Stop the Software Architecture Erosion

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I am a SICK Guy

We will be X-raying Software

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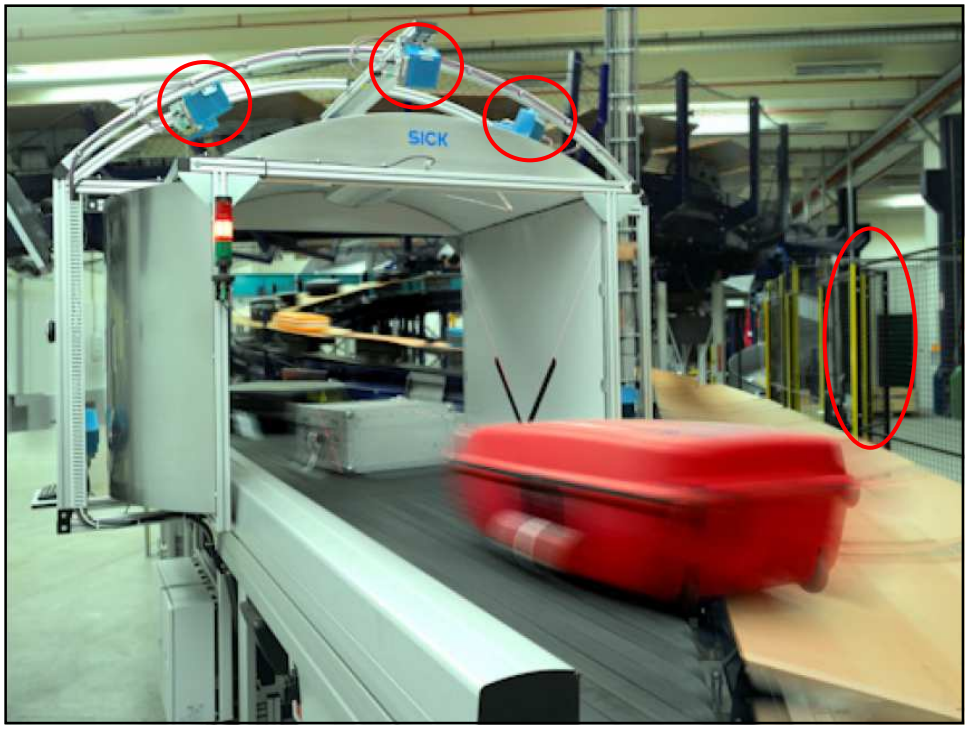
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Introduction / Overview

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:

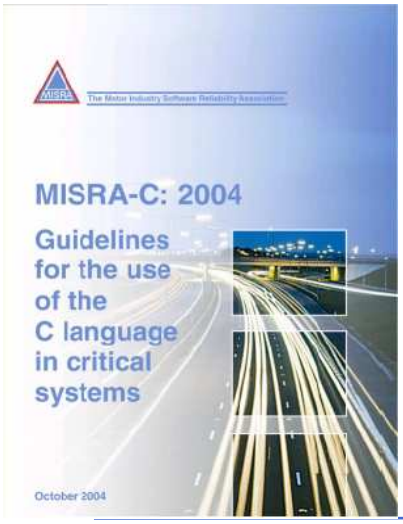
- Layers, Subsystems, Compoments, Interfaces
- Coupling, Dependency, etc…

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

Samples for Effective Rules

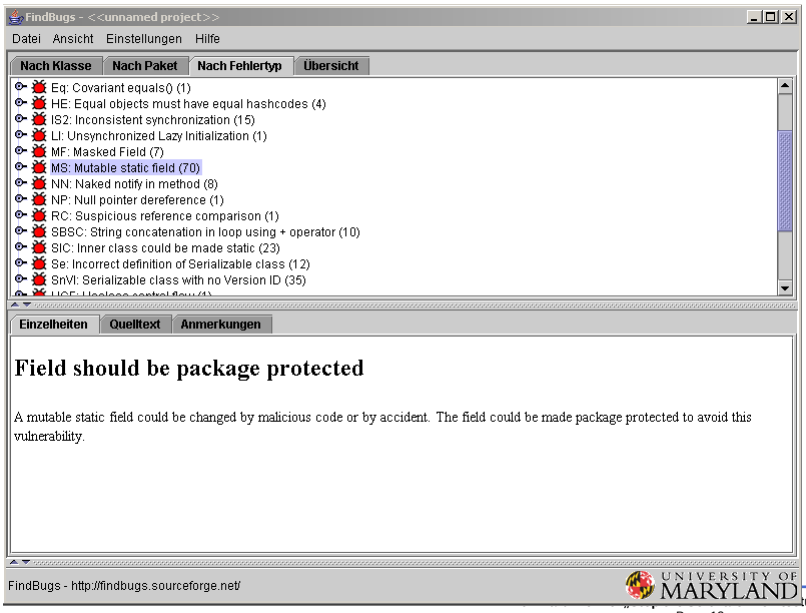
C++

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

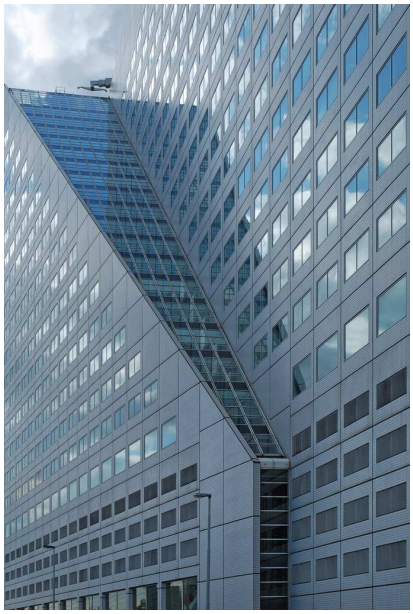
Java

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

Tool Example Java: findbugs



Software, Architecture, Erosion



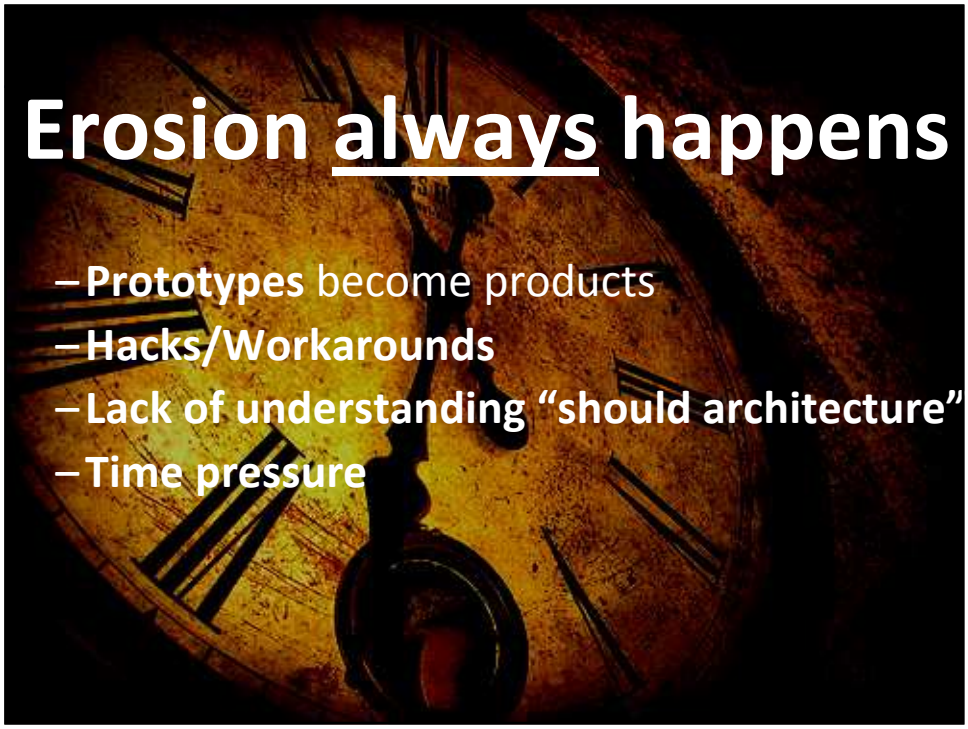
Software-Architecture: Definitions

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*



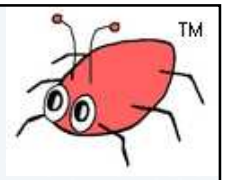
Architectural Erosion

"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".

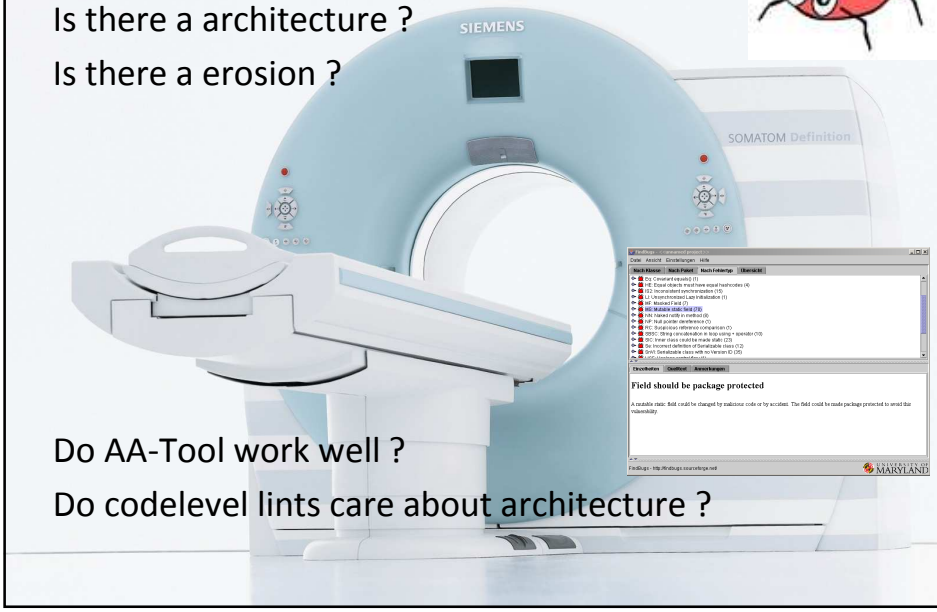
Uncle Bob: "Agile Software Development"

X-raying Software…



Is there a architecture ?

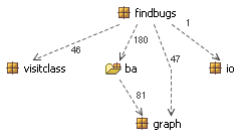
Is there a erosion ?

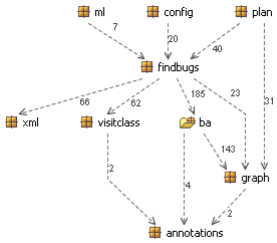


Do AA-Tool work well ?

Do codelevel lints care about architecture ?

Findbugs: the first years





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(10/2004)

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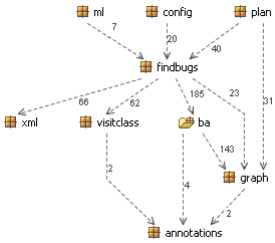

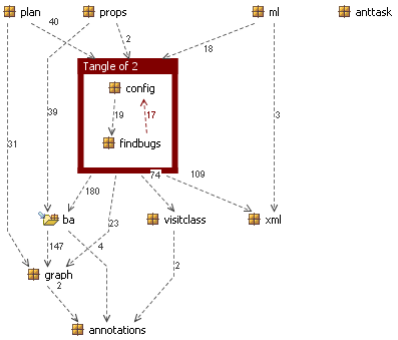

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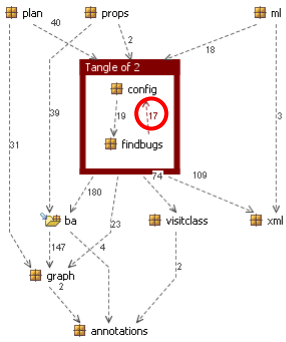
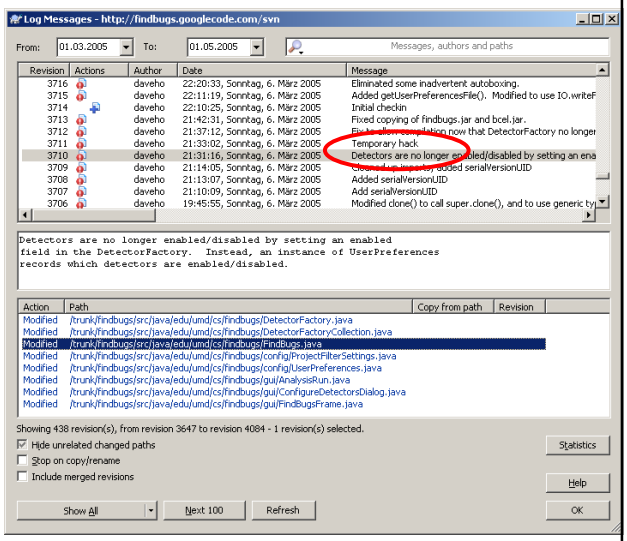
Findbugs 0.8.7: Architectural Analysis





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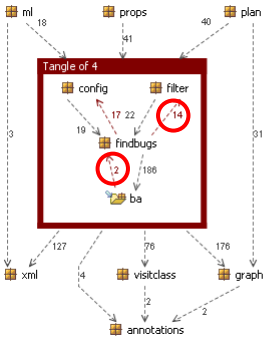

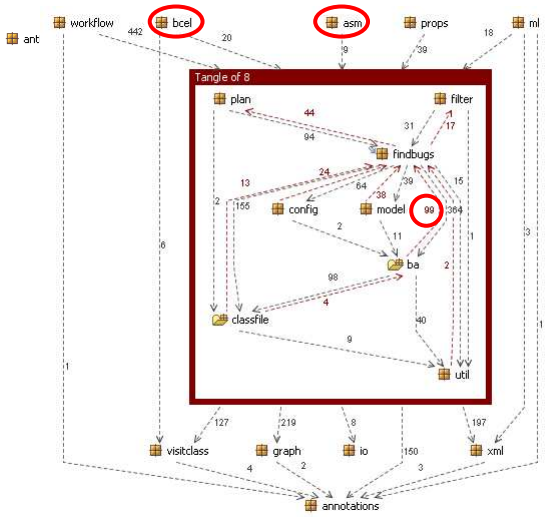

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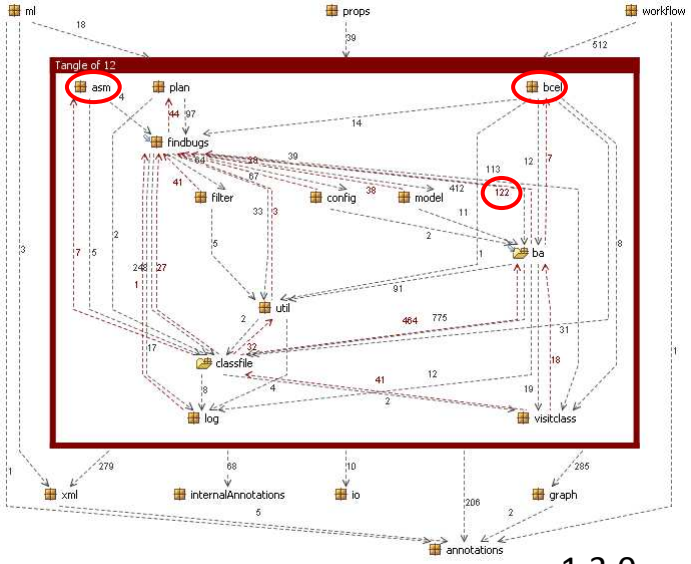

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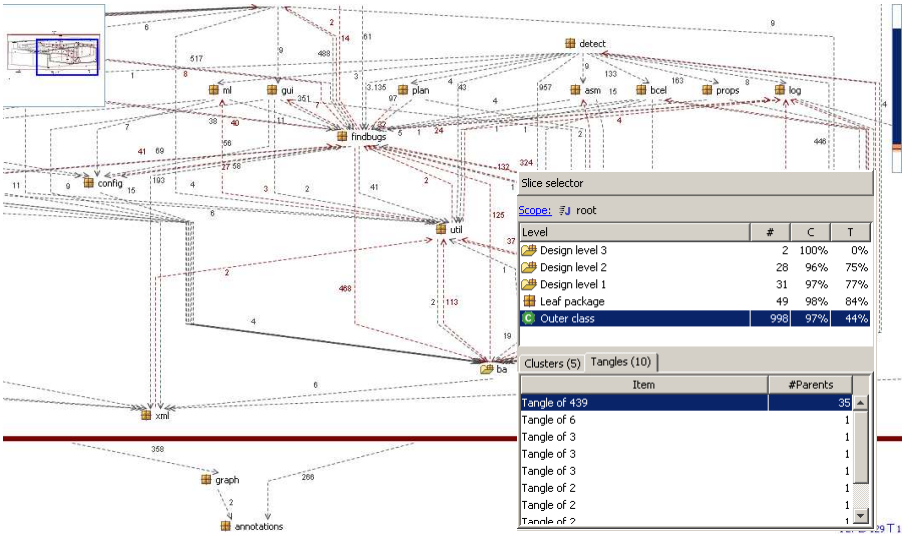
ONE BIG Tangle…



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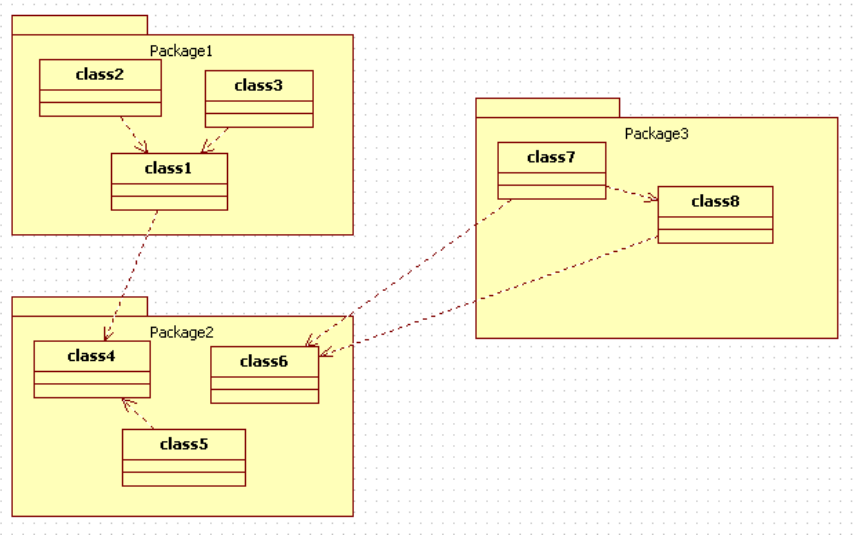
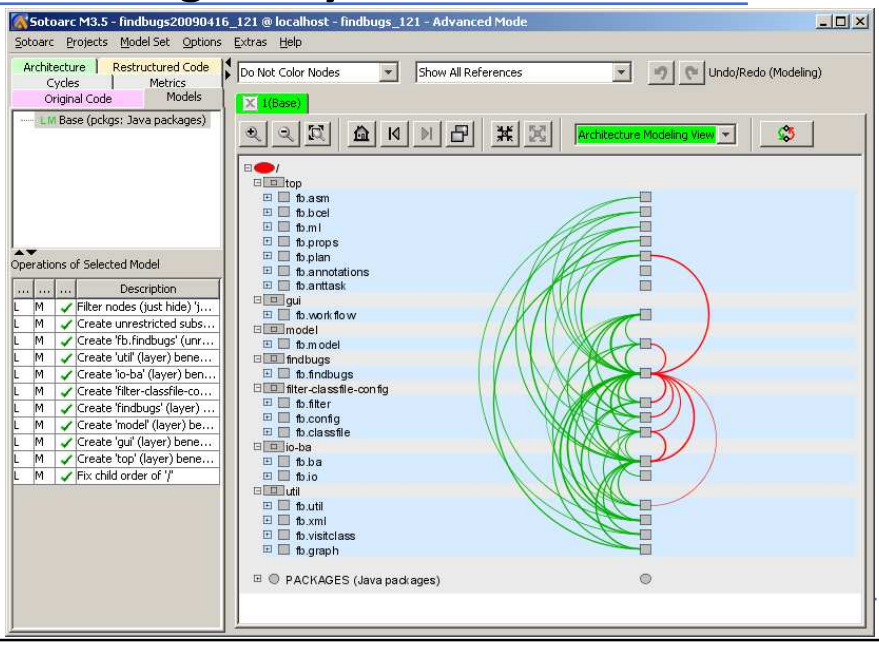
Anti-Pattern: Findelkind (foundling)

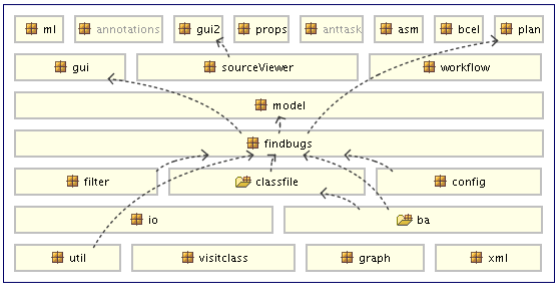


Modeling Subsystems:



Fixing Architectural Violations

Diagram 1



Description: *Subsystem breakout for 'edu.umd.cs.findbugs'*

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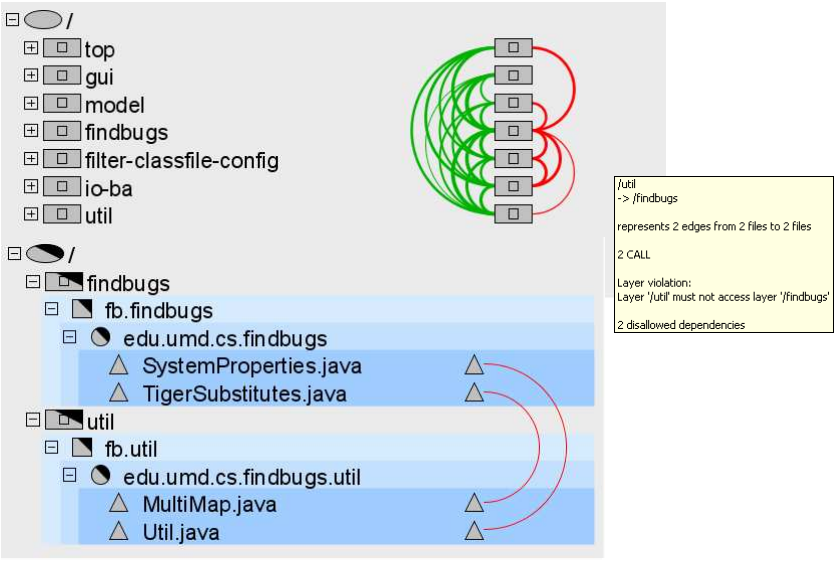

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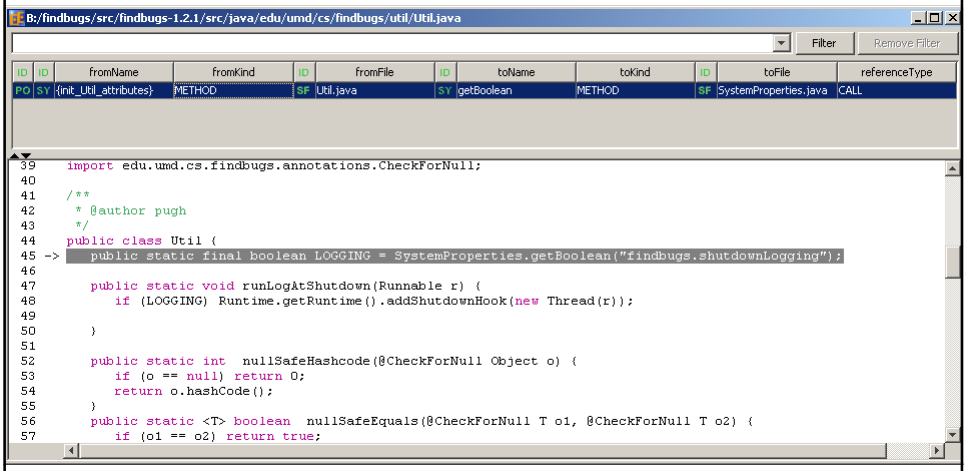

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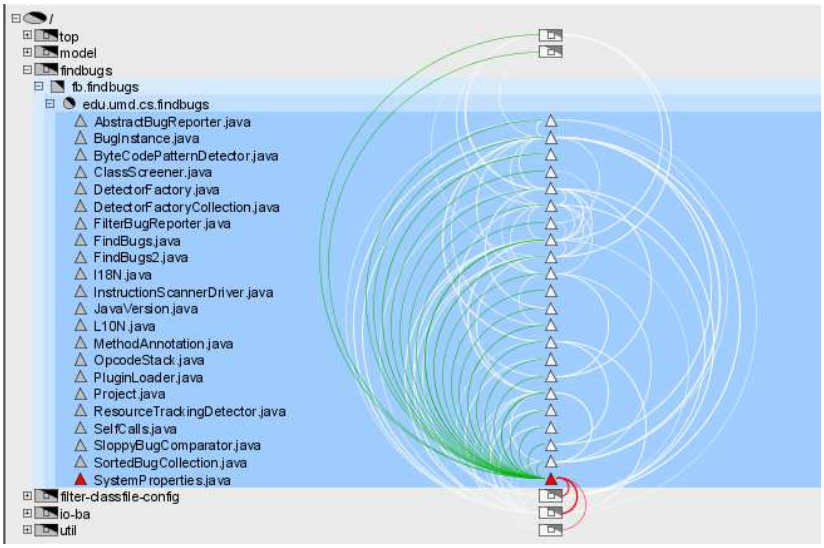

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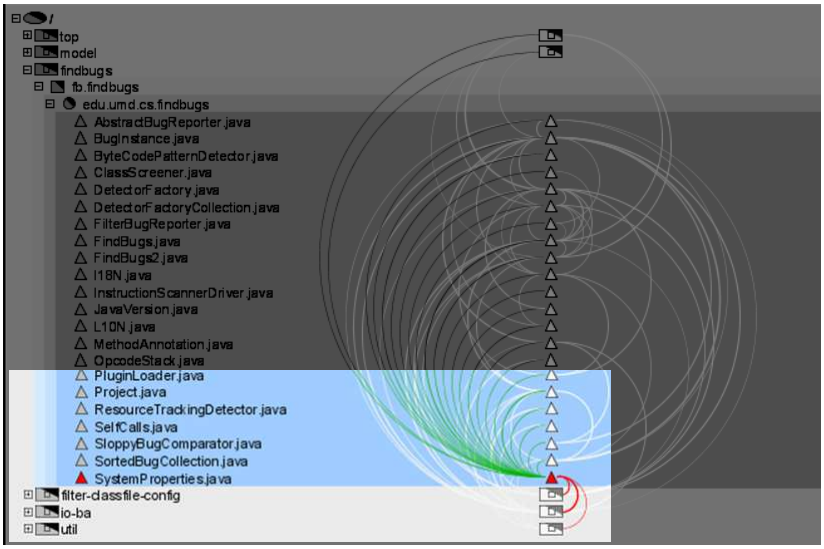

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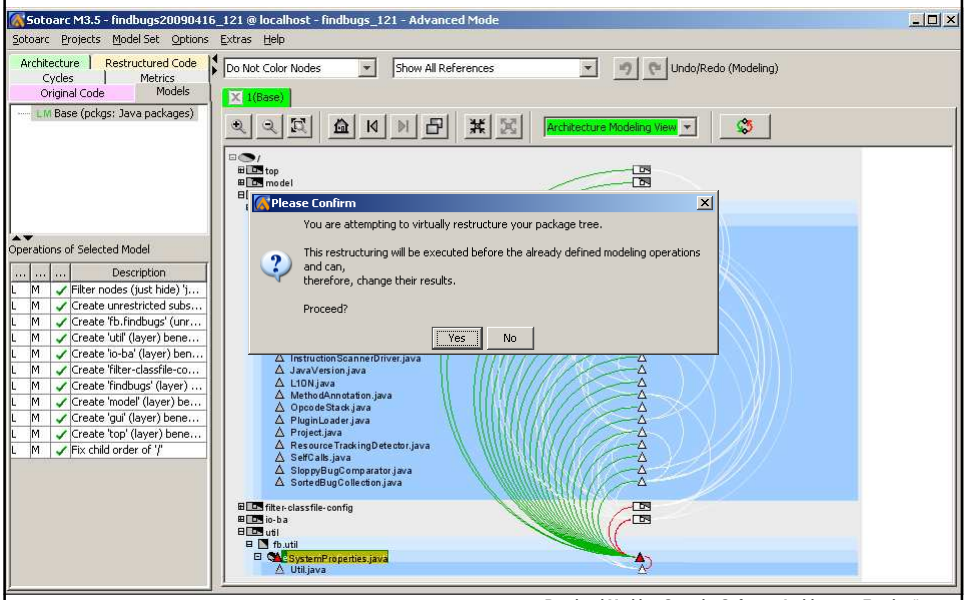

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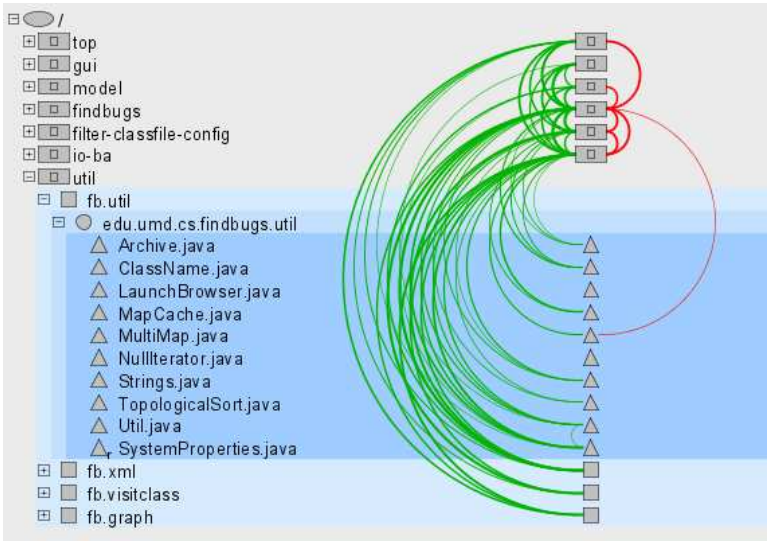


Tools for Architecture-Analysis

- Sotograph
- Bauhaus
- Structure101

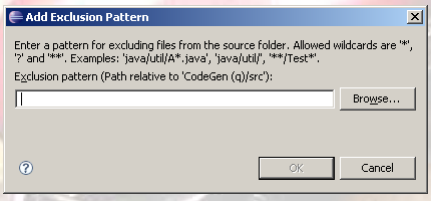
SonarJ
Lattix
Klocwork, Coverity

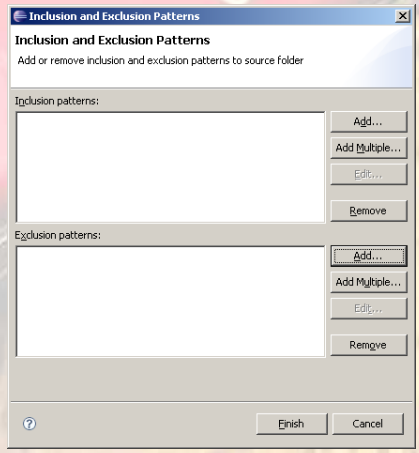
- http://code.google.com/p/architecturerules/
- ODASA, CodeCrawler, Codecity, SeeSoft, XRadar, XDepend, SonarSource, Kalistick, Sqoring, …

http://se-radio.net/episode-115-architecture-analysis

Basic Approaches

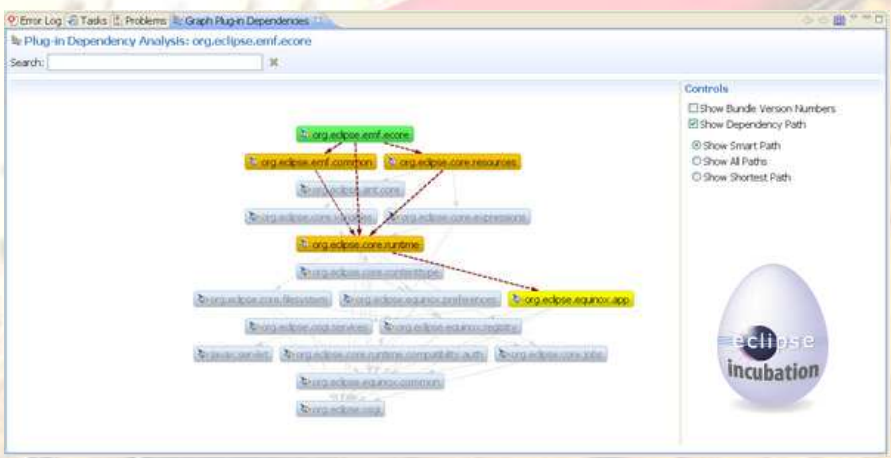
- Your makesystem…
- makedepend, jdepend
- Eclipse (Java Build Path)
- OSGI (Dependencies)





Basic Approaches

PDE Dependency Visualization

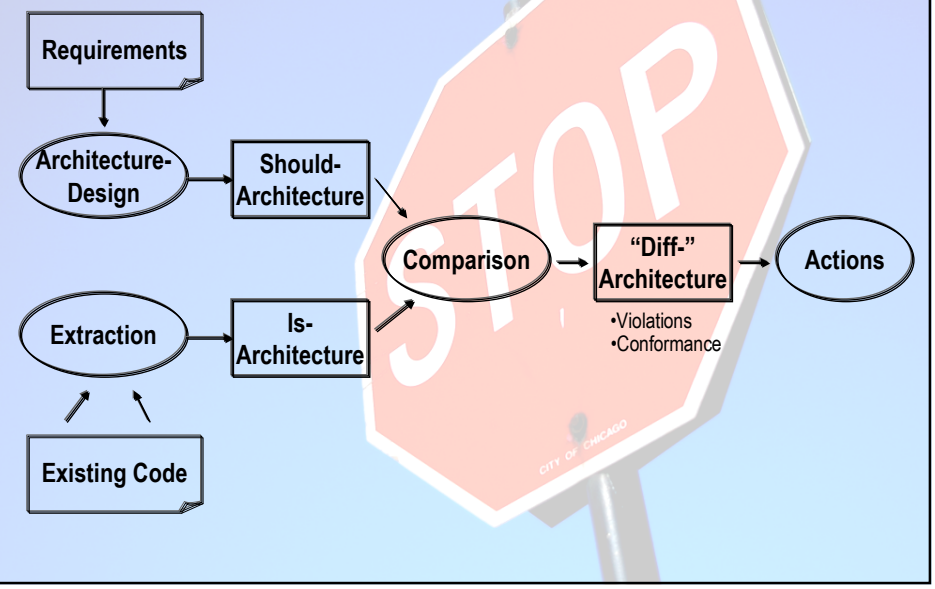


Missing in basic approaches:

Architecture Analysis (Deviation)
Drill-Down + Aggregation
Displaying results
Monitoring changes, trends
Rating of Architecture

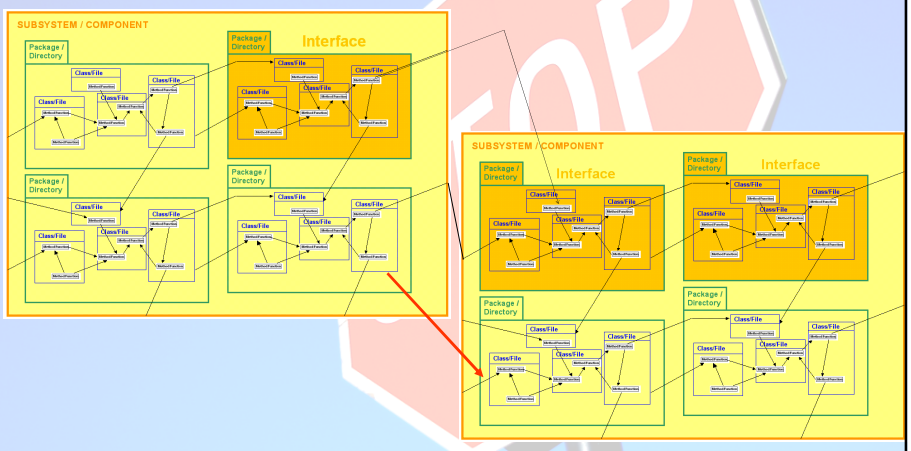
→ Requirements for Architectural Analysis Tools

Architecture Analysis (deviation)



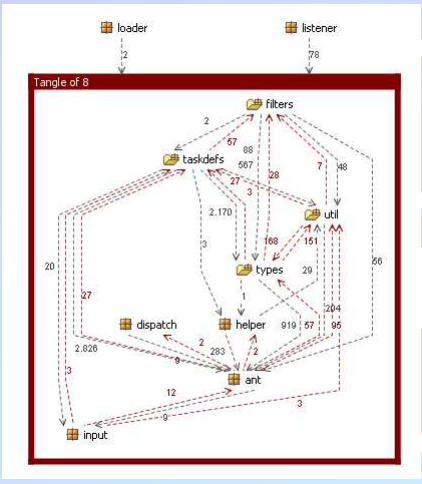
Drill-Down + Aggregation:

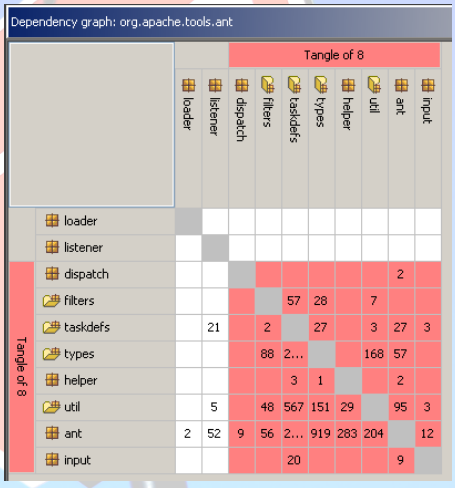
Component → System → Package → Class → Src-Line



Displaying results:

Graphical and/or numerical





Monitoring changes, trends (QA)

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

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SU	SF.orm	SU	SF.web	UPWARD	25	25	0	
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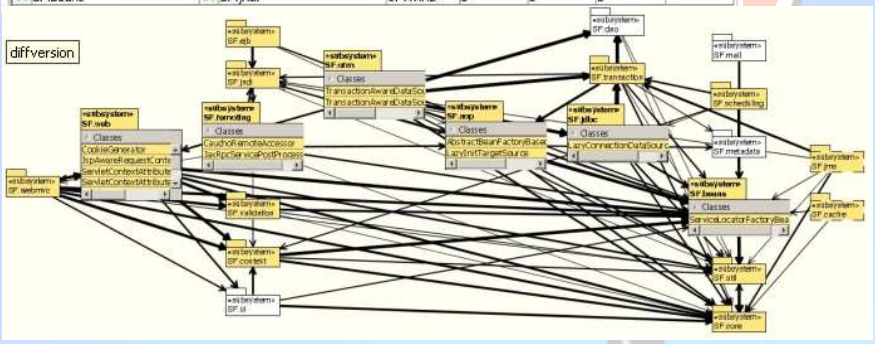
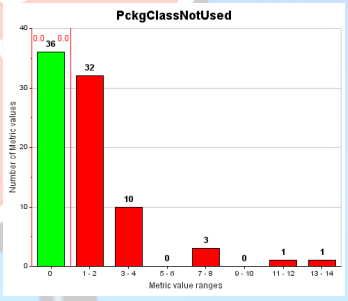


Rating of Architecture

NO Rating of external Requirements (Fullfillment)

Internal Quality:

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

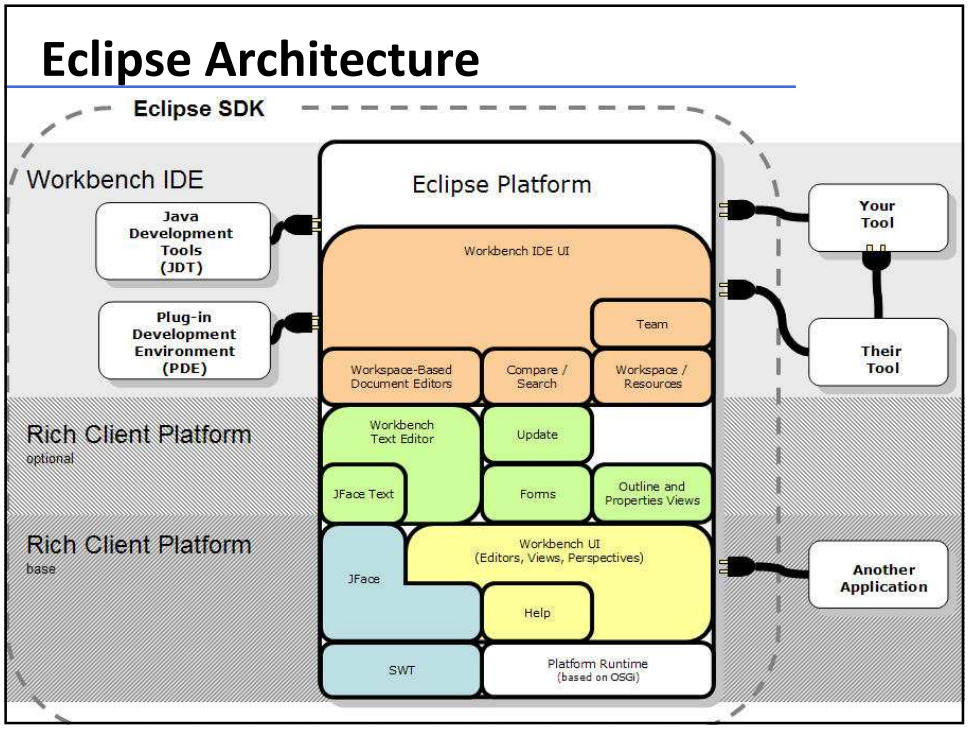


Eclipse: Architectural Analysis

– JDT

– CDT

Eclipse Architecture



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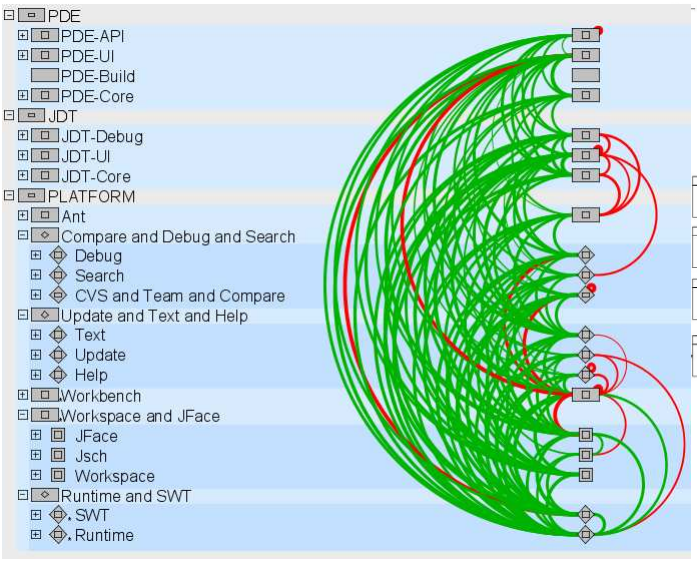

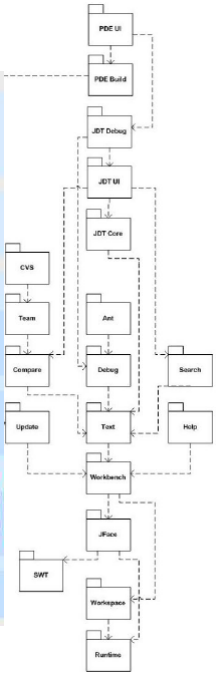

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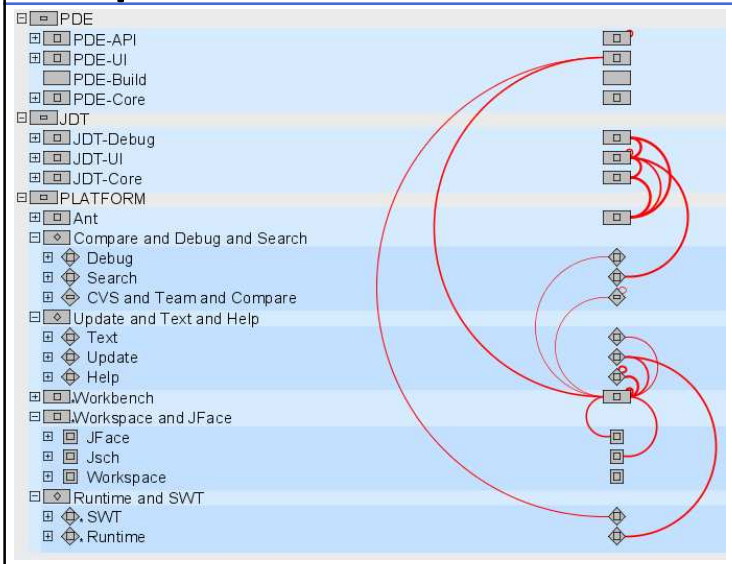

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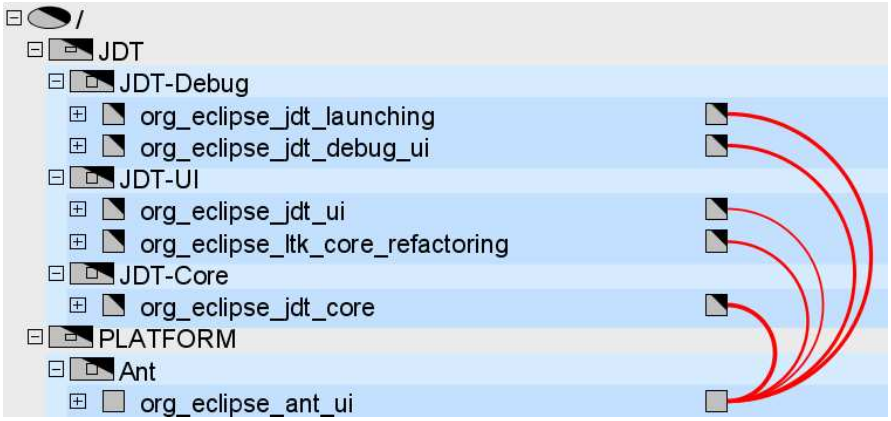

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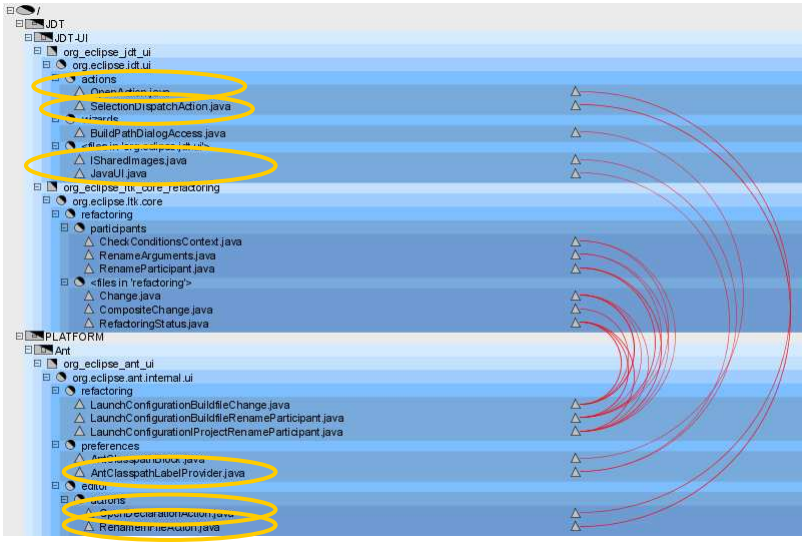

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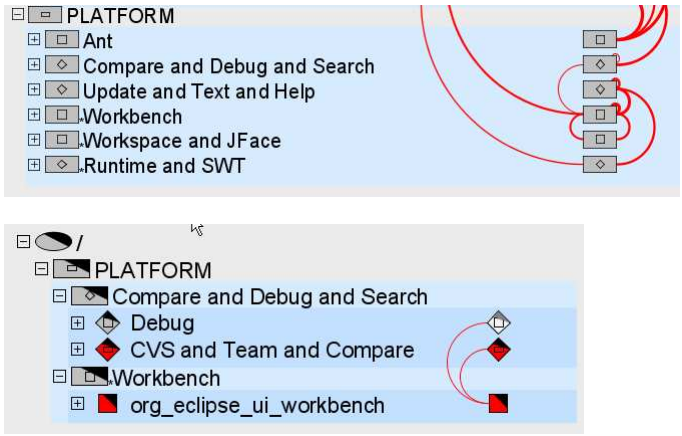

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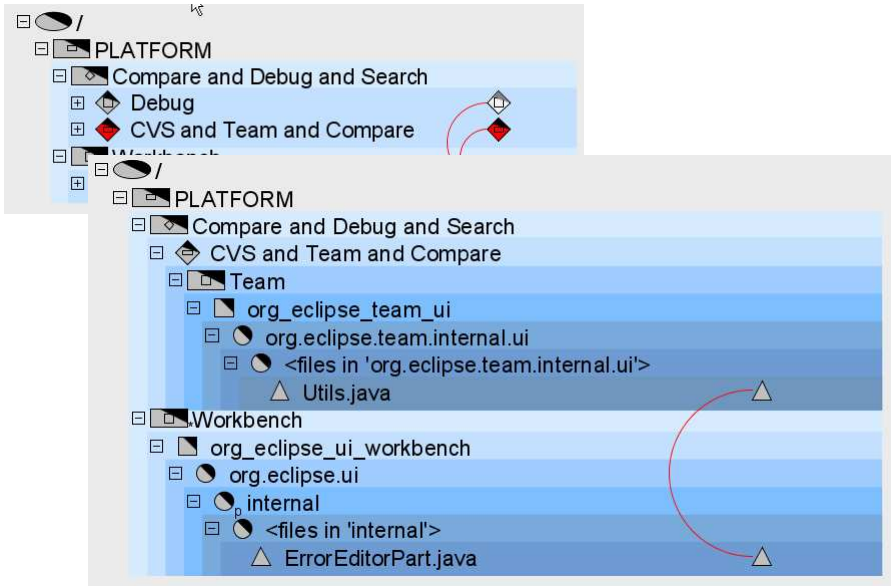
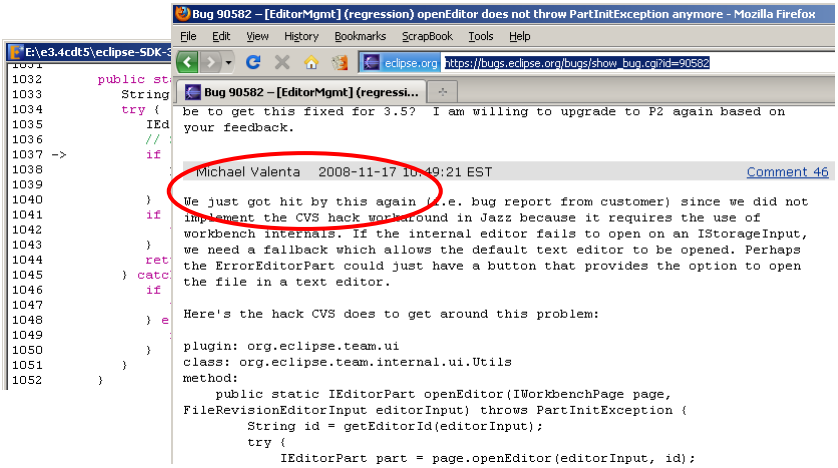


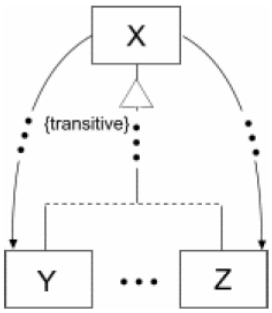
Team-UI→UI-workbench (internal)

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



Dependent BaseClass

- Type:
  - Design Problem
- Problem:
  - one of more Methods shall implement differe 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
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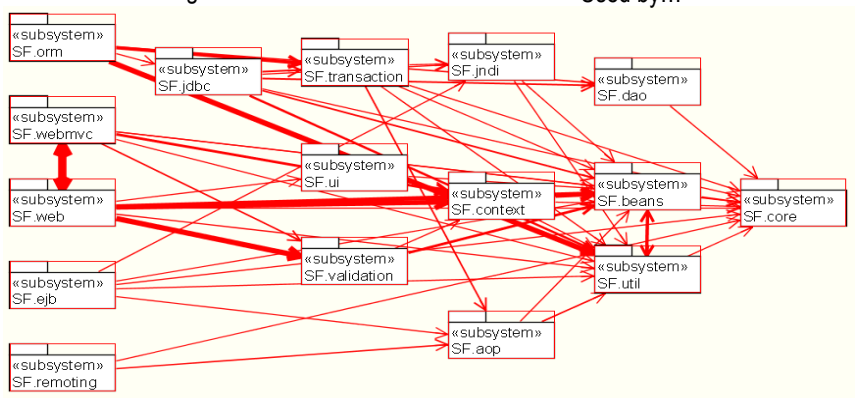
Discover Architecture:

Call-Relationships

Using…

Used by…



•Business Modules
•Public, exported Methods

•Utility Modules, Infrastructure
•Private, internal Methods

Pros/Cons Architecture Analysis Tools

Wood/Trees !
Internal Structure !
Metrics !
Internal Quality !
Clones !
Multiple Languages
Monitoring Changes
Virtual Refactoring

API Design ?
Additional aspects ?
Metrics ?

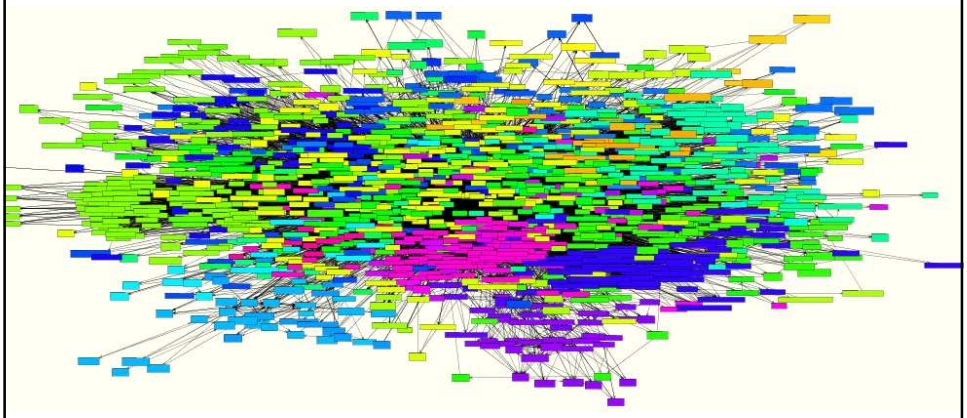
Functional Redundancy?

Rating of Architecture

1315 classes in 229 packages all depend on each other !!!

classes.zip, rt.jar (BIG BALL OF … ;-)

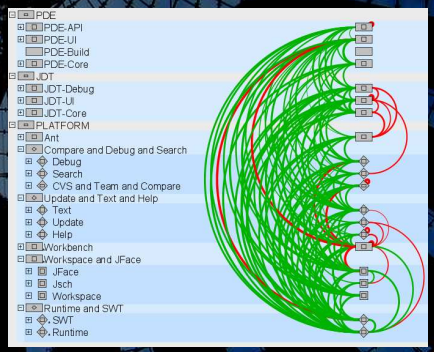
JDK^H^Hdecay



Rating Eclipse Architecture

Erosion not really dramatic, but happened/s

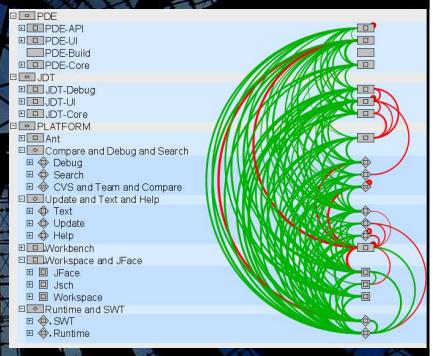
- large codebase, structured in plugins
- OSGI helps a lot
- API Police, Guidelines upcoming PDE tools

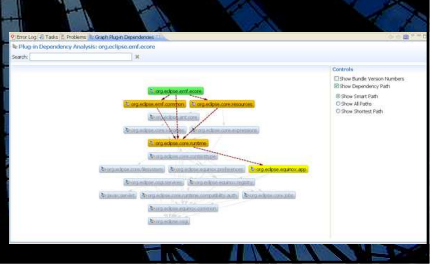


Rating Eclipse Architecture:

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

→ People AND Tools !





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