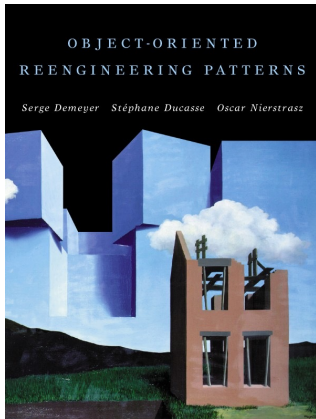


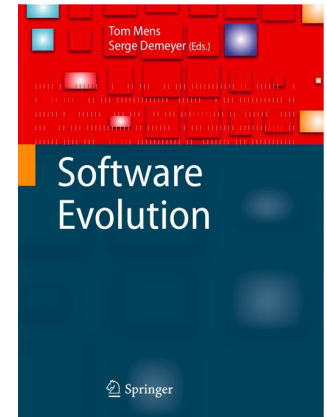
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Schedule

1. Introduction

Software changes and that requires planning

2. Reverse Engineering

How to understand your code

3. Visualization

Scalable approach

4. Restructuring

How to Refactor Your Code

5. Code Integration

How to resolve conflicts

6. Dynamic Analysis (& Testing)

To be really certain

7. Mining Software Repositories

Learn from the past

8. Conclusion

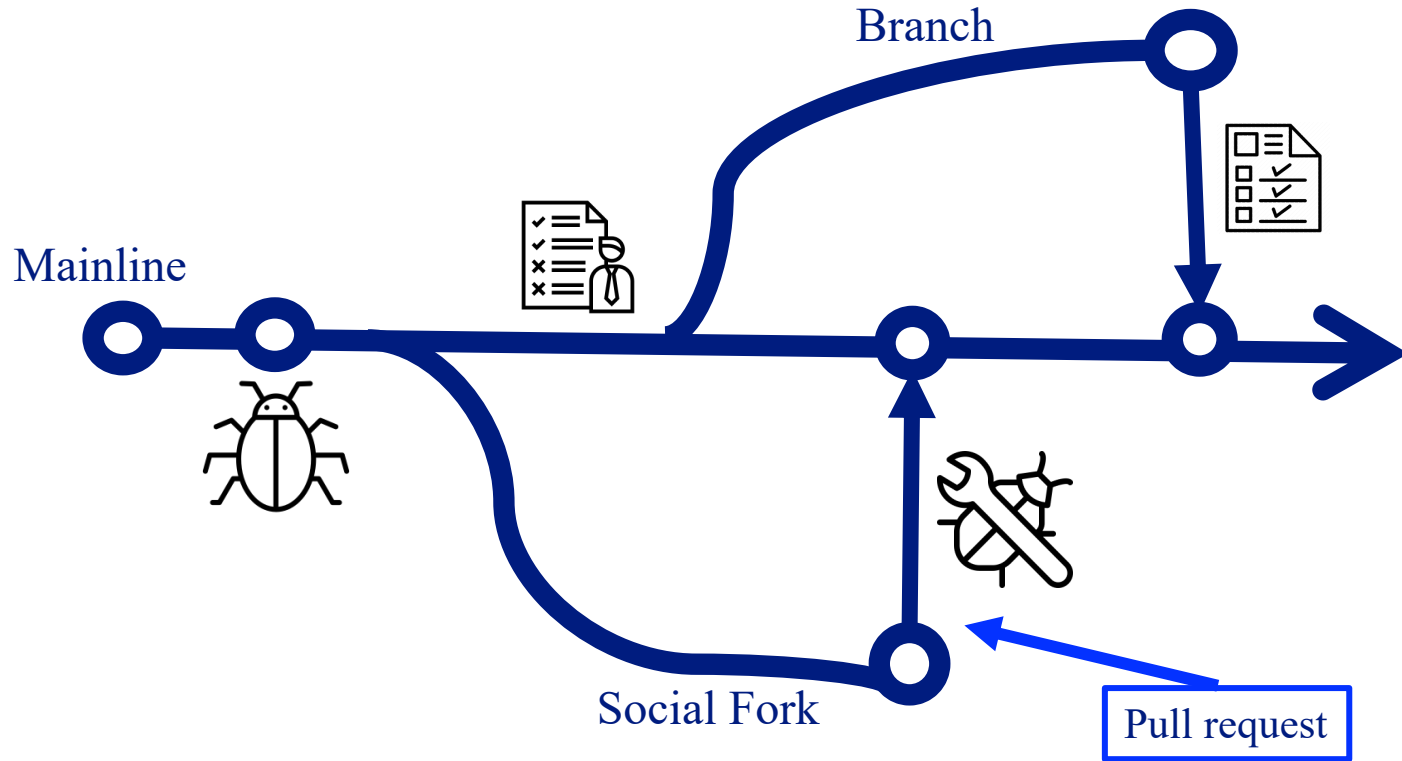


Goals

We will try to convince you:

- Programs change!
- Reverse engineering, forward engineering and reengineering are *essential activities* in the lifecycle of any successful software system. (And especially OO ones!)
- There is a large set of *lightweight tools and techniques* to help you with reengineering.
- Despite these tools and techniques, *people must do job* and they represent the most valuable resource.

Program Change

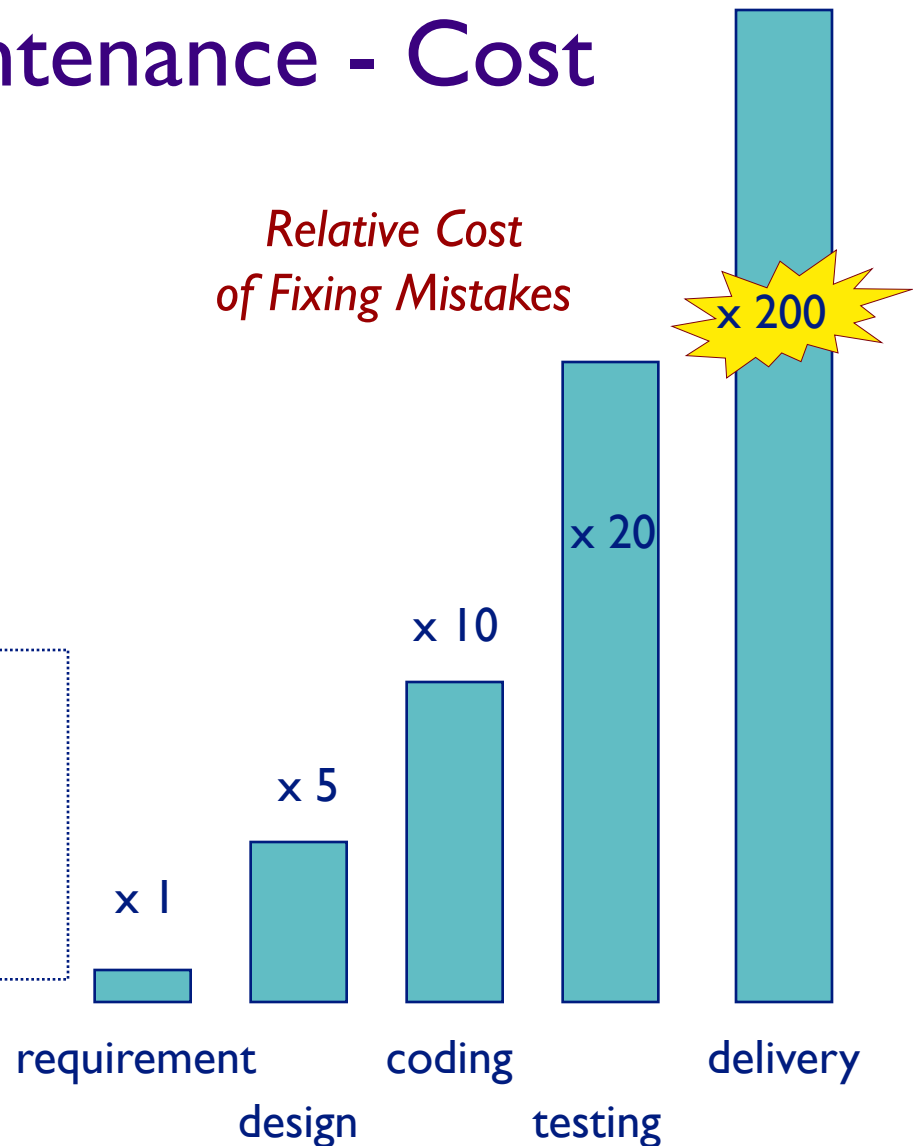


Software Maintenance - Cost

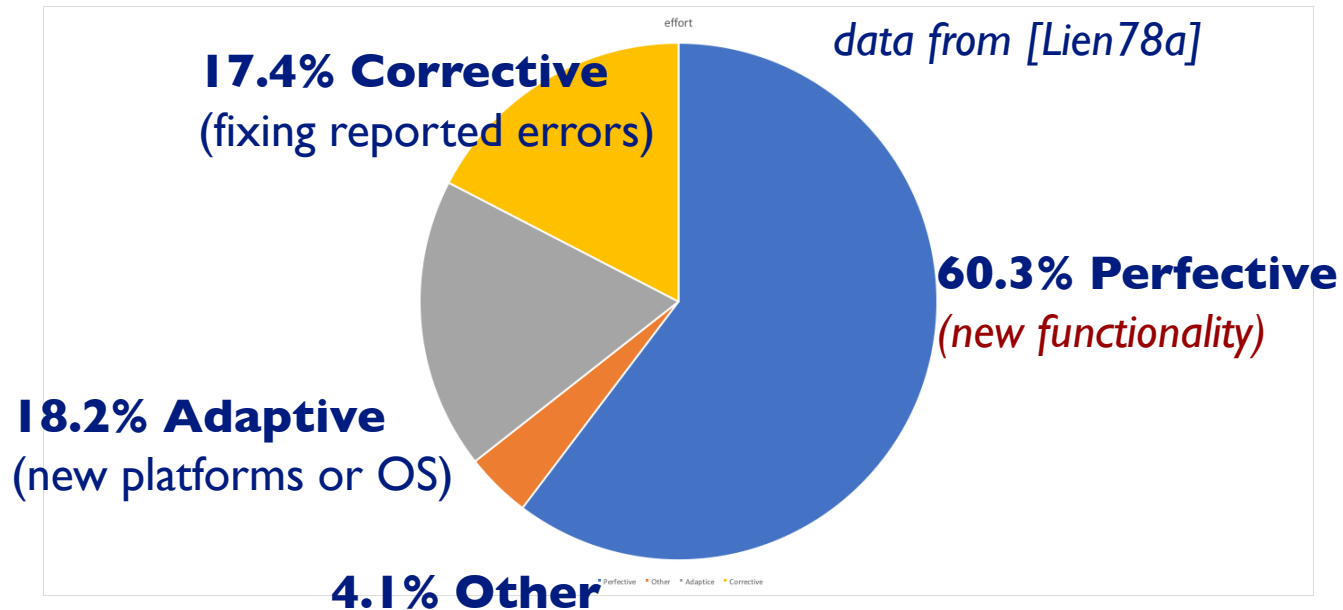
Relative Maintenance Effort
Between 50% and 75% of
global effort is spent on
“maintenance” !

Solution ?

- Better requirements engineering?
- Better software methods & tools
(database schemas, CASE-tools, objects,
components, ...)?



Continuous Development



The bulk of the maintenance cost is due to *new functionality*
⇒ even with better requirements, it is hard to predict new functions

Lehman's Laws

A classic study by Lehman and Belady [Lehm85a] identified several “laws” of system change.

Continuing change

Darwin

- A program that is used in a real-world environment *must change*, or become progressively less useful in that environment.

Increasing complexity

Entropy

- As a program evolves, it becomes *more complex*, and extra resources are needed to preserve and simplify its structure.

Those laws are still applicable...

Program Evolution Processes of Software Change

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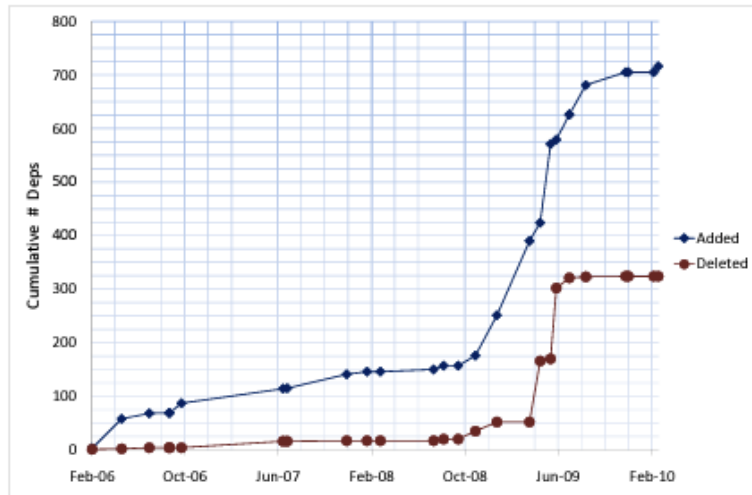


Figure 1: Cumulative Added and Deleted Deps to Eclim

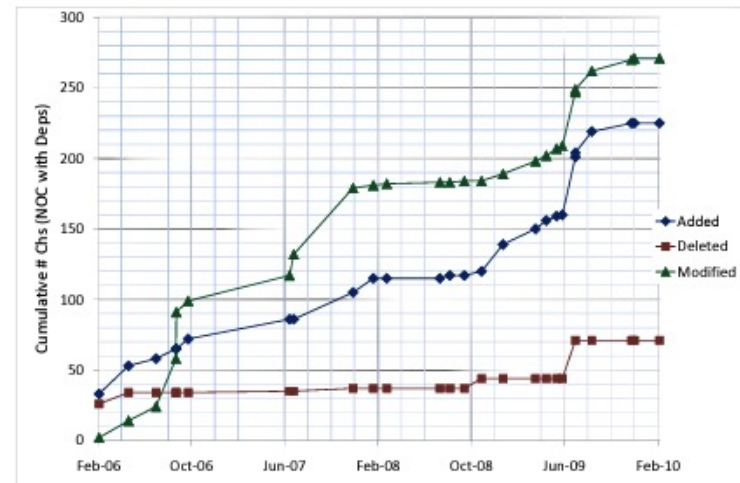
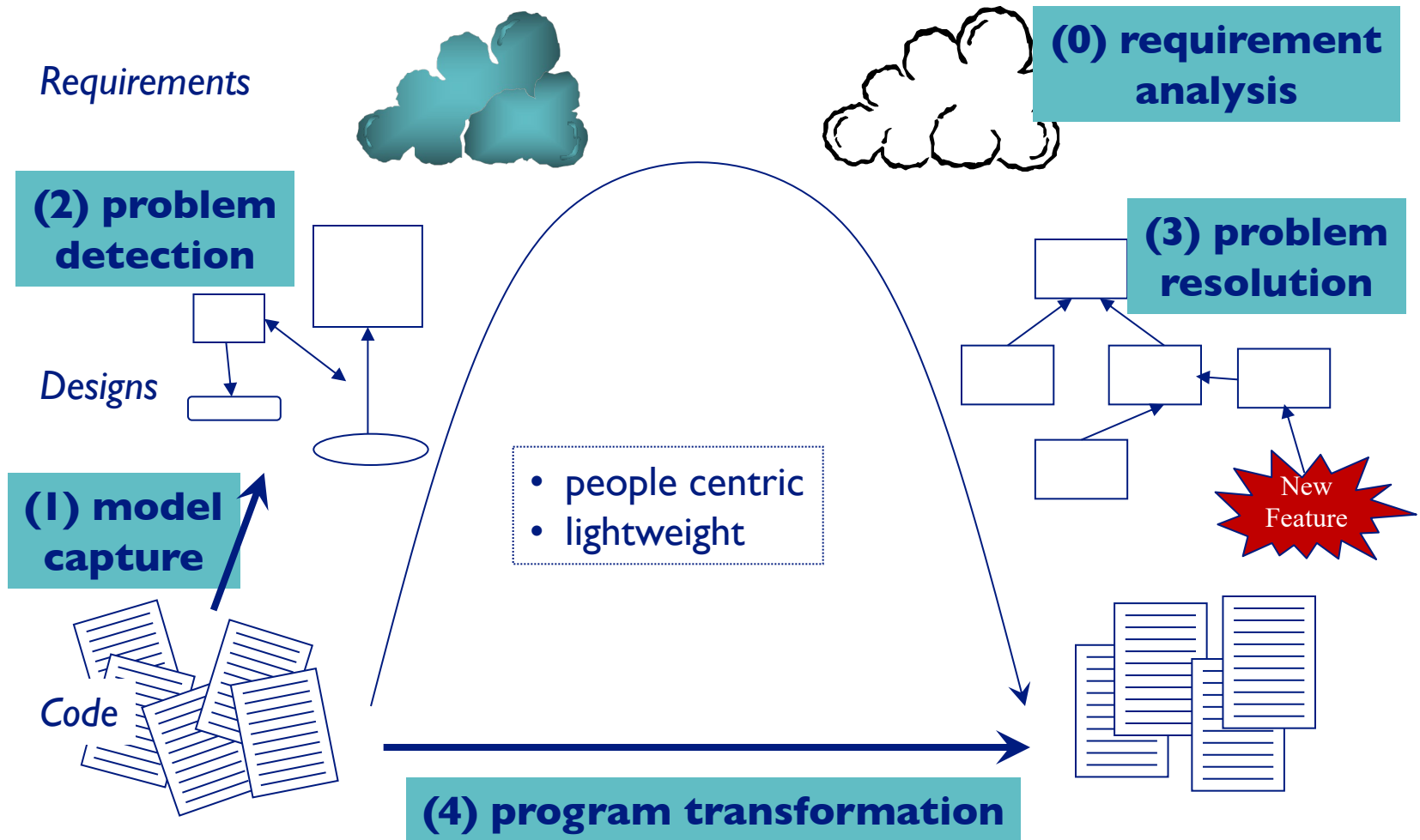


Figure 2: Cumulative changes of classes with Deps in Eclim

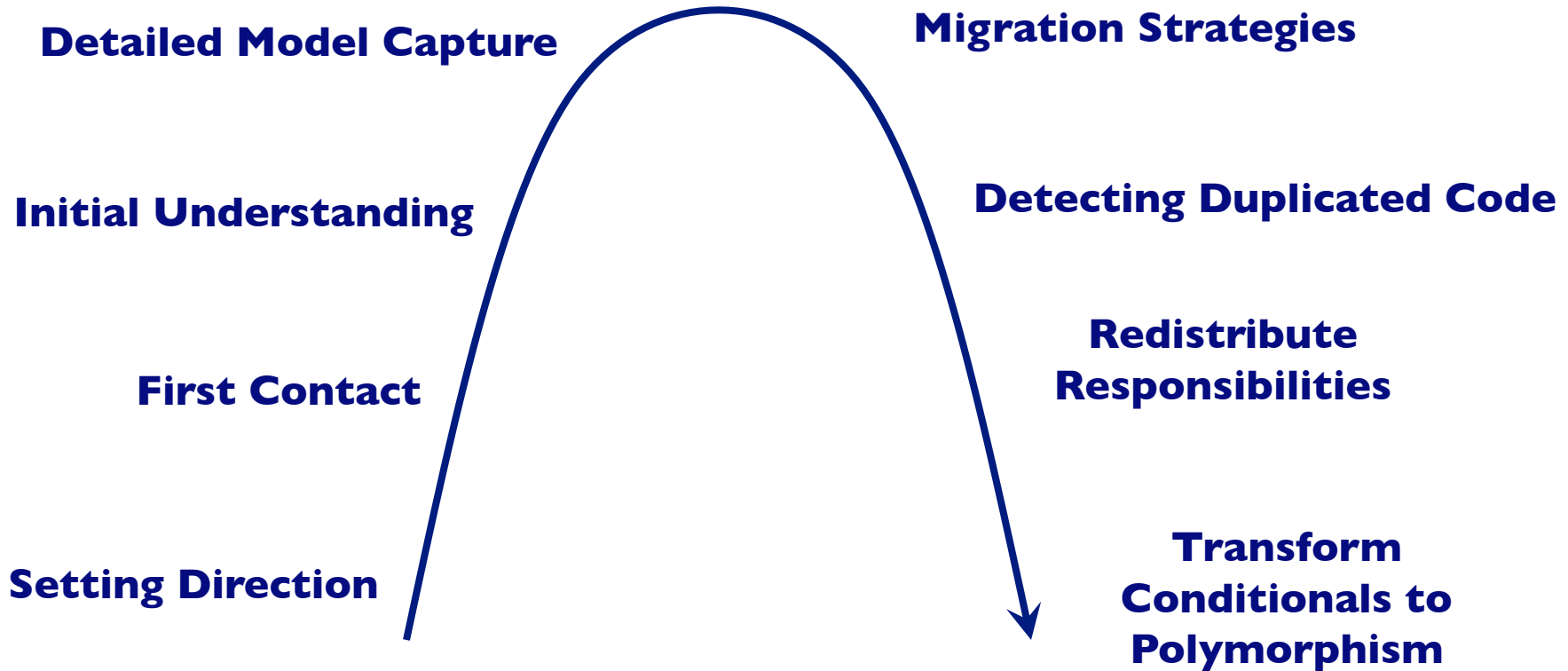
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The Reengineering Life-Cycle



A Map of Reengineering Patterns

Tests: Your Life Insurance



2. Reverse Engineering

- What and Why
- First Contact
 - + Interview during Demo
- Initial Understanding



What and Why ?

Definition

Reverse Engineering is the *process of analysing* a subject system

- + to identify the system's components and their interrelationships and
 - + create representations of the system in another form or at a higher level of abstraction.
- Chikofsky & Cross, '90

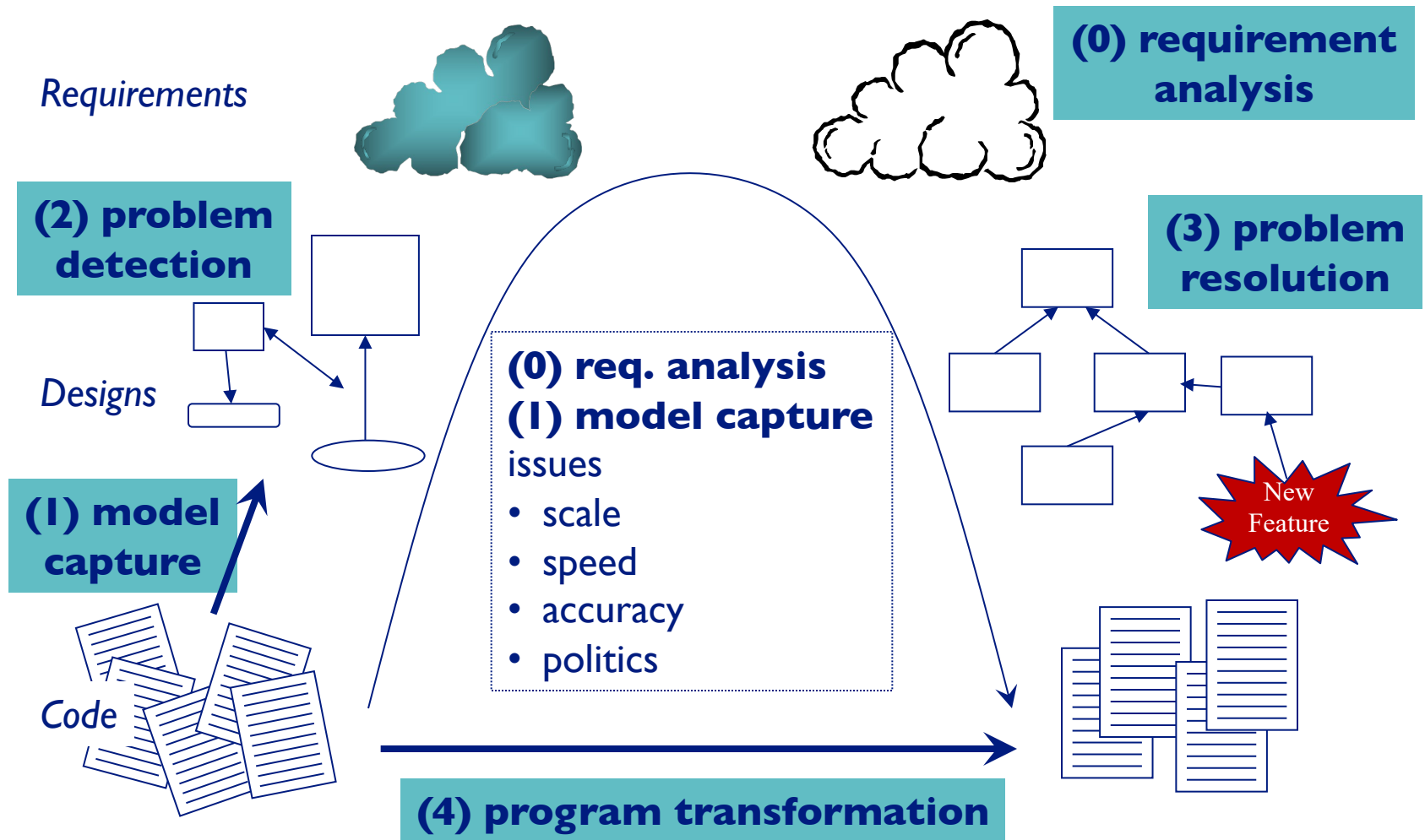
Motivation

Understanding other people's code

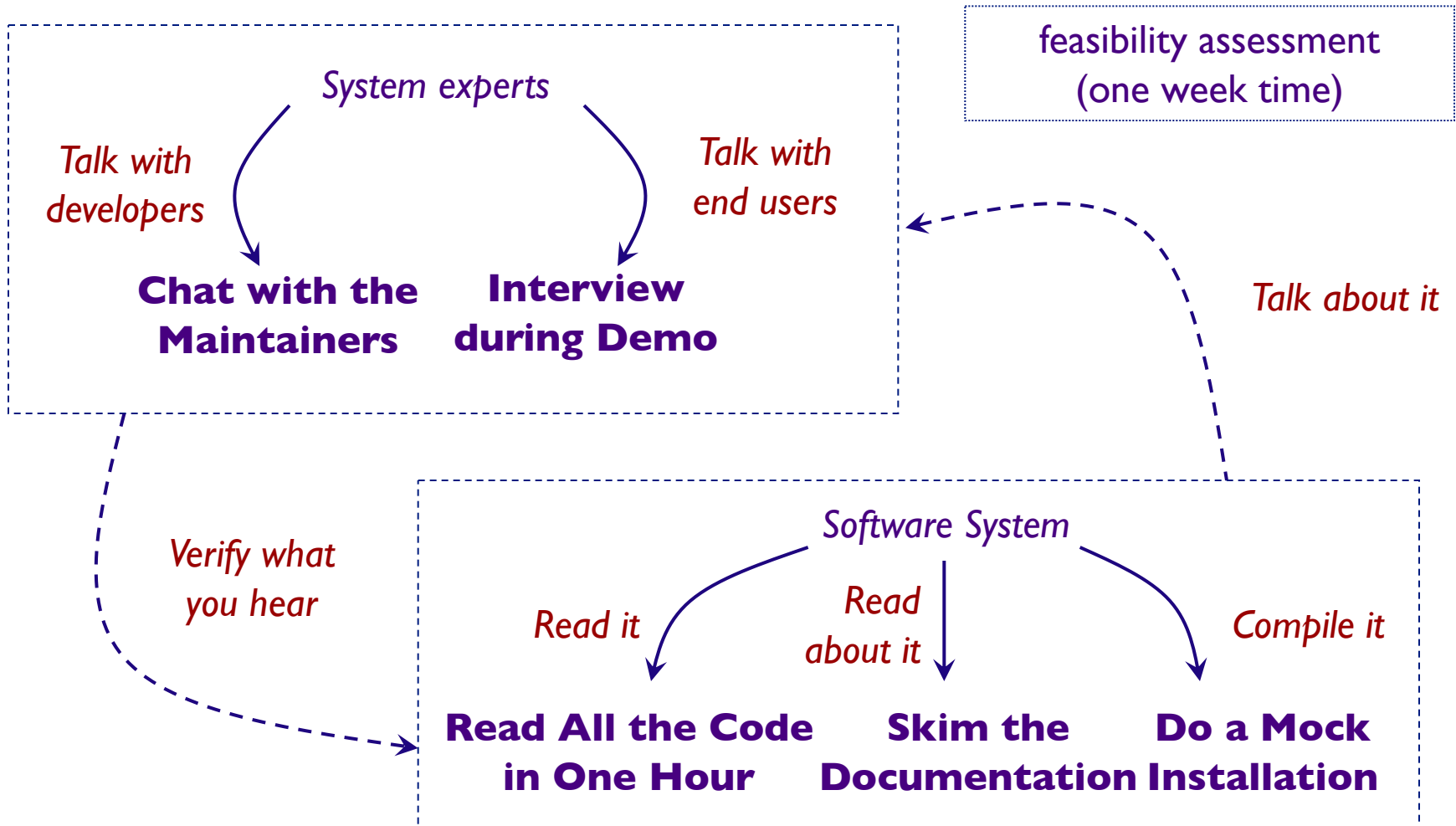
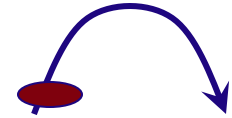
(cfr. newcomers in the team, code reviewing,
original developers left, ...)

*Generating UML diagrams is NOT reverse engineering
... but it is a valuable support tool*

The Reengineering Life-Cycle



First Contact



First Project Plan

Use *standard templates*, including:

- project scope
 - + see "Setting Direction"
- opportunities
 - + e.g., skilled maintainers, readable source code, documentation
- Risks
 - + E.g., absent test suites, missing libraries, ...
 - + record likelihood (unlikely, possible, likely)
& impact (high, moderate, low) for causing problems
- go/no-go decision
- activities
 - + fish-eye view

Interview during Demo

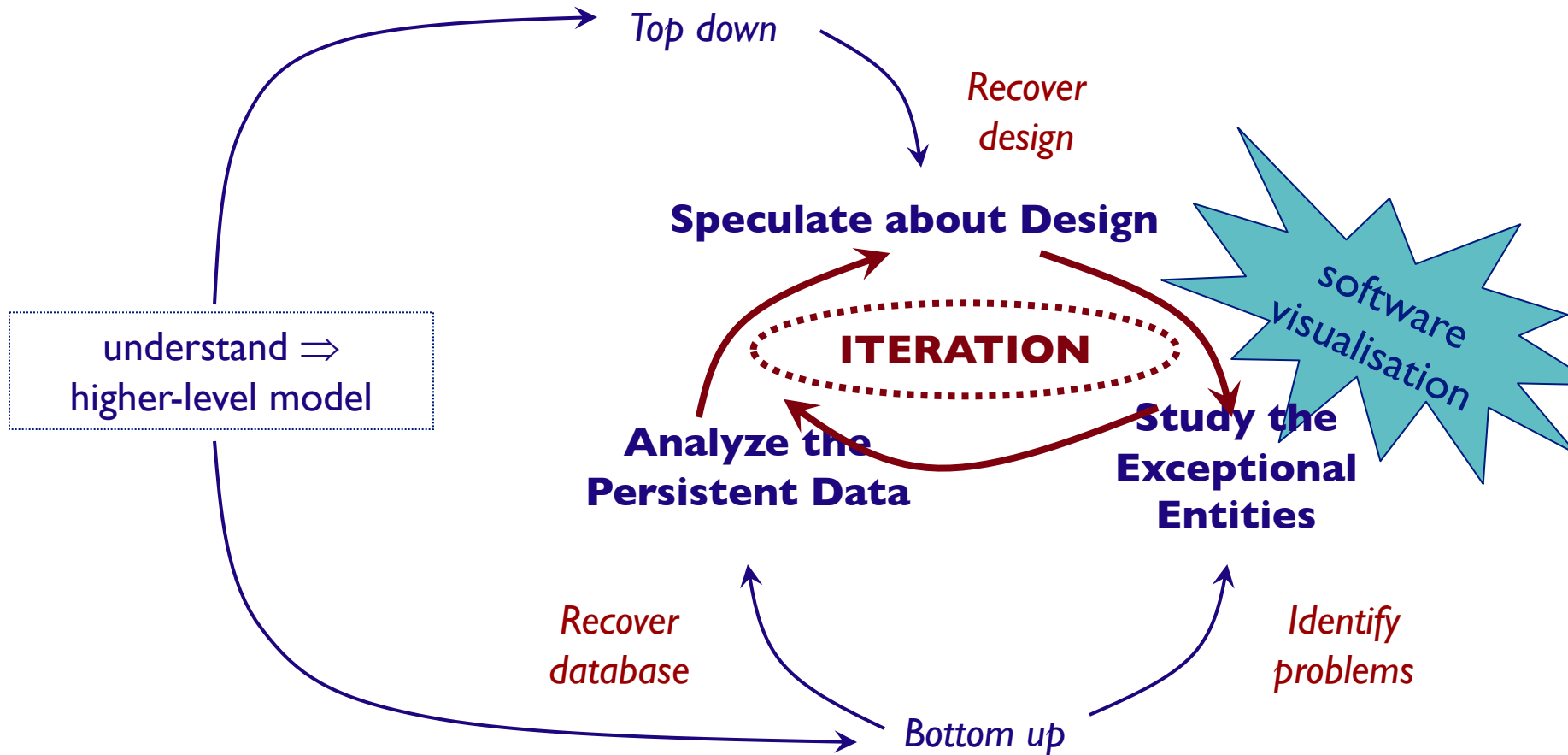
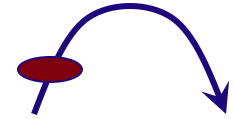
Problem: What are the typical usage scenarios?

Solution: Ask the user!

- Solution: interview during demo
 - select several users
 - demo puts a user in a positive mindset
 - demo steers the interview

- ... however
 - + Which user ?
 - + Users complain
 - + What should you ask ?

Initial Understanding

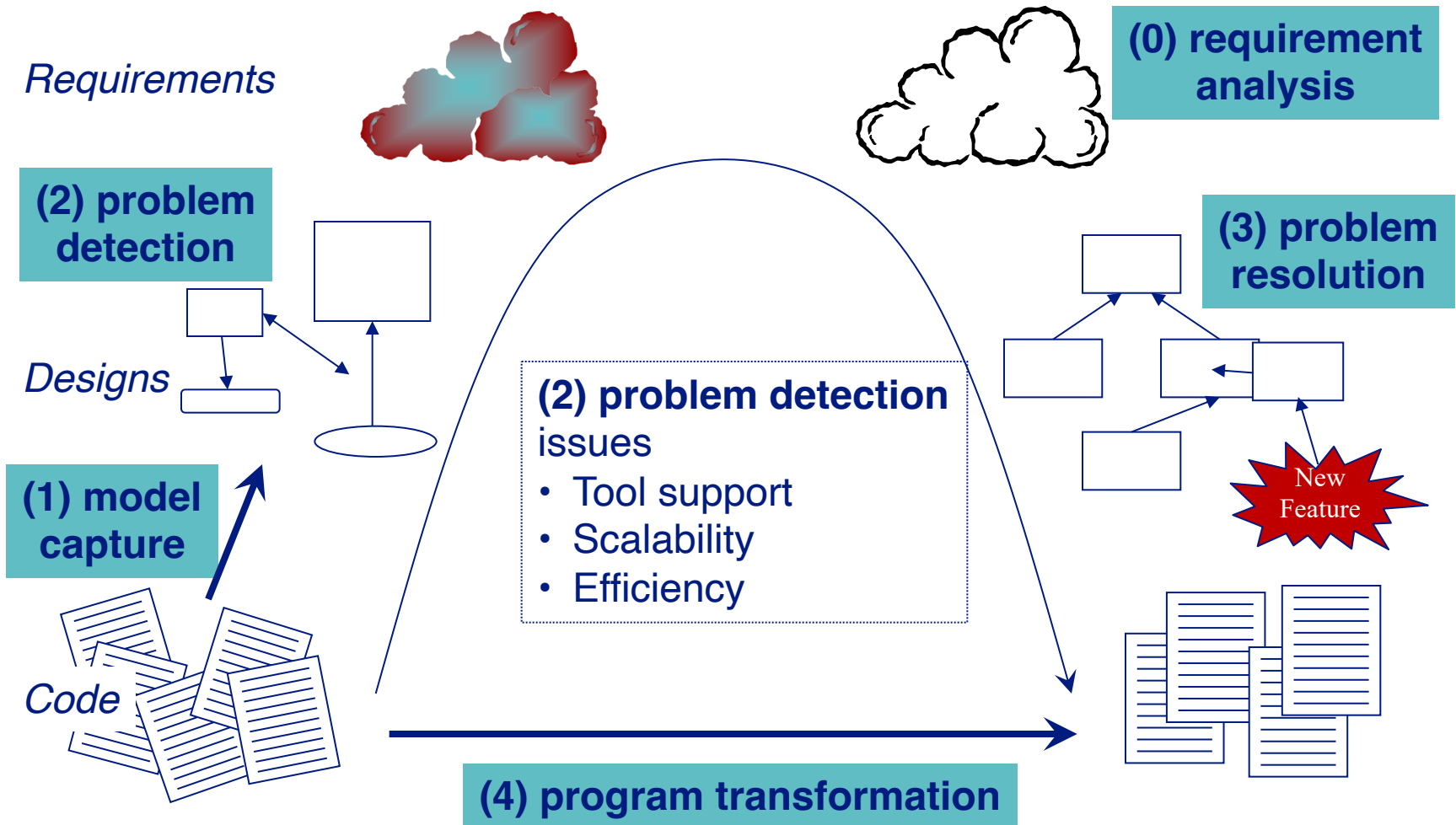


3. Software Visualization

- Introduction
 - + The Reengineering life-cycle
- Examples
- Lightweight Approaches
 - + tooling



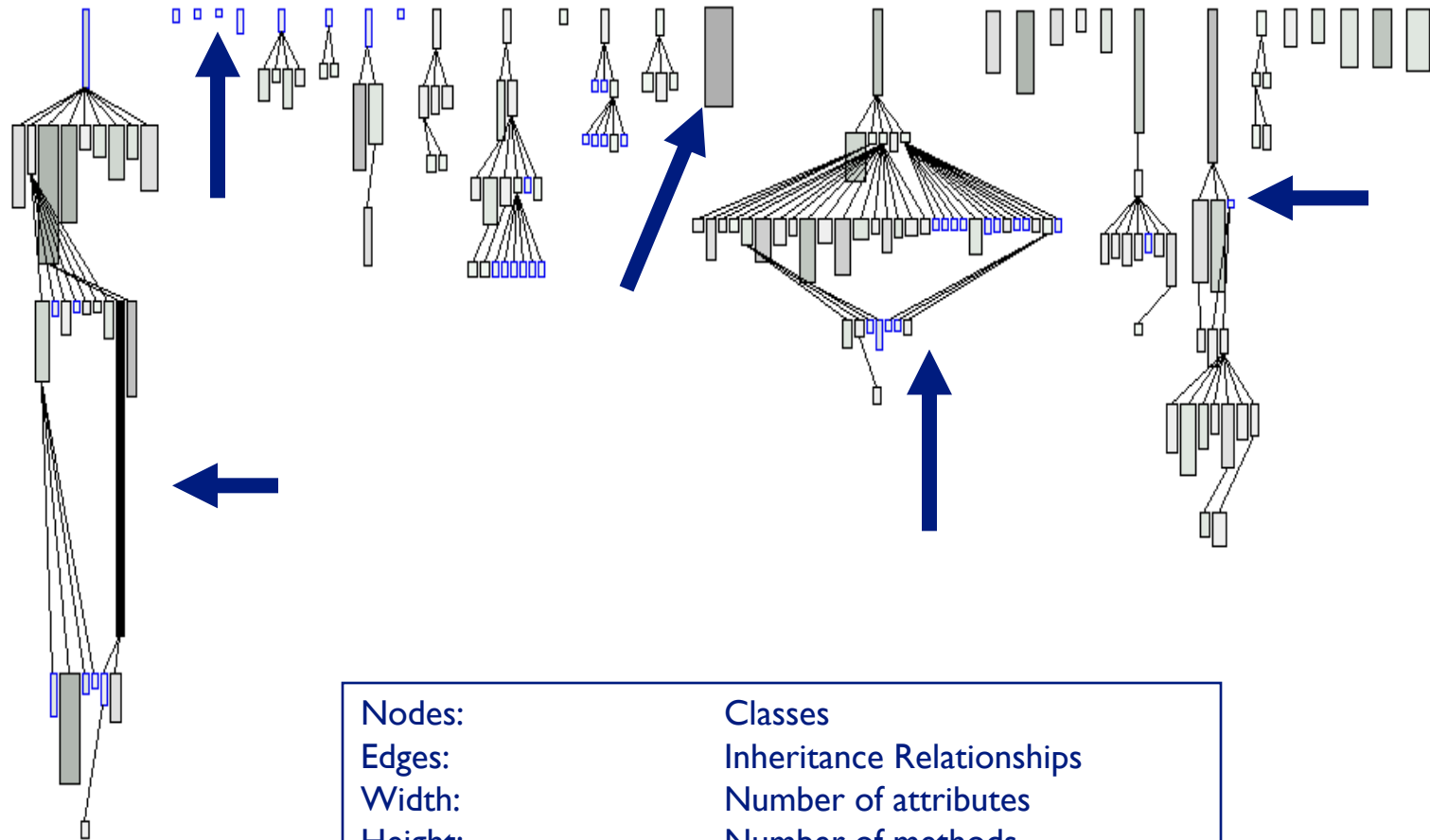
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UML Diagrams

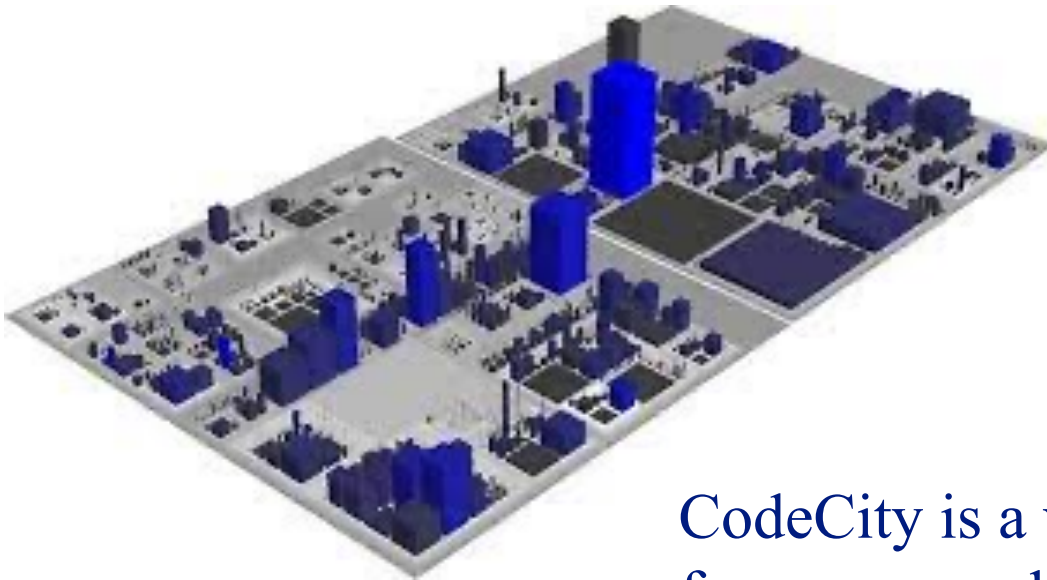
- (Mostly) Simple and Standard Way to present an abstract visualization of a system
- UML defines 14 diagrams
- Useful to plan and design the reengineering project
- You will be using UML diagrams to show the system before and after the change

System Complexity View



Nodes:	Classes
Edges:	Inheritance Relationships
Width:	Number of attributes
Height:	Number of methods
Color:	Number of lines of code

Code City



CodeCity is a visualization concept for source code.

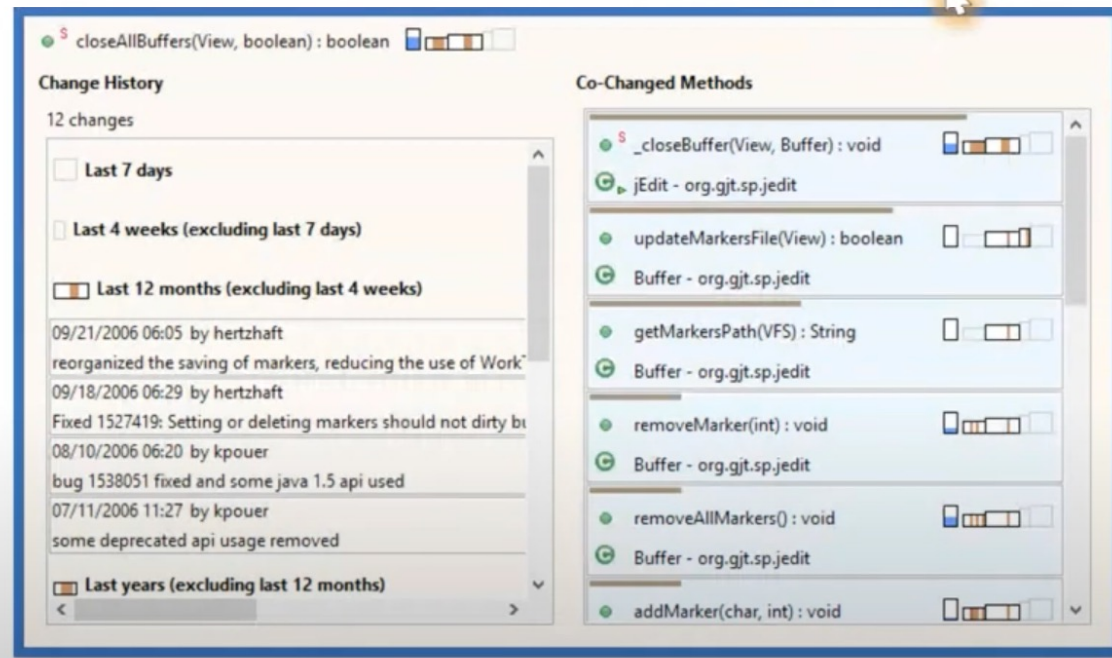
The source code is shown as an interactive 3D city.

Code City

- Packages are “districts”, “neighborhoods,” or “city blocks”
- Each “building” represents a class \
- Width = Number of Attributes
- Height = Number of Methods
- Antennas => Classes with many methods and no attributes
- Parking lot => Classes with many attributes and no methods
- Skyscraper => Classes with a large number of methods and has many attributes

Method change visualization

closeAllBuffers (...)



The screenshot displays the IDE's interface for the `closeAllBuffers(View, boolean) : boolean` method. It is divided into two main sections:

- Change History:** Shows 12 changes with filters for "Last 7 days", "Last 4 weeks (excluding last 7 days)", "Last 12 months (excluding last 4 weeks)", and "Last years (excluding last 12 months)". The history includes entries from 2006, such as "reorganized the saving of markers, reducing the use of Work" and "Fixed 1527419: Setting or deleting markers should not dirty bt".
- Co-Changed Methods:** Lists methods that were changed in the same context, including `_closeBuffer(View, Buffer) : void`, `jEdit - org.gjt.sp.jedit`, `updateMarkersFile(View) : boolean`, `getMarkersPath(VFS) : String`, `removeMarker(int) : void`, `removeAllMarkers() : void`, and `addMarker(char, int) : void`.

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Method change visualization

Observation: Recent history is often important than old history

`closeAllBuffers (...)`



Change History

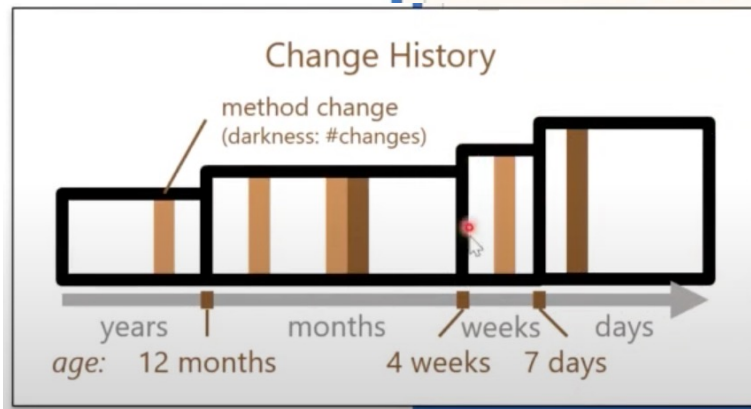
12 changes

Last 7 days

Last 4 weeks (excluding last 7 days)

Co-Changed Methods

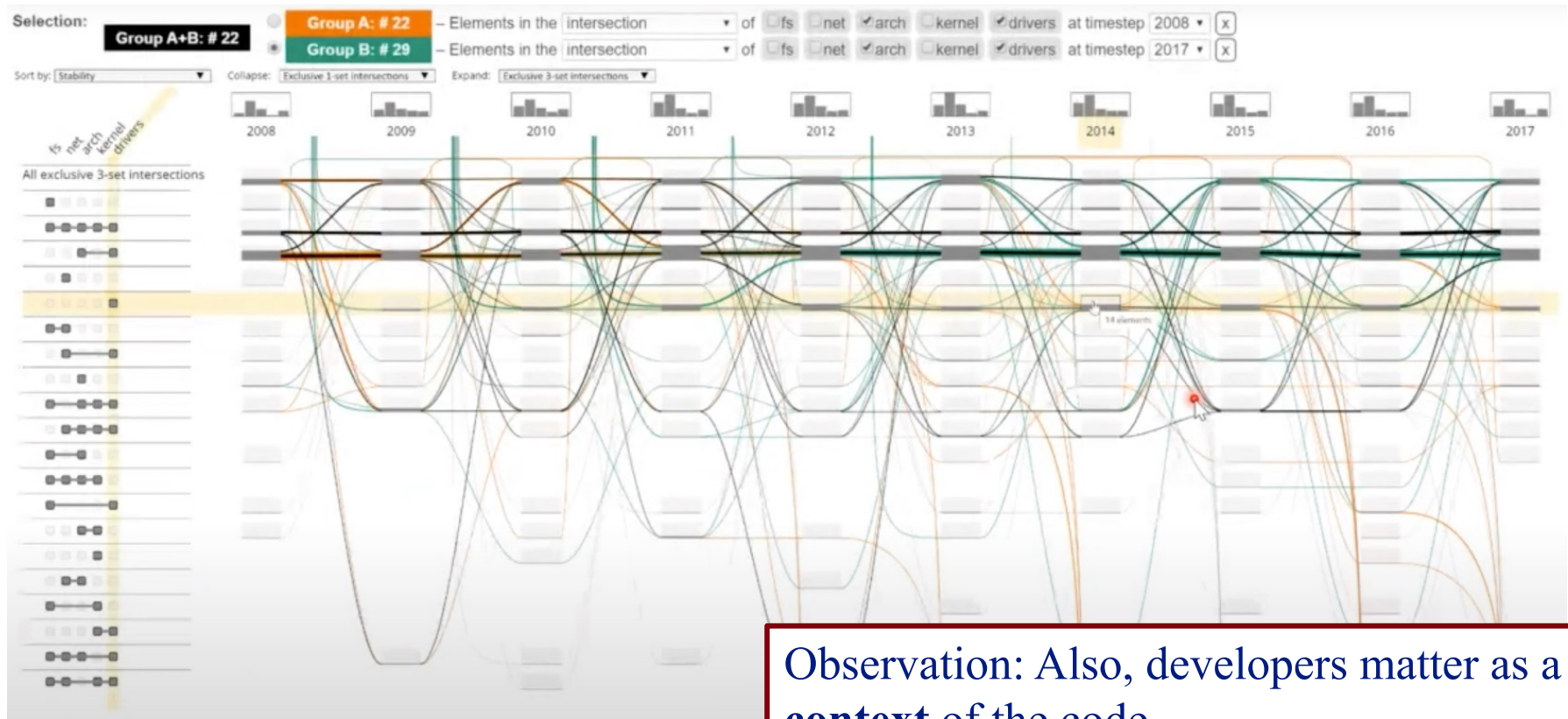
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Software Developers



Observation: Also, developers matter as a **context** of the code.

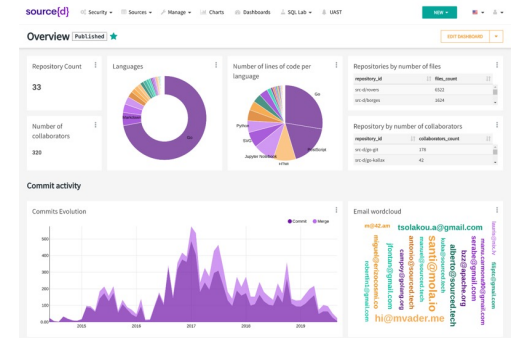
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State of the Art Tooling

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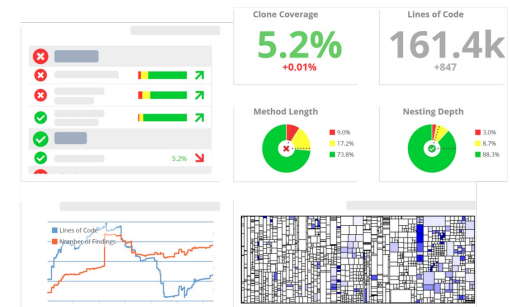
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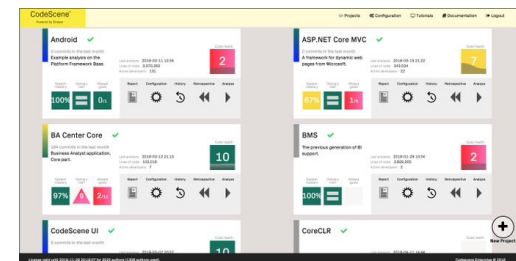
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4. Restructuring

Identifying refactoring targets

Redistribute Responsibilities

- + Move Behaviour Close to Data
- + Eliminate Navigation Code
- + Split up God Class
- + Empirical Validation

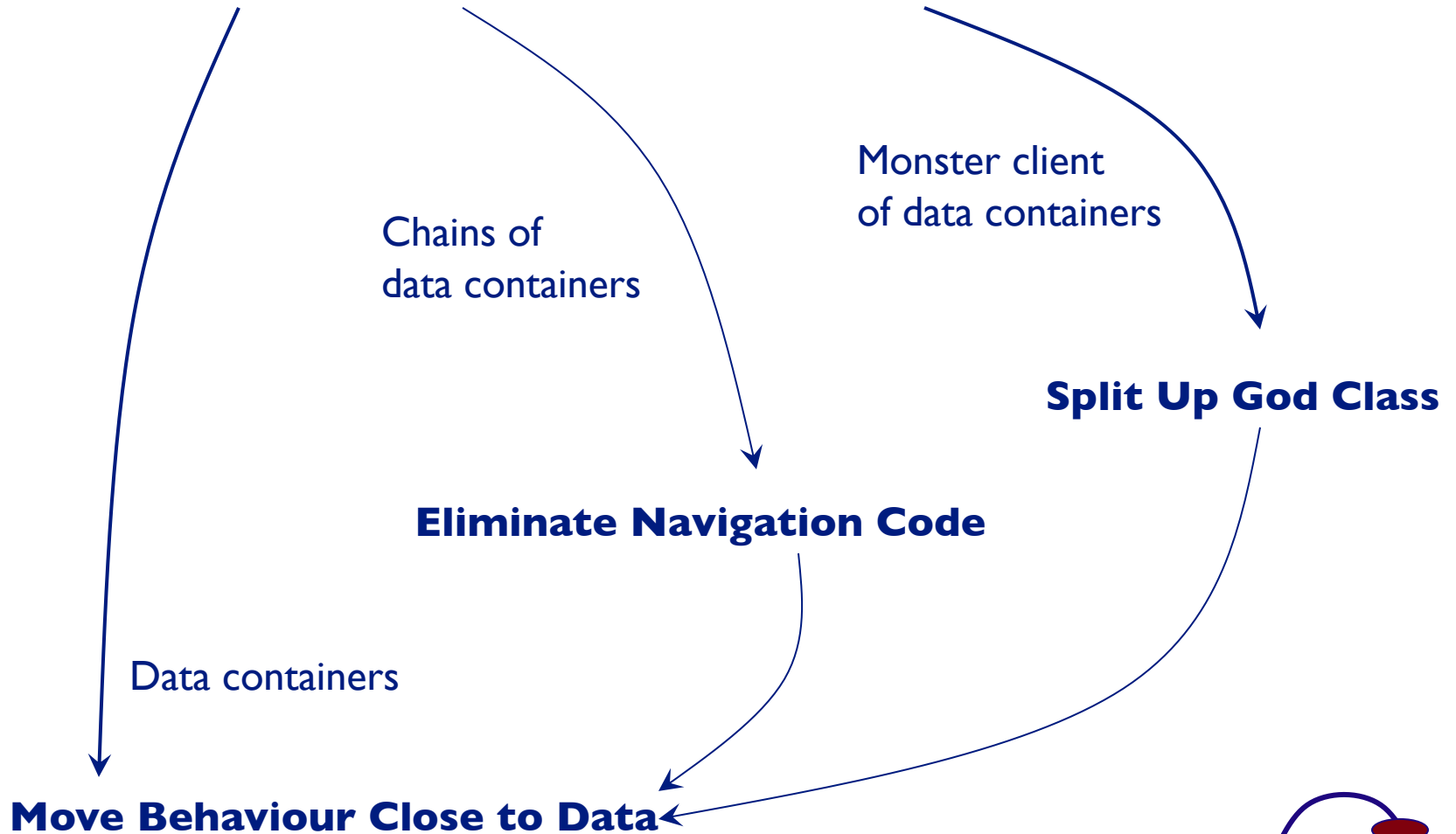


Identifying refactorings in code

Refactoring-aware techniques

Identifying Refactoring Targets

Redistribute Responsibilities



Split Up God Class

Problem: Break a class which monopolizes control?

Solution: Incrementally eliminate navigation code

- Detection:
 - + measuring size
 - + class names containing Manager, System, Root, Controller
 - + the class that all maintainers are avoiding
- How:
 - + move behaviour close to data + eliminate navigation code
 - + remove or deprecate façade
- However:
 - + If God Class is stable, then don't split
 - ⇒ shield client classes from the god class

Split Up God Class

EmployeeManager
+hireEmployee(Employee employee) +terminateEmployee(int employeeld) +editEmployee(Employee employee) +addVacationTime(int employeeld, int days) +useVacationTime(int employeeld, int days) +addAddress(int employeeld, Address address) +removeAddress(int employeeld, int idAddress) +giveBonus(int employeeld, int bonus) +assignEquipment(int employeeld, Equipment equip) +giveRaise(int employeeld, int amount) +dockPay(int employeeld, int amount) +addSchedule(int employeeld, Schedule schedule) +addPhoneNumber(int employeeld, string phone)

Split Up God Class

EmployeeManager

+hireEmployee(Employee employee)
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+editEmployee(Employee employee)

ScheduleManager

+addEmployeeSchedule(int employeeld, Schedule sch)

VacationManager

+addVacationTime(int employeeld, int days)
+useVacationTime(int employeeld, int days)

PaymentManager

+giveBonus(int employeeld, int amount)
+giveRaise(int employeeld, int amount)
+dockPay(int employeeld, int amount)

EmployeeContactManager

+addAddress(int employeeld, Address address)
+removeAddress(int employeeld, int addressId)
+addPhoneNumber(int employeeld, string phone)

EquipmentManager

+assignEquipment(int employeeld, Equipment eq)

Identifying Refactorings in code

Refactoring is noise in evolution analysis

- **Merge conflicts:** when merging development branches
- **Bug-inducing analysis (SZZ):** flag refactoring edits as bug-introducing changes
- **Tracing requirements to code:** miss traceability links due to refactoring
- **Regression testing:** unnecessary execution of tests for refactored code with no behavioral changes
- **Code review/merging:** refactoring edits tangled with the actual changes intended by developers
- **Dependency analysis:** cause breaking changes to clients of libraries and frameworks

Refactoring-Aware Techniques

Many refactoring-aware techniques:

- IntelliMerge & Refmerge – merge branches
- Neto et al. (ESEM '19) – detect bug inducing changes
- APIDiff – adapt client software to library and framework updates
- Wang et al. (ICSE '19) - select regression tests
- RefDistiller: assist code review

All developed in in the presence of refactoring operations.

Refactoring-Aware Techniques

- Accurate refactoring detection is required for the tools to be efficient
- RefactoringMiner (SOA tool) [Tsantalis et al. TSE'20]
- RefactoringMiner has the highest average precision (99.6%) and recall (94%) among all competitive tools
- The tool takes an input two revisions (e.g. commits) and returns a list of refactorings

5. Code integration

- Version Control Systems
- Branching
- Merging/integration
- Merge conflicts

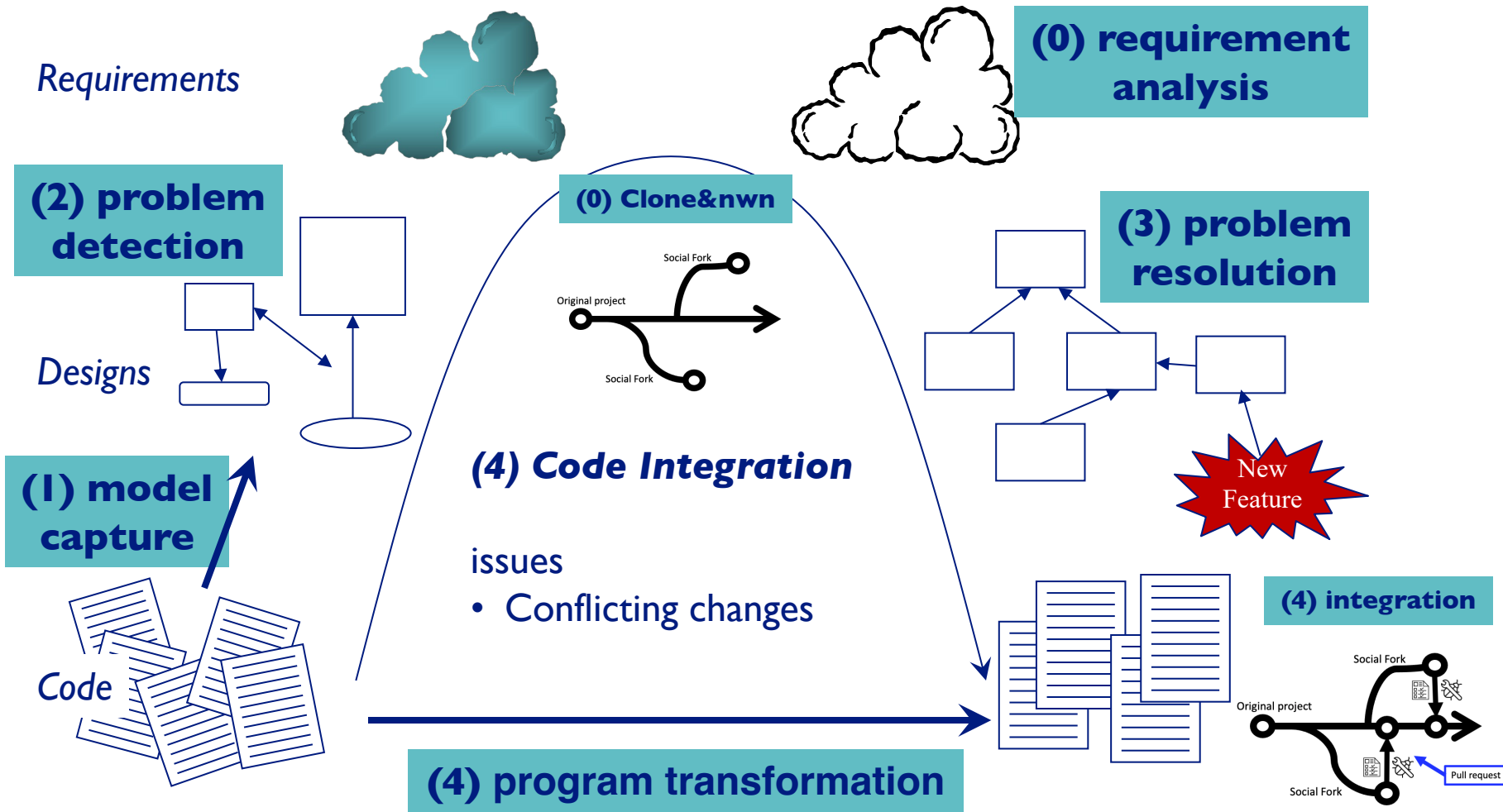


Does not exist in the book

[Demeyer, Ducasse and Nierstrasz: Object-Oriented Reengineering Patterns]

Published work by researchers will be used

The Reengineering Life-Cycle

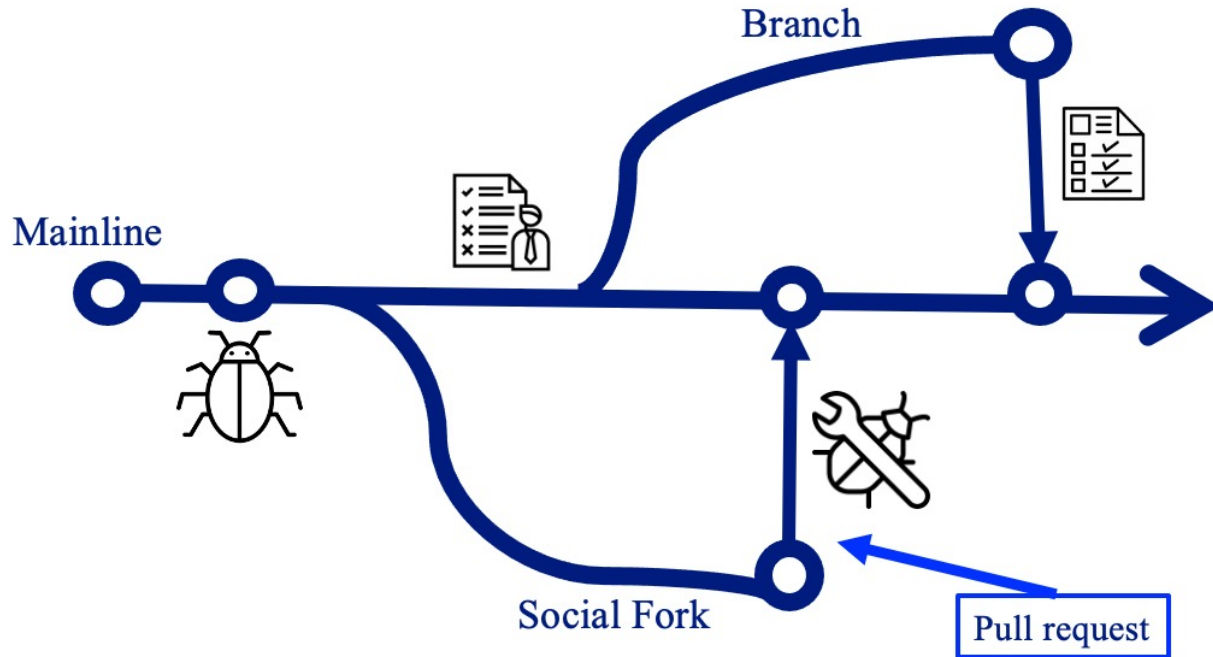


Version Control Systems

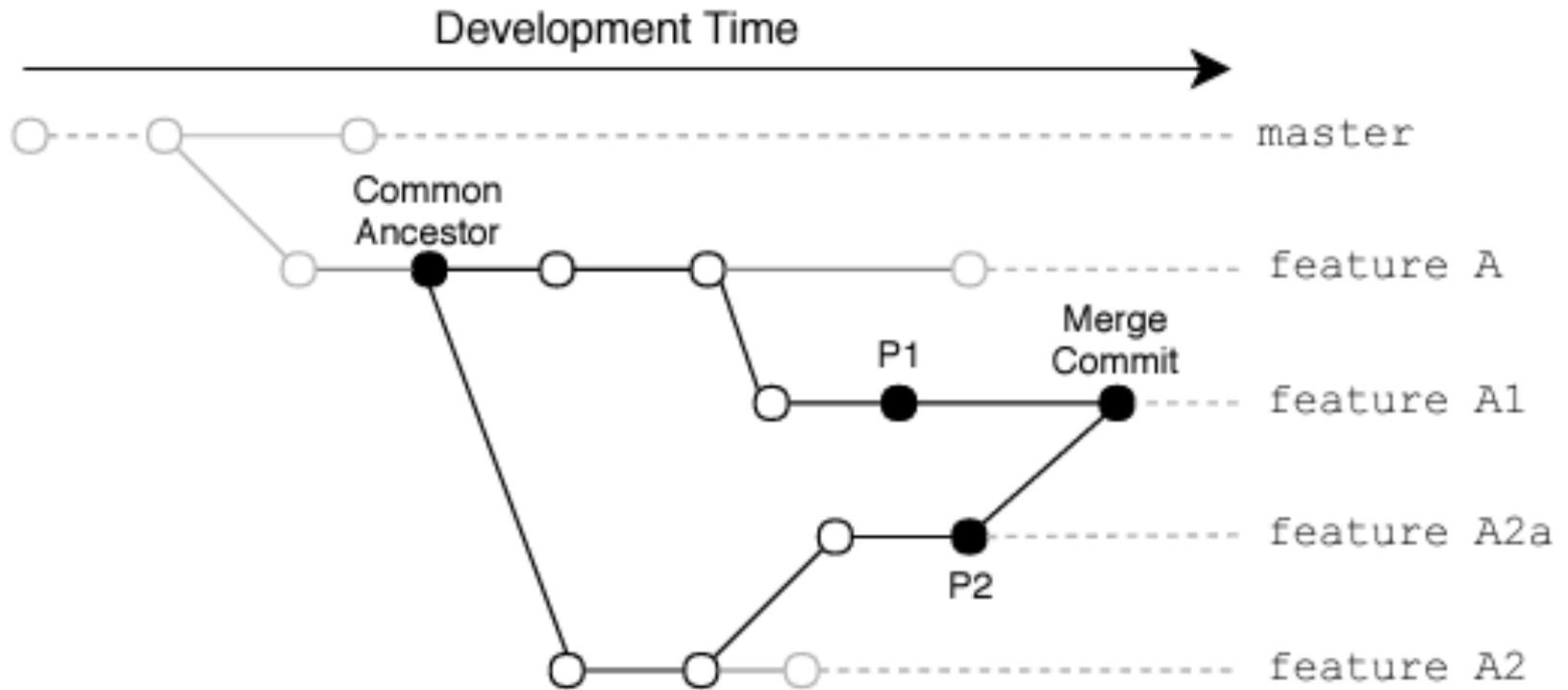
A fundamental way that developers manage change is through VCS.



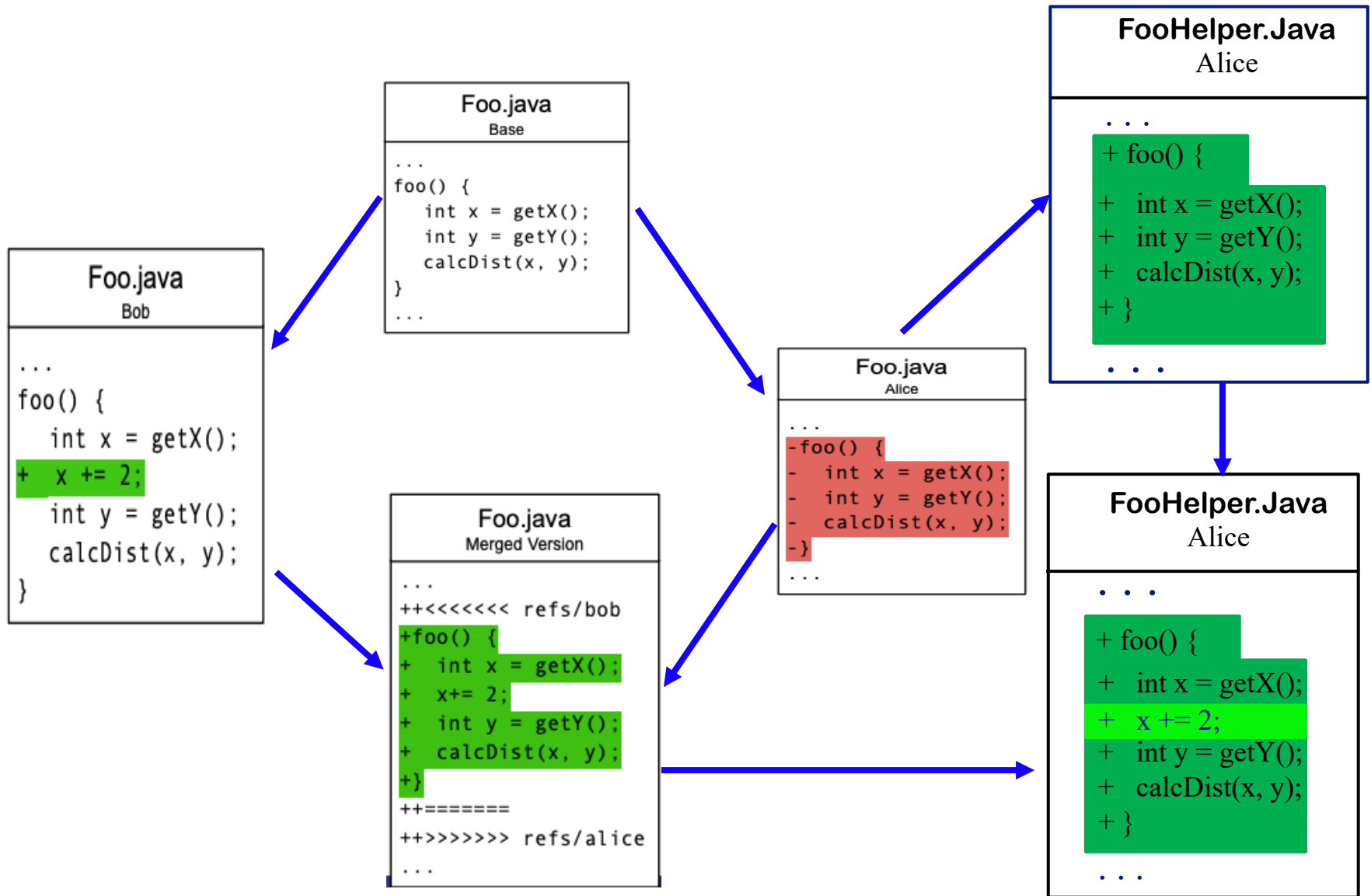
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Merge Scenario



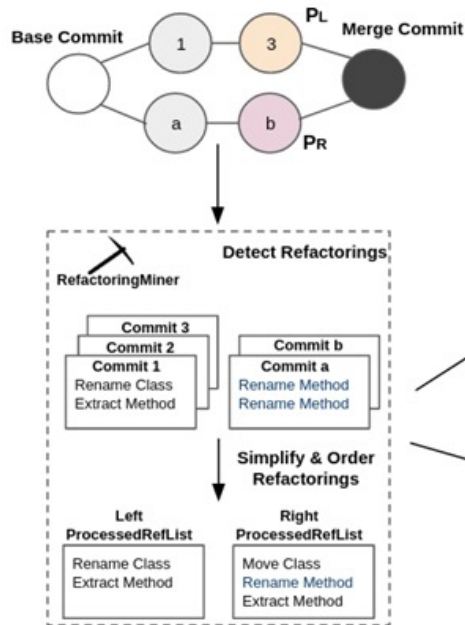
Collaborative development/ Merge Conflict



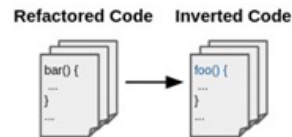
Refactoring-Aware tools

RefMerge

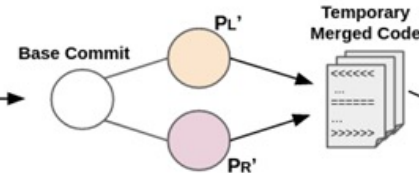
Step 1: Detect and Simplify Refactorings



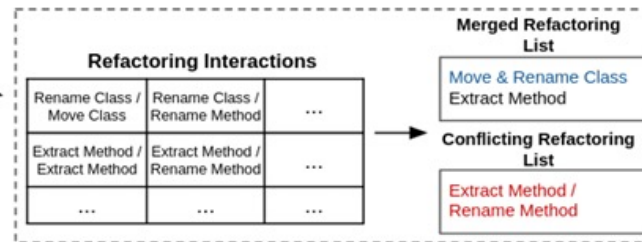
Step 2: Invert Refactorings



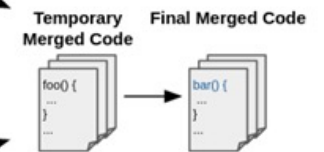
Step 3: Merge



Step 4: Detect Refactoring Conflicts



Step 5: Replay Refactorings



Ellis et al. A Systematic Comparison of Two Refactoring-aware Merging Techniques. 2022

<https://github.com/uAlberta-smr/RefactoringAwareMergingEvaluation>

6. Dynamic Analysis (& Testing)

- Key Concept Identification
- Unit testing
- Test coverage
- Mutation testing



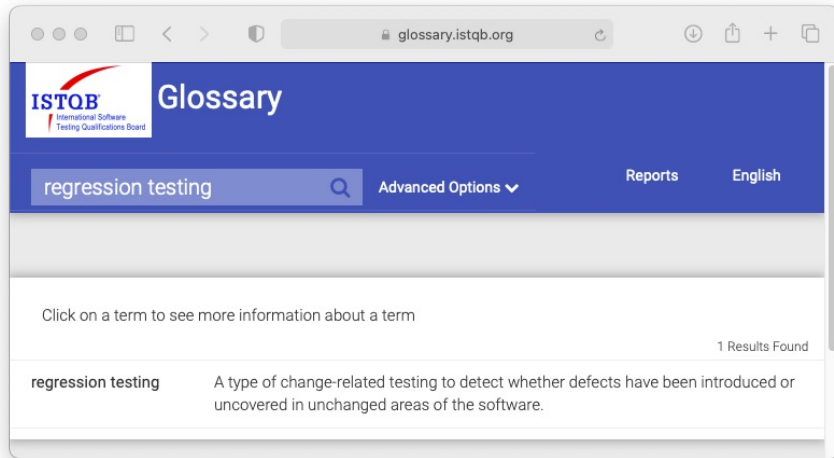
Introduction

- Dynamic Analysis verifies properties of a system during execution
- Testing Analysis is one example of Dynamic Analysis
 - + Unit tests, integration tests, system tests, and acceptance tests use dynamic testing

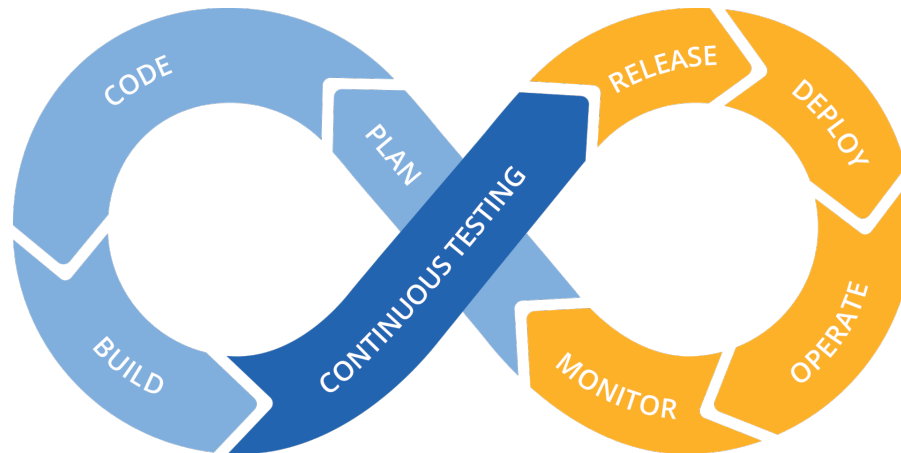
Testing

- Tests are your life insurance! (OORP, p. 149)
- Tests are essential to assure the quality of refactoring activities.
- Write Tests to Enable Evolution (OORP, p.153)
 - + Good tests can find bugs on your artifact
 - + Tests can also detect unwanted behavior
- You can also write tests to understand a part of a system (OORP, p.179)

Regression Testing



A type of change-related testing to detect whether defects have been introduced or uncovered in unchanged areas of the software.



Coverage

LCOV - code coverage report

Current view: top level
Test: libbash test coverage
Date: 2011-05-26

	Hit	Total
Lines:	20640	34749
Functions:	1184	1287
Branches:	15689	37086

Directory	Line Coverage	Functions
src/core	95.7 % 314 / 328	98.2 % 55 / 56
test	97.0 % 98 / 101	100.0 % 72 / 72
src/builtins/tests	98.6 % 144 / 146	100.0 % 203 / 203
src/builtins	98.6 % 214 / 217	100.0 % 45 / 45
src/core/tests	98.9 % 351 / 355	99.3 % 133 / 134
./src/builtins	100.0 % 9 / 9	93.3 % 14 / 15
src	100.0 % 35 / 35	91.7 % 11 / 12
./src/core	100.0 % 190 / 190	98.0 % 99 / 101

Generated by: [LCOV version 1.9](#)

Are the areas under change sufficiently covered by the current test suite?

The screenshot shows an IDE window with a coverage report for the package 'java - commons-collections'. The report is displayed in a table with columns for Element, Coverage, Covered Lines, and Total Lines. The coverage for the package is 79.5%. The report is generated by LCOV version 1.9.

Element	Coverage	Covered Lines	Total Lines
java - commons-collections	79,5 %	10927	13738
org.apache.commons.collections	74,1 %	3842	5183
ArrayStack.java	86,5 %	32	37
BagUtils.java	86,7 %	13	15
BeanMap.java	72,4 %	155	214
BinaryHeap.java	87,6 %	127	145
BoundedFifoBuffer.java	93,2 %	82	88
BufferOverflowException.java	55,6 %	5	9
BufferUnderflowException.java	88,9 %	8	9
BufferUtils.java	30,8 %	4	13
ClosureUtils.java	93,9 %	31	33
CollectionUtils.java	92,4 %	293	317
ComparatorUtils.java	8,6 %	3	35
CursorableLinkedList.java	85,4 %	444	520

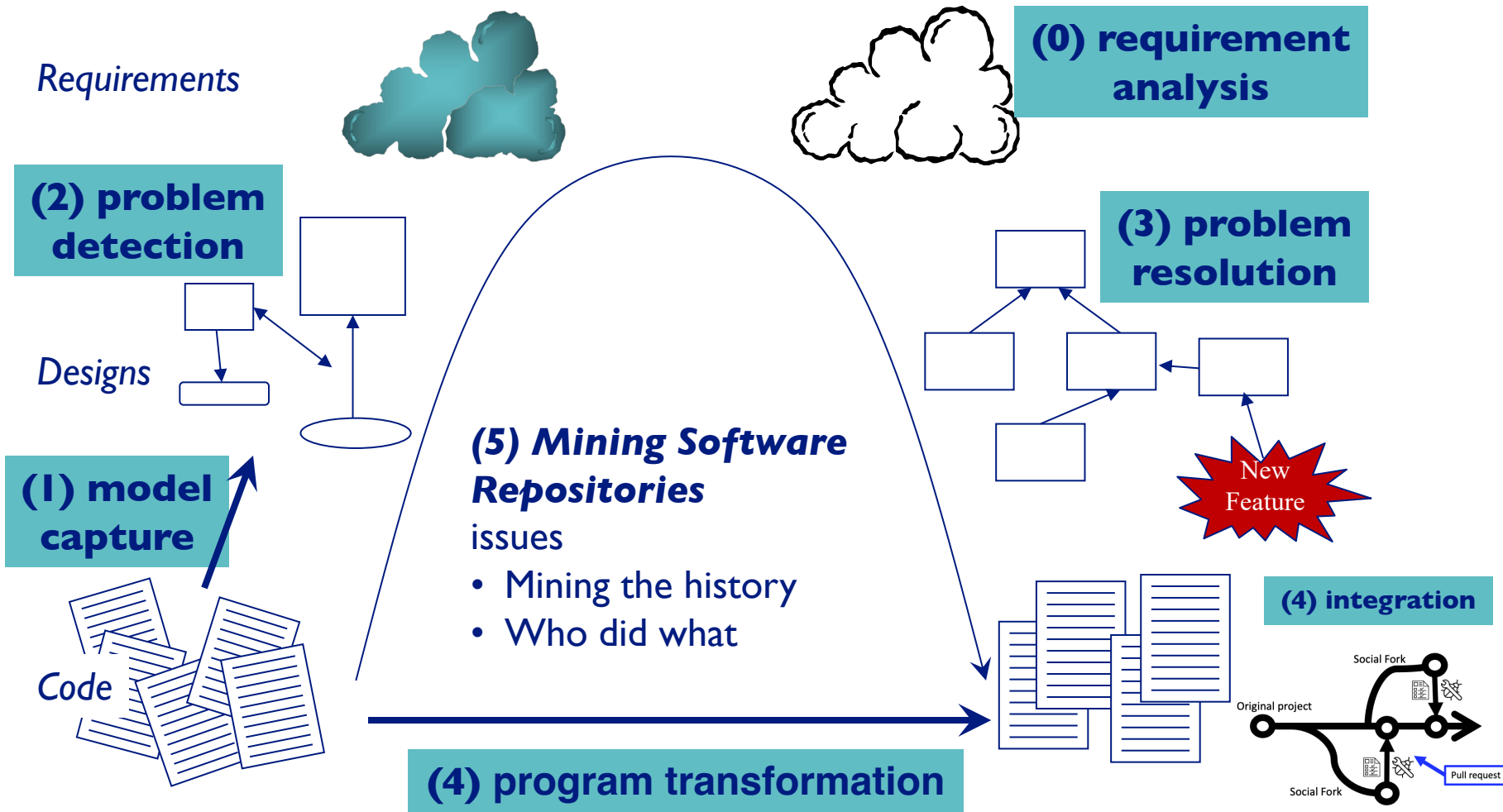
Compare coverage reports before and after refactoring!

7. Mining Software Repositories (MSR)

- What are software repositories?
- Why should we mine Software repositories?
- What are some of the data sources of software engineering data?
- What are some of the existing tools we can use to mine software engineering data
- What can we learn from MSR



The Reengineering Life-Cycle



What is a Software Repository?

Artifacts produced and archived during software development

- Technical artifacts
- Social artifacts



What is a Software Repository?

The screenshot shows the Apache Kafka repository on GitHub. Key elements are highlighted with blue boxes and connected by red arrows:

- Repository Name:** apache / kafka (Public)
- Watch/Fork/Star:** Watch 1.1k, Fork 11.3k, Star 21.5k
- Pull requests:** 953 Open, 11,016 Closed
- Issue:** Support key updates with TLS 1.3 (#11966) by ijuma KAFKA-13418, 12 hours ago, 9,874 commits
- Contributors:** 884 contributors, with version 1.7 highlighted.
- Languages:** Java 74.2%, Scala 22.7%, Python 2.7%, Shell 0.2%, Roff 0.1%, Batchfile 0.1%
- Downloads:** kafka 3.1.0 (Released January 24, 2022), 3.0.0 (Released September 21, 2021), 2.8.0 (Released April 19, 2021), 2.7.0 (Released Dec 21, 2020), 2.6.0 (Released Aug 3, 2020)
- File List:** config (MINOR), connect (KAFKA), core (MINOR), docs (KAFKA), examples, generator/src, gradle, jmh-benchmarks, licenses

Red arrows indicate relationships: from Pull requests to Fork; from Fork to Contributors; from Contributors to Languages; from Languages to Downloads; from Downloads to Issue; from Issue to Pull requests.

Object-Oriented Reengineering.55

Apache Kafka is a distributed event store and stream-processing platform

Why should we mine Software repositories?

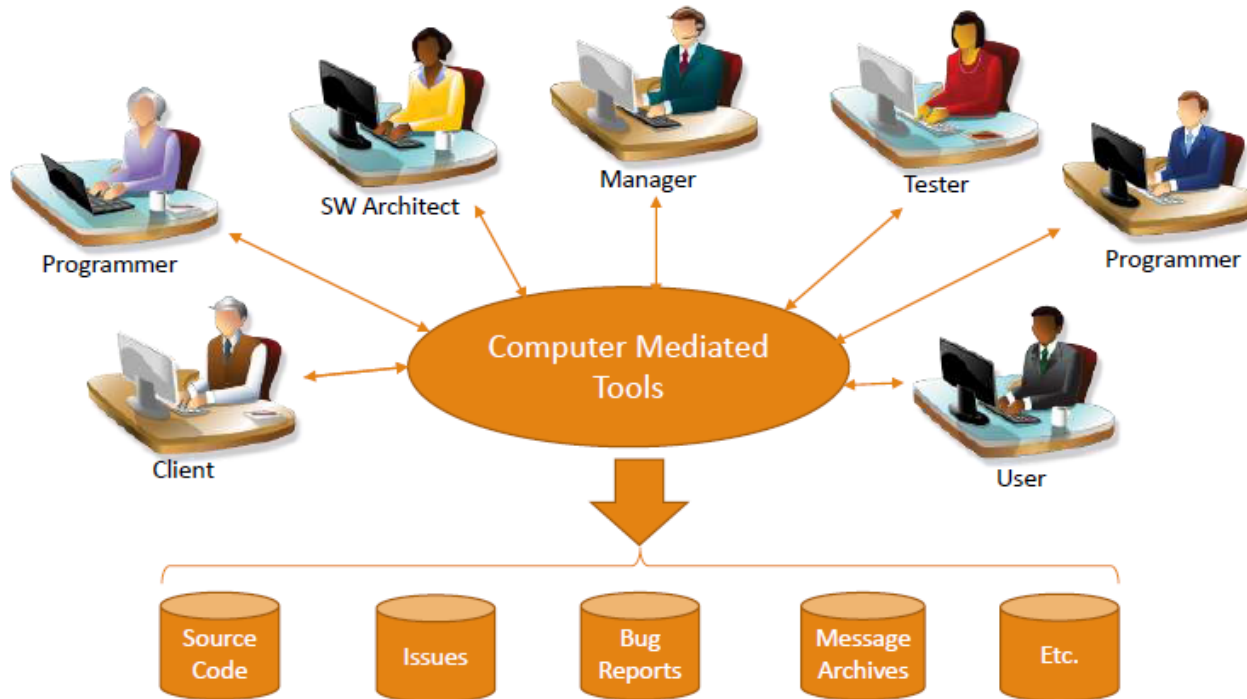
The goal ... is to improve software engineering practices by uncovering interesting and actionable information about software systems and projects using the vast amounts of software data

- + Understand software development process
- + Support and/or improve the maintenance of software systems
- + Exploit knowledge in planning the future development

- If the data analysis is not carefully designed and executed, it can lead to invalid conclusions



What are some of the data sources of software engineering data?



Current and historical artifacts and interactions are registered in software repositories

This list is not exhaustive.

Qn. What are some of the additional software engineering data sources that can be maintained?

What are some of the existing tools we can use to mine software engineering data?

PyDriller

A Python framework that helps developers in analyzing Git repositories. With PyDriller you can easily extract information about **commits, developers, modified files, diffs, and source code.**

RepoDriller

A Java framework that helps developers on mining software repositories. With it, you can easily extract information from any Git repository, such as commits, developers, modifications, diffs, and source codes, and quickly export CSV files.

Build your own tool/script

Sometimes/ most of the times, you have to build your own tool or script to mine your own data

What can we learn from MSR

Observation: Recent history is often important than old history

`closeAllBuffers (...)`



Change History

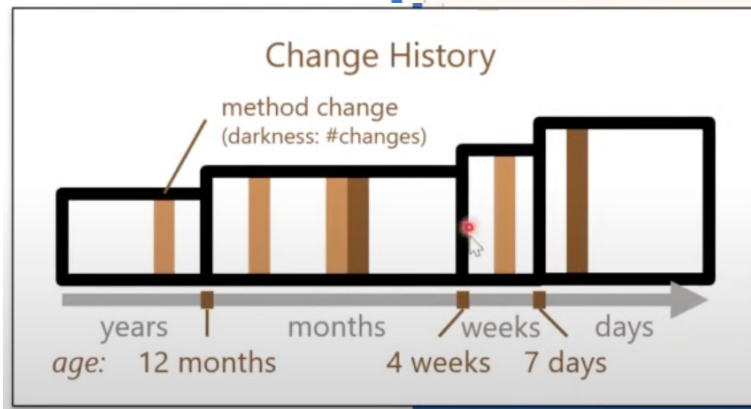
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Last 7 days

Last 4 weeks (excluding last 7 days)

Co-Changed Methods

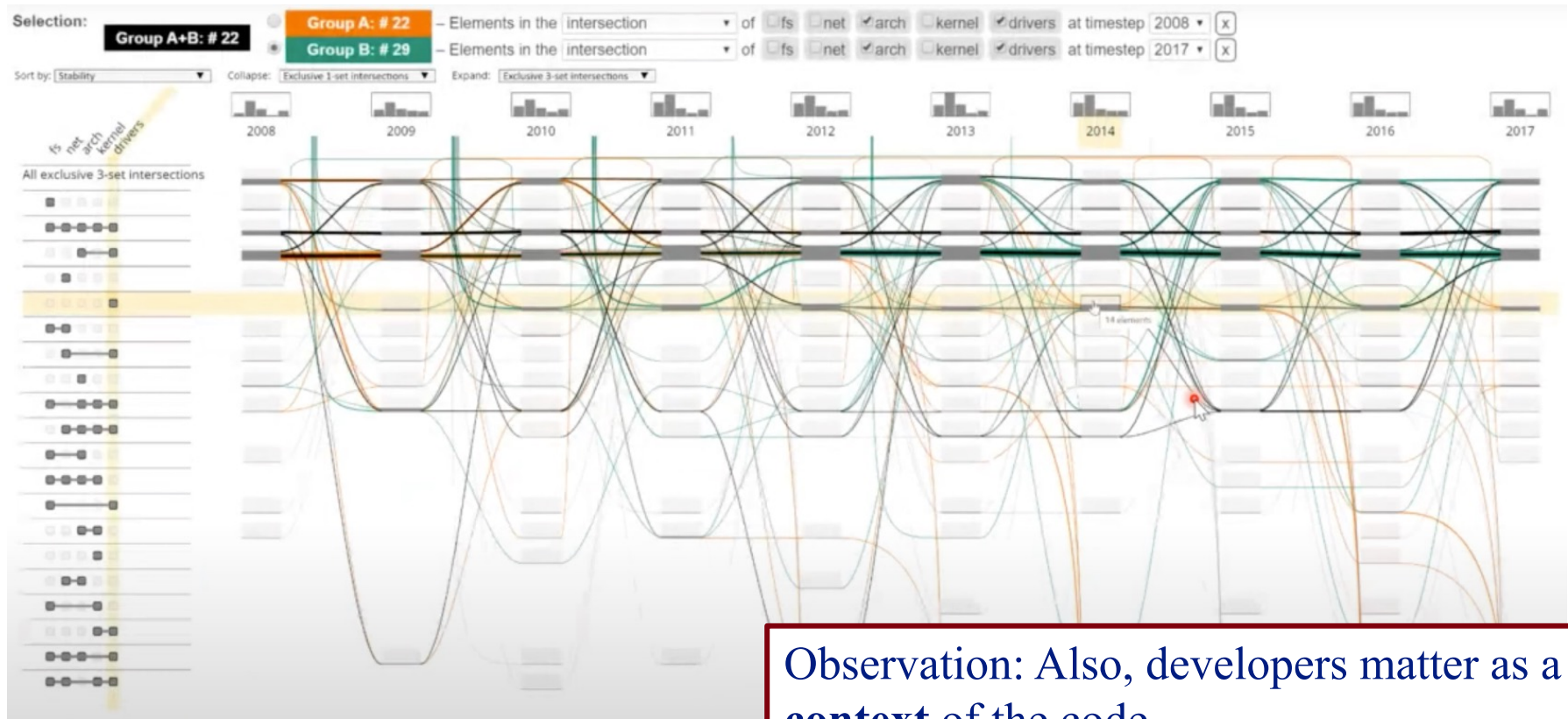
- `closeBuffer(View, Buffer) : void`
- `jEdit - org.gjt.sp.jedit`
- `updateMarkersFile(View) : boolean`
- `Buffer - org.gjt.sp.jedit`
- `getMarkersPath(VFS) : String`
- `Buffer - org.gjt.sp.jedit`
- `removeMarker(int) : void`
- `Buffer - org.gjt.sp.jedit`
- `removeAllMarkers() : void`
- `Buffer - org.gjt.sp.jedit`
- `addMarker(char, int) : void`



Embedding Evolutionary Context

Beck et al. Rethinking User Interfaces for Feature Location. ICPC 2015

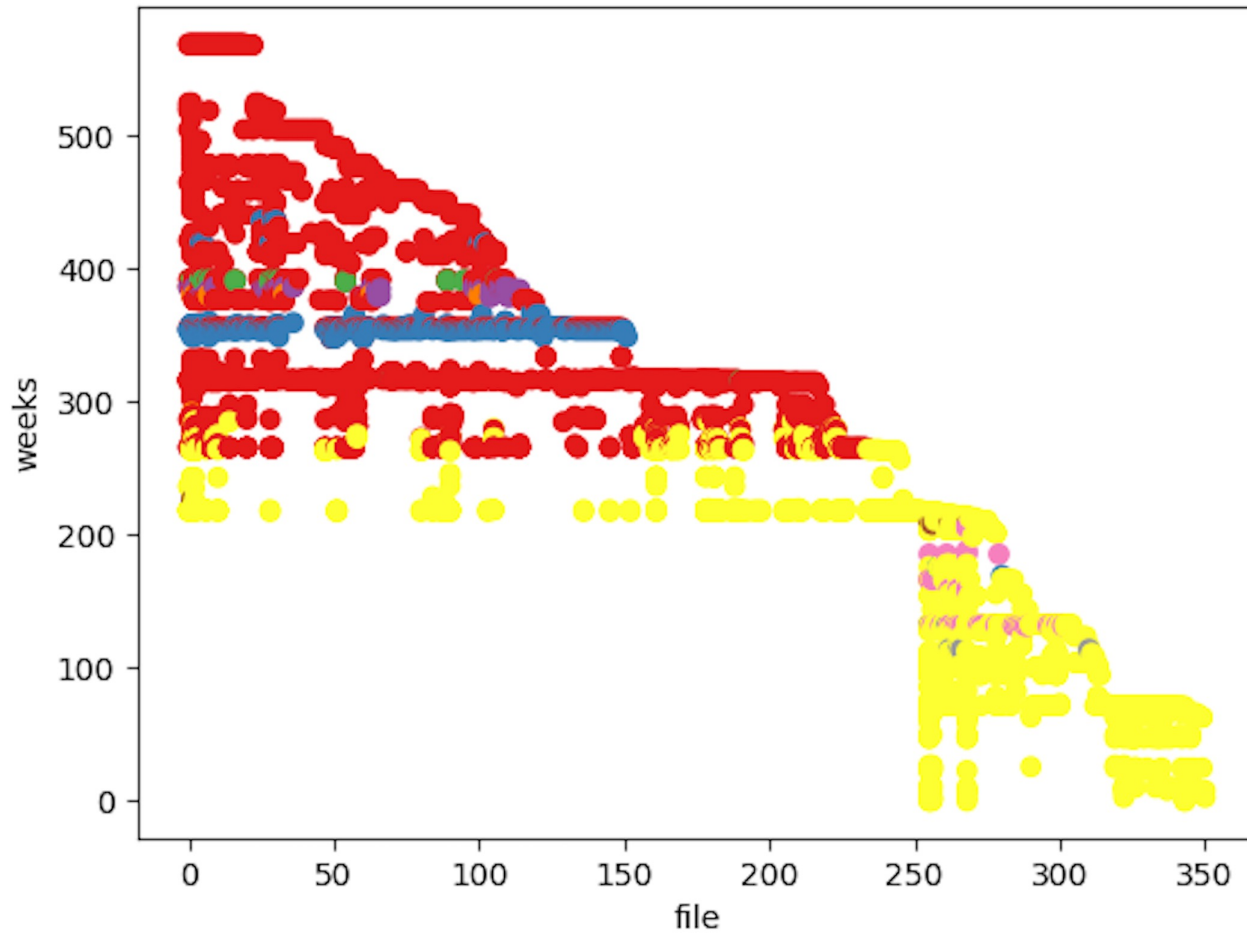
What can we learn from MSR



Observation: Also, developers matter as a **context** of the code.

Agarwal, S.; Beck, F.,: *Set Streams: Visual Exploration of Dynamic Overlapping Sets*.
In: Computer Graphics Forum, Jg. 39 (2020) Nr. 3, S. 383-391. [doi:10.1111/cgf.13988](https://doi.org/10.1111/cgf.13988)

Developers who touched files



9. Conclusion

1. Introduction

Software changes and that requires planning

2. Reverse Engineering

How to understand your code

3. Visualization

Scalable approach

4. Restructuring

How to Refactor Your Code

5. Code Integration

How to resolve conflicts

6. Dynamic Analysis (& Testing)

To be really certain

7. Mining Software Repositories

Learn from the past

8. Conclusion



Goals

We will try to convince you:

- Programs change!
- Reverse engineering forward engineering and reengineering are *essential activities* in the lifecycle of any successful software system. (And especially OO ones!)
- There is a large set of *lightweight tools and techniques* to help you with reengineering.
- Despite these tools and techniques, *people must do job* and they represent the most valuable resource.

⇒ ***Did we convince you ?***

