

Stop the Software Architecture Erosion

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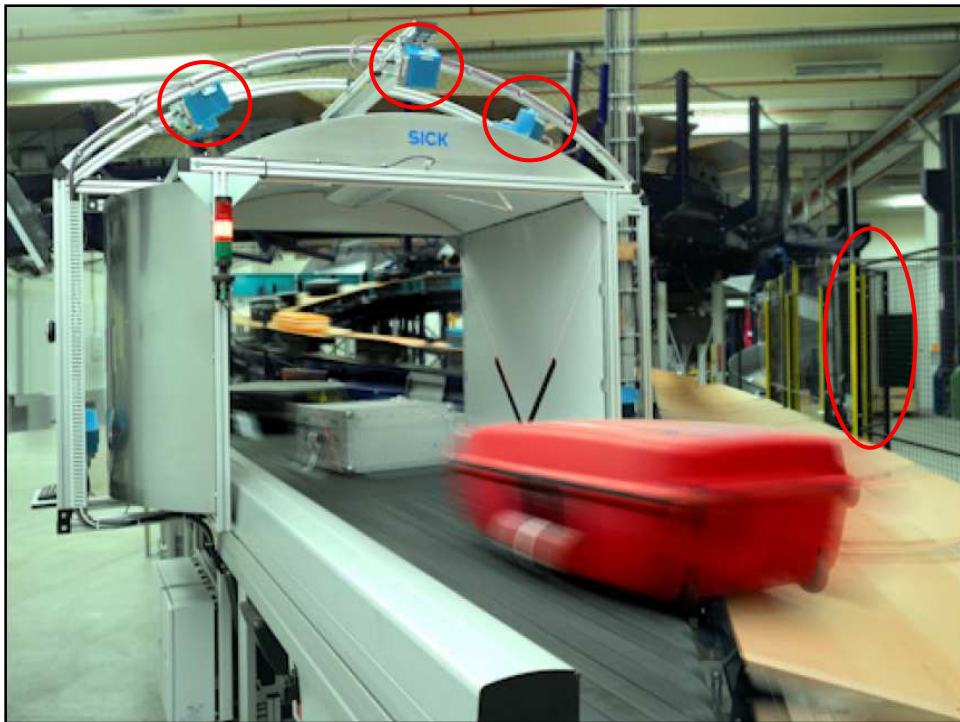
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I am a **SICK** Guy

We will be X-raying Software

Do not shoot me,
this is a contribution, not criticism !



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Introduction / Overview

Levels of Static Analysis

- Code, Design, Architectural
- Examples

Architectural Analysis

- Use Cases
- Tool Support
- Examples
- Pros/Cons

Levels of Static Analysis:

Micro-Level

- Code
- =, ==, { }

Macro-Level

- Class-Design, API-Design
- by reference, Exception-Handling, equals/hashCode/op=

Architecture-Level:

- Layers, Subsystems, Components, Interfaces
- Coupling, Dependency, etc...

Micro-Level: MISRA-C 2004

```
#define MAX(a, b) ( ((a) > (b)) ? (a) : (b) )  
/* ... */  
z = MAX( i++, j );  
  
x = b[i] + i++;  
  
x = func( i++, i );
```



Macro-Level: Design+Coding Guidelines



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Samples for Effective Rules

C++

- Prefer `const` and `inline` to `#define`
- Use same form in corresponding uses of `new` and `delete`
- Declare ctor and assignment op for classes with dyn memory
- Strive for class interfaces that are minimal and complete
- Choose carefully betw. function overloading / parameter default

Java

- Eliminate obsolete object references
- Always override `hashCode` when you override `equals`
- Minimize mutability
- Favor composition over inheritance
- Do not use raw types in new code

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Tool Example Java: findbugs

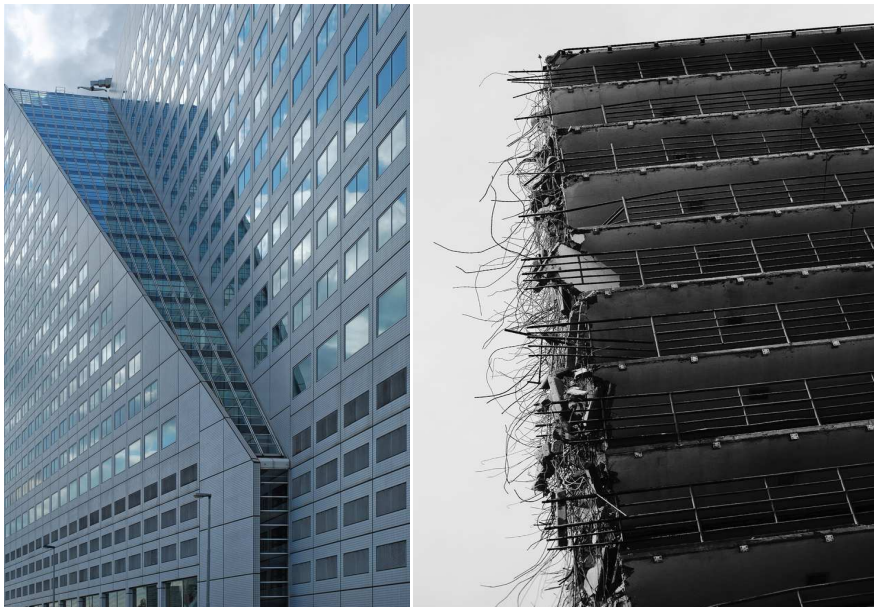
The screenshot shows the FindBugs application window. The top menu bar includes 'Datei', 'Ansicht', 'Einstellungen', and 'Hilfe'. Below the menu is a tabbed interface with 'Nach Klasse', 'Nach Paket', 'Nach Fehlertyp', and 'Übersicht'. The 'Übersicht' tab is active, displaying a list of bugs with icons and counts. The bugs listed are:

- Eq: Covariant equals() (1)
- HE: Equal objects must have equal hashcodes (4)
- IS2: Inconsistent synchronization (15)
- LI: Unsynchronized Lazy Initialization (1)
- MF: Masked Field (7)
- MS: Mutable static field (70)
- NN: Naked notify in method (8)
- NP: Null pointer dereference (1)
- RC: Suspicious reference comparison (1)
- SBSC: String concatenation in loop using + operator (10)
- SIC: Inner class could be made static (23)
- Se: Incorrect definition of Serializable class (12)
- SnVl: Serializable class with no Version ID (35)
- UCC: Unchecked cast (4)

The 'MS: Mutable static field (70)' bug is selected. Below the list, the 'Einzelheiten' tab is active, showing the title 'Field should be package protected' and a description: 'A mutable static field could be changed by malicious code or by accident. The field could be made package protected to avoid this vulnerability.'

At the bottom of the window, the text 'FindBugs - <http://findbugs.sourceforge.net/>' is visible. To the right, the University of Maryland logo and the text 'University of Maryland' and 'Culture Erosion' are displayed. The page number 'Page: 12' is at the bottom right.

Software, Architecture, Erosion



Software-Architecture: Definitions

IEEE 1471-2000:

The fundamental **organization** of a system,
embodied in its **components**,
their **relationship** to each other and the environment,
and the **principles** governing its **design** and **evolution**.

Kruchten: captured in

- *Software Architecture Document*
- *Software Design Guidelines*

Erosion always happens

- Prototypes become products
- Hacks/Workarounds
- Lack of understanding “should architecture”
- Time pressure

Architectural Erosion

"Sometimes the developers manage to maintain this purity of design through the initial development and into the first release.

*More often something goes wrong.
The software starts to rot like a
piece of bad meat".*

Uncle Bob: "Agile Software Development"

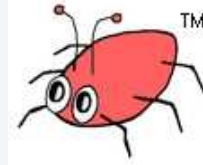


There is/was a plan

X-raying Software...

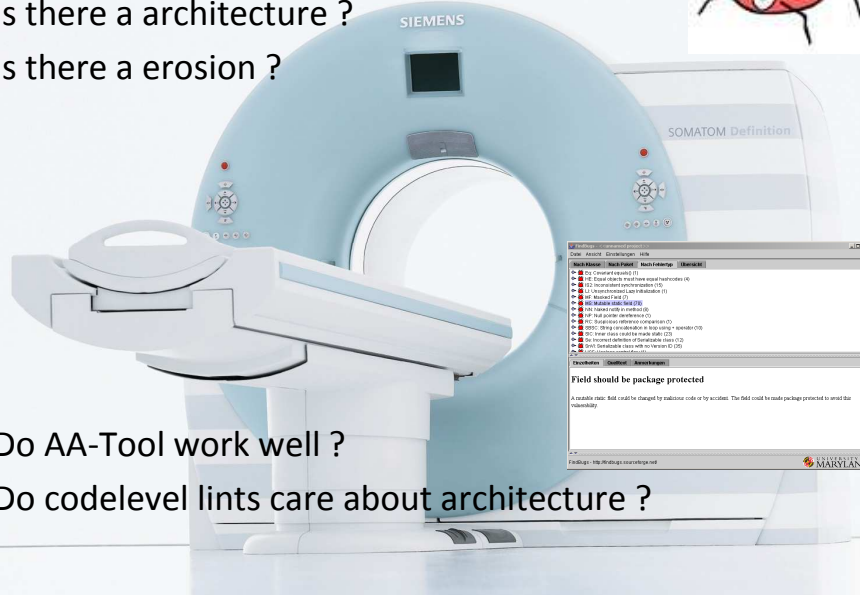
Is there a architecture ?

Is there a erosion ?

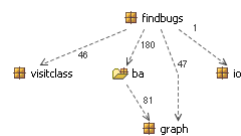


Do AA-Tool work well ?

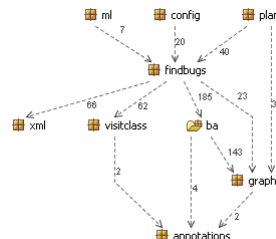
Do codelevel lints care about architecture ?



Findbugs: the first years

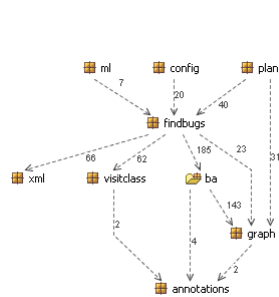


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(03/2004)

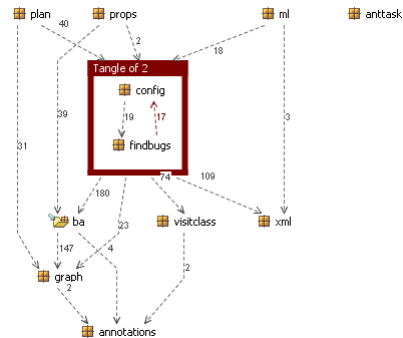


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Findbugs: the first years



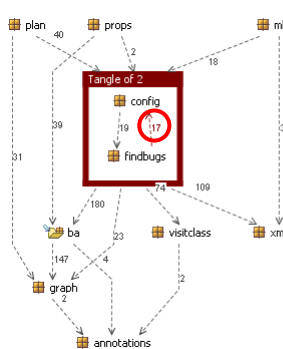
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(05/2005)

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Findbugs 0.8.7: Architectural Analysis



Log Messages - <http://findbugs.googlecode.com/svn>

From: 01.03.2005 To: 01.05.2005 Messages, authors and paths

Revision	Actions	Author	Date	Message
3716		daveho	22:20:33, Sonntag, 6. März 2005	Eliminated some inadvertent autoboxing.
3715		daveho	22:11:19, Sonntag, 6. März 2005	Added getUserPreferencesFile(). Modified to use IO.writeF
3714		daveho	22:10:25, Sonntag, 6. März 2005	Initial checkin
3713		daveho	21:42:31, Sonntag, 6. März 2005	Fixed copying of findbugs.jar and ba.jar.
3712		daveho	21:37:12, Sonntag, 6. März 2005	Eliminated some code that was no longer needed.
3711		daveho	21:33:02, Sonntag, 6. März 2005	Temporary hack.
3710		daveho	21:31:16, Sonntag, 6. März 2005	Detectors are no longer enabled/disabled by setting an ena
3709		daveho	21:14:05, Sonntag, 6. März 2005	Added serialVersionUID
3708		daveho	21:13:07, Sonntag, 6. März 2005	Added serialVersionUID
3707		daveho	21:10:09, Sonntag, 6. März 2005	Add serialVersionUID
3706		daveho	19:45:55, Sonntag, 6. März 2005	Modified done() to call super.done(), and to use generic ty

Detectors are no longer enabled/disabled by setting an enabled field in the DetectorFactory. Instead, an instance of UserPreferences records which detectors are enabled/disabled.

Action	Path	Copy from path	Revision
Modified	/trunk/findbugs/src/java/edu/umd/cs/findbugs/DetectorFactory.java		
Modified	/trunk/findbugs/src/java/edu/umd/cs/findbugs/DetectorFactoryCollection.java		
Modified	/trunk/findbugs/src/java/edu/umd/cs/findbugs/Findbugs.java		
Modified	/trunk/findbugs/src/java/edu/umd/cs/findbugs/ProjectFileSettings.java		
Modified	/trunk/findbugs/src/java/edu/umd/cs/findbugs/config/UserPreferences.java		
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Modified	/trunk/findbugs/src/java/edu/umd/cs/findbugs/gui/ConfigureDetectorsDialog.java		
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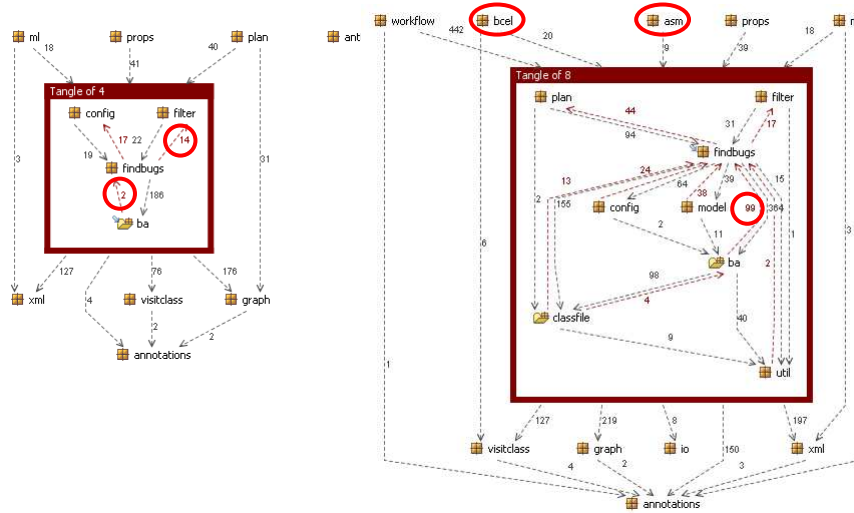
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Tangle increase...

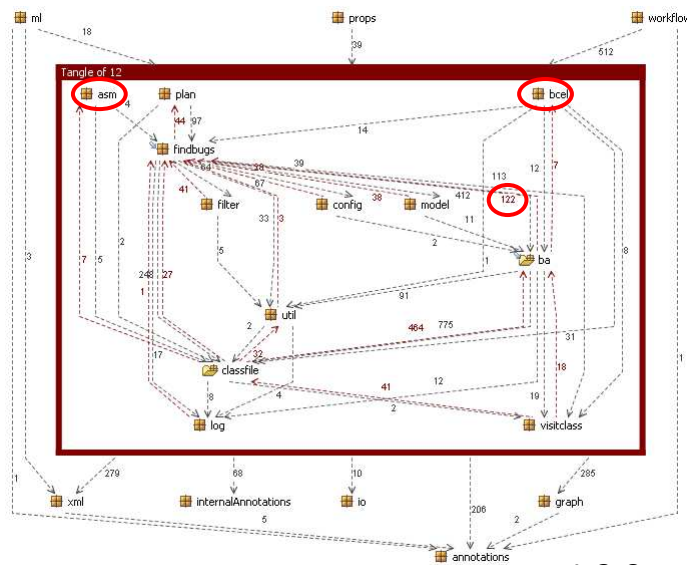


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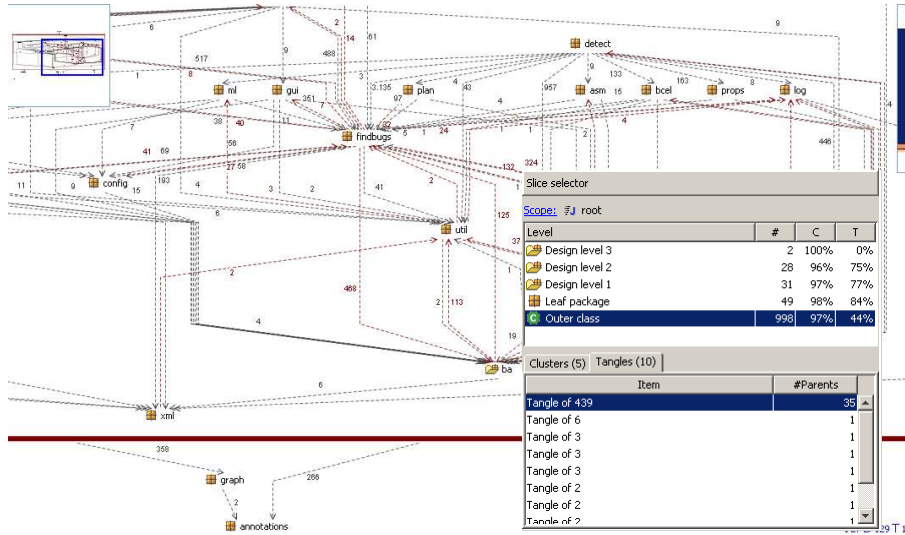
Tangle increase...



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ONE BIG Tangle...



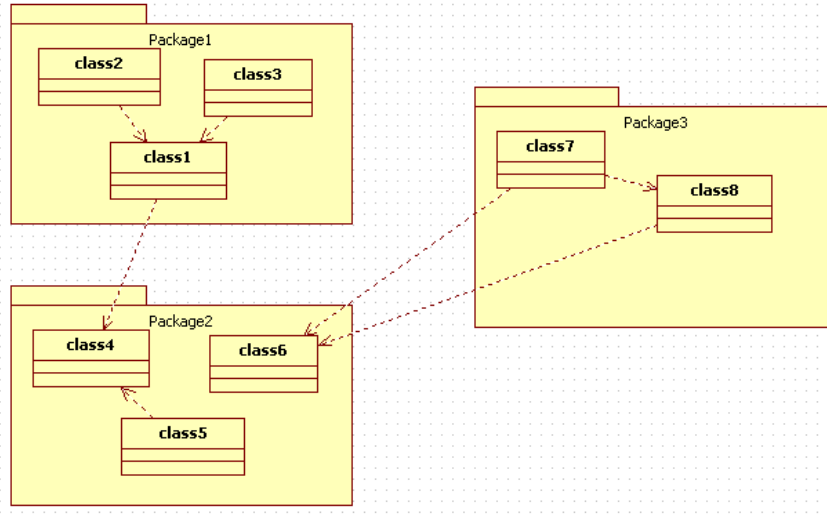
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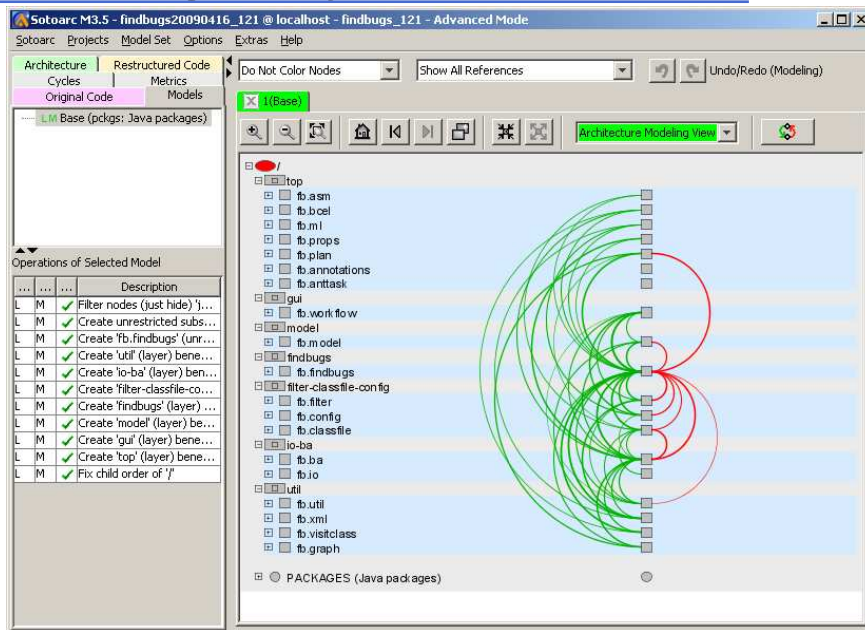
Still managable ?

Anti-Pattern: Findelkind (foundling)



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Modeling Subsystems:



Fixing Architectural Violations

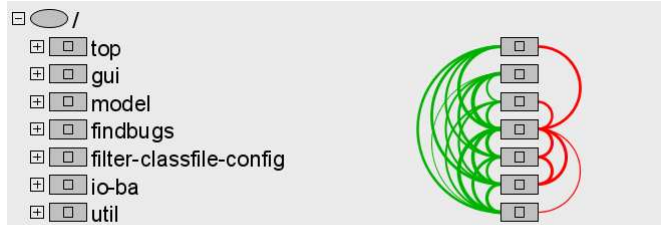
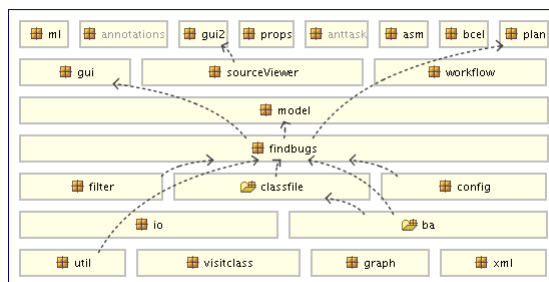
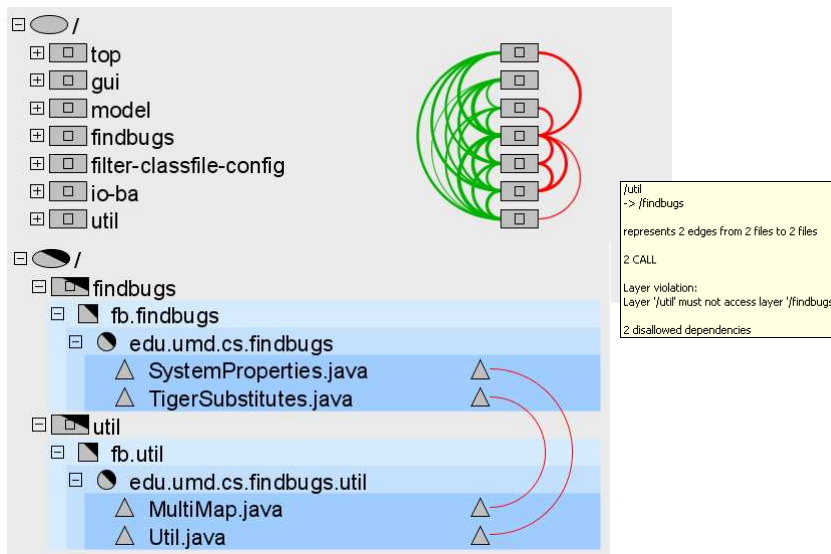


Diagram 1



Description: Subsystem breakdown for 'edu.umd.cs.findbugs'

Fixing Architectural Violations



Fixing Architectural Violations

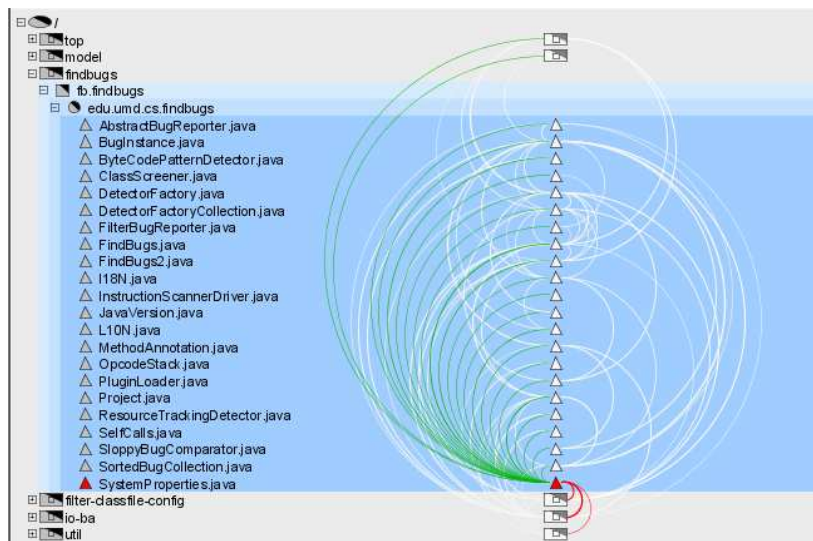
B:\findbugs\src\findbugs-1.2.1\src\java\edu\umd\cs\findbugs\util\Util.java

ID	ID	fromName	fromKind	ID	fromFile	ID	toName	toKind	ID	toFile	referenceType
PG	SV	{init_Util_attributes}	METHOD	SF	Util.java	SV	getBoolean	METHOD	SF	SystemProperties.java	CALL

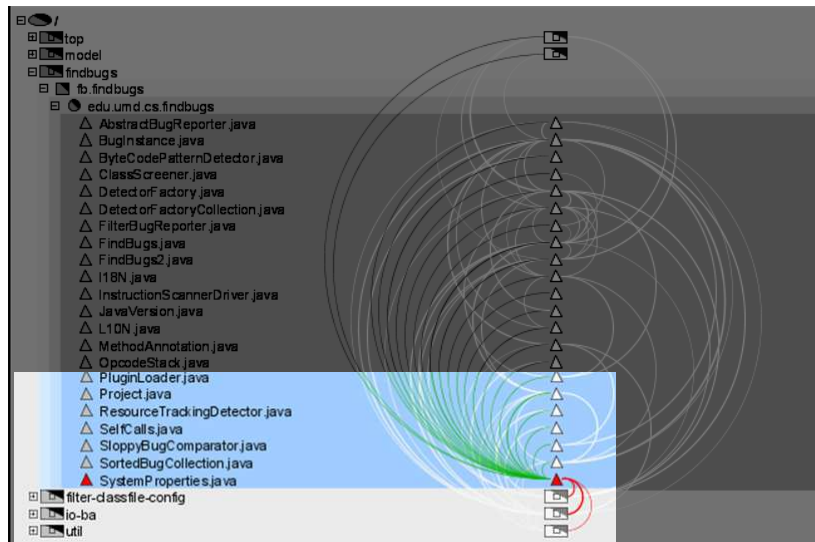
```
39 import edu.umd.cs.findbugs.annotations.CheckForNull;
40
41 /**
42  * @author pugh
43  */
44 public class Util {
45 -> public static final boolean LOGGING = SystemProperties.getBoolean("findbugs.shutdownLogging");
46
47 public static void runLogAtShutdown(Runnable r) {
48     if (LOGGING) Runtime.getRuntime().addShutdownHook(new Thread(r));
49 }
50
51 public static int nullSafeHashCode(@CheckForNull Object o) {
52     if (o == null) return 0;
53     return o.hashCode();
54 }
55
56 public static <T> boolean nullSafeEquals(@CheckForNull T o1, @CheckForNull T o2) {
57     if (o1 == o2) return true;
```

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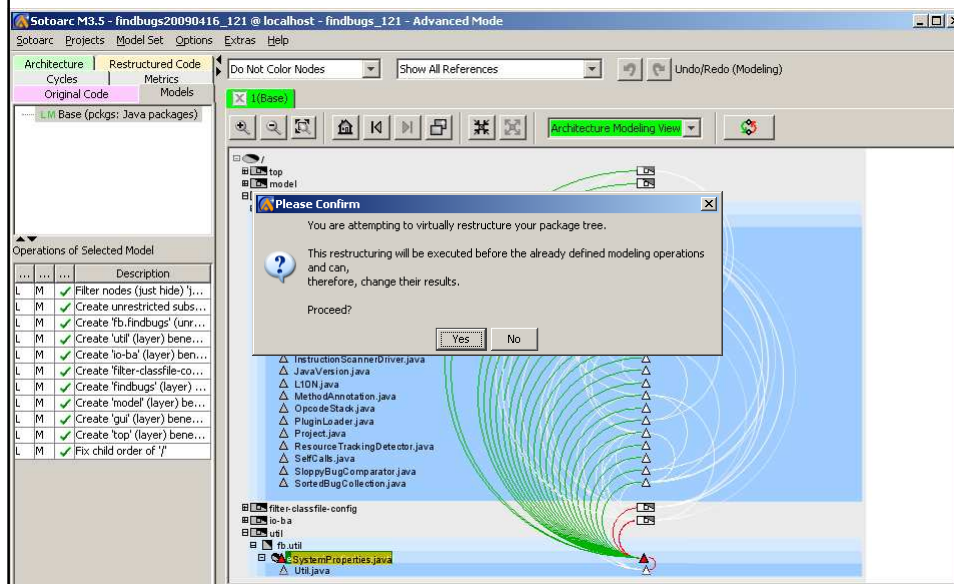
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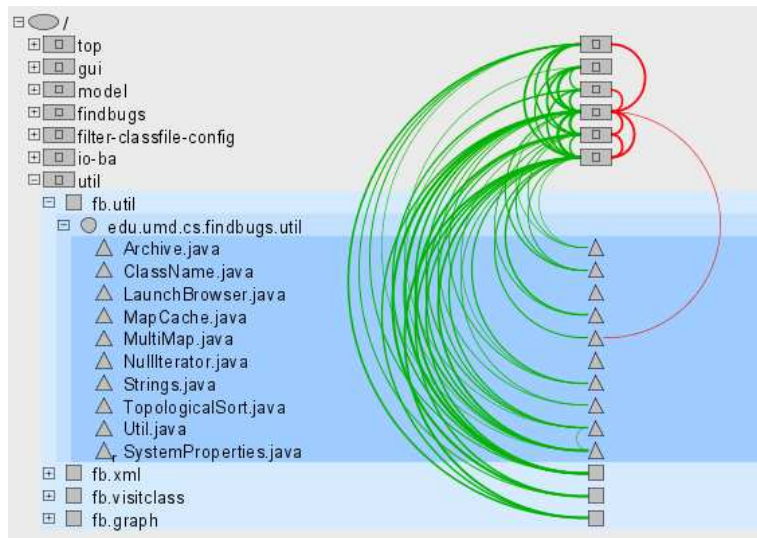
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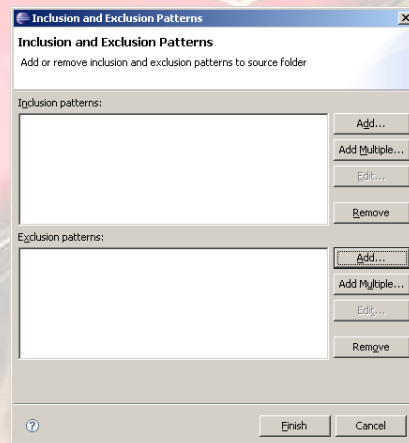
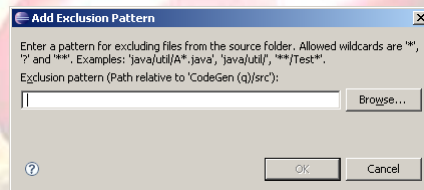
Tools for Architecture-Analysis

- Sotograph
- Bauhaus
- Structure101
- SonarJ
- Lattix
- Klocwork, Coverity
- <http://code.google.com/p/architecture-rules/>
- ODASA, CodeCrawler, Codecity, SeeSoft, XRadars, XDepend, SonarSource, Kalistick, Sqoring, ...

**[http://se-radio.net/
episode-115-architecture-analysis](http://se-radio.net/episode-115-architecture-analysis)**

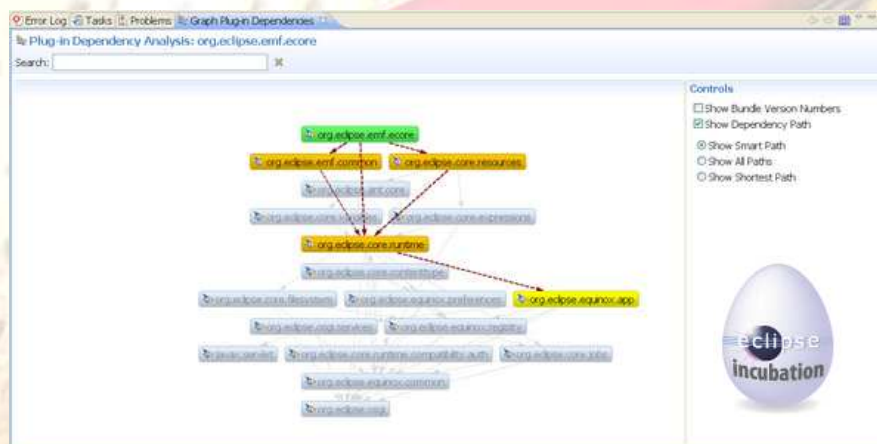
Basic Approaches

- Your makesystem...
- makedepend, jdepend
- Eclipse (Java Build Path)
- OSGI (Dependencies)



Basic Approaches

PDE Dependency Visualization



Missing in basic approaches:

Architecture Analysis (Deviation)

Drill-Down + Aggregation

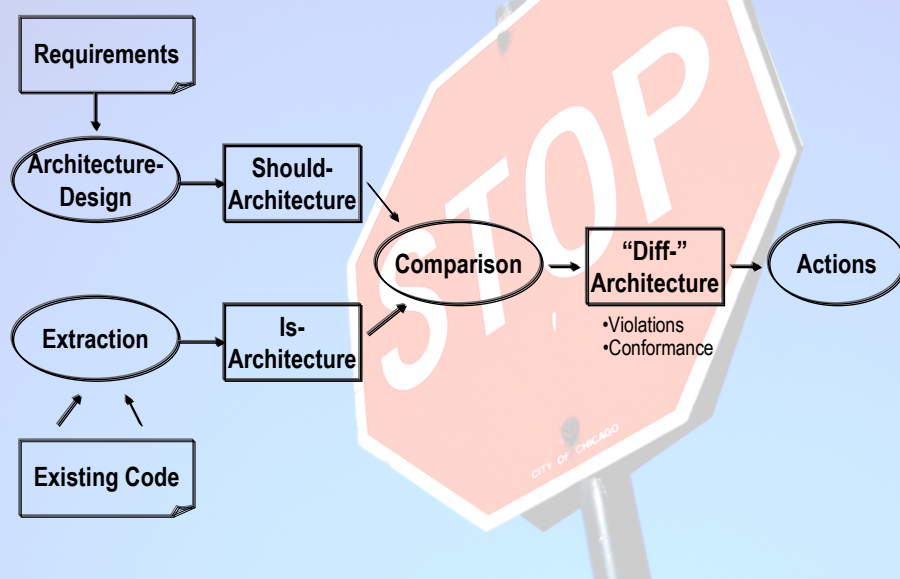
Displaying results

Monitoring changes, trends

Rating of Architecture

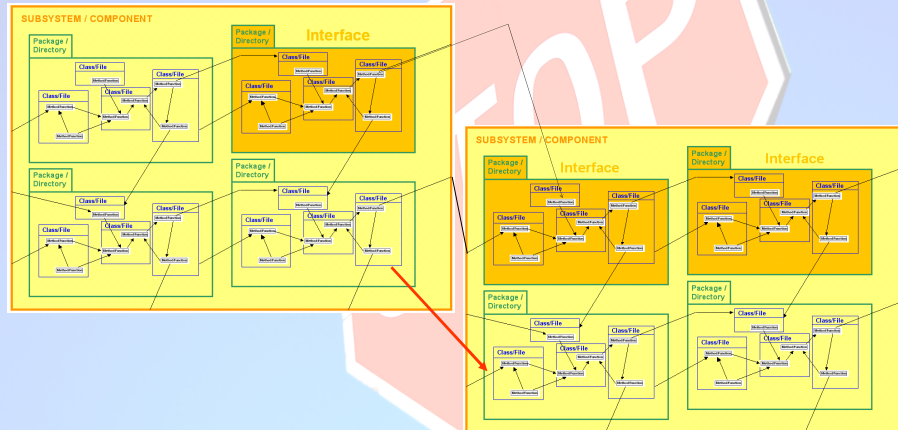
→ Requirements for Architectural Analysis Tools

Architecture Analysis (deviation)



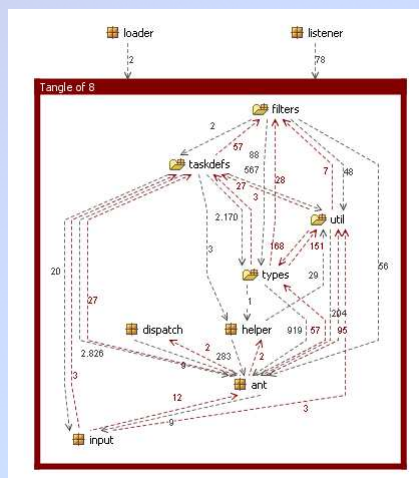
Drill-Down + Aggregation:

Component → System → Package → Class → Src-Line



Displaying results:

Graphical and/or numerical



Dependency graph: org.apache.tools.ant

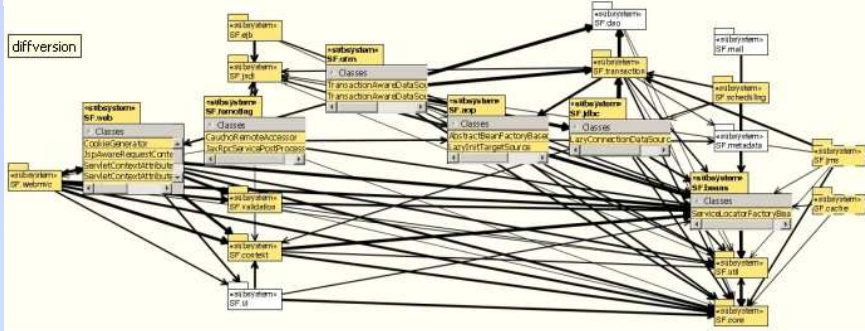
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types				88	2...		168	57		
helper					3	1		2		
util		5		48	567	151	29		95	3
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input					20				9	

Monitoring changes, trends (QA)

Violations of Architecture Model 'Overview' for v1 = spring20041212_113 and v2 = spring20050131_114

ID	subRefing	ID	subRefed	errorKind	v1	v2	diff	changes
SU_SF.transaction	SU_SF.jndi	SU_SF.jndi	SU_SF.jndi	UPWARD	10	10	0	
SU_SF.transaction	SU_SF.asp	SU_SF.asp	SU_SF.asp	UPWARD	57	60	3	X
SU_SF.remoting	SU_SF.webmvc	SU_SF.webmvc	SU_SF.webmvc	UPWARD	3	3	0	
SU_SF.remoting	SU_SF.web	SU_SF.web	SU_SF.web	UPWARD	4	4	0	
SU_SF.orm	SU_SF.web	SU_SF.web	SU_SF.web	UPWARD	25	25	0	
SU_SF.jdbc	SU_SF.jndi	SU_SF.jndi	SU_SF.jndi	UPWARD	5	5	0	
SU_SF.web	SU_SF.webmvc	SU_SF.webmvc	SU_SF.webmvc	UPWARD	10	10	0	
SU_SF.scheduling	SU_SF.transaction	SU_SF.transaction	SU_SF.transaction	UPWARD	19	19	0	
SU_SF.scheduling	SU_SF.jdbc	SU_SF.jdbc	SU_SF.jdbc	UPWARD	2	2	0	
SU_SF.scheduling	SU_SF.context	SU_SF.context	SU_SF.context	UPWARD	9	9	0	
SU_SF.beans	SU_SF.jndi	SU_SF.jndi	SU_SF.jndi	UPWARD	3	3	0	

ion etc.

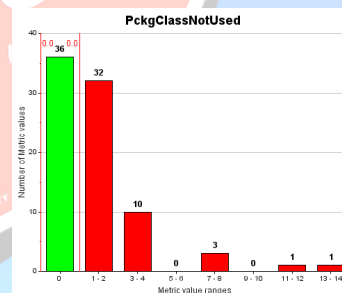


Rating of Architecture

NO Rating of external Requirements (Fullfillment)

Internal Quality:

- Cycles
- Coupling of Modules
- Stability of API
- Anti-Patterns, Bad Smells
- Reuse/Extract system parts

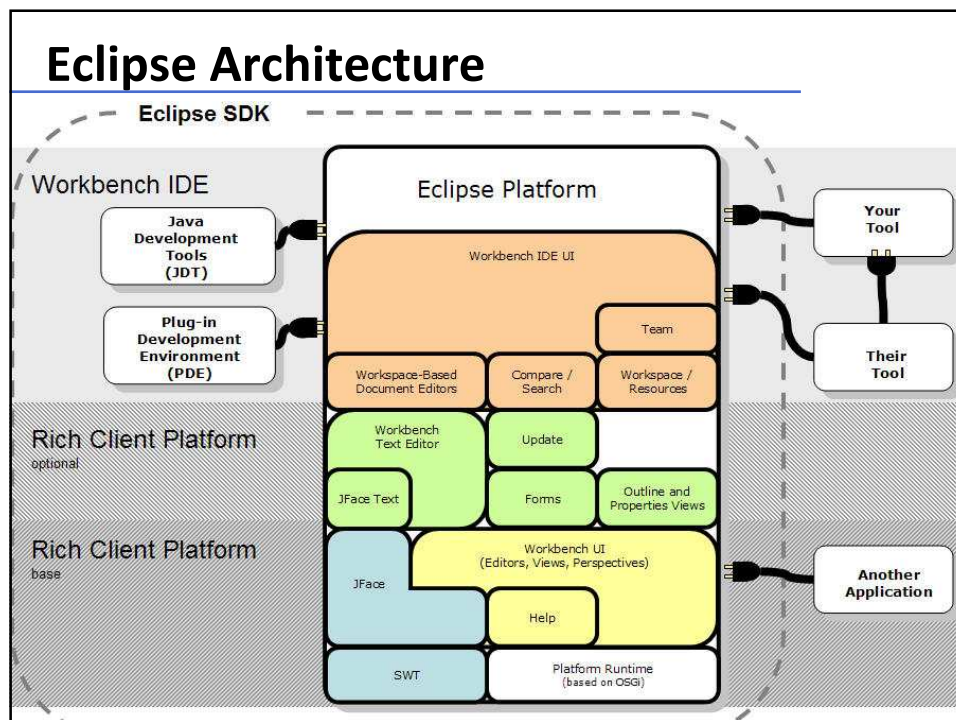


Eclipse: Architectural Analysis

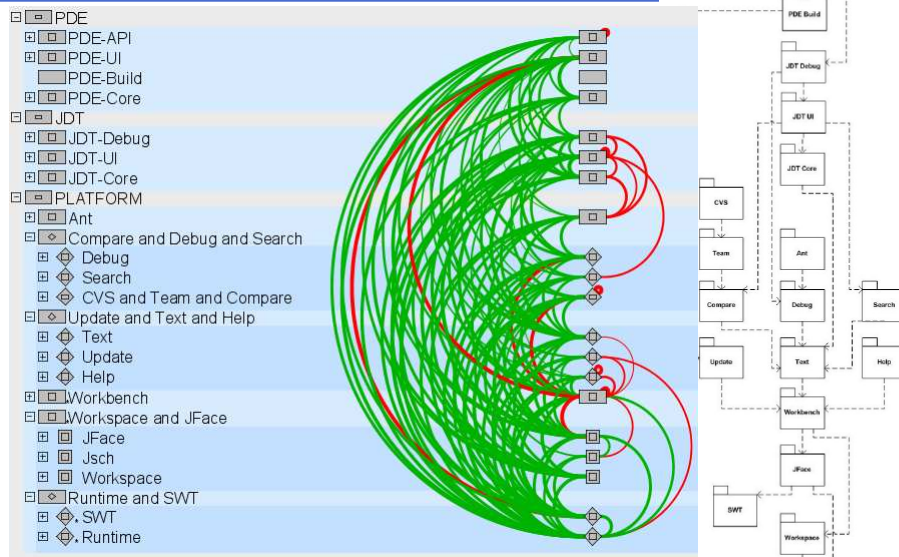
– JDT

eclipse

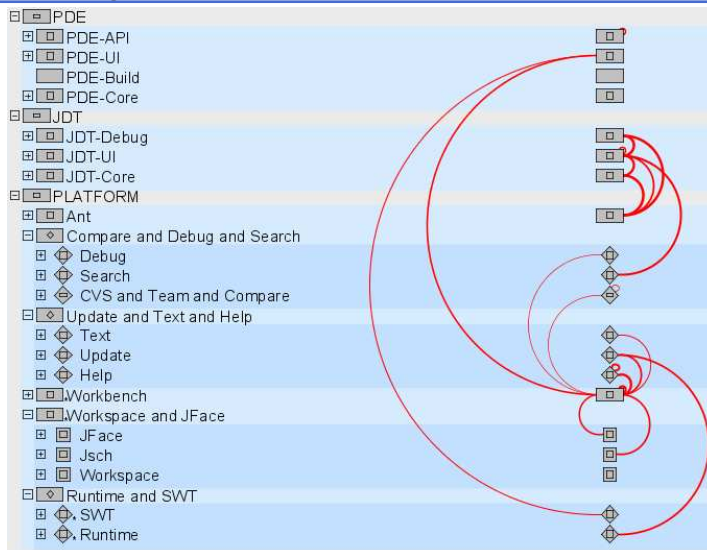
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Eclipse Architecture



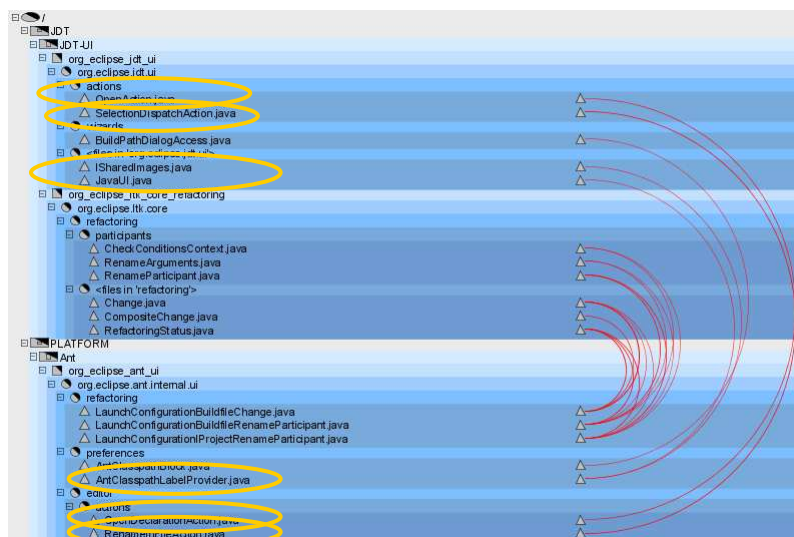
Eclipse Architecture



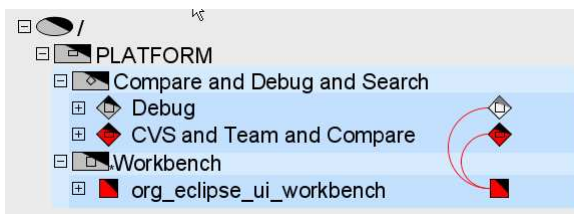
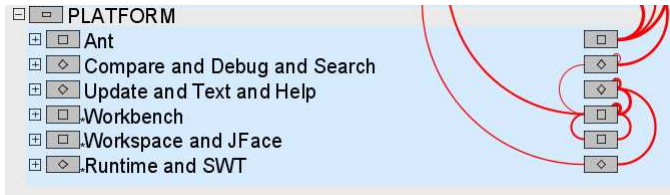
E3.4: Plattf:Ant → JDT:*



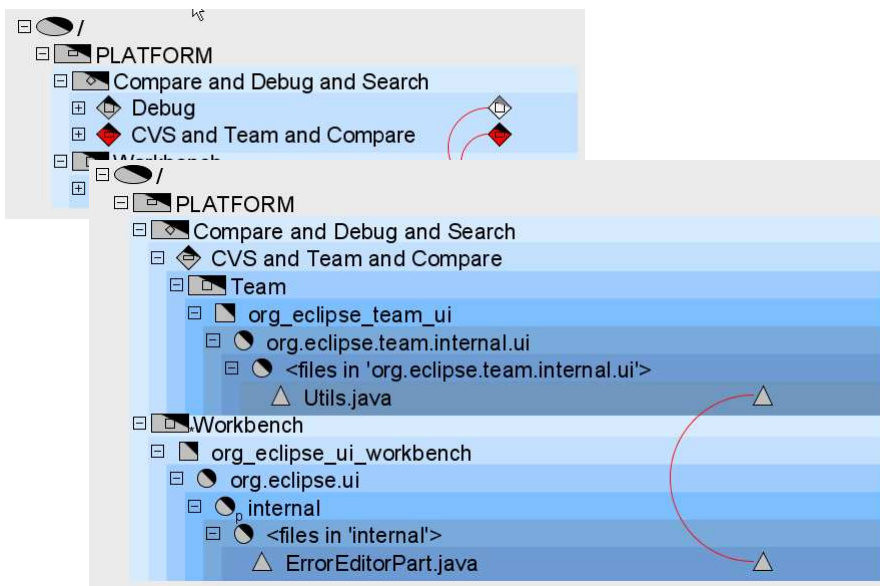
E3.4: Plattf:Ant → JDT:UI



Plattform: CVS → Workb (internal)



Plattform: CVS → Workb (internal)



Team-UI → UI-workbench (internal)

https://bugs.eclipse.org/bugs/show_bug.cgi?id=90582

Bug 90582 - [EditorMgmt] (regression) openEditor does not throw PartInitException anymore - Mozilla Firefox

be to get this fixed for 3.5? I am willing to upgrade to P2 again based on your feedback.

Michael Valenta 2008-11-17 10:49:21 EST [Comment 46](#)

We just got hit by this again (i.e. bug report from customer) since we did not implement the CVS hack workaround in Jazz because it requires the use of workbench internals. If the internal editor fails to open on an IStorageInput, we need a fallback which allows the default text editor to be opened. Perhaps the ErrorEditorPart could just have a button that provides the option to open the file in a text editor.

Here's the hack CVS does to get around this problem:

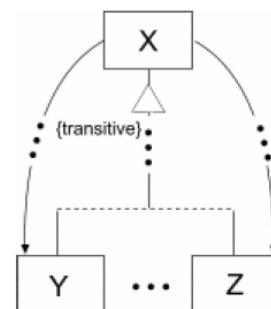
```

plugin: org.eclipse.team.ui
class: org.eclipse.team.internal.ui.Utils
method:
    public static IEditorPart openEditor(IWorkbenchPage page,
    FileRevisionEditorInput editorInput) throws PartInitException {
        String id = getEditorId(editorInput);
        try {
            IEditorPart part = page.openEditor(editorInput, id);

```

Dependent BaseClass

- Type:
 - Design Problem
- Problem:
 - one of more Methods shall implement different behavior, depending on the type, passed in
- Context:
 - make “extensible” systems, frameworks
- Forces:
 - Programming languages offer, instanceof/typeid funcs.
- Antipattern:
 - Methods of the baseclass, depend on derived classes, e.g. accessing their members, doing switch/case depending on type information



AntiPatterns / Bad Smells:

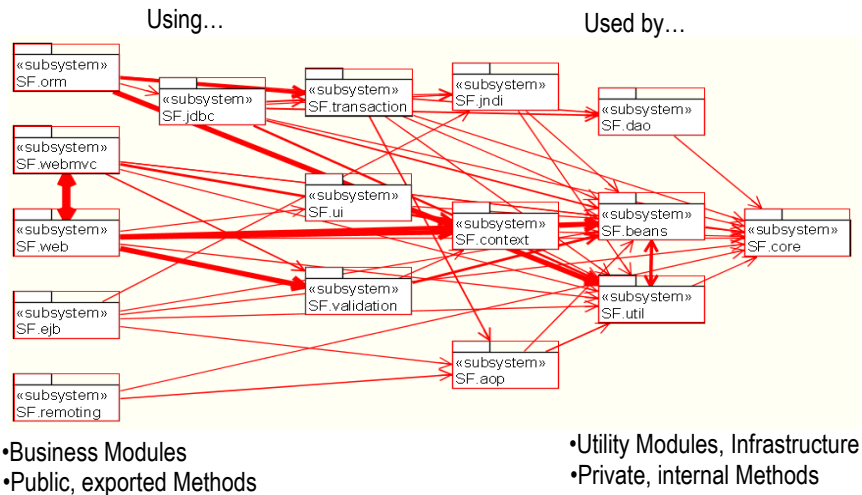
Metrics/1000 Classes	Eclipse	JDK
Dependent Baseclass:	1	16
Multiple Interface Inher.	4	18
Abstractable Methods	80	60
Abstractable Attributes	45	170
Unused Classes	50	150
Unused Methods	950	2500
Unused Attributes	30	20

Code Clones

- identical Files
 - E2.0 JDT,CDT
 - jdt\debug\internal\ui\dialogfields\ListDialogField.java
 - cdt\debug\internal\ui\dialogfields\ListDialogField.java
 - E3.4 CDT: identical packages
 - cdt\debug\internal\ui\dialogfields,
 - cdt\debug\mi\internal\ui\dialogfields
- variation of former identical Files
 - E3.4 JDT,CDT
 - jdt\debug\internal\ui\dialogfields\ListDialogField.java
 - cdt\debug\internal\ui\dialogfields\ListDialogField.java

Discover Architecture:

Call-Relationships



Pros/Cons Architecture Analysis Tools

Wood/Trees !

Internal Structure !

Metrics !

Internal Quality !

Clones !

Multiple Languages

Monitoring Changes

Virtual Refactoring

API Design ?

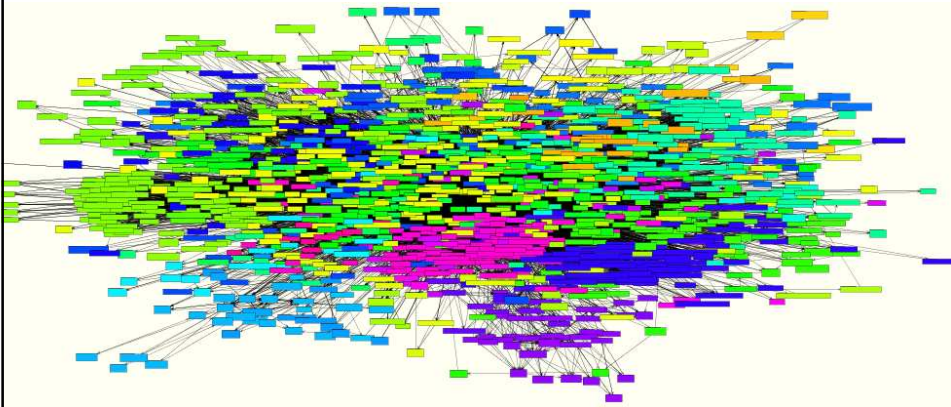
Additional aspects ?

Metrics ?

Functional Redundancy?

Rating of Architecture

1315 classes in 229 packages all depend on each other !!!
classes.zip, rt.jar (BIG BALL OF ... ;-)
JDK^Hdecay



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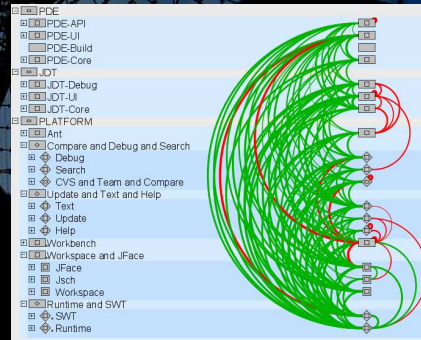
Still manageable ?



Rating Eclipse Architecture

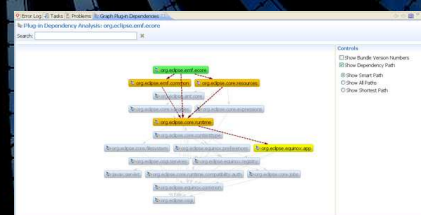
Erosion not really dramatic, but happened/s

- large codebase, structured in plugins
- OSGI helps a lot
- API Police, Guidelines upcoming PDE tools



Rating Eclipse Architecture:

- Violations
 - Upper layers
 - Internal access
 - Small amount of
 - AntiPatterns
 - Some amount of
 - CodeClones
 - OSGI is not enough
- People AND Tools !





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