God Components in Apache Tika

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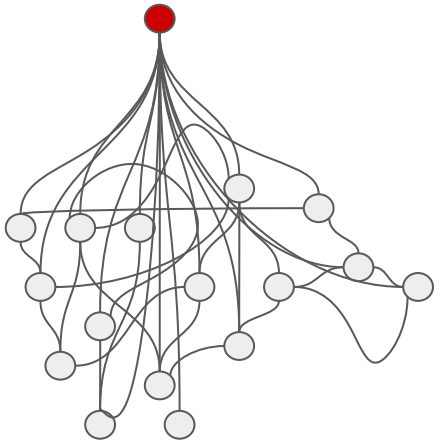
What is a God Component ?

It *knows too much* or
does too much

→ Software **anti-pattern**

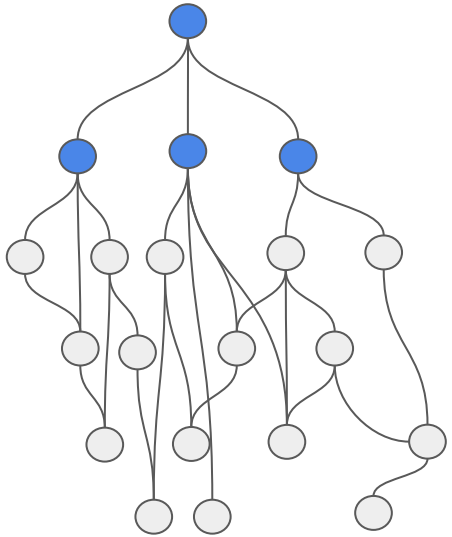


Refactor

➔ Smaller problems

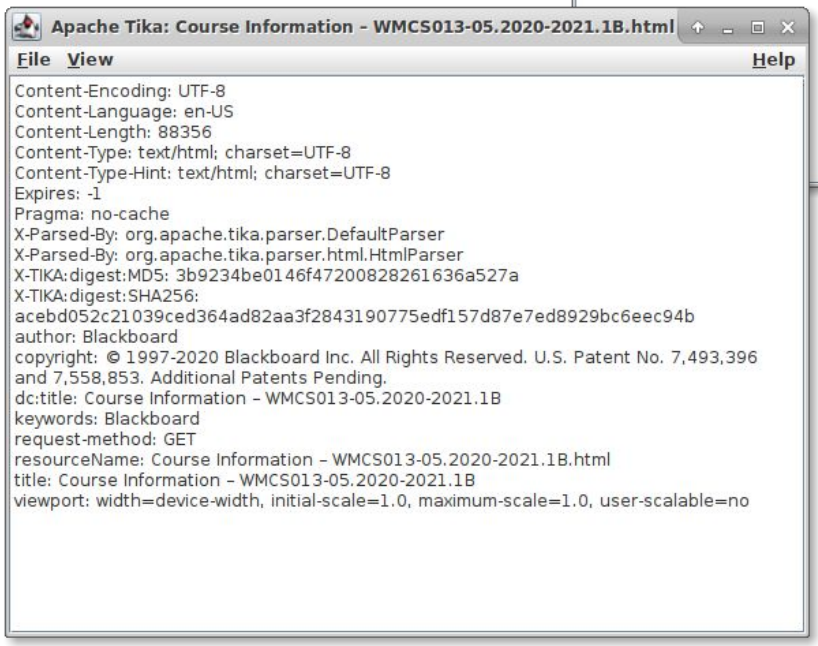
➔ Single responsibility

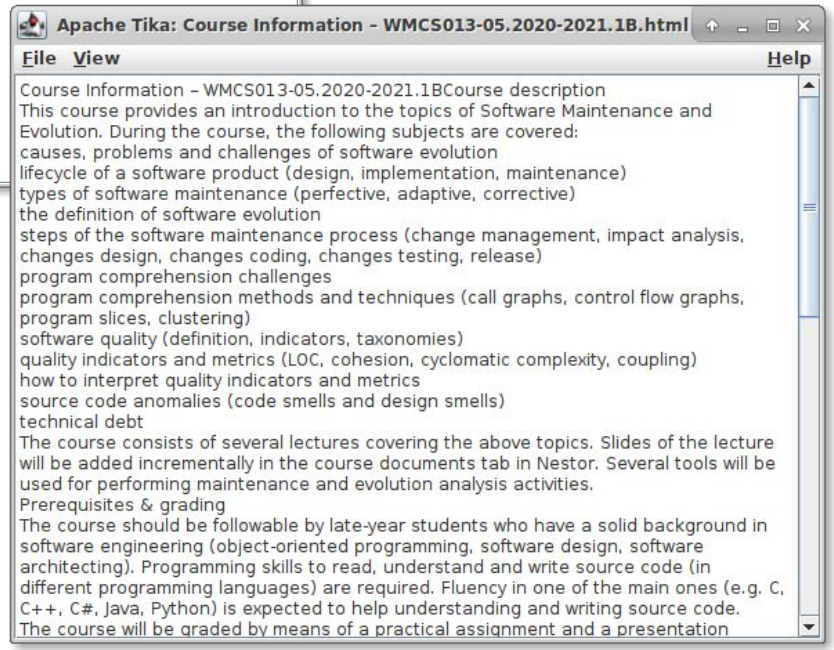
➔ Reusable components



[i] Connie U Smith and Lloyd G Williams. Software performance antipatterns, pages 127–136, 2000
[ii] God object Wikipedia page
[iii] https://edmundkirwan.com/general/spaghetti.html

What is Apache Tika ?





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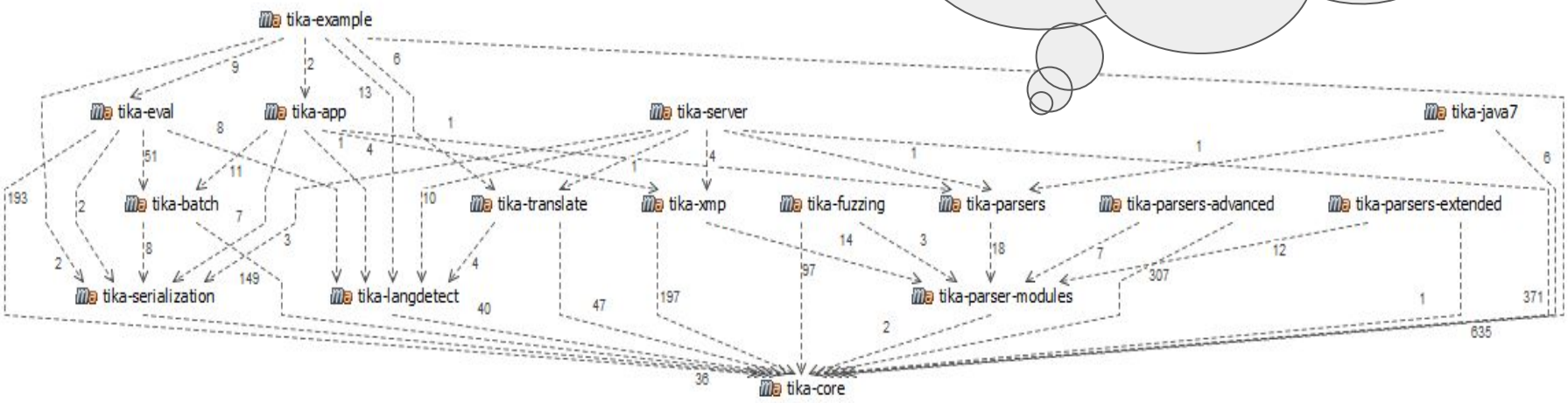
Which are God Components?



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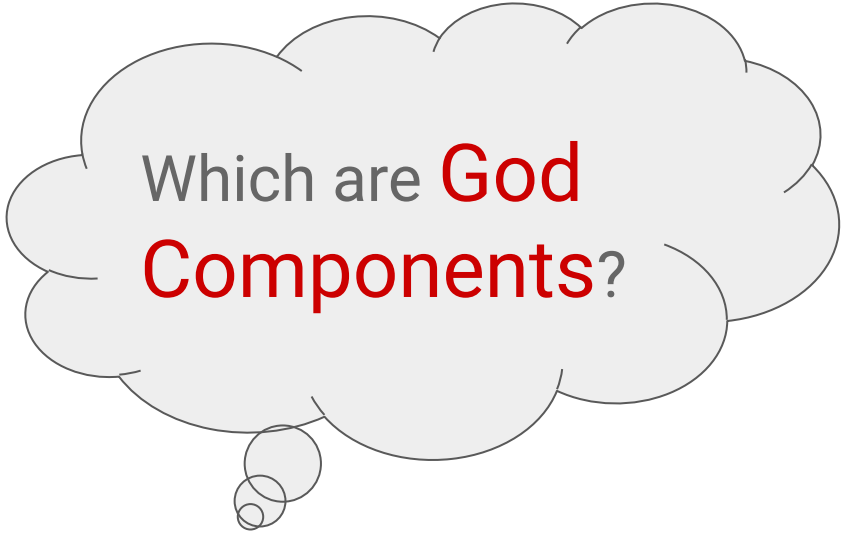
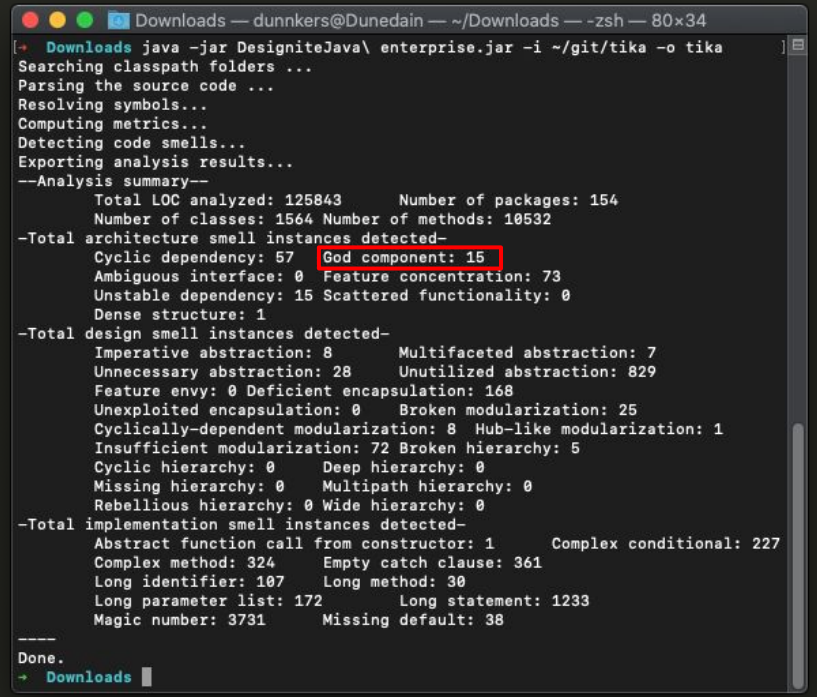


Running Designite

TERMINAL

```
$ git clone
github.com/apache/tika.git
~/git/tika


$ java -jar Designite.jar -i
~/git/tika -o ./out
```



For every version
(commit) of the code

Would take
55 hours

Running Designite using Peregrine

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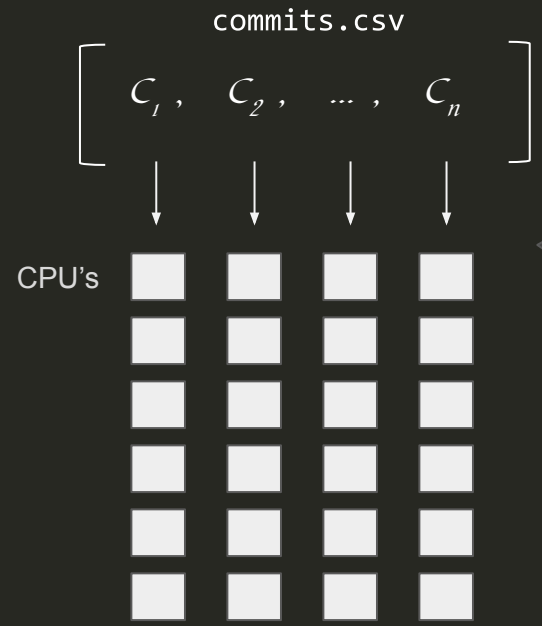
```
$ git log
--pretty=... >
commits.csv
```



Tika has about 5K commits

Designite runs are distributed across available CPU's
e.g. quad-core or 24-core

Running Designite

statistics.ipynb

```
import pandas as pd

all_reports = pd.read_csv('output/all_reports.csv')
all_reports.head()
```

commit	repo	package	smell	cause	metric
49bb4691393c016d8d65e6b11febca9e56feedef	tika-cpu_21	org.apache.tika.example	God Component	MANY_CLASSES	49
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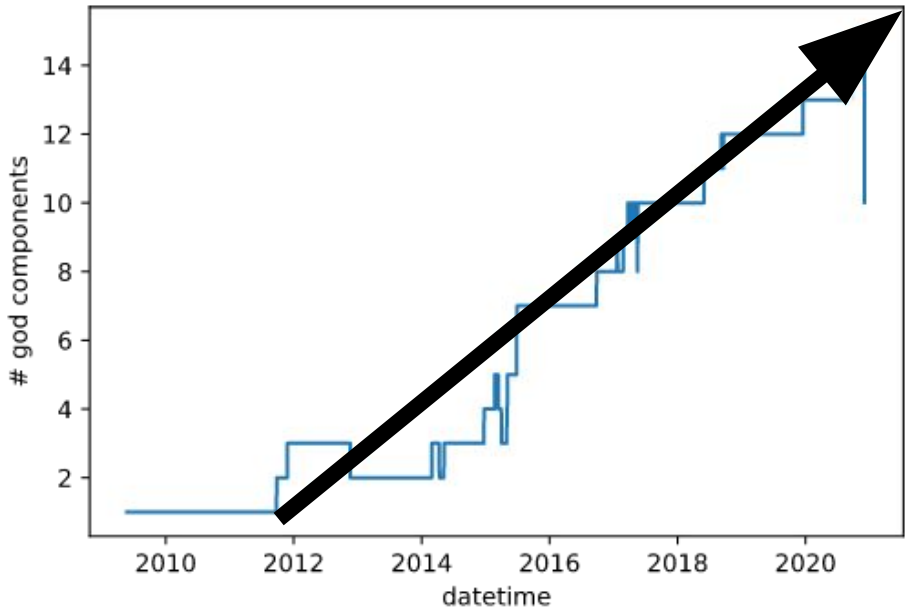

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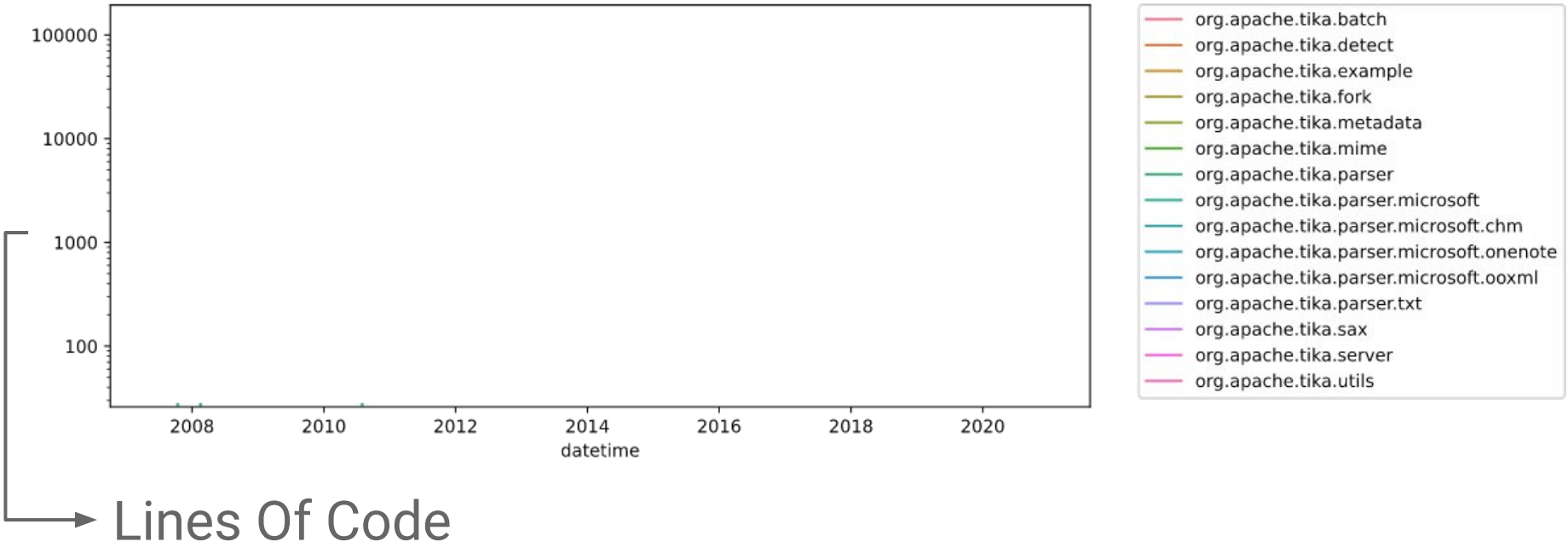

Lines Of Code

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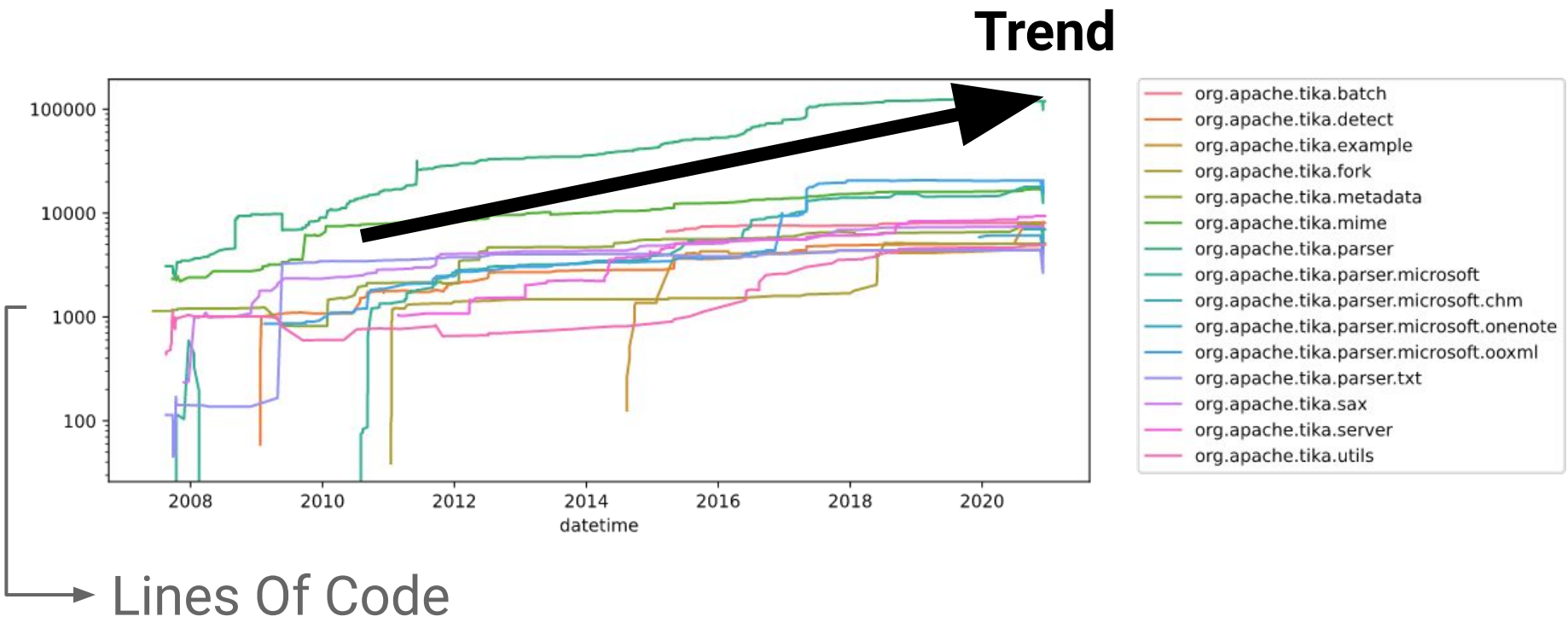

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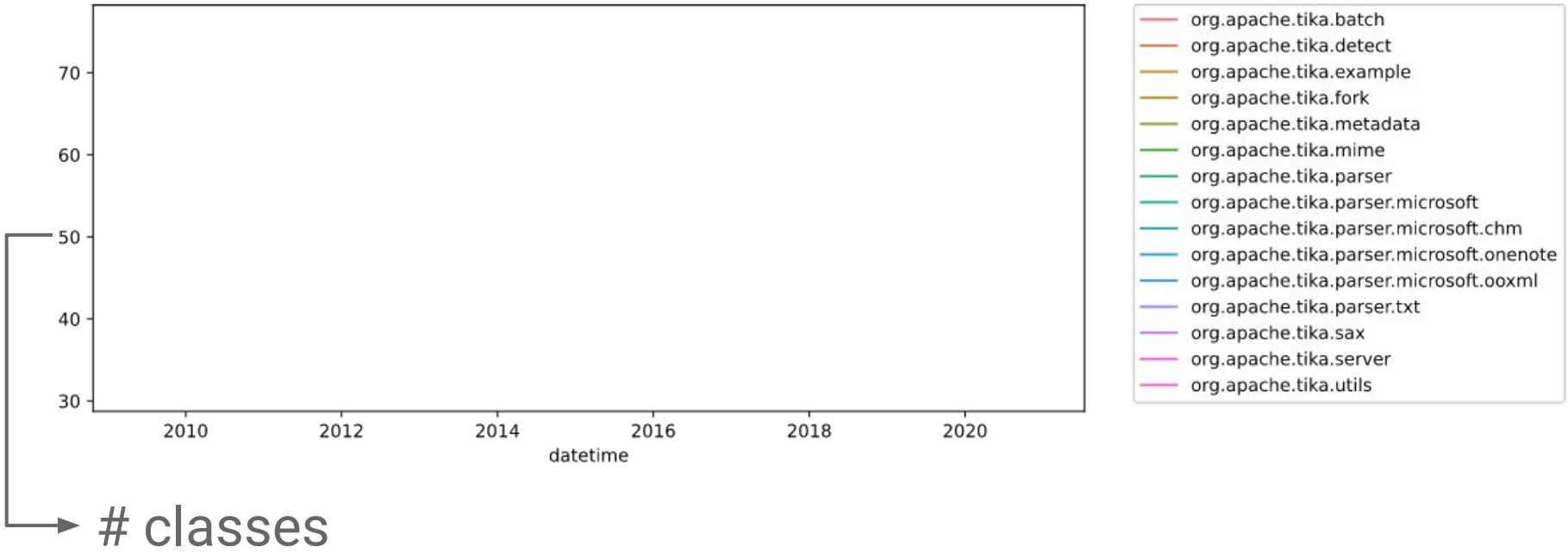

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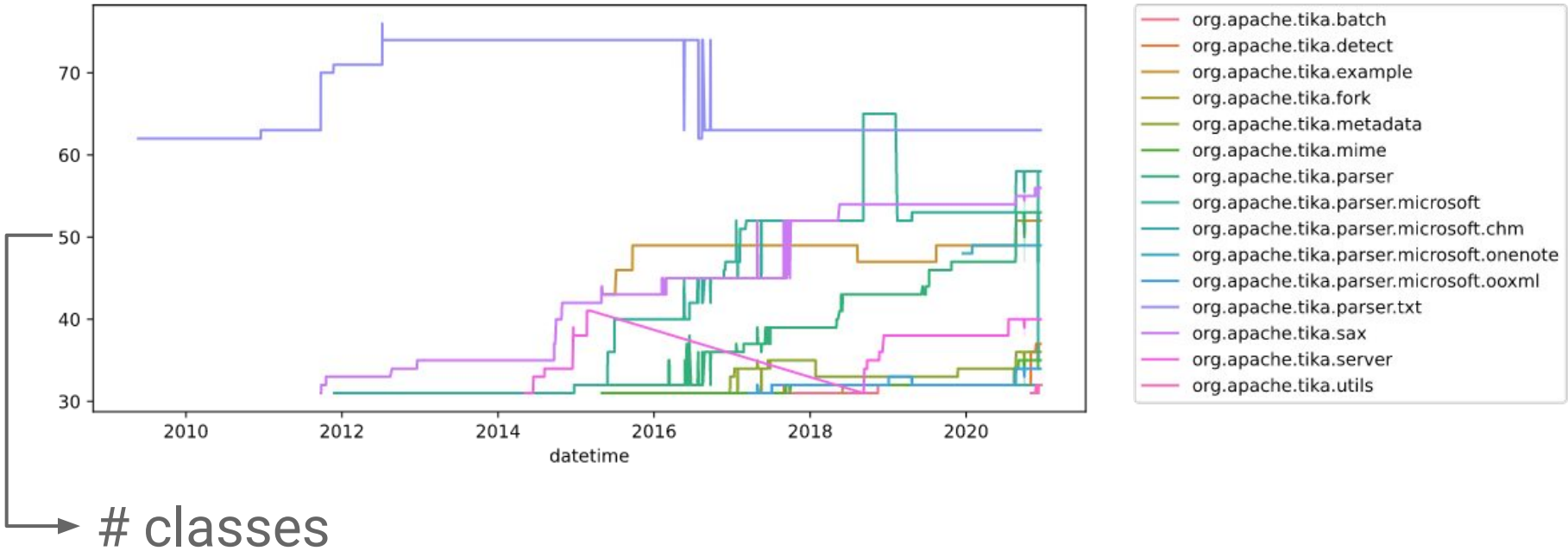


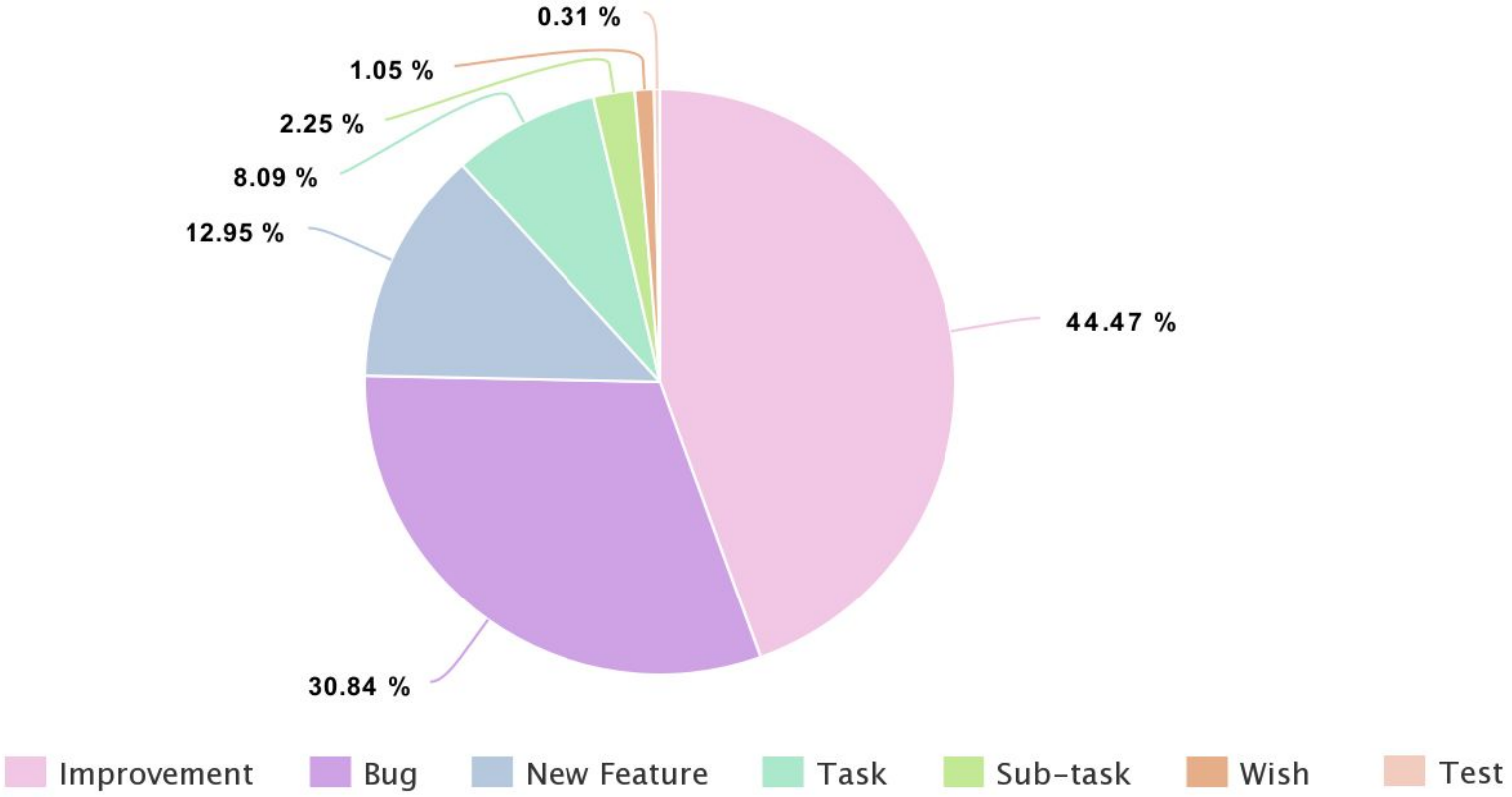
Let’s combine

more data sources.

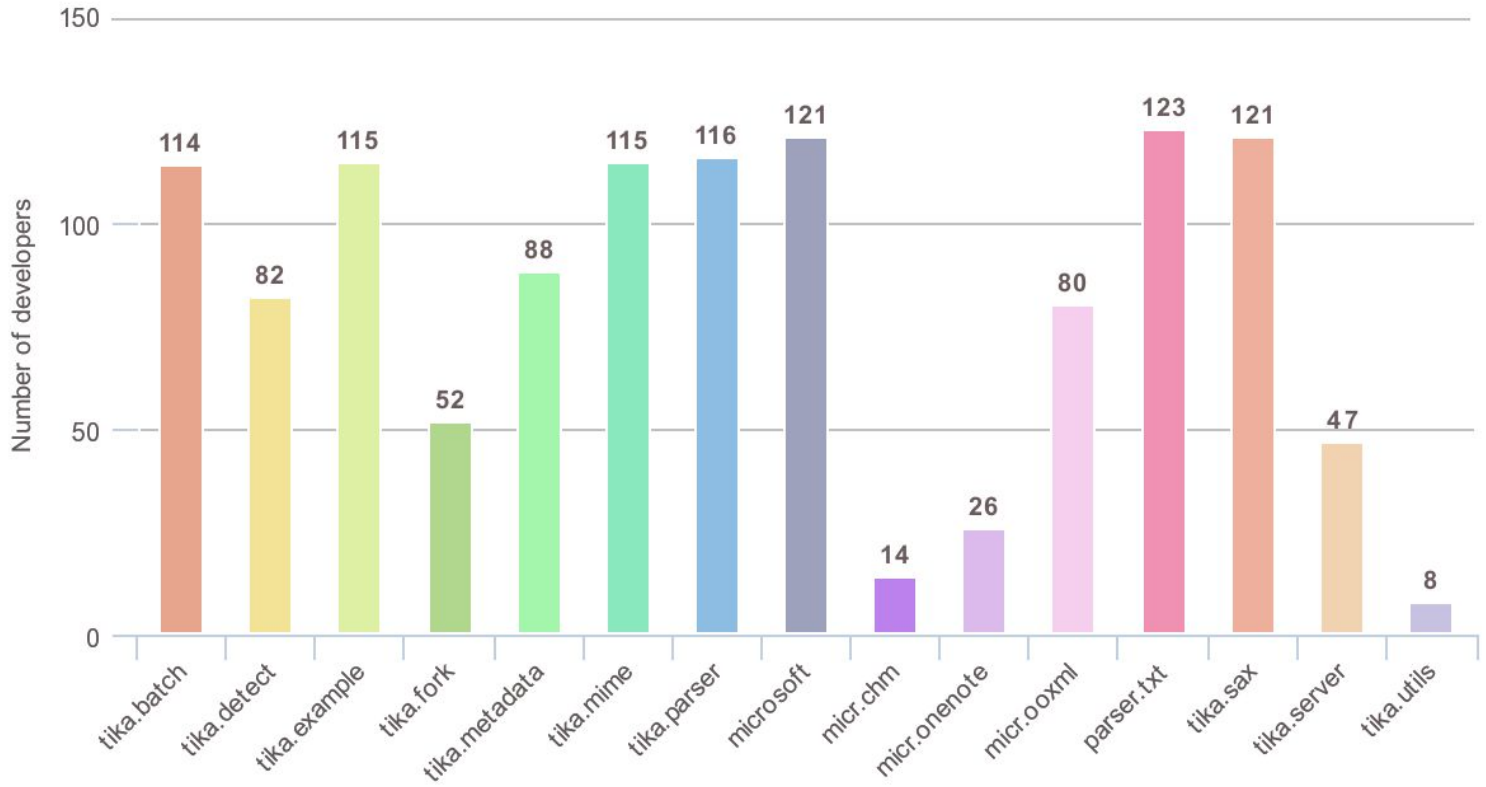
+ Developers in git repository

+ Jira issue tracker

Types of Jira issues.



Developers per GC.



Developers in codebase.

Author	Rows ∧	Stability	Age	% in comments
tallison	91982	143.9	17.3	21.79
Jukka Zitting	26772	39.3	127.7	34.21
tballison	24558	47.1	45.7	20.10
Nick Burch	18186	50.3	89.7	30.11
Chris Mattmann	16514	56.2	88.1	28.62
Nicholas DiPiazza	4171	67.6	12.9	20.71
Michael McCandless	2268	49.7	106.1	23.85
Thamme Gowda	2174	63.0	53.2	28.56
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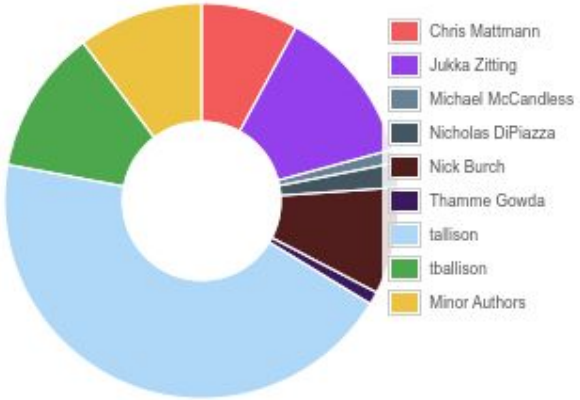
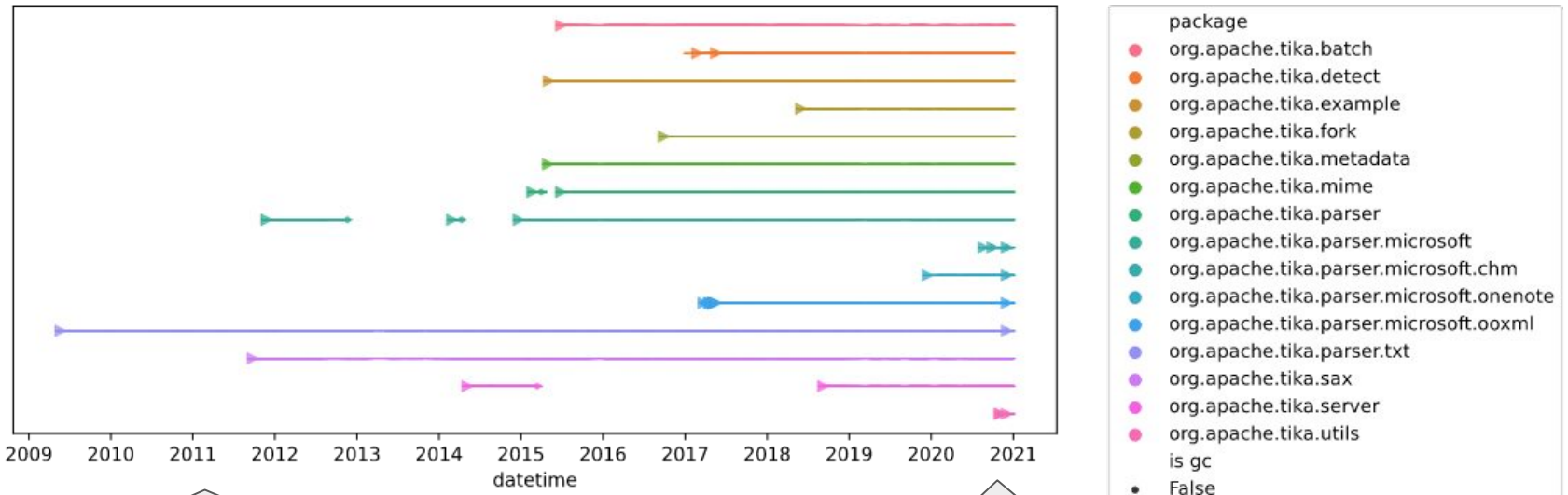


^ Data mined using gitinspector

Most of code was written only by a handful of authors

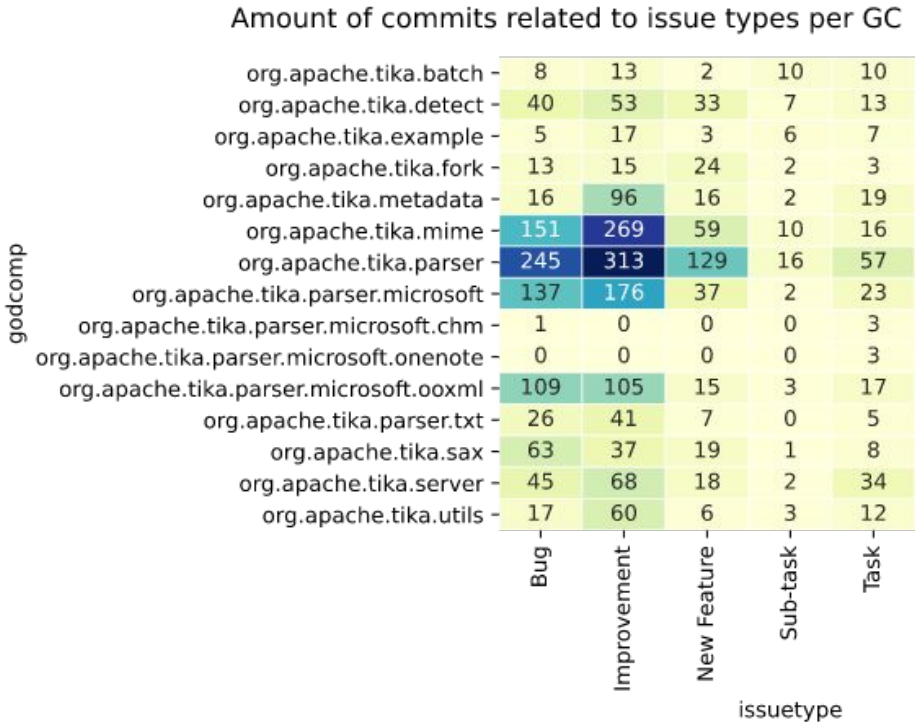
How long do God Components stay inside Tika?



GC's are inside system **~5 years** on average

All GC's are **still there** now

Types of Jira issues per GC.



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		

Specific Jira issues.

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
Component/s:	None		
Labels:	None		

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?