



# Clones

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Human  
Cloning is  
challenging!  
Right?

What about  
cloning in  
software  
development?

As easy as:



# Code is Copied

Small Example from the Mozilla Distribution (Milestone 9)

Extract from  
/dom/src/base/nsLocation.cpp

```
[432] NS_IMETHODIMP
[433] LocationImpl::GetPathname(nsString
[434] {
[435]     nsAutoString href;
[436]     nsURI *url;
[437]     nsresult result = NS_OK;
[438]
[439]     result = GetHref(href);
[440]     if (NS_OK == result) {
[441]         #ifndef NECKO
[442]             result = NS_NewURL(&url, href);
[443]         #else
[444]             result = NS_NewURI(&url, href);
[445]         #endif // NECKO
[446]         if (NS_OK == result) {
[447]             #ifndef NECKO
[448]                 char* file;
[449]                 result = url->GetPath(&file);
[450]             #else
[451]                 const char* file;
[452]                 result = url->GetFile(&file);
[453]             #endif
[454]             if (result == NS_OK) {
[455]                 aPathname.SetString(file);
[456]             #ifndef NECKO
[457]                 nsCRT::free(file);
[458]             #endif
[459]             }
[460]             NS_IF_RELEASE(url);
[461]         }
[462]     }
[463]
[464]     return result;
[465] }
[466]

[467] NS_IMETHODIMP
[468] LocationImpl::SetPathname(const nsString
[469] {
[470]     nsAutoString href;
[471]     nsURI *url;
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[476]         #ifndef NECKO
[477]             result = NS_NewURL(&url, href);
[478]         #else
[479]             result = NS_NewURI(&url, href);
[480]         #endif // NECKO
[481]         if (NS_OK == result) {
[482]             char *buf = aPathname.ToNewCString();
[483]             #ifndef NECKO
[484]                 url->SetPath(buf);
[485]             #else
[486]                 url->SetFile(buf);
[487]             #endif
[488]             SetURL(url);
[489]             delete[] buf;
[490]             NS_RELEASE(url);
[491]         }
[492]     }
[493]
[494]     return result;
[495] }
[496]

[497] NS_IMETHODIMP
[498] LocationImpl::GetPort(nsString& aPort)
[499] {
[500]     nsAutoString href;
[501]     nsURI *url;
[502]     nsresult result = NS_OK;
[503]
[504]     result = GetHref(href);
[505]     if (NS_OK == result) {
[506]         #ifndef NECKO
[507]             result = NS_NewURL(&url, href);
[508]         #else
[509]             result = NS_NewURI(&url, href);
[510]         #endif // NECKO
[511]         if (NS_OK == result) {
[512]             aPort.SetLength(0);
[513]             #ifndef NECKO
[514]                 PRInt32 port;
[515]                 (void)url->GetPort(&port);
[516]             #else
[517]                 PRUint32 port;
[518]                 (void)url->GetHostPort(&port);
[519]             #endif
[520]             if (-1 != port) {
[521]                 aPort.Append(port, 10);
[522]             }
[523]             NS_RELEASE(url);
[524]         }
[525]     }
[526]
[527]     return result;
[528] }
[529]
```

# Why Clones are bad?!

## General negative effect

- Code bloat

## Negative effects on Software Maintenance

- Copied Defects
- Changes take double, triple, quadruple, ... Work
- Dead code
- Add to the cognitive load of future maintainers

## Copying as additional source of defects

- Errors in the systematic renaming produce unintended aliasing

# How Much Code is Duplicated?

Usual estimates: 8 to 12%  
in normal industrial code  
15 to 25 % is already a lot!

Case Study	LOC	Duplication without comments	with comments
<i>gcc</i>	460'000	8.7%	5.6%
<i>Database Server</i>	245'000	36.4%	23.3%
<i>Payroll</i>	40'000	59.3%	25.4%
<i>Message Board</i>	6'500	29.4%	17.4%

# What is Duplicated Code?

- ❑ Duplicated Code = Source code segments that are found in different places of a system.
  - ❑ in different files
  - ❑ in the same file but in different functions
  - ❑ in the same function
- ❑ The segments must contain some logic or structure that can be abstracted, i.e.,

```
...  
computeIt(a,b,c,d);  
...
```

```
...  
computeIt(w,x,y,z);  
...
```

is not considered  
duplicated code.

```
...  
getIt(hash(tail(z)));  
...
```

```
...  
getIt(hash(tail(a)));  
...
```

could be abstracted  
to a new function

- ❑ Copied artifacts range from expressions, to functions, to data structures, and to entire subsystems.

# Why Cloning Occurs

## Development Time

- Cloning a procedure rather than extracting a common part may save on time

## Communication

- A code set may be borrowed but its working might not be clear

## Structural

- Code borrowed from an un-modifiable subsystem.

## Coincidence

- Look Alikes and clones are difficult to differentiate.



# Definitions

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Clone Class/Set: Set of equivalent Clones

Clone-pair

Precision: Percent of reported clones that are genuine

Recall: Percent of genuine clones that are reported



```

1586 {
1587     if( GlobalConfig.DEBUG_LEVEL & DEBUG_WARNINGS ) {
1588         printf( __STR_WARNING__MEM_ALLOC_FAILED,
1589             acModuleName, pMsg->ServerName );
1590     }
1591     if( rcv_id != 0 ) {
1592         pMsg->type = TYPE_MSGUNKNOWN;
1593         MsgReply ( rcv_id, 0, pMsg, MSG_LENGTH_ACK );
1594     }
1595     return( MIRPA_ERROR_MEM_ALLOC_FAILED );
1596 }
1173 {
1174     if( GlobalConfig.DEBUG_LEVEL & DEBUG_WARNINGS ) {
1175         printf( __STR_WARNING__MEM_ALLOC_FAILED,
1176             acModuleName, pMsg->ServerName );
1177     }
1178     if( rcv_id != 0 ) {
1179         pMsg->type = TYPE_MSGUNKNOWN;
1180         MsgReply ( rcv_id, 0, pMsg, MSG_LENGTH_ACK );
1181     }
1182     return( MIRPA_ERROR_MEM_ALLOC_FAILED );

```

# Clones?

# Type 1 Clones

```
1586 {  
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1591     if( rcv_id != 0 ) {  
1592         pMsg->type = TYPE_MSGUNKNOWN;  
1593         MsgReply( rcv_id, 0, pMsg, MSG_LENGTH_ACK );  
1594     }  
1595     return( MIRPA_ERROR_MEM_ALLOC_FAILED );  
1596 }  
1173 {  
1174     if( GlobalConfig.DEBUG_LEVEL & DEBUG_WARNINGS ) {
```

**Type 1: They are identical up to whitespace/comments**

Original Code

```
HashMap myVar=new HashMap (10);  
myVar.printAll();
```

Type-1 Cloned Code

```
HashMap myVar    = new HashMap (10);  
myVar.printAll();
```

Additional Whitespace

# Clones?

```
4278 case TYPE_SHMEM:  
4279     if( GlobalConfig.DEBUG_LEVEL & DEBUG_WARNINGS ) {  
4280         printf( "%s: WARNING : SHMEM msg received after  
4281             sending ANSWER \"%s\\n\",  
4282             acModuleName,  
4283             sMsgList.asTxMsg[ uiMsgHandle ].name );  
4284     }  
4285 return( MIRPA_ERROR_RX_UNEXPECTED_TYPE );
```

```
4270 case TYPE_MSGOK:  
4271     if( GlobalConfig.DEBUG_LEVEL & DEBUG_INFO ) {  
4272         printf( "%s: INFO : MSG_OK received after  
4273             sending ANSWER \"%s\\n\",  
4279             acModuleName,  
4280             sMsgList.asTxMsg[ uiMsgHandle ].name );  
4281     }  
4282 return( MIRPA_OK );
```

```

4278 case TYPE_SHMEM:
4279     if( GlobalConfig.DEBUG_LEVEL & DEBUG_WARNINGS ) {
4280         printf( "%s: WARNING : SHMEM msg received after
4281             sending ANSWER \"%s\\n\",
4282             acModuleName,
4283             sMsgList.asTxMsg[ uiMsgHandle ].name );
4284     }
4285 return( MIRPA_ERROR_RX_UNEXPECTED_TYPE );

```

```

4270 case TYPE_MSG_OK:
4271     if( GlobalConfig.DEBUG_LEVEL & DEBUG_INFO ) {
4272         printf( "%s: INFO : MSG_OK received after
4273             sending ANSWER \"%s\\n\",
4274             acModuleName,
4275             sMsgList.asTxMsg[ uiMsgHandle ].name );
4276     }
4277 return( MIRPA_OK );

```

# Type 2 clones

- **Type 2:** They are structurally identical (rename variables, types or method calls)

Original Code

```

HashMap myVar=new HashMap (10);
myVar.printAll();

```

Type-2 Cloned Code

```

HashMap list1=new HashMap ();
myVar.printAll();

```

Different variable name

# Clones?

```
if ( ! parse( ) ) {  
    print_error(stdout , 0) ;  
    return FALSE ;  
}  
  
fclose( fp ) ;  
  
if ( debug_flag ) {  
    printf(" result of parser " ) ;  
    if ( ! print_tree( FALSE ) ) {  
        print_error(stdout , 0) ;  
        return FALSE ;  
    }  
}
```

```
if ( ! type_check( ) ) {  
    print_error(stdout , 0) ;  
    return FALSE ;  
}  
  
if ( debug_flag ) {  
    printf(" result of type check" ) ;  
    if ( ! print_tree( TRUE ) ) {  
        print_error(stdout , 0) ;  
        return FALSE ;  
    }  
}
```

```

if ( ! parse( ) ) {
    print_error(stdout , 0);
    return FALSE ;
}

fclose( fp ) ;

if ( debug_flag ) {
    printf(" result of parser " );
    if ( ! print_tree( FALSE ) ) {
        print_error(stdout , 0);
        return FALSE ;
    }
}

```

```

if ( ! type_check( ) ) {
    print_error(stdout , 0);
    return FALSE ;
}

if ( debug_flag ) {
    printf(" result of type check" );
    if ( ! print_tree( TRUE ) ) {
        print_error(stdout , 0);
        return FALSE ;
    }
}

```

## Type 3 Clones



Original Code	<pre>HashMap myVar=new HashMap myVar.printAll();</pre>
Type-1 Cloned Code	<div>Additional Whitespace</div> <pre>HashMap myVar    =    new HashMap myVar.printAll();</pre>
Type-2 Cloned Code	<div>Different variable name</div> <pre>HashMap <b>list1</b>=new HashMap myVar.printAll();</pre>
Type-3 Cloned Code	<pre>HashMap list1=new HashMap myVar.printAll();</pre>
Semantic Clone	<div>Any imaginary code block that implements the same functionality using <b>Queue</b> Data Structure instead of HashMap</div>

## Clone Definition (Source Code Clone)

### Similar code fragments

- Type 1: Identical except whitespaces ...
- Type 2: Identical except variable names ...
- Type 3: Identical except a few missing...
- Type 4: Similar functionality

- Alternative based on the locations of the clones.
- Intra-file or inter-file cloning
- Type of location:
  - function, declaration, macro, hybrid, other (typedef)
- Type of the code sequence
  - initialization, finalization, loop, switch

# Alternative Classification

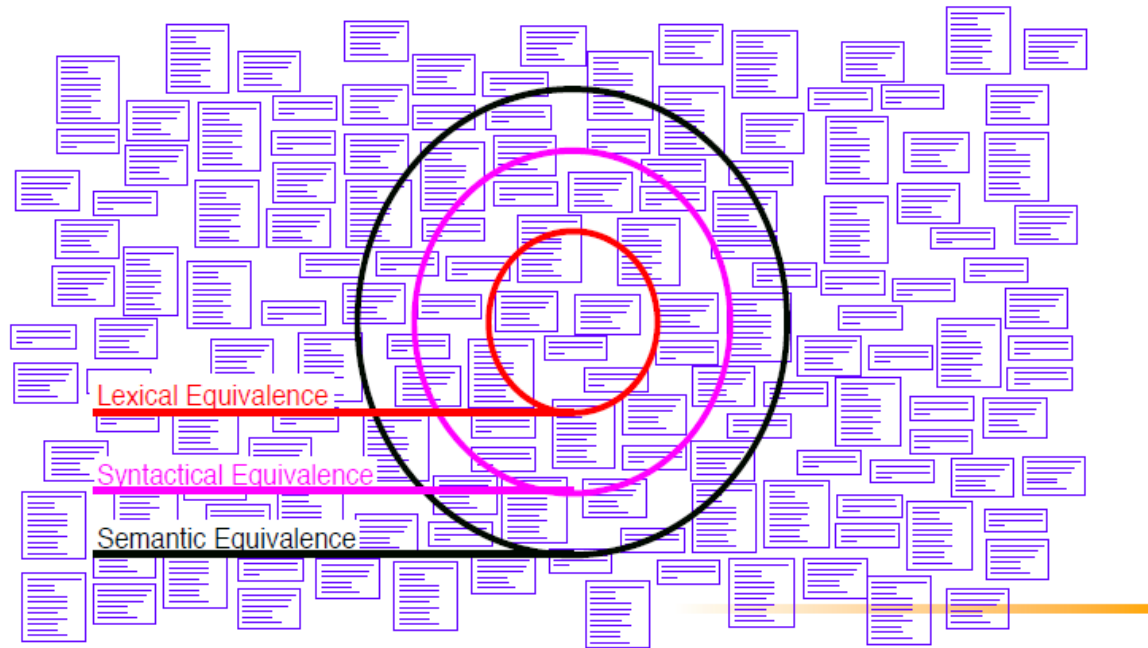
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# Code Duplication Detection

Nontrivial problem:

- No a priori knowledge about which code has been copied
- How to find all clone pairs among all possible pairs of segments?



## Code Detection

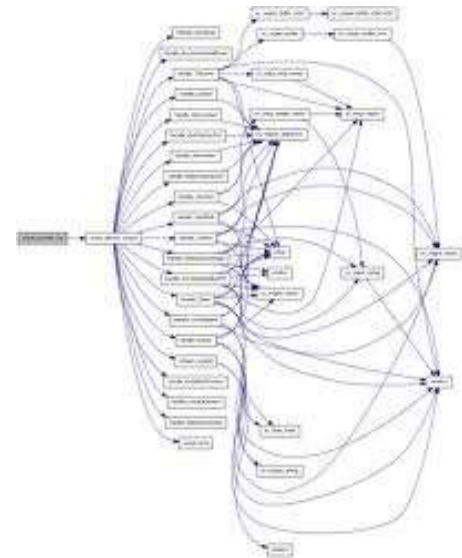
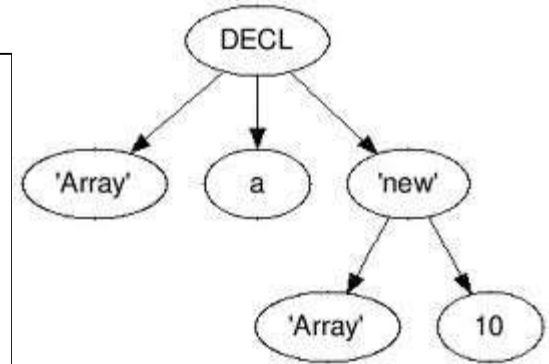
# Detection Techniques

## String Matching – Represents and evaluates code using string comparisons.

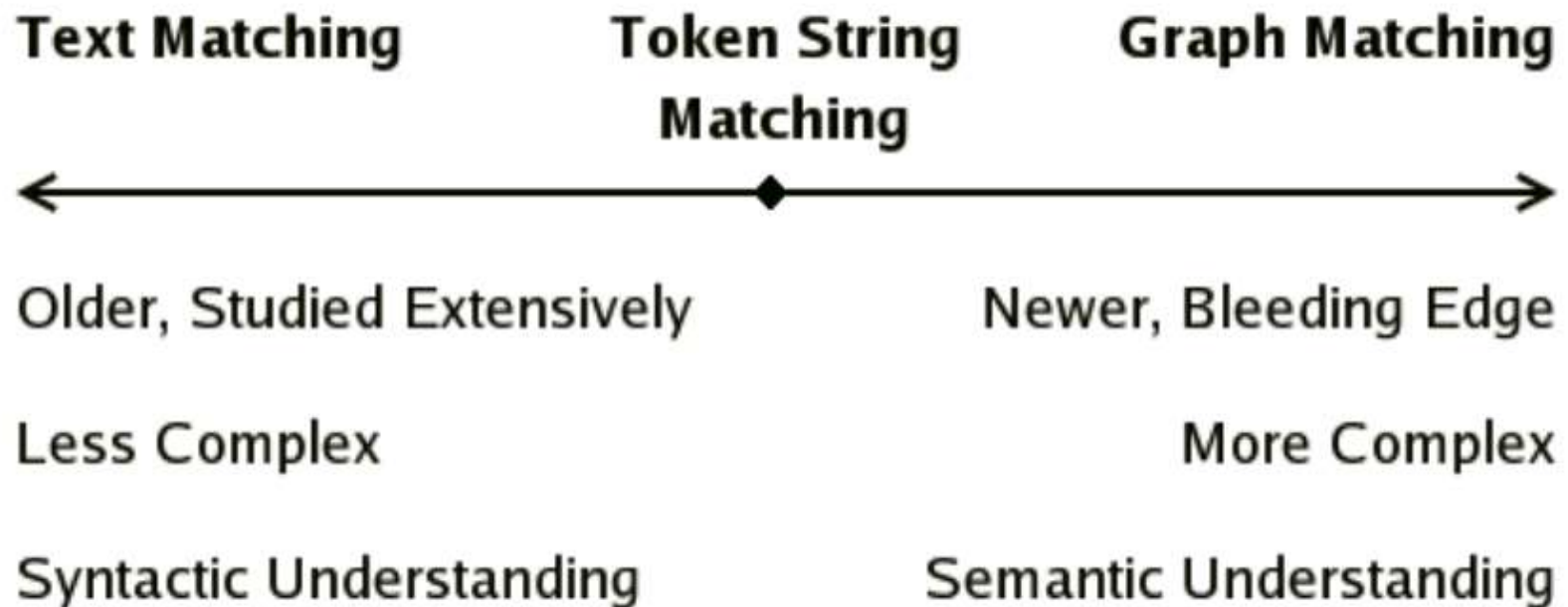
## Token Parsing – Code transformation into tokens for comparison.

# Graph Matching – Pattern matching on graph representations of code.

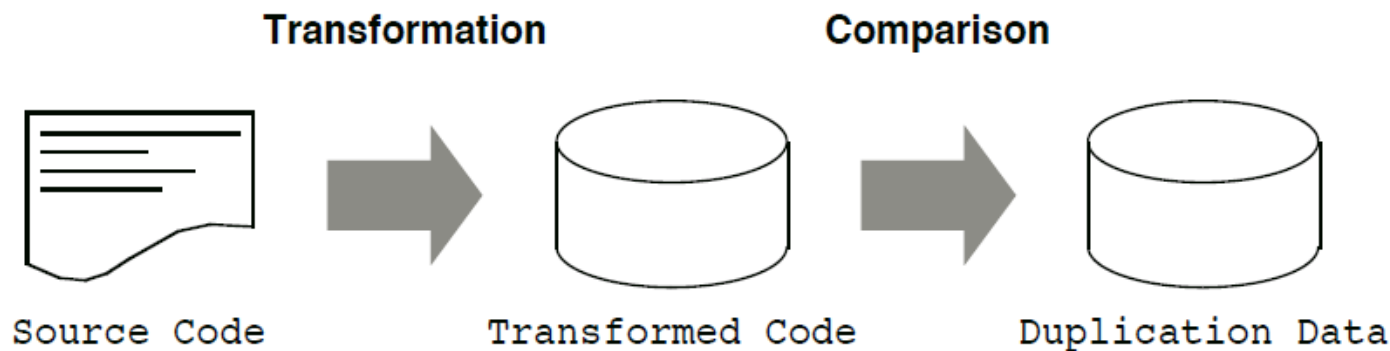
```
Array a = new Array(10);
```



# Detection Strategies



# General Schema of Detection Process



<i>Author</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Transformed Code</i>	<i>Comparison Technique</i>
[John94a]	Lexical	Substrings	String-Matching
[Duca99a]	Lexical	Normalized Strings	String-Matching
[Bake95a]	Syntactical	Parameterized Strings	String-Matching
[Mayr96a]	Syntactical	Metric Tuples	Discrete comparison
[Kont97a]	Syntactical	Metric Tuples	Euclidean distance
[Baxt98a]	Syntactical	AST	Tree-Matching

**Text Matching**

**Token String  
Matching**

**Graph Matching**



Older, Studied Extensively

Newer, Bleeding Edge

Less Complex

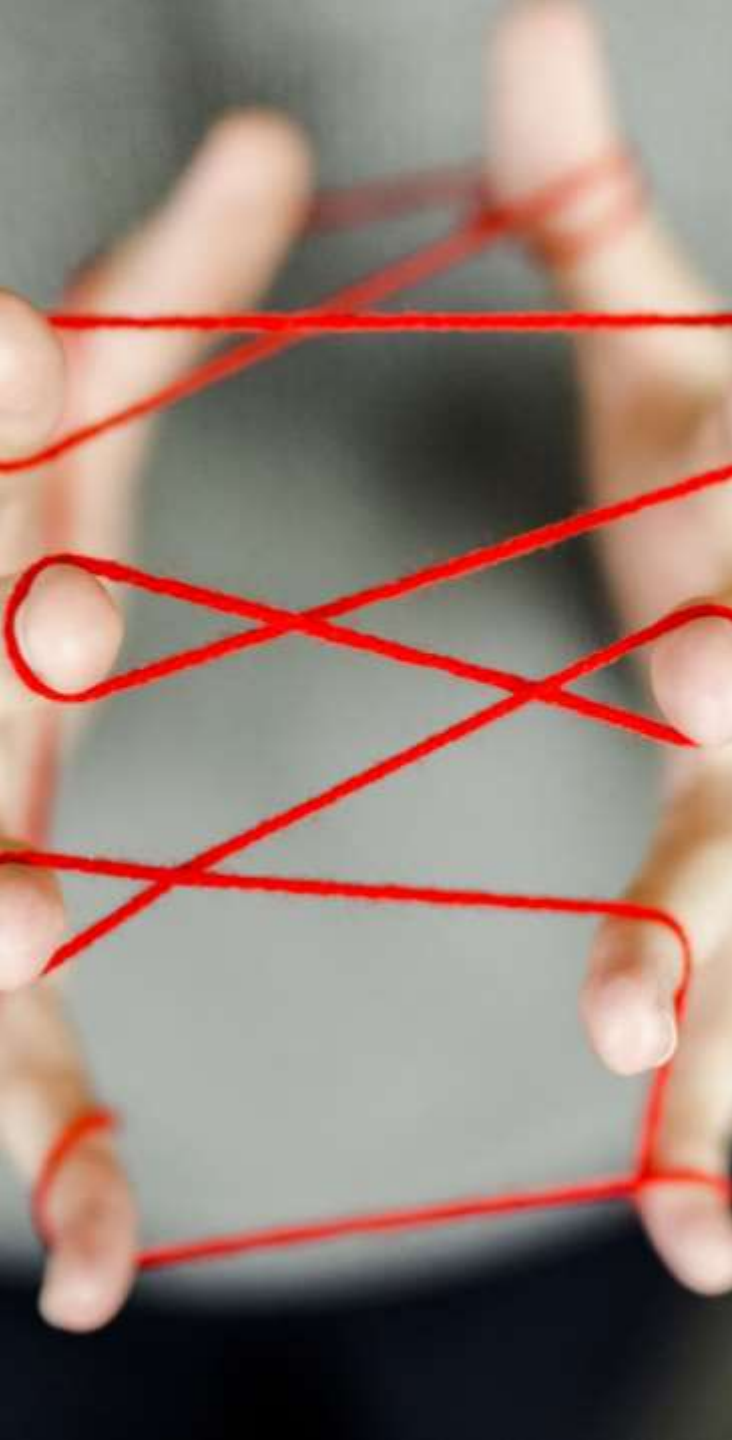
More Complex

Syntactic Understanding

Semantic Understanding

# Detection Strategies

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# Exact String Matching

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## Definition

- Two sections of code are said to be a maximal exact match if their lines match exactly character by character but the preceding lines do not match and the following lines do not match.

# Parameterized String Example

□ Was found in the X-Window C code

□ Fragment 1:

```
copy-number (&pmin, &pmax ,  
    pfi->min-bounds.lbearing,  
    pfi->max-bounds.lbeaing);  
*pmin++ = *pmax++ = J , J ;  
copy-number (&pmin, &pmax,  
    pfi->min-bounds.rbearing,  
    pfi->max-bounds .rbearing) ;  
*pmin++ = *pmax++ = J , J ;
```

□ Fragment 2:

```
copy-number (&pmin, &pmax,  
    pfh->min-bounds.left,  
    pfh->max-bounds.left);  
*pmin++ = *pmax++ = J , J ;  
copy-number (&pmin, &pmax,  
    pfh->min-bounds.right,  
    pfh->max-bounds.right);  
*pmin++ = *pmax++ = J , J ;
```

# Substring Matching

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Substring Matching provides a faster search algorithm.

## Phases

1. Normalization
2. Substring Generation
3. Matching
4. Consolidation
5. Reporting





# Token Parsing Techniques

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Transforms code into tokens by using language specific constructs

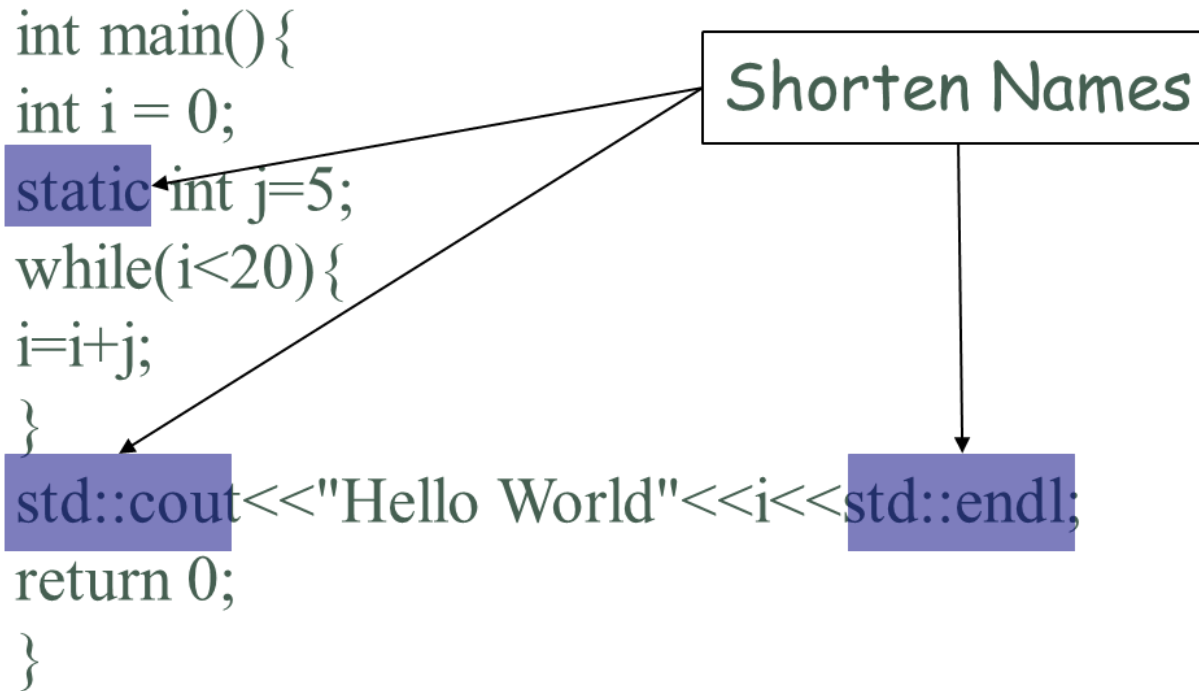
Find similarities within this token string

Transform token clones back into code clones for presentation

```
int main(){  
    int i = 0;  
    static int j=5;  
    while(i<20){  
        i=i+j;  
    }  
    std::cout<<"Hello World"<<i<<std::endl;  
    return 0;  
}
```

Remove white spaces

## Token Parsing Example



## Token Parsing Example

```
int main () {
```

```
int i = 0;
```

```
int j = 5;
```

```
while (i < 20) {
```

```
    i = i + j;
```

```
}
```

```
cout << "Hello World" << i << endl;
```

```
return 0;
```

```
}
```

Tokenize everything,  
except language  
constructs

## Token Parsing Example

```
int main () {  
  int i = 0;  
  int j = 5;  
  while (i < 20) {  
    i = i + j;  
  }  
  cout << "Hello World" << i << endl;  
  return 0;  
}
```



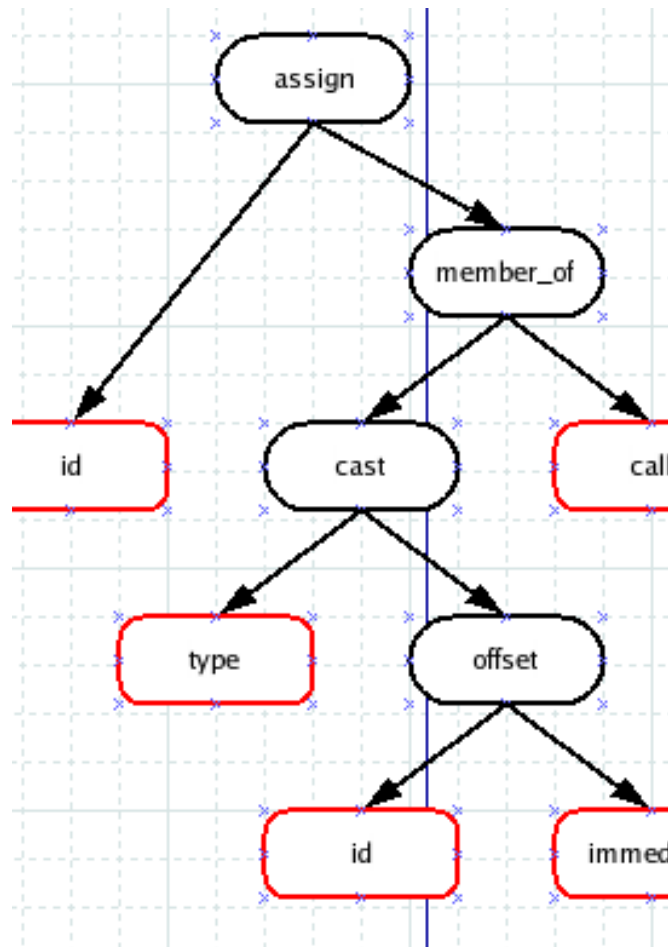
```
$p $p() {  
  $p $p = $p;  
  $p $p = $p;  
  while($p < $p ) {  
    $p = $p + $p;  
  }  
  $p << $p << $p << $p;;  
  return $p;  
}
```

## Token Parsing Example

# Graph Matching Techniques

Form machine representation of code

Identify clones as identical subgraphs



```
interfaces =  
if(attributes =  
    this.attribut  
if(fields == nu  
    fields = new  
if(methods == r  
    methods = new  
  
this.class_name  
this.superclass  
this.file_name  
this.major  
this.minor  
this.access fla  
this.constant_p  
this.interfaces  
this.fields  
this.methods  
this.attributes  
this.source  
  
// Get source f  
for(int i=0; i  
    if(attributes  
source_file_name  
break;  
    }  
}  
  
/* According to
```

Parse Source code to build an AST

Compare subtrees by characterization metrics

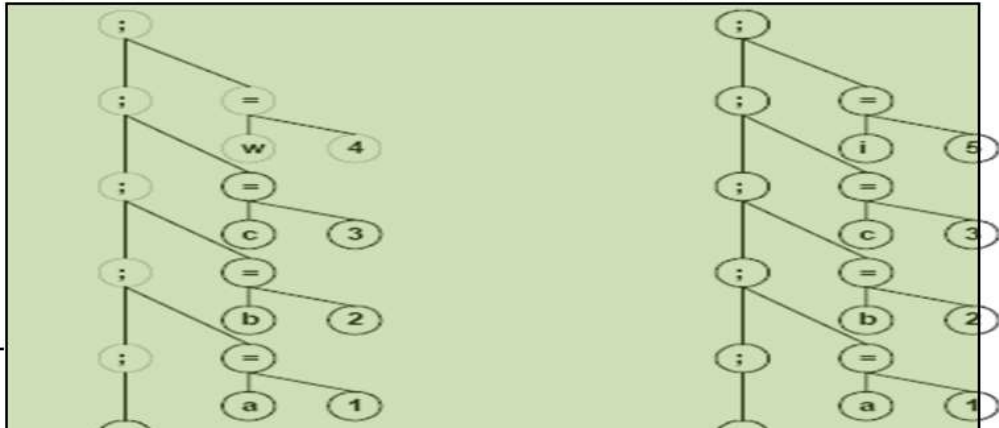
Hash subgraphs

Identify maximal identical or similar subgraphs

Identify sequences of subgraphs

```
void f ()  
{  
  x=0;  
  a=1;  
  b=2;  
  c=3;  
  w=4;  
}
```

```
void g ()  
{  
  y=2;  
  a=1;  
  b=2;  
  c=3;  
  i=5;  
}
```



## Abstract Syntax Tree Matching

# Program Dependence Graph Matching



Vertices are lines of code



Edges are attributed with different types of dependences (control flow, data, etc)



NP complete in general,  
k-cutoff in maximal  
graph size used to limit  
runtime

Experiments  
determine  $k=20$  best

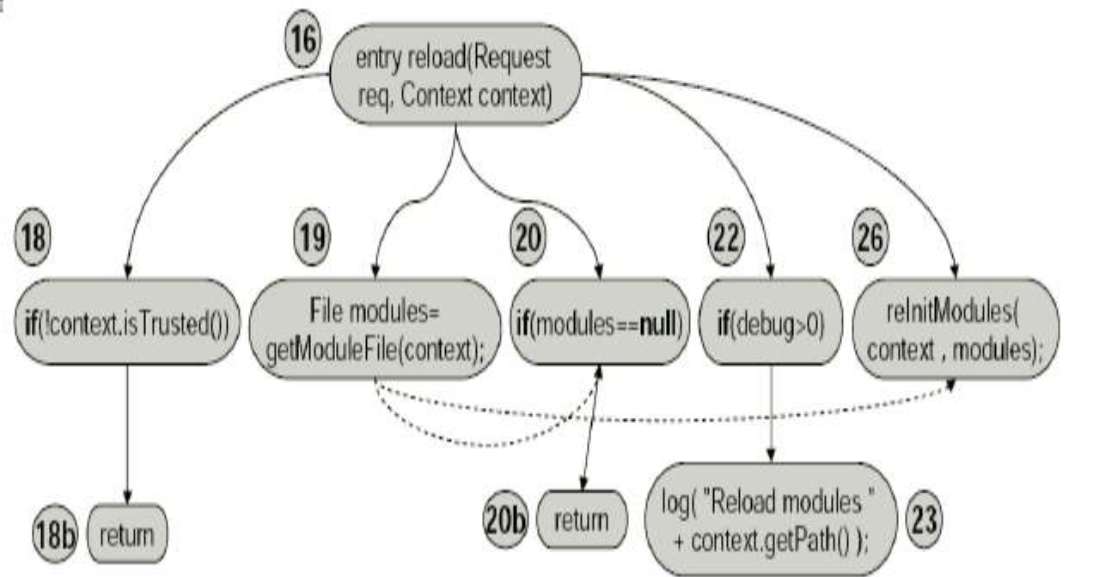


$O(|V|^2)$  possible graph starting points,  
reduced via heuristic

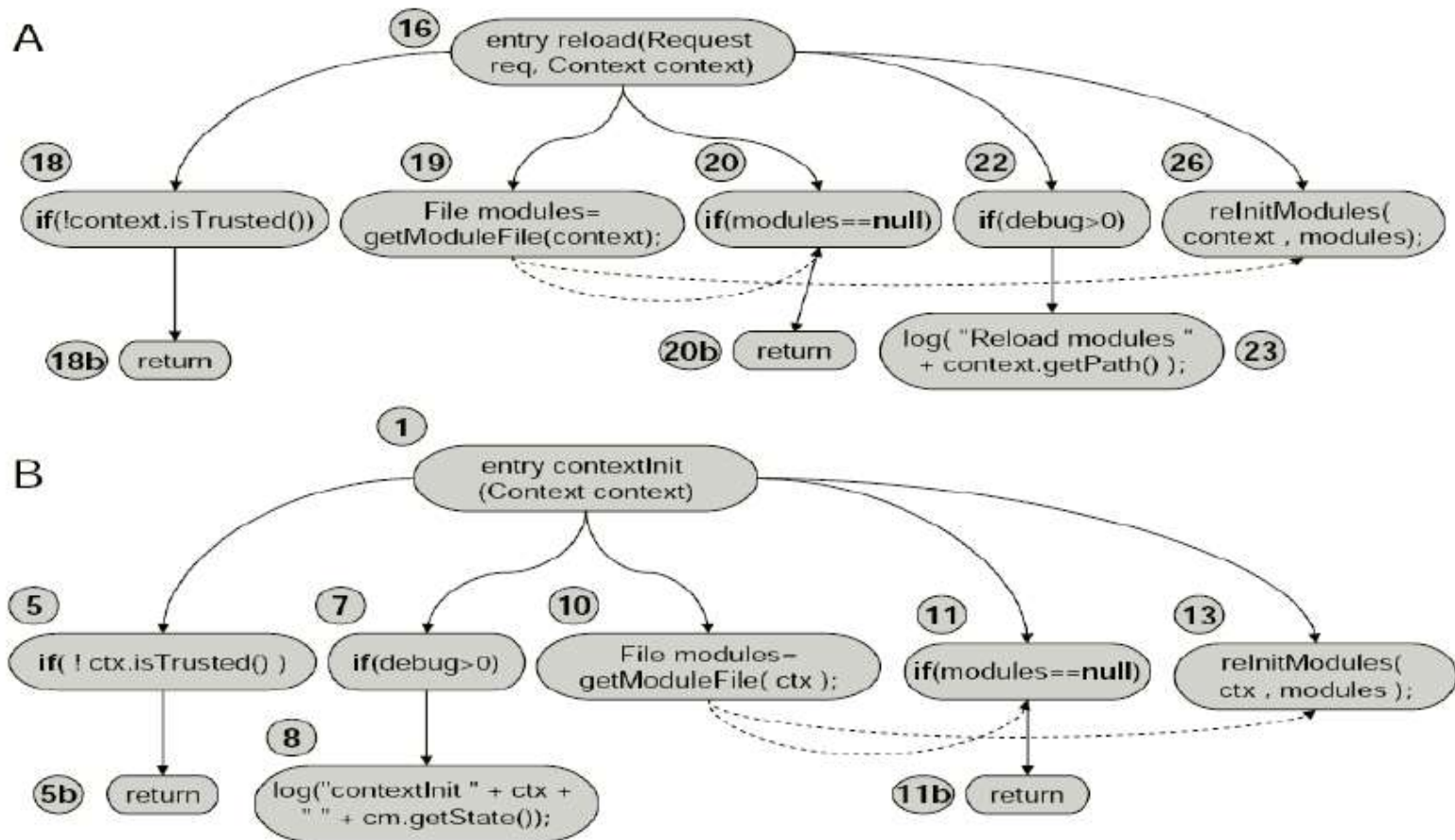


# Program Dependency Graph Matching

```
public class FooBar {  
    public void contextInit(Context ctx) {  
        if (!ctx.isTrusted()) { return; }  
        if (debug > 0) {  
            Log("contextInit " + ctx + " " + cm.getState());  
        }  
        File modules = getModuleFile(ctx);  
        if (modules == null) { return; }  
        reInitModules(ctx, modules);  
    }  
  
    public void reload(Context context) {  
        if (!context.isTrusted()) { return; }  
        File modules = getModuleFile(context);  
        if (modules == null) { return; }  
        if (debug > 0) {  
            Log("Reload modules " + context.getPath());  
        }  
        reInitModules(context, modules);  
    }  
}
```



# Two Clones Found by fg-PDG



## Metrics?

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Need to evaluate different clone detection techniques

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Hard to know the real number of clones in a non-trivial application

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How to compare different types of clones?

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LOC: Line number count

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SLOC: Line number count after the removal of blanks

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%LOC: Percent of lines with clones in them

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%FILE: Percent of files with clones in them

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	CCFinder Token	CloneDr AST	Cavet Metric	Jplag Token	Moss Unknown
<i>Frequency</i>	<i>CCFinder</i>	<i>CloneDr</i>	<i>Cavet</i>	<i>JPlag</i>	<i>Moss</i>
1	569	66	40	95	104
2	98	6	34	10	8
3	33	2	13	4	0
4	14	0	6	1	0
5	16	0	5	0	0
6	19	0	5	0	0
7	2	0	1	0	0

## Comparison of Clone Detectors

In addition Cavet found clones with frequencies: 8,12, and 13

	<i>CCFinder</i>	<i>CloneDr</i>	<i>Cavet</i>	<i>JPlag</i>	<i>Moss</i>
<i>Recall</i>	72	9	19	12	10
<i>Precision</i>	72	100	63	82	73

Different code clone detectors find different clones

**String** based find direct clones

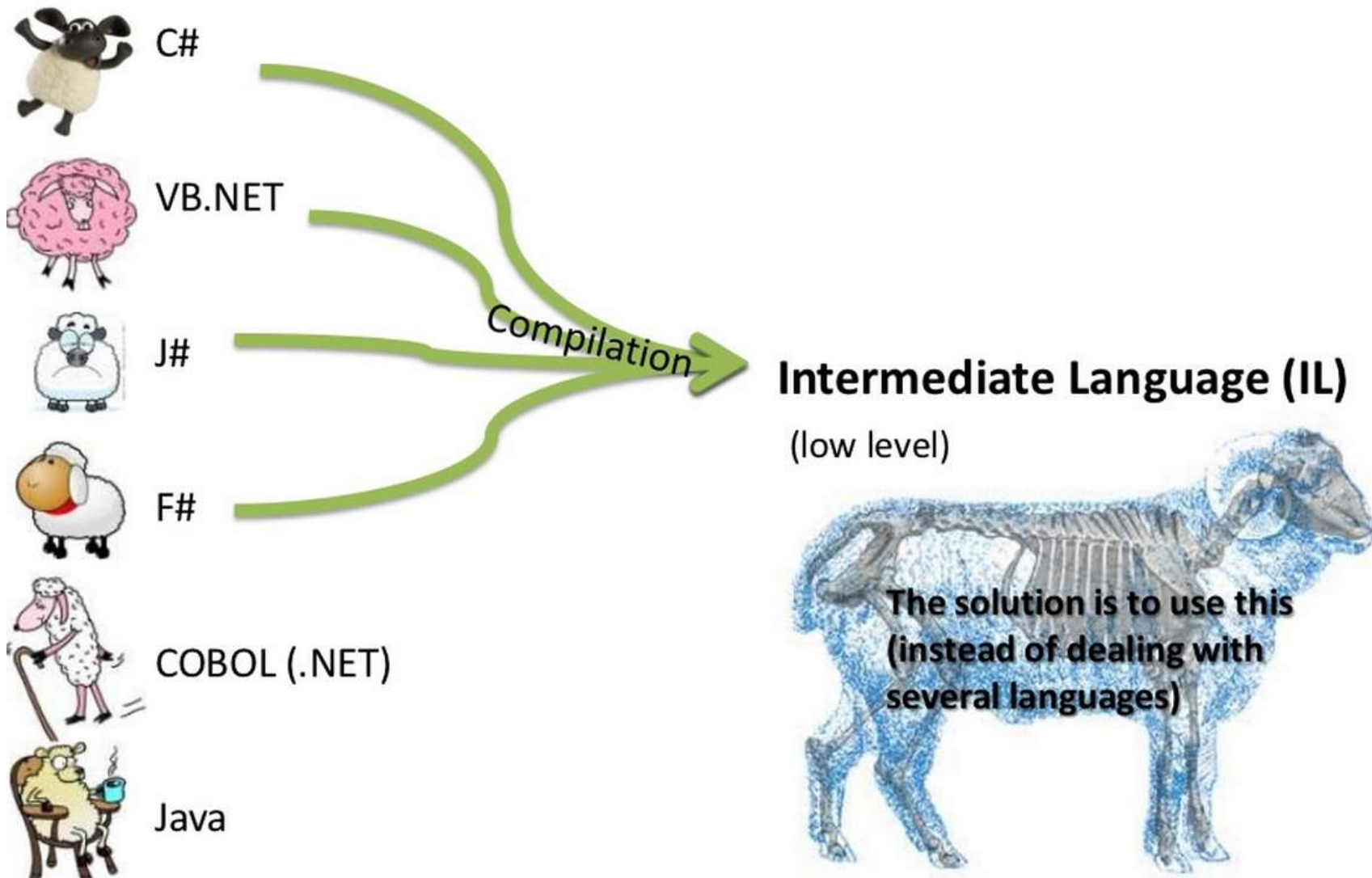
**Token** based find polymorphism issues and may be difficult to fix

**Graph** based find clones that can be automatically refactored

## Comparison of Clone Detectors

# Clone Detection across Languages

## General Solution

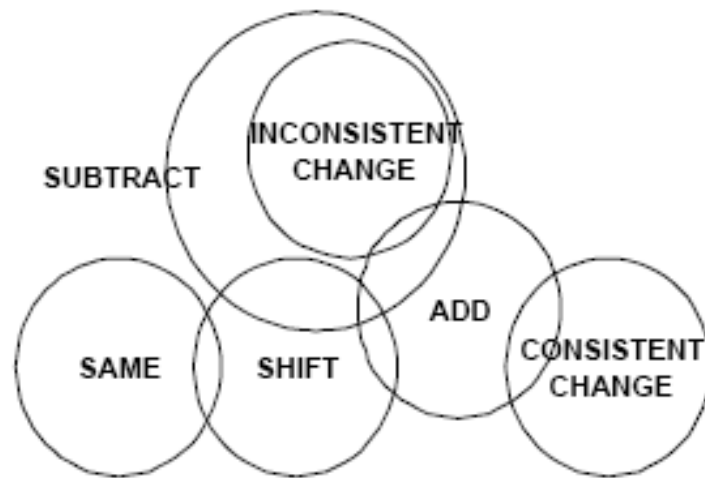




## Clone Management

# Clone Genealogies

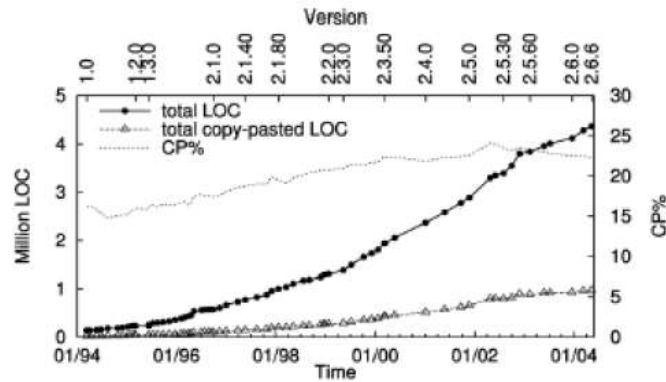
Refers to the life cycle of clones through various versions of a program. Evolution Patterns of a code clone and their relationship are seen.



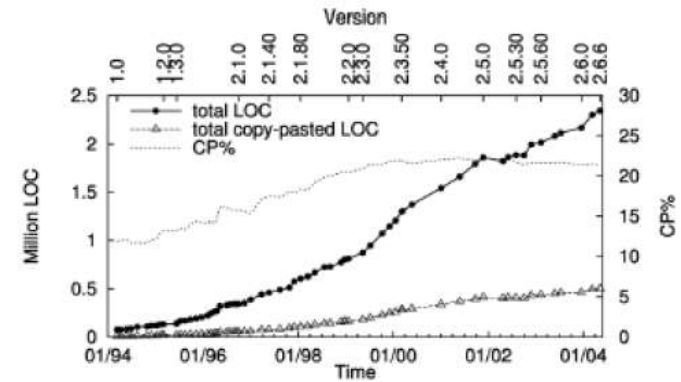


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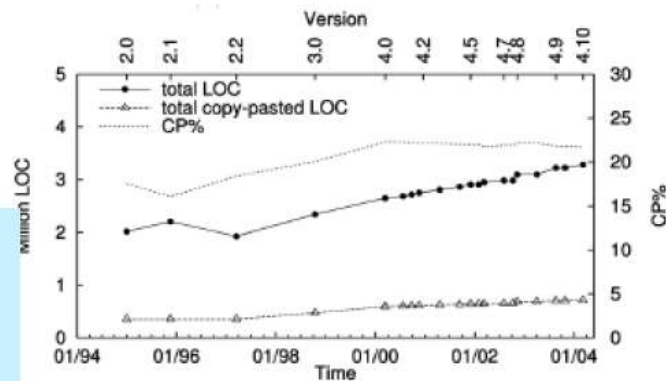
- a) Linux
- b) Linux “drivers”
- c) Free BSD
- d) Free BSD “sys”



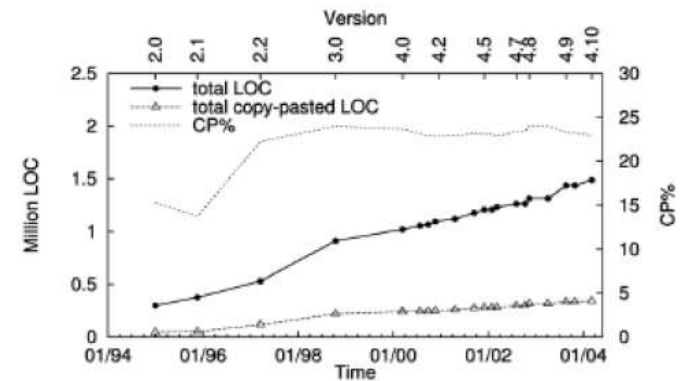
(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

Increase  
followed by  
stabilization

# Clone genealogy

Consistently changing clones - all lineages in the clone genealogy include at least one “consistent change pattern”

Volatile clones – measured based on presence across various versions. “K-volatile”

Locally Non-refactorable clones – Programmer cannot refactor using pull-up or extract methods.

**Long Lived Clones – Clones that lived across various versions of the program. Ideal for refactoring**

- Ignore: the simplest way
- Correct (eliminate):
  - Manual: design patterns
  - Automated:
    - Type 1 or 2 (variable names): **function abstraction**
    - Type 2 (types) or 3: **macros, conditional compilation**
      - The programming language should support it
      - Can make the code more complex
    - Develop **code generators**
    - Challenges:
      - how to invent meaningful names?
      - how to determine the appropriate level of abstraction?

# What can we do about clones?

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## Software Restructuring: General Idea

Developers continuously modify, enhance and adapt software.

As software evolves and strays away from its original design, three things happen.

- Decreased understandability
- Decreased reliability
- Increased maintenance cost

Decreased understandability is due to

- Increased complexity of code
- Out-of-date documentation
- Code not conforming to standards

# SOFTWARE RESTRUCTURING: GENERAL IDEA

Decrease the complexity of software by improving its internal quality by restructuring the software.

Restructuring applied on object-oriented software is called refactoring.

Restructuring means reorganizing software (source code + documentation) to give it a different look, or structure.

Source code is restructured to improve some of its non-functional requirements:

- Readability
- Extensibility
- Maintainability
- Modularity

Restructuring does not modify the software's functionalities.

Restructuring can be performed *while* adding new features.

# SOFTWARE RESTRUCTURING: CORE IDEA

Software restructuring is informally stated as the modifications of software to make it

- easier to understand;
- easier to change;
- easier to change its documentation;
- less susceptible to faults when changes are made to it.

A higher level goal of restructuring is to increase the software value

- external software value: fewer faults in software is seen to be better by customers
- internal software value: a well-structured system is less expensive to maintain

Simple examples of restructuring

- Pretty printing
- Meaningful names for variables
- One statement per line of source code

# SOFTWARE RESTRUCTURING: CORE IDEA

Developers and managers need to be aware of restructuring for the following reasons

- better understandability
- keep pace with new structures
- better reliability
- longer lifetime
- automated analysis

Characteristics of restructuring and refactoring

- The objective of restructuring and refactoring is to improve the internal and external values of software.
- Restructuring preserves the external behavior of the original program.
- Restructuring can be performed without adding new requirements.
- Restructuring generally produces a program in the same language.
  - Example: a C program is restructured into another C program.

# Activities in a Refactoring Process

To restructure a software system, one follows a process with well defined activities.

- Identify what to refactor.
- Determine which refactorings to apply.
- Ensure that refactoring preserves the software's behavior.
- Apply the refactorings to the chosen entities.
- Evaluate the impacts of the refactorings.
- Maintain consistency.

The programmer identifies what to refactor from a set of high-level software artifacts.

- source code;
- design documents; and
- requirements documents.

Next, focus on specific portions of the chosen artifact for refactoring.

- Specific modules, functions, classes, methods, and data can be identified for refactoring.



## Identify what to refactor

The concept of code smell is applied to source code to detect what should be refactored. (Fowler)

A code smell is any symptom in source code that possibly indicates a deeper problem.

Examples of code smell are:

- **duplicate code;**
- long parameter list;
- long methods;
- large classes;
- message chain.

# Determine which refactorings to apply

Tool support is needed to identify a feasible subset of refactorings.

The following two techniques can be used to analyze a set of refactorings to select a feasible subset.

- Critical pair analysis
  - Given a set of refactorings, analyze each pair for conflicts. A pair is said to be conflicting if both of them cannot be applied together.
    - Example: R4 and R6 constitute a conflicting pair.
- Sequential dependency analysis
  - In order to apply a refactoring, one or more refactorings must be applied before.
  - If one refactoring has already been applied, a mutually exclusive refactoring cannot be applied anymore.
    - Example: after applying R1, R2, and R3, R4 becomes applicable. Now, if R4 is applied, then R6 is not applicable anymore.

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- Ideally, the input/output behavior of a program *after* refactoring is the same as the behavior *before* refactoring.
- In many applications, preservation of non-functional requirements is necessary.
- A non-exclusive list of such non-functional requirements is as follows:
  - Temporal constraints: A temporal constraint over a sequence of operations is that the operations occur in a certain order.
    - For real-time systems, refactorings should preserve temporal constraints.
  - Resource constraints: The software after refactoring does not demand more resources: memory, energy, communication bandwidth, and so on.
  - Safety constraints: It is important that the software does not lose its safety properties after refactoring.

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Two pragmatic ways of showing that  
refactoring preserves the software's  
behavior.

## Testing

- Exhaustively test the software *before* and *after* applying refactorings, and compare the observed behavior on a test-by-test basis.

## Verification of preservation of call sequence

- Ensure that the sequence(s) of method calls are preserved in the refactored program.



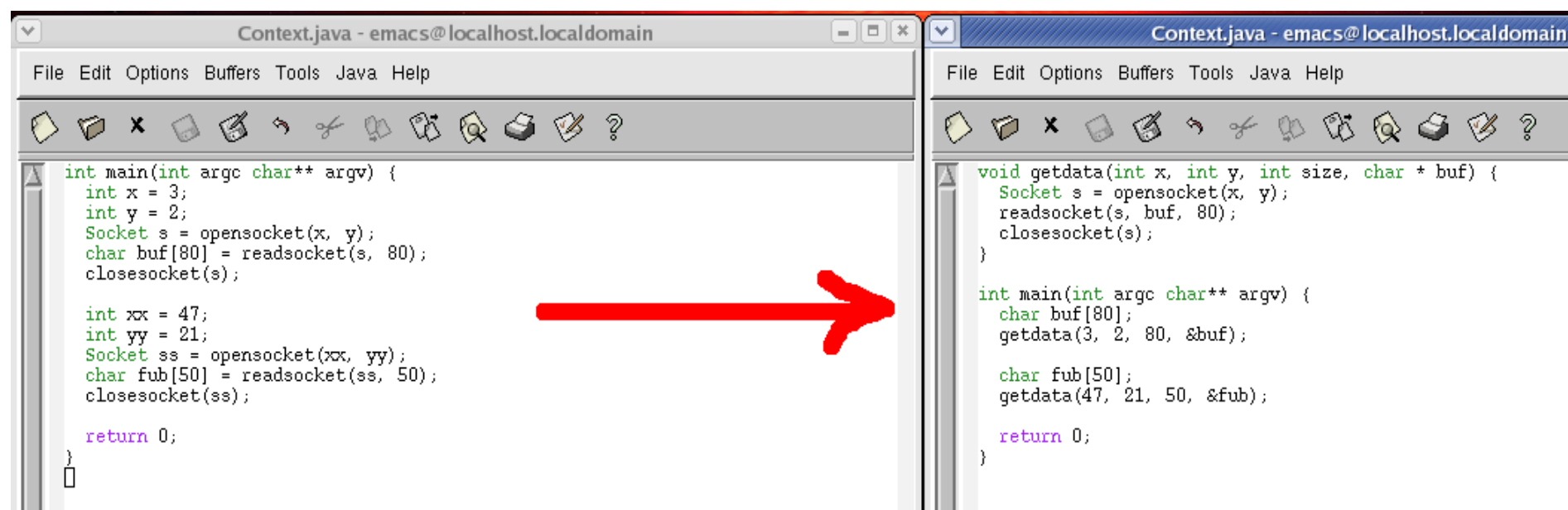
Use standard  
Refactoring  
methods

“Extract” -  
Make a  
procedure  
“Pull Up” -  
Make an  
superclass

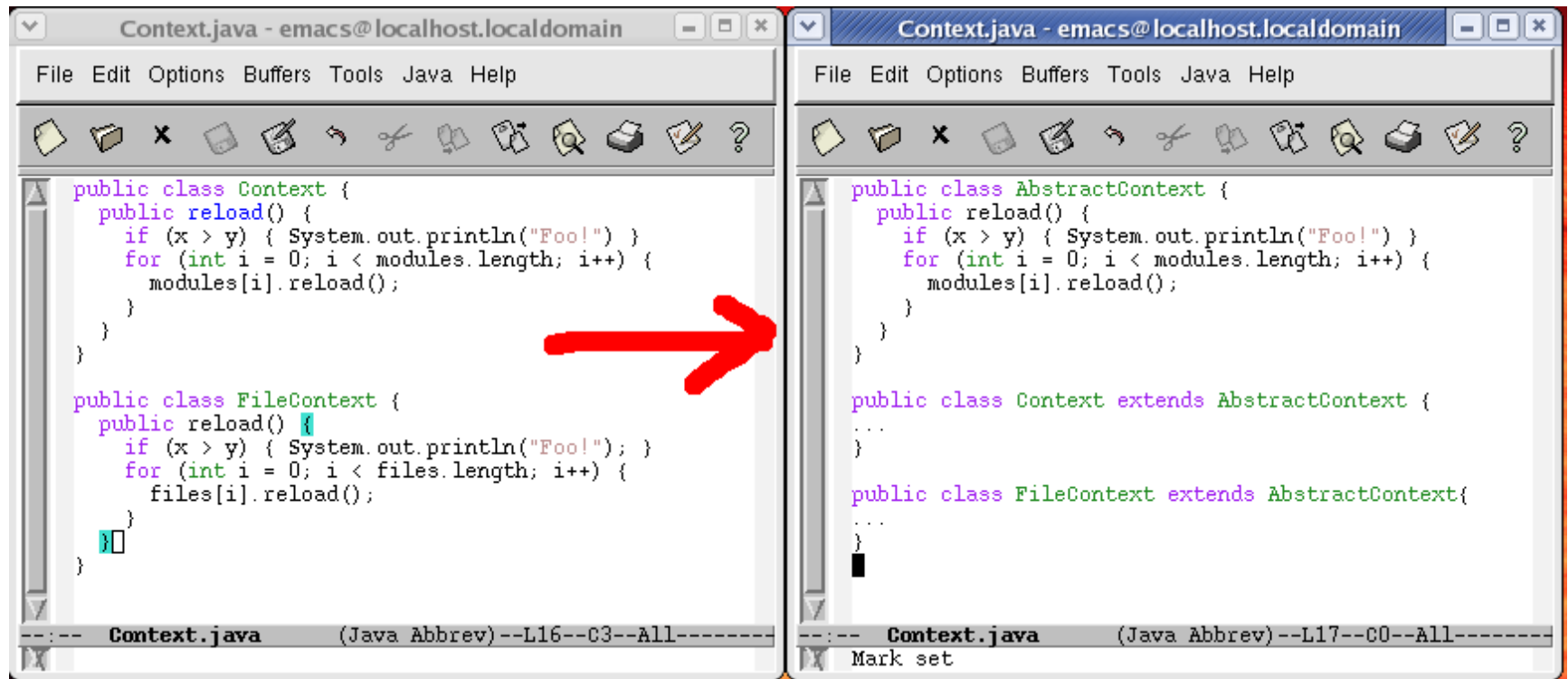


Refactoring of code clones  
advocated strongly by many  
practitioners including  
Fowler.

# Code Clone Refactoring



Extract



Pull Up

```

public void exportObject(Remote obj)
throws RemoteException{
    if (TraceCarol.isDebugEnabled()) {
        TraceCarol.debugRmiCarol(
            "MultiPRODelegate.exportObject(" ... .
    )
    try {
        if (init) {
            for (Enumeration e = activePtcls.elements(); ...
                ((ObjDlgt)e.nextElement()).exportObject(obj);
            }
        } else {
            initProtocols();
            //iterate protocol elements and export obj
        }
    }
    } catch (Exception e) {
        String msg = "exportObject(Remote obj) fail";
        TraceCarol.error(msg,e);
        throw new RemoteException(msg);
    }
}

```

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public void unexportObject(Remote obj)
throws NoSuchObjectException {
    if (TraceCarol.isDebugEnabled()) {
        TraceCarol.debugRmiCarol(
            "MultiPRODelegate.unexportObject(" ... .
    )
    try {
        if (init) {
            for (Enumeration e = activePtcls.elements(); ...
                ((ObjDlgt)e.nextElement()).unexportObject(obj);
            }
        } else {
            initProtocols();
            //iterate protocol elements and unexport obj
        }
    }
    } catch (Exception e) {
        String msg = "unexportObject(Remote obj) fail";
        TraceCarol.error(msg,e);
        throw new NoSuchObjectException(msg);
    }
}

```

# Unfactorable Code Clone



- **Prevent:**
  - Check on-the-fly while the code is being edited
  - Check during the check-in
- **Manage**
  - Link the clones (automatically or manually)
  - Once one of the clones is being modified the user is notified that other clones might require modification as well.

## What Else can we do about Clones (cont.)

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Clones should **be avoided**, no matter what !!



Clones **are good!** We should not remove all clones !!



Clones/code quality/maintenance is there any relationship?

Controversial statements

- Improves reliability
  - *n*-version programming, IEC 61508
- Reduces development time
  - “Copy and modify” is faster than “generalize”
- Avoids breaking the existing code
  - Re-testing effort might be prohibitive
- Clarifies structure
  - E.g., disentangles dependencies (but do not overdo!)
- By lack of choice
  - Programming language does not provide appropriate flexibility mechanisms

# Why Clones can be good

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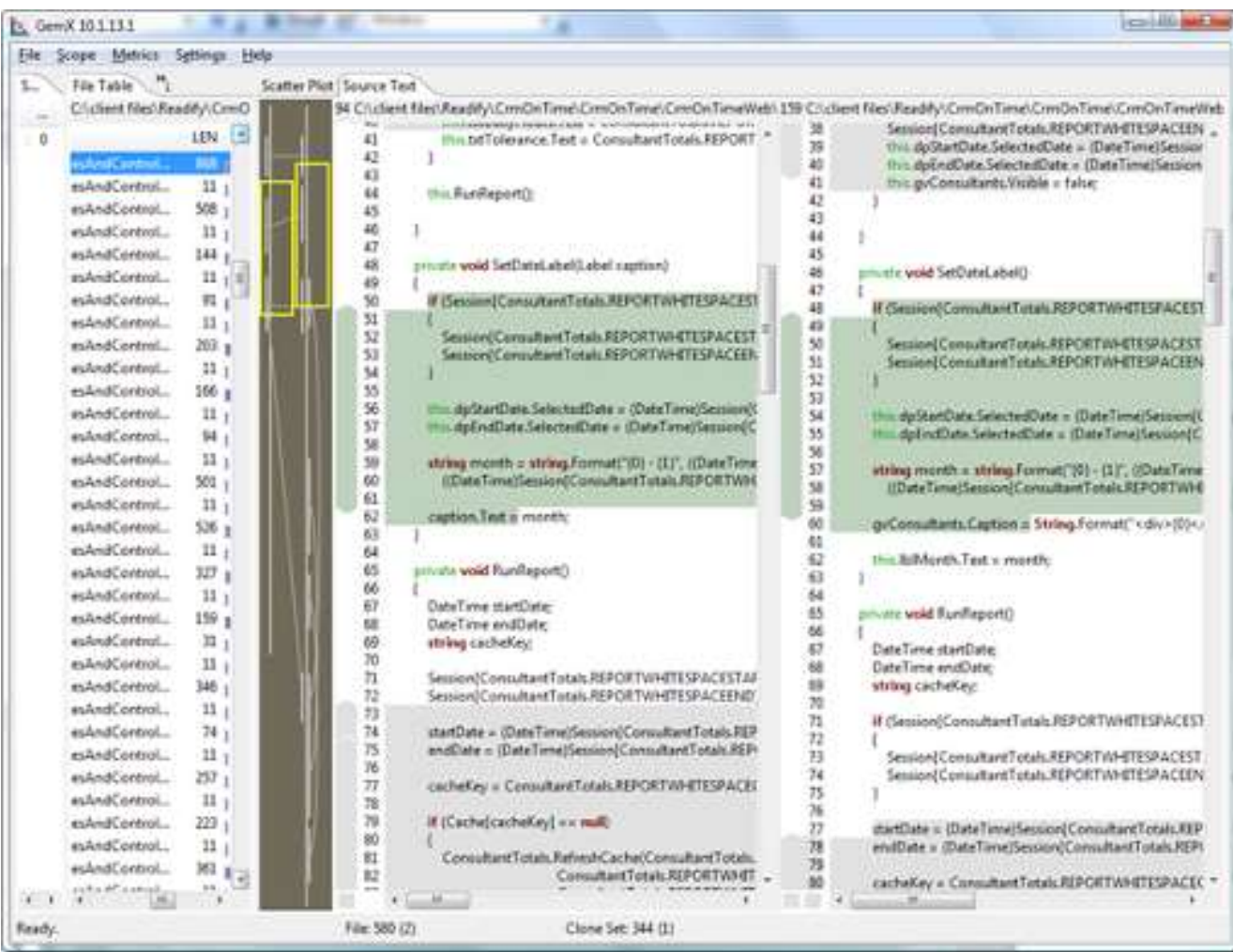
- More code
  - More effort required to comprehend, test and modify
  - Higher resource usage
- Interrelated code
  - Bug duplication
  - Incomplete or inconsistent updates
- Indicative of
  - Poor or decaying architecture
  - Lack of appropriate knowledge sharing between the developers

# Bad News

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# CLONE DETECTION TOOLS



# CCFinder

# Simian

Found 6 duplicate lines in the following files:

**Between** lines 201 and 207 in  
simian/build/dist/src/java/awt/image/WritableRaster.j  
ava

**Between** lines 1305 and 1311 in  
simian/build/dist/src/java/awt/image/Raster.java

Found 6 duplicate lines in the following files:

**Between** lines 920 and 926 in  
simian/build/dist/src/com/sun/imageio/plugins/jpeg/J  
FIFMarkerSegment.java

**Between** lines 908 and 914 in  
simian/build/dist/src/com/sun/imageio/plugins/jpeg/J  
FIFMarkerSegment.java

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