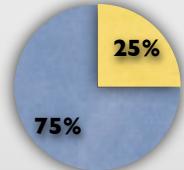


Spyware-ridden software development

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Context



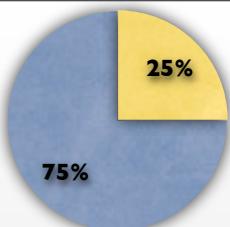
What is SpyWare?



Results & demo



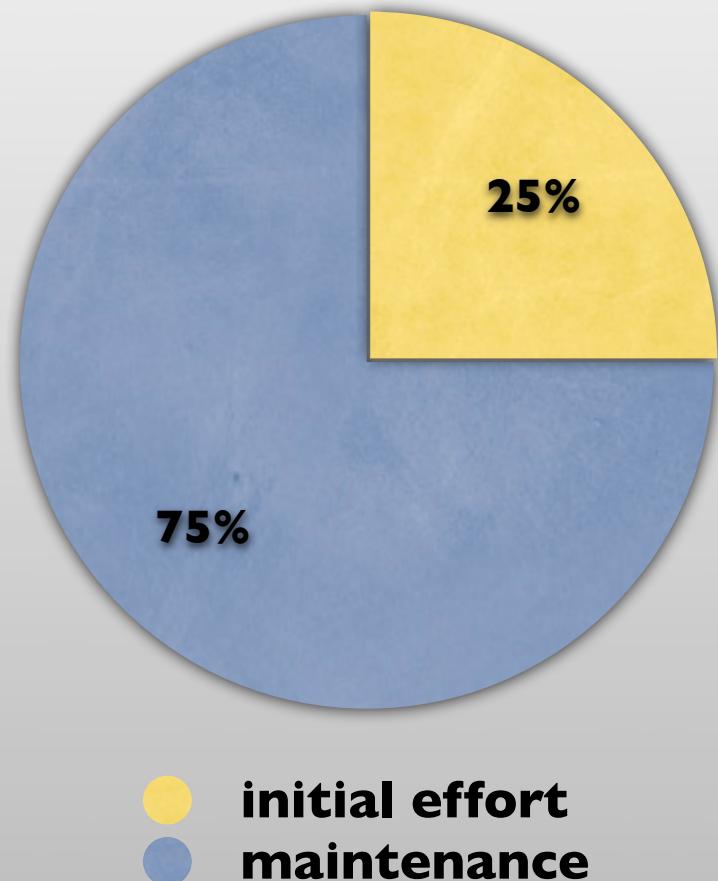
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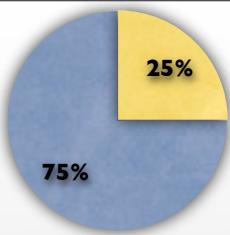
More than 3/4 of the cost of software is maintenance*

“A program that is used in a real-world environment must change, or become progressively less useful in that environment.”

– Lehman’s laws



* from: <http://www.cs.jyu.fi/~koskinen/smcosts.htm>

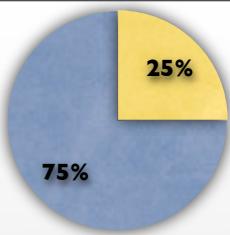


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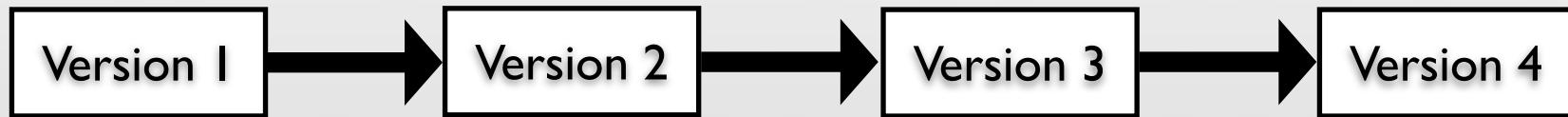
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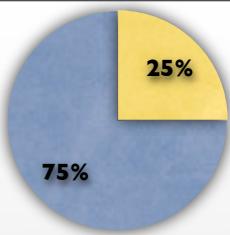
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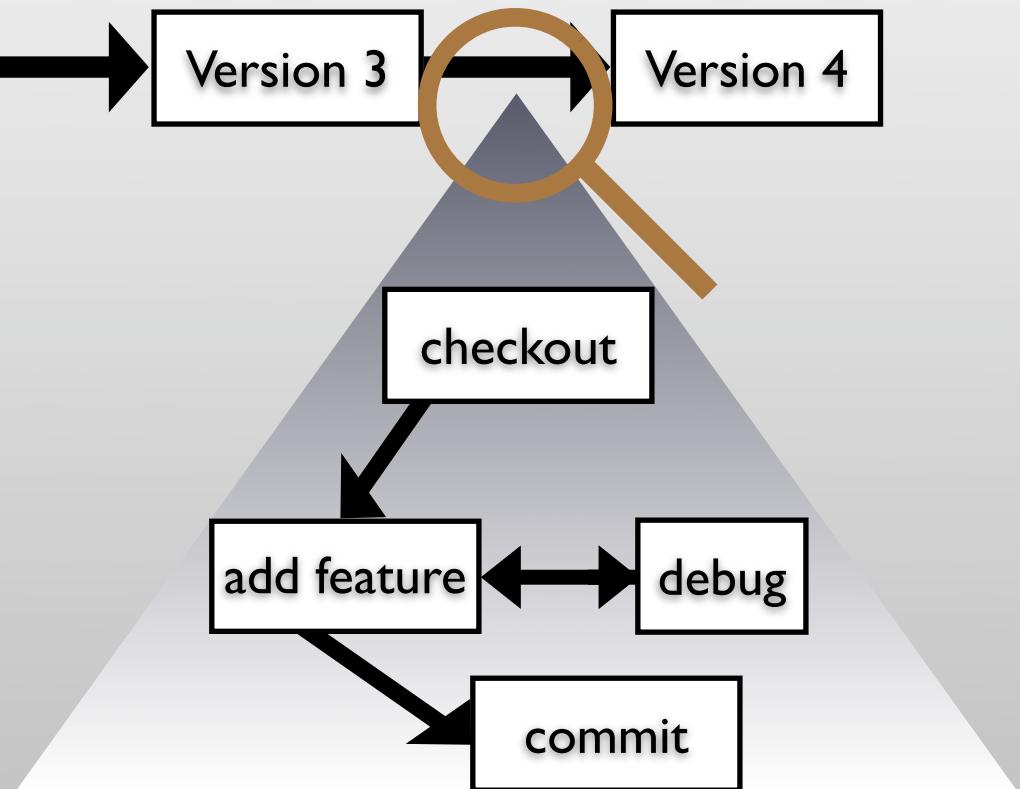
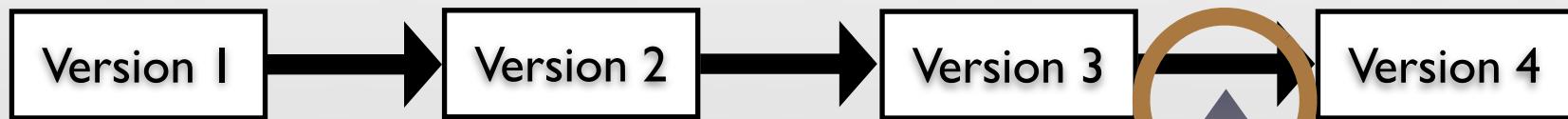


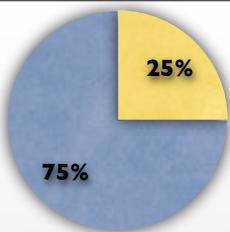
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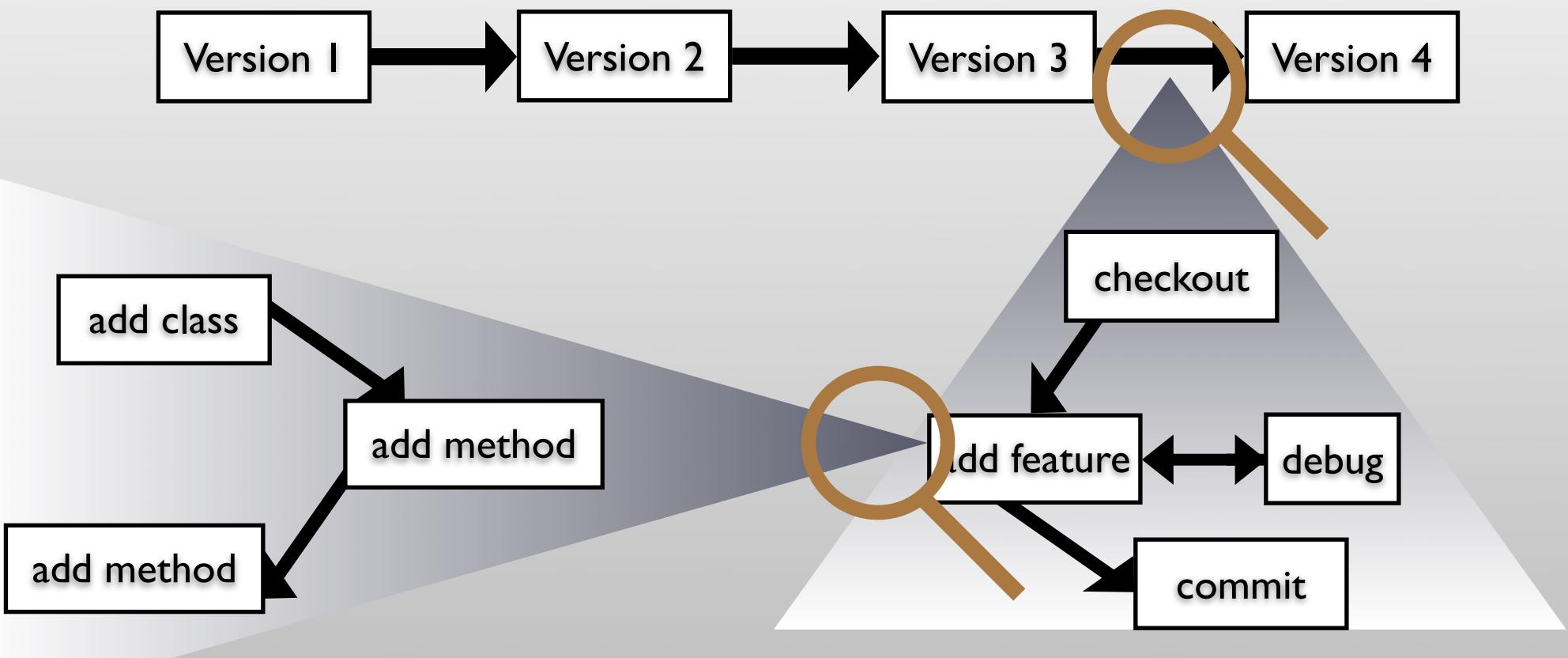


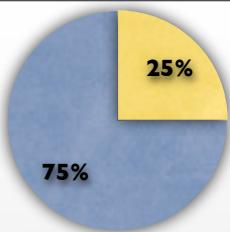
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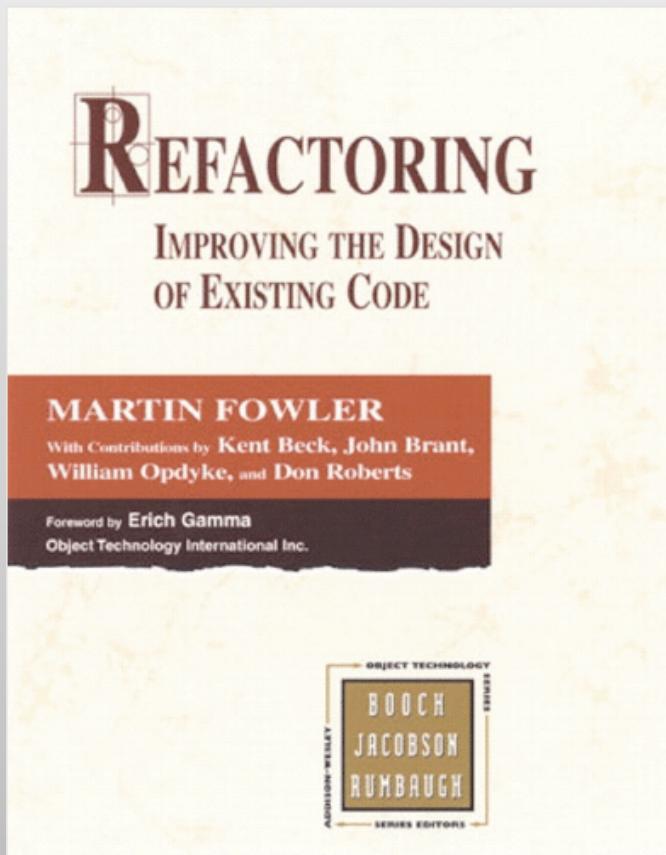


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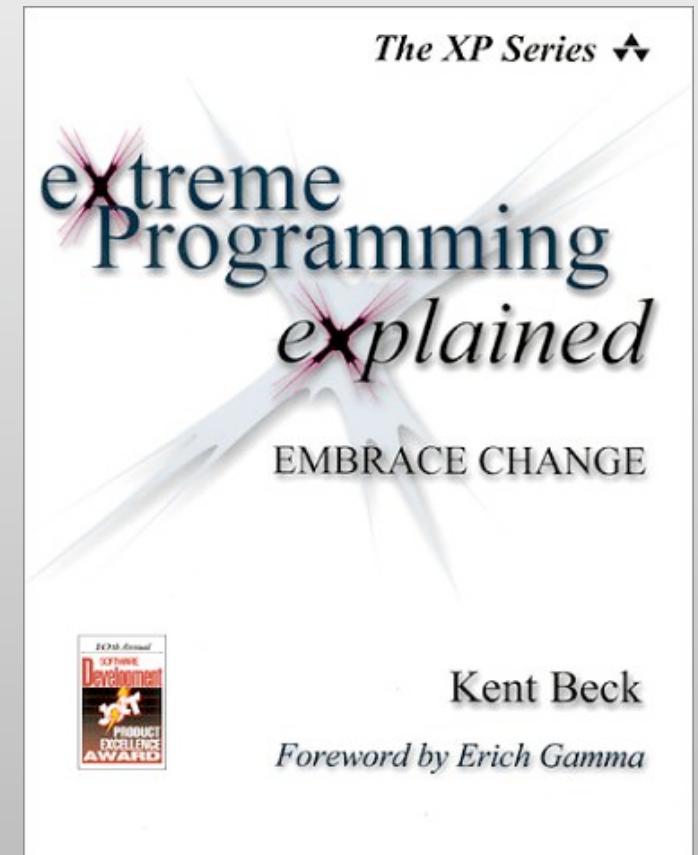




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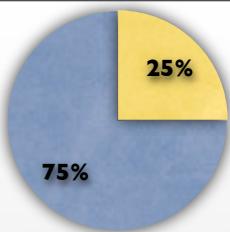


The holy trinity?



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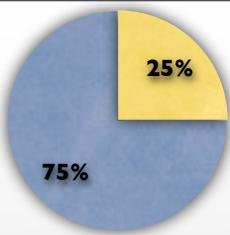
The change rate of the software increases

It is easier to lose reference points

Evolvability and understandability are at odds

XP states that the software is in maintenance 100% of the time ...

Are conventional reengineering tools adapted to agile development?



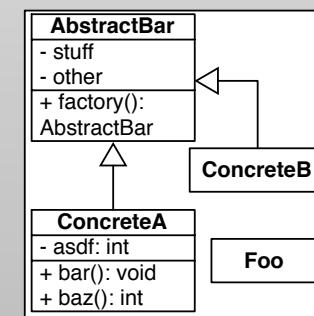
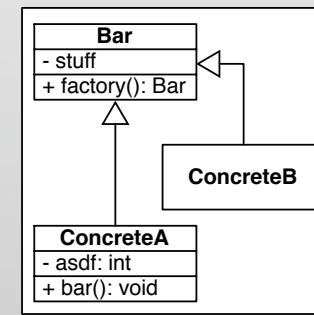
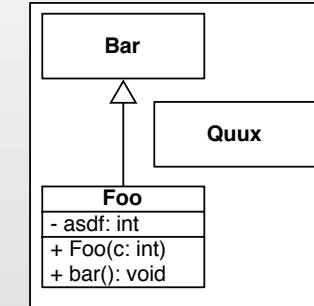
Software evolution analysis helps reengineering



**Versioning
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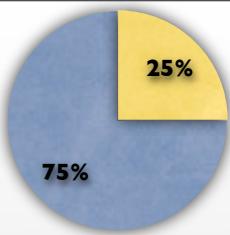


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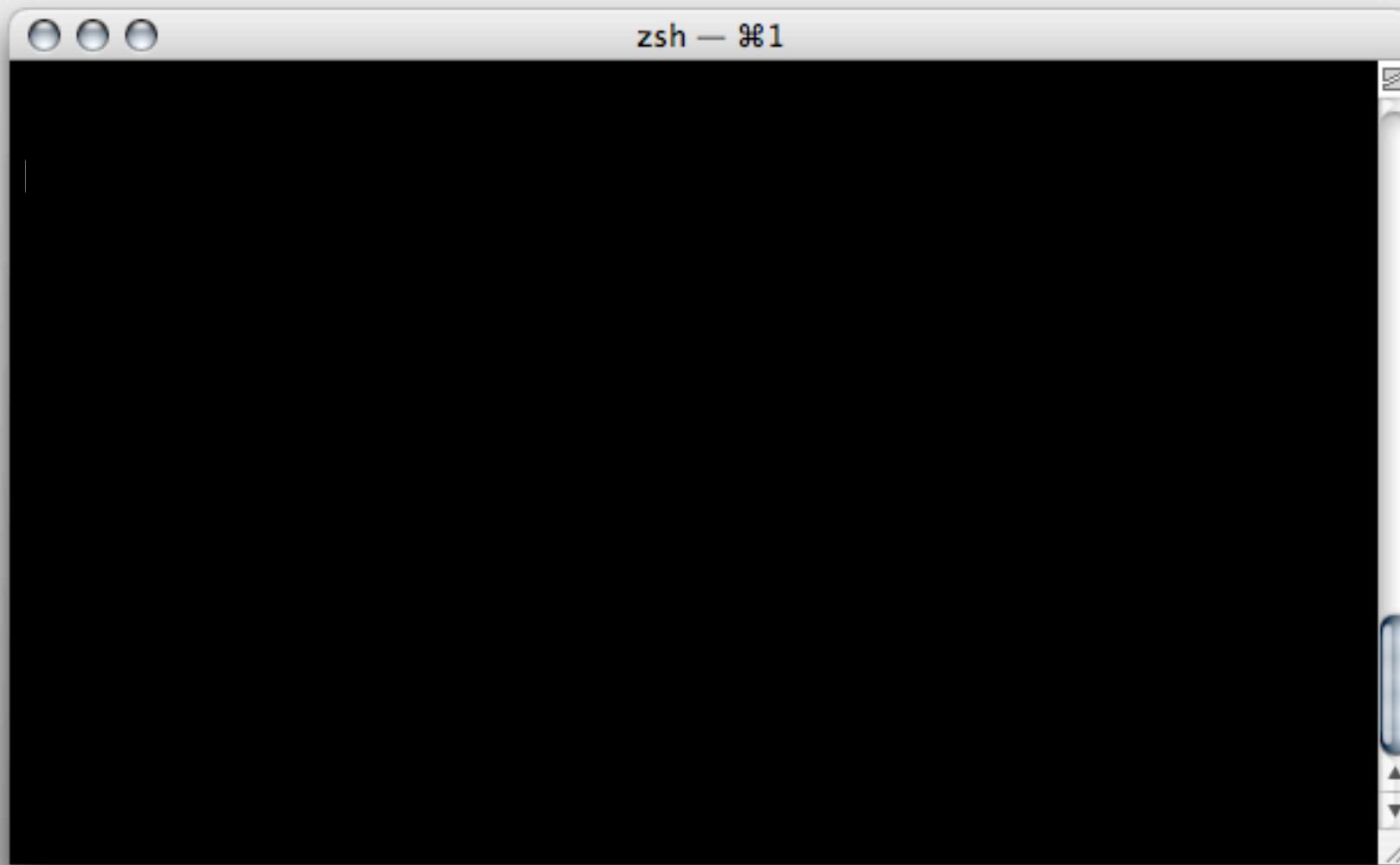


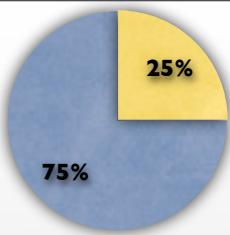
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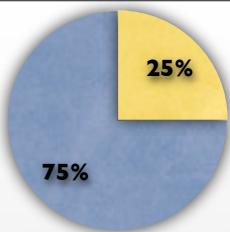




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A screenshot of a Mac OS X terminal window. The window title is "zsh - %1". The terminal itself is black with white text. In the center, the command "> cvs update" is displayed in green. The window has the classic OS X look with three circular buttons at the top left and a scroll bar on the right.

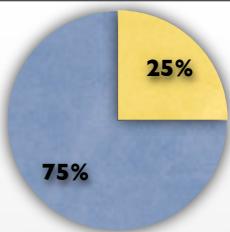
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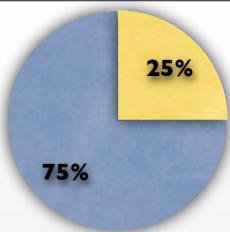
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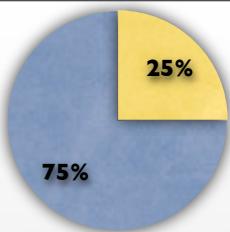
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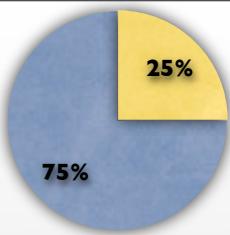


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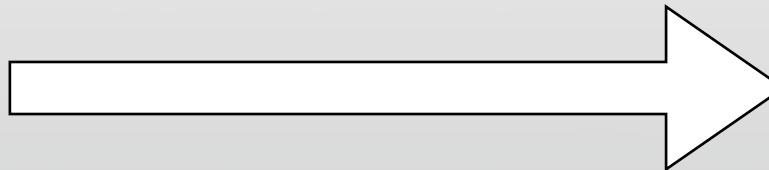
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The text '(some work done...)' is highlighted with a red rounded rectangle. A large black question mark is positioned to the right of the terminal window.

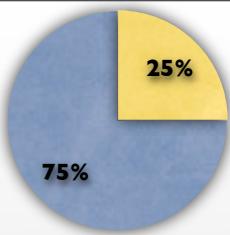


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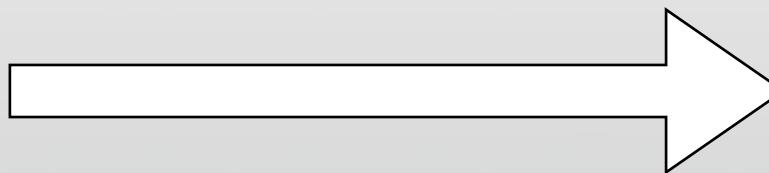
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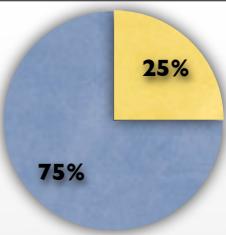
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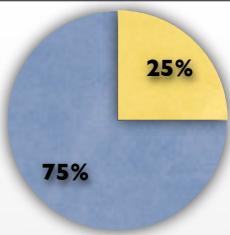


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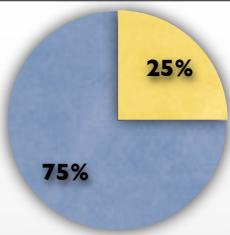


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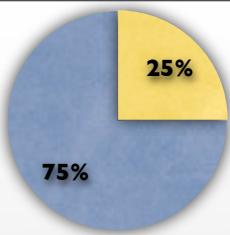


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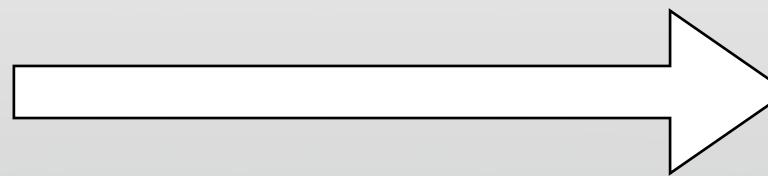
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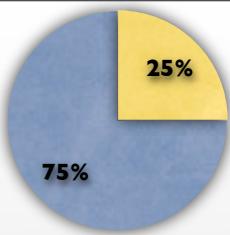
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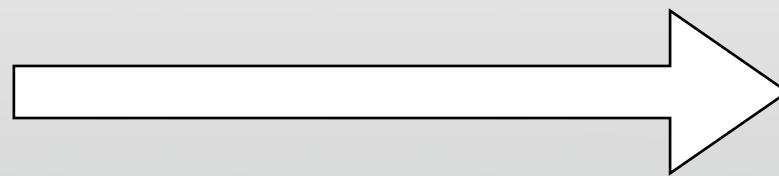
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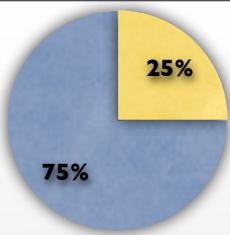
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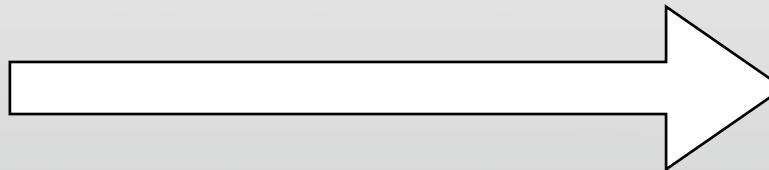
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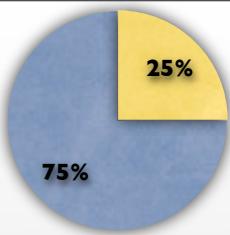
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}
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Our paranoid programmer saves every 5 minutes

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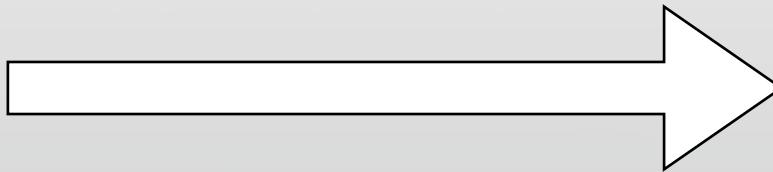
    public doFoo() {
        blah.blah(blah);
        z = x + y;
        blu = blu * 2;
        t = blurg(z);
        bli[t] = blu;
        return t;
    }

    public quux() {
        return y + 4;
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    public asdf() {
        return x * 8 + y;
    }

    f = new Foo();
    f.doFoo();
    print f.x + f.y;
}
```

CVS: +18 / -1



- 1.Extract method
- 2.Rename method
- 3.Create accessors

```
class Foo {
    private int x;
    private int y;

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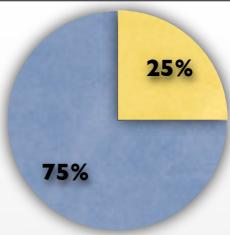
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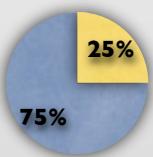
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Recapitulation



Software evolution is hard but necessary



Agile practices make it change even faster



Versioning systems are inappropriate sources of information for SE tools

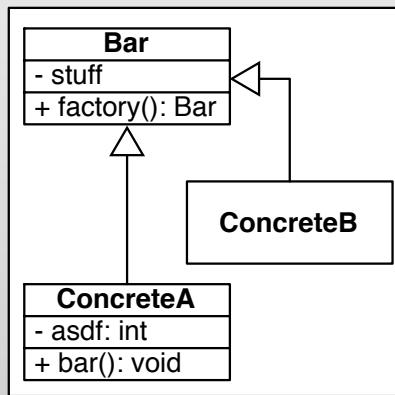


The principles behind SpyWare

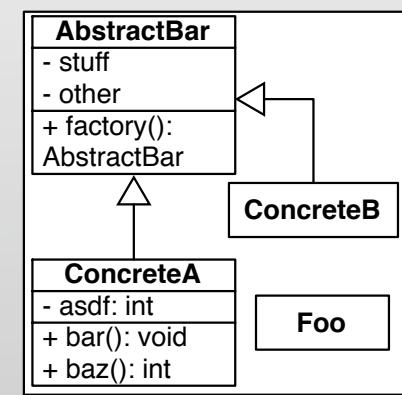
- 1. Model changes, not versions**
- 2. Use the IDE, not the code repository**
- 3. Provide tools in the IDE**



Modelling and capturing change information



ConcreteA
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+ bar(): void



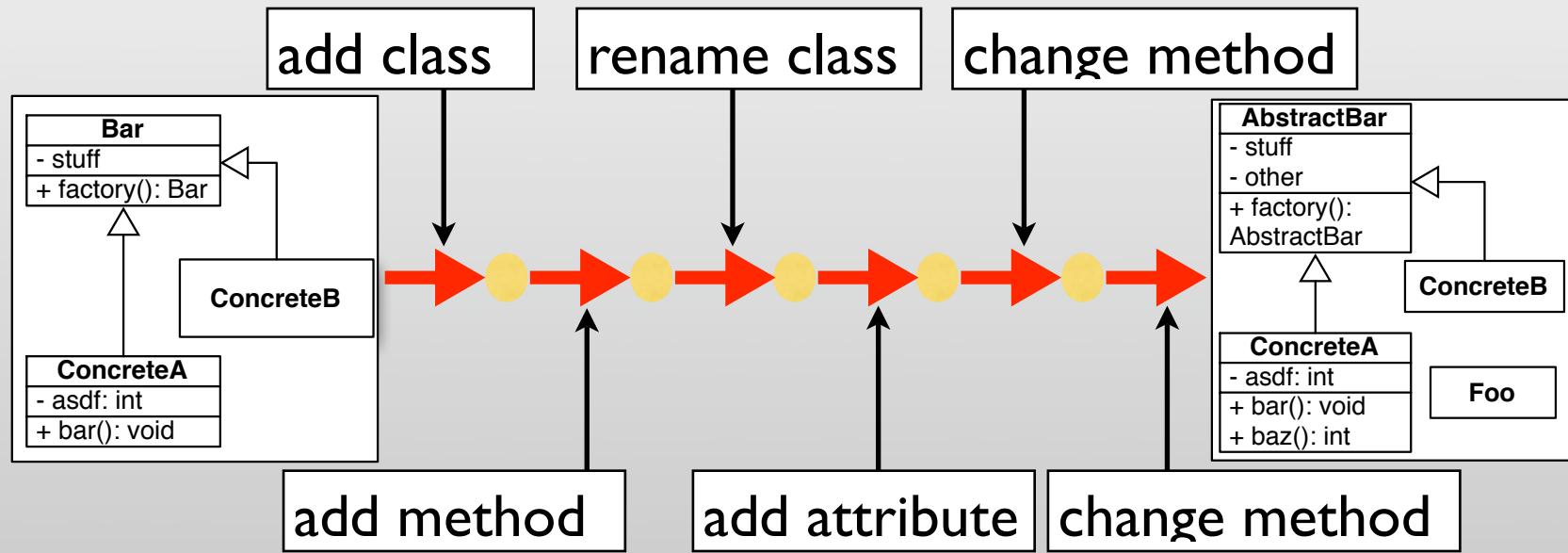
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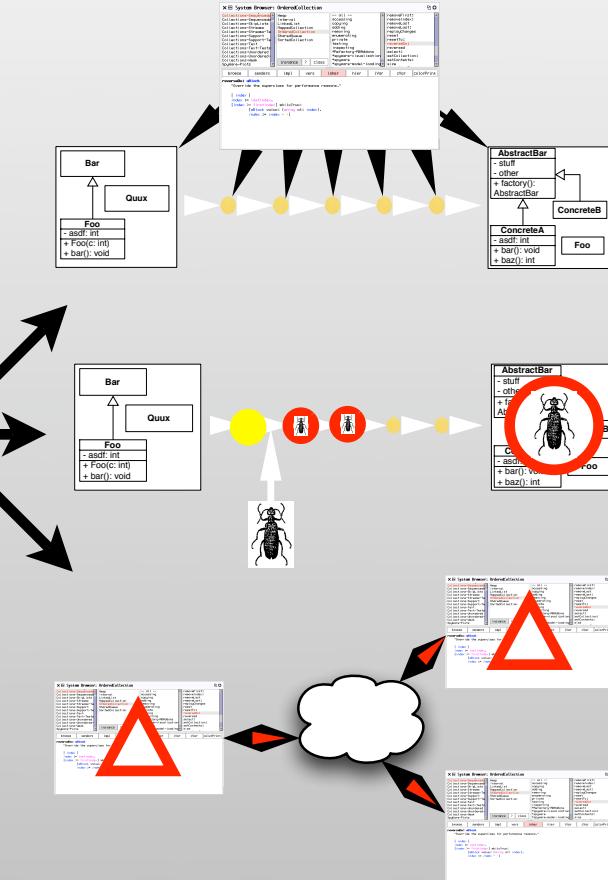
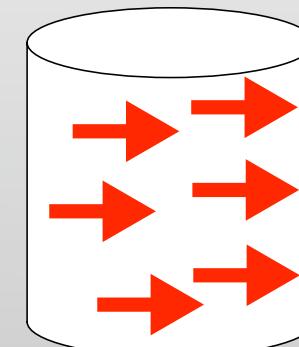
The general architecture of SpyWare

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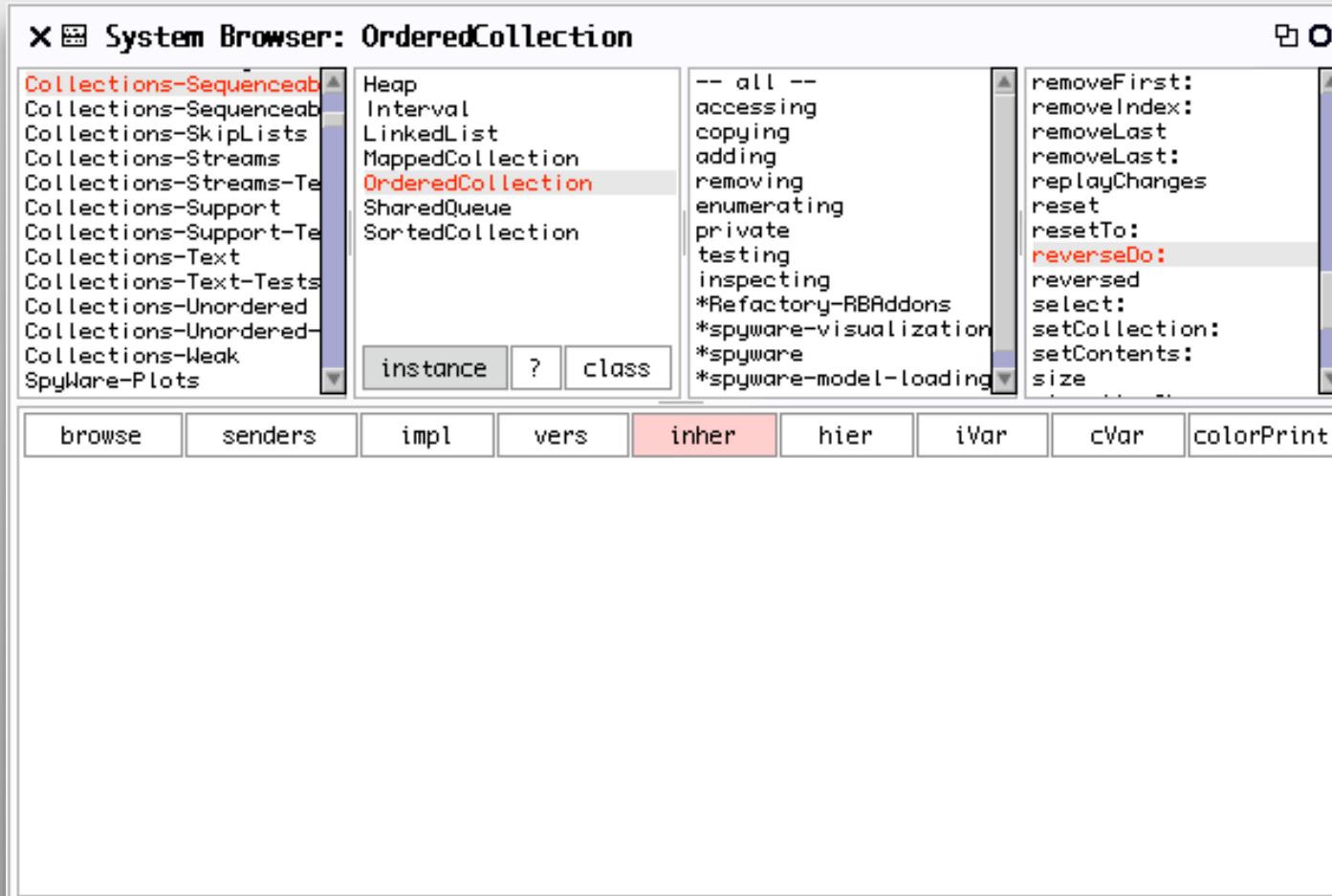
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IDE





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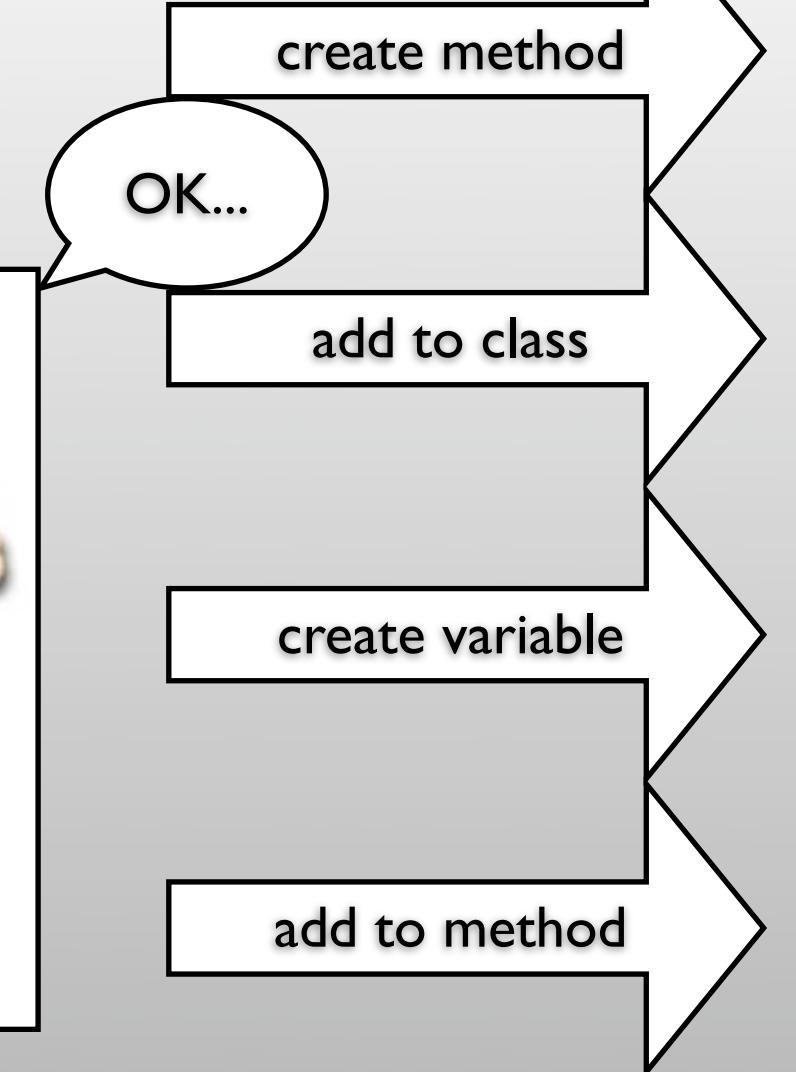
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Is it a new one?
Yes!
Who? when?
Romain Robbes
@ 21h32





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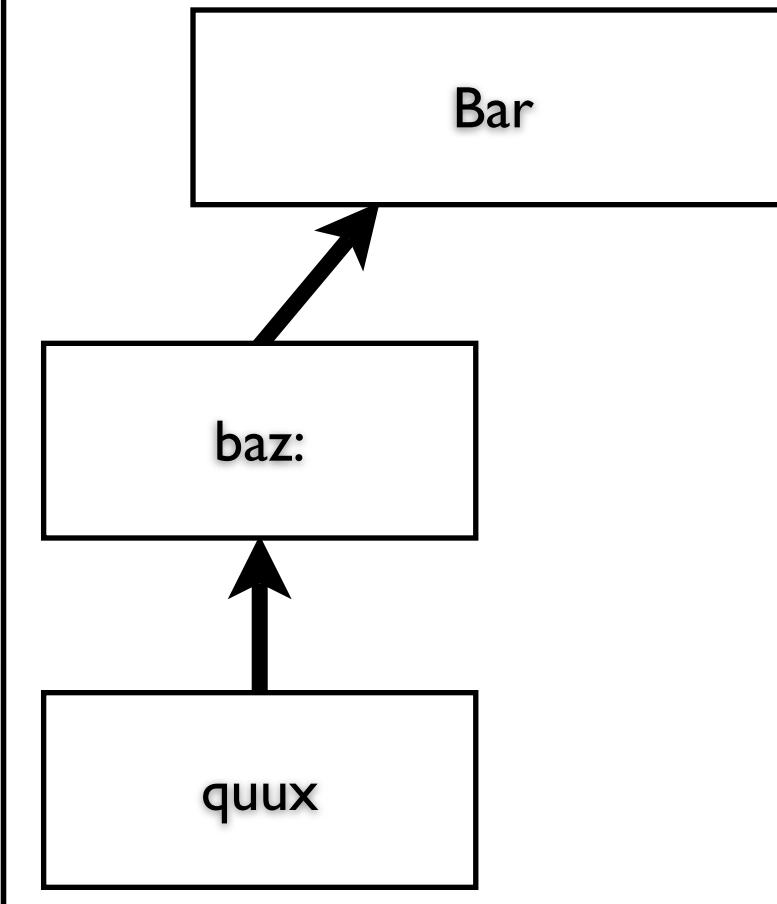
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Tools exploit the changes

Model maintainer





Tools exploit the changes

create method

add to class

create variable

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Model maintainer

Bar

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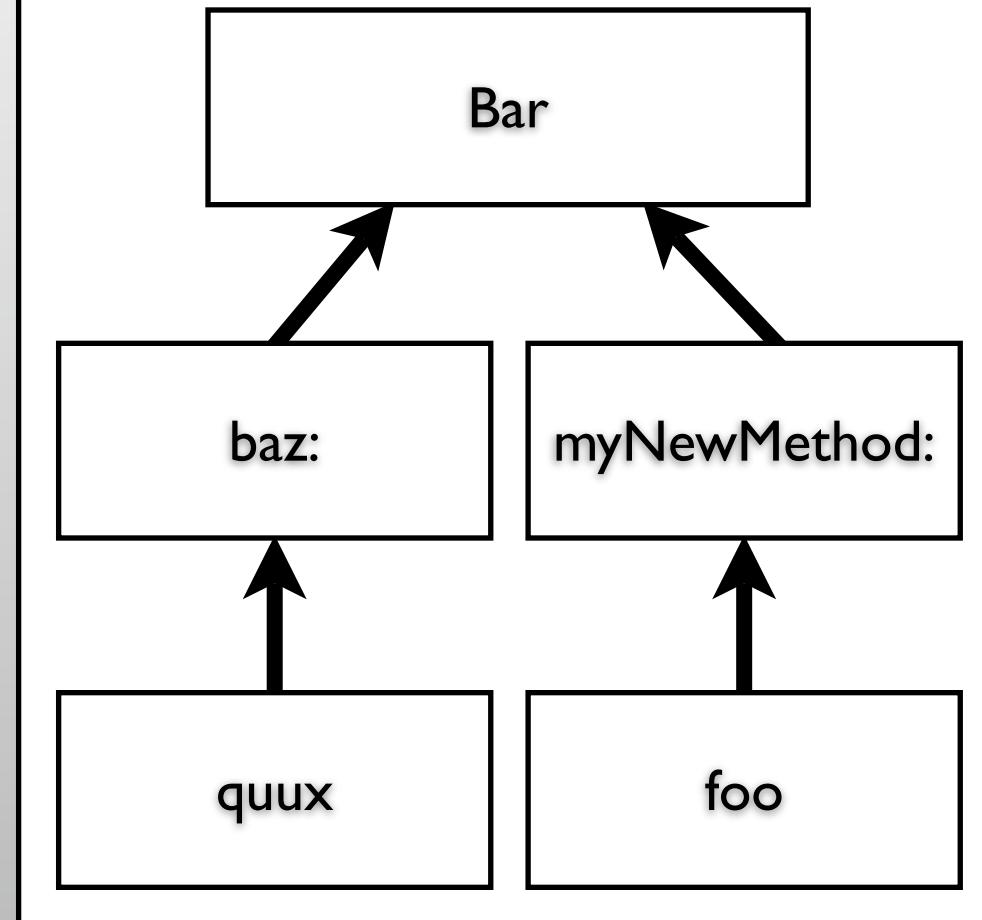
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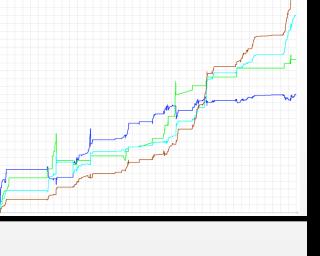
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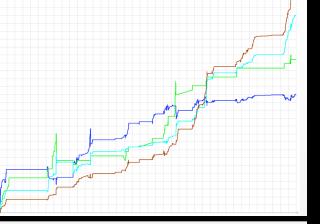
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SpyWare case studies:



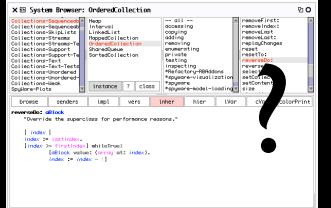


Short SpyWare demo



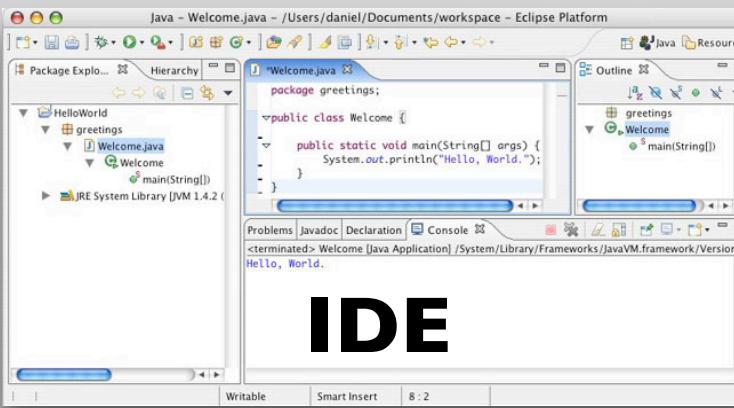
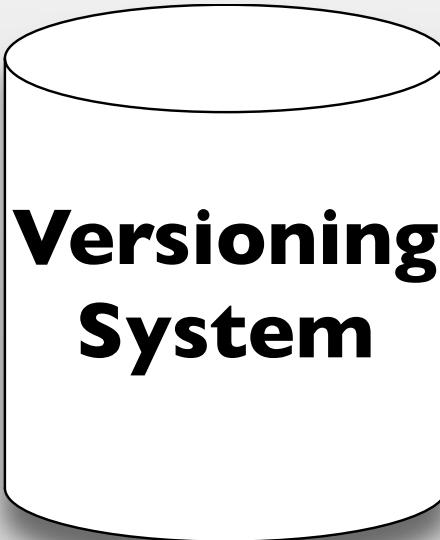
Future possibilities

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Several tools can be implemented on top of this mechanism: here are a few.

Fine-grained software evolution analysis



IDE

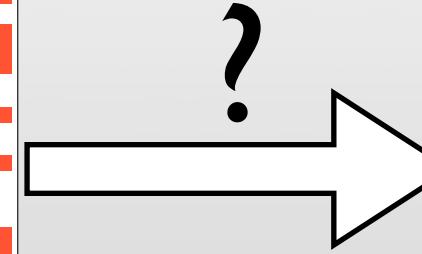
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        return t;
    }

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    }

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        return x * 8 + y;
    }

    f = new Foo();
    f.asdf();
    print f.x + f.y;
}
```



```
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    private int y;

    public getX() { return x; }
    public setX(newX) { x = newX; }

    public getY() { return y; }
    public setY(newY) { y = newY; }

    public person() {
        blah.blah();
        z = getY() * 10;
        blu[t] = blu;
        return bar;
    }

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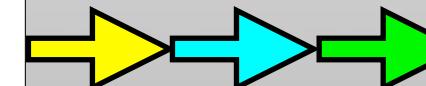
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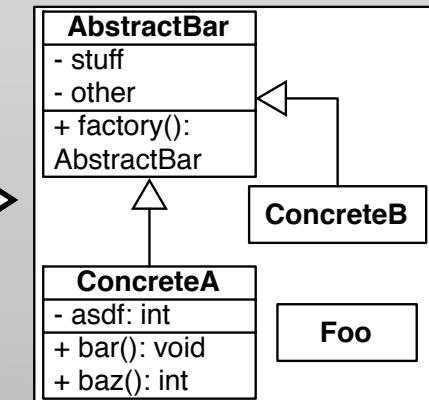
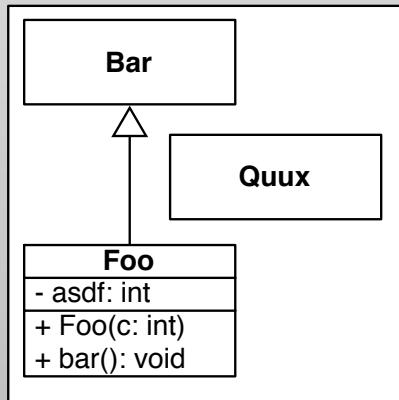
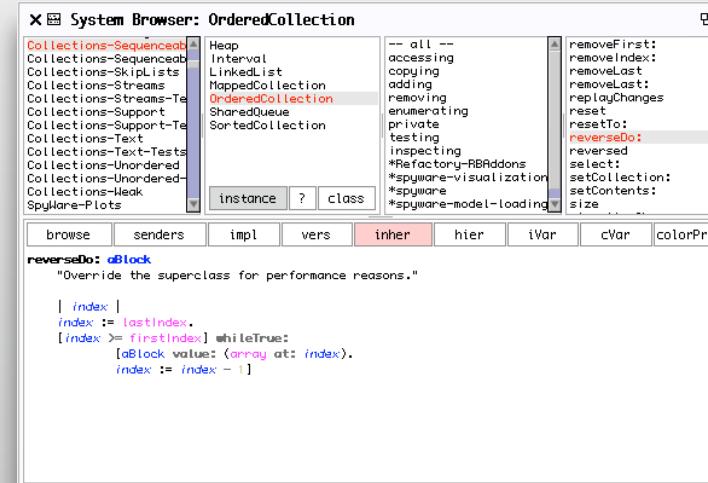
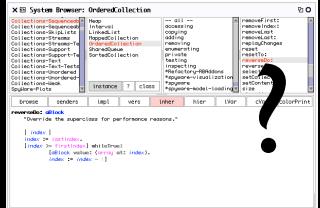
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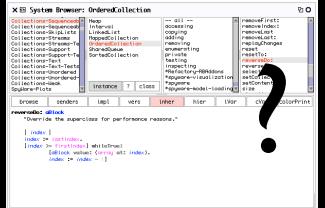
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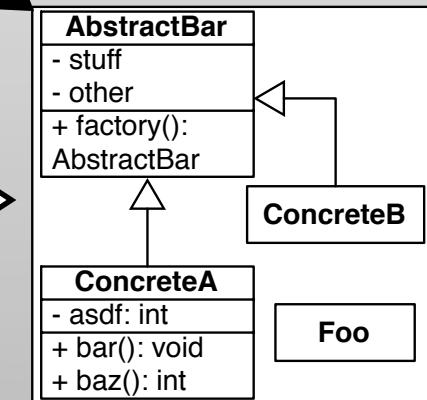
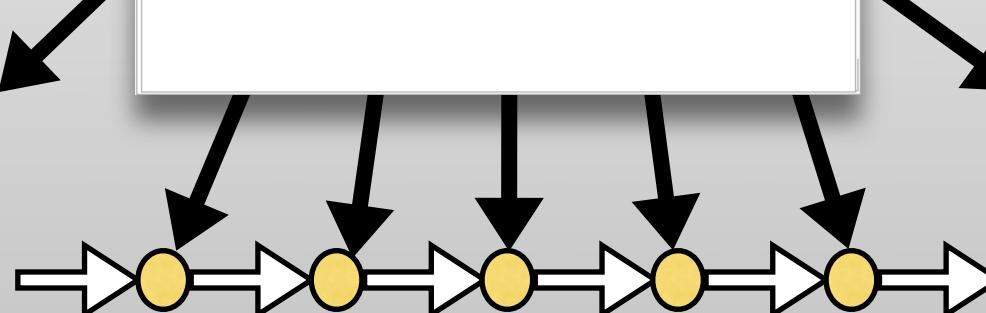
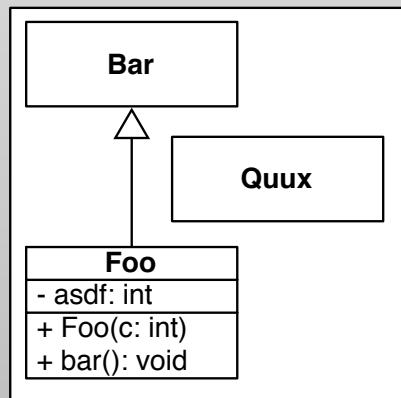
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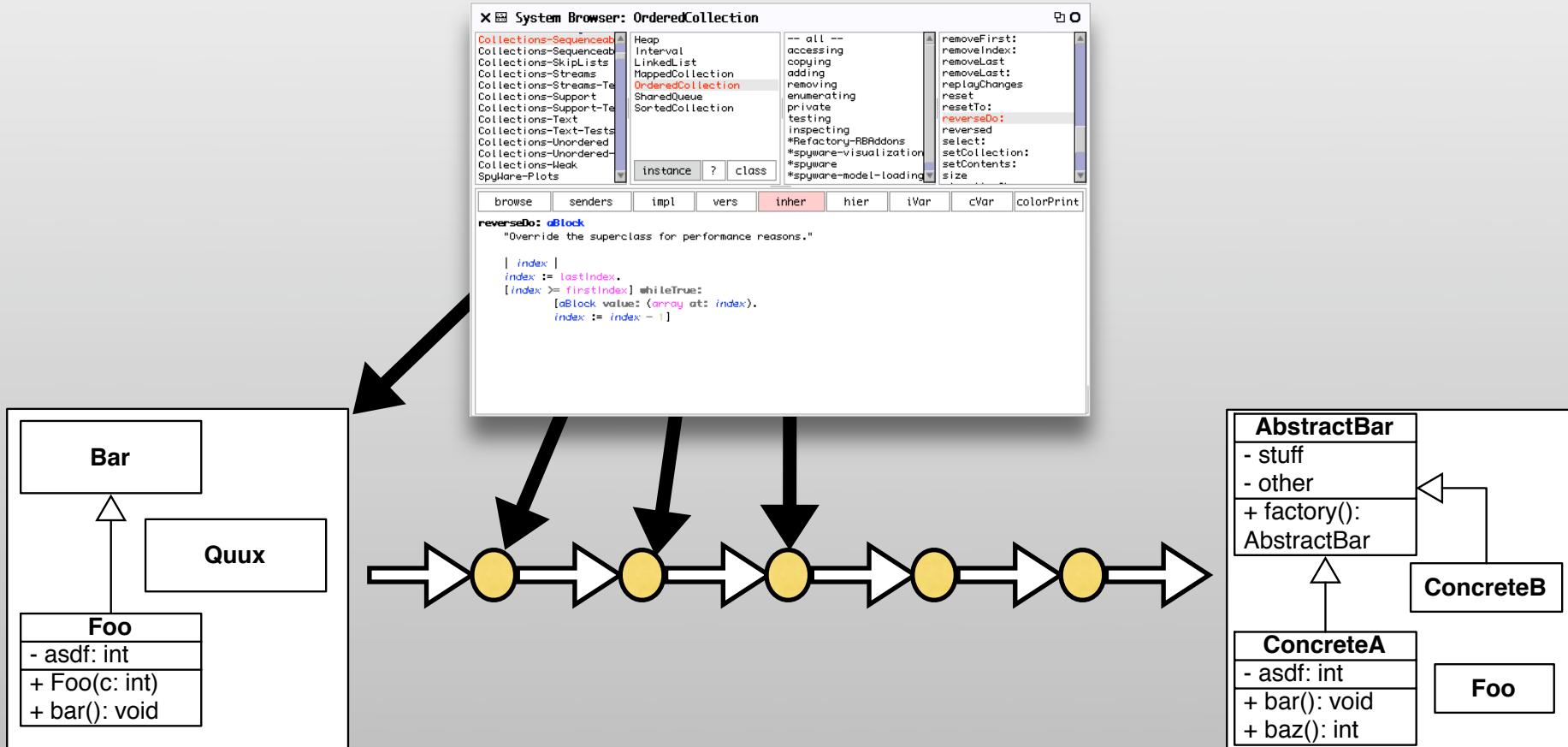
A screenshot of the Smalltalk System Browser. The top pane shows the class hierarchy for 'OrderedCollection'. The bottom pane contains the implementation of the 'reverseDo:' method. The code is annotated with 'reverseDo: oBlock' and a note: "Override the superclass for performance reasons." The code itself is a block assignment that iterates from the last index to the first, applying the block to each element.

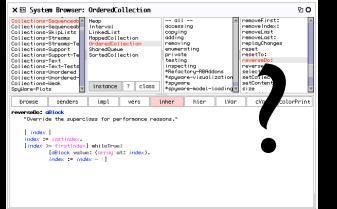
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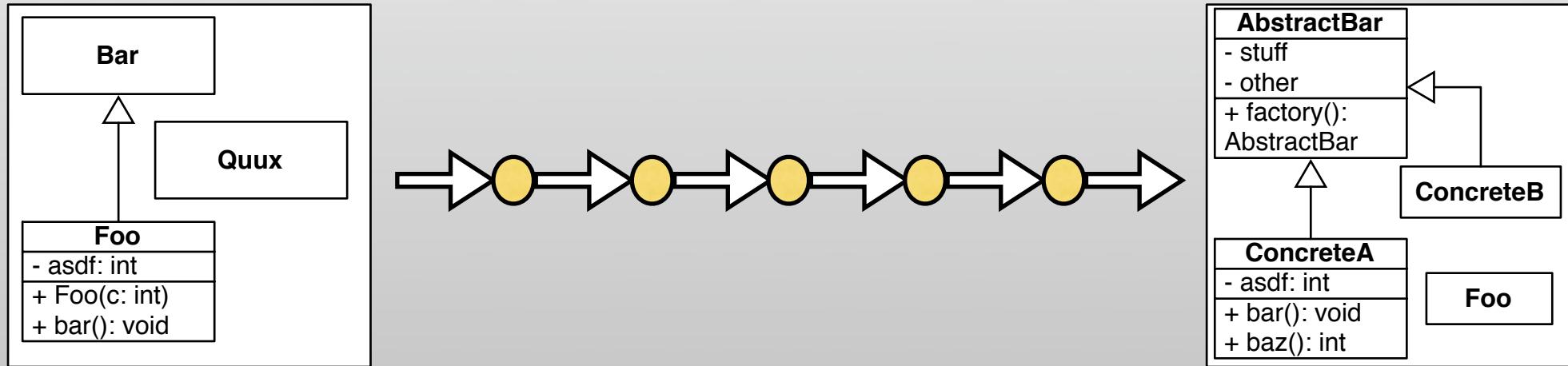
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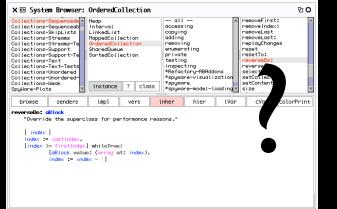
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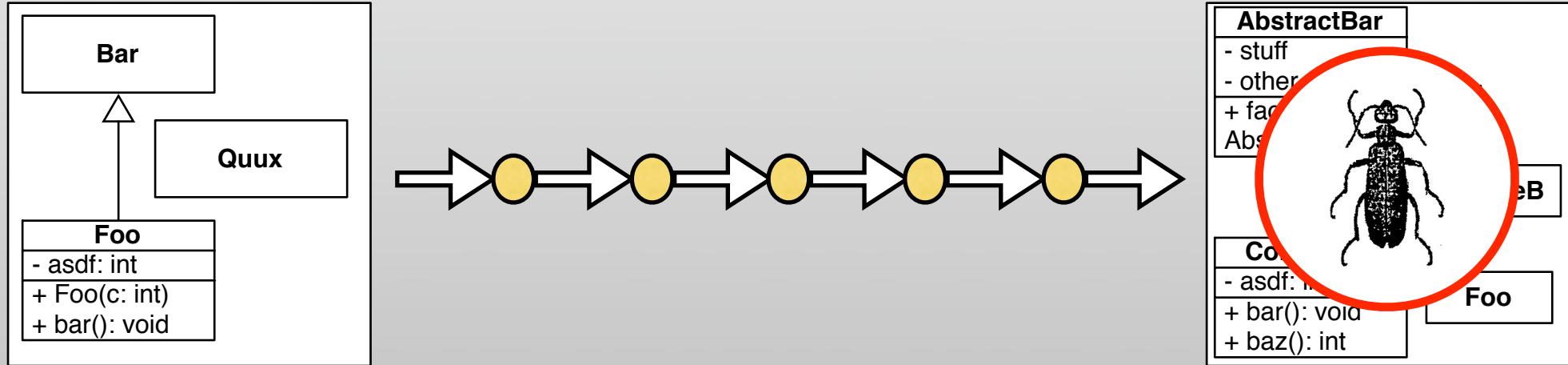


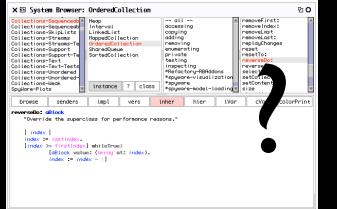
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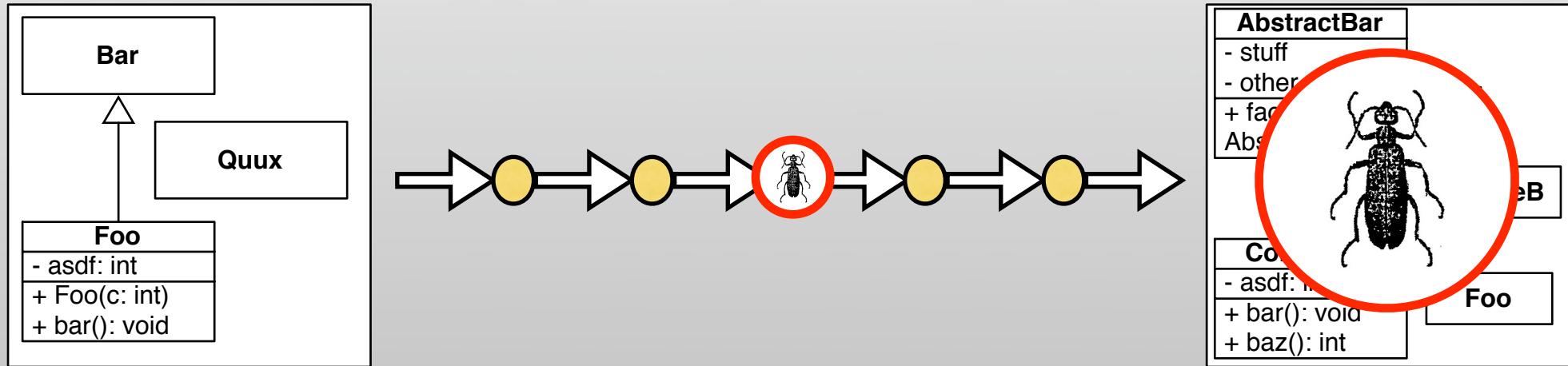


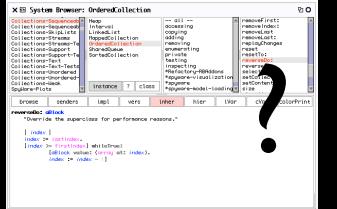
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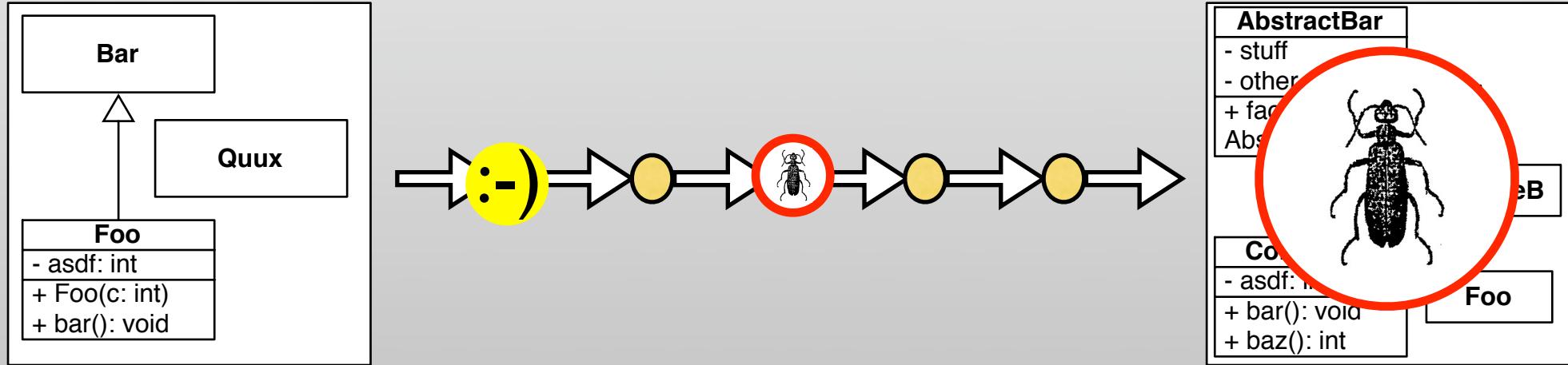


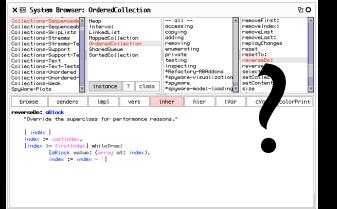
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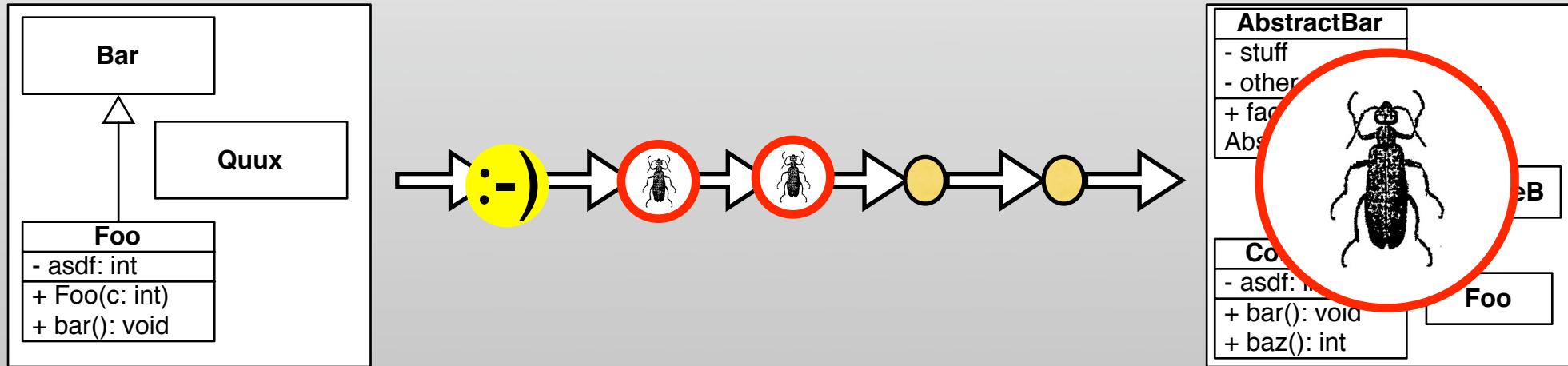


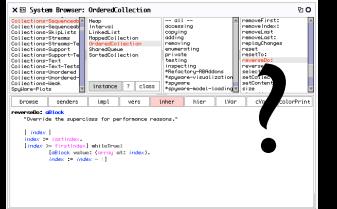
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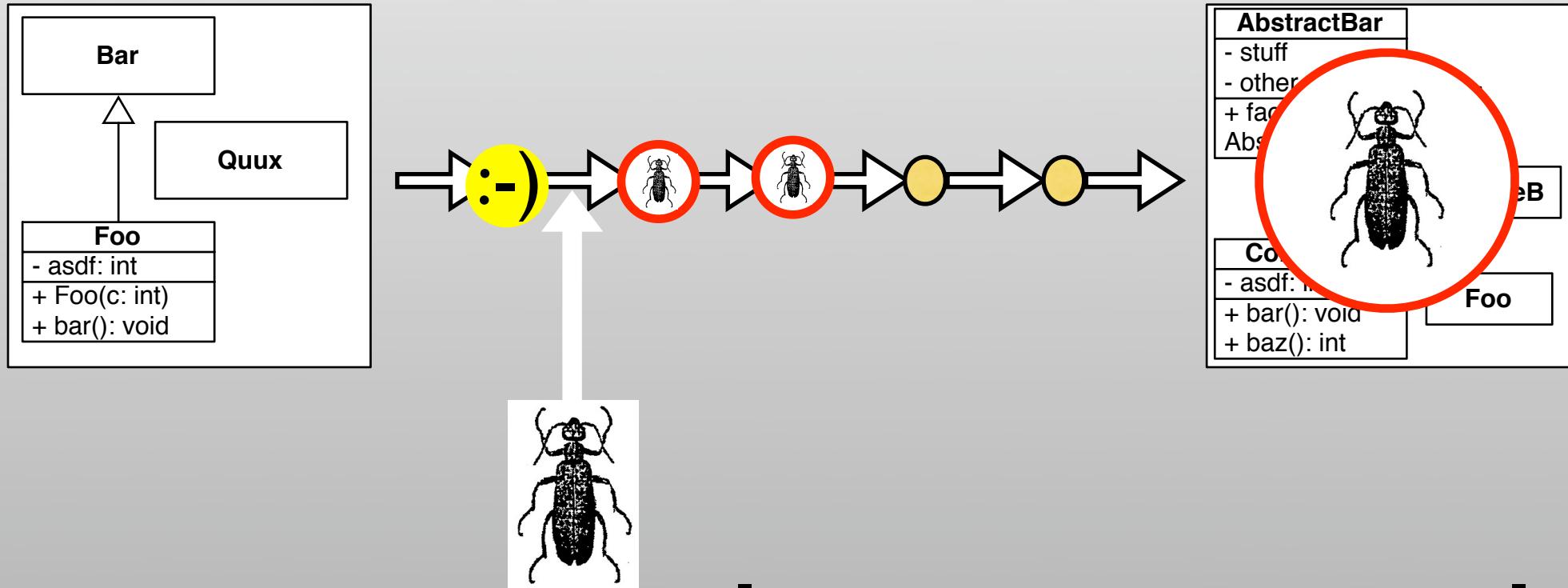


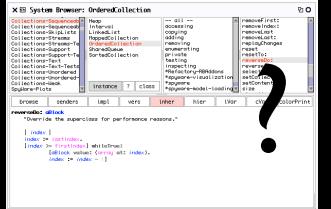
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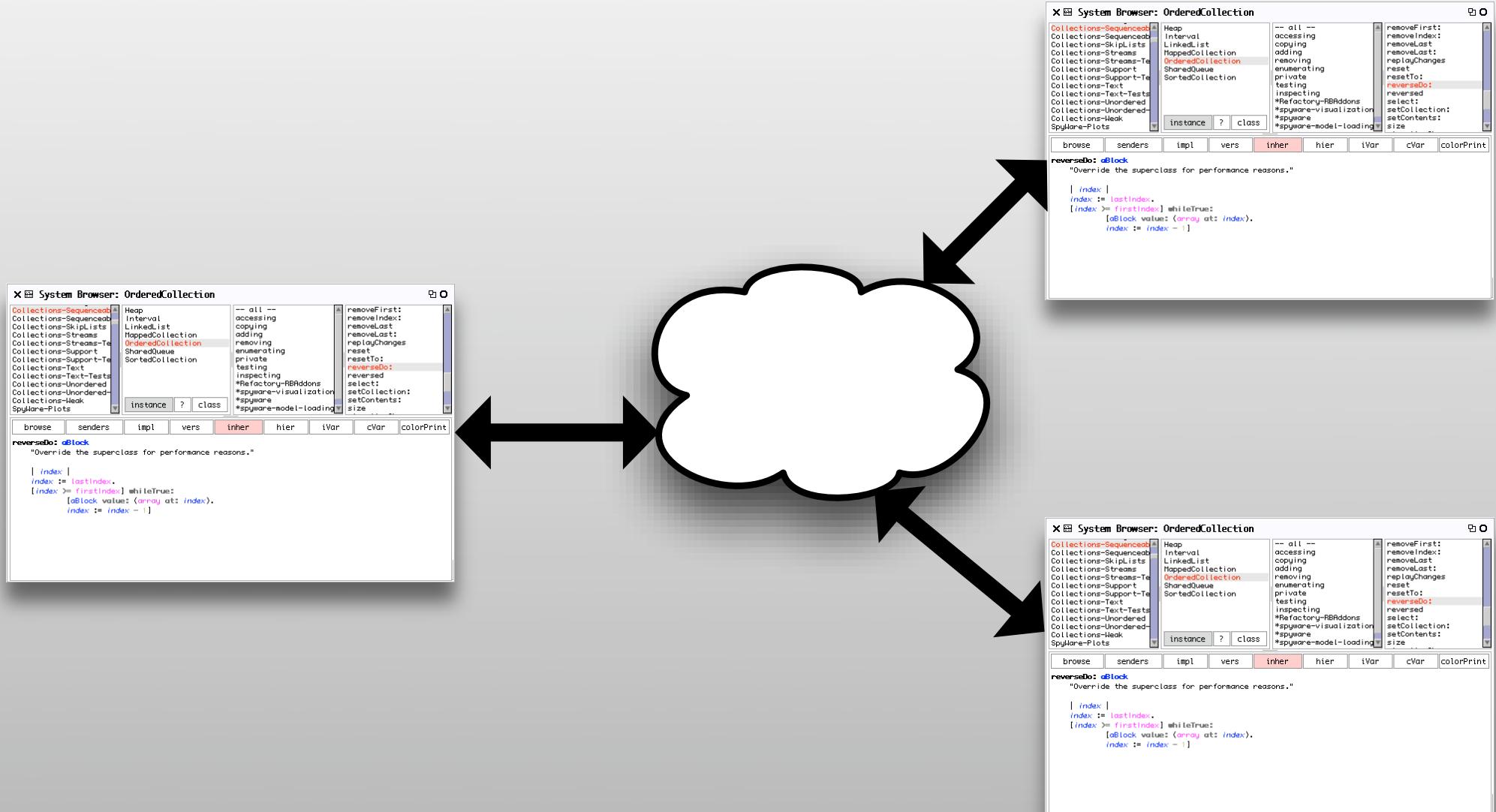


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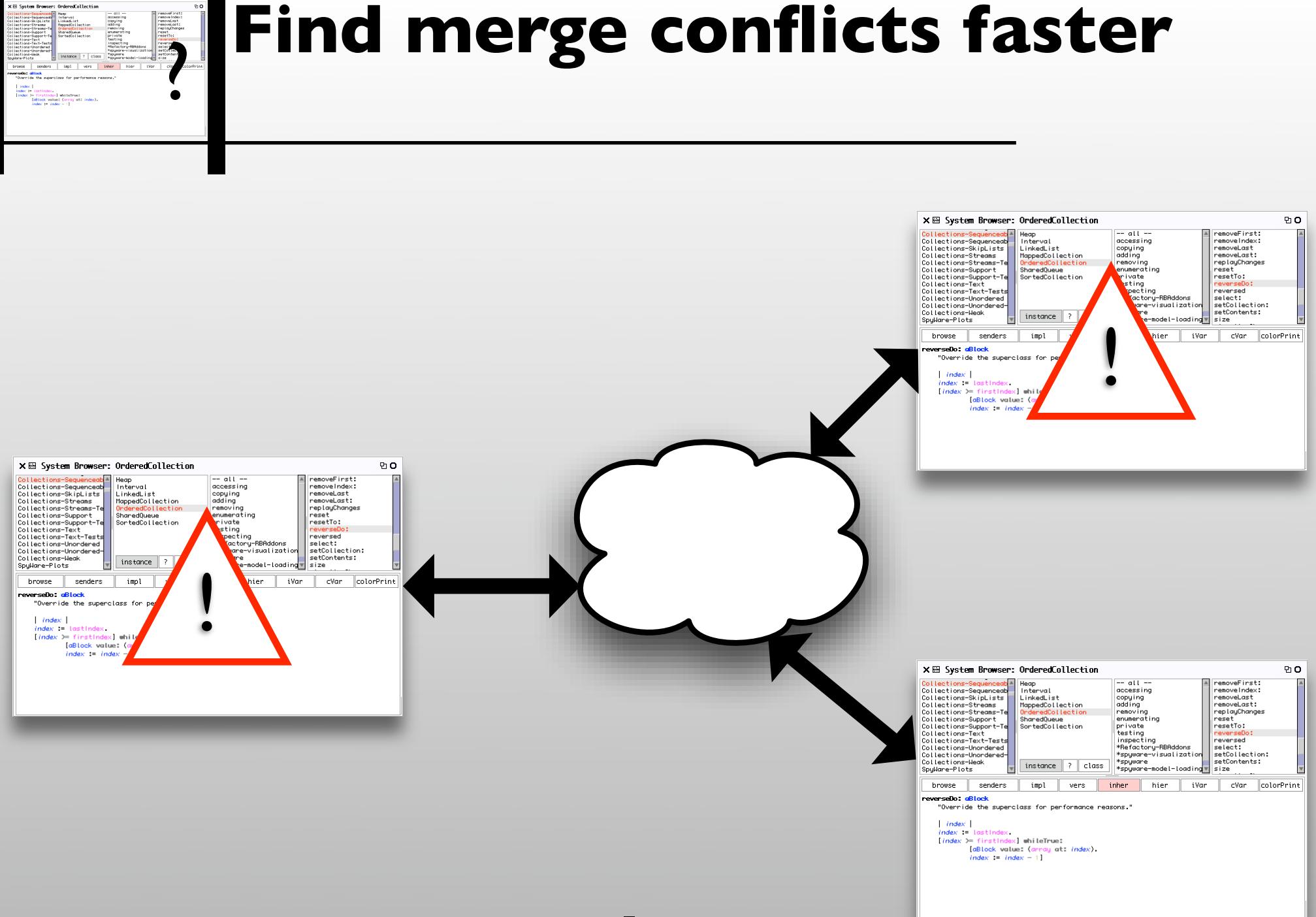


Find merge conflicts faster



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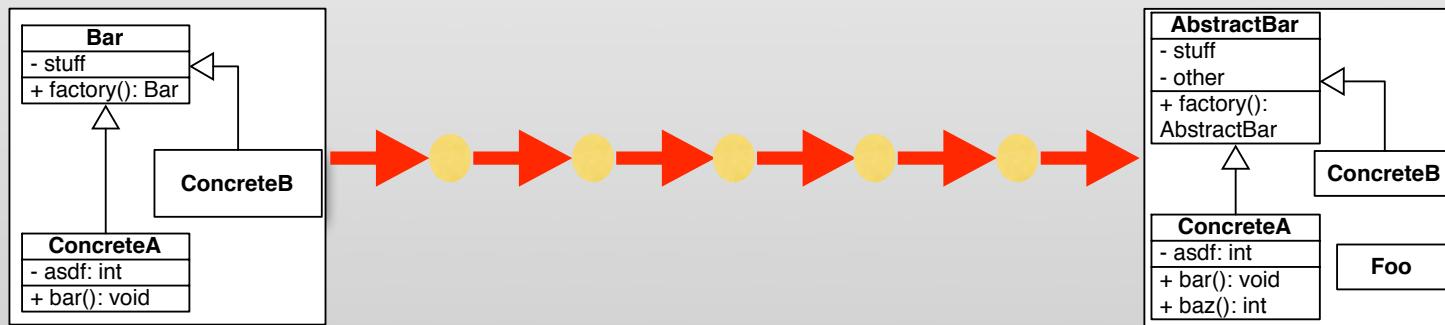
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Conclusions

SpyWare introduces a model of software changes



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- + accuracy
- + tool support

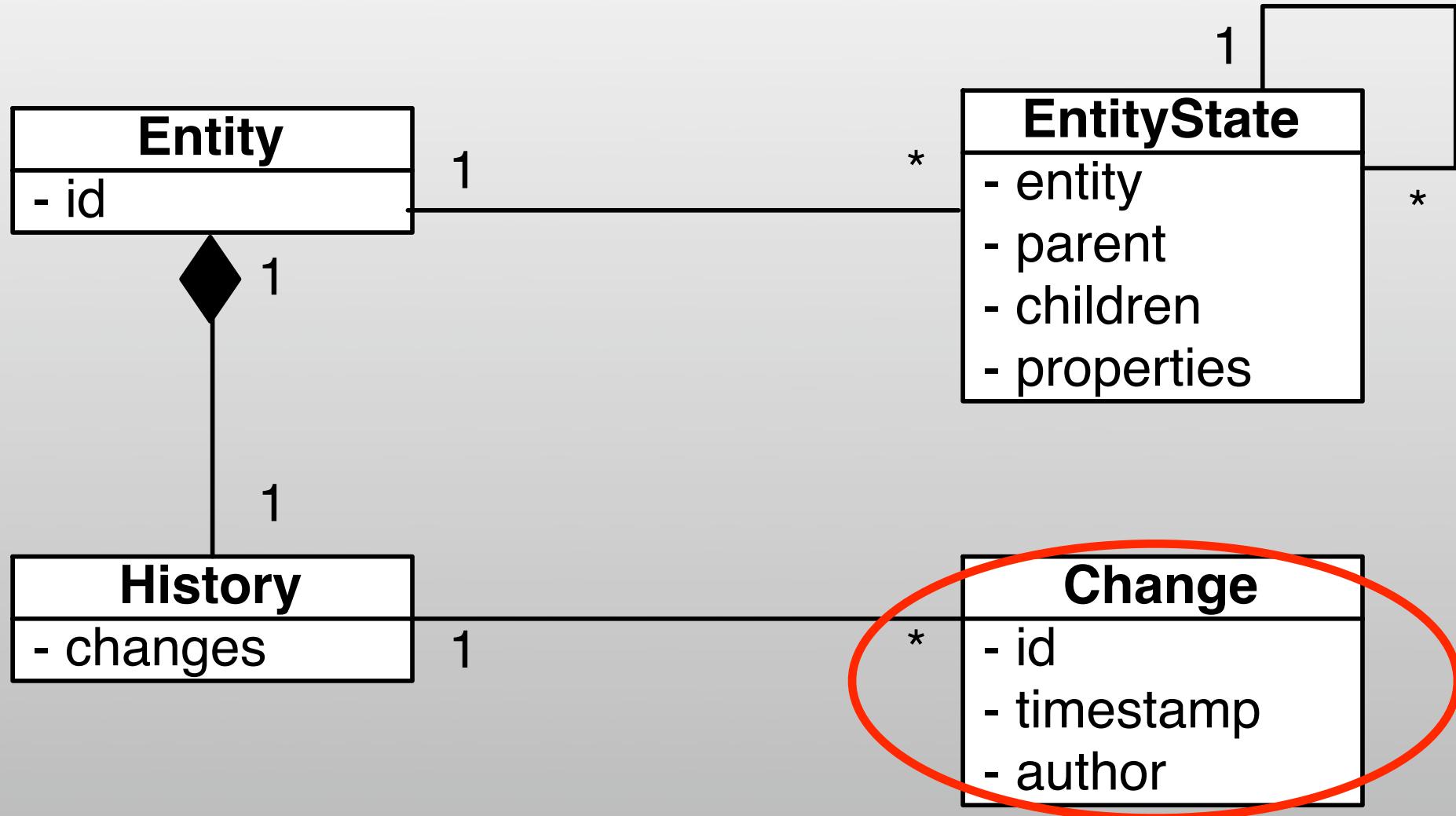
- performance?
- space?
- validation?



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FOR SPYWARE NOW

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Our model emphasizes changes over entities



Spyware versus the change log

Ad-hoc format (a bunch of do-its)
Not aware of refactorings
Tied to one image
Data loss because of purges
Exporting with change sets only keeps the last version of a method