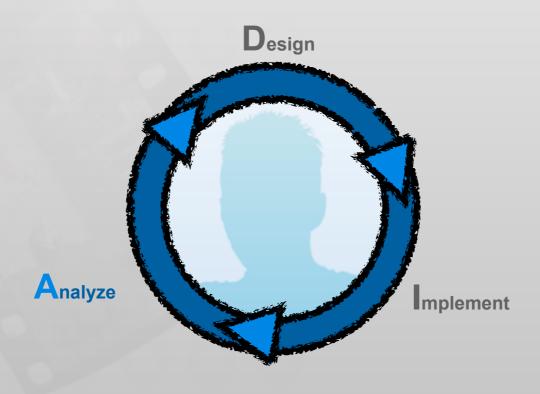


Research in Coding and IDEs

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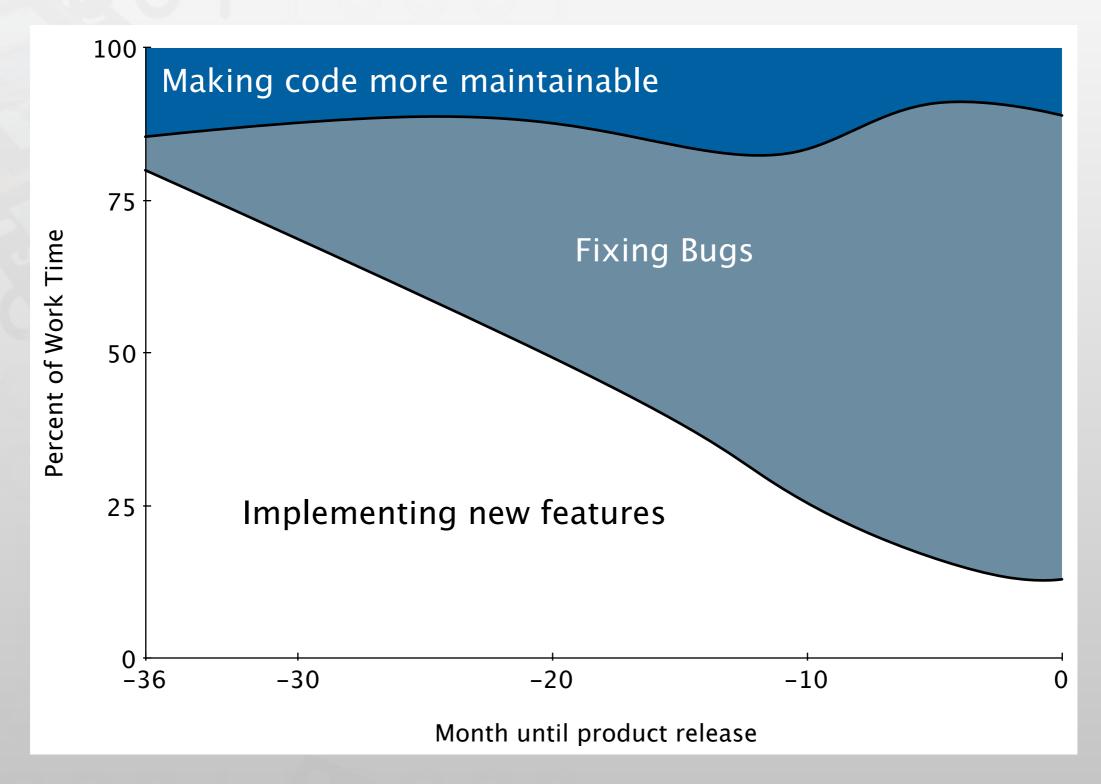
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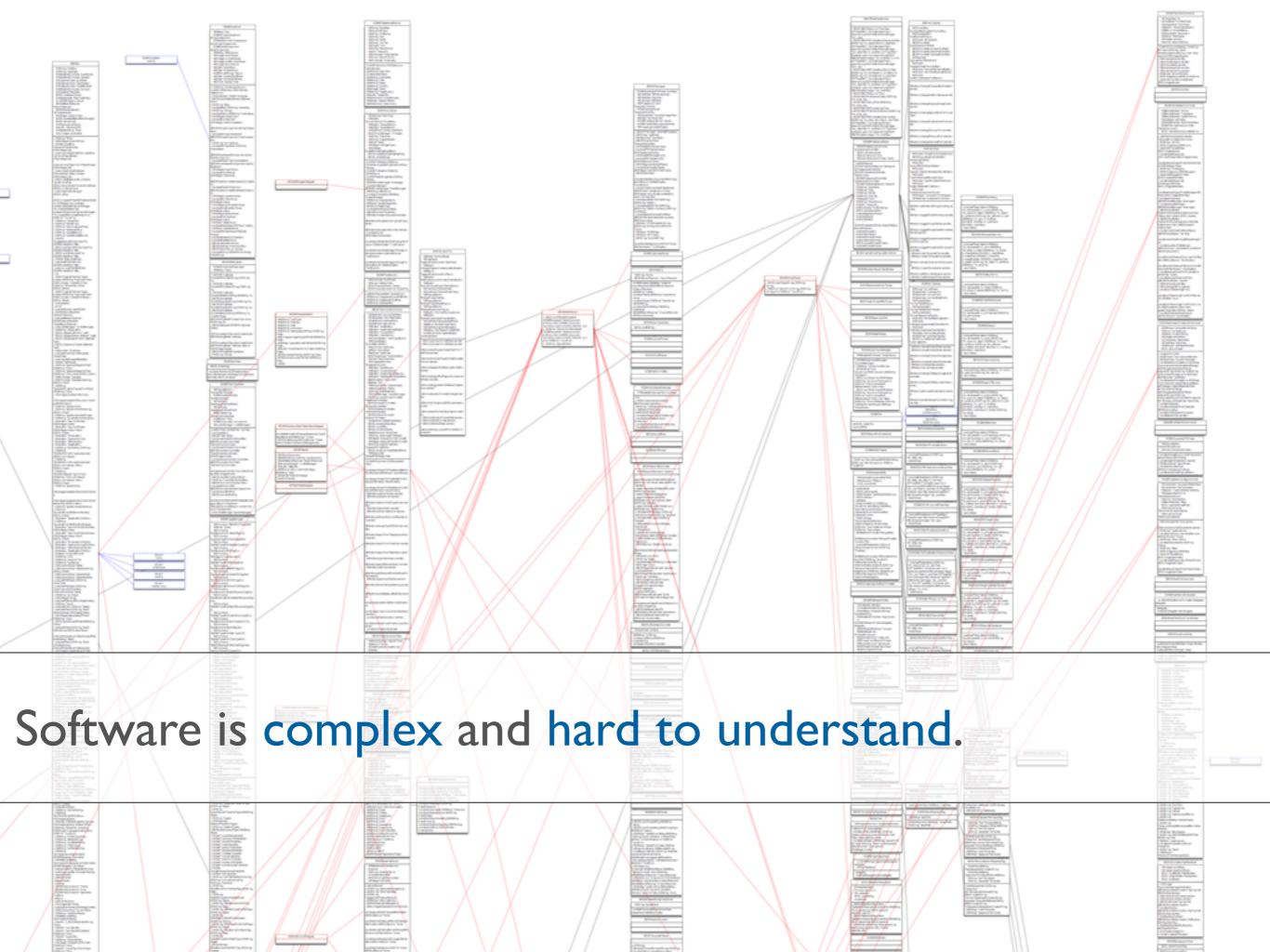
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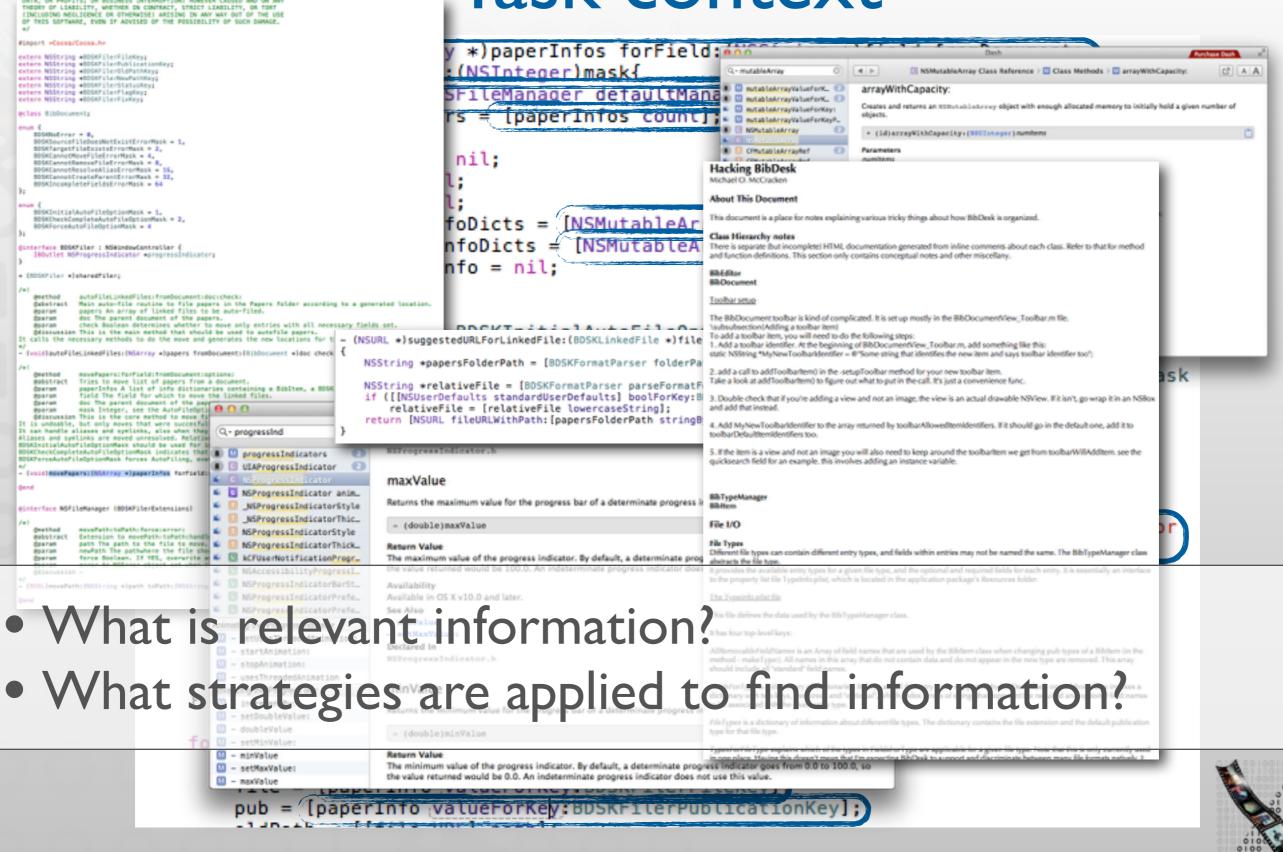
Time in Software Development

[LaToza2006, Maintaining mental models: a study of developer work habits]





Task context



[Ko2006, An Exploratory Study of How Developers Seek, Relate, and Collect Relevant Information during Software Maintenance Tasks]



31 Professional Java Developers

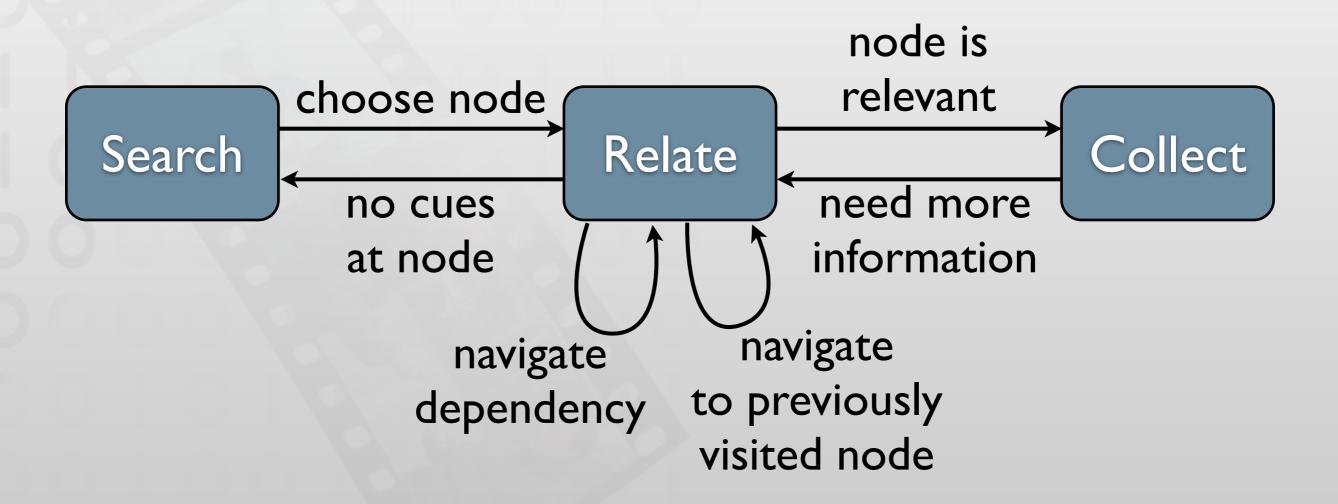


5 Maintenance tasks (3 Bugs, 2 Enhancements)



500 SLOC Java Paint Application

[Ko2006, An Exploratory Study of How Developers Seek, Relate, and Collect Relevant Information during Software Maintenance Tasks]



[Sillito2008, Asking and Answering Questions during a Programming Change Task]



9 experienced developers (pair programming)



16 developers from industry



I of 5 maintenance tasks per session



Real world change task



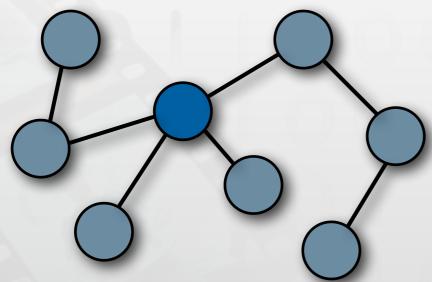
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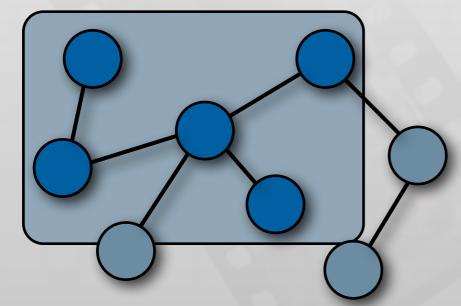
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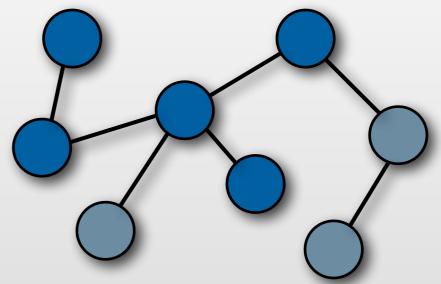
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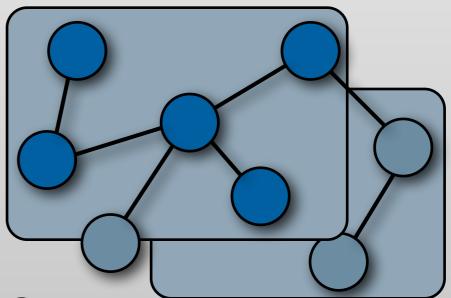
Finding focus points



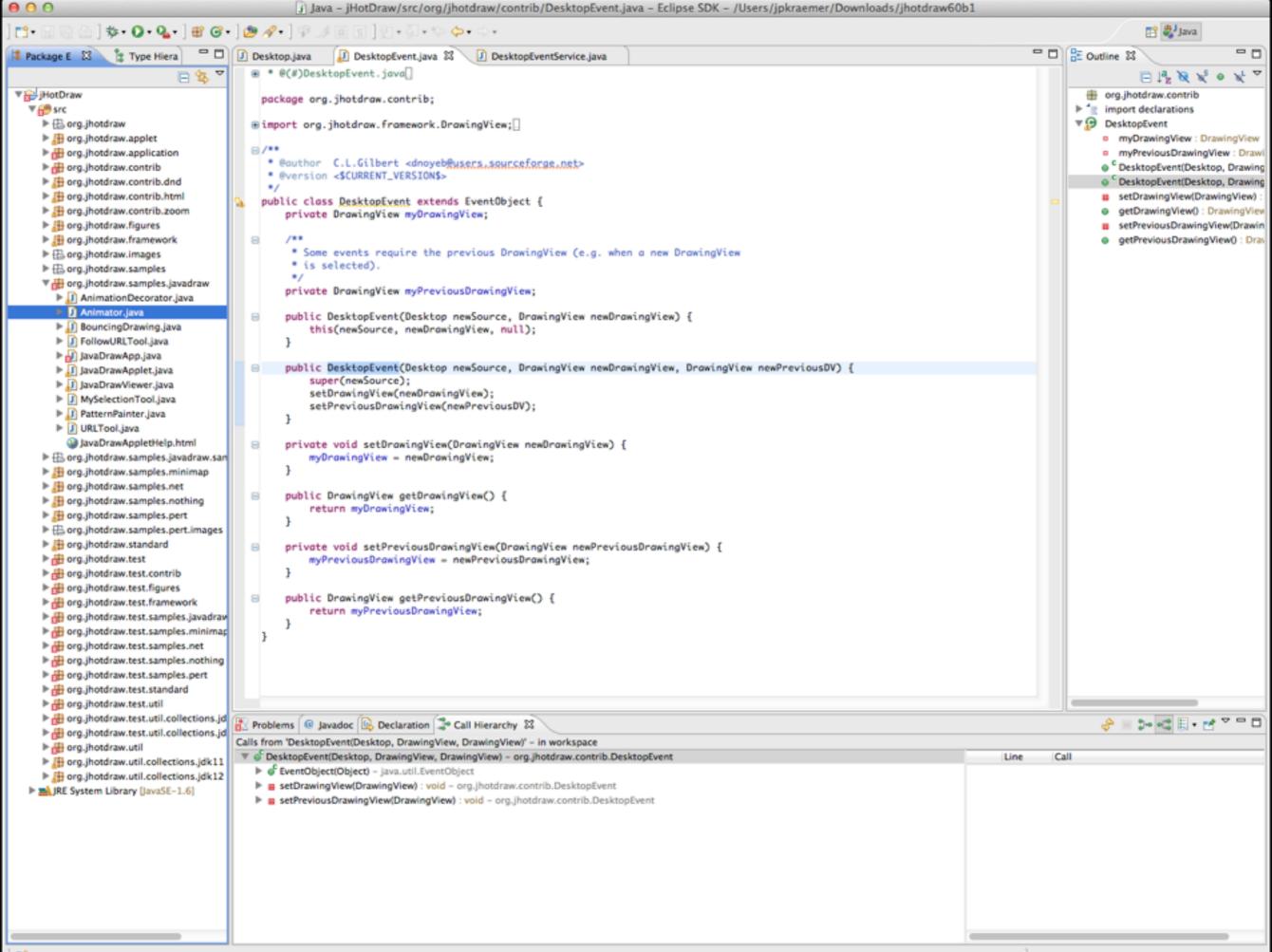
Understanding a subgraph



Expanding focus points

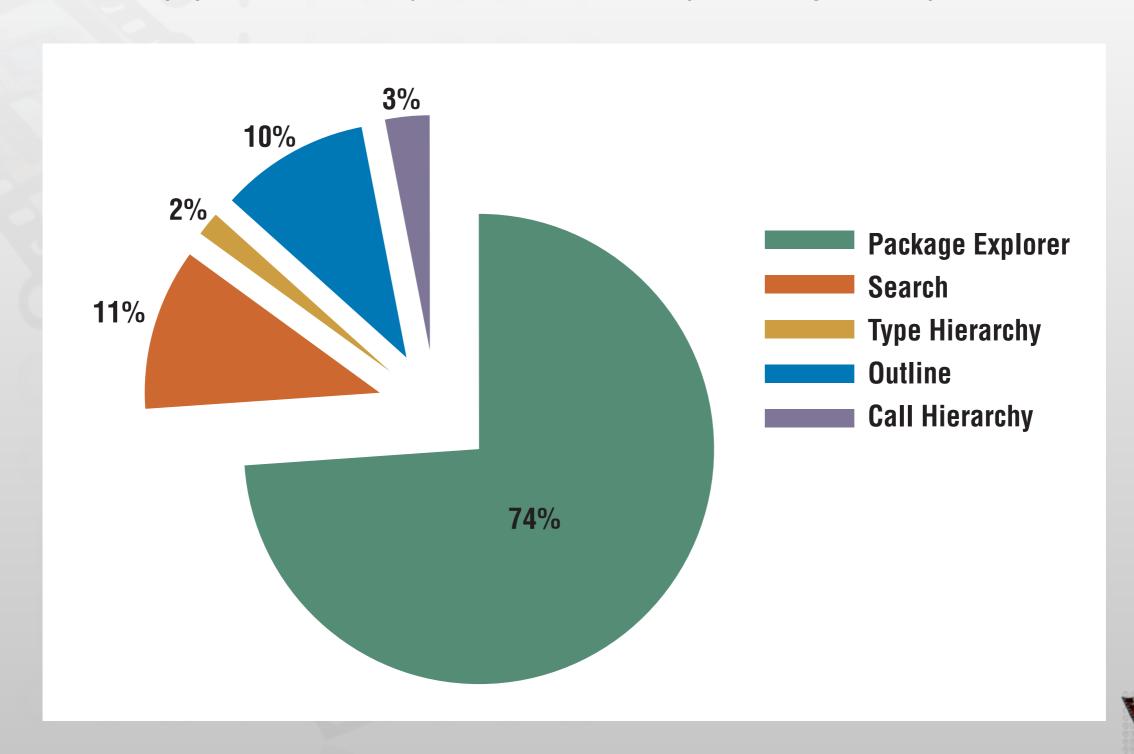


Questions over groups of subgraphs

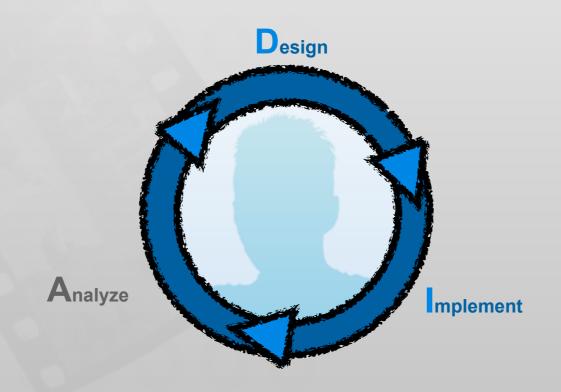


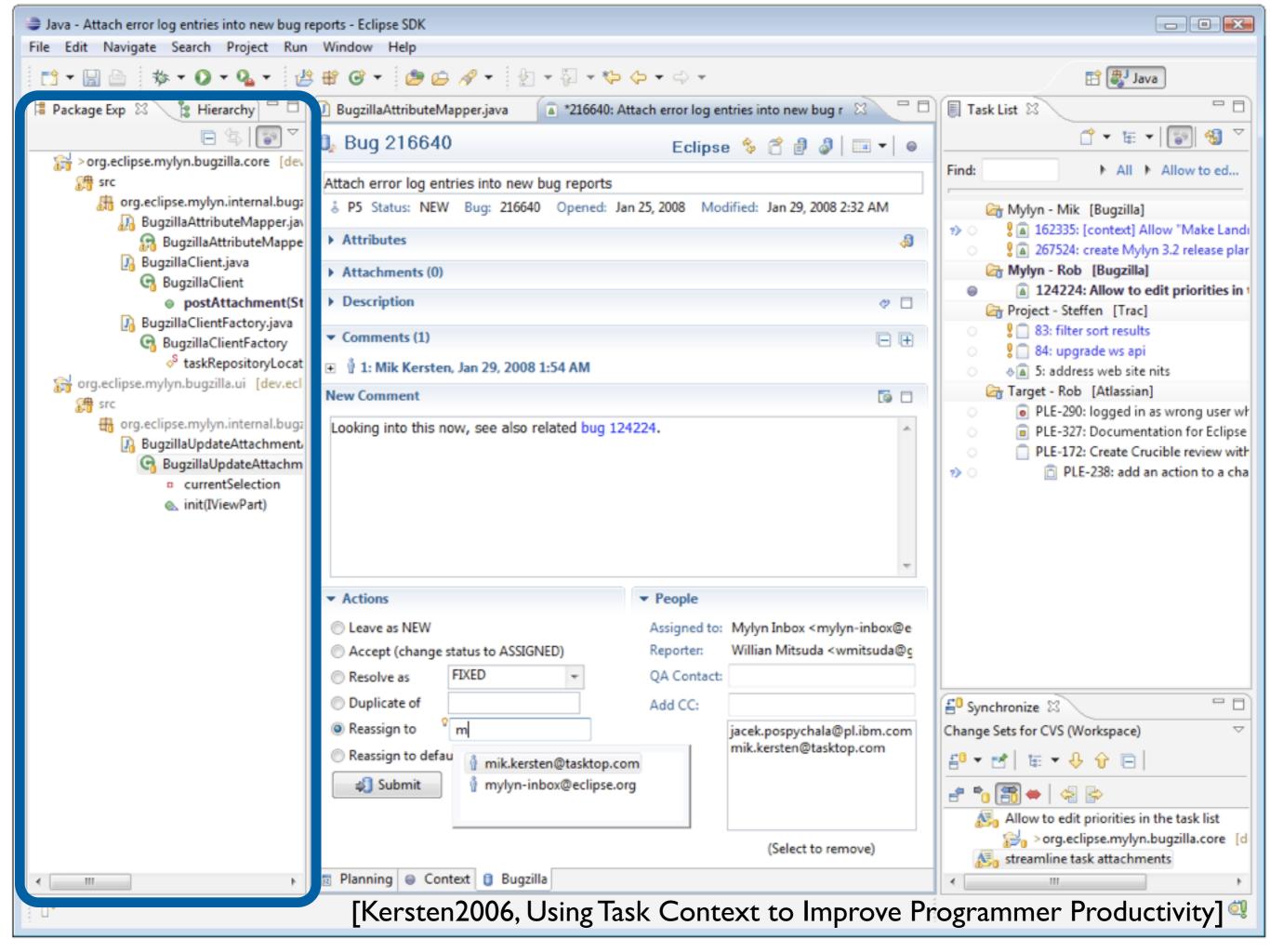
Tools Used in Eclipse

[Murphy2006, How Are Java Software Developers Using the Eclipse IDE?]



Easing Access to Task Context

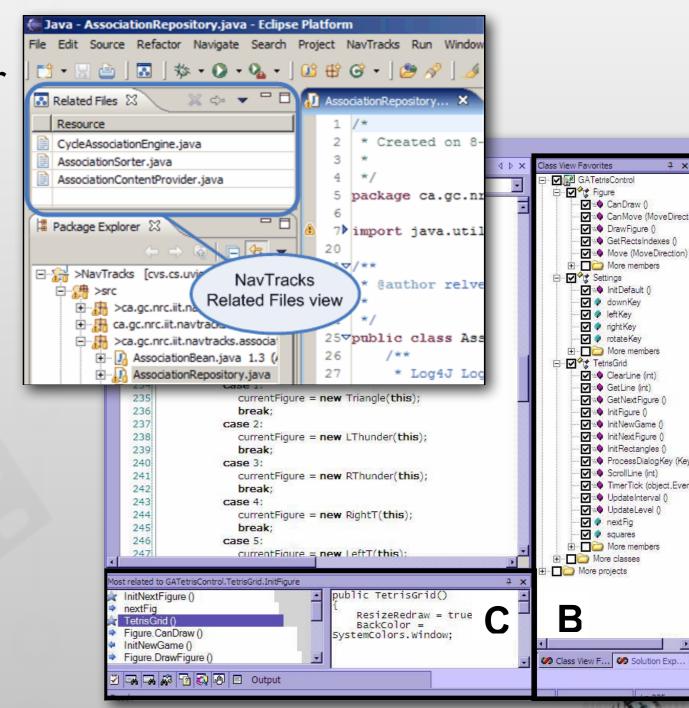


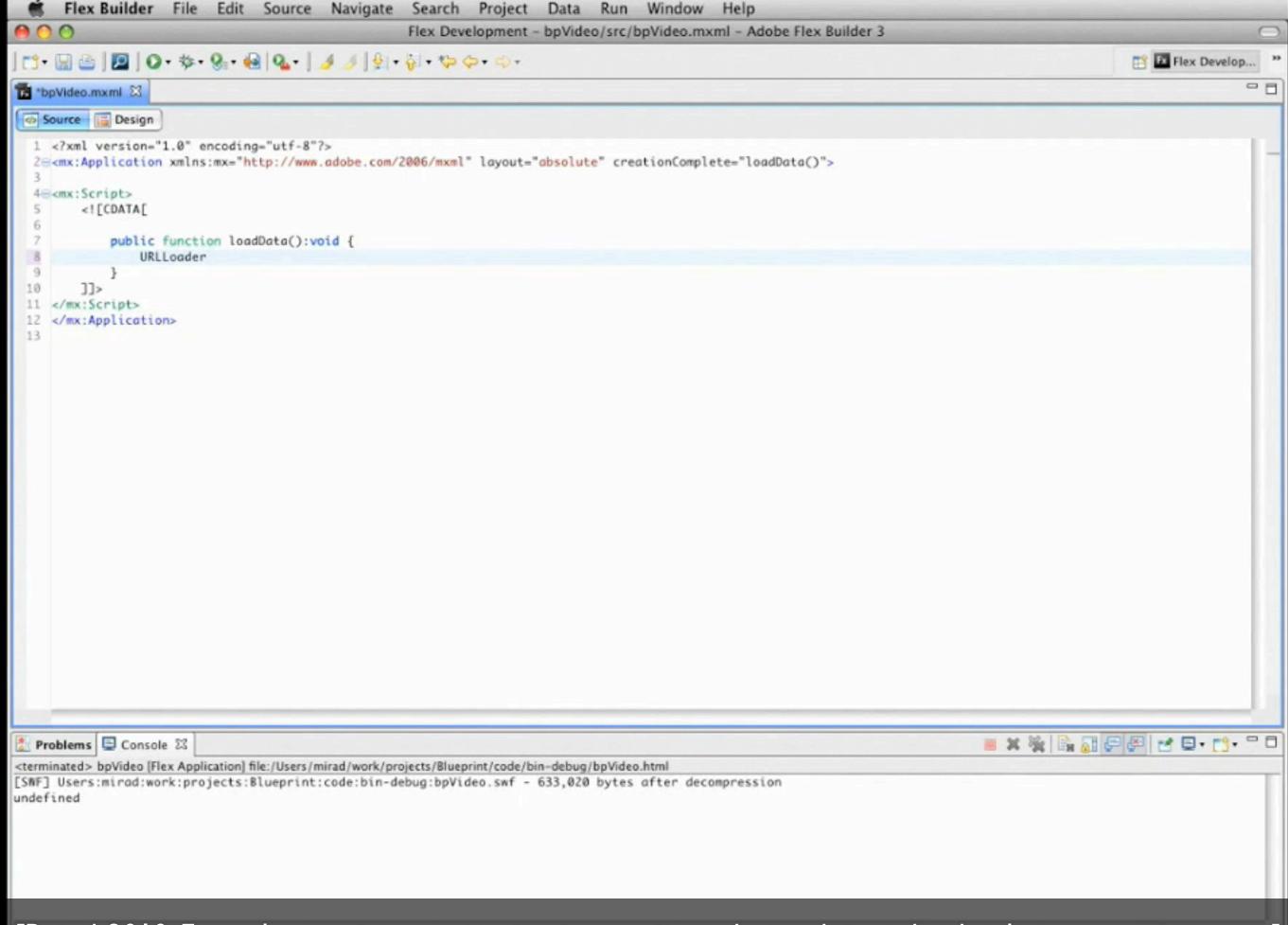


Recommender Tools

[Singer2005, NavTracks: supporting navigation in software maintenance] [DeLine2005, Easing program comprehension by sharing navigation data] [Čubranic´2005, Hipikat: recommending pertinent software development artifacts]

- Calculate a Degree of Interest for source code elements based on:
 - reading history
 - editing history
 - history of other team members
 - information from version control systems
- Remaining Problems:
 - Still only text-based visualization
 - Recommendations for irrelevant code are still irrelevant

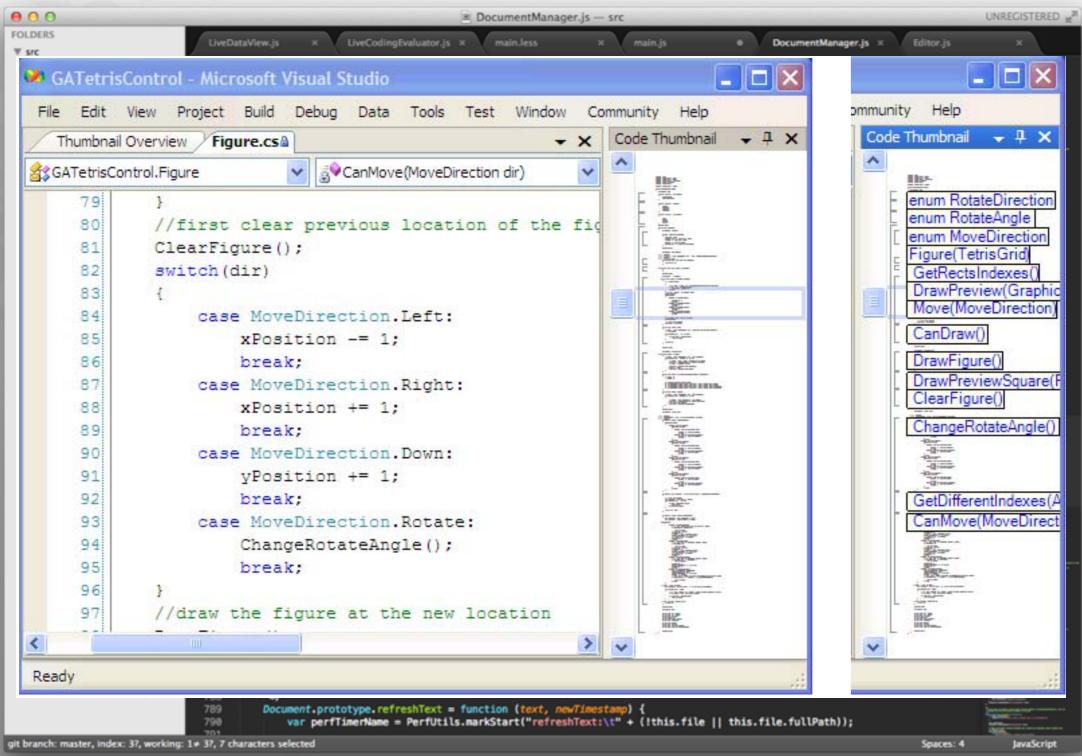


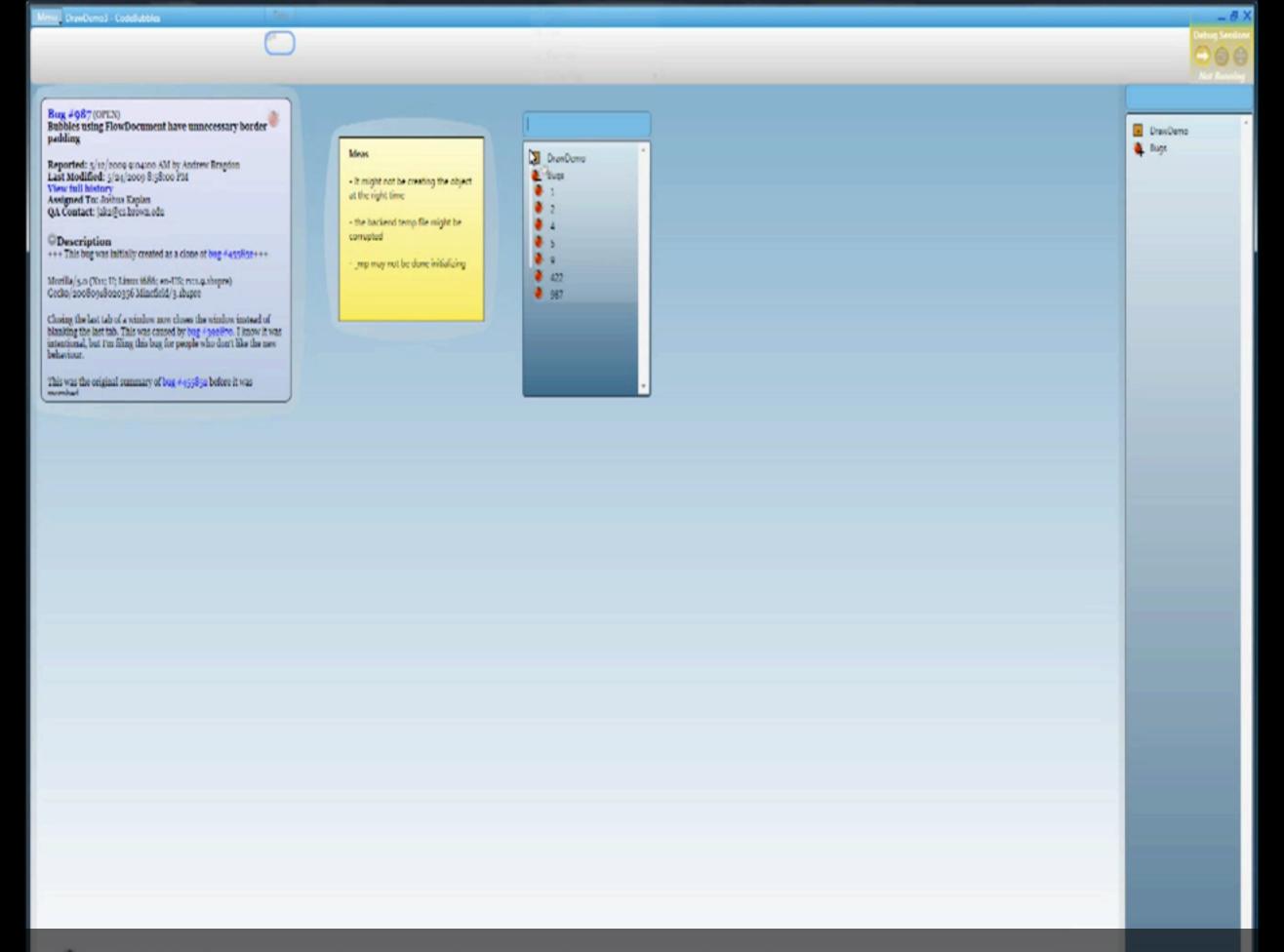


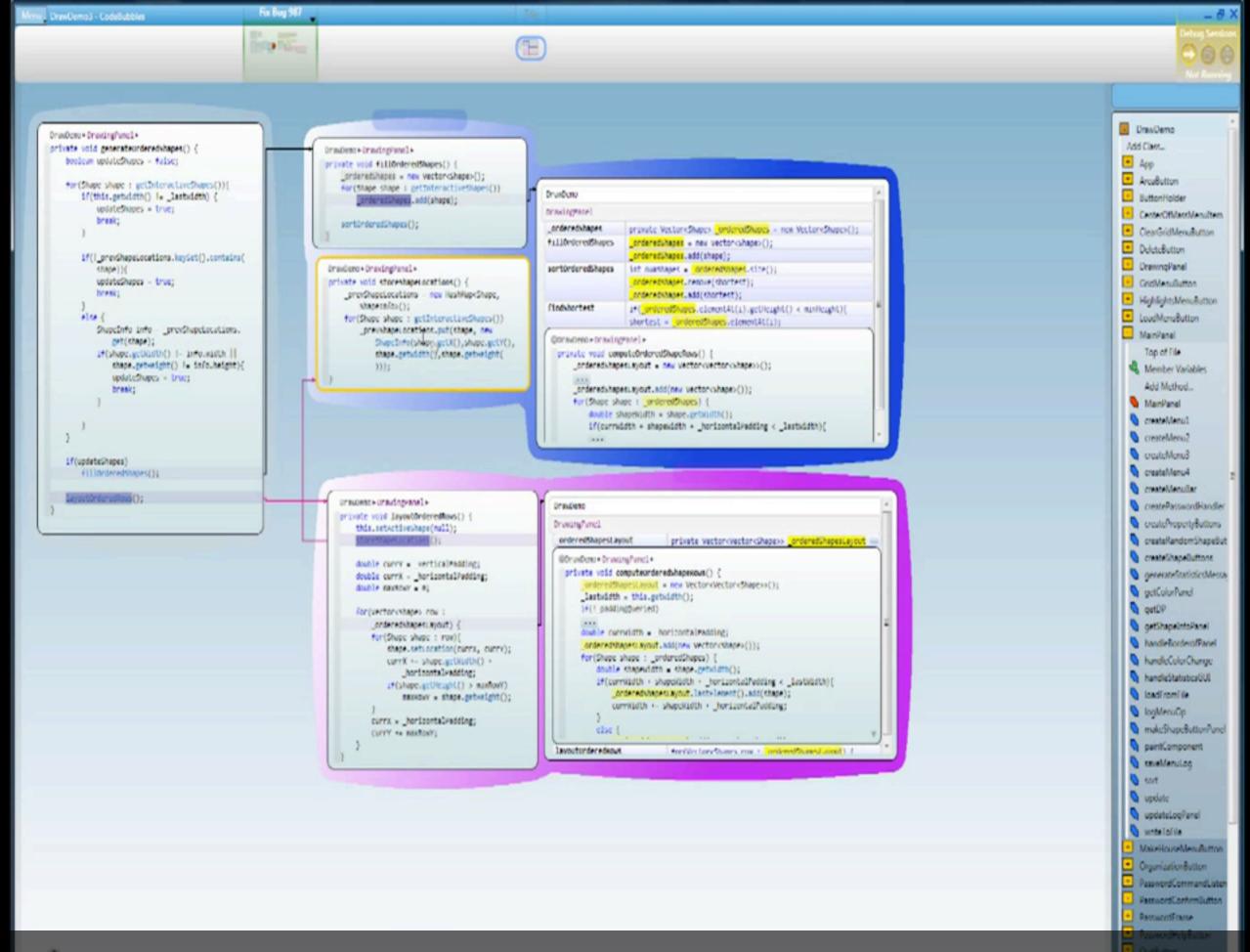
[Brandt2010, Example-centric programming: integrating web search into the development environment]

Changing the Presentation

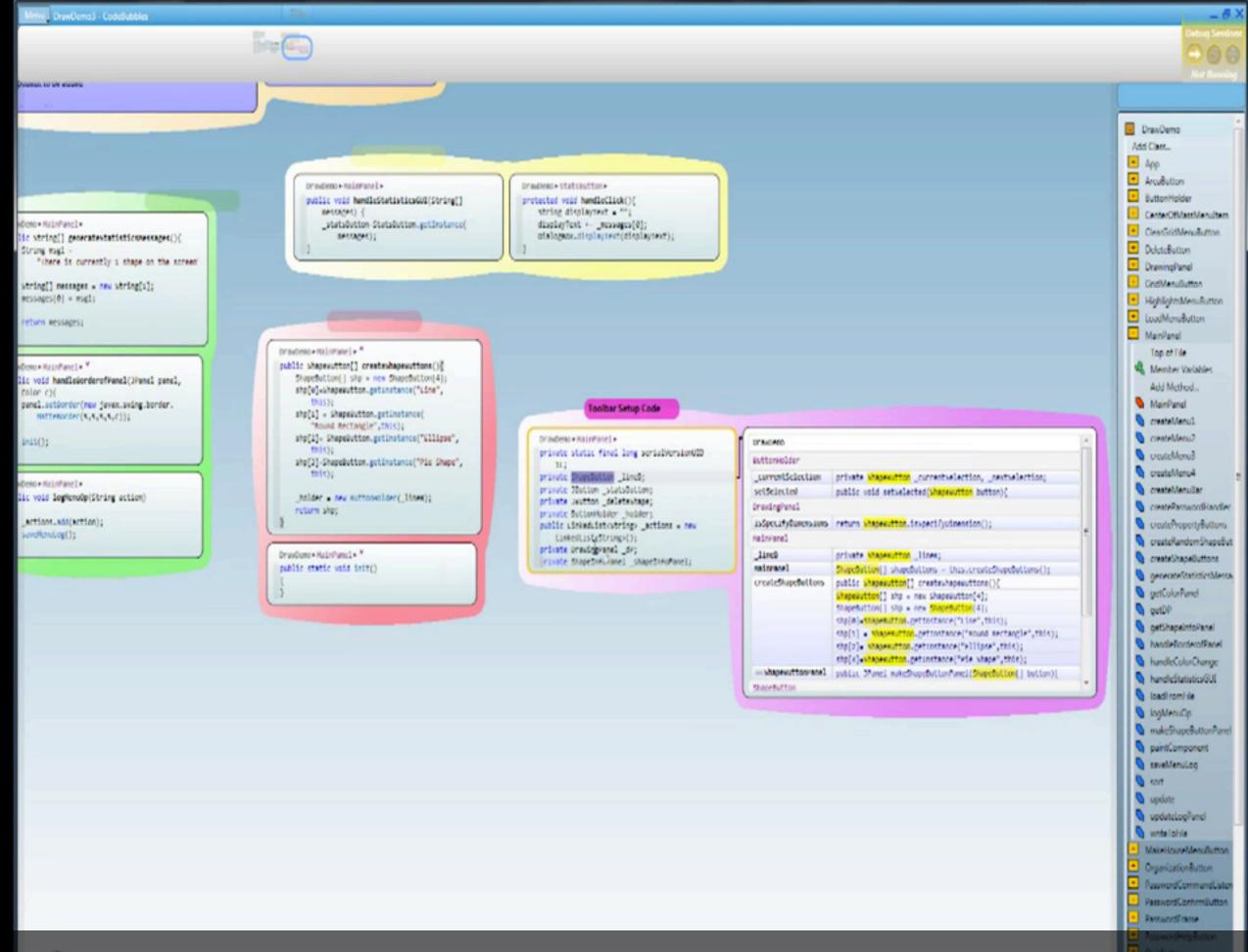
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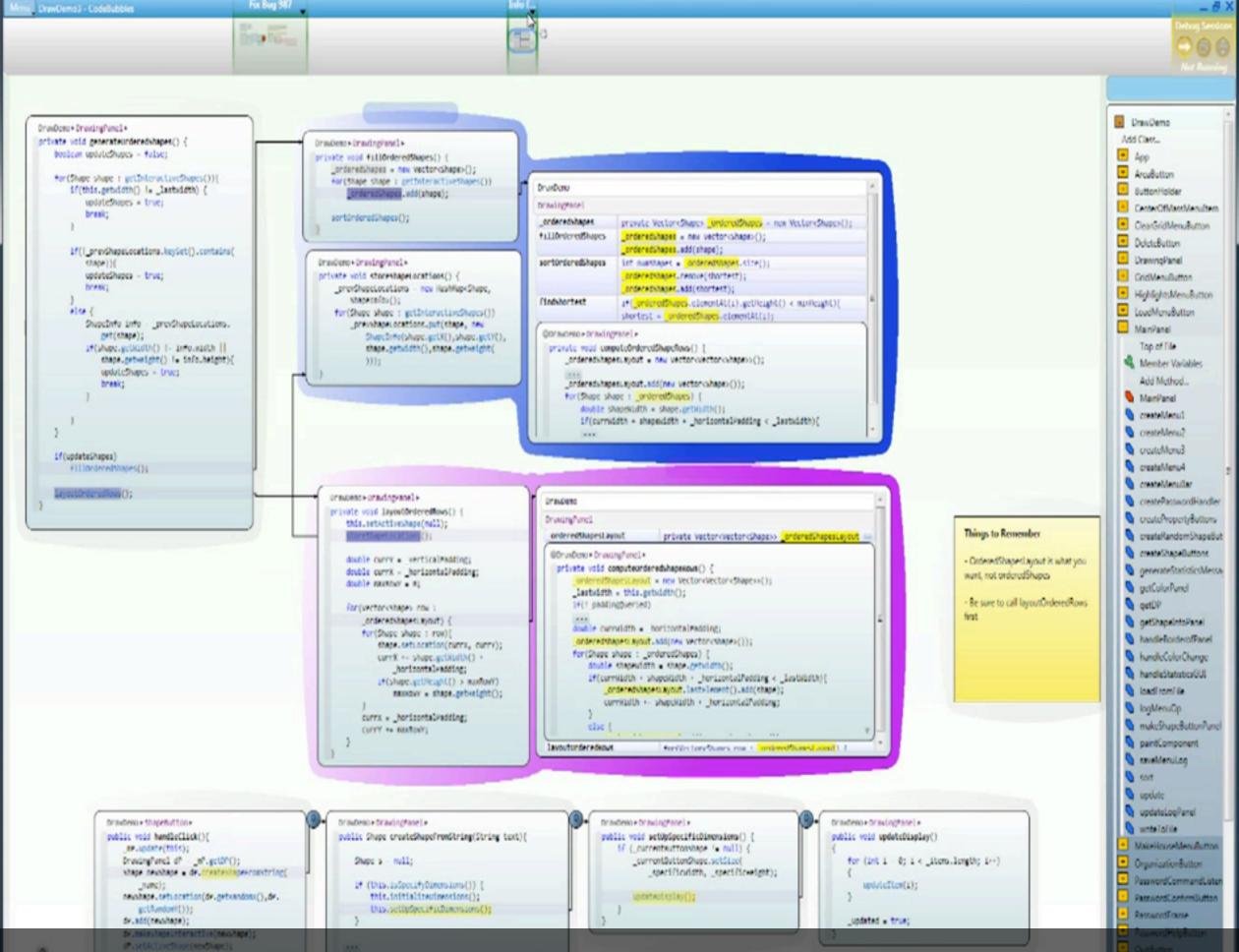




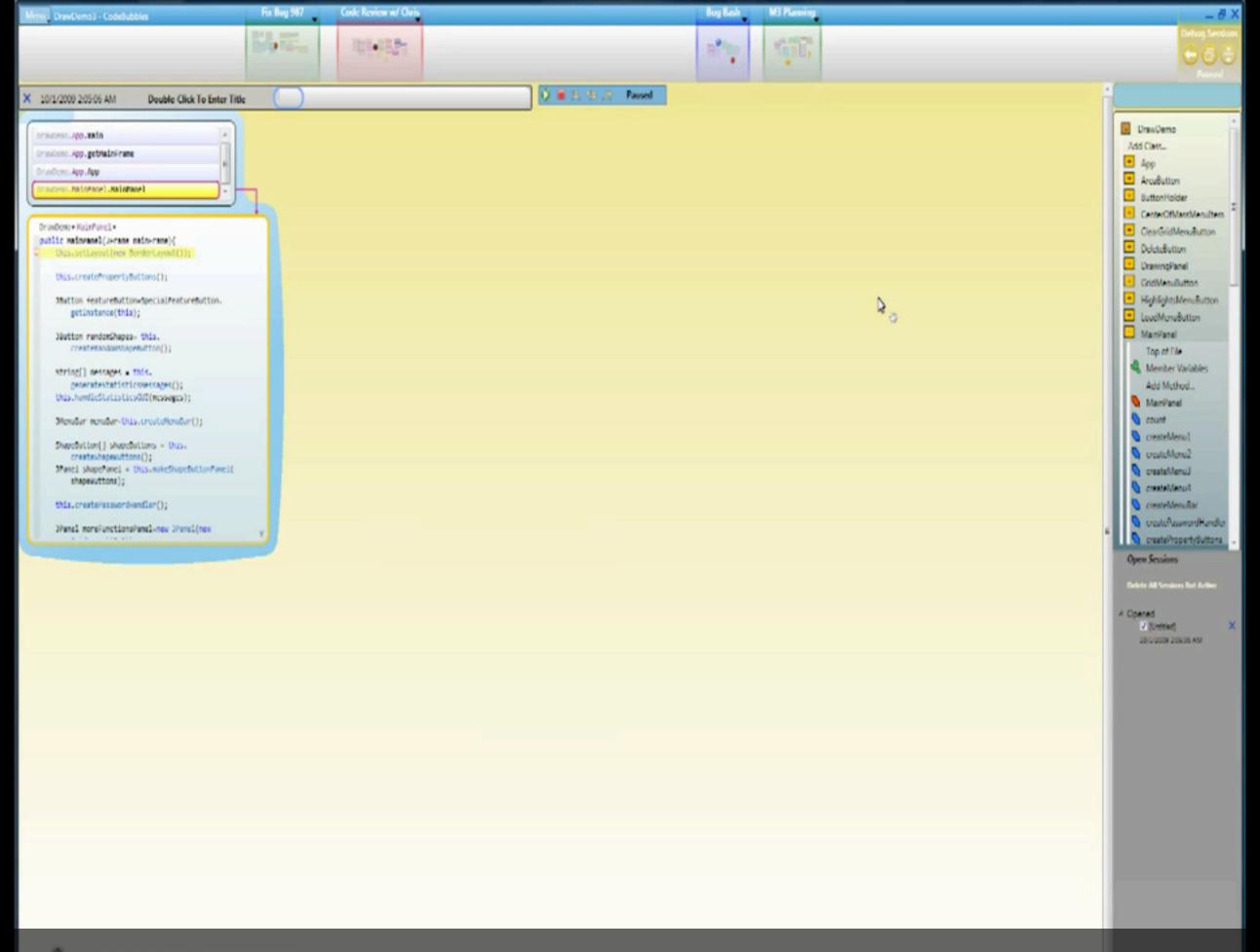
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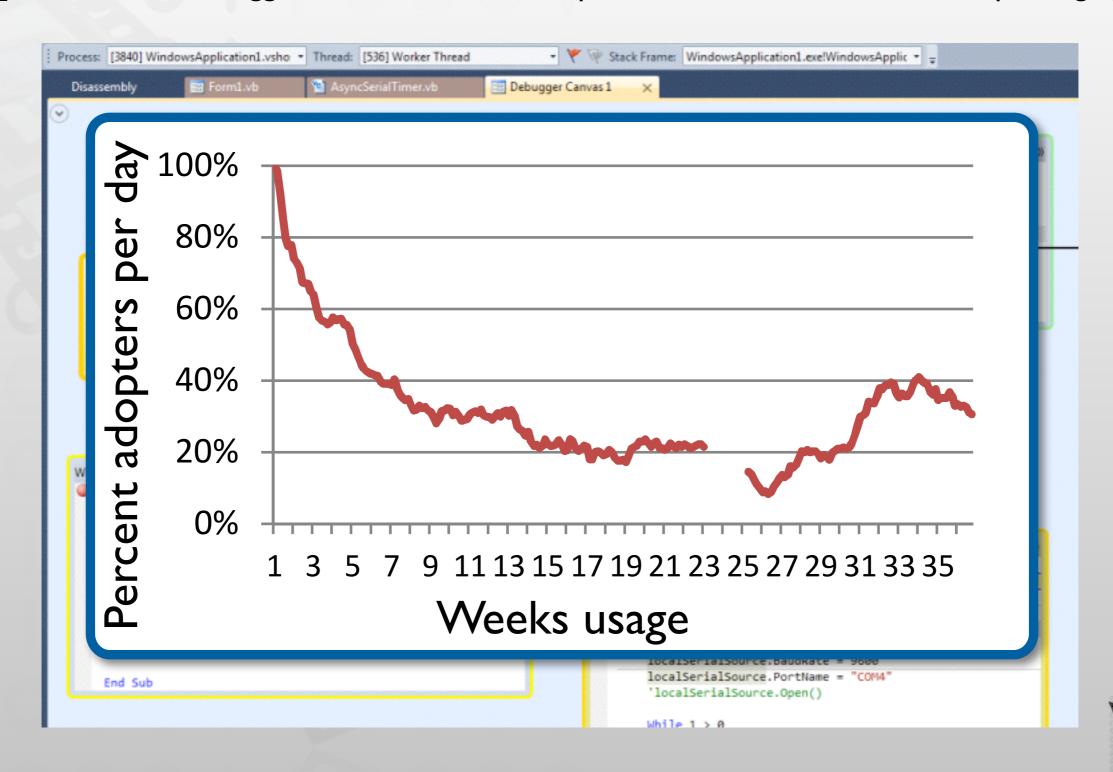
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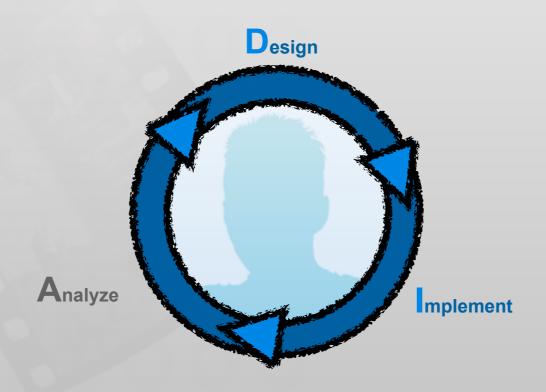
[Bragdon2010, Code bubbles: a working set-based interface for code understanding and maintenance]

Canvas Interfaces in the Wild

[DeLine2012, Debugger Canvas: Industrial experience with the code bubbles paradigm]



Utilizing the Call Graph



Reachability Questions

[LaToza2010, Developers ask reachability questions]

	Where is method m generating an error?	Find output of error text downstream from m
	What resources are being acquired to cause this deadlock?	Find calls to methods acquiring the resources
	What is this test doing which is different from what my app is doing?	Find differences between two call stacks
	Is there another reason why this status is non-zero?	Find upstream statements that change the status

```
- (void)movePapers:(NSArray *)paperInfos forField:(NSString *)field fromDocument:
                                                                                                                             (NSURL *)suggestedURLForLinkedFile:(BDSKLinkedFile *)file
(BibDocument *)doc options:(NSInteger)mask{
    NSFileManager *fm = [NSFileManager defaultManager];
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    BibItem *pub = nil;
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    BDSKLinkedFile *file = nil;
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                                           FileOptionMask);
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                                           OptionMask);
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        initial && [field isEqualToString:BDSKLockFileString] == NO)
[NSException raise:BDSKUnimplementedException format:@"%@ is.
    if (initial && [field isEqualToString:BDSKLock
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        [progressIndicator setMaxValue:numberOfPapers];
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        [[self window] orderFront:nil];
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                                                                                                                                                                                                         inkedFile:(BDS)
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        pub = [paperInfo valueForKey:BDSKFile
                                                                                                                               [parsedStr appendString:@"TRIAL"];
        oldPath = [[file URL] path];
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                                                       PDCKLinkedFiles
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            newPath
                                           orLinkedFile:file]
                                                                                                                               NSUInteger uniqueNumber;
        else // an e
                                                               of info dictionaries
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                                          Key: BDSKFilerNewPathKey];
            newPath
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                                                                                                                               NSCharacterSet *slashCharSet = [NSCharacterSet
                                                                                                                                                                                                    actersInString:@"/"]
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        if (number
             [proq
                                                                                                                               [scanner setCharactersToBeSkipped:nil];
            [prog
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            [pub removeFileToBeFiled:file];
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        info = [NSMutableDictionary dictionaryWithCapacity:6];
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        [info setValue:oldPath forKey:BDSKFilerOldPathKey];
                                                                                                                                                          ter:&specifier]) {
        [info setValue:pub forKey:BDSKFilerPublicationKey];
                                                                                                                                       switch (specifier) {
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                                                                                                                                           case 'a':
                                                                                                                                           case 'p':
        if (check && NO == [pub canSetURLForLinkedFile:file]) {
                                                                                                                                               // author names, optional [separator], [etal], #names and #chars
            [info setValue:NSLocalizedString(@"Incomplete information to generate file
                                                                                                                                               NSUInteger numChars = 0;
            forKey:BDSKFilerStatusKey];
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            [info setValue:[NSNumber numberWithInteger:BDSKIncompleteFieldsErrorMask]
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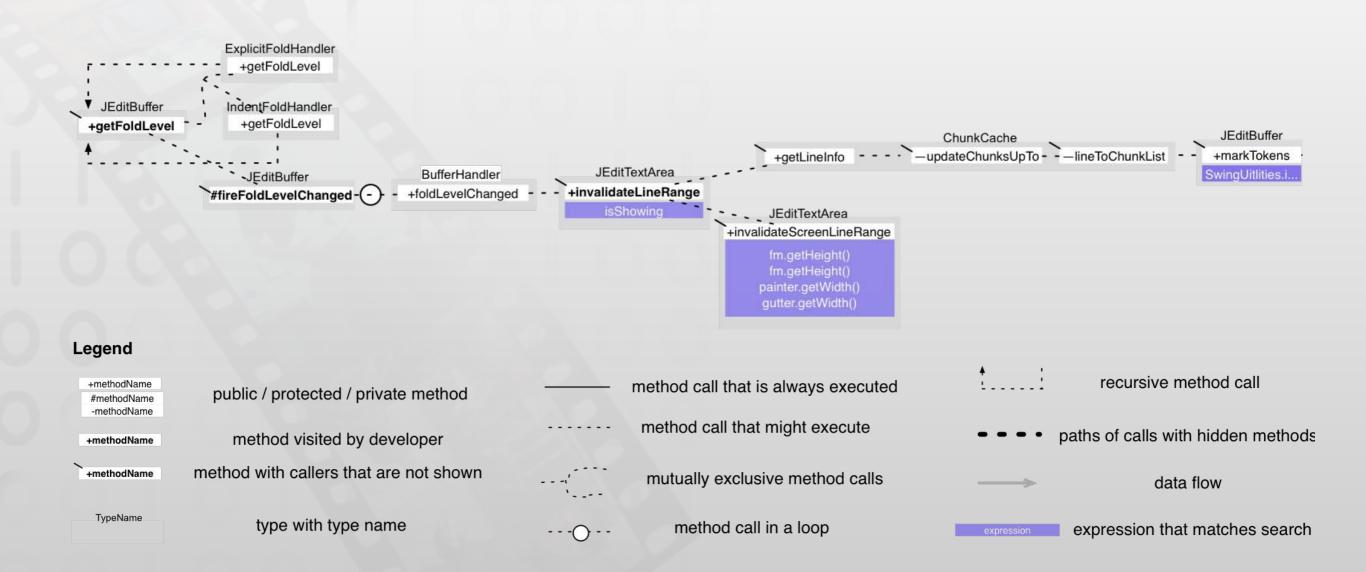
In practice: Feasible paths most interesting

[LaToza2010, Developers ask reachability questions]



Utilizing Call Graph Information

[LaToza2010, Searching Across Paths]

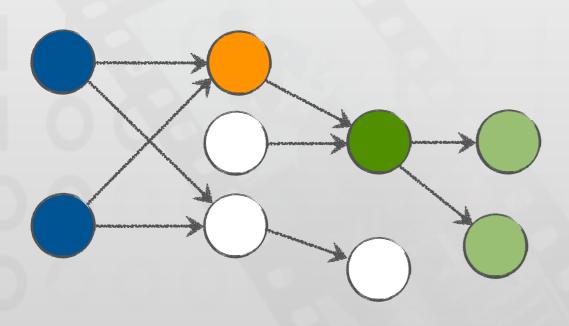


Static Analysis in the Wild

[Clang Static Analyzer, http://clang-analyzer.llvm.org/]

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m Example.m
             U - C + #+
     2. Object allocated on line 13 is no longer referenced after this point and has a ... $
  10
  11
        void foo(int x, int y) {
  12
          id obj = [[NSString alloc] init];
  13
                                    Method returns an Objective-C object with a +1 retain count (owning reference)
  14
             case 0:
  15
               [obj release];
  16
               break;
  17
  18
             case 1:
                         [obj autorelease];
  19
              ►break:
  20
             default:
  21
               break:
  22
  23
24
             Object allocated on line 13 is no longer referenced after this point and has a retain count of +1 (object leaked)
```

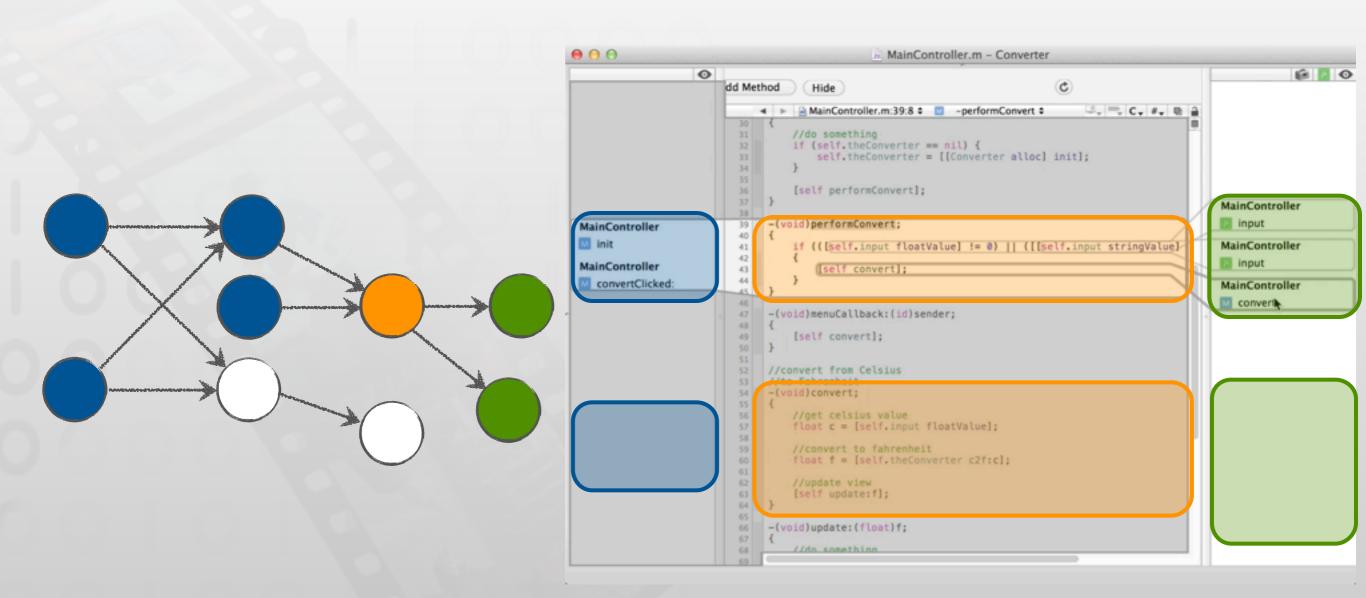
Call Hierarchy



```
Converter.xcodeproj
   -(void)convertClicked:(id)sender;
30
31
        //do something
32
        if (self.theConverter == nil) {
            self.theConverter = [[Converter alloc] init];
33
34
35
        [self performConvert];
36
37
     -(void)performConvert;
         if (([self.input floatValue] != 0) || ([[self.input st
            [self convert];
45
46
    -(void)menuCallback:(id)sender;
47
48
49
        [self convert];
50
52
    //convert from Celsius
53
    //to Fahrenheit
54
    -(void)convert;
55
56
        //get celsius value
57
        float c = [self.input floatValue];
58
59
        //convert to fahrenheit
        float f = [self.theConverter c2f:c];
60
61
62
        //update view
63
        [self update:f];
64
65
66
67
     -(void)update:(float)f;
68
        //do something
69
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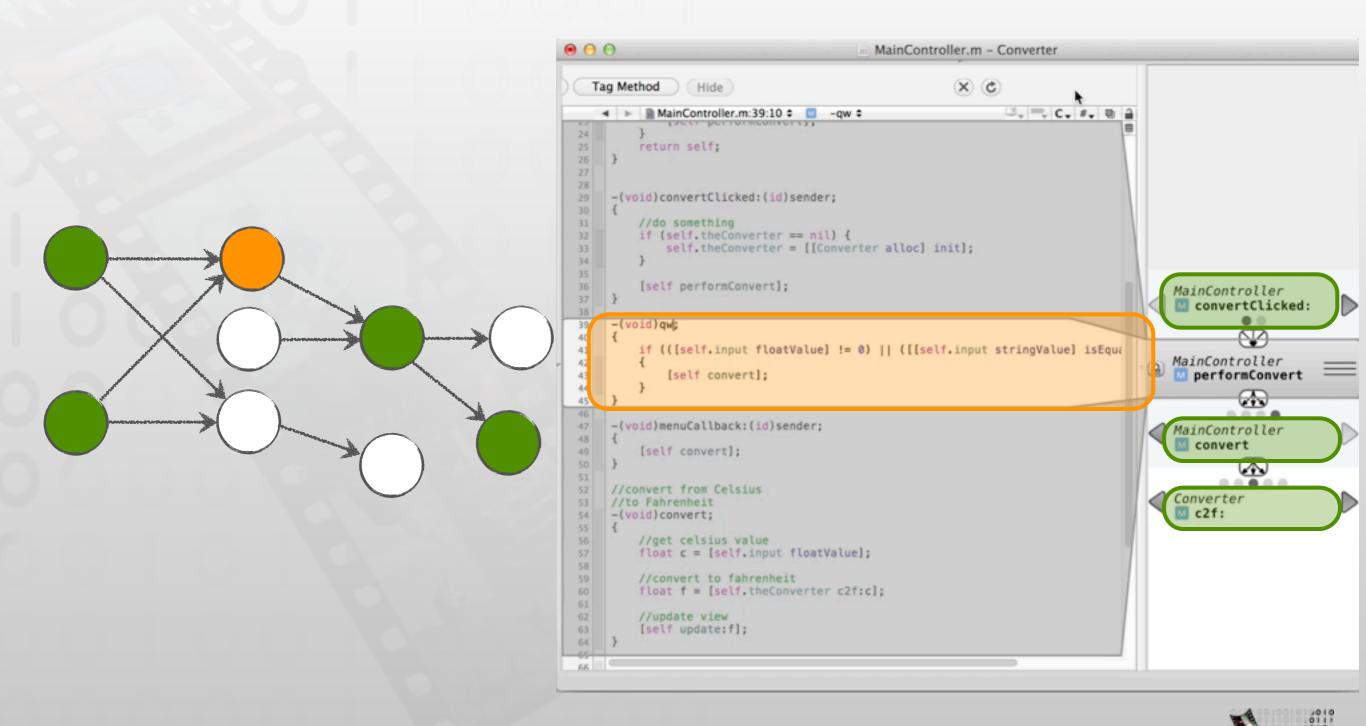
Stacksplorer

[Karrer2011, Stacksplorer: Call Graph Navigation Helps Increasing Code Maintenance Efficiency]

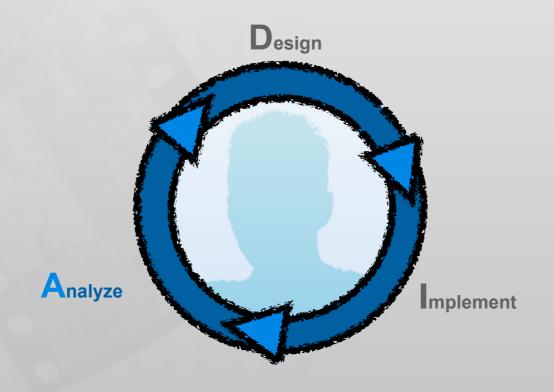


Blaze

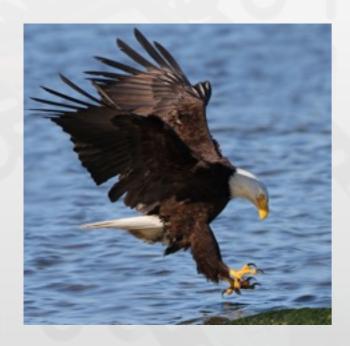
[Krämer2012, Blaze: Supporting Two-phased Call Graph Navigation in Source Code]



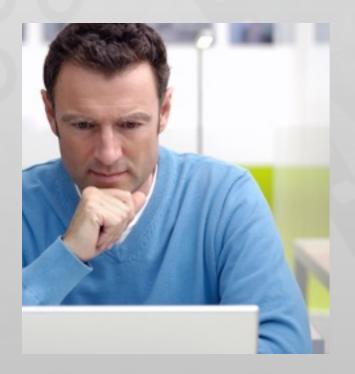
Analyzing Navigation Behavior



Information Foraging Theory



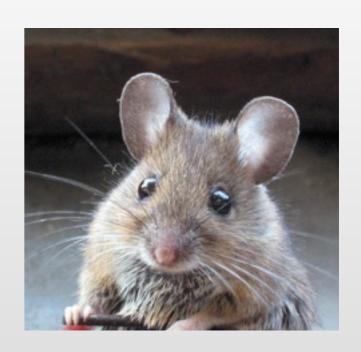
Predator





Scent





Prey



Information Foraging Theory

[Lawrance2010, Reactive information foraging for evolving goals]

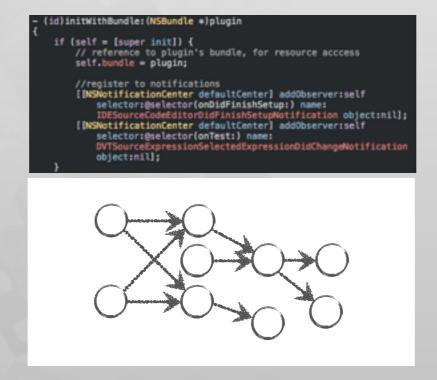


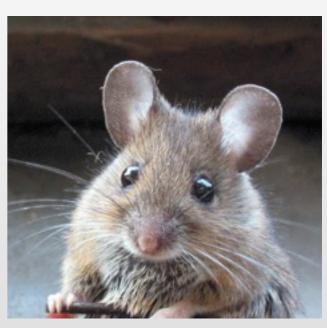
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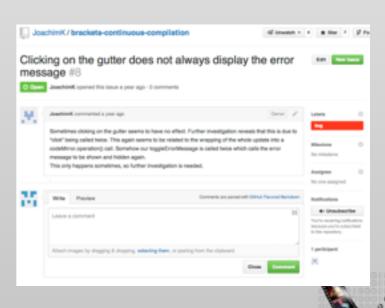


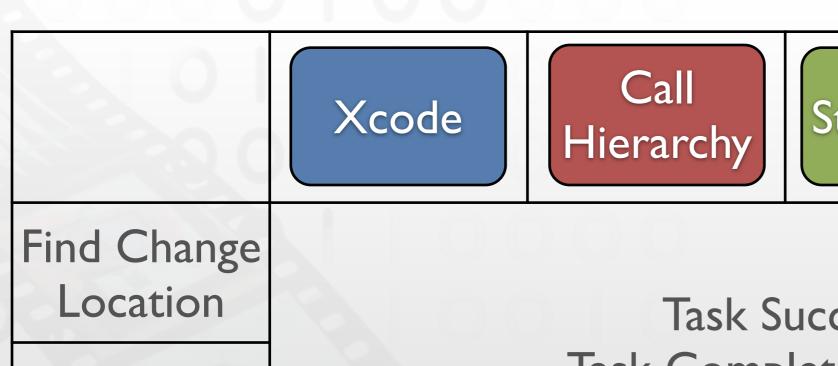
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Side Effects of Change

Task Success
Task Completion Time



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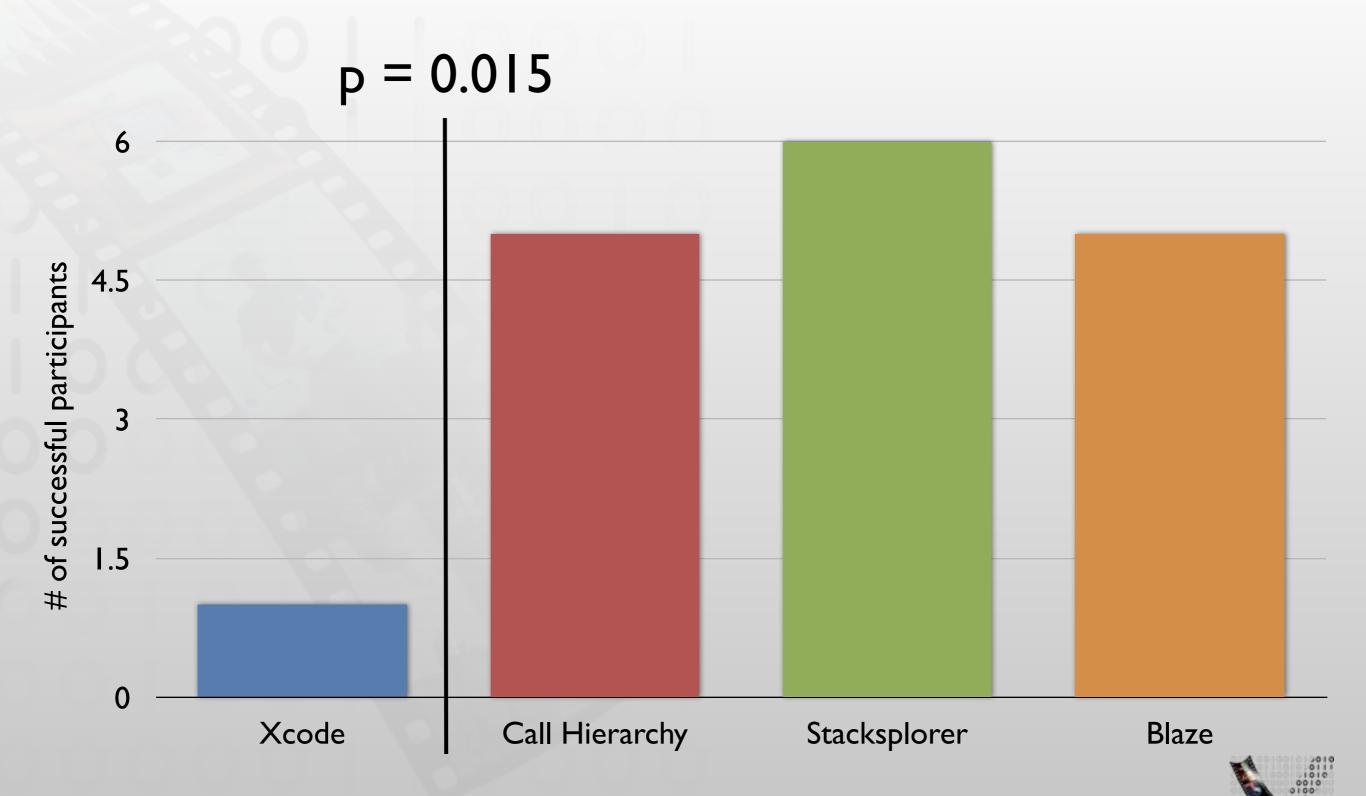


80.000 Lines of Code

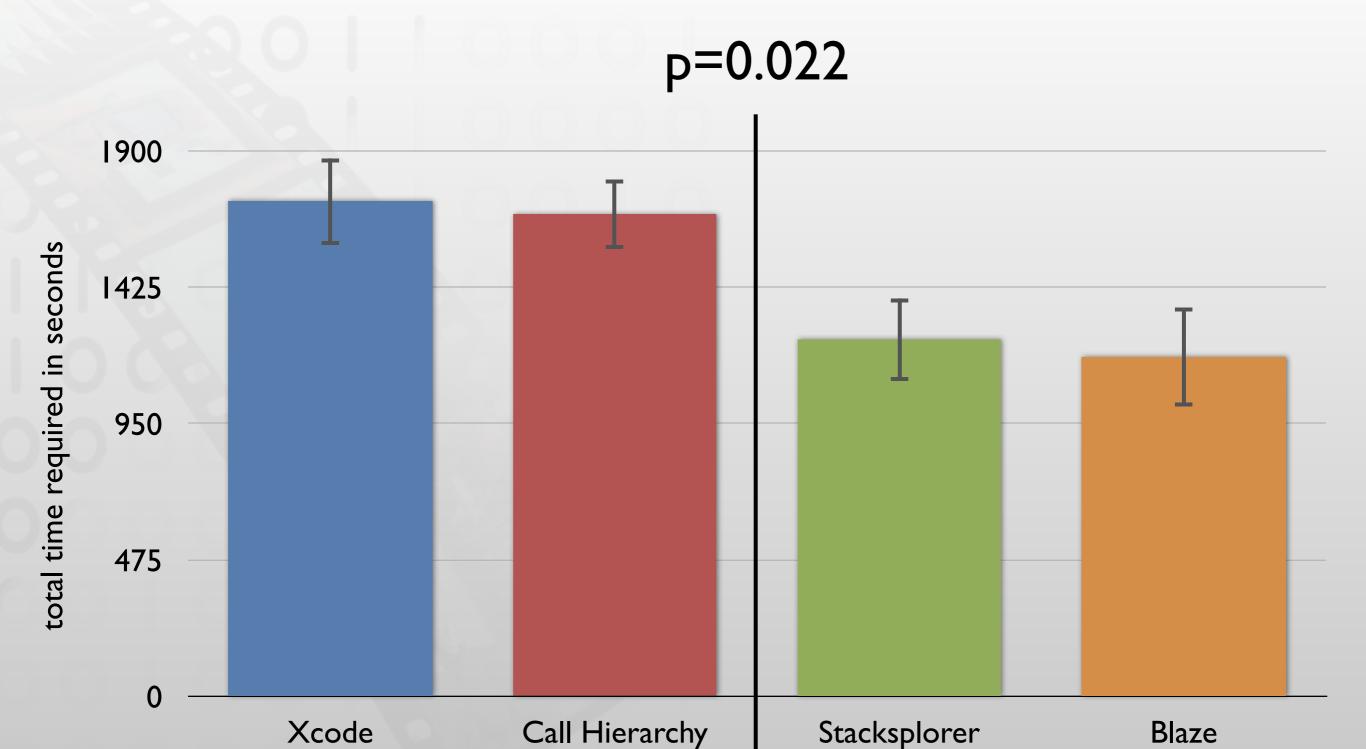
[Krämer2013, How Tools in IDEs Shape Developers' Navigation Behavior]



Task Success



Task Completion Time



Effectiveness

Xcode

Call Hierarchy

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Efficiency

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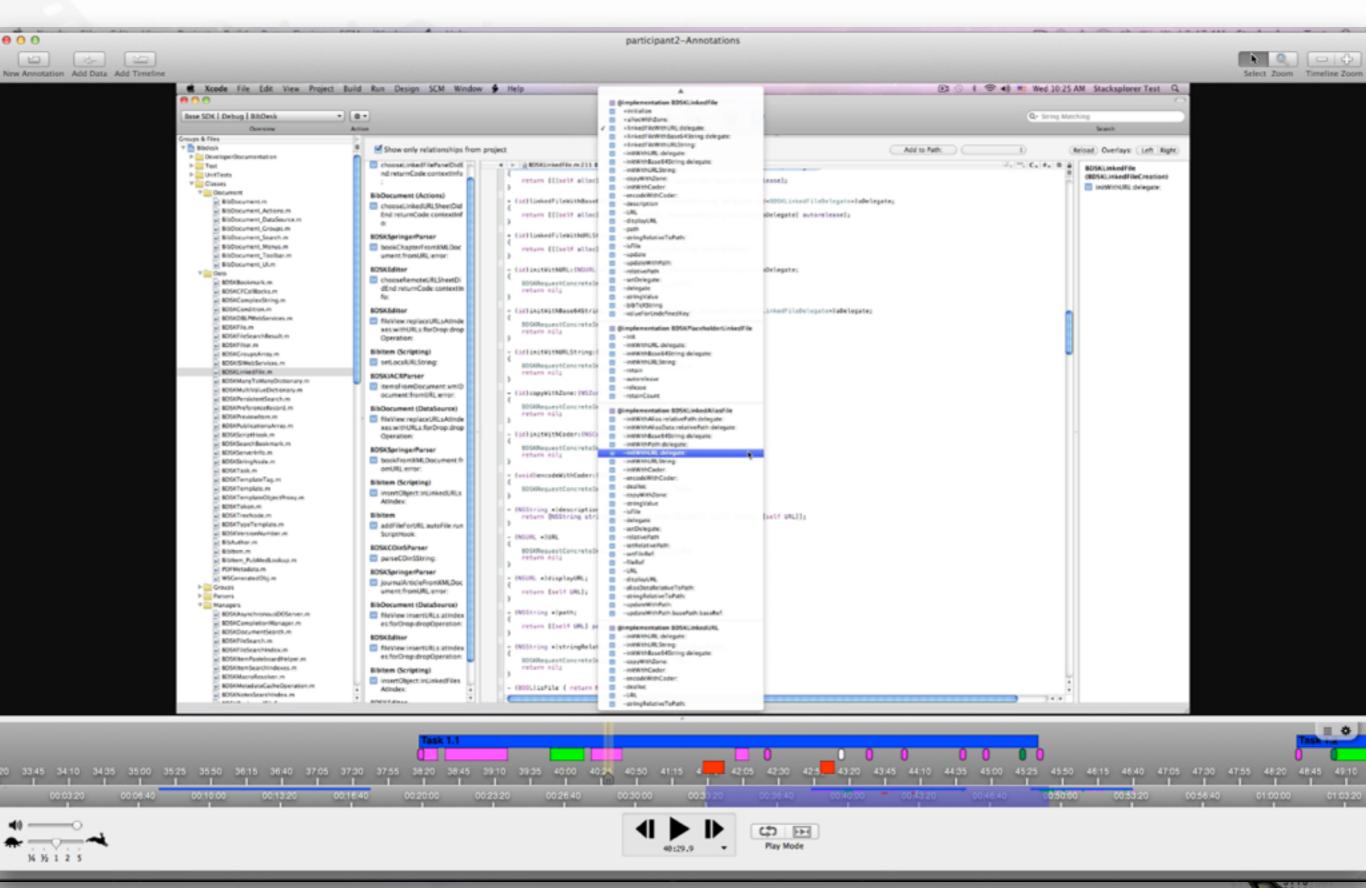
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Why?

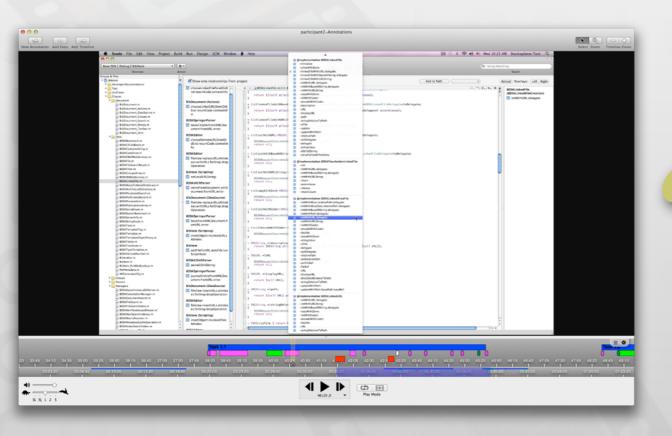
UI Differences

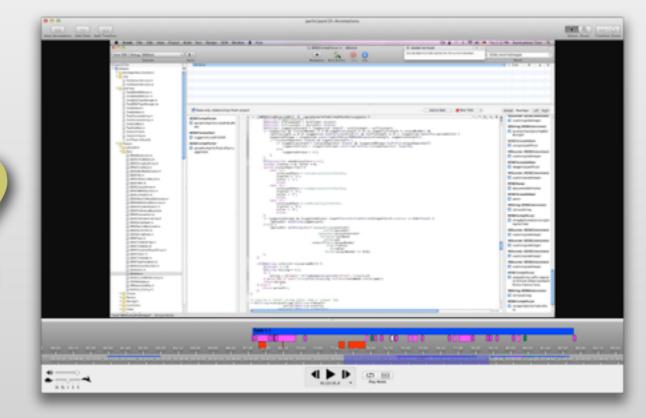
Navigation Behavior



[Fouse2011, ChronoViz: A system for supporting navigation of time-coded data]

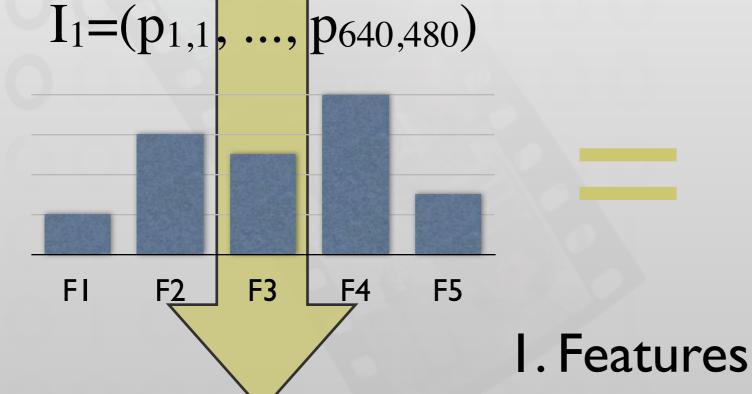
Comparing Navigation Behavior



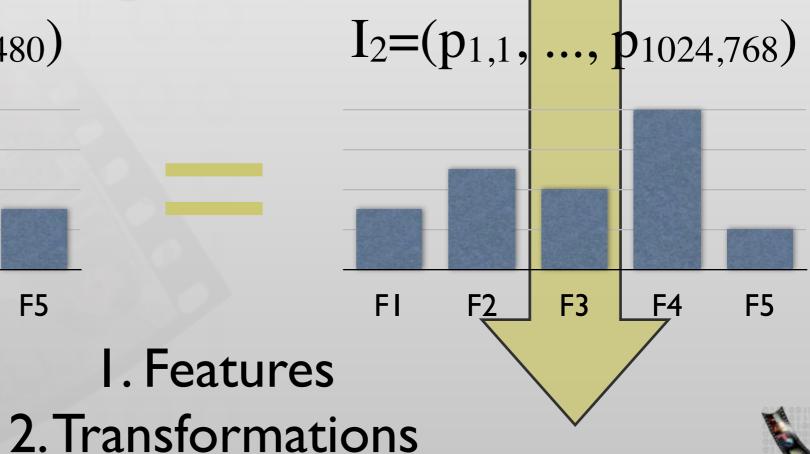






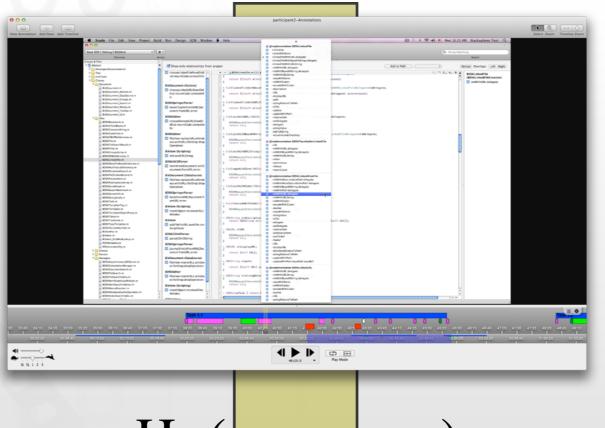


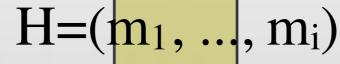


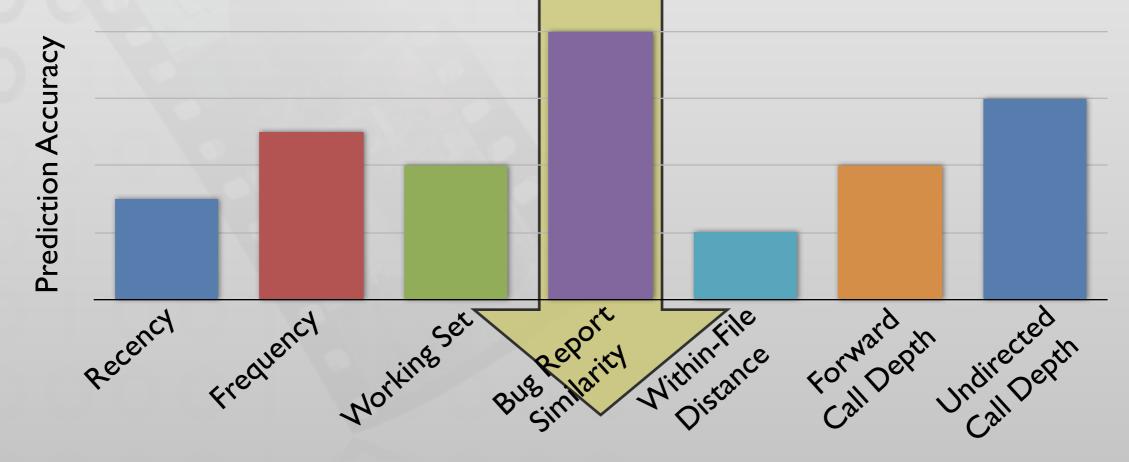


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[Piorkowski2011, Modeling programmer navigation: A head-tohead empirical evaluation of predictive models]







A Predictor

[Piorkowski2011, Modeling programmer navigation: A head-to-head empirical evaluation of predictive models]

$$H=(m_1, ..., m_i)$$

Navigation History

$$H = (a, b, a, d)$$

 M_i

All methods known to developer at time i

$$M_4 = \{a, b, d\}$$

$$A_i$$
: M_i - $\{m_i\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Activation value for each method in M_i

$$A_4(a) = 3$$
$$A_4(b) = 2$$

$$R_i$$
: M_i - $\{m_i\} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$

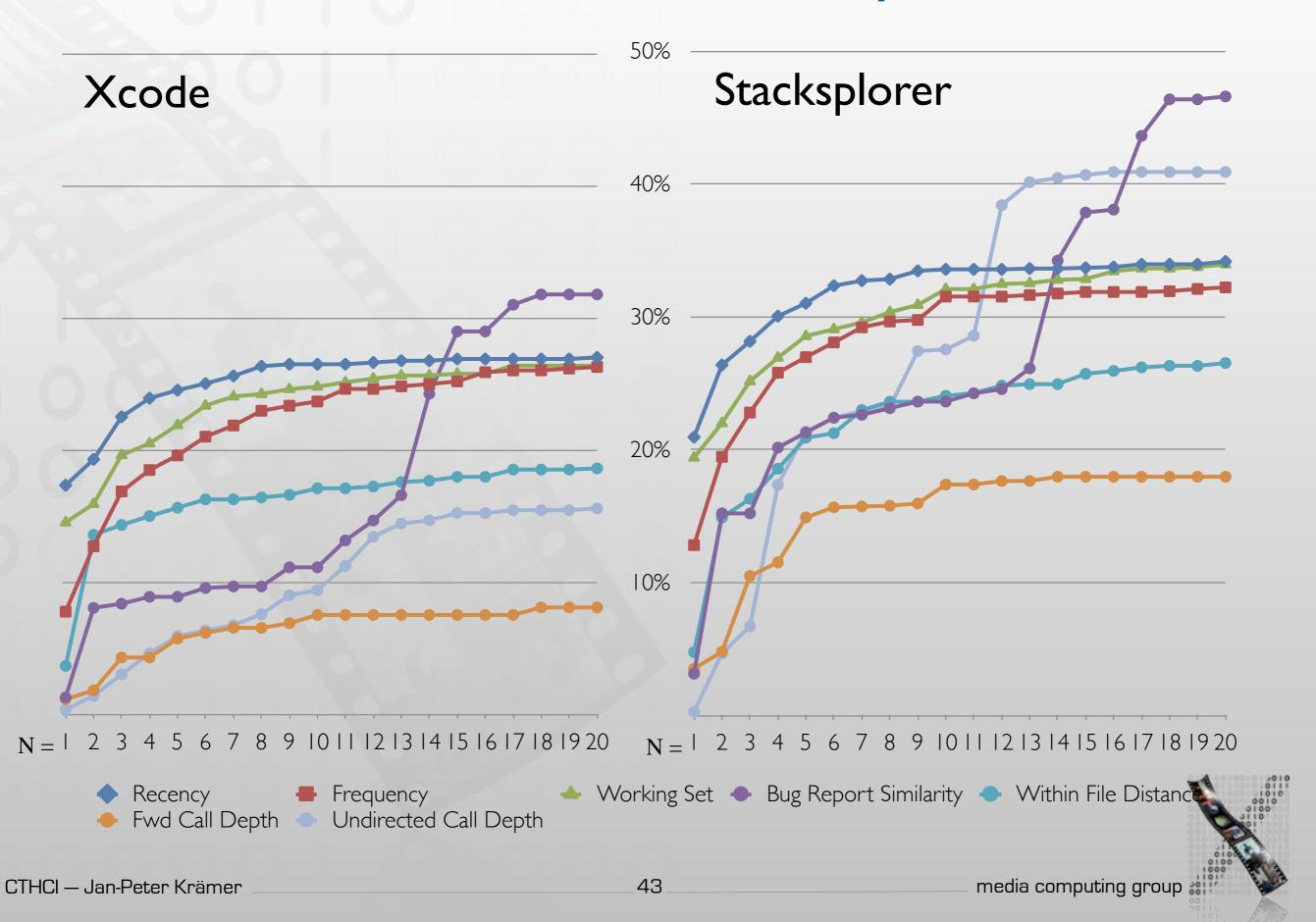
Rank-transformed version of A_i

$$R_4(a) = 1$$

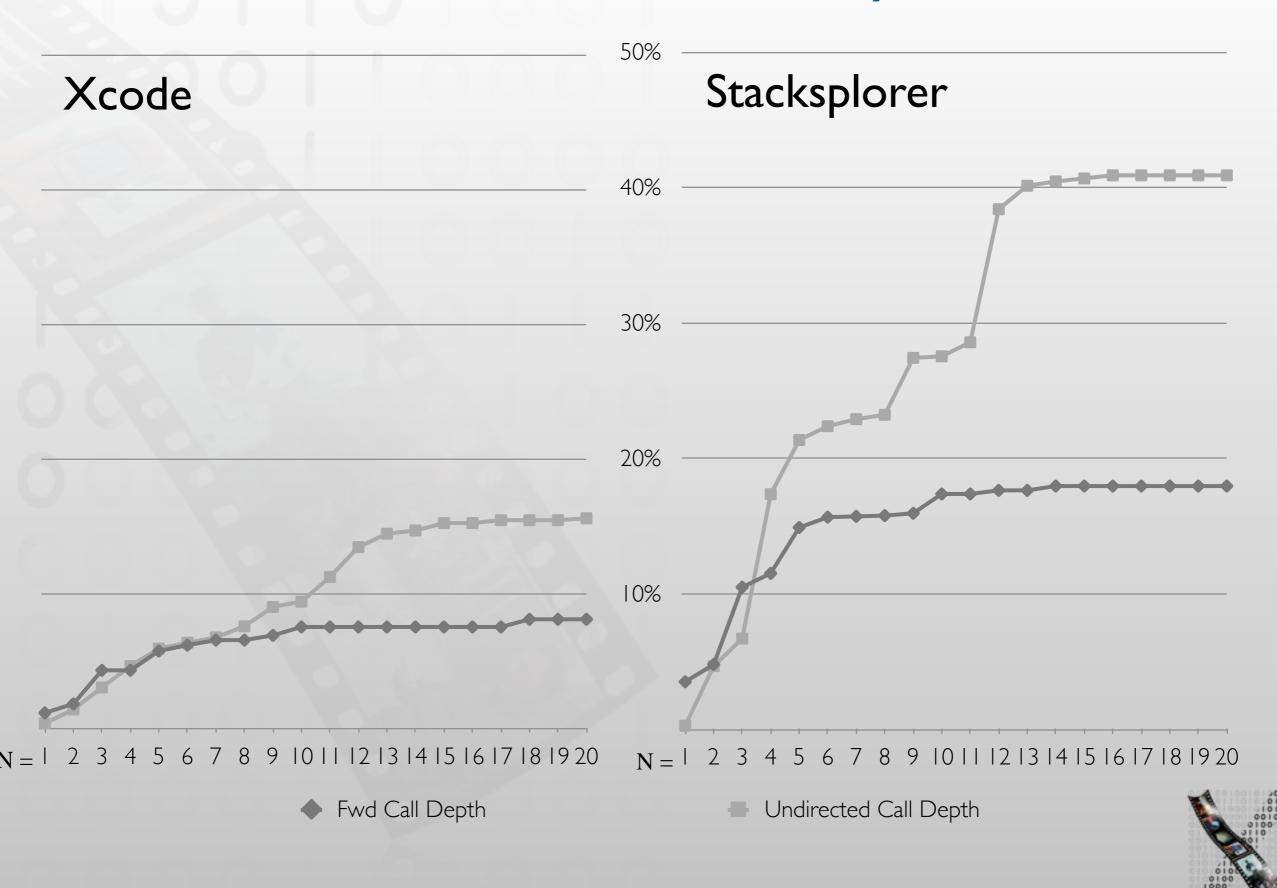
$$R_4(b) = 2$$

Result: N top-ranked methods

Prediction Accuracy



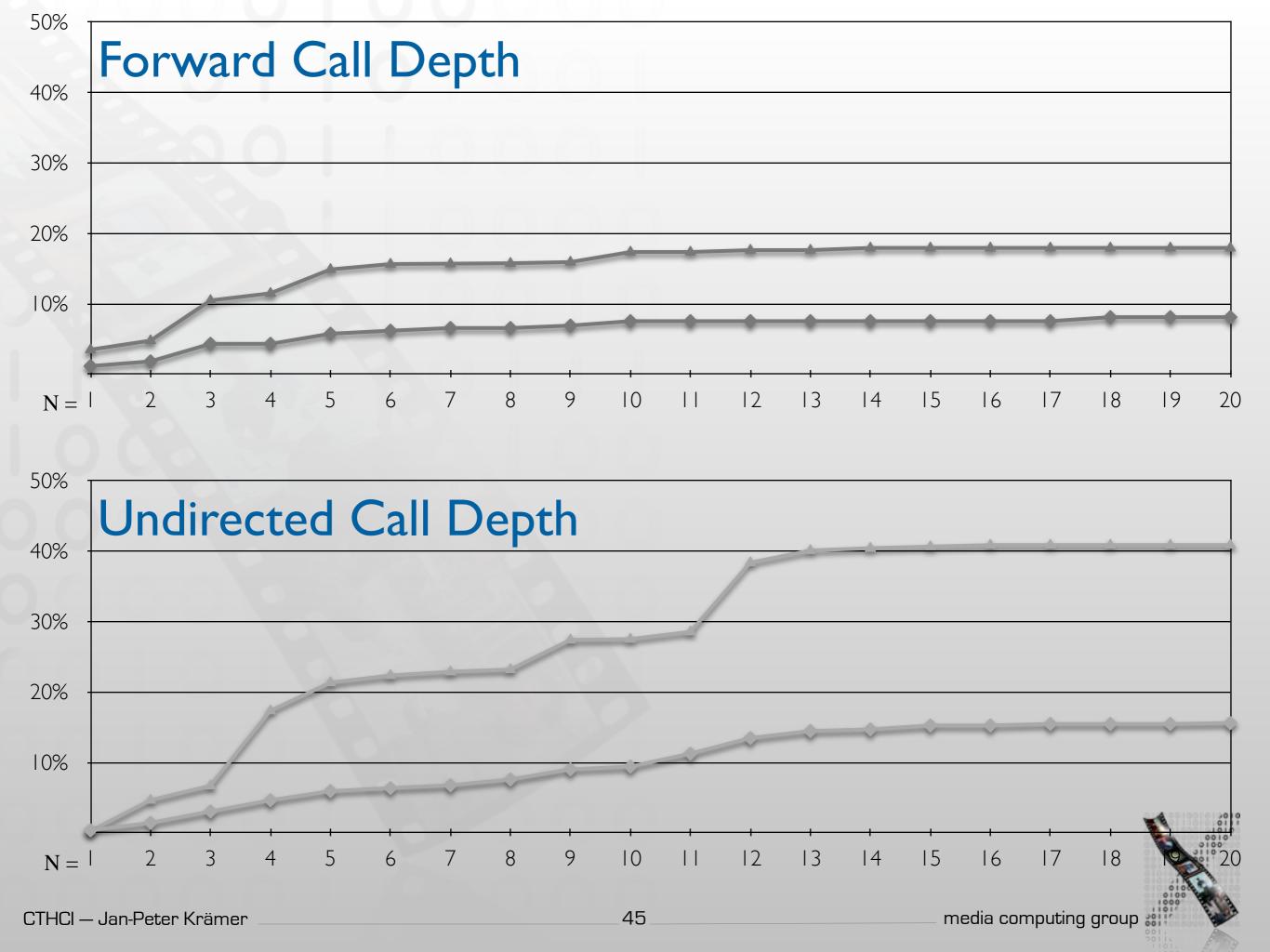
Prediction Accuracy

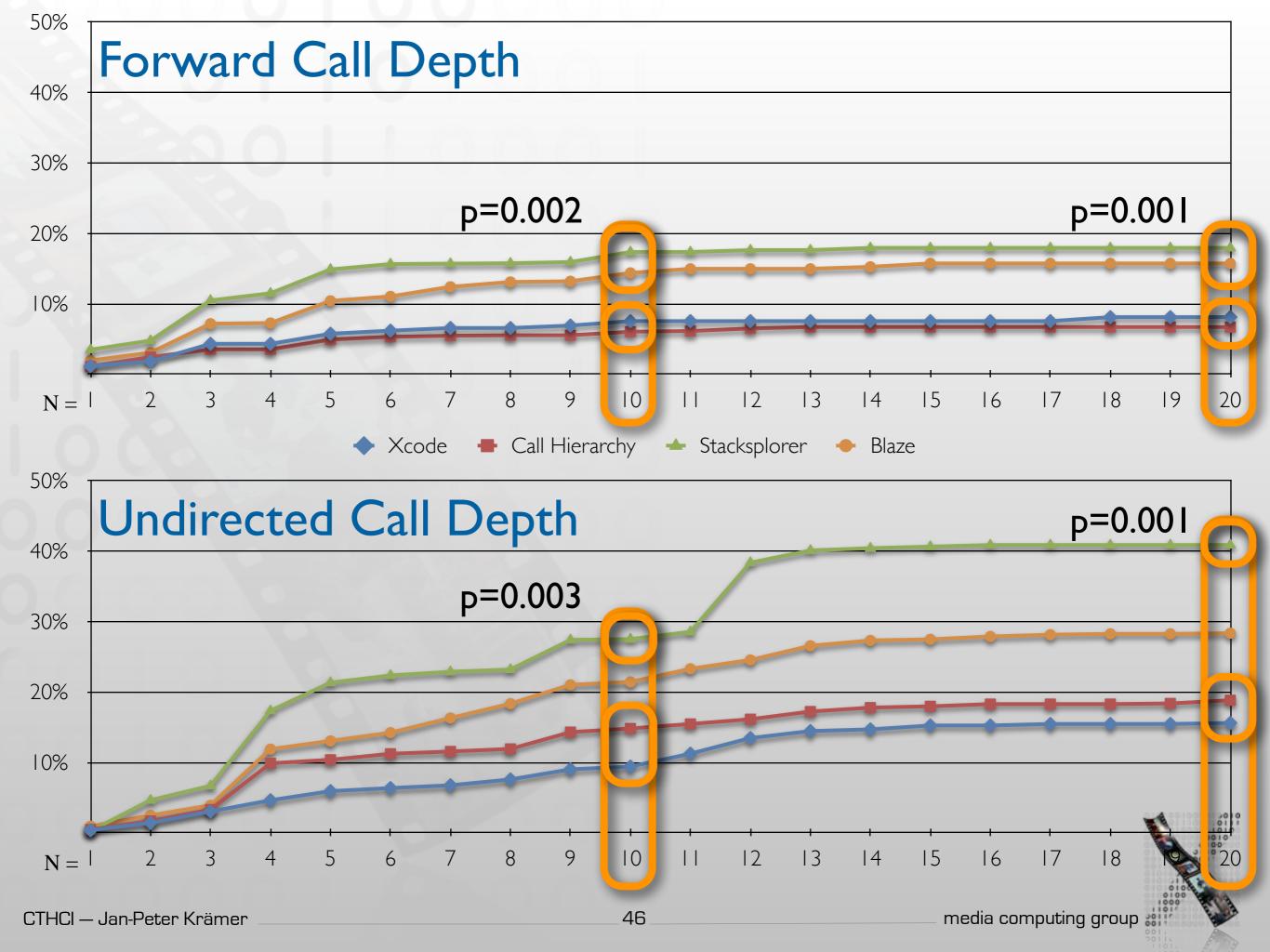


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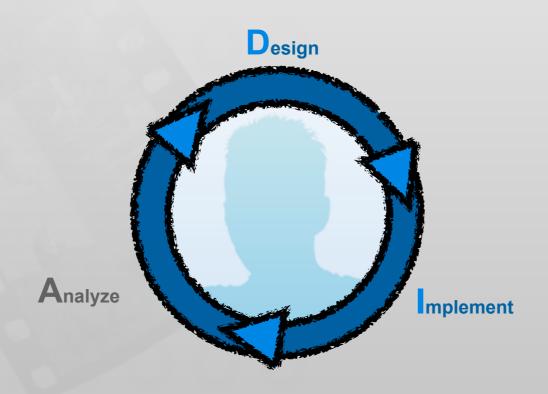
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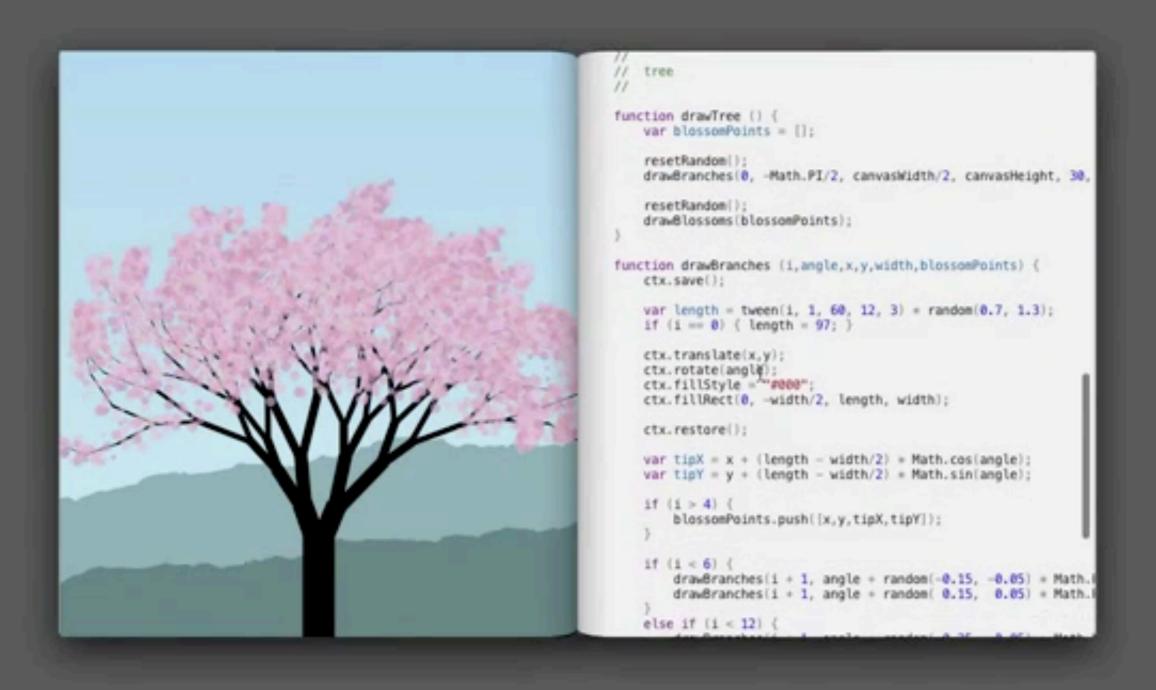




Away from static analysis only



// Introducing Codelets...



Users/jpkraemer/Documents/Projects/RealTimeIDE/Source/Sample/1/sample2.js — Brackets

```
/*jslint plusplus: true, node: true, white: true
 2
 3
    var arr = [6, 2, 8, 4, 3];
                                                           [6, 2, 8, 4, 3]
 4
    var i;
                                                           undefined
 5
    for (i = 1; i < arr.length; i++) {
                                                            < 1/4 > 1 truthy(true)
 6
        var j = i;
 7
 8
        while ((j > 0) \&\& (arr[j-1] > arr[j])) {
9
                                                           < 1/1 > truthy(true)
             var tmp = arr[j-1];
10
             arr[j-1] = arr[j];
                                                           2
11
             arr[j] = tmp;
12
13
14
            j = j-1;
                                                           0
15
16
    console.log(arr);
                                                           [2, 3, 4, 6, 8]
17
```

Line 17, Column 18 — 17 Lines

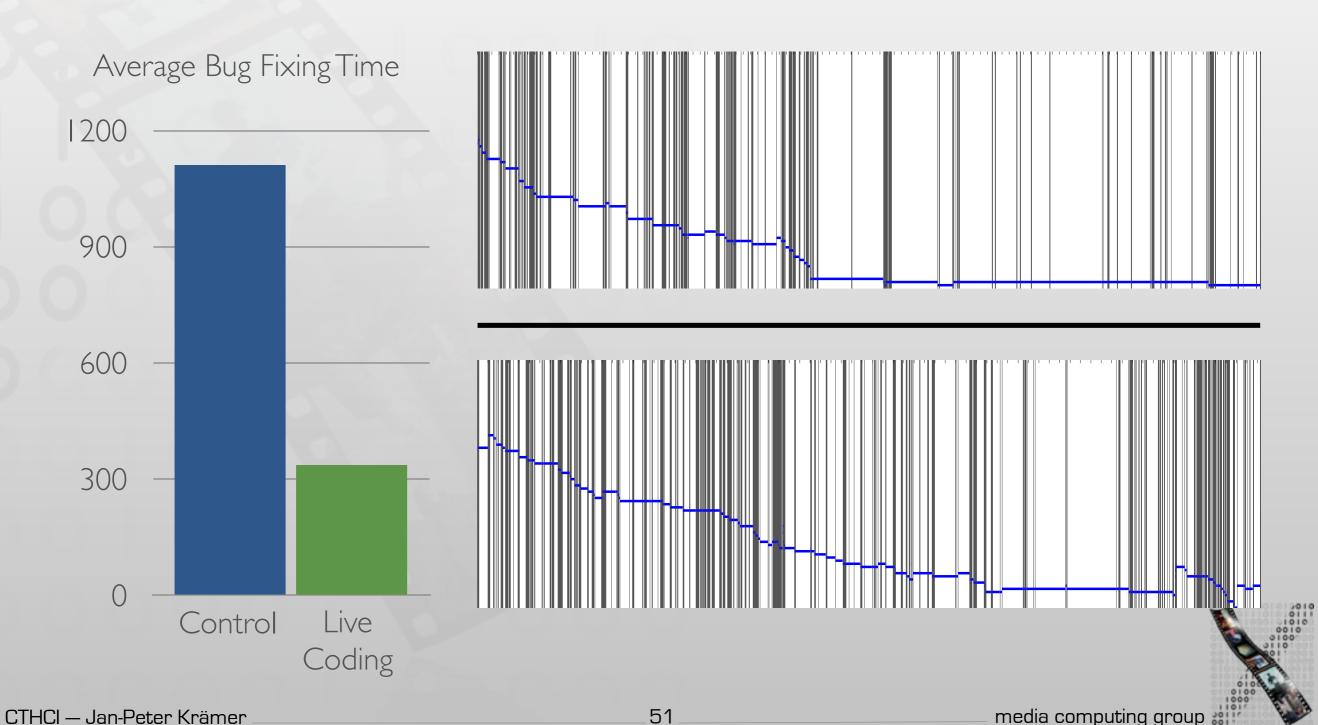
JavaScript

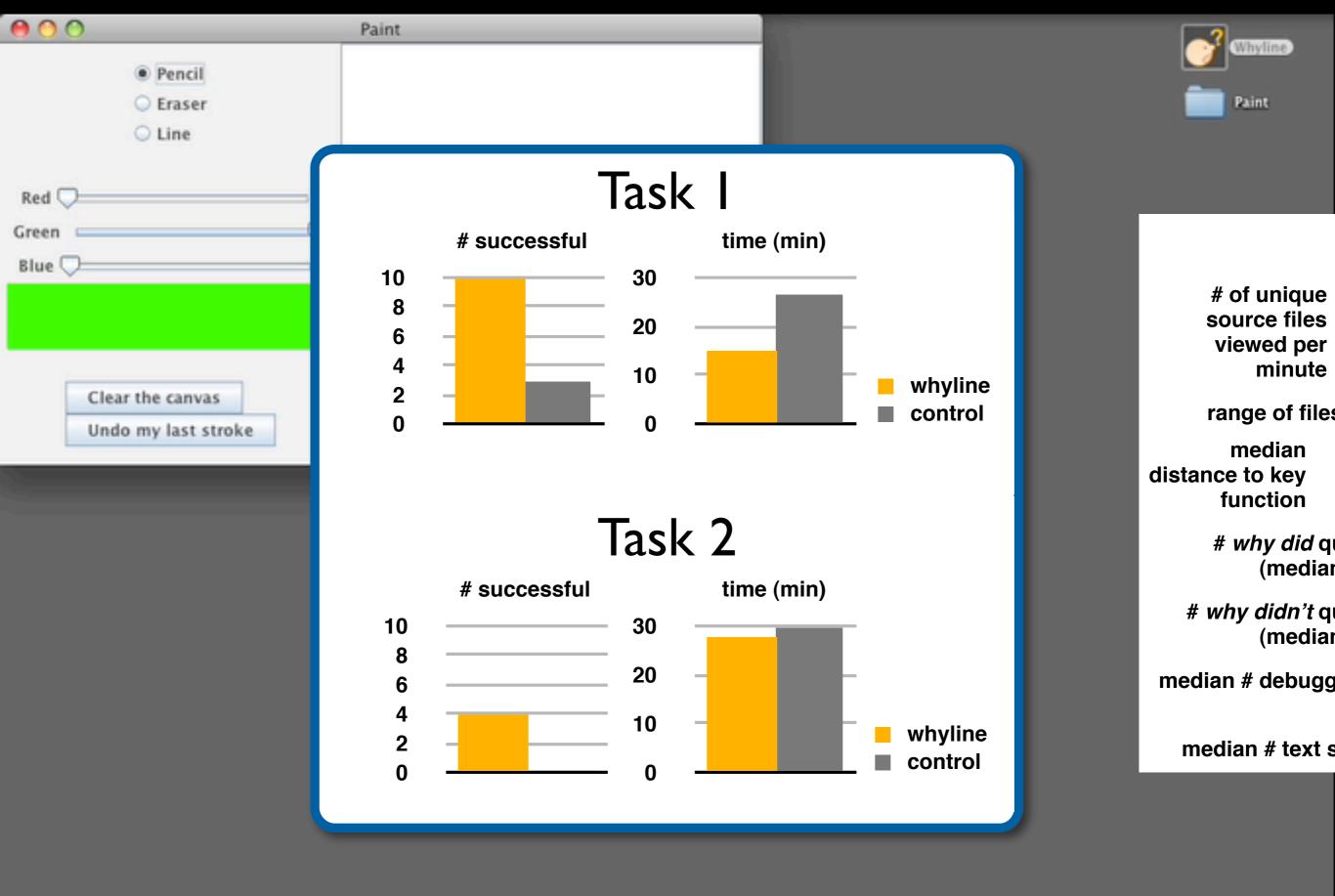
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Live Coding Affects Coding Behavior

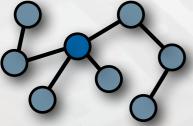
[Krämer2014, How Live Coding Affects Developers' Coding Behavior]



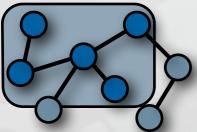


```
var items = ["The DaVino
                                                var basketItems = [];
                                            43
The Lorax on Blu-Ray
                                            44
                                         9 calls
                                                function displayItem(nam
                                                     var item = $("kdiv c
                                            46
                                            47
                                                     item.draggable({
Television
                                                          appendTo: "body"
                                            48
                                                          helper: "clone",
                                            49
                                                          drag: function (
                                         0 calls
Toaster
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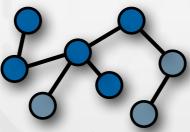
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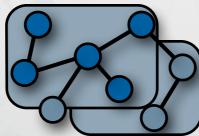
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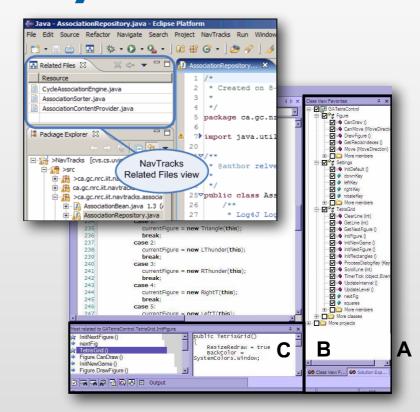
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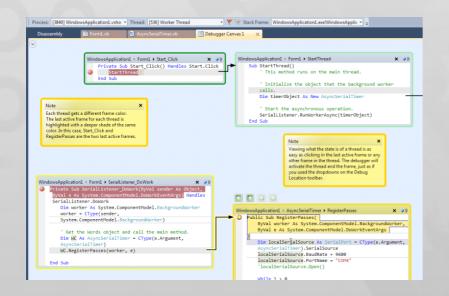


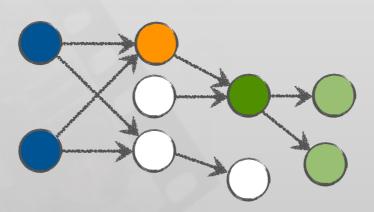
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Questions over groups of subgraphs









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