God Components in Apache Tika

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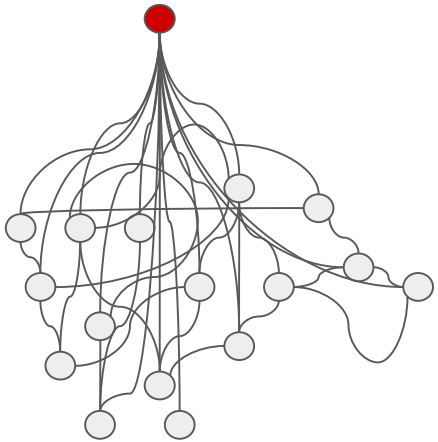

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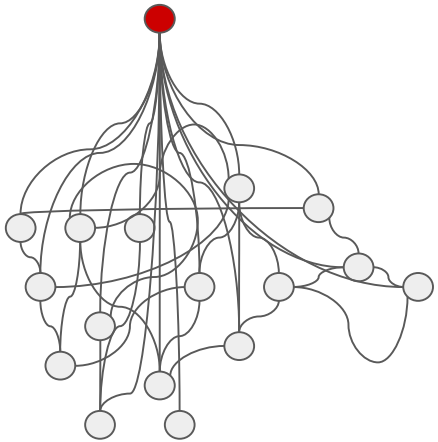

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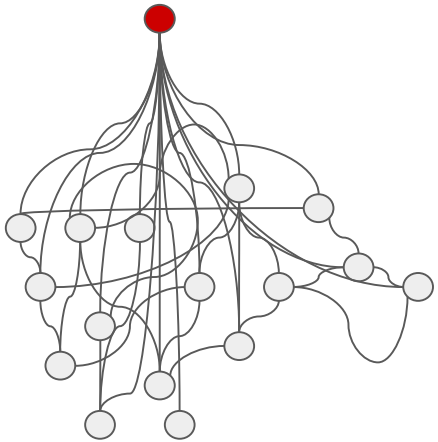

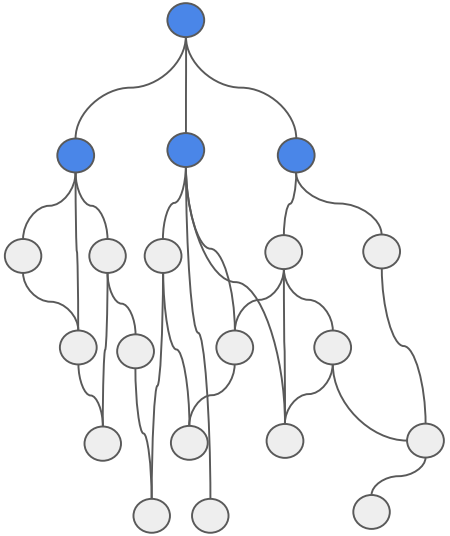

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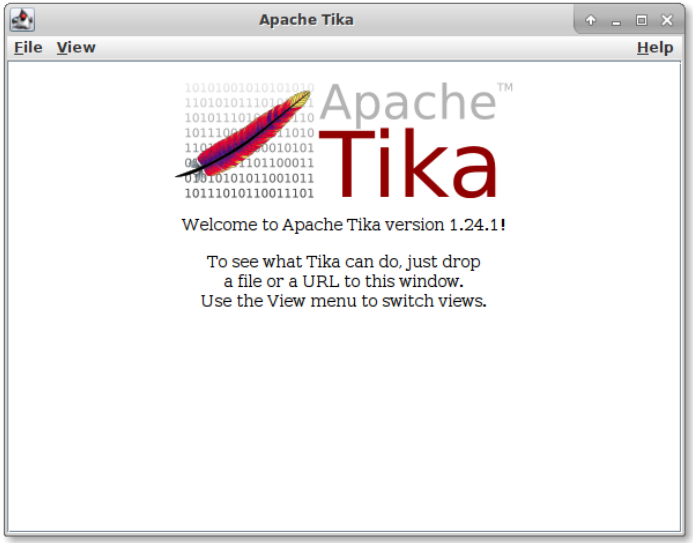

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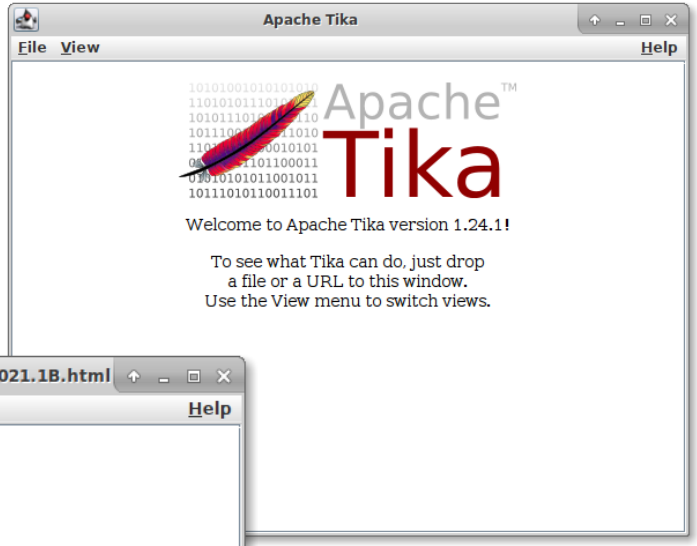

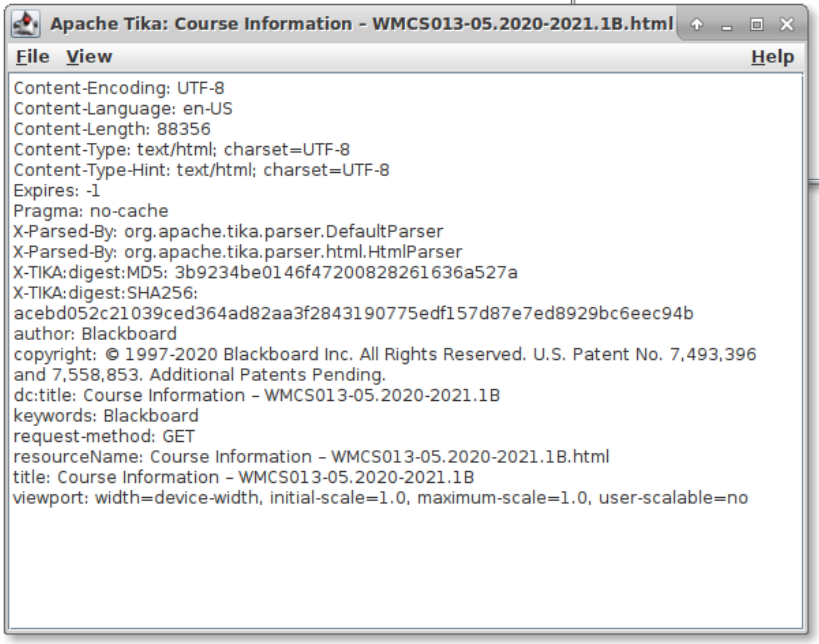

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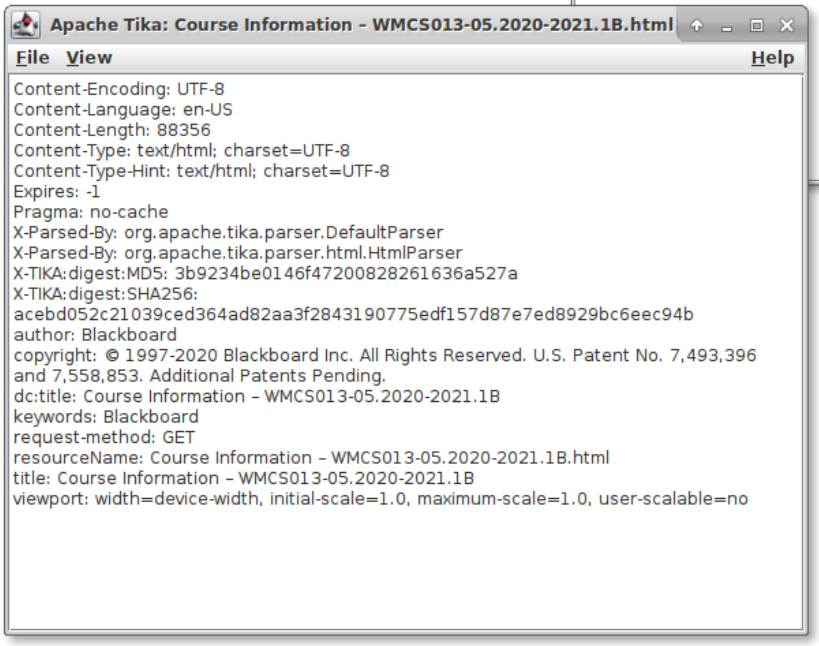

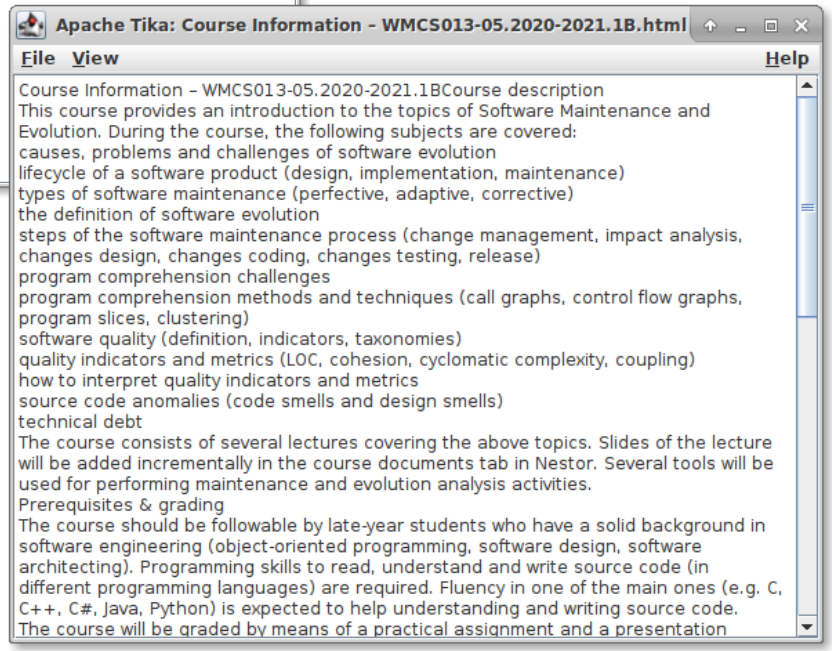

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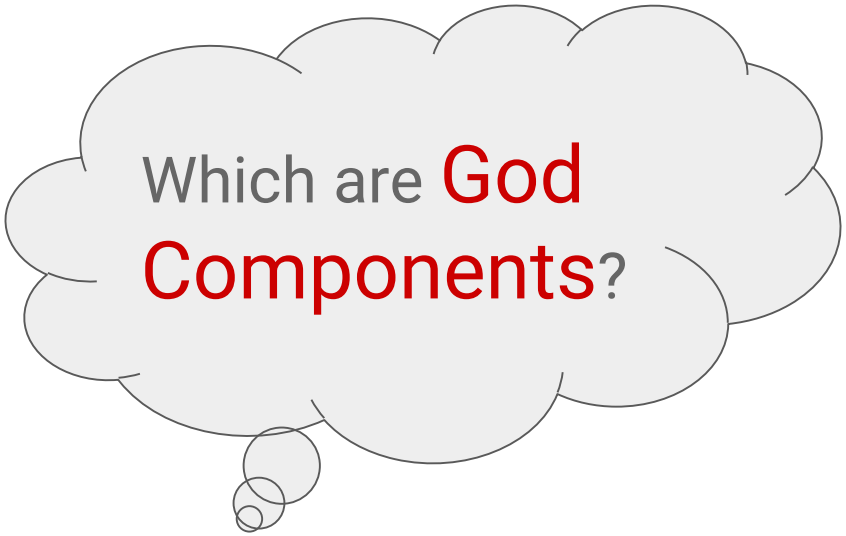

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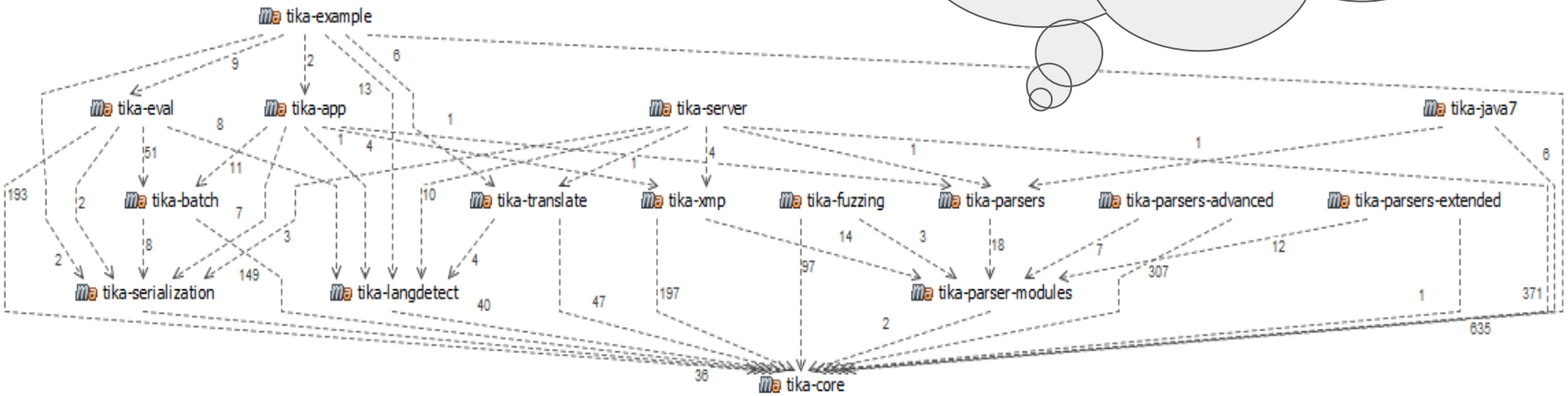

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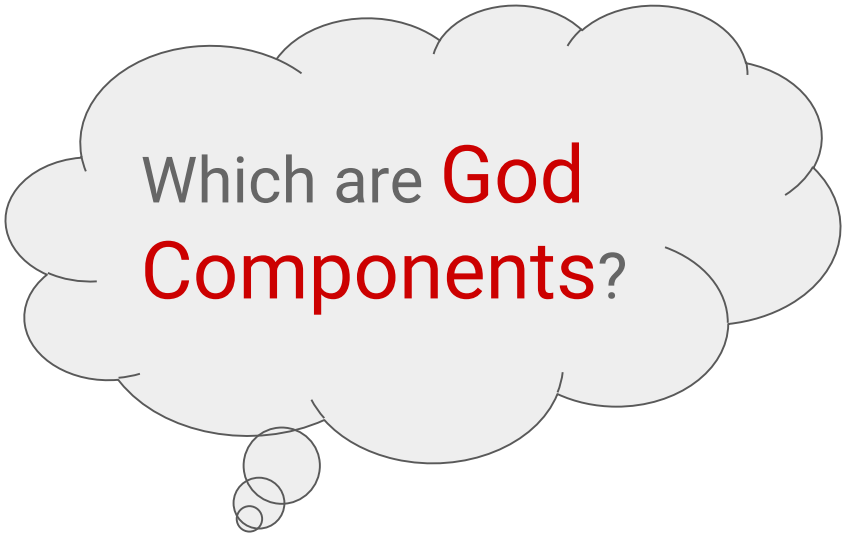

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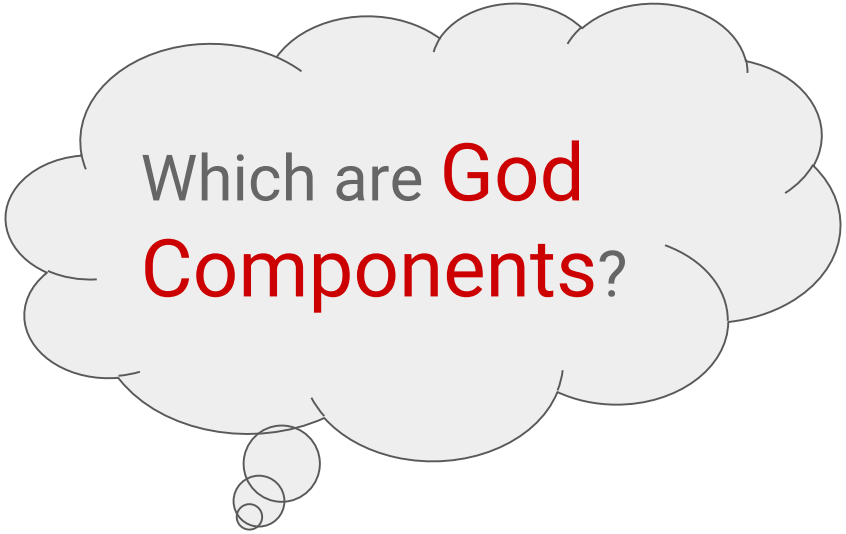

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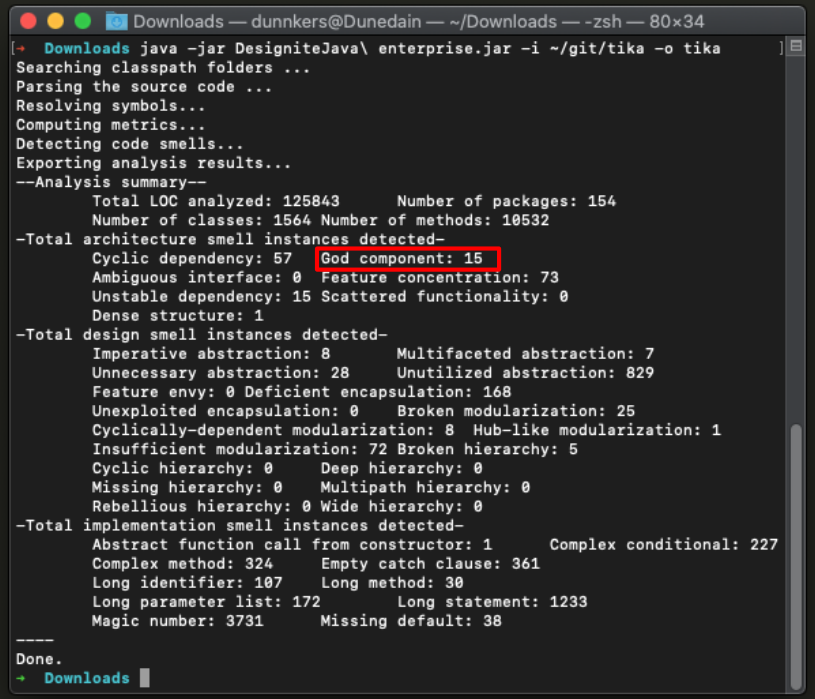

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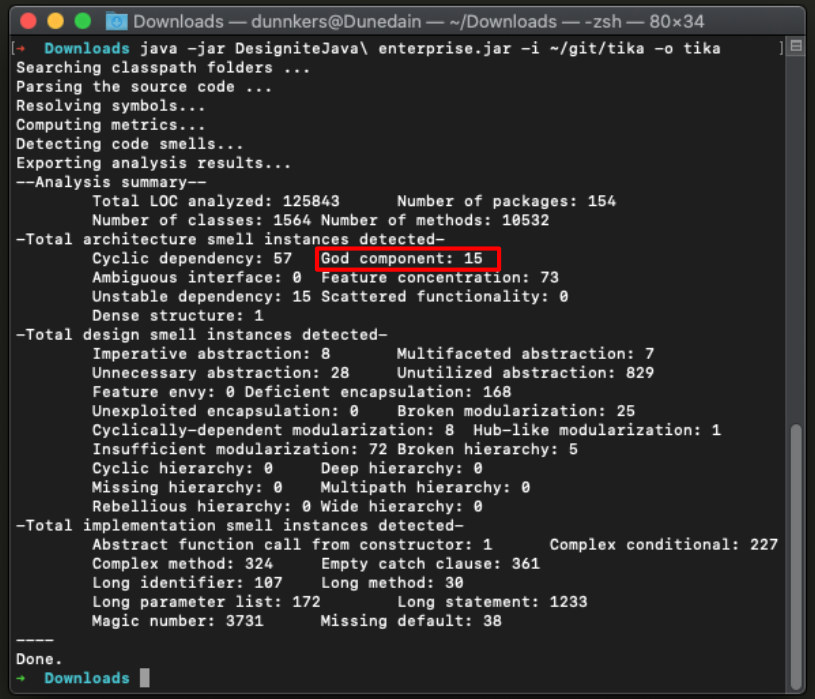

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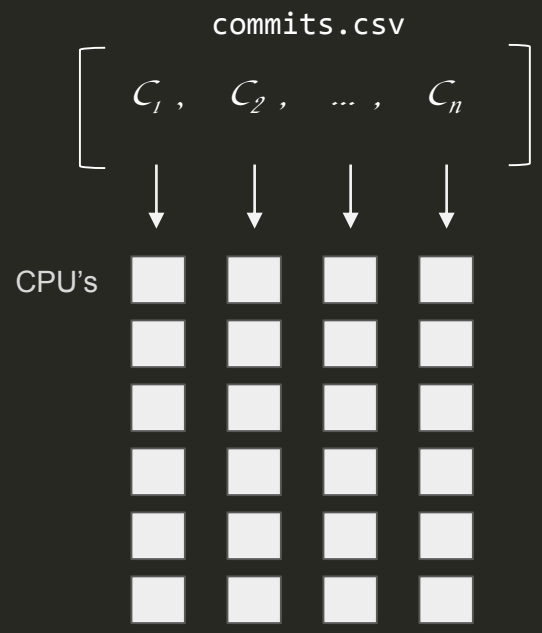

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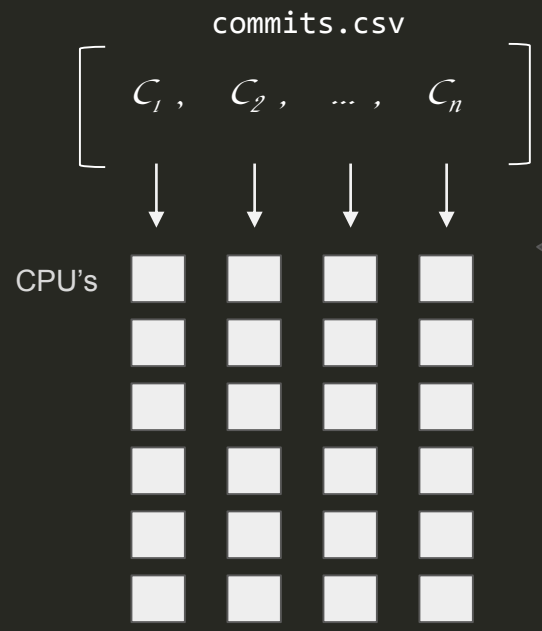

Tika has about 5K commits

Designite runs are distributed across available CPU's

e.g. quad-core or 24-core

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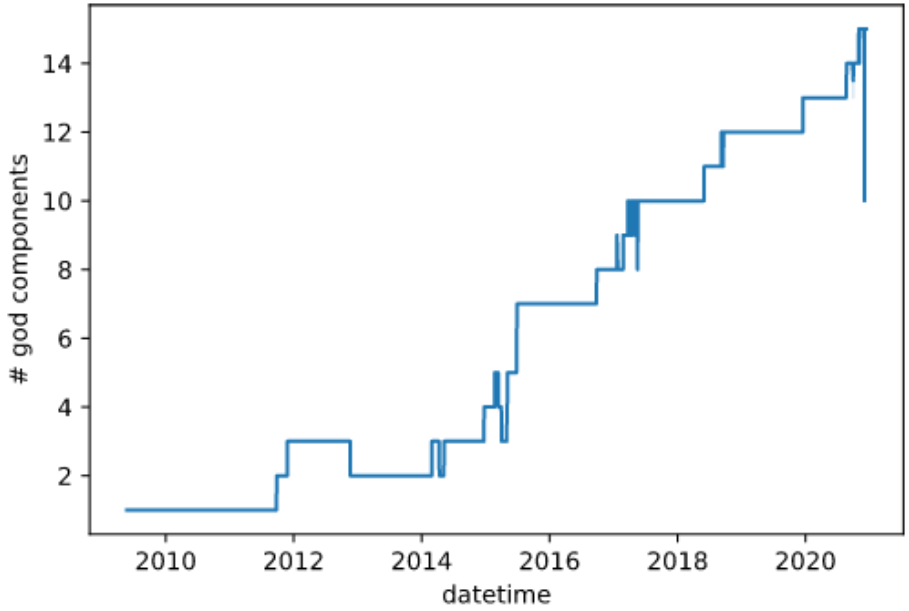

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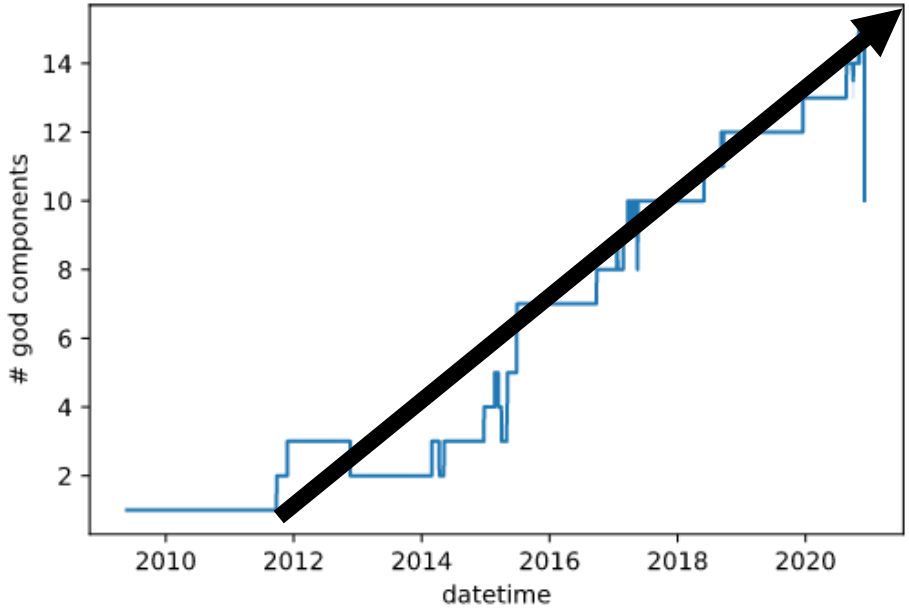

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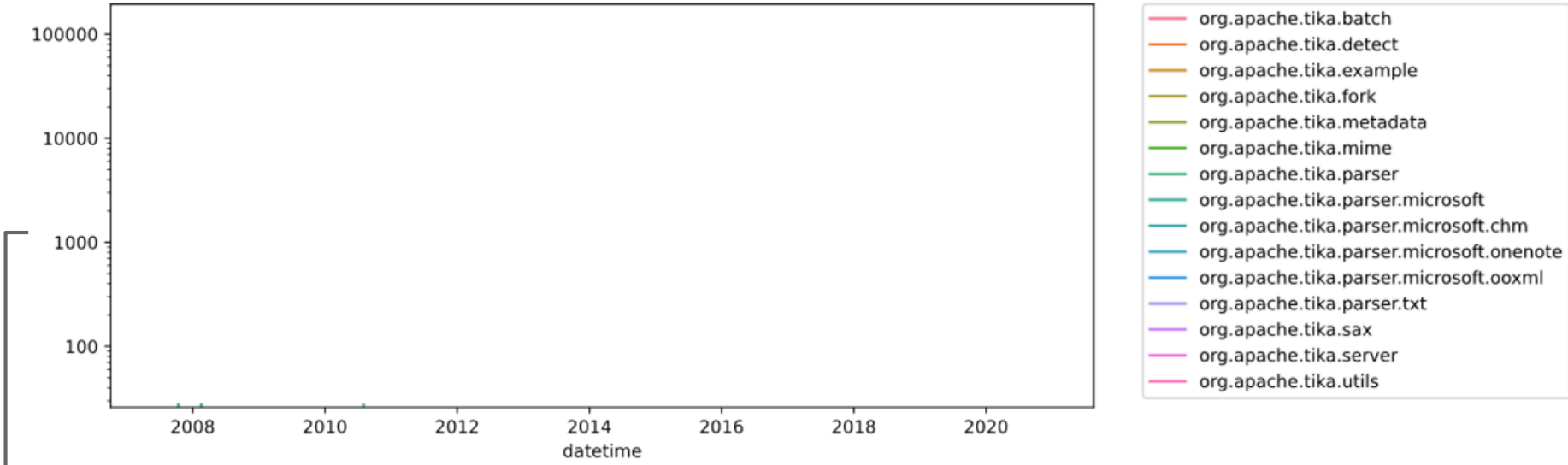

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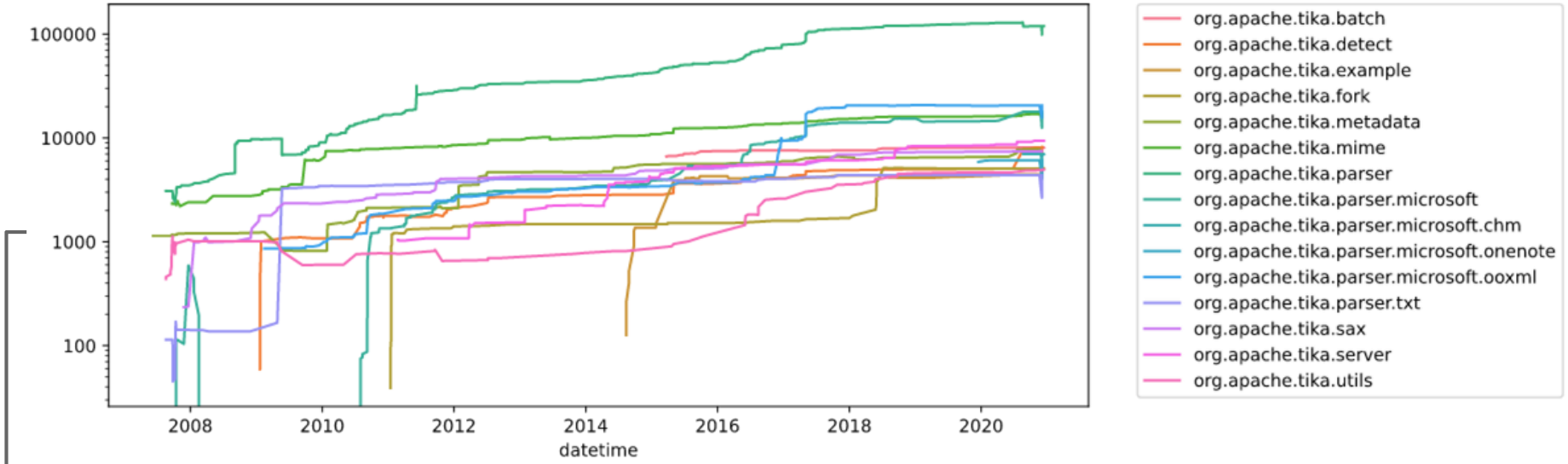

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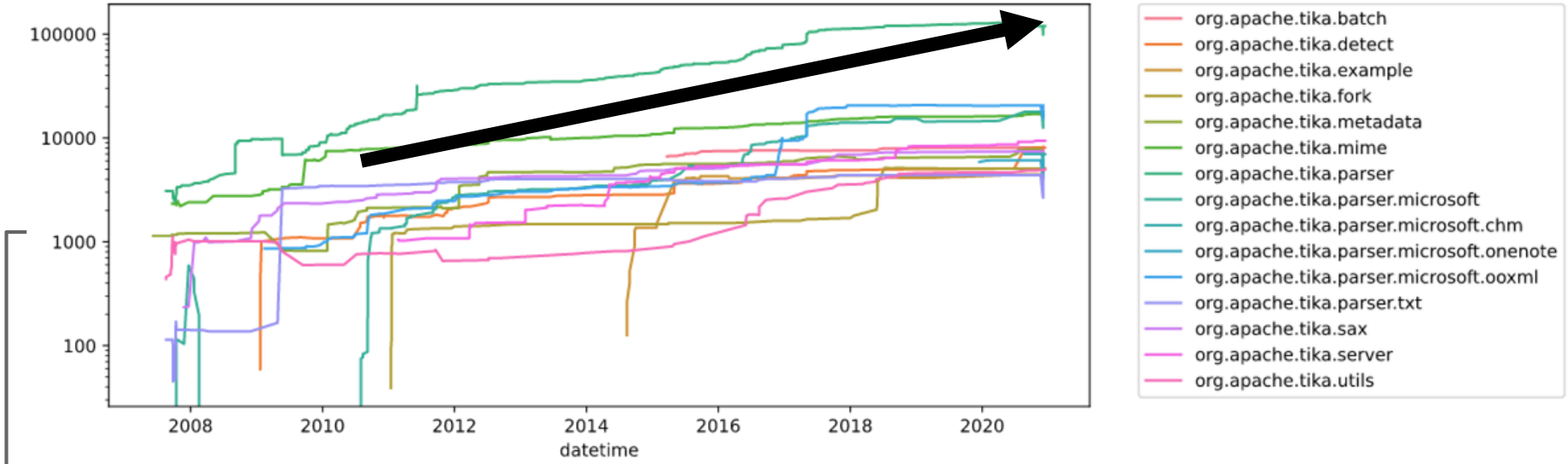

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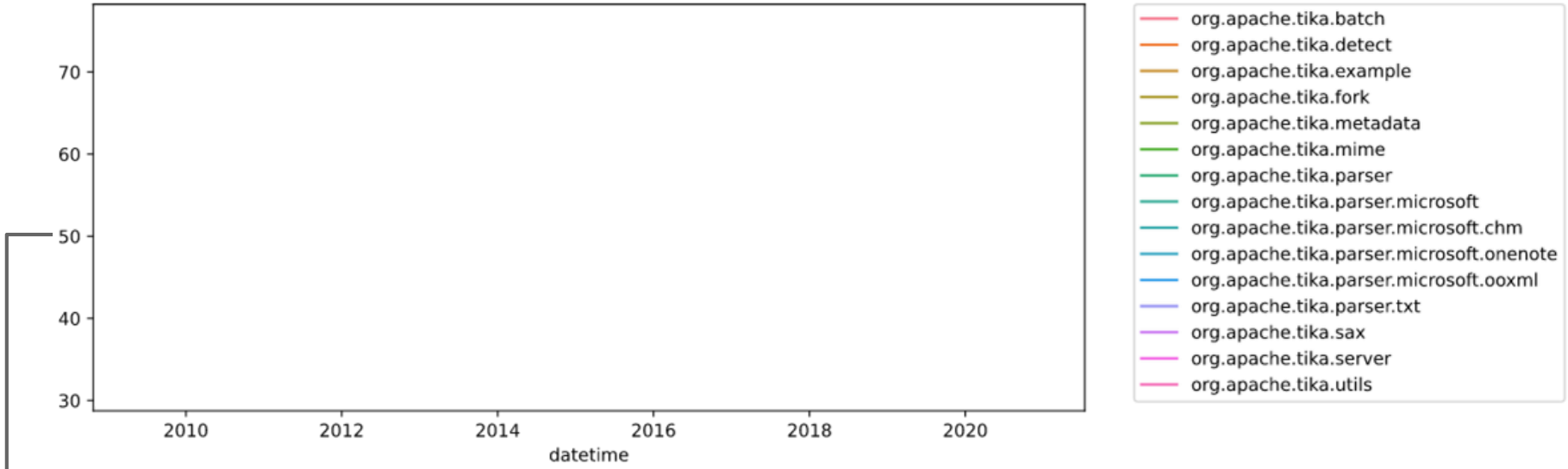

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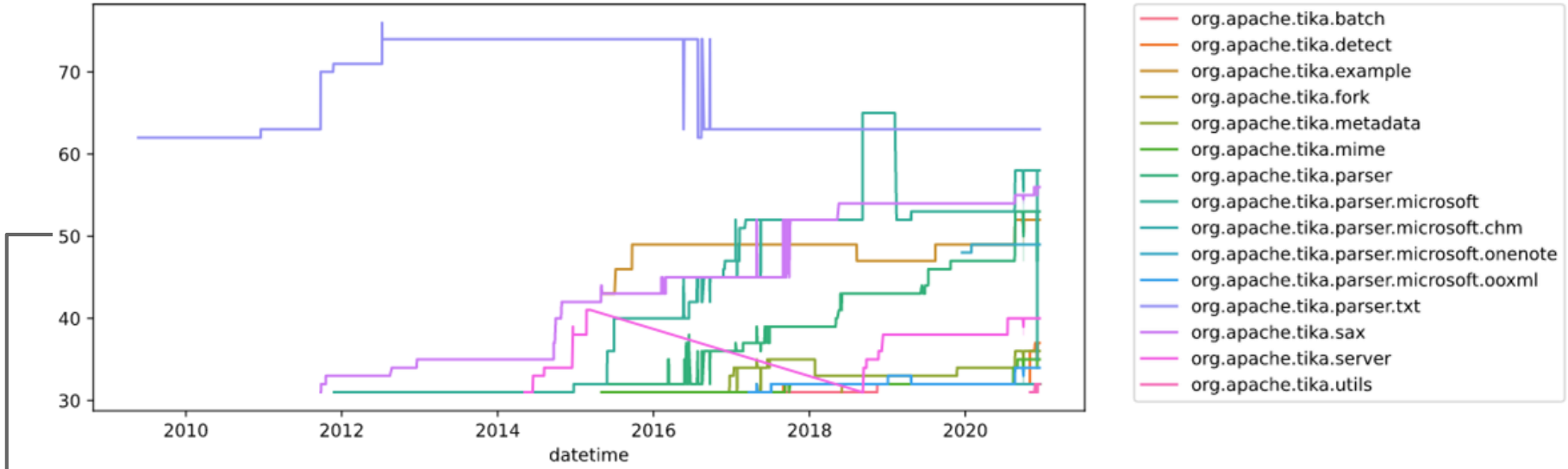

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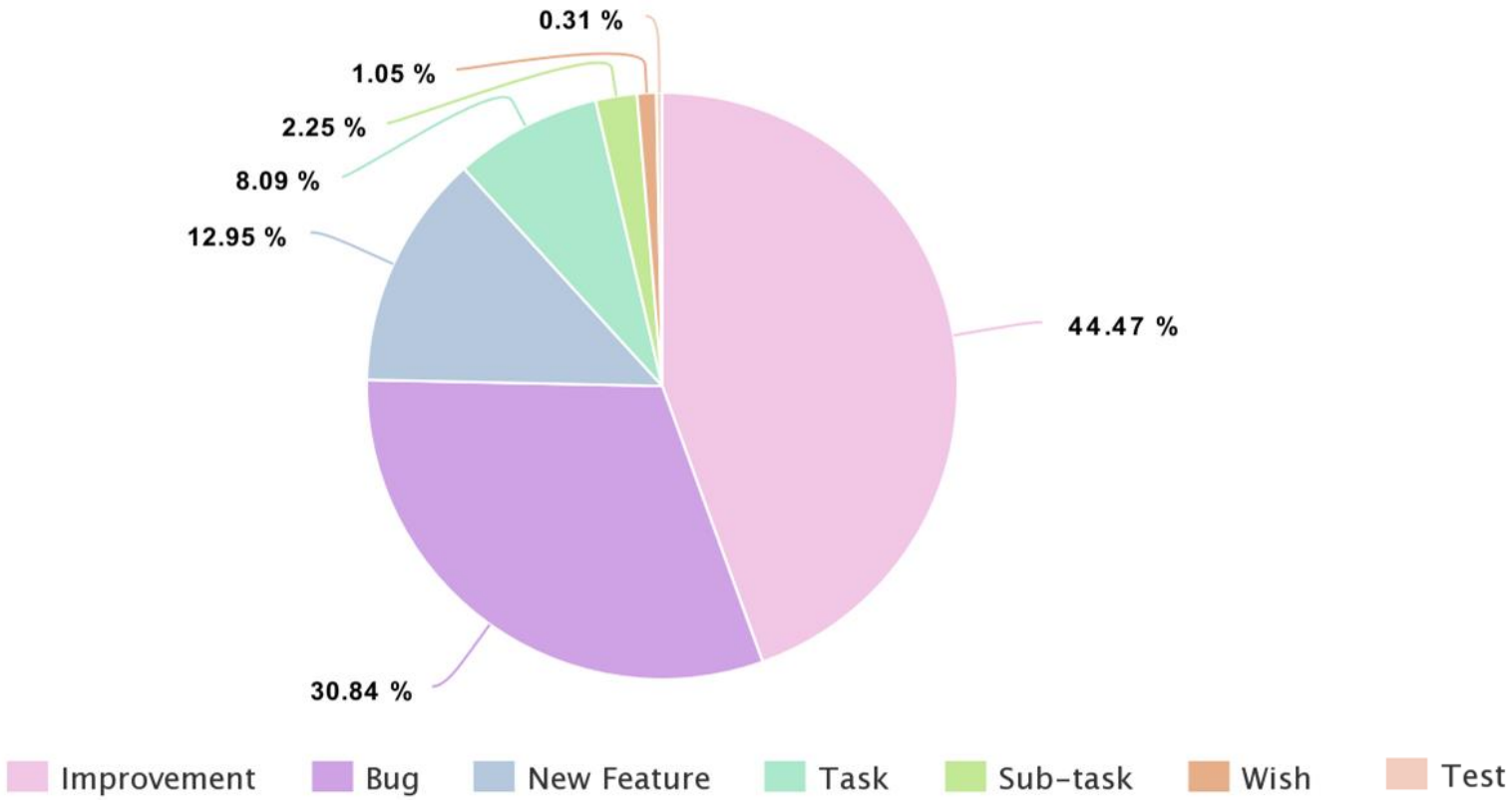

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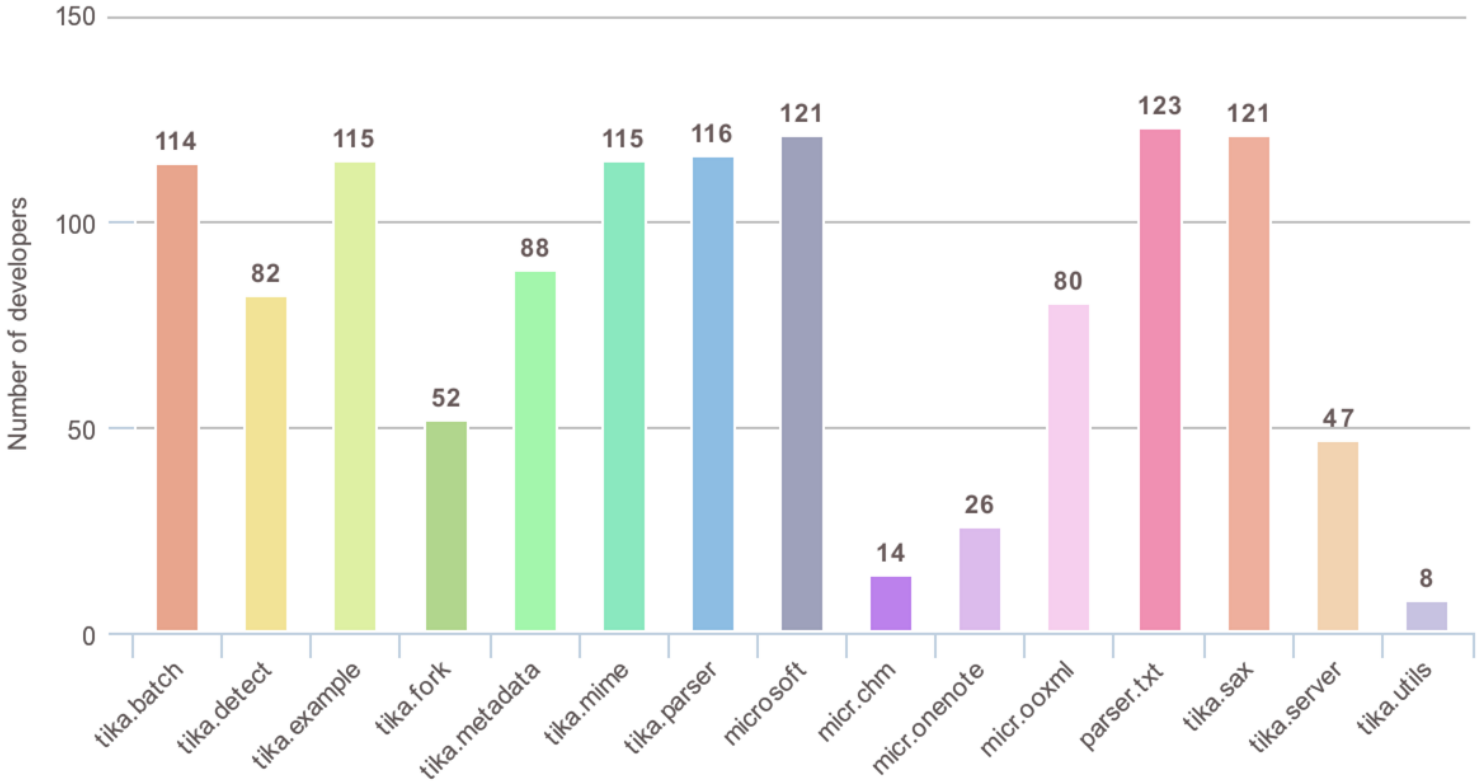

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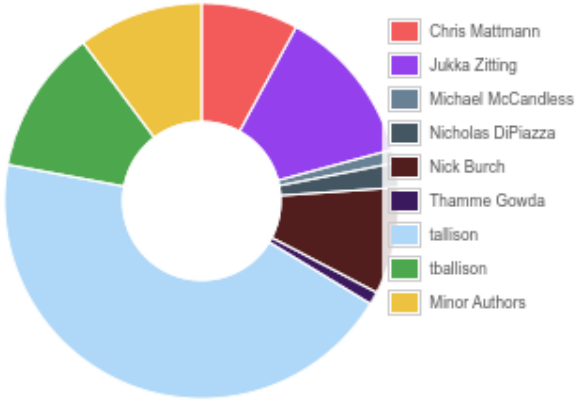

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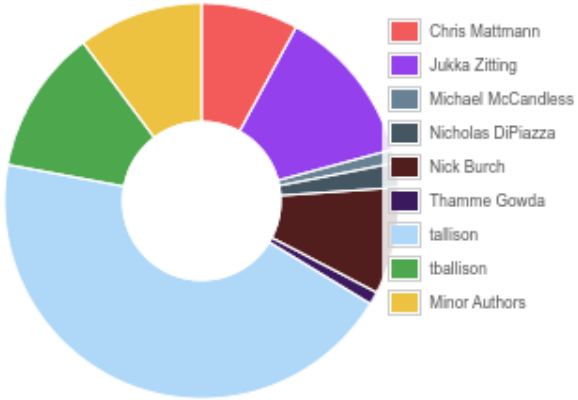

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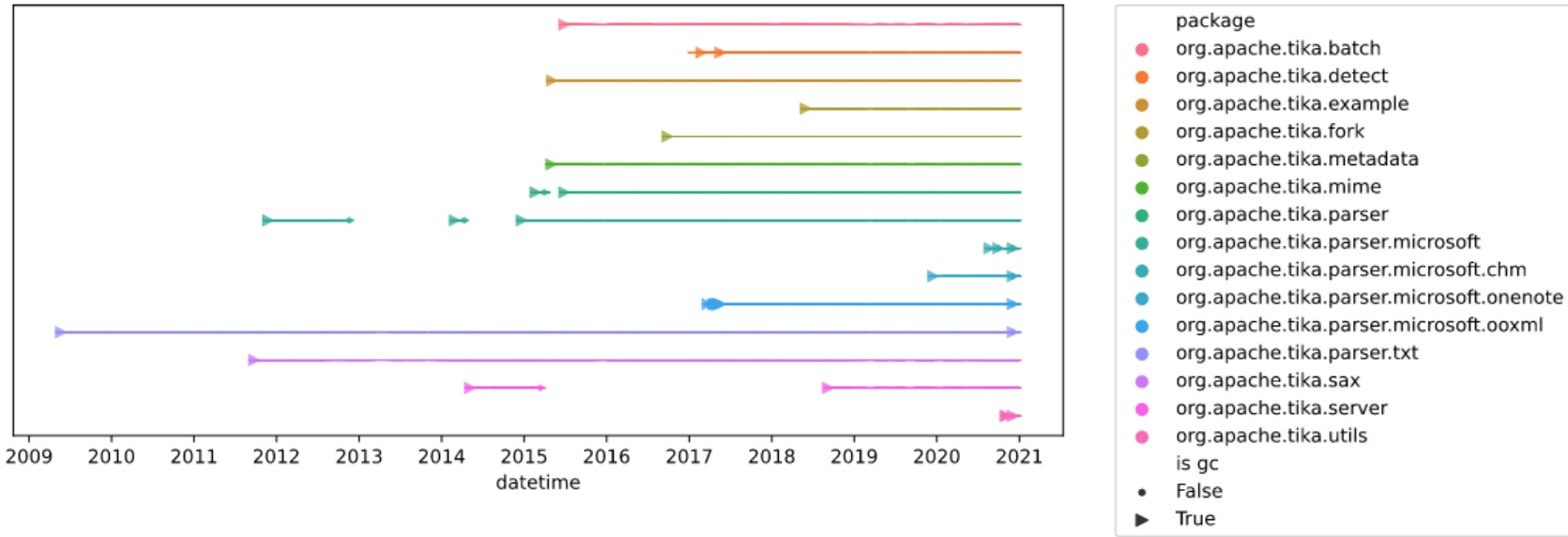

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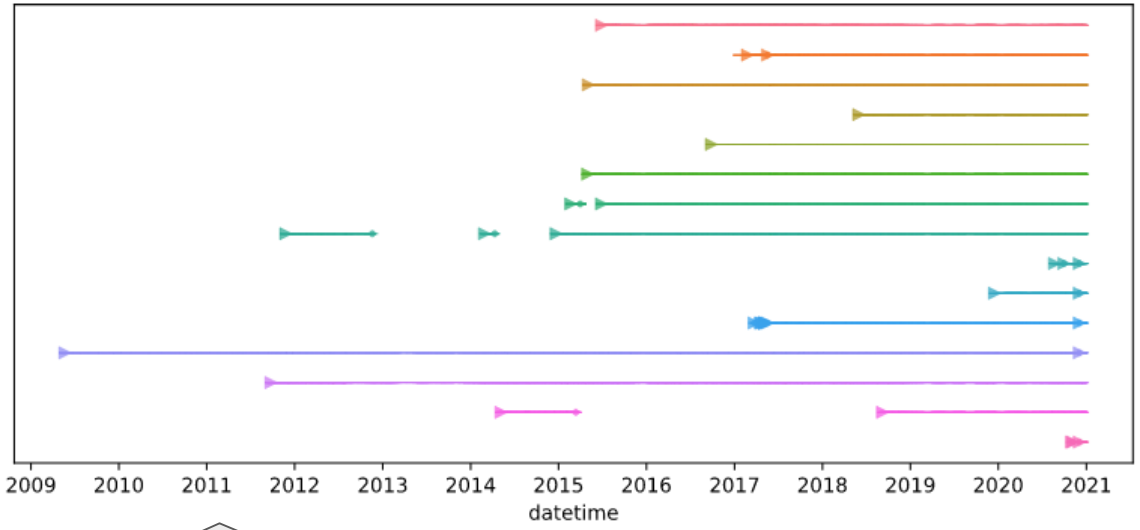

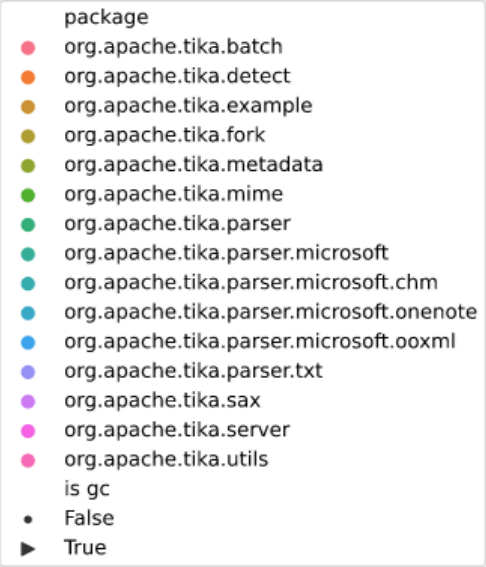

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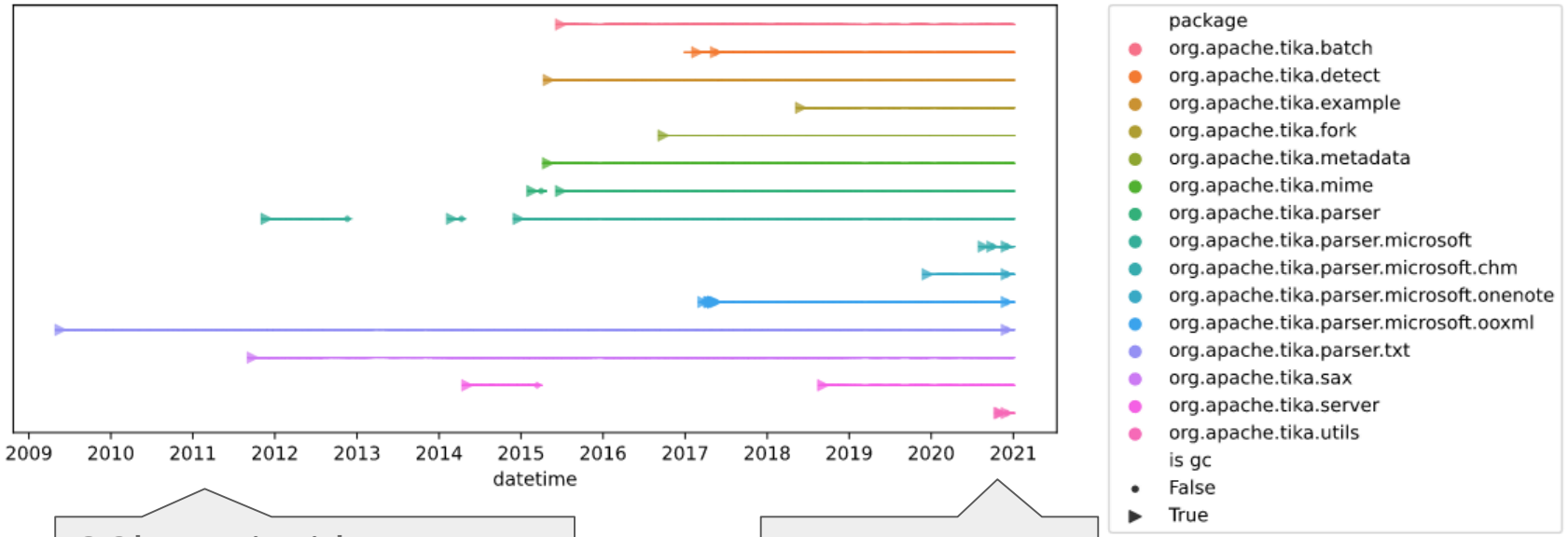

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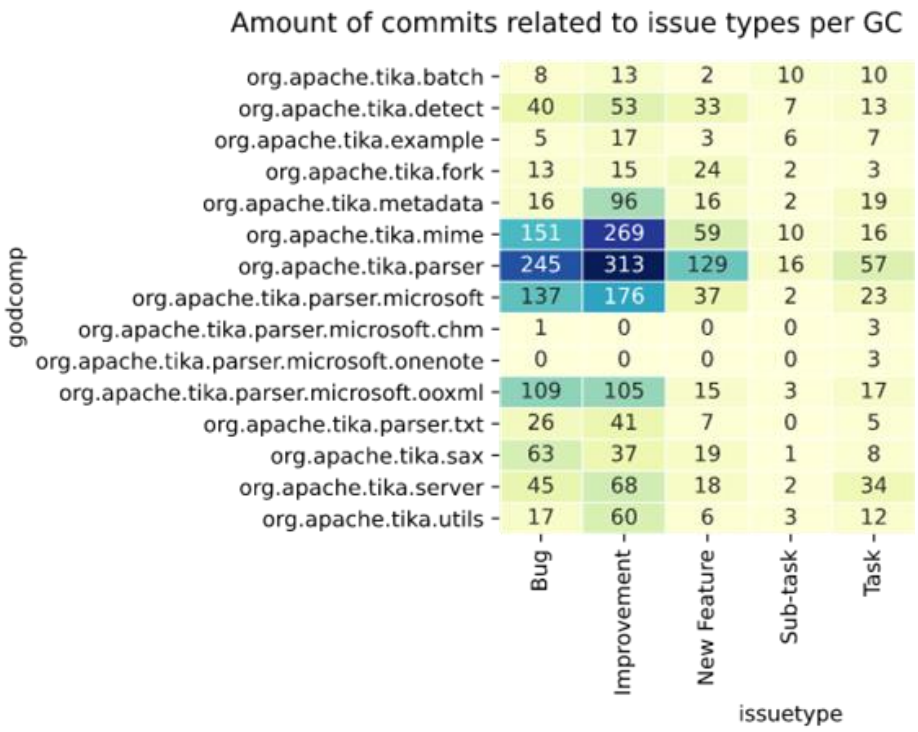

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org.apache.tika.batch	8	13	2	10	10
org.apache.tika.detect	40	53	33	7	13
org.apache.tika.example	5	17	3	6	7
org.apache.tika.fork	13	15	24	2	3
org.apache.tika.metadata	16	96	16	2	19
org.apache.tika.mime	151	269	59	10	16
org.apache.tika.parser	245	313	129	16	57
org.apache.tika.parser.microsoft	137	176	37	2	23
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org.apache.tika.parser.microsoft.ooxml	109	105	15	3	17
org.apache.tika.parser.txt	26	41	7	0	5
org.apache.tika.sax	63	37	19	1	8
org.apache.tika.server	45	68	18	2	34
org.apache.tika.utils	17	60	6	3	12

issuetype

So what issue types were involved in re-factoring / buildup of GC's?

Specific Jira issues.

Tika / TIKA-3241

Clarify parser module structure in 2.0.0

Details

Type:	Task	Status:	OPEN
Priority:	Major	Resolution:	Unresolved
Affects Version/s:	2.0.0	Fix Version/s:	None
Component/s:	None		
Labels:	None		

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Tika / TIKA-2756

Switch to commons-lang 3

Details

Type:	Improvement	Status:	RESOLVED
Priority:	Major	Resolution:	Fixed
Affects Version/s:	None	Fix Version/s:	2.0.0, 1.21
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Conclusion

What is the rationale of the developers regarding the God Components?

So,

So, take care of your codebase!

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Thanks for listening

Any questions?