

From Miners to Millionaires

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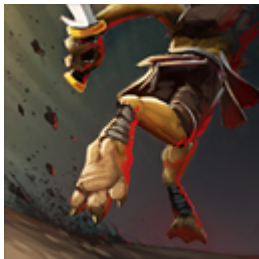
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“It’s all about Mathematics.”

Glossaries

- IR: Information Retrieval
- VSM: Vector Space Model
- JSM: Jensen-Shannon Model
- PCA: Principal Component Analysis
- Trustrace: Trust-Based Traceability
- TF/IDF: Text Frequency and Inverse Document Frequency
- MSW: Multiple-Static Weights

Definition of Traceability



Traceability is the only means to ensure that the source code of a system is **consistent** with its requirements.

And that **all and only** the specified requirements have been implemented by developers.

Traceability Sad Facts



During software maintenance and evolution, requirement traceability links become **obsolete**.

Because developers do not/cannot devote effort to updating them.



More sad: Recovering these traceability links later is a daunting and costly task for **developers**.

State-of-the-Art Technique



The literature has proposed methods, techniques, and tools to recover these traceability links semi-automatically or automatically.

Information Retrieval (IR) techniques can **automatically** recover traceability links between free-text requirements and source code.

A Mathematician's Approach

A set of requirements:

$$R = \{r_1, \dots, r_N\} \quad (1)$$

A set of classes:

$$C = \{c_1, \dots, c_M\} \quad (2)$$

A collection of sets:

$$T = \{T_1, \dots, T_P\} \quad (3)$$

where each $T_i = T_1, \dots, T_{N_i}$ is a set of homogeneous pieces of information.

For each set $T_i \in T$, we build a set $R2CT_{i,r_j,t_k}$ for each expert T_i as follows:

$$R2CT_{i,r_j,t_k} = \{(r_j, c_s, \sigma'_i(r_j, t_k)) | c_s \in \delta_{T_i}(t_k) \& t_k \in T_i\} \quad (4)$$

And we use the sets $T_i \in T$ to build a set of trustable links T_r :

$$T_r = \{(r_j, c_s, \sigma'_i(r_j, t_k)) | \\ \exists t_k \in T_i : (r_j, c_s) \in \alpha(R2CT_{i,r_j,t_k}) \\ \& (r_j, c_s) \in \alpha(R2C)\} \quad (5)$$

In $TC_i(r_j, c_s)$ a new similarity $\sigma_i^*(r_j, c_s)$ computed as:

$$\sigma_i^*(r_j, c_s) = \frac{\sigma_i(r_j, c_s) + \sum_{l \in TC_i(r_j, c_s)} \phi(l)}{1 + |TC_i(r_j, c_s)|} \quad (6)$$

Finally Trumo combine assigned value to each link T_r as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_{r_j, c_s}(T_r) = & \left[\sum_{i=1}^P \lambda_i(r_j, c_s) \sigma_i^*(r_j, c_s) \right] \\ & + \lambda_{P+1}(r_j c_s) \frac{|T_r(r_j, c_s)|}{\max_{n,m} |T_r(r_N, c_M)|} \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

An Architecture's Approach

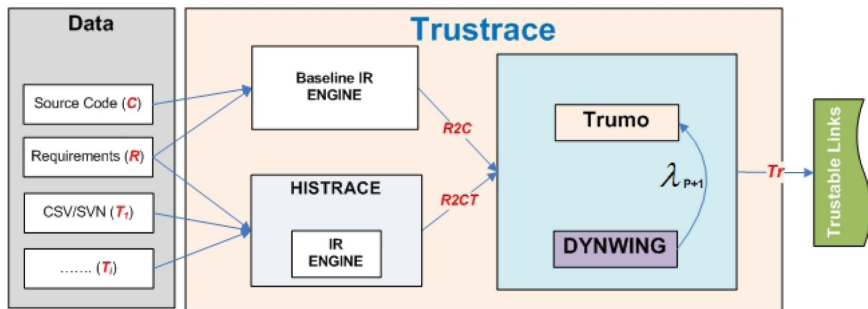


Figure : Trust-based requirement traceability process

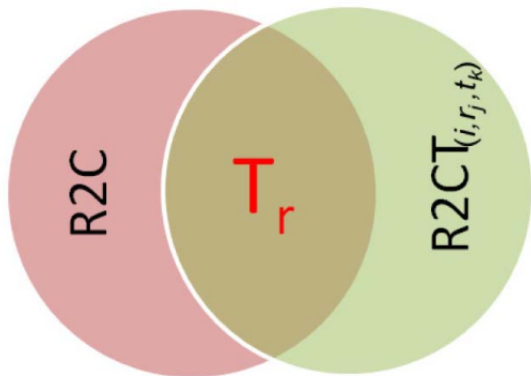


Figure : Overlapping of $R2C$, $R2CT_{i,r_j,t_k}$ and T_r

Trustrace Step-by-Step

- **Histrace**: Uses requirements' textual descriptions, CVS/SVN commit messages, bug reports and classes to produce experts.
- **Trumo**: Uses a web model of users' trust to discard and/or rerank the similarity of links in T_r .
- **DynWing**: Uses Expectation-Maximization approach to choose the right weight per link for different experts.

Goal

- **Quality Focus:** The accuracy of Trustrace in terms of precision and recall. Also includes improvement by DynWing in terms of F_1 score.
- **Perspective:** The perspective of practitioners interested in recovering traceability links with greater precision and recall values.

Research Questions

Accuracy of traceability links:

- **RQ1** recovered by Trustrace compare with JSM and VSM.
- **RQ2** recovered by DynWing compare with PCA.

Analysis Method

- To answer **RQ1**, we perform several experiments with **different threshold values** on the recovered links to perform statistical tests on the precision and recall values.
- To answer **RQ2**, we use PCA and DynWing to **assign weights** to the traceability links recovered using Trustrace.

- **RQ1:** Trustrace helps to recover more correct links than IR techniques alone. **When two experts are available, Trustrace is always better.** In only one case and with just a single expert due to a lack of external source of information, did recall go down.
- **RQ2:** DynWing **provides better weights for different experts than a PCA-based weighting technique.** However, it is possible that in some cases PCA-based weighting provides the same (but not better) results as DynWing.

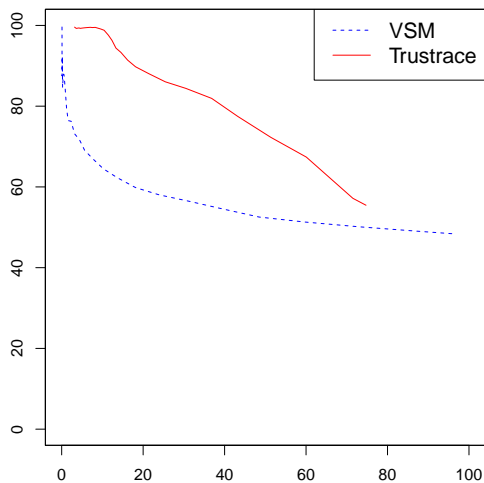


Figure : Precision and recall values of JSM & Trustrace, *Rhino* example

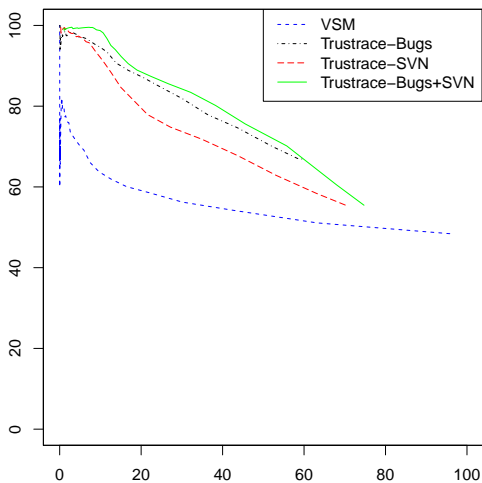


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- Data Set Quality Analysis
- DynWing versus MSW versus PCA
- Number of Experts
- Other Observations
- Practical Applicability Trustrace
- Revisiting the Conjectures
- Threats to Validity

Threats to Validity

- **Construct Validity:** Quantify the degree of inaccuracy by validation of the precision and recall using **manually built oracles**.
- **Internal Validity:** Mitigate this threat by using **MSW- and PCA-generated λ values**, and by using **the same setting** for all the experiments.
- **External Validity:** The research approach is **applicable to any other systems**.
- **Conclusion Validity:** Mitigate this threat by the appropriate nonparametric test **Mann-Whitney**. And applying **the Shapiro-Wilk** test to select data.

- *Histrace*: Implement more instances, using emails and forum discussions.
- *Trumo*: Use in other software engineering fields, in particular, test-case prioritization, anti-pattern detection and concept location.
- *Trustrace*: Deploy in a development environment. Perform experiments with real developers.
- *Regular Expression*: Use advanced matching techniques.



Figure : Year 2012 H1B Applicants



Figure : Year 2012 United States Base Salary, per Profession



Figure : No Question Off Limits!