CSE 503
Software Engineering

Course introduction

Key questions:
What does your program do?
How do you know?
Today

- Logistics
- Brief introduction
- Course overview
- Why program analysis?
Logistics

- Tue/Thu, 11:30am – 12:50pm.
- Course material, schedule, etc. on course website: https://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse503/
  All slides are posted before class.
- Assignment submission and discussions via Canvas (linked from webpage)
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Your background

Introduction and a very brief survey

● What is your research area (or area of interest)?
● How long have you been in the program?
● What is your SE background (programming languages, etc.)?
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The Role of Software Engineering in Practice

(Development workflow at Microsoft, Big Code summit 2019)
The Role of Software Engineering in Research

Experimental infrastructure is software, too!

Example (automated debugging)
- 150 configurations, 1000+ benchmarks
- 1-85 hours per execution
- 200,000+ CPU hours (~23 CPU years)
Course overview: the big picture

- **Week 1**: Introduction & static vs. dynamic analysis
- **Week 2**: Symbolic reasoning
- **Week 3**: Symbolic reasoning
- **Week 4**: Testing
- **Week 5**: Delta Debugging
- **Week 6**: Invariants
- **Week 7**: Program Repair
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- **Week 9**: ML for Software Engineering
- **Week 10**: Wrap up
# Course overview: the big picture

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Course overview: this week

- **Week 1**: Introduction & static vs. dynamic analysis

- **Two high-level papers**
  - Static and dynamic analysis: synergy and duality
  - Lessons from building static analysis tools at Google

- **HW 1**
  - Brainstorming about software development difficulties
  - **Please** start right away!
Course overview: the project

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Types of projects (non-exhaustive)
- proposing and evaluating a new technique
- developing and assessing new algorithms to replace currently-used ones
- translating a methodology to a new problem domain
- applying known techniques to new problem domains
- evaluation of existing techniques or tools (case studies or controlled experiment)
- implementation of a proposed but never implemented technique

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- HW 1
- HW 2
- In-class exercise
- Project presentation
And there is more...

Special topics:

- **504: AI meets Software engineering**
  (ML and statistical methods for SE/program analysis)

- **599: Research methods**
  (Research design and statistics in R)
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Course overview: grading

- 50% Class project
- 35% HWs, in-class exercise, reading questions
- 15% Participation

Questions?
Course overview: expectations

- Conducting a quarter-long research project
- Some programming experience
- Reading and actively discussing research papers
- Have fun!

Who can be successful?

- **You** can!
- Assumes an undergraduate CS education (= 1st year grad)
- You will *learn* to read papers, write papers, conduct research, etc. That is a goal of the class.
- Ask lots of questions, so we can help you
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  - 300000 pages
  - 15 m (49 ft)
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OK
Program analysis: examples

Does my program implement its specification?

double foo(double[] d { int n = d.length;  
double s = 0;  
int i = 0;  
while (i < n)  
s = s + d[i];  
i = i + 1;  
double a = s / n;  
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Example analyses

- Unit testing
- Solver-aided reasoning

\( (\forall x \text{fsa}(x)) \implies (\exists y \text{pda}(y) \land \text{equivalent}(x, y)) \)
Program analysis: examples

What does this program (binary) do?
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Example analyses

- Fuzzing
- Statistical inference of invariants and models
Program analysis: examples

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Example analyses

- Context-sensitive type checking
- Heuristics and frequency analysis
Program analysis: examples

Semantics: how to name this method?

```java
void f(int[] array) {
    boolean swapped = true;
    for (int i = 0; i < array.length && swapped; i++) {
        swapped = false;
        for (int j = 0; j < array.length - 1 - i; j++) {
            if (array[j] > array[j+1]) {
                int temp = array[j];
                array[j] = array[j+1];
                array[j+1] = temp;
            }
        }
    }
}
```
Program analysis: examples

Semantics: how to name this method?

Example analyses

- Statistical language models (bag of words, n-grams, etc.)
- Heuristics and frequency analysis
Next time: static vs. dynamic analysis

A **static analysis** analyzes program source code without running the program
- What are examples?

A **dynamic analysis** observes program executions
- What are examples?

Under what circumstances is each one preferable?