Speculative analysis and vision brainstorm

CMPSCI 521/621
UMass Amherst, Fall 2012

Any questions about last time?

Mutation testing

Model inference, checking

Bug localization

Symbolic execution

Project ideas assignment

- Due Tuesday Sept 18, 9 AM
  - short write up (no more than 1 page)
- Work individually or in groups of 2
- Presentation (be ready to go Tuesday 9/18)
- Submit 2 things:
  - write up
  - slides

http://people.cs.umass.edu/~brun/class/CS521.621/ideaProposal.pdf

Project idea must include:

- A research question
- The key idea behind technique / tool / experiment
- Evaluation plan

- You are not graded on whether your idea is selected.

Any questions?

Plan for today

- I'll describe speculative analysis (a dynamic and static analysis technique)
- I'll demonstrate a couple of speculative analysis tools (examples of past projects)

- You'll brainstorm (with your neighbors) possible project ideas and we'll discuss some

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Developers often make decisions based on experience and intuition.

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Can we predict the future

to help make decisions?

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current program

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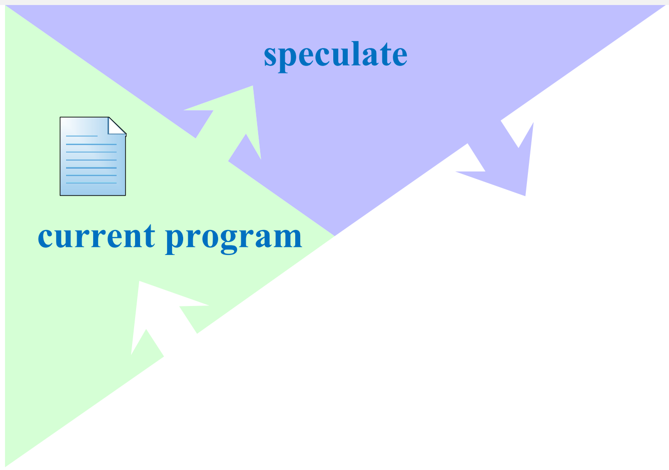

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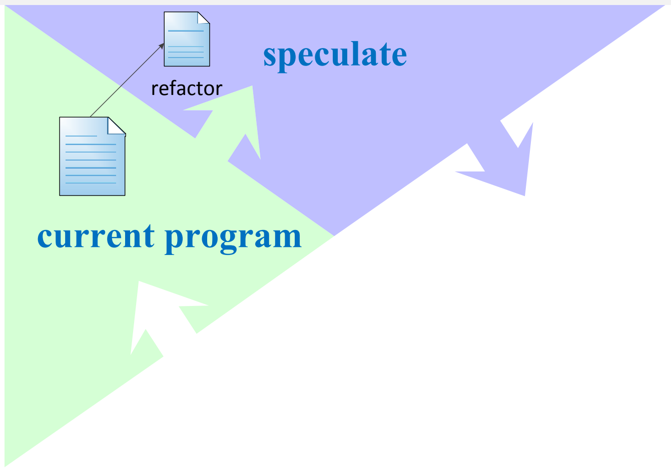

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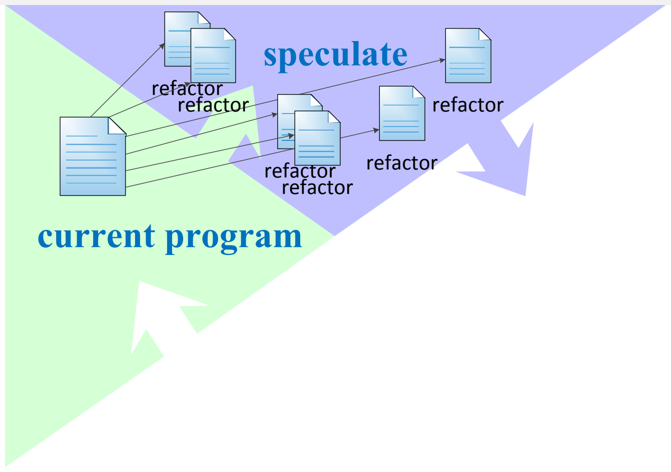

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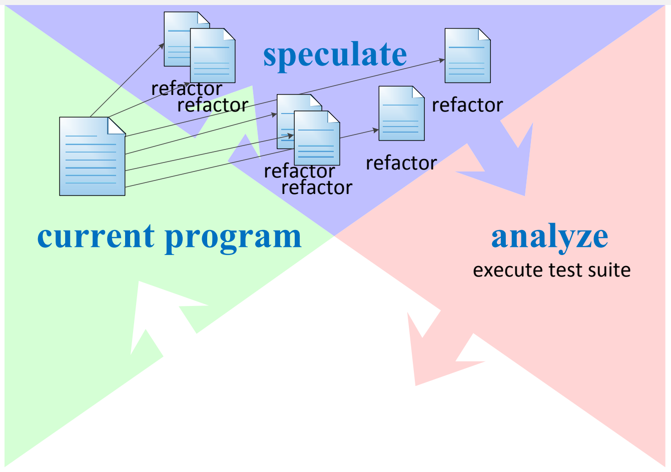

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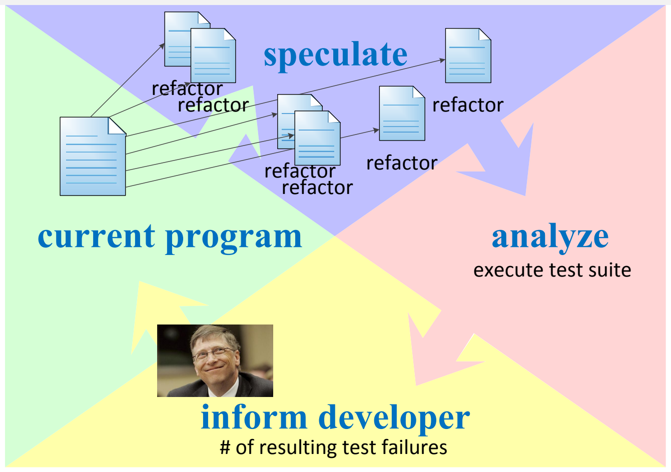
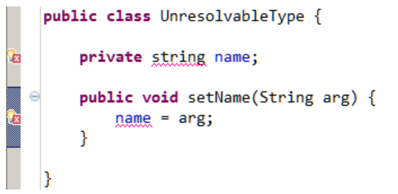


Quick Fix Scout

Collaborators: Kıvanç Muşlu, Reid Holmes, Michael D. Ernst, and David Notkin



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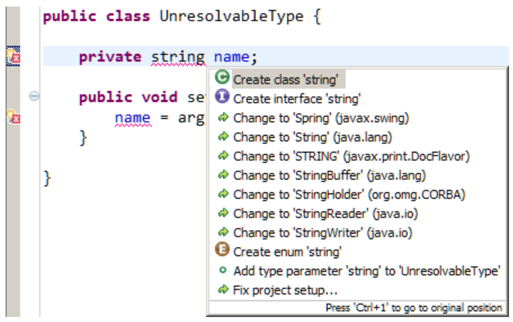
Eclipse provides Quick Fixes to resolve compilation errors.



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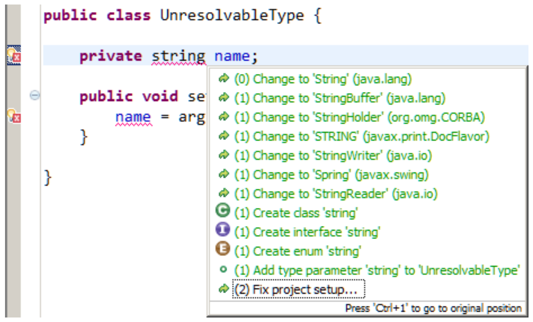
But Eclipse can't tell which fix is best.



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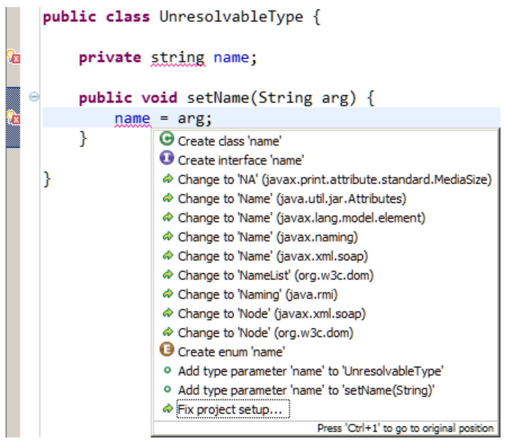

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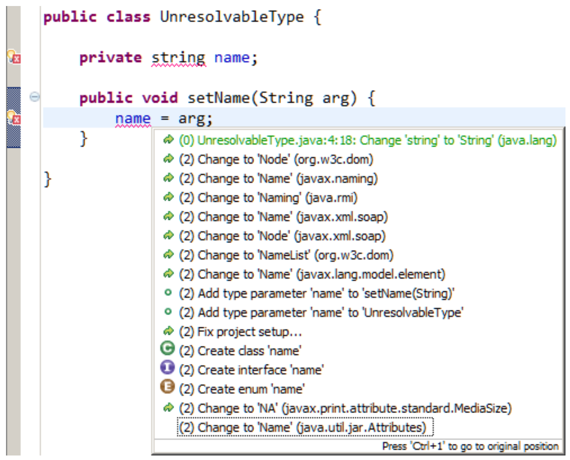

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Speculation can discover remote fixes that resolve errors.

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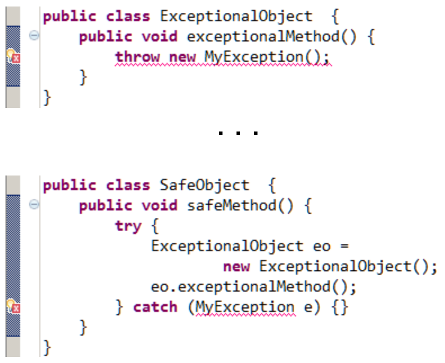

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    public void safeMethod() {
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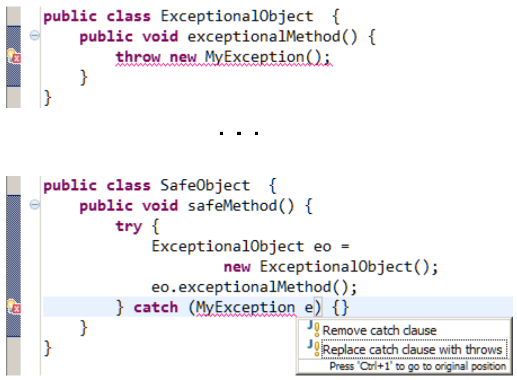

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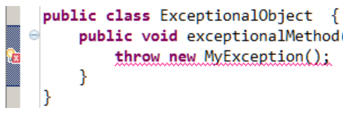

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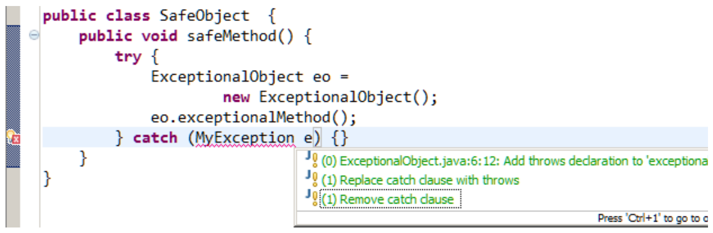

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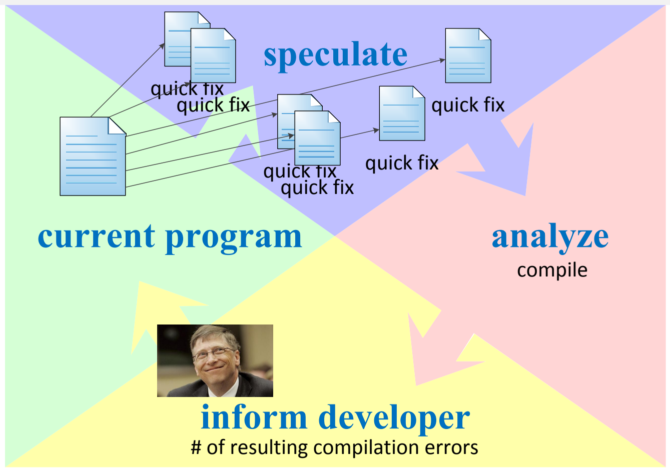
Speculative analysis for Quick Fix



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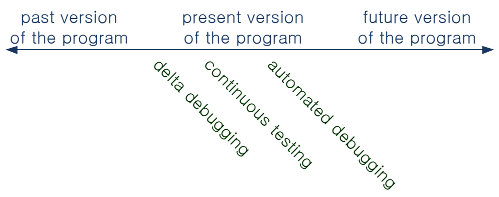
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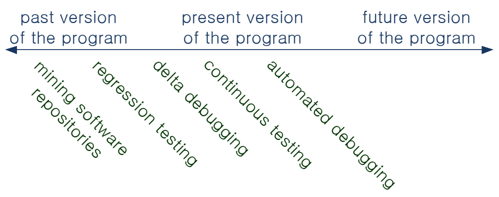
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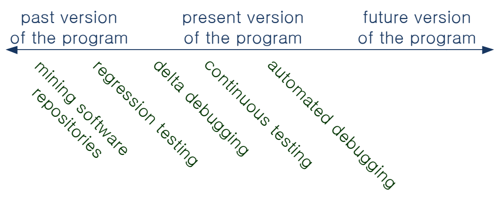
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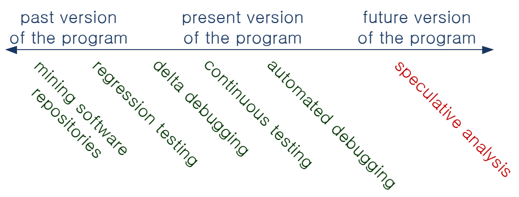
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Speculative analysis is **predictive**.

Proactive detection of collaboration conflicts

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Version-control terminology

Proactive conflict detection applies to both centralized and distributed version control.

	distributed (hg, git)	centralized (cvs, svn)
local commit:	commit	save
incorporate:	pull and push	update and commit

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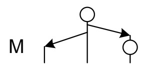

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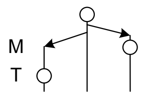

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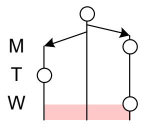

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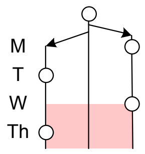

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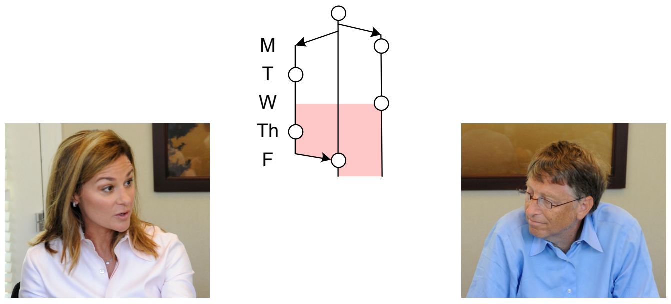

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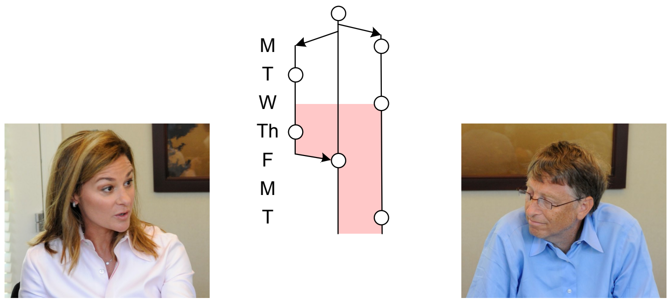

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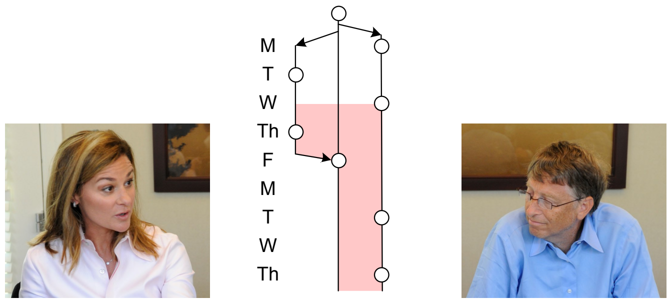

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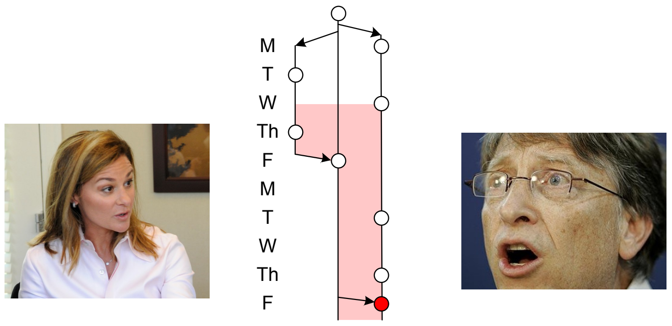

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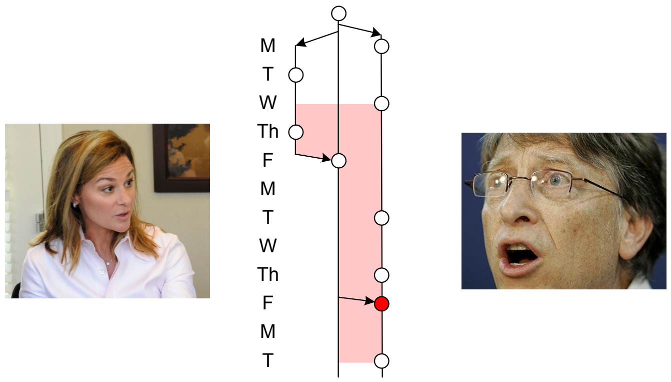

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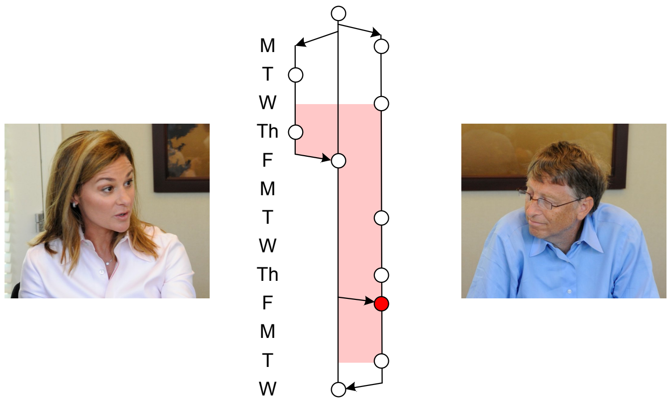

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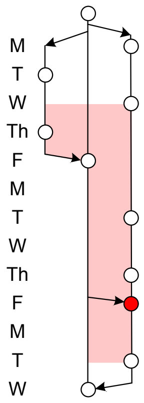

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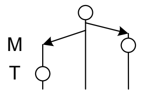

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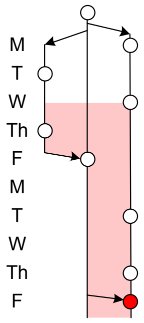

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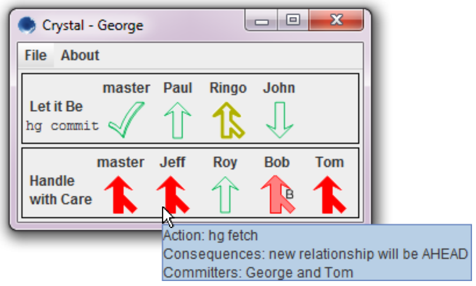

Action: hg fetch
Consequences: new relationship will be AHEAD
Committers: George and Tom

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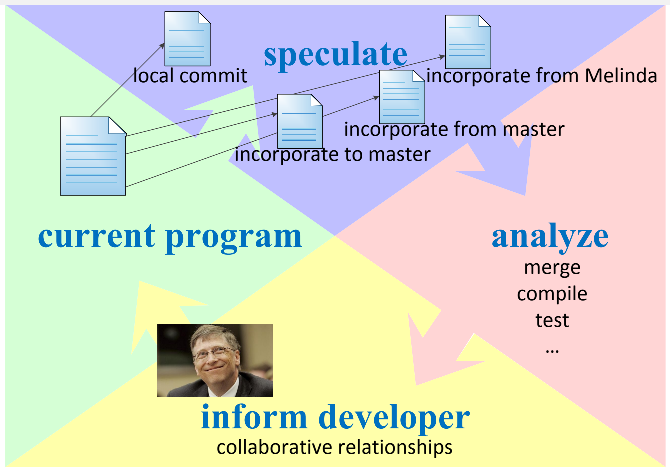
Speculative analysis in collaborative development



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Crystal analyzes **concrete artifacts**,
eliminating false positives and false negatives.

Utility of conflict detection

- Are textual collaborative conflicts a real problem?
- Can textual conflicts be prevented?
- Do build and test collaborative conflicts exist?

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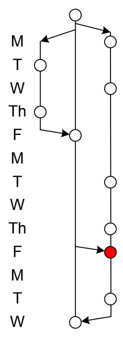

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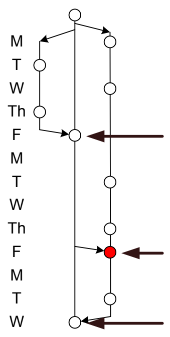

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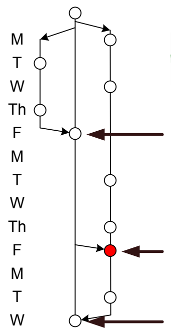

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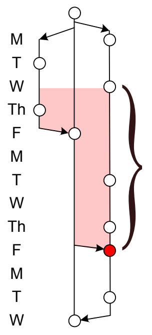

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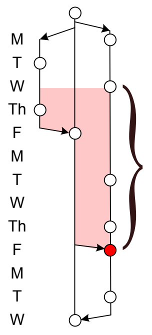

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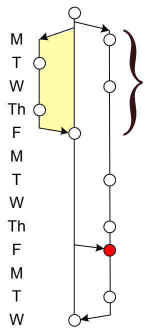

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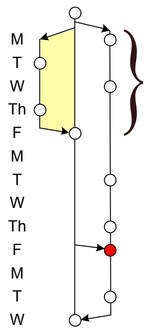

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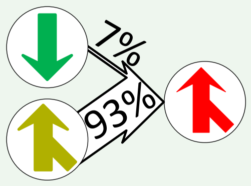

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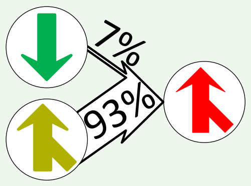

The information Crystal computes can help prevent conflicts.

Do build and test collaborative conflicts exist?

program	conflicts			safe
	textual	build	test	merges
Git	17%	<1%	4%	79%
Perl5	8%	4%	28%	61%
Voldemort	17%	10%	3%	69%

Does merged code fail to build or fail tests?

One in three conflicts are build or test conflicts.

Microsoft Beacon

- A centralized version control-based tool.
- Microsoft product groups are using Beacon to help identify conflicts earlier in the development process.

Next steps:

- Measure Crystal's effect on conflict frequency and persistence
- Evaluate qualitative effects on user experience
- Identify what helps and what does not

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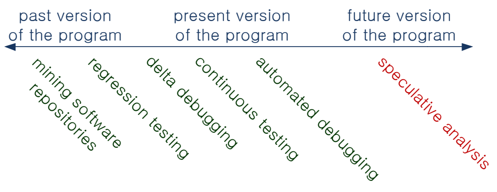
Contributions of speculative analysis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regression testing
delta debugging
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speculative analysis

Improving developer awareness when making decisions

- compute precise, accurate information
- convert a pull mechanism to a push one

Expanding the space of speculative analysis

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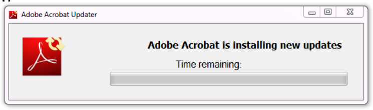
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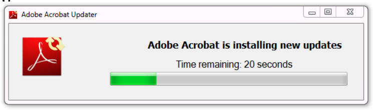
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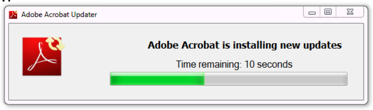
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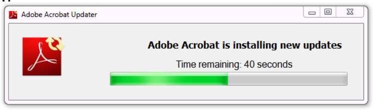
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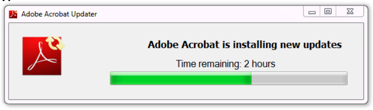
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Time remaining: 2 hours

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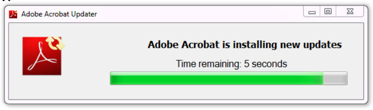
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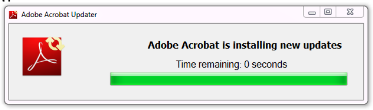

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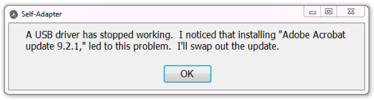

A USB driver has stopped working. I noticed that installing "Adobe Acrobat update 9.2.1," led to this problem. I'll swap out the update.

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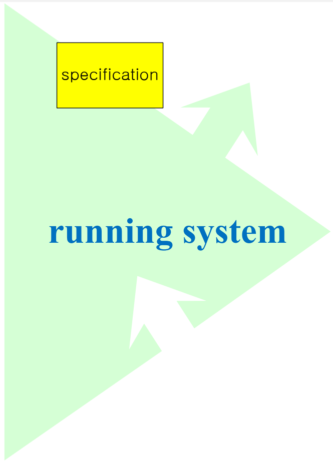

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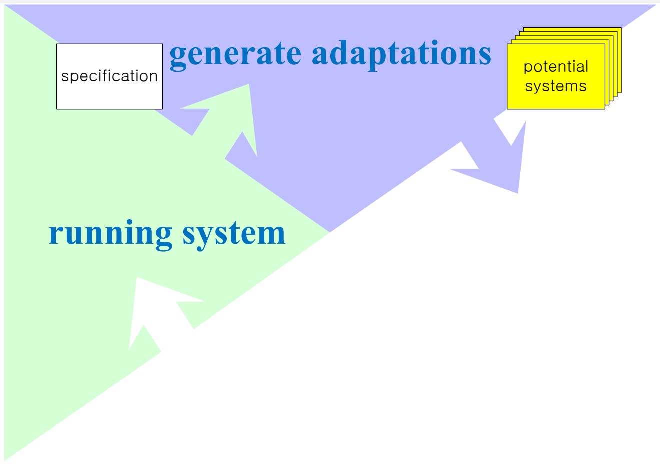

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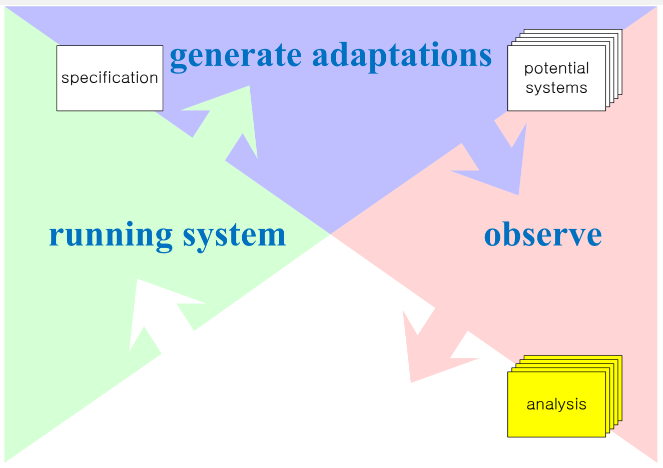

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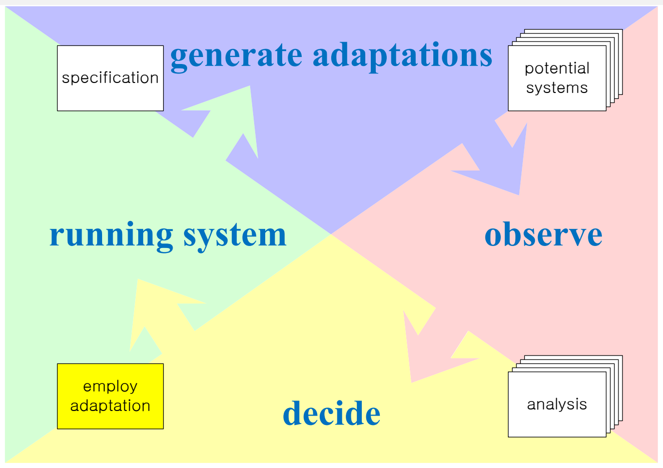

What part of that would have been a good project?

- Idea 1: Quick Fix Scout
  - Identify quick fixes as the speculative actions and compilation errors as the analysis function
  - Build the Eclipse plug-in
  - Do a small, qualitative evaluation on a few users

Research question: Does precomputing effects of quick fix suggestions affect developer behavior?

What part of that would have been a good project?

- Idea 2: Conflict frequency
  - Collect ~8 large, open-source, with-tests programs with their histories from github.com
  - Analyze the frequency and duration of textual, compile, and test conflicts

Research question: How often do textual, compile, and test conflicts occur in open-source development and how long do they last?

What part of that would have been a good project?

- Idea 3: Crystal
  - Identify version control operations as the speculative actions and conflicts as the analysis function
  - Build Crystal
  - Do a small, qualitative evaluation on a few users

Research question: Does precomputing conflicts and making developers aware of them reduce the frequency and duration of conflicts?

What part of that would have been a good project?

- Idea 4: Quick Fix Scout evaluation
  (suppose Quick Fix Scout already exists)
  - Perform a controlled experiment on ~40 developers (students well familiar with Eclipse)
  - Build an Eclipse plug in to log (record) developer actions
  - Give each developer a set of small programming tasks and ask him/her to resolve compilation errors
  - Half the time, have the developer use QFS, the other half, just QF
  - Measure task completion times and analyze it for statistical improvement

Research question: Does QFS reduce the time it takes developers to resolve compilation errors?

Brainstorm topic ideas

- Get a piece of paper
- Turn to your neighbor
- Discuss possible research projects
  - brainstorm, write down all kinds of crazy ideas
- When the ideas stop flowing, discuss the ones you like best in some depth
- Be prepared to tell us your most promising idea