



BugPilot: Complex Bug Generation for Efficient Learning of SWE Skills

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High quality bugs are key to training the next generation of language model based software engineering (SWE) agents. We introduce a novel method for synthetic generation of difficult and diverse bugs. Our method instructs SWE Agents to introduce a feature into the codebase whereby they may unintentionally break tests, resulting in bugs. Prior approaches often induce an out-of-distribution effect by generating bugs *intentionally* (e.g. by introducing local perturbation to existing code), which does not reflect realistic development processes. We do a qualitative analysis to demonstrate that our approach for generating bugs more closely reflects the patterns found in human-authored edits. Through extensive experiments, we demonstrate that our bugs provide more efficient training data for supervised fine-tuning, outperforming other bug datasets by 2% with half the training data (1.2k vs. 3k bugs). We train on our newly generated bugs in addition to existing bug datasets to get FROGBOSS a state-of-the-art 32B parameter model on SWE-Bench Verified with a pass@1 of 54.6% and FROGMINI a state-of-the-art 14B model on SWE-Bench Verified with a pass@1 of 54.6% on SWE-Bench Verified averaged over three seeds.

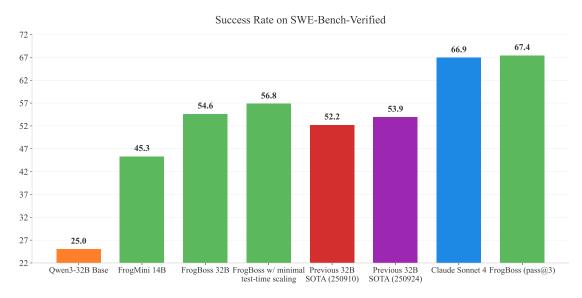


Figure 1: **Comparison to previous SoTA results.** We train FROGBOSS with our collected data including our new FEATADD datasets, and FROGBOSS achieves 54.6% pass@1 averaged over three seeds. With pass@3 we achieve a score of 67.4%, outperforming Claude Sonnet 4, illustrating the performance gains we could get with a good verifier. The minimal test time scaling refers to the strategy of selecting the shortest trajectory among three rollouts.

1 Introduction

Large language model (LLM)—based agents have recently made strong progress on software engineering (SWE) tasks (Yang et al., 2024; Jimenez et al., 2023; Pan et al., 2024; Wei et al., 2025). However, the strongest agents rely on proprietary models, and improving open-weight models on these tasks remains challenging. Training models to solve bugs using either supervised fine-tuning from expert data or reinforcement learning is promising (Yang et al., 2025; Jain et al., 2025; Luo et al., 2025; Wei et al., 2025). However scaling this approach requires large, high-quality bug datasets.

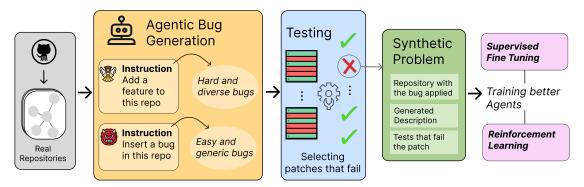


Figure 2: **Illustration of our BugPILOT pipeline.** First, we instruct SWE Agent (Yang et al., 2024) with Claude Sonnet 4 to introduce bugs, either through deliberate attempts or by attempting to add a feature. Then, we check whether these modifications resulted in the tests for the repository failing. If the tests fail, then we add this to our dataset of bugs. Otherwise, we ask the model to continue changing the code until the tests fail.

Existing bug curation strategies fall into two camps. One mines real bugs from pull requests and commits in open-source repositories, which demands careful issue localisation and filtering (Xie et al., 2025; Badertdinov et al., 2025; Pan et al., 2024; Wang et al., 2025). Alternatively, synthetic bug generation injects faults into existing codebases, allowing researchers to scale data without being bottlenecked by the availability of existing commits, pull requests or issues (Yang et al., 2025). A notable example of synthetic bugs is SWE-Smith Yang et al. (2025), which relies on hand-engineered rules and LLM re-implementations of existing functions in order to perturb the codebase until tests break. Although useful, this method produces datasets skewed toward a narrow set of bug types with fixes that are short and typically confined to a single file. This might undermine the transferability of models trained on such synthetic data to real-world scenarios, where bugs typically arise through natural development processes rather than deliberate injection of errors.

In this work, we introduce BUGPILOT, a novel approach to synthetic bug generation that leverages software engineering agents to create more naturalistic bugs through realistic development workflows. A naive approach to agentic bug generation would be what we refer to as BUGINSTRUCT: to explicitly instruct a SWE agent to *intentionally* introduce a bug in an existing code-base. This approach generates bugs that qualitatively do not resemble realistic bugs. Rather than intentionally injecting errors, our method tasks SWE agents with developing new features within existing repositories (which we refer to as FEATADD). This results in naturally introduced bugs when these implementations *unintentionally* break existing test suites. We detect when such breakages arise and record the state of the repository at this point as containing a bug that needs to be resolved. This process mirrors authentic software development scenarios where bugs commonly arise as unintended side effects of feature development and code modifications.

Through qualitative and quantitative analyses, we demonstrate that our generated bugs are not only more challenging for current agents, but are more diverse and exhibit more natural characteristics compared to existing synthetic datasets. Comparing *unintentionally* generated bugs (FEATADD) to *intentionally* generated bugs (BUGINSTRUCT and SWE-SMITH) for fine-tuning of a base model reveals that unintentional bugs provide much more efficient training examples performing 2% better with half the number of training trajectories (1.2k vs. 2.3k). Using our bugs to train an agent with reinforcement learning, our model achieves 52.4% on SWE-Bench Verified with a 32B parameter model (Pass@1 averaged across 3 seeds). When training using an extended set of all our collected data, we achieve state-of-the-art results for a 32B model with 54.6% on SWE-Bench Verified.

Our contributions are fourfold: (1) we propose BUGPILOT, a novel methodology for generating synthetic bugs through realistic development workflows with SWE agents (Figure 2), (2) through qualitative analysis we categorise bug datasets and show that bugs generated through FEATADD reflect a more natural category distribution (Section 5.1), (3) we demonstrate that *unintentionally* generated bugs provide more efficient training data for supervised fine-tuning and reinforcement learning than *intentionally* generated bugs, (4) we train FROGBOSS¹, a 32B model with 54.9% Pass@1 averaged over three seeds and FROGMINI, a 14B model with 45.3% averaged over three seeds by training with on a dataset combining all of our unintentionally generated FEATADD bugs with previous bug datasets for three epochs.

2 Related Work

Software Engineering Benchmarks and Tasks SWE-Bench (Jimenez et al., 2023) introduced 2, 294 problems from real GitHub issues and the corresponding solution PR, driving the first benchmark to study whether state of the art LLM agents can solve real-world SWE tasks. However, this initial set of problems has a few issues: (1) the solvability of these tasks, (2) the relative complexity of these tasks, and (3) the limited number of bugs. To solve the former, SWE-Bench Verified was introduced: a set of tasks verified by human engineers of whether they were solvable given the information described in the problem statement. To address the issue of a limited number of bugs, SWE-Fixer introduced a dataset of 110k human-authored bugs extracted from GitHub Issues Xie et al. (2025), SWE-rebench Badertdinov et al. (2025) introduced a set of 60k human generated tasks and SWE Gym introduced 2.4k new tasks Pan et al. (2024). Recent work has studied the synthetic generation of bugs in the form of SWE-Smith (Yang et al., 2025) whereby LLMs rewrite functions to have bugs and R2E-Gym (Jain et al., 2025) where bugs are extracted from the commits of repositories rather than the GitHub issues.

Frameworks for Software Engineering Agents Most work revolving around the development of improved software development frameworks involves improving the agentic framework and tools surrounding the base LLM agent. There have been many agentic frameworks that subsequently improve on SWE Bench performance such as (Yang et al., 2024; Ma et al., 2024; Yuan et al., 2025; Wang et al., 2024; Jain et al., 2025) implementing new tools such as a pdb debugger in Debug Gym, or complex navigation and manipulation tools in Moatless tools. In contrast to agentic approaches are pipeline based approaches such as Agentless Xia et al. (2024), a framework where instead of relying on an end-to-end agent loop, the tool goes through three pre-set phases: localization, repair, and patch validation.

Learning Approaches for Developing Better SWE Agents A number of training frameworks have been introduced to train better SWE agents using supervised fine-tuning and reinforcement learning Luo (2025); Wei et al. (2025). Current learning paradigms that have been attempted include SFT, performed with SWE-Smith bugs, R2E-Gym bugs, and SWE-gym bugs as well as RL performed with R2E-Gym bugs and RL with human-authored bugs Wei et al. (2025). Moreover, approaches such as test-time scaling using test generation or LLM-as-a-judge yield significant performance improvements in both SWE-Gym and R2E-Gym, including using Monte Carlo tree search (MCTS) (Antoniades et al., 2024) or inference time process reward models Gandhi et al. (2025) to guide better search procedures with verification.

3 Automatic Bug Generation

3.1 Background

A bug consists of (1) a repository with some code that functions incorrectly, (2) a natural language description of how this bug manifests while using the code and (3) tests that can be used to verify if the bug can been rectified. In the context of bug-fixing tasks, agents are provided with (1) the buggy repository and (2) the problem description and are expected to produce code changes in the repository that result in the failing test cases corresponding to the problem description.

Collections of bugs, such as SWE-Bench, serve dual purposes in advancing software engineering agents. First, they enable systematic evaluation of agent capabilities on realistic debugging scenarios. Second, they provide valuable training data: bugs can be used to generate expert trajectories for supervised fine-tuning, or serve as environments for reinforcement learning of bug-fixing skills.

Bug datasets are traditionally curated from open-source repository histories. However, this approach requires substantial curation effort to filter suitable examples and is fundamentally constrained by the availability of development histories on platforms like GitHub. Synthetic bug generation pipelines offer an alternative by enabling bug creation for arbitrary repositories and programming languages without depending on existing commit histories. Before introducing our agentic generation approach, we briefly describe two existing bug generation approaches, R2E-GYM (Jain et al., 2025) and SWE-SMITH (Yang et al., 2025):

Human-authored Edits. The R2E-GYM dataset constructs bugs by reverting commits from selected Python repositories. Suitable commits are identified using heuristics such as edit size, and tests are extracted that fail on the

buggy version but pass on the fixed version. Problem statements describing each bug are generated by prompting language models with the code diff and test failures.

Synthetic Bug Generation. The SWE-SMITH dataset introduces synthetic bugs into Python repositories through three mechanisms: (1) procedural code modifications, (2) LLM-based reimplementation of individual functions, and (3) PR inversion, where an LLM attempts to reverse existing pull requests by regenerating files that undo the changes. All approaches verify bugs using failing test cases, with problem descriptions generated via LLM prompting.

3.2 BugPilot: Agentic Generation of Bugs

Current methods for generating synthetic bugs (e.g. SWE-Smith) work by perturbing the code until the tests break. We hypothesize that SWE agents themselves might be used to introduce bugs in a way more reflective of real-life software engineering. We start with the set of 128 SWE-Smith repositories where, for each repository we have a containerised environment (docker image) where the codebase along with all dependencies have been installed. To synthesize bugs within these repositories we use SWE-Agent (Yang et al., 2024) with Claude Sonnet 4. The *agent* here is a system that interacts with these containers and ultimately makes a set of changes to files across the repository. It consists of a loop that prompts the language model with high level instructions along with outputs from the last step. The language model is asked to generate a tool call, where possible tools in our configuration include viewing / editing files as well as executing terminal commands in the container. The loop terminates after the language model generates the submit tool or if certain limits are reached. An illustration of our bug generation pipeline can be found in Figure 2 and a comparison between the bugs generated using FEATADD approach can be found in Figure 3. We consider two ways to introduce bugs within this framework -

Intentional Bug Introduction (BugInstruct) We instruct the agent to introduce bugs into the repository by enriching its system prompt with guidance on bug integration techniques and verification steps to confirm that changes break existing functionality. However, this intentional approach produces bugs that lack diversity and are typically far simpler than real-world bugs, as we demonstrate later. This distributional mismatch ultimately limits their effectiveness for improving agentic coding performance. We refer to this method as BugInstruct.

Buggy Feature Addition (FEATADD) Many real world bugs in the software development process arise when existing code is modified incorrectly to support new features. We emulate this by tasking our agent to come up with and implement a new feature for the given repository while preserving existing functionality (detailed prompt provided in Appendix) Whenever the feature breaks an existing test, a bug is created. Unlike the earlier approach, bugs here are *unintentional* and thus are more likely to align to naturally occurring bugs. We refer to this method as FEATADD.

For both of these approaches, given a repository, we execute both strategies multiple times in order to collect differing approaches from at performing the same task. We evaluate whether a run resulted in a bug by running tests after the agent has submitted and making sure at least one test fails (see Figure 4). The description of the bug for each "buggy" run is generated by prompting the language model to generate a bug-report given the output of the failed tests, following SWE-Smith (Yang et al., 2025). The final synthetically generated bug is thus composed of the code changes made by the agent during its execution along with the failing test and its outputs. Our approach enjoys the same scalability benefits of SWE-smith, wherein once a repository is setup in a containerised environment, no additional manual effort is required in order to generate more bugs.

4 Datasets and Training Methodology

Below we describe how we collect trajectories for training from various bug datasets, along with our methodology for training on these trajectories.

Agentic Framework For all our inference and training purposes we use R2EGym as our agentic scaffold, because of it's previous usage and strong performance on SWE-Bench Verified Jain et al. (2025). Moreover, the R2EGym scaffold is built into RLLM Tan et al. (2025), a framework for training language models with RL on SWE tasks, making it convenient to compare SFT to RL. The R2EGym scaffold offers to the agent four tools: the file-editor, execute-bash, search and finish.

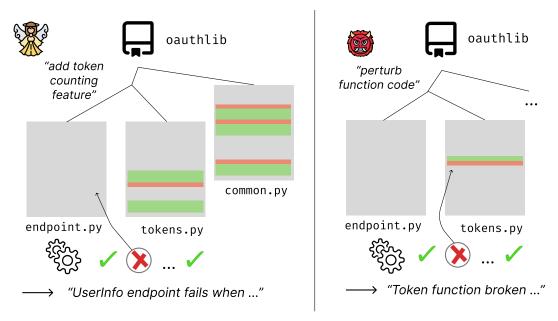


Figure 3: **Contrasting approaches to adding bugs**. On the left, our FEATADD approach first attempts to implement a token counting feature in the repository. This results in large changes across multiple files as well as a test case failure arising from a seemingly unrelated part of the repository. In contrast on the right, approaches like SWE-SMITH and our proposed baseline BUGINSTRUCT make local perturbations to the code which cause related tests to fail. We can see that FEATADD more closely resembles how bugs arise during the development process, where test failures can occur due to complex interactions between changes.

Supervised Fine-tuning We collect trajectories for training with supervised fine-tuning (SFT) using Claude Sonnet 4 and bug datasets from all four of the bug generation techniques described above. To create the dataset for SFT, we use rejection sampling on each of the datasets. We generate the trajectories using a 64k context length and 10k max prompt length and then filter them based on success. The statistics of these trajectories are reported in Table 1. For our student model, we choose Qwen3-32B (Team, 2025). We fully fine-tune our model using LlamaFactory (Zheng et al., 2024) with a learning rate of 1e-5, no weight decay, we perform 2 epochs of training with a maximum context length of 32k tokens. If a trajectory generated at 64k tokens is successful, we train on the first 32k tokens. This occupies one node of 8 Nvidia H100 for 10 hours.

Reinforcement Learning Recent work has shown promise in using Reinforcement Learning to fine-tune LLMs for tasks with verifiable rewards, especially for Maths and Competition programming. Software development tasks as discussed in this paper differ from the above in that they are multi-turn, requiring the model to interact with the environment in a diverse way. Following DeepSWE (Luo et al., 2025), we employ the RLLM (Tan et al., 2025) framework for fine-tuning language models using RL with various rewards. Similar to the SFT paradigm, we generate rollouts with a max context length of 64k tokens, but truncate to the first 32k tokens for training. To train reinforcement learning for 25 steps with 64 bugs per step and 8 rollouts per bug, we require 8 nodes of 8 × H100s for 50 hours.

Evaluation Evaluation was performed on SWE-Bench Verified and every model was run over three seeds with a context length of 64k, 100 max steps and a temperature of 1. Full hyper-parameters can be found in the appendix.

Methodology and Data Mixtures Our main experiments use a base mixture of R2E-GYM and SWE-SMITH bugs with a total of 5,621 successful resolution trajectories from Claude Sonnet 4 (as reported in Table 1, we have 5,819 trajectories for these two datasets but we leave out 198 trajectories for validation). We call this mixture BASEMIX. We first fine-tune our base model on this mixture followed by perform another round of fine-tuning on 1.2k trajectories generated from our agentic generated BUGINSTRUCT and FEATADD bugs. For a fair comparison, we perform this second stage of fine-tuning on additional 1.2k trajectories (same size as above datasets) from R2E-GYM and SWE-

Table 1: Solve statistics of Claude Sonnet 4, GPT-40 and GPT-5 using R2E-Gym as the agentic scaffold. Agentic bugs generated via either FEATADD or BUGINSTRUCT are more difficult than the SWE-SMITH and R2E-GYM bugs, with FEATADD bugs being the most difficult of them all across the three models.

Models	R2E-GYM	SWE-SMITH	BUGINSTRUCT	FEATADD
Claude Sonnet 4	63.5%	65.9%	54.6%	41.4%
Successful Trajectories	3,208	2,611	2,330	1,243
Avg Steps	42.0	39.2	43.1	45.5
Avg Observation Tokens	460.1	448.8	464.7	433.5
Avg Assistant Content / Trajectory	34.5	30.5	32.9	35.3
Avg Assistant Content Tokens	56.8	59.1	60.4	61.0
<u>GPT-40</u>	32.8%	29.4%	13.4%	18.5%
Avg Assistant Content / Trajectory	5.6	5.8	6.2	7.7
Avg Assistant Content Tokens	150.7	152.1	157.7	154.4
GPT-5	68.7%	77.5%	67.8%	53.4%
Avg Assistant Content / Trajectory	0.8	0.5	12.3	14.5
Avg Assistant Content Tokens	465.6	481.3.6	21.0	22.0

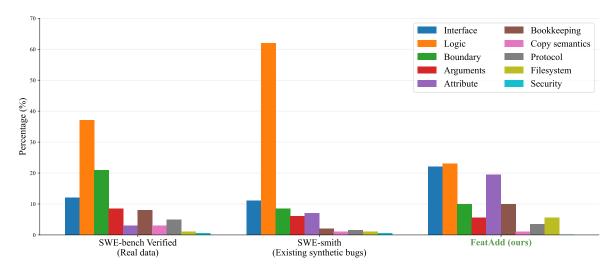


Figure 4: **Distribution of common bug types across different bug datasets.** FEATADD demonstrates the most even distribution of bugs compared to prior work as well as our agentic baseline BUGINSTRUCT. SWE-SMITH bugs shows a particular skew towards **logic** and conditional bugs. This can be explained by the rule based and local nature of the SWE-SMITH generation process. Most bugs generated by BUGINSTRUCT are state consistency / **bookkeeping** / caching bugs or **copy semantics** / mutability aliasing / in-place mutation of inputs bugs. The distribution of FEATADD bugs is similar to R2E-GYM and SWE-BENCH, which is closest to the human authored edit distribution found in real repositories.

SMITH, not included in BASEMIX. Finally, we experiment with fine-tuning the base model on ALLDATA, consisting of BASEMIX, FEATADD along with the 1k trajectories each from R2E-GYM and SWE-SMITH.

5 Results

5.1 Bug Analysis

We first study the characteristics of the bugs generated by our approach by categorizing them and comparing the distribution of bug-types with both human-authored bugs (SWE-Bench Verified and R2E-GYM) and AI-generated (SWE-SMITH).

Table 2: **Bug Statistics.** We compare bugs from different generation methods with SWE-Bench Verified. R2E-GYM uses human-authored edits, while others use synthetic generated bugs. FEATADD characteristics differ significantly from previous approaches in that the patch used to introduce the bug has many more tokens and on average twice as many files changed.

Feature	SWE-B-V	R2E-GYM	SWE-SMITH	BugInstruct	FEATADD
Total tasks	500	1000	1000	1000	785
Problem tokens	447.7	264.6	312.0	332.6	304.4
Avg diff patch tokens	394.0	352.6	598.2	435.3	4376.0
Avg files modified	1.2	2.6	1.2	1.3	4.2
Avg net lines changed	5.6	36.0	-3.2	12.4	415.9
Unique repositories	12	10	125	111	86
Avg tasks per repo	41.7	100.0	8.0	9.0	9.1
Claude resolve rate	70.8	63.5	65.9	54.6	41.4

Bug Categorization In Figure 4 we present results from an LLM-aided categorisation of bugs into common bug-types. Bugs generated using FEATADD demonstrate a more even distribution of bugs across various categories compared to prior work, which is skewed to a few bug types. This demonstrates that FEATADD bug generation approach can be used to generate diverse bugs synthetically, which match real world bug distributions, unlike prior synthetic generation baselines. Further details of the bug categorisation can be found in Appendix 9 and examples of FEATADD bugs of different types can be found in Appendix 8.

Bug Statistics In Table 2, we study how the patch that introduces the bugs differs quantitatively across different generation methods. FEATADD results in starkly different bug patches to the other approaches, with the changes usually being made across multiple files and of a greater magnitude.

Bug Difficulty We evaluate bug difficulty by measuring the ability of a strong coding agent to solve generated bugs from that dataset. We use the R2E-Gym *scaffold* (Jain et al., 2025) as our agentic scaffold and we use Claude Sonnet 4 as our strong coding agent. For all bugs, we sample 4 attempts. The results in Table 1 show that FEATADD bugs are the most challenging even for frontier models and the solve success rate drops from 63.5% to 41.4%.

5.2 Training on Bugs

Table 3 presents the performance of our Qwen3-32B models against prior work, comparing three training configurations: RL fine-tuning on FEATADD bugs, supervised fine-tuning on mixed trajectory datasets, and our best combined approach. Our RL-trained model establishes a new state-of-the-art on SWE-Bench Verified, achieving 52.4% Pass@1 (averaged over three seeds). Notably, BASEMIX +FEATADD with supervised fine-tuning reaches nearly identical performance at 51.9% while being substantially more data-efficient than concurrent work—using 40% fewer trajectories and only 5% as many bugs in the SFT dataset compared to SWE-Mirror Wang et al. (2025). Building on these results, we trained our best-performing model using the full trajectory set: 2k bugs each from R2E-GYM, SWE-SMITH, and FEATADD. Despite using a 25% smaller dataset than previous work (9k vs. 12k bugs), this configuration achieves 54.6% Pass@1, our highest result. These findings demonstrate that FEATADD, our high-quality synthetic dataset, enables both superior performance and greater data efficiency in training software engineering agents.

Comparison to continued fine-tuning on other synthetic data mixtures. In Table 5 we compare doing further steps of SFT on FEATADD to further fine-tuning on R2E-GYM, SWE-SMITH and BUGINSTRUCT. Using a mix of 5.6k trajectories from previously available bugs (BASEMIX) and 1.2k trajectories from a strong teacher model solving our synthetically generated bugs (FEATADD), we are able to train a state-of-the-art 32B parameter model on SWE-Bench Verified to 51.9% pass@1 averaged over three seeds, achieving comparable results to concurrent work (SWE Mirror) while using a trajectory mixture that is 40% smaller (7k vs. 12k). The 2.1% performance improvement over BASEMIX can't be achieved by continued training on other data of the same size (BASEMIX +R2E-GYM, BASEMIX +SWE-SMITH). The results suggest that we have found a method of synthetic bug generation that more closely matches the distribution of bugs found in human-authored edits. This is particularly visible when comparing FEATADD with BUGINSTRUCT. The intentional nature of BUGINSTRUCT doesn't yield visible gains over BASEMIX.

Table 3: **Comparison to Current State-of-the-Art** We achieve state-of-the-art results for a 14B and 32B model by supervised fine-tuning on bugs generated by FEATADD in addition to existing bug datasets (ALLDATA). We also show that training with reinforcement learning (RL) on FEATADD for only 25 steps; starting from a base model fine-tuned with BASEMIX can outperform previous state of the art with less that half the amount of trajectories. Our model trained with supervised fine-tuning (SFT) on BASEMIX +FEATADD achieves near state-of-the-art results with 40% of the total training trajectories (7k vs. 12k) and 5% of the total bugs (3k vs. 60k).

Model/Method	Scaffold	Bugs	Trajectories	SWE-Bench (V)
Proprietary Models				
Claude Sonnet 4	Moatless Tools	-	-	70.8
Claude Sonnet 4	SWE-Agent	-	-	66.6
Claude Sonnet 4	R2E-Gym	-	-	66.9
GPT-4o	R2E-Gym	-	-	29.3
GPT-5	R2E-Gym	-	-	65.7
Open Weights Models				
DeepSeek-R1-0528 (Guo et al., 2025)	OpenHands	-	-	45.6
Qwen3-Coder-480B (Team, 2025)	mini-SWE-Agent	-	-	55.4
GLM-4.5-358B (Zeng et al., 2025a)	SWE-Agent	-	-	64.2
GLM-4.5-358B (Zeng et al., 2025a)	mini-SWE-Agent	-	-	54.2
SWE-Fixer-72B (Xie et al., 2025)	SWE-Fixer	110k	-	32.8
SWE-RL-70B (Wei et al., 2025)	Agentless			41.0
CWM-32B (FAIR CodeGen Team, 2025)	Agentless	-	-	53.9
DeepSWE-32B-Preview (Luo et al., 2025)	R2E-Gym	4.6k	-	42.2
SWE-Gym-32B (Pan et al., 2024)	OpenHands	2.4k	491	20.6
R2E-Gym-32B (Jain et al., 2025)	R2E-Gym	4.6k	4.5k	34.4
Skywork-SWE-32B (Zeng et al., 2025b)	OpenHands	10.1k	8k	38.0
SWE-Smith-LM-32B (Yang et al., 2025)	SWE-Agent	50k	5k	40.2
SWE-Mirror-LM-32B (Wang et al., 2025)	OpenHands	60k	12k	52.2
Ours (14B)				
BaseMix + FeatAdd 14B (SFT)	R2E-Gym	3k	7k	41.1
BaseMix + FeatAdd 14B (RL)	R2E-Gym	3k	-	42.2
FROGMINI (All Data)	R2E-Gym	3k	9k	45.3
Ours (32B)				
BaseMix + FeatAdd 32B (SFT)	R2E-Gym	3k	7k	51.9
BaseMix + FeatAdd 32B (RL)	R2E-Gym	3k	-	52.4
FROGBOSS (All Data)	R2E-Gym	3k	9k	54.6

The improvement w.r.t. to the baseline in Pass³ shows that the model gets more consistent in resolution strategies across seeds.

Challenging Splits While SWE-Bench Verified has been extensively studied and tested in the community, there are subsets of the benchmark that drive most of the progress for state-of-the-art models. Namely, the Frontier and Challenging problems are problems on which Claude Opus 4 achieves 11% and 31% respectively, despite achieving 73.60% on the entire set of SWE-Bench Verified. The Hard problems are problems rated by an expert human SWE to require more than one hour to solve with an overall 42.2% solve rate by Claude Opus 4. ² The Multi-File problems are any problems in SWE-Bench Verified that cross more than one file and solved 10.0% of the time by Claude Opus 4. We report our results on the subsets in Table 6. We find that on all subsets of SWE-Bench Verified that the inclusion of FEATADD results in improved performance over BASEMIX in Pass@1 score averaged over three seeds. Moreover, including FEATADD results in a 1% improved in the challenging and frontier subsets. However, on the multi-file and hard subsets, fine-tuning further on SWE-SMITH results in improved performance over FEATADD. This may be because the relatively small size of hard and multi-file subsets (40 and 45 respectively) may have contributed to a higher variance result. Notably, training with RL on FEATADD from BASEMIX shows improvement over BASEMIX on challenging and hard problems, but no improvement over BASEMIX on frontier and multi-file problems. Moreover, training with RL does not improve over training with SFT on FEATADD for any subset. This could be because we use

²Subsets from https://huggingface.co/datasets/jatinganhotra/SWE-bench_Verified-discriminative

Table 4: **Comparison between SFT on different bug datasets.** We report the Pass@1 averaged over three seeds, the Pass@3 and the Pass³ which is the set of tasks where the model must get the problem right every time over the three seeds. Finally, we report the Pass@Short, which is where we sample three times and select the shortest trajectory.

Model	Pass@1	Pass@3	$Pass^3$	Pass@Short
Qwen3-32B	25.00	40.00	12.60	29.40
BASEMIX (SFT)	49.87	63.80	37.00	50.20
BASEMIX + R2E-GYM (SFT)	50.73	63.60	36.60	54.60
BASEMIX + SWE-SMITH (SFT)	50.53	64.60	36.60	52.40
BASEMIX + BUGINSTRUCT (SFT)	49.87	65.00	33.00	49.60
BASEMIX + FEATADD (SFT)	51.93	64.40	39.40	54.60
BASEMIX + FEATADD (RL)	52.40	65.60	38.20	56.80

Table 5: **Comparison between different methods on 14B model** We report the Pass@1 averaged over three seeds, the Pass@3 and the Pass³ which is the set of tasks where the model must get the problem right every time over the three seeds. Finally, we report the Pass@Short, which is where we sample three times and select the shortest trajectory.

Model	Pass@1	Pass@3	Pass ³	Pass@Short
Qwen3-14B	18.33	30.4	8.20	24.4
BASEMIX (SFT)	41.13	54.4	28.6	47.6
BASEMIX + FEATADD (SFT)	40.4	55.4	25.8	45.0
BASEMIX + FEATADD(RL)	42.2	55.0	29.2	45.4
ALLDATA (FROGMINI)	45.27	58.2	32.2	47.60

the GRPO algorithm that requires a problem to be partially solvable to make progress - if problems are too difficult, the advantage will be zero for those problems.

Impact of Teacher Model In addition to Claude Sonnet 4, we also attempt to collect agent trajectories using GPT-40 and GPT-5 as LLM backbone. We report the statistics of these trajectories in Table 1. Performance wise, GPT-5 outperforms Claude Sonnet 4 in all four sets of bugs, while GPT-40 struggles to resolve even one third of the bugs, especially on the BUGINSTRUCT and FEATADD sets. In comparison to Claude Sonnet 4, we observe that the GPT models tend to generate significantly less assistant content in association with the tool/function calls. This is particularly obvious in the trajectories collected on the R2E-GYM and SWE-SMITH using GPT-5 as backbone, on average there is less than one assistant content being generated per trajectory. This is perhaps because the design of the GPT models intentionally prevents the model from generating too much text when calling the tool.

We observe the lack of assistant content (e.g. think tokens combined with the tool call itself) can significantly hurt the performance of a model fine-tuned on such data, even that the teacher model's performance might be better. We trained a Qwen3-32B student model on the successful trajectories collected using the GPT models as backbone (similar setting as BASEMIX). The student models trained on GPT-5 and GPT-40 trajectories result in a success rate of 31.40% and 21.57% on SWE-Bench Verified, respectively. This suggests the assistant content (a summary of the teacher's reasoning) is essential in distilling code repairing skills from teacher models into student models, the assistant content may serve as a Chain-of-Thought (Wei et al., 2022) that more effectively conditions the student model to generate the tool/function calls. Our observation aligns well with recent reasoning curation work (Abdin et al., 2025; Zhao et al., 2025) where they demonstrate the quality of the reasoning content can be crucial in SFT training in domains such as maths and code generation.

6 Discussion

Through our extensive experiments, we have shown the utility of our approach for producing difficult bugs that produce efficient training of SWE agents. However, one potential drawback of this method is that it may over time become less effective as a distillation technique if the teacher model (e.g. a large closed source model such as Claude Sonnet 4) no longer produces bugs while introducing new features. To address this, an avenue for future work could be to use

Table 6: **Results on Harder Subsets of SWE-Bench Verified.** We report the Pass@1 averaged over three seeds. The frontier, challenging, hard, and multi-file subsets contain problems where state-of-the-art closed source models struggle.

Size	Full 500	Challenging 155	Frontier 95	Hard 45	Multi-file 40
Qwen3-32B	25.33	1.29	0.35	5.19	0.83
BaseMix (SFT)	49.87	3.66	1.05	12.59	0.83
BaseMix + R2E-Gym (SFT)	50.73	5.38	1.75	9.63	2.50
BaseMix + SWE-Smith (SFT)	50.57	5.59	2.11	15.56	2.50
BaseMix + FeatAdd (SFT) BaseMix + FeatAdd (RL)	51.93 52.40	6.45 5.81	2.81 0.35	14.07 15.56	1.67 0.83

the student model (e.g. a model finetuned for Qwen3-32B) itself to generate the bugs. This could result in a pipeline whereby a student model produces both it's own training problems as well as training data (such as in an RL loop).

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7 Appendix

7.1 Agentic Synthetic Bug Generation

```
Purposeful Bug Introduction
<uploaded files>
{{working_dir}}
</uploaded_files>
I've uploaded a python code repository in the directory {{working_dir
   }}.
Your job is to to introduce subtle runtime bugs that cannot be
   reliably detected through code reading alone and require debugging
    tools to diagnose.
The bug you introduce must cause an existing test to fail but should
   require runtime debugging tools (like pdb, breakpoints, or state
   inspection) to diagnose.
It should NOT be detectable through careful code reading or looking
   at the stacktrace of the failing test alone.
Focus on runtime state issues, reference sharing, timing dependencies
   , or complex execution flows that only become apparent during
   execution.
To this end, some kinds of bugs you might introduce include:
- Create data flow bugs through deep object mutation: Modify nested
   data structures (like dictionaries within lists within objects)
   where the mutation path is long and the effect appears far from
   the cause.
- Implement context-dependent behavior with global state pollution:
   Use global variables or class-level state that gets modified as a
   side effect, causing functions to behave differently depending on
   previous execution history.
- Implement recursive functions with shared mutable state: Use
   mutable default arguments or class-level variables in recursive
   functions that accumulate state across different call trees,
   causing interference between separate recursive operations.
- Create shared reference issues with mutable objects: Use the same
   mutable object reference across multiple operations without proper
    copying, causing modifications in one context to unexpectedly
   affect another (e.g., sharing lists or dictionaries between
   instances).
- Introduce accidental state mutations in nested calls: Modify object
    state unexpectedly deep within a chain of method calls, where the
    mutation appears unrelated to the method's stated purpose (e.g.,
   a validation method that accidentally modifies the object being
   validated.
Tips for introducing the bug:
- It should not cause compilation errors.
- It should not be a syntax error.
- It should not modify the documentation significantly.
- It should cause a pre-exisiting test to fail. But the bug should
   not be easy to diagnose just by looking at the stacktrace of the
   failing test.
- The root cause should be separated from the symptom manifestation -
    where the bug occurs should be different from where the error
```

- The bug maybe a result of edits to multiple function/files which interact in complex ways.
- The bug should require runtime inspection such as stepping through execution with a debugger to trace the actual cause it cannot be reliably detected through static code analysis alone.
- For functions with complex state or multiple objects, introduce bugs that span multiple method calls or object interactions.
- Focus on bugs that involve shared state, reference aliasing, or side effects that are not immediately obvious but is only visible during execution.
- The bug should require tools like pdb, debugger breakpoints, or runtime state inspection to diagnose effectively.
- Please DO NOT INCLUDE COMMENTS IN THE CODE indicating the bug location or the bug itself.

Follow these steps to introduce the bug:

- 1. As a first step, it might be a good idea to go over the general structure of the repository.
- 2. Decide where and what kind of bug you want to introduce.
- 3. Plan out how you might need to make changes to introduce this bug.
- 4. Make the changes by editing the relevant parts of the codebase.
- 5. Make sure that after editing the code to introduce the bug, at least one pre-existing test fails.
- 6. Make sure that the bug you have introduced cannot be deteced by looking at the code or the stacktrace alone, and it need the use of debugging tools to diagnose.
- 7. Do not include any comments in the code or point out the bug in any way.

Your thinking should be thorough and so it's fine if it's very long.

Feature Addition

```
<uploaded_files>
{{working_dir}}
</uploaded_files>
I've uploaded a python code repository in the directory {{working_dir}}.

Your task is to implement a new feature in this codebase.
First go through the codebase and identify a suitable new feature to add.
Come up with a plan to implement it and then make the necessary changes to the codebase.
You can use the tools provided to edit files, run tests, and submit your changes.
The feature you introduce should not break any existing functionality.
Make sure the edit you make is complex - you should introduce at least two related changes in the codebase in different files.
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8 Feature Add Example Bugs

```
Type A - API/signature mismatch or backward-compatibility break
ind_available_providers() returns extra provider that breaks expected
     module list
### Describe the bug
The 'find_available_providers()' function is returning an unexpected
   provider module 'faker.providers.technology' that is not part of
   the expected provider list. This causes issues when comparing the
    actual providers against the expected set.
### How to Reproduce
Run the following code to see the issue:
"" python
from faker.utils import find_available_providers
from importlib import import module
from faker import META_PROVIDERS_MODULES
modules = [import_module(path) for path in META_PROVIDERS_MODULES]
providers = find_available_providers(modules)
expected_providers = ['faker.providers.address', 'faker.providers.
    automotive', 'faker.providers.bank', 'faker.providers.barcode', '
   faker.providers.color', 'faker.providers.company', 'faker.
providers.credit_card', 'faker.providers.currency', 'faker.
providers.date_time', 'faker.providers.emoji', 'faker.providers.
   file', 'faker.providers.geo', 'faker.providers.internet', 'faker.
   providers.isbn', 'faker.providers.job', 'faker.providers.lorem', '
   faker.providers.misc', 'faker.providers.passport', 'faker.
   providers.person', 'faker.providers.phone_number', 'faker.providers.python', 'faker.providers.sbn
    ', 'faker.providers.ssn', 'faker.providers.user_agent']
print("Found providers:", providers)
print("Expected providers:", expected_providers)
print("Match:", providers == expected_providers)
**Expected output:**
Found providers: ['faker.providers.address', 'faker.providers.
   automotive', 'faker.providers.bank', 'faker.providers.barcode', '
   faker.providers.color', 'faker.providers.company', 'faker.
providers.credit_card', 'faker.providers.currency', 'faker.
providers.date_time', 'faker.providers.emoji', 'faker.providers.
   file', 'faker.providers.geo', 'faker.providers.internet', 'faker.
   providers.isbn', 'faker.providers.job', 'faker.providers.lorem', '
   faker.providers.misc', 'faker.providers.passport', 'faker.
providers.person', 'faker.providers.phone_number', 'faker.
providers.profile', 'faker.providers.python', 'faker.providers.sbn
    ', 'faker.providers.ssn', 'faker.providers.user_agent']
Expected providers: ['faker.providers.address', 'faker.providers.
   automotive', 'faker.providers.bank', 'faker.providers.barcode', '
```

```
faker.providers.color', 'faker.providers.company', 'faker.
providers.credit_card', 'faker.providers.currency', 'faker.
   providers.date_time', 'faker.providers.emoji', 'faker.providers.
   file', 'faker.providers.geo', 'faker.providers.internet', 'faker.
   providers.isbn', 'faker.providers.job', 'faker.providers.lorem', '
   faker.providers.misc', 'faker.providers.passport', 'faker.
   providers.person', 'faker.providers.phone_number', 'faker.
   providers.profile', 'faker.providers.python', 'faker.providers.sbn
   ', 'faker.providers.ssn', 'faker.providers.user_agent']
Match: True
**Actual output:**
Found providers: ['faker.providers.address', 'faker.providers.
   automotive', 'faker.providers.bank', 'faker.providers.barcode', '
   faker.providers.color', 'faker.providers.company', 'faker.
providers.credit_card', 'faker.providers.currency', 'faker.
providers.date_time', 'faker.providers.emoji', 'faker.providers.
   file', 'faker.providers.geo', 'faker.providers.internet', 'faker.
   providers.isbn', 'faker.providers.job', 'faker.providers.lorem', '
   faker.providers.misc', 'faker.providers.passport', 'faker.
   providers.person', 'faker.providers.phone_number', 'faker.providers.python', 'faker.providers.sbn
   ', 'faker.providers.ssn', 'faker.providers.technology', 'faker.
   providers.user_agent']
Expected providers: ['faker.providers.address', 'faker.providers.
   automotive', 'faker.providers.bank', 'faker.providers.barcode', '
   faker.providers.color', 'faker.providers.company', 'faker.
providers.credit_card', 'faker.providers.currency', 'faker.
   providers.date_time', 'faker.providers.emoji', 'faker.providers.
   file', 'faker.providers.geo', 'faker.providers.internet', 'faker.
   providers.isbn', 'faker.providers.job', 'faker.providers.lorem', '
   faker.providers.misc', 'faker.providers.passport', 'faker.
   providers.person', 'faker.providers.phone_number', 'faker.
   providers.profile', 'faker.providers.python', 'faker.providers.sbn
   ', 'faker.providers.ssn', 'faker.providers.user_agent']
Match: False
### Expected behavior
The 'find_available_providers()' function should return only the
   providers that are expected to be in the baseline provider set,
   without including any additional providers like 'faker.providers.
   technology' that appear to have been added but aren't part of the
   original expected list.
### Your project
Faker library
### OS
Linux
### Python version
```

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3.10.18
### Additional context
The extra 'faker.providers.technology' provider is appearing in the returned list at index 24, shifting the expected 'faker.providers.user_agent' to the end.
```

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Type B - Logic/conditional bug
'np.row_stack' fails with mixed array shapes in axis=0 mode
Description
When using 'np.row_stack' with arrays that have different shapes
   along non-concatenation axes, the operation fails unexpectedly.
   This seems to be a regression as the behavior should match NumPy's
    standard row_stack functionality.
Reproduction:
'''python
import autograd.numpy as np
# This should work but fails
arr1 = np.random.random((2, 3))
arr2 = np.random.random((2, 4))
arr3 = np.random.random((1, 4))
result = np.row_stack([arr1, (arr2, arr3)])
The expected behavior is that 'row_stack' should concatenate arrays
   along axis 0, similar to 'vstack'. When passed a list containing
   both individual arrays and tuples of arrays, it should handle the
   concatenation properly.
This appears to affect gradient computation as well when used in
   differentiable contexts.
```

Type C - Input Validation

Option -a doesn't return expected exit code when invalid arguments are provided

 ${\tt Description}$

The command line option '-a' (which I assume is for setting additional arguments or attributes) isn't behaving correctly when invalid arguments are passed to it. Instead of returning exit code 2 as expected for invalid options, it's returning exit code 0.

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This seems to be a regression in the command line argument handling.

When you run the command with '-a arg', it should fail with exit code 2 to indicate invalid usage, but currently it's succeeding (exit code 0).

How to reproduce:

'''bash

# This should fail with exit code 2 but returns 0 instead python -m pygments -a arg echo $? # prints 0 but should print 2

'''

Expected behavior: The command should exit with code 2 when '-a' is provided with invalid arguments

Actual behavior: The command exits with code 0

This affects any scripts or CI systems that rely on proper exit codes to detect invalid command line usage.
```

```
Type D - Incorrect Argument Forwarding
Custom validator repr() shows incorrect class name when created with
   validators.create()
Description
When creating a custom validator using 'validators.create()', the '
   repr()' method shows an incorrect class name. Instead of showing
   the actual class name, it displays a formatted version based on
   the version string.
For example:
''python
Validator = validators.create(meta_schema={'$id': 'something'},
   version='my version')
validator = Validator({})
print(repr(validator))
# Shows: MyVersionValidator(schema={}, format_checker=None)
# Expected: <actual class name>Validator(schema={}, format_checker=
   None)
The repr output uses "MyVersionValidator" instead of the proper class
    name, which makes debugging and introspection more difficult when
    working with custom validators.
```

Type E - Missing import/symbol/attribute error example

Pydantic examples in docstrings failing with import errors

```
Hey folks, I'm running into some issues with the docstring examples
   in pydantic. It looks like there are some import problems
   happening when the examples are being executed.
### Describe the bug
When running docstring examples, some of them are failing during
   execution. The examples seem to be having trouble with imports or
   module resolution. This is affecting the documentation validation
   process.
### How to Reproduce
I created a simple script to reproduce the issue:
"" python
import pydantic
from pydantic import BaseModel
from typing import TypeVar, Generic
# Try to run some basic pydantic operations that might be in
   docstrings
T = TypeVar('T')
class MyModel(BaseModel, Generic[T]):
    value: T
# This should work fine normally
model = MyModel[str](value="test")
print(f"Created model: {model}")
When this gets executed in the context of docstring evaluation, it
   seems to run into problems.
### Expected behavior
All docstring examples should execute successfully without import
   errors or module resolution issues. The examples are supposed to
   demonstrate proper pydantic usage and should run cleanly.
### Environment
- Python version: 3.10.18
- Pydantic version: Latest from main branch
### Additional context
This seems to be related to how the docstring examples are being
   evaluated and potentially how modules are being imported during
   the evaluation process. The issue appears to affect multiple
   examples across different parts of the codebase.
The problem might be related to the dynamic import system or how the
   evaluation environment is set up for running the docstring
   examples.
```

Type F - State consistency/bookkeeping/caching bug **Describe the bug** Memory leak when checking Union types - objects created in the same scope as 'check_type()' calls are not being properly garbage collected, causing reference leaks. **To Reproduce** Create a simple test case with an object that should be garbage collected after going out of scope: "" python from typeguard import check_type from typing import Union class TestObject: def __del__(self): print("Object deleted") def test_leak(): obj = TestObject() check_type(b'test', Union[str, bytes]) # Object should be deleted here when function exits test leak() # Expected: "Object deleted" should be printed # Actual: Nothing is printed, indicating the object wasn't deleted Also reproducible with Python 3.10+ union syntax: '''python def test_leak_new_syntax(): obj = TestObject() check_type(b'test', str | bytes) # Object should be deleted here test_leak_new_syntax() **Expected behavior** Objects should be properly garbage collected when they go out of scope, even when 'check_type()' is called in the same scope. No memory references should be retained by the type checking machinery. **Environment info** - Python version: 3.10+ (affects both typing. Union and new union syntax) - typeguard version: latest

This appears to affect both the legacy 'typing.Union' syntax and the newer 'str | bytes' union syntax introduced in Python 3.10. The issue suggests that the type checking code may be holding onto

references that prevent proper cleanup of local objects.

Additional context

Type G - Copy Semantics

- ### Contrast improvements break test with 'fail_if_improved'
 assertion
- I ran into an issue where the contrast test is failing with the message "congrats, you improved a contrast! please run ./scripts/update_contrasts.py". This happens when the contrast values for pygments styles have been improved but the test baseline hasn't been updated.
- ### How to Reproduce
- The issue occurs when running the contrast tests and some style has improved contrast ratios compared to the stored baseline values. The test will fail with an assertion error indicating that contrasts have improved.
- ### Expected behavior
- The test should either automatically update the baseline values when improvements are detected, or there should be a clearer way to handle contrast improvements without requiring manual script execution.
- ### Additional context
- The test uses a 'fail_if_improved' parameter that's set to 'True' by default, which causes the test to fail when contrast values are better than the stored baseline. This seems counterintuitive improvements in contrast should typically be welcomed rather than causing test failures.
- The error message suggests running './scripts/update_contrasts.py' but this creates friction in the development workflow when contrast improvements happen naturally through code changes.

Type H - Protocol/spec conformance bug

Bug report

The 'tldextract' function and 'TLDExtract.extract_str'/'TLDExtract. extract_urllib' methods are failing doctest validation. This appears to be related to how the doctests are being processed or executed.

When running the full test suite, three doctest failures occur:

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 ${\tt FAILED \ tldextract/tldextract.py::tldextract.tldextract}$

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The doctests in the main 'tldextract' function and the 'TLDExtract' class methods are not passing validation, while all other regular unit tests continue to pass successfully.

This suggests there may be an issue with the expected output formatting in the docstrings or how the doctest runner is interpreting the examples. The functionality itself seems to work correctly based on the passing unit tests, but the embedded documentation examples are failing validation.
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Type I - Resource Mishandling Issue When calling the 'navigate()' method on a 'URL' object with 'None' as the path parameter, it doesn't behave as expected in certain scenarios. This seems to affect URL path resolution when dealing with base URLs that have trailing paths. Here's a minimal reproduction: "" python from boltons.urlutils import URL # This works as expected url = URL('https://host/a/') result = url.navigate('b') print(f"Expected: https://host/a/b, Got: {result.to_text()}") # This doesn't work correctly url = URL('https://host/a') result = url.navigate(None).navigate('b') print(f"Expected: https://host/b, Got: {result.to_text()}") url = URL('https://host/a/') result = url.navigate(None).navigate('b') print(f"Expected: https://host/a/b, Got: {result.to_text()}") Expected behavior: The issue appears to be in how 'navigate()' handles 'None' paths when resolving relative URLs. The method should properly handle the case where 'None' is passed as a path parameter and maintain correct URL resolution behavior for subsequent chained 'navigate() ' calls.

This affects URL manipulation when programmatically building URLs

where the path might be conditionally 'None'.

9 Bug Categorisation

We use a hierarchical summarisation strategy to come up with bug types to categorise bugs. Bugs from all datasets are pooled togethers and an LLM is used to come up with summaries of individual bugs along with potential bug types. These summaries are grouped together and further summarised. We continue this process and obtain the following ten bug categories -

Bug Category Descriptions

- A: API/signature mismatch or backward-compatibility break
 - Description: Public interfaces change or fail to accept/forward expected parameters; options no longer propagated; removed/ renamed methods.
 - Signals: TypeError for unexpected/unknown keyword, missing method attribute, inability to customize behavior that used to work.
 - Common fixes: Align signatures across layers, add/propagate parameters, restore deprecated shims or document breaking changes.
- B: Logic/conditional bug
 - Description: Incorrect branching, inverted predicates, off-by-one comparisons, or misplaced conditions that alter behavior.
 - Signals: Wrong results for specific ranges/cases; behavior flips when a flag toggles; regression tied to a refactor of if/else logic.
 - Common fixes: Correct predicates/ordering; add minimal reprotests around boundary values and both branches.
- C: Input validation, boundary, or sentinel handling error
 - Description: Valid inputs rejected or invalid accepted; special values (NaN/None/NA/masked) mishandled due to comparison/identity semantics.
 - Signals: Edge cases fail while common cases pass; inconsistent behavior with empty inputs or special sentinels.
 - Common fixes: Validate before use; use library-appropriate checks for sentinels; add edge/empty-case tests.
- D: Incorrect argument forwarding, constructor, or inheritance contract break
 - Description: Subclasses pass wrong args to super, fail to call base initializer, or expose mismatched signatures.
 - Signals: TypeError/AttributeError during object creation; missing base attributes; framework hooks not invoked.
 - Common fixes: Align constructor signatures; call super()
 correctly; set attributes after base init; stop forwarding
 unsupported args.
- E: Missing import/symbol/attribute error
 - Description: Required names removed or not imported after refactor; attributes expected by callers no longer present.
 - Signals: NameError/AttributeError at runtime; module-level failures on import.
 - Common fixes: Restore or re-export symbols; update imports; add import-time tests.
- F: State consistency/bookkeeping/caching bug

- Description: Shared or stale state corrupts behavior across calls /instances; counters/heaps not updated; cache keys too coarse.
- Signals: Nondeterministic results; memory growth; behavior depends on call order; leaked/stale entries.
- Common fixes: Use per-call/per-instance state; fix increment/ decrement paths; design proper cache keys; add isolation/ concurrency tests.
- G: Copy semantics, mutability aliasing, or in-place mutation of inputs
 - Description: Wrong choice of shallow/deep copy; shared mutable defaults; functions mutate caller-provided objects.
 - Signals: Changes in one consumer affect another; unexpected side effects; duplicated or missing internal state.
 - Common fixes: Avoid mutating inputs; pick correct copy depth; use default_factory for mutables; return defensive copies.
- H: Protocol/spec conformance bug
 - Description: Behavior violates external specs (HTTP, OAuth, data interchange) or expected wire formats.
 - Signals: Clients reject responses; strict parsers fail; tests asserting spec rules break (e.g., HTTP HEAD body handling).
 - Common fixes: Implement per spec; adjust emission/validation logic; add conformance tests.
- I: IO/filesystem/resource handling bug
 - Description: Incorrect handling of paths/streams/resources; special-case short-circuits skip real writes; missing directory creation.
 - Signals: Truncated output; OSError/FileNotFoundError; behavior differs between stdout vs file.
 - Common fixes: Ensure normal write paths execute; create/check dirs; close/flush properly; test both special and normal streams
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- J: Security/sensitive-data leakage due to logic oversight
 - Description: Credentials/headers applied too broadly (e.g., to all domains) or without proper scoping/validation.
 - Signals: Tokens sent to unintended endpoints; security reviews flag over-permissive defaults.
 - Common fixes: Scope credentials to allowed domains; enforce whitelists; secure defaults; add security-focused tests.

We use the following prompt to categorise individual bugs into one of these buckets -

Bug Categorisation Prompt

Your task is to categorise a provided bug into a set of given bug types.

Here are the guidelines on the bug types - {guide}

Here is the bug the needs to be categorised -

cproblem_description>

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{ps}
</problem_description>

<patch>
{patch}
</patch>

Your response should be in xml format:
<reasoning>
Thinking about which categories that the given bug falls into.
</reasoning>
<category>
Alphabet code of category that bug falls into.
</category>
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10 Reinforcement Learning

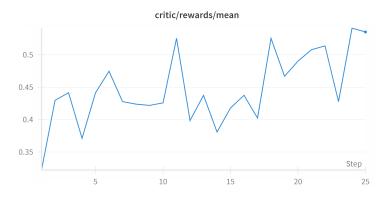


Figure 5: Training reward for reinforcement learning run averaged over batch. We train our reinforcement learning from a base model trained on Qwen3-32B on BASEMIX for 25 steps. Each step consists of 64 problems sampled randomly from FEATADD and 8 rollouts per problem Notably, Claude Sonnet 4 achieves a 41.4% total performance on the FEATADD dataset, but during our training process during the 25th step, the RL process has over 50% training reward. This indicates that the RL model may be better at FEATADD bugs in general over the course of the training process

To train our model with reinforcement learning, we use the rllm framework Tan et al. (2025), an open source paradigm to train reinforcement learning. Previously, this framework was used to train DeepSWE Luo et al. (2025) which achieved an overall performance of 41.0% on SWE-Bench Verified. Our training recipe shows an 11.0% performance improvement over this previous result by bootstrapping from a distilled model with SFT. The main changes in hyperparameter between DeepSWE and our model is the use of 100 max steps and 64k context length. Because the base SFT checkpoint that we use was trained with 100 steps and used a 64k context length to filter to successful trajectories, we believe that this lack of change in paradigm shift is what led the reinforcement learning to train better in this scenario.

Note that when we run with the reinforcement learning we use a max context length of 64k and trim to 32k. We tried one run where we used a max context length of 32k and max steps of 50 and were able to make progress on the training reward but saw a decrease in performance on the evaluation reward on SWE-Bench Verified. Moreover, we tried another run where we finetuned from the base model on a mixture of R2E-GYM and FEATADD bugs but found that the reward was not increasing quickly enough. Contrary to the advice found in Luo et al. (2025), we were able to get a 2.5% improvement over our base SFT model and achieve state-of-the-art results using an SFT+RL paradigm.

11 Further Diff Patch Analysis

Table 7: Hyperparameters for our Reinforcement Learning Run

Hyperparameter	Value
Rollout Temperature	1.0
Max Steps	100
Use KL Loss	False
Train Batch Size	64
Learning Rate	1e-6
PPO Mini Batch Size	8
Max Context Length	64k

Table 8: Comparison along axes of how many lines of code were truly created and how many files were edited. FEATADD bugs involve many more lines and files edited that SWE-SMITH or BUGINSTRUCT. However, about half of the files edited are new files and half of the lines edited are documentation.

	R2E-GYM	SWE-SMITH	BugInstruct	FEATADD
Avg. Lines of Code		8.8	14.5	206.5
Avg. Lines of Documentation		4	5.8	233
Avg. Files Edited		1.18	1.50	2.19
Avg. Files Created		0.004	0.09	2.43