



Measure and improve code quality

Using automation

About myself



Vlad Korolev

- Been doing software development for 20+ years
- Have seen (and wrote) code of varying quality
- Personally experienced many problems discussed in this talk

What is Code Quality?



What is Quality?



David Garvin

Five Dimensions of Quality

- 1 Transcendental
- 2 Product
- 3 User
- 4 Manufacturing
- 5 Value



Transcendental

Plato

A characteristic of an object that could not be described. But could be learned when one is exposed to a succession of high quality objects.



Transcendental

Aristotle

Quality is not an act, but a habit.



Transcendental

Robert Pirsig

I think there is such a thing as Quality, but that as soon as you try to define it, something goes haywire. You can't do it.



Transcendental

Pirsig

No way to explain, but everybody knows it through repeated exposure to low / high quality product



Product: Precise measurement of known variable

Ice Cream

More butterfat → higher quiality



Product: Precise measurement of known variable

Persian rugs

More knots per square inch → higher quality



User

More desirable products are of higher quality.



User

Better selling products are of higher quality.



Manufacturing

Conformance to well defined standard.



Manufacturing

Lower variance \rightarrow higher quality.



Value : Monetary

More expensive products are of higher quality.



Value : Monetary

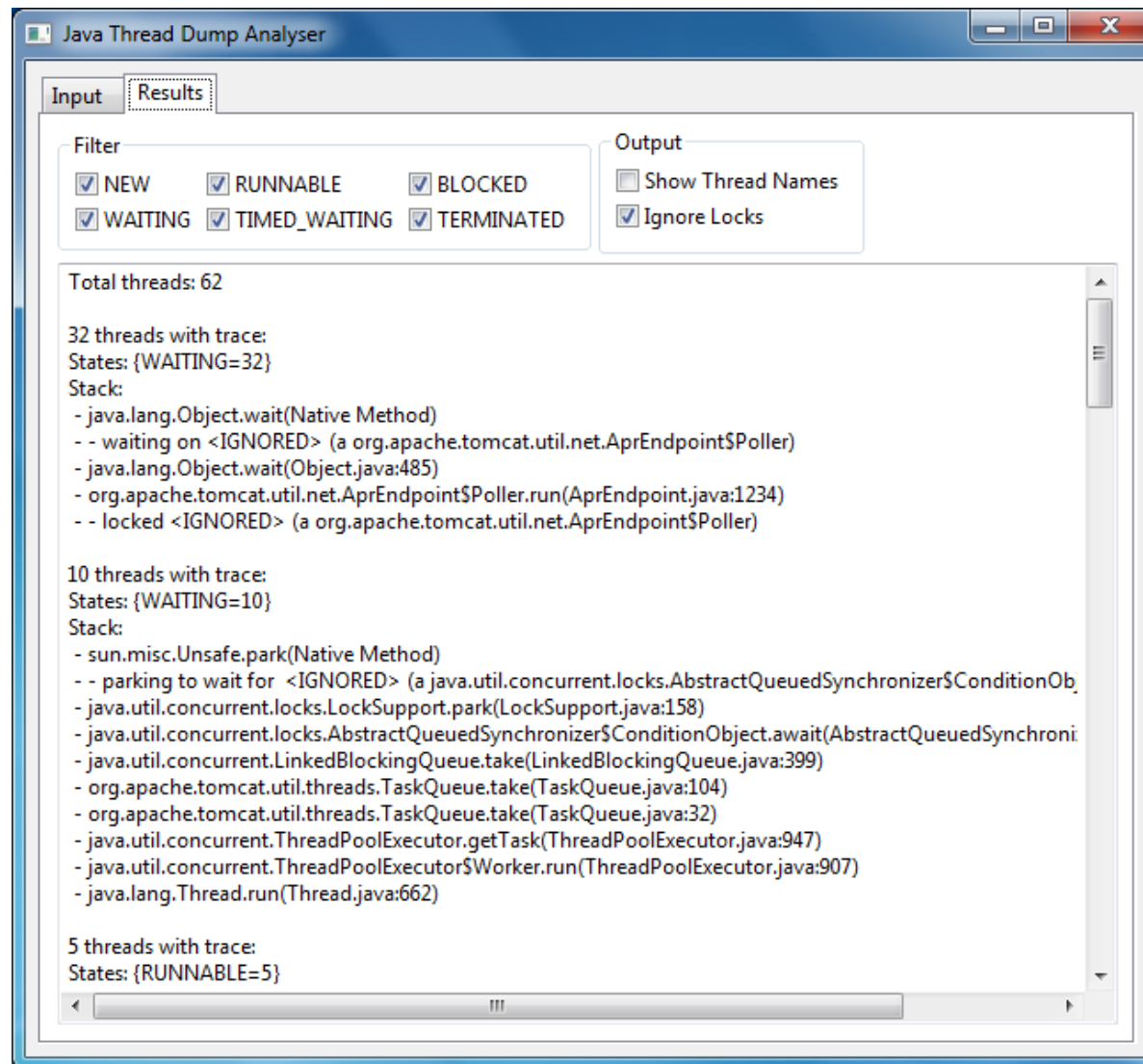
Ferrari is of higher quality than Pinto.



Code Quality

- External
- Internal

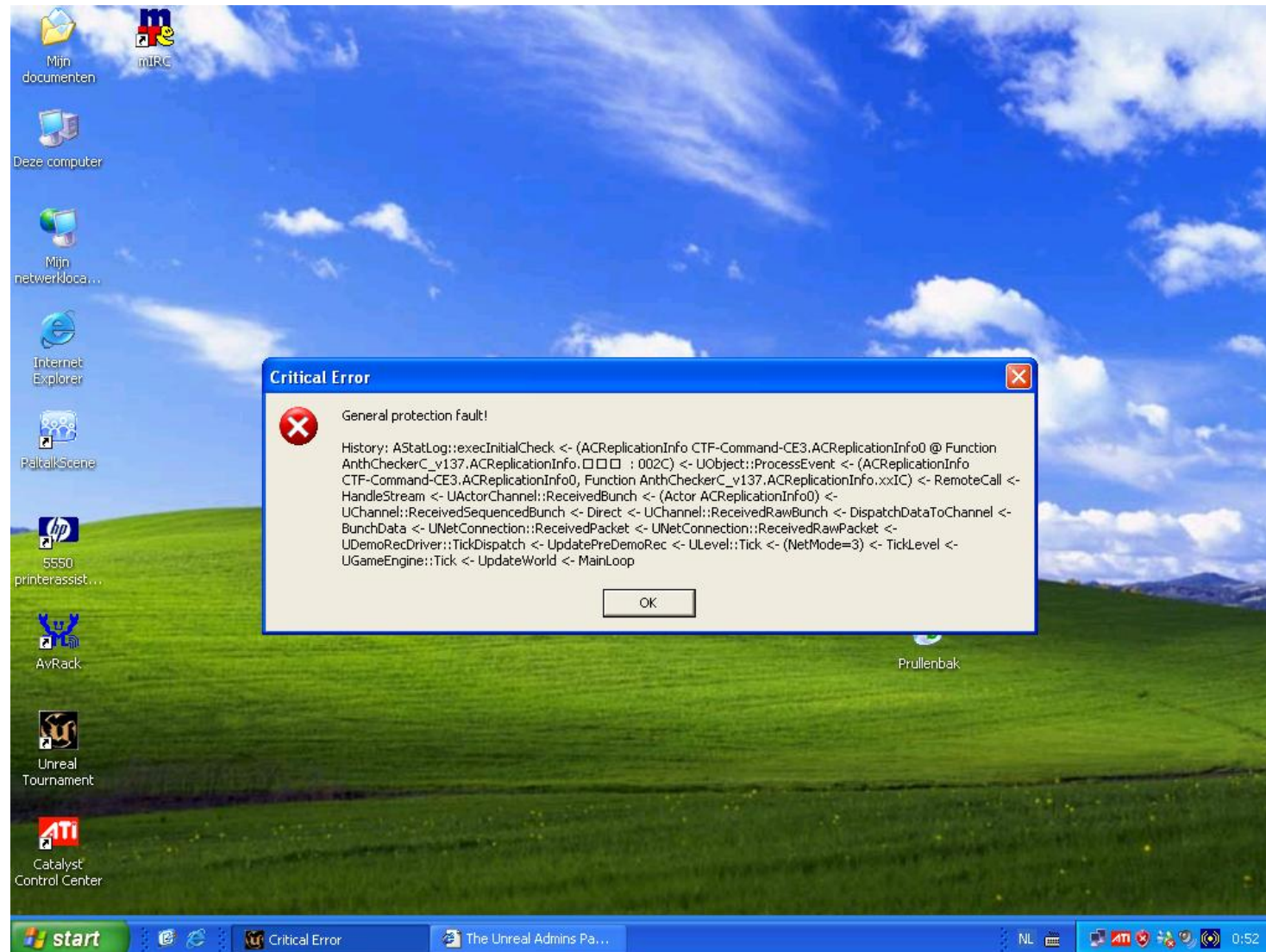
External Code Quality



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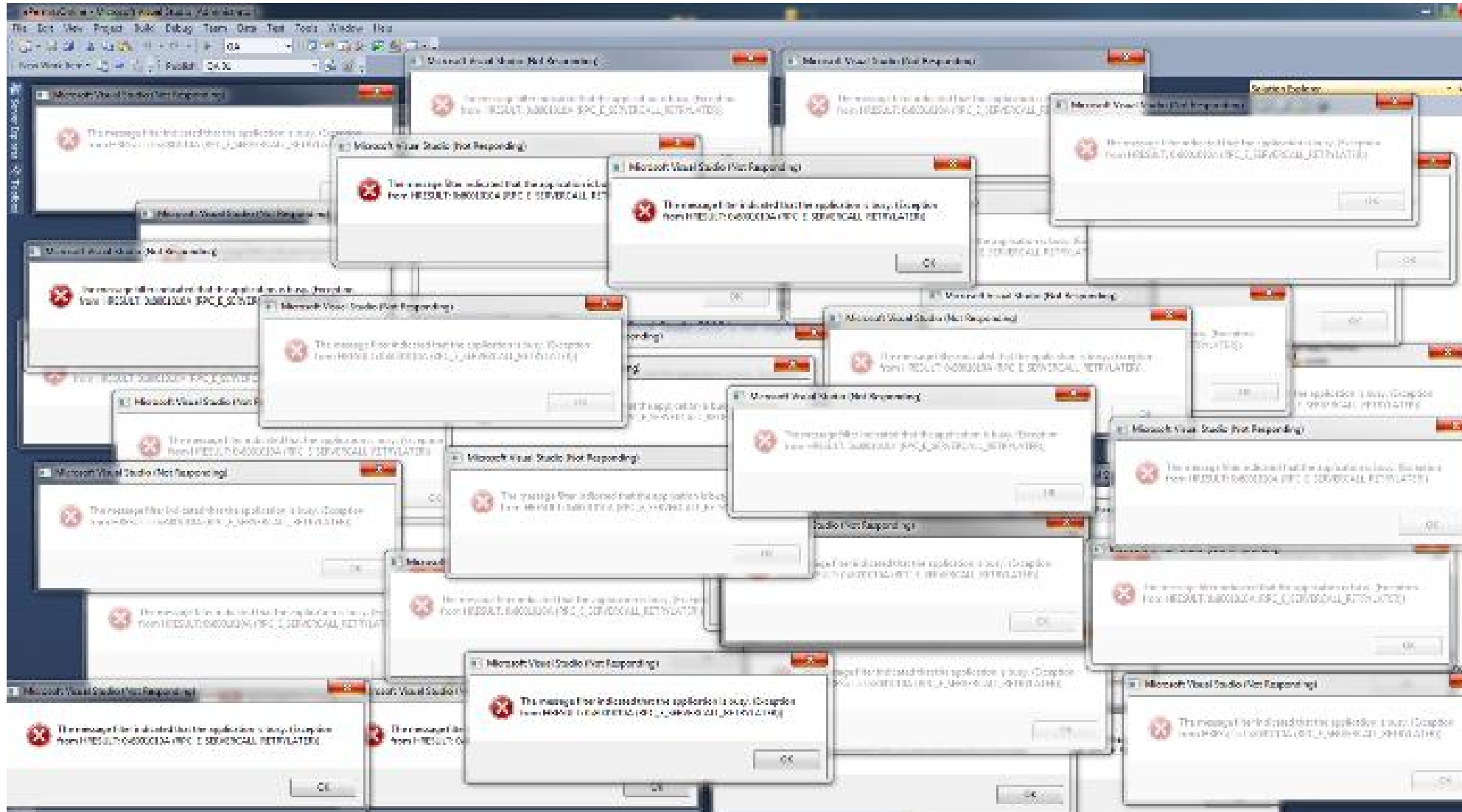
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hub.c: new USB device 00:1d.7-6.2, assigned address 5
input: USB HID v1.10 Keyboard [Weltrend Bar Code Reader] on usb1:5.0
Unable to handle kernel NULL pointer dereference at virtual address 00000048
printing eip:
f977dee6
*pde = 00000000
Ops: 0000
CPU: 0
EIP: 0010:[<f977dee6>] Tainted: P
EFLAGS: 00210207
eax: 00000000 ebx: f75e3400 ecx: f50ae300 edx: 00000000
esi: 00010011 edi: f47fdc50 ebp: f50ae300 esp: c0341eb0
ds: 0018 es: 0018 ss: 0018
Process swapper (pid: 0, stackpage=c0341000)
Stack: f50a1300 f75e3400 f977d281 f75e3400 f50ae300 350a1300 00088141 f50ae340
0177f666 00000000 00000001 00000001 f50ae34c f50a1060 00000000 00000000
f50ae300 00000437 f977f64a f75e3400 f50ae300 c0341fa0 00000008 f50a0210
Call Trace: [<f977d281>] [<f977f64a>] [<f977ff89>] [<f977733a>] [<c01087f5>]
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Code: 8b 42 48 39 c8 75 f7 8b 01 89 02 8b 41 48 89 42 48 8b 83 00
<0>Kernel panic: Aiee, killing interrupt handler!
In interrupt handler - not syncing
<0>Rebooting in 30 seconds..
```

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 - 3 The system is delivering messages to the wrong users



Internal Code Quality

When you're a carpenter making a beautiful chest of drawers, you're not going to use a piece of plywood on the back, even though it faces the wall and nobody will ever see it. You'll know it's there, so you're going to use a beautiful piece of wood on the back. For you to sleep well at night, the aesthetic, the quality, has to be carried all the way through.

Steve Jobs



Internal Code Quality

- How do we measure it?



Internal Code Quality

- How do we measure it?
- What's our equivalent of plywood?



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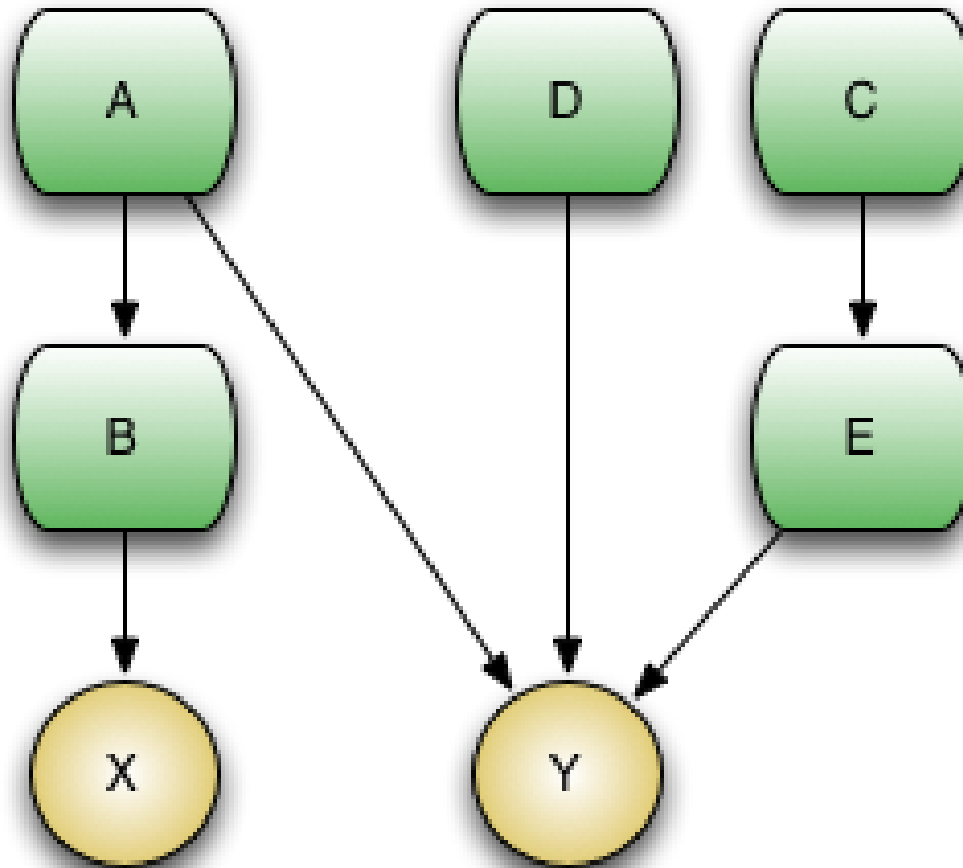
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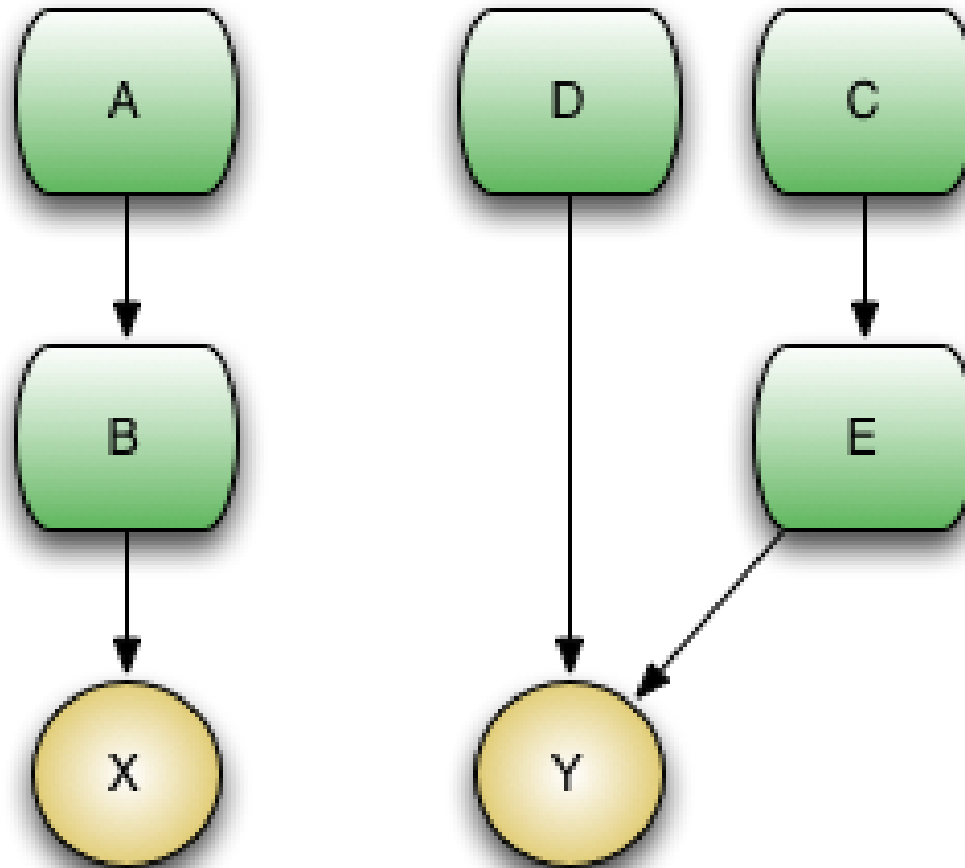
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- Complexity
 - God classes
 - God methods

Lack of Cohesion of Methods [LCOM4]



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Code Complexity



Response for Class

What is RFC?

RFC stands for Response For Class. RFC measures the complexity of the class in terms of method calls.

For each class, it counts:

- +1 for each method
- +1 for each call of a distinct method (note that getters and setters are not considered as methods)

Example:

```
1  public class ClassA
2  {
3      private ClassB classB = new ClassB();    // call (constructor of class B) => +1
4      public void doSomething(){               // method declaration => +1
5          System.out.println ( "doSomething"); // call (System.out.println) => +1
6      }
7      public void doSomethingBasedOnClassB(){   // method declaration => +1
8          System.out.println (classB.toString()); // call (System.out.println) => 0 because already counted on line 5 + cal
9      }
10 }
11
12 // default constructor of ClassA => +1
13 // RFC = 6
```



Cyclomatic Complexity

- Keywords that increment complexity:

if, for, while, case, catch, throw, return (that is not the last statement of a method), conditionals, else

- Keywords that don't increment complexity:

default, finally

```
public void process(Car myCar){           // +1
    if(myCar.isNotMine()){                 // +1
        return;                           // +1
    }
    car.paint("red");
    car.changeWheel();
    while(car.hasGazol() && car.getDriver().isNotStressed()){ // +2
        car.drive();
    }
    return;
}
```



Sonar



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- Ticketing system for quality improvement
- Dashboards / Reports



Why should I use sonar ?

Tester: Pinpoint the weak spots

- Overly complex code
- No coverage



Why should I use sonar ?

Developer: Education

- Thread Safety
- Resource management
- Language subtleties



Why should I use sonar ?

Developer: Maintainability

- Readability
- Complexity
- Missing or incorrect documentation



Why should I use sonar ?

Developer: Adherence to standards

- Naming convention
- Formatting
- Use of bad methods *System.out.println*
- Coding rule compliance
- Boilerplate code



Why should I use sonar ?

Architect: Is design being degraded?

- Circular dependencies
- Lack of cohesion
- Over complex classes and methods



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Big Boss



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Big Boss : Metrics



Platforms

■ Java



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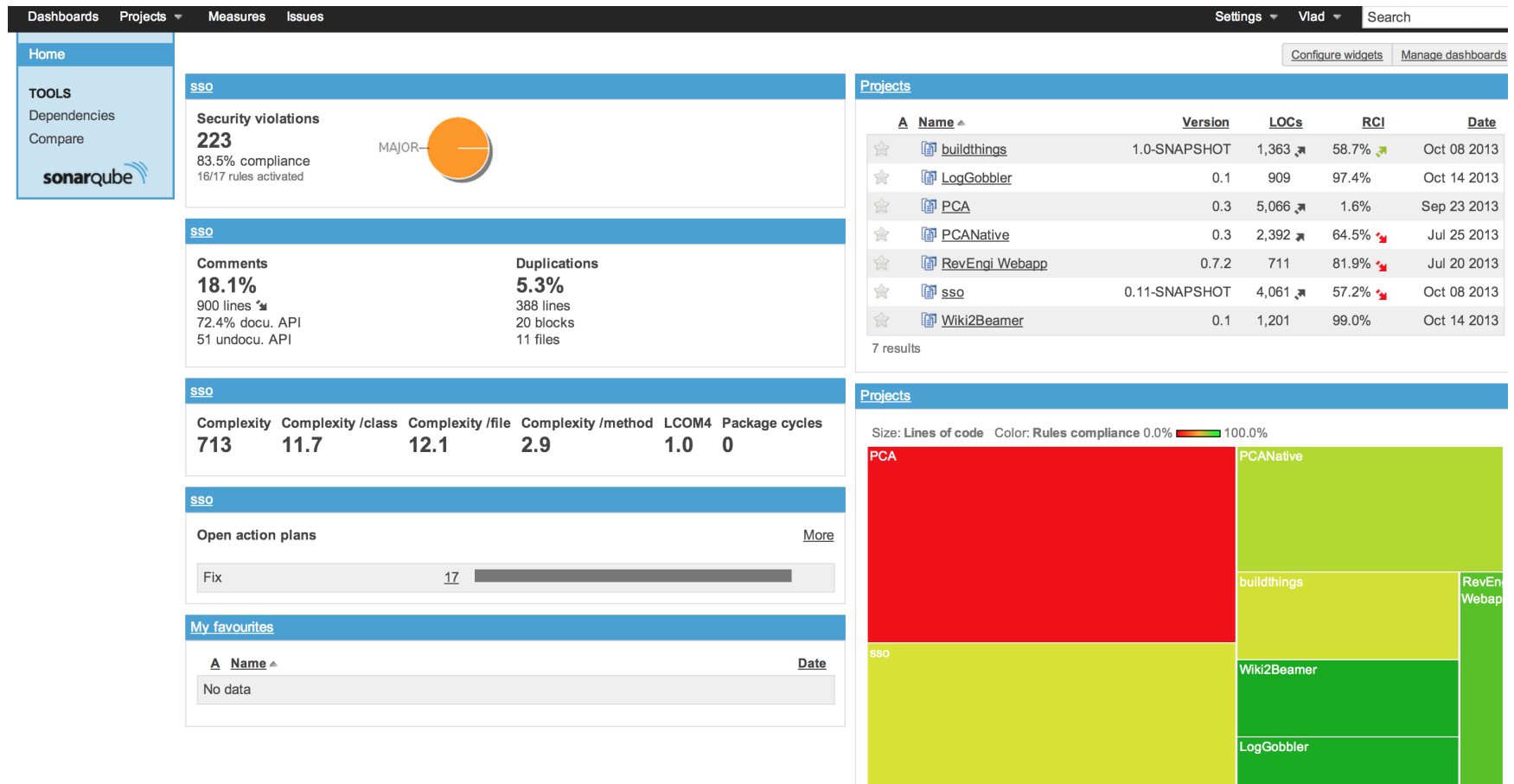
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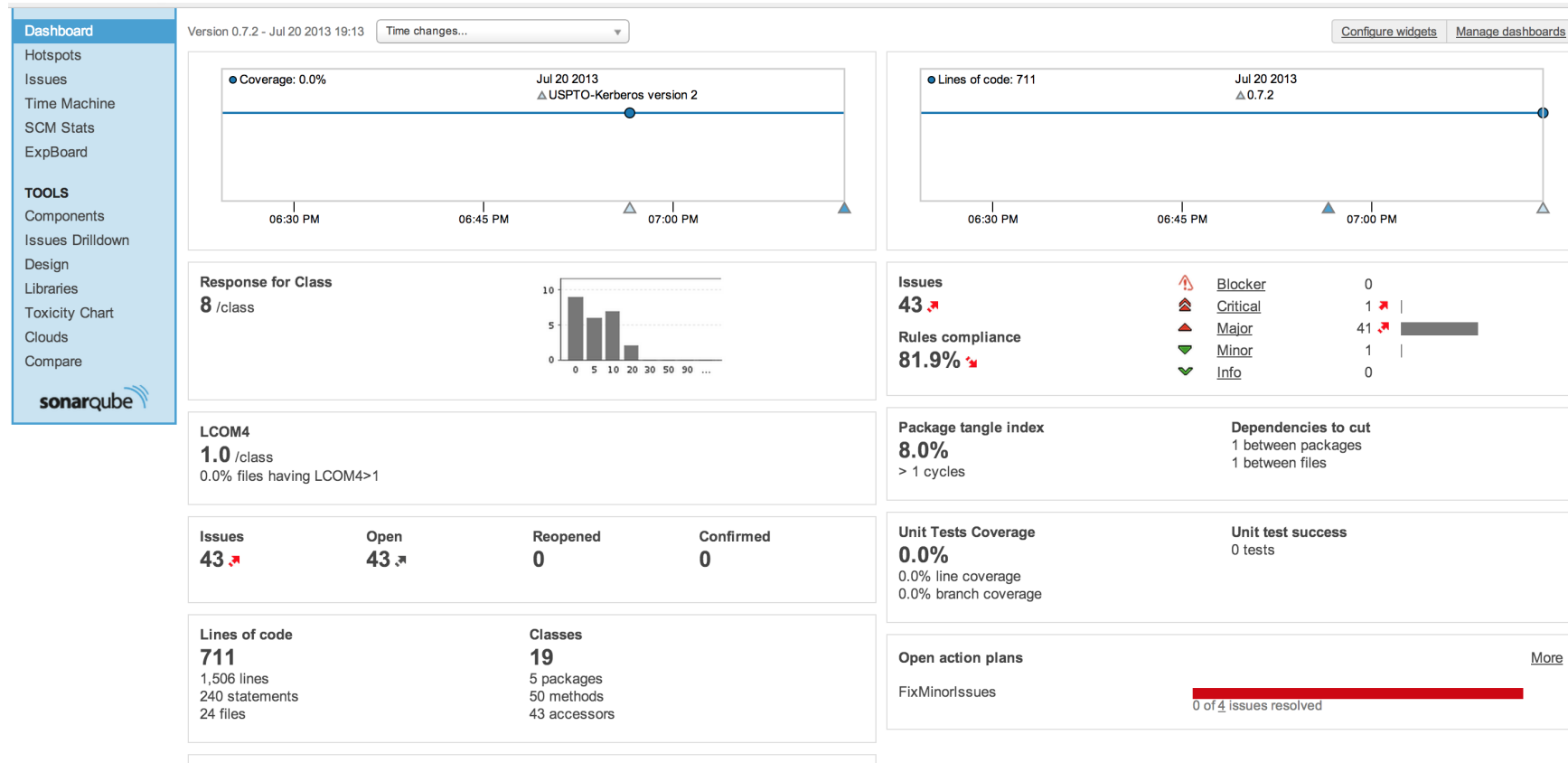


Demo

Main Dashboard



Project Drill-Down



Project Issues Drill-Down

Weighted issues

129

com.revengi.webapp	96	AccountActions	51
com.revengi.dao.hibernate	17	AuthorizationAction	24
com.revengi.webservice	7	HibernateUtil	11
com.revengi.model	6	AuthorizationInterceptor	9
com.revengi.dao	3	TransactionActions	9
		AccountService	7

RevEngi Webapp

★ com.revengi.webapp.AccountActions

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17 issues ⚠ Blocker: 0 🚨 Critical: 0 🚩 Major: 17 🟢 Minor: 0 🟢 Info: 0

☐ Full source | Time changes... | All issues

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System.out.print is used

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49              System.out.println("account size: " + accountList.size());
50          } catch (Exception e) {
51              return "Error: " + e.getMessage();
52          }
53          return "Success";
54      }
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Issue Tracking

Open action plans

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FixMinorIssues

0 of 5 issues resolved

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▲	Confirmed		Consider simply returning the value vs storing it in local variable 'accounts'	RevEngi Webapp	com.revengi.dao.hibernate.HibernateGenericDao		FixMinorIssues	Jul 20 2013	Jul 22 2013
▲	Confirmed		Consider simply returning the value vs storing it in local variable 'transactions'	RevEngi Webapp	com.revengi.dao.hibernate.HibernateTransactionDao		FixMinorIssues	Jul 20 2013	Jul 22 2013
▲	Confirmed		System.out.print is used	RevEngi Webapp	com.revengi.webapp.AccountActions	Vlad	FixMinorIssues	Jul 20 2013	18:18
▲	Confirmed		The String literal "incorrect symbols in password" appears 4 times in this file; the first occur...	RevEngi Webapp	com.revengi.webapp.AccountActions	Administrator	FixMinorIssues	Jul 20 2013	Jul 22 2013
▲	Confirmed		The String literal "user" appears 4 times in this file; the first occurrence is on line 40	RevEngi Webapp	com.revengi.webapp.AuthorizationAction	Administrator	FixMinorIssues	Jul 20 2013	Jul 22 2013

5 results

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Issue Tracking

The screenshot displays a JIRA issue tracking interface. On the left, there is a 'NEW SEARCH' sidebar with filters for Project, Severity, Status, Resolution, Assignee, Reporter, Created since, and Created before. The main area shows a table of issues with columns: Se., Status, Resolution, Description, Project, Component, Assignee, Action plan, Created, and Updated. A modal window is open, showing details for the issue 'System Printin' (Confirmed, 3 months old). The modal includes a code snippet for the 'view()' method in 'com.revengi.webapp.AccountActions'.

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Issue Details:

- Project: RevEngi Webapp
- Component: com.revengi.webapp.AccountActions
- Issue: System Printin
- Status: Confirmed
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Cut and Paste

PCANative
★ CMSInterface.cpp

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22.8% Lines: **1,745** Duplicated lines: **398** Duplicated blocks: **16**

Blocks	Nb Lines	From line	File	Details
2	30	213	CMSInterface.cpp	CMSInterface.cpp 637 (*NOTIFIER)("Connecting to CMS"); 638 639 (*NOTIFIER)("In the connection method"); 640 641 LogFile << "Opening service connections to " << host << _T(" port ") << adminPort.c_str(); 642 if(adminPort.compareIgnoreCase(myidPort)!=0) Expand
2	41	260	CMSInterface.cpp	CMSInterface.cpp 260 try 261 { 262 (*NOTIFIER)("Beginning the SyncMGR call"); 263 if(syncMgr==NULL !syncMgr->isSessionOpen()) 264 { 265 (*NOTIFIER)("Made it in to SyncMGR call"); Expand
2	29	502	CMSInterface.cpp	CMSInterface.cpp 502 if(syncMgr!=NULL) 503 { 504 try 505 { 506 if(syncMgr->isSessionOpen()) 507 { Expand
2	32	1009	CMSInterface.cpp	CMSInterface.cpp 1009 CriteriaVector criterias; 1010 criterias.push_back(Criteria(CRITERIA_ID_USERID, CRITERIA_COMPARISON_EQUAL, user)); 1011 (*NOTIFIER)("Search for user."); 1012 UserIdVector* userIds = userMgr->findUserIds(&criterias, 1); 1013 1014 Expand

Lack of Cohesion

PCA > Configuration

Dashboard
Hotspots
Issues
Time Machine
SCM Stats
ExpBoard

TOOLS
Components
Issues Drilldown
Design
Libraries
Toxicity Chart
Clouds
Compare

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LCOM4
2.9

IDXAIICMSMUnitTest	7.0	[root]	7.0	cHexEncodingTest.cs	20.0
IDXAIICMSM	2.3	[root]	2.3	cActivIdentityCMS.cs	11.0
PCATestSupport	2.0	[root]	2.0	cLoggerTest.cs	4.0
CyberArmed.LogManager	2.0	[root]	2.0	CMSServiceTest.cs	3.0
				IOObjectSafety.cs	2.0
				SecureStringTest.cs	2.0

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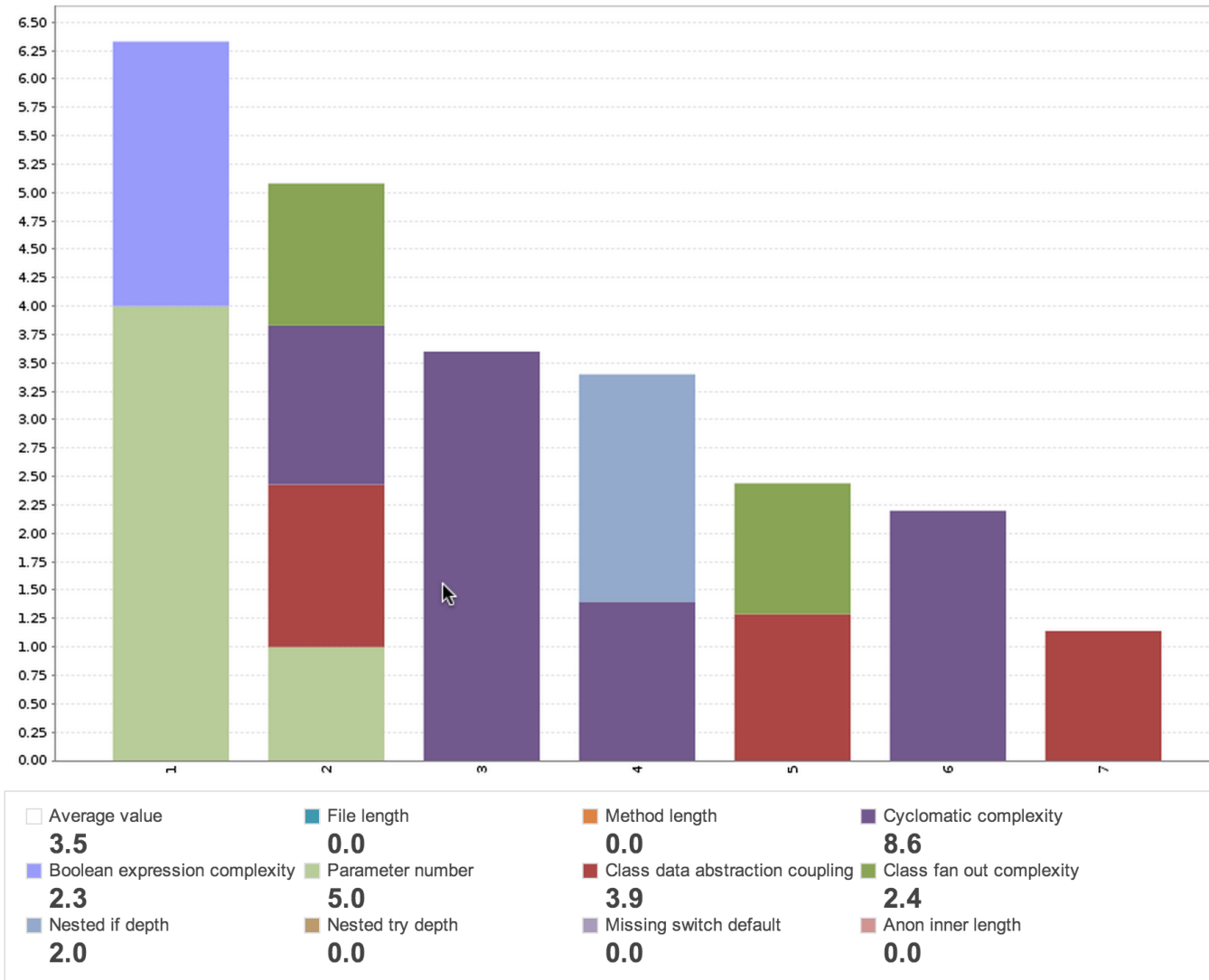
Lack of Cohesion of Methods: **11**

- 1 _isConnected
- CMSConn
- gchCallbackDelegate
- Log
- oEventLogger
- System.Int32 Connect()
- System.Int32 Connect(IDXAICMSM.cCMSConnection)
- System.Int32 ConnectViaServerSSL()
- System.Int32 CreateUser(IDXAICMSM.cCMSUser)
- System.Int32 Disconnect()
- System.Int32 DisconnectViaServerSSL()
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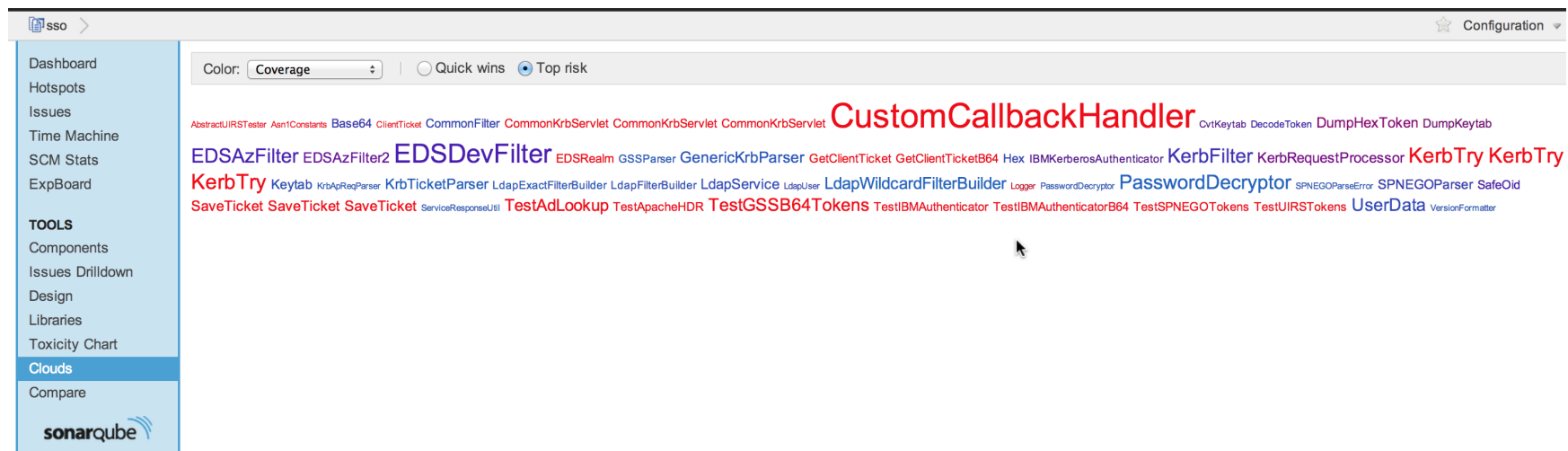
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Project Health



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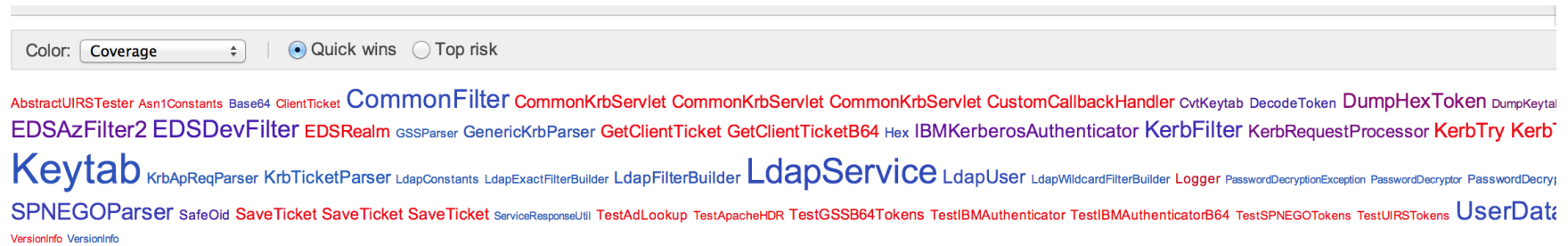
Project Health

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Project Health



Quality Profiles

Compare Profiles

Restore Profile

C# Profiles						+ Create
Name	Rules	Alerts	Projects	Default	Operations	
Sonar way	328	0		✓ Backup	Rename	Copy

c++ Profiles						+ Create
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Sonar way	628	0	0	Set as default Backup	Rename	Copy Delete

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Sonar way	113	0		✓ Backup	Rename	Copy
Sonar way with Findbugs	532	0	1	Set as default Backup	Rename	Copy Delete
USPTO-Kerberos	534	0	2	Set as default Backup	Rename	Copy Delete

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Quality Profiles

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