

Flowchart driven Robot to promote Educational Development (FRED)

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Abstract: *Computer programming is a fundamental aspect of most engineering courses. Learning by traditional teaching methods the theory of how to structure software, the specific language used and implementation requires a great deal of precision, perseverance and hard work on the part of the student. Many students fail to engage and become de-motivated before they have a chance to develop competence. This is partly because they fail to see how programming can be used outside of a PC environment, or how it is of any relevance to their programmes of study.*

This paper describes the development of a method for addressing these issues through the use of a programmable robot. Students work in multi-disciplinary teams using a flowchart-based system to program the robot. This removes the syntax related problems that students tend to encounter, while maintaining an algorithm development challenge. Each team is set a number of challenges they have to meet in order to qualify for a competitive race event. With this experience they should be better placed to study the challenges of a complex programming language with its syntax and structure, and be able to see how programming fits into the wider scope of engineering activity. 127 students were given questionnaires to assess their attitudes to programming both before and after the project, and initial findings indicate a significant improvement.

Introduction

Background

The motivation for this work was to try and change the perception of programming held by a significant number of new undergraduate students. The need for a change of the student perception was recognised while teaching programming to new engineering students as part of a first year undergraduate module called Computers and Applications. This evidenced itself through anecdotal feedback from students and low attendance which could be attributed to a lack of motivation for the work. This module contained 3 sub-elements, MathCAD (25%), Matlab (25%) and Programming in C (50%). The MathCAD and Matlab elements were taught in the first semester and the Programming in C during the second semester. The three elements were taught by different members of staff, and because of this, there was little (if any) link between them. The teaching styles differed greatly, with the first semester work being heavily biased towards self-study supported with teaching material on a VLE, and post-graduate demonstrator assistance during the laboratory sessions. In contrast, the second semester work took the format of a lecture immediately followed a laboratory session. During the lecture the students would be set a task relating to the topic covered in the session. For the period of the laboratory they would attempt to solve the task and on completion submit it via the VLE. The programming teaching involved flowcharts, familiarisation with the compiler, basic format of a C program, variables, basic functions, loops, conditional execution, arrays and strings, functions and scope of variables, pointers, structures, memory management, file handling and the use of libraries. The assessment structure for this part of the module was assignment 1 (30% of the marks), assignment 2 (60% of the marks), and the ten weekly laboratory tasks (10% of the marks). The rationale behind giving marks for the weekly tasks was to encourage the students to tackle the work

on a weekly basis. The mark driven approach was introduced as a first step in addressing the motivational issues experienced with this module. Although this approach helped with attendance issues, anecdotal evidence suggested that the student perception of the subject remained unaffected. They failed to understand why they were being asked to learn to program. In their minds there was no obvious link between software development and engineering. Further difficulties with programming language syntax also caused students to lose motivation for the subject. Frustrations dominated the practical programming laboratory sessions. This resulted in many students failing the module, and the lecturer having to spend more time and effort in trying to justify it being part of their programme of study, rather than concentrating on the actual teaching.

Some surveys of the literature published on teaching introductory programming have been done (Pears 2007, Sheard 2009). In both cases the conclusions showed that there is still a lot of work to be done in this area. Pears wrote '*despite the large volume of literature in this area, there is little systematic evidence to support any particular approach.*' While Sheard wrote '*This is an active and on-going area of study, indicating the widespread concern about the difficulty that many students have with this topic.*'

Work by Crews et al used a flowchart based programming system with new students (Crews 1998). The aim was to try and alleviate the frustrations of syntax, offer students problem solving analysis and expose them to the basic tenets of algorithmic thinking. They achieved encouraging results in relation to their aims. This style of programming approach was further endorsed by Carlisle, who found that students actually, when given the choice, preferred to use flowcharts as a method of programming over actual code (Carlisle 2004). It was felt that this style of approach could be used to help soften the blow, and could also help the students develop a better understanding of the fundamentals of algorithmic thinking. Whilst successful, this really only deals with the syntax related issues, leaving the more dominant problems of motivation and a lack of understanding of the importance of programming.

In addition to the flowchart approach, it was felt that changing the object of their programming could help students understand why an understanding of programming is necessary, and in addition hopefully generate motivation. A great deal of work relating to robots in education has been done (Mondada 2008, Miller 2004, Erwin 2000), largely relating to electronic engineering topics such as control (Mehrl 1997), and embedded systems (Wilmshurst 2007). The obvious mechanical aspect of a robot was also believed to be beneficial by demonstrating to the students that software can be used to control mechanical systems.

As a further means to improving student learning, a group work aspect was also to be considered, where it was felt that new students in their first semester may benefit from getting to know other students within their department and to learn from each other. It would also help simulate an industrial scenario where mechanical and electronic engineers co-operate together to achieve tasks. Work by Kommula et al (Kommula 2009) based around self and peer assessment commented that '*Group learning achieves deeper learning and students retain information longer, and are also more likely to attain higher grades.*'

While looking at the processes involved when students contribute towards the learning of others, Ploetzner et al (Ploetzner 1999) focused on the explanations and justifications that one student provides to another on five increasing levels: explaining to oneself, explaining to a passive and anonymous learner, explaining to a passive listener, explaining to someone who responds in a constrained way, and mutual explanation. They suggest that constructive cognitive activity, common to all five levels, assists with promoting learning.

The inclusion of a competitive element that the students would find fun to take part in was also felt necessary. Students' fascination with mobile robots has led to the organisation of numerous robotics contests that are held on an annual basis, as found by Murphy (Murphy 2001). He also stated that '*The use of competitions fosters students' intellectual maturity, showing, inter alia, that there may be more than one correct answer to a problem.*'

Methodology

What was needed was a method of engaging first year undergraduate students in programming classes to address the previously outlined problems. The method would have to build interest in the

subject, perhaps by injecting some 'fun' element into the study process and to still teach the fundamental principles of programming. This approach would need to remove the problems associated with syntax and the context of programming to enable them to develop the logical thinking skill required in algorithmic software development. The need to provide a means of linking software development with mechanical and electronic disciplines suggests the need for a mechatronic solution.

In order to do this, the following steps have been followed:

- Identify the learning outcomes (LOs) to be achieved
- Identify the requirements of the new teaching approach
- Identify a possible device for the students to interact with that illustrates the link with different subject areas (mechanical, electronic and software)
- Identify a method of programming that doesn't rely upon heavy syntactical accuracy
- Develop a set of tasks for the students to work through
- Develop an assessment strategy to meet the LOs
- Identify a means of measuring the success of the project

Learning Outcomes

The current LOs for the module relating to programming are as follows:

- Understand how to break down a problem into logical steps
- Understand the fundamental principles of programming e.g. loops, conditional execution etc
- Demonstrate the use of basic software planning tools and techniques to form a structured approach to programming
- Develop skills for testing and debugging strategies where appropriate
- Demonstrate the application of programming techniques to engineering problems

Whilst the new approach was intended to deviate from the current teaching, the LOs had to be maintained in order to satisfy the requirements of the module and programmes of study of which it is a part. However, the teaching has been changed to more effectively deliver the LOs. As part of this a new structure for the module has been introduced dividing the programming in C into two parts. The first half uses the syntax free approach to introduce the concepts identified in the LO's and the second half takes this further incorporating the software development techniques with a specific language (C).

Requirements

This new approach would need to remove the problems associated with syntax and the context of programming to enable learners to develop the logical thinking skill required in algorithmic software development. In order to achieve this, the activity would need to:

- Increase student motivation / engagement
 - Fun competitive element to help this e.g. a race event
- Illustrate links with different disciplines of engineering (e.g. electronic and mechanical)

- Highlight the conceptual development of software routines without the need to learn the syntax of a programming language
- Provide a framework for introducing group work

Interactive device

The aim was to develop a device that the students could program that was external to the PC. It was also essential the device be something that the students would have an interest in. Science fiction seems to be very popular with engineering students and this is an area where robots are prevalent. As robots provide a clear link with the real world and engineering it appeared to be a suitable candidate. The robot needed to be fairly simple in design and functionality so that the students would not be intimidated by it. Given the suggested interest in robots and the need to keep the system relatively simple it was decided to develop a programmable robot / buggy. The robot would need to expose the different elements of engineering e.g. electronic circuit, drive systems and mechanical chassis and enable student interaction via a friendly interface for programming.

If the robot idea was to really work, there also needed to be a simple means of programming it that removed the syntax related frustration so that students could develop an understanding early on. A flowchart based programming system appeared to be a suitable solution. This would be a syntax free method which students could use to develop algorithms and the understanding of translating a problem into logical steps.

Method of programming

One of the aims of this project was to implement a method of introducing programming without the complications of language and syntax. The intention was to allow students to familiarise themselves with the concepts of developing structured programmes with functional elements, such as loops. Prior to this project these aspects have been covered by teaching the use of flowcharts as planning tool. The use of flowchart programming software has been used successfully by Crews (Crews 1998) and Carlisle (Carlisle 2004) to alleviate syntax frustrations, and aligns itself with the existing teaching strategy. In addition to addressing the issues with syntax, the relationship between software planning and programming is reinforced. The graphical nature of the flowchart software clearly puts the emphasis on developing structured programmes in logical blocks each of which perform specific tasks.

Investigations highlighted a limited number of suitable commercial software packages, Flowcode (Flowcode 2010), PICAXE (PICAXE 2010) and KicChip (KicChip 2010). The PICAXE software was selected largely because it was free for students to download and use outside of the University. It also had sufficient functionality to satisfy our requirements in terms of the LOs and the student tasks. The only restriction with this software was that it was only compatible with PICAXE devices which was a design limitation with respect to the robot.

Tasks

The tasks the students worked through needed to be structured in a way that enabled steady progression through the subject, addressing the LOs in a logical way. Also the notion of injecting some 'fun' into the work was a key aspect of this new approach. It was suggested that this be achieved through a competitive element e.g. an unassessed race event at the end

The functionality of robot allowed for the following tasks to be produced:

- robot to drive in a rectangle

- robot to sense hitting an object on the left or right corner and respond by reversing and turning in the opposite direction
- robot to follow a curved white line on a black background
- robot to follow a curved white line on a black background and when it hits a wall at the end back up and turn 180° and follow the line again

It was intended that the students work in groups to complete the tasks. However, to ensure that all students engaged with the material, and the work was shared fairly within the group, in the first week they were asked to produce solutions for as many of the tasks as possible on an individual basis without actually having any contact with the robot.

In the second week they were designated groups (of 4 or 5 students) that contained a mix of students on electronic and mechanical programmes. They then had to discuss their individual solutions and decide from this pool of solutions how they wanted to proceed. They could decide to choose a solution from an individual group member, or reach an evolved solution following the group discussion. Once armed with a solution they were then given the opportunity to program a robot to test the solutions success. If unsuccessful, alternative solutions could then be tested.

Once a task had been successfully completed this was recorded and they then progressed through the tasks until all were complete. The tasks formed part of the assessment along with a final group report that detailed all individual attempts along with the group solutions and development.

The final stage, which was not assessed, was a race event. Four groups competed at a time in a series of knock-out races using a supplied track. Each robot had to follow the white line into the centre circle, the winner being the first to reach the centre circle. Robots were encouraged to crash into the opposing teams if necessary, and teams had to take this into consideration with their algorithmic approach. The winning group of the final race had their photos and names posted on the VLE that is used to support the module with documentation, teaching notes and group discussion forums.

Assessment strategy

It was intended that the students would be assessed on every task they had to fulfil. In addition to this, a competitive element was added that would not be assessed. The rationale for not assessing the competitive element was partly to see how motivated the students were to attend that session and take part, but also to remove the burden of assessment. It was hoped this would support the development of undirected study skills. The individual work completed by each student was submitted via the VLE and contributed to the final mark. Each group task achieved also contributed to the final mark for those students that were present. The final assessment component was a group report that included all the original individual solutions along with a description of how they developed each successful solution. The report also had to comment on who contributed towards its production. Evidence of the VLE forum activity was used to check that this was a fair and reliable record. Since students were asked to record any problems on the forum, this was felt to be a reliable mechanism. The portfolio-based learning approach was used to help encourage all students to participate from beginning to end and critically reflect upon their achievements. This was deemed to be useful in relation to Kolb's learning cycle (Kolb 1984), which recognised that experience by itself is just a starting point, and that learning only takes place if the student reflected upon that experience, went through a phase of abstract conceptualisation, and then tested the new approach in another situation. Those that chose not to participate lost marks on the areas in which they failed to contribute. This peer assessment element was included to promote group activity and participation. In Bulman's work on peer assessment it was stated that '*peer assessment can yield gains in the cognitive, social, affective, transferable skill and systemic domains that are at least as good as those from staff assessment*' (Bulman 1999).

Measuring the success of the project

In order to understand the success of this new teaching approach there needed to be a means of recording the impact on the students. To this end a questionnaire was developed to measure the interest / perception to key aspects of the course. The students completed a pre questionnaire prior to starting the work and a post questionnaire following successful completion of the tasks. The development of the questionnaires allowed for both qualitative and quantitative results.

Whilst the main purpose of the questionnaires was to ascertain the effectiveness of a flowchart based approach to programming in changing the student perception of programming, the impact of the robot and group work components also needed to be measured. This was done to see if these aspects of the activity had any notable impact on the students, e.g. a bad group experience may have led to a lack of motivation in spite of the flowchart approach.

Pilot study

In an attempt to investigate the areas detailed above and to gauge the student reaction a pilot study was undertaken before further work and expense was committed. This allowed the tasks and assessment strategy to be tested. For this stage a Meccano™ robot was designed, as shown in figure 1. The student response was very positive and in some cases nothing less than astounding. The tasks and assessment strategy worked well. The race event offered no marks, the motivation was purely competitive, and yet students demonstrated a great deal of enthusiasm, determination and urgency whilst trying to improve their algorithms and testing on the track in time for their scheduled race. At this stage it was decided that this activity warranted further investigation. An application for a University of Hull 'Innovations in Students Learning Scheme' was successfully made and the funds used to develop an improved robot to address some minor issues encountered while using the prototype. While the Meccano™ chassis provided a good proof of concept prototype it was considered not suitable for full implementation. The nature of the Meccano™ meant it was not robust and had an unprofessional look and feel. Given that we were trying to enthuse students it was felt that a more inspiring solution could be found.

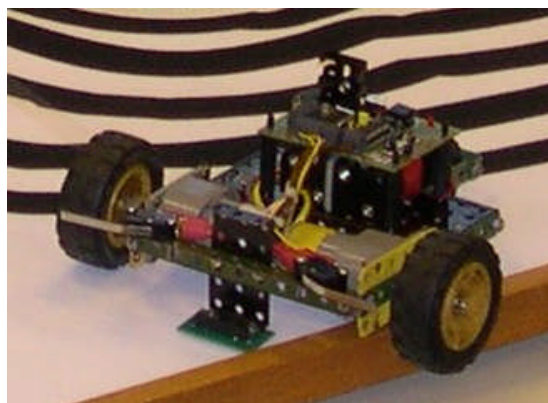


Figure 1 - Meccano™ version of FRED

Flowchart driven Robot for Educational Development (FRED)

Following the successful pilot study the only change needed was the design and development of a new robot. The robot needed to be simple and flexible to allow students to visualise what was

happening when they tested their programs. There needed to be a means of driving the system, getting feedback from the sensors, controlling the actuators, inputting code and a structure to contain all the elements.

The robot was designed to have two motors (left and right drive) that could be controlled to provide forward and backwards movement, two bumper switches to detect obstacles, and two light dependant resistors (LDR) to sense differing light levels. This would allow activities involving simple movement, object detection and avoidance and also line following. In order to provide programmable control a PIC microcontroller was used.

To resolve the issues encountered with the prototype a moulded chassis was produced. This provided a more robust solution and would look more modern and hopefully appealing to the students. It also provided an example for CAD design teaching to illustrate advanced CAD tools since the chassis was designed using Solidworks. It was also as an example of product development from rapid prototyping processes to vacuum casting the plastic chassis. Figure 2 shows the CAD design of the new version of FRED along with a 3D rendered image of the final design.

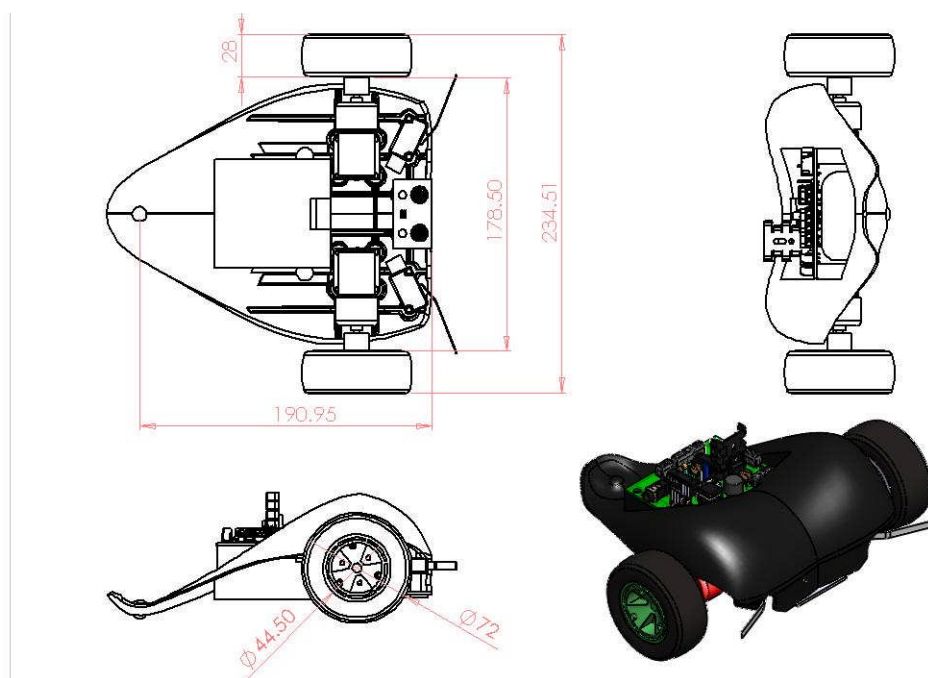


Figure 2 - The new Robot

The students were made fully aware that there were no marks for the race and yet the majority (over 80%) attended and not only took part but appeared enthused. They seemed to be motivated by the competitive challenge more than a reward for marks.

Evidence of Success

As discussed earlier, in order to measure the success of the project, students were asked to fill out pre and post questionnaires containing both qualitative and quantitative responses. Questionnaires were used since a mix of qualitative and quantitative responses could easily be included. It also allowed the students to respond anonymously. This was deemed important so as not to prejudice the responses, and help achieve a good response rate. In the pre-questionnaire they were asked '*How do you regard/perceive computer programming?*', and also provided with a box for comments. The post-

questionnaire was phrased slightly differently to help remind them that they had had some experience of it - *'How do you regard/perceive computer programming having had some experience of it?'*, and again a box for comments was included. A Likert scale was used on both questionnaires in order to provide a range of responses. The response rate was very high with 115 out of 127 students returning questionnaires (91%). Figure 3 shows their responses.

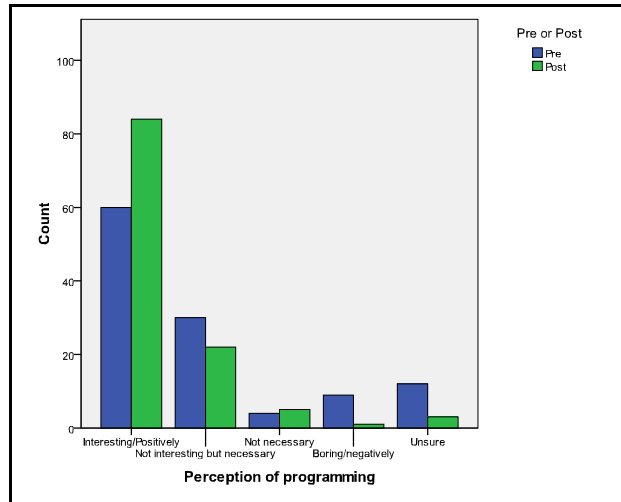


Figure 3 - Perception of programming

The graph in fig 3 shows that the student perception of programming changed quite markedly by the end of the project. From the 115 that filled out questionnaires, the 'interesting/positively' category rose from 60 to 84 students. That is a 22% shift towards this category, and an overall percentage of 73% of the group that found it to be a positive and interesting experience.

One student commented *'I find it very interesting as it's something I would like to take part in, in my future'*. Another added: *'I think it is essential to have at least a basic knowledge of programming as everything today is automated.'*

They were also asked *'How do you regard/perceive robots?'* in the pre-questionnaire, and *'How do you regard/perceive robots having had some experience of them?'* in the post-questionnaire. Again they could respond: Interesting/positively, Not interesting but necessary, Not necessary, Boring/negatively, Unsure. Figure 4 shows a graph of their responses.

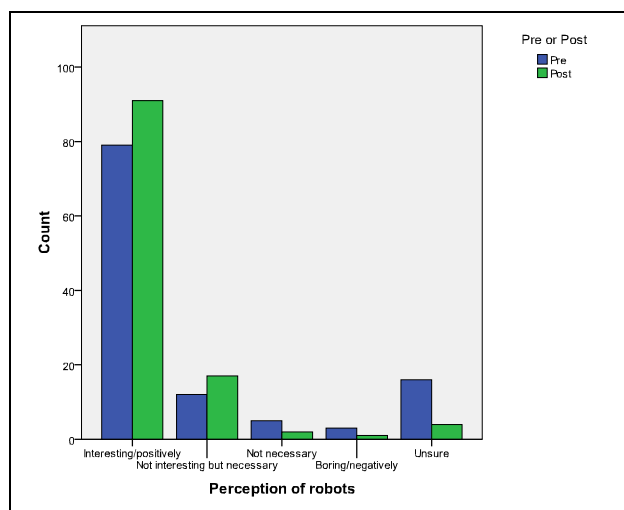


Figure 4 - Perception of robots

When questioned about their perception of robots, 79 respondents said they thought robots were interesting/positive before the project started. This suggests that the inclusion of a robot as the programmable vehicle was a good idea. This is then further strengthened by the post questionnaire, in which 91 students said they thought robots were interesting/positive. Therefore, a gain of over 10% towards the interesting/positive was achieved during the project. Student comments included *'Robots will affect the engineering world significantly in the future,'* and *'I look forward to working with them again'*.

Group work was another facet of the project and the students were again questioned on this with particular emphasis on the differing disciplines.

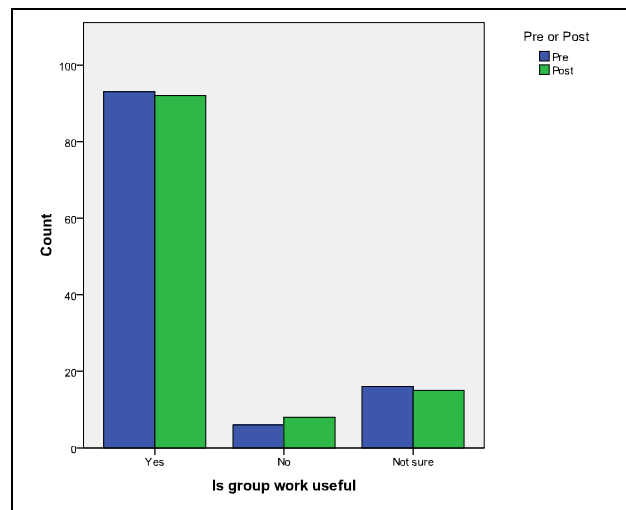


Figure 5 - Perception of group work

The graph relating to group work produced interesting results (see Figure 5). Most students appeared to find it useful, with 93 students choosing the yes option before the project. This didn't really change after the project when 92 students chose the yes option. In fact, the results stayed pretty static for all options. Some groups did seem to experience problems with clashes of personalities and some students failing to contribute fairly to the work load. Differing comments were recorded, such as *'There was a wider range of knowledge and ideas. This made the programming a lot easier to understand,'* and *'there wasn't massive input from the group as a whole.'* This clearly shows different group work experiences.

Discussion of Results

The aim of the project was to see if the introduction of a robot, programmable via a flowchart mechanism, with the inclusion of group work and a competitive element would benefit the students. The anticipated benefits were that despite a sizeable number of the student group not really being interested in programming, they would come to at least see it as a necessary engineering skill, if not an interesting one. It was then further hoped that a significant number of these students would have had their opinions changed to a more positive one, as a result of the project.

A significant number of the students had their perception of programming changed as a result of the project. The graph in figure 4 shows that 24 students became interested in programming during the project. What is probably more interesting is that the 22% shift towards this category came mostly from the unsure and boring categories. Of those who indicated that they found programming boring, 89% moved to another category. The results strongly suggest that they moved to interesting/positive. This coupled with the 75% of students who were unsure of programming in the initial questionnaire moving their category to indicate that the project had a strong effect on those that were most unresponsive to programming at the start.

The results regarding the perception of robots showed that 69% of students thought robots were interesting before the project. This then increased after the project to 79%. Clearly most of the students found robots interesting and therefore a motivational aspect of the project. 94% of the student cohort found robots either interesting or necessary, which is very encouraging. With this level of student support it is clear that the project was a useful exercise, and should continue to be a part of the departments teaching.

Although the anecdotal evidence from previous years showed that a significant number of mechanical engineering students did not see the relevance of programming to their programme of study, clearly the majority of them have an interest in robotics. It is unclear how they perceive that robotics does not involve programming, but the interest is there and has helped to motivate them.

The group aspect of the project returned, what appear to be, largely unchanging results before and after the project. Some groups did have interpersonal issues and complications that are typical of group work. It could be therefore that some students did change their opinion, but they have evened themselves out over the whole sample. What is clear is that most students went into the project with a positive regard to group work (93 students or 81% of the group). This was largely maintained with 92 (80% of the group) still regarding it as useful after the project.

Reflections

It is apparent that this project has been successful in achieving its aims. The students were more motivated and enthusiastic throughout the tasks and had a clearer understanding of the justification for learning programming. The challenge of successfully completing a task overrode the apprehension of difficulties in learning the subject. While the students did not learn a programming language they gained a good understanding of logical thinking, algorithm development, the use of flowcharts and program structure. It was therefore felt that project delivered the academic requirement of the course and had a positive impact on the student experience.

Some students encountered problems with the flowchart software and as a result found it to be frustrating. Although the numbers involved were very small, it still was felt that the problems should be further investigated. The problems centred around the graphical flowchart area of the software. What appeared to be on screen was not always what became translated and programmed on to the robot. Ironically these difficulties were analogous to the syntax problems students had experienced before the project. It appears that the software used is the cause of the problems and further investigation is going to be undertaken, perhaps resulting in a different software package being used.

The impact on the overall student achievement has not yet been noted as the module is still running. The activity recorded here took place in semester 1 2009, and the completed marks will include the semester 2 activity as well.

Further work

There are a number of different facets of this teaching approach that can be developed further. This would include:

- developing later stages of the module so the robot is revisited using the C programming language
- linking the buggy activity with MathCAD and Matlab
- developing more advanced functionality of the robot for use in later stages of the degree program
- improving the group work experience

This project has highlighted the effectiveness of a different approach to teaching and it is intended that the authors will investigate opportunities with other modules taught in the department.

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