Software Component Time-Domain Visualization

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Project Description and Motivation

There are well-established metrics that are indicators of potential bugs in software.

However, conceptualizing these metrics in a dynamic, evolving system is difficult.

We aim to provide a visualization tool that can be used to identify faultprone code using established metrics that can change value over time.

Project Progress

- Data mining
 - Git history of Apache Software Foundation projects
 - Metrics (per file per commit) based on Git history
 - Bug data based on JIRA issues
 - CVE data
- Prototype visualization tool

Apache Software Foundation Git Data Mining

- Clone each repository
- For each repository, extract commit dates, authoring dates, lines added and deleted, committer and author IDs according to Git history
- Extract software metrics for every revision

Gathered Metrics

- Count metrics
 - Total count LOC
 - Count of executable LOC
 - Comment LOC
 - Churn (added and deleted LOC)
- Object-oriented feature metrics
 - Total number of functions
 - Total number of local public methods
 - Total number of local private methods

- Complexity
 - Ratio of comment lines to code lines
 - Sum of cyclomatic complexity
- Misc.
 - Authors and committers

Bug Extraction Process

- Apache Software Foundation projects use JIRA to track issues
- Each addressed JIRA issue is linked to a fixing commit by process
- Run git blame to find which revision(s) last modified the lines in the fixing commit
- Provides issue-fixing and issue-introducing commits for each issue, allowing us to track each issue's history in each repository

