

# Clipboard:

## - Systematic Editing with Speculative Analysis and Naming Synthesis

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## Motivating Example

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org.eclipse.jdt.core.dom.DefaultCommentMapper.v9800 and v9801
1. class DefaultCommentMapper {
2. - HashMap<ASTNode, int[]> leadingComments;
3. - HashMap<ASTNode, int[]> trailingComments;
4. + ASTNode[] leadingNodes;
5. + int leadingPtr;
6. + int trailingPtr;
7. + ASTNode[] trailingNodes;
8.
9. Comment[] getLeadingComments(ASTNode node) {
10. - if (this.leadingComments != null) {
11. - int[] range = (int[])this.leadingComments.get(node);
12. + if (this.leadingPtr > 0) {
13. + int[] range = null;
14. + for (int i=0; range==null && i<this.leadingPtr; i++) {
15. + if (this.leadingNodes[i] == node)
16. + range=this.leadingIndexes[i];
17. + }
18. + if (range != null) {
19. int length = range[i]-range[0]+1;
20. Comment[] leadComments = new Comment[length];
21. return leadComments;
22. }
23. }
24. return null;
25. }
26. Comment[] getTrailingComments(ASTNode node) {
27. - if (this.trailingComments != null) {
28. - int[] range = (int[])this.trailingComments.get(node);
29. + if (this.trailingPtr > 0) {
30. + int[] range = null;
31. + for (int i=0; range==null && i<this.trailingPtr; i++) {
32. + if (this.trailingNodes[i] == node)
33. + range=this.trailingIndexes[i];
34. + }
35. + if (range != null) {
36. int length = range[i]-range[0]+1;
37. Comment[] trailComments = new Comment[length];
38. return trailComments;
39. }
40. }
41. return null;
42. }
```

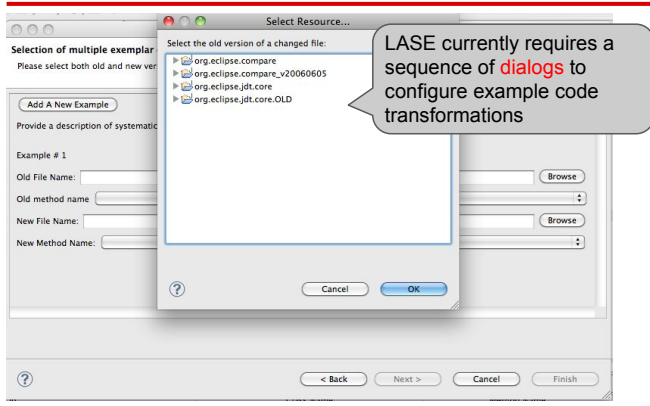
Use dialog to specify systematic edit

**Naming Synthesis:**  
Generate identifier names that do not exist before editing

**Speculative Analysis:**  
Proactively apply the transformation and check the compilation errors

## Limitation 1

### - Difficulty of specifying input



## Limitation 2 - Difficulty in producing readable variable names

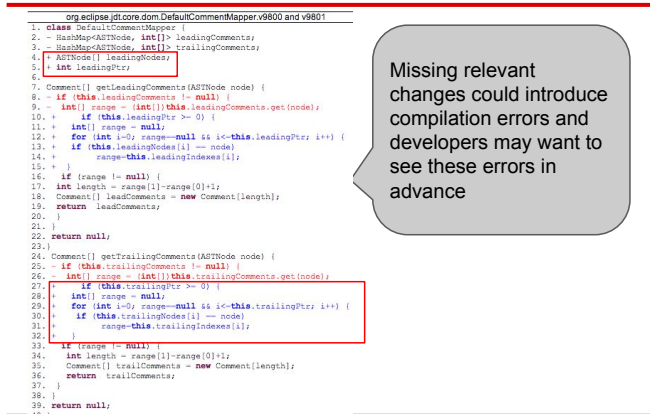
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Aold to Anew
1. public IActionBar[] getActionBar() {
2. - if (fContainer == null) {
3. + IActionBar[] actionBar = fContainer.getActionBar();
4. + if (actionBar == null && !fContainerProvided) {
5. + return Utilities.findActionBar(fComposite);
6. }
7. - return fContainer.getActionBar();
8. + return actionBar;
9. }

Bold to Bnew suggested by LASE
1. public IServiceLocator getServiceImpl() {
2. - if (fContainer == null) {
3. + IServiceLocator vold = fContainer.getServiceImpl();
4. + if (vold == null && !fContainerProvided) {
5. + return Utilities.findSite(fComposite);
6. }
7. - return fContainer.getServiceImpl();
8. + return vold;
9. }

Bold to Bnew suggested by Clipboard
1. public IServiceLocator getServiceImpl() {
2. - if (fContainer == null) {
3. + IServiceLocator serviceLocator = fContainer.getServiceImpl();
4. + if (serviceLocator == null && !fContainerProvided) {
5. + return Utilities.findSite(fComposite);
6. }
7. - return fContainer.getServiceImpl();
8. + return serviceLocator;
9. }
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Awkward identifier names make it difficult for developers to comprehend the code inserted by automated program transformation

## Limitation 3 - Lacking of speculating impacts of program transformation

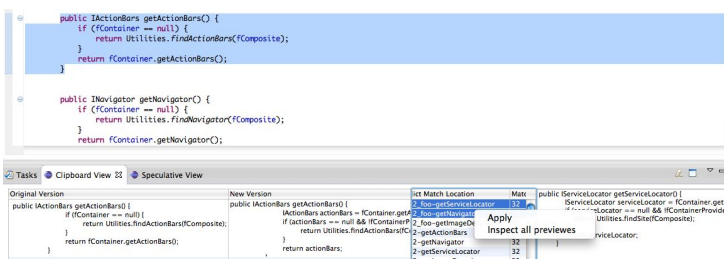


Missing relevant changes could introduce compilation errors and developers may want to see these errors in advance

## Contribution

1. Demonstrate systematic edit via drag-and-drop
2. Synthesize variable name based on the naming pattern
3. Perform speculative analysis by informing them of the consequence of the edit

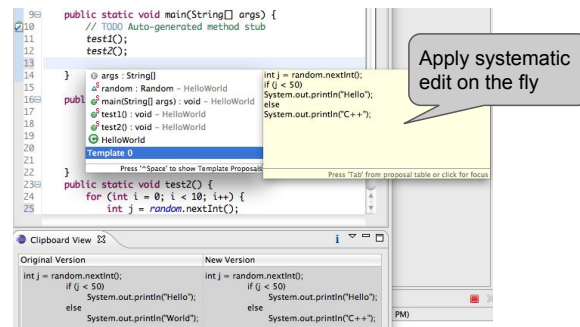
## Solution 1- Multi-Clipboard



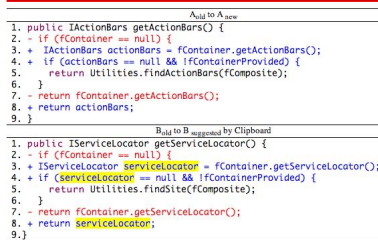
Demonstrate systematic edits via Drag-and-Drop

Recommend relevant edit locations and apply multiple edits simultaneously

## Solution 1- Multi-Clipboard (contd)



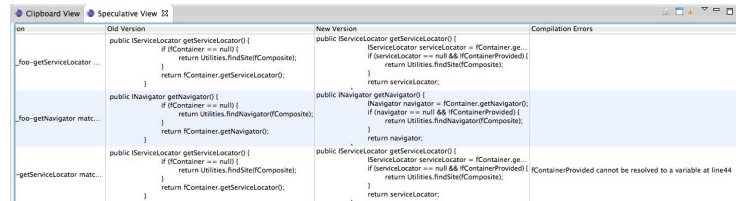
## Solution 2 - Naming Synthesis



Provide reasonable identifier names based on the naming pattern

1. Extract edit operations:  
Insert: IActionBars  
actionBars = fContainer.getActionBars();
2. Compare matched nodes:  
1) IActionBars → IServiceLocator  
2) fContainer.getActionBars() → fContainer.getServiceLocator()
3. Extract different character sequence:  
1) ActionBars → ServiceLocator  
2) ActionBars → ServiceLocator
4. Consider case sensitive:  
actionBars → serviceLocator

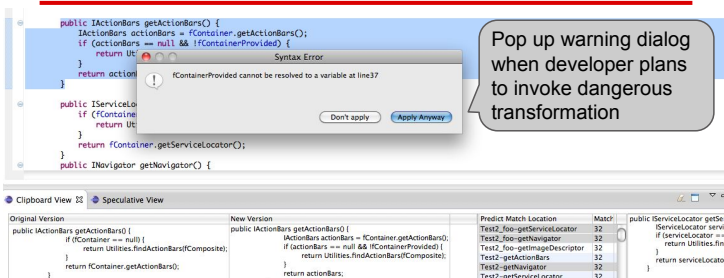
## Solution 3 - Speculative analysis



Display the code snippet after the likely systematic edit

Shows compilation error introduced by the likely transformation

## Solution 3 - Speculative analysis (contd)



1. Apply the systematic edit
2. Return Eclipse compilation errors
3. Undo the change if any errors occur.

## Evaluation

- User study
  - blind experiments
    - identifier name
    - auto-systematic edits
  - User study
    - Compare with manual editing
  - Questionnaire

## Related Work

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- Systematic edits and code completion
    - Sydit, LASE, Cookbook
    - GraPacc
  - Speculative Analysis
    - Quick Fix Scout
    - Crystal
  - Naming Pattern
    - Class name pattern
    - Method name vs implementation
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## Future Work

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- Opportunistic Refactoring
    - Extract method and recommend method name
  - Naming Synthesis with constraint solver
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