BUMPER: A Tool for Coping with Natural Language Searches of Millions of Bugs and Fixes

https://bumper-app.com

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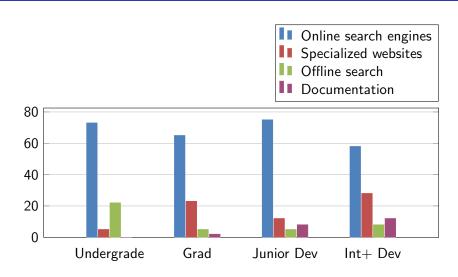
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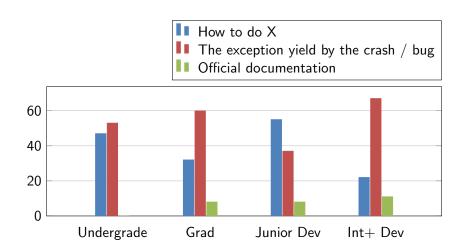
What developers do when facing an unknow bug?

- In 2015, we surveyed:
 - 4 École de Technologie Supérieure, Montréal, Québec, Canada
 - Université du Québec À Montréal, Montréal, Québec, Canada
 - 3 Concordia University, Montréal, Québec, Canada
 - Participants of 2015 the Consortium for Software Engineering Research, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
- When facing an unknown bug, crash or exception, where do you look for informations?
- When facing an unknown bug, crash or exception, what are you searching for ?
- Surveyed 150 people and received 89 responses (59%)

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Survey Results

- Results are not surprizing.
 - Online searches
 - 2 How to do X
 - Opy/past the exception at hand
- Usually, a solution is quickly found, but ...
- Pain in navigating between bug report systems and code versionning systems.

BUMPER

- BUMPER: BUg Metarepository search engine for develoPErs and Researchers
 - Aggregates information from bug report and code versionning systems
 - Online Search Engine with million bug reports AND fixes from major open-source repositories
 - Apache Software Foundation, Netbeans, Eclipse, Gnome, FireFox, Chrome, Kde, ...
 - Imports bugs reports from Bugzilla, JIRA and Github, ... and fixes from SVN, Mercurial, Git, ...
 - Natural language for developers
 - Advanced API for researchers

BUMPER Data (as of now)

Dataset	R/F BR	CS	Files	Projects
Gnome	550,869	1,231,354	367,245	512
Netbeans	53,258	122,632	30,595	39
Apache	49,449	106,366	38,111	349
Eclipse	78,830	184,900	21,712	190
Total	732,406	1,645,252	457,663	1,930

Google-like usage for developers

b u m p e r Find Out How <u>Others</u> Fixed It

Type your search



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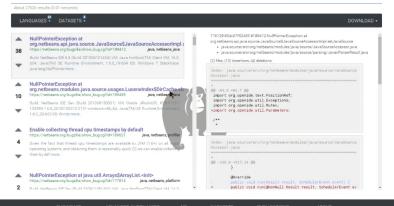
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Bug reports and bug fixes, side by side

Null Pointer Exception



Using BUMPER for bug-fixing tasks

When I run the CSVReader with a simple main like this:

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Listing 1: Java Bug

CsvFileUtils csvFileUtils = 1

new CsvFileUtils("quebec.txt"); 2

for (int i = 0; i < 2000; i++) {

printArray(csvFileUtils 5

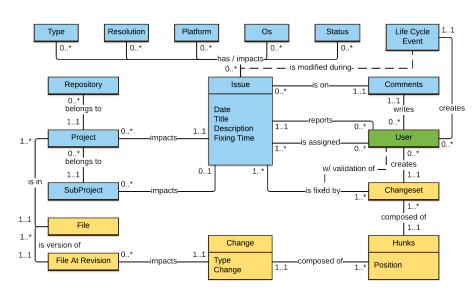
.readOneLine()); 6
}
```

I got the following Exception: Exception in thread "main" java.lang.NullPointerException at CsvFileUtils.readOneLine(CsvFileUtils.java:22) at Main.main(Main.java:11). Can you please fix CsvFileUtils?

Using BUMPER for bug-fixing tasks (cont'd)

- New survey (20 developers, 40% response rate)
- Find a suitable code snippet to fix the bug using:
 - Google search engine
 - Bumper search engine
- Google 6.94 minutes and 7.57 web pages
- BUMPER 4.5 minutes and 1 web page (https://bumper-app.com)

BUMPER Metamodel



API Usage for researchers

- All fields are indexed for fast search
- Two special indexes:
 - report_t: Contains a concatenation of all the bug-related fields
 - fix_t: Contains a concatenation of all the fix-related fields
- Search for "YOUR TERMS" in bug reports and bug fixes:

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(type: "BUG" \ AND \ report_t : "YOUR \ TERMS" \\ AND - churns : 0) \\ OR \\ (\{!parent \ which = "type : BUG"\} type : "CHANGESET" \\ AND \ fix_t : "YOUR \ TERMS")
```

API usage cont'd

- Bug reports with at least one fix having:
 - The word "Exception" in the bug report
 - Belonging to "Axis2" or "ide" projects
 - Reported by "Rich" or is "fixed"
 - With a "major" severity or a fixing time greated than 10 days

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(type: "BUG" AND report_t: "Exception"

AND (project: "Axis2" OR project: "ide")

AND (reporter: "Rich" OR resolution: "fixed")

AND (severity: "Major" OR fixing_time: [10 TO *])

AND — churns: 0
```

Conclusion

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- Million bugs and associated fixes
- Apache Software Foundation, Netbeans, Eclipse, Gnome, FireFox, Chrome, Kde, ...
- Imports bugs from Bugzilla, JIRA ... and fixes from SVN, Mercurial, Git, ...
- Natural Language Search for developers
- Advanced API for researchers

QUESTIONS?