



Towards the Future of Automated Programming in the Era of Large Language Models

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- Combining static analysis with deep learning for automated program understanding

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- Topics:
- Large language models of code.
 - Code quality scanning.
 - Code understanding & generation



Software (1.0) is eating the world, and now AI (Software 2.0) is eating software.

Andrej Karpathy, Director of AI at Tesla

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The road to Software 2.0

It's clear that AI can and will have a big influence on how we develop software.

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What machine learning means for software development

"Human in the loop" software development will be a big part of the future.

The “classical stack” of **Software 1.0** is what we’re all familiar with — it is written in languages such as Python, C++, etc. It consists of explicit instructions to the computer written by a programmer. By writing each line of code, the programmer identifies a specific point in program space with some desirable behavior.

In contrast, **Software 2.0** is written in much more abstract, human unfriendly language, such as the weights of a neural network. No human is involved in writing this code because there are a lot of weights (typical networks might have millions), and coding directly in weights is kind of hard.

Software 2.0

Intelligent Software

AI4Code

Machine Programming

Automated Programming

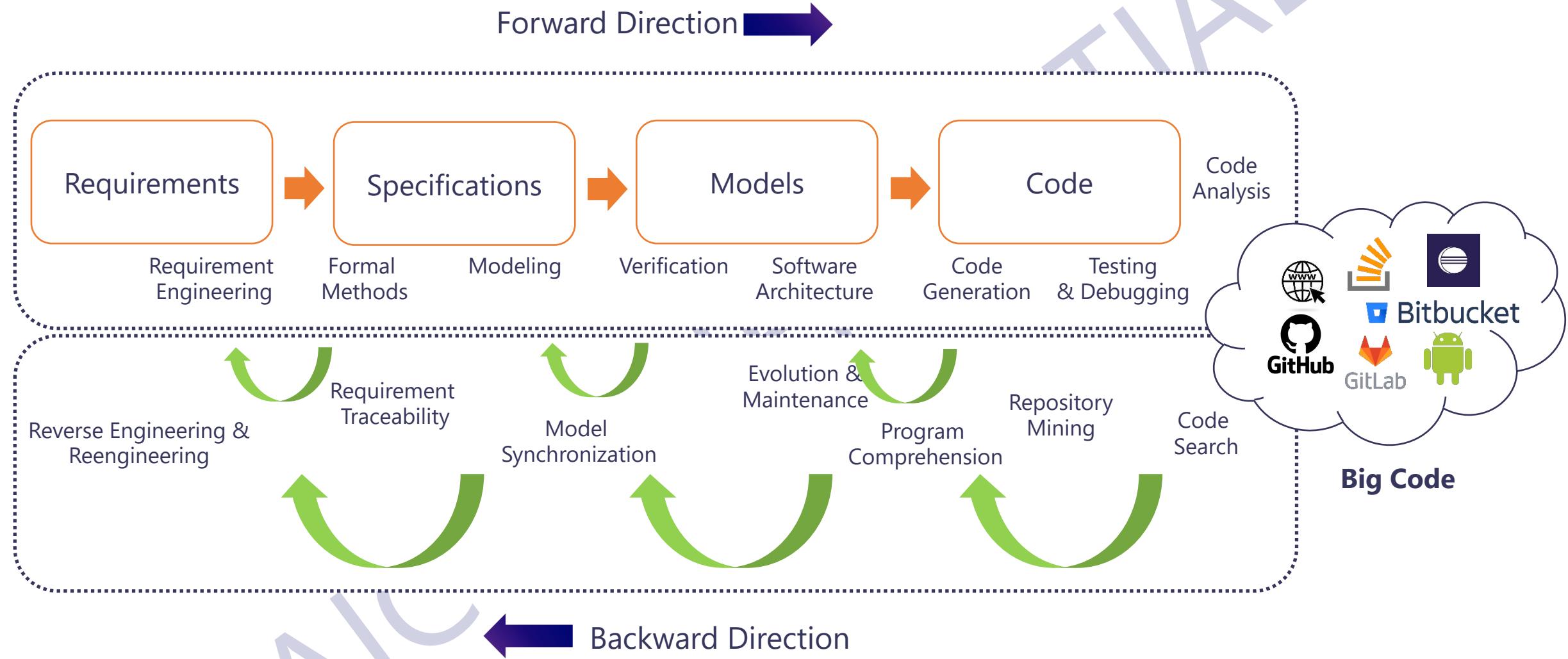
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The Automation of Software Development

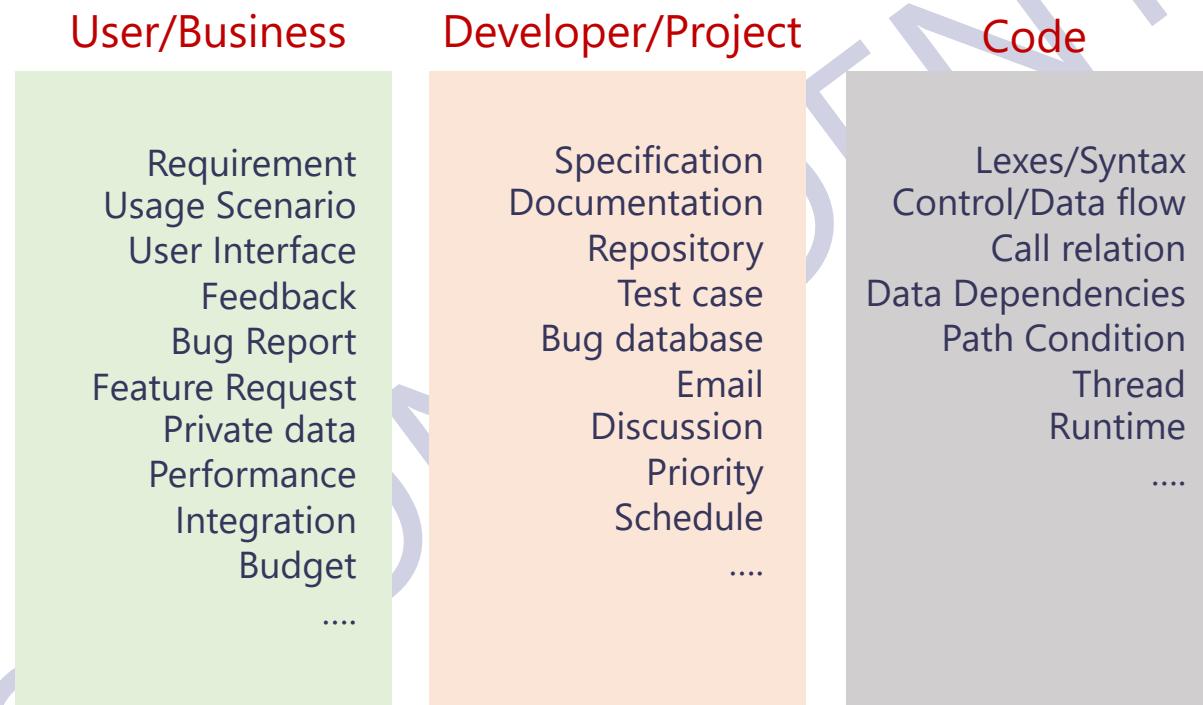
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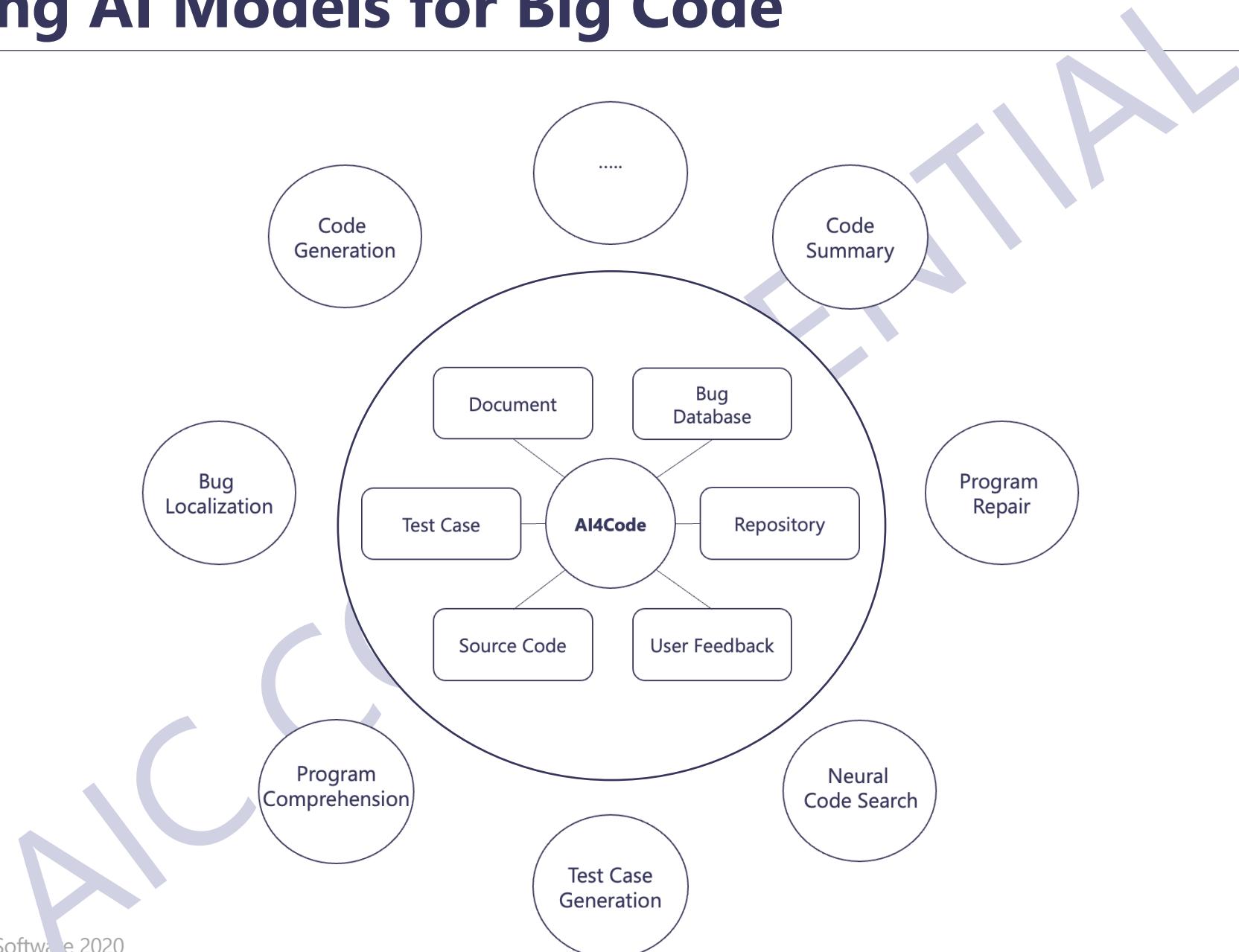
Areas in Software Development



Data Generated from Software Development Process



Building AI Models for Big Code



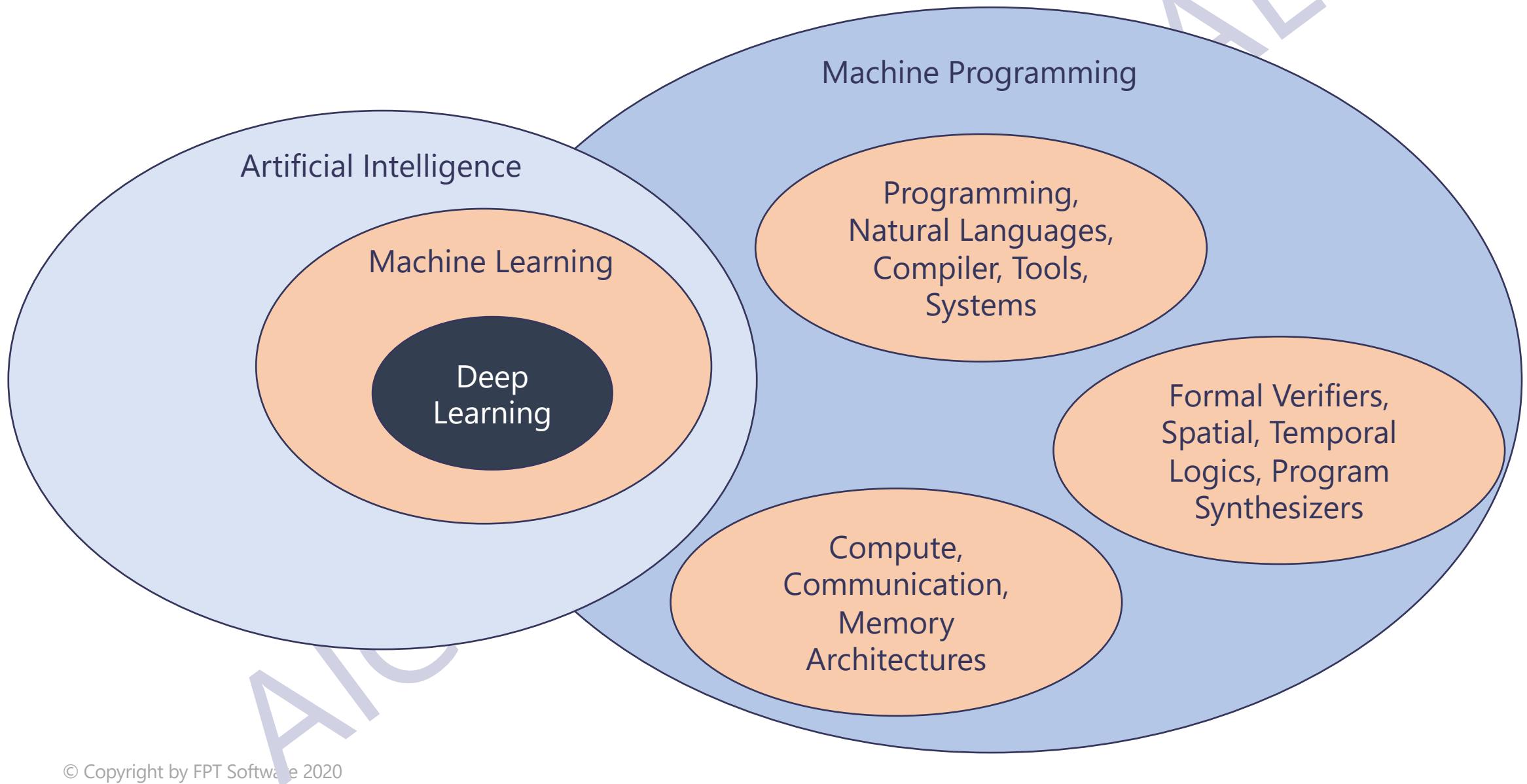
Machine Programming

- ✓ Humans communicate intention to machine.
- ✓ Machine handle the programming.

Thus, “Machine Programming”

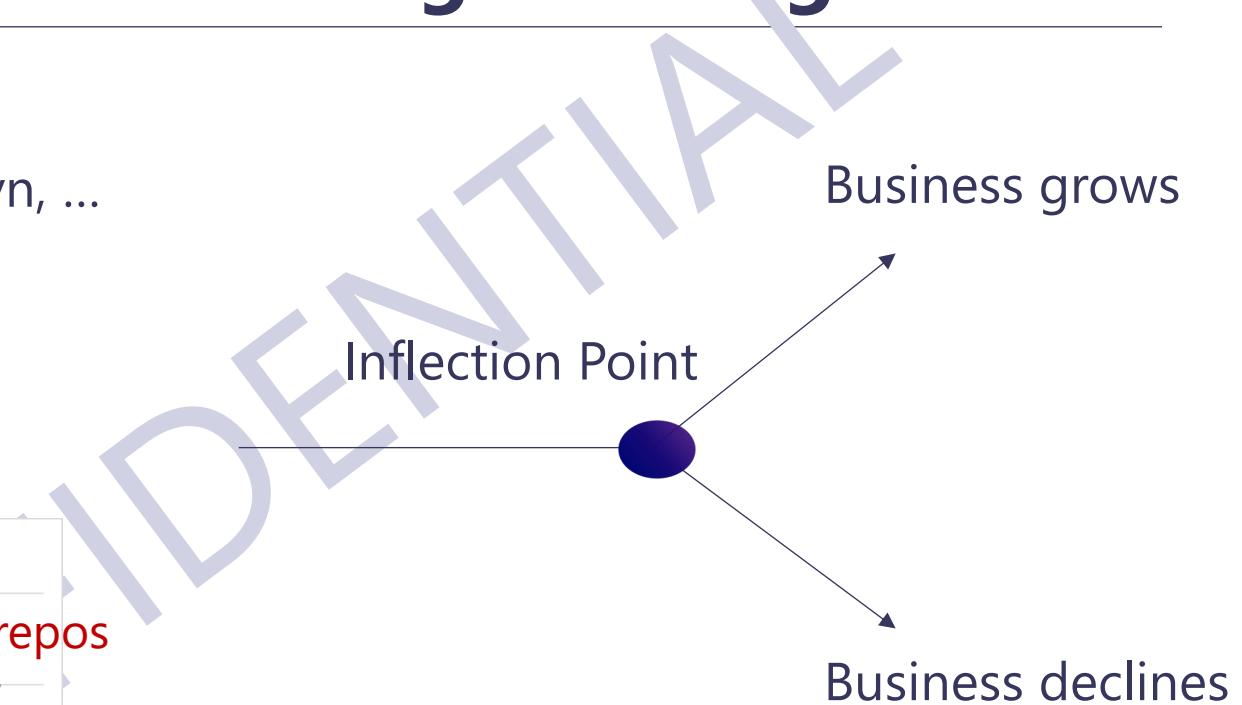
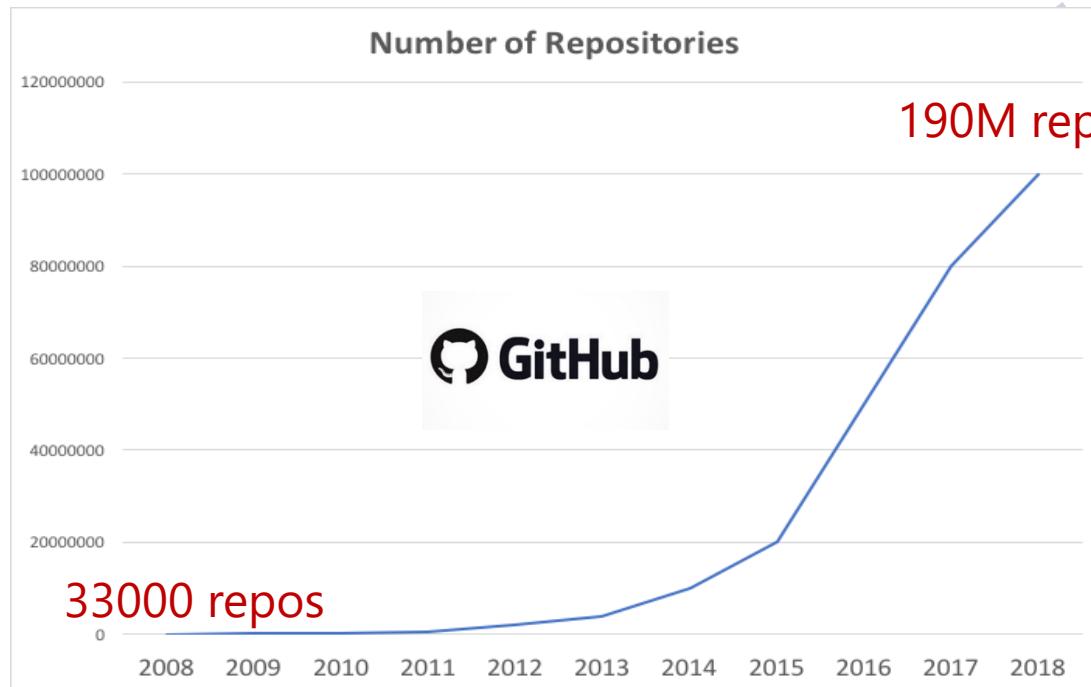
- Increasing the software's **productivity**.
- Closing the **performance** gap between amateur developer and expert developer.
- Enhancing the **reliability** of software system.

A View of Machine Programming (AI4Code)



The Inflection Point of Machine Programming

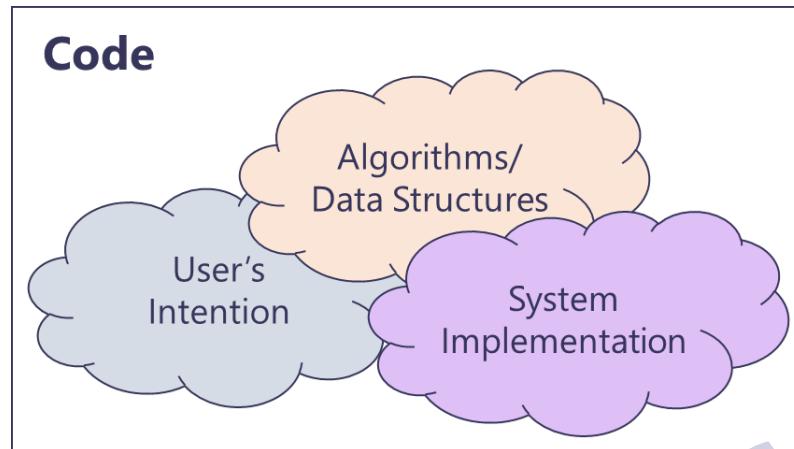
- ML and formal methods
 - Transformer, DeepCoder, BERT, NetSyn, ...
- New & improved hardware
 - CPU, GPU, NNP, TPU, FPGAs,
- Large codebase dataset (BIG CODE !!)



**Machine Programming
needs all of this to work**

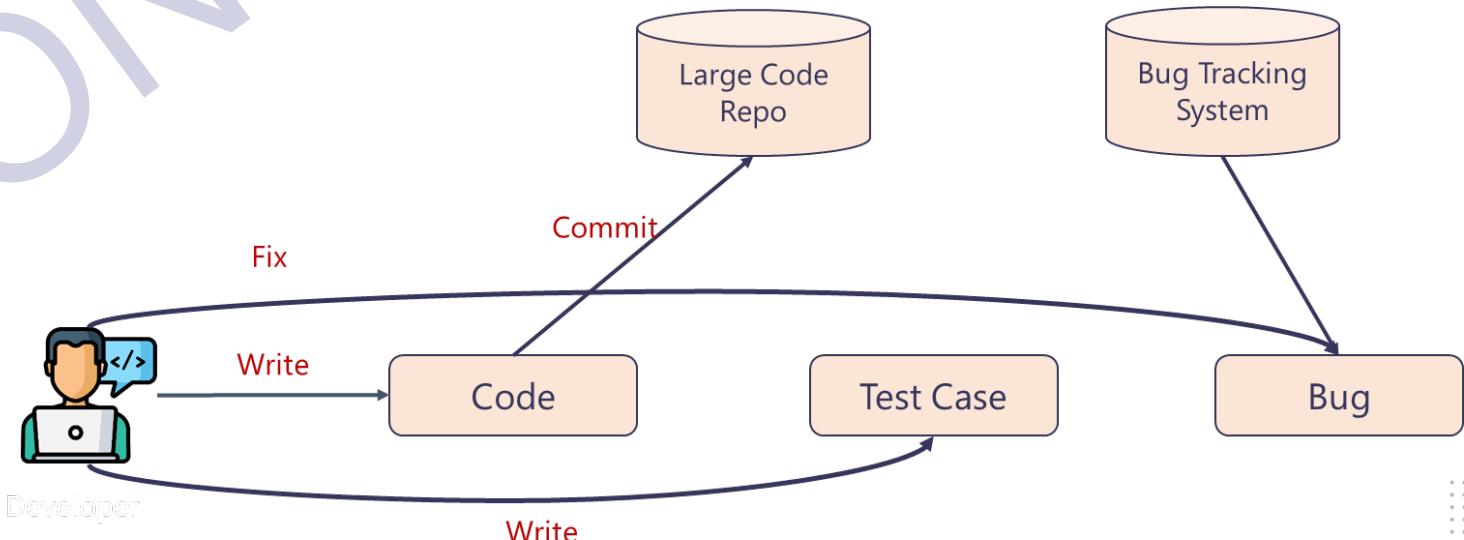
Today's Programming

- Programming is slow and error-prone.
- Programmers struggle to ensure correctness, security, and performance.
- Code constantly evolves to keep pace with an external environment.

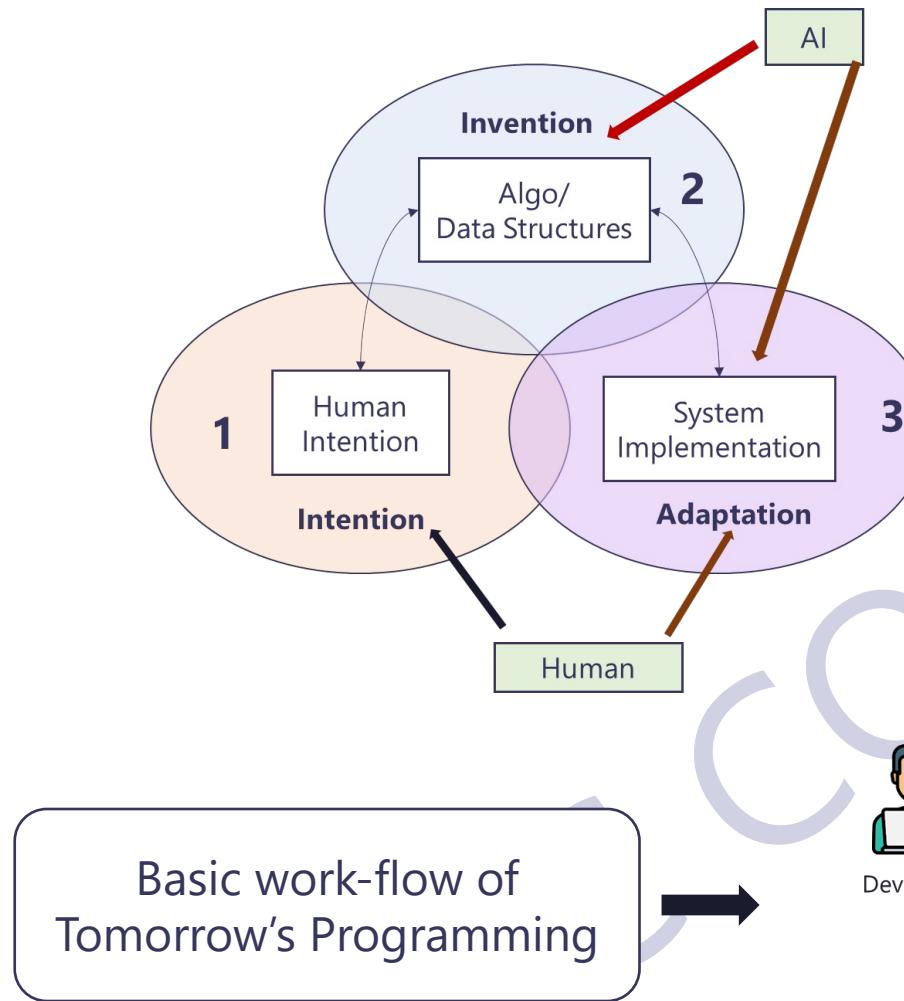


- A program usually contains:
 - The developer's intent
 - Code to express that intent.
 - Specifications for software/hardware adaptation.
- Human developers must handle all of these steps.

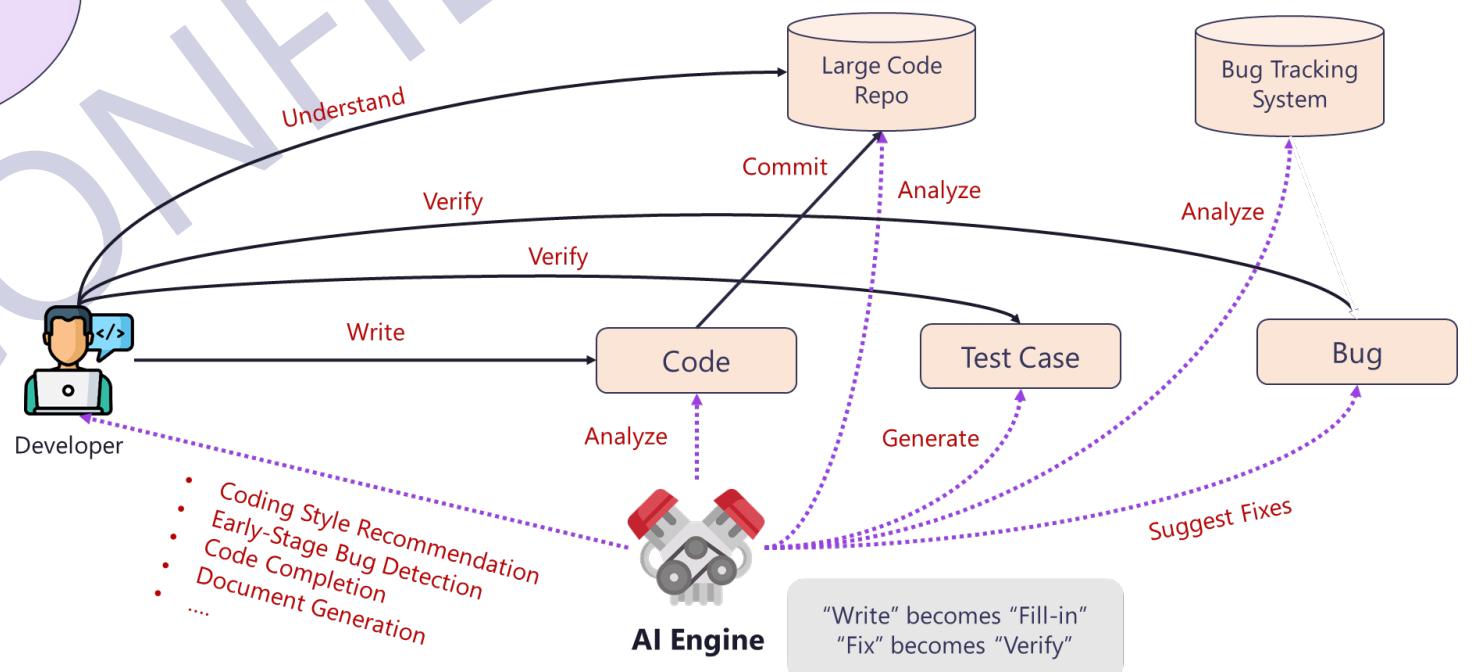
Basic work-flow of Today's Programming



Tomorrow's Programming



- Human only specifies intention:
"Computer, gives me a program X that does Y".
- Next, the system determines what it needs to construct that program.
- May have dialogue interface between human and machine.



How is Machine Programming being implemented
in the industry?

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AI4Code Trending

Auto Completion    	Boilerplate    	Security scans 	Code Reference 
Optimize   	Test Cases  	Context Aware   	Recommend APIs 
Translation  	Find Alternatives  	Explain Code  	Bias Detection 
Architect/Design 	Detect Anti-patterns  	Refactoring  	UI Development  

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```
1 #!/usr/bin/env ts-node
2
3 import { fetch } from "fetch-h2";
4
5 const response = await fetch("https://www.example.com");
6
7 console.log(response);
8
9 // Output: Response with status 200 OK and headers {"Content-Type": "text/html; charset=UTF-8"}.
```

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Intel Machine Programming Tool Detects Bugs in Code

Today, Intel unveiled ControlFlag – a machine programming research system that can autonomously detect errors in code.



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What's New: Today, Intel unveiled ControlFlag – a machine programming research system that can autonomously detect errors in code. Even in its infancy, this novel, self-supervised system shows promise as a powerful productivity tool to assist software developers with the labor-intensive task of debugging. In preliminary tests, ControlFlag trained and learned novel defects on over 1 billion unlabeled lines of production-quality code.

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Intel, MIT and Georgia Tech Deliver Improved Machine-Programming Code Similarity System

What's New: Today, Intel unveiled a new machine programming (MP) system – in conjunction with Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech). The system, machine inferred code similarity (MISIM), is an automated engine designed to learn what a piece of software intends to do by studying the structure of the code and analyzing syntactic differences of other code with similar behavior.

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AI gives software development tools a boost

GitHub Copilot, DeepDev, IntelliCode, and other code-focused applications of machine learning can help us deliver better code, faster.

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AI4Code Principles and Applications

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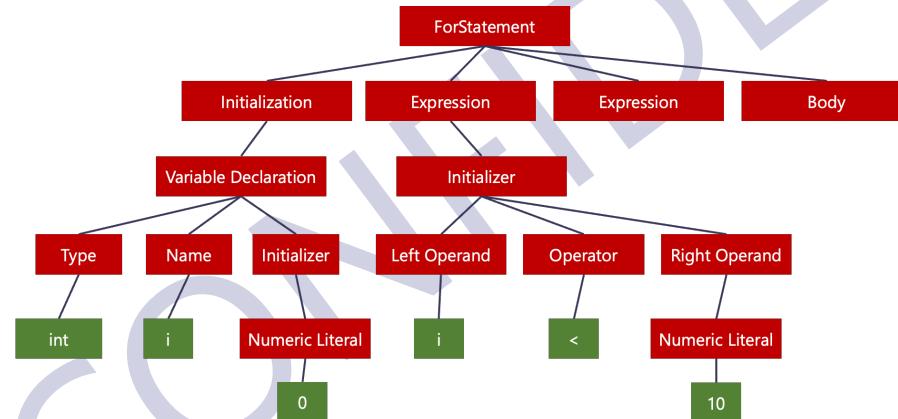


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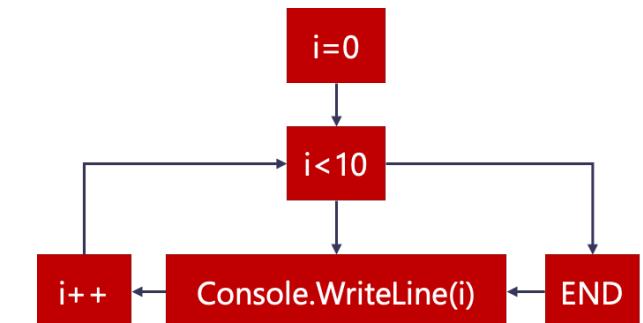
Token-based

```
for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++){\n    Console.WriteLine(i);\n}
```

Syntax-based (Tree)



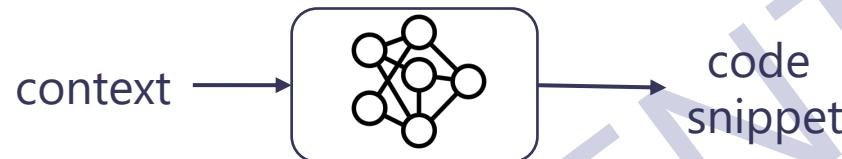
Graph-based



Probabilistic Models of Code

Code Generating Models

- Probability distribution over code, e.g. tokens or AST nodes.
- Model how the code is written

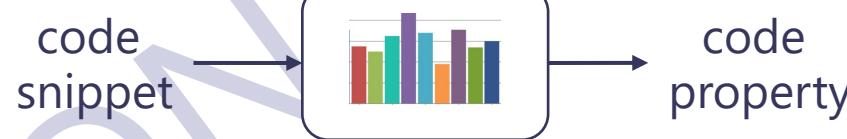


$$P_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathbb{C} | C(\mathbb{C}))$$

- Context $C (\mathbb{C})$
- Code representation \mathbb{C}

Representational Models of Code

- Yield conditional probability distribution over code element property given the code input
- Be able to predict the property

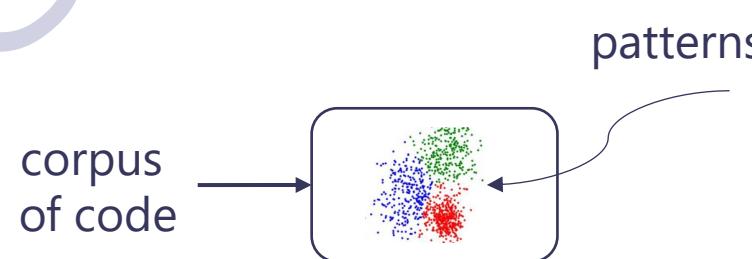


$$P_{\mathcal{D}}(\pi | f(\mathbb{C}))$$

- Code property π
- f to convert code snippet \mathbb{C} into code representation

Pattern Mining of Code

- Infer, without supervision, a likely latent structure within code corpus.
- Find reusable and human-interpretable patterns.



$$P_{\mathcal{D}}(f(\mathbb{C})) = \sum_l P_{\mathcal{D}}(g(\mathbb{C}) | l) P(l)$$

- View of code $g(\mathbb{C})$
- l : set of latent variables to infer

Distributed Representation of Code



Suggesting Accurate Method and Class Names

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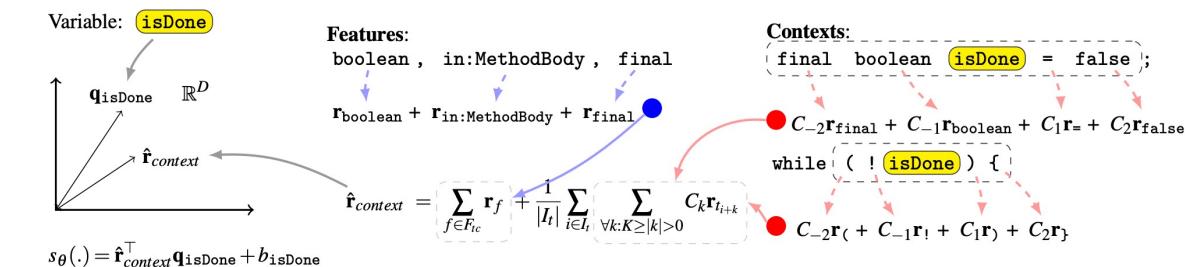
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Log-Bilinear model to learn distributed representation of code

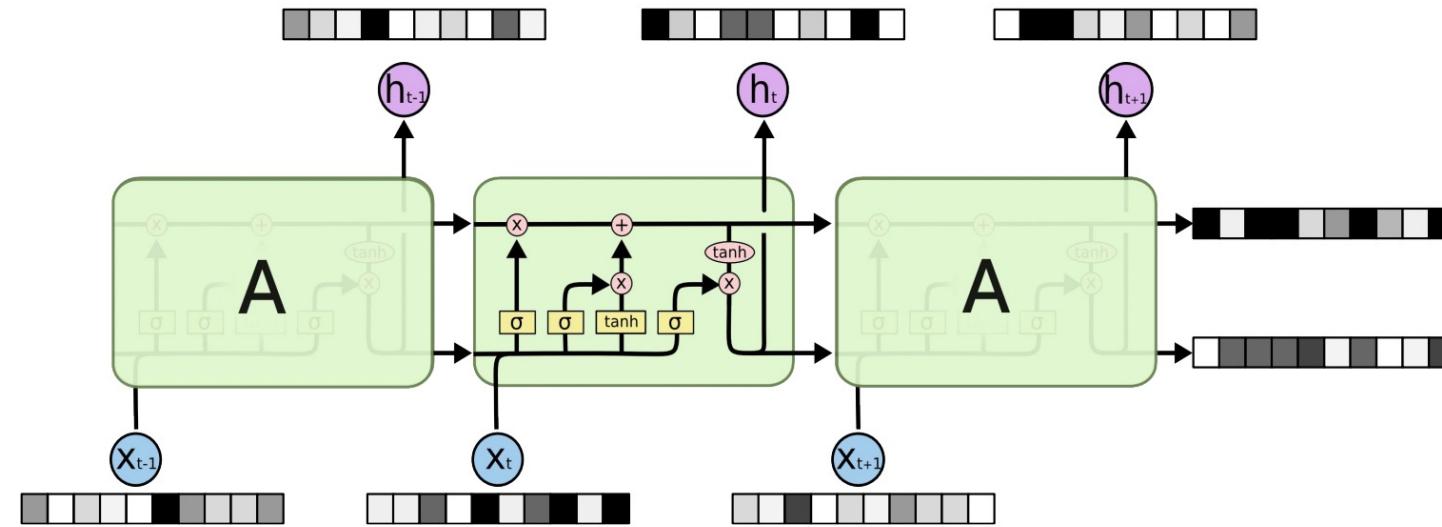
N-gram Language Models of Code



```
public void execute() task) {  
    if (task == null)  
        throw new NullPointerException();  
    ForkJoinTask<?> job;  
    if (task instanceof ForkJoinTask<?>) // avoid re-wrap  
        job = (ForkJoinTask<?>) task;  
    else  
        job = new ForkJoinTask.AdaptedRunnableAction(task);  
    externalPush(job);  
}
```

$$P(t_0 \dots t_M) = \prod_{m=0}^M P(t_m | t_{m-1} \dots t_{m-n+1})$$

Neural Language Models of Code



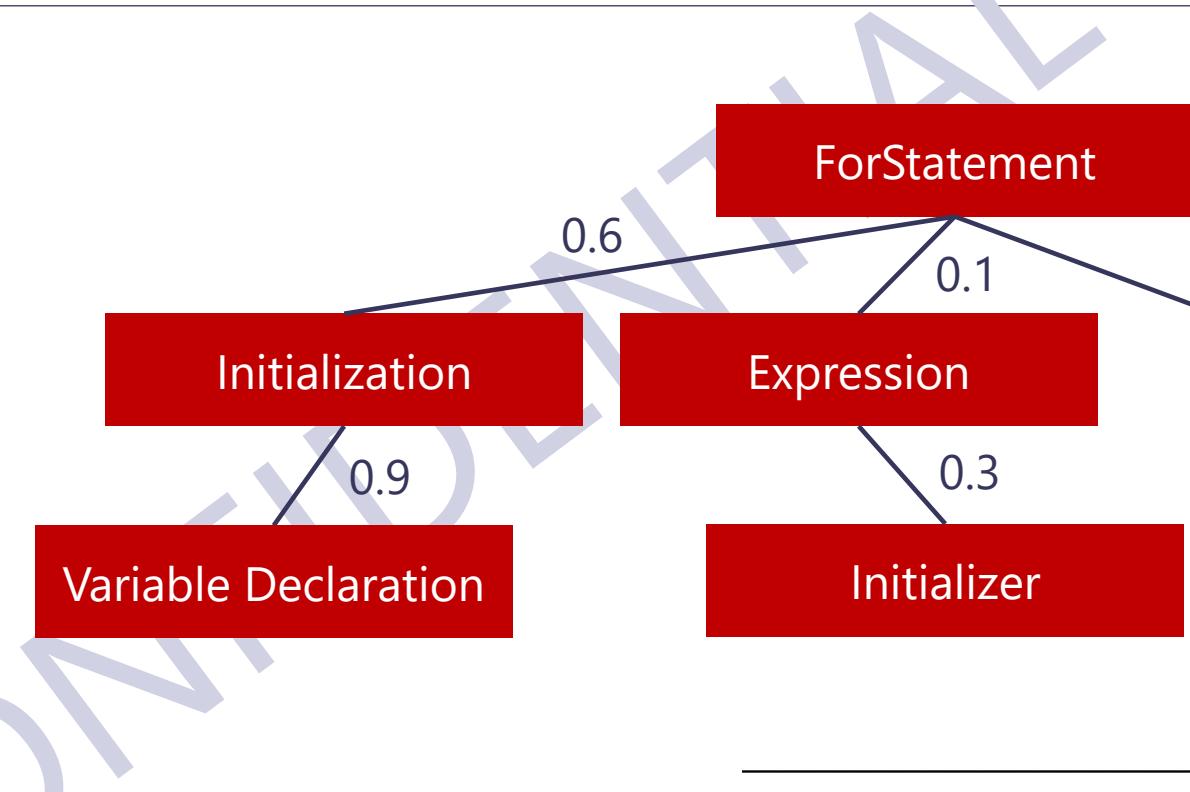
```
#ifdef CONFIG_AUDITSYSCALL
static inline int audit_match_class_bits(int class, u32 *mask)
{
    int i;
    if (classes[class]) {
        for (i = 0; i < AUDIT_BITMASK_SIZE; i++)
            if (mask[i] & classes[class][i])
                return 0;
    }
    return 1;
}
```

Probabilistic Context Free Grammar for Code Generation

Assign Probability to Rules in the Context Free Grammar

- $E \rightarrow E + E$ (prob=0.7)
- $E \rightarrow T$ (prob=0.3)
- $F \rightarrow (E)$ (prob=0.1)
- $T \rightarrow F * F$ (prob=0.6)
- $F \rightarrow F$ (prob=0.1)
- $F \rightarrow id$ (prob=0.9)
-

Structured Generative Models of Natural Source Code



Structural Language Models of Code

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Automated Bug Detection & Program Repair

Detect-Localize-Repair: A Unified Framework for Learning to Debug with CodeT5

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Abstract

Automated software debugging is a crucial task for improving the productivity of software developers. Many neural-based techniques have been proven effective for debugging-related tasks such as bug localization and program repair (or bug fixing). However, these techniques often focus only on either one of them or approach them in a stage-wise

Zhu et al., 2021; Mashhadi and I Ding et al., 2020; Wang et al., 202 naturalness hypothesis of software et al., 2016). They adopt a generic approach to train neural networks to acquire bug-fix patterns through massive corpora of previous bug-f

However, these techniques suf

Deep Learning for Bug-Localization in Student Programs

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Abstract

Providing feedback is an integral part of teaching. Most open online courses on programming make use of automated grading systems to support programming assignments and give real-time feedback. These systems usually rely on test

Practical Program Repair in the Era of Large Pre-trained Language Models

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Abstract—Automated Program Repair (APR) aims to help developers automatically patch software bugs. However, current state-of-the-art traditional and learning-based APR techniques face the problem of limited patch variety, failing to fix complicated bugs. This is mainly due to the reliance on bug-fixing datasets to craft fix templates (traditional) or directly predict potential patches (learning-based). Large Pre-Trained Language

Repair (APR) tools have been built to automatically generate potential patches given the original buggy program [6].

Among traditional APR techniques [7]–[16], template-based APR has been widely recognized as the state of the art [17], [18]. These techniques leverage fix templates, often designed by human experts, to fix specific types of bugs in the source

Less Training, More Repairing Please: Revisiting Automated Program Repair via Zero-shot Learning

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ABSTRACT

Due to the promising future of Automated Program Repair (APR), researchers have proposed various APR techniques, including heuristic-based, template-based, and constraint-based techniques. Among such classic APR techniques, template-based techniques have been widely recognized as state of the art. However, such template-based techniques require predefined templates to perform repair, and their effectiveness is thus limited. To this end, researchers have leveraged the recent advances in Deep Learning to further improve APR. Such learning-based techniques typically view APR as a Neural

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1 INTRODUCTION

Software systems are all-pervasive in everyday life from monitoring financial transactions [69], controlling transportation systems [73] to aiding healthcare tools [8]. Software bugs in these systems can af-

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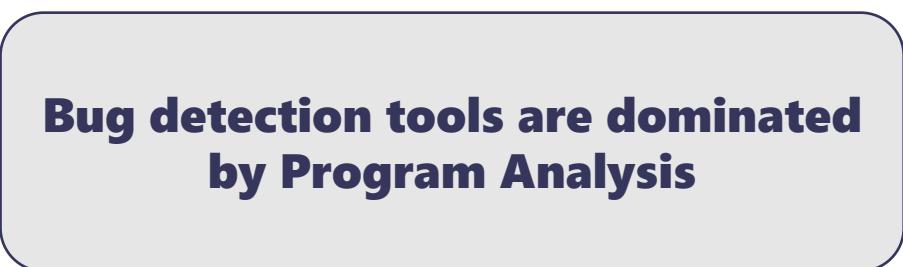
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Learning to Fix Bug



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Source Code Analysis Tools

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[Source code analysis](#) tools, also known as Static Application Security Testing (SAST) Tools, can help analyze source code or compiled versions of code to help find security flaws.

SAST tools can be added into your IDE. Such tools can help you detect issues during software development. SAST tool feedback can save time and effort, especially when compared to finding vulnerabilities later in the development cycle.

Learning to Fix Bug (cont.)

Some semantic bugs cannot be fixed by program analysis

```
module.exports = function (grunt) {
  grunt.initConfig({
    execute: {...}, copy: {...}, checktextdomain: {...}
    wp_readme_to_markdown: {...}, makepot: {...})
  ...
  grunt.registerTask('default', ['wp_readme_to_markdown',
    'makepot', 'execute', 'checktextdomain'])
};
```

Missing "copy"

```
function clearEmployeeListOnLinkClick(){
  document.querySelector("a").addEventListener("click",
    function(event){
      document.querySelector("ul").innerHTML = "";
    }
  );
}
```

innerHTML

Method 1.

```
1   public List<String> getSkewedColumnNames(String alias) {
2     ...
3     else {
4       ...
5       TypeInfo typeInfo = TypeInfoUtils.getTypeInfoFromObjectInspector(this.metaData.
6       getTableForAlias(tabAlias).getDeserializer().getObjectInspector());
7       desc = new ExprNodeConstantDesc(typeInfo.getStructFieldTypeInfo(colName), null);
8     }
9   }
10 }
```

Method 2.

```
1   public TypeInfo getStructFieldTypeInfo(String field) {
2     String fieldLowerCase = field.toLowerCase();
3     for(int i=0; i<allStructFieldNames.size(); i++) {
4       if (field.equals(allStructFieldNames.get(i))) {
5         return allStructFieldTypeInfos.get(i);
6       }
7     }
8     throw new RuntimeException("cannot_find_field_" + field + "(lowercase_form:_"
9     + fieldLowerCase + ")_in_" + allStructFieldNames);
10 }
```

Method 3.

```
1   public Table getTableForAlias(String alias) {
2   -   return this.aliasToTable.get(alias);
3   +   return this.aliasToTable.get(alias.toLowerCase());
4   }
```

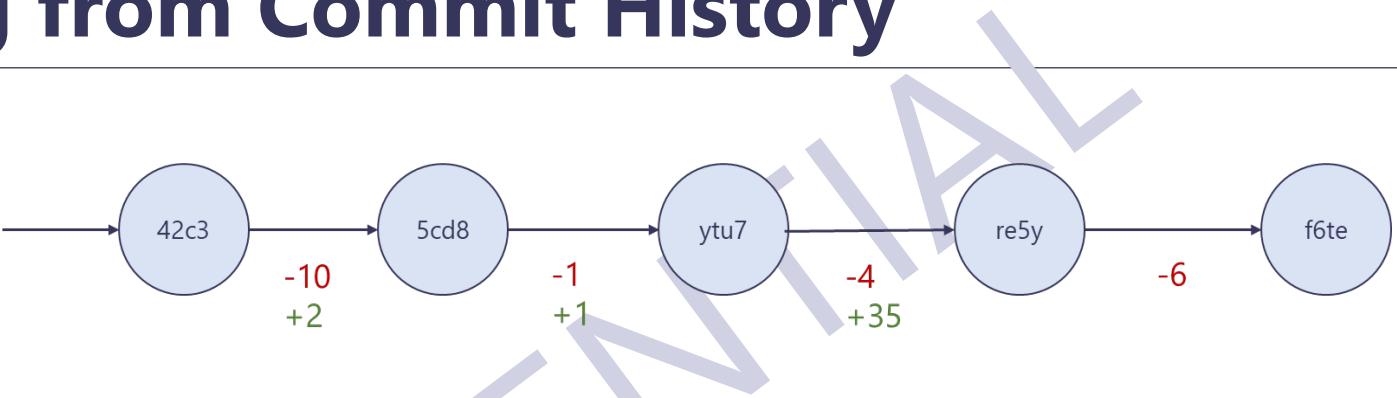
Convert "alias" to lower case

Semantic Bugs in Java

Semantic Bugs in Javascript

Learning to Fix Bug from Commit History

AI can help to fix semantic bugs by learning from commit history



The screenshot shows a GitHub pull request interface. The top navigation bar includes 'mysql / mysql-server' and 'Public'. Below the navigation are tabs for 'Code', 'Pull requests 2', 'Actions', 'Projects', 'Security', and 'Insights'. The main area displays a code diff between two branches. The left column shows the current state of the code with line numbers 195 to 204. The right column shows the previous state with line numbers 195 to 204. A large blue box highlights a specific line of code: 'return (float) ((value >>> 1) | (value & 1))'. Below the code diff is a commit history for the 'mysql-5.5.61-release' branch. The commits are as follows:

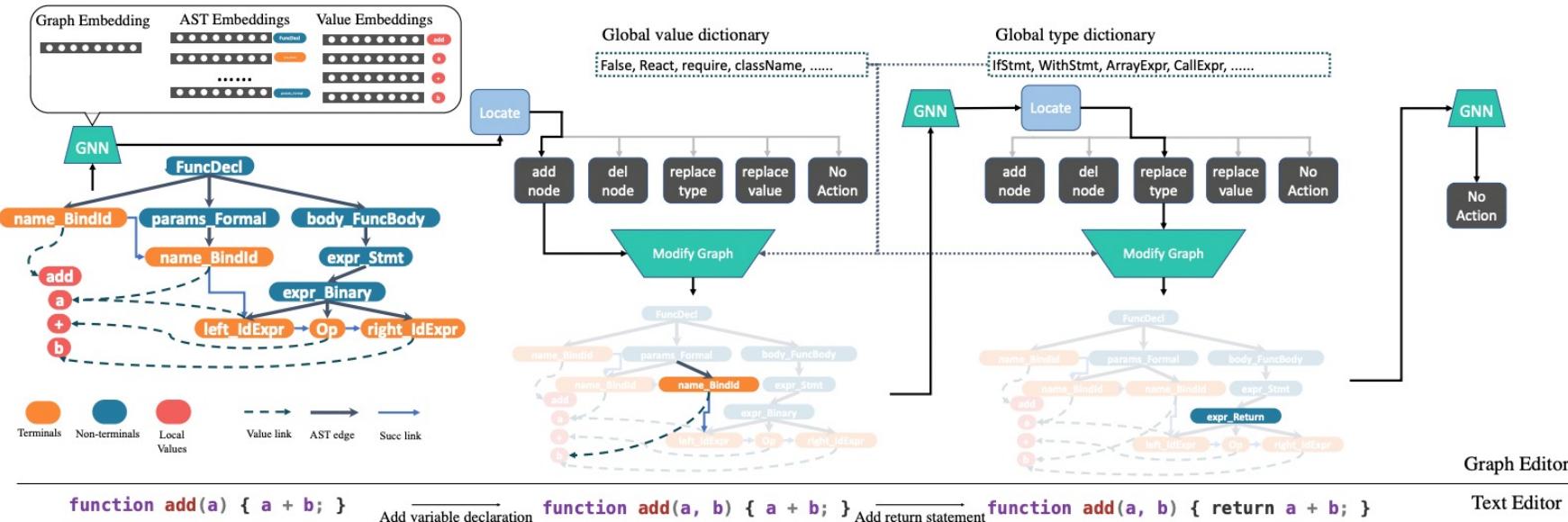
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 - Bug#27788907 SOME FILE OPERATIONS IN MF_IOCACHE2.C ARE NOT INSTRUMENTED
- Commits on Aug 19, 2018:
 - Bug #26791931: INCORRECT BEHAVIOR IN ALTER TABLE REORGANIZE
- Commits on Aug 3, 2018:
 - BUG#28144933 - MYSQL-SERVER RPM DOES NOT INSTALL PERL-DATA-DUMPER AS...
- Commits on Jul 27, 2018:
 - Merge branch 'mysql-5.5.61-release' into mysql-5.5

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Imagine this is similar to using AI for grammar error correction in Natural Language Processing

Learning to Fix Bug from Commit History (cont.)

TIKAL



Perform steps of program transformation to convert buggy program to non-buggy program

$$p(g_{fix}|g_{bug}; \theta) = p(g_1|g_{bug}; \theta)p(g_2|g_1; \theta) \dots p(g_{fix}|g_{T-1}; \theta)$$

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HOPPITY: LEARNING GRAPH TRANSFORMATIONS TO DETECT AND FIX BUGS IN PROGRAMS

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ABSTRACT

We present a learning-based approach to detect and fix a broad range of bugs in Javascript programs. We frame the problem in terms of learning a sequence of graph transformations: given a buggy program modeled by a graph structure, our model makes a sequence of predictions including the position of bug nodes and

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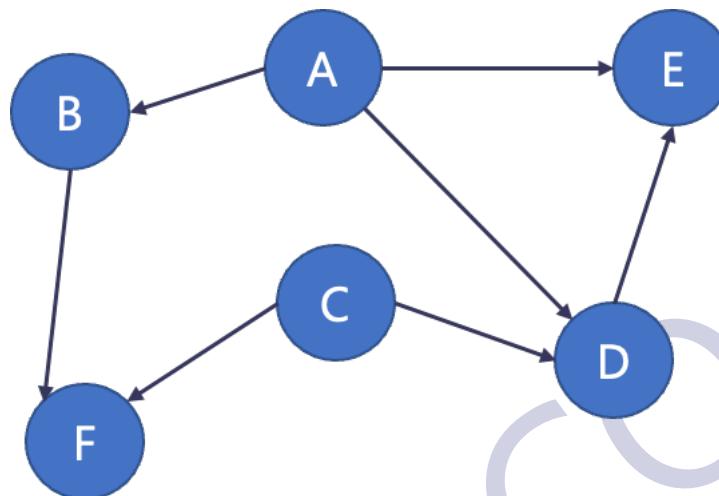
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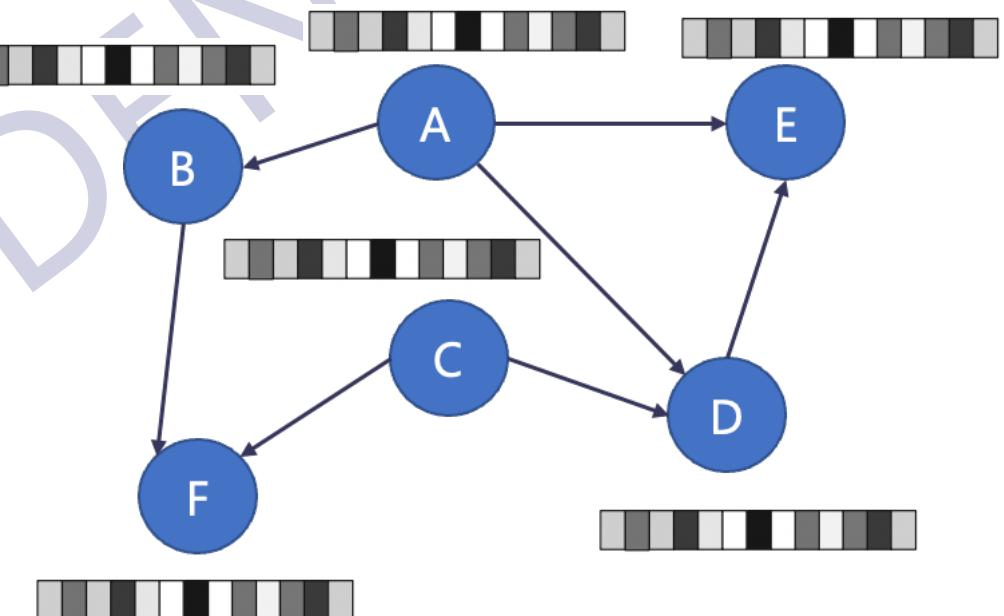
Graph Neural Network for Code Understanding

Graph Notation: $\mathbf{G} = (\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{E})$

- Nodes/Vertices \mathbf{V}
- Edges/Links \mathbf{E}

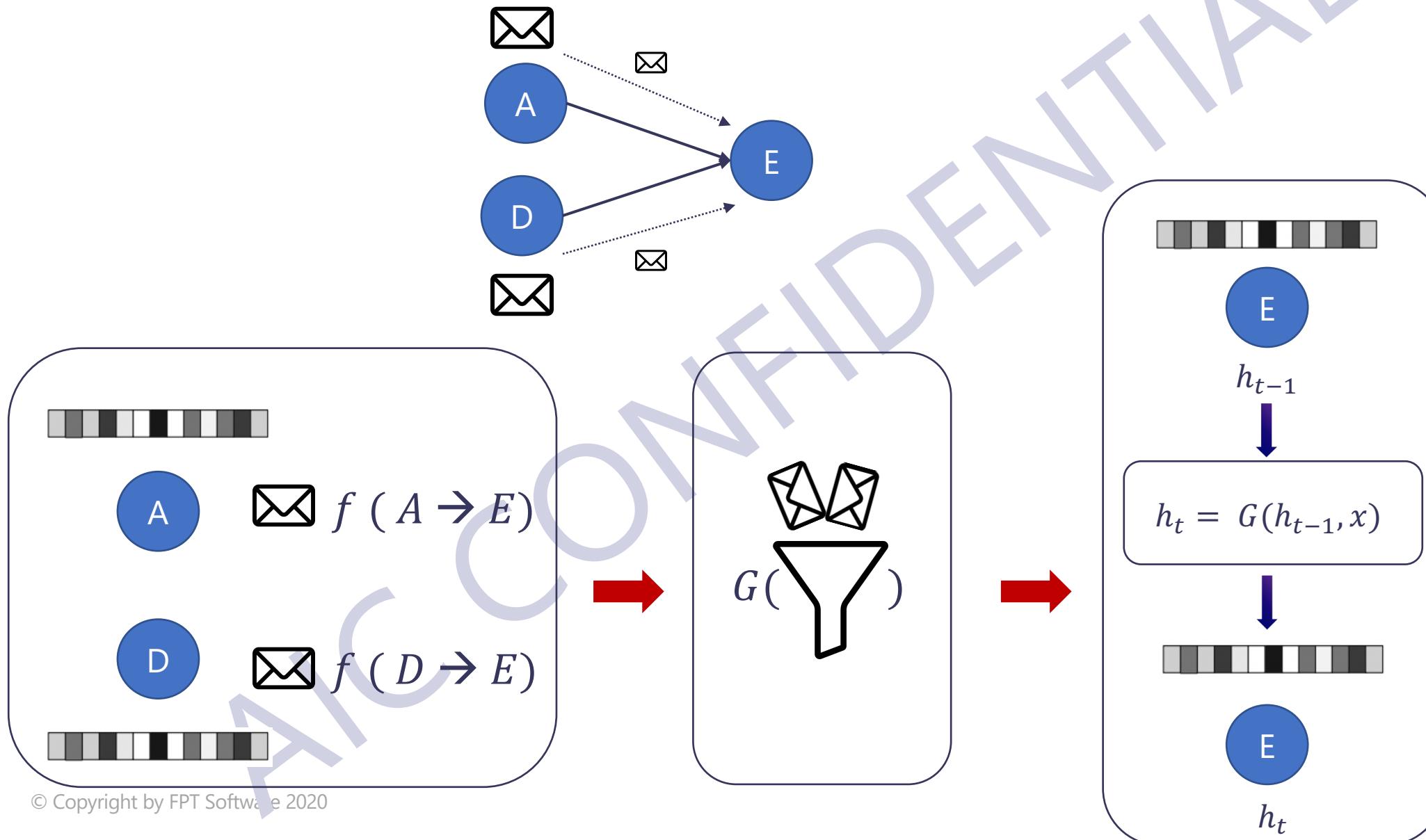


Graph Representation

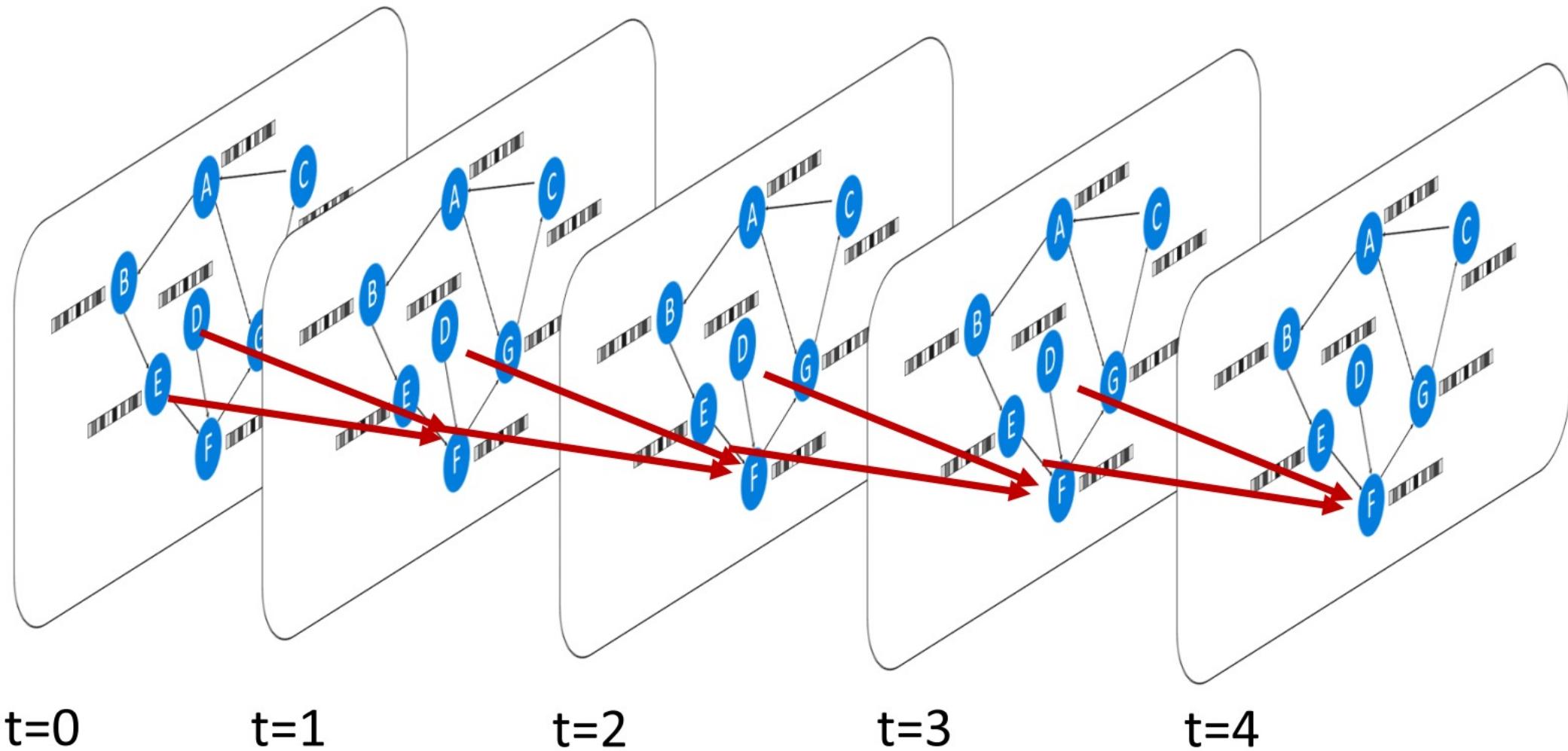


Initial Representation of each node

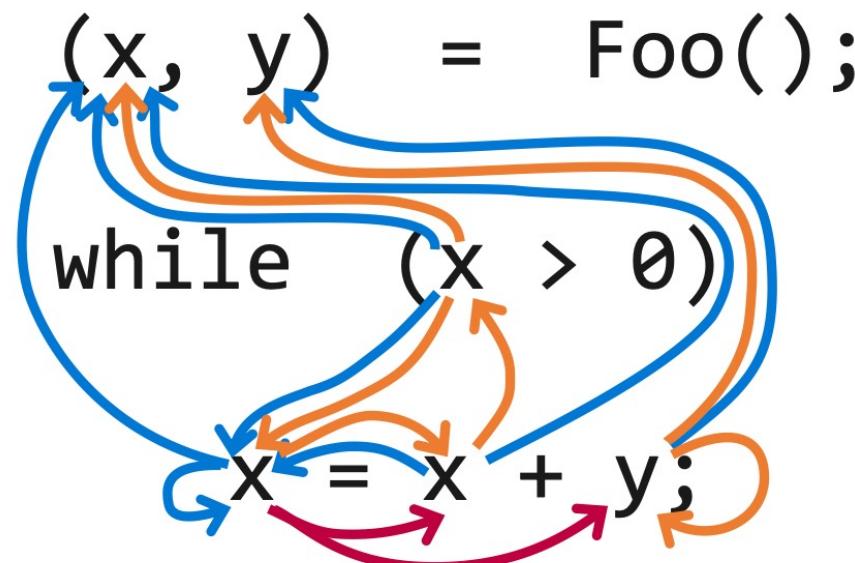
Graph Neural Network (cont.): Message Passing



Graph Neural Network (cont.): Message Passing



Represent a Program as Graph with Data Flow



INITIAL

→ Last Write

→ Last Use

→ Computed From

AIC

Graph Neural Network to Fix Variable Mis-used Bugs

```
var clazz=classTypes["Root"].Single() as JsonCodeGenerator.ClassType;  
Assert.NotNull(clazz);  
  
var first=classTypes["RecClass"].Single() as JsonCodeGenerator.ClassType;  
Assert.NotNull(clazz);  
  
Assert.Equal("string", first.Properties["Name"].Name);  
Assert.False(clazz.Properties["Name"].IsArray);
```

Real variable mis-used bug found in RavenDB

How to know the variable "clazz" is mis-used?

Possible type-correct options: clazz, first

Graph Neural Network to Fix Variable Mis-used Bugs

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Fill-in-the-blank task on program graph

Goal: make the representation of SLOT as close as possible to the representation of the correct candidate node

$$f(\mathbf{h}_T^{SLOT}, \mathbf{h}_T^{first}) \gg f(\mathbf{h}_T^{SLOT}, \mathbf{h}_T^{clazz})$$

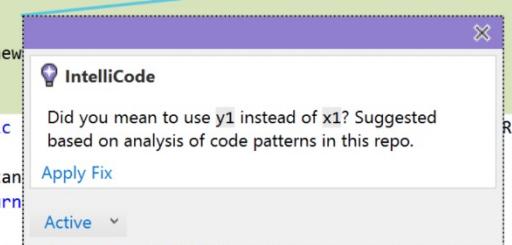
LEARNING TO REPRESENT PROGRAMS WITH GRAPHS

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```
public readonly static Thickness MultiLinePadding = new Thickness(0.0, 1  
  
public static IList<Rect> GetRectanglesFromBounds(IList<TextBounds> bounds)  
{  
    var newBounds = new List<Rect>(bounds.Count);  
    foreach (var b in bounds)  
    {  
        double x1 = b.Left - padding.Left;  
        double x2 = b.Right + padding.Right;  
        if (x1 < x2)  
        {  
            double y1 = b.TextTop - padding.Top;  
            double y2 = b.TextBottom + padding.Bottom;  
  
            newBounds.Add(new Rect(x1, y1, x2 - x1, y2 - y1));  
        }  
    }  
    return newBounds;  
}  
  
public static Rect GetRectFromTextBounds(TextBounds bounds)  
{  
    if (rectangles == null)  
        return null;  
    Rect rect = rectangles[bounds];  
    if (rect != null)  
        return rect;  
    else  
        return null;  
}
```



IntelliCode (Microsoft) can recommend mis-used variable using AI

Refine Variable's Name with Probabilistic Graphical Model

Probabilistic Model for Code with Decision Trees

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Predicting Program Properties from “Big Code”

```
function chunkData(e, t) {
    var n = [];
    var r = e.length;
    var i = 0;
    for (; i < r; i += t) {
        if (i + t < r) {
            n.push(e.substring(i, i + t));
        } else {
            n.push(e.substring(i, r));
        }
    }
    return n;
}
```

e => str
t => step
n => colNames
r => len

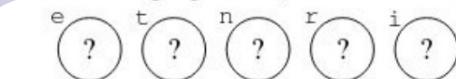
```
/* str: string, step: number, return: Array */
function chunkData(str, step) {
    var colNames = []; /* colNames: Array */
    var len = str.length;
    var i = 0; /* i: number */
    for (; i < len; i += step) {
        if (i + step < len) {
            colNames.push(str.substring(i, i + step));
        } else {
            colNames.push(str.substring(i, len));
        }
    }
    return colNames;
}
```

Rename meaningless variable name to meaningful variable name using statistical modeling

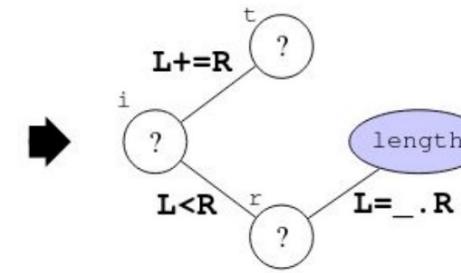
(a) JavaScript program with minified identifier names



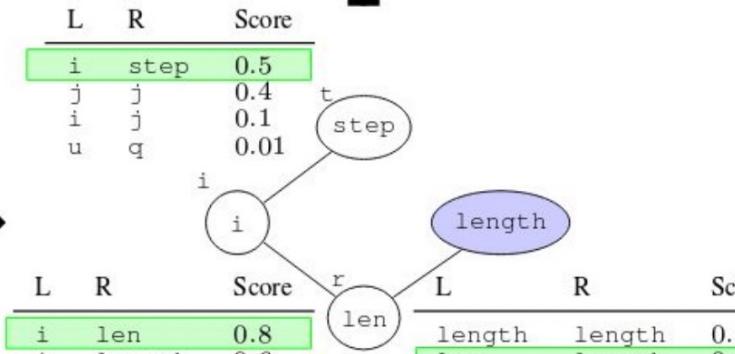
Unknown properties (variable names):



Known properties (constants, APIs):



(e) JavaScript program with new identifier names and types



Code Summarization

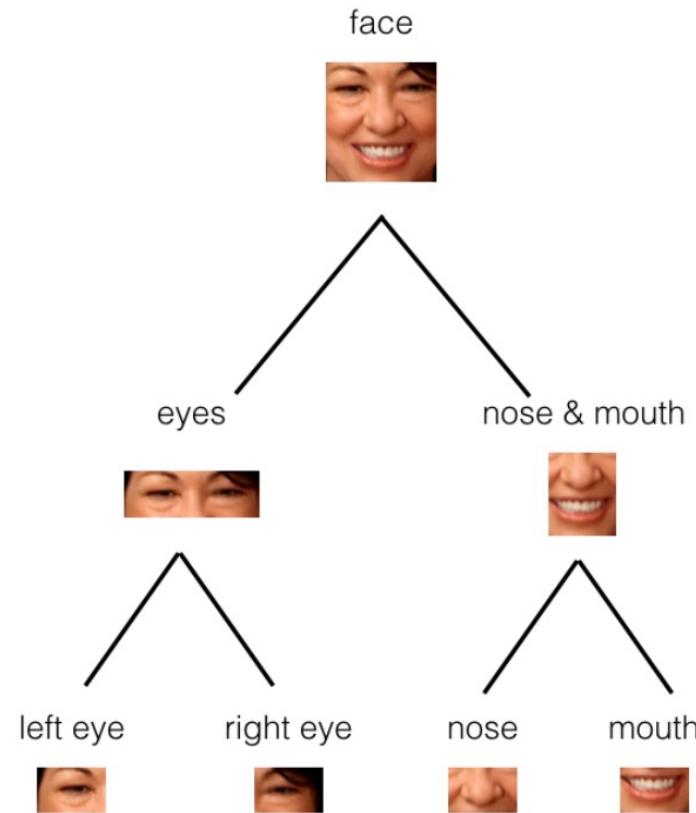
```
/*
A function to [REDACTED]
*/
void [REDACTED]()
    TreeView myTreeView = new TreeView()
    myTreeView.Nodes.Clear();
    foreach (string parentText in xml.parent)
    {
        TreeNode parent = new TreeNode();
        parent.Text = parentText;
        myTreeView.Nodes.Add(treeNodeDivisions);
        foreach (string childText in xml.child)
        {
            TreeNode child = new TreeNode();
            child.Text = childText;
            parent.Nodes.Add(child);
        }
    }
}
```

Generate Docstring: **add a child node to a TreeView**

Predict Method's Name: **addChildNode**

- Code Summarization includes:**
- Method name prediction
 - Comment generation
 - Docstring generation

Learning to Summarize Code with Capsule Theory



Dynamic Routing Between Capsules

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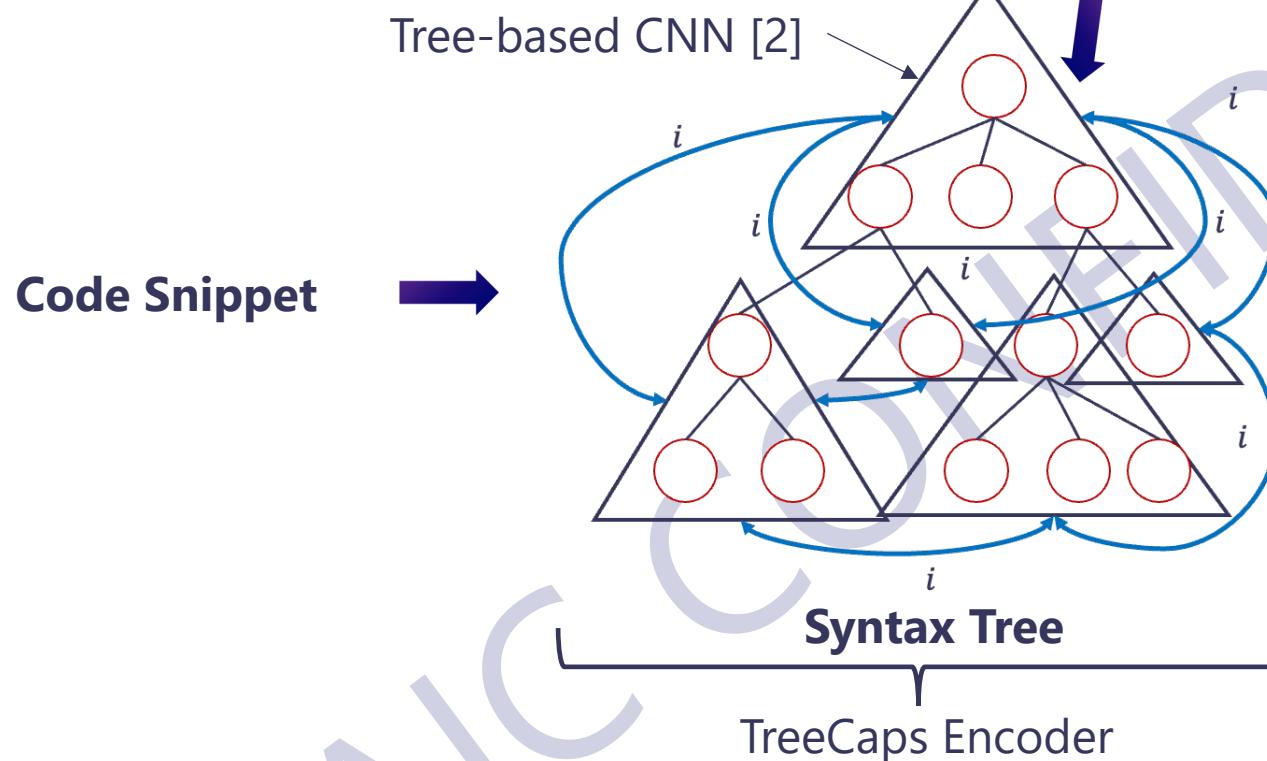
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- Combine observations from smaller parts to build up a more complex part of a picture.
- Different parts of the pictures have dependency on each other

Learning to Summarize Code with Capsule Theory (cont.)

The Thirty-Fifth AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI-21)

Modeling Syntax Tree Using Capsule Theory [1]



Capture the Dependency Across Different Parts of the Syntax Tree

TreeCaps: Tree-Based Capsule Networks for Source Code Processing

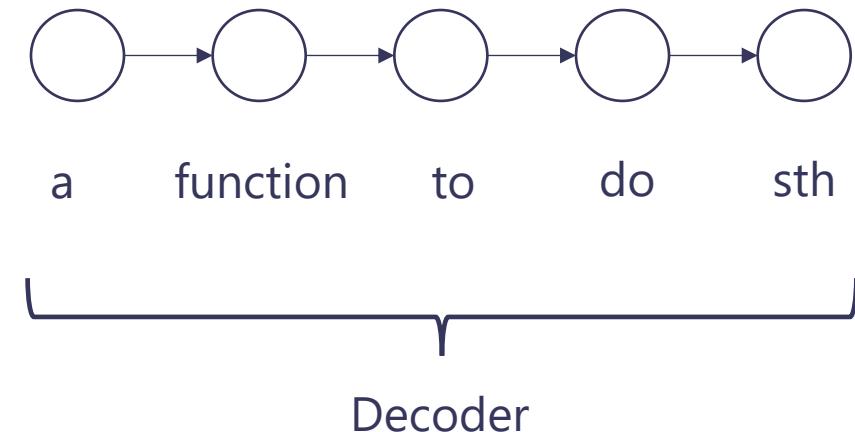
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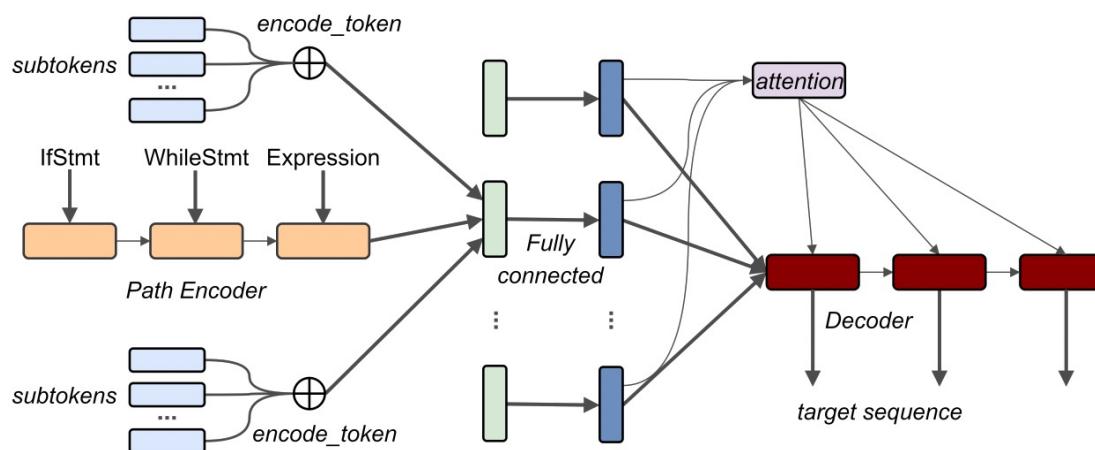
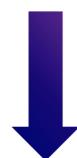
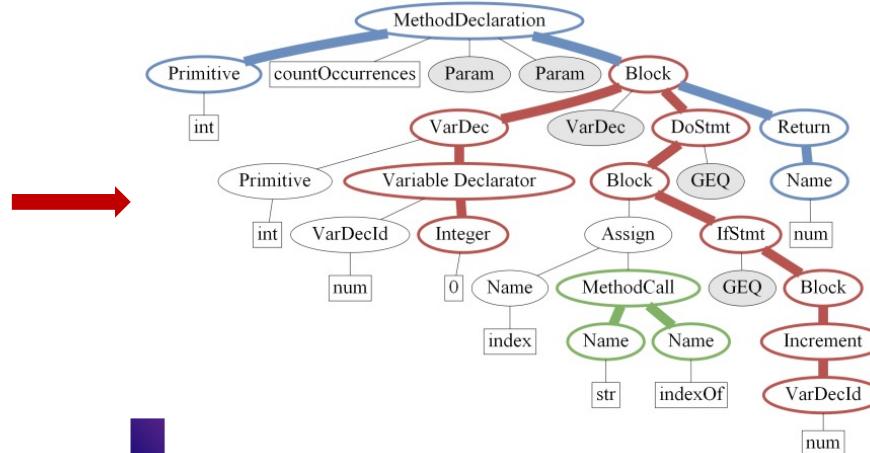
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Learning to Summarize Code by Path Abstraction

```
int countOccurrences(String str, char ch) {
    int num = 0;
    int index = -1;
    do {
        index = str.indexOf(ch, index + 1);
        if (index >= 0) {
            num++;
        }
    } while (index >= 0);
    return num;
}
```



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Modeling Paths of the Syntax Tree

code2vec: Learning Distributed Representations of Code

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We present a neural model for representing snippets of code as continuous distributed vectors ("code embeddings").

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CODE2SEQ: GENERATING SEQUENCES FROM STRUCTURED REPRESENTATIONS OF CODE

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Program Synthesis: Generate Program from Description

Program Synthesis is one of the Holy-Grail problem in Computer Science

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DEEPCODER: LEARNING TO WRITE PROGRAMS

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ABSTRACT

We develop a first line of attack for solving programming competition-style problems from input-output examples using deep learning. The approach is to train a neural network to predict properties of the program that generated the outputs from the inputs. We use the neural network's predictions to augment search techniques from the programming languages community, including enumerative search and an SMT-based solver. Empirically, we show that our approach leads to an order of magnitude speedup over the strong non-augmented baselines and a Recurrent Neural Network approach, and that we are able to solve problems of difficulty comparable to the simplest problems on programming competition websites.

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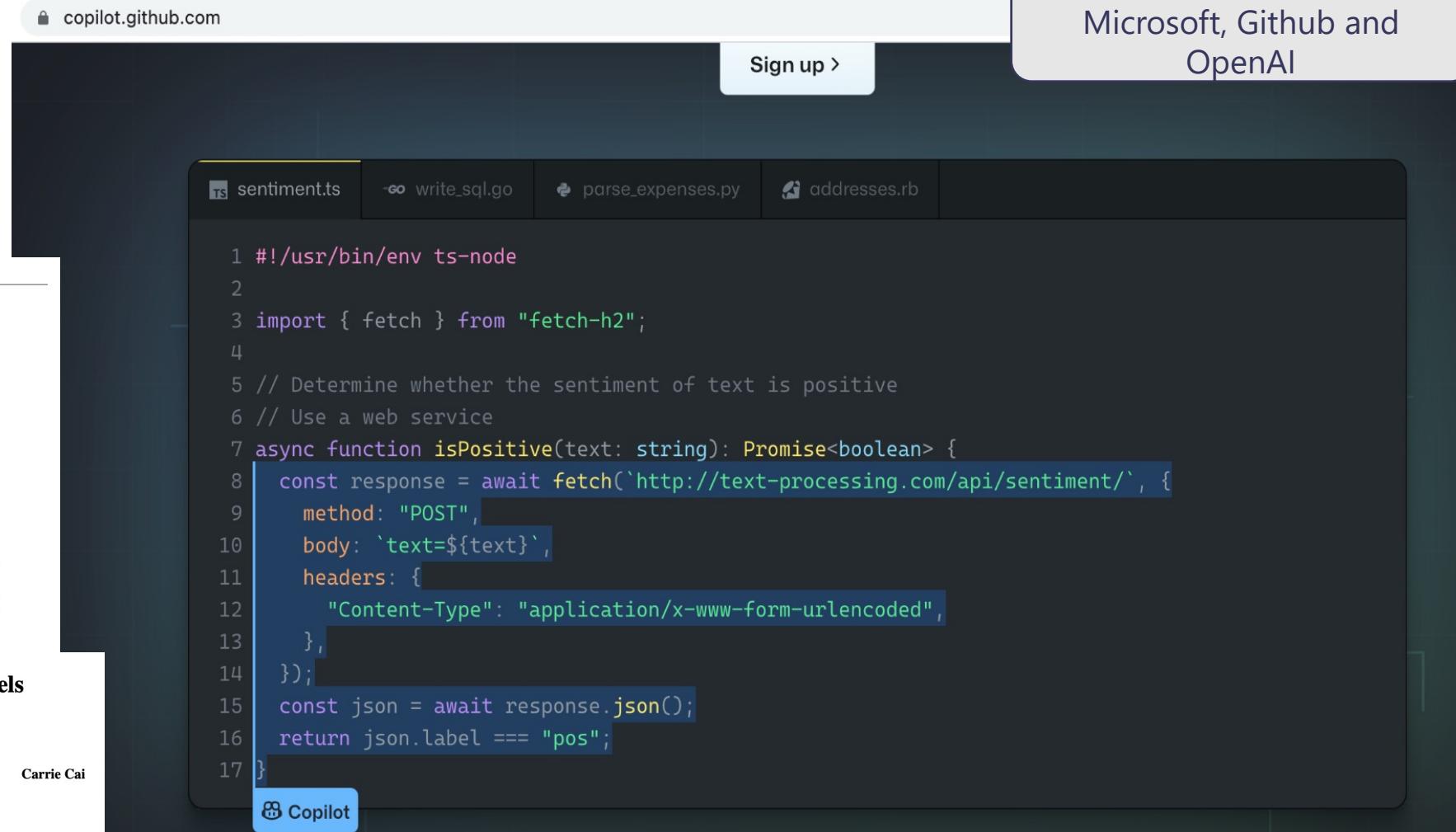
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The screenshot shows a browser window for copilot.github.com. At the top, there's a navigation bar with a lock icon, the URL 'copilot.github.com', and a 'Sign up >' button. Below the navigation bar is a dark-themed code editor interface. The code editor has tabs for 'sentiment.ts', 'write_sql.go', 'parse_expenses.py', and 'addresses.rb'. The 'sentiment.ts' tab is active, displaying the following code:

```

1 #!/usr/bin/env ts-node
2
3 import { fetch } from "fetch-h2";
4
5 // Determine whether the sentiment of text is positive
6 // Use a web service
7 async function isPositive(text: string): Promise<boolean> {
8   const response = await fetch(`http://text-processing.com/api/sentiment/`, {
9     method: "POST",
10    body: `text=${text}`,
11    headers: {
12      "Content-Type": "application/x-www-form-urlencoded",
13    },
14  });
15  const json = await response.json();
16  return json.label === "pos";
17}

```

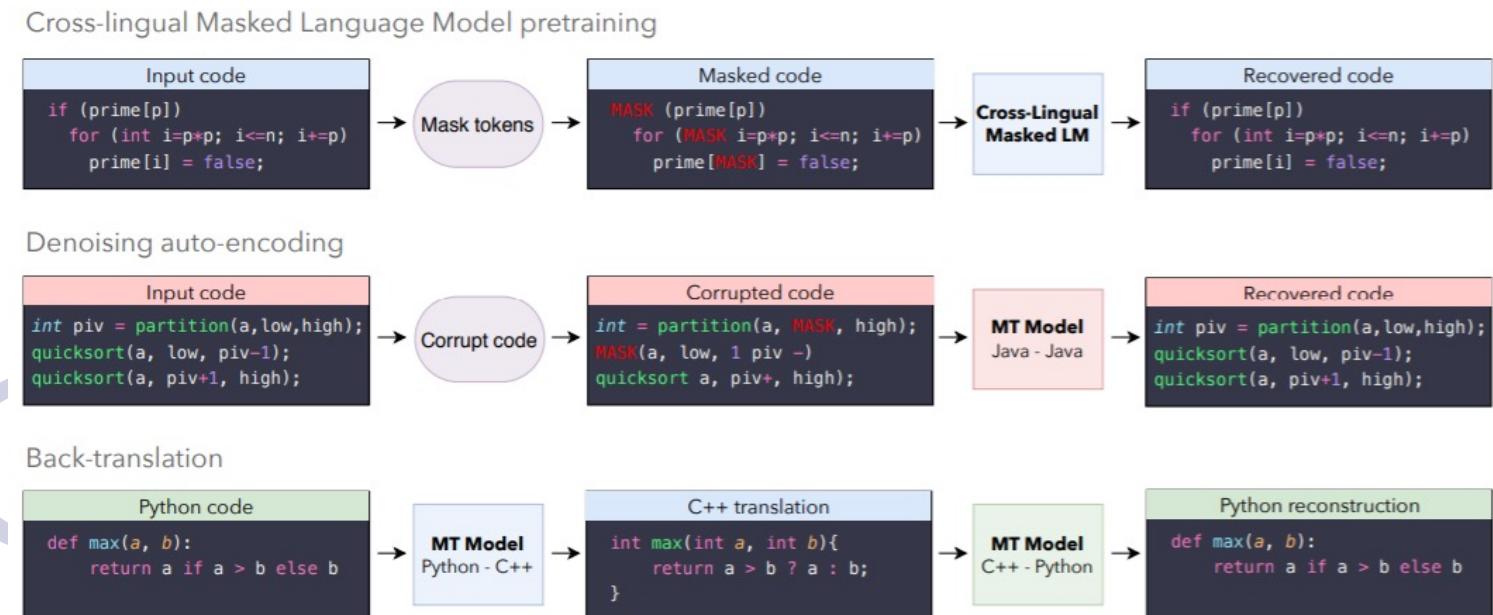
At the bottom of the code editor, there's a blue button labeled 'Copilot' with a small icon of a person writing. To the right of the code editor, a white callout box contains the text: 'Joined work between Microsoft, Github and OpenAI'.

Code Migration

There is a huge need for language migration

- Language Migration
 - Cobol → Python, Java, etc.
 - C → Rust
 - ...
- Library Version Migration
 - Python2 → Python3
 - Tensorflow 1.x → Tensorflow 2.x
 -
- Platform Migration
 - X86 → ARM
 - Android → OSX
 - Intel 8080 → Intel 8086
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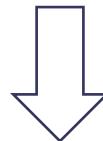
- Build neural-based models to translate code (inspired from Natural language processing).
- Use compiler-based techniques to validate the translated programs.



“Unsupervised Programming Languages Translation”,
Facebook AI Research

Code Migration in the Era of LLMs

Pretrained Foundation Large Language Models (GPT, T5, BERT)



Fine-Tune



Zero-shots Learning



Few-shots Learning

- Large scale parallel datasets are available.
- LLMs can directly translate language X to language Y with certain level of accuracy.
- Work for cases that does not require very accurate translation, just need the sketch of the output.
- Human can give instructions (in a form of a few samples – few shows) on how to translate (with additional contexts or configurations).

AI-Assisted Automated Testing

- **Test Case Generation:** To generate unit test given a function.
- **Test Case Prioritization:** Prioritize which test cases to run first to enhance the fault detection rate as early as possible.
- **Image Recognition:** automatically detect changes on a website and update element to DOM (code generation) without manual effort.
- **Predictive Self-Healing:** update test cases when the code changed.
- **Bug Prediction:** running test cases to predict bugs.
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AI4Code Research at Fsoft: Wins & Innovations

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AI4Code Research at FSoft

Intelligent Software Engineering

Technical Directions	Intelligent Software Engineering			
	Program Comprehension	Program Synthesis	Code Quality	MLOps
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Code SummarizationCode RefactoringSpecs UnderstandingCode Search	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Test Case GenerationCode GenerationText-to-SQLCode Migration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Bug LocalizationProgram RepairDefect Prediction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Requirement EngineeringContinuous DeliveryPerformance Monitoring
Expected Outcomes	<p>Combine program analysis techniques with machine learning to understand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Published top-tier conference papersDevelop tools that can help developers to understand code better. <p>Create software tools for code summarization and code search (APIs, stand-alone software)</p>	<p>Build large language models of code.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Can be fine-tuned for different tasksBuild an interface for interactive program synthesis. <p>Create software interfaces (e.g. plugins) that can assist developer in coding.</p> <p>Create software packages that can assist non-developers for software-related tasks (e.g., retrieve data from SQL)</p>	<p>Analyze and understand the quality of code in Fsoft:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Propose AI-models that can enhance the code quality.Package the models into the tool that can be easily used by software developers <p>Create software tools that can scan the code, localize bugs and suggest fixes for such bugs.</p>	<p>Introduce industry and open source community best practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Analyzing Software Design Best Practices to deploy AI-based softwareRequirements Engineering for AIOps.Academic research in MLOps.

Developer's Pain Points



Low-Code Developer

Wants to create apps for a specific platform but doesn't want to spend hours learning to code.



Junior Developer

Just joined a company, can program but doesn't fully understand code format of company.



Experienced Developer

Wants to avoid duplicate, repetitive, or basic-level work that could be automated.

AI4Code Solutions



Low-Code Developer

- Interactive Code Generation (Natural language to Code)
- Code Summarization
- Low-code/No-code Automation
- Text-to-SQL



Junior Developer

- Code Search/Completion
- Anti-Pattern Detection
- Code Migration

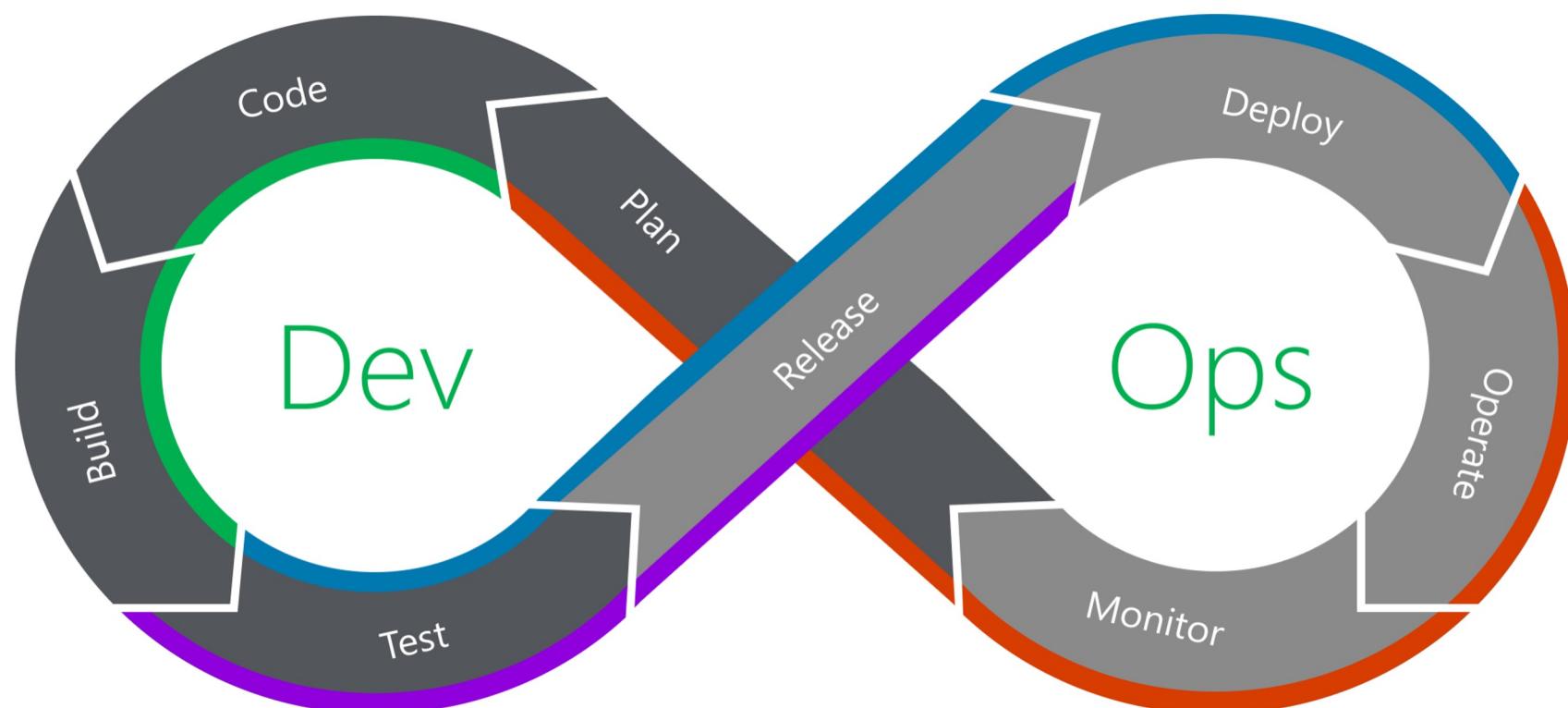


Experienced Developer

- Bug Localization / Vulnerability Detection
- AI Testing Automation
- Root cause analysis for Bugs/Failure
- AI Assisted Refactoring

The AI-Powered Software Life Cycle

The AI-powered development for easier, faster, and more reliable software development. Enable broader access with better low/no-code support.



Wins & Innovation from In-house LLMs

	Problem(s) Solved	Relatedness to FSoft	Status
Docify	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generate comments for code automatically. Refactor code with decent variable names and identifiers (Self-documenting). Integrated with DoxyGen as an end-to-end solution to generate code documentation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some projects in GAM utilize DoxyGen, a 20-year-old tool, to document code that adheres to ISO standards. Although DoxyGen assists in generating the format, the actual code comments must still be written manually. Code documentation is also an important issue for other projects within Fsoft. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MVP ready, Rolling out ~600 installations ~1100 registered users.
TestGen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generate unit tests for a class in Java and Python. The test cases are more diverse and have higher code coverage than DiffBlue. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teams at Fsoft often report a shortage of developers skilled in writing tests, which is also a tedious and time-consuming task. TestGen aims to replace DiffBlue as the primary solution for generating unit tests within the company 	Model Ready
CodeQuality	Identify issues in source code, related to best practice, anti-pattern and security bug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can assist teams in Fsoft to debug customer's code faster and more reliable. 	On-going

Docify: Understand & Generate Code Document using LLMS

```
Accept translation | Reject translation
(Source language: English)
/*
 * Returns the larger of two ints. This is equivalent to the LINQ's max () function except that it doesn't take into account the sign of the arguments.
 *
 * @param a - the first int to compare. Can be negative.
 * @param b - the second int to compare. Can be negative.
 *
 * @return the larger of a and b or a if a is greater than b and b is less than a
 */
(Target language: Japanese (日本語))
/*
 * LINQ の max () 関数に相当する。ただし、この関数は議論の符号を考慮しない。
 *
 * @param a 負のインテクトができます。
 * @param b 負のインテクトができます。
 *
 * @return a と b の大きいか a が b と b が a より大きいか
*/
  
static int max(int a, int b) {
    return (a > b) ? a : b;
}  
/*
 * Knapsack's algorithm. Given a set of weights and a set of values this method returns the maximum value of the Knapsack's algorithm.
 *
 * @param W - the number of neighbors in the graph. Must be at least W + 1.
 * @param wt - the weight vector of the neighbors. It is assumed that wt [ i ] is greater than or equal to w.
 * @param val - the value vector of the neighbors. It is assumed that val [ i ] is greater than or equal to wt [ i ].
 * @param n - the number of neighbors. It is assumed that n is greater than or equal to W.
 *
 * @return the maximum value of the Knapsack's algorithm. This is an implementation of the algorithm
*/
static int knapSack(int W, int wt[], int val[], int n) {
    int i, w;
    int K[][] = new int[n + 1][W + 1];

```

Docstring generated by Docify

Support translation to Japanese

Docify: Self-Documenting Concept

```
1 function chunkData(e, t) {  
2     var n = [];  
3     var r = e.length;  
4     var i = 0;  
5     for (; i < r; i += t) {  
6         if (i + t < r) {  
7             n.push(e.substring(i, i + t));  
8         } else {  
9             n.push(e.substring(i, r));  
10        }  
11    }  
12    return n;  
13 }
```

Code with meaningless identifiers

```
1 function divideDataIntoChunks(data, chunkSize) {  
2     var chunks = [];  
3     var dataLength = data.length;  
4     var currentIndex = 0;  
5     for (; currentIndex < dataLength; currentIndex += chunkSize) {  
6         if (currentIndex + chunkSize < dataLength) {  
7             chunks.push(data.substring(currentIndex, currentIndex + chunkSize));  
8         } else {  
9             chunks.push(data.substring(currentIndex, dataLength));  
10        }  
11    }  
12    return chunks;  
13 }
```

Code with meaningful identifiers, easier to read and maintain

TestGen: Unit Test Generation

```
package com.javatpoint.logic;  
public class Calculation {  
  
    public static int findMax(int arr[]){  
        int max=0;  
        for(int i=1;i<arr.length;i++){  
            if(max<arr[i])  
                max=arr[i];  
        }  
        return max;  
    }  
}
```

Function

```
1  
2  
3 import static org.junit.Assert.assertEquals;  
4 import org.junit.Test;  
5  
6 public class CalculationTest {  
7  
8     @Test  
9     public void testFindMax() {  
10         assertEquals(4, Calculation.findMax(new int[] {1, 3, 4, 2}));  
11         assertEquals(-1, Calculation.findMax(new int[] {-12, -3, -4, -1}));  
12     }  
13 }
```

Corresponding unit test

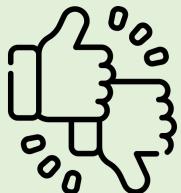
Practical Consideration



Complement, Not Replace



Explainability



Feedback Loop



Low-Resource Environment



Privacy-Preserving



Metrics



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