CSEP 504 Advanced topics in software systems

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CSEP 504:

Advanced topics in software systems

- Tonight: last lecture on software tools and environments – a look at recent research and future directions
 - Emphasis on:
 - Capturing latent knowledge
 - Task specificity and awareness
 - Supporting collaborative development

Tonight

- Capturing latent knowledge
 - Hipikat / Bridge / Deep Intellisense / Hatari
- Task specificity
 - Mylyn
 - TeamTracks
 - Bubbles
- Supporting collaborative development
 - Jazz
 - FastDash
 - Customized Awareness Streams
 - Codebook
- Visualization stuff
 - Only if interested

Latent Knowledge

- Embrace practice rather than force change
- Use available data more effectively
- Source code is king [Singer '98]
 - Bugs
 - Version control
 - E-Mail / mailing lists
 - Forums
- Improve mapping from data to task

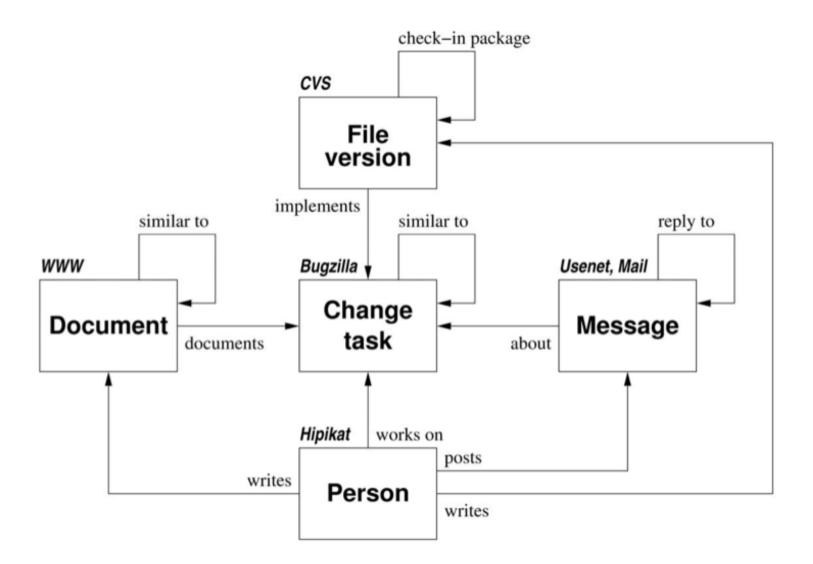
Utility of Latent Knowledge

- High-level information is key
 - Observing developers to identify their information needs [Ko & DeLine '07]
- We rely heavily on implicit knowledge
 - Surveying developers to infer their habits and mental models [LaToza, DeLine, & Venolia '06]
- We search change and bug history daily
 - Surveying Windows developers about how they search through their source code

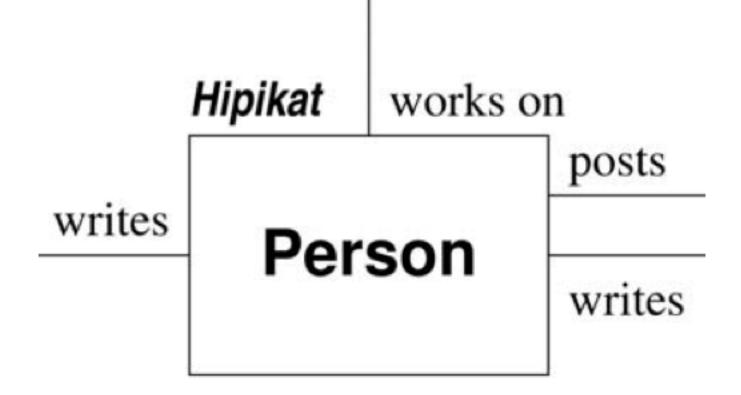
Hipikat

- Cubranic et al. [TSE '05]
- Implicit group memory (project memory)
- Acts as informal mentor
 - Relevant for non-collocated teams
- Volume hampers browsing
- Silos impede searching

Hipikat Artifacts



People as First-Class Members

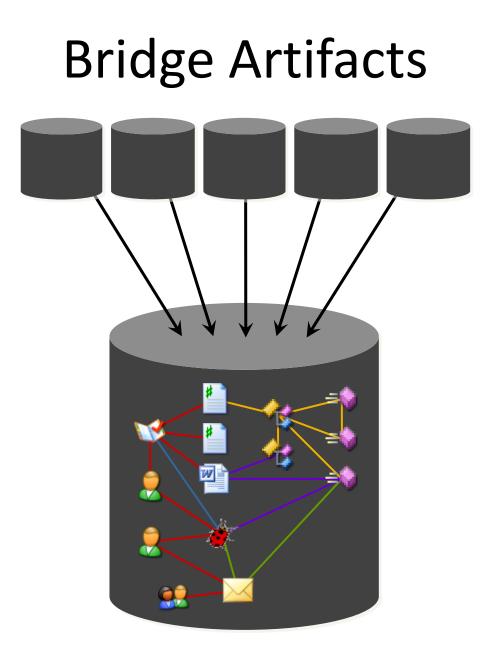


Hipikat Evaluation

- 20 task case study
 - Identify most relevant files for 15T
 - -1^{st} or 2^{nd} file rec. relevant for 11 / 16T
 - -1^{st} or 2^{nd} construct rec. relevant for 10 / 13T
- Eclipse study (8 devs)
 - Used to study problem but not perform task
 - (e.g., orientation within test system)

Bridge

- Venolia [MSR '06]
- Augments Hipikat with additional relations
 - Simple code relationships
 - Enhanced textual allusions
- Most pressing concern:
 - "Understanding the rationale behind a piece of code"



Bridge Evaluation

- Textual allusions == 19% of index
 - Source: 6 months of Windows development

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- Holmes & Begel [MSR '08]
- Embed Hipikat-like functionality in VS
- Automatic updating; no queries required



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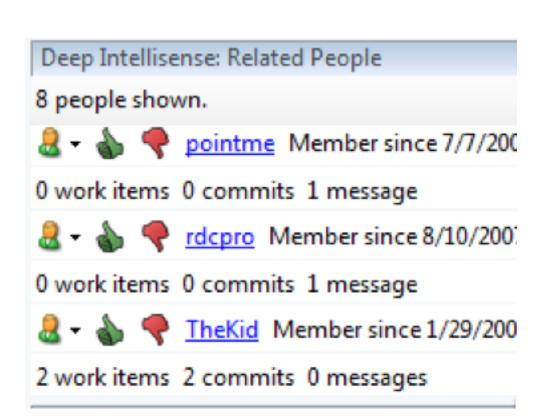
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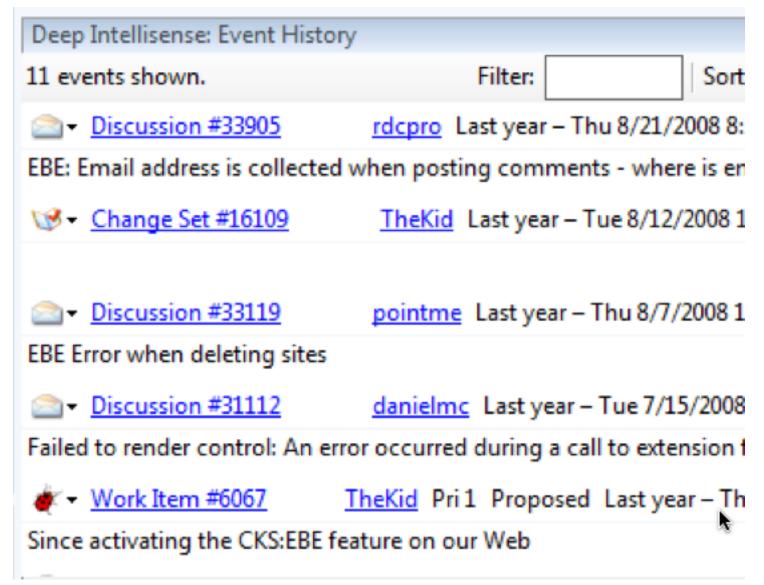
Deep Intellisense: Current Item

CKS.EBE BlogContext

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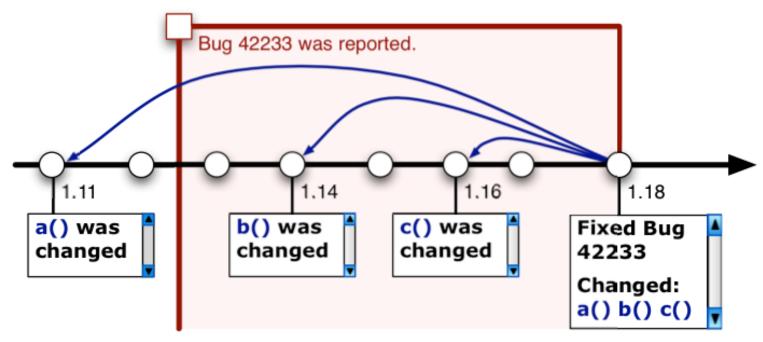


Deep Intellisense Evaluation

- Focus was on the information developers wanted, not the resulting tool
- Rolled into CodeBook prototypes

Hatari

- Sliwerski et al. [FSE '05]
- Using past defects to predict future defects
- Identify fix-inducing changes



Hatari

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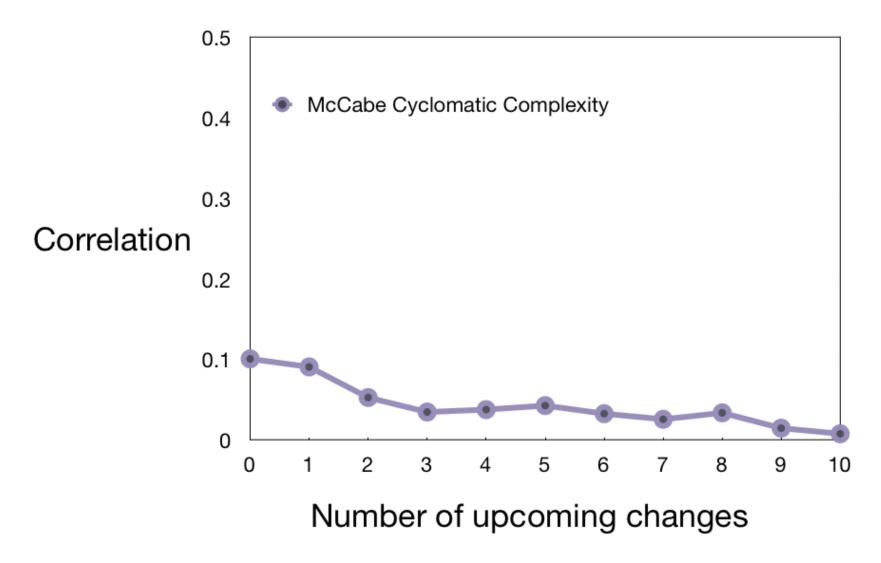
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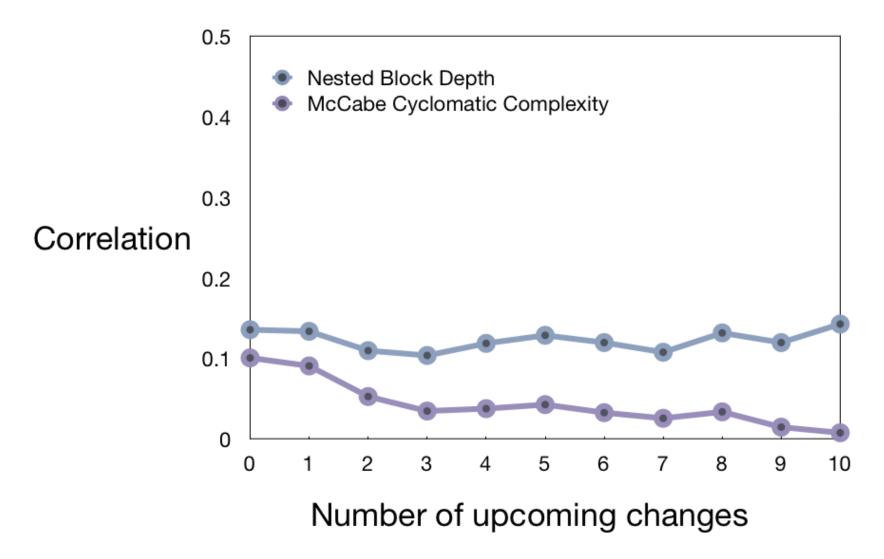
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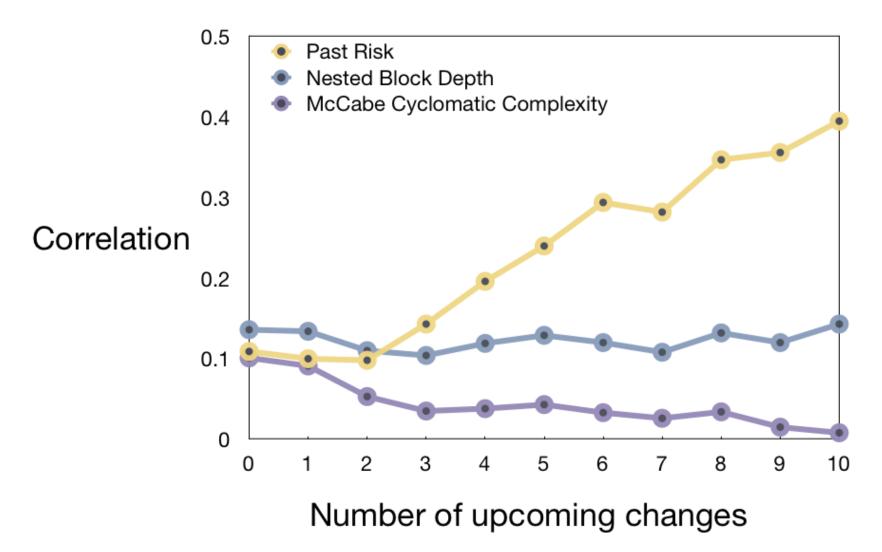
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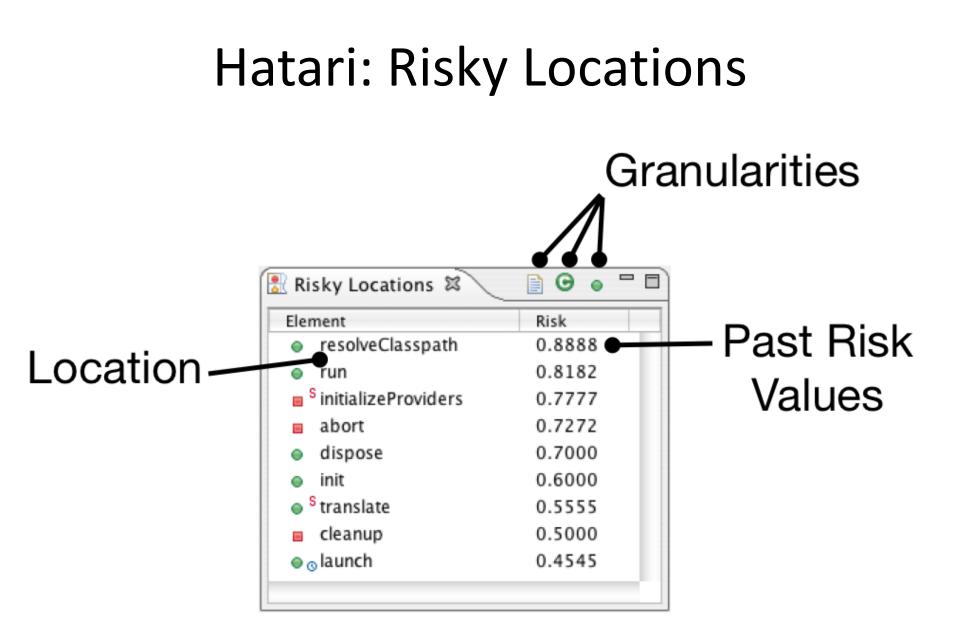


How to predict future risk

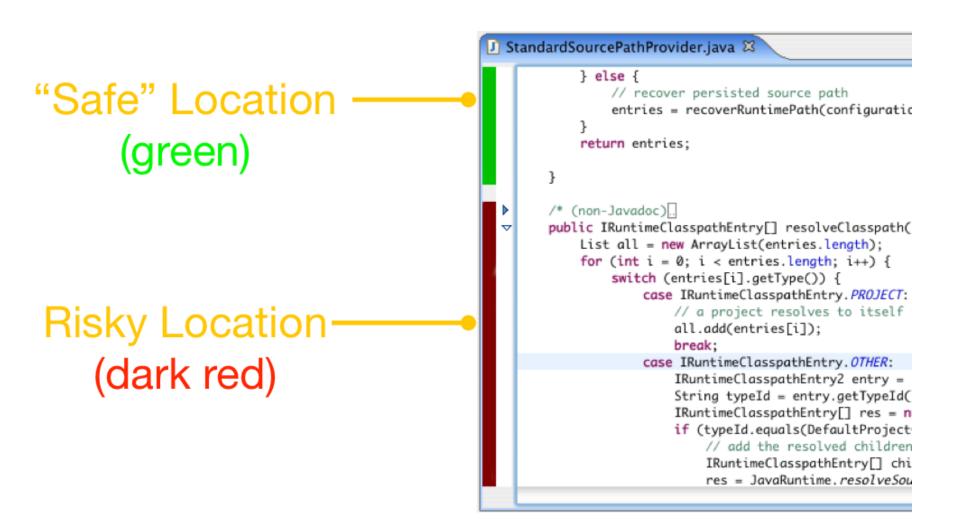


How to predict future risk





Hatari: Annotations



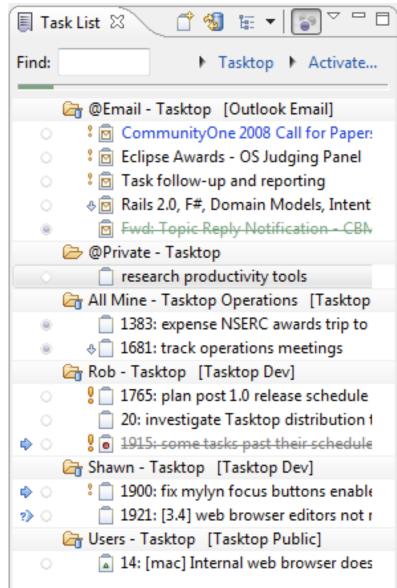
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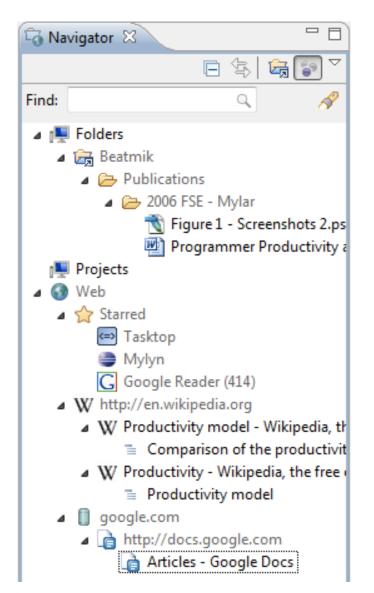
- Many development activities are task based

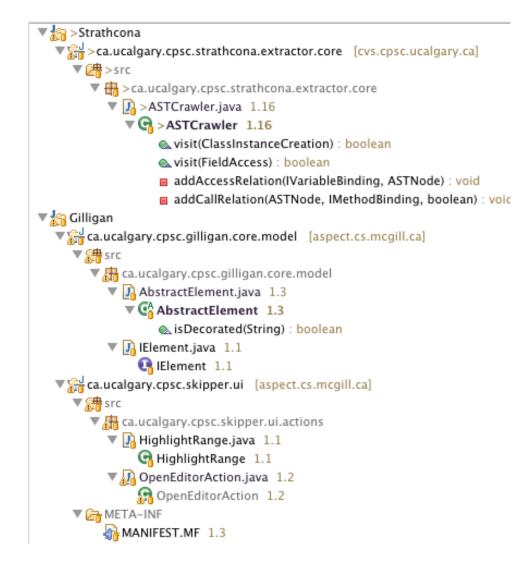
 Fix this bug
 Add this feature
- Single tasks can involve many different data sources (files, documents, past changes etc.)
- Tasks have collaborative and temporal aspects

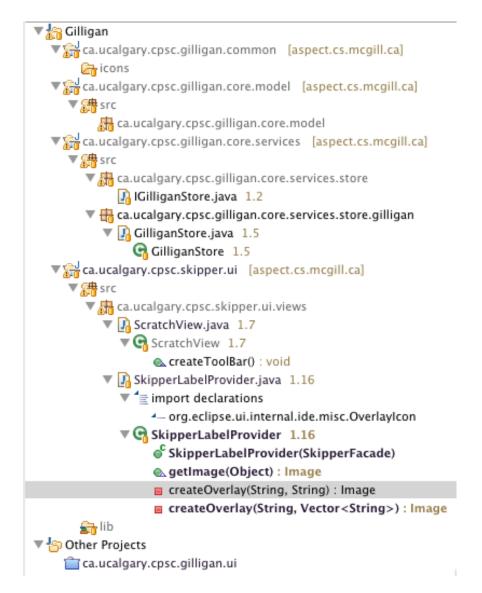
- Kersten and Murphy [FSE '06]
- Degree-of-interest model
 - Captures task context
 - Generated by observing navigation
- Connectors encourage adoption
 - Bug repositories
 - Version control
 - Tasks

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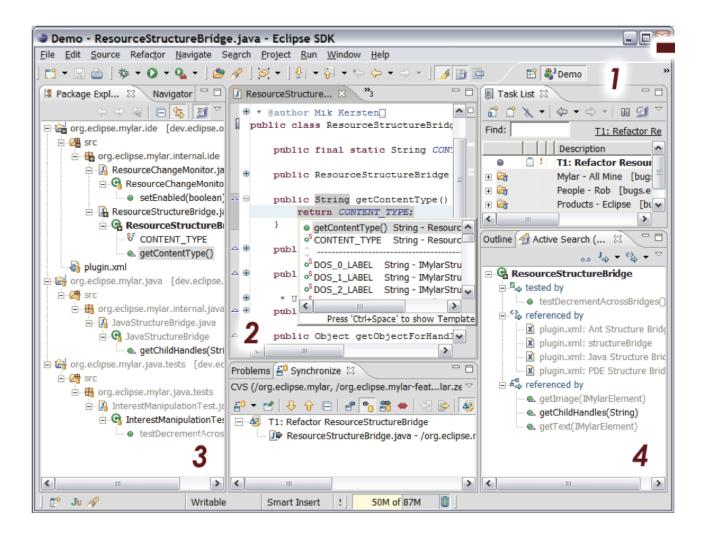




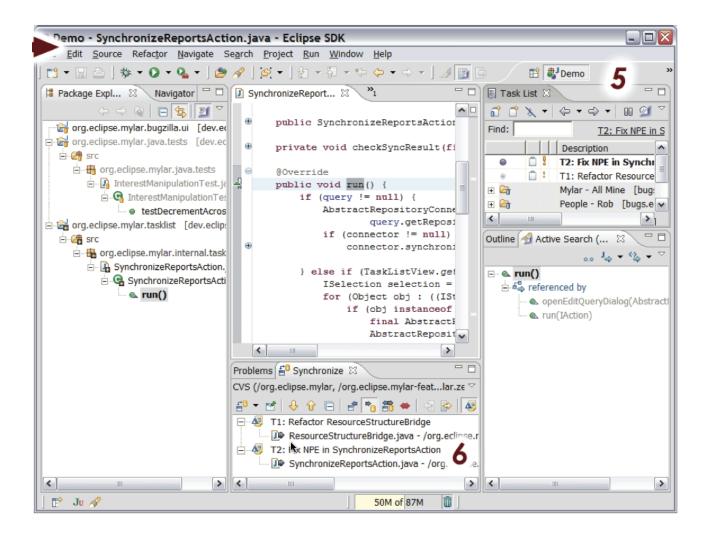




Mylyn: Switching Contexts



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Mylyn Evaluation

• Early DOI study (6 devs)

Tasks are *key*

- Monitor study (99 devs monitored)
- Mylyn study (16 devs from monitor study)
 Significant increase in edit ratio
- Ultimately, we vote with our feet

– Mylyn is very popular in the Eclipse ecosystem

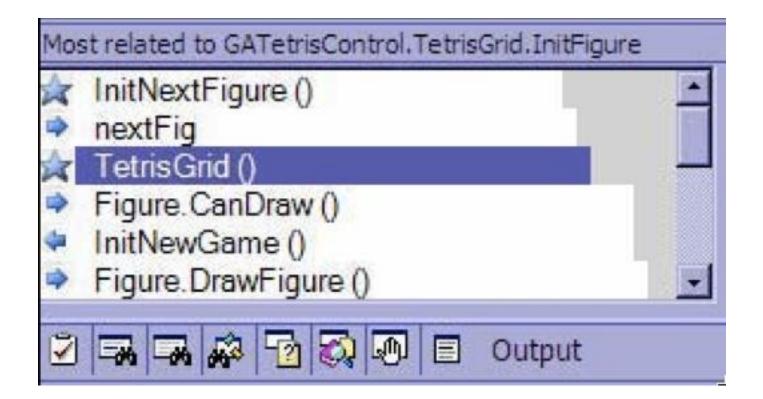
TeamTracks

- DeLine et al. [VLHCC '05]
- "Pick the brain" of the original developer
- Two measures
 - Element is important if it is often visited
 - Two elements are related if visited in succession

Team Tracks

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TeamTracks Evaluation

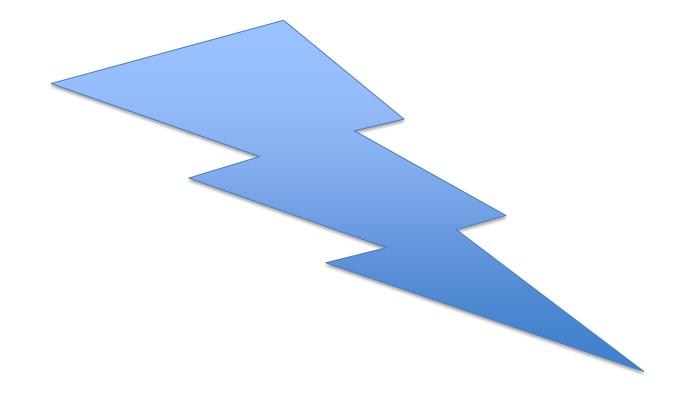
- Increased chances of success (set tasks)
- Large increase in comprehension
 - 2x more likely to give the right answer
- Privacy concerns must be considered
- Scope navigation data by time?
 - Hints at task specificity

Code Bubbles

- Bragdon et al. [ICSE '10]
- Editable fragments rather than files
- Encourage task-based grouping
- Easily persist and share past tasks

Support context switching

Code Bubbles



Code Bubbles Evaluation

- Scrolling:
 - Decreased by ~49%
- Search / navigation:
 - Decreased by ~55%
- User study (20+ devs)
 - Generally positive, esp. about task-based features
 - Worried about scalability

Collaborative Development

- Software is developed in teams
- IDEs are typically designed for individual devs
- Collaboration external to IDE
 - Valuable data can be lost
 - Processes unnecessarily ad hoc

Jazz

- Li-Te Cheng [OOPSLA '03]
- Team communication
 - Explicitly link artifacts rather than mine them
 - Build chat logs into historical data
 - Enable snapshots to be sent by IM
- Lifecycle integration
 - Integrated handling of builds & tests
 - Promote enhanced reporting etc.

Jazz

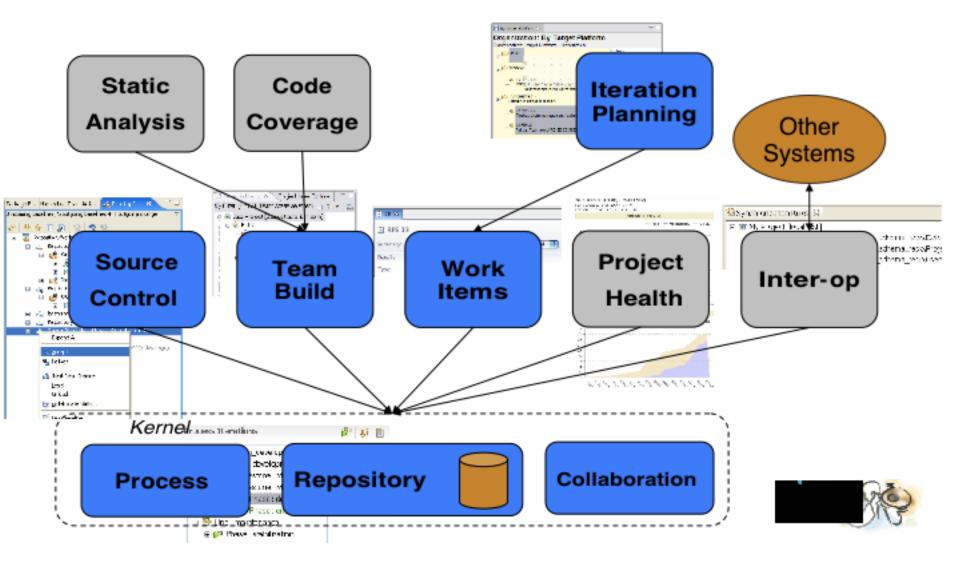
What if your tools know...

- ... about your teams
- ... about your artifacts
- ... who is responsible for what
- ... about your process

Code delivery rules, code quality, traceability, test runs, intellectual property

- ... how to bootstrap a project
- ... how to help new team members get started
- ... your favorite work item types and their state transitions
- ... when the build runs and what to do if it breaks

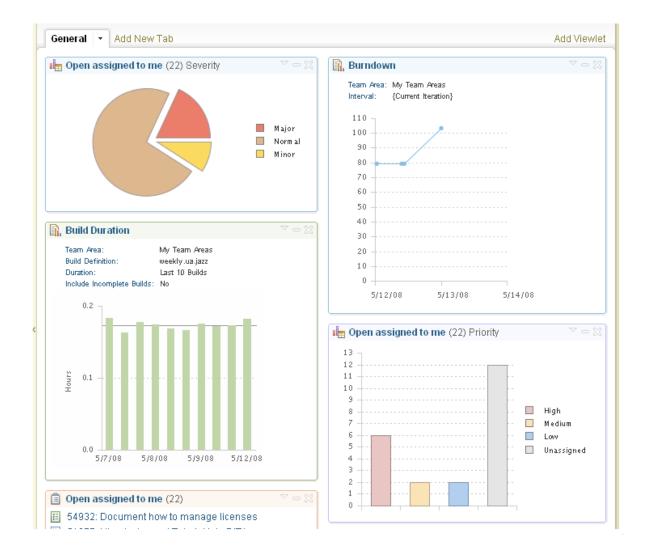
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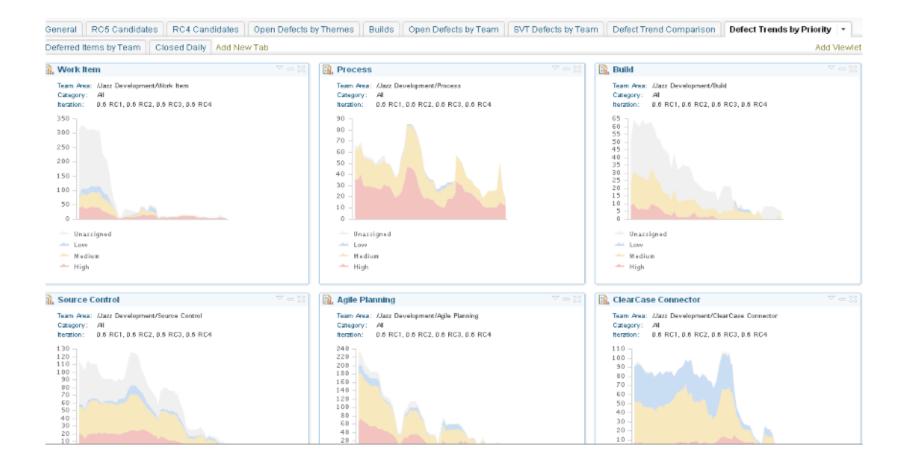
Sample Jazz Workflow

- 1. A build breaks owing to a test failure
- 2. A developer creates a bug report
- 3. Jazz links the bug report to both the build and the failed test
- 4. Jazz assigns the bug to an appropriate dev.
- 5. The dev commits their change set
- 6. Jazz links the change set to the bug and to the build

Jazz Dashboard



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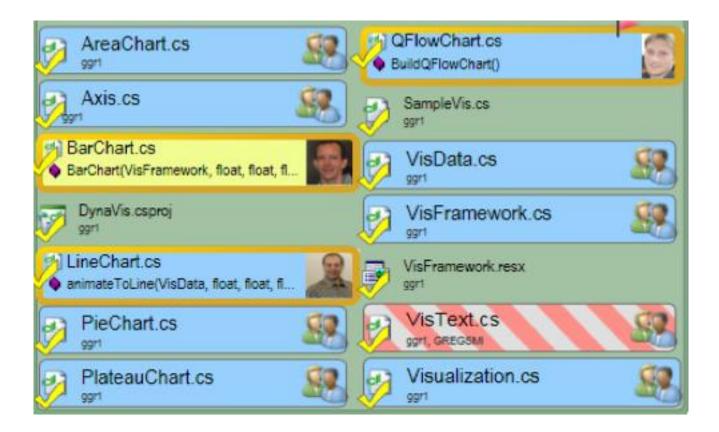
FastDash

- Biehl et al. [CHI '07]
- Assumption: Developers want to know what their co-workers are doing
 - Maintain awareness about:
 - Files being edited
 - Task assignments
 - Bug assignments
- Targeted at large displays in common space
- Decreased need for explicit communication

FastDash

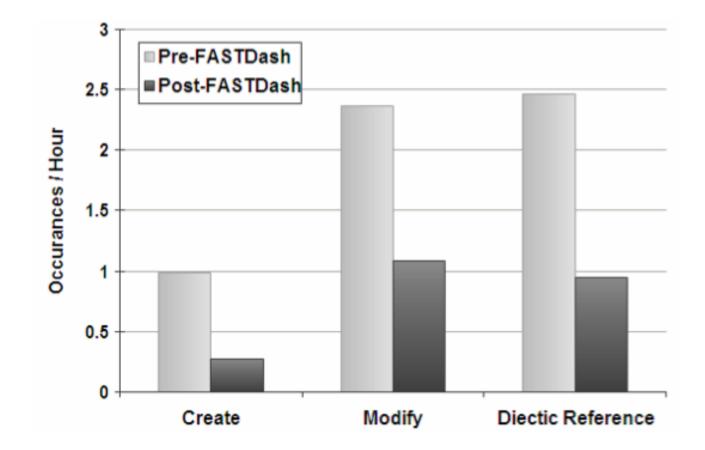
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FastDash



FastDash Evaluation

• Shared resource contention decreased



Codebook

- Begel & DeLine [MSR '08]
- Extend social networks into software systems
 - E.g., developers can be 'friends' with their code
 - Social call graphs
 - Enable informal feedback channel for your APIs
- Provide alternative means for discovering time contention
- Evaluation not yet complete

Codebook

EventLogger.Connect() in EventLogger.cs

In class <u>EventLogger</u> in <u>Microsoft.Research</u> Compiled into <u>Logging.DLL</u> 16 checkins between 1/24/2005 and 1/31/2006 5 prio bugs, 10 pri1 bugs, 1 pri2 bug 3 sibling methods:

void <u>OnConnection(...)</u> bool <u>Close()</u> void <u>OnFailure(...)</u>

2 sibling fields:

int <u>numberConnections</u>
 bool <u>currentlyConnected</u>
Uses <u>MAPI</u>, <u>OWA</u>, and <u>Passport</u> external APIs.
Spec can be found in <u>http://team/sites/devui/docs/Logger.doc</u>

Callers

Called by 41 methods: See all <u>EventLogger.OnConnection()</u>: 3 calls <u>EventLogger.OnFailure()</u>: 2 calls <u>Recommender.Startup()</u>: 1 call Code owned by 24 people calls Connect(): <u>Mike Diaz</u>, Jerry Ryan, Sumeet Gupta, Aaron Martin, Jenna Goldberg ... (see all)

Gadgets

Churn metrics Get definition

Newsfeed

— March 2009 —

<u>Pialic</u> checked in <u>#1181</u> (tfs) and marked bug #<u>9902</u> (ps) as closed.

changed methods openLogFile() and Connect() in class Connect

Moved to <u>EventLogger</u> class from <u>OldEventLogger</u> class by <u>pialic</u>

Modified by checkin #<u>1181</u> ("BUG 9902...") by <u>pialic</u> Mentioned in bug #<u>9902</u> ("fails to connect...") is pri 1 by <u>abegel</u>

— Februrary 2009 — Mentioned in checkin #<u>381</u> ("BUG 3384...") by <u>sumeetg</u> Mentioned in email ("Failed to connect...") from <u>rdeline</u> Mentioned in bug #<u>3384</u> ("hang when...") is pri 1 by <u>ginav</u> Mentioned in bug #<u>1022</u> ("connects too slow...") is pri 2 by <u>pialic</u>

— December 2008— Added by checkin #<u>211</u> ("ongoing...") by <u>pialic</u>

Related People

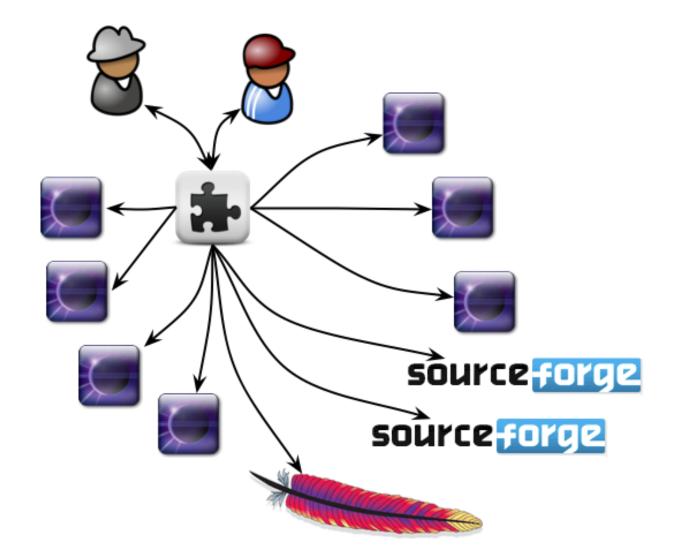
2 committers, 3 bug reporters/commenters (<u>see all</u>) <u>pialic</u> RSDE MSR-Research 99/4219 <u>rdeline</u> SENIOR RESEARCHER MSR-Research 99/2132

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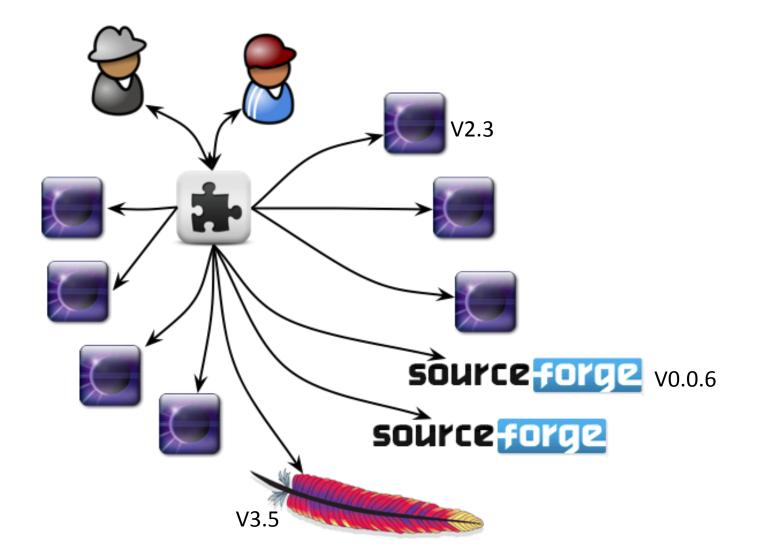
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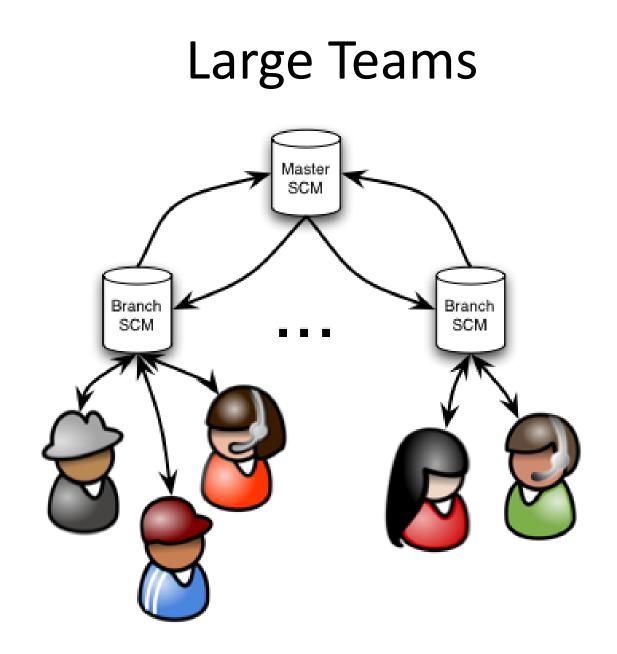
- Holmes and Walker [ICSE '10]
- Projects are not created in isolation
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- Similar information spread across many projects

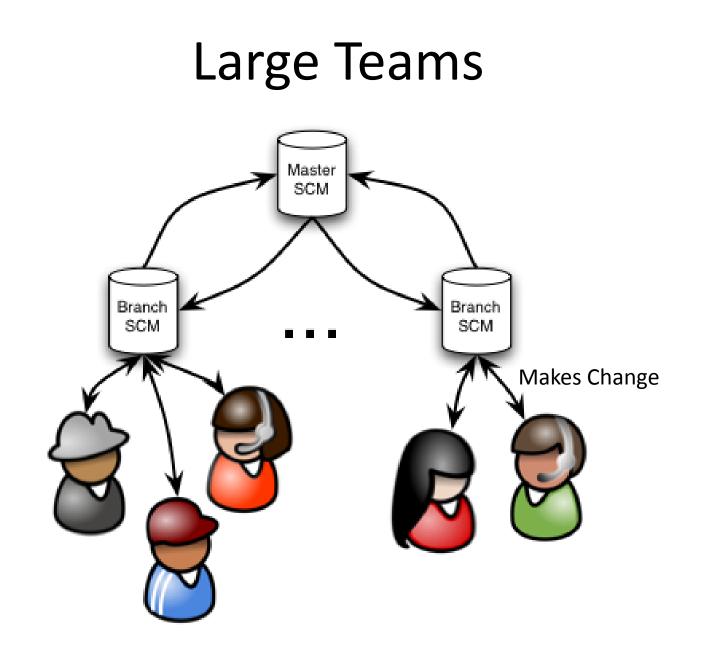
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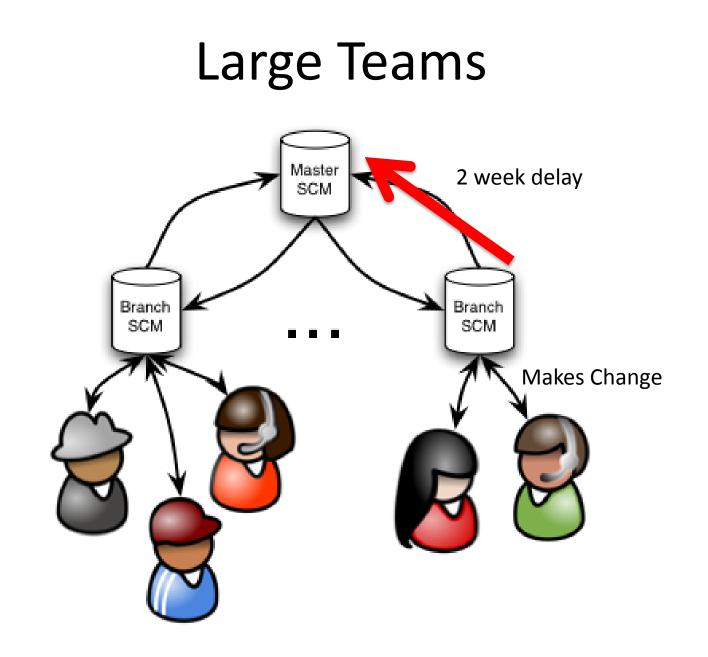


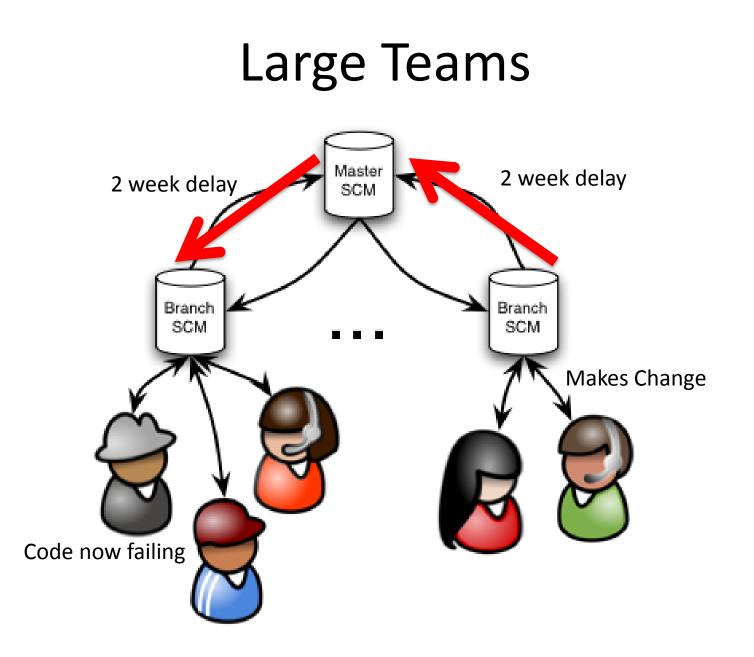
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Commit Logs

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Subject: [r9g-cvs] [hg] refactoring.java: #144961: fixing NPE
From: Jan P. <jp... (at) netbeans.org>
Message-id: hg.abbaf0f1ff63.1219918286.1797694213 (at)
hg.netbeans.org
Date: 2008-08-28 12:11:26
changeset abbaf0f1ff63 in main
details: http://hg.netbeans.org/main?cmd=changes baf0f1ff63
description:
#144961: fixing NPE
diffs (12 lines):
diff -r eb7c38562250 -r abbaf0f1ff63
a/refactoring.java/src/org/netbeans/modules/refactoring/java/ui/UIUtilities.java
b/refactoring.java/src/org/netbeans/modules/refactoring/java/ui/UIUtilities.java
Aug 28 12:03:58 2008 +0200
00 -92,7 +92,7 00 public final class UIUtilities {
  headerRenderer = table.getTableHeader().
  getDefaultRenderer();
}
   Component comp = headerRenderer.
   getTableCellRendererComponent(
- null, column.getHeaderValue(), false, false, 0, 0);
+ table, column.getHeaderValue(), false, false, 0, 0);
   int width = comp.getPreferredSize().width;
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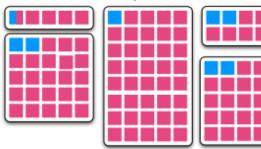
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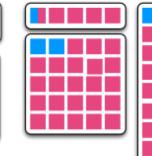
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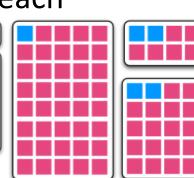
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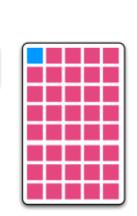
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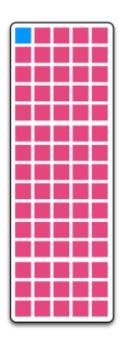
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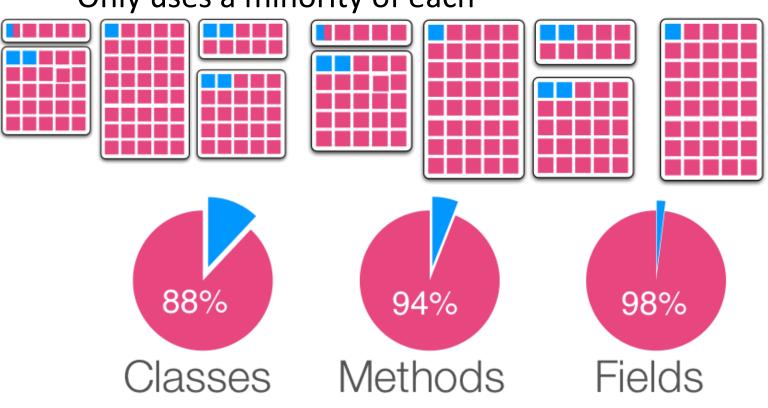






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Approach

• Infer interest set

– Code ownership + static analysis

• Analyze changes

Identify changed elements

- Determine change relevance
 - Structural relevance
 - Practical relevance

Evaluation

- RQ1: How well is the stream compressed?
- RQ2: Are impactful events really impactful?
- RQ3: Are any impactful events misclassified?

	Impactful	Uncertain	Information	Irrelevant
Metrics (sauerf)	9	674	273	618,219
Checkstyle	6	604	266	381,788
	TP	FP	TN	FN
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Checkstyle	5	0	382,658	1

Visualizations

- Seek to provide unique insights about systems

 Task-specific or general 'understanding'?
- Mappings to physical analogs difficult

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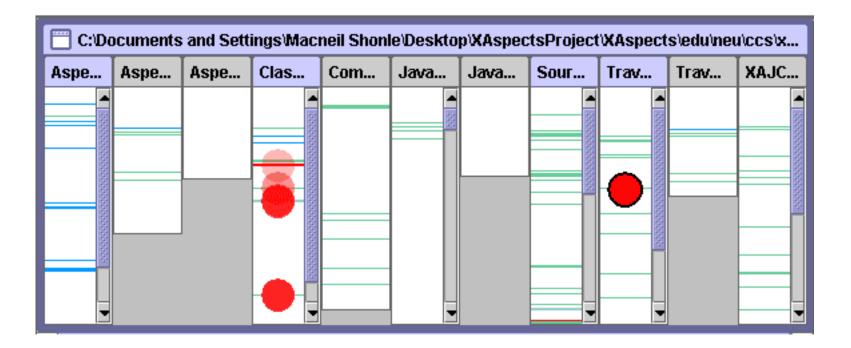
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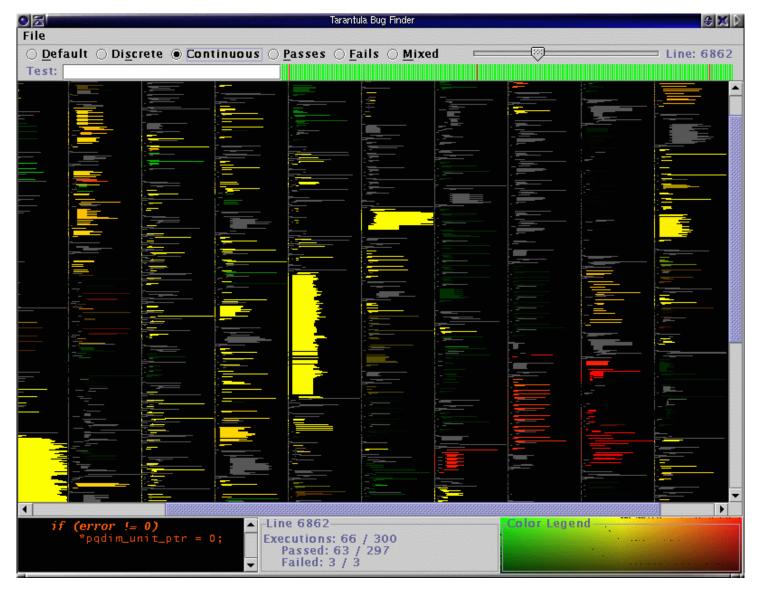
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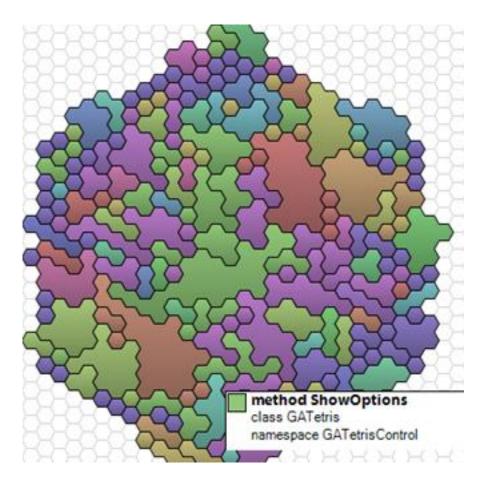
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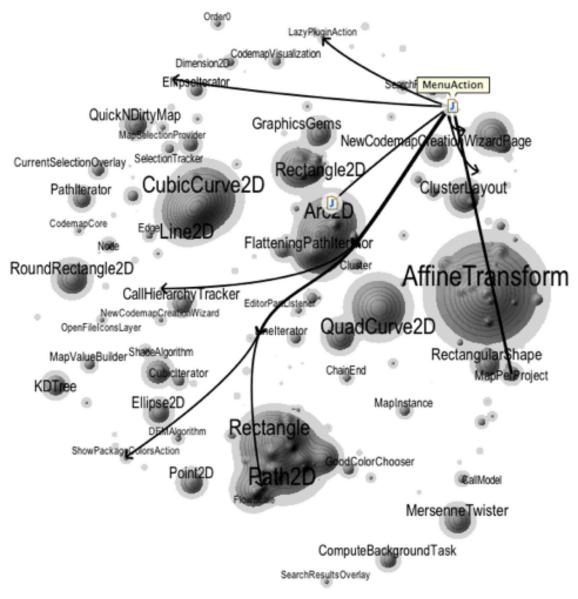
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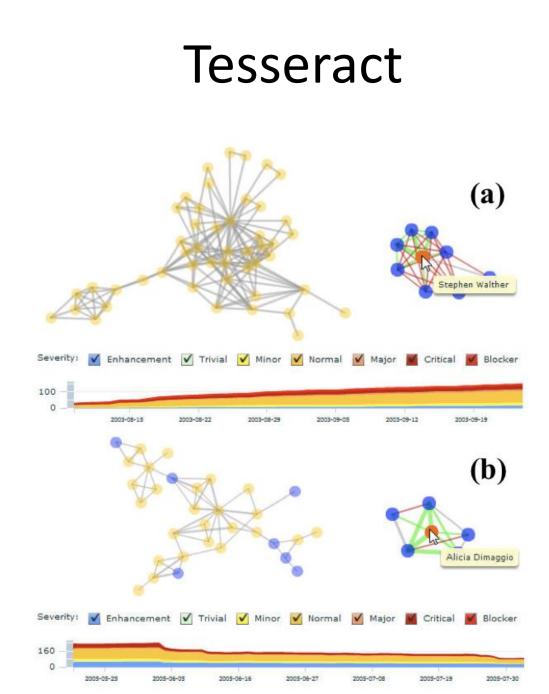
- DeLine [VLC 2005]
- Navigate perceptually rather than cognitively
- Ease navigation esp. backtracking
- Region size corresponds to code size
- Region locations capture affinity

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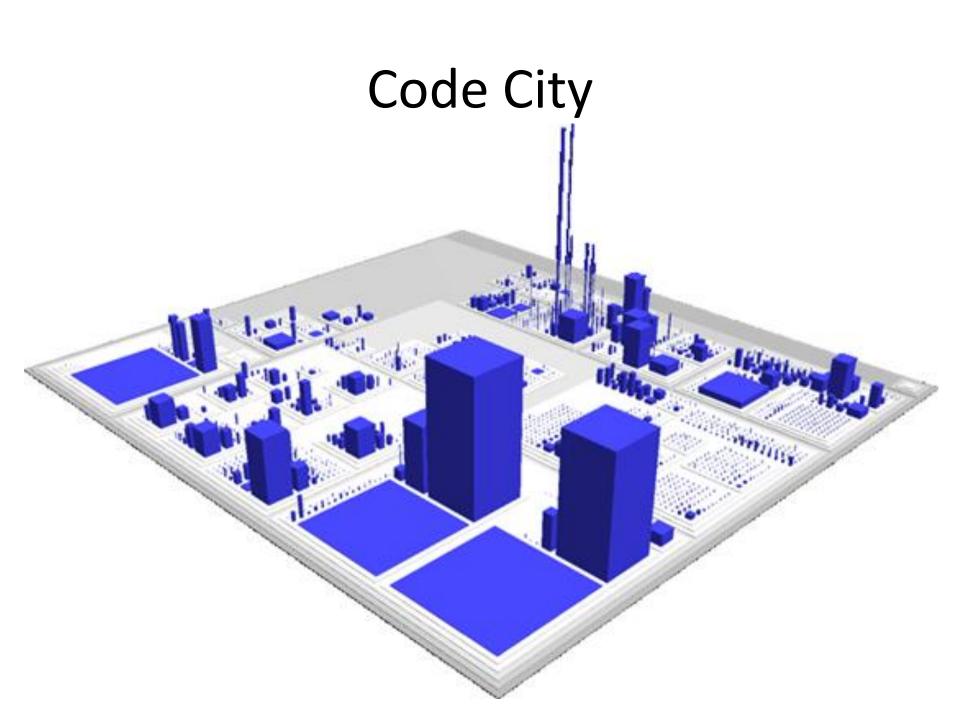
Software Cartography





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Summary

- Tools help developers do _something_
- The path from a research prototype to an industrial tool is convoluted at best
 - Start with an idea that *could* be useful in practice
- Evaluation mismatch:
 - Academic merit vs. industrial merit