CSE 503

Software Engineering

Winter 2021

Course introduction

January 06, 2021

Today

- Logistics
- Brief introduction
- Course overview
- Why program analysis?

Logistics

- Wed/Fri, 10:00am – 11:20am.
- Lectures, discussions, and presentations via Zoom.
- Course material, schedule, etc. on course website: https://homes.cs.washington.edu/~rjust/courses/2021Winter/CSE503
- Submission of assignments via Canvas: https://canvas.uw.edu
- Communication via Slack: https://cse503workspace.slack.com

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Your background

Introduction and a very brief survey

- What is your research area (or area of interest)?
- How long have you been in the program?
- What is your SE background (programming languages, etc.)?

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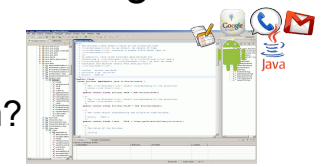

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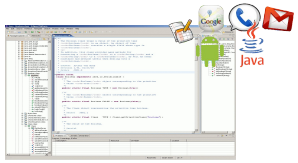

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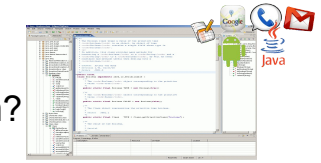

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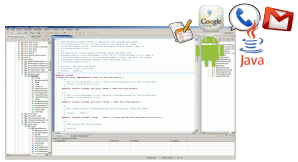

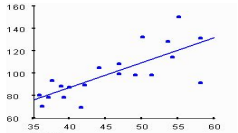

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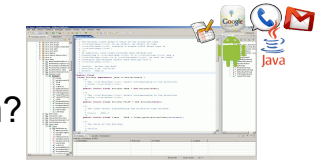

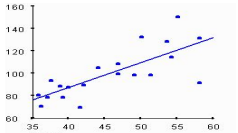

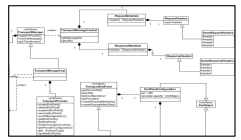

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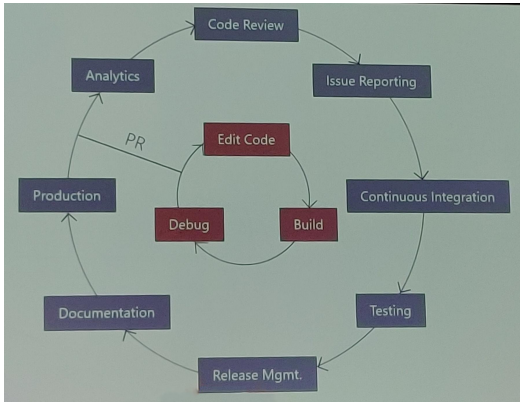
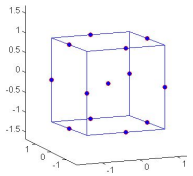


(Development workflow at Microsoft, Big Code summit 2019)

The Role of Software Engineering in Research

Experimental infrastructure is software, too!



Infrastructure

Design space exploration

1	0.34	0.81
2	0.52	0.32
3	0.21	0.53
4	0.81	0.22
...	...	...

Example (automated debugging)

- 150 configurations, 1000+ benchmarks
- 1-85 hours per execution
- 200,000+ CPU hours (~23 CPU years)

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- **Two high-level papers**
  - Static and dynamic analysis: synergy and duality
  - Lessons from Building Static Analysis Tools at Google
- **HW 1**
  - Brainstorming about software development difficulties

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Types of projects (non-exhaustive)

- proposing and evaluating a fundamental new technique
- developing and assessing new algorithms to replace currently-used ones
- translating a methodology to a new problem domain
- applying known techniques to new problem domains
- evaluation of existing techniques or tools (case studies or controlled experiment)
- implementation of a proposed but never implemented technique

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And there is more...

Special topics:

- **504: AI meets Software engineering**
  (ML and statistical methods for SE/program analysis)
- **599: Research methods**
  (Statistics and R done wrong)

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Course overview: grading

- **50%** Class project
- **35%** HWs, in-class exercise, reading questions
- **15%** Participation

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Course overview: expectations

- Conducting a quarter-long research project
- Some programming experience
- Reading and actively discussing research papers
- Have fun!

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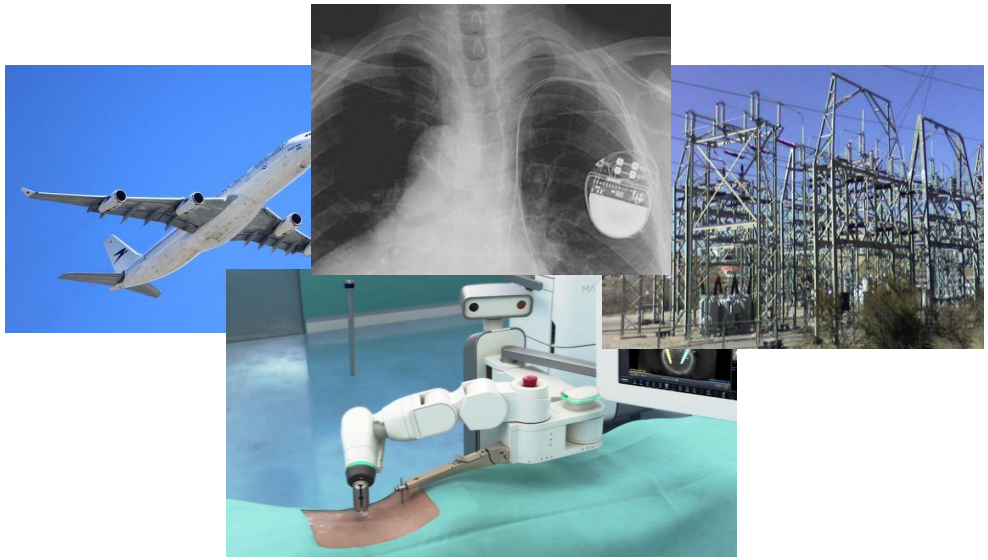

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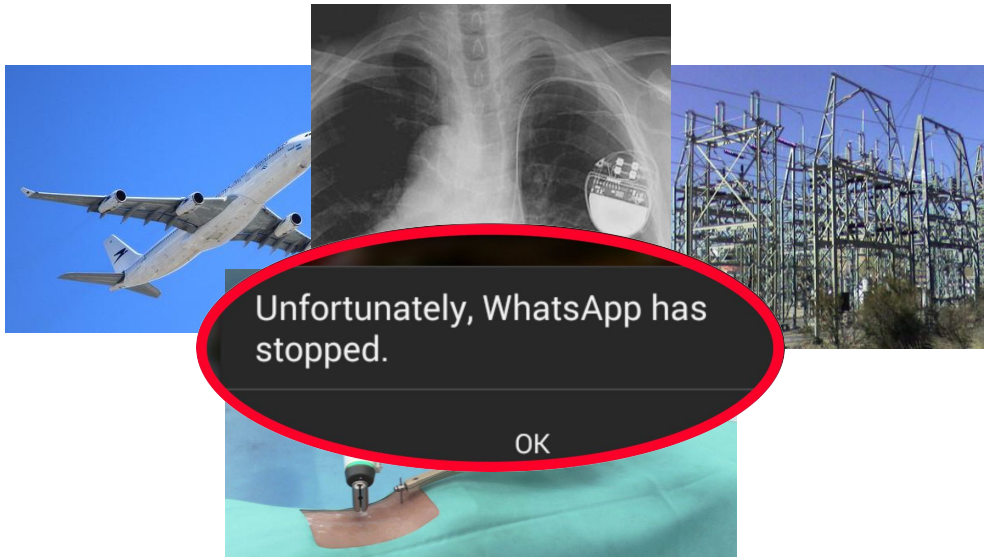

Program analysis: examples

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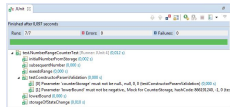

- Solver-aided reasoning

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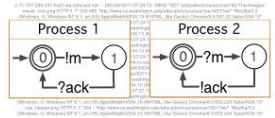
- Fuzzing

- Statistical inference of invariants and models



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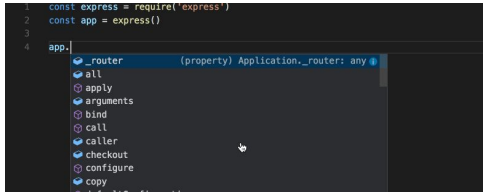

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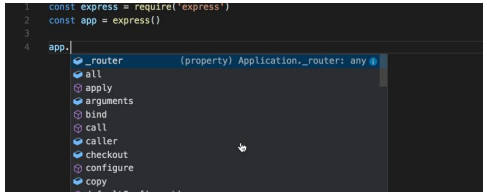

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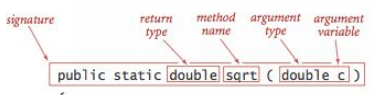
- Context-sensitive type checking



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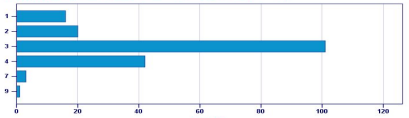

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    boolean swapped = true;
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        swapped = false;
        for (int j = 0; j < array.length - 1 - i; j++) {
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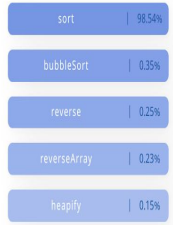

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