Lecture 12 - IUIs for Software Development

AI-Driven Development Tools

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has transformed software development by automating various aspects of the workflow.

- **Automatic bug detection**
- **Automatic testing** – generate test cases and detect regressions
- **Code optimization** – refactor code
- **Documentation generation**
- **Automatic vulnerability detection** – pattern recognition.
- **Adaptive Development Tools** – predicting and suggesting improvements.

> **Benefits of AI-driven Development**
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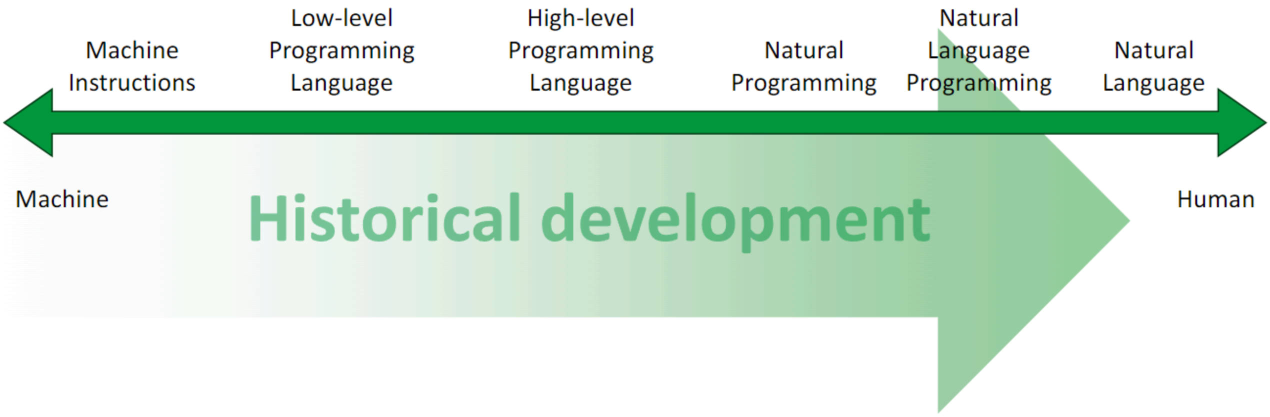
> "AI-powered tools reduce manual effort in debugging, testing, and documentation, allowing developers to focus on high-level problem-solving."

Human-Machine Interaction in Programming

Programming has evolved and is moving towards more intuitive and "natural" ways of interaction: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Traditional Approach	AI-Driven Approach
Machine Instructions	High-level AI Guidance
Low-level Programming	Code Review & Debugging
High-level Programming	Natural Language Programming
Natural Language	AI-assisted Code Generation

> **Does AI replace human developers?**

> AI enhances, rather than replaces, developers by automating routine tasks while humans focus on strategic and creative problem-solving.

Consequences of AI-Assisted Development

Developers' responsibilities **evolve**:

- **From Coding to Steering & Review** – Developers oversee AI-generated code rather than writing it from scratch.
- **New Skill Requirements** – Greater emphasis on AI literacy, prompt engineering, and validation.
- **Changes in Code Quality** – Code becomes more uniform, but potential risks include reduced creativity and lack of deep technical understanding.
- **Higher Level of Abstraction** – Developers work more on conceptual design than syntax.
- **Coding for AI vs. Humans** – Future programming languages may prioritize AI readability over human comprehension.

> **AI-Oriented Grammar**
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> "To improve inference efficiency and reduce computational costs, AI-oriented grammar aims to represent code in a way better suited for AI models."

AI-based development faces multiple **challanges**:

- **Unclear Requirements** – LLMs lack precise interpretation of human intent.
- **Debugging AI-generated Code** – Errors may be harder to detect and resolve.
- **Limited Reflection & Learning** – AI lacks contextual reasoning for deeper software design decisions.
- **Security & Licensing Issues** – AI models may use proprietary or open-source code without proper attribution.

> ***How can AI-generated code be evaluated for quality?***
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> Large Language Models (LLMs) struggle with defining high-quality code. Research suggests comparing AI-generated code to established best practices and human expertise.

Future of Software Development with AI

The integration of AI into software engineering will continue to shape the field. Key trends include:

- **Greater reliance on AI for routine coding tasks**
- **Emphasis on guiding and validating AI-generated output**
- **Possible emergence of AI-specific programming paradigms**

> **Preparing for an AI-driven Future Developers should upskill in AI ethics, prompt engineering, and algorithmic evaluation to stay relevant in the changing landscape.**