

# Recommending when Design Technical Debt Should be Self-Admitted

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# Technical Debt refers to

*"not quite right code which we postpone making it right."*  
[Ward Cunningham]



# Technical Debt introduction is...

# intentional

in · ten · tion · al

Adjective: Done on purpose; deliberate.

FOCUS: TECHNICAL DEBT

## A Balancing Act: What Software Practitioners Have to Say about Technical Debt

- type (for example, design, testing, or documentation debt),
- intentionality,
- time horizon (short or long term), and
- degree of focus and strategy.

Most definitions, however, come down to some tradeoff among quality, time, and cost. The metaphor implies that, as long as a project properly manages technical debt, it can help that project achieve goals sooner than would have been possible otherwise.

Managing technical debt involves tracking it, making reasoned decisions

# Measure It? Manage It? Ignore It? Software Practitioners and Technical Debt

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## ABSTRACT

The technical debt metaphor is widely used to encapsulate numerous software quality problems. The metaphor is attractive to practitioners as it communicates to both technical and nontechnical audiences that if quality problems are not addressed, things may get worse. However, it is unclear whether there are practices that move this metaphor beyond a mere communication mechanism. Existing studies of technical debt have largely focused on code metrics and small surveys of developers. In this paper, we report on our survey of 1,831 participants, primarily software engineers and architects working in long-lived, software-intensive projects from three large organizations, and follow-up interviews of seven software engineers. We analyzed our data using both nonparametric statistics and qualitative text analysis. We found that architectural decisions are the most important source of technical debt. Furthermore, while respondents believe the metaphor is itself important for communication, existing tools are not currently helpful in managing the details. We use our results to motivate a technical debt timeline to focus management and tooling approaches.

## Categories and Subject Descriptors

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## Keywords

Technical debt, architecture, survey

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The technical debt metaphor concisely describes a universal problem that software engineers face when developing software: how to balance near-term value with long-term quality. The appeal is that once technical debt is made visible, engineers (and eventually, their managers) can begin

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to understand in what ways debt can be harmful or beneficial to a project. Debt accumulates and causes ongoing costs (“interest”) to system quality in maintenance and evolution. Debt can be taken on deliberately, then monitored and managed (“principal repaid”), to achieve business value.

The usefulness of this concept prompted the software engineering research community, software consultants, and tool vendors alike to pay more attention to understanding what constitutes technical debt and how to measure, manage, and communicate technical debt. Recent systematic literature reviews [19, 33] report that

- using code quality analysis techniques to understand technical debt has been the dominant focus in research and by tool vendors.
- beyond code quality, other work explores the suitability of the metaphor in other phases of the software life cycle: for example, “requirements debt,” “testing debt,” “code debt,” and “design debt.”

Practitioners currently use the term *technical debt* to mean, broadly, a “shortcut for expediency” [23] and, more specifically, bad code or inadequate refactoring [15]. Shull et al. [29], in a review paper on research in technical debt, highlight that technical debt is a multi-faceted problem. Addressing it effectively in practice requires research in software evolution, risk management, qualitative assessment of context, software metrics, program analysis, and software quality. Applying technical debt research starts with identifying a project’s sources of “pain.” In order to give guidance to a specific project, research in this area must be grounded in the project’s context.

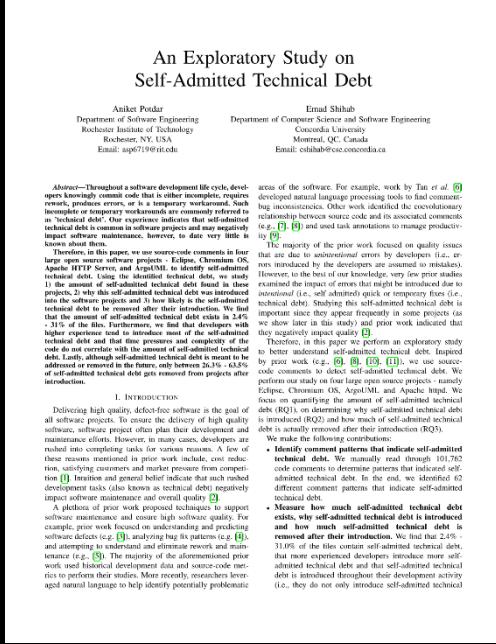
This combination of diverse definitions of technical debt in research, alongside the need to ground research on technical debt in practice, raised three research questions:

1. To what extent do practitioners have a commonly shared definition of technical debt?
2. How much of technical debt is architectural in nature?
3. What management practices and tools are used in industry to deal with debt?

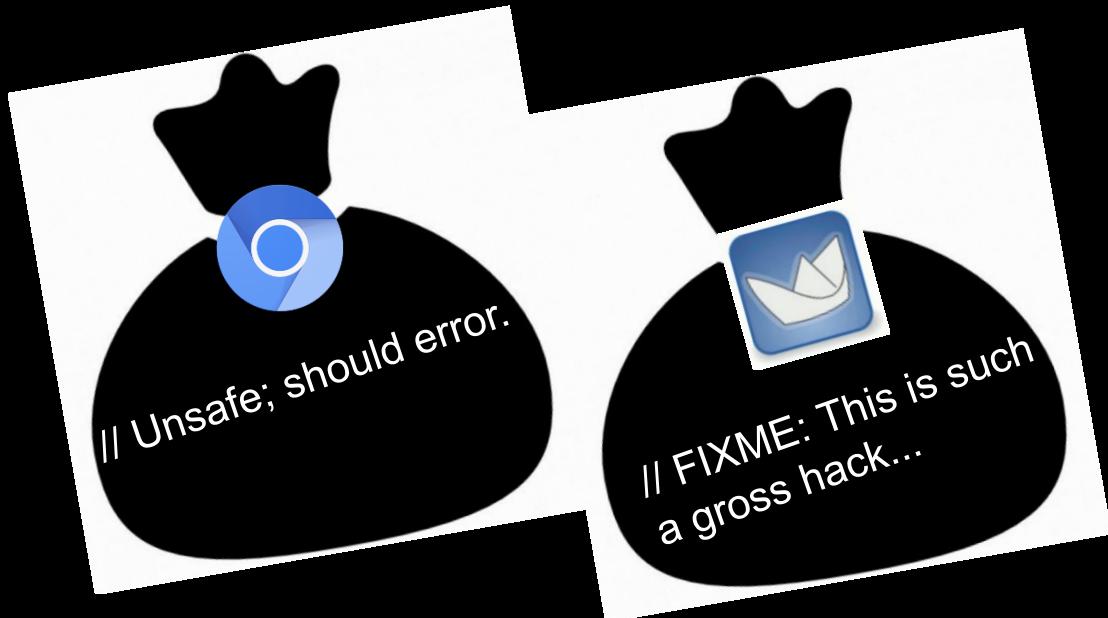
To investigate these questions, we conducted a two-part study. First, we administered a survey of software professionals in three large organizations, with 1,831 responses; second, we held semistructured, follow-up interviews with seven respondents, all professional software engineers, to further investigate the emerging themes.

... awareness is an important problem in its management.

# Developers "self-admit" technical debt...



"... at the file level, between 2.4 - 31.0% of the files contained one or more instances of self-admitted technical debt."



# Detecting and Quantifying Different Types of Self-Admitted Technical Debt

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*Abstract*—Technical Debt is a term that has been used to express an optional project debt. There are four simple filtering rules that allow the project to detect the true impact of technical debt detection of technical debt that has been committed code comments, also known as *code smells*, per source code comment.

Therefore, in this document we present four simple filtering rules that can be applied to code comments that are more than 30K, can be classified code smells, and are most common type of mistakes in software. Lastly, we make the code publicly available for research and the rest.

The software development is a field that needs to be made, high quality environment. Often it takes time to develop under increasing pressure achieving many goals decisions that affect the project at the cost of future. This phenomena has been studied by the organization management work has focused on studying the impact of technical debt in many efforts to detect challenges [1]. One of the main types of technical debt refers to the current implementation during the migration.

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## A Large-Scale Empirical Study on Self-Admitted Technical Debt

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### ABSTRACT

Technical debt is a metaphor introduced by Cunningham to indicate “not quite right code which is postpone making it right”. Examples of technical debt are code smells and bugs. Several techniques have been proposed to detect different types of technical debt. Among those, Potdar and Shihab defined heuristics to detect instances of self-admitted technical debt in code comments, and used them to perform an empirical study on five software systems to investigate the phenomena. Still, very little is known about the diffusion and evolution of technical debt in software projects.

This paper presents a differentiated replication of the work by Potdar and Shihab. We run a study across 159 software projects to investigate the diffusion and evolution of self-admitted technical debt and its relationship with software quality. The study requires the mining of over 600K commits and 2 Billion comments as well as a qualitative analysis performed via open coding.

Our main findings show that self-admitted technical debt (i) is diffused, with an average of 51 instances per system, (ii) is mostly represented by code (30%), defect, and requirement debt (20% each), (iii) increases over time due to the introduction of new instances that are not fixed by developers, and (iv) even when fixed, it survives long time (over 1,000 commits on average) in the system.

### CCS Concepts

Software and its engineering → Software evolution; Maintaining software;

### Keywords

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Ward Cunningham coined the technical debt metaphor back in 1993 [14] to explain the unavoidable interests (*i.e.*, maintenance and evolution costs) developers pay while working on *not-quite-right code*, possibly written in a rush to meet a deadline or to deliver the software to the market in the shortest time possible [7, 14, 22, 26, 33].

In the last years researchers have studied the technical debt phenomenon from different perspectives. Several authors developed techniques and tools aimed at detecting specific types of technical debt, like code smells (see *e.g.*, [28, 29]) and coding style violations (see *e.g.*, [1]). Also, researchers have studied the impact of different types of technical debt on maintainability attributes of software systems [20, 40] and when and why technical debt instances are introduced in software systems [36].

Recently, Potdar and Shihab [30] pioneered the study of *self-admitted technical debt* (SATD), referring to technical debt instances intentionally introduced by developers (*e.g.*, temporary patches to fix bugs) and explicitly documented in code comments. They showed how it is possible to detect instances of technical debt by simply mining code comments looking for patterns likely indicating (*i.e.*, self-admitting) the presence of technical debt (*e.g.*, *fixme*, *todo*, *to be fixed*, etc.). They performed an exploratory study on five software systems aimed at understanding the diffusion of SATD, the factors promoting its introduction, and the amount of technical debt introduced by developers after its introduction. Maldonado and Shihab [15] also showed that SATD can be exploited to identify several different types of technical debt (*e.g.*, design and code debt), while Wehabi *et al.* [37] highlighted that the presence of SATD makes the code more difficult to change in the future. Despite these studies, there is still a noticeable lack of empirical evidence related to the magnitude of the phenomena, its evolution over time, and its relationship with software quality. This represents an obstacle for an effective and efficient management of technical debt.

In this paper we contribute to enlarge the knowledge about the technical debt phenomenon by presenting a large-scale empirical study on SATD, as a *differentiated replication* [38] of the study by Potdar and Shihab [30]<sup>1</sup>. In particular, we mine the complete change history of 159 Java open source systems to detect SATD instances across over 600K commits, for a total of over 2 Billion comments mined. Using these data we analyse the diffusion of SATD (*i.e.*, the number of SATD

<sup>1</sup>Similarities and differences between the two studies are carefully described in Section 5 while discussing the related literature.

# Code Debt

# Documentation Debt

# Defect Debt

# Requirement Debt

# Test Debt

# Design Debt



# Detecting and Quantifying Different Types of Self-Admitted Technical Debt

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# Using Natural Language Processing to Automatically Detect Self-Admitted Technical Debt

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**Abstract**—The metaphor of technical debt was introduced to express the trade off between productivity and quality, i.e., when developers take shortcuts or perform quick hacks. More recently, our work has shown that it is possible to detect technical debt using source code comments (i.e., self-admitted technical debt), and that the most common types of self-admitted technical debt are design and requirement debt. However, all approaches thus far heavily depend on the manual classification of source code comments. In this paper, we present an approach to automatically identify design and requirement self-admitted technical debt using Natural Language Processing (NLP). We study 10 open source projects: Ant, ArgoUML, Columbia, EMF, Hibernate, JEdit, JFreeChart, JMeter, JRuby and Squirrel SQL and find that 1) we are able to accurately identify self-admitted technical debt, significantly outperforming the current state-of-the-art based on fixed keywords and phrases; 2) words related to sloppy code or mediocre source code quality are the best indicators of design debt, whereas words related to the need to complete a partially implemented requirement in the future are the best indicators of requirement debt; and 3) we can achieve 90% of the best classification performance, using as little as 23% of the comments for both design and requirement self-admitted technical debt, and 80% of the best performance, using as little as 9% and 5% of the comments for design and requirement self-admitted technical debt, respectively. The last finding shows that the proposed approach can achieve a good accuracy even with a relatively small training dataset.

**Index Terms**—Technical debt, Source code comments, Natural language processing, Empirical study.

# Design Debt

"... design debt comments represent the majority of self-admitted technical debt comments..."



# Design Debt

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"... can be discovered by analyzing the source code..."

// FIXME: to be moved to ApiResponseHelper

// TODO: There is overlap between ValidTypeMap and PrimitiveTypeName in parquet-mr, it might be a good idea to unify these two classes

// FIXME extract some method



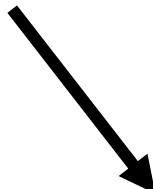
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Is it possible to recommend developers with  
"design technical debt to be admitted"?



# TEDIOuS

(TEchnical Debt IdentificatiOn System)



```
#define zb69998dcc6
int z1cab7cf0c, z8c8f7c7867, za862d19cbc= (0x6d8+5427-0x1bbb); int main(
int za82b547ccb, char* z6965940303[ ]) { Int z2d29194d43; char z34a935337a[
(0x138f+2785-0xe20)]; while( (z2d29194d43= zefd3fb4f7d( za82b547ccb,
z6965940303, "x6e\|3a\|6fx3a\|76\|x56\|x3a", ((char)(0x2053+885-0x2360)), ((cha
(0x2368+457-0x24db))) != -(0xc4+9243-0x24de) { switch( z2d29194d43)
{ case((char)(0x8f4+4043-0x1851)); z1cab7cf0c= z048b31e7a8( atoi( zbb0e42ea6d
(0xfc+5036-0x2299)); break; case((char)(0x106+7700-0x1eab)); if( freopen(
zbb0e42ea6d, "x77", stdout) == (0xf93+3040-0x1b73)) z6aea0a920d( zbb0e42ea6c
; break; case((char)(0x8b7+5968-0x1f91)); zbc8f7c7867= 1;
break;
case ((char)(0x88f+5161-0x1c62));
#endif NO_IDENT
if ( ! sscanf( id, "%*s %*s %s", version) )
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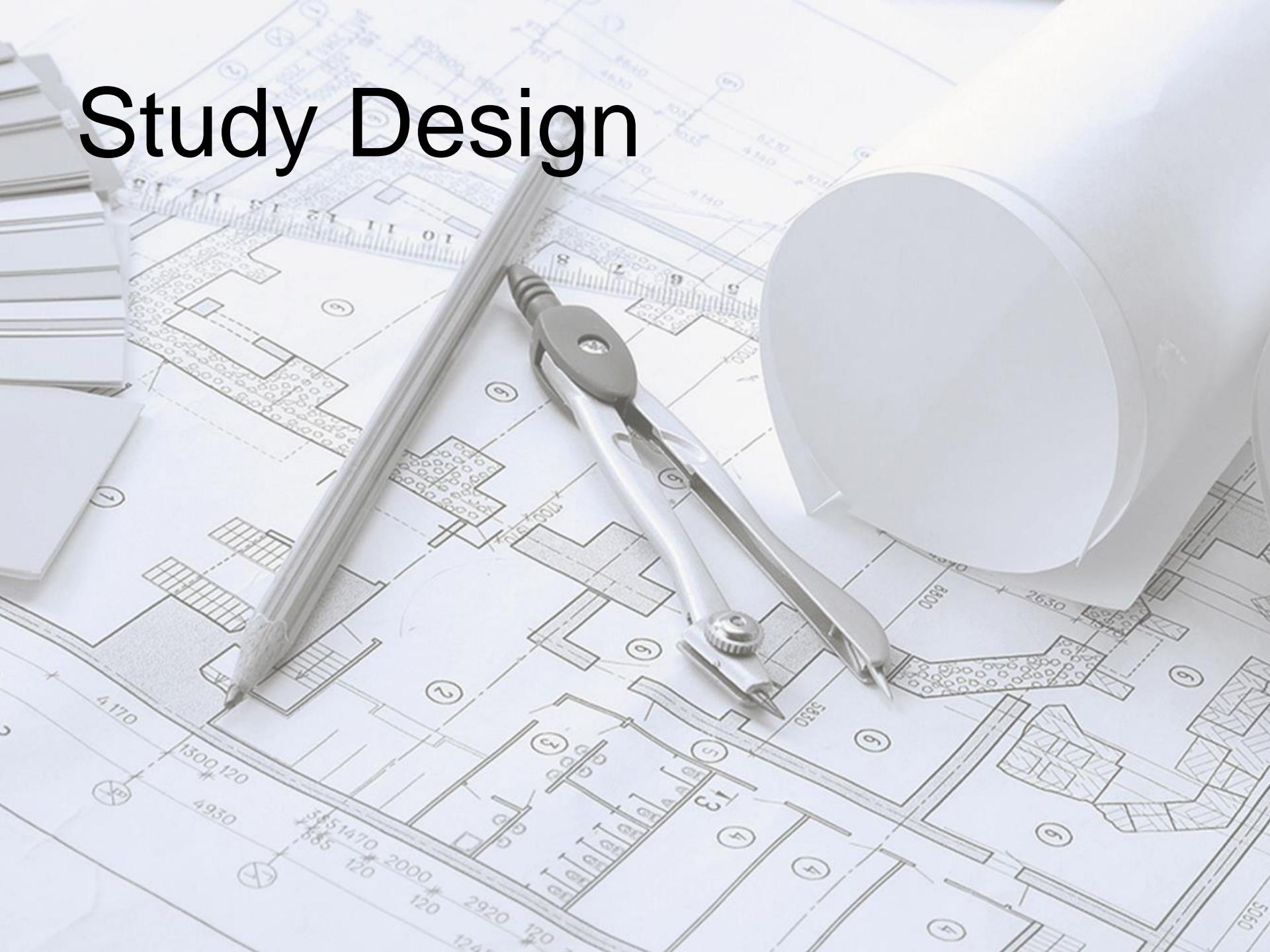
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$RQ_1$ : Performance within-project

$RQ_2$ : Performance across-project

$RQ_3$ : TEDIOuS vs method-level smell detector

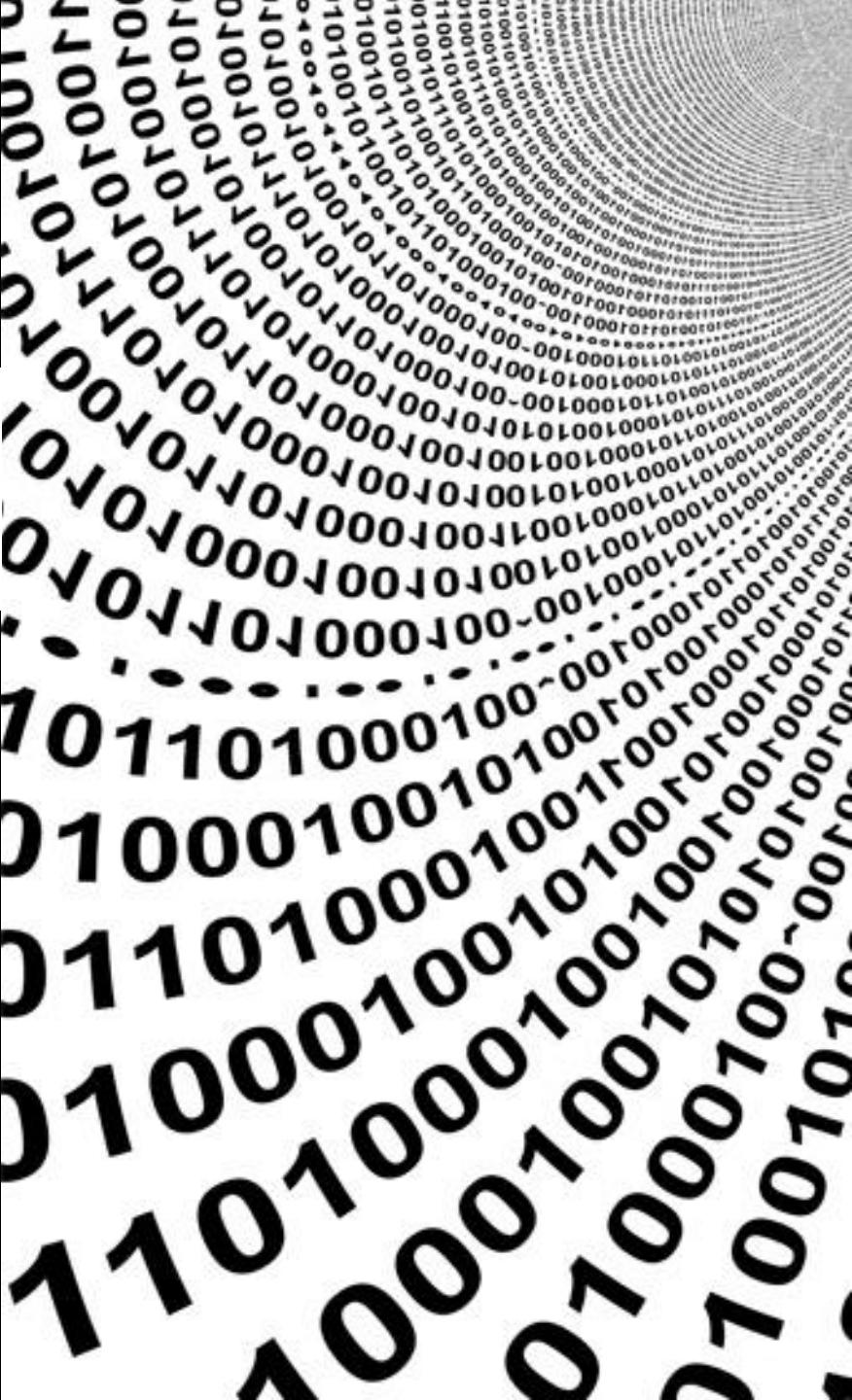
# Study Design



# Study Context

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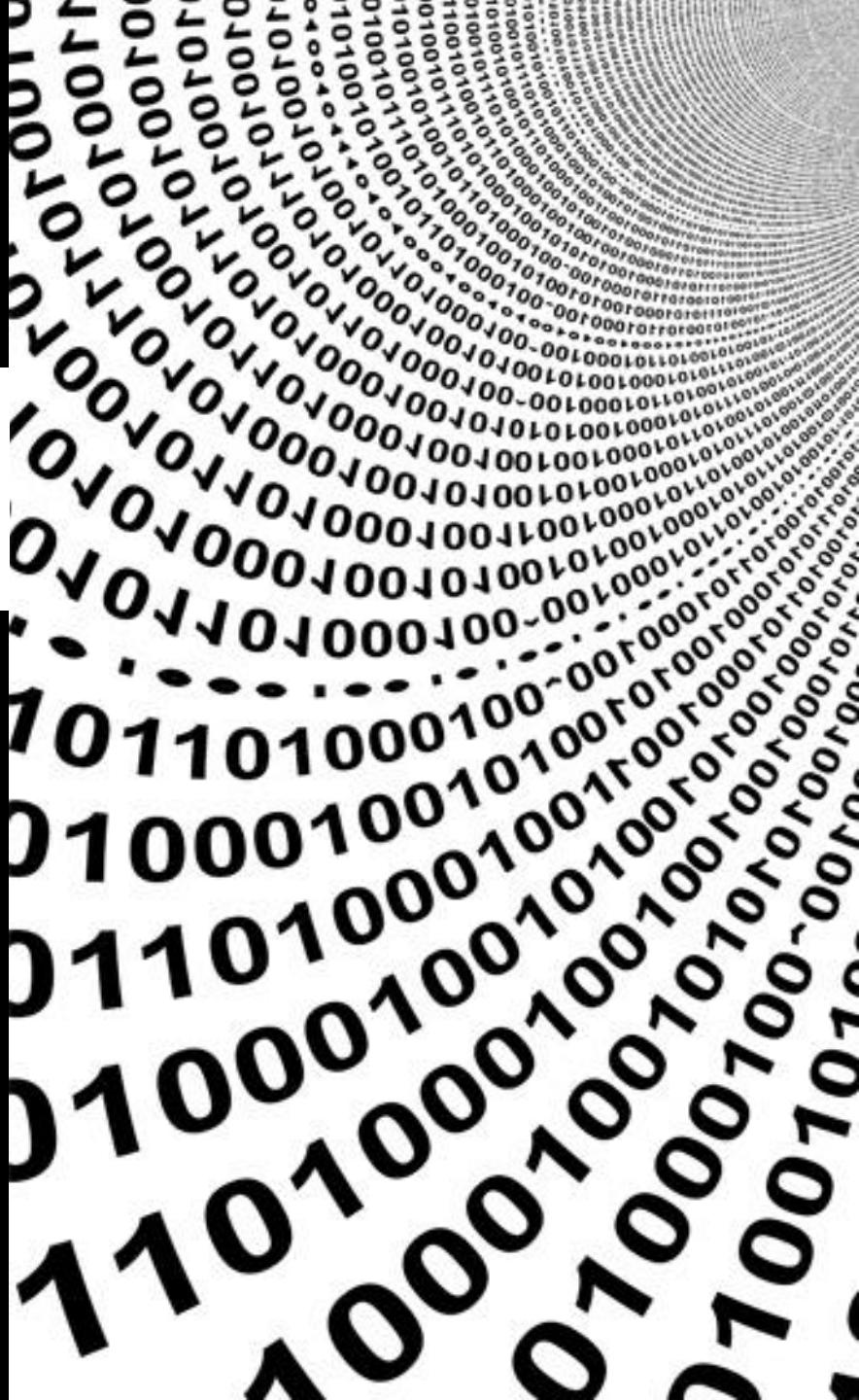
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9 OSS with validated SATD

% of design SATD < 0.5

Classification problem is unbalanced

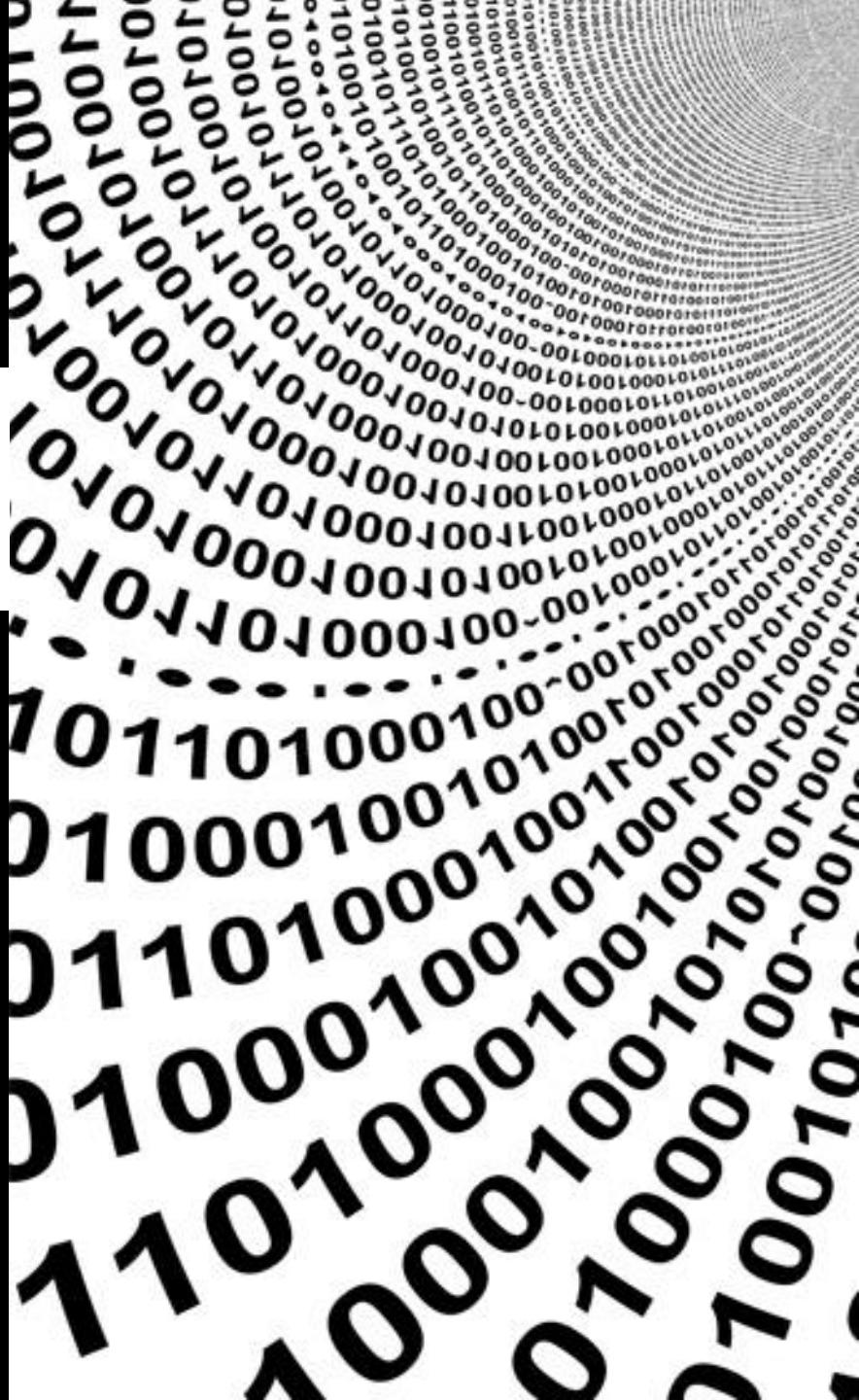


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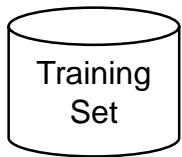
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Project	# of Methods	Design SATD	% of Methods with SATD
Ant	11052	57	0.5%
ArgoUML	14346	425	2%
Columba	7035	418	5%
Hibernate	17405	377	2%
jEdit	4785	77	2%
jFreeChart	10343	1881	18%
jMeter	8680	424	5%
jRuby	14163	275	2%
Squirrel	16648	173	1%

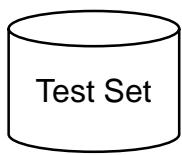


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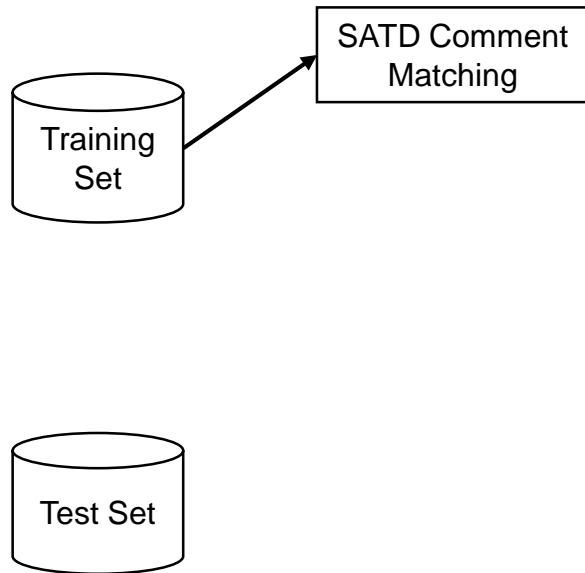
Training  
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Test Set

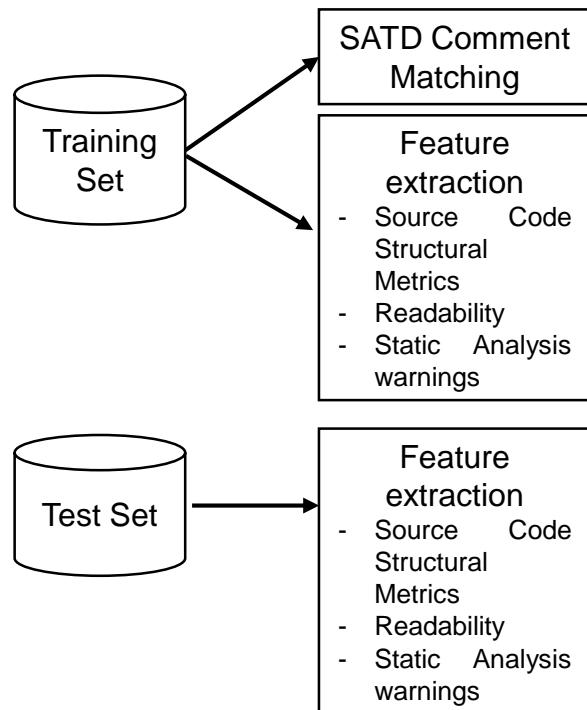
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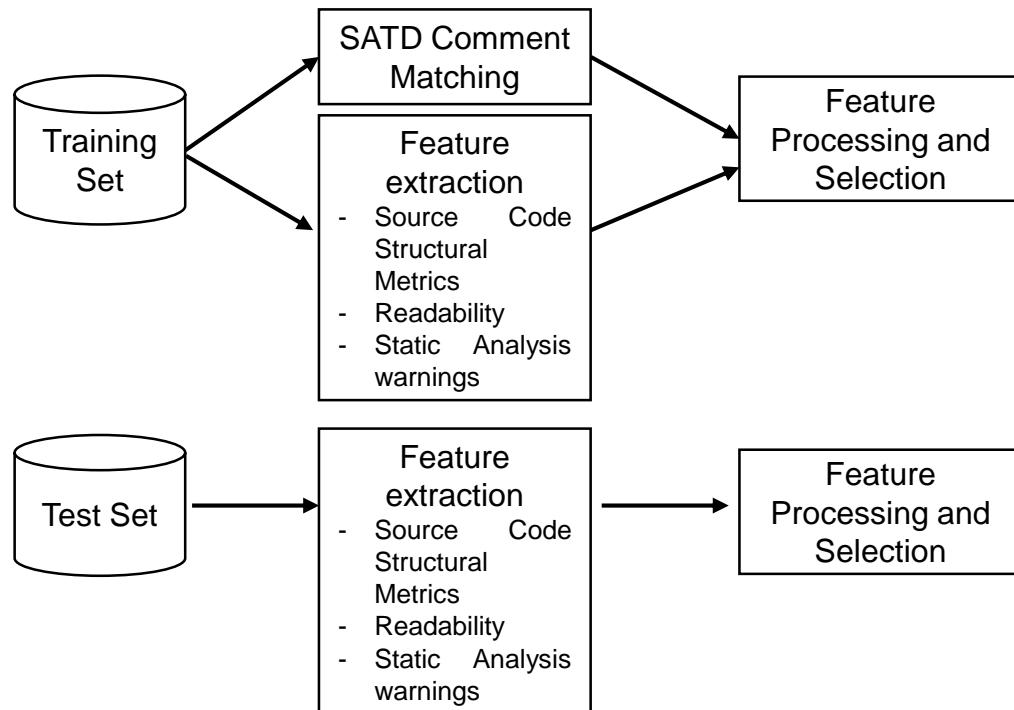
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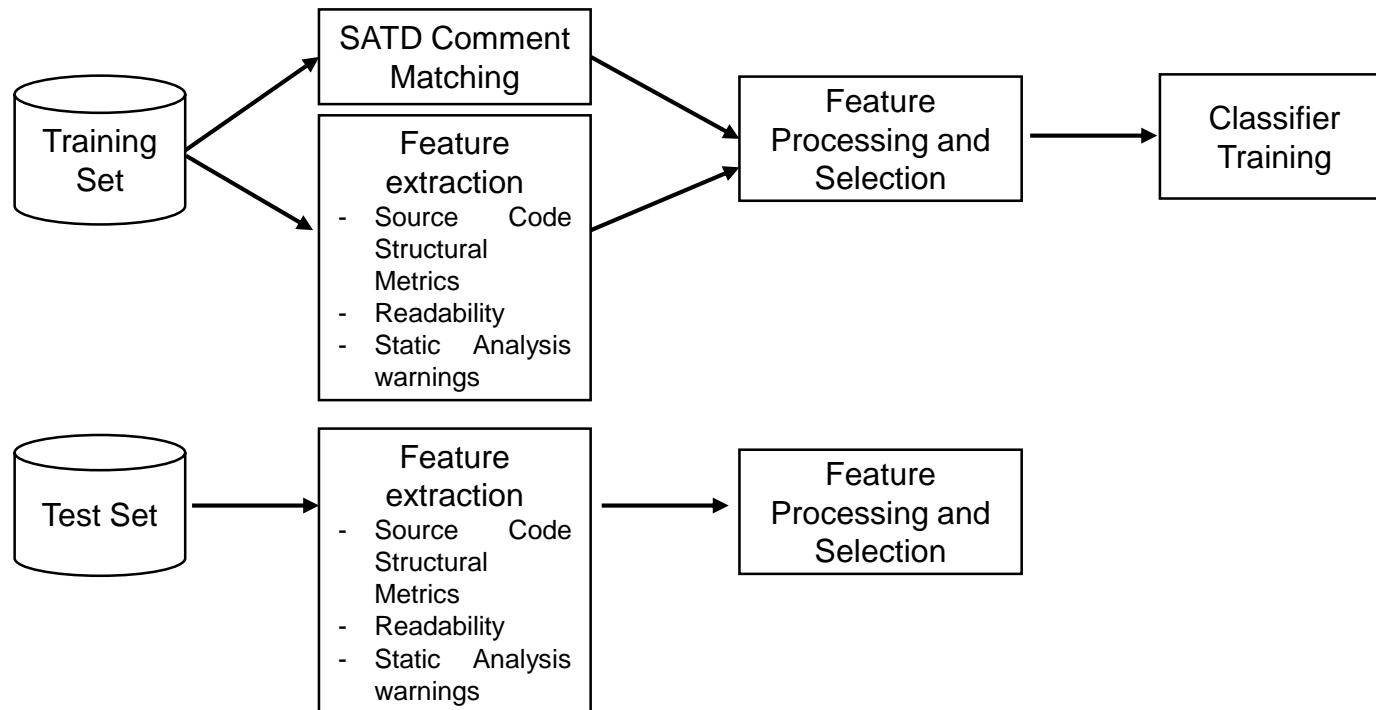
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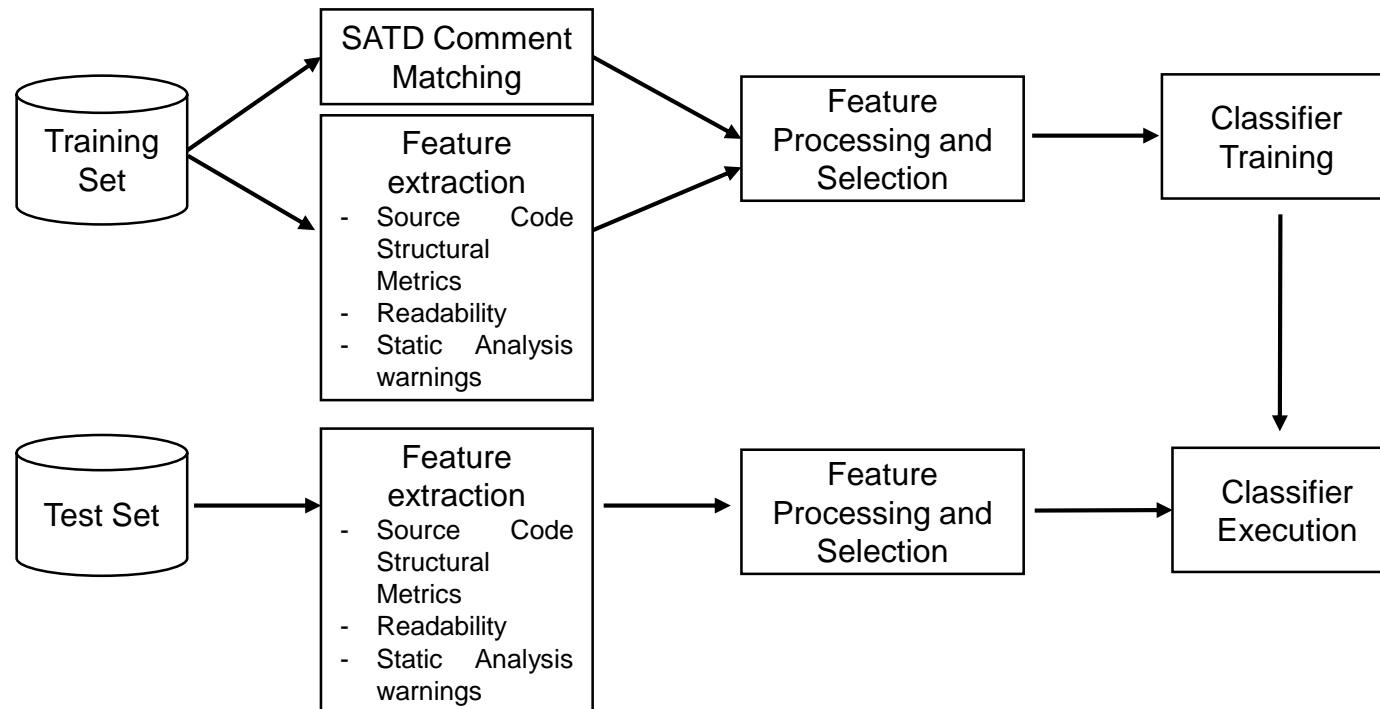
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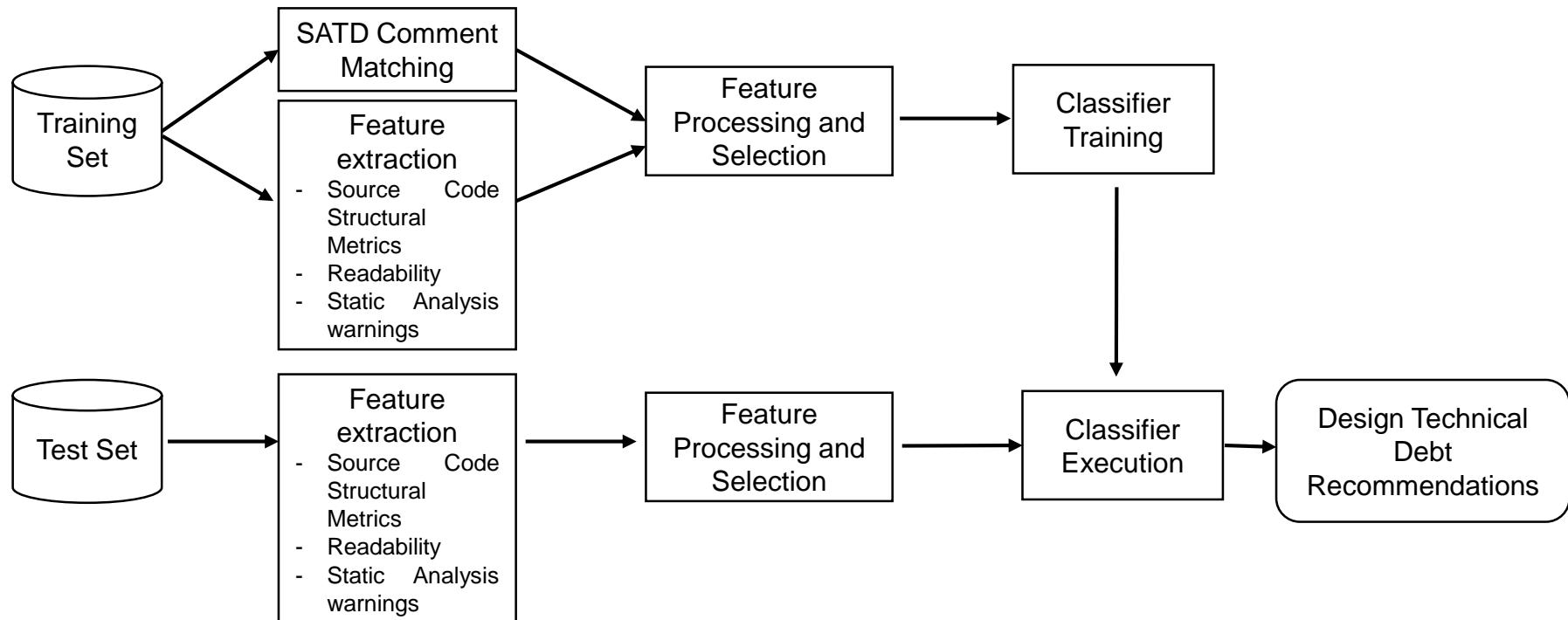
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# Study Results



# Analysis Method

$RQ_1$  &  $RQ_2$ : Performance within/across project

$$Precision(Pr) = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

$$Recall(Rc) = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

$$F_1 = 2 \frac{Pr \cdot Rc}{Pr + Rc}$$



# Analysis Method

$RQ_1$  &  $RQ_2$ : Performance within/across project

$$Precision(Pr) = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

$$Accuracy(Acc) = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + FP + TN + FN}$$

$$Recall(Rc) = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

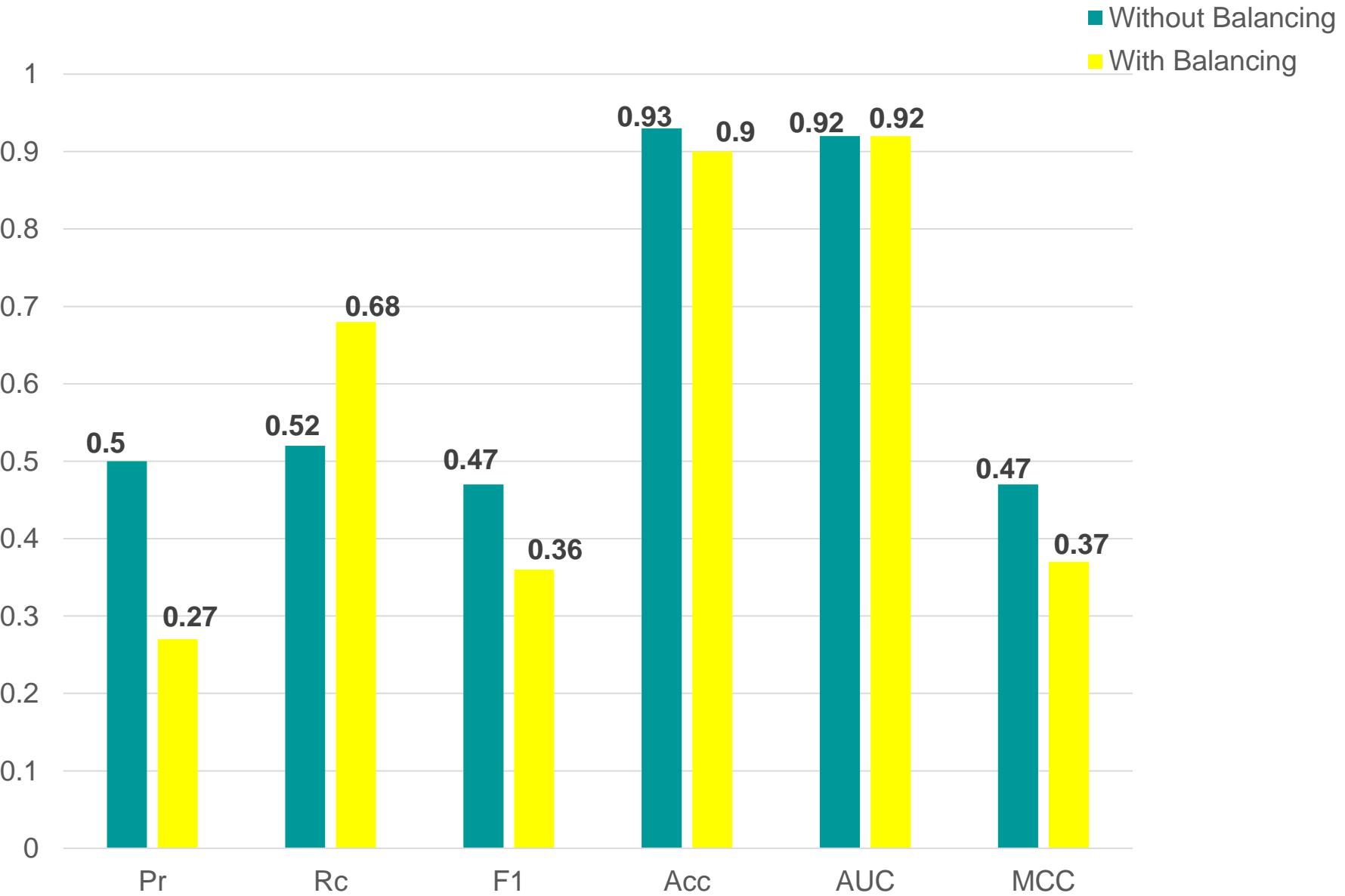
$$MCC = \frac{TP \cdot TN - FP \cdot FN}{\sqrt{(TP + FP)(FN + TN)(FP + TN)(TP + FN)}}$$

$$F_1 = 2 \frac{Pr \cdot Rc}{Pr + Rc}$$

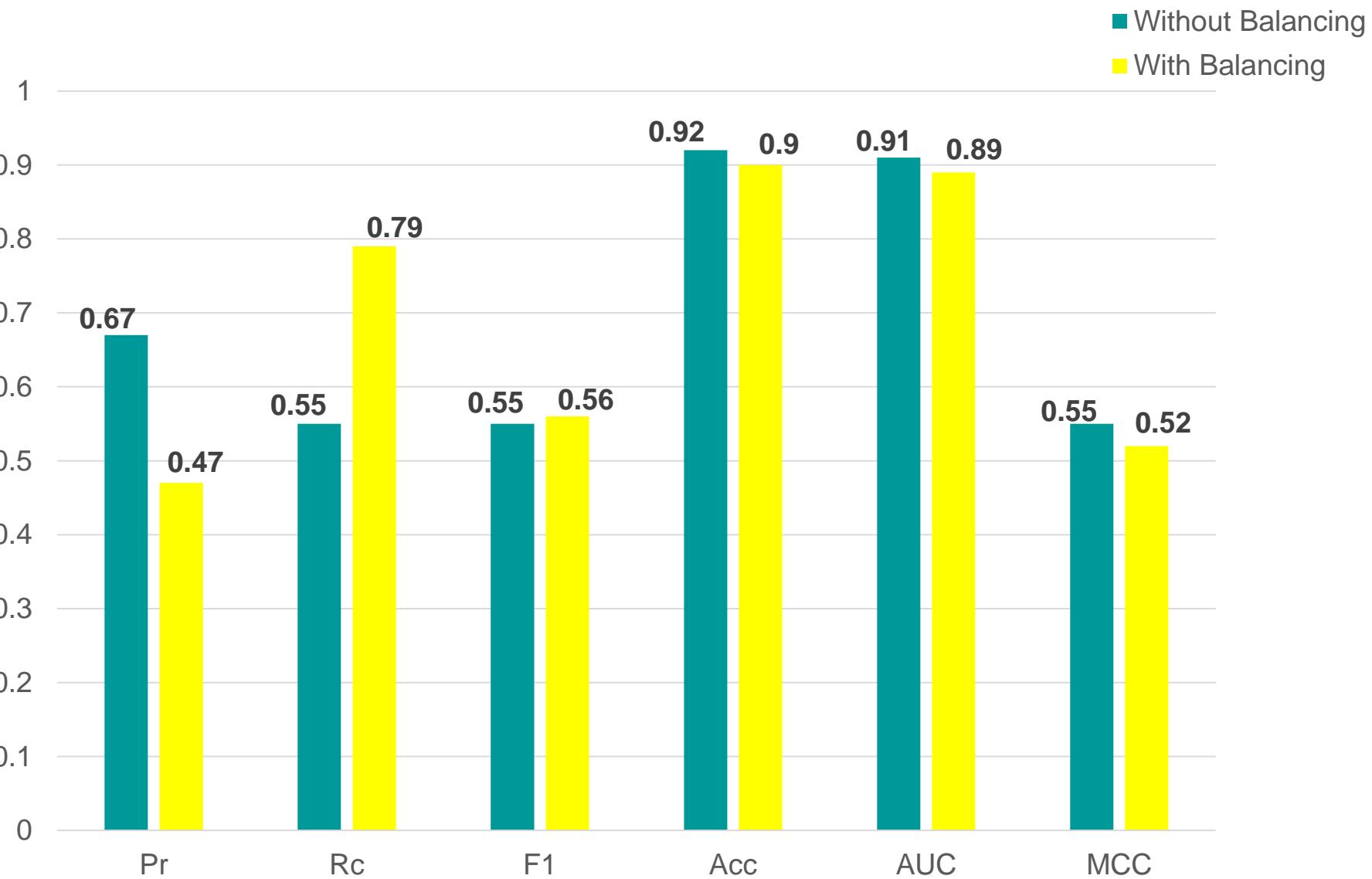
$$AUC \neq 0.5$$



# $RQ_1$ : Performance within-project



# $RQ_2$ : Performance across-project



# Analysis Method

$RQ_1$  &  $RQ_2$ : Performance within/across project



Measure the importance of variables on an ensemble of randomized trees.  
**MDI (Mean Decrease Impurity)**

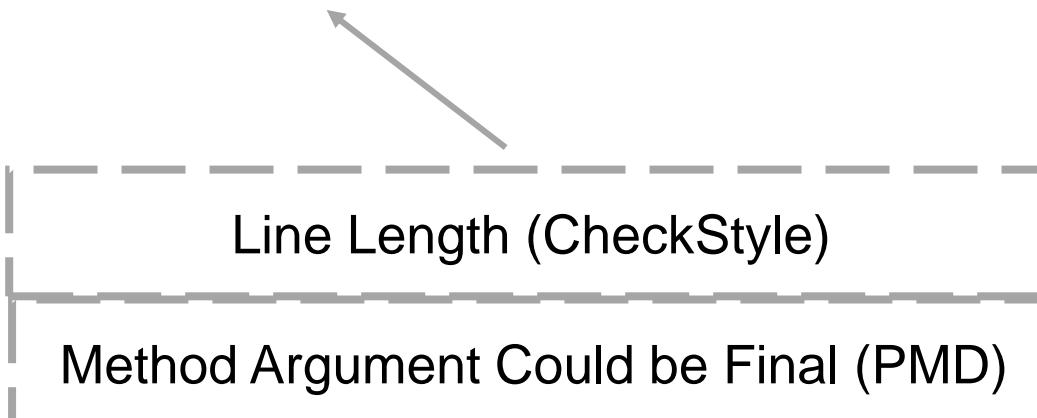
# $RQ_1$ & $RQ_2$ : Performance within/across project

```
// FIXME: If true array is common enough we should pre-allocate and stick somewhere  
private IRubyObject[] truelIfNoArgument (ThreadContext context, IRubyObject[] args) {  
    return args.length == 0 ? new IRubyObject[] {context.getRuntime().getTrue() } : args; }
```

Metric	Value
Readability	0.94
LOC	2
McCabe	1

Line Length (CheckStyle)

Method Argument Could be Final (PMD)



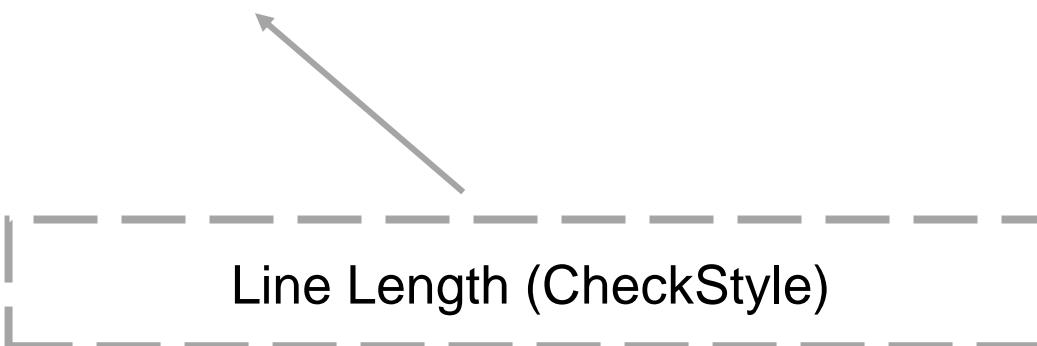
# $RQ_1$ & $RQ_2$ : Performance within/across project

// FIXME: this should go somewhere more generic -- maybe IdUtil

```
public static final boolean isRubyVariable (String name) {  
    char c;  
    return name.length() > 0 && ((c = name.charAt(0)) == '@' || (c <= 'Z' && c >= 'A'));
```

Metric	Value
Readability	0.74
LOC	3
McCabe	1

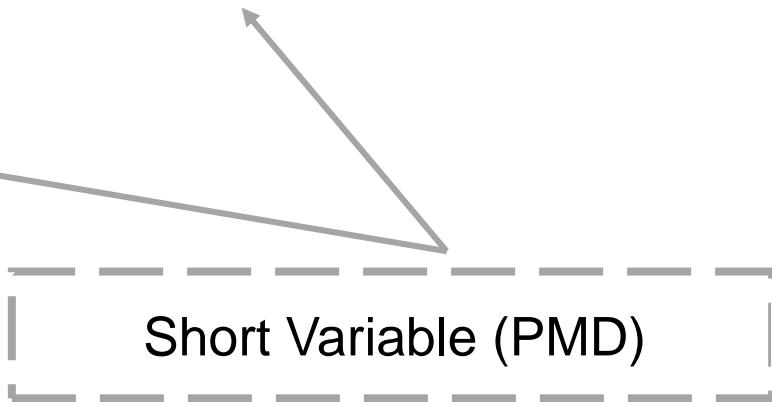
Line Length (CheckStyle)



# $RQ_1$ & $RQ_2$ : Performance within/across project

```
/**  
 * Arranges the blocks in the container with the overall height and width specified as fixed  
 * constraints.  
 *  
 * @param container the container.  
 * @param constraint the constraint.  
 * @param g2 the graphics device.  
 *  
 * @return The size following the arrangement.  
 */  
protected Size2D arrangeFF(BlockContainer container, Graphics2D g2, RectangleConstraint constraint)  
{  
    // TODO: implement this properly  
    return arrangeFN(container, g2, constraint);  
}
```

Metric	Value
Readability	0.98
LOC	5
McCabe	1



# RQ<sub>1</sub> & RQ<sub>2</sub>: Performance within/across project

```
public void exportMethod(String name, Visibility visibility) {
    if (this == getRuntime().getObject()) {
        getRuntime().secure(4);
    }
    DynamicMethod method = searchMethod(name);
    if (method.isUndefined()) {
        throw getRuntime().newNameError("undefined method " + name + " for " + (isModule() ?
            "module" : "class") + " " + getName() + "", name);
    }
    if (method.getVisibility() != visibility) {
        if (this == method.getImplementationClass()) {
            method.setVisibility(visibility);
        } else {
            // FIXME: Why was this using a FullFunctionCallbackMethod before that did callSuper?
            addMethod(name, new WrapperMethod(this, method, visibility));
        }
        invalidateCacheDescendants();
    }
}
```

Metric	Value
Readability	0.08
LOC	21
McCabe	5
# of Calls	16

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In the last years researchers have studied the technical debt phenomenon from different perspectives. Several authors developed techniques and tools aimed at detecting specific types of technical debt, like code smells (see e.g., [28, 29]) and coding style violations (see e.g., [1]). Also, researchers have studied the impact of different types of technical debt on maintainability attributes of software systems [20, 40] and when and why technical debt instances are introduced in software systems [36].

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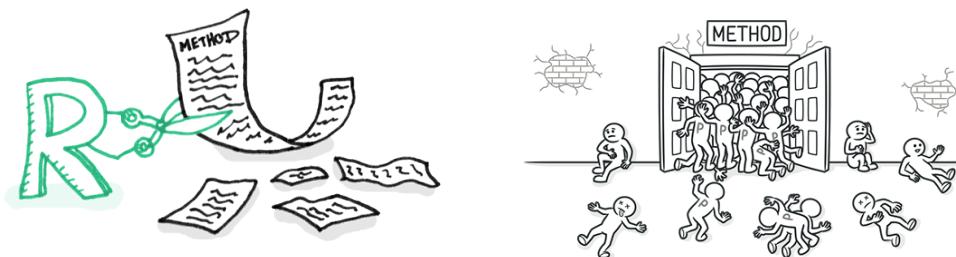
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DECOR: A Method for the Specification and  
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Long Method	21%	0.17
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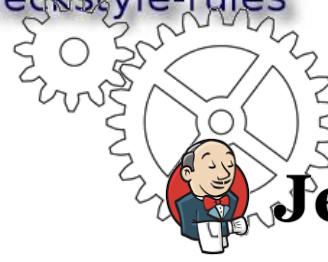
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# TEDIOuS usage scenarios



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# Conclusions

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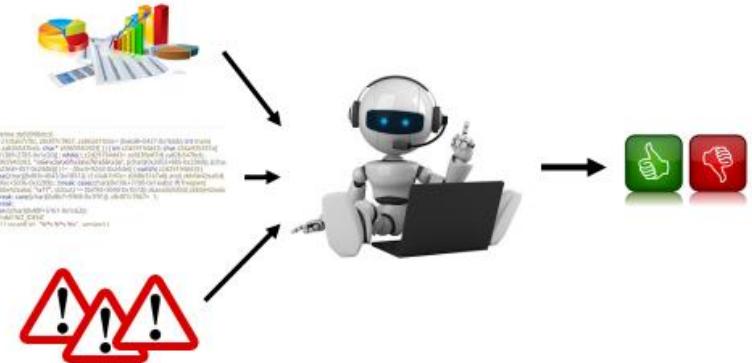


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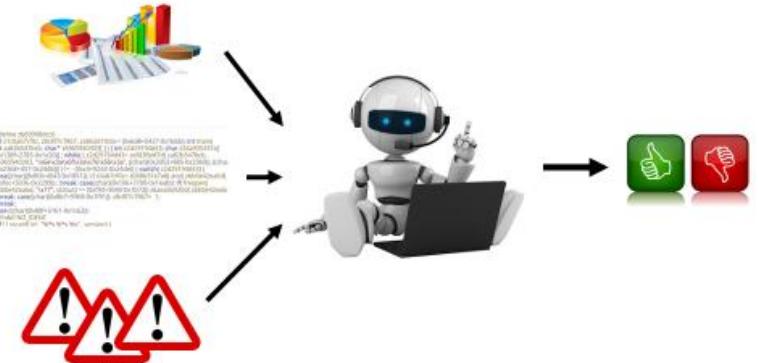


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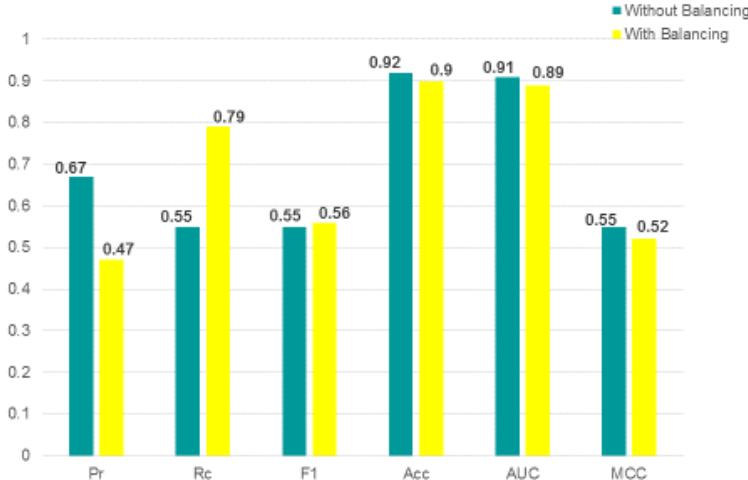
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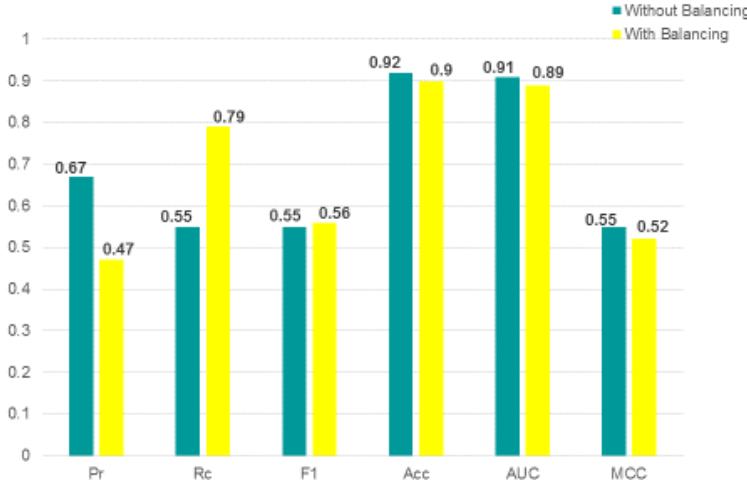


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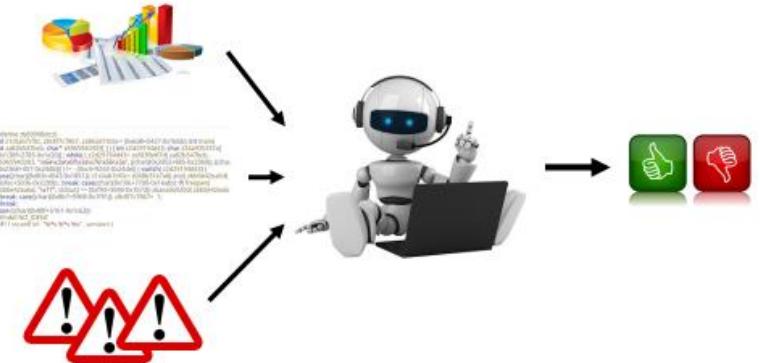
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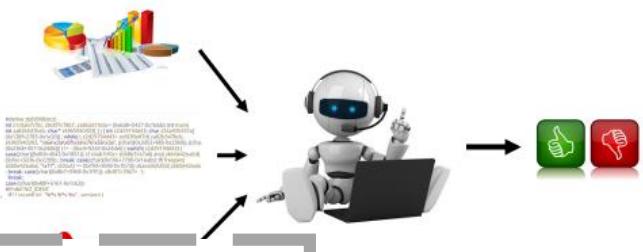
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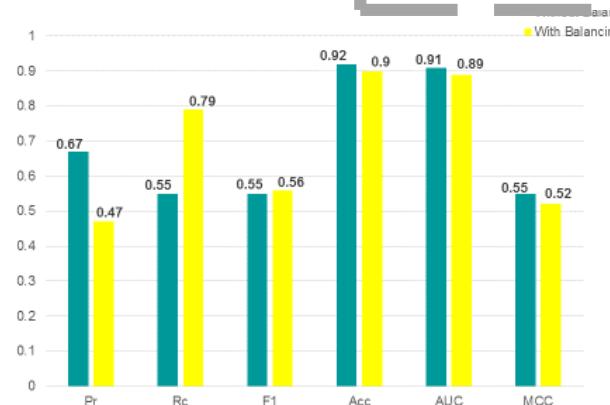


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