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# Engineering Software Analytics Studies

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## Outline

- Data gathering
- Processing
  - Methods
  - Advice
- Performance

# Data gathering




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## Defining Mobile App Quality

Use BigData analysis to support Android, iOS, HTML5, WP and Windows 8 apps



**Sign Up** **20** **244.00** **25.75** **1.01** **84**

**Usage Chart**

**UI Events**

Event	Percentage	Count
click	100%	100
scroll	34%	34
tap	1%	1

**Devices**

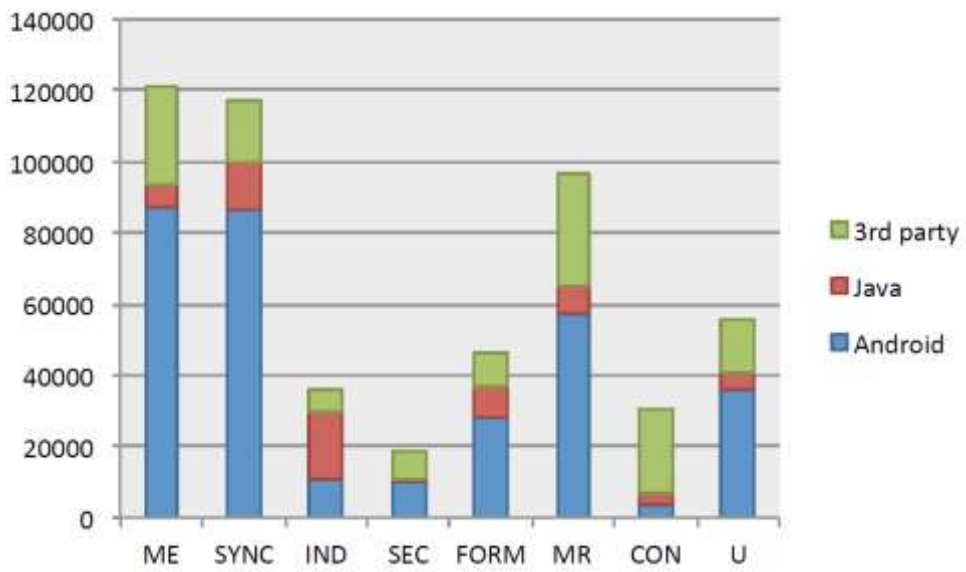
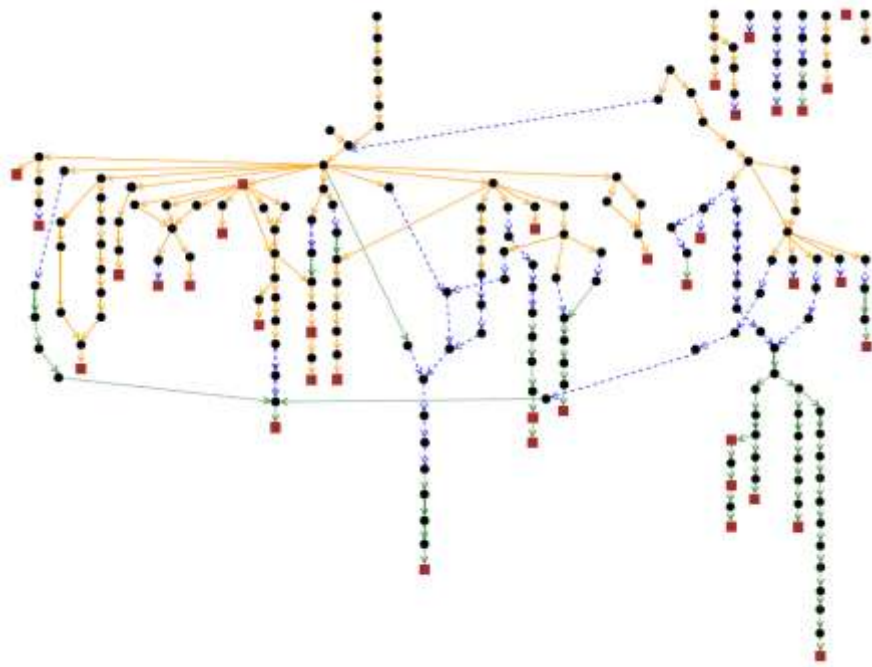
Device	Count	Percentage
iPhone	536	100%
Android	223	41%
WP	174	32%
Windows 8	140	26%

**Events**

Event	Count
click	908
scroll	81

**Engagement**

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# Google hacks

162.144.60.252 - - [14/Sep/2014:00:00:26 +0000] "GET /wp... greptweet.com/greptweet.access.log

wp-config.php HTTP/1.1 404 570 "-" Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.2; Win64; x64) ... [14/Sep/2014:00:05:09 +0000] "GET /greptweet.access.log HTTP/1.0" 200 264 ... 22483 "http://homefoosio-400mg-buy-cheap.soup.io" Mozilla/5.0 (Windows ...

access\_140818.log - Jason Thomas Mayfield jasonthomasmayfield.com/logs/access\_140818.log

... HTTP/1.0" 200 232 "http://acydovr-400mg-online-online.soup.io" Mozilla/5.0 ... [18/Aug/2014:21:48:09 -0700] "GET /logs/access\_140718.log HTTP/1.1" 404 ...

access\_140822.log - Jason Thomas Mayfield jasonthomasmayfield.com/logs/access\_140822.log

... HTTP/1.1" 404 89 "-" Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10\_9\_4) ... [20/Aug/2014:22:57:31 -0700] "GET /logs/access\_140717.log HTTP/1.1" 404 69 ... 8308 "http://buytregretal400mgwithoutscript.soup.io" Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1) ...

access\_140819.log - Jason Thomas Mayfield jasonthomasmayfield.com/logs/access\_140819.log

... "GET /files/Curriculum\_Vitae-Website.doc HTTP/1.1" 404 89 "-" Mozilla/5.0 ... HTTP/1.0" 200 4291 "http://buy-bactrim-400mg-cheap.soup.io" Mozilla/5.0 ...

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## Organizational adoption of open source software

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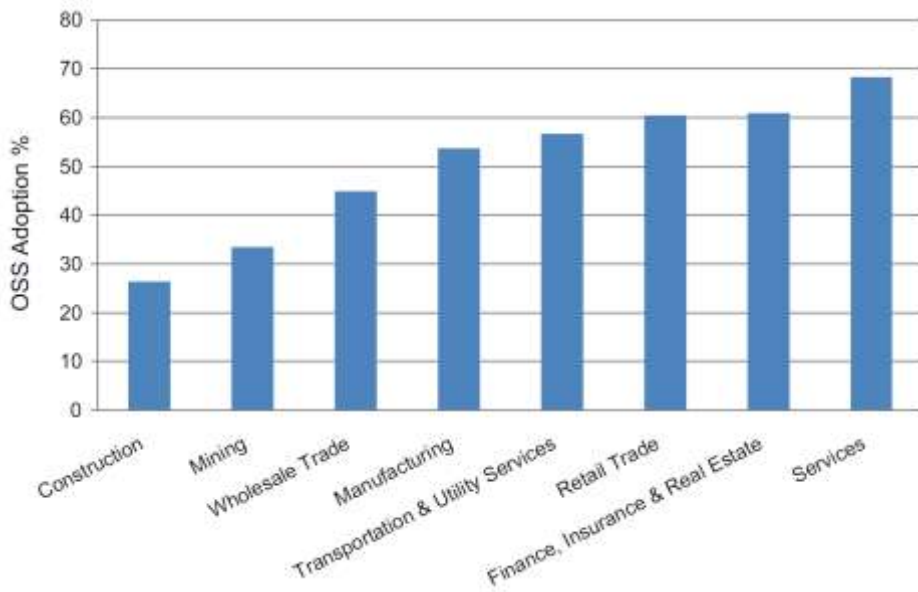
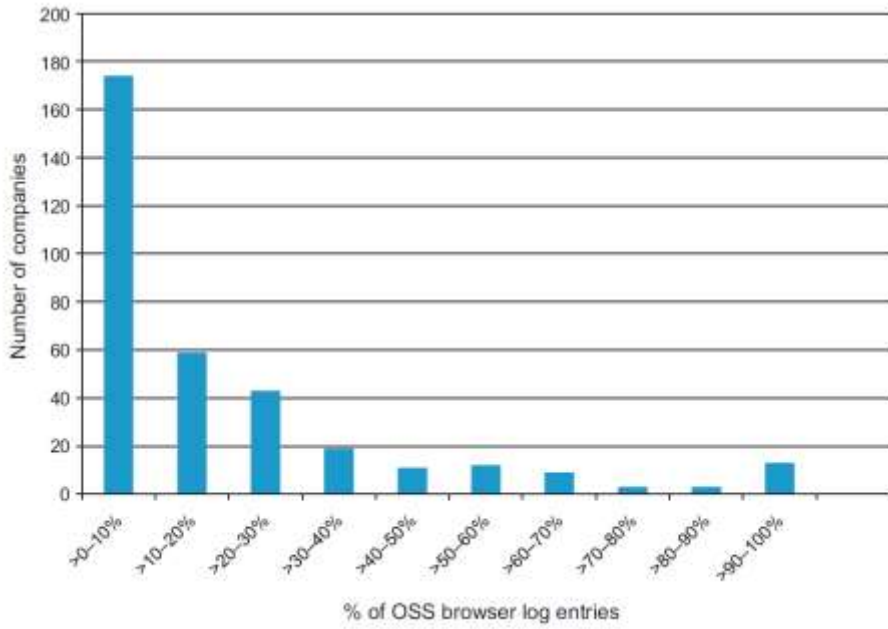
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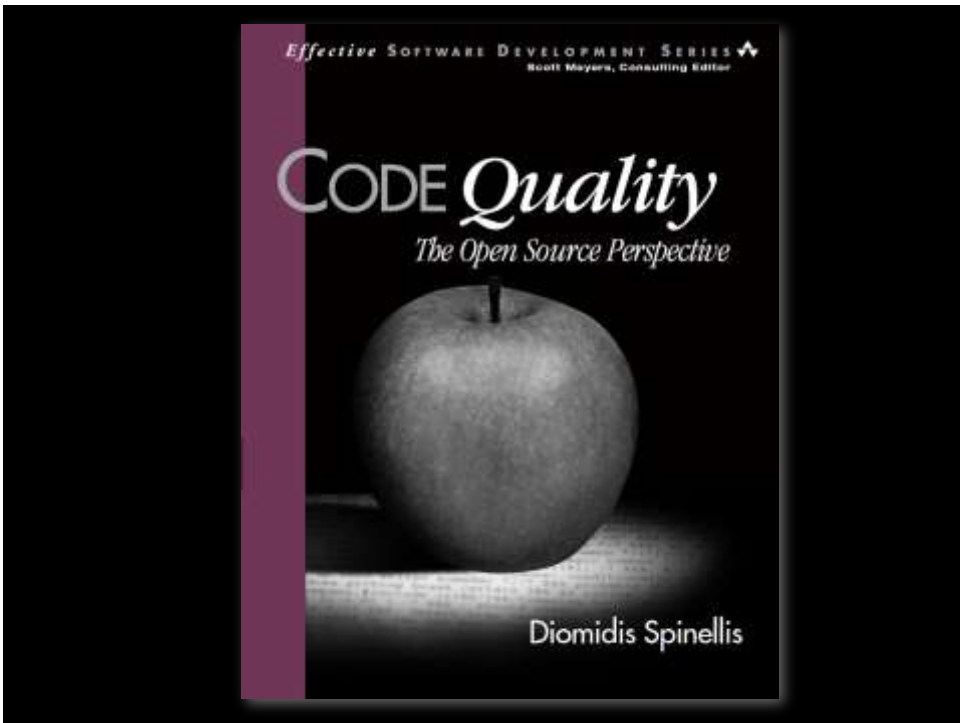
Organizations and individuals can use open source software (OSS) for free, they can study its internal workings, and they can even fix it or modify it to make it suit their particular needs. These attributes make OSS an enticing technological choice for a company. Unfortunately, because most enterprises view technology as a proprietary differentiating element of their operation, little is known about the extent of OSS adoption in industry and the key drivers behind adoption decisions. In this article we examine factors and behaviors associated with the adoption of OSS and provide empirical findings through data gathered from the US Fortune-1000 companies. The data come from each company's web browsing and serving activities, gathered by sifting through more than 278 million web server log records and analyzing the results of thousands of network probes. We show that the adoption of OSS in large US companies is significant and is increasing over time through a low-churn transition, advancing from applications to platforms. Its adoption is a pragmatic decision influenced by network effects. It is likelier in larger organizations and those with many less productive employees, and is associated with IT and knowledge-intensive work and operating efficiencies.

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### 1. Introduction

allow the creation of derived works provided they respect the cre-



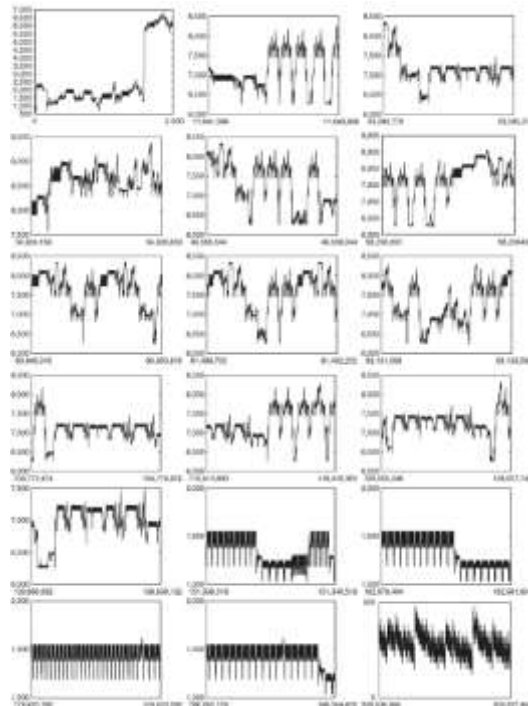


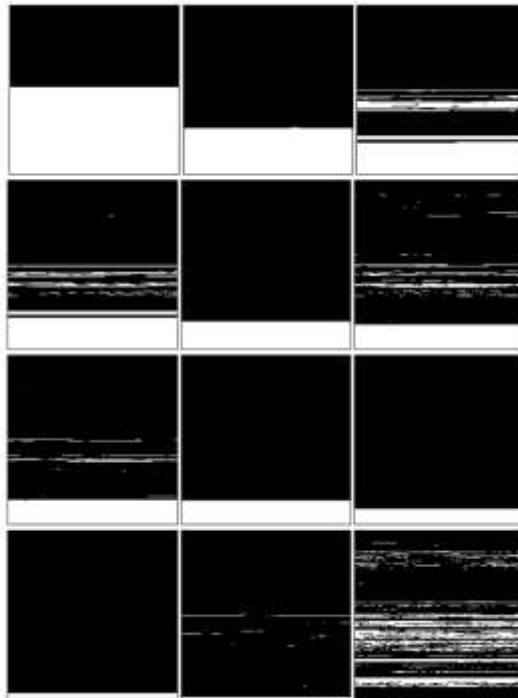
```

_MCOUNT_DECL(frompc, selfpc) /* _mcount; may be static, inline, etc */
{
    struct gmonparam *p;
    void *stack = &frompc;

    p = &_gmonparam;
    /*
     * check that we are profiling
     * and that we aren't recursively invoked.
     */
    if (p->state != GMON_PROF_ON)
        return;
    p->state = GMON_PROF_BUSY;
    /*
     * check that frompcindex is a reasonable pc value.
     * for example: signal catchers get called from the stack,
     * not from text space. too bad.
     */
    frompc -= p->lowpc;
    if (frompc <= p->textsize)
        write(fd, &stack, sizeof(stack));
    p->state = GMON_PROF_ON;
    return;
}
_MCOUNT

```





```
4266 utimensat(AT_FDCWD,  
"boost_1_44_0/libs/bind/test/bind_stdcall_mf_test.cpp", {{1336157319,  
67677176}}, {1090801932, 0}}, 0) = 0  
4266 chown("boost_1_44_0/libs/bind/test/bind_stdcall_mf_test.cpp", 0, 0)  
= 0  
4266 chmod("boost_1_44_0/libs/bind/test/bind_stdcall_mf_test.cpp", 0644)  
= 0  
4266 open("boost_1_44_0/libs/bind/test/bind_stdcall_test.cpp",  
O_WRONLY|O_CREAT|O_EXCL, 0600) = 4  
4266 write(4, "...", 2789) = 2789  
4266 close(4) = 0  
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0  
4266 chmod("boost_1_44_0/libs/bind/test/bind_stdcall_test.cpp", 0644) =  
0  
4266 open("boost_1_44_0/libs/bind/test/bind_test.cpp",  
O_WRONLY|O_CREAT|O_EXCL, 0600) = 4  
4266 read(3, <unfinished ...>
```







## About CHABADA

How do we know a program does what it claims to do? After clustering Android apps by their description topics, we identify outliers in each cluster with respect to their API usage. A "weather" app that sends messages thus becomes an anomaly; likewise, a "messaging" app would typically not be expected to access the current location. Applied on a set of 22,500+ Android applications, our CHABADA prototype identified several anomalies; additionally, it flagged 56% of novel malware as such, without requiring any known malware patterns.

## Videos

- Watch the video of the CHABADA work presented at Microsoft Research.
- CHABADA on ARD! Watch the video here (in german)
- CHABADA on BR1 Watch the video here (in german)

## Downloads

- Download the preprint of the CHABADA paper [here](#). The final revised version of the paper will appear at the International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE) 2014.
- Download the whole dataset of the CHABADA experiments [here](#).

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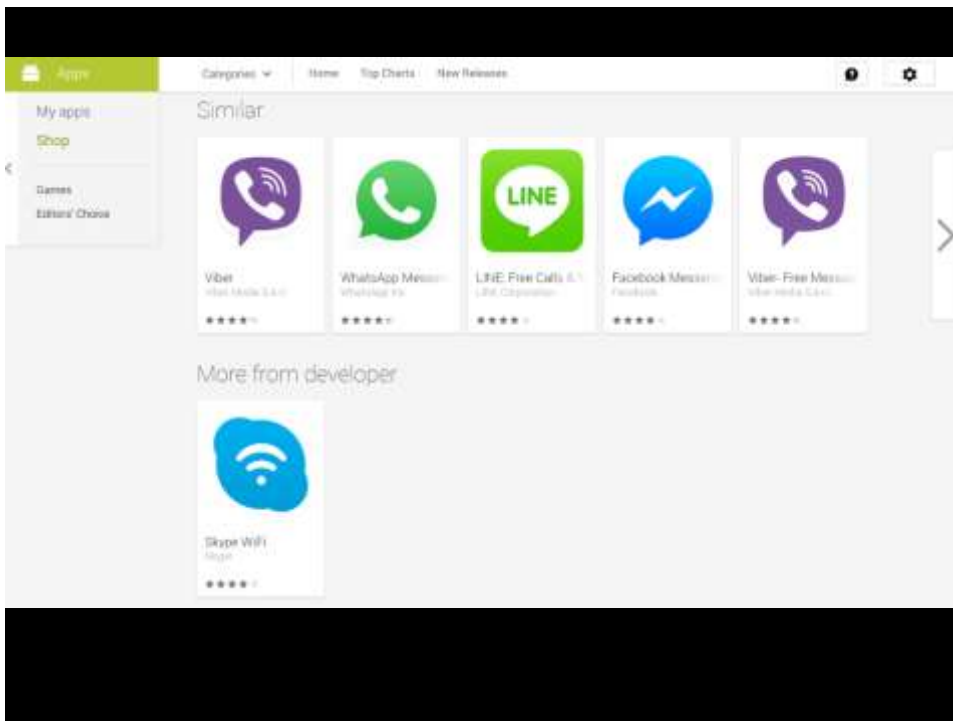
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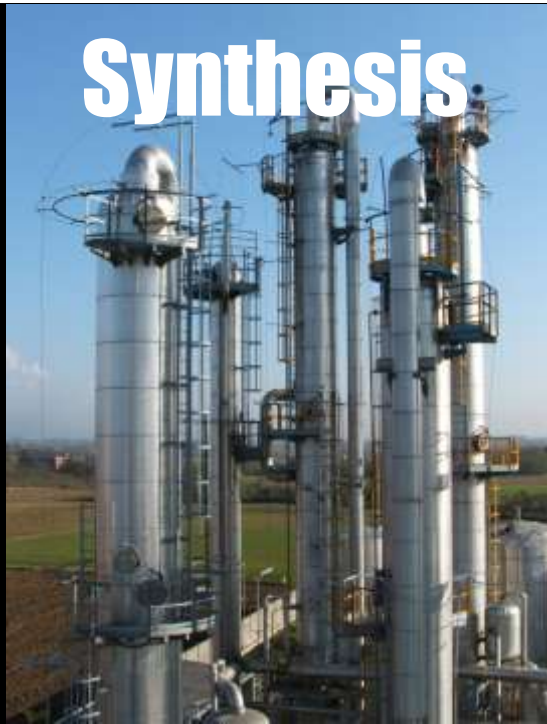
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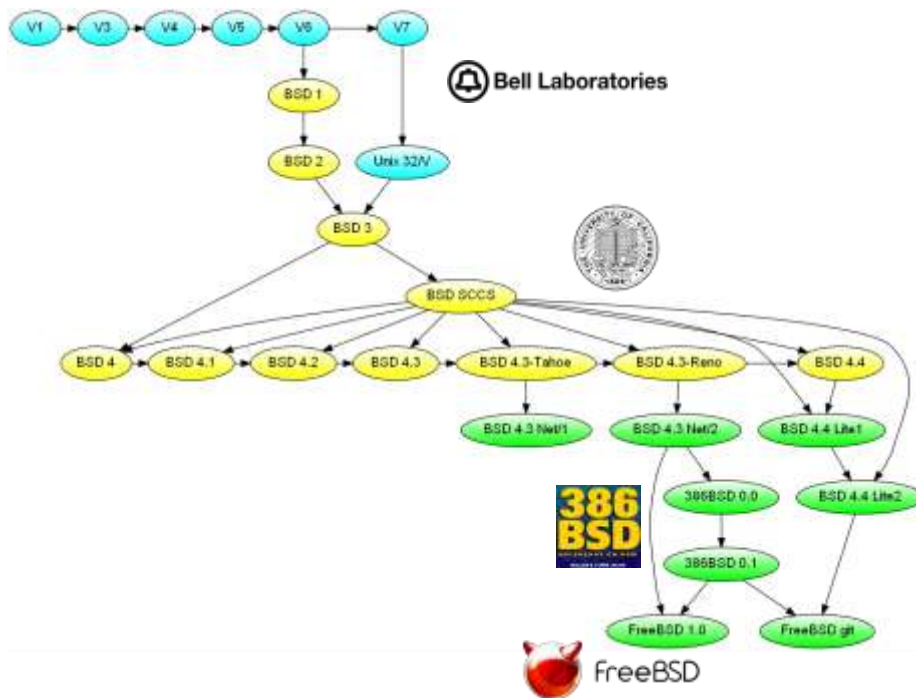


# Synthesis



cv\$2svn

# git fast-import



```

$ git log --reverse --date-order
...
commit 94a21182365ebb258eee2aa41c5fbc1f7fd566
Author: Ken Thompson and Dennis Ritchie <research!{ken,dmr}>
Date: Tue Jun 20 04:00:00 1972 -0500
    Research V1 development

    Work on file u5.s
commit b7b2640b9e27415d453a8fbc975a87902a01849d
[-]
Author: Ken Thompson <research!ken>
Date: Tue Nov 26 18:13:21 1974 -0500
    Research V5 development

    Work on file usr/sys/ken/slp.c
commit 3d19667a65d35a411d911282ed8b87e32a56a349
[-]
Author: Dennis Ritchie <research!dmr>
Date: Mon Dec 2 18:18:02 1974 -0500
    Research V5 development

    Work on file usr/sys/dmr/kl.c
[-]
commit 171931a3f6f28ce4d196c20fdec6a4413a843f89
Author: Brian W. Kernighan <research!bwk>
Date: Tue May 13 19:43:47 1975 -0500
    Research V6 development

    Work on file rat/r.g
[-]
commit ac4b13bca433a44a97689af10247970118834696
Author: S. R. Bourne <research!srb>
Date: Fri Jan 12 02:17:45 1979 -0500
    Research V7 development

    Work on file usr/src/cmd/sh/blok.c
[-]
Author: Eric Schmidt <schmidt@ucbvax.Berkeley.EDU>
Date: Sat Jan 5 22:49:18 1980 -0800
    BSD 3 development

    Work on file usr/src/cmd/net/sub.c

```

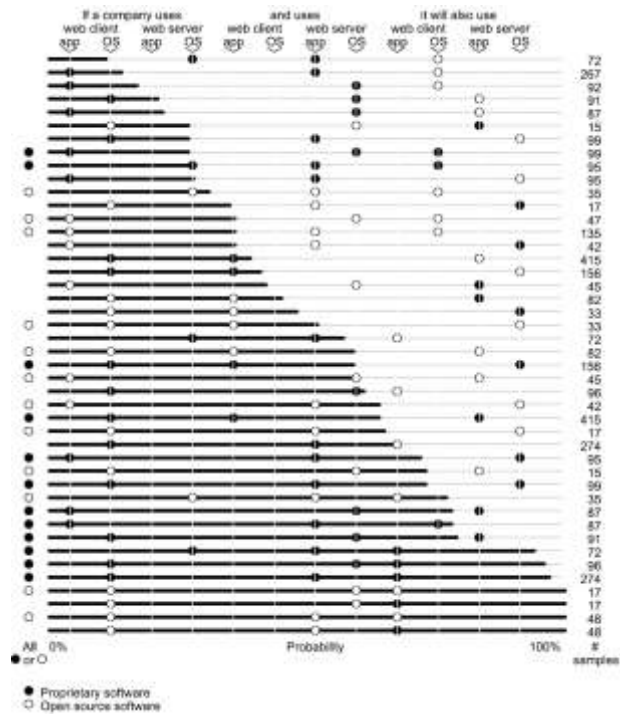
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$ git blame -C -C usr/sys/sys/pipe.c

3cc1100b usr/sys/ken/pipe.c (Ken Thompson 1974-11-26 18:13:21 -0500 53) rf->f_flag = FREAD|FPIPE;
3cc1100b usr/sys/ken/pipe.c (Ken Thompson 1974-11-26 18:13:21 -0500 54) rf->f_inode = ip;
3cc1100b usr/sys/ken/pipe.c (Ken Thompson 1974-11-26 18:13:21 -0500 55) ip->i_count = 2;
[...]
1f183be2 usr/sys/sys/pipe.c (Ken Thompson 1979-01-10 15:19:35 -0500 122) register struct inode *ip;
1f183be2 usr/sys/sys/pipe.c (Ken Thompson 1979-01-10 15:19:35 -0500 123)
1f183be2 usr/sys/sys/pipe.c (Ken Thompson 1979-01-10 15:19:35 -0500 124) ip = fp->f_inode;
1f183be2 usr/sys/sys/pipe.c (Ken Thompson 1979-01-10 15:19:35 -0500 125) c = u.u_count;
1f183be2 usr/sys/sys/pipe.c (Ken Thompson 1979-01-10 15:19:35 -0500 126)
1f183be2 usr/sys/sys/pipe.c (Ken Thompson 1979-01-10 15:19:35 -0500 127) loop:
1f183be2 usr/sys/sys/pipe.c (Ken Thompson 1979-01-10 15:19:35 -0500 128)
1f183be2 usr/sys/sys/pipe.c (Ken Thompson 1979-01-10 15:19:35 -0500 129) /*
9a9f6b22 usr/src/sys/sys/pipe.c (Bill Joy 1980-01-05 05:51:18 -0800 130) * If error or all done, return.
9a9f6b22 usr/src/sys/sys/pipe.c (Bill Joy 1980-01-05 05:51:18 -0800 131) */
9a9f6b22 usr/src/sys/sys/pipe.c (Bill Joy 1980-01-05 05:51:18 -0800 132)
9a9f6b22 usr/src/sys/sys/pipe.c (Bill Joy 1980-01-05 05:51:18 -0800 133) if (u.u_error)
9a9f6b22 usr/src/sys/sys/pipe.c (Bill Joy 1980-01-05 05:51:18 -0800 134)     return;
6d632e85 usr/sys/ken/pipe.c (Ken Thompson 1975-07-17 10:33:37 -0500 135) plock(ip);
6d632e85 usr/sys/ken/pipe.c (Ken Thompson 1975-07-17 10:33:37 -0500 136) if(c == 0) {
6d632e85 usr/sys/ken/pipe.c (Ken Thompson 1975-07-17 10:33:37 -0500 137)     prele(ip);
6d632e85 usr/sys/ken/pipe.c (Ken Thompson 1975-07-17 10:33:37 -0500 138)     u.u_count = 0;
6d632e85 usr/sys/ken/pipe.c (Ken Thompson 1975-07-17 10:33:37 -0500 139)     return;
6d632e85 usr/sys/ken/pipe.c (Ken Thompson 1975-07-17 10:33:37 -0500 140) }
...

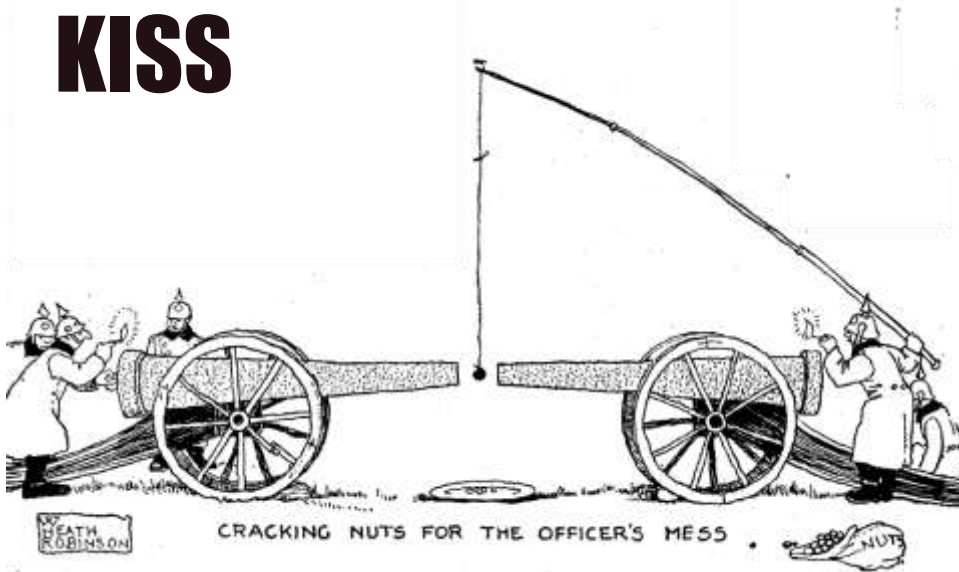
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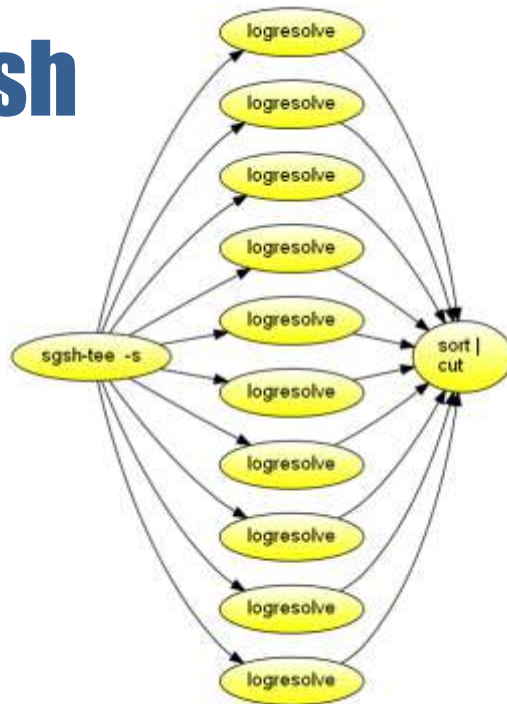
# KISS



## Count word occurrences

- 20GB in 36,260 files
- Hadoop: 12:25:20

# sgsh



## Count word occurrences

- 20GB in 36,260 files
- Hadoop: 12:25:20
- sgsh: 00:34:38

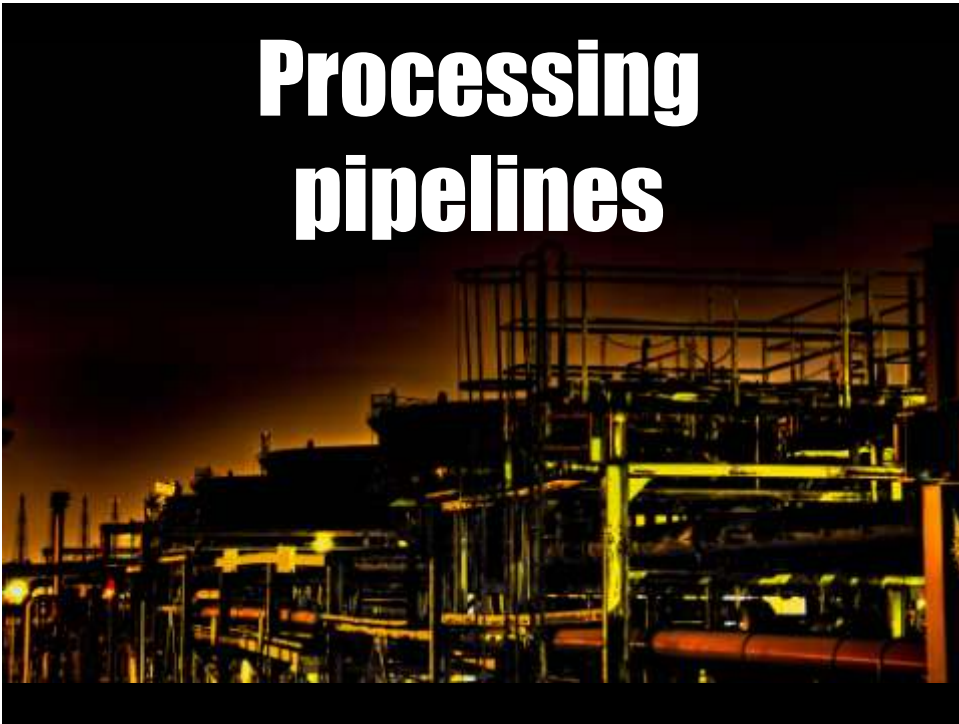
```
find Gutenberg -type f |  
xargs cat |  
tr -s ' \t\n\r\f' '\n |  
sort -S 6G |  
uniq -c
```

## Count word occurrences

- 20GB in 36,260 files
- Hadoop: 12:25:20
- sgsh: 00:34:38
- Unix pipeline: 00:21:37

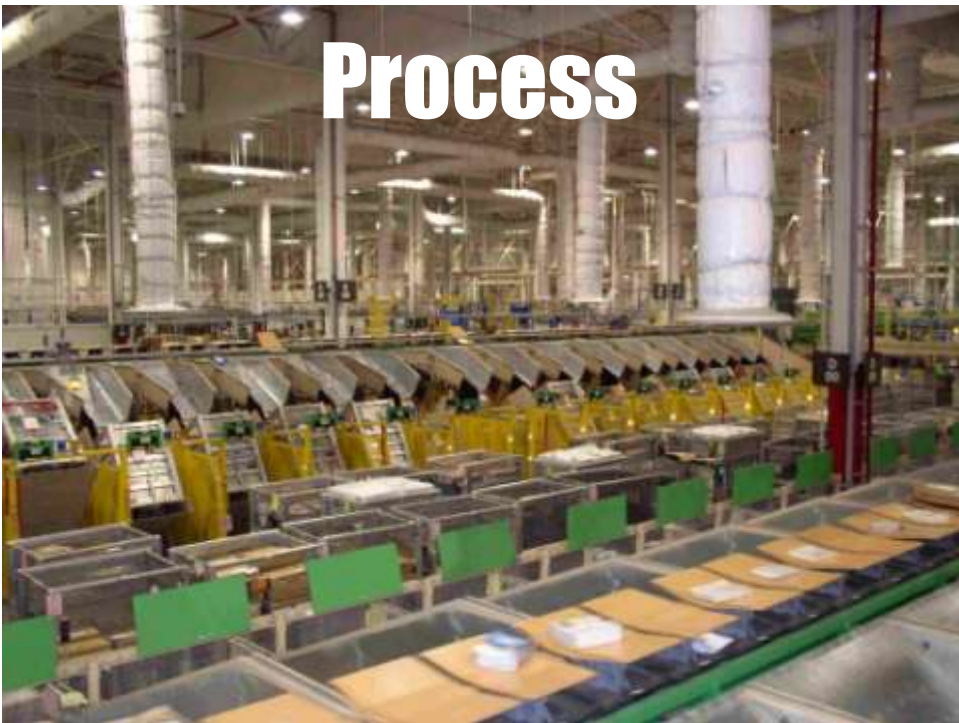
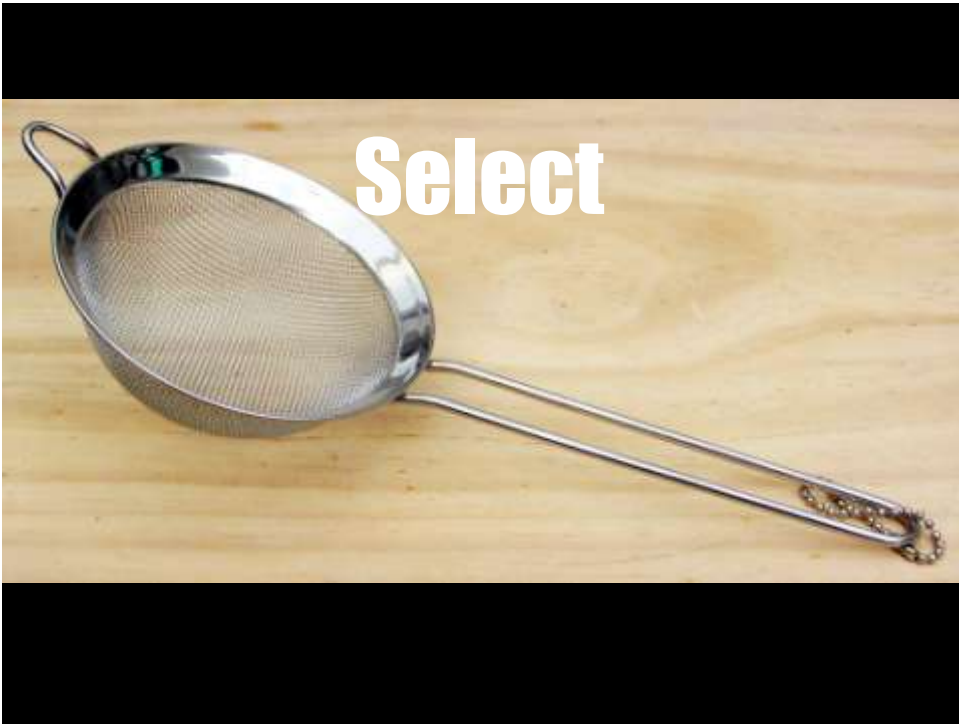


# Processing pipelines



Get





**Summarize**



**Get**



```
curl  
wget
```

```
git log  
git blame
```

```
$ # Print author names
git log --format='%an' |

# Order them by author
sort |

# Count number of commits for each author
uniq --count |

# Order them by number of commits
sort --numeric-sort --reverse |

# Print top ten
head -10
```

```
20131 Linus Torvalds
8445 David S. Miller
7692 Andrew Morton
5156 Greg Kroah-Hartman
5116 Mark Brown
4723 Russell King
4584 Takashi Iwai
4385 Al Viro
4220 Ingo Molnar
3276 Tejun Heo
```

## Division of Effort, Productivity, Quality, and Relationships in FLOSS Virtual Teams: Evidence from the FreeBSD Project

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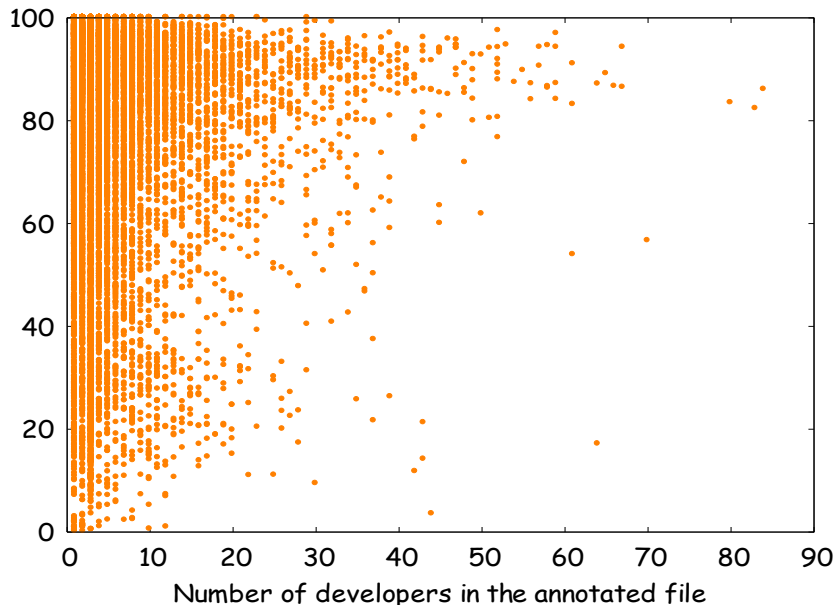
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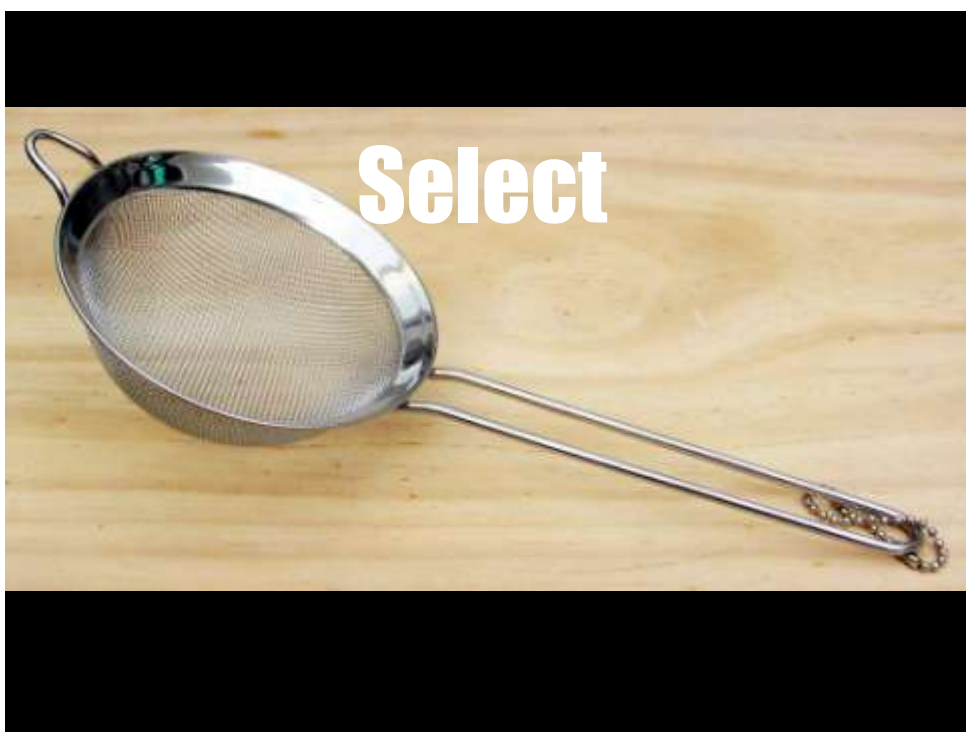
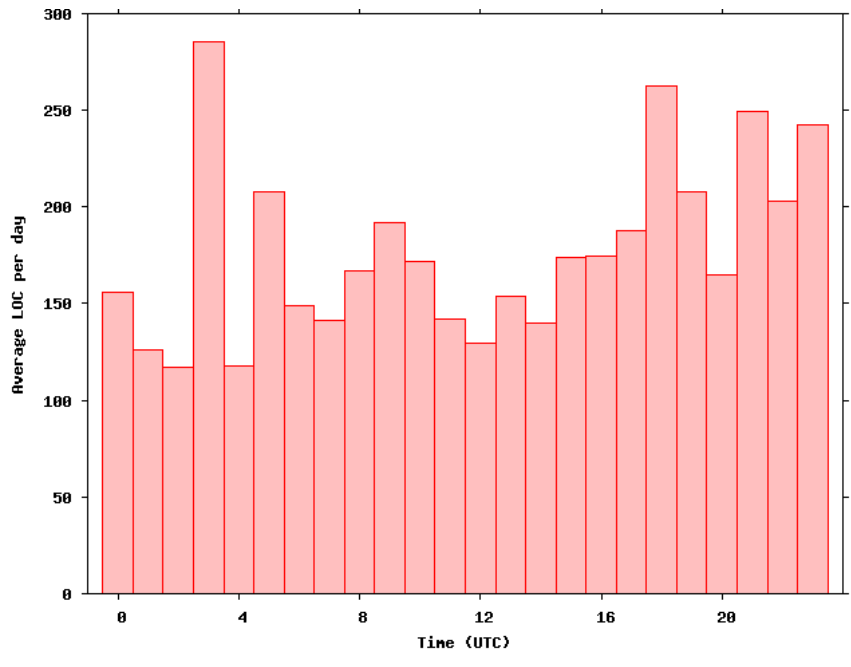
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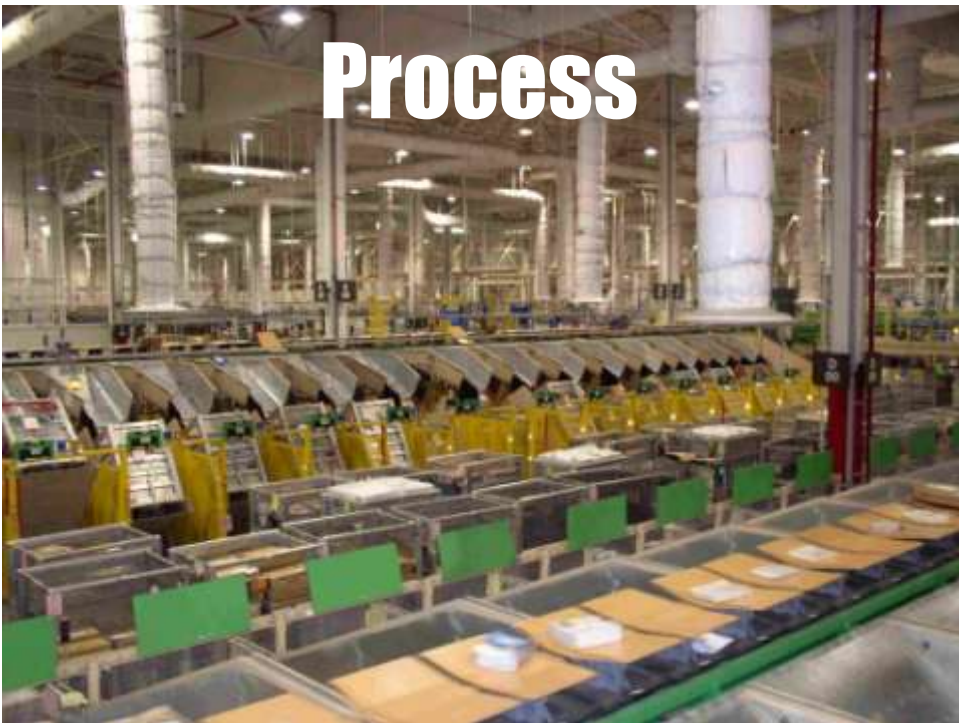
**Abstract:** Research in virtual teams and distributed work argues that the lack of collocation places an overhead on the performance potential of large, globally distributed teams. In this paper, we revisit this tenet through a case study of Free/Libre Open Source Software (FLOSS) development to demonstrate how globally dispersed FLOSS communities manage to overcome the problem of geographic separation of their members. Our results show that successful FLOSS teams demonstrate a truly global distribution of members, who perform different types of work so as to achieve consistent round-the-clock development, without any apparent ill effects on team productivity and the quality of the resulting outcomes. Cooperation between team members is abundant, especially at more complex work items, and does not seem to be affected by distance; only mentoring relationships appear in some cases to be easier to cultivate between individuals living closer together. These findings challenge the conventional wisdom of research in distributed work, in cases where virtual teams consist of highly skilled and motivated individuals, who leverage the power of communication technologies to overcome problems associated with physical distance.

**Keywords:** FLOSS, open source development, virtual teams, distributed work, FreeBSD  
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grep  
cut  
awk  
sed





sort

-n

-r

+2nr

-u

-t:

# diff

```
$ diff file1 file2 |  
grep '^[<>]' |  
wc -l
```

# comm

```
$ comm Linux FreeBSD
      [
arch
ash
bash
      cat
      chflags
chgrp      chio
      chmod
chown
      cp
cpio
      csh
      date
      dd
      df
dir
dmesg
dnsdomainname
      domainname
      echo
      ed
egrep
      expr
false
      getfacl
```

join

gvpr

```
digraph D {
    "archivers/arj" -> "devel/gmake"
    "archivers/arj" -> "devel/autoconf259"
    "archivers/dact" -> "devel/gmake"
    "archivers/dact" -> "security/libmcrypt"
    "archivers/dact" -> "archivers/lzo"
    "archivers/deepforest" -> "x11-toolkits/tkstep80"
    "archivers/deepforest" -> "graphics/libimg"
    "archivers/deepforest" -> "x11/xorg-libraries"
    "archivers/fastjar" -> "devel/gmake"
    "archivers/fastjar" -> "lang/perl5.8"
    "archivers/gtar" -> "converters/libiconv"
    "archivers/gtar" -> "devel/gettext"
```

```
BEG_G {
    $tvtype = TV_fwd;
    $tvroot = node($, ARGV[0]);
}
N [$tvroot = NULL; 1]
END_G {
    induce($T);
    write($T);
    exit(0);
}
```

# Open Source Licensing across Package Dependencies

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**Abstract**—Licensing dependencies among open source software (oss) packages reveal a lot about software compatibility relationships and the practicalities of oss licensing. There is, however, limited information on these in the literature. In this paper, we discuss various aspects of oss licensing, and we present an empirical study on FreeBSD ports collections concerning their licensing dependencies, in an attempt to identify specific patterns. Our results highlight different types of dependencies, that could be used to explain, or even guide the license selection process of oss projects.

**Keywords**—oss; licenses; dependencies; FreeBSD ports

## I. INTRODUCTION

Open source software (OSS), can be freely used, modified, and distributed, provided certain restrictions are observed regarding its copyright and the protection of its status as OSS. These rights and restrictions are expressed through the software's license, i.e. a contract between the software owner(s) (the licensors) and its prospective users (the licensees). OSS

- 1) Are some license types particularly conducive to reuse?
- 2) Do the licenses across dependencies follow an order associated with the permissiveness of each license?

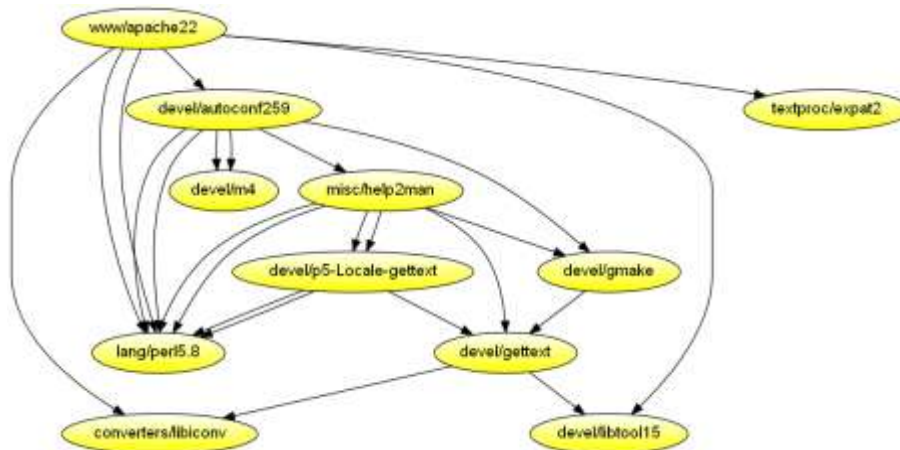
Results could explain or even guide the selection of a particular OSS license.

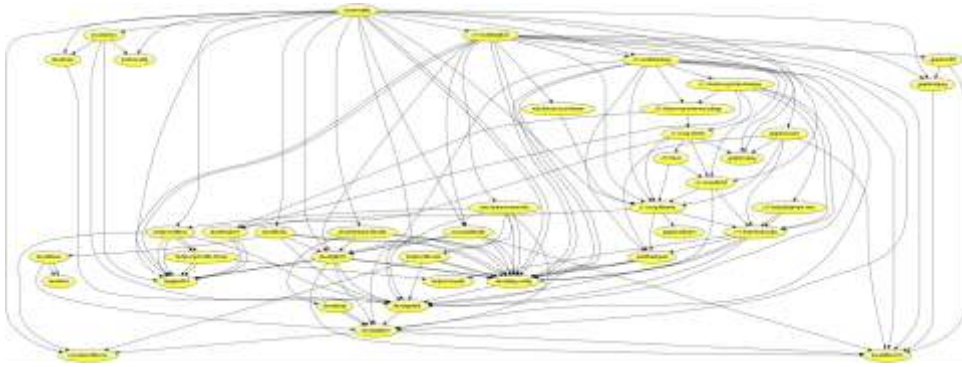
## II. CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

Before discussing the different types of OSS licenses, we briefly introduce the background concepts delineating the degrees of freedom available while distributing the product of any intellectual activity, including software.

### A. Intellectual property, copyrights and patents

The term intellectual property is used to encompass a wide range of areas of law, including copyrights, patents and even trademarks [2]. These are all means used to encourage private investment in research, technology and innovation, by ensuring that innovators will be able to get private returns for their work.





**Summarize**



`wc`  
`uniq`

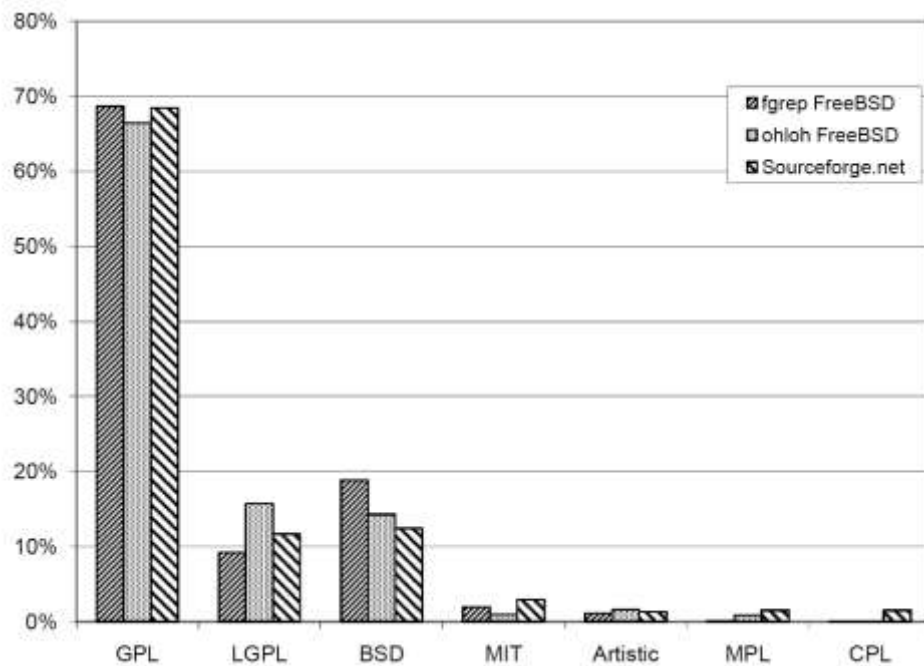
`head`  
`tail`



fmt

awk

```
awk '{print $2}' licenses |
sort |
uniq -c |
sort -rn
```



www.gnuxie.org/sgsh/

sgsh dds

## sgsh — scatter-gather shell

The scatter gather shell, `sgsh`, provides an expressive way to construct sophisticated and efficient big data set and stream processing pipelines using existing Unix tools as well as custom-built components. It is a Unix-style shell allowing the specification of pipelines with non-linear scatter-gather operations. These form a directed acyclic process graph, which is typically executed by multiple processor cores, thus increasing the operation's processing throughput.

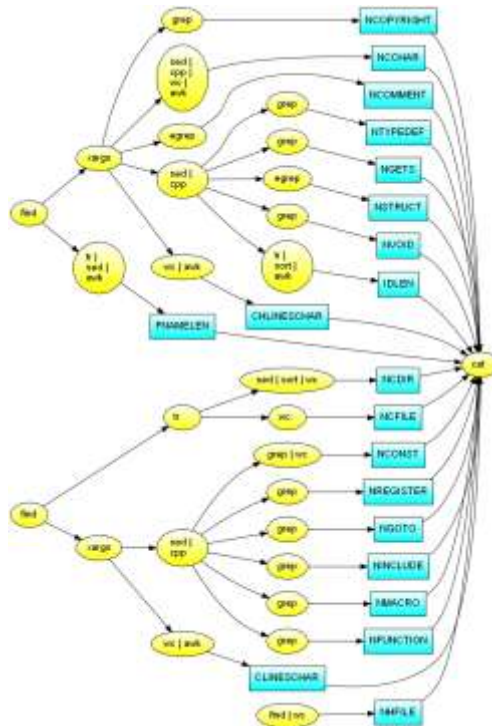
If you want to get a feeling on how `sgsh` works in practice, skip right down to the [examples](#) section.

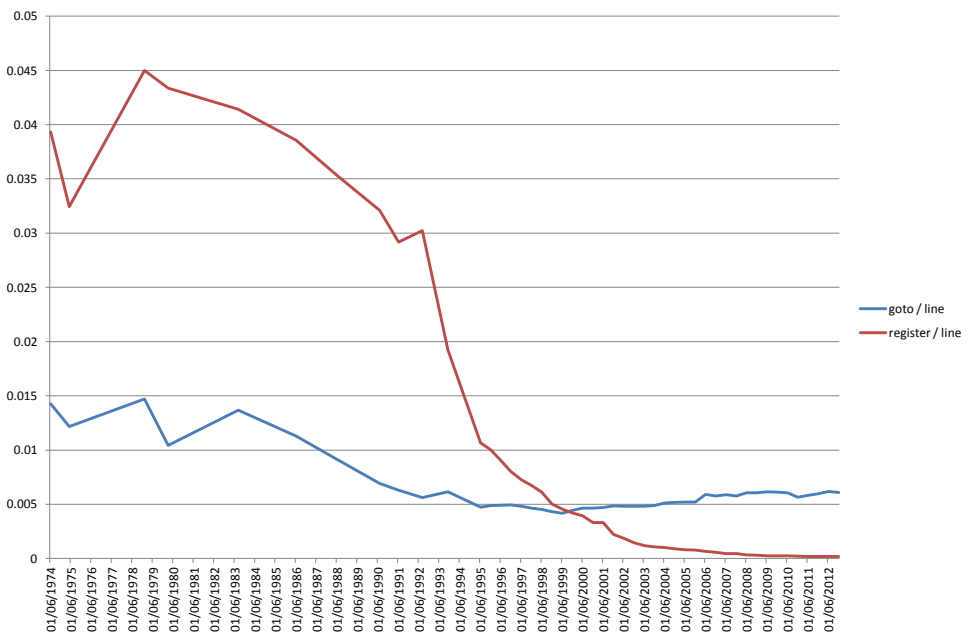
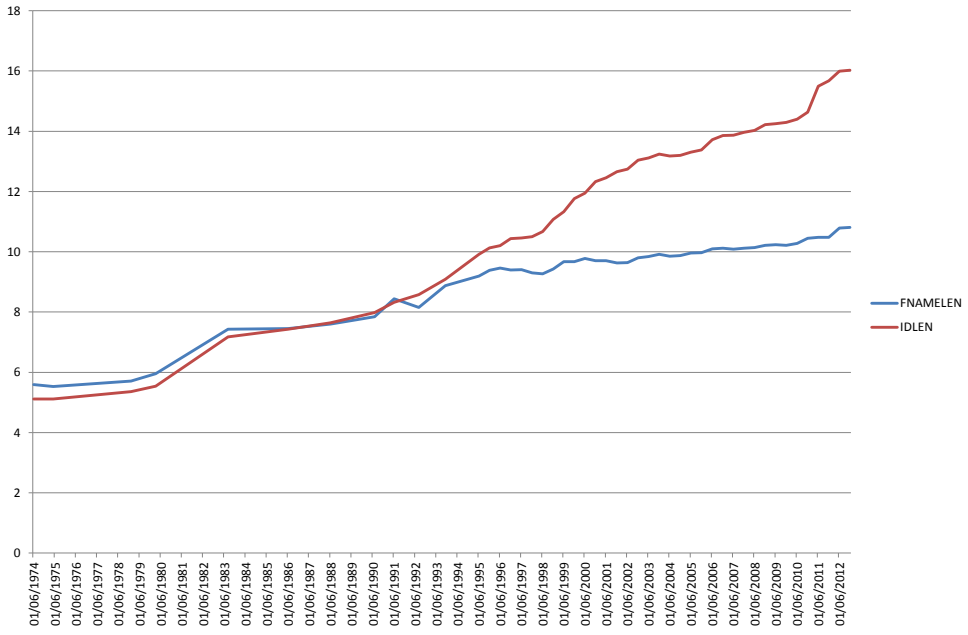
### Inter-process communication

`sgsh` provides three new ways for expressing inter-process communication.

**Scatter blocks** send the output of one pipeline ending with `|{` into multiple pipelines beginning with `|-|`. The scatter block is terminated by `|}`. Scatter interconnections are internally implemented through automatically-named pipes, and a helper program, `sgsh-tee(1)`, that distributes the data to multiple processes. The scatter behavior can be modified by adding `sgsh-tee(1)` flags after the `|{` symbol.

**Stores** are named as `store: name`. These allow the storage of a data stream's last record (or of a specified window of records) into a named buffer. This record can be later retrieved asynchronously by one or more readers. Data can be piped into a store or out of a store, or it can be read using the shell's command output substitution syntax. Stores are implemented internally through Unix-domain sockets, a writer program, `sgsh-writer(1)`, and a reader program, `sgsh-reader(1)`. The behavior of store `IO` can be modified by adding `sgsh-writer(1)` and `sgsh-reader(1)` flags after the store's name. In particular, flags can be used to operate on windows of stream data, rather than a single value written to a store.







# Scripting languages



[github.com/dspinellis/unix-history-repo](https://github.com/dspinellis/unix-history-repo)

- Research Edition Unix: V1, V3–V7
- Unix 32V
- BSD 1, 2, 3, 4, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 \*, 4.4 \*
- 386BSD 0.0, 0.1
- FreeBSD 1.0–10.0



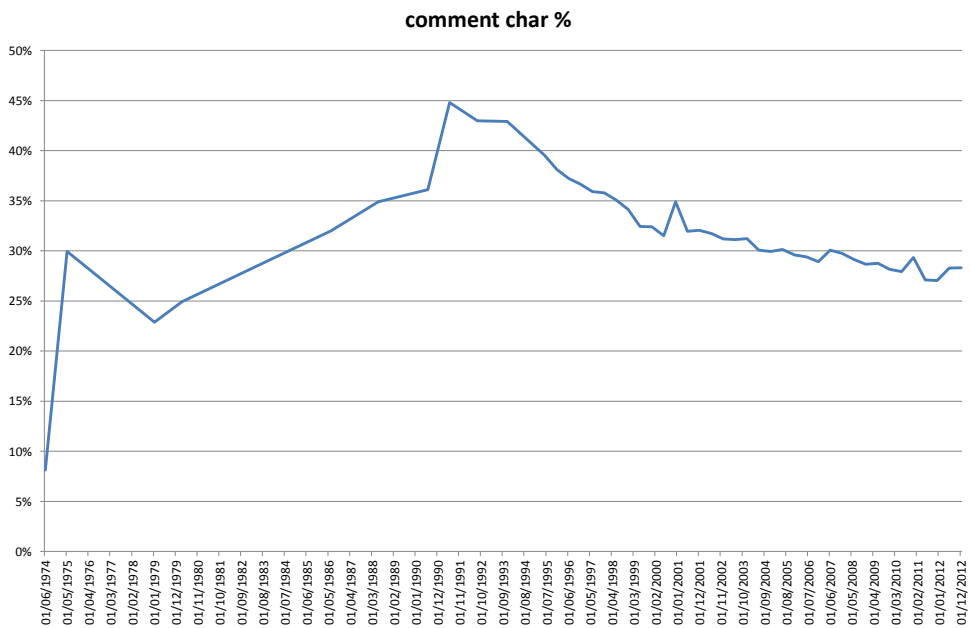
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# Tool front ends



```
find /usr/ports/ -name Makefile
-maxdepth 3 |
sed 's,/Makefile,,' |
while read dir
do
    cd $dir
    make -V PORTNAME\
-V RUN_DEPENDS -V BUILD_DEPENDS\
-V LIB_DEPENDS -V FETCH_DEPENDS\
-V DEPENDS
done
```

# C Preprocessor



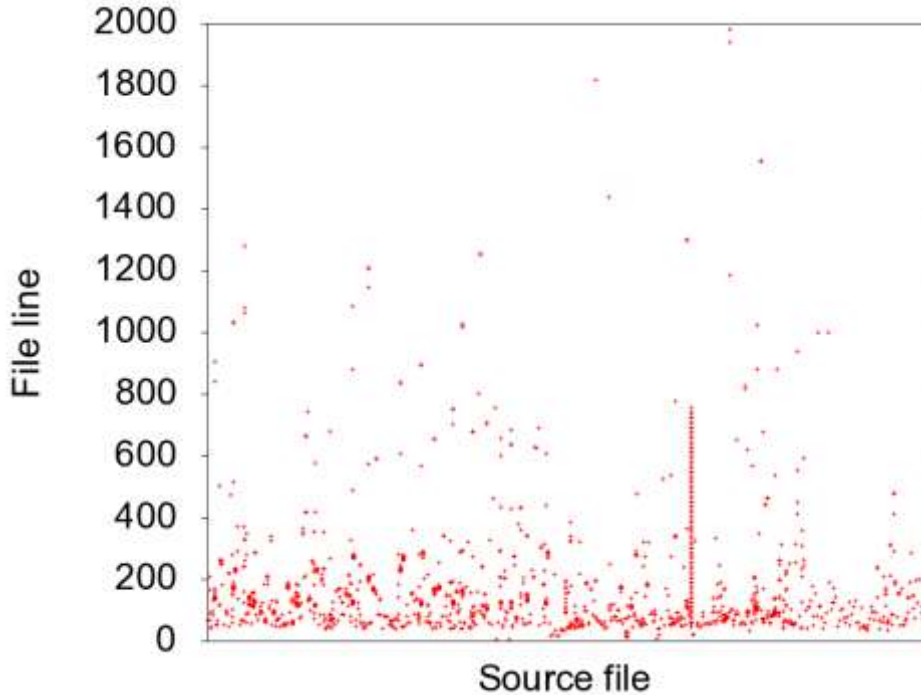
# Analyze Binaries

`nm, readelf`  
`ar, ldd`  
`dumpbin`  
`javap`



```
$ cd /usr/bin
$ ldd * 2>/dev/null |
awk '/=>/{print $3}' |
sort |
uniq -c |
sort -rn |
head
```

```
541 /lib/libc.so.6
541 /lib/ld-linux.so.2
104 /lib/libdl.so.2
 92 /lib/libm.so.6
 62 /lib/libncurses.so.5
 59 /lib/libnsl.so.1
 50 /lib/libcrypt.so.1
 34 /usr/lib/libstdc++-
libc6.2-2.so.3
 34 /lib/libpam.so.0
 28 /usr/lib/libz.so.1
```



## The Bug Catalog of the Maven Ecosystem

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### ABSTRACT

Examining software ecosystems can provide the research community with data regarding artifacts, processes, and communities. We present a dataset obtained from the Maven central repository ecosystem (approximately 265Gb of data) by statically analyzing the repository to detect potential software bugs. For our analysis we used *FindBugs*, a tool that examines Java bytecode to detect numerous types of bugs. The dataset contains the metrics results that *FindBugs* reports for every project version (a JAR) included in the ecosystem. For every version we also stored specific meta-data such as the JAR's size, its dependencies and others. Our dataset can be used to produce interesting research results, as we show in specific examples.

### Categories and Subject Descriptors

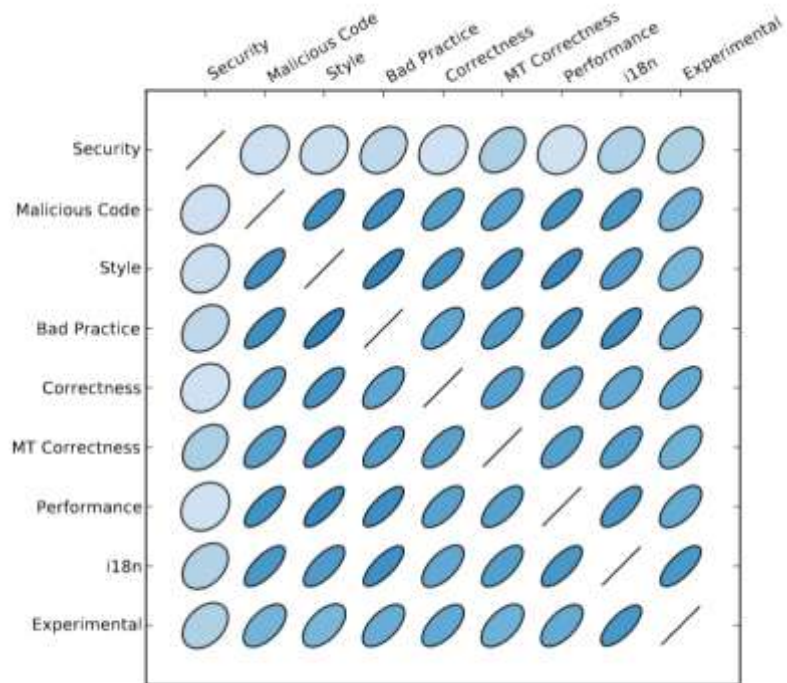
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Measurement	Value
Projects	17,505
Versions (total)	115,214
Min (versions per project)	1
Max (versions per project)	338
Mean (versions per project)	6.58
Median (versions per project)	3
Range (over versions)	337
1 <sup>st</sup> Quartile (over versions)	1
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quartile (over versions)	8

Table 1: Descriptive statistic measurements for the Maven repository.

(Comprehensive Perl Archive Network), Ruby's RubyGems<sup>‡</sup> and the Maven Central Repository.<sup>§</sup>

Maven is a build automation tool used primarily for Java



# Tool Interoperability



ckjm dda

### ckjm — Chidamber and Kemerer Java Metrics

The program ckjm calculates Chidamber and Kemerer object-oriented metrics by processing the bytecode of compiled Java files. The program calculates for each class the following six metrics proposed by Chidamber and Kemerer:

- WMC: Weighted methods per class
- DIT: Depth of Inheritance Tree
- NOC: Number of Children
- CBO: Coupling between object classes
- RFC: Response for a Class
- LCOM: Lack of cohesion in methods


In addition it also calculates for each class:

- CC: Affluent couplings
- NPM: Number of public methods

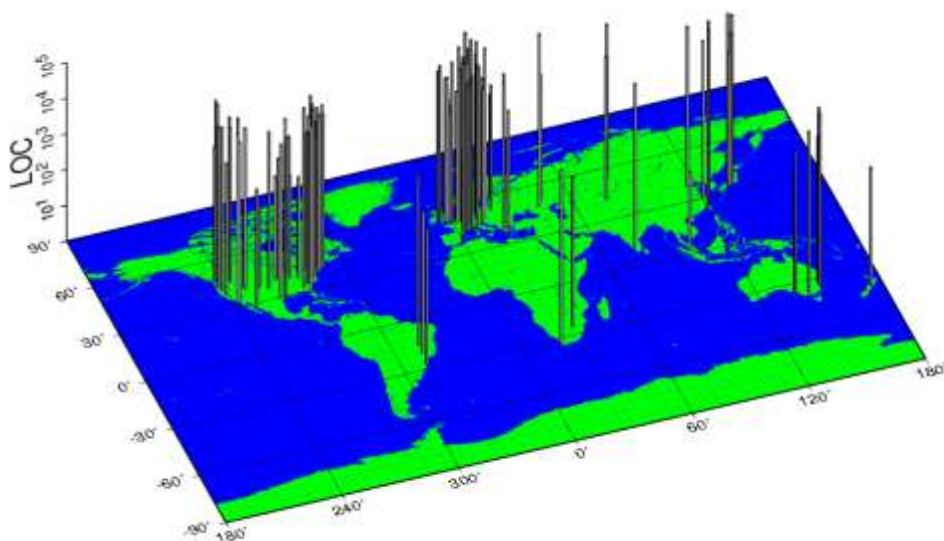
**Citation and Background**

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 Dimaslis Spirakis. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1109/505.2005.111> *IEEE Software*, 22(4):9–11, July/August 2005. ([doi:10.1109/505.2005.111](http://doi.org/10.1109/505.2005.111))

I wrote this program out of frustration over the [lack](#) of reliable programs to calculate the Chidamber and Kemerer object-oriented metrics I needed to illustrate some concepts in my book [Link Quality: The Open Source Perspective](#). The programs I found on the web were either incomplete (they calculated only some of the metrics), or unreliable (they calculated results that were obviously wrong), or extremely inefficient (they required GB of RAM and hours of processing). Ckjm is mean and lean, following the Unix tradition of doing one thing well. It will not automatically recurse directories looking for the files you want measured and it does not offer a GUI. However, it does this job thoroughly, and efficiently: on a 1.6GHz Pentium-M machine it will process the 33MB of the Eclipse 3.0 jar files (19717 classes) in 95 seconds.




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# The Carbon Footprint of Conference Papers

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### Abstract

The action required to stem the environmental and social implications of climate change depends crucially on how humankind shapes technology, economy, lifestyle and policy. With transport CO<sub>2</sub> emissions accounting for about a quarter of the total, we examine the contribution of CO<sub>2</sub> output by scientific travel. Thankfully for the reputation of the scientific community, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions associated with the trips required to present a paper at a scientific conference account for just 0.003% of the yearly total. However, with CO<sub>2</sub> emissions for a single conference trip amounting to 7% of an average individual's total CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, scientists should lead by example by demonstrating leadership in addressing the issue.

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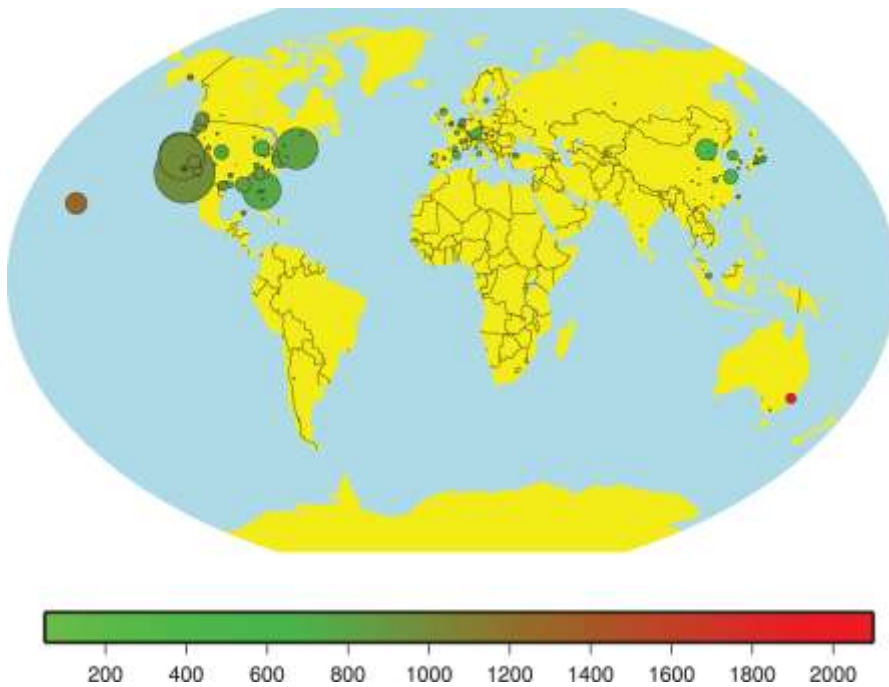
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### Introduction

The environmental and social implications of climate change depend not only on Earth's systemic response, but also on how humankind shapes technology, economy, lifestyle and policy [1]. Action should not be postponed, as it is argued that we have already surpassed a safe threshold in atmospheric carbon dioxide concentration (from a 280 ppm pre-industrial value to 387 ppm today, with a proposed boundary threshold of 350 ppm) [2]. Changes in economy, lifestyle, and policy, entail changes in human behaviour, which will ultimately require decisions involving moral questions. Decisions should not be put off, considering that decisions that delay action may have the greatest effect on

communication technologies. Furthermore, the emissions we study are also a subset of the total travel associated with conferences, because some conferences do not publish instead proceedings, and many scientists attend conferences without presenting a published paper. Extrapolating total conference travel from our data through the use of conference attendance figures is difficult, because, according to our experience, attendance at conferences by scientists who do not have a paper to present tends to be biased toward those living relatively near the conference's location.

We show that CO<sub>2</sub> emissions associated with the trips required to present papers at scientific conferences account for 0.003% of the yearly total travel emissions. This is a lot more than the total



# Processing advice



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# Automate





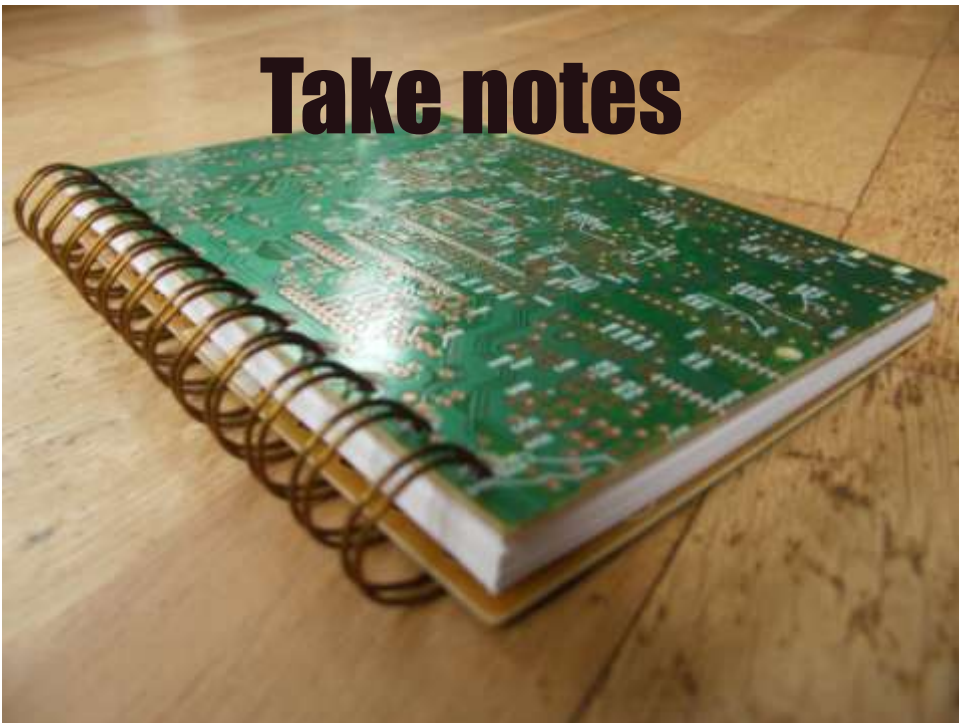
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set -e  
a && b && c
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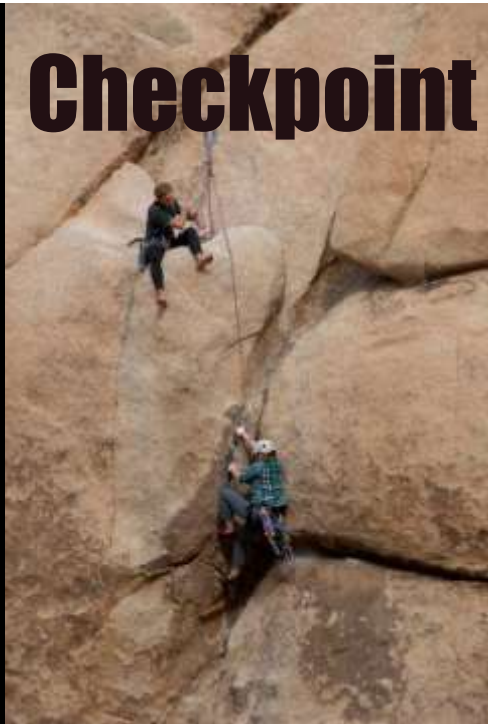
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logger  
pv  
monitor**

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**Take notes**



# Checkpoint

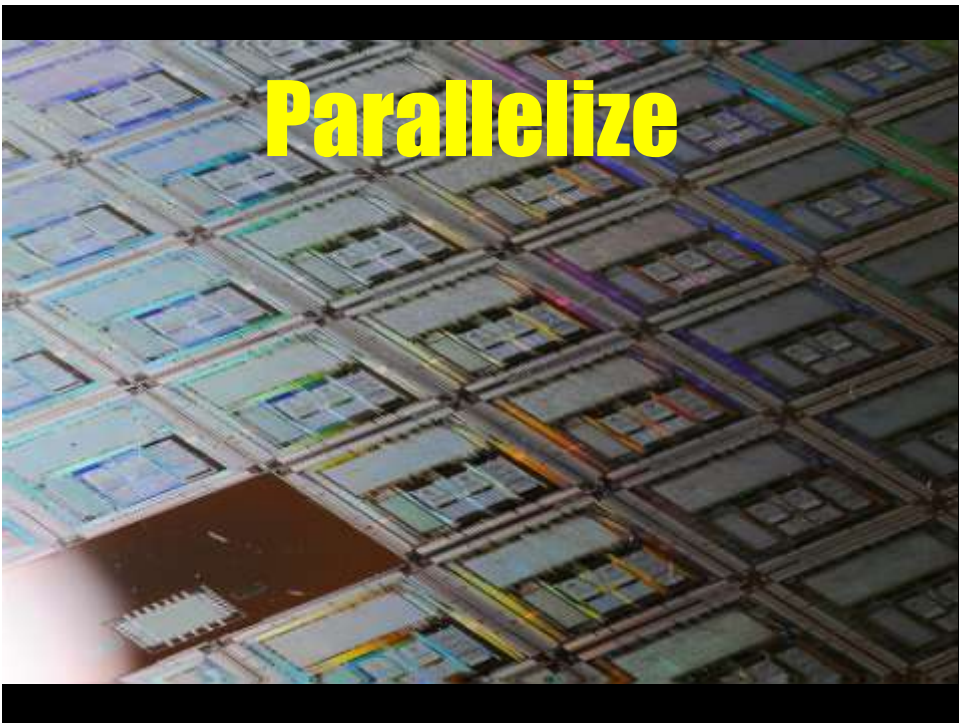


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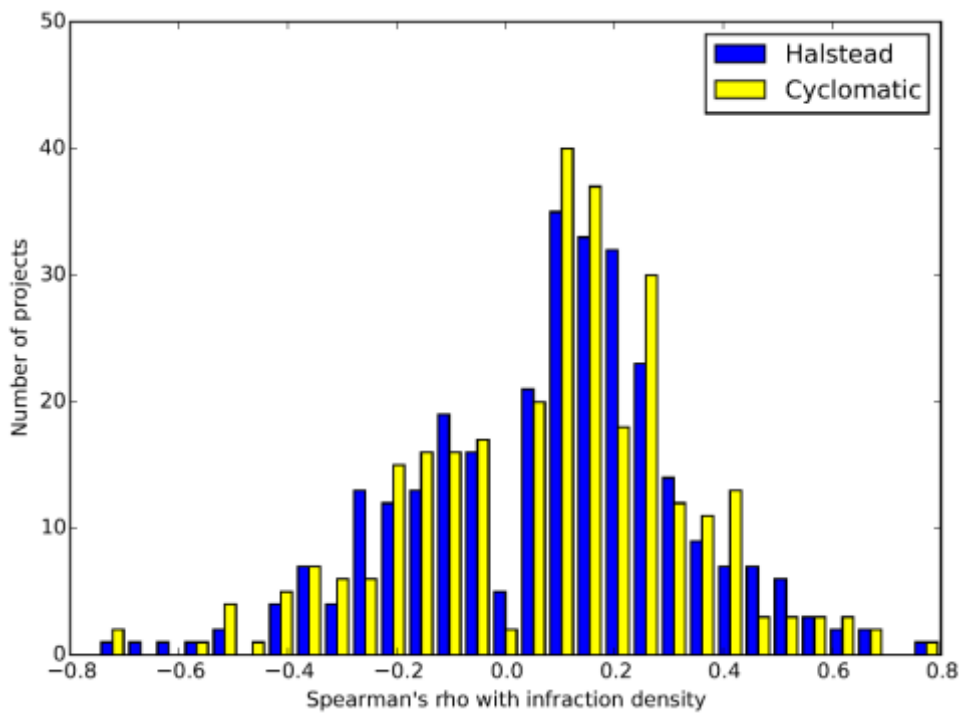


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**mosh**

**Performance**



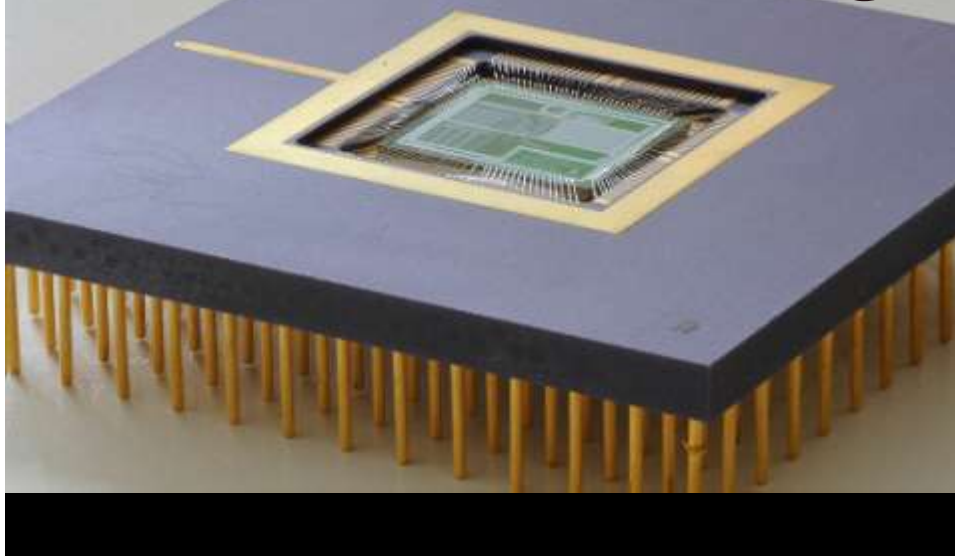
parallel



```
find . -name \*.c -type f -print0 |  
xargs -0 -n 1 \  
analyze-file.sh
```

```
find . -name \*.c -type f -print0 |  
parallel --keep-order -d '\0' -n 1 -gnu \  
analyze-file.sh
```

# Low-level processing



contributed articles

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**Why Wikipedia's remarkable growth is sustainable.**

BY DIOMIDIS SPINELLIS AND PANAGIOTIS LOURIDAS

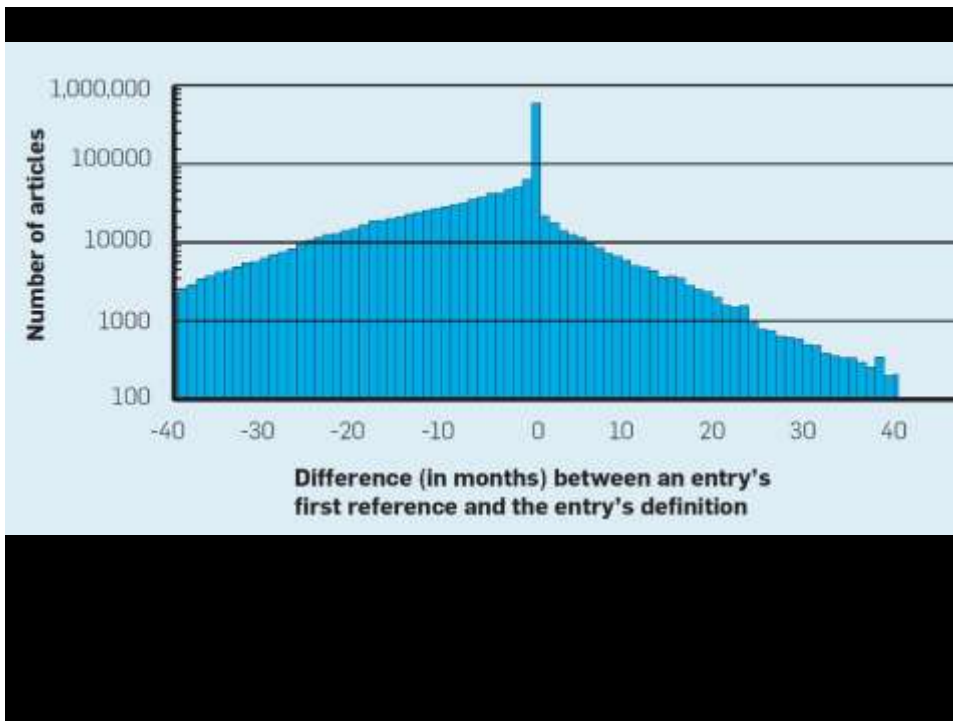
## The Collaborative Organization of Knowledge

snapshot of all recorded changes and examined how entries are created and linked. Inspecting the timestamps on individual entry definitions and references, we found that links to nonexistent articles often precede creation of new articles. Also, tracking the evolution of article links allowed us to empirically validate Barabási's hypothesis on the formation of scale-free graphs through incremental growth and preferential attachment.<sup>9</sup> Our findings paint a picture of sustainable growth, suggesting that Wikipedia's development process delivers coverage of more and more subjects.

The phenomenal growth of Wikipedia is attributable to a mixture of technologies and a process of open participation. The key technology behind Wikipedia is that of a Wiki—online lightweight Web-based collaboration.<sup>9</sup> Wikipedia content appears online as static HTML pages, though each such page includes an edit button anyone can use to modify its content; editing most articles requires no prior author-

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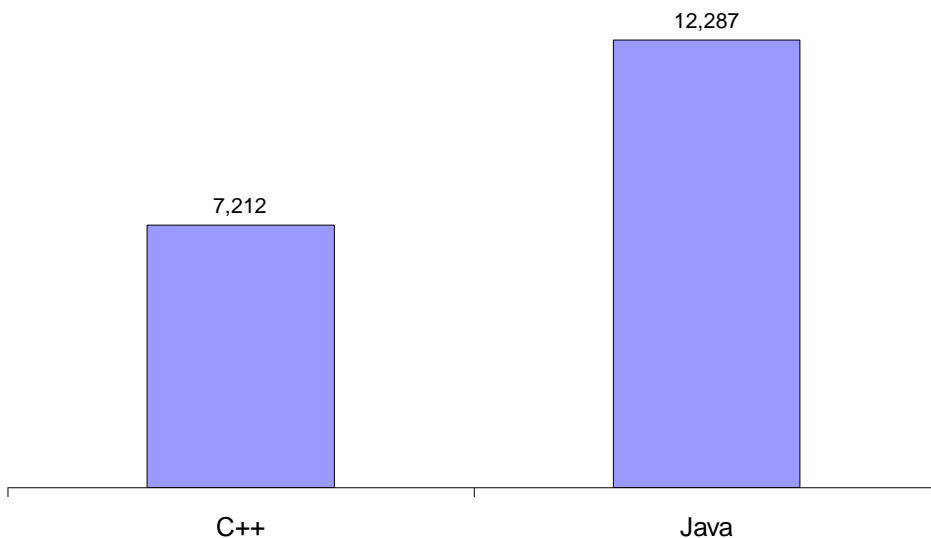
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private:
    vector<bool> active;
public:
    static const int NMONTH = (2009 - 2001) * 12;
    RangeMap() : active(NMONTH, false) {}
};

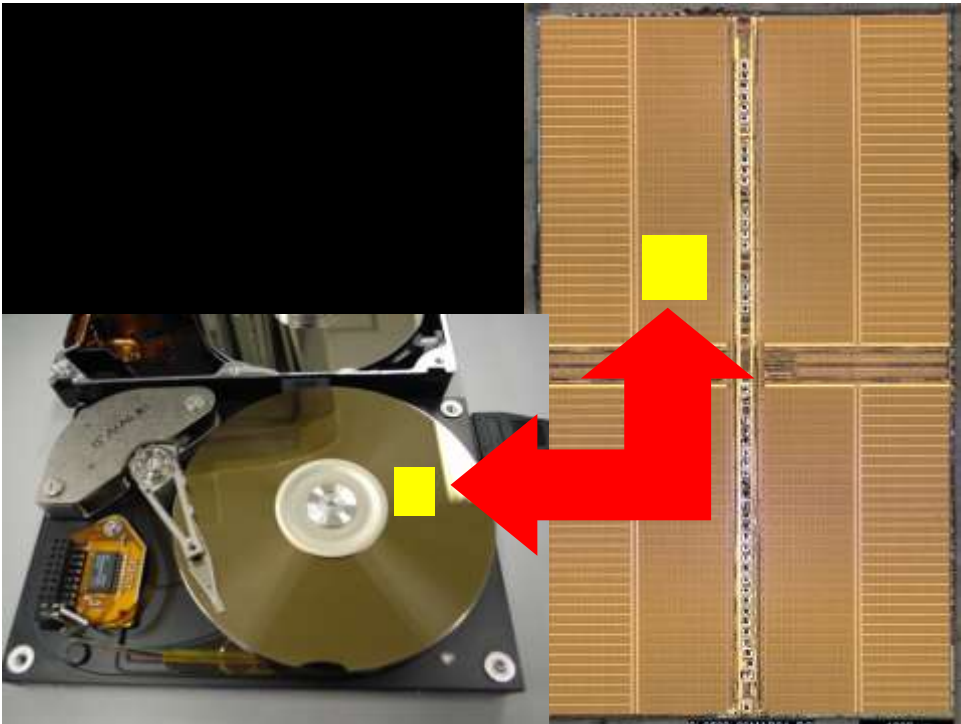
class EntryDetails {
private:
    RangeMap defined, stub;
    vector<int> nrefs;
    string definer, referrer, firstRef;
    time_t firstDef;
    int numReferences, numContributors;
    int numRevisions, numReverts;
public:
    EntryDetails() : defined(), stub(),
nrefs(RangeMap::NMONTH, 0), firstDef(-1),
numReferences(0), numContributors(0), numRevisions(0),
numReverts(0) {}
};

```

```
class RangeMap {
    private BitSet active;
    public static final int NMONTH = (2009 - 2001) * 12;
    public RangeMap() {
        active = new BitSet(NMONTH);
    }
}

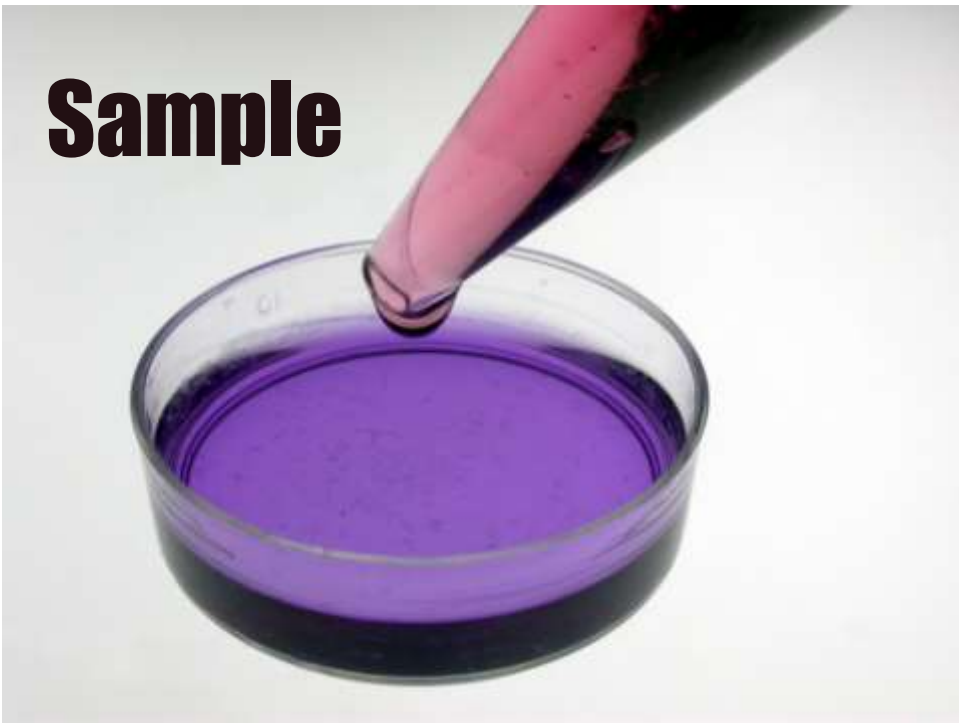
class EntryDetails {
    RangeMap defined, stub;
    ArrayList <Integer> nrefs;
    String definer, referrer, firstRef;
    Date firstDef;
    int numReferences, numContributors;
    int numRevisions, numReverts;
    public EntryDetails() {
        defined = new RangeMap();
        stub = new RangeMap();
        nrefs = new ArrayList<Integer>(RangeMap.NMONTH);
    }
}
```







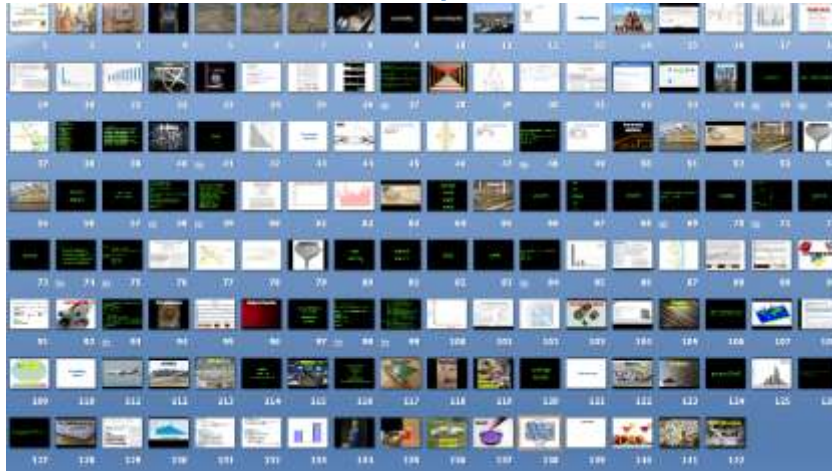
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