

Introduction to SOEN 691: Mining Large Software System Data for DevOps

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Who is this guy?





Academia



M.Sc., Ph.D.,
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Industry



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Engineer
Sept. 2010-
Aug. 2014

Prof. Shang's research



**Mining large
software data**

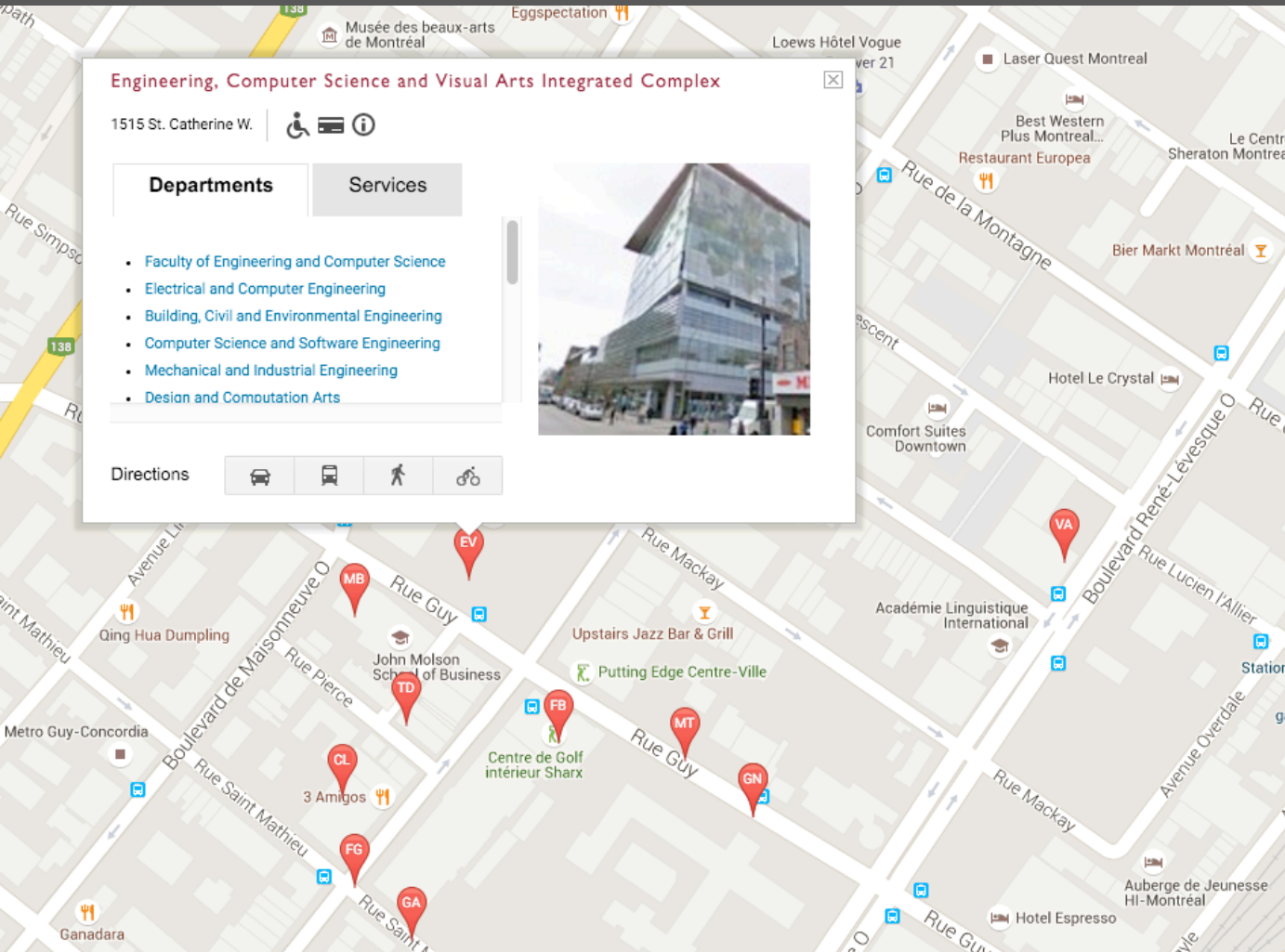


**Software
engineering for
large systems**

Where am I?



Where am I?



Room # 3.129

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What are we doing here?



What are we doing here?

Learning about the how to leverage the large scale data of software systems in order to assist in DevOps. Topics include

- (1) Logging
- (2) Software performance
- (3) Large-scale testing
- (4) Empirical studies on software data
- (5) Software configuration

Time of the class VERY IMPORTANT

1:30 to 4:00 PM

**I will try to be here 15 minutes before
class for Q&A**

I can't do Q&A after the class

What if I want to meet with you?

Need advise:

Send me an email, I will arrange a meeting in person.

Technical or course logistic questions:

POD/TA of the course:

Mehran Hassani:

mehran.hassany@gmail.com

What do I need
to survive?



What do I need to survive?

This is NOT a lecture course!

**Good discussion, expressing
your opinion.**

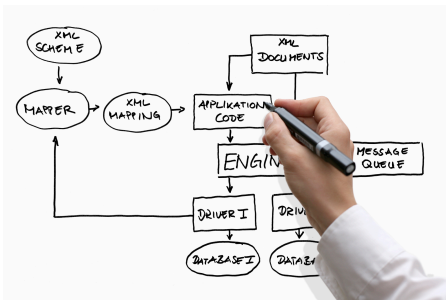
Read papers.

A good project.

What is DevOps?



Software Development



Design and specification



Coding



Testing



Release engineering



Evolution

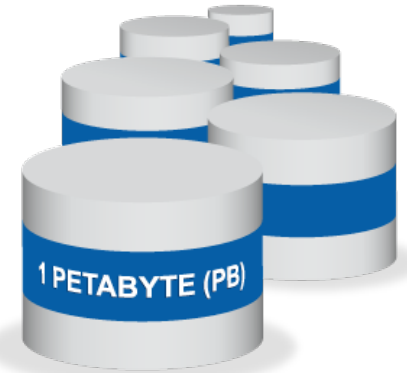
Software Operation



Monitoring



Troubleshooting



Capacity planning



Anomaly detection



Q&A



Configuration Tuning

What is DevOps?

DevOps is the practice of operations and development engineers participating together in the entire service lifecycle, from design through the development process to production support.

DevOps is also characterized by operations staff making use many of the same techniques as developers for their systems work.

Context of DevOps

BLOG

Ultra-large-scale Systems (ULSS) : Millions of Users, Billions of Transactions



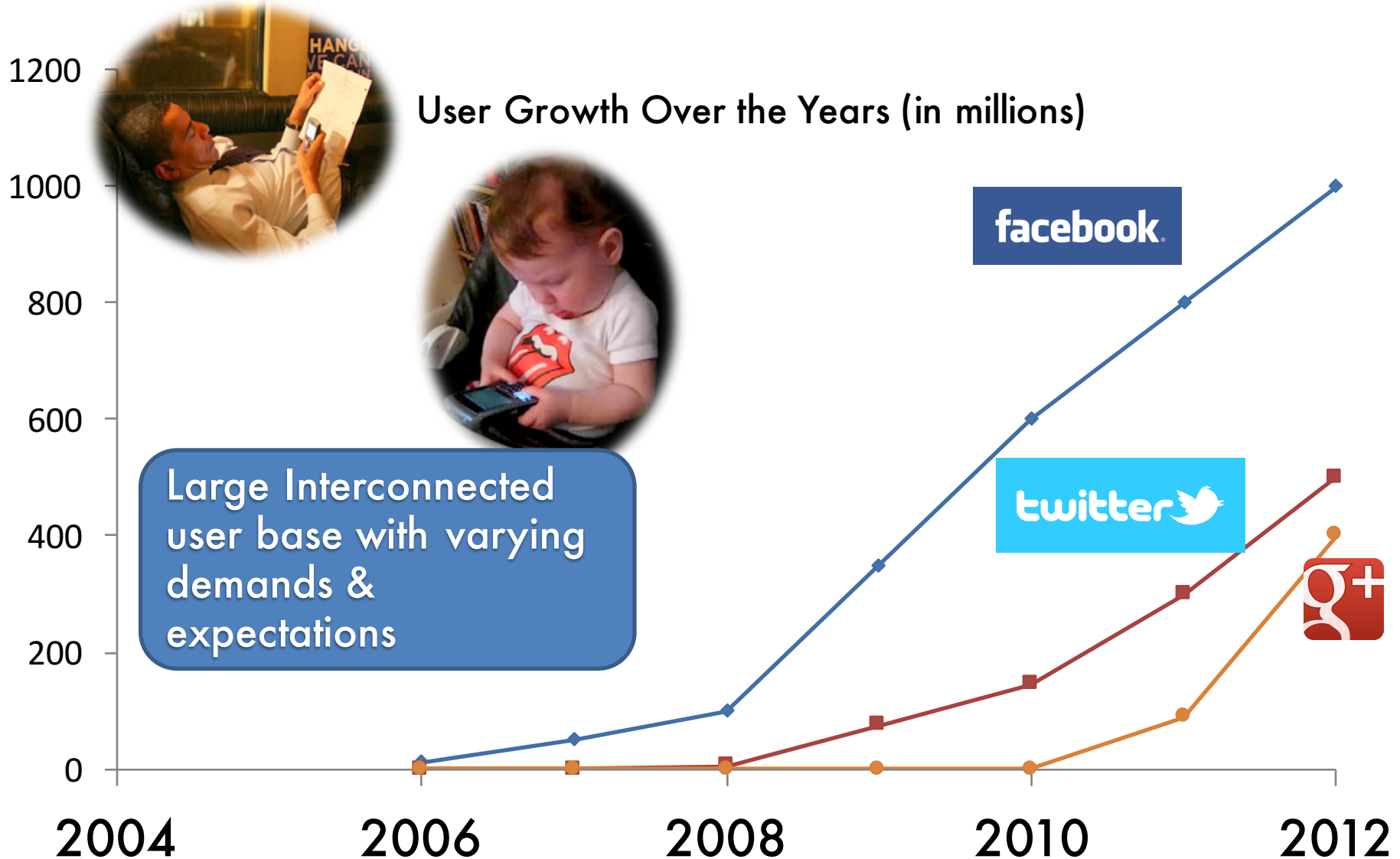
- Over 1 billion page views per day
- 44 billion SQL executions per day

facebook

- 8 billion minutes online everyday
- Over 1.2 million photos a sec at peak



Rapid Growth and Evolution



Quality of such systems is important

Gmail's 25 to 55 minutes outage affected 42 million users.

Azure service was interrupted for 11hrs, affecting Azure users world-wide.

2014



Jan 24th

facebook

Oct 28th

Facebook went down for 35 minutes, losing \$854,700.



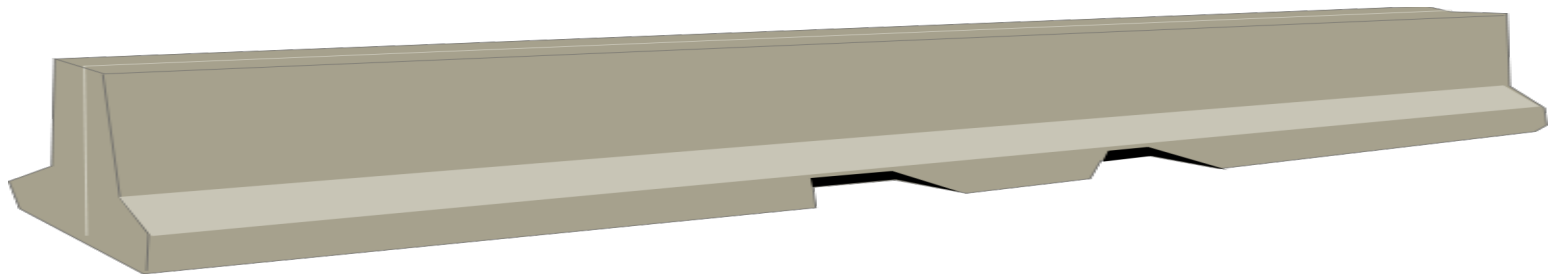
Nov 19th

There is a gap between software developers and operators

Does my system perform well in the field?




Developers



What does this error message mean?
How do I resolve it?

Operators

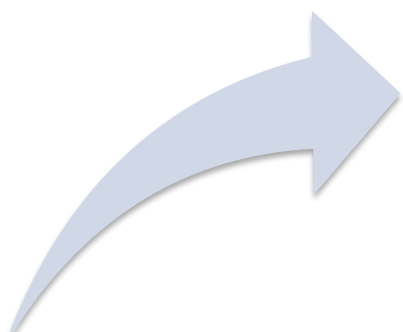
Discrepancy between development and deployment



**DATA
SAMPLE**

SMALL SAMPLE DATA AND
PSEUDO ENVIRONMENT

A 3D-rendered white figure sits at a round table with a laptop, representing a developer in a controlled environment. To the left is a clipboard with a white sheet of paper and a silver clip, with the words 'DATA SAMPLE' written in red. The entire scene is enclosed in a rounded rectangular box.

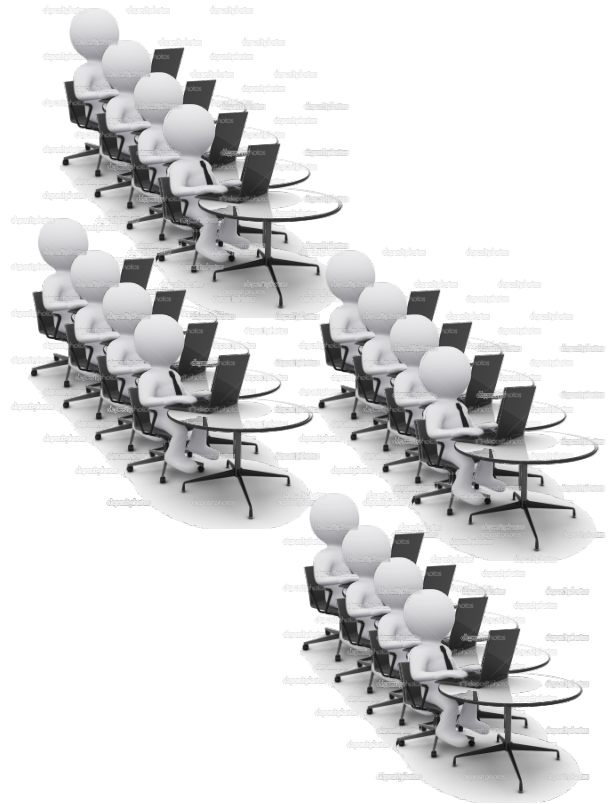


**BIG DATA AND
REAL-LIFE ENVIRONMENT**

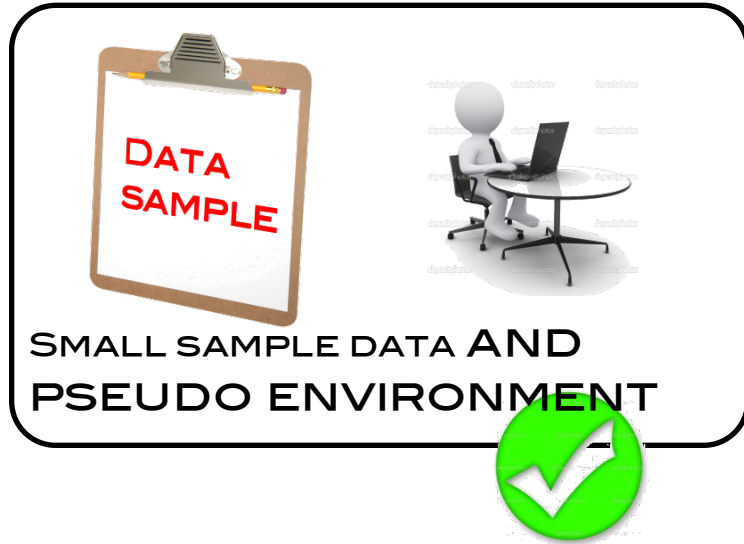
Two images are shown side-by-side: on the left, a large stack of white papers; on the right, a long row of black server racks in a data center. Below the images, the text 'BIG DATA AND REAL-LIFE ENVIRONMENT' is written in bold black letters. The entire scene is enclosed in a rounded rectangular box.

“... move back and forth from local machines to cloud-based systems”

Microsoft®
Research



How to ensure systems run correctly in the field?





What exactly does this message mean?



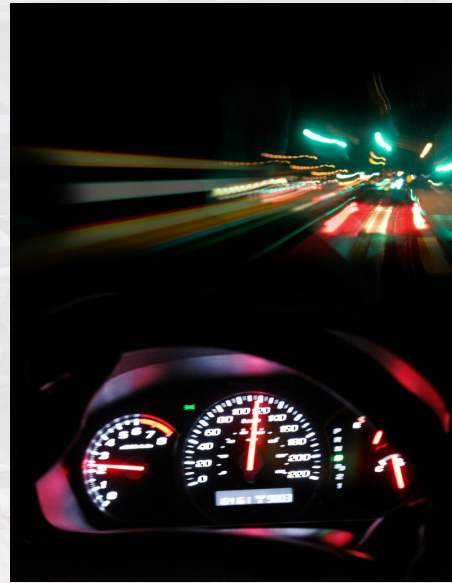
Testing



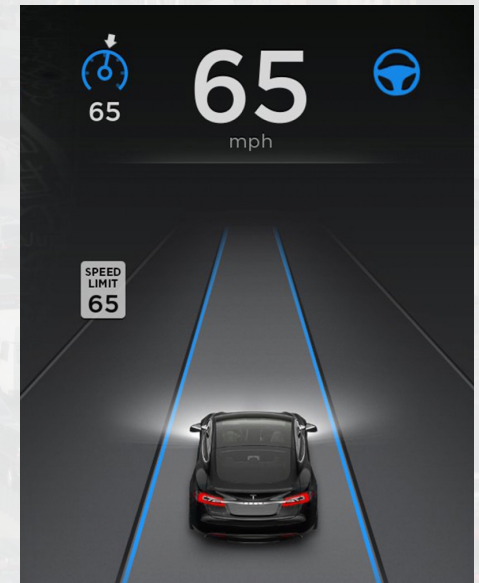
What happens in the field



Filed issues



Higher intensity



Different feature usage

Very different workloads

As a result...



Risky deployments

**WORKS ON
MY
MACHINE**

It works on my machine!



Fear of change

How to release more reliable applications **faster** and more **frequently**?

The rapid release cycle of modern software systems

Google

facebook

NETFLIX



LinkedIn



**Often release several times
in one day!**

Nightly builds

Builds are often on a schedule:

- Typically, developers work during a day, committing their changes that fix bugs and add new features
- At night time, while developers are sleeping, a build is executed to produce deliverables with the day's changes
- QA teams can pick up that build the next day to test the new features and validate the bug fixes

Build system interactions:

The problem with nightly builds

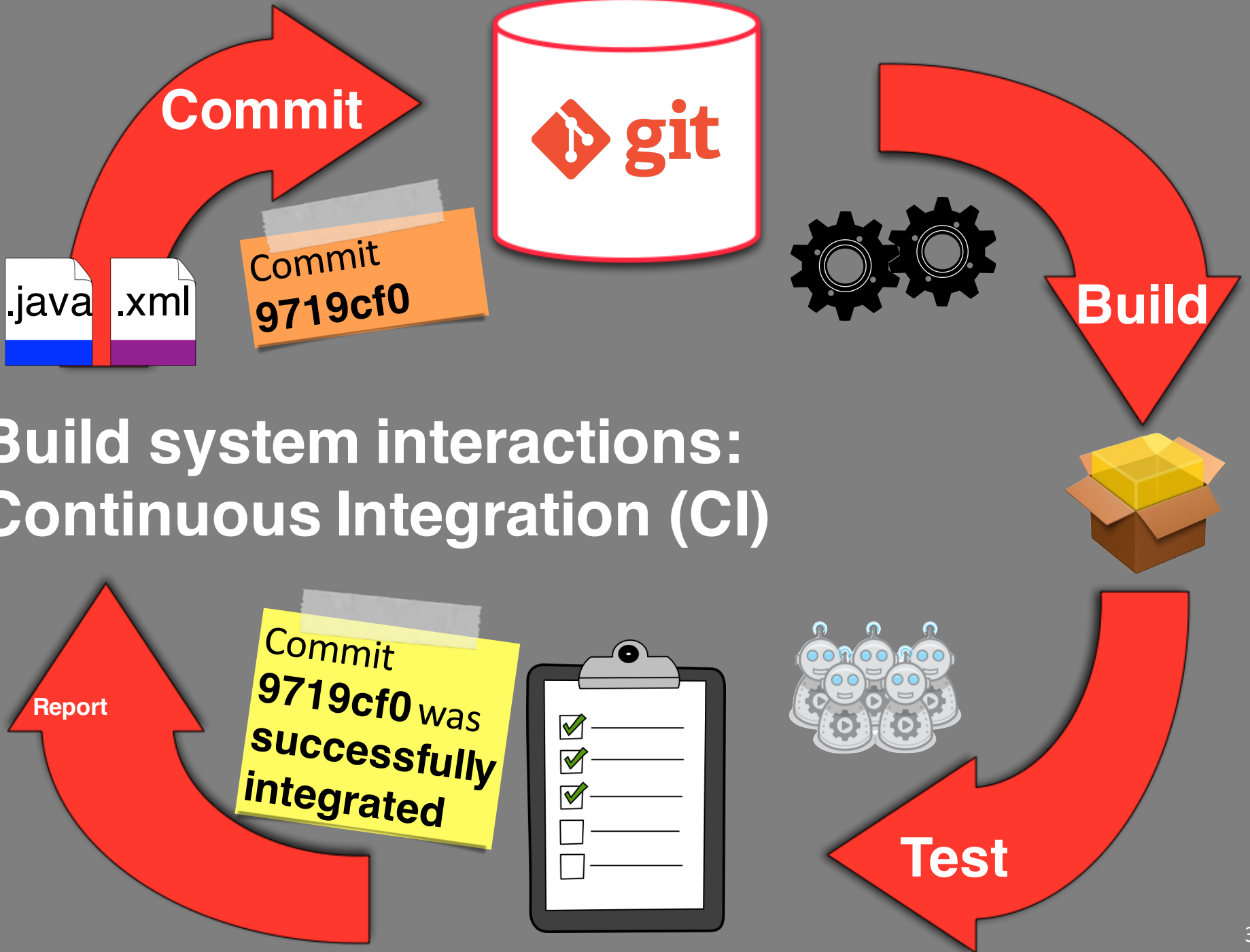
Night builds are too infrequent:

We need to run builds

More frequently to keep up

With fast-paced development!

- If hundreds of developers have committed changes, it's hard to tell who caused the problem!
- Imagine you broke the build, but you wrote the code yesterday! Hard to recall!



Build system interactions: Continuous Integration (CI)

As a result...



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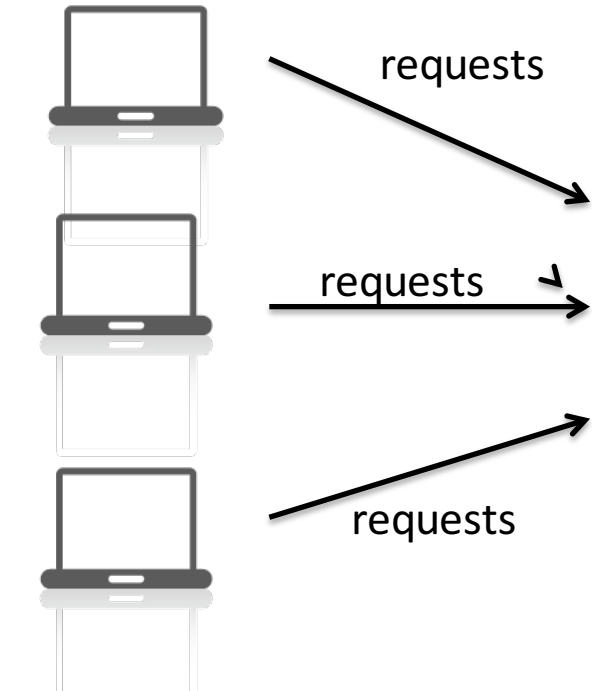
Leverage your data!



What data do we have?



Crash report



Performance counters



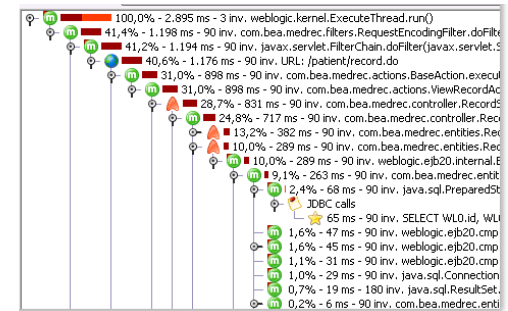
Logs

```
void usage(char *name)
{
    printf("usage:\n");
    printf("  %s -a [-c file]", name);
    #ifdef LOPE
    printf("  [%-q] [-q]");
    #endif
    printf("  [-p what] [-r]");
    #ifdef LOPE
    printf("  [-w love] [-w]");
    #endif
    printf("  [-z size]");
    #endif
}
```

Source Control



Issue tracking



Trace

What kind of techniques can we learn from the class?

Statistical analysis

Data mining

Machine learning

Code analysis

...

More importantly:

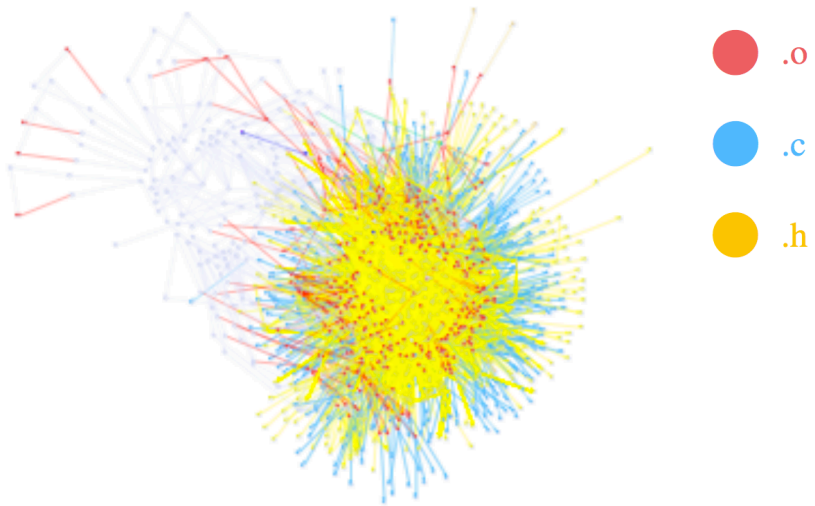
How to conduct proper SE and System studies

Help can these data help?

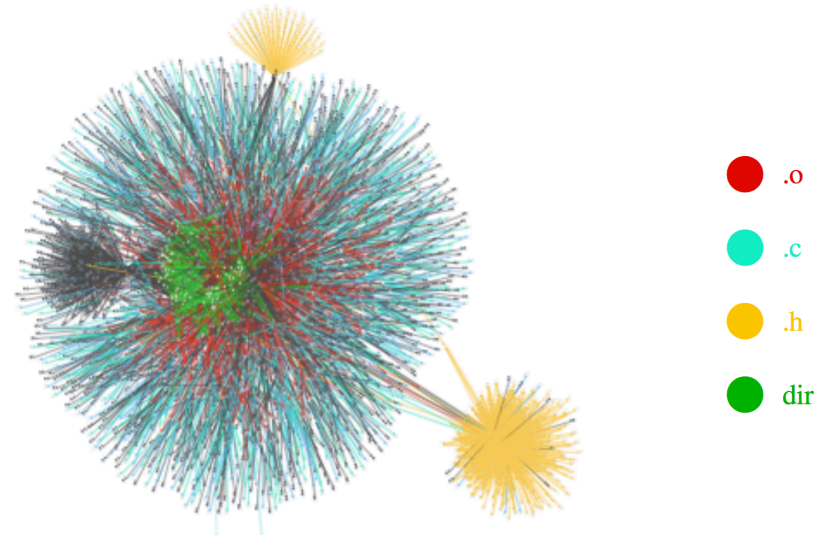


**Can you give me
several examples?**

Build dependency graph



Linux 2.4



Linux 2.6

Bugs often repeat



Too Many
Connections!



What are the bugs in real world?

- Obvious/dumb bugs exist in real code.
 - while subtle and unique bugs exist, there are also many errors, even in production code, that are blatant, well-understood, and easy to find if you know what to look for.
- Because of the sheer complexity of modern object oriented languages like Java, the potential for misuse of language features and APIs is enormous

Simple pattern matching can find many bugs.

Generating bug patterns (examples)

Code	Description
Eq	Bad Covariant Definition of Equals
HE	Equal Objects Must Have Equal Hashcodes
IS2	Inconsistent Synchronization
MS	Static Field Modifiable By Untrusted Code
NP	Null Pointer Dereference
OS	Open Stream
RR	Read Return Should Be Checked
RV	Return Value Should Be Checked
UR	Uninitialized Read In Constructor
UW	Unconditional Wait
Wa	Wait Not In Loop

A longer list from FindBugs:

<http://findbugs.sourceforge.net/bugDescriptions.html>

FindBugs results on JDK1.7

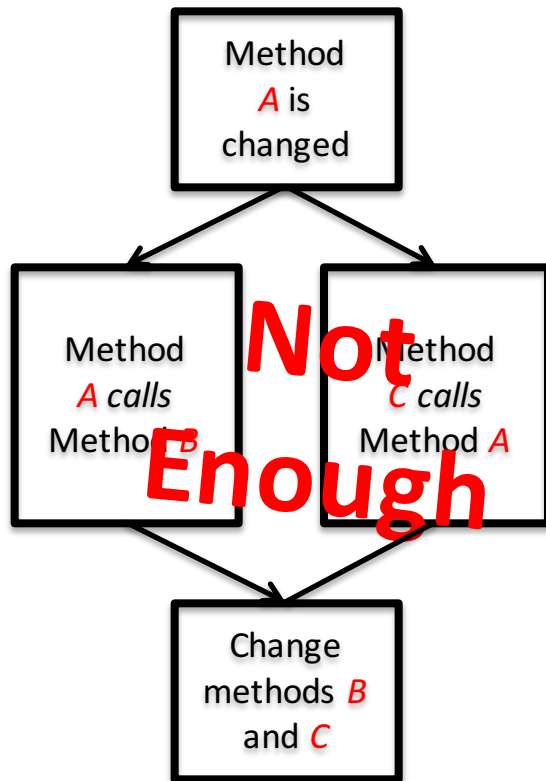
FindBugs (1.2.1-dev-20070506) Analysis for jdk1.7.0-b12

Bug Summary	Analysis Information	List bugs by bug category	List bugs by package
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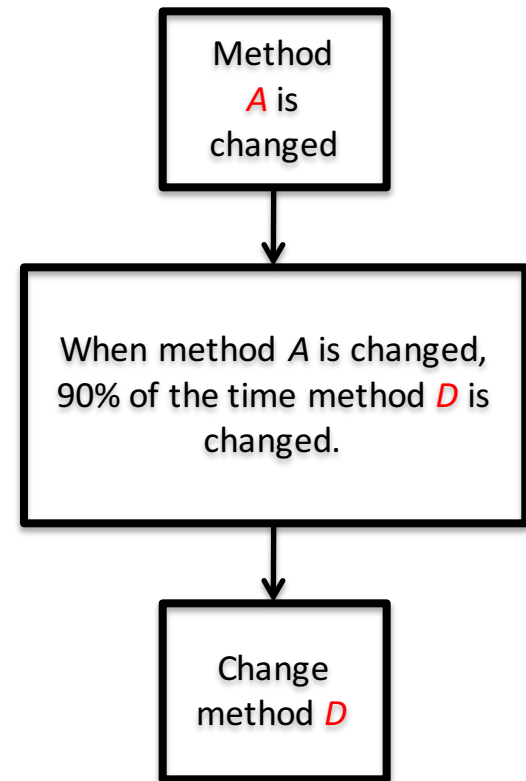
FindBugs Analysis generated at: Sun, 6 May 2007 03:12:12 -0400

Package	Code Size	Bugs	Bugs p1	Bugs p2	Bugs p3	Bugs Exp.
Overall (736 packages), (16445 classes)	963957	3901	259	3642		
com.sun.corba.se.impl.activation	1688	34	5	29		
com.sun.corba.se.impl.copyobject	71	1		1		
com.sun.corba.se.impl.corba	2118	33		33		
com.sun.corba.se.impl.dynamicany	2287	16	3	13		
com.sun.corba.se.impl.encoding	5652	55	1	54		
com.sun.corba.se.impl.interceptors	1979	41		41		
com.sun.corba.se.impl.io	3438	47	2	45		
com.sun.corba.se.impl.ior	1207	14	2	12		
com.sun.corba.se.impl.ior.iiop	457	4		4		
com.sun.corba.se.impl.javax.rmi.CORBA	337	3	1	2		
com.sun.corba.se.impl.logging	9374	8		8		
com.sun.corba.se.impl.naming.cosnaming	799	27	1	26		
com.sun.corba.se.impl.naming.pcosnaming	690	37	4	33		
com.sun.corba.se.impl.oa.poa	2102	31	1	30		
com.sun.corba.se.impl.orb	2324	46	2	44		

Propagating code changes



History helps!



Should I test\review my?

A. Ten *most-complex* functions

B. Ten *largest* functions

C. Ten *most-fixed* functions



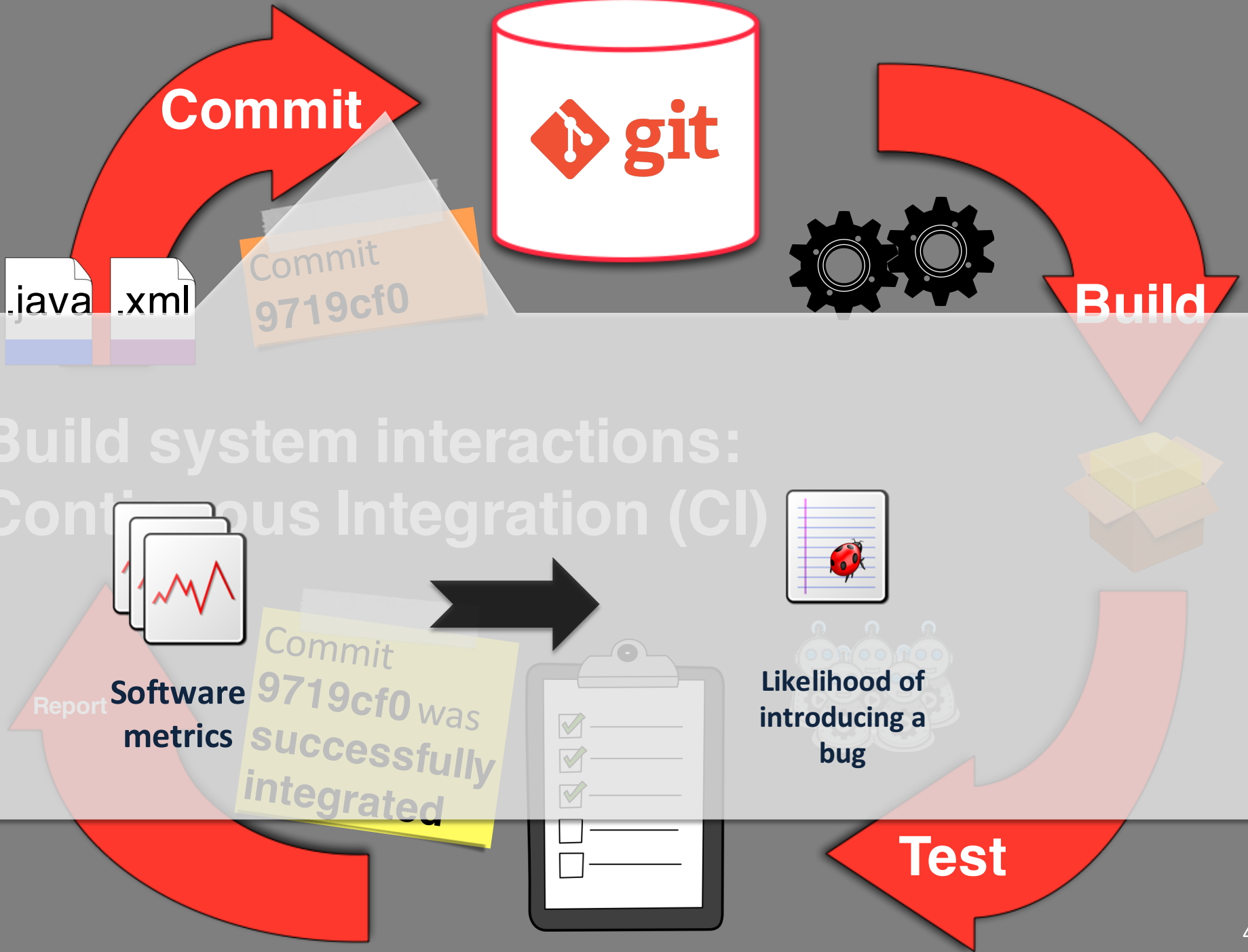
Who produces more buggy code?



A. Junior Developer



B. Senior Developer



sonarsource™



Home PHPUnit

Configuration Akram Ben Aissi » Log out

Dashboard

- Components
- Violations drilldown
- Time machine
- Clouds
- Hotspots
- Motion chart
- Radiator
- Timeline
- SYSTEM**
- Settings
- Project roles



★ Version 1.0 - 25 décembre 2010 15:04 - profile [Akram Ben Aissi PHP Test Profile](#)

[Configure widgets](#) [Edit layout](#) [Manage dashboards](#)

Lines of code

18 803

39 517 lines
187 files

Classes

183

1 513 methods

Comments

45,6%

15 789 lines
4 commented LOCs

Duplications

27,2%

10 758 lines
1 466 blocks
96 files

Code coverage

29,5%

29,5% line coverage
517 tests
1.9 sec

Test success

98,8%

2 failures
4 errors

Rules compliance

79,0%



Violations

1 411

Blocker	16
Critical	71
Major	1 097
Minor	136
Info	91

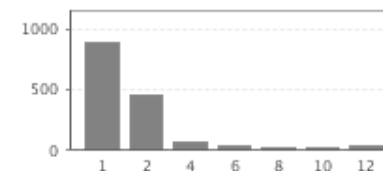
Complexity

2,3 / method

19,0 / class

19,6 / file

Total: **3 550**



Methods Classes










Chicken Versus Egg Problem












Practitioners are not willing to improve repository data till they see value

Some practices have become convention

Commits on Apr 1, 2016

	HADOOP-11687. Ignore x-* and response headers when copying an Amazon ...	 256c82f 
	QwertyManiac committed 4 hours ago	
	Revert "YARN-4857. Add missing default configuration regarding preemp...	 3488c4f 
	Varun Vasudev committed 6 hours ago	
	HADOOP-11661. Deprecate FileUtil#copyMerge. Contributed by Brahma Red...	 a8d8b80 
	aajisaka committed 7 hours ago	

Commits on Mar 31, 2016

	HADOOP-12950. ShutdownHookManager should have a timeout for each of t...	 aac4d65 
	xiaoyuyao committed 14 hours ago	
	HADOOP-12955. Fix bugs in the initialization of the ISA-L library JNI...	 1963978 
	committed 14 hours ago	
	YARN-4634. Scheduler UI/Metrics need to consider cases like non-queue...	 12b11e2 
	Wangda Tan committed 15 hours ago	

Including Issue ID in commit comments

Detecting performance regression

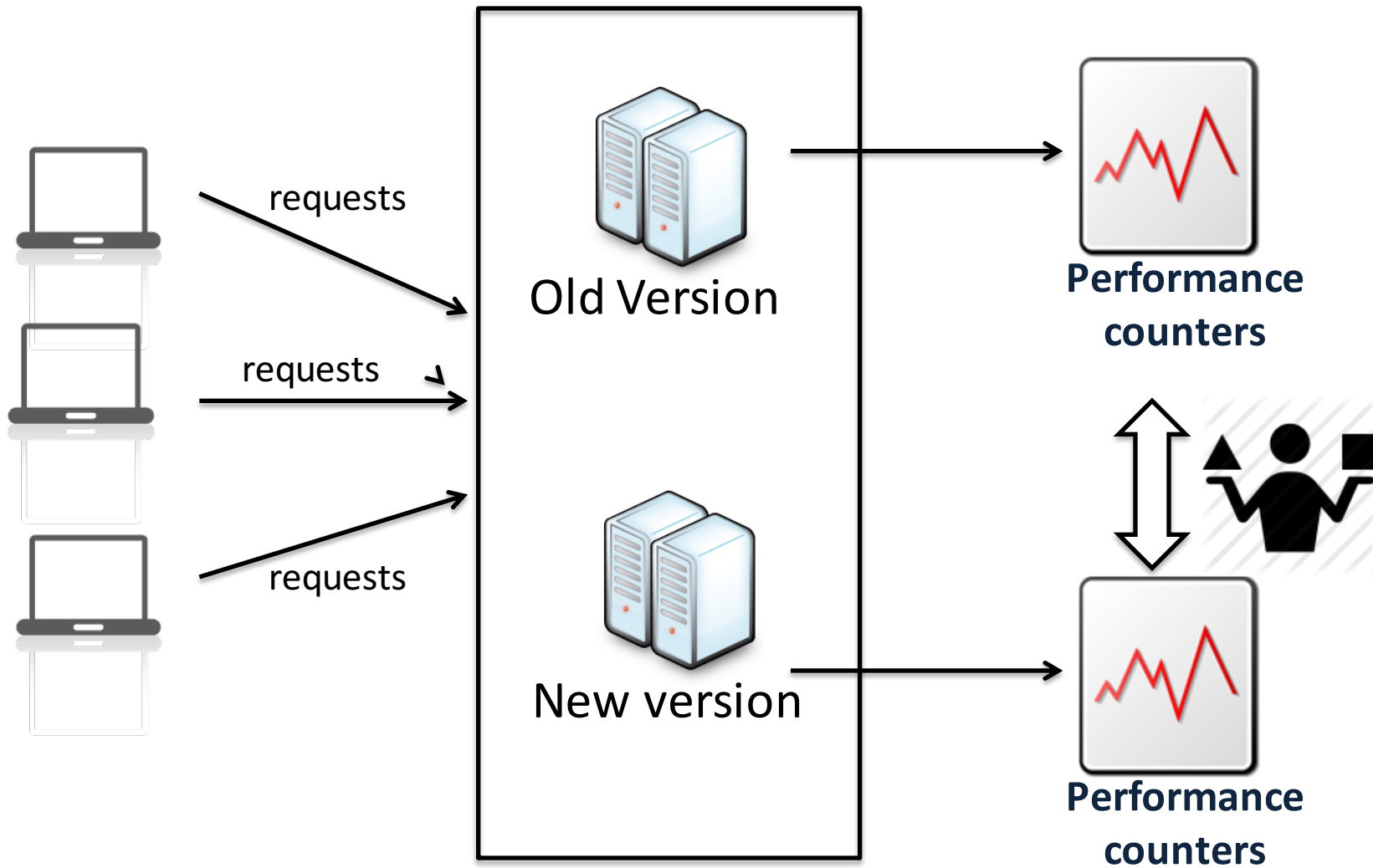
What is a performance regression?



Does the new version have worse performance than the old version?



How to detect performance regression?



Are you testing realistically?



- ask laskj lkj09u apsiu d098123
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- cqweh df98qw3 dfpiouhge 978
- cqweydfp9w78eyr9w78 yer
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LOG

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LOG

We can compare field and test workloads using logs



**Is the
behavior of
this person
covered in
testing?
testing?**

Understanding error messages

Practitioners have challenges in understanding log lines



What exactly does this message mean?

What could be the cause?

Fetch failure

Is it affecting my data?

Looking for an expert is not the optimal approach to resolve log inquiries

Identifying the expert of a log line is challenging.



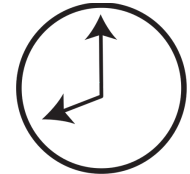
Over 20% of the inquiries have no reply.



Wrong answers may be posted in reply to inquiries.



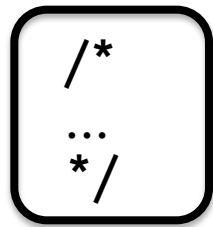
First reply can take up to 210 hours.



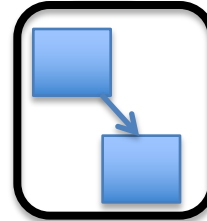
Attach development knowledge to logs



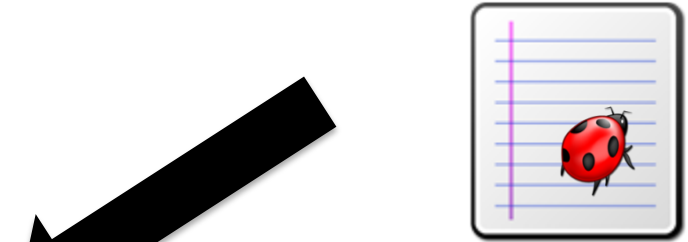
Source code



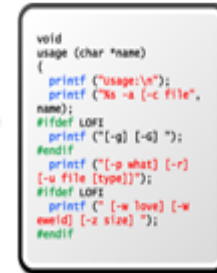
Code comments



Call graph



Issue reports



Code commit

How can these data help?



**More will be covered
in the class later.**

How will I be
evaluated?



How will I be evaluated?

**Paper presentation and discussion (20%):
10% as presenter+5% as discussant+5%
activity in class**

**Each group (2 people) acts as presenter
once and discussant once in a term.
Audience randomly picked for summary.
You need to read ALL papers.**

How will I be evaluated?

Weekly paper critique (10%)

5 weeks in total (since there is one week for presentation).

Done individually.

Done over Easychair.

Submitted before Tuesday.

How will I be evaluated?

Assignment (20%):

Including developing a code analysis and metrics extraction tool.

3 page report in **IEEE format+submitting the source code+executable.**

Details covered in week2.

How will I be evaluated?

Project (50%): 10% project update+20% final report+20%

Topics: paper replication, or any other topics related to the class

Project proposal: no grade, just for help

Project update: 10 minutes presentation

Project presentation: 15 minutes 20%

Project report: 20% 10 pages IEEE

format

Where are the course materials?

Course website:

<http://users.encs.concordia.ca/~shang/soen691/current>

More importantly

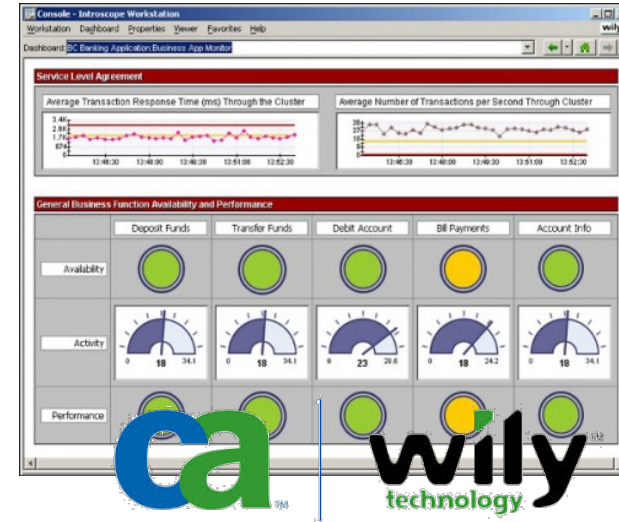
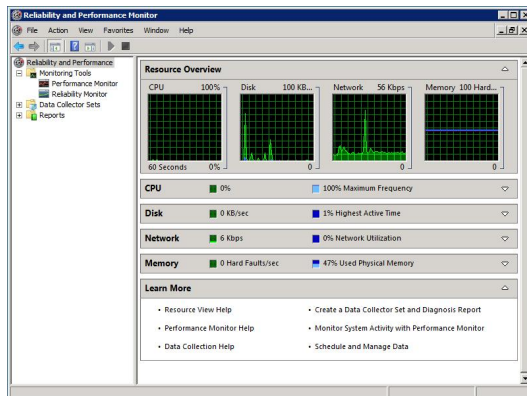


Challenges of mining large software data for DevOps

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How to monitor ULSS with minimal overhead?

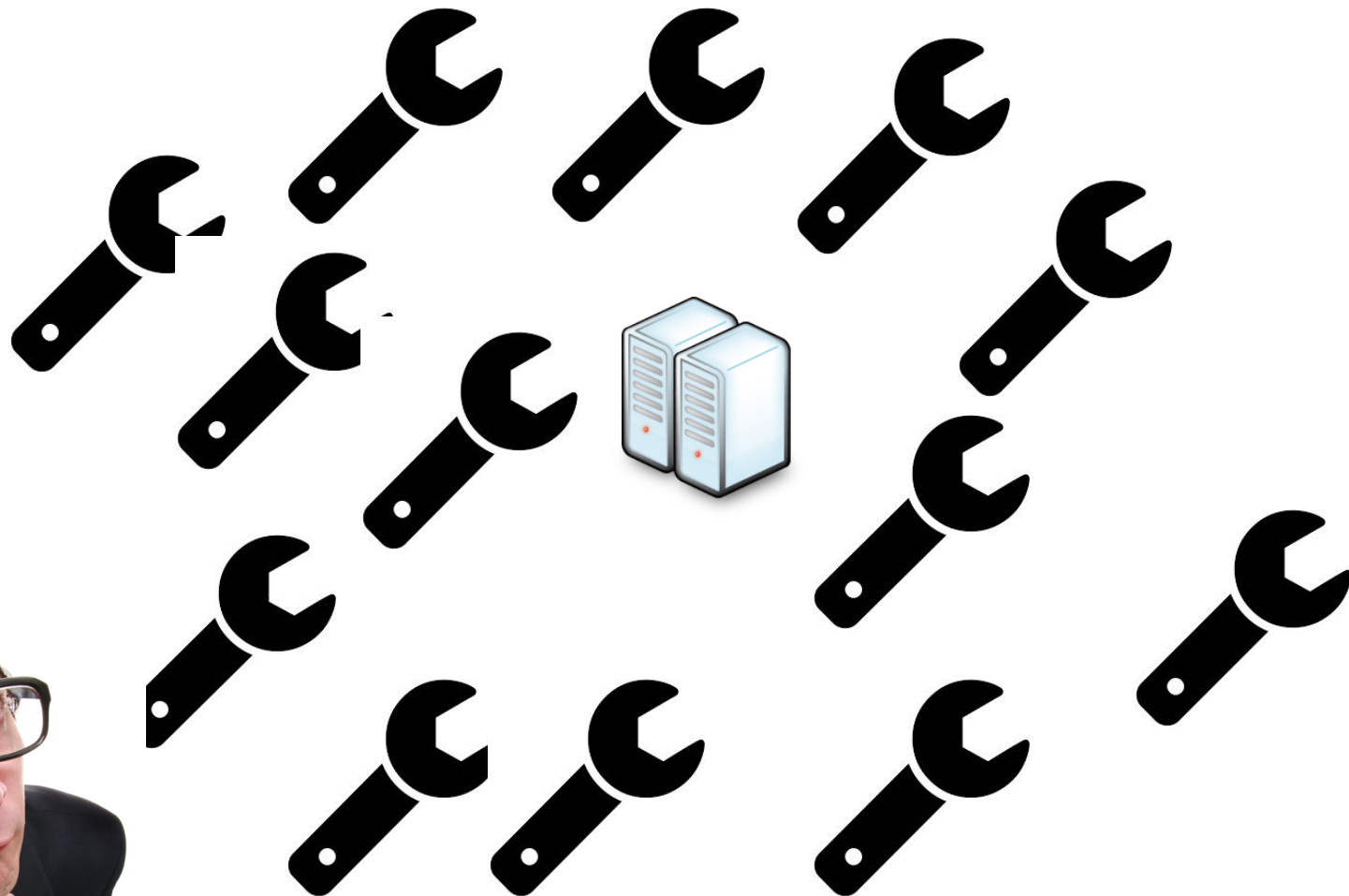


More frequent
monitor

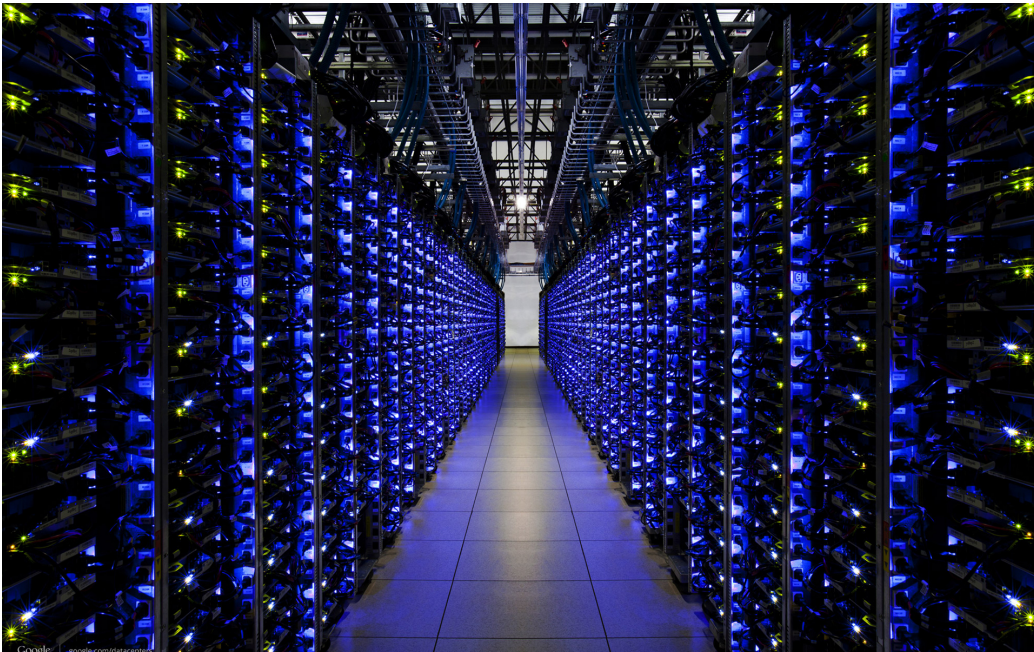


Overhead

How to ensure optimal configuration?



How to model and save power consumption?



Large software systems generate large amounts of performance counters

