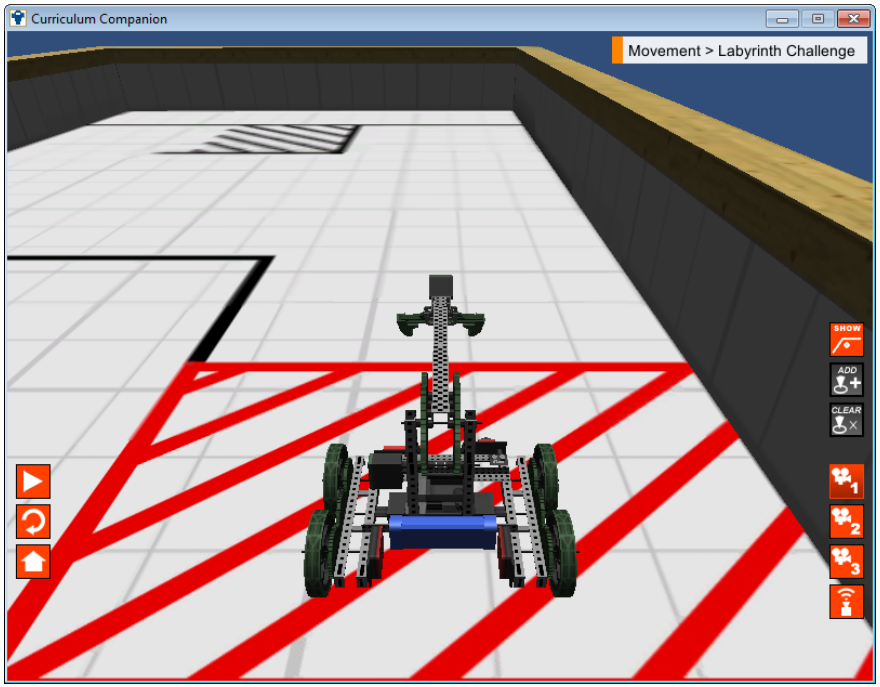
Getting Started in RobotC



- // Comment
  - task
  - main()
  - motor[]
    - {}
  - wait1Msec()
    - ;
    - =
  - Header
  - Code
  - Compile
  - Download
  - Run

Learning Objectives

- Understand Motion
  - Motors: How they work and respond.
  - Fuses: Understand why they keep blowing
- Understand how to control Motors with a program including
  - Setting up the motors
  - Reading the basic outline of a program
  - Using commands for controlling motors
    - motor[port1] = …
    - motor[rightMotor] = …
    - wait1Msec();
- Be able to write programs for a Robot to complete r virtual challenges.

VEX Motion: Motors

- 2-Wire Motor 393
  - 100 RPM
    - No load
  - Torque peaks at 13.5 in-lbs at
    - 0 RPM
    - **3.6 amp draw**
  - Continually at 3.375 in-lbs
    - +/- 77 RPM
    - 0.9 amp draw

High Speed Gears

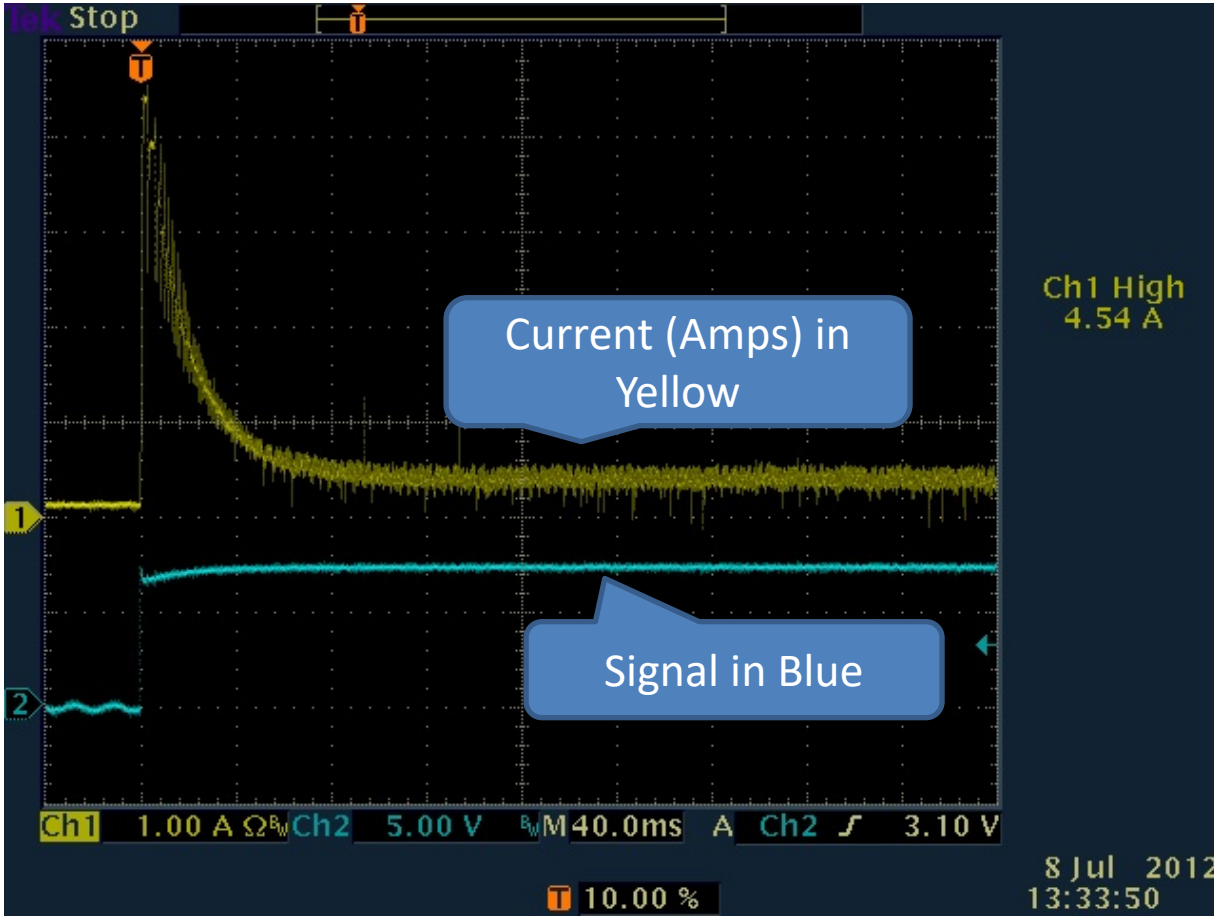
- High Speed Gearing: **60% faster**
- Unscrew the motor and replace internal gearing.
  - 160 RPM
    - No Load
  - Torque 8.4 in-lb in bursts
    - 0 RPM
    - 3.6 AMP
  - Continually at 2.1 in-lbs
    - +/- 123 RPM
    - 0.9 amp draw

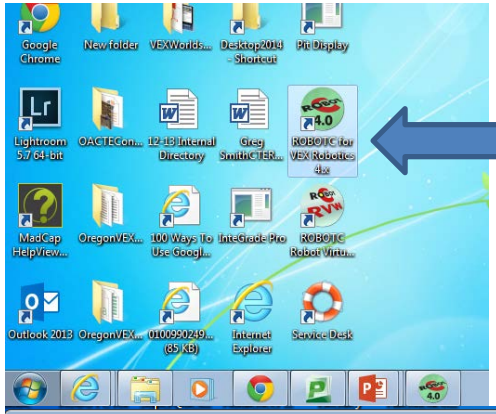
Motor Controller

- Motor Controller: 2-Wire to 3-Wire
- Not needed for motor ports 1 and 10

What happens when you floor it?

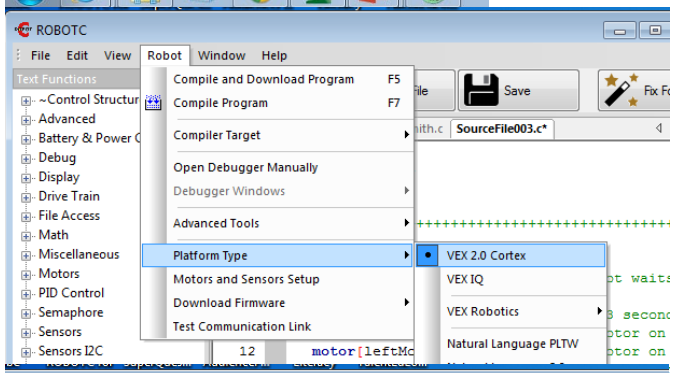
- Fuses you can blow
- Motor: 3.6 Amp
  - One Motor Stops
- Controller: 3 Amp
  - One motor stops
- Cortex Port: 4 amps combined with four other ports. Robot Stops

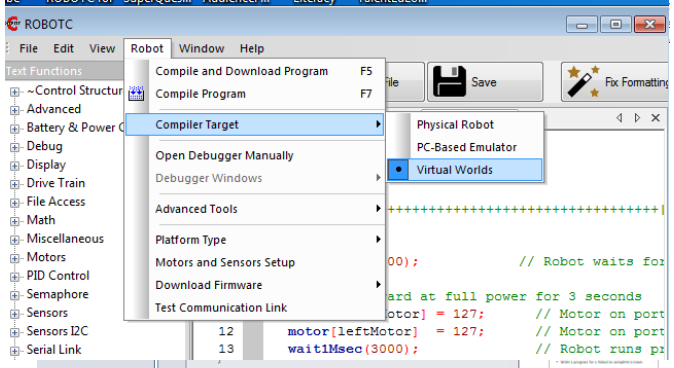


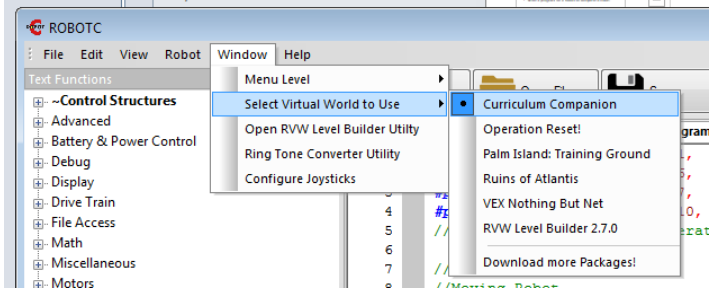


Getting Started

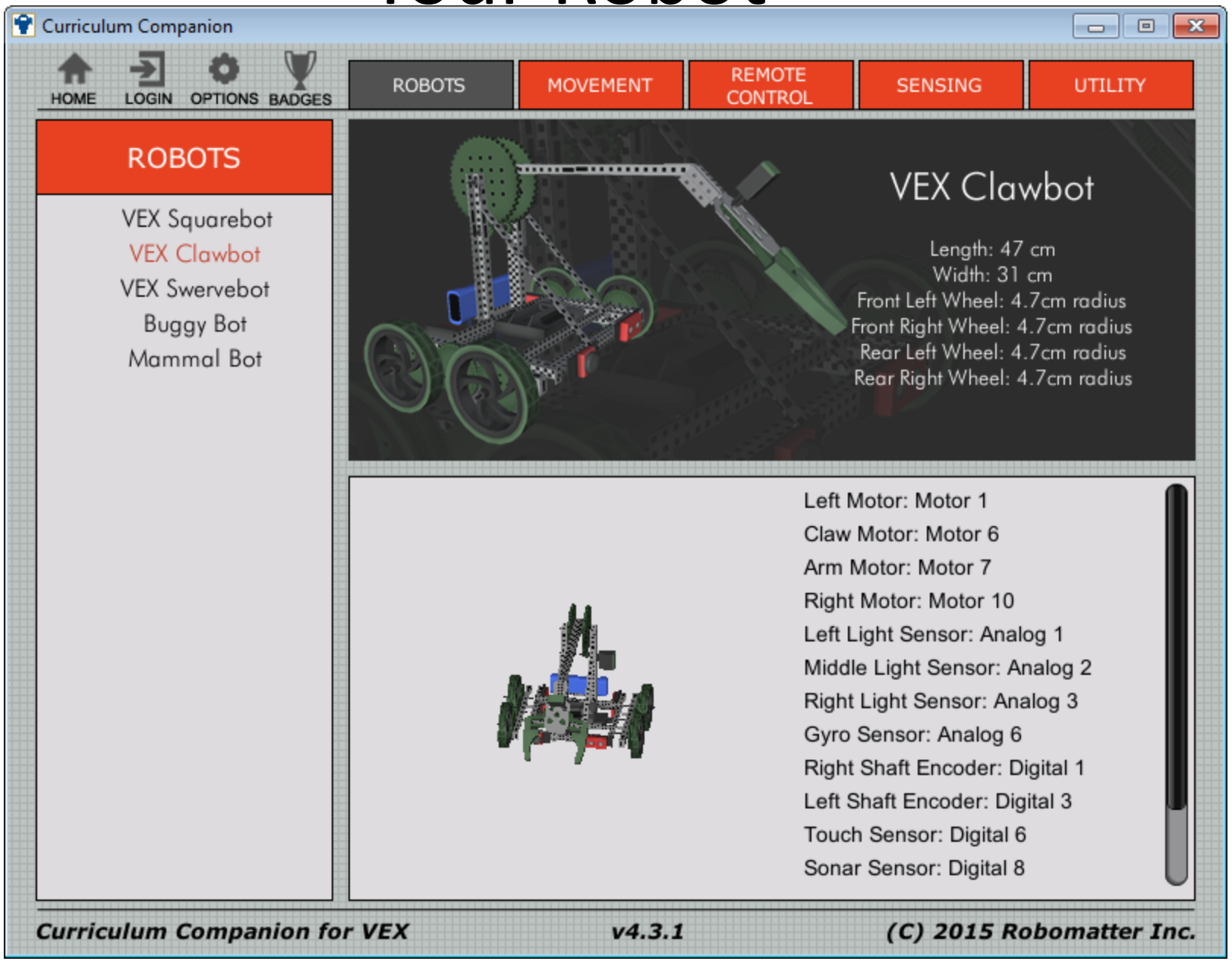
- Open RobotC
- Select VEX 2.0 Cortex Platform
  - Robot-> Platform ->VEX 2.0 Cortex
- Make the robot compile to Virtual Worlds
  - Robot-> Compiler Target -> Virtual Worlds
- Select Virtual World
  - Window->Select Virtual World to Use -> Curriculum Companion







Your Robot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VEX Swervebot
Buggy Bot
Mammal Bot
VEX Clawbot
Length: 47 cm
Width: 31 cm
Front Left Wheel: 4.7cm radius
Front Right Wheel: 4.7cm radius
Rear Left Wheel: 4.7cm radius
Rear Right Wheel: 4.7cm radius
Left Motor: Motor 1
Claw Motor: Motor 6
Arm Motor: Motor 7
Right Motor: Motor 10
Left Light Sensor: Analog 1
Middle Light Sensor: Analog 2
Right Light Sensor: Analog 3
Gyro Sensor: Analog 6
Right Shaft Encoder: Digital 1
Left Shaft Encoder: Digital 3
Touch Sensor: Digital 6
Sonar Sensor: Digital 8
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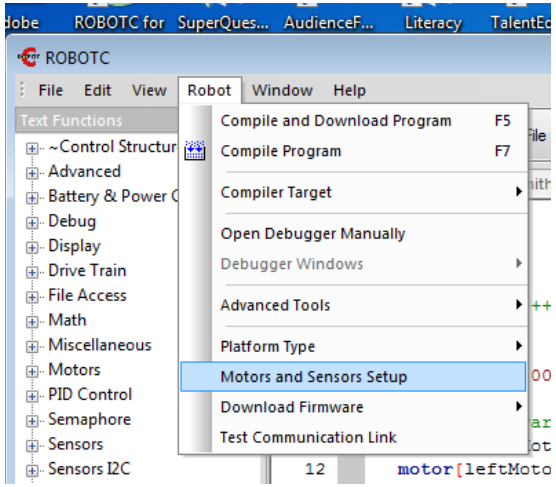
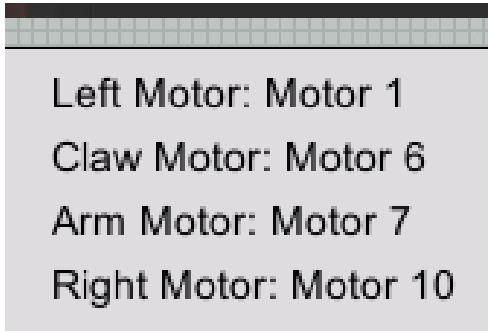
Configuring the Robot: Focus on Motors





- Robot -> Motors and Sensors Setup
- Select the motor
  - Currently can only purchase 393 Motors, also modify for internal gearing (high speed, turbo speed)
- Naming Convention
  - Rules
    - Start with a letter
    - No spaces, punctuation or reserved words (blue)
  - Style
    - Describes what it represents
    - First letter is lowercase
    - otherWordsStartWithUppercaseLetters
  - For these motors
    - leftMotor
    - clawMotor
    - armMotor
    - rightMotor

Motors and Sensors Setup Page

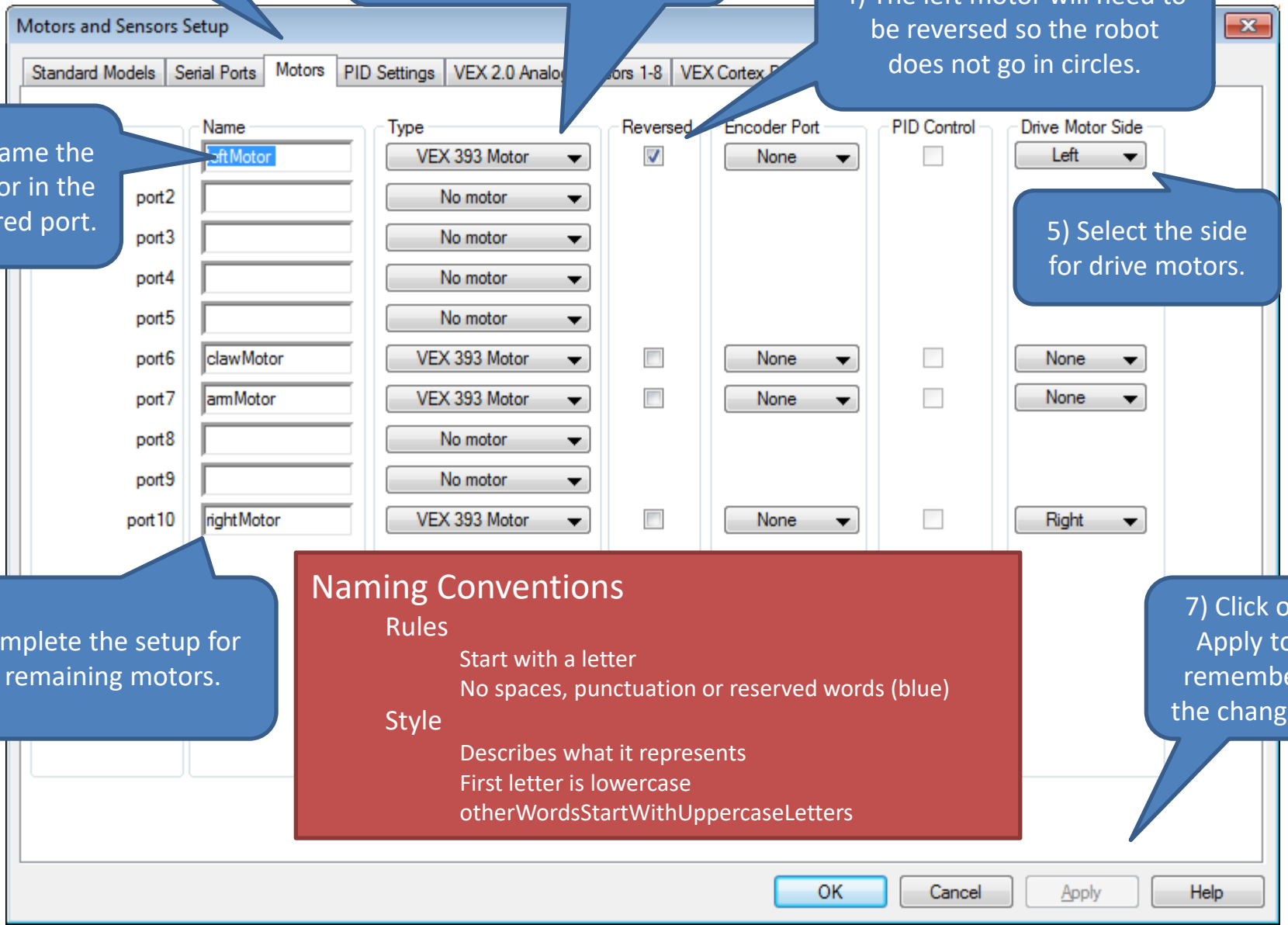
1) Select the 'Motors' tab.

3) Use the pull down menus to select the motor.

4) The left motor will need to be reversed so the robot does not go in circles.

2) Name the motor in the desired port.

5) Select the side for drive motors.



6) Complete the setup for the remaining motors.

Naming Conventions

Rules

- Start with a letter
- No spaces, punctuation or reserved words (blue)

Style

- Describes what it represents
- First letter is lowercase
- otherWordsStartWithUppercaseLetters

7) Click on Apply to remember the changes.

Code the setup creates ‘pre-processor directives’

VEX Start Page | Moving ForwardSmith.c | **SmithFirstProgramRobotc.c**

```
1   #pragma config(Motor,  port1,           leftMotor,     tmotorVex393_HBridge, openLoop, reversed, driveLeft)
2   #pragma config(Motor,  port6,           clawMotor,     tmotorVex393_MC29, openLoop)
3   #pragma config(Motor,  port7,           armMotor,      tmotorVex393_MC29, openLoop)
4   #pragma config(Motor,  port10,          rightMotor,    tmotorVex393_HBridge, openLoop, driveRight)
5   //*!!Code automatically generated by 'ROBOTC' configuration wizard               !!*//
6
7   //Greg Smith
8   //Moving Robot
9   //8-4-2015
10
```

Now we can start looking at RobotC

- motor[motorName] = motorPower;
- wait1Msec(milliseconds);
- wait10Msec();

Vocabulary
//
Comment
task
main()
motor[]
motorB.
motorC
{}
wait10Msec()
;
=
Header
Code
Compile
Download
Run

{}
Marks the begin and end of a block of code

What do you think this code will do?

The Header
// In front of the line makes this line a comment
/* */ for multiple line comments.

```
//Greg Smith
//Moving Robot
//8-4-2015

//++++++++++++++++++++
task main()
{
  wait1Msec(2000);

  motor[rightMotor] = 127;
  motor[leftMotor]  = 127;
  wait1Msec(3000);
  motor[rightMotor] = 0;
  wait1Msec(1000);
  motor[leftMotor] = 0;
}
//+++++
```

task main()
Marks the beginning of the instructions for the Robot.
RobotC Is CaSe SeNsItIvE!

; is used to mark the end of a command.

motor[motorB] = 127;
motor[] Used to select the motor.
rightMotor = This represents the place where the motor is attached.
motor[port10] = 127; does the same thing.
= 127;
127 = full power
-127 = Reverse
0 = stop

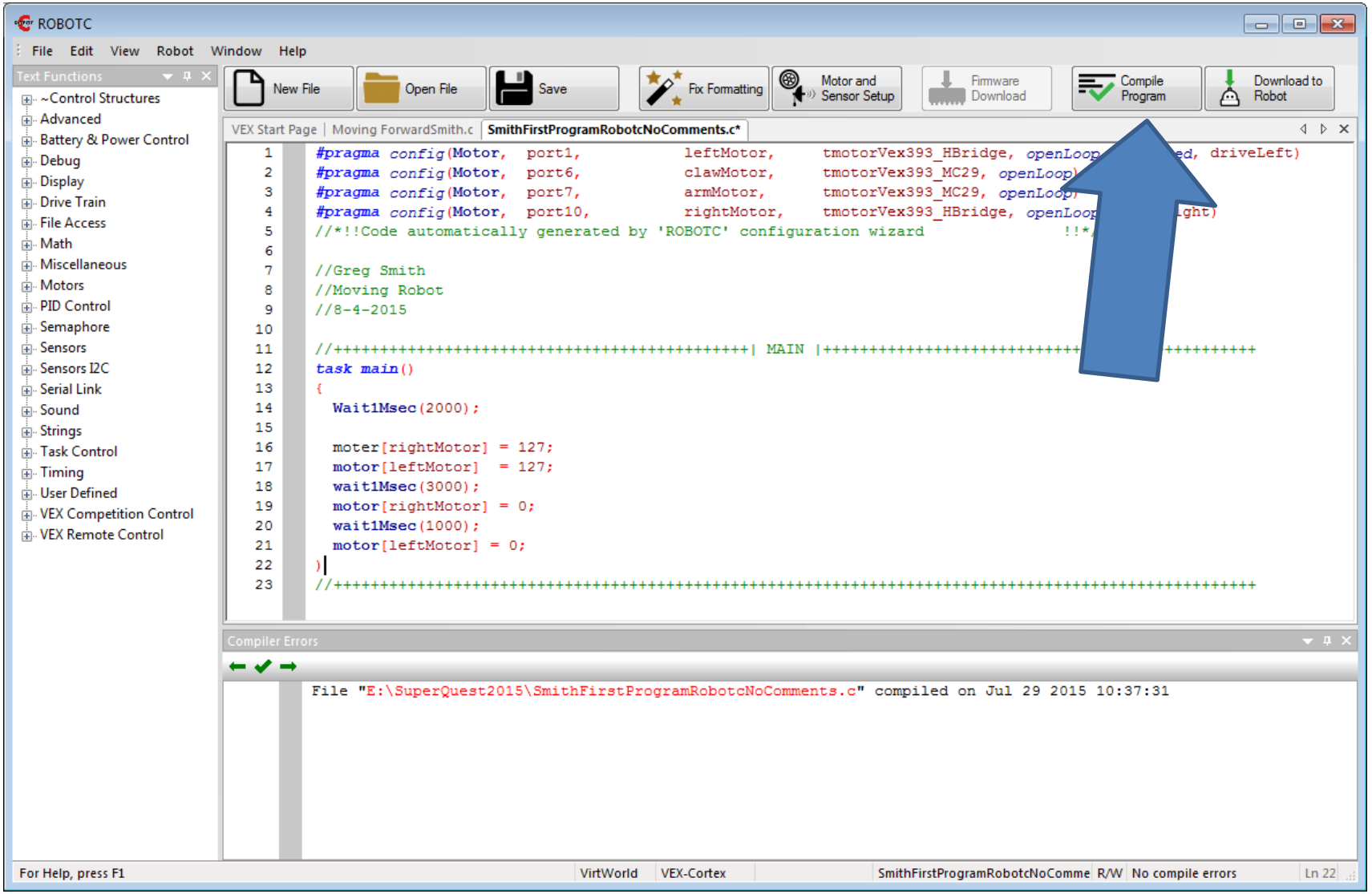
wait1Msec(2000);
The robot continues what it was doing for (2000) milliseconds.
Two seconds in this case.

Code Break. Open RobotC, configure the motors and enter the above code.

Testing the Program

- Compile the program
  - Changes into machine code that the robot understands.
- Download the program
  - Moving the machine language to your Virtual or Physical Robot
- Virtual Robot
  - Log in
  - Select Robot
  - Select Challenge
  - Start Activity

Compiling the Program



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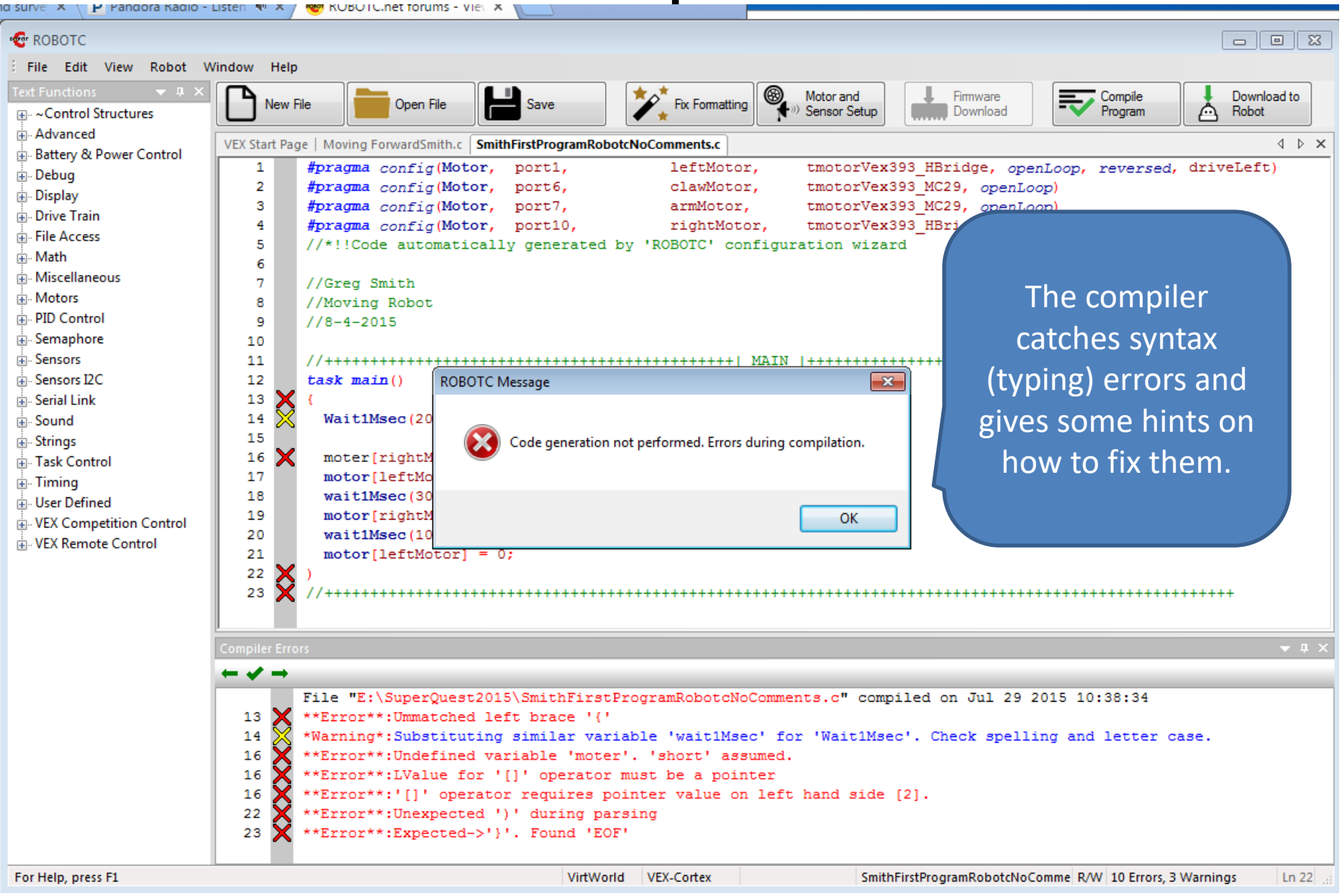
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//*!!Code automatically generated by 'ROBOTC' configuration wizard
//Greg Smith
//Moving Robot
//8-4-2015
//++| MAIN |++++++++++++++++
task main()
{
Wait1Msec(20
moter[rightM
motor[leftMo
wait1Msec(30
motor[rightM
wait1Msec(10
motor[leftMotor] = 0;
)
//++
ROBOTC Message
Code generation not performed. Errors during compilation.
OK
The compiler catches syntax (typing) errors and gives some hints on how to fix them.
Compiler Errors
File "E:\SuperQuest2015\SmithFirstProgramRobotcNoComments.c" compiled on Jul 29 2015 10:38:34
13 **Error**:Unmatched left brace '{'
14 *Warning*:Substituting similar variable 'wait1Msec' for 'Wait1Msec'. Check spelling and letter case.
16 **Error**:Undefined variable 'moter'. 'short' assumed.
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16 **Error**:'[]' operator requires pointer value on left hand side [2].
22 **Error**:Unexpected ')' during parsing
23 **Error**:Expected->'}'. Found 'EOF'
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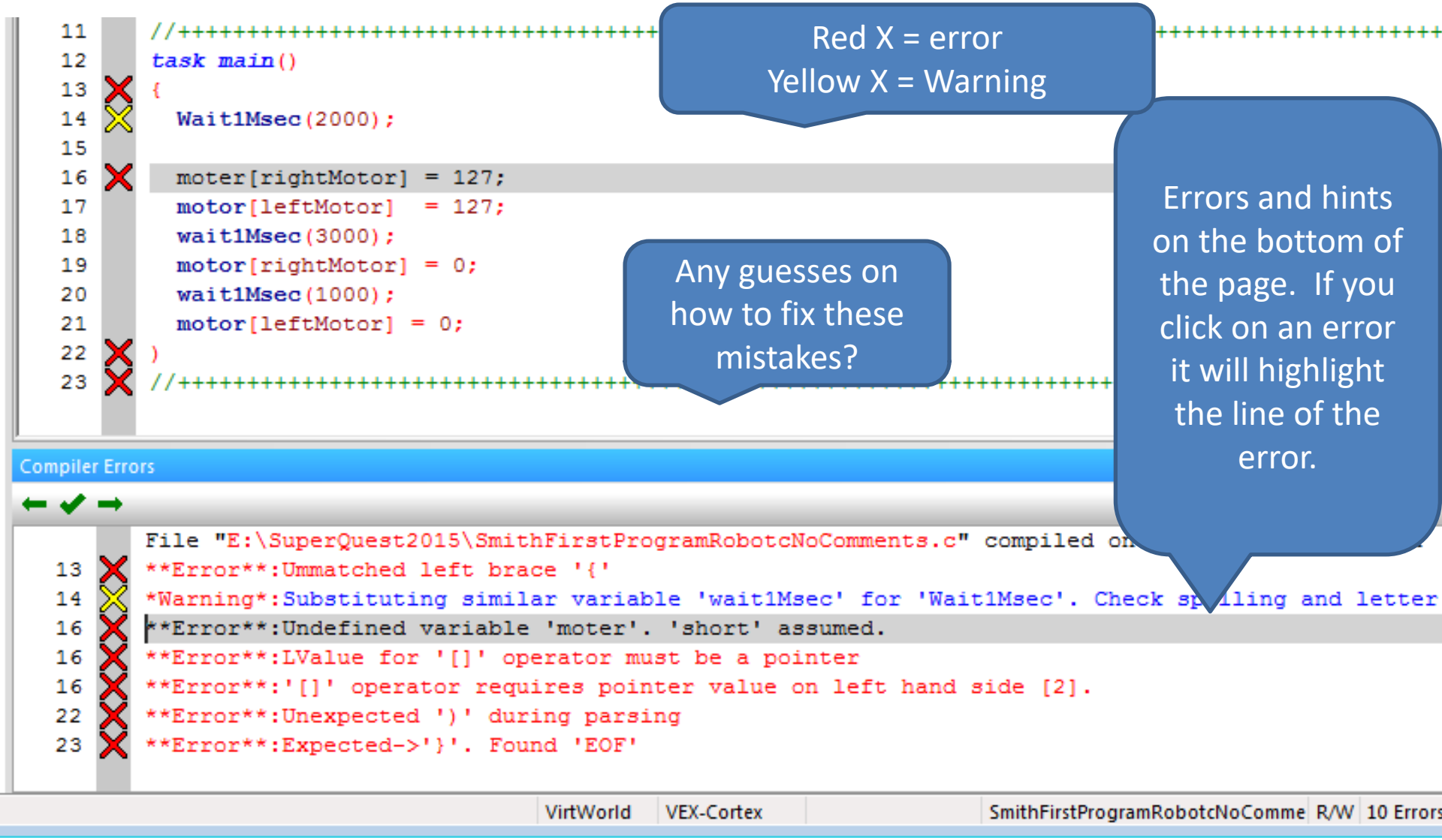
Errors


Red X = error
Yellow X = Warning
Any guesses on how to fix these mistakes?
Errors and hints on the bottom of the page. If you click on an error it will highlight the line of the error.
11 //++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
12 task main()
13 {
14 Wait1Msec(2000);
15
16 moter[rightMotor] = 127;
17 motor[leftMotor] = 127;
18 wait1Msec(3000);
19 motor[rightMotor] = 0;
20 wait1Msec(1000);
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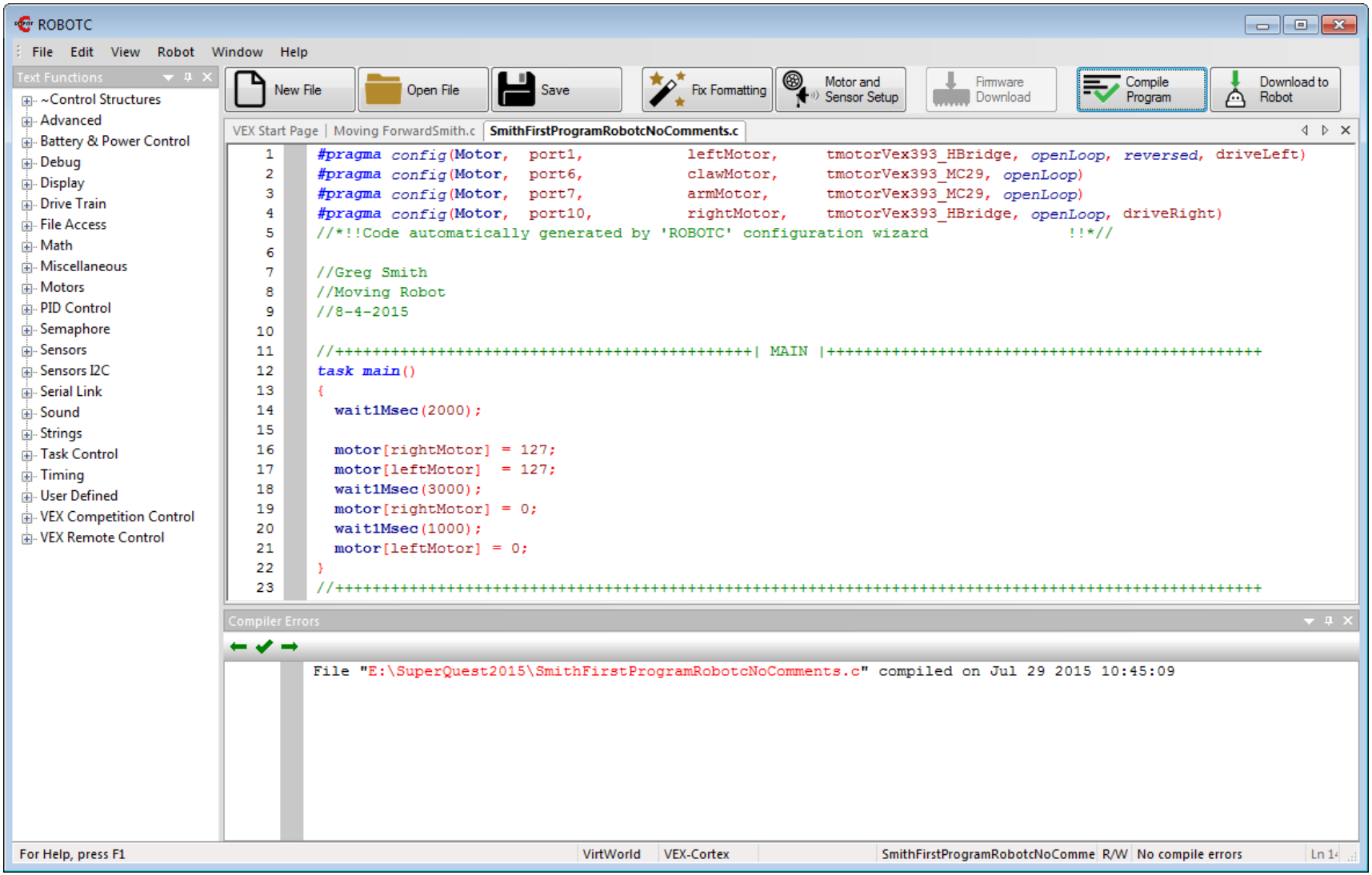
Corrected and Compiled



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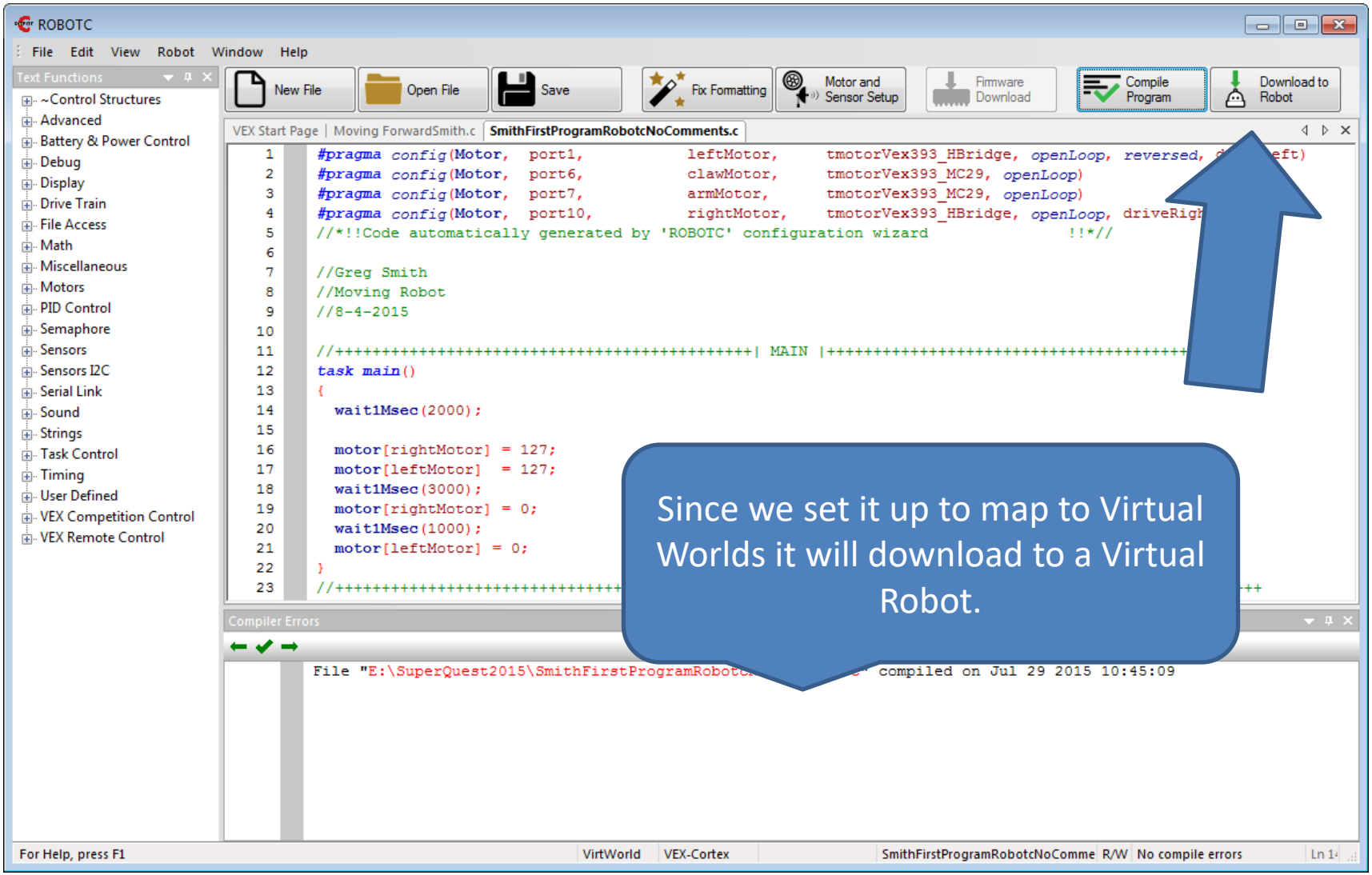


Set up and Account with CS2N. It will track progress. Can log in locally as a guest without tracking.

Information for CS2N

Welcome to CS-STEM Network

To get started, fill out the form below.

Birthday

Month | Day | Year

New Username

Enter Username

Email

Enter Email

Confirm Email

Confirm Email

Password

Enter Password

Confirm Password

Confirm Password

First Name

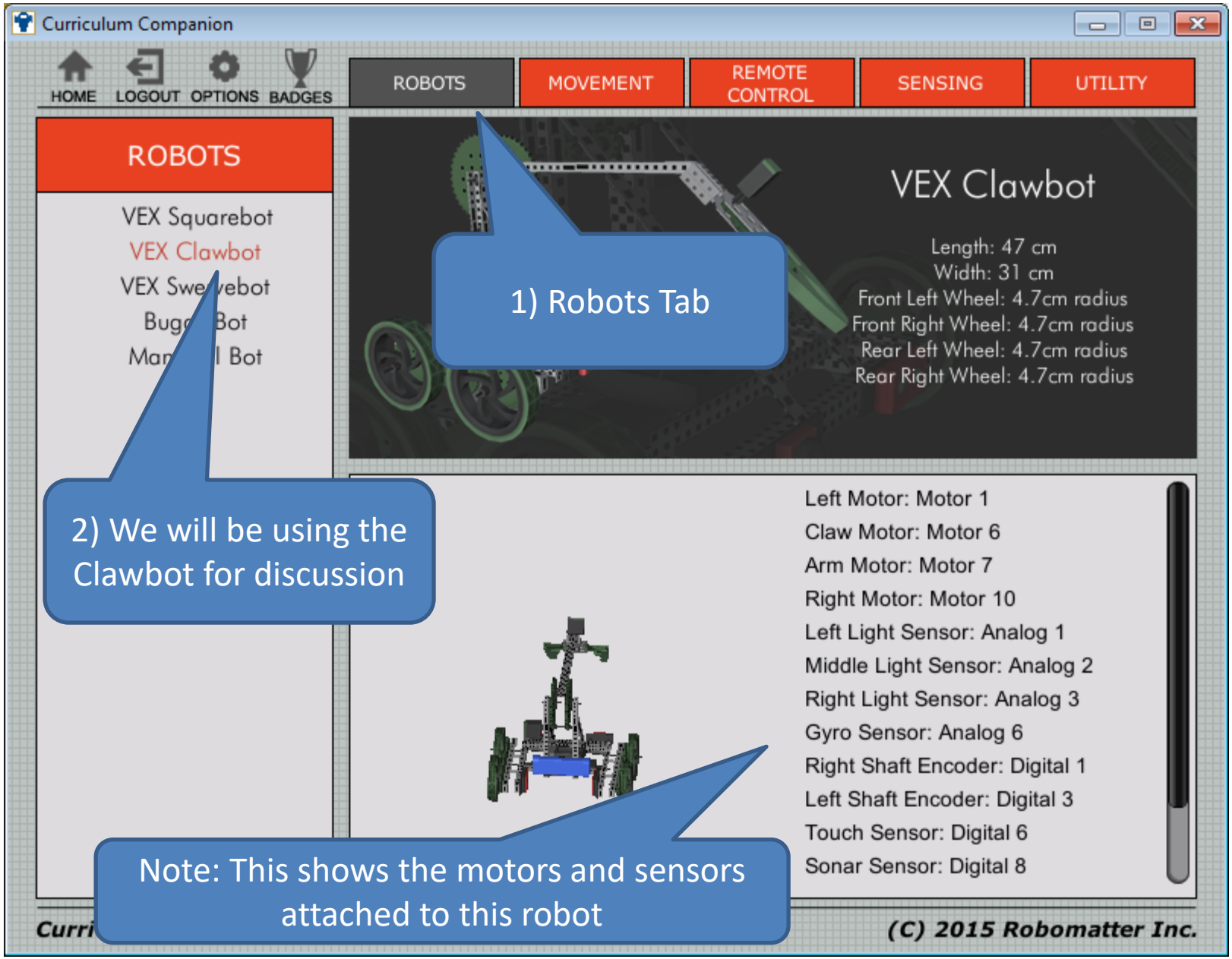
Enter First Name

Last Name

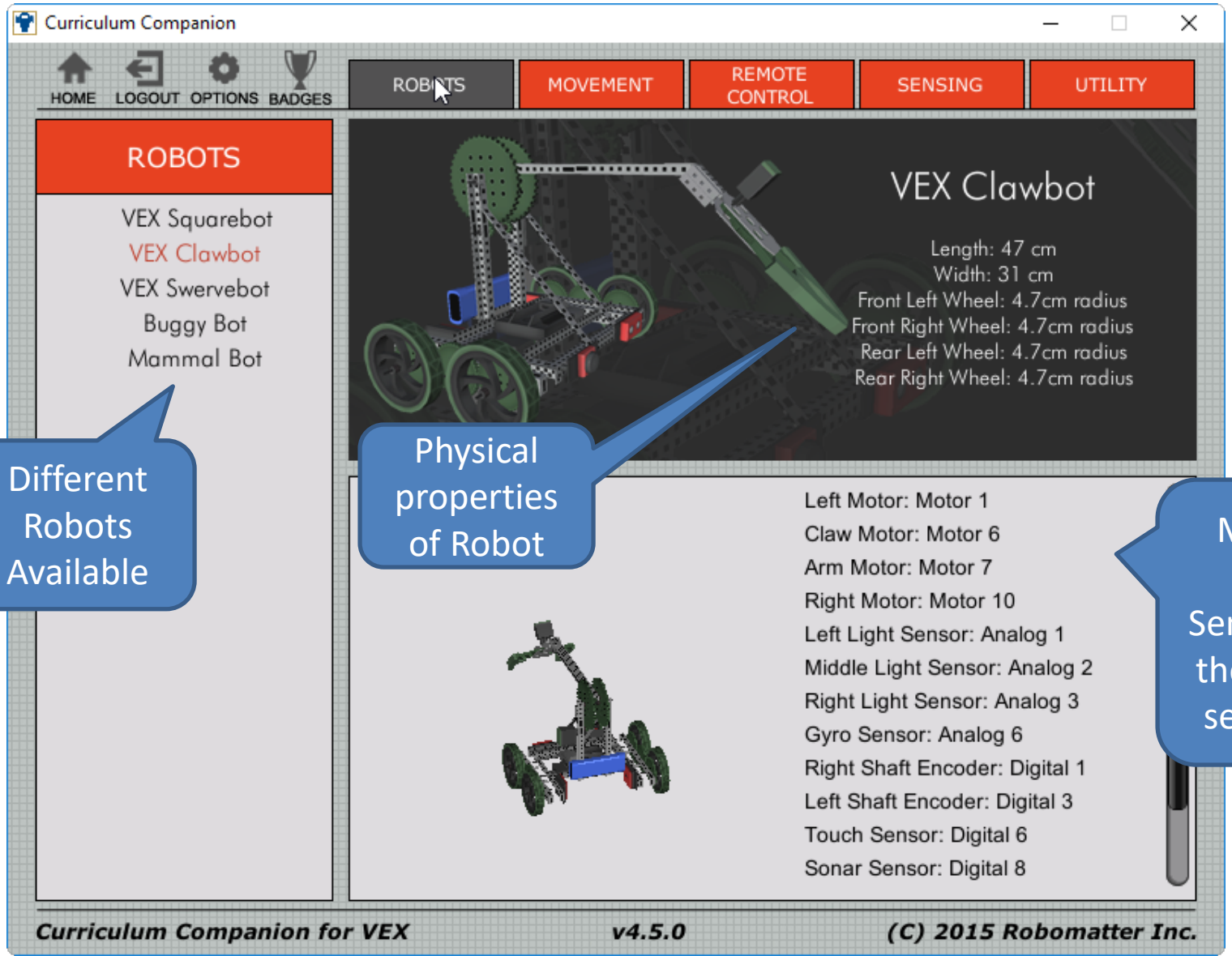
Enter Last Name

Gender

Select Your Robot



Robots Tab

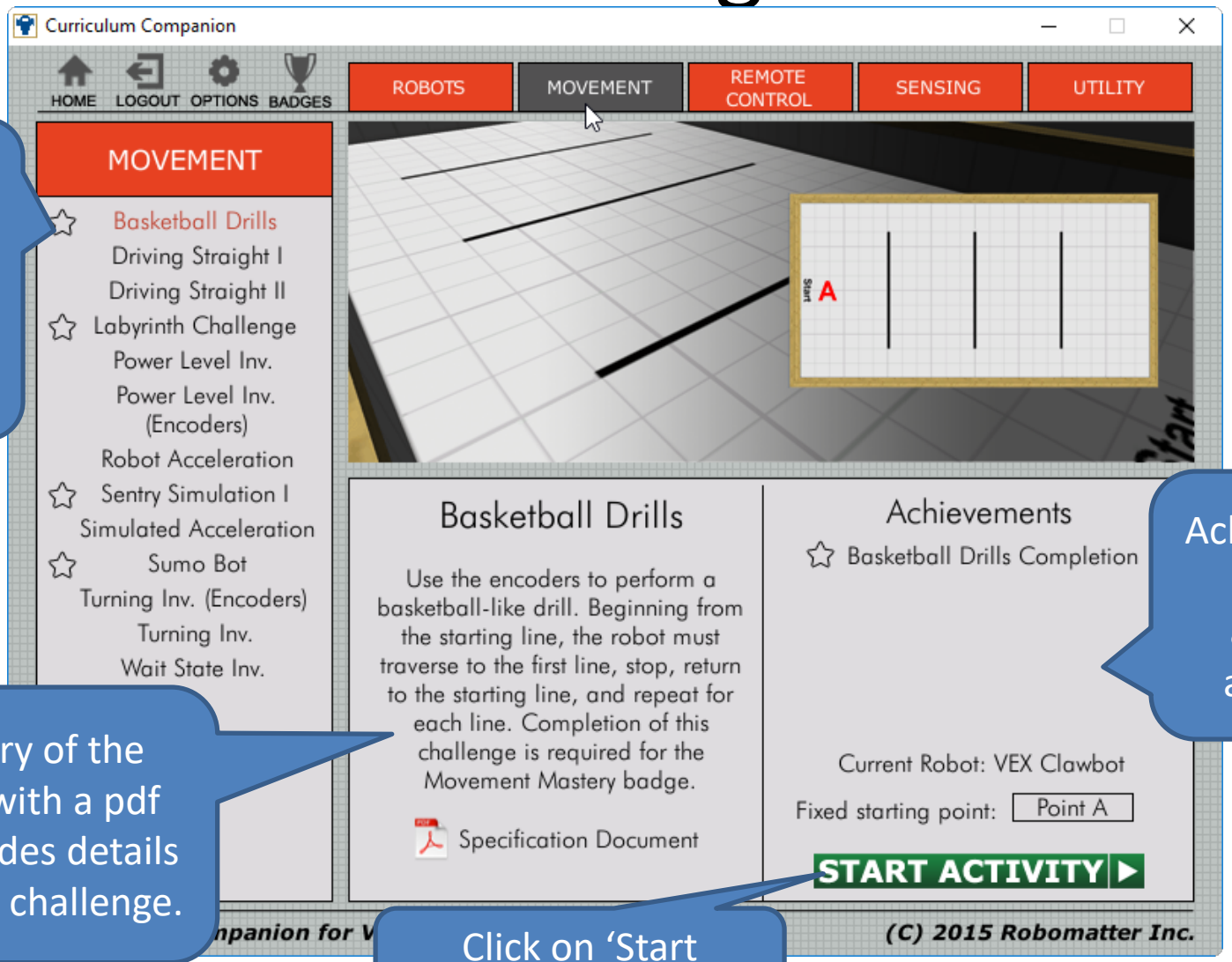


Different Robots Available

Physical properties of Robot

Motors and Sensors on the Robot selected.

Challenges



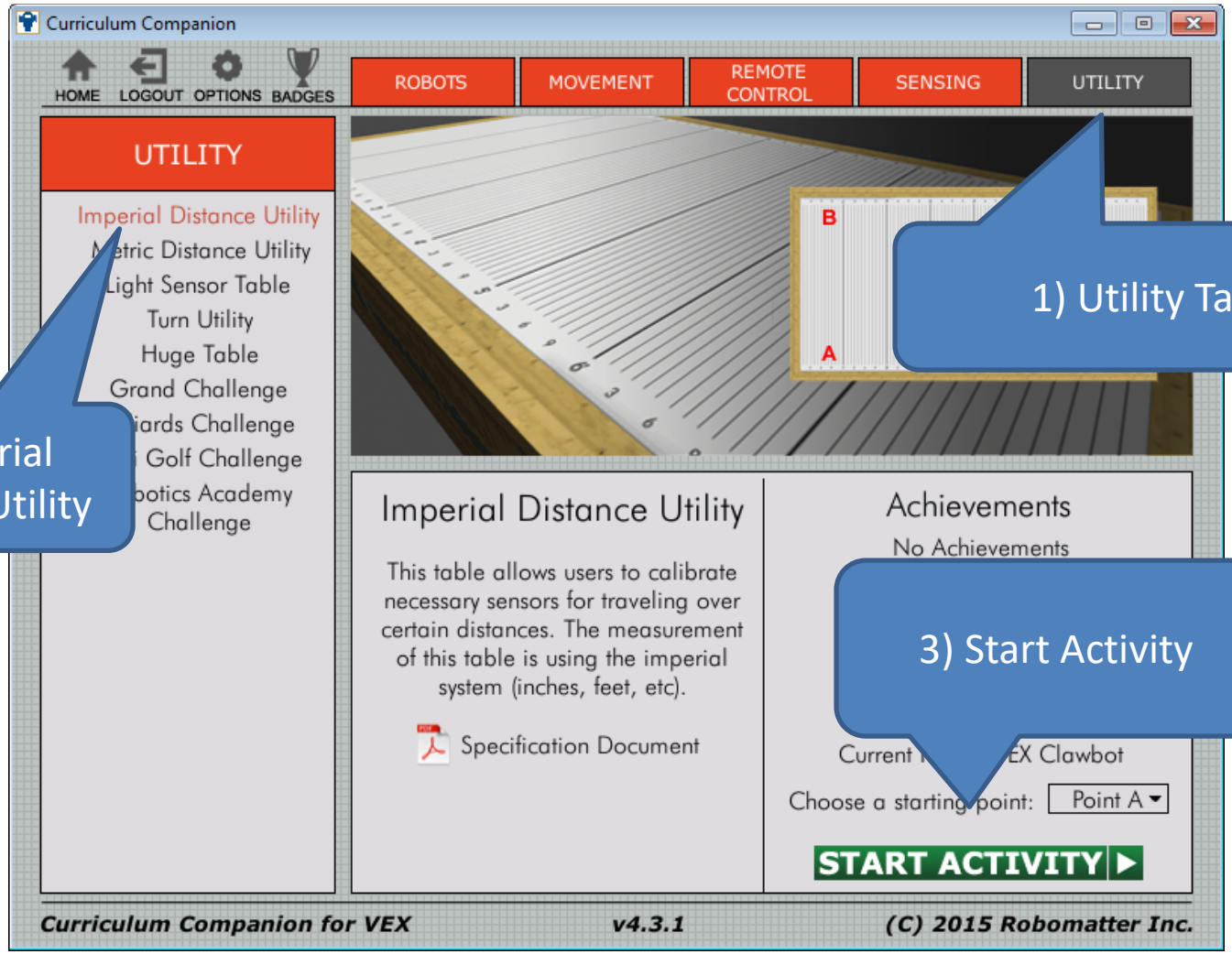
Click to Select Different Challenges

Summary of the activity with a pdf that includes details about the challenge.

Achievements Some activities allow you

Click on 'Start Activity' to begin

We'll Test Our Program in the Utility -> Imperial Distance Utility



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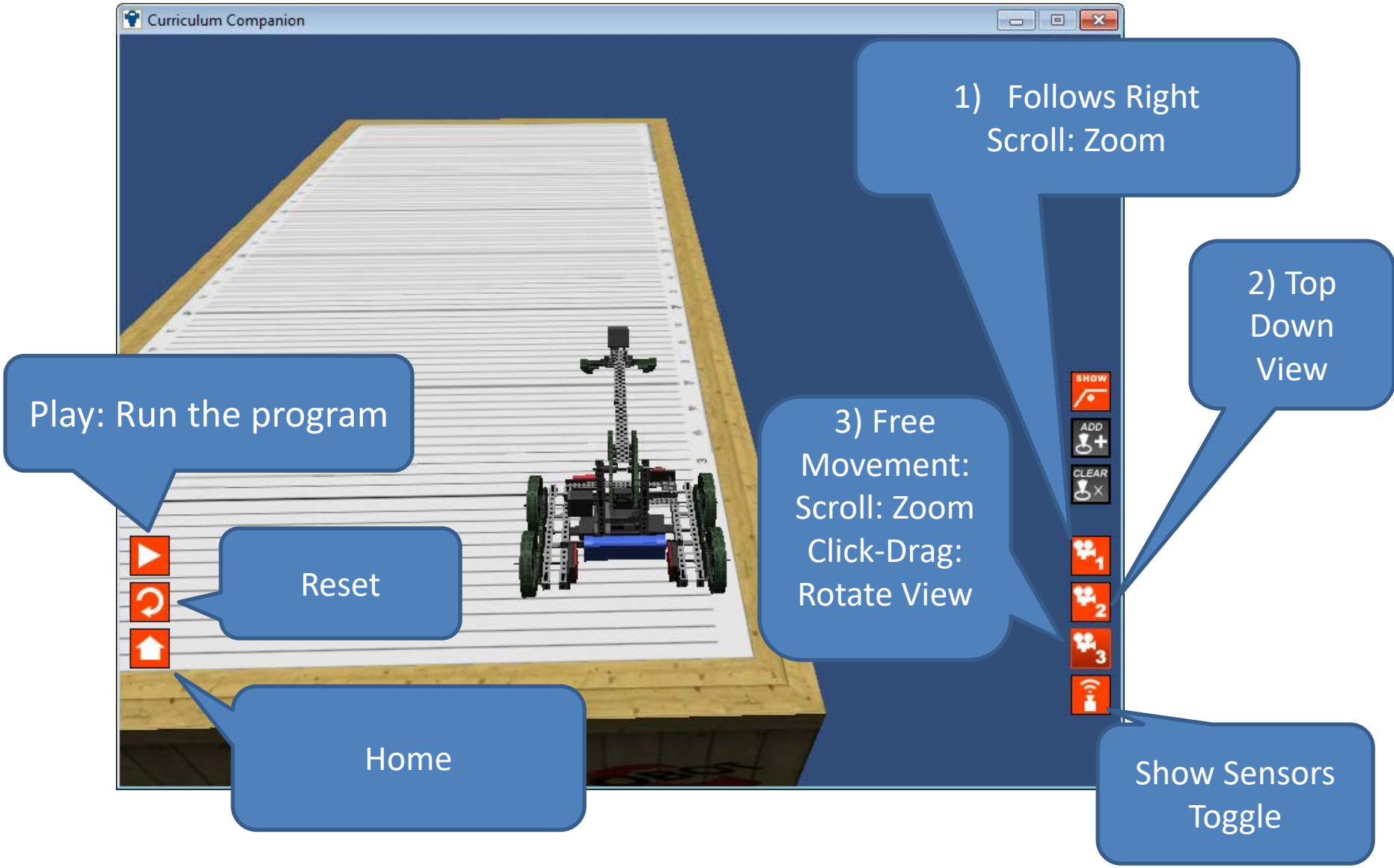


Your Turn

- Enter the Sample program
  - Motors and Sensors Setup
  - task main() and code
- Compile and correct errors
- Download to the virtual robot
- Run the program
- Can you modify this program to…
- Write the letter Z? S?

```
 6
 7   //Greg Smith
 8   //Moving Robot
 9   //8-4-2015
10
11   //*****************************
12   task main()
13   {
14     wait1Msec(2000);
15
16     motor[rightMotor] = 127;
17     motor[leftMotor]  = 127;
18     wait1Msec(3000);
19     motor[rightMotor] = 0;
20     wait1Msec(1000);
21     motor[leftMotor] = 0;
22   }
23   //*****************************
```

Reference Website:
http://education.rec.ri.cmu.edu/products/cortex_video_trainer/
Click on Movement for much of the material covered

Teaching Strategy: Grading Student Programming

Movement: Basketball Drills

Programming (10 Points = 100%)

___ Program compiles (4 points)

___ Header complete with names, description and date (2 points)

___ Code is properly indented (2 points)

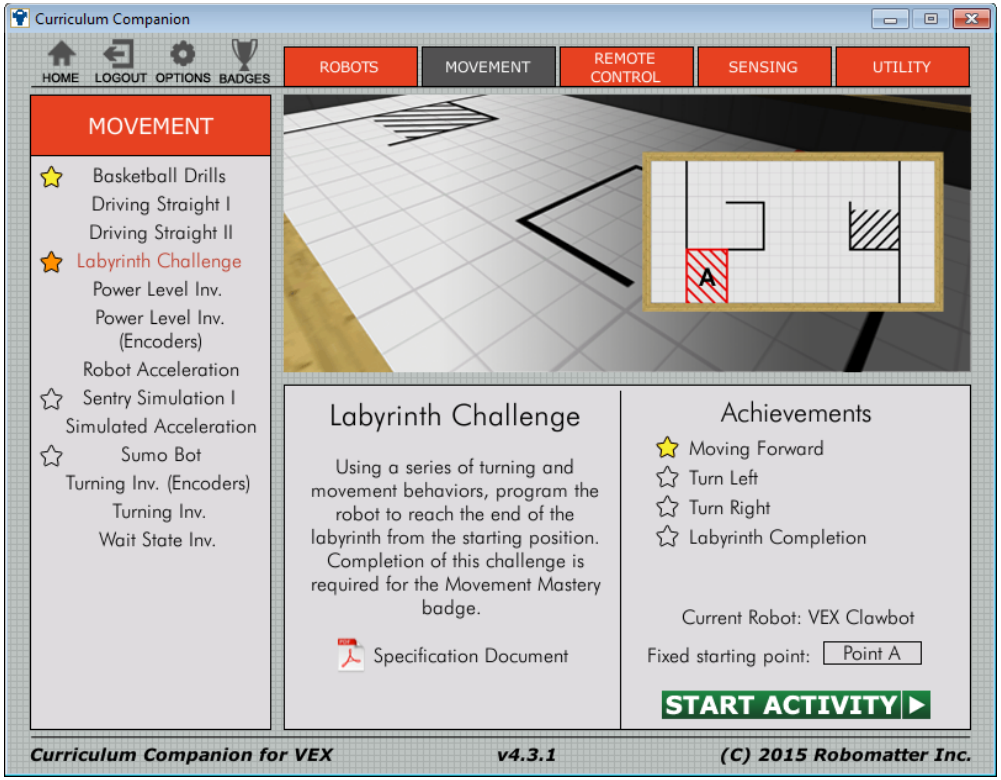
___ Comments in the program describing the code (2 points)

Performance (10 points = 100%)

____ Completed

Online Time: Movement Challenges

- Basketball Drills
- Sentry Simulation 1
- Sumo Bot
- Labyrinth Challenge



Basketball Drill Programming Alternatives

- Using the Basketball Drills Activity to introduce:
- Variables
- For loop
- Functions

Looking at Potential Solutions to Basketball Drills

- **Pseudo Code**
- Go forward long enough to cross the first line
- Come back
- Go forward long enough to cross the second line
- Come back
- Go forward lone enough to cross the third line
- Come back

With enough guessing and checking, you can get the correct values for the wait1Msec()

```
26  //+++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
27  task main()
28  {
29    wait1Msec(1000);
30    // Move forward to First Line
31    motor[rightMotor] = 63;
32    motor[leftMotor]  = 63;
33    wait1Msec(2400);
34    //Back up
35    motor[rightMotor] = -63;
36    motor[leftMotor]  = -63;
37    wait1Msec(2400);
38    //Move Forward to Second Line
39    motor[rightMotor] = 63;
40    motor[leftMotor]  = 63;
41    wait1Msec(4800);
42    //Back up
43    motor[rightMotor] = -63;
44    motor[leftMotor]  = -63;
45    wait1Msec(4800);
46      //Move Forward to Third Line
47    motor[rightMotor] = 63;
48    motor[leftMotor]  = 63;
49    wait1Msec(7200);
50    //Back up
51    motor[rightMotor] = -63;
52    motor[leftMotor]  = -63;
53    wait1Msec(7200);
54  }
```

Using a Variable to help with changes

If only there was a tool in RobotC that would let the code repeat.

```
24
25  int timeToLine = 2400;
26  //++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
27  task main()
28  {
29    wait1Msec(1000);
30    // Move forward to First Line
31    motor[rightMotor] = 63;
32    motor[leftMotor]  = 63;
33    wait1Msec(timeToLine);
34    //Back up
35    motor[rightMotor] = -63;
36    motor[leftMotor]  = -63;
37    wait1Msec(timeToLine);
38    //Move Forward to Second Line
39    motor[rightMotor] = 63;
40    motor[leftMotor]  = 63;
41    wait1Msec(2*timeToLine);
42    //Back up
43    motor[rightMotor] = -63;
44    motor[leftMotor]  = -63;
45    wait1Msec(2*timeToLine);
46      //Move Forward to Third Line
47    motor[rightMotor] = 63;
48    motor[leftMotor]  = 63;
49    wait1Msec(3*timeToLine);
50    //Back up
51    motor[rightMotor] = -63;
52    motor[leftMotor]  = -63;
53    wait1Msec(3*timeToLine);
54  }
55  //++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
```

For loop in RobotC

- When to use it
  - When you want to repeat something a set number of times
- Syntax

Declares an integer variable called **line** and gives it an initial value of 1

If the **line** variable is **less than or equal to 3** when it reaches this, it will do the loop another time.

After completing the loop, it will **add 1** to the variable **line**.

```
for(int line = 1; line<=3; line++)
{
        //Code repeated
}
```

In this example it will repeat the code inside the {} three times.
Once when line = 1
Once when line = 2
And
Once when line = 3

No loop vs. **for loop**

```
int timeToLine = 2400;
//+++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
task main()
{
  wait1Msec(1000);
  // Move forward to First Line
  motor[rightMotor] = 63;
  motor[leftMotor]  = 63;
  wait1Msec(timeToLine);
  //Back up
  motor[rightMotor] = -63;
  motor[leftMotor]  = -63;
  wait1Msec(timeToLine);
  //Move Forward to Second Line
  motor[rightMotor] = 63;
  motor[leftMotor]  = 63;
  wait1Msec(2*timeToLine);
  //Back up
  motor[rightMotor] = -63;
  motor[leftMotor]  = -63;
  wait1Msec(2*timeToLine);
    //Move Forward to Third Line
  motor[rightMotor] = 63;
  motor[leftMotor]  = 63;
  wait1Msec(3*timeToLine);
  //Back up
  motor[rightMotor] = -63;
  motor[leftMotor]  = -63;
  wait1Msec(3*timeToLine);
}
//+++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
```

```
int timeToLine = 2400;
//+++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
task main()
{
  for(int line = 1; line<=3; line++)
  {
    //Go Forward
    motor[rightMotor] = 63;
    motor[leftMotor]  = 63;
    wait1Msec(line*timeToLine);
    //Back up
    motor[rightMotor] = -63;
    motor[leftMotor]  = -63;
    wait1Msec(line*timeToLine);
  }

}                                    // P
```

For loop example

```
int timeToLine = 2400;
//++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
task main()
{
  for(int line = 1; line<=3; line++)
  {
    //Go Forward
    motor[rightMotor] = 63;
    motor[leftMotor]  = 63;
    wait1Msec(line*timeToLine);
    //Back up
    motor[rightMotor] = -63;
    motor[leftMotor]  = -63;
    wait1Msec(line*timeToLine);
  }

}                                    // P
```

Since line = 1 the first time through this loop

line*timeToLine is the same as

1*2400 = 2400

the first time through this loop.

Then

2*2400 = 4800

the second time and

3*2400 = 7200

the third time.

RobotC does the math inside the () before executing the wait1Msec() command

Using Functions to make the **main body** easier to read

```
int timeToLine = 2400;
//+++++++++++++++ moveForward ++++++++++++++++++++
void moveForward(int timeToMove)
{
  motor[rightMotor] = 63;
  motor[leftMotor] = 63;
  wait1Msec(timeToMove);
}
//+++++++++++++++ moveBackward +++++++++++++++++++
void moveBackward(int timeToMove)
{
  motor[rightMotor] = -63;
  motor[leftMotor] = -63;
  wait1Msec(timeToMove);
}
//+++++++++++++++| MAIN |++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
task main()
{
  for(int line = 1; line<=3; line++)
  {
    moveForward(line*timeToLine);
    moveBackward(line*timeToLine);
  }
}
```

Define the Functions above the main body.

Main Body

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The function 'Header'
void – It will not return a value
moveForward – The name of this function. You get to pick the name of you function as long as:
-Starts with a letter
-No spaces or punctuation
-Not a reserved Word
And it should describe what it is doing.

//+++++
moveForward
Comments added to make the program easier to read. You can add details, …

```
//++++++++++++ moveForward +++++++
void moveForward(int timeToMove)
{
  motor[rightMotor] = 63;
  motor[leftMotor] = 63;
  wait1Msec(timeToMove);
}
```

int timeToMove
int – Sets an integer variable
timeToMove – An integer variable that will store the value sent to the function in the call statement.

The code for the function goes between {}. When the function is finished the program will return to the line after the call statement.

Dry Run: Reading the Program

```
int timeToLine = 2400;
//+++++++++++++++ moveForward ++++++++++++++++++++
void moveForward(int timeToMove)
{
  motor[rightMotor] = 63;
  motor[leftMotor] = 63;
  wait1Msec(timeToMove);
}
//+++++++++++++++ moveBackward +++++++++++++++++++
void moveBackward(int timeToMove)
{
  motor[rightMotor] = -63;
  motor[leftMotor] = -63;
  wait1Msec(timeToMove);
}

//+++++++++++++++| MAIN |++++++++++++++++++++++++++++
task main()
{
  for(int line = 1; line<=3; line++)
  {
    moveForward(line*timeToLine);
    moveBackward(line*timeToLine);
  }
}
```

timeToMove

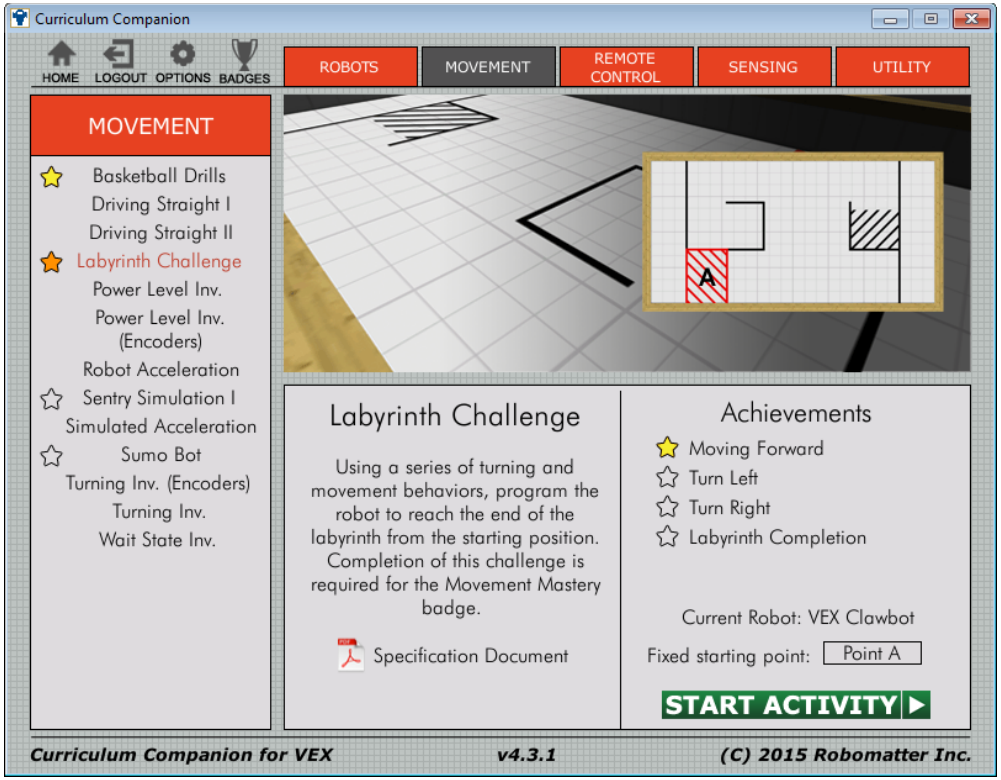
timeToMove

line

Main Body

Online Time: Movement Challenges

- Basketball Drills
- Sentry Simulation 1
- Sumo Bot
- Labyrinth Challenge



When you complete the activities, incorporate variables, loops, and functions

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