
01 Uses memory O2
Has
cognitive
load

03
It is boring

Code Visualizers

- Assist developers in gaining insights into a codebase
- Make learning and understanding code easier

Design Process





Each class is attached to wall as a wallpaper

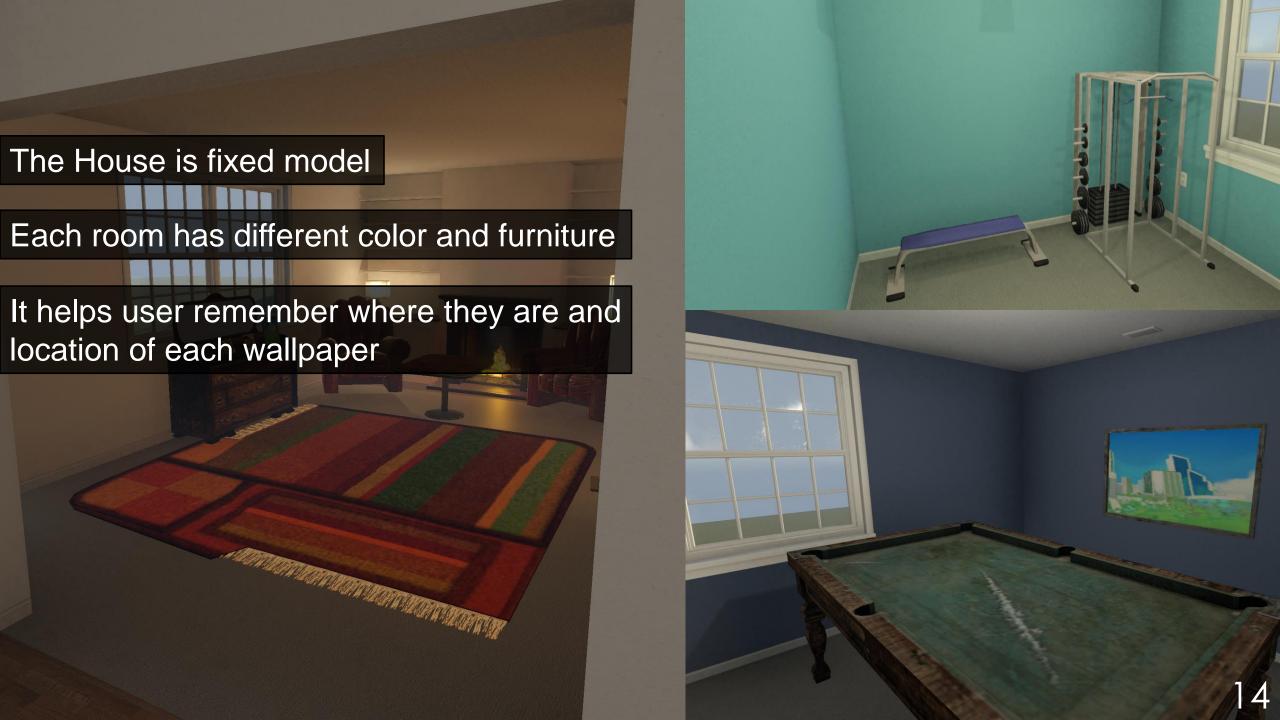
Each wallpaper is syntax aware

User explicitly define location of each wallpaper

User can freely walk in the house environment

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on its own or navigated



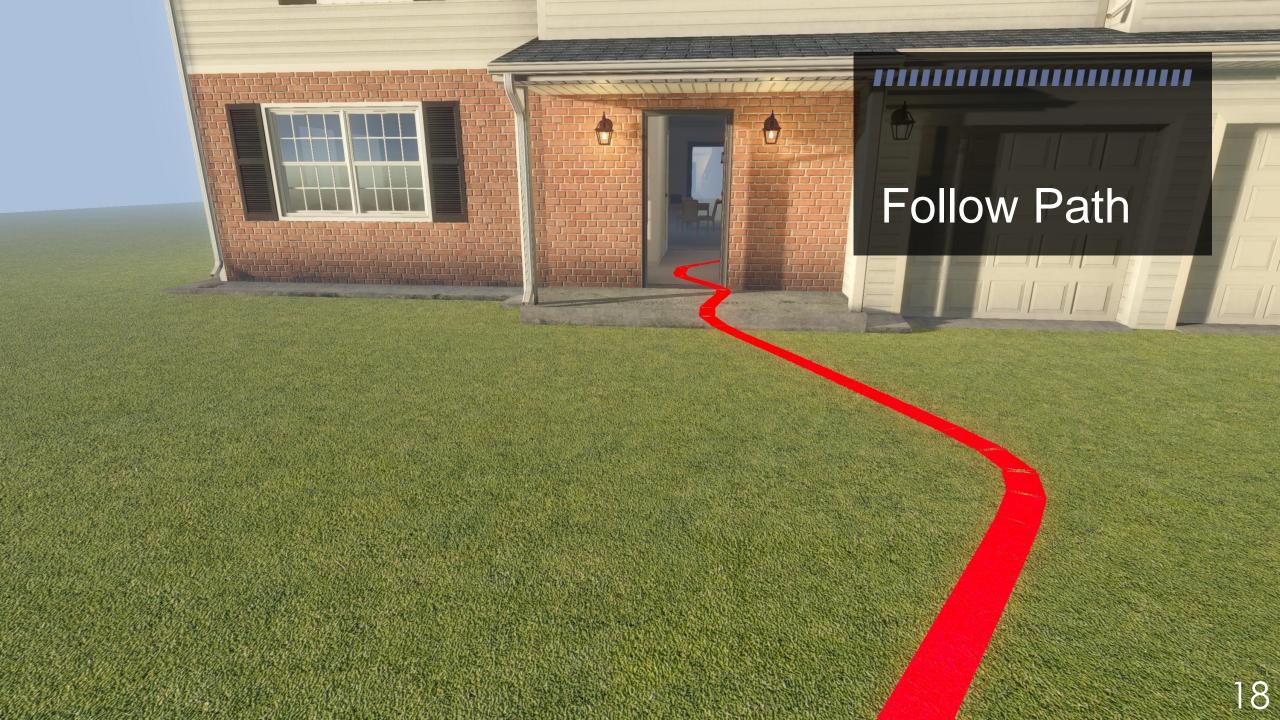
Why we started with house?

Can the users remember where they placed class X in this code-filled house, similar to the way they remember where they left their toothbrush in real life?

Navigation

- Mini Map
- Follow Path
- Follow Path, automated
- Teleport





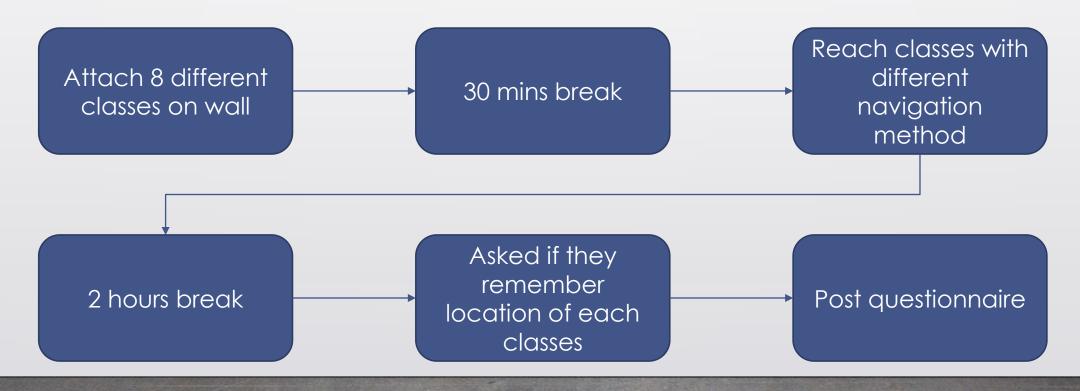




Can users remember where they put their specific code in the house and which navigation methods is better to help them remembering?

User Study

• 5 participants (all male ranging in age from 22 to 28)

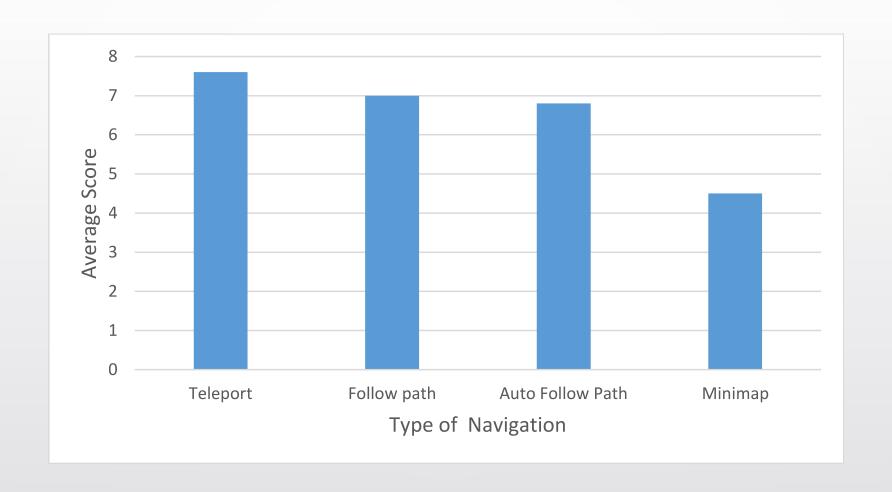


Result

3/5 remembered the location of all 8 classes

Other 2 forgot location of classes they reached with Teleport

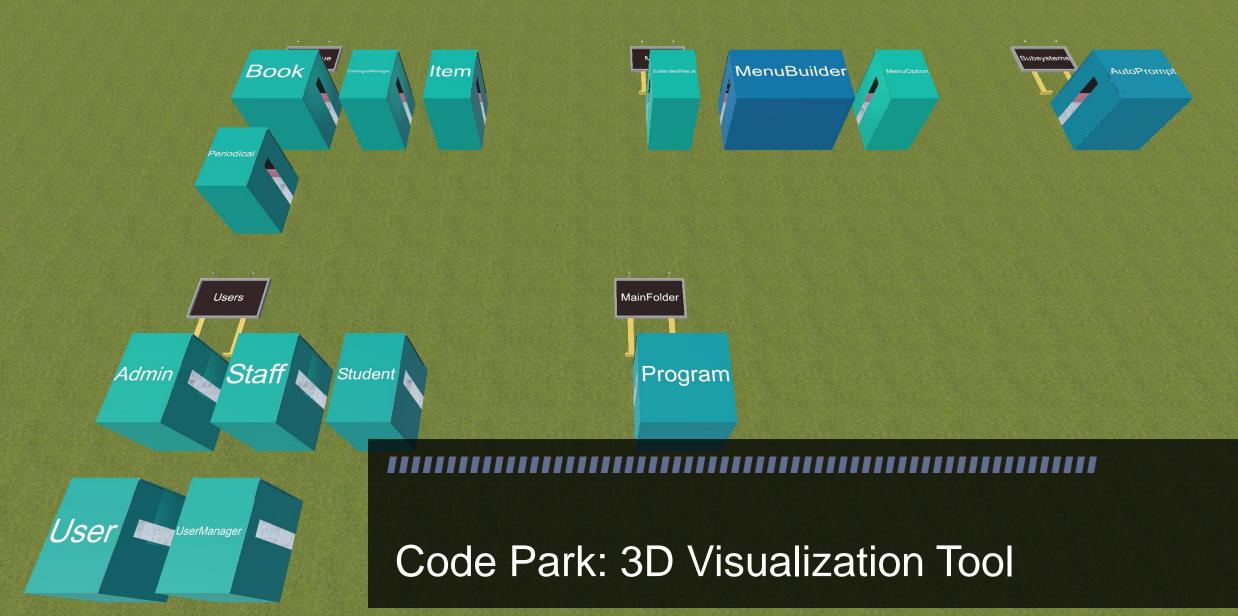
They scored each navigation method between 1 - 10



Post questionnaire result

Discussion

- Positive answer to our main question
- Appealing and fun (Based on participants' opinions)
- Not easy to use
- Not expandable
- Leads to next version ...



CardRandomPosition

CardFace

This Version supports C#

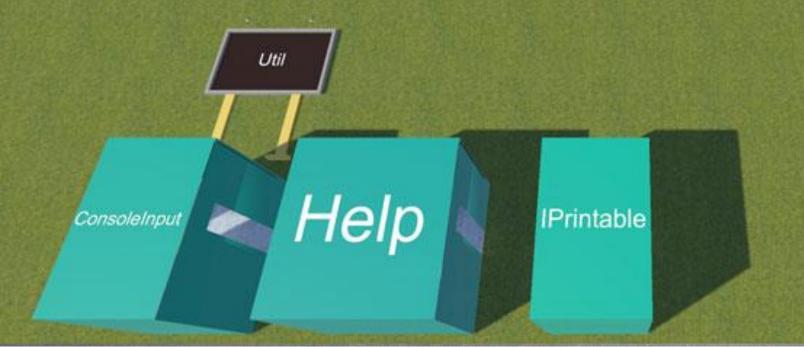
Rooms create automatically

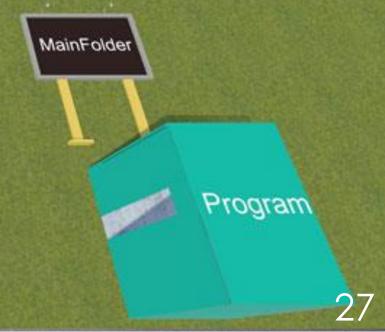
Each room represents a class

Files in a same directory resulted in adjacent rooms

Size & color of each room represent size of the class

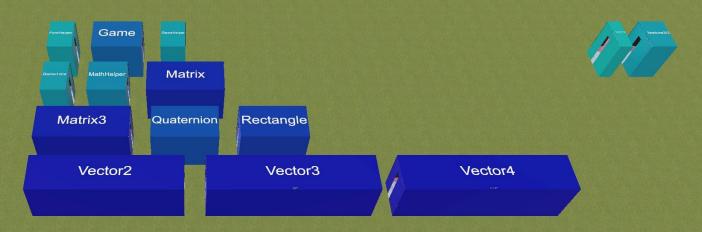
CardBack

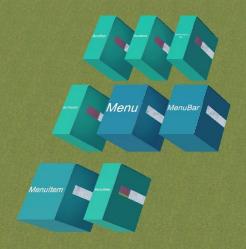


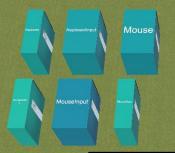


Code Park supports different views





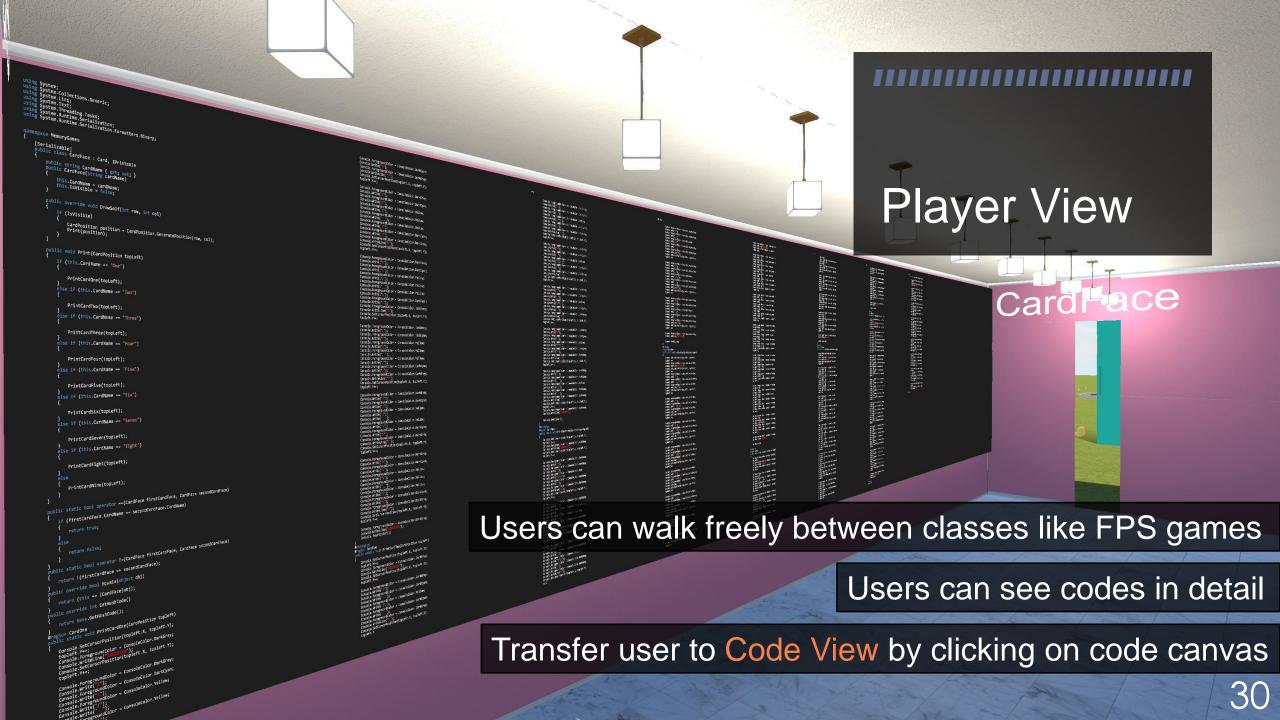




Users can see all the classes

Users can choose each class for more details

Transfer user to Player View by selecting each room



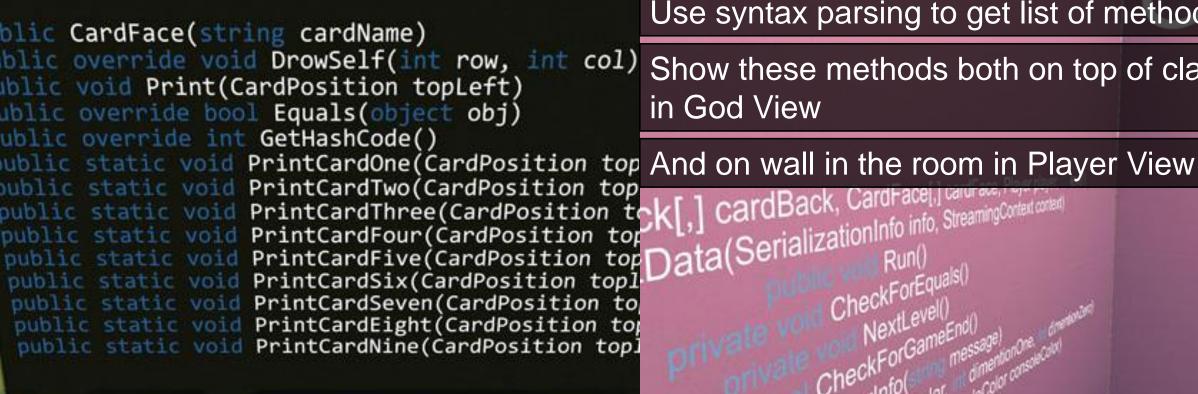
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[Serializable]
public class GameEngine
   const int maxLevel = 3;
   const int point = 2;
   public CardBack[,] CardBack { get; set; }
   public CardFace[,] CardFace { get; set; }
   public Player Player { get; set; }
   public List<CardPosition> Check { get; set; }
   public int Level { get; set; }
   public GameEngine(CardBack[,] cardBack, CardFace[,] cardrage Microsoft Visual Studio
       this.CardFace = cardFace;
       this.CardBack = cardBack;
       this.Player = player;
       this.Check = new List<CardPosition>();
       this.Level = level;
```

Code View

Mini Map to show where user is in code view

Background and syntax color

All transition between God View, Player View and Code View is animated to maintain the users' sense of spatial awareness



Use syntax parsing to get list of methods

Show these methods both on top of classes in God View

Data(SerializationInfo info, StreamingContent content ConsoleColor consoleColor

CardFace

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using System, using System.collections.Generic;
using System.Threading;
using System.Threading;
using System.Europe.
using System.Runtime.Serialization;
using System.Runtime.Serialization.Formatters.Blramy;
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             const int point = 2;

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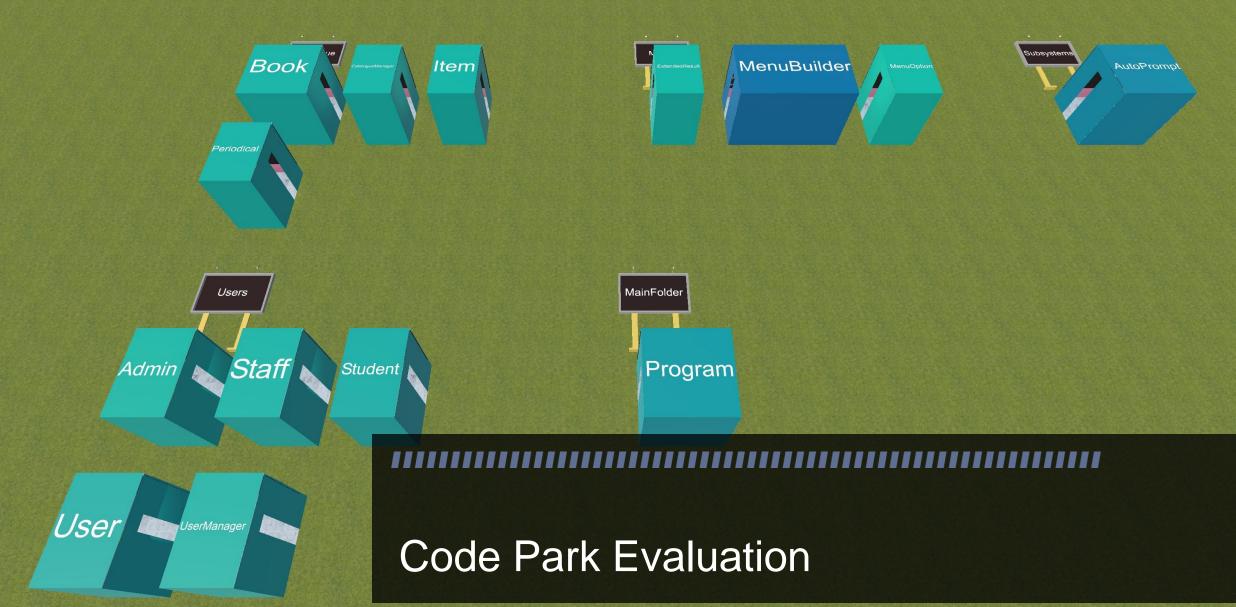
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                public EameEngine(CardBack[,] cardBack, CardFace[,] cardFace, Player player, int level
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dimentionOne %- CardFace.GetLength(1);
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                        ivate void CheckForEquals()
                             f (Check.Count == 1)
                                  this.CardFace [firstcard.X, firstcard.Y]. IsVisible = true;
this.CardBack [firstcard.X, firstcard.Y]. IsVisible = false;
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this.Cardface[seconfCard.X, seconfCard.Y].IsVisible = true;
this.CardBack[seconfCard.X, seconfCard.Y].IsVisible = false;
    ints.carduades[...
Refresh();
if (this.CardFace[firstcard.X, firstcard.Y] !=
    this.CardFace[secontCard.X, secondCard.Y])
           this.Cariface[firstard.X, firstand.Y].ISVisible = false;
this.Lariface[firstard.X, firstand.Y].ISVisible = frus;
this.Lariface[secondiar].X, secondiarY.I.IsVisible = false;
this.Lariface[secondiarX, secondiarY.J.IsVisible = frus;
this.Playen.SuccessionEfficient--;
FriedPlayerIsfo('Fail');
           this.Player.Score += this.Player.SuccessCoefficient > 0 }
point * this.Player.SuccessCoefficient : point;
PrittPlayerInfo("Success");
if (CheckTonCameInd())
                      If (this.Level < maxLevel
                        GameBackground.CleanBackground();
Refresh();
                        GameBackground.CleanEackground();
GameManager.SaveScore(this.Player); //moved from run
GameManager.WinGame();
  chis.Level+;
this.CardBack = CardRandomPosition.GetCardBack(Level);
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Console.WriteLine("Score: (0)", this.Player.Score);
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ivate void PointerVisualisation(ConsoleColor consoleColor, int dimentionOne, int dimentionZero)
CardPosition position = CardPosition.GeneratePosition(dimentionZero, dimentionOne
PrintPointer(position, consoleColor);
   ate void PrintPointer(CardPosition position, ConsoleColor consoleColor)
Console.SetCursorPosition(position.X - 1, position.Y - 1); Console.ForegroundColor = consoleColor; Console.Write(new string('-', 10)); for (int i = 0; i < 9; i++)
         Console.SetCursorPosition(position.X - 1, position.Y - 1):
  Console.SetCursorPosition(position.X - 1, position.Y - 1);
Console.Write(new string('-', 10));
Console.ResetColor();
    for (int row = 0; row < this.CardBack.GetLength(0): row++)
         for (int col = 0; col < this.CardBack.GetLength(1); col++)
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With syntax parsing we also add Go To Definition

Quickly transfer to the location inside a file where a user-defined type or a variable is defined for the first time

This transfer is also animated



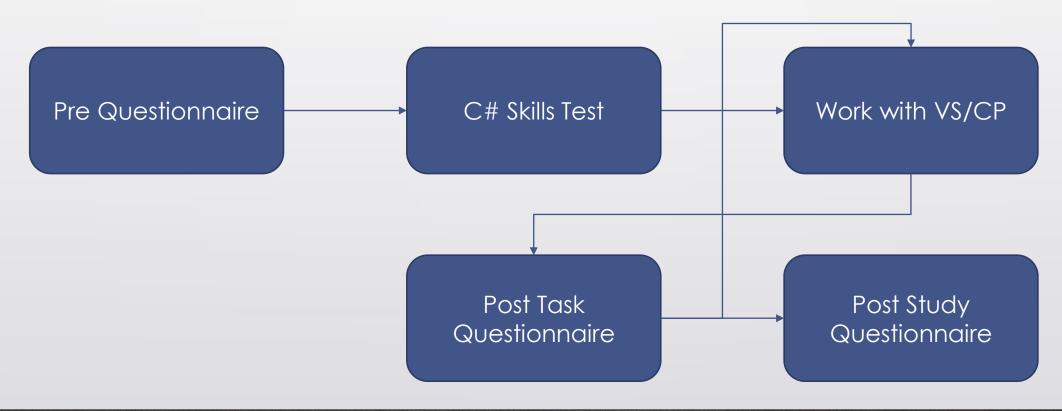
Code Park Goals

- Ease of use
- Help with code understanding
- Being fun and engaging

Comparing Visual Studio with Code Park

User Study

• 28 participants (22 males and 6 female ranging in age from 18 to 31 with a mean age of 22.8)



User Study

- To avoid learning effect we used two different codebases
- Therefore we had four groups:

Group Name	First Tool	First Code Base	Second Tool	Second Code Base
A	Visual Studio	LM	Code Park	MG
В	Code Park	MG	Visual Studio	LM
C	Visual Studio	MG	Code Park	LM
D	Code Park	LM	Visual Studio	MG

Tasks

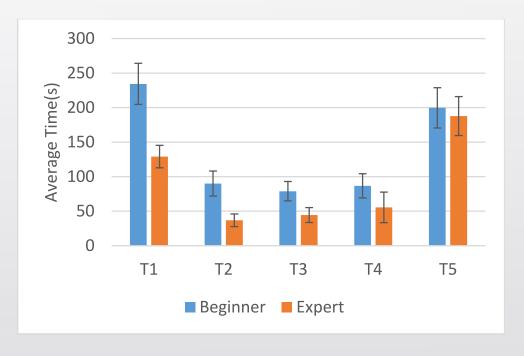
- T1: Find a valid username to login into the program.
- T2: Find an abstract class in the code base.
- T3: Determine the relationship between classes A and B.
- T4: Find a designed bug that causes a program crash.
- T5: Pinpoint a reasonable location in the code for adding the necessary logic to support feature X.

Metric

- Quantitative:
 - Each task was timed
- Qualitative:
 - Post Task Questionnaire (Likert scale 1 7)
 - Post Study Questionnaire (Choose between VS/CH)

Result (Quantitative)

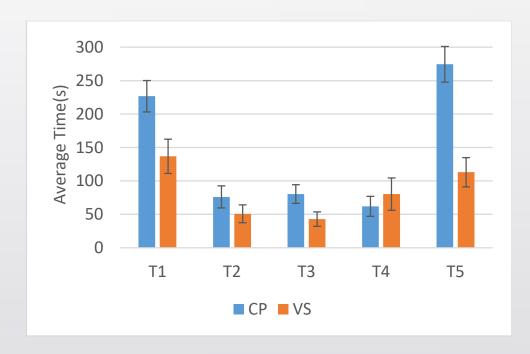
 Beginners took more time to finish their tasks



Mean time to task completion by experience level

Result (Quantitative)

- Task took more time to complete with Code Park
- Code Park has animation
- 3D interaction is slower
- First time using Code Park

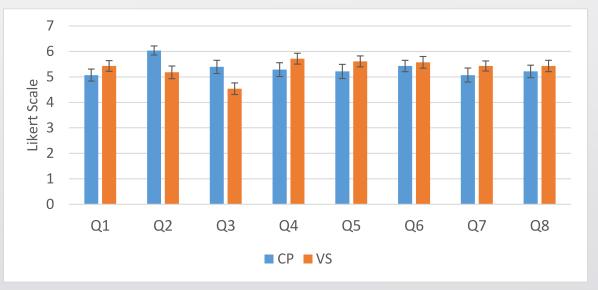


Mean time to task completion based on the tool used

Result (Qualitative)

Post Task Questionnaire

- Q1 I found it easy to work with Code Park/Visual Studio.
- **Q2** I found it easy to become familiar with Code Park/Visual Studio.
- Q3 Code Park/Visual Studio helps me become familiar with code base's structure.
- Q4 It was easy to navigate through the code with Code Park/Visual Studio.
- Q5 It was easy to find the definition of some variable with Code Park/Visual Studio.
- **Q6** How much did you like Code Park/Visual Studio?
- Q7 How did you feel when using the tool?
- **Q8** It was easy to find what I wanted in the code using Code Park/Visual Studio.



Mean responses to the post task questionnaire for Code Park and Visual Studio

Result (Qualitative)

Post Study Questionnaire				
SQ1	Which tool is more comfortable to use?			
SQ2	Which tool is more likable?			
SQ3	Which tool is more natural?			
SQ4	Which tool is easier to use?			
SQ5	Which tool is more fun to use?			
SQ6	Which tool is more frustrating?			
SQ7	Which tool helps you more in remembering the code base structure?			
SQ8	Which tool do you prefer for learning a code base?			
SQ9	Which tool do you prefer for a code base you are already familiar with for additional work?			
SQ10	Which tool do you prefer for finding a particular class/variable?			
SQ11	Which tool do you prefer for tracking down a bug?			
SQ12	Overall, which tool is better?			

Question	Visual Studio	Code Park	
SQ1	21	7	
SQ2	8	20	
SQ3	16	12	
SQ4	17	11	
SQ5	0	28	
SQ6	11	13	
SQ7	5	23	
SQ8	7	21	
SQ9	19	9	
SQ10	15	13	
SQ11	19	9	
SQ12	16	11	

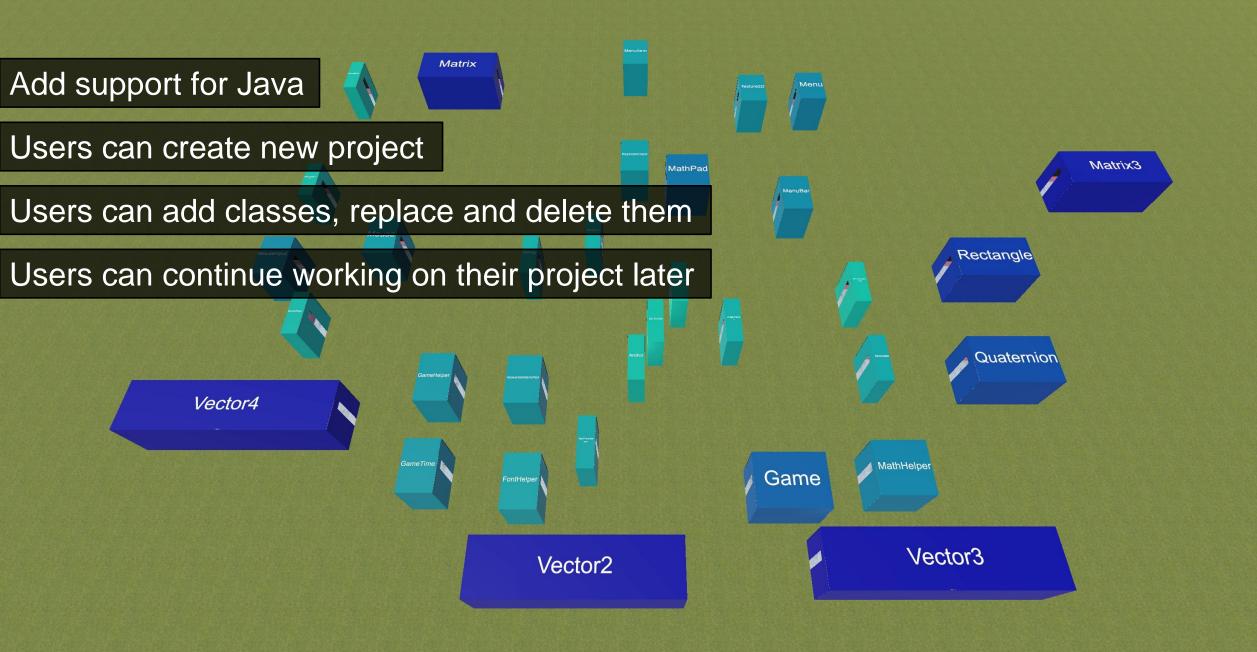
All participants unanimously agreed that Code Park is fun to use

- Participant 1: "I enjoyed a lot as it was the first time I was viewing the code in 3D environment."
- Participant 6: "It is much easier to understand the overall code structure."
- Participant 17: "It is very friendly and easy."
- Participant 19: "We could easily access classes and methods."
- Participant 26: "The use of spatial representation was well used."

Discussion

- We achieved our goals
 - Ease of use
 - Help with code understanding
 - Being fun and engaging
- Users ask for two important features
 - Editing code
 - Compiling code
- Leads to next version ...

```
books.put(book.title(), book);
public void borrowBook(String title)
  if (books.containsKey(title)) {
     if (!books.get(title).isBorrowed()) {
       books.get(title).borrow();
       System.out.println("You have successfully borrowed " + title);
     } else {
       System.out.println("Sorry, this book is already borrowed.");
  } else {
     System.out.println("Sorry, this book is not in our catalog.");
public void returnBook String title
  if (books.contains)
                       Code Park: 3D IDE
     if (books.get(tit
       books.get(title).returnBook();
       System.out.println("You have successfully returned " + title);
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books.put(book.title(), book);
public void borrowBook(String title)
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  if (books.containsKey(title)) {
    if (!books.get(title).isBorrowed()) {
                                                         Blue border indicates editing mode
      books.get(title).borrow();
      System.out.println("You have successfully borrowed " +
                                                         Editing code supports all the basic
    } else {
                                                         functionality (select, copy, cut,
      System.out.println("Sorry, this book is already borrowed
                                                         paste)
  } else {
    System.out.println("Sorry, this book is not in our catalog.");
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      books.get(title).returnBook();
      System.out.println("You have successfully returned " + title);
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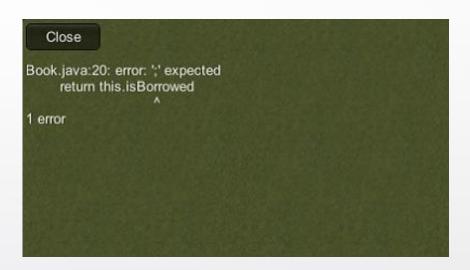
Close

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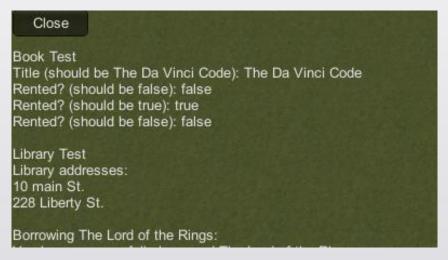
1 error



Compiled without error



Compiled with errors



Compiled program's output

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public class book
  private String title;
  private boolean isBorrowed;
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  public String title()
    return this.title
  public boolean isBorrowed()
    return this.isBorrowed;
  public void borrow()
```

Indicates error location on code

Hovering red dots shows more details of error



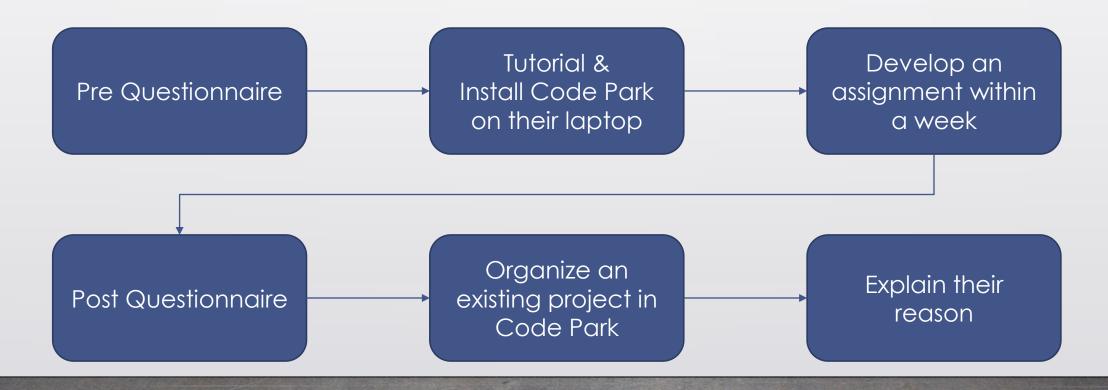
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                      Code Park V2 Evaluation
     if (books.get(tit
       books.get(title).returnBook();
       System.out.println("You have successfully returned " + title);
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User Study Goal

- Evaluate our two new features
- Evaluate usability of this version

User Study

• 9 participants (8 males and 1 female ranging in age from 18 to 29 with a mean age of 22.8)



All the participants finished the assignment

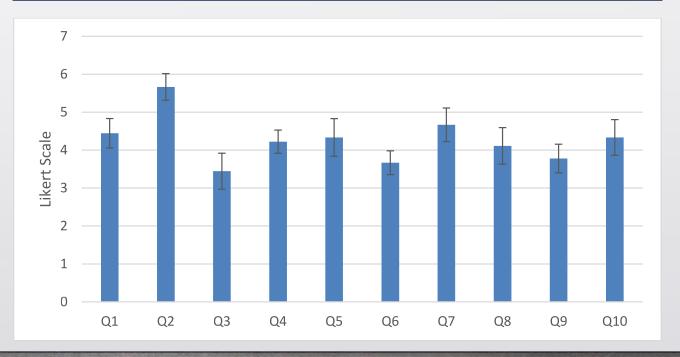
Some of them finished with three classes and organize them as a triangle shape

Other finished it with only two classes and organize them in a line

Post Study Questionnaire

- **Q1** I found it easy how to use Code Park.
- **Q2** I found it easy how to learn using Code Park.
- **Q3** I think that I would like to use Code Park frequently.
- **Q4** I found the various functions in Code Park were well integrated.
- **Q5** It was easy to navigate through the code with Code Park.
- **Q6** It was easy to write code in Code Park.
- Q7 It was easy to work on a project with Code Park.
- **Q8** How much did you like the Code Park?
- **Q9** How did you feel when using the interface?
- Q10 It was easy to find what I wanted in the code using Code Park.

- Except Q3, Q6 and Q9 all the other answers are beyond the average scale
- The results are similar to previous study
- Easy to learn and use Code Park (Q1 & Q2)
- Easy to work on the project (Q7)
- All features integrated well in Code Park (Q4)

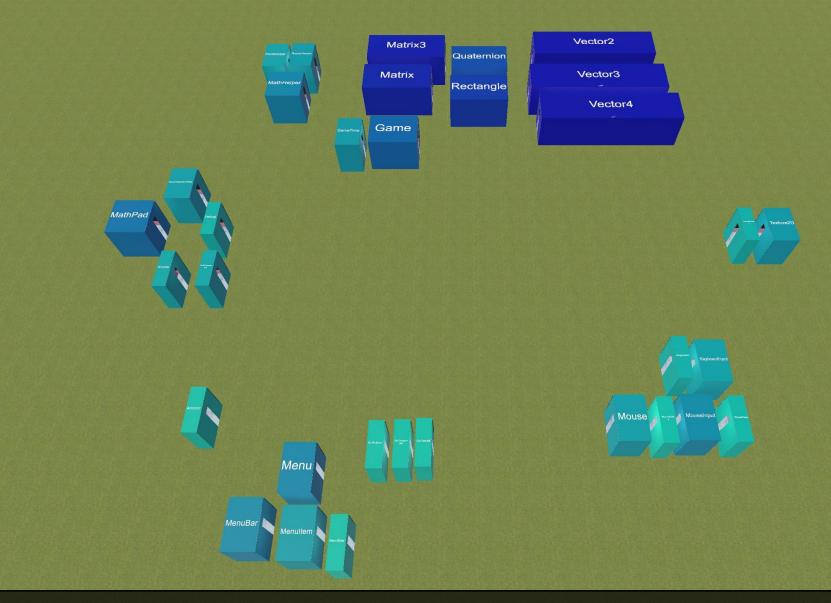


Organizing Existing Project

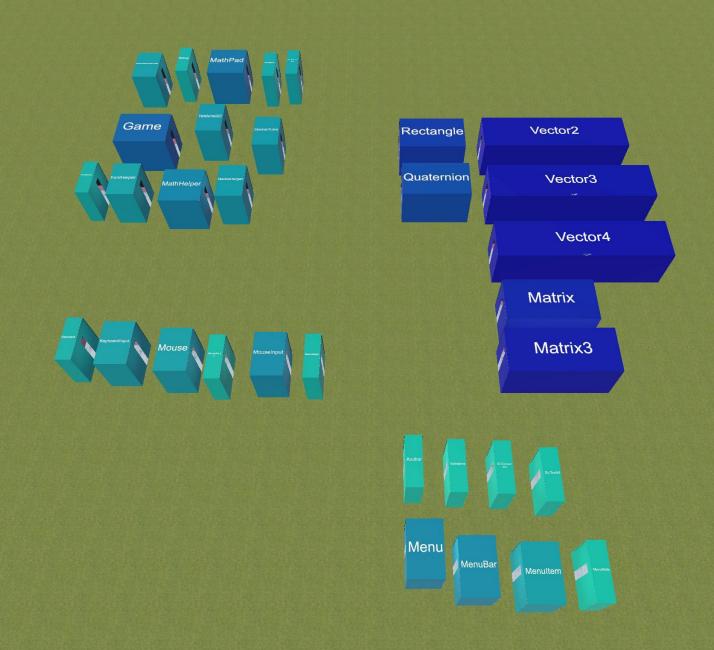
- The project contains 33 classes
- Divided participants into two groups

Group 1

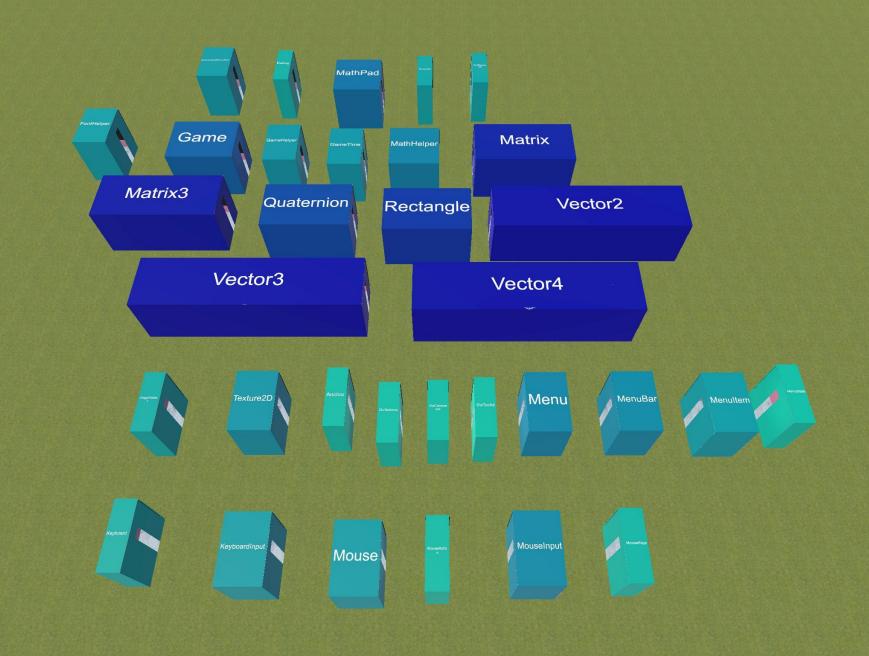
Given project that are already organized into directories



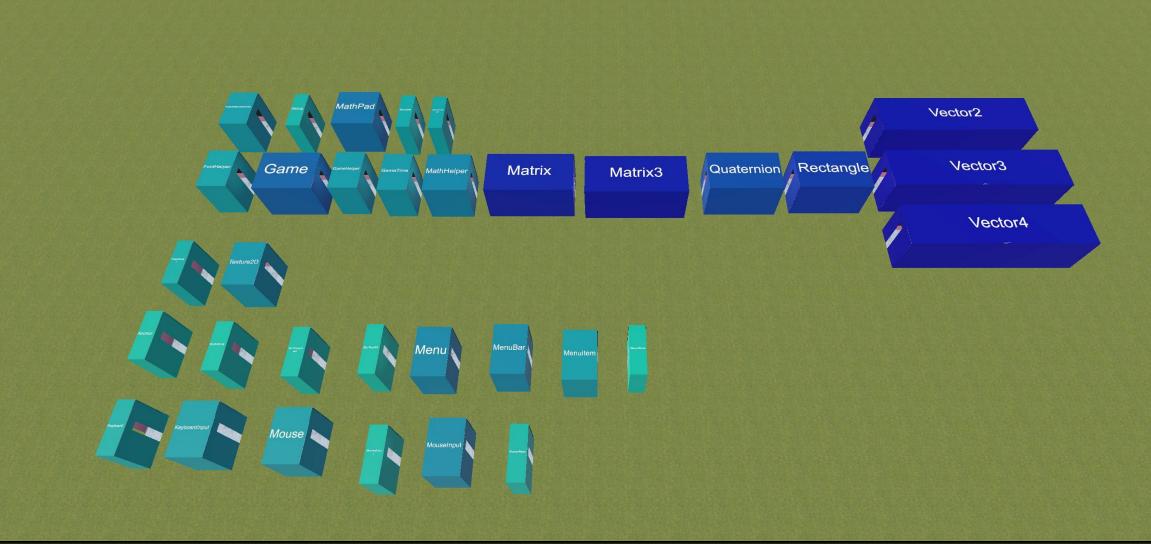
Participant 1: "Folders were arranged spatially in groups. Classes that appeared related by name were sub-grouped."



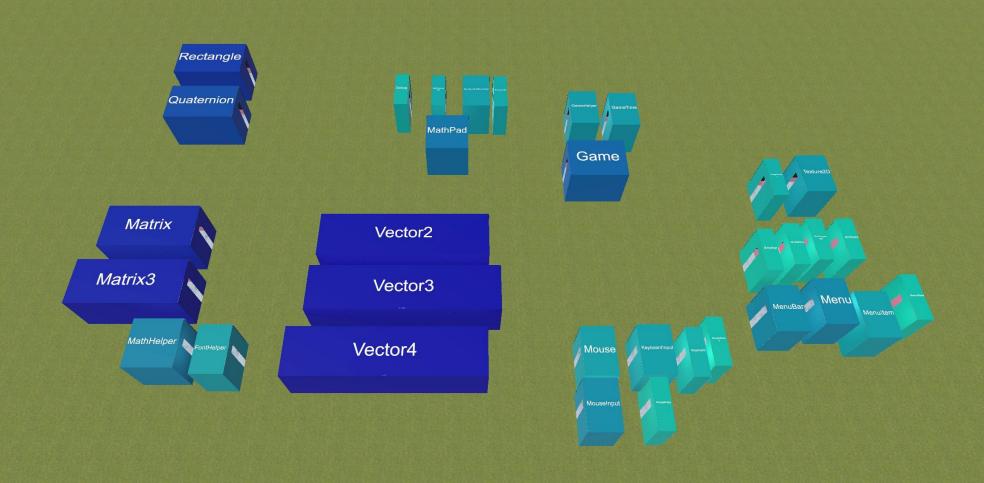
Participant 2: "[I kept] directories grouped together."



Participant 3: "I just arranged classes of a particular folder in each row."



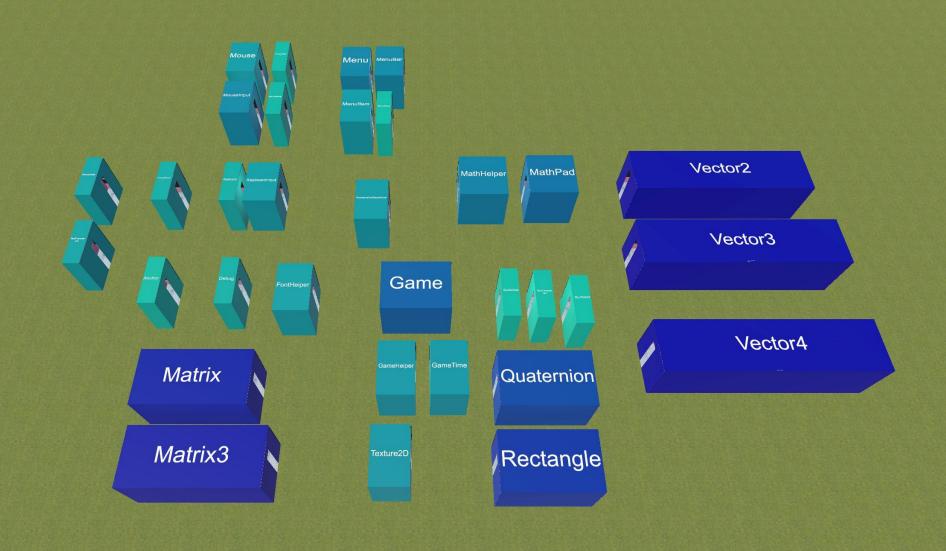
Participant 4: "The classes were arranged alphabetically for each folder and I arranged the classes in the same folder in the same line."



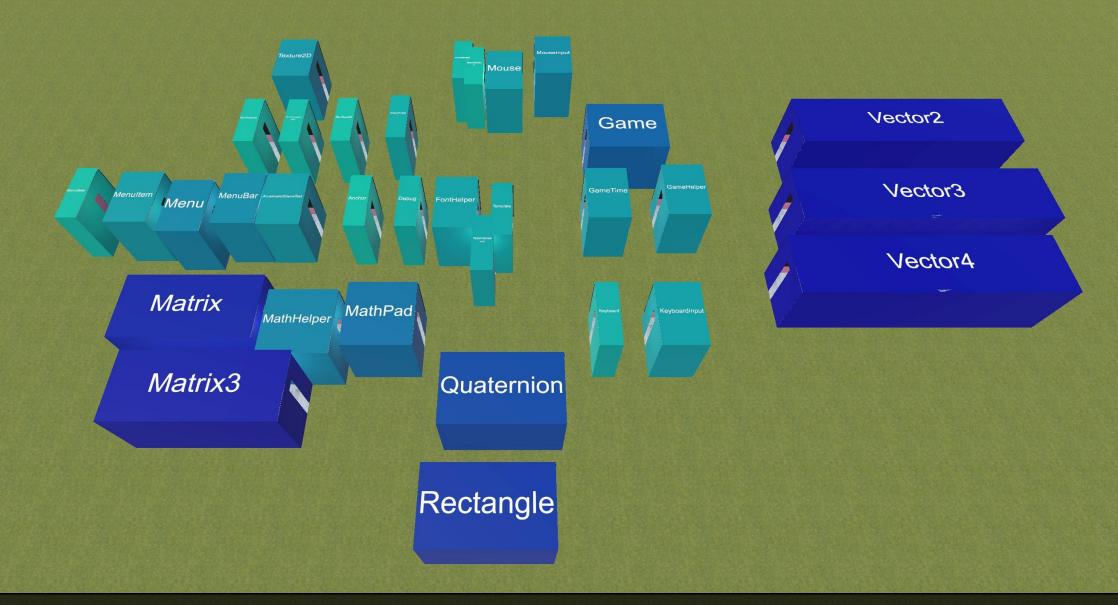
Participant 5: "I tried to group the related class together based on the usefulness and field."

Group 2

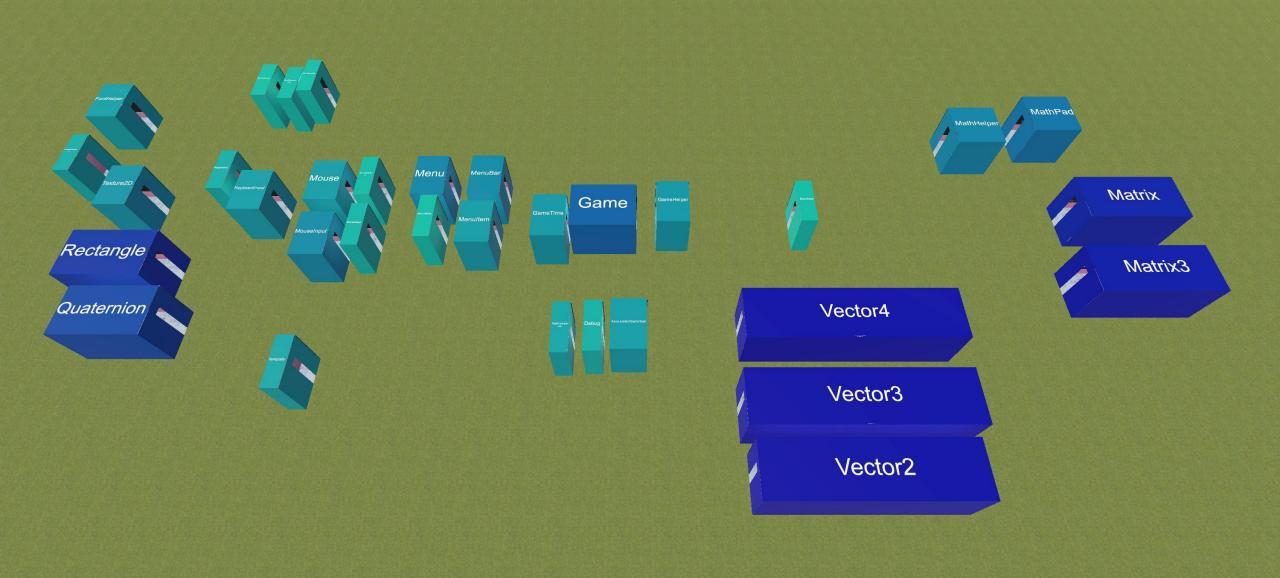
Given project that are not organized in any particular manner

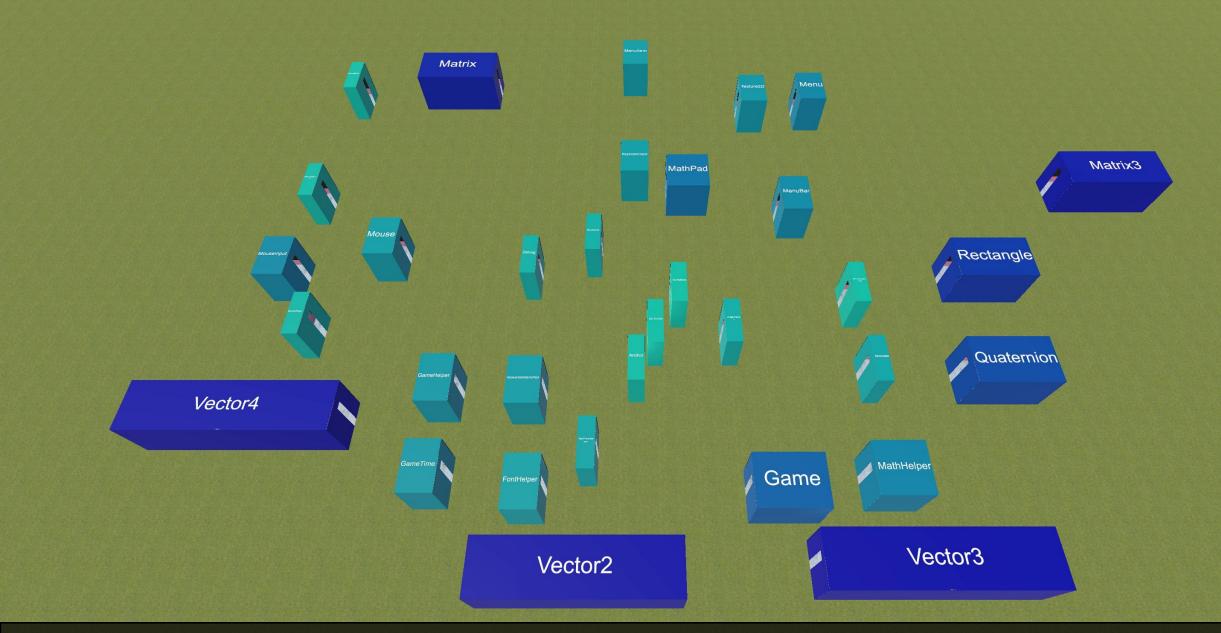


Participant 6: "When arranging the classes my first concern was to group similar classes together."



Participant 7: "I tried to place the rooms in the chunk of similar classes. My priority was to place them in such a way that they are easy to find again."





Participant 9: "Big models together. Smaller ones in the middle so I can find them easier."

Discussion

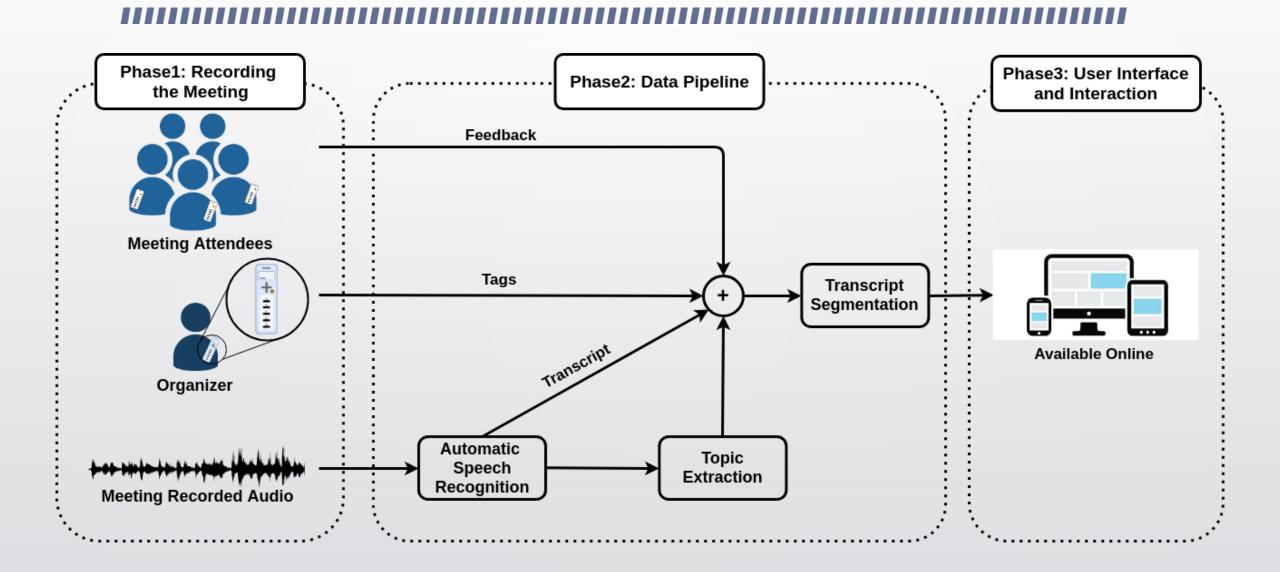
 There is a possible relation between the user's cognitive understanding of the codebase and their decisions in organizing building block

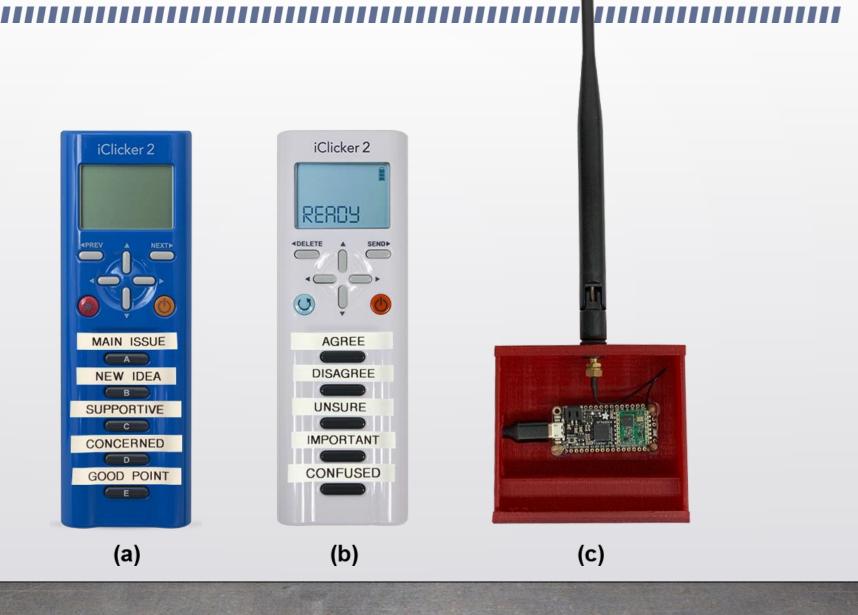
 The users mostly chose to organize the constituent parts of the project based on their relationship with respect to each other

CommunityClick

Problem

- Notetaking is distracting during a meeting
- Collecting all the ideas in a meeting is hard





Demo

User Study

Study	Objective	Method	Participants		
Needfinding	Understating domain problem	Field observation and Survey	20 organizers 66 community members		
Study 1 - Controlled Lab Experiment					
Phase 1: Meeting Simulation	Simulating meeting and utilizing iClicker	Observation and Survey	8 participants		
Phase 2: Report Creation	Comparing CC with G-Doc	Within-subject comparison	20 participants		
Phase 3: Report Evaluation	Evaluating reports	Blind review	5 participants		
Study 2 - Expert Feedback	Collecting overall feedback and adoption possibility	Demo and Phone interview	6 civic leaders		
In-Class Deployment	Exploring real-world usage	Field observation and Survey	18 students		

Other cool Projects



Electrick 2017



LumiWatch 2018



Thank you