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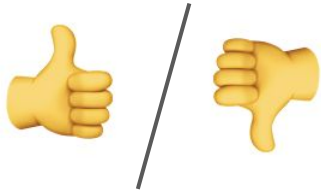

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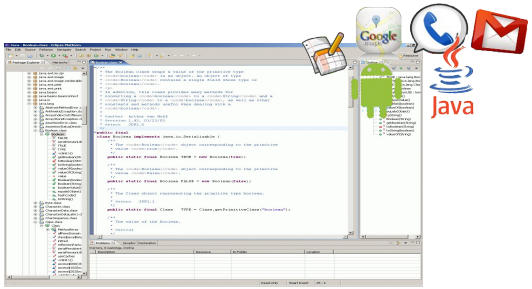

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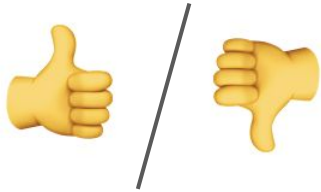

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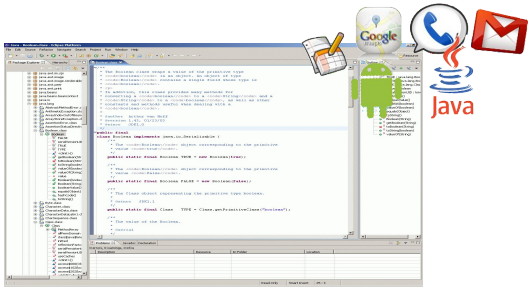

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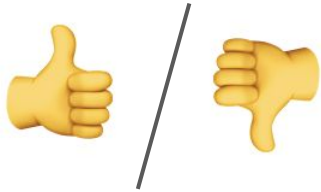

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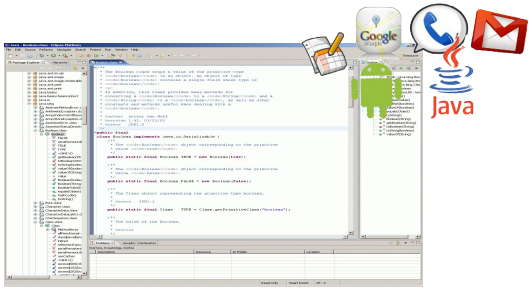

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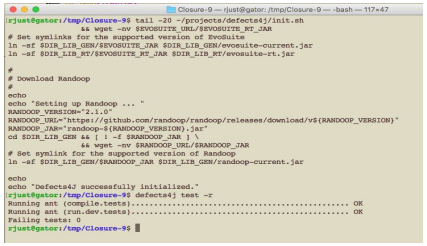

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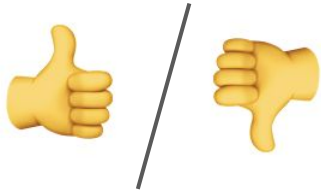

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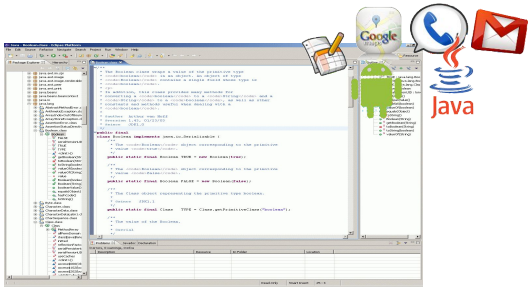

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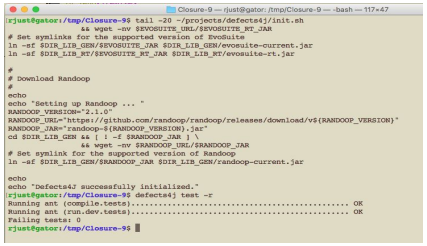

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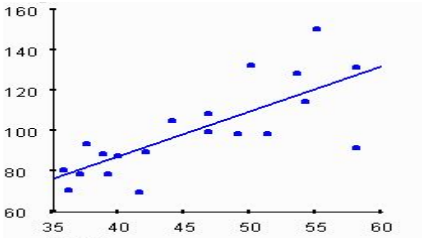

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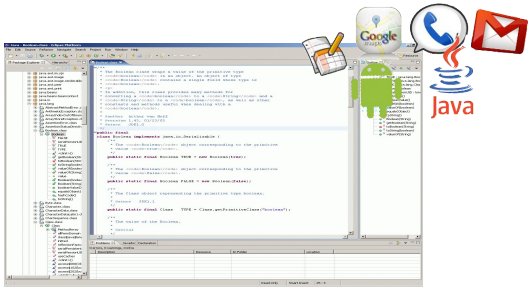

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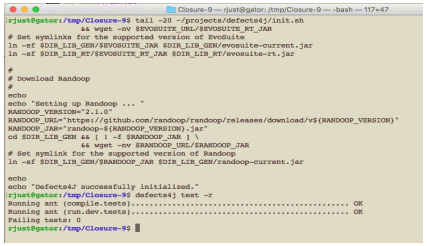

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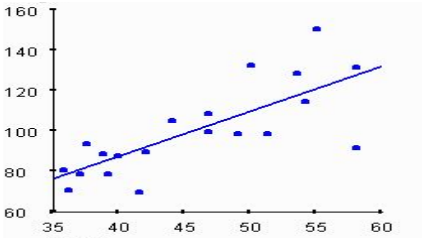


All of the above -- much more than just writing code!

What is Software Engineering?

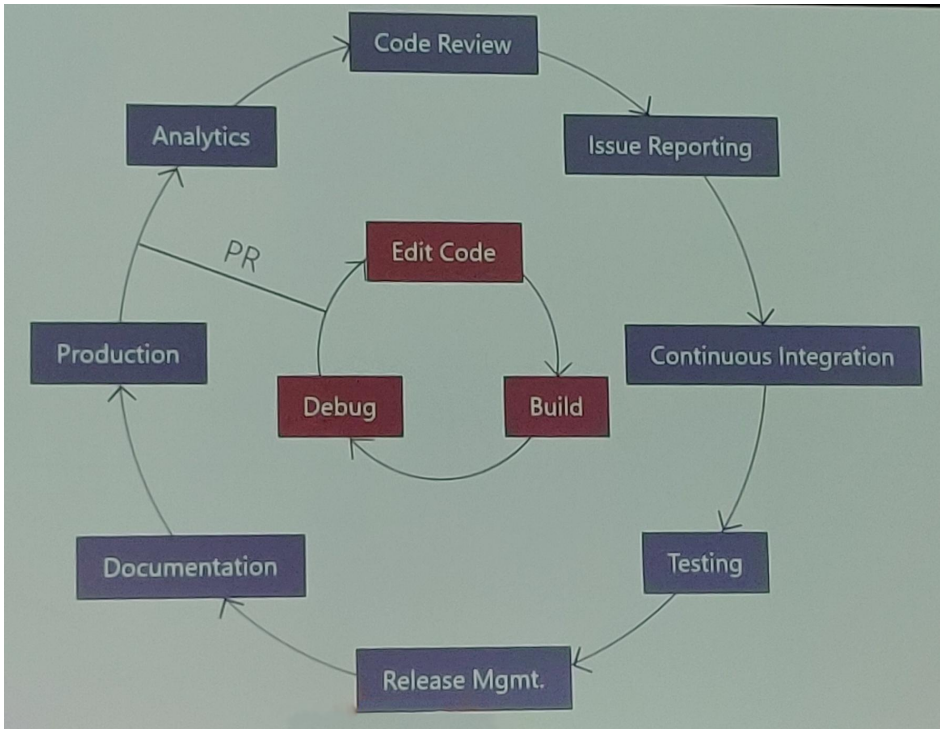
More than just writing code

The complete process of specifying, designing, developing, analyzing, deploying, and maintaining a software system.

- Common Software Engineering tasks include:
  - Requirements engineering
  - Specification writing and documentation
  - Software architecture and design
  - Programming
  - Software testing and debugging
  - Maintenance and refactoring

Just one out of many important tasks!

The Role of Software Engineering in Practice



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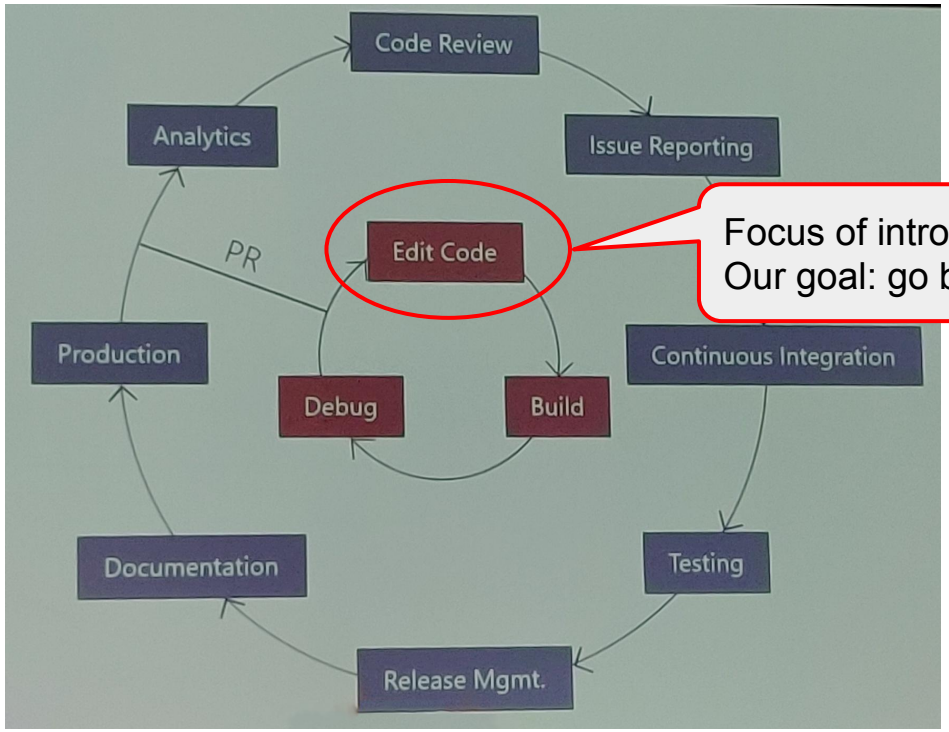

Focus of intro to programming courses.
Our goal: go beyond the inner cycle.

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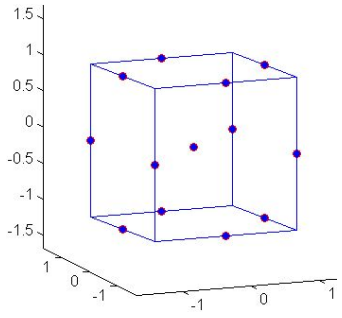
The Role of Software Engineering in Research

Experimental infrastructure is software, too!



Infrastructure

Design space exploration

1	0.34	0.81
2	0.52	0.32
3	0.21	0.53
4	0.81	0.22
...	...	...

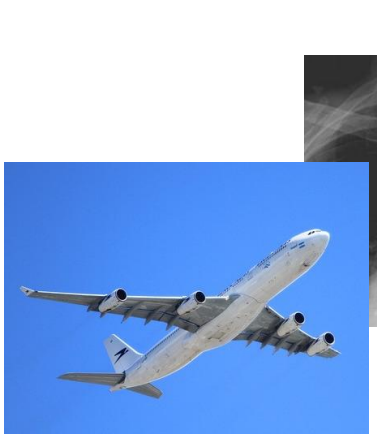
Example (automated debugging)

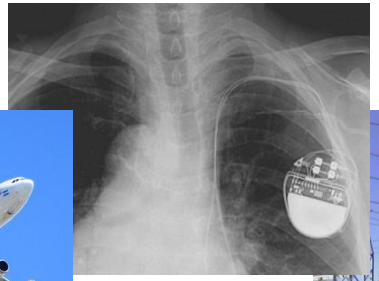
- 150 configurations, 1000+ benchmarks
- 1-85 hours per execution
- 200,000+ CPU hours (~23 CPU years)

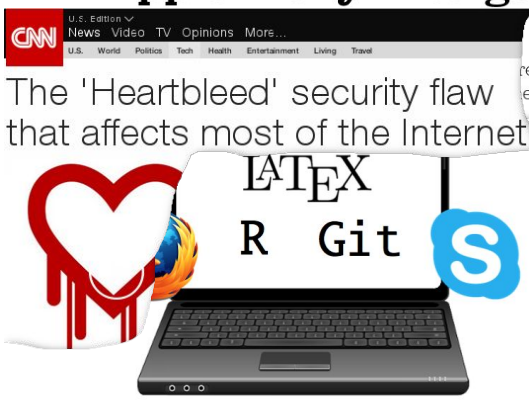
Software bugs can lead to wrong scientific conclusions.

Why is Software Engineering important?

Software is eating the world!







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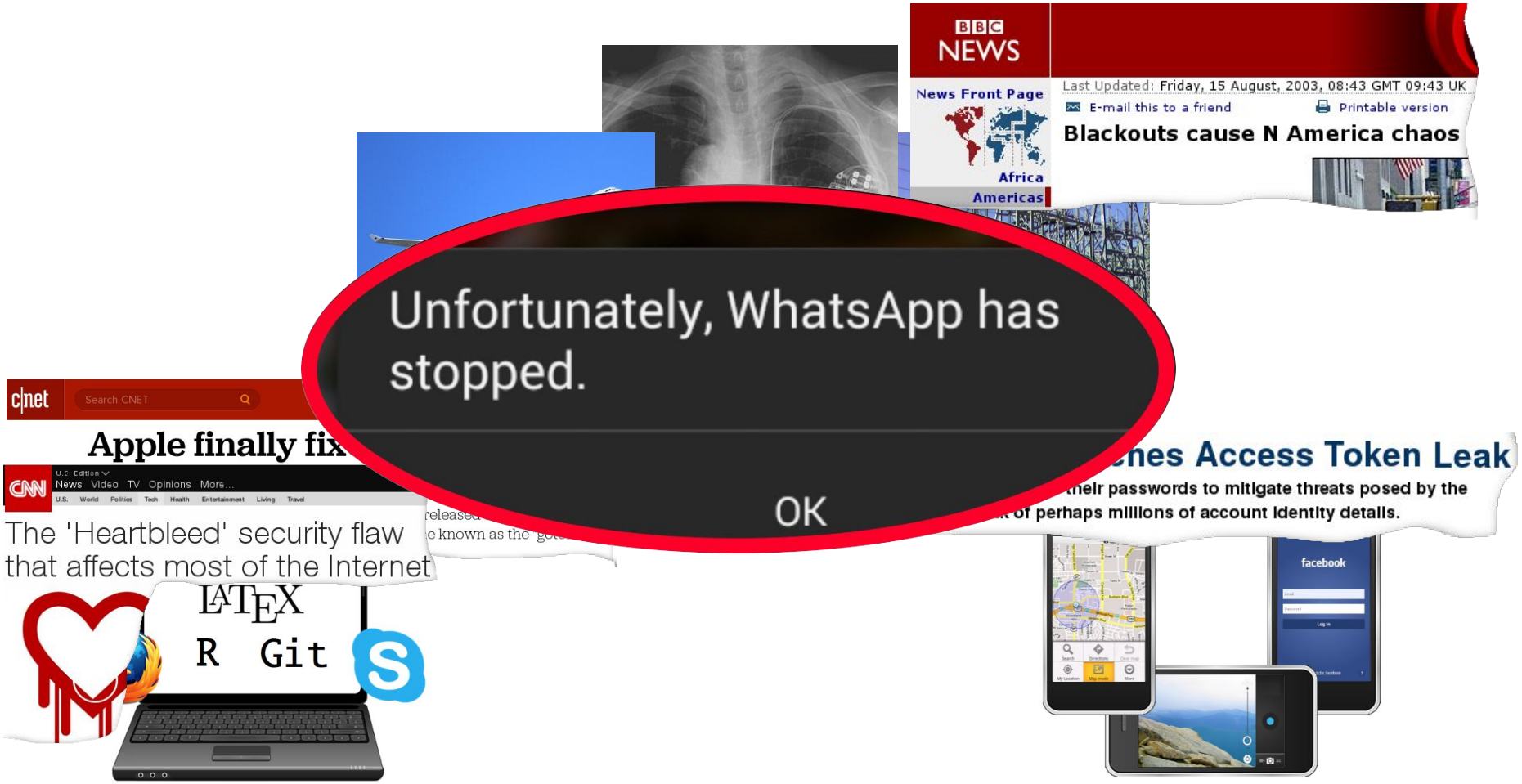

Why is Software Engineering important?

Software is complex!

- ~15 million lines of code

Let's say 50 lines per page (0.05 mm)

- 300000 pages
- 15 m (49 ft)

Summary: Software Engineering

What is Software Engineering?

- The complete process of specifying, designing, developing, analyzing, and maintaining a software system.

Why is it important?

- Decomposes a complex engineering problem.
- Organizes processes and effort.
- Improves software reliability.
- Improves developer productivity.

Course overview: the big picture

- **Software processes, requirements, and specification**
  - Different software development processes.
  - Precise writing (requirements and specifications).
- **Software development**
  - Decompose a complex problem and build abstractions.
  - Improve your coding skills.
  - Effectively use version control (Git).
- **Software testing and debugging**
  - Write effective (unit) tests.
  - Hands-on experience, using testing and debugging techniques.
  - Continuous integration.
- **Class project**
  - Apply all of the above in a group project.

Expectations

- Programming experience and familiarity with one programming language (Java, C++, ...).
- Active participation in discussions.
- Teamwork and communication.
- Reflecting on and improving submitted assignments.

You must already know how to program.