

1967

Doug Engelbart and his team at SRI develop innovative ways to interact with computers with the intention of augmenting the human intellect.



1972

Graduate student Ben Shneiderman invents an area dividing representation for a computer program that exploits properties of structured programs and encourages top-down design.

Example 1 The structure in figure 7 represents a simple program to calculate the factorial of a non-negative integer N using an iterative approach.

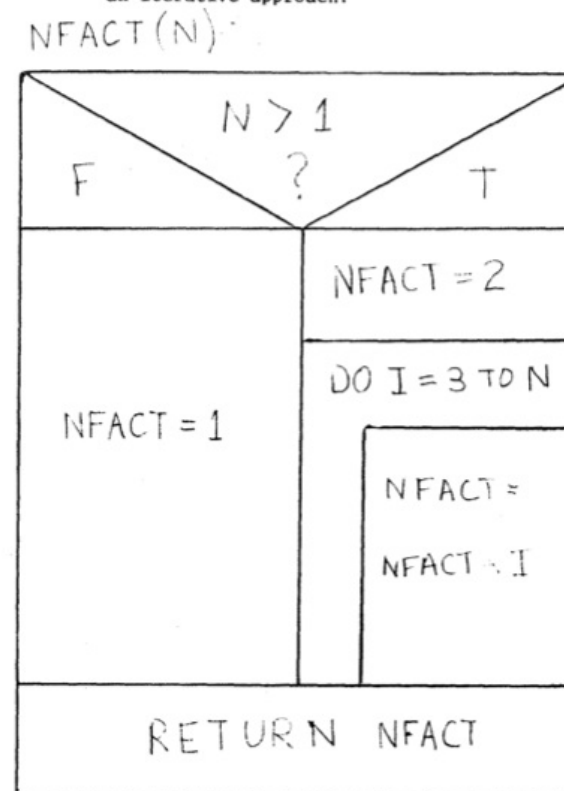
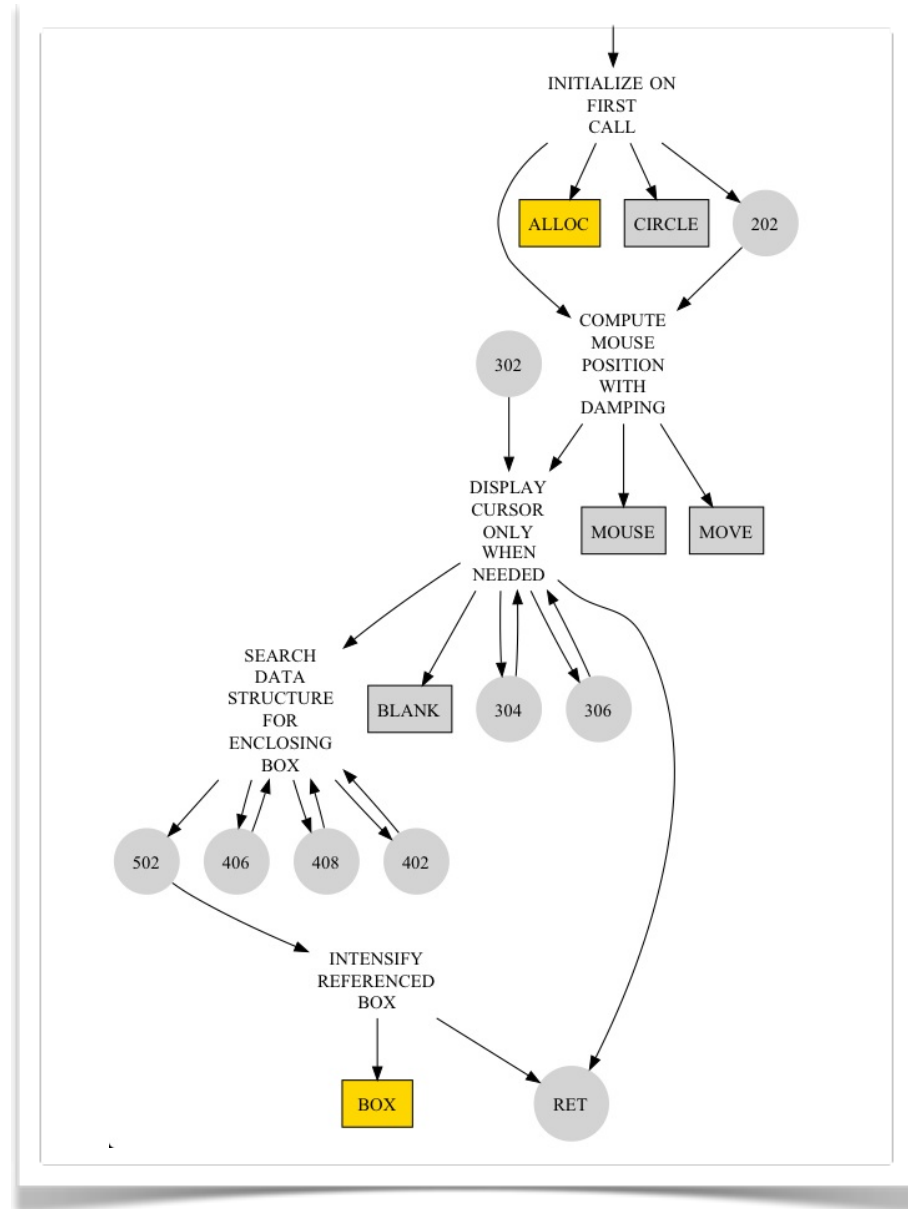


FIG. 7

Example 2 The complex nesting of a standard matrix multiplication routine is embodied in the structure in figure 8.

1976

Ward Cunningham programs Imlac PDS-1 computer using Doug's devices to edit Ben's diagrams. Limited lab access means each iteration has to work. Coding techniques he used influence Agile software today.



2011

We present this program as an experiment in software preservation. You can browse the processes used to restore it as well as the exploratory exhibits they produce.

