Learning from Software

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- 28 tenured professors
- 55 professors at assistant level or higher



221 PhD students from all countries
English as study and working language
Largest computer science cluster in Europe







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Multimodal Computing and Interaction

Robust, Efficient and Intelligent Processing of Text, Speech, Visual Data and High Dimensional Representations

Two best-ranked applications of whole initiative

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- Multimodal Computing Excellence Cluster
- 20 junior research groups
- assistant prof position
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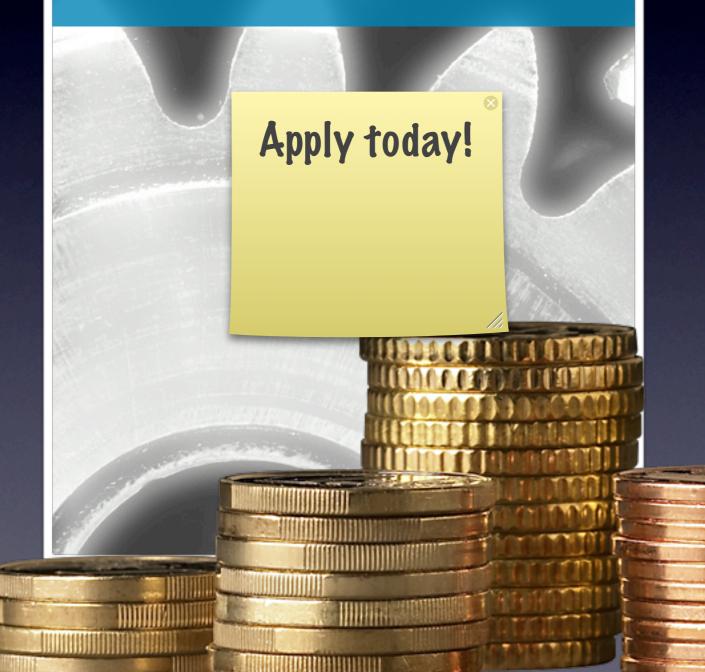
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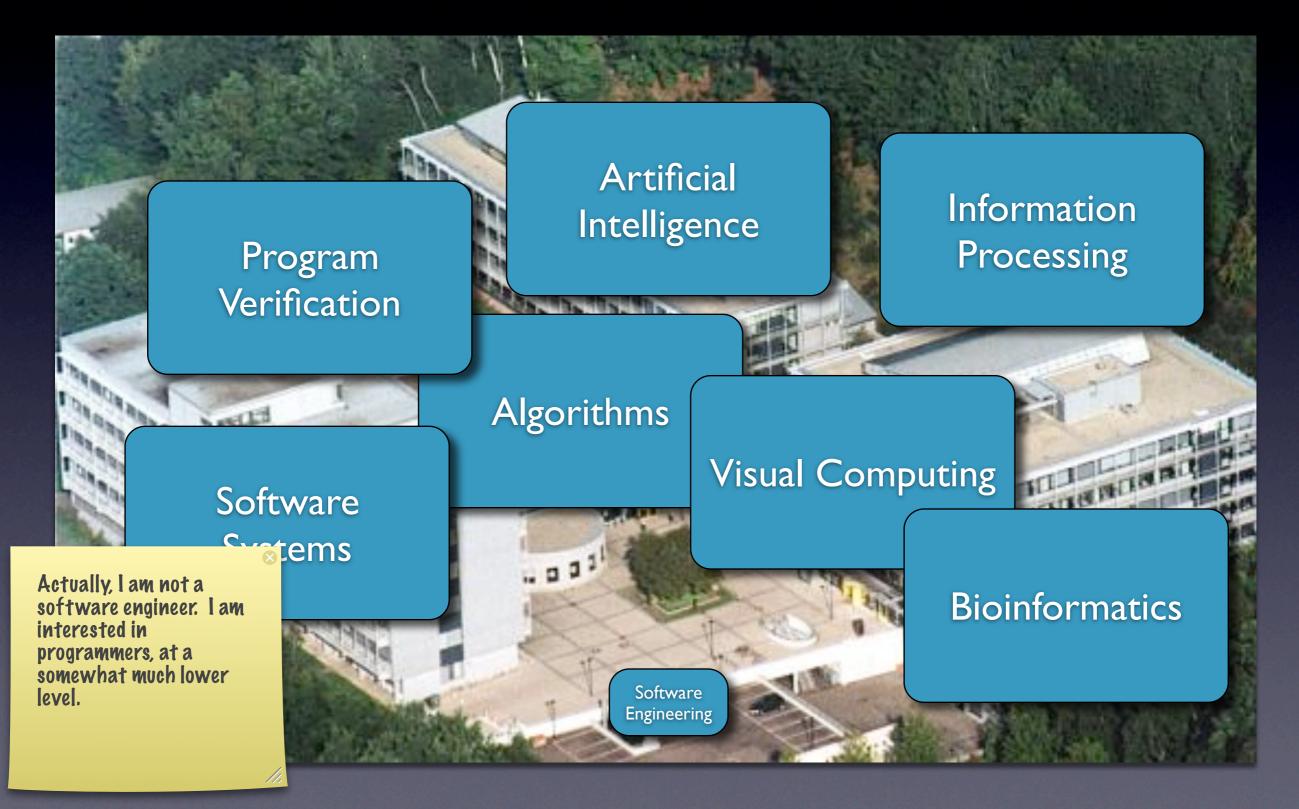
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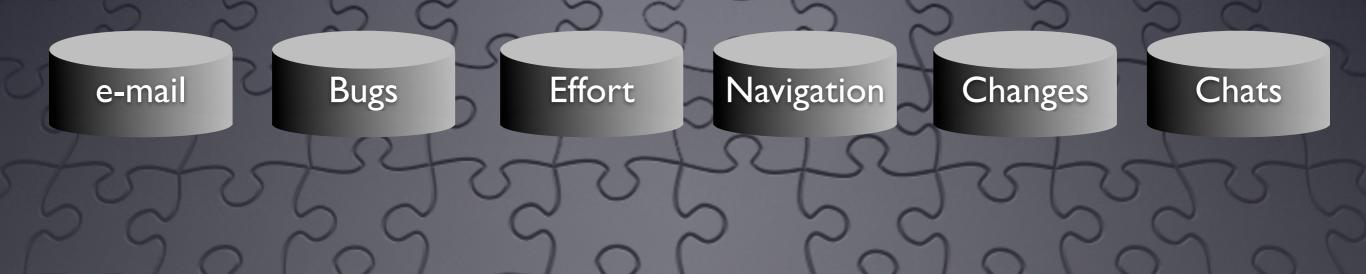


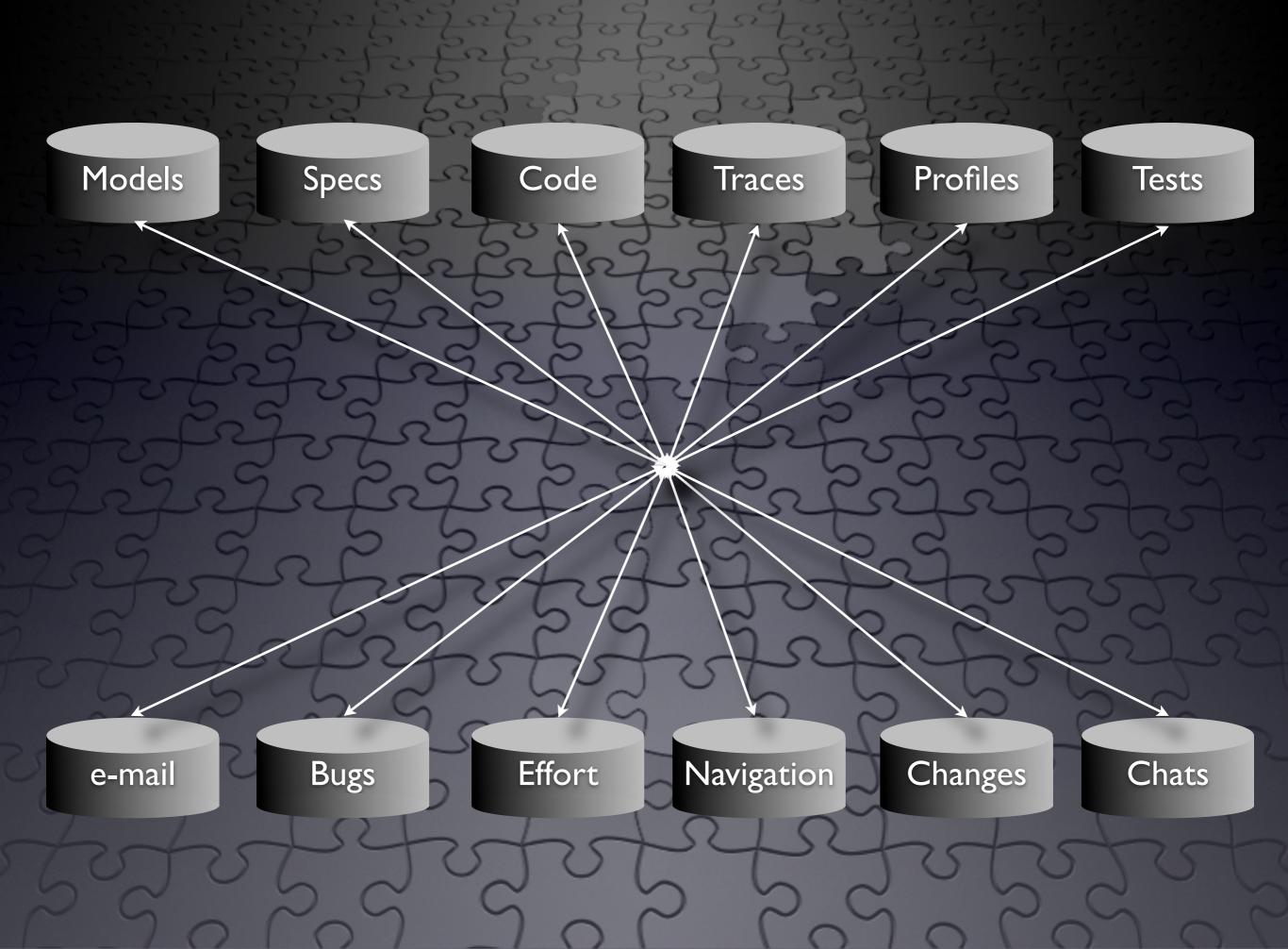


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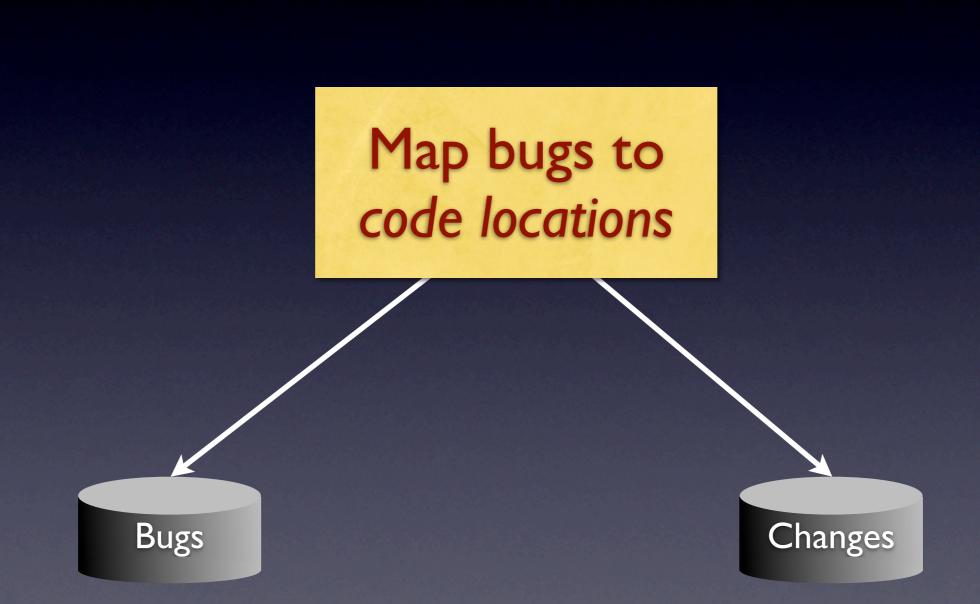
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Is it the Developers?

Does experience matter?

Bug density correlates with experience!

Is it History?

I found lots of bugs here. Will there be more? Yes! (But where did these come from?)

How about metrics?

Do code metrics correlate with bug density?

Sometimes!

Uh. Coverage?

Does test coverage correlate with bug density? Yes – the more coverage, the more bugs!

Ah! Language features?

Are gotos harmful?

No correlation!

Ok. Problem Domain?

Which tokens do matter?

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Eclipse Imports

71% of all components importing compiler show a post-release defect

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Joint work with Adrian Schröter • Tom Zimmermann

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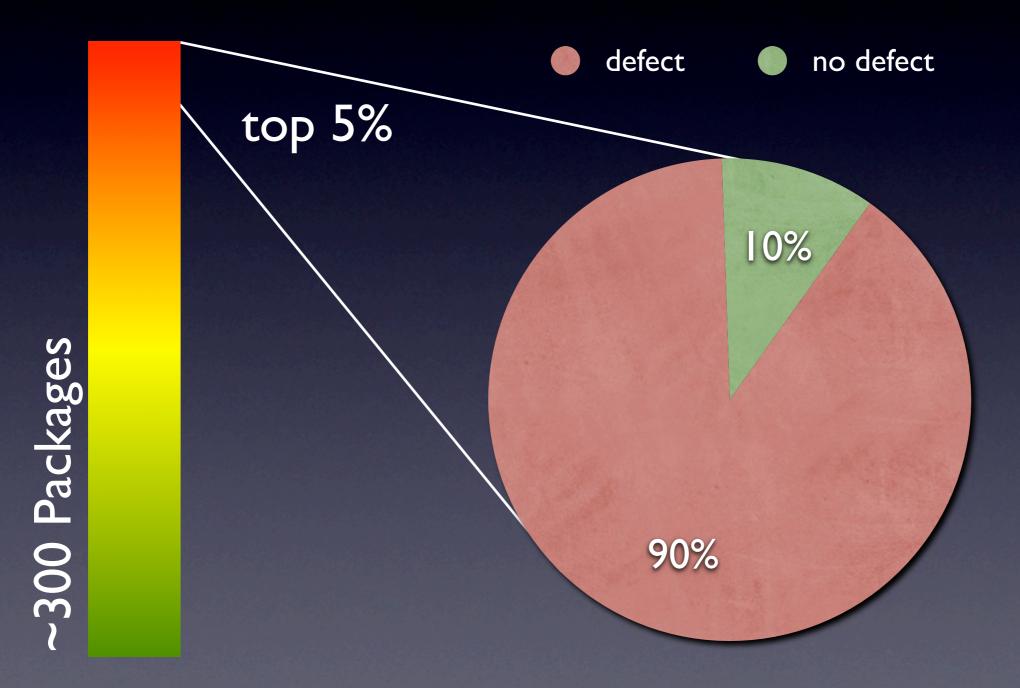
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Correlation with success

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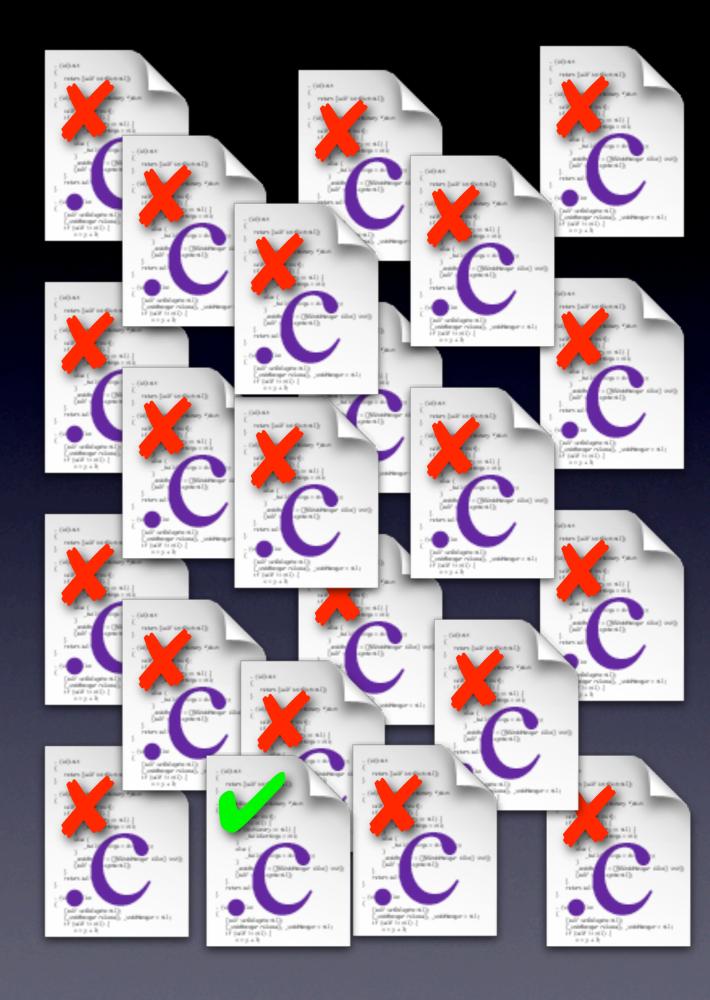
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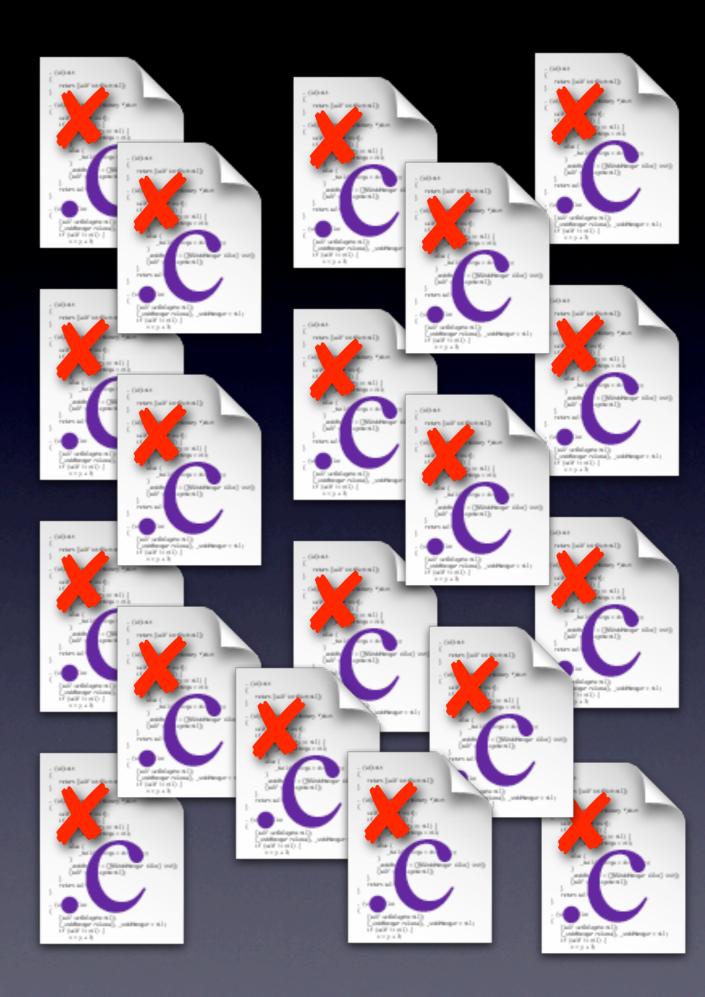




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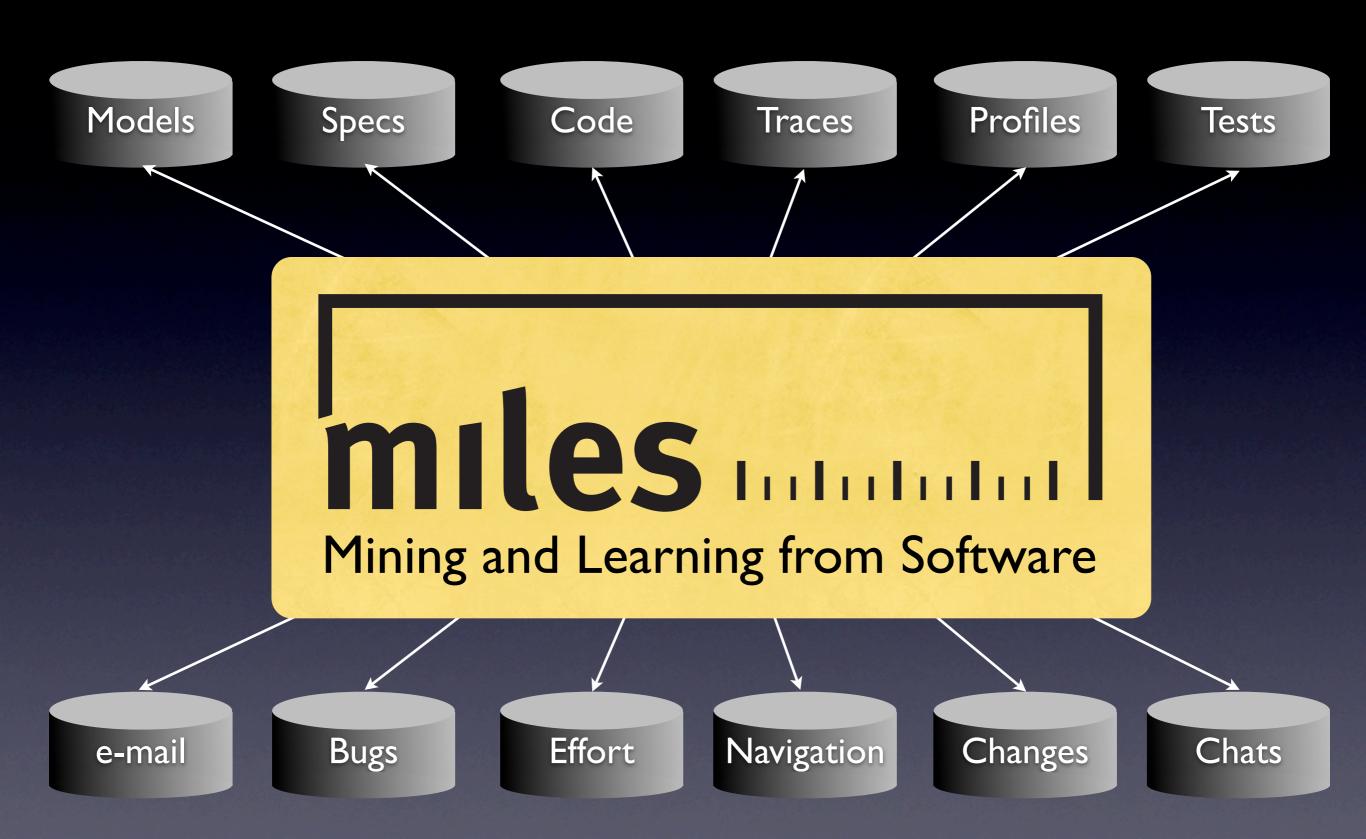
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Software Archives

- contain full record of project history
- maintained via programming environments
- automatic maintenance and access
- freely accessible in open source projects







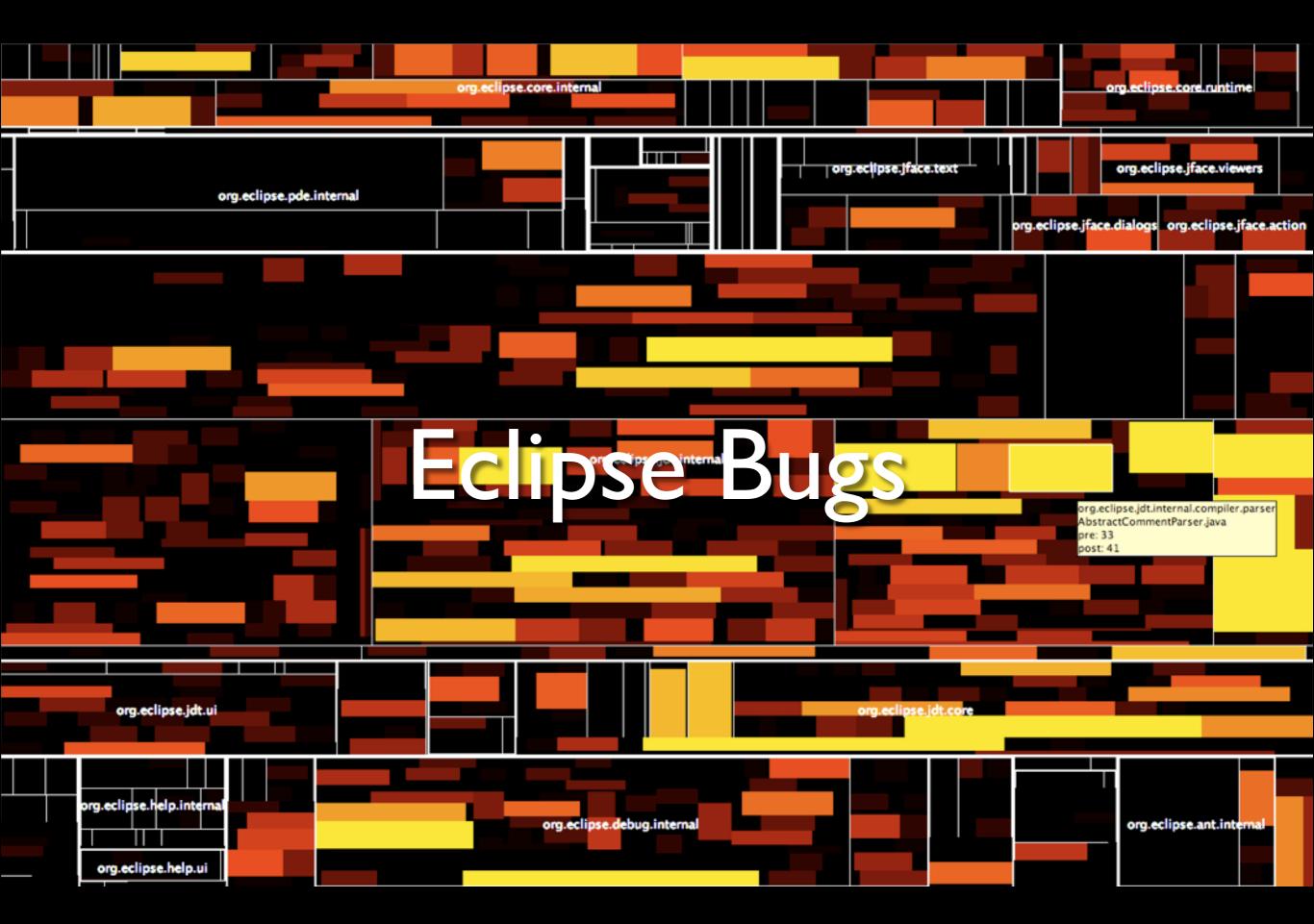
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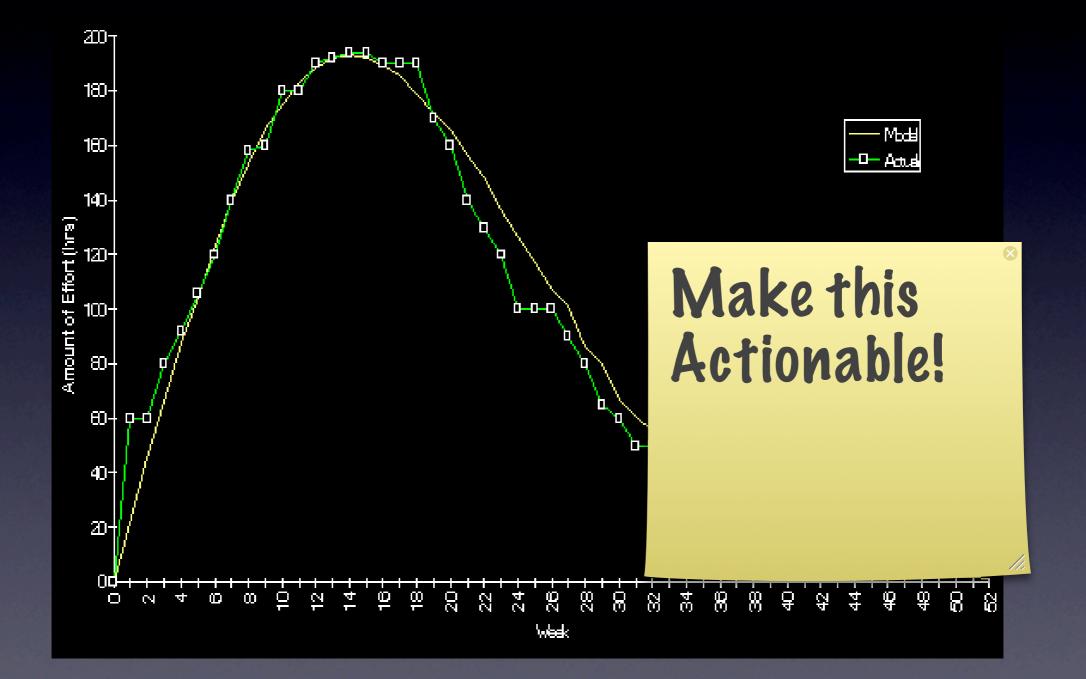
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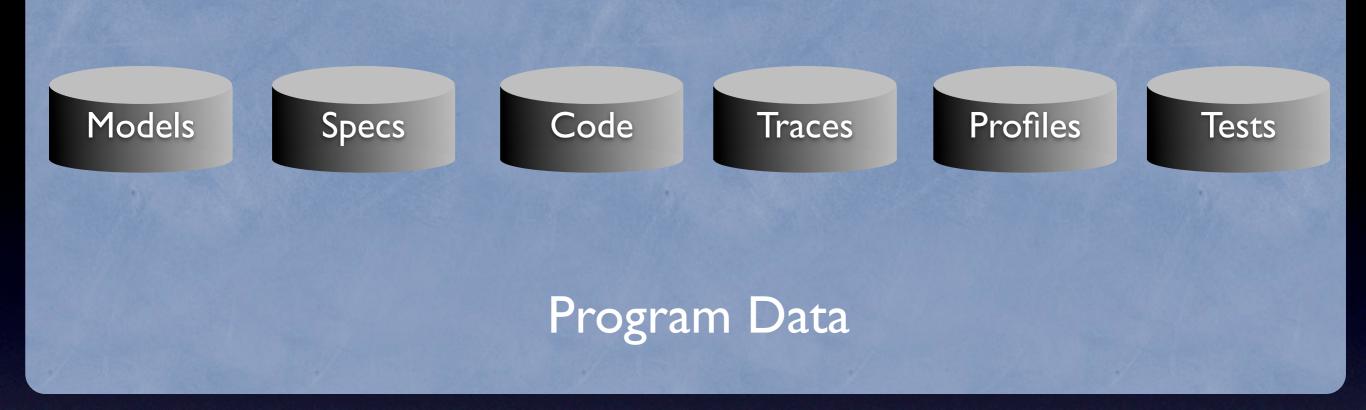
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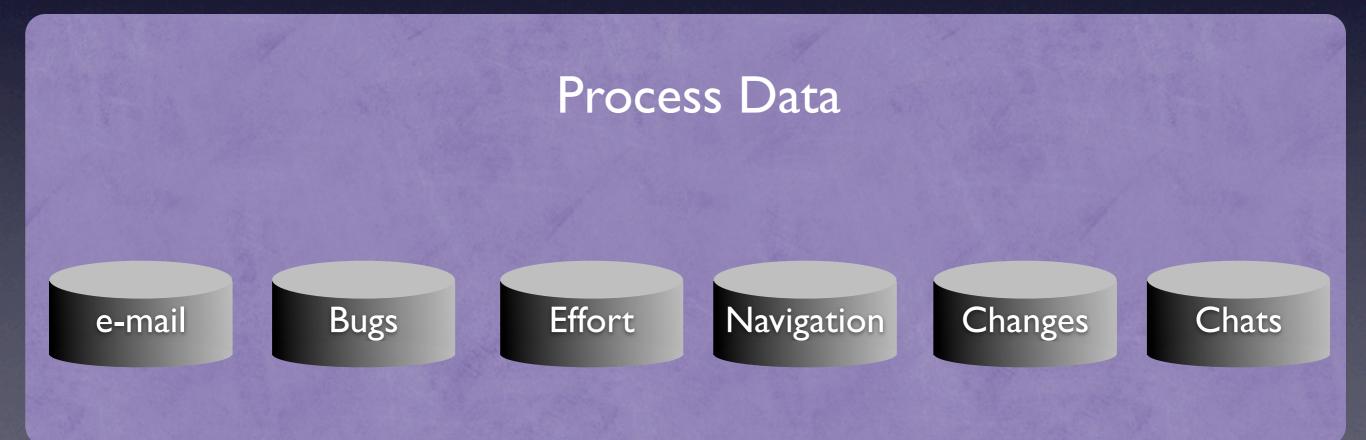
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