HBase Dependency Extraction

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Introduction

Extraction of file level dependencies from source code (directory)

- File dependencies help show how a software works/functions
  - Helps engineers better understand the software to maintain, update etc
- Dependency extraction is a step in the architecture recovery pipeline
- Can be used to understand code with poor documentation
- Analyze code architecture for optimization purposes and code metrics
- 3 approaches for dependency extraction that we used:
  - Understand
  - srcML
  - DependencyExtractor

What is Understand

- IDE to visualize and analyze static code
- Developed to aid software developers to understand and document source code
- Also helps new developers to comprehend legacy code passed down to them
- Supports a variety of source code languages

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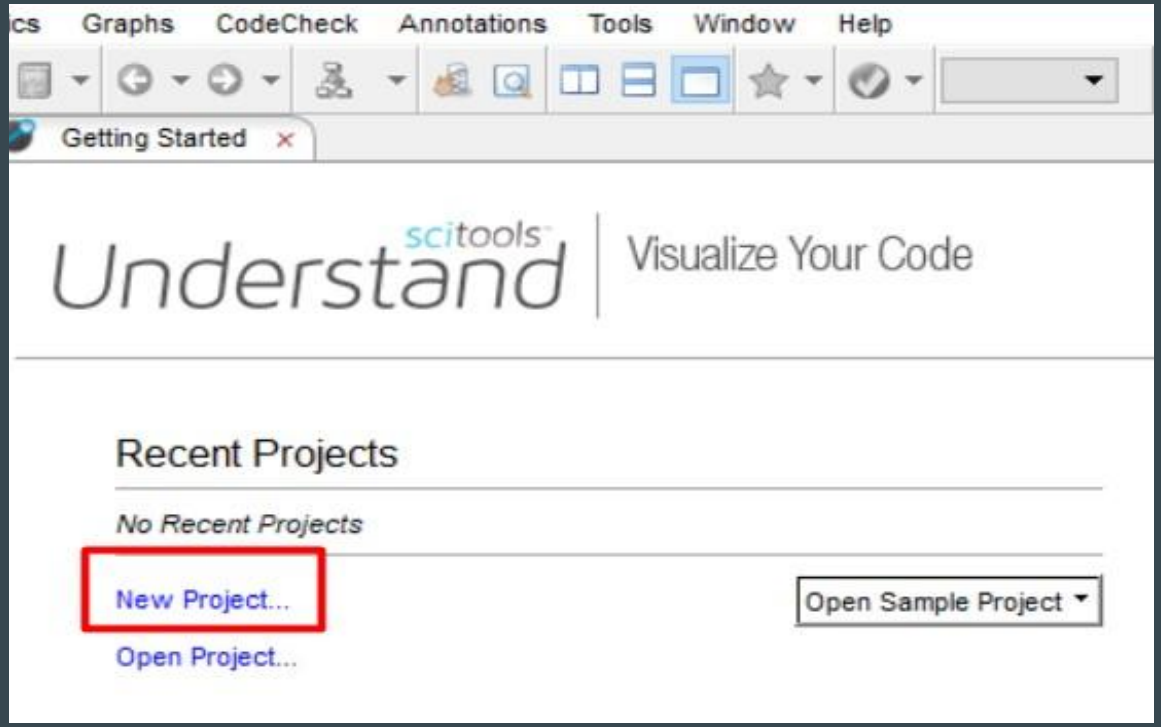

Once understand is installed, opening it up results in the figure shown

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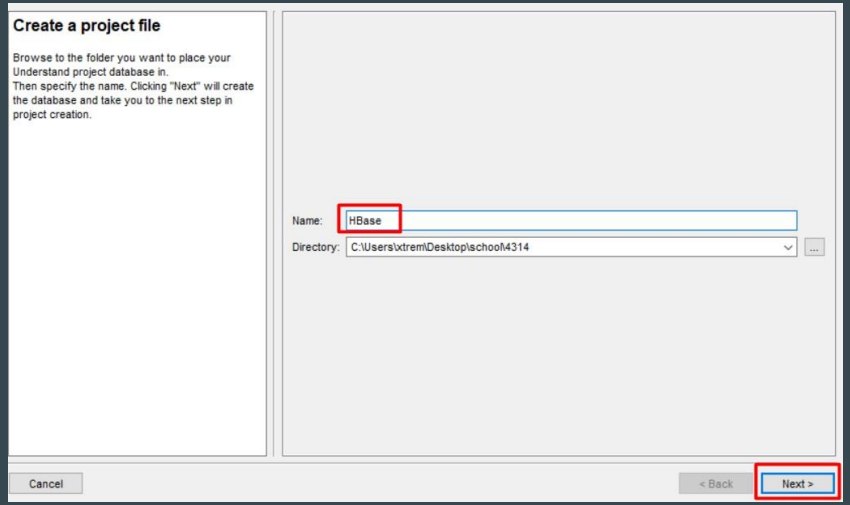
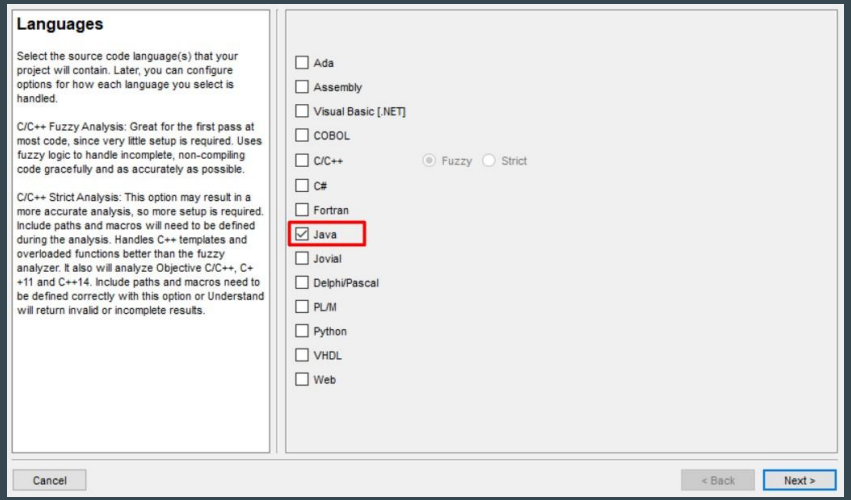


Rename the current project to preferred name



Supported languages for source code

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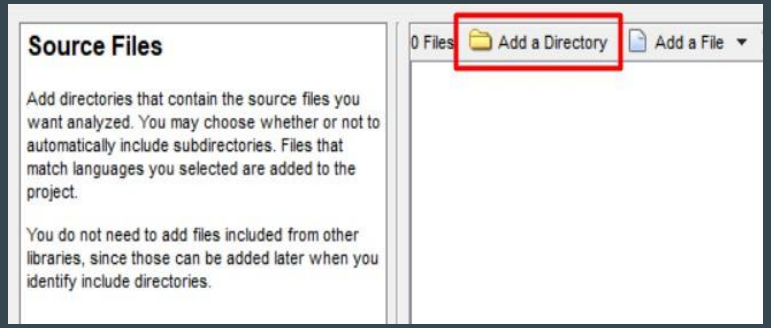
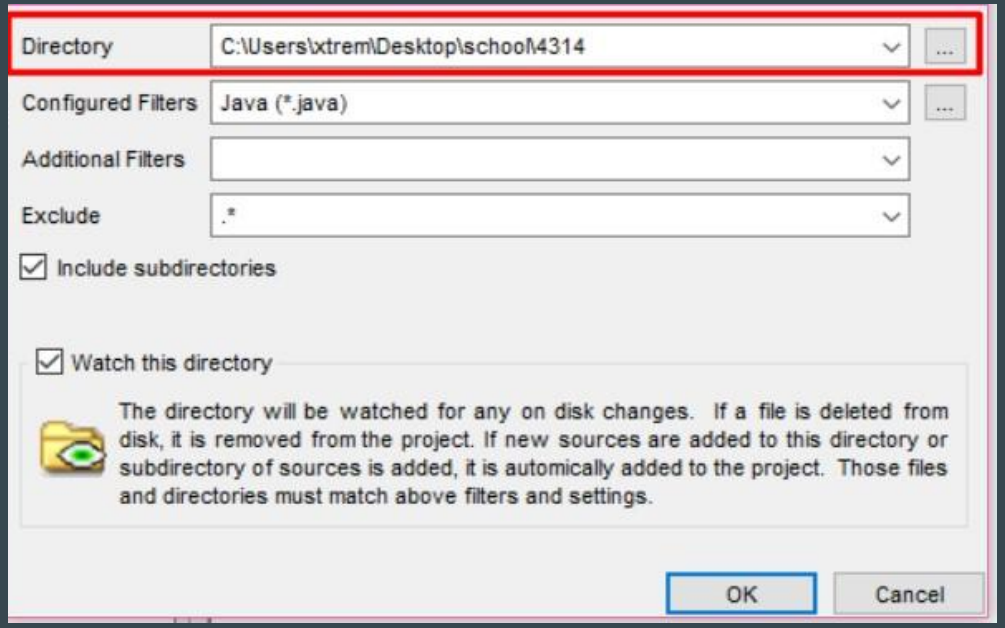


Can add directories or files related to source code



“Include subdirectories” and “watch this directory” are checked

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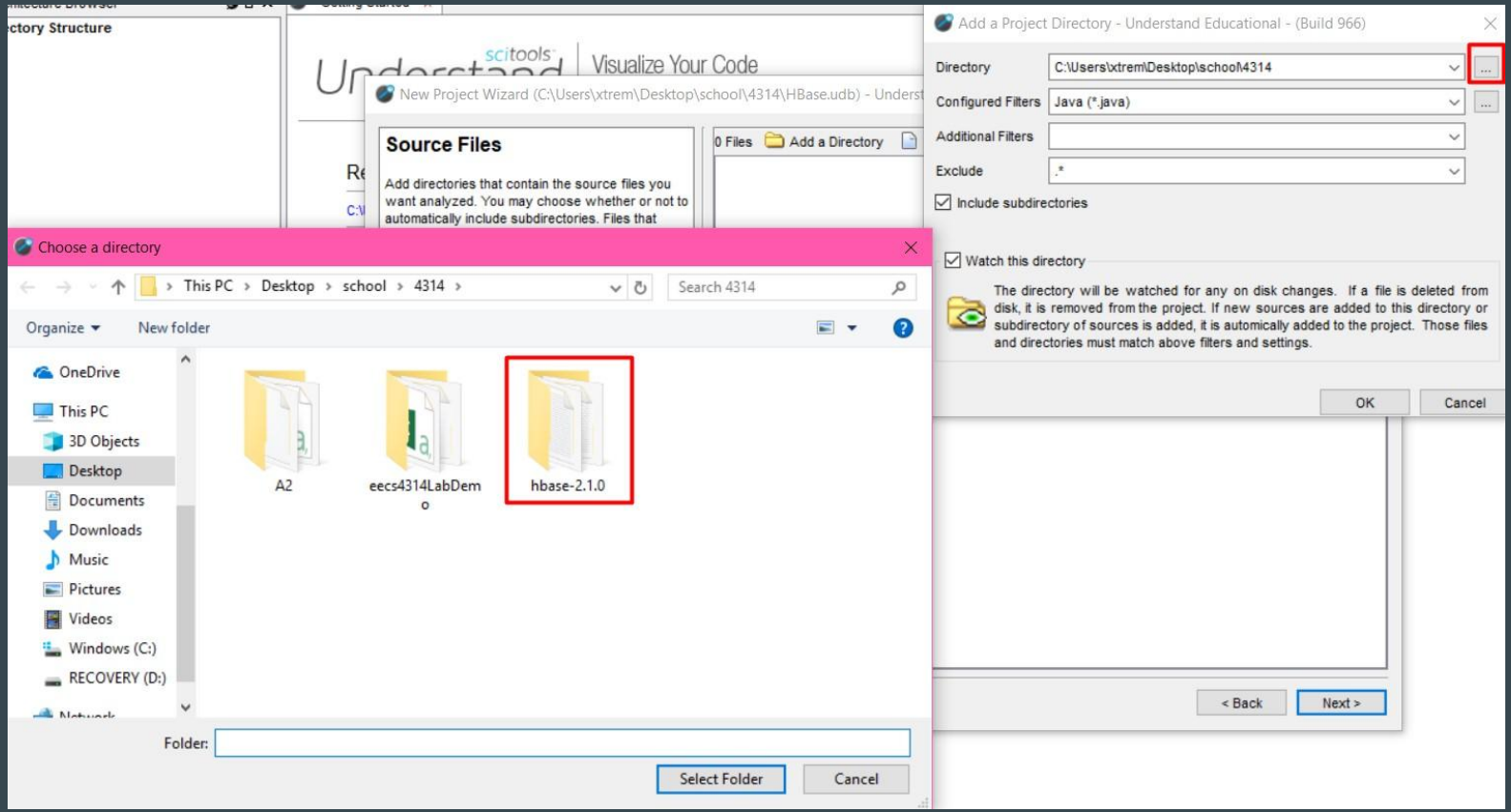

Navigate to the required source code root directory

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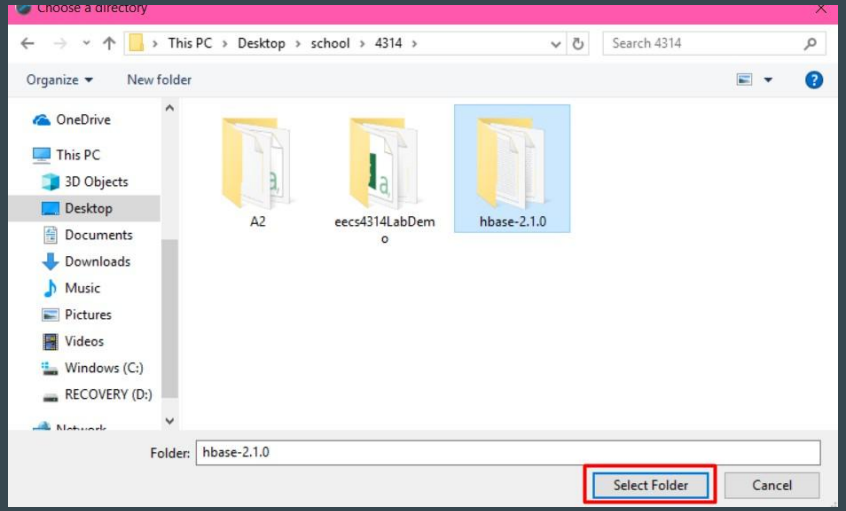
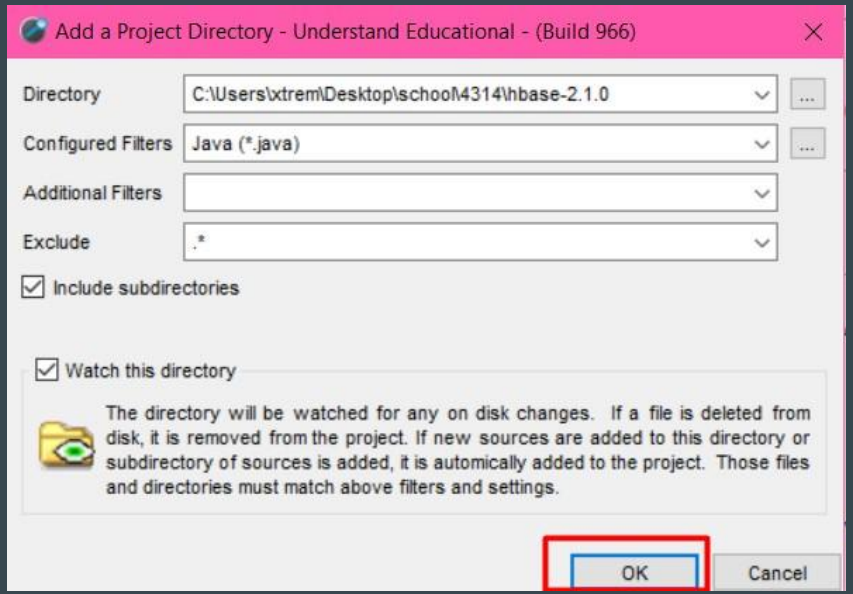


Confirm root directory



HBase is coded in java therefore it is in the “Configured Filters”

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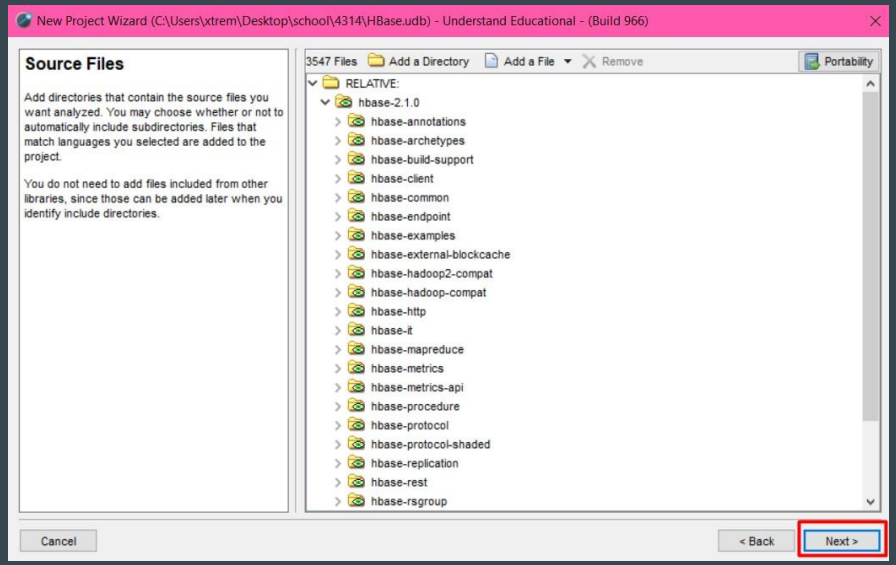

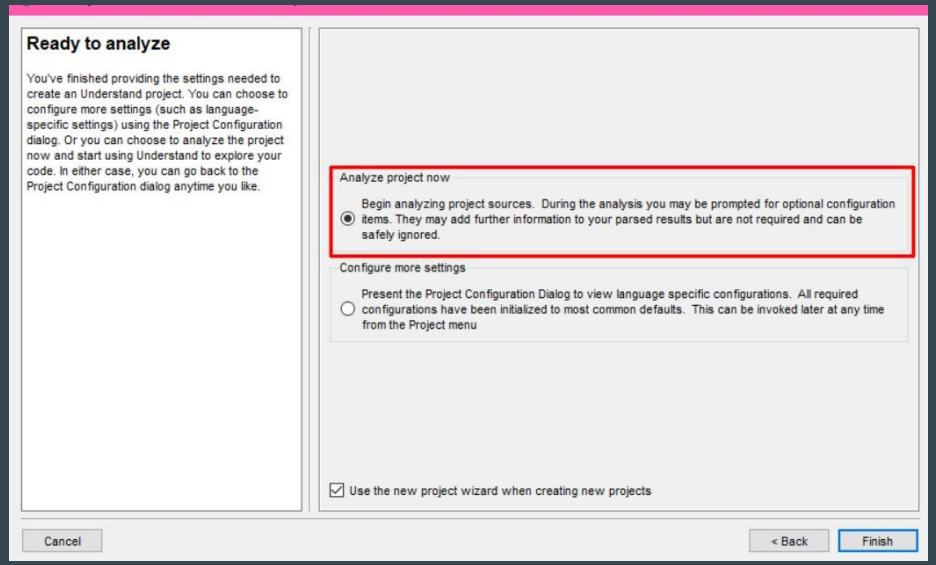

Subdirectories of HBase root directory shown

Can configure more settings if need be

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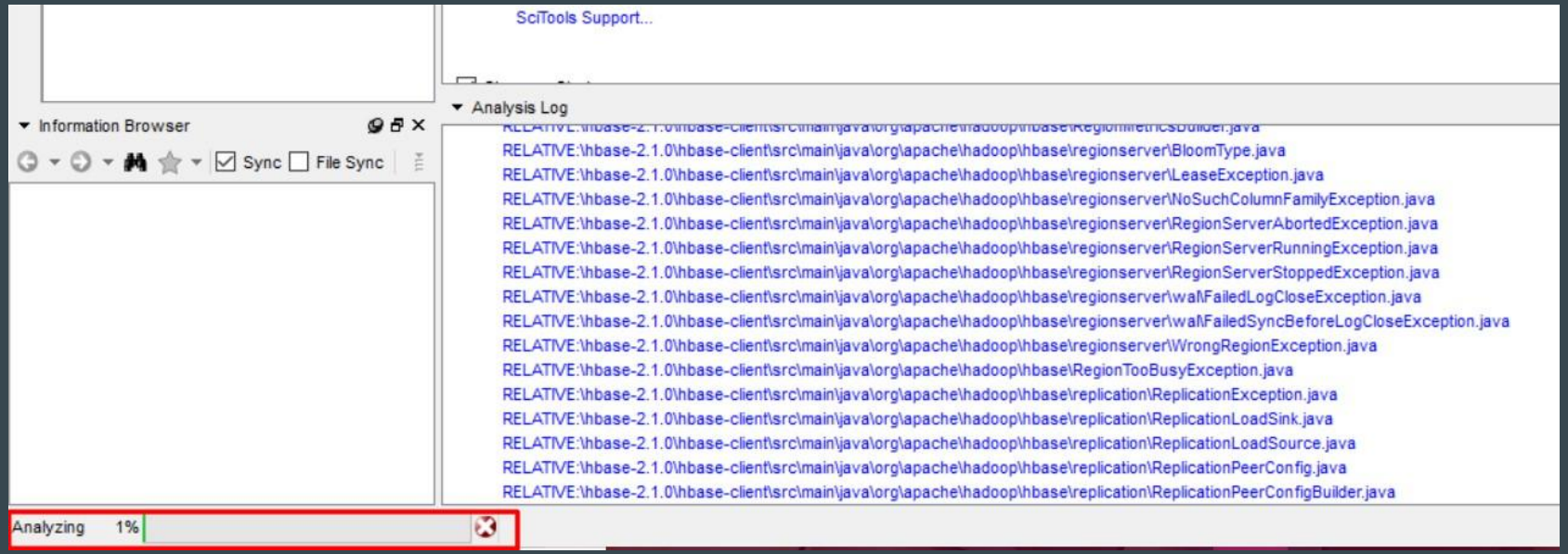

Understand begins analyzing the source code for errors and warnings

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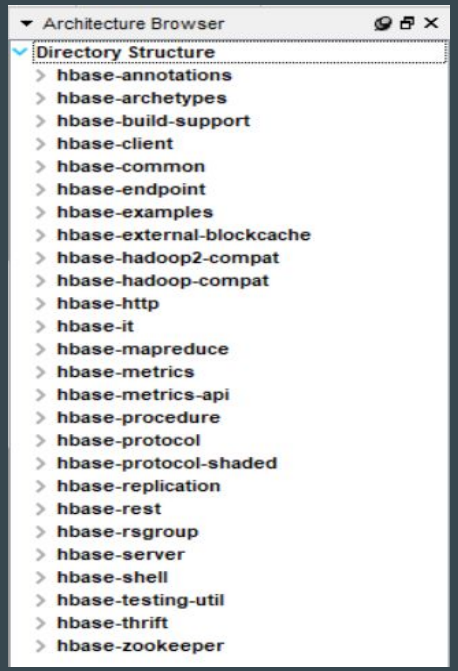

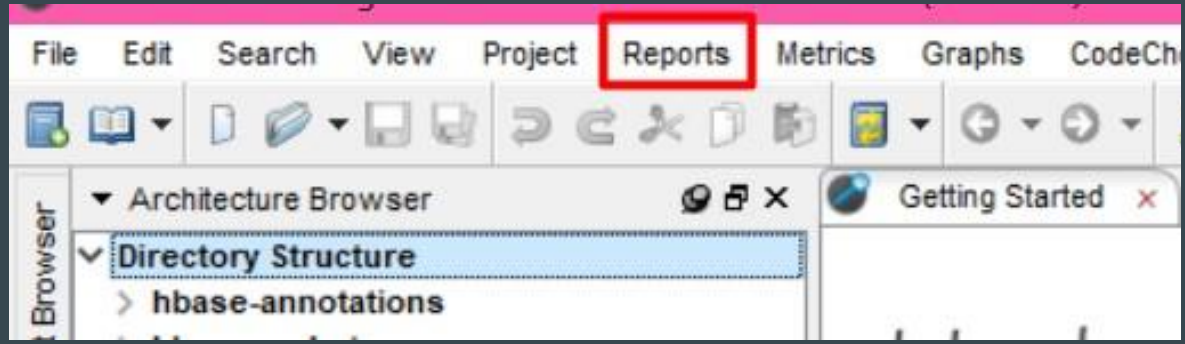

Highlight project directory and export csv file of dependencies in HBase

Analyzed project shown in “Architecture Browser”

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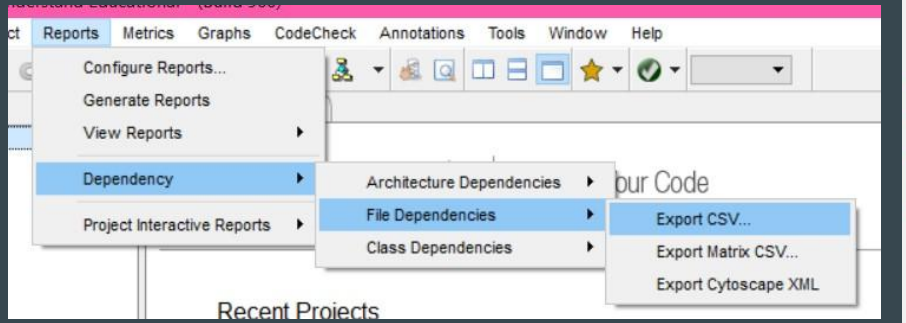
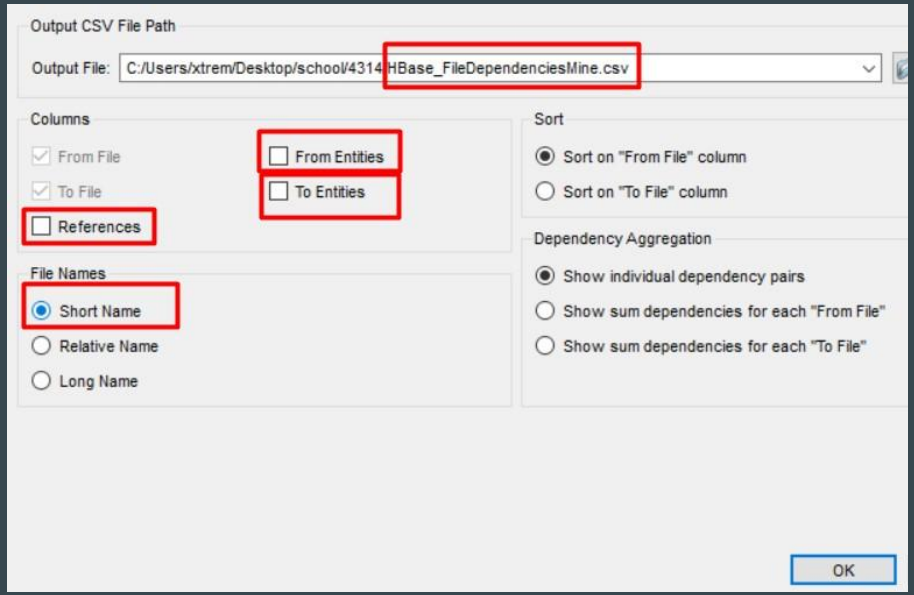
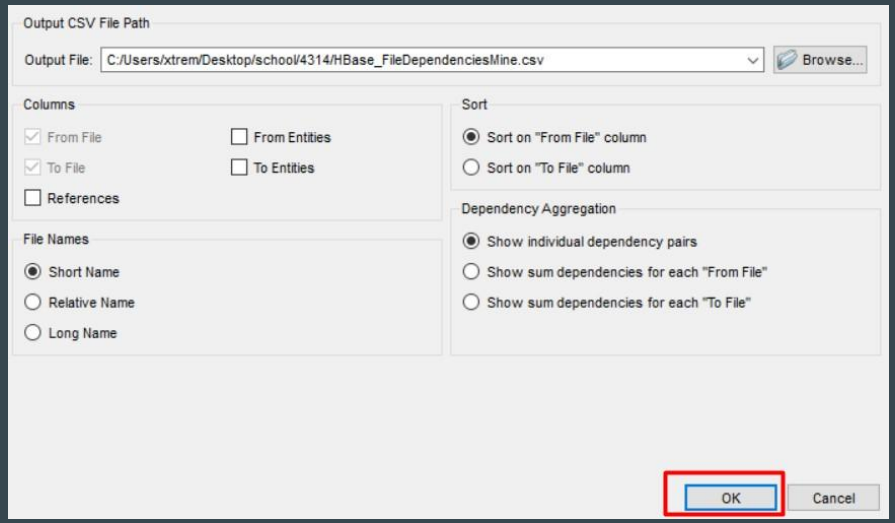


Export a .csv (comma separated values) of file dependencies



For comparison, needed short name (file name), from file and to file only

Extracting Dependencies

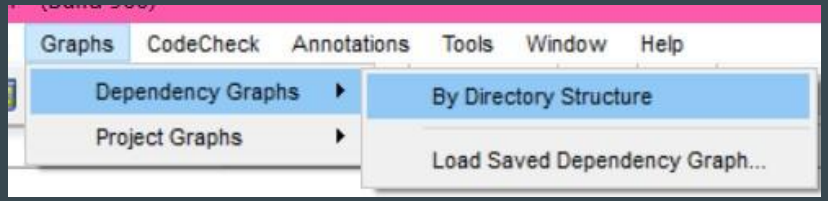


Settings for extracted dependencies are done and confirmed

	A	B
1	From File	To File
2	AbstractByteRange.java	ByteRange.java
3	AbstractByteRange.java	Bytes.java
4	AbstractClientScanner.java	ResultScanner.java
5	AbstractClientScanner.java	Scan.java
6	AbstractClientScanner.java	ScanMetrics.java
7	AbstractDataBlockEncoder.java	BlockType.java

Sample of extracted .csv file shown in Excel

Representing Dependencies



Understand has a ‘graph representation of dependencies’ option

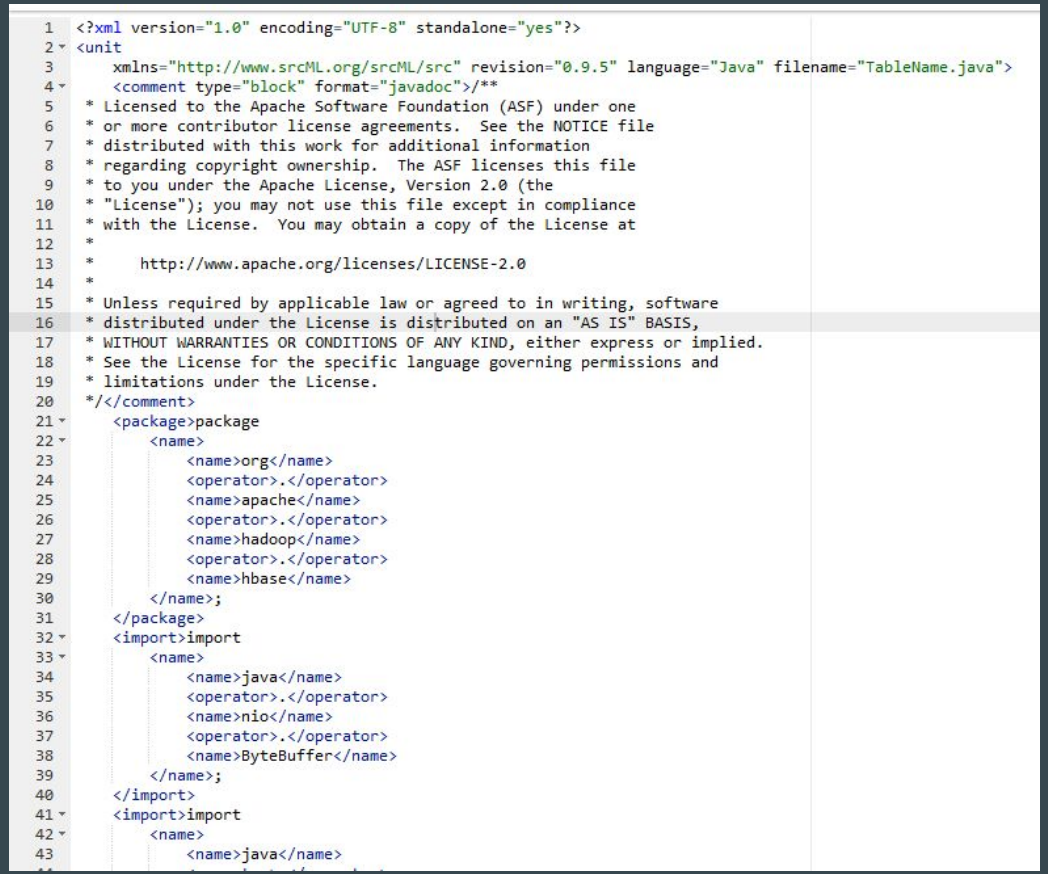
Generated graph dependency of HBase between first-level subdirectories

Advantages and Disadvantages of Scitools: Understand

Advantages	Disadvantages
Easy visualization of source code (through treemaps and dependency graphs)	The languages of the source code need to be known
Produces warnings and errors where there might be vulnerabilities in source code	Only has a ‘set of rules’ to detect these vulnerabilities but there may be more
Supports a variety of languages for the legacy/source code	A lot to take in the first time through

What is srcML

- A tool for analysing and exploring source code
- Takes source code and transforms it to XML format
- Produced a 150MB text file when run on HBase



```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="yes"?>
<unit
    xmlns="http://www.srcML.org/srcML/src" revision="0.9.5" language="Java" filename="TableName.java">
    <comment type="block" format="javadoc">/**
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Extracting Dependencies

xml_parse.py

```python
import lxml
from lxml import etree

#Takes an array of elements and checks to see if any of
#those elements suggest their parent is part of hbase.
def is_in_hbase(child_array):
    for child in child_array:
        if child.text:
            if "apache" in child.text or "hadoop" in child.text or "hbase" in child.text:
                return True
    return False

tree = etree.parse("hbase_srcml_output.xml")
root = tree.getroot()

for unit in root:
    if "unit" in unit.tag:
        file_name = unit.get("filename")
        file_name = file_name.split("\\")[-1]

        for child in unit:
            if "import" in child.tag:
                for subchild in child:
                    if is_in_hbase(subchild[:]):
                        dependency_name = subchild[-1].text + ".java"
                        print("IMPORT," + file_name + "," + dependency_name)
```

```
IMPORT,TestInstancePending.java,HBaseClassTestRule.java
IMPORT,TestInstancePending.java,SmallTests.java
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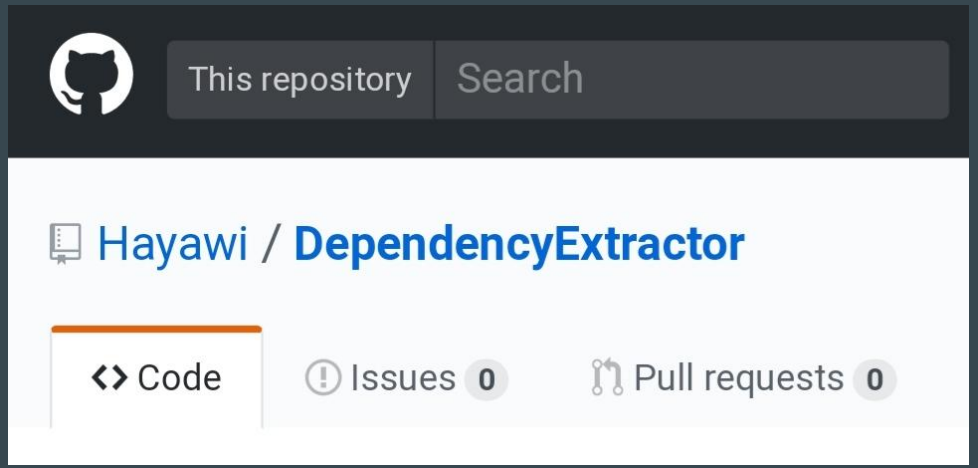
IMPORT,TestZKLeaderManager.java,HBaseClassTestRule.java
```

Advantages and Disadvantages of srcML

Advantages	Disadvantages
High level of detail for each class provides more information about interactions between classes	Large initial XML document is not human readable
XPath provides a robust search language for XML documents	Searching for detailed information requires extra programing to use XPath
Works with source code in any language	

DependencyExtractor (Using Import Statements)

- Java based application that takes in a root directory and scrubs the import statements
- Powerful and limitless, i.e. can be made to do anything
- Extremely time consuming, especially as features expand
- Reinventing the wheel



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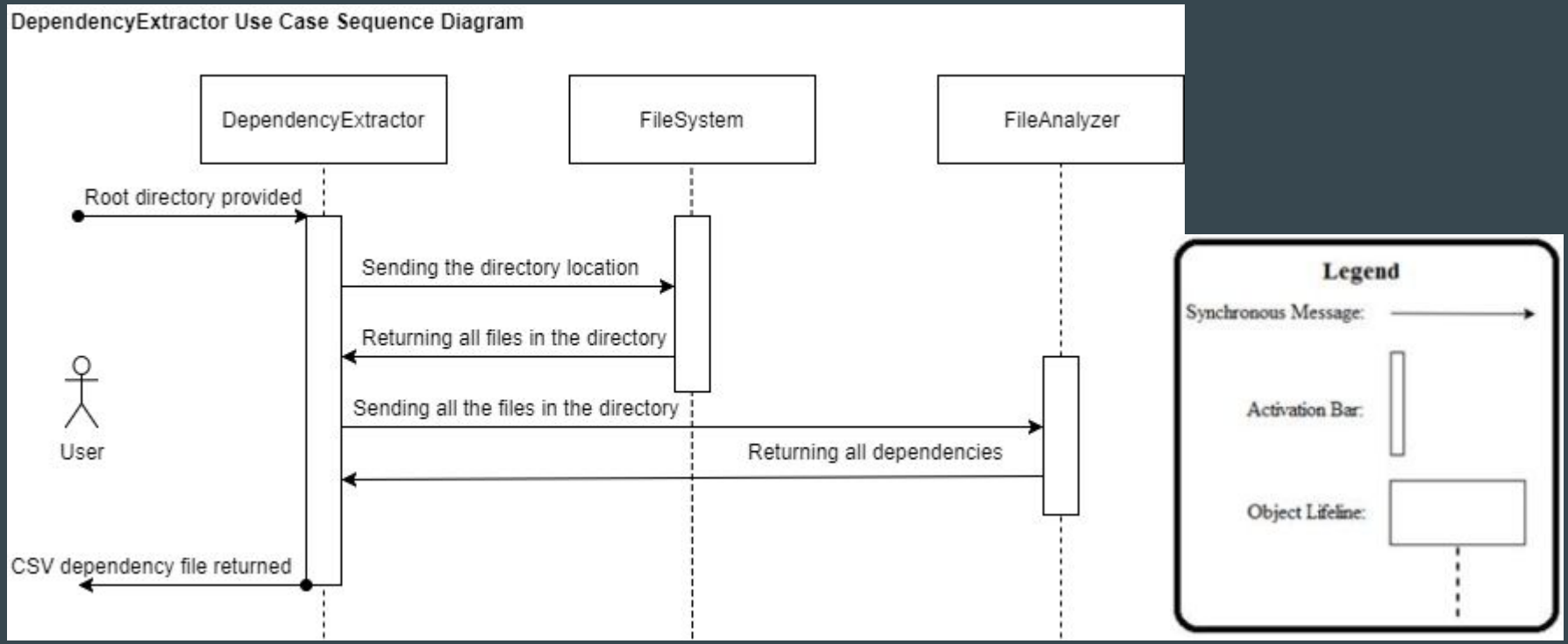

Comparison Process - Overview

Quantitative Analysis

- Gather data from all dependency tools used
- Format data with excel
- Once all data is in the same format we can begin comparing
- Use script to compare the three sets of data gathered from the tools

Qualitative Analysis

- Use sample size calculator
- Confidence level of: 95%, Confidence interval: 5, Population: 36175, indicating a required sample size of 380 random dependencies
- Use random number generator in excel to shuffle entries
- Take the first 380 samples
- Compare and contrast DependencyExtractor and srcML
- Use Understand as a control group to source conclusions on dependency relevance

Quantitative Analysis - The script

A_dependency_extractor.txt | B_srcml_dependencies.txt | C_understand_dependencies.csv | comparison_script.py | output.txt

```
data_a = set(open("A_dependency_extractor.txt","r").readlines())
data_b = set(open("B_srcml_dependencies.txt","r").readlines())
data_c = set(open("C_understand_dependencies.csv","r").readlines())

total_nr_dep_a = len(data_a)
total_nr_dep_b = len(data_b)
total_nr_dep_c = len(data_c)

print("The total number of dependencies for data_A is: " + str(total_nr_dep_a))
print("The total number of dependencies for data_B is: " + str(total_nr_dep_b))
print("The total number of dependencies for data_C is: " + str(total_nr_dep_c))

same_count = 0
missing_count = 0
for line in data_a:
    if line in data_b:
        same_count += 1
    else:
        missing_count += 1

print("Data set A and B share " + str(same_count) + " dependencies. Data set A has " + str(missing_count) + " dependencies not mentioned in Data set B.")

same_count = 1
missing_count = 0
for line in data_b:
    if line in data_a:
        same_count += 1
    else:
        missing_count += 1

print("Data set B and A share " + str(same_count) + " dependencies. Data set B has " + str(missing_count) + " dependencies not mentioned in Data set A.")
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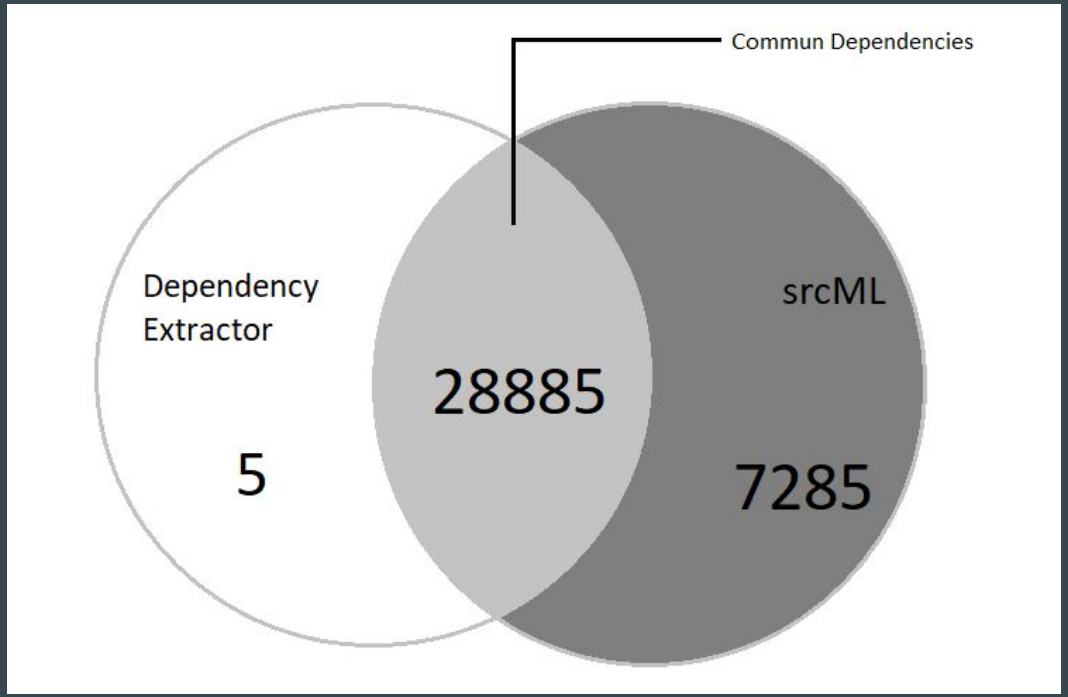
Quantitative Analysis - DependencyExtractor vs srcML



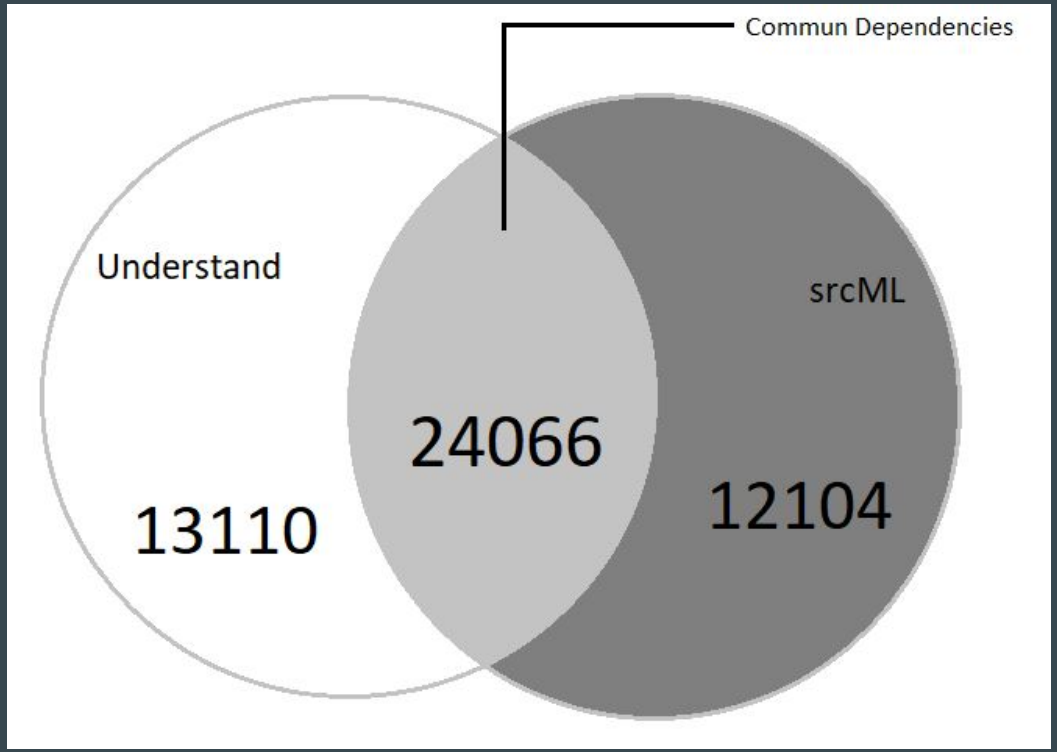
DependencyExtractor:

28890 total dependencies

srcML:

36170 total dependencies

Quantitative Analysis - Understand vs srcML



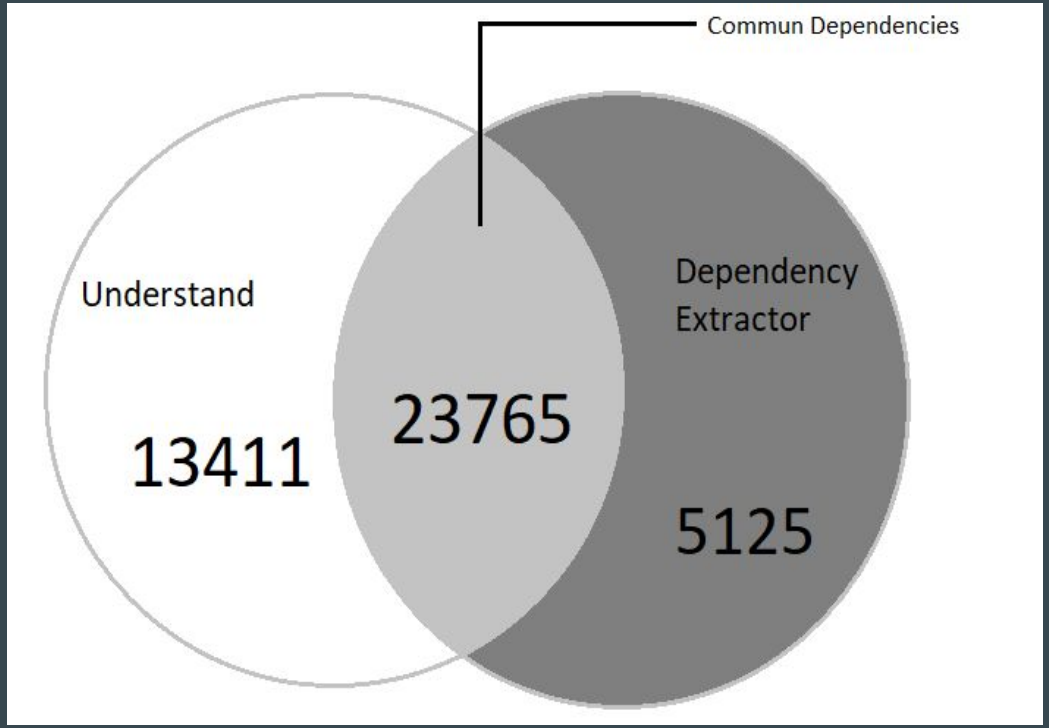
Understand:

37176 total dependencies

srcML:

36170 total dependencies

Quantitative Analysis - Understand vs DependencyExtractor



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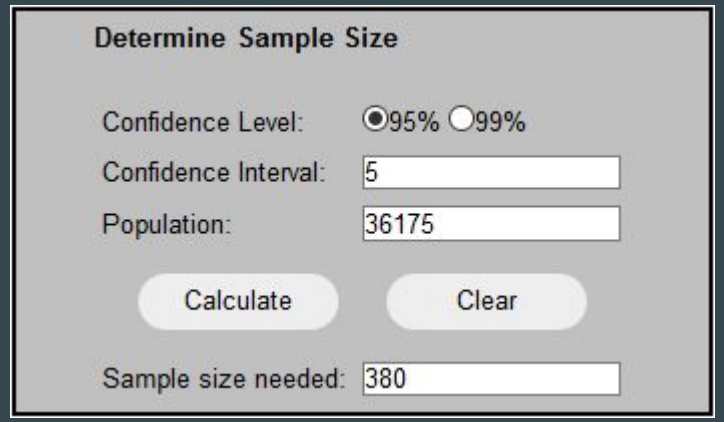
Qualitative Analysis - DependencyExtractor vs srcML

1. Overlap: ~79%
2. DependencyExtractor: ~0.000138%
3. srcML: ~20%

- Large overlap between DependencyExtractor and srcML
- Very few dependencies in DependencyExtractor were unique, while 20% of srcML were unique.

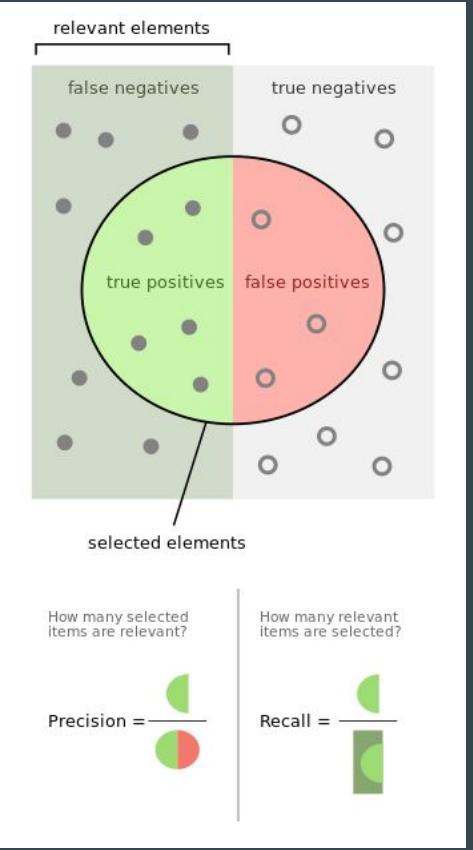
Why? Is srcML returning false positives?



Qualitative analysis - Precision and Recall

- Precision (Positive Predictive Value) is the fraction of retrieved instances that are relevant among the retrieved instances.

- Recall (Sensitivity) is the fraction of relevant instances that have been retrieved over the total amount of relevant instances.



Qualitative Analysis - srcML Precision and Recall

Using Understand as our control group we will calculate precision and recall.

1. Precision: ~66.5%
2. Recall: ~64.7%

- Mediocre Precision and Recall
- srcML seems to be inaccurately returning a large set of incorrect dependencies

Is DependencyExtractor any better?

Qualitative Analysis - DE Precision and Recall

Using Understand as our control group we will calculate precision and recall.

1. Precision: ~82.3%
2. Recall: ~63.9%

- Impressive Precision with mediocre Recall
- It seems DependencyExtractor is doing a better job at extracting accurate dependencies, which explains the odd statistics from before

srcML is retrieving a lot of irrelevant dependencies with it's shotgun approach, leading to an abysmal precision.

Risks and Limitations

- The Dependency Extractor is only as robust as the time spent extracting dependencies (very time consuming if we want to do a perfect job)
- The srcML generates of huge XML file which is not easily human readable and requires a second parsing step to extract desired information.
- Understand needs a properly configured and ordered source code directo so that the representation is accurate
- Since the list of dependencies is so big , some might have been lost when using the extraction softwares
- The sample taken for comparison may not be representative of the entire system

Conclusion (+Lessons Learned)

- Large scale and complex systems:
  - All 3 methods gave us different number of dependencies
  - Unlikely that different extractions methods will give similar results
  - Errors/mistakes possible
- Understand
  - Most comprehensive and inclusive
- srcMl
  - Limited number of dependencies (similar to our own program)
  - Requires parsing and need to format data
- DependencyExtractor
  - Many dependencies limited by inheritance, functions calls etc.
  - Software could have multiple coding languages so would need to account for that