Code Metrics

Line of Code (LOC) Metrics

Line of code metrics gives us information about the amount of lines of code that exist in our program. The information is subdivided into sub-metrics that include, packages, methods, classes, interfaces, modules and the lines of codes in the whole project. The lines of codes are divided into different types as well: comments (CLOC), Javadoc (JLOC), non-comment (NCLOC), the percentage of relative code lines (RLOC), and the total lines of code (LOC).

Metric	s Lines of code metrics for Project 'projecto_es' from Tue, \times					
C ™	thod metrics Class metrics Interface metrics Package metrics N	Module metrics	File type metric	s Project me	trics	
met	hod	CLOC	JLOC	v LOC	NCLOC	RLOC
_ (m) <u>_</u>	net.sf. free col. server. model. Server Player. cs Combat (Free Col Game Object, Free	42		495	455	11.72%
@ 	net.sf. free col. client. gui.panel. report. Report Compact Colony Panel. update Colony Pan	68		365	298	36.21%
→ <u> </u>	net.sf.freecol.server.ai.ColonyPlan.assignWorkers(List <unit>, boolean, Log</unit>	93	8	349	256	25.87%
<u> </u>	net.sf.freecol.common.model.Map.searchMap(Unit, Tile, GoalDecider, Cost	92	34	329	225	12.97%
≋ _{@ 8}	net.sf. free col. server. ai. European AIP layer. give Normal Missions (Log Builder, Log Build	. 38		281	246	10.62%
<u></u>	net.sf. free col. common. model. Player. get All Colony Values (Tile)	56		278	226	7.00%
<u></u>	net.sf. free col.server. ai. REFAIP layer. give Normal Missions (Log Builder, List < Annal Mission) and the state of the	42		276	238	32.55%
<u></u>	$net.sf. free col.server. model. Server Colony. cs New Turn (Random, \ Log Builder,$	47		254	208	31.87%
(m) 4	net.sf. free col. server. generator. Simple Map Generator. make Native Settlement of the server of	31	8	252	221	25.56%
(m) a	net.sf. free col. common. model. Specification. fix Difficulty Options ()	34		249	215	8.55%
(m) a	net.sf.freecol.FreeCol.handleArgs(String[])	19		248	236	16.88%
(m) <u>~</u>	$net.sf. free col.server. model. Server Region. require Fixed Regions (Map,\ Log Builder) and the fixed Regions ($	30		243	212	52.37%
(m) a	net.sf.freecol.common.model.Specification.fixSpec()	48		231	183	7.94%
(m) 4	$net.sf. free col. client.gui.menu. Debug Menu. add {\tt Game Map Options} ({\tt Game, GUI}) and {\tt Game, GUI}) and {\tt Game Map Options} ({\tt Game, GUI}) and {\tt Game, GUI}) and {\tt Game Map Options} ({\tt Game, GUI}) and {\tt Game, GUI}) and {\tt Game, GUI}) and {\tt Game, GUI} and {\tt Game, GUI}) and {\tt Game, GUI} and {\tt Game, GUI} and {\tt Game, GUI}) and {\tt Game, GUI} and {\tt GuI} and {\tt$	12		228	216	66.47%

After some research to find the rule of thumb when it comes to knowing how many lines of code is too much for a certain method or class, I come to the conclusion that over 200 lines for a class is too much and 50-60 lines is the limit for methods. This is to ensure correct usage of certain philosophies that come with programming in OOP.

With this information we can find many cases where these rules are broken and values go way over the supposed limit.

Classes

Method metrics Class metrics	Interface metrics	Package metrics	Module metrics	File type metric	cs Project metrics
class			CLOC	JLOC	v LOC
© ኈ net.sf.freecol.client.control.lnGar	meController		1,638	1,297	4,806
© net.sf.freecol.common.model.Un	it		1,962	1,766	4,263
net.sf.freecol.server.model.Serve	erPlayer		1,164	777	4,217
© ← net.sf.freecol.common.model.Pla	yer		1,921	1,768	3,892
© net.sf.freecol.server.control.lnGa	ameController		1,073	738	3,451
© net.sf.freecol.common.model.Co	lony		1,223	1,088	2,818
© net.sf.freecol.common.model.Sp	ecification		883	676	2,740
net.sf.freecol.server.ai.European.	AlPlayer		731	545	2,645
© net.sf.freecol.common.model.Tile	е		1,172	1,025	2,504
© ← net.sf.freecol.common.util.Collec	ctionUtils		1,445	1,443	2,374
© net.sf.freecol.client.gui.SwingGU	ll .		742	645	2,321
© ← net.sf.freecol.client.gui.GUI			1,457	1,420	2,220
© ← net.sf.freecol.common.model.Ma	ip		899	731	2,099
© ኈ net.sf.freecol.server.control.lnGa	ameControllerTest		125	21	1,833

Here we can see that the code has an overwhelming amount of classes with over 2,000 lines of code. This can cause reduced readability and maintainability. It can also be more difficult for debugging and code review.

Methods

Method metrics	Class metrics	Interface metrics	Package metrics	Module metrics	File type metr	rics Project m	etrics	
method				CLOC	JLOC	v LOC	NCLOC	RLOC
m = net.sf.freecol	.server.model.Ser	verPlayer.csCombat(FreeColGameObject, F	r 42		495	455	11.72%
m a net.sf.freecol	.client.gui.panel.re	eport.ReportCompact	tColonyPanel.updateCo	68		365	298	36.21%
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m a net.sf.freecol	.FreeCol.handleAi	rgs(String[])		19		248	236	16.88%
m = net.sf.freecol	.server.model.Ser	verRegion.requireFixe	edRegions(Map, LogBu	i 30		243	212	52.37%
m a net.sf.freecol	.common.model.S	pecification.fixSpec(48		231	183	7.94%
m a net.sf.freecol	.client.gui.menu.D	ebugMenu.addGame	MapOptions(Game, GL	12		228	216	66.47%

In this screenshot, we can see that we have many methods with over 200 lines of code, and most of them have the majority with non-comment lines of code, meaning that most of it is actual code and not simply commenting. Some methods will have many lines of code, such as setting up user interfaces, etc.. But in our example, the method cs.Combat, consisting of 495 total lines of codes, is just to set up combat between an attacker and defender.

Relation to Code Smells

The values we find can help us identify code smells that have relation to methods or classes that are too large. This can affect future code refactoring or debugging for future developers. Documenting larger methods or classes can also be more difficult and more susceptible to errors in understanding between documenter and coder.