

# Dependency Analysis for Managing Structural Complexity - Android case

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# Topics

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- *Why manage structure?*
- *Package Layering*
  - Case Study - Android

# Why manage structure?

# Why manage package structure?

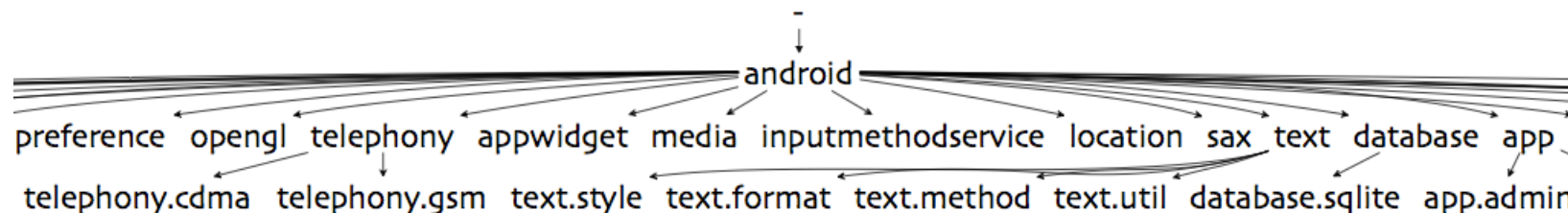
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- *Divide & Conquer*

- Development unit, Work assignment (Divide works and integrate later)
- Reuse unit, Release unit, Testing unit
- Mostly divide software with functional constructs such as functions, files and directories

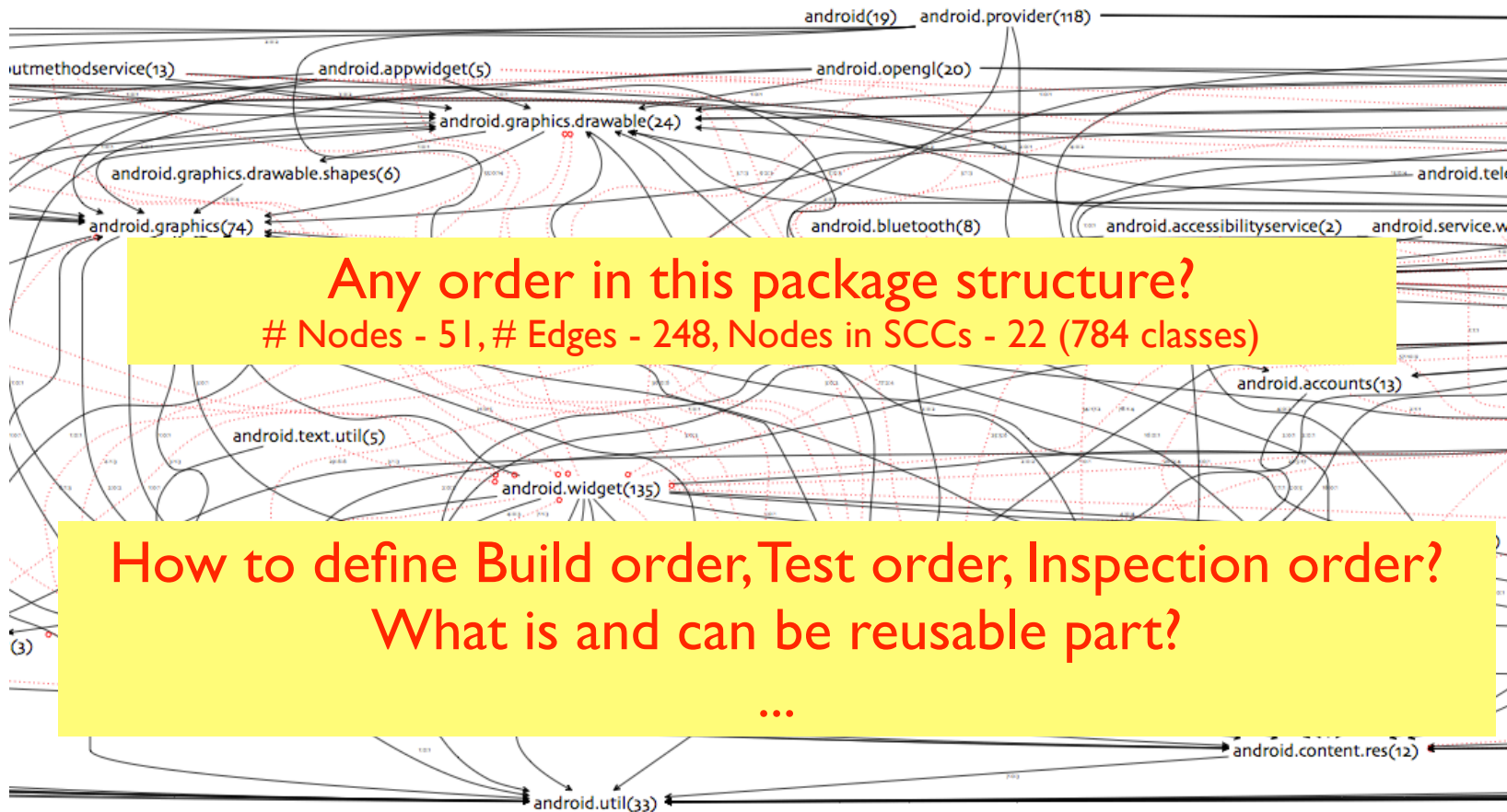
- *Package hierarchy*

- Directory structure
- Version control operation - Checkin, Checkout, ...



- *Package dependency structure*

- Usage relation among classes in packages: Import
- Packages needed to implement

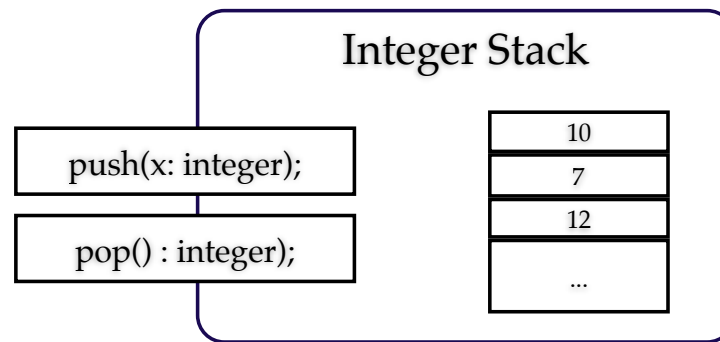


# Some principles for architecture

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- *Information hiding*

- Hide complex and easily changeable things for modifying independently without affecting other things
  - Stable Interface and Extensive Changeable Implementation details
- Encapsulation: Private and public
- Abstraction: Hiding details



Linked List, Array, ...

- *Separation of concerns*

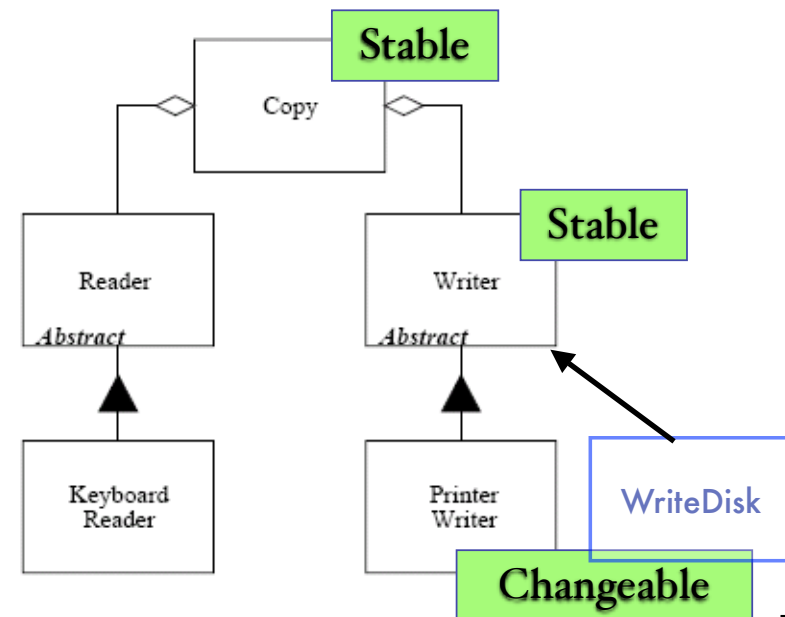
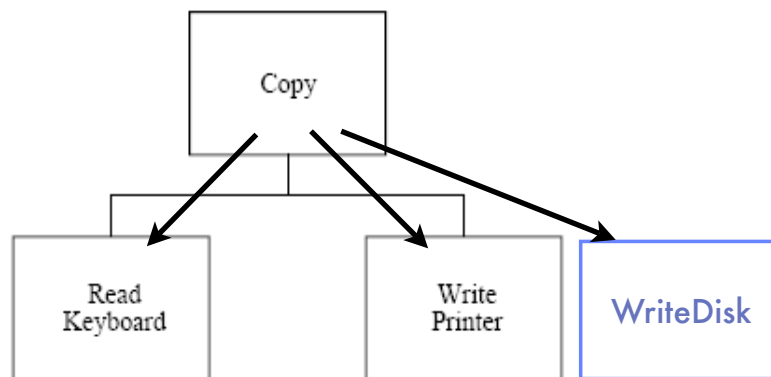
- Traditionally, each separated units are mapped to Class, File, Function, ....
- Aspect Oriented Programming

- *Dependency Inversion*

- Dependency should be from Changeable to Stable and from Concrete to Abstract

*Robert C. Martin, <http://www.objectmentor.com/resources/articles/dip.pdf>*

Which is Changeable?  
Copy or Device



- *The Reuse/Release Equivalence Principle (REP).*

- Reuse unit should be used for release unit
  - Reuse means one can use without modifying or verifying module's internal details like static or dynamic library
  - Release process is for notifying reusable module's changes and supporting replacement with new released module
- Well-defined package can be used for release and reuse unit

- *The Common Reuse Principle (CRP)*

- Classes in a package could be reused together
- Answer for what classes are included in same package

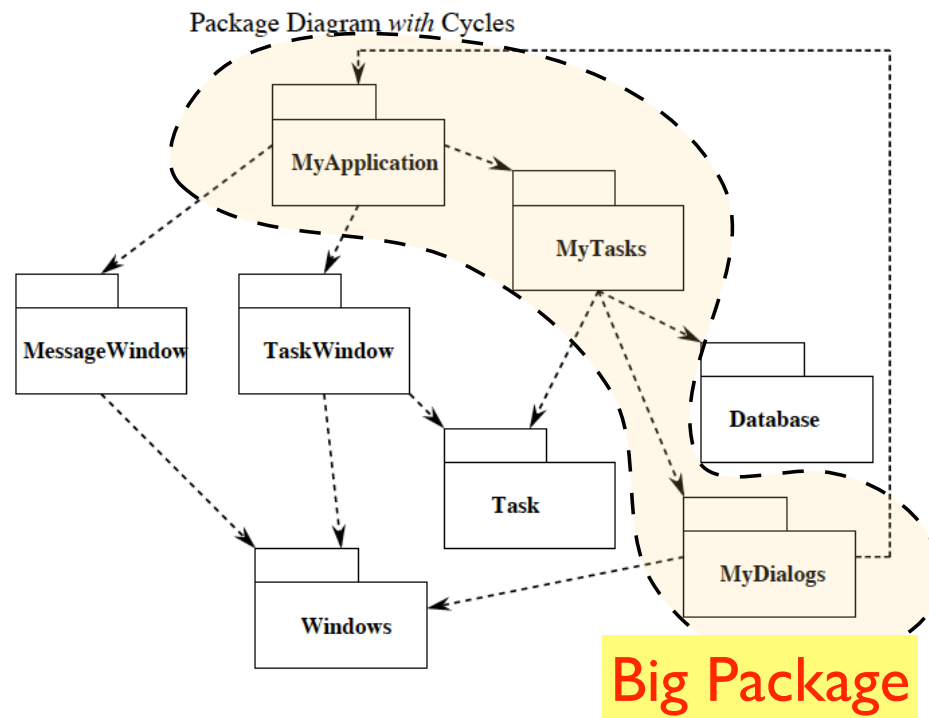
- *The Common Closure Principle (CCP)*

- Changes could be localized in a package. Classes that are changed together always should be included in same package
- For a small change, one should not investigate whole package structure



- *The Acyclic Dependencies Principle (ADP)*

- Package dependency cycles should not exist
- the morning after syndrome: Code that verified right in last night is broken in tomorrow morning



To release MyTasks package, one should know and verify whole packages

How to break cycles?

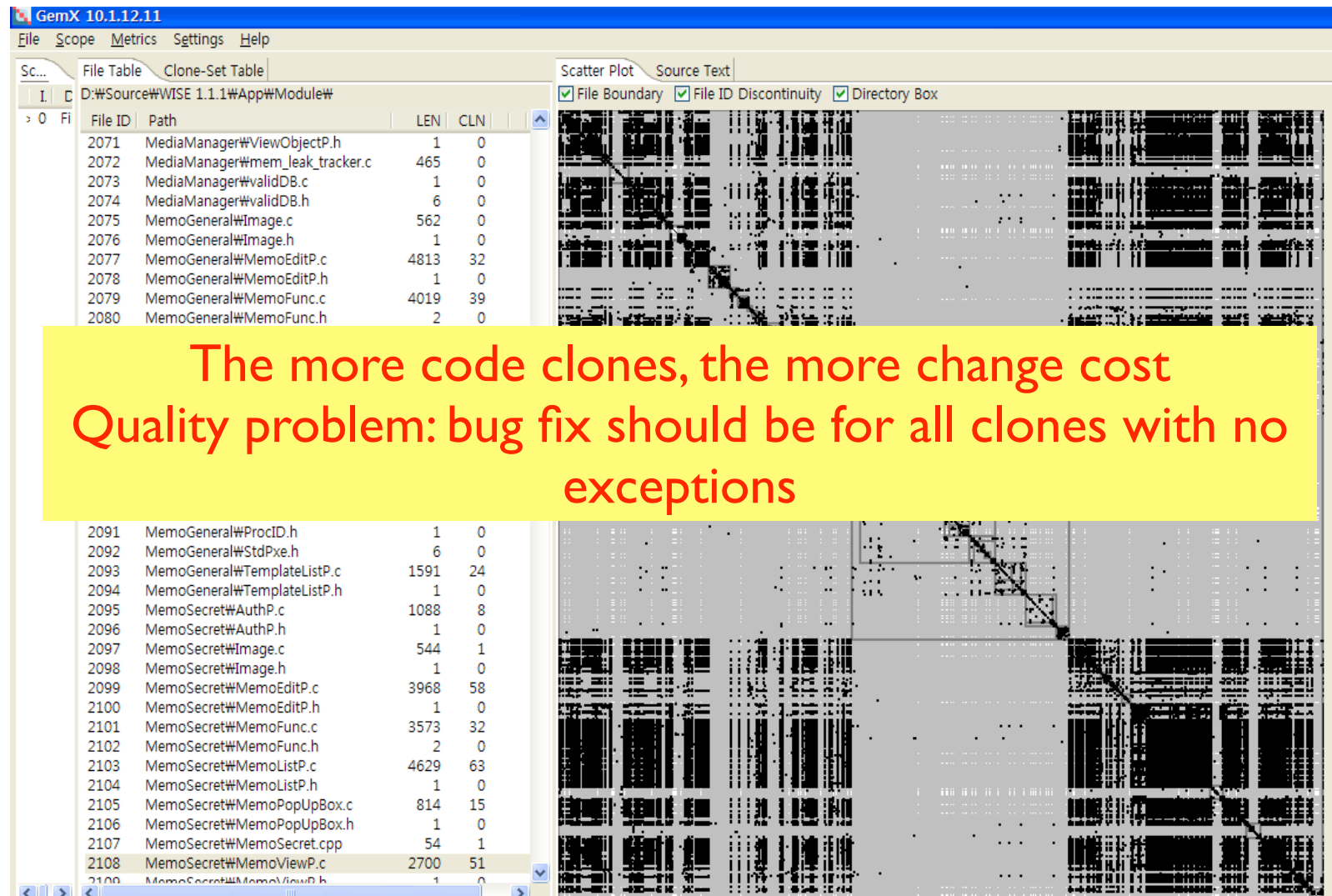
# Bad smells & Refactoring

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- *Bad smells or anti-patterns from “Refactoring by M. Fowler”*
  - **Duplicated code**, Long method, Large class, Long parameter list, **Divergent change**, Shotgun surgery (similar code modification), Feature Envy...
- *Excessive Code Changes at the late phase of development*
  - Mobile phone & TV: On average, 70%+ defects are related with software, 6+ times test cycle

# Code clone analysis for 5669 application files

## Feature Phone Code with CCFinder



File Table
Clone-Set Table
Scatter Plot
Source Text

D:\Source\WISE 1.1.1\App\Module#

File ID	Path
3804	PhoneLock#phonelock_Verify.p.c
3806	PhoneLock#phonelock_change.p.c
4073	PinProc#usim_change.p.c
4093	PinProc#usim_pukcheck.p.c
4099	PinProc#usim_verify.p.c
5277	UsimMgr#pinproc_check.p.c
5291	UsimMgr#pinproc_pukcheck.p.c

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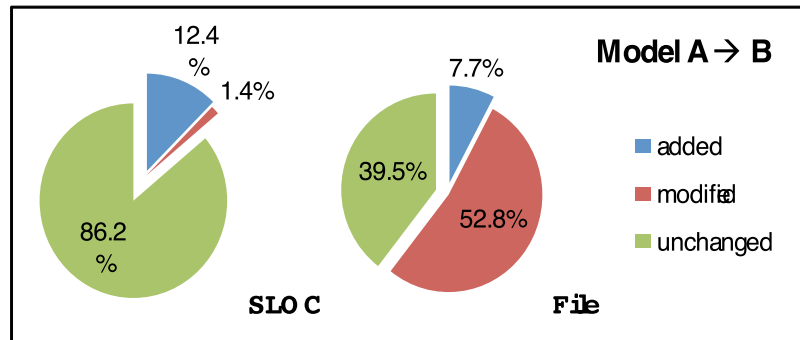
\* On average, duplicate code and unused code are 10% of the whole (in my experience for 3 more cases)

# Analysis of code changes in derived models

## Changed SLOC & The number of changed files

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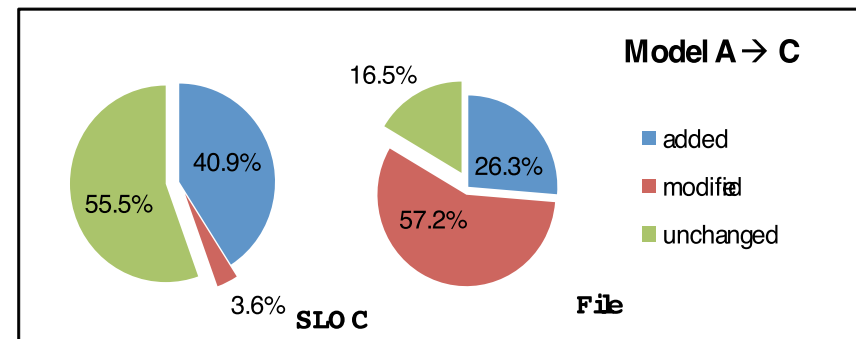
Bar type to Slide type  
Minor Change



**Minor** 변경임에도 불구하고, 전체 파일 수의 반 이상이 수정  
많은 파일들을 살펴봐야 하므로, 작업 **Effort**가 커짐  
(Delocalized Changes)

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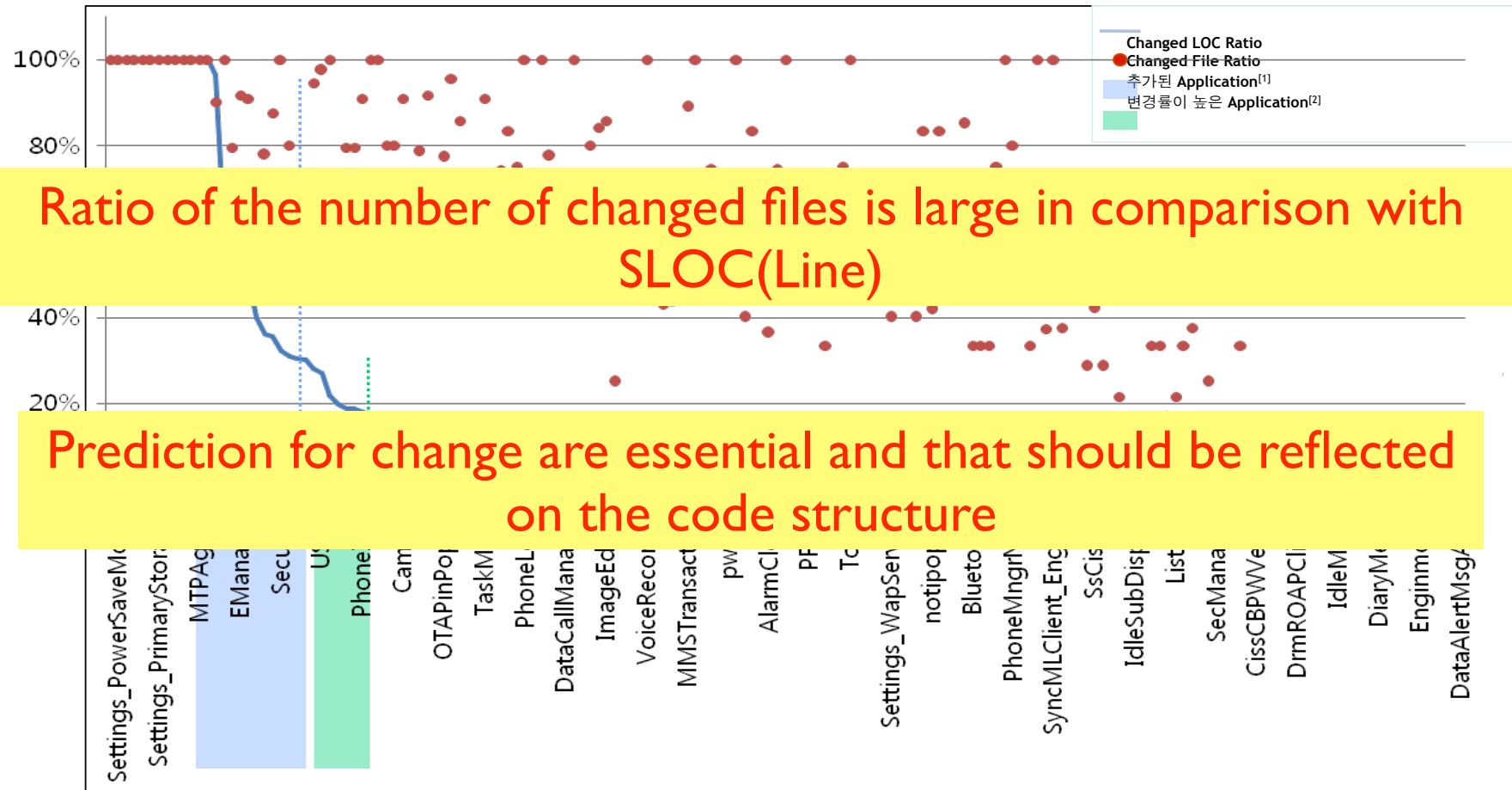
Larger LCD, Keypad model to Touch  
Major Change



**Major** 변경의 경우, **80%**이상의 파일에서 추가/변경이 일어나  
며 **45%**의 소스 코드가 수정됨

Divergent or Scattered Changes

# In B Case, Code change ratio for each application directory



# 코드 재구조화

- *Flat architecture in World Clock*

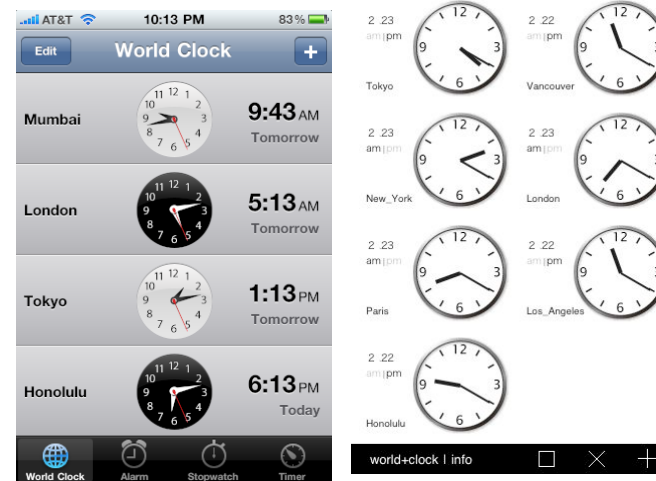
All in a basket?

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GetCurrentHomeID (void)

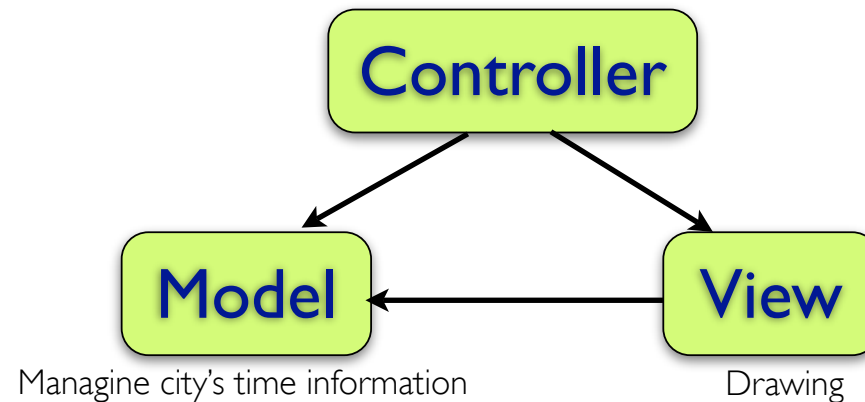
DrawHvLine (void)  
DrawTimePane (void)  
DrawSubTitle (void)

OnInit (void)  
OnExit (void)  
OnAwake (void)  
OnKeyDown (KEY Key)  
....

Changes



Processing Event by User



# Two commercial tools for structure analysis

## Lattix

		1	2	3	4
Task A	1	.		X	X
Task B	2		.	X	
Task C	3	X		.	X
Task D	4				.

Figure 1: A Simple DSM

		1	2	3	4
Task D	1	.			
Task A	2	X	.	X	
Task C	3	X	X	.	
Task B	4			X	.

Figure 2: Block Triangular DSM after Partitioning

Acyclic = Lower triangular matrix

		1	2	3
Task D	1	.		
Task A-C	2	X	.	
Task B	3		X	.

Figure 3: Lower Triangular DSM

Simple cycle elimination by Merging

		1	2	3	4
Task D	1	.			
Task A	2	X	.	X	
Task C	3	X	X	.	
Task B	4			X	.

Figure 4: Hierarchical DSM



**Layered Style**

\$root			2	3	4	5
[-] com.example						
+ application	1	.				
+ model	2	37	.			
+ domain	3	17	29	.		
+ framework	4	75	53	42	.	
+ util	5	10	13	16	13	.

		1	2	3	4	5	6
[-] junit							
+ awtui	1	.					
+ swingui	2		.				
+ textui	3			.			
+ extensions	4		1		.		
+ runner	5	3	8	4		.	
+ framework	6	5	7	6	6	5	.

**Independent**

Figure 10: DSM for JUnit

**Not Layered => Monolithic?**

org.gjt.sp		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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+ print	1	.														
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+ help	3			.						1						1
+ options	4				.					2						1
+ menu	5					.										4
+ browser	6			1			7	.								3
+ search	7								3	.						9
+ gui	8			2	23	5	7	12	.		6		2		1	42
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Monolithic?

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	+ extensions	3	1681	60	.	34	52
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**Should investigate every layer violation one by one**

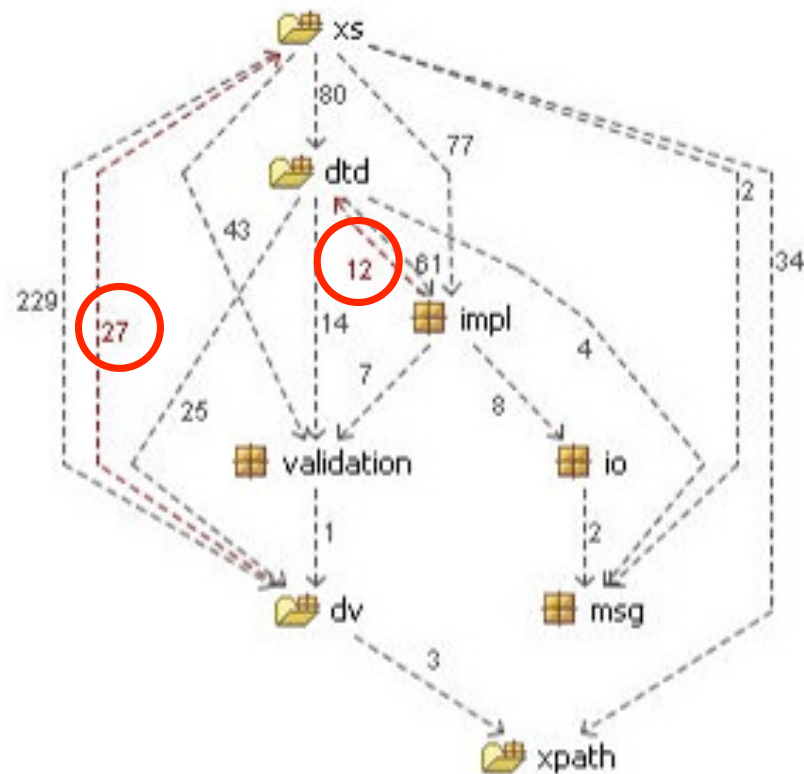
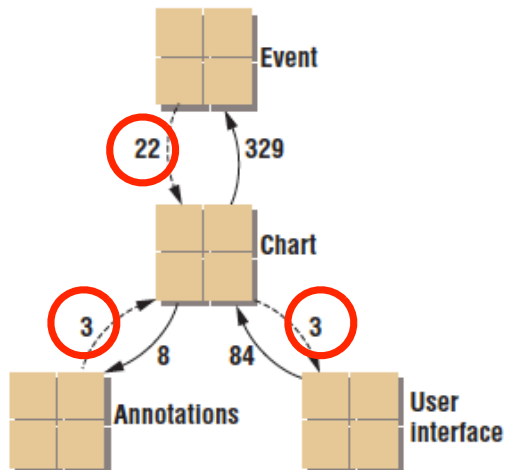
Why modem layer use application layer?

When new application is modified or added, whoever consider modem code in detail?

## Structure 10I

package-level cycles ("Tangles")

MFS: Minimum Feedback Set of edges to eliminate cycle



org.apache.xerces.impl

# Software Engineering Terms

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- *Lehman's 1st & 2nd Law of software evolution*
  - Continuing Change
    - ▶ A program must be continually adapted or they become progressively less satisfactory
  - Increasing Complexity
    - ▶ As a program evolves its complexity increases unless work is done to maintain or reduce it
- *Architecture erosion (D. Perry)*
- *Software Aging (D. L. Parnas)*

# Package Layering

# Subtype dependency in object-oriented design

## Subtype Layers in Object Oriented Framework

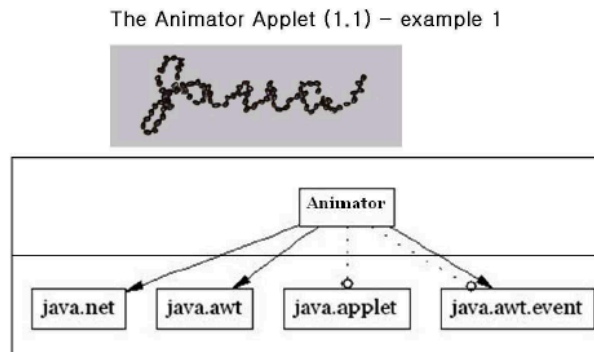
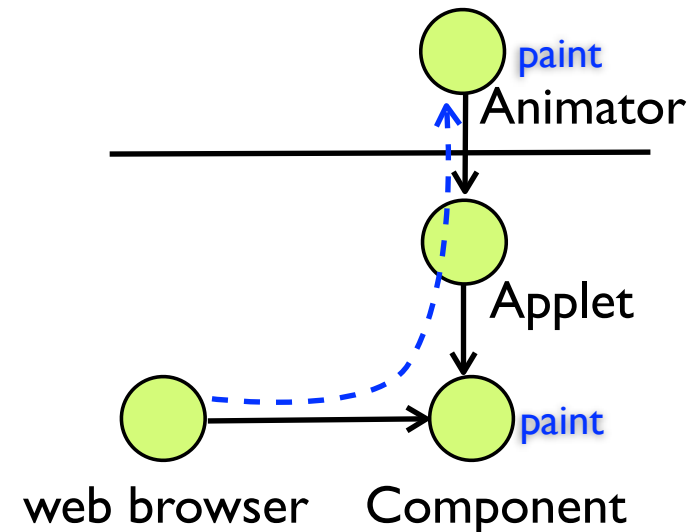
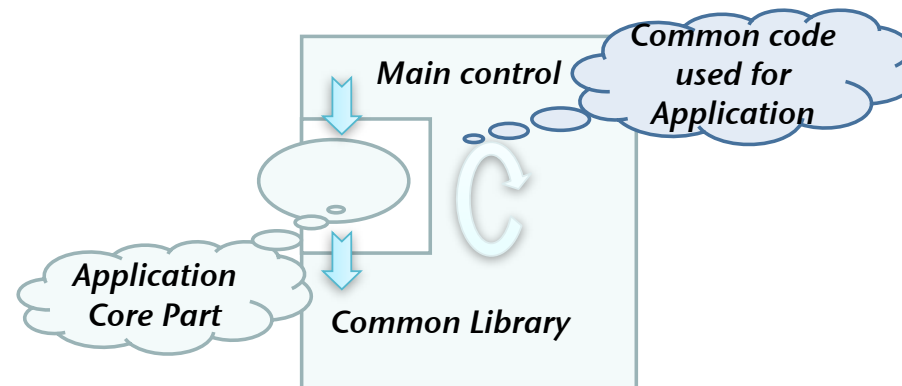


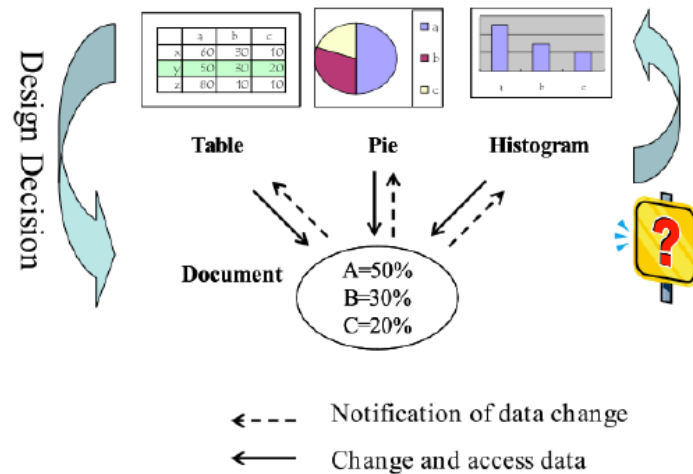
Fig. 1 Typical layers from an application developed with framework classes



### Application Framework



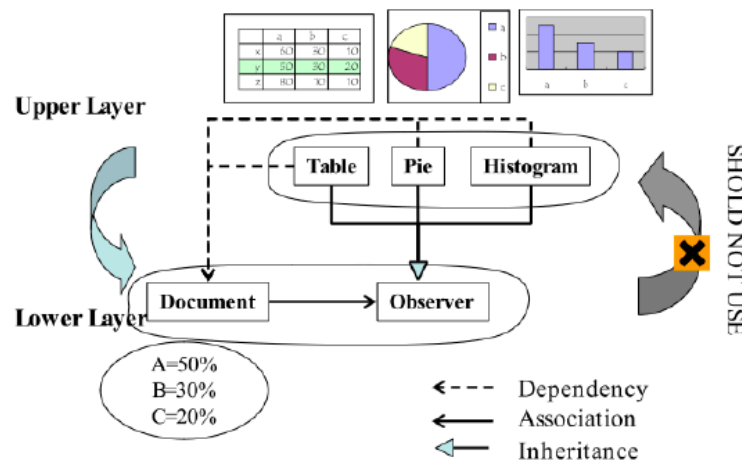
# Subtype Layers in Object Oriented Design Patterns



(a) Cyclic dependencies

Bidirectional Communication  
=> Bidirectional Dependency?

Poor Reuse, Undesirable  
Changes



(b) Layered design by subtype dependency

Observer Pattern  
Unnamed broadcasting using  
subtype dependency

# Identifying subtype layers

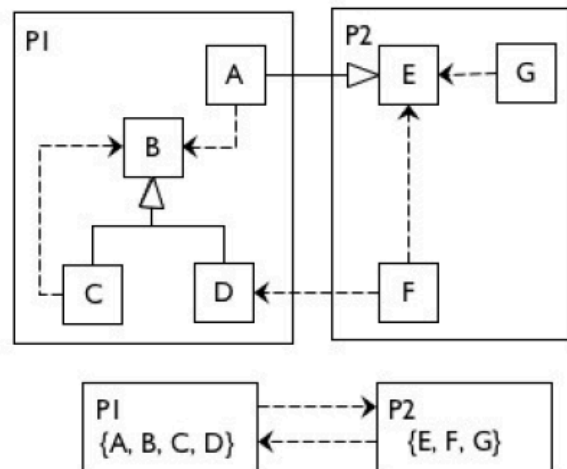


Figure 2: An example of package dependency cycle

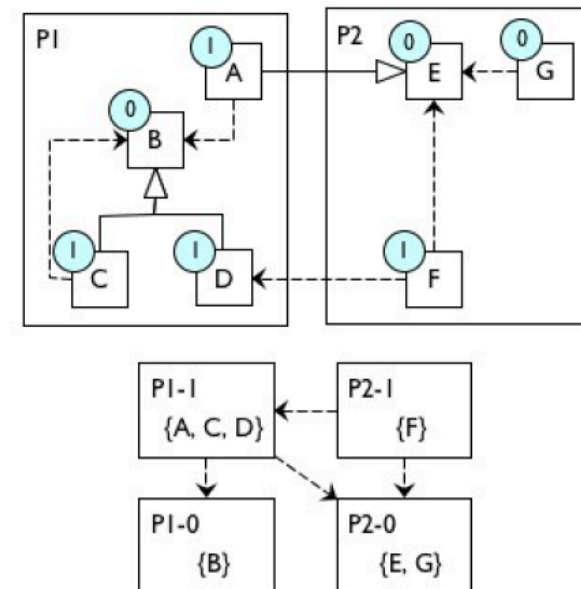


Figure 3: Layered structure for fig. 2

## Various types of program dependencies

- Design level (UML)
  - Association, Aggregation, Inheritance, Dependency
- Code level
  - Import (include), Field type, method type (return, arguments), extends, implements, ...
  - Function call, field access, local variable type, ...

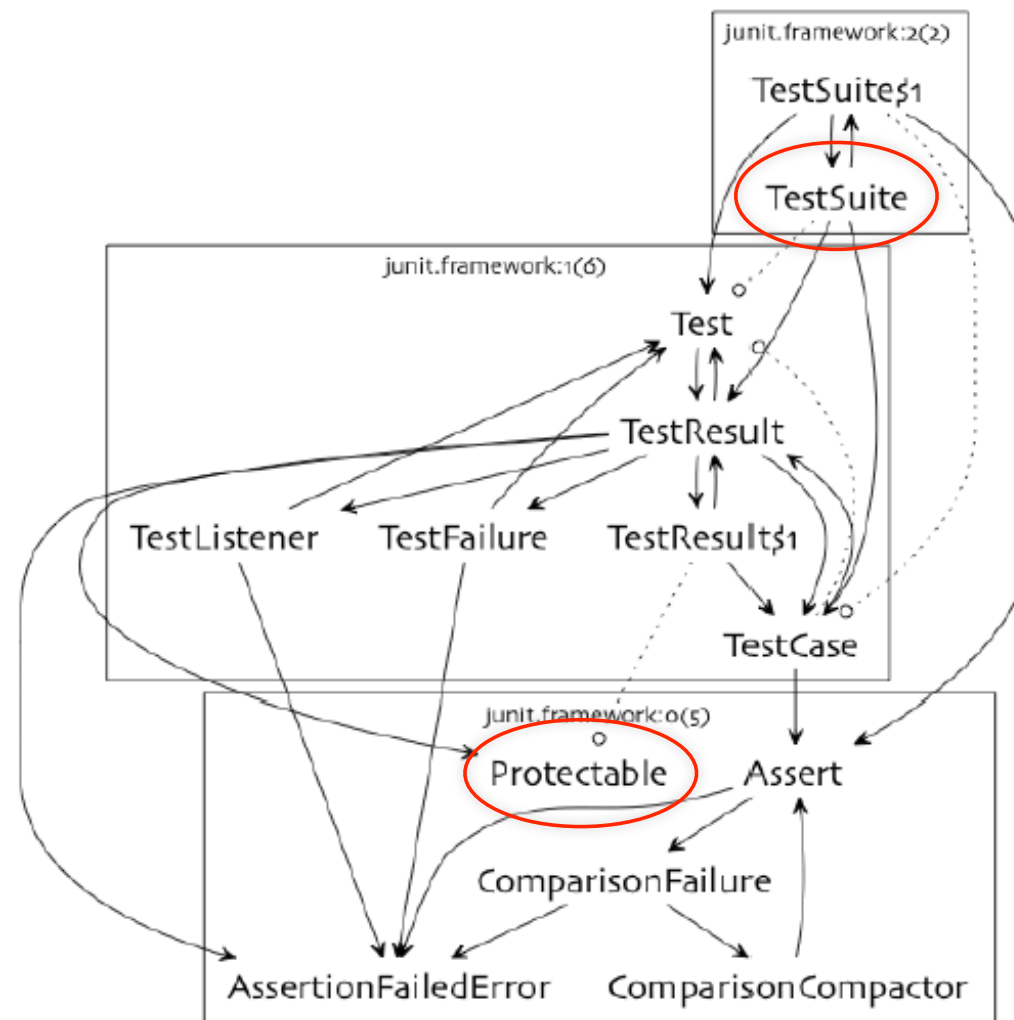


Figure 5: Dependency structure in `junit.framework`



# Simplifying Package Structure

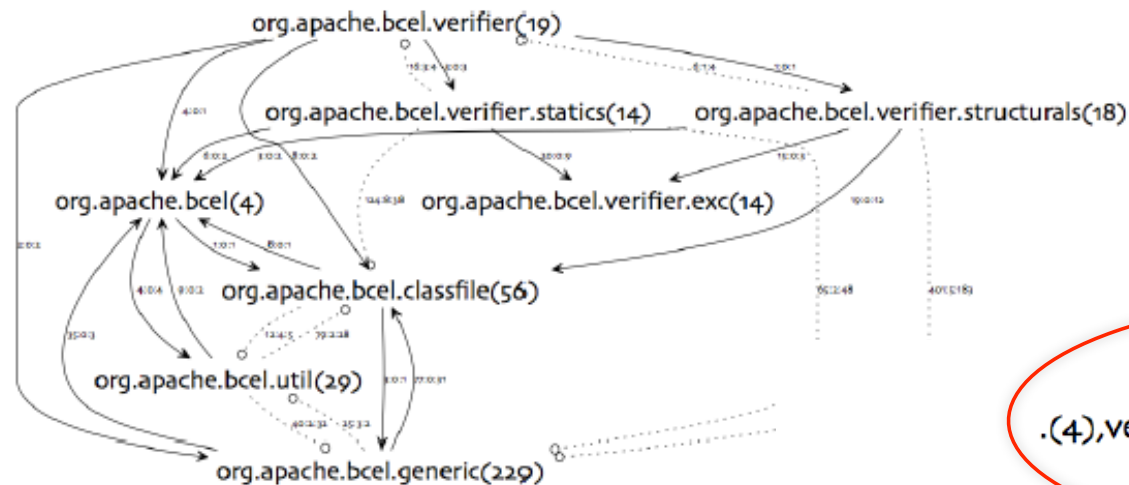


Figure 6: Original package structure

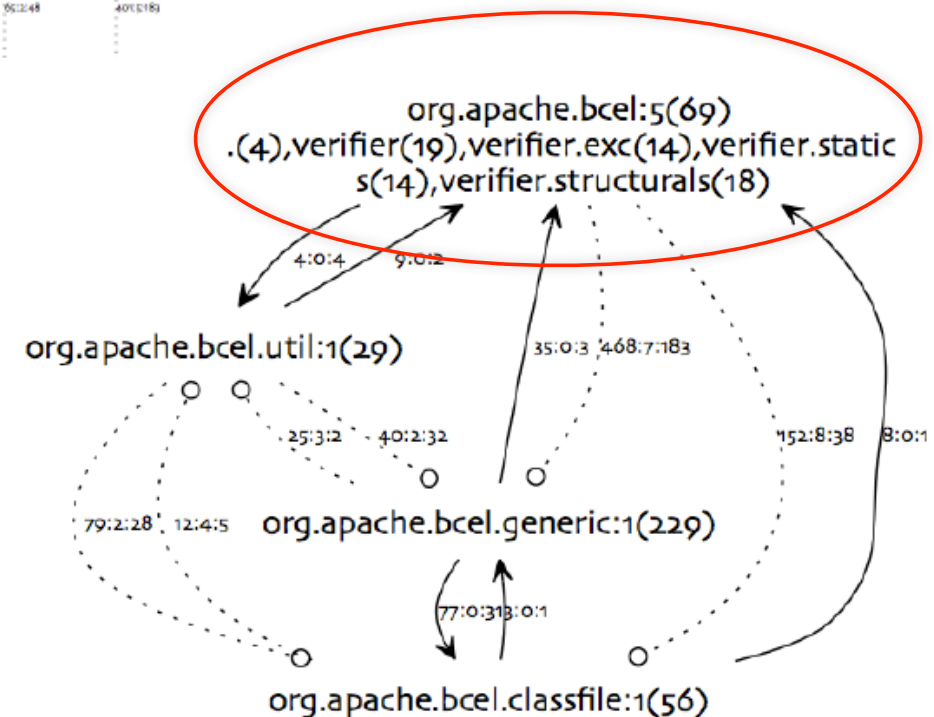


Figure 7: Simplified complex package structure of BCEL

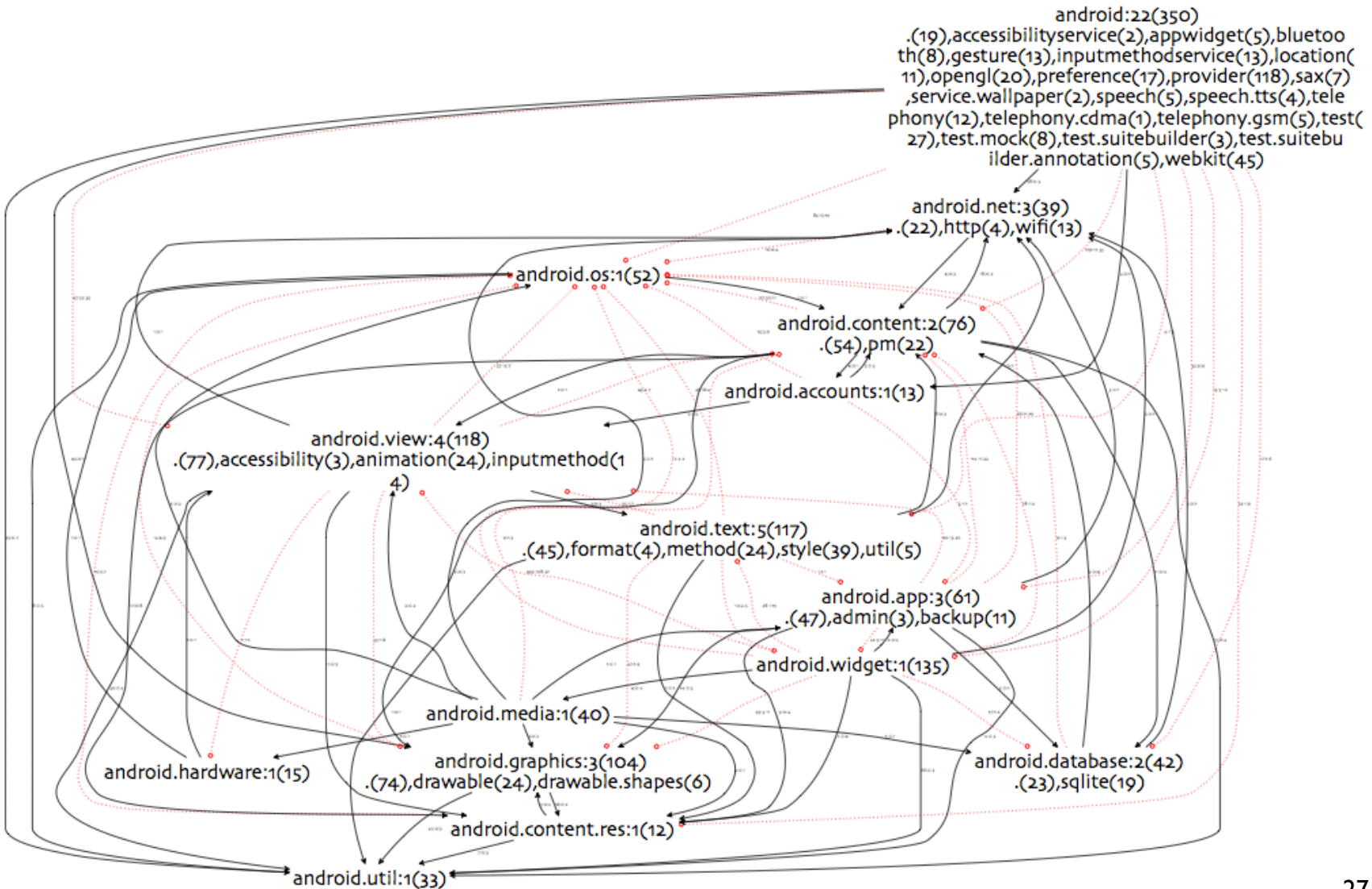
# Analyzing package structure with layers



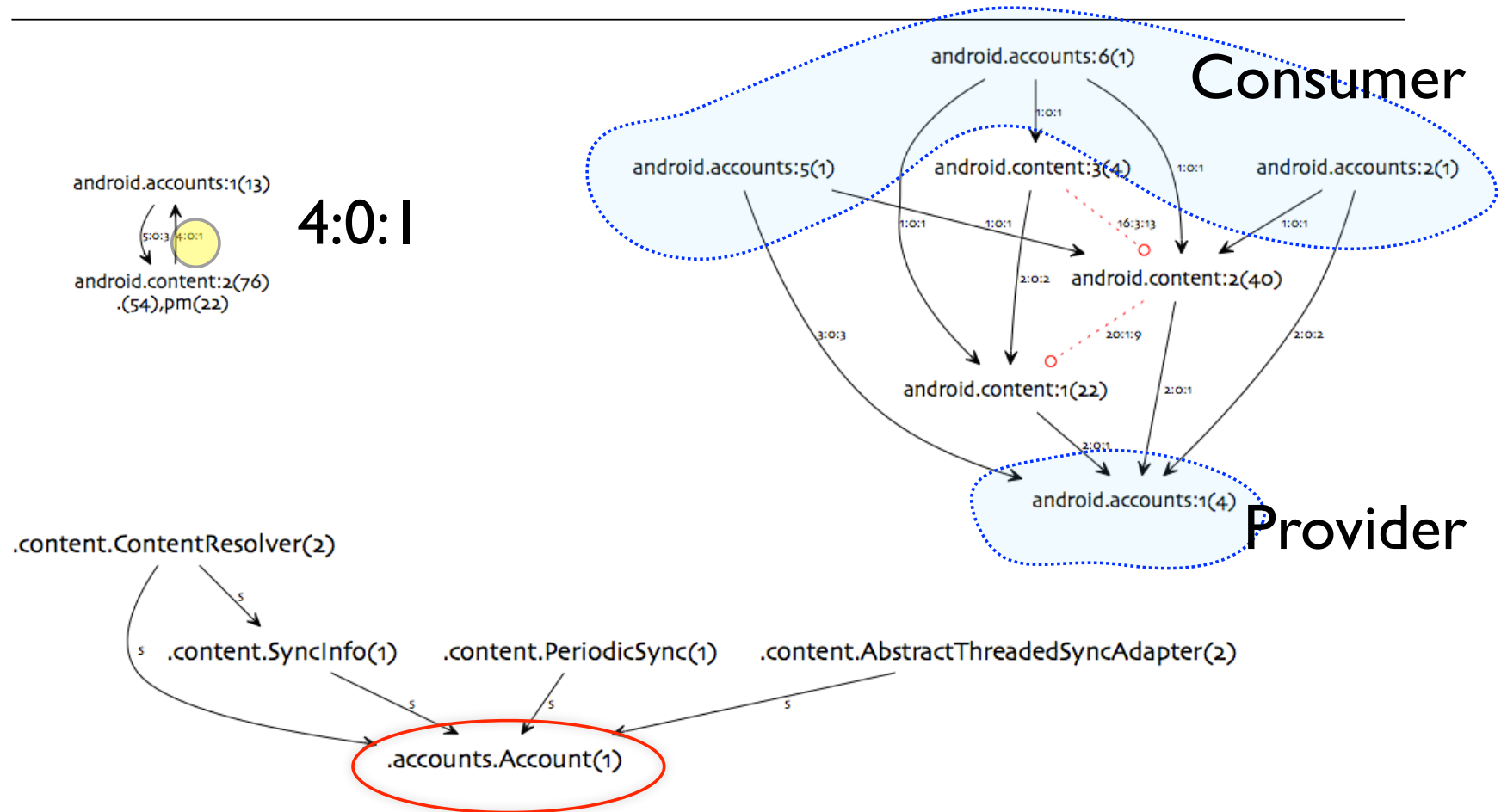
Figure 8: Layered package structured of util and classfile of BCEL

- Util:0 - Internal utilities for other BCEL classes, bytecode comparator, sequence and class path
- Util:1,2,4 - External utilities for non-BCEL classes, HTML generation for Java class

# Android's Package Structure



# Cases - content to account



ContentResolver: Provides applications access to the content model

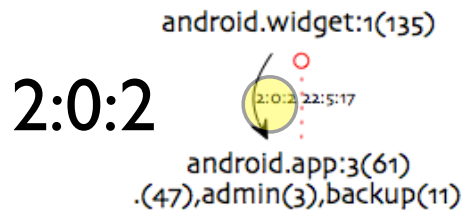
Account is needed Mostly for synchronizing data(e.g. Calendar)

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public static void removePeriodicSync(Account account, String authority, Bundle extras) {
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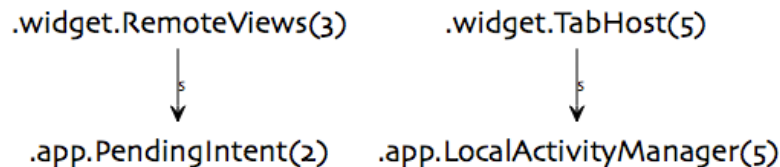
Access to Account could be considered as Ground Rule for android

**4 Edges**  
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# Cases - widget to app



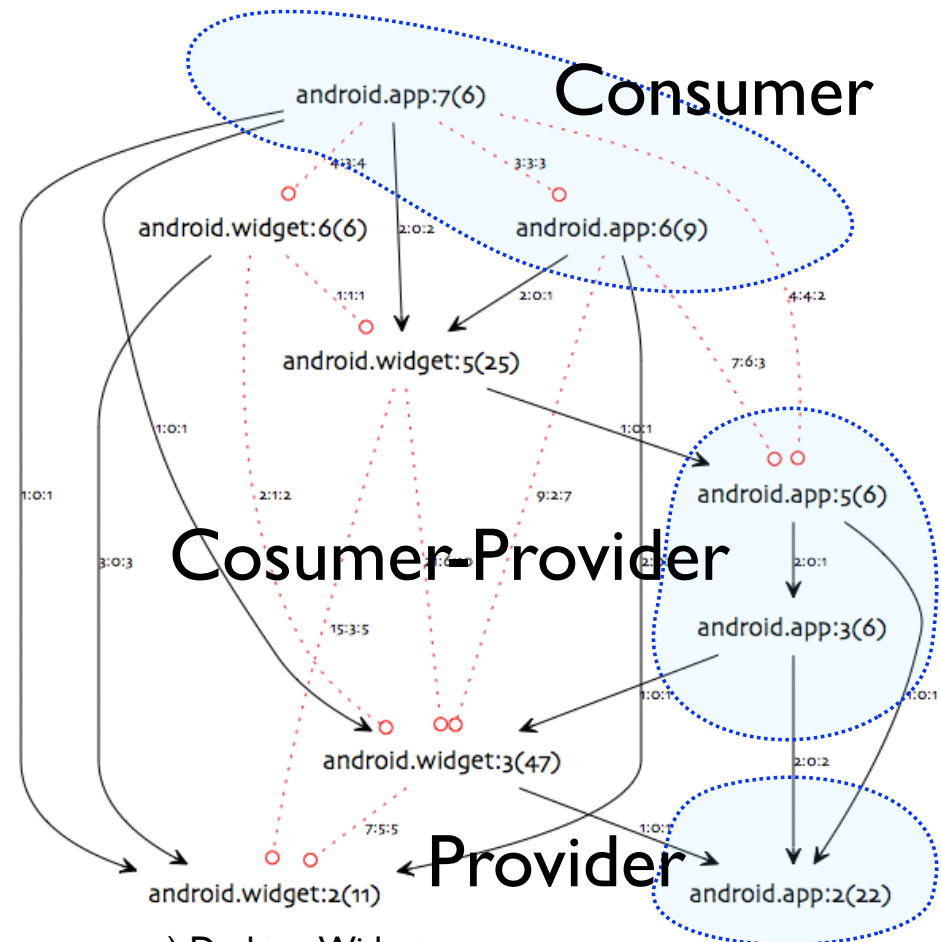
This package (android.app) builds on top of the lower-level Android packages android.widget, android.view, android.content, .... (from JavaDoc file)



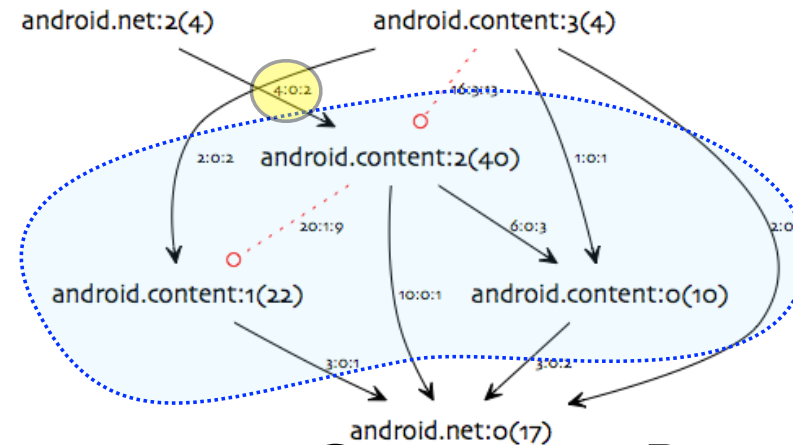
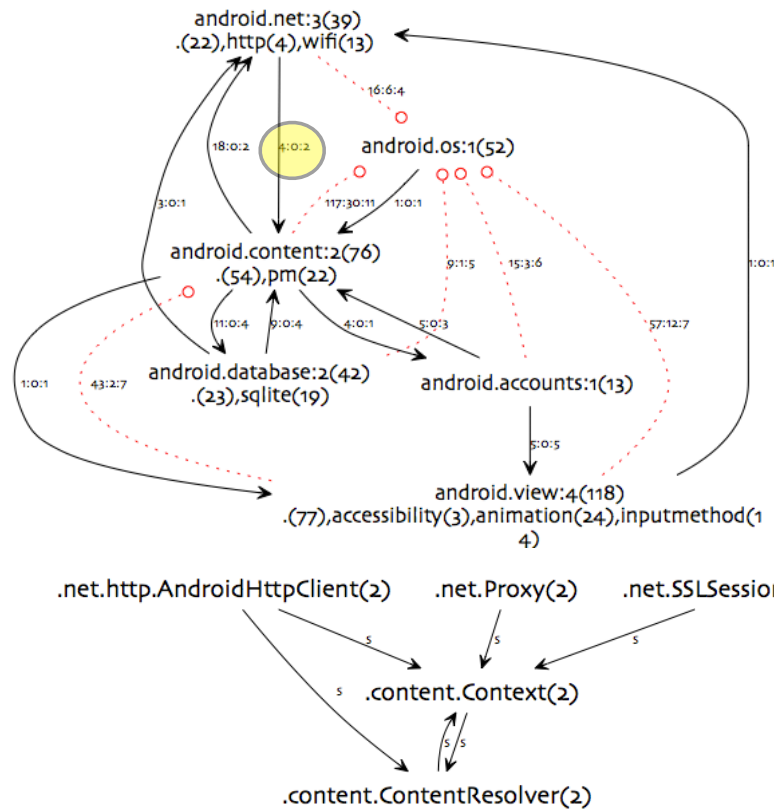
- RemoteViews: A view that can be displayed in another process, e.g.) Desktop Widget
  - A class that describes a view hierarchy that can be displayed in another process.
- PendingIntent
  - By giving a PendingIntent to another application, you are granting it the right to perform the operation you have specified as if the other application was yourself (with the same permissions and identity)

Intent defined in content package is for launching activities

PendingIntent in app package is for obtaining activity information to launch by Desktop Widget. The information is prepared by each activity



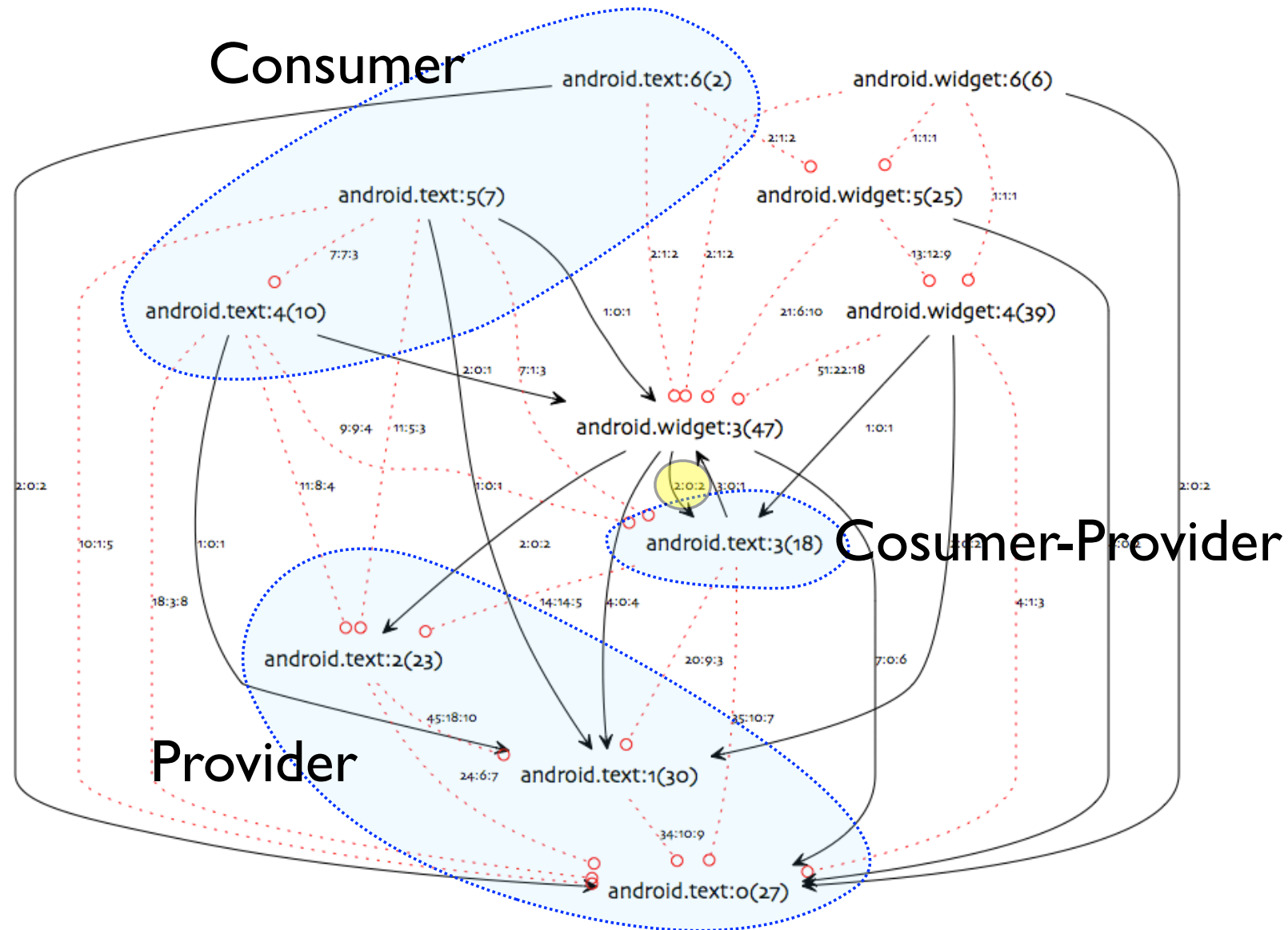
# Cases - net to content



## Consumer-Provider

- Context and ContentResolver are used to get directory for storing SessionCache
  - These classes are required to obtain Android system information => Ground Rule
- Context: Interface to global information about an application environment. This is an abstract class whose implementation is provided by the Android system.
  - In SSLSessionCache, File dir = context.getDir("sslcache", Context.MODE\_PRIVATE);
- Dependency from os to content is also for obtaining directory information for system recovery
  - PowerManager pm = (PowerManager) context.getSystemService(Context.POWER\_SERVICE);
  - pm.reboot("recovery");

# Cases - widget to text





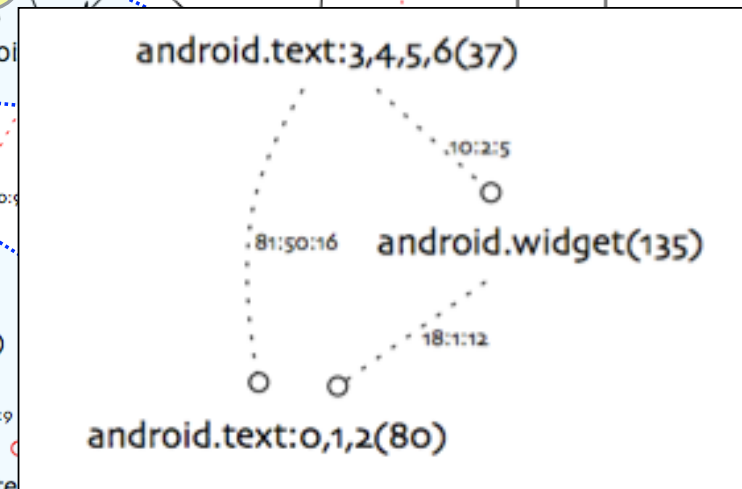
# Cases - widget to text

## Cause of Cycle

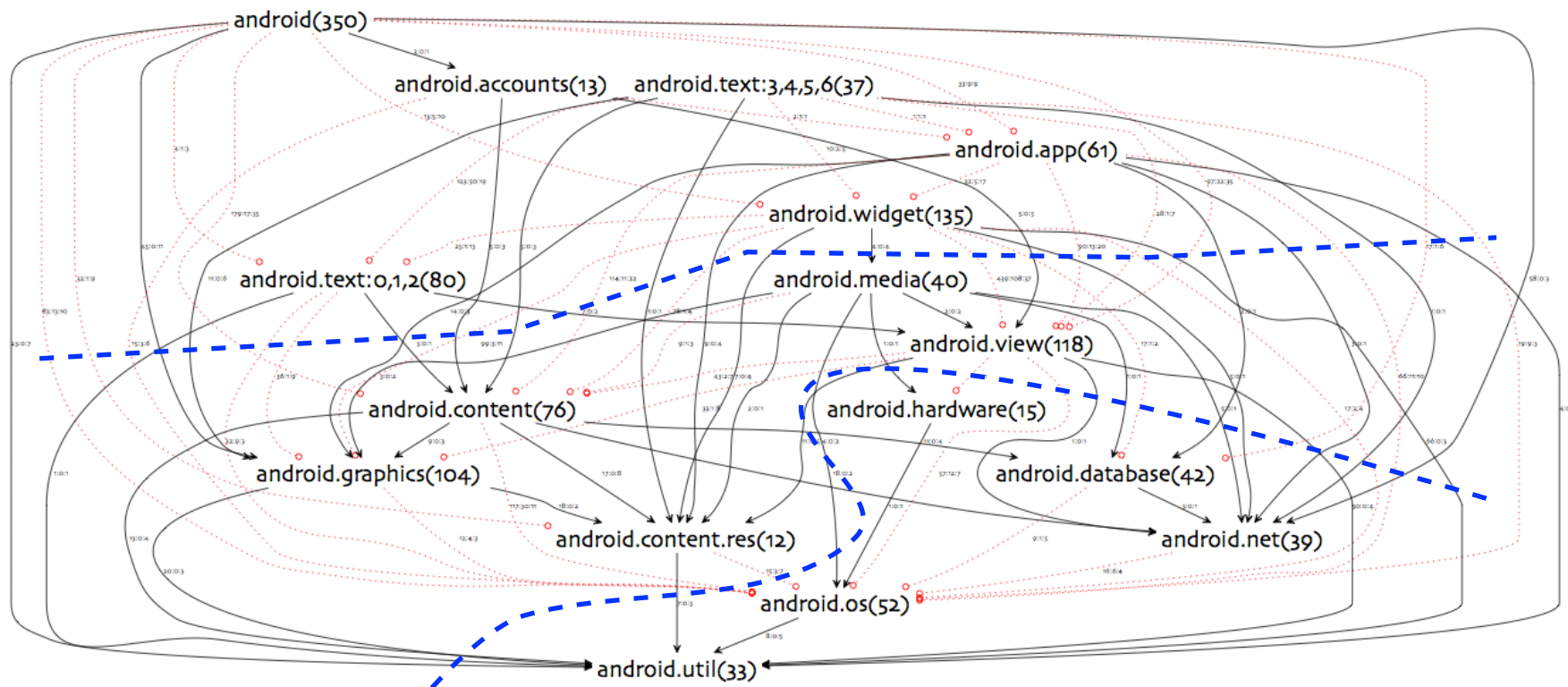
Many widgets in text package are based on widget.TextView  
TextView class uses Text model in text package  
Problem is from that text package contains event processing code

.text.method.MovementMethod > .widget.TextView  
.text.method.ArrowKeyMovementMethod > .widget.TextView  
.text.method.ScrollingMovementMethod > .widget.TextView  
.text.method.Touch > .widget.TextView

Right modularized package is by  
Dividing text package into two  
(controller and model)  
and Ignoring 2 edges







Cycle-free Package Structure => Layered Architecture  
By Re-modularizing text package & Ignoring 32 edges

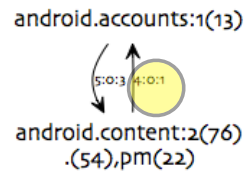
# Conclusions

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- *Package Structure is important for*
  - Work assignment, daily development, estimation of how much efforts are required for a change request
  - Identification of reusable part, build order, testing order, ...
- *Package structure as an instant architecture*
  - Communication
  - Code structure itself can be used for a design document
  - Helpful when change speed is high and requirements are unstable (architecture agile to changes)
- *At the minimum, package cycles should be managed*
  - Complex package structure is a bad smells that project is not healthy at the current time

**Thanks for Listening!!!  
Questions?**

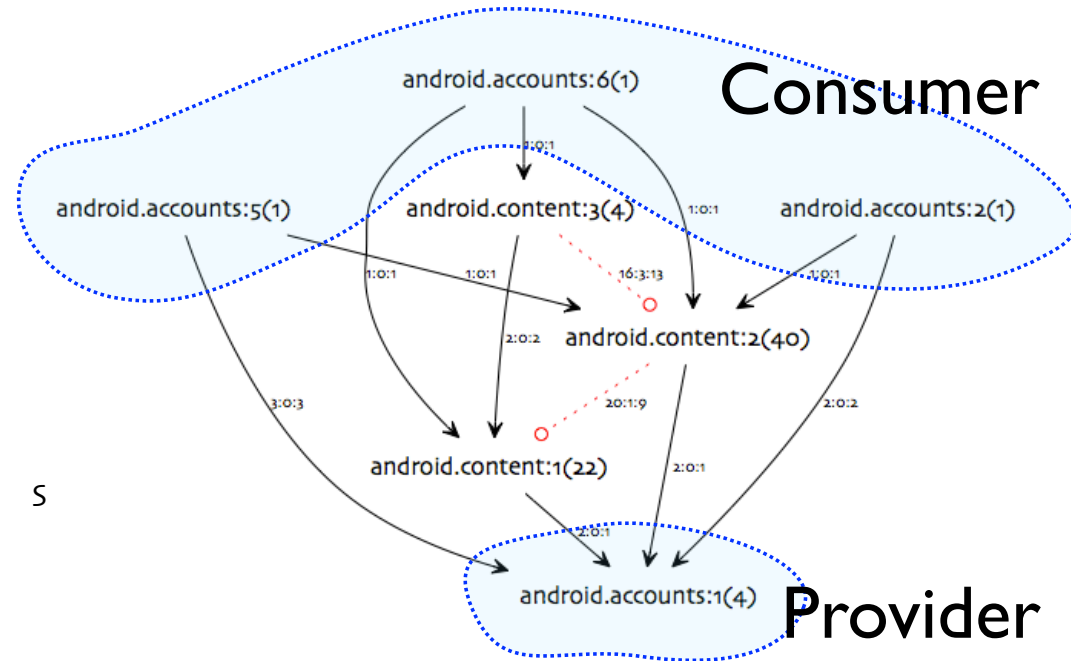
# Cycle I. accounts



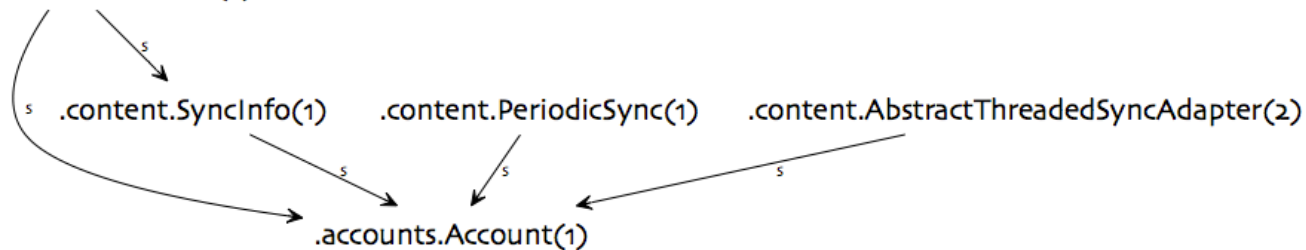
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\*\*\*android.content:1->android.accounts:1  
PeriodicSync **Account** S  
SyncInfo **Account** S

\*\*\*android.content:2->android.accounts:1  
AbstractThreadedSyncAdapter **Account** S  
ContentResolver **Account** S



.content.ContentResolver(2)



4 Edges  
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What is problematic edges?

Content to accounts (Less dependencies)

Dependency on Account is ground rule or violation?

Ground rule & Need Documentation

# Cycle 2. app

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TabHost LocalActivityManager S

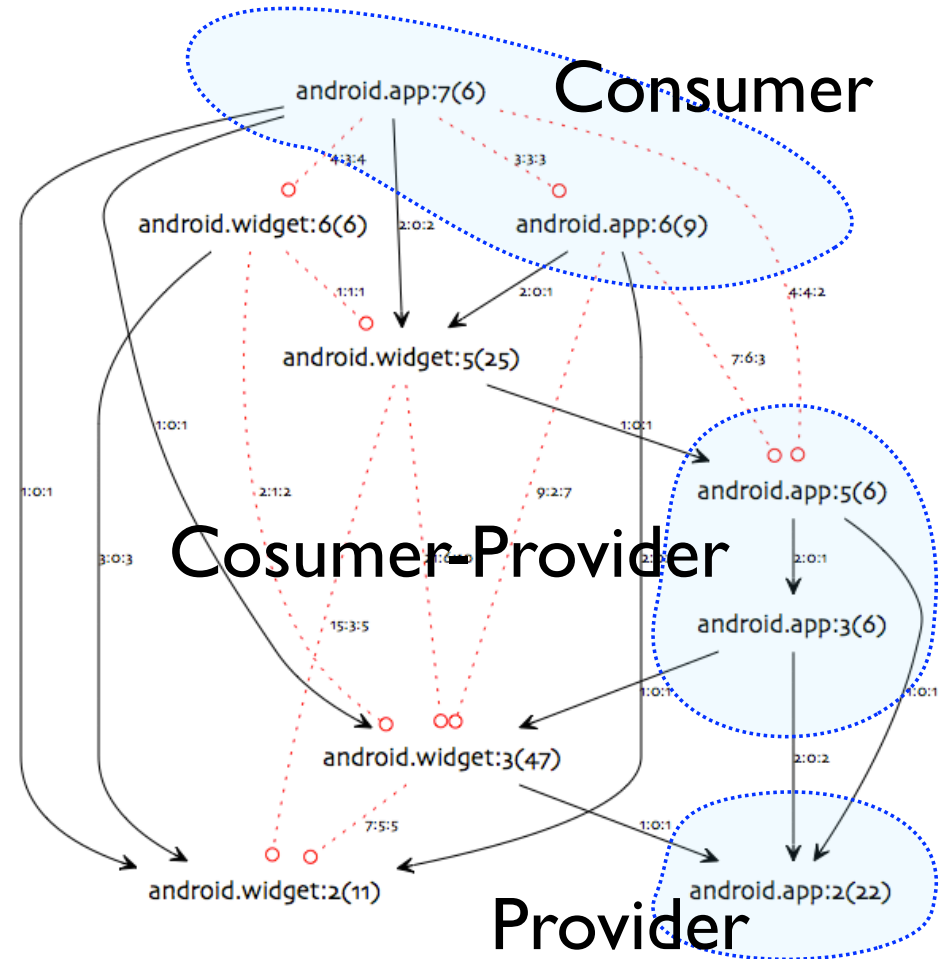
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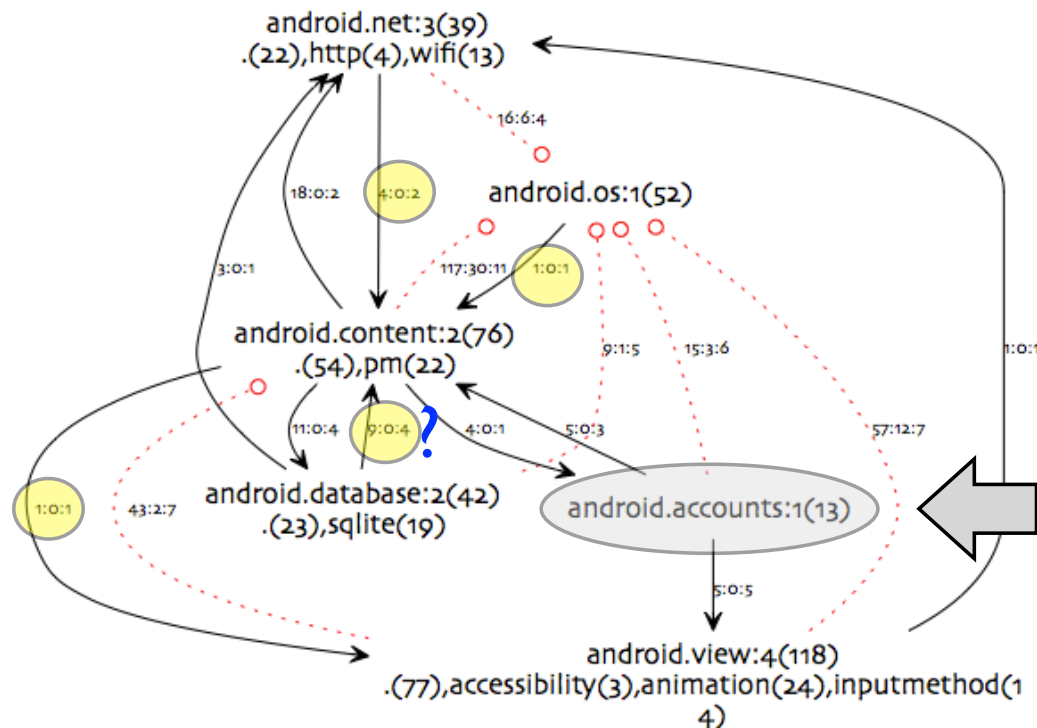
Ground rule or violation?

Violation

For what TabHost uses LocalActivityManager?

For what RemoteViews uses PendingIntent?

## Cycle 3. content



Less dependencies  
Design Knowledge

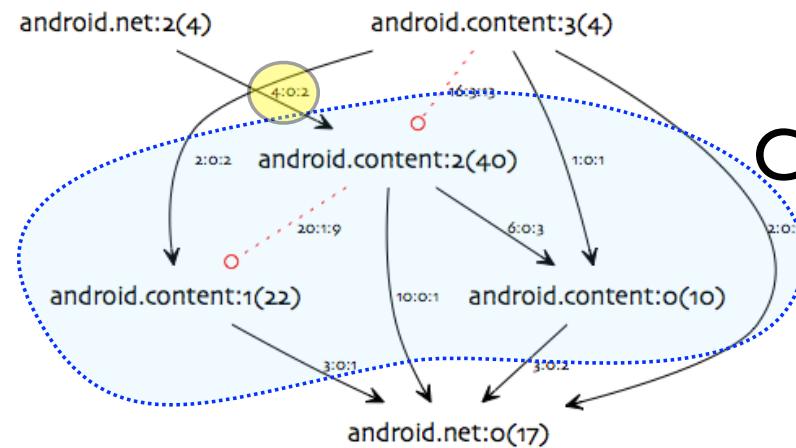
We already solve  
cycle with accounts

How complex the content's dependencies?  
net, os, database, view

Check & Solve One by One !!!



# Content - net



Consumer-Provider

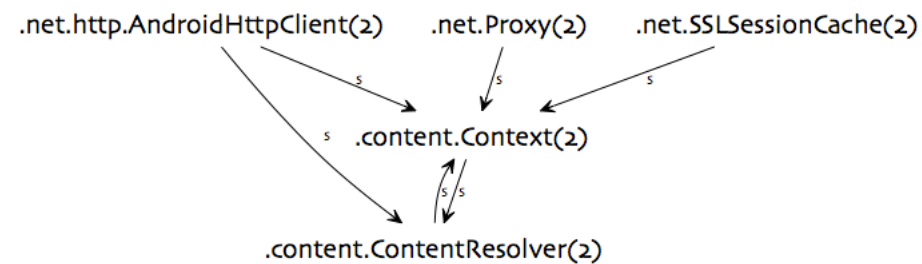
\*\*\*android.net:2->android.content:2

Proxy Context S

SSLSessionCache Context S

http.AndroidHttpClient ContentResolver S

http.AndroidHttpClient Context S



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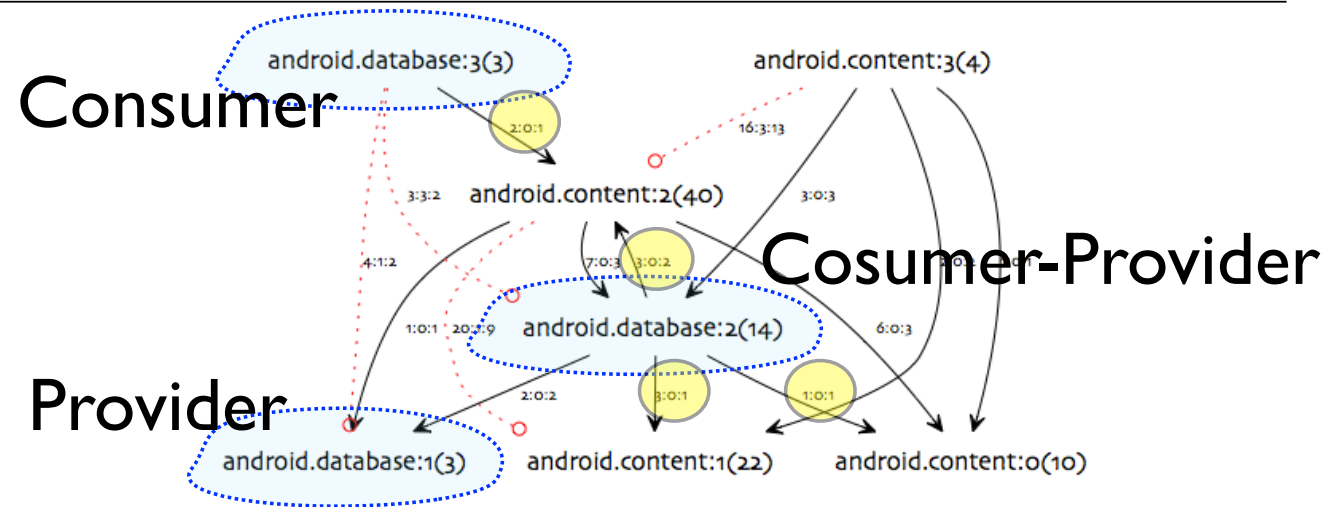
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## Context, ContentResolver is Special Classes in Android

net to content (Less dependencies)

Ground Rule

# Content - database



\*\*\*android.database:3->android.content:2

AbstractCursor ContentResolver S

CursorWrapper ContentResolver S

\*\*\*android.database:2->android.content:1

DatabaseUtils ContentValues S

DatabaseUtils\$OpenHelper ContentValues S

sqlite.SQLiteDatabase ContentValues S

\*\*\*android.database:2->android.content:2

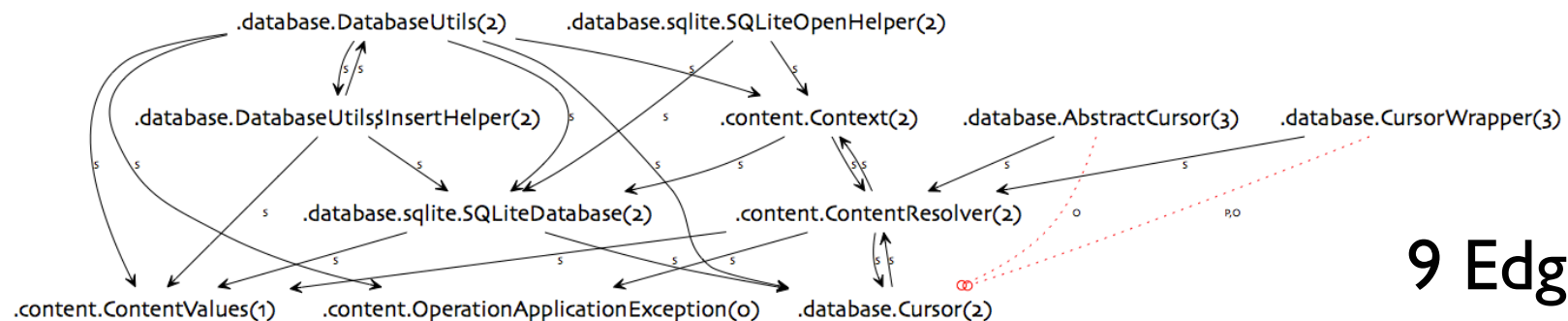
Cursor ContentResolver S

DatabaseUtils Context S

sqlite.SQLiteOpenHelper Context S

\*\*\*android.database:2->android.content:0

DatabaseUtils OperationApplicationException S



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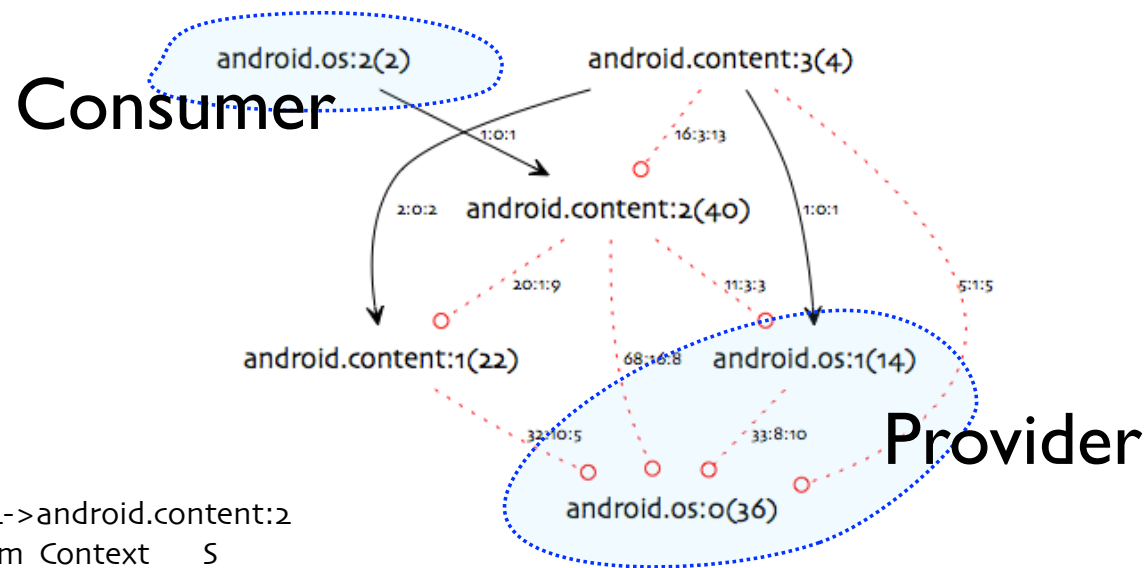
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# Ground Rule

## Context, ContentResolver, ContentValues, OperationApplicationException

android.database:1(3)  
ContentObserver, CursorWindow, ContentObservable  
android.database:2(14)  
sqlite.SQLiteOpenHelper, CursorJoiner, sqlite.SQLiteQuery, sqlite.SQLiteProgram,  
CursorJoiner\$Result, sqlite.SQLiteStatement, Cursor, sqlite.SQLiteQueryBuilder,  
sqlite.SQLiteDatabase\$CursorFactory, CrossProcessCursor, sqlite.SQLiteDatabase,  
DatabaseUtils, DatabaseUtils\$InsertHelper, sqlite.SQLiteCursorDriver  
android.database:3(3)  
AbstractCursor\$SelfContentObserver, AbstractCursor, CursorWrapper

# Content - os



\*\*\*android.os:2->android.content:2  
RecoverySystem Context S

.os.RecoverySystem(2)  
↓  
.content.Context(2)

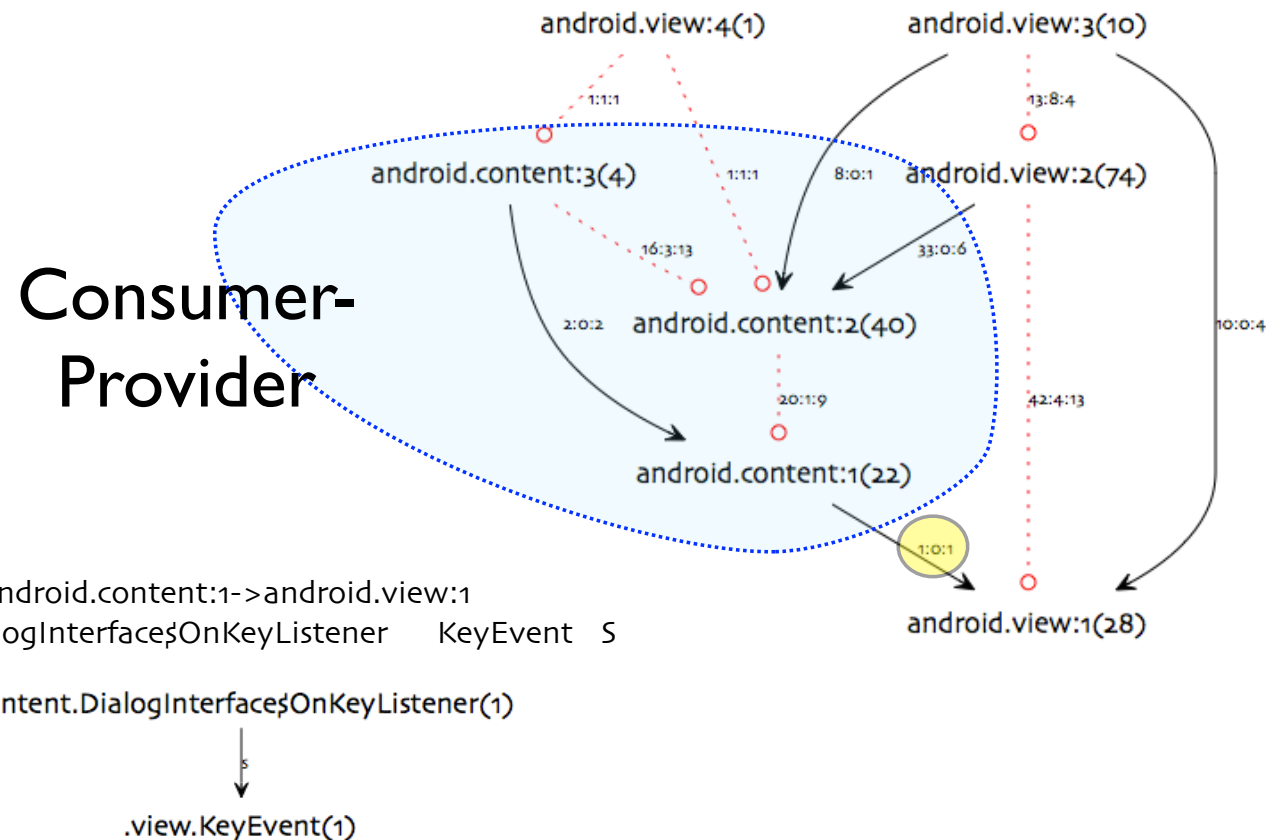
**Ground Rule**

RecoverySystem to Context?

android.os:2(2)  
RecoverySystem, RecoverySystem\$ProgressListener

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# Content - view

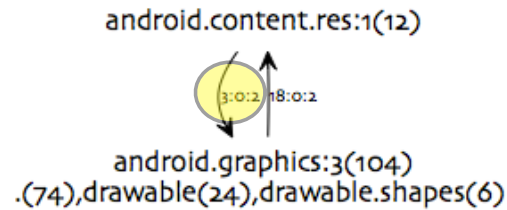


**Violation**

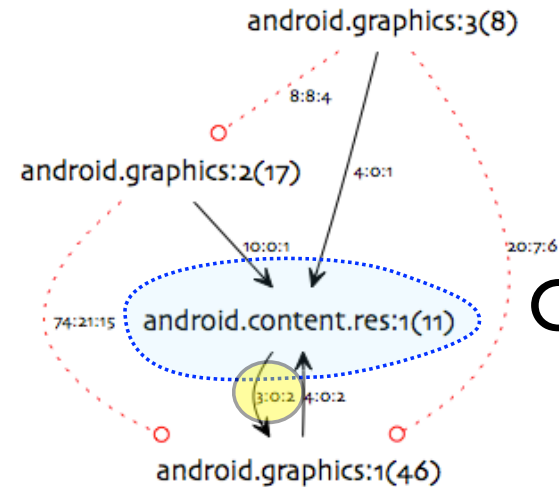
Why content should know key  
processing

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# Cycle 4. content.res



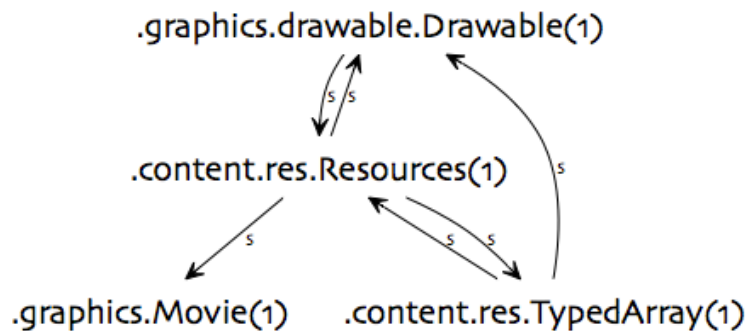
\*\*\*android.content.res:1->android.graphics:1  
 Resources drawable.Drawable S  
 Resources Movie S  
 TypedArraydrawable.Drawable S



Consumer-  
Provider

Violation

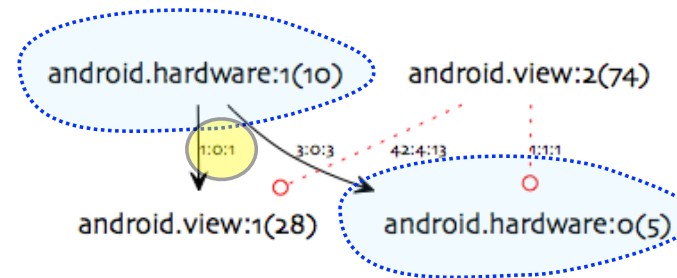
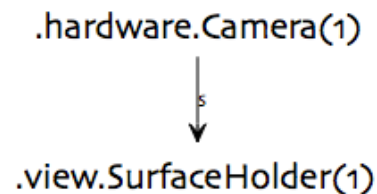
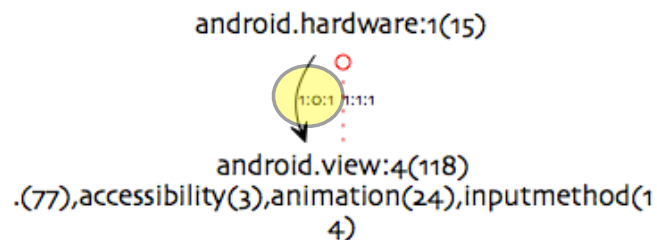
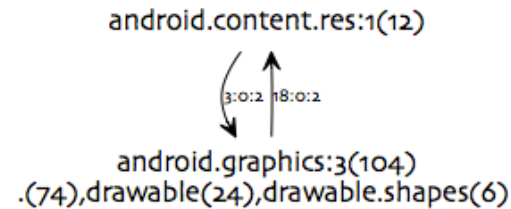
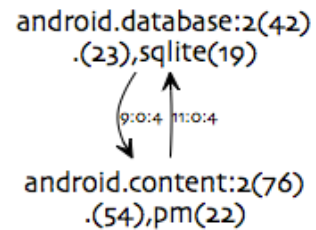
Why?



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# Cycle 5. hardware

database, graphics are already dealt



Violation

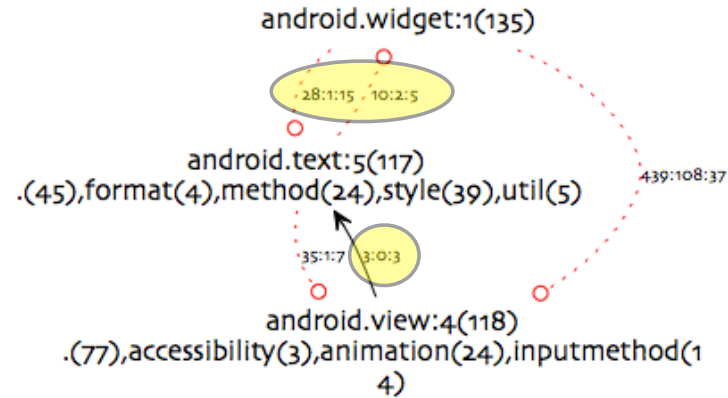
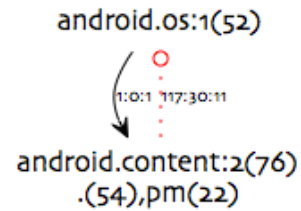
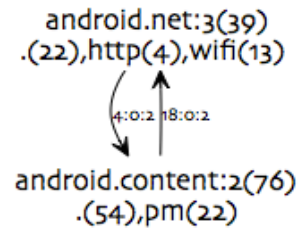
Why?

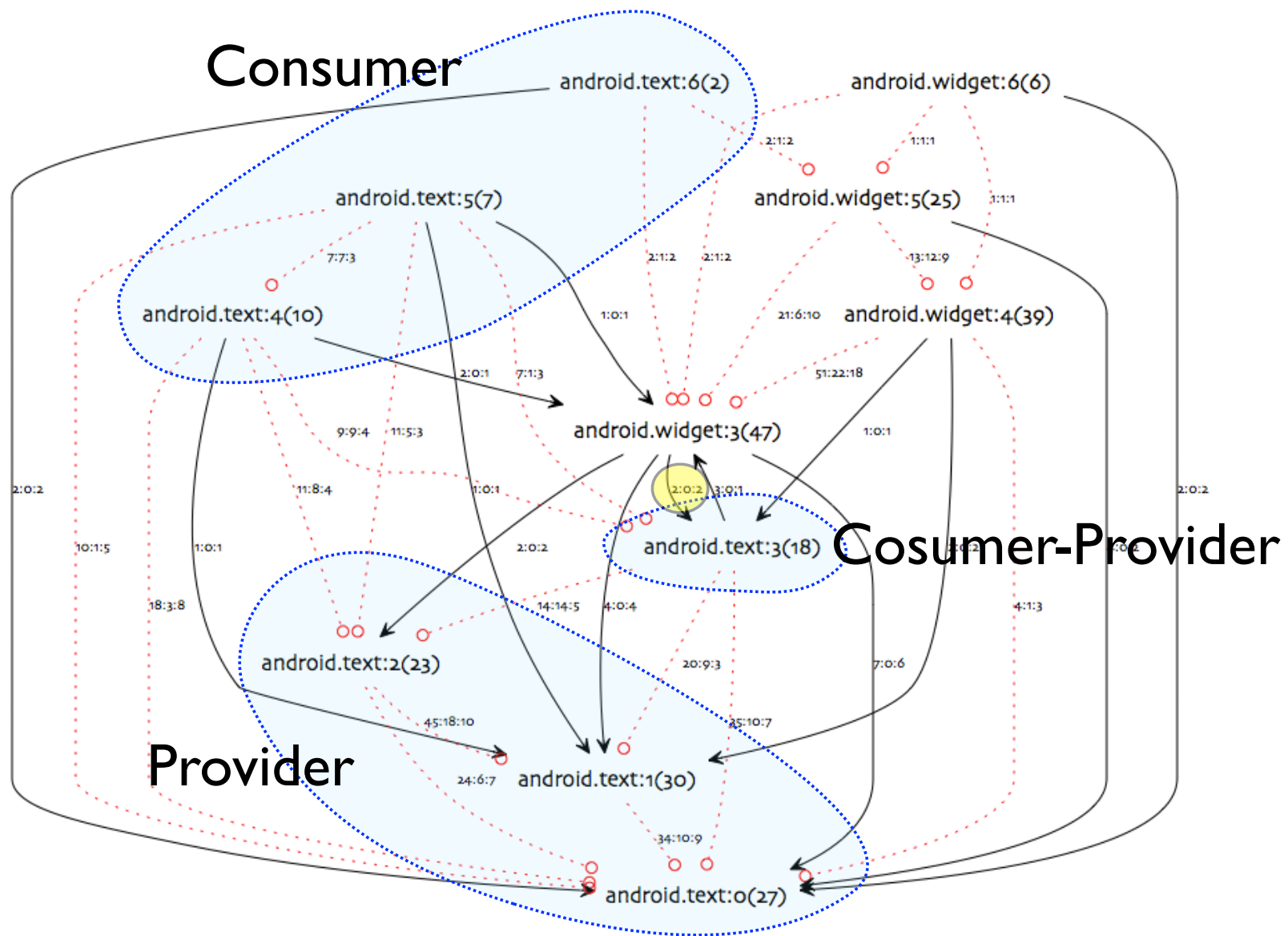
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## Cycle 6. text

net, os are already dealt





# MVC

- text model & controller in text package
- widget as a view
- divide text into model & controller part
- dependency: C -> V -> M 로

Table 4: Remodularization of *text* module

Packages	Modules	# Classes
android.text	text:0,1,2	80
android.text	text:3	18
android.text	text:4,5,6	19
# Sources Types	26	
# Destinations Types	17	

Ignore problematic edge

(widget:3,text:3)

android.widget:3>android.text:3

widget.TextView(3) -> text.method.MovementMethod(3): S

widget.TextView(3) -> text.style.URLSpan(3): S

text3 as Client so that text:3,4,5,6

(text:4, 5, 6 -> widget:3,5 )

TextView

AdapterView

MultiAutoCompleteTextView

(widget:3, 4, 5, 6 -> text:0, 1, 3)

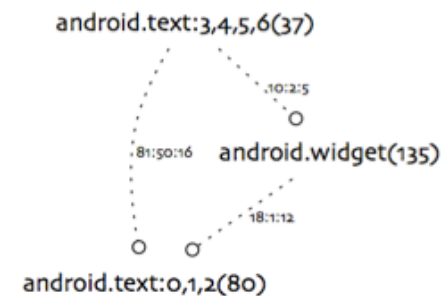
TextUtils, Layout, TextPaint

Editable, TextWatcher, NoCopySpan

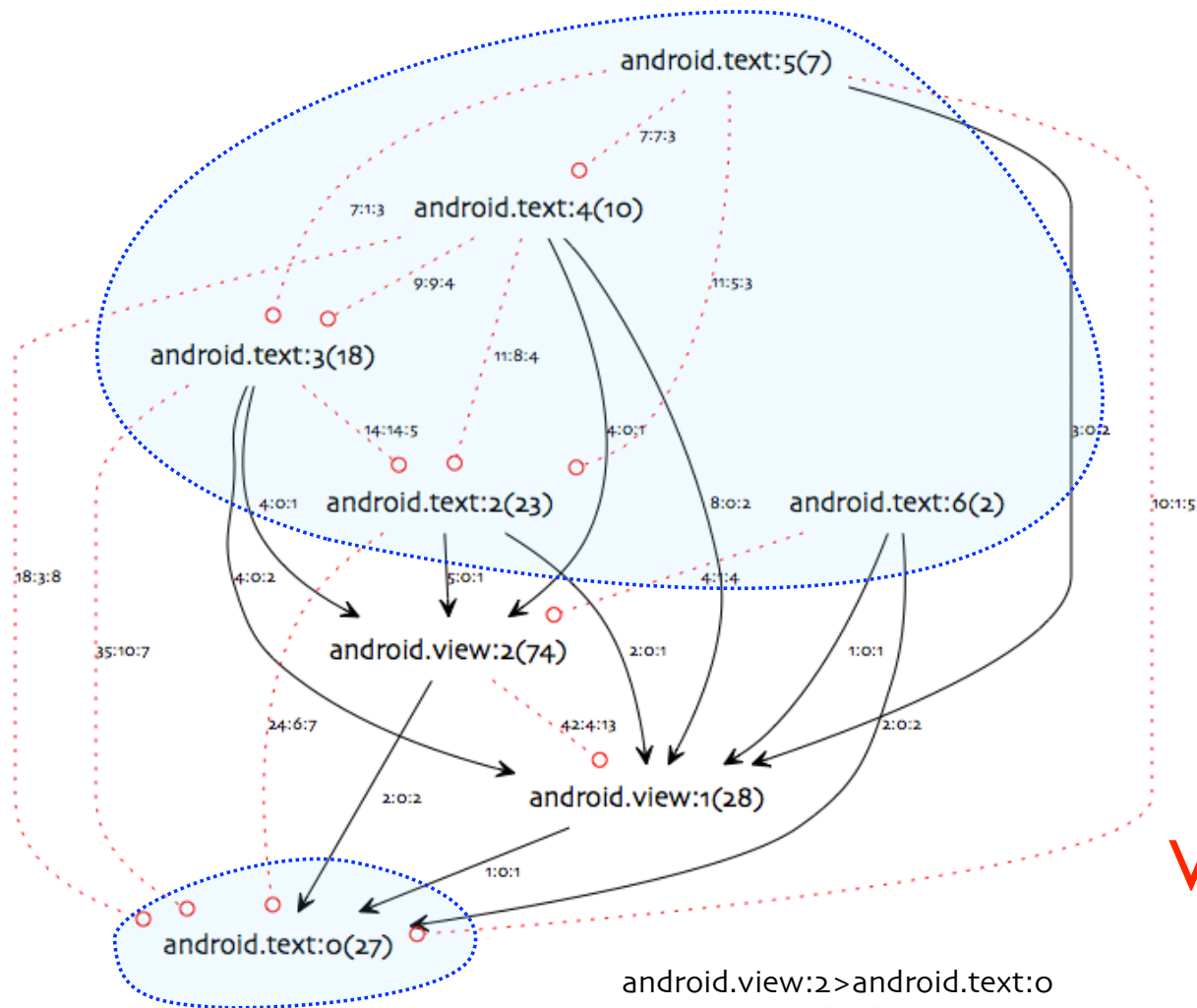
Spannable, Editable, InputFilter

method.MovementMethod, style.URLSpan

method.KeyListener, method.TransformationMethod



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Violation? Rule?

(view:1, 2 -> text:o)  
 InputType, Spannable, Editable

android.view:2>android.text:o  
 view.inputmethod.BaseInputConnection(2) -> text.Spannable(o): S  
 view.inputmethod.BaseInputConnection(2) -> text.Editable(o): S

android.view:1>android.text:o  
 view.inputmethod.EditorInfo(1) -> text.InputType(o): S,P

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## view and widget are already dealt

