

# **ABSTRACT:**

The Journey to Competency - A Tale of Software Maintenance.

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When working on existing software, specific and necessary skillsets are required in order to be a proper contributor to it. One must understand the nature of what they're about to get themselves into and the odd synchronicities of said activity. Software maintenance is an activity best done by those that have already done it, and the process of getting to the point where one knows what they're doing is time consuming and riddled with challenges both trivial and grand in nature and scope. Specifically, working with Open-Source software can be a different experience then working on a solo project or school project. Ours is a tale of said self discovery and self improvement. It is one of great difficulties and subtle mysteries, one of terrible frustrations and unparalleled triumphs. This is our story of working with Blockly, developed by Google.