

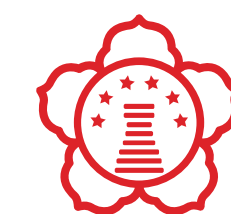
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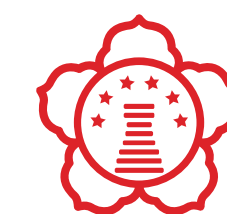
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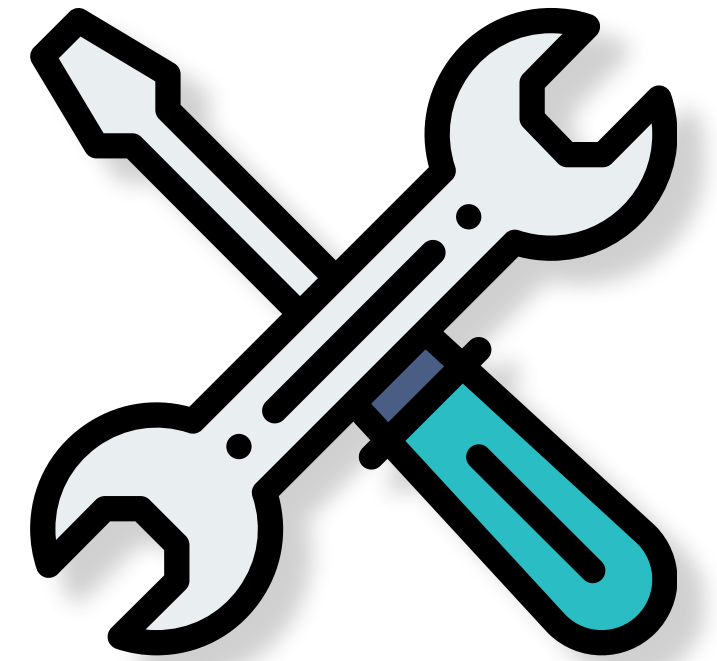
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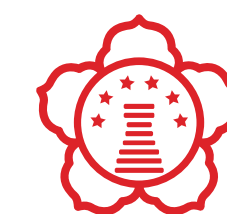
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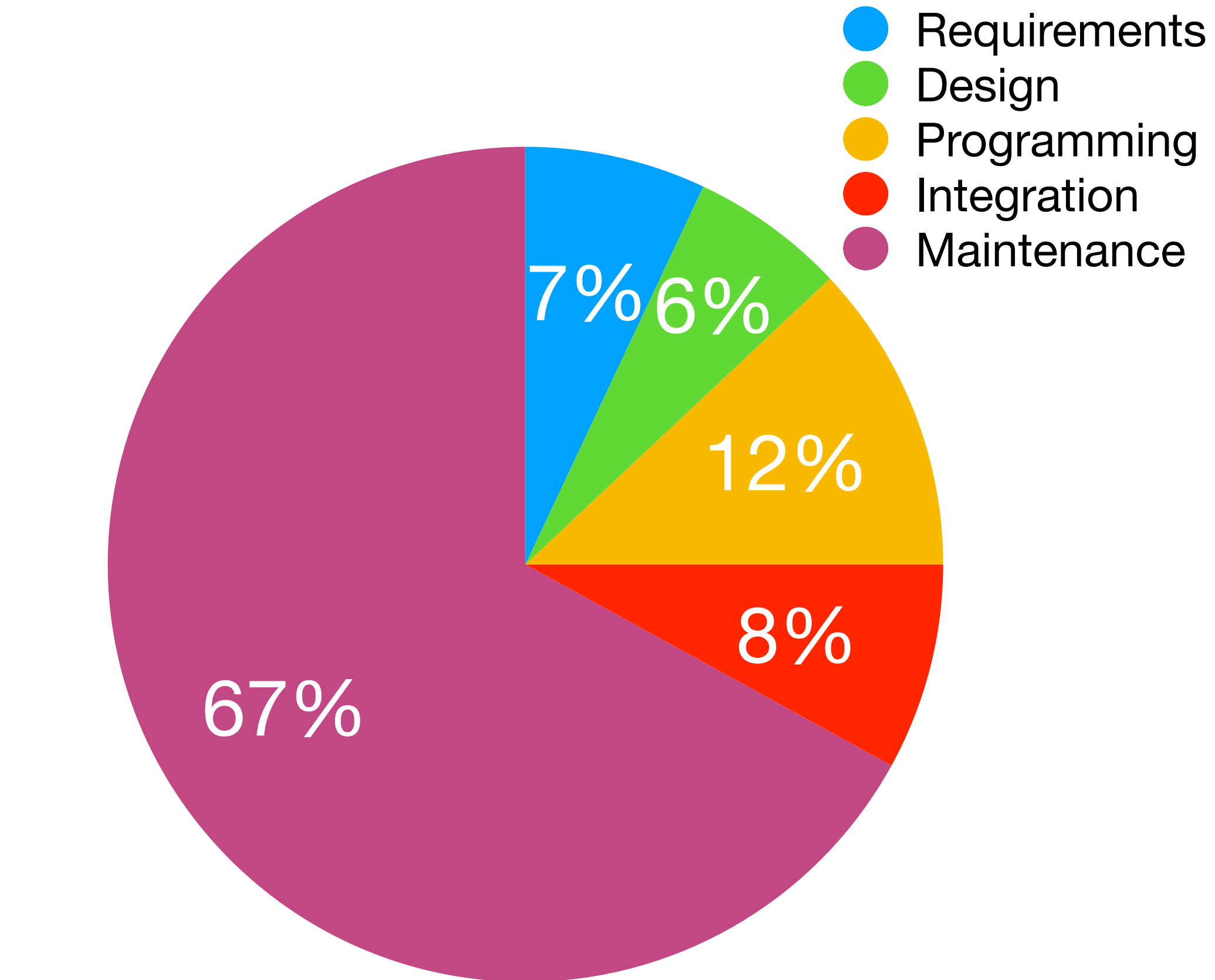
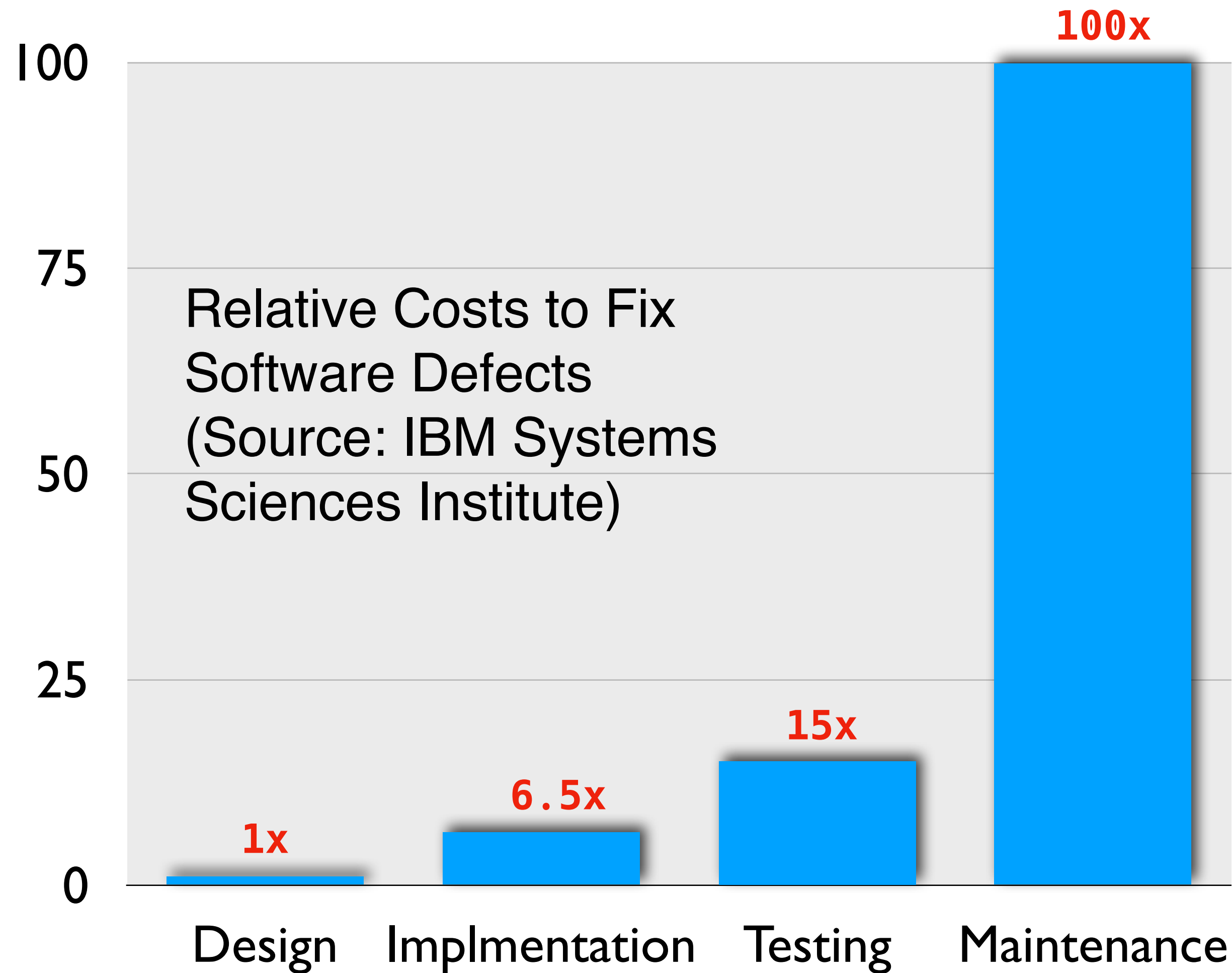
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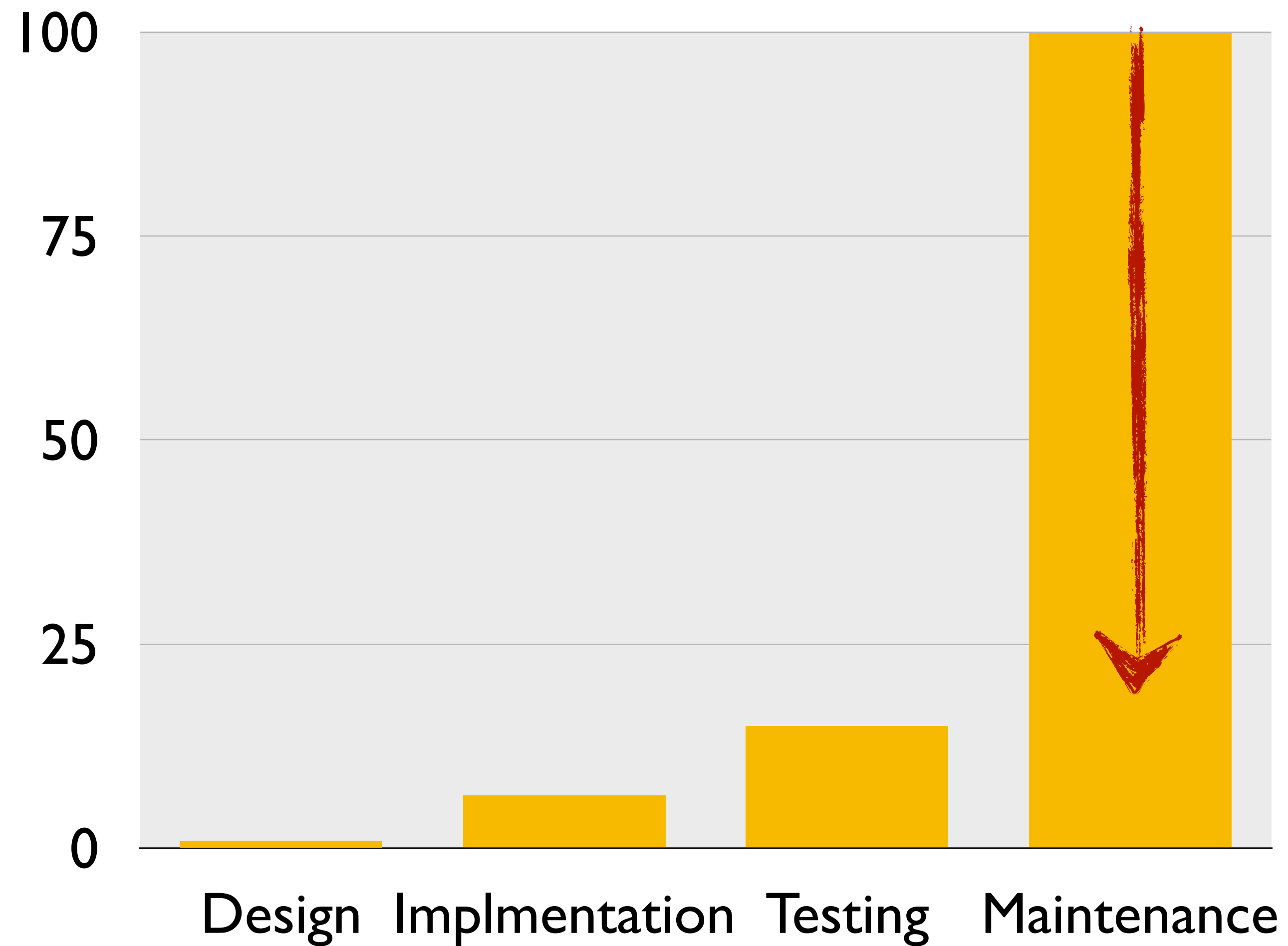
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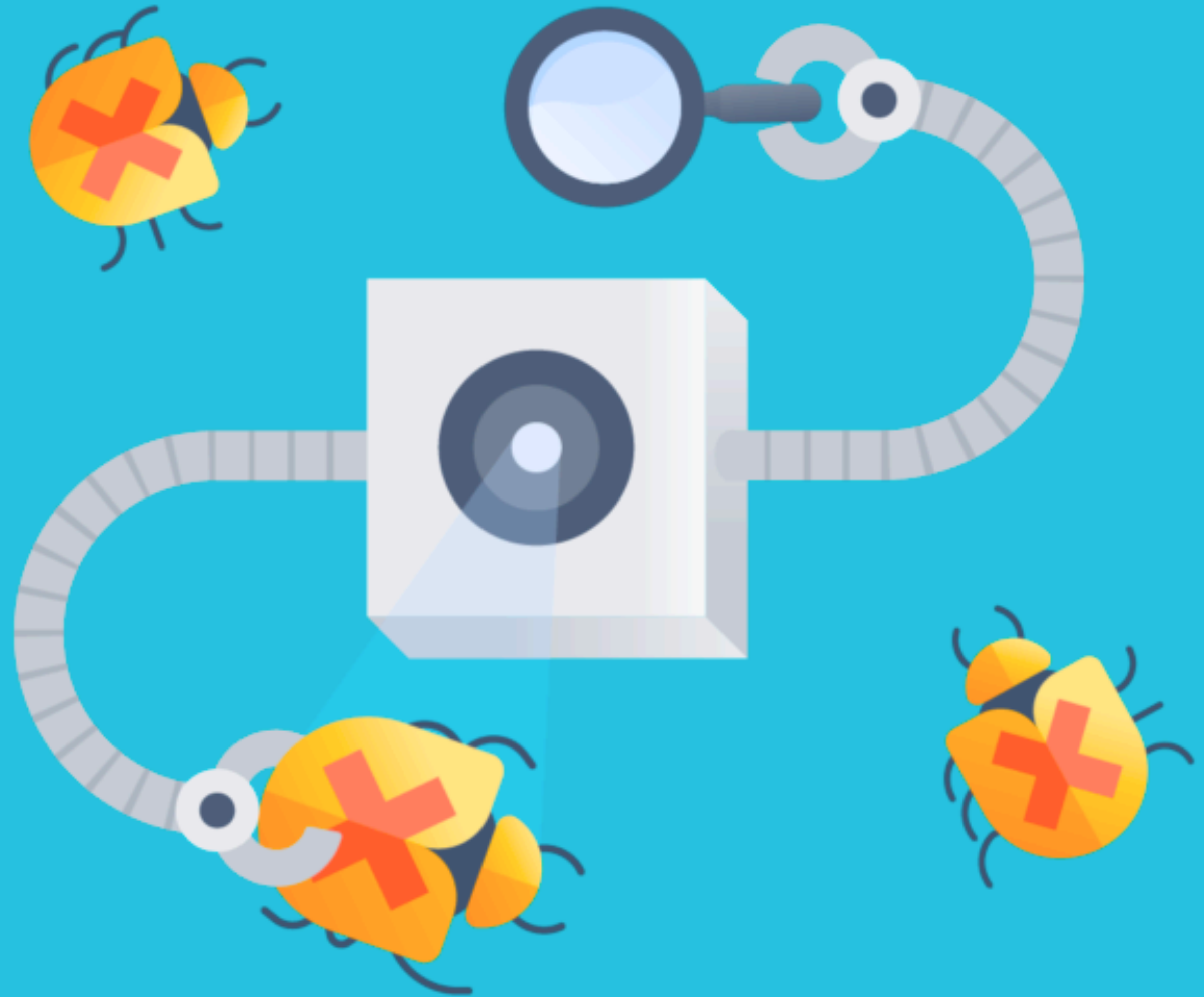
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Schach, R. (1999), Software Engineering, Fourth Edition, McGraw-Hill, Boston, MA, pp. 11.

# Goal of My Research



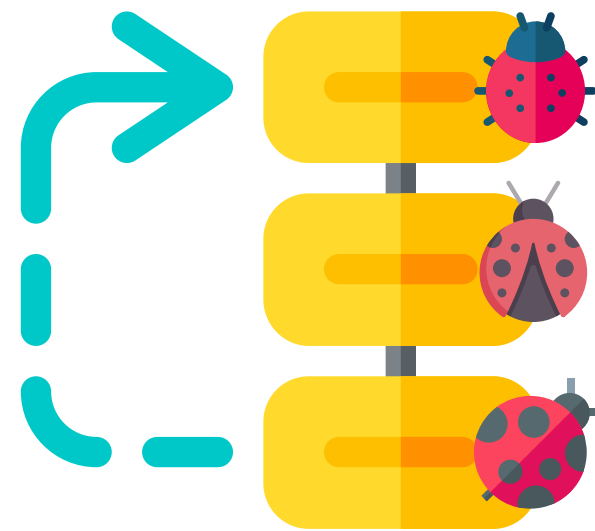
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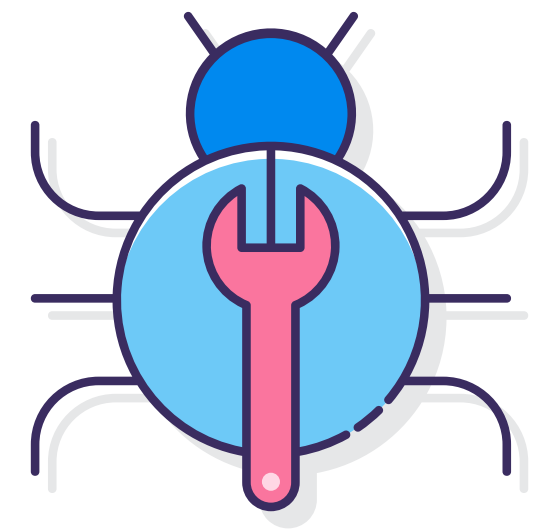
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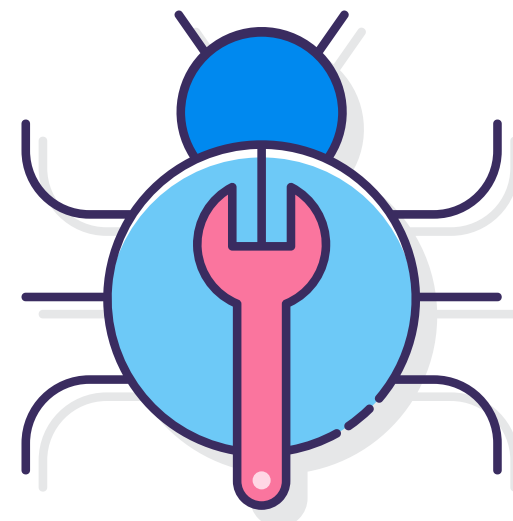
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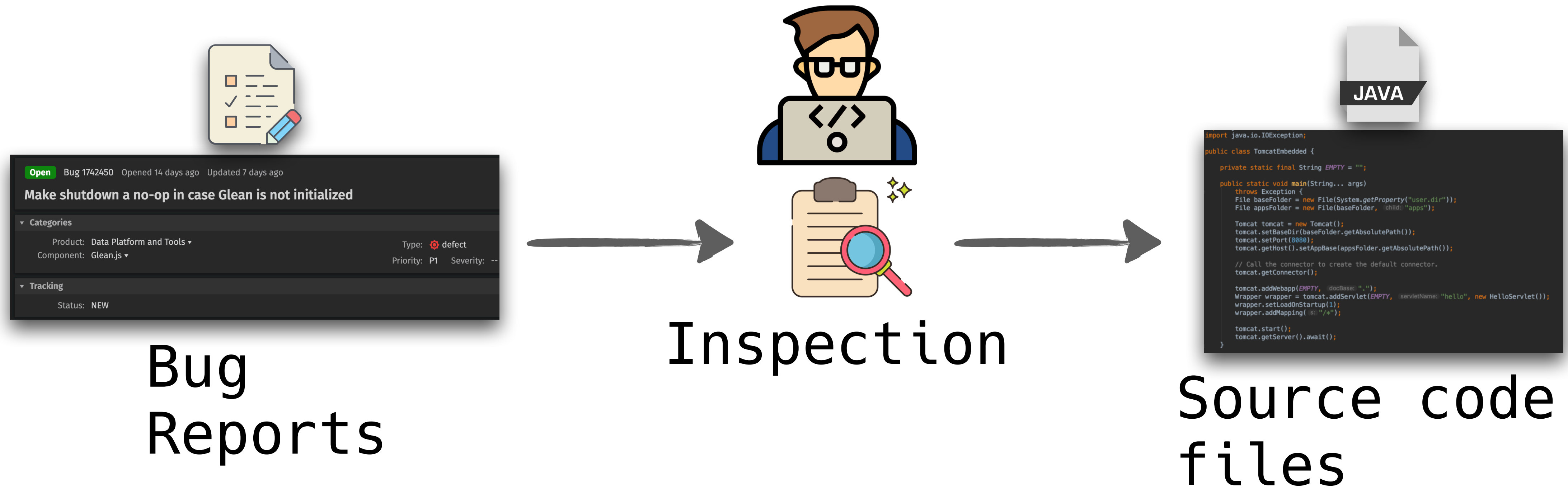
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# Fixing one bug



# Fixing thousands of bugs?

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Resolution: ---Classification: Client Software, Developer Infrastructure, Components, Server Software, OtherUpdated: (is greater than or equal to) 2021-11-01Opened: (changed after) 2021-11-01Opened: (changed before) 2021-11-30 23:59:59

2530 bugs found.

ID	Type	Summary	Product	Comp	Assignee	Status	Resolution	Updated
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1741582	📄	Instrument the Glean book using Glean for websites	Data Platform and To	Glean.js	brizental	NEW	---	2021-11-22
1741709	📄	Add CA Task List item/report for Cases that are currently open for the CA	NSS	Common CA Database	poonam	ASSI	---	Fri 12:36
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1740064	🟢	Launch TCP multifeature spotlight & preferences campaign	Firefox	Messaging System	edilee	NEW	---	2021-11-29
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2,530 bugs are reported to the Mozilla projects within November 2021.

# First Genuine Approach (GenProg)

## Automatically Finding Patches Using Genetic Programming \*

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### Abstract

*Automatic program repair has been a longstanding goal in software engineering, yet debugging remains a largely manual process. We introduce a fully automated method for locating and repairing bugs in software. The approach works on off-the-shelf legacy applications and does not require formal specifications, program annotations or special coding practices. Once a program fault is discovered, an extended form of genetic programming is used to evolve program variants until one is found that both retains required functionality and also avoids the defect in question. Standard test cases are used to exercise the fault and to encode program requirements. After a successful repair has been discovered, it is minimized using structural differencing al-*

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*Genetic programming* (GP) is a computational method inspired by biological evolution, which discovers computer programs tailored to a particular task [19]. GP maintains a population of individual programs. Computational analogs

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*generate-and-validate*

*Semantic-based techniques*

# A Decade-long Effort

How many bugs are correctly (plausibly) fixed?

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jGenProg	0 (5)	0 (2)	0 (2)	3 (11)	0 (0)	0 (0)	3 (20)	15
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jKali	0 (4)	1 (8)	1 (4)	2 (9)	0 (0)	0 (0)	4 (25)	16
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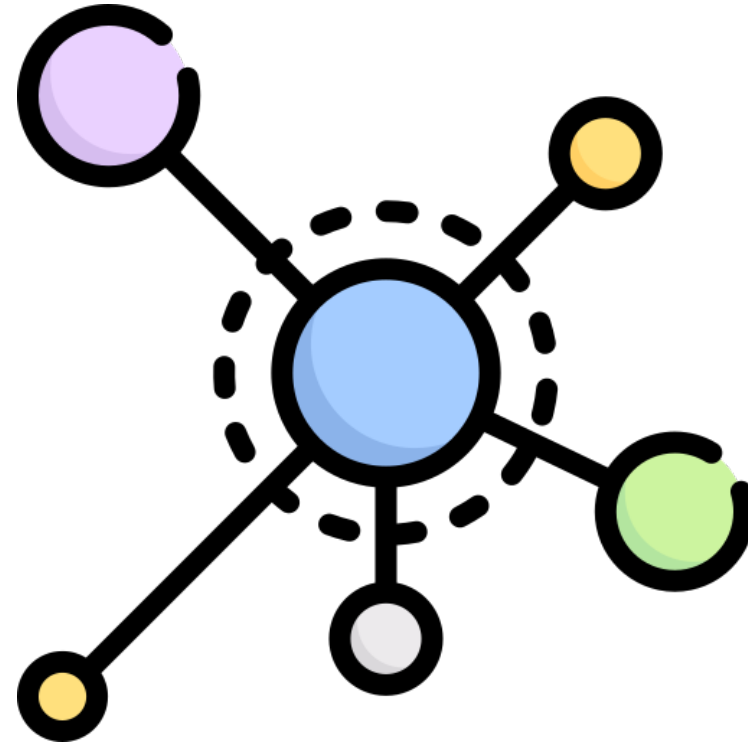
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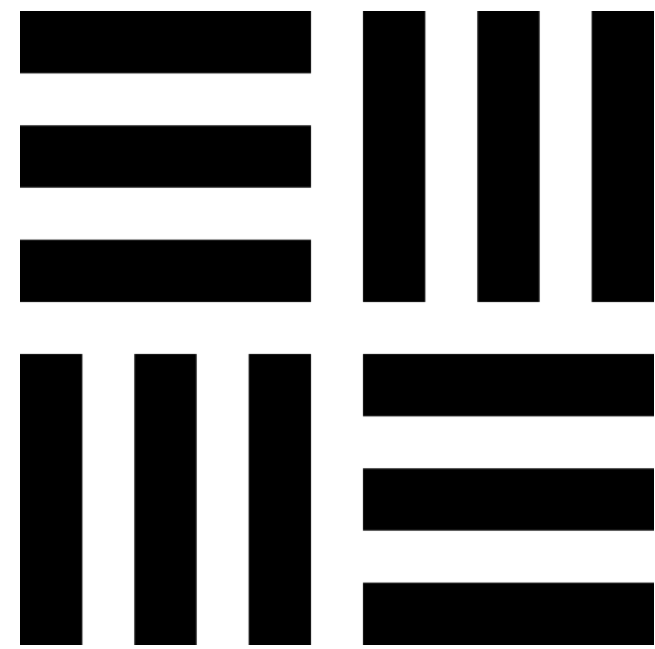
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# Challenges

Defect Classes



Fault Localization



Repair Patterns



Correctness

# Defect Classes

## Chart 19

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### Patterns

Conditional block addition with exception throwing Copy/Paste Missing null check addition

### Actions

Conditional (if) branch addition throw addition Object instantiation addition

### Patched by

ACS

### Human Patch

source/org/jfree/chart/plot/CategoryPlot.java **CHANGED**

```

@@ -695,6 +695,9 @@ public void setDomainAxes(CategoryAxis[] axes) {
695 695     * @since 1.0.3
696 696     */
697 697     public int getDomainAxisIndex(CategoryAxis axis) {
698 +         if (axis == null) {
699 +             throw new IllegalArgumentException("Null 'axis' argument.");
700 +         }
698 701     return this.domainAxes.indexOf(axis);
699 702     }
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```

No comprehensive work on defect classes vs. program repair.

<http://program-repair.org/defects4j-dissection/#!/>

# Fault Localization

Subjects	$RP_{pn}$	$RP$	$UbRP'$	$UbRP$	$Sen$
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jMutRepair	12	22	0	5	27.3%
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Liu *et al.*, “A critical review on the evaluation of automated program repair systems,” *Journal of Systems and Software*, vol. 171, p. 110817, Jan. 2021.

Fault localization precision has a high impact on the program repair performance.

# Patch Correctness

	Ground Truth		PATCH-SIM		BERT + LR	
Project	Incorrect	Correct	Incorrect excluded (%)	Correct excluded	Incorrect excluded (%)	Correct excluded
Chart	23	3	14(60.9%)	0	16(69.6%)	0
Lang	10	5	6(54.5%)	0	1(10%)	0
Math	63	20	33(52.4%)	0	23(36.5%)	0
Time	13	2	9(69.2%)	0	3(23.1%)	0
Total	109	30	62(56.3%)	0	43(39.4%)	0

H. Tian *et al.*, “Evaluating Representation Learning of Code Changes for Predicting Patch Correctness in Program Repair,” in *2020 35th IEEE/ACM International Conference on Automated Software Engineering (ASE)*, Sep. 2020, pp. 981–992.

Still too many **incorrect** patches are generated by program repair techniques.

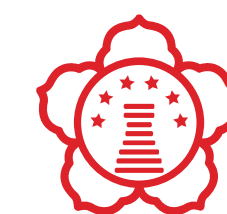
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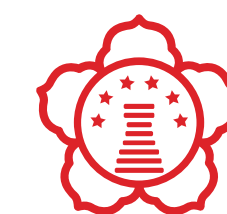


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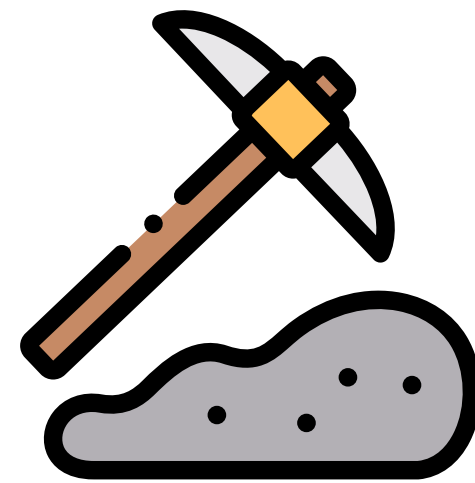
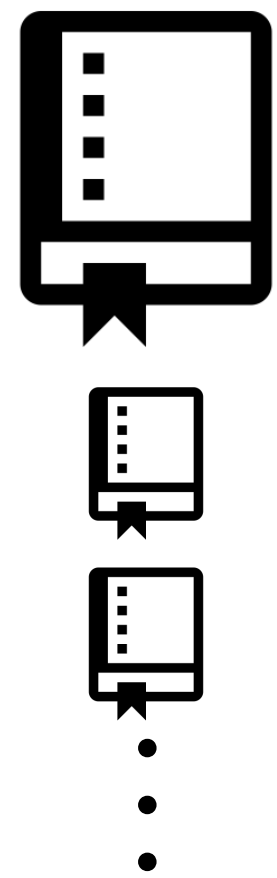


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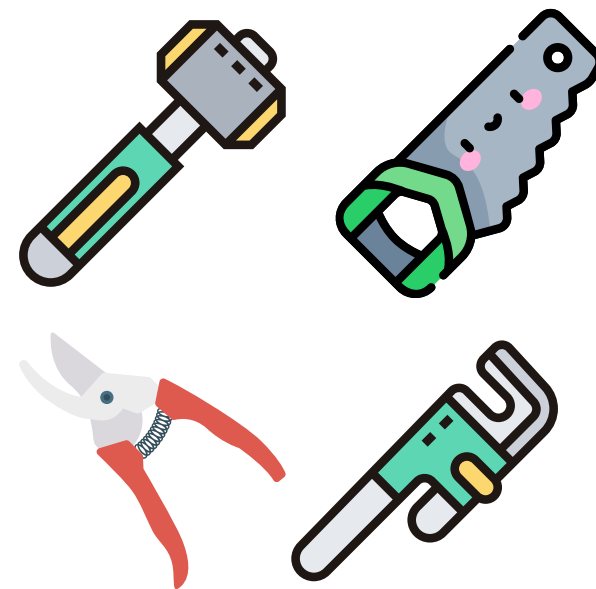
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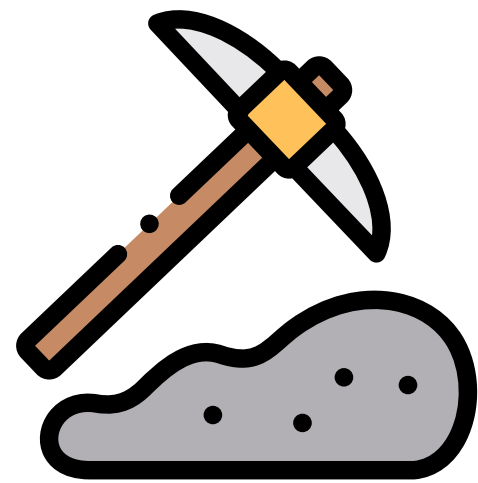
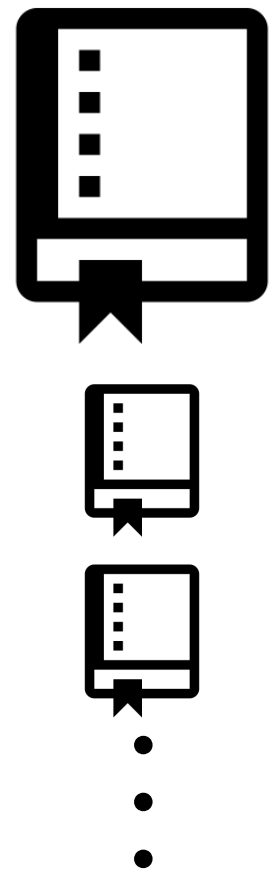


Fix Patterns



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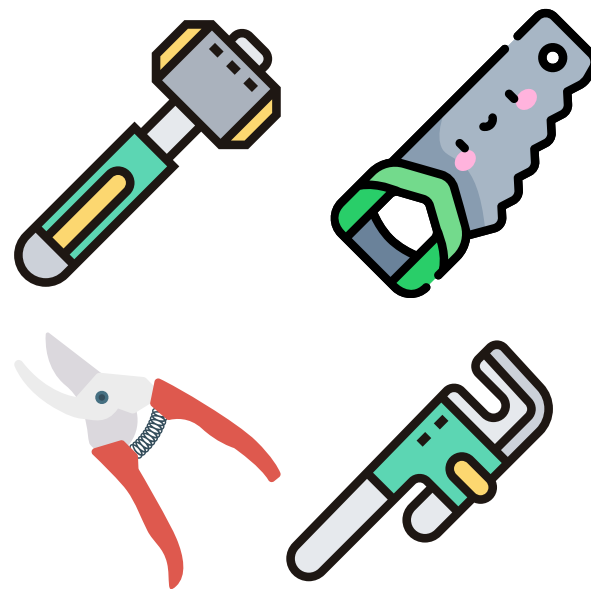
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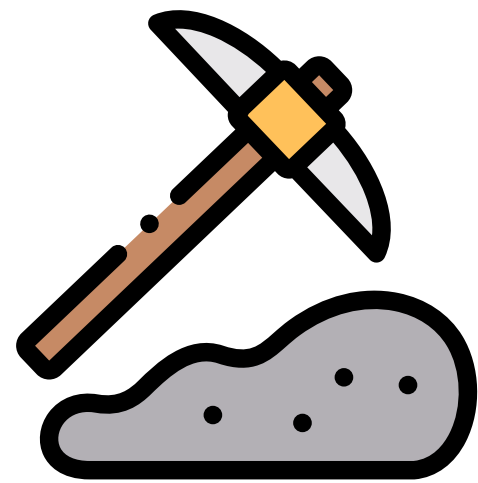
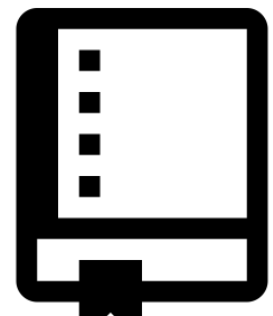


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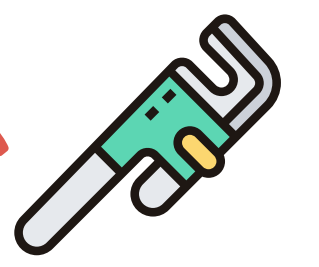
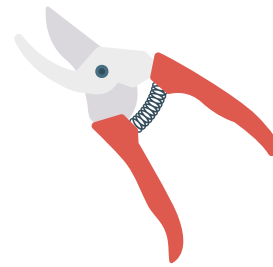
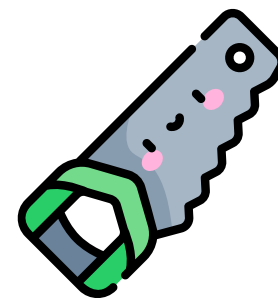
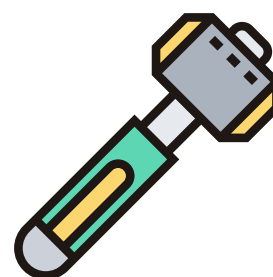
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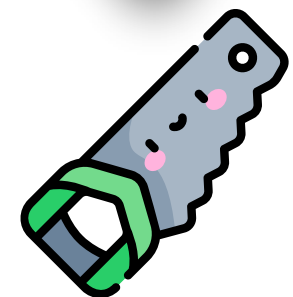
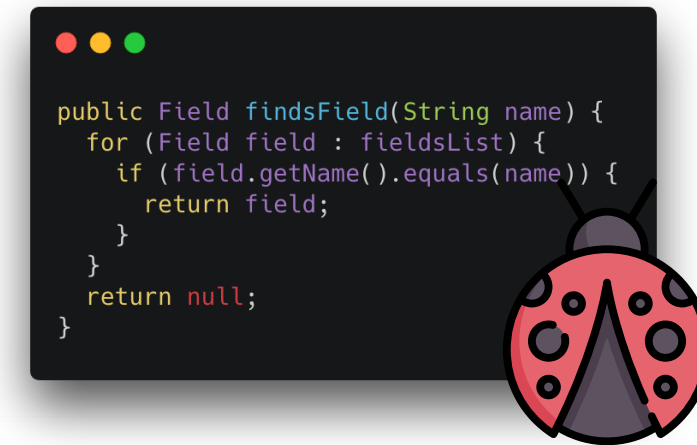
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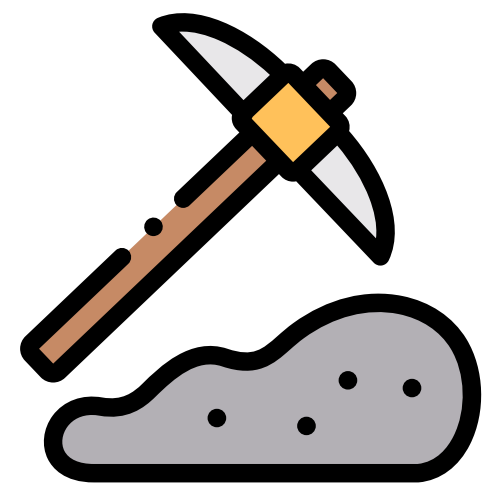
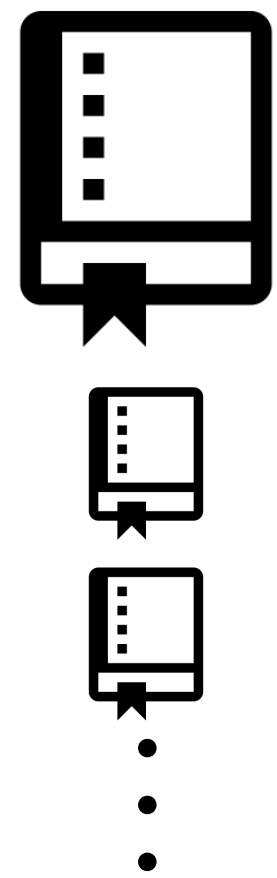


## Buggy Program



# Pattern-based Program Repair

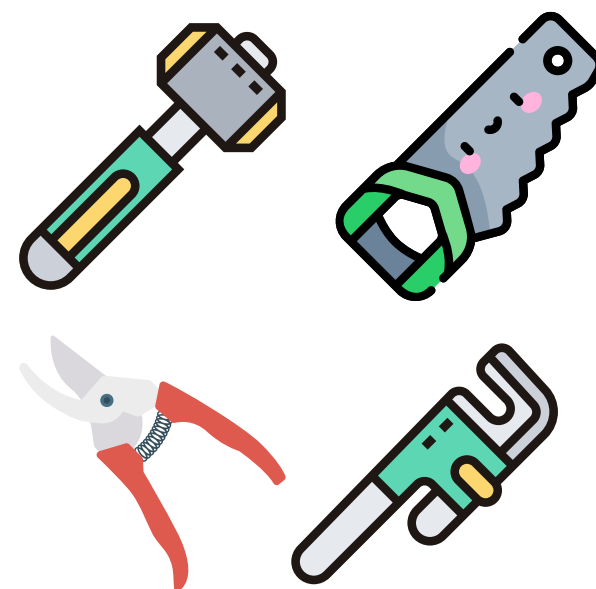
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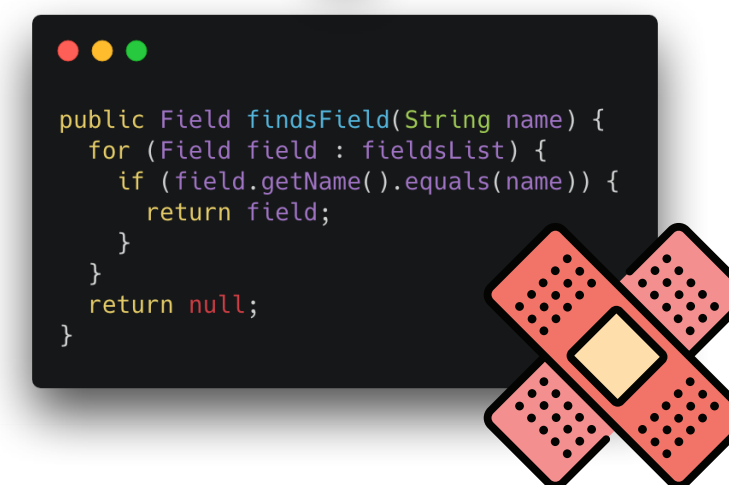
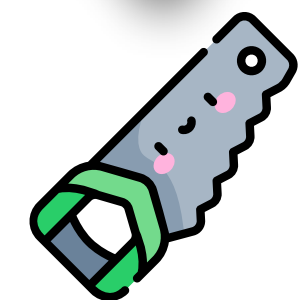
Pattern Mining



Fix Patterns



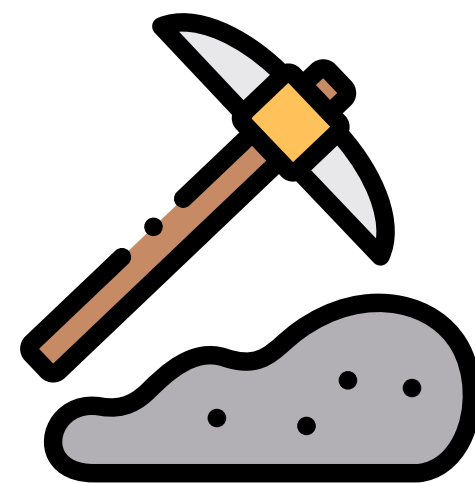
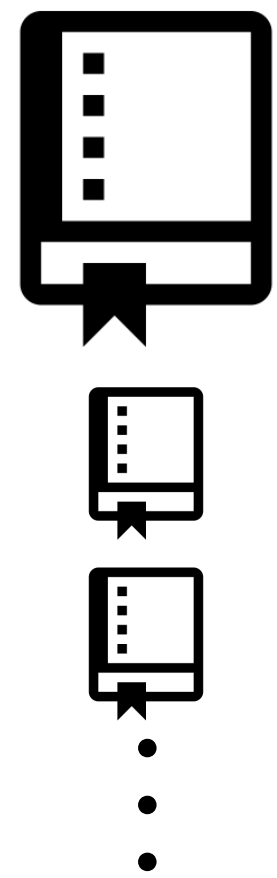
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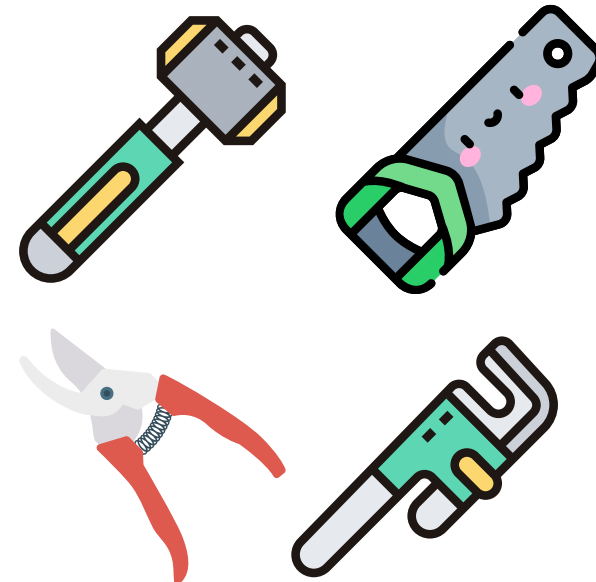
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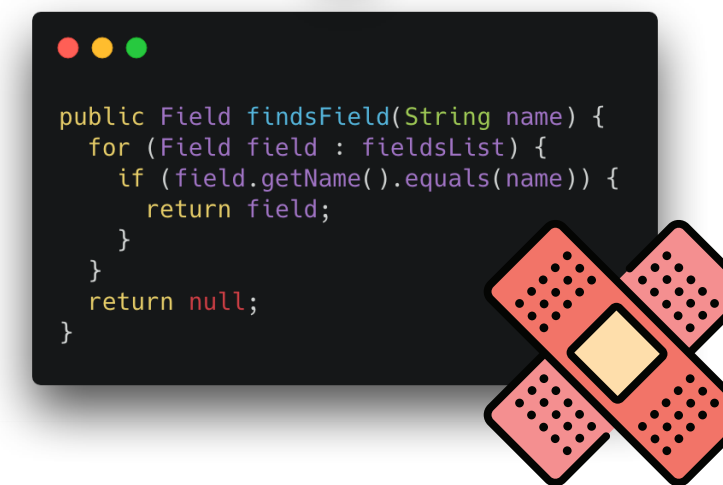
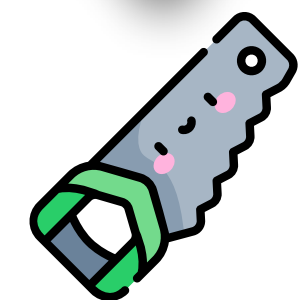


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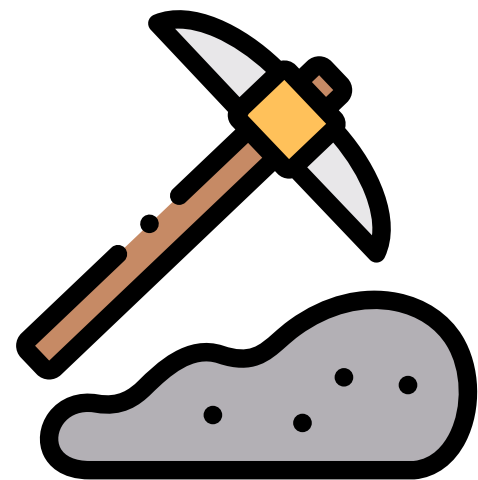
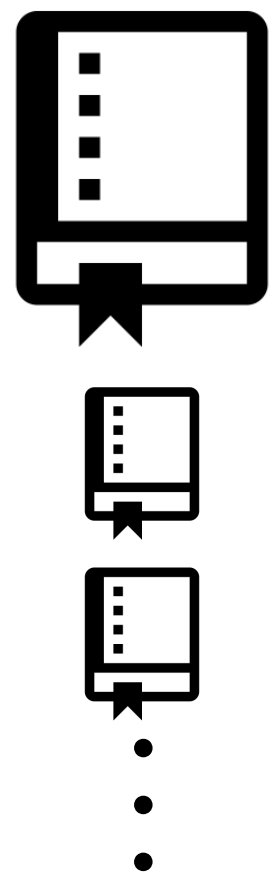
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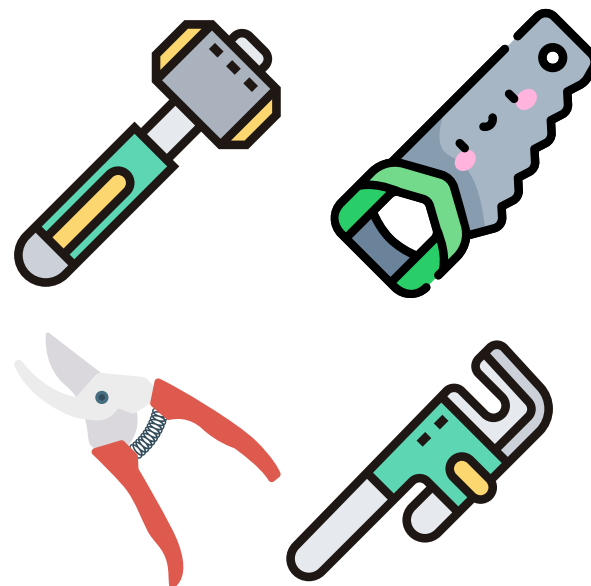
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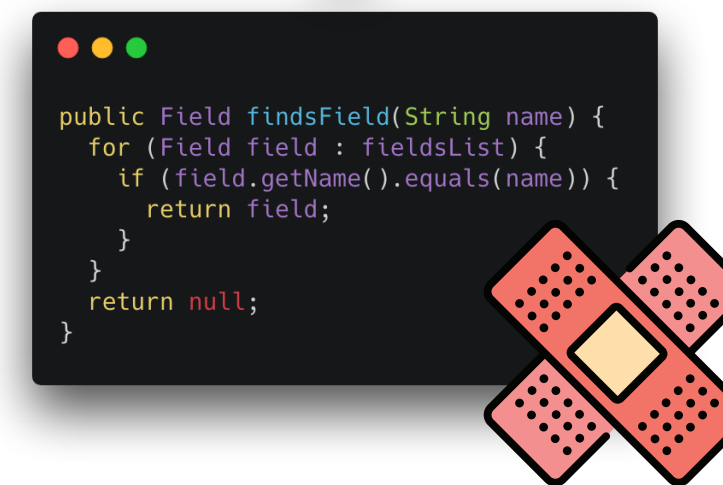
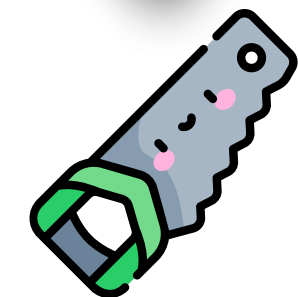
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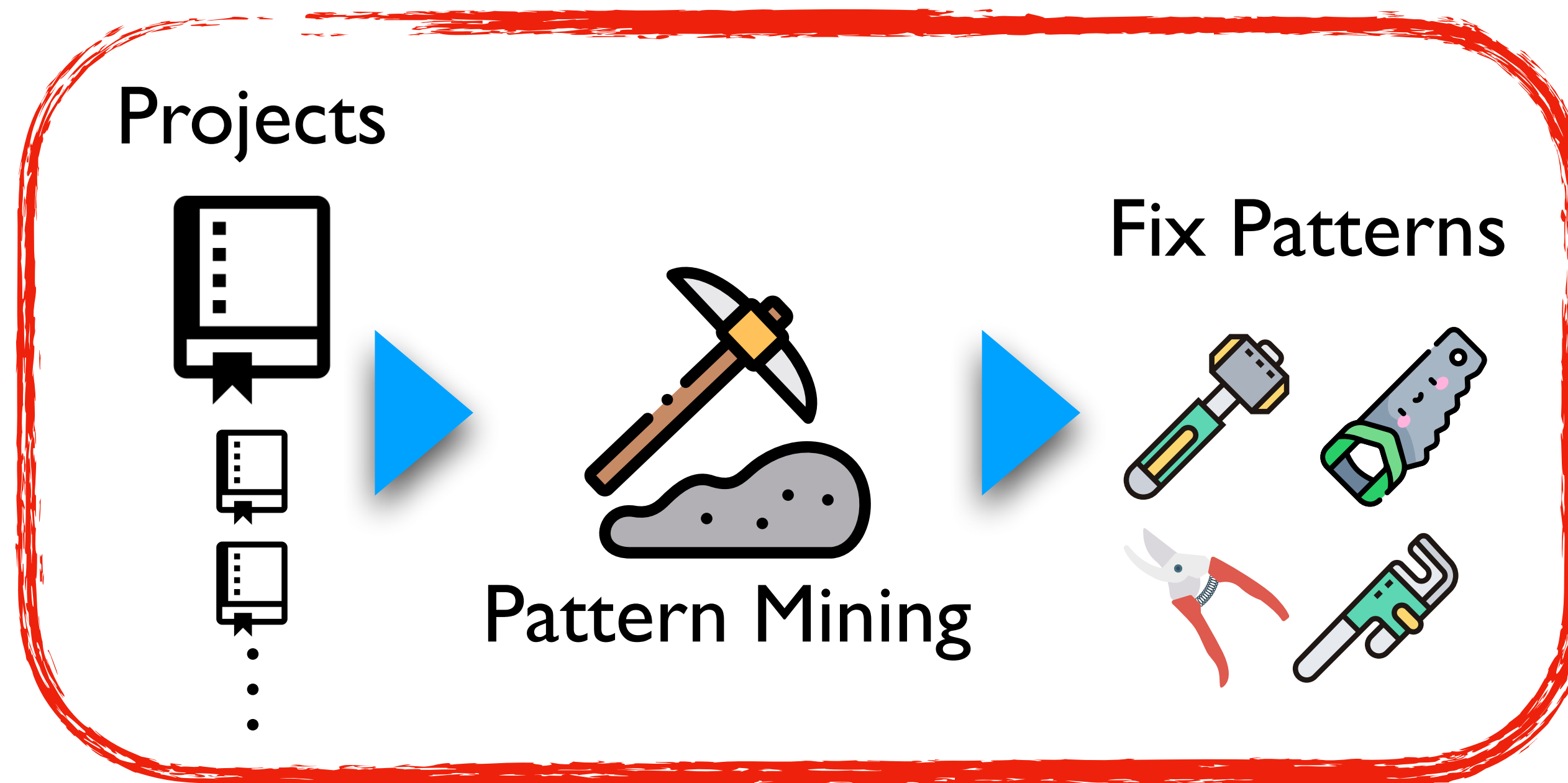
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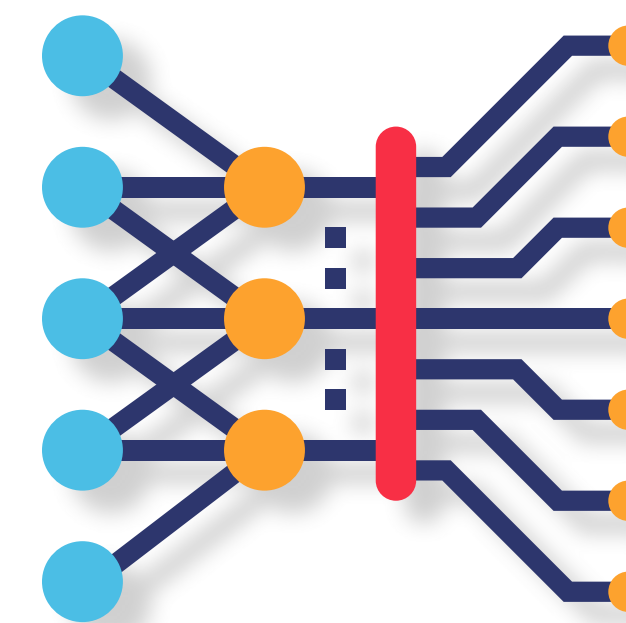
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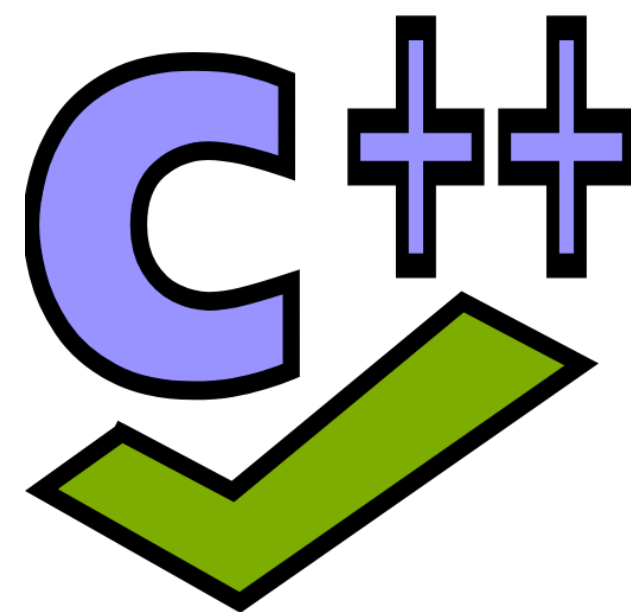


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# Static Analysis Tools



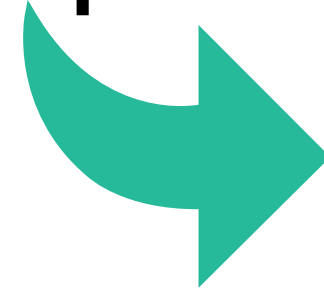
Useful to detect common bugs/defects.

# Violations from Static Analysis Tools



Static analysis tools such as FindBugs detect violations

Example




---

```
public boolean equals(Object obj) {
    // Violation Type:
    // BC_EQUALS_METHOD_SHOULD_WORK_FOR_ALL_OBJECTS
    return getModule().equals(
        (ModuleWrapper) obj).getModule());
}
```

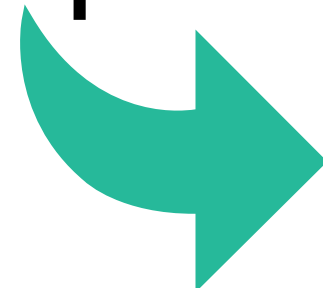
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*PopulateRepositoryMojo.java* file at revision bdf3fe in project nbm-maven-plugin.



Developers may (or may not) change source code to fix the violations.

Example




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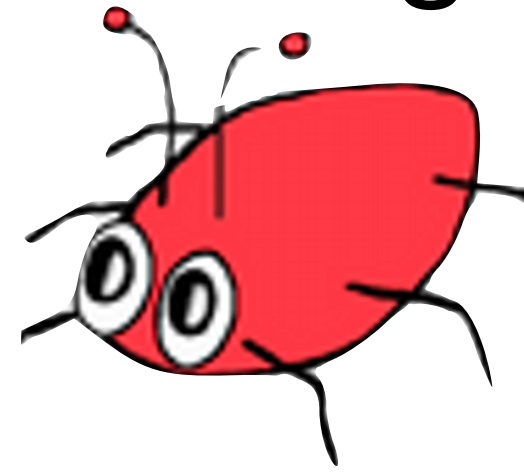
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Commit 0fd11c of project nbm-maven-plugin

# How to fix them?

FindBugs



# Fixing based on bug description?


  
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☐ Bug descriptions

⊕ Bad practice (BAD\_PRACTICE)

⊕ Correctness (CORRECTNESS)

⊕ Experimental (EXPERIMENTAL)

empty JarFile entry. The contents of the entry should be written to the JarFile between the calls to `putNextEntry()` and `closeEntry()`.

**IMSE: Dubious catching of `IllegalMonitorStateException` (IMSE\_DONT\_CATCH\_IMSE)**

`IllegalMonitorStateException` is generally only thrown in case of a design flaw in your code (calling `wait` or `notify` on an object you do not hold a lock on).

**CN: Class defines `clone()` but doesn't implement `Cloneable` (CN\_IMPLEMENTES\_CLONE\_BUT\_NOT\_CLONEABLE)**

This class defines a `clone()` method but the class doesn't implement `Cloneable`. There are some situations in which this is OK (e.g., you want to control how subclasses can clone themselves), but just make sure that this is what you intended.

**CN: Class implements `Cloneable` but does not define or use clone method (CN\_IDIOM)**

Class implements `Cloneable` but does not define or use the clone method.

**CN: clone method does not call `super.clone()` (CN\_IDIOM\_NO\_SUPER\_CALL)**

This non-final class defines a `clone()` method that does not call `super.clone()`. If this class ("A") is extended by a subclass ("B"), and the subclass *B* calls `super.clone()`, then it is likely that *B*'s `clone()` method will return an object of type A, which violates the standard contract for `clone()`.

If all `clone()` methods call `super.clone()`, then they are guaranteed to use `Object.clone()`, which always returns an object of the correct type.

# Fixing based on bug description?

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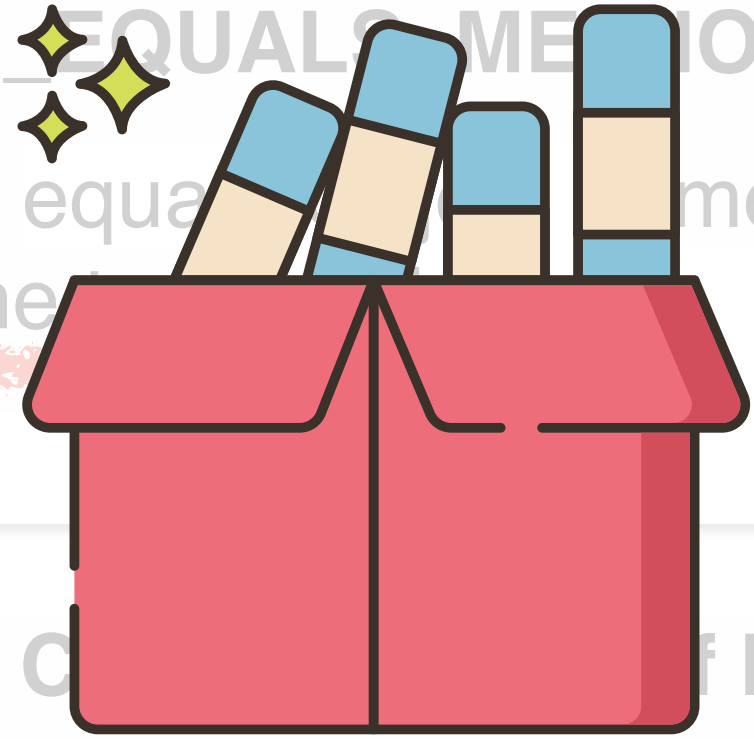
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Requires strong background knowledge.

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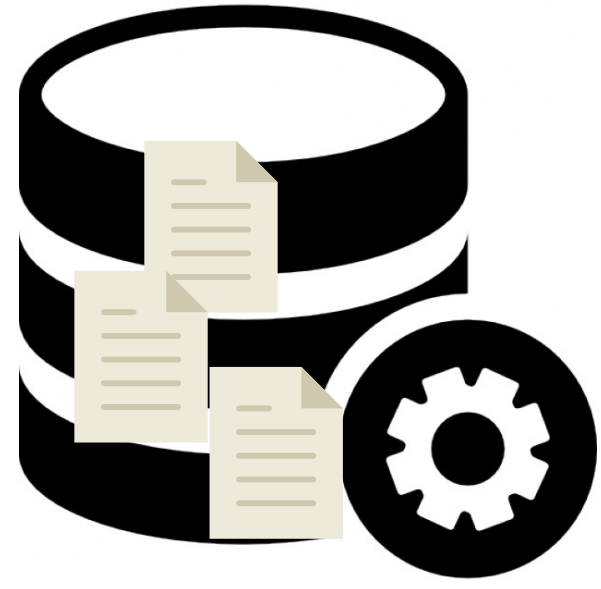


Provides not enough details.

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# Collecting violation-fixing changes



Revision  
History

# Collecting violation-fixing changes



Revision  
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Program  
before  
changes



# FindBugs



Program  
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Patches





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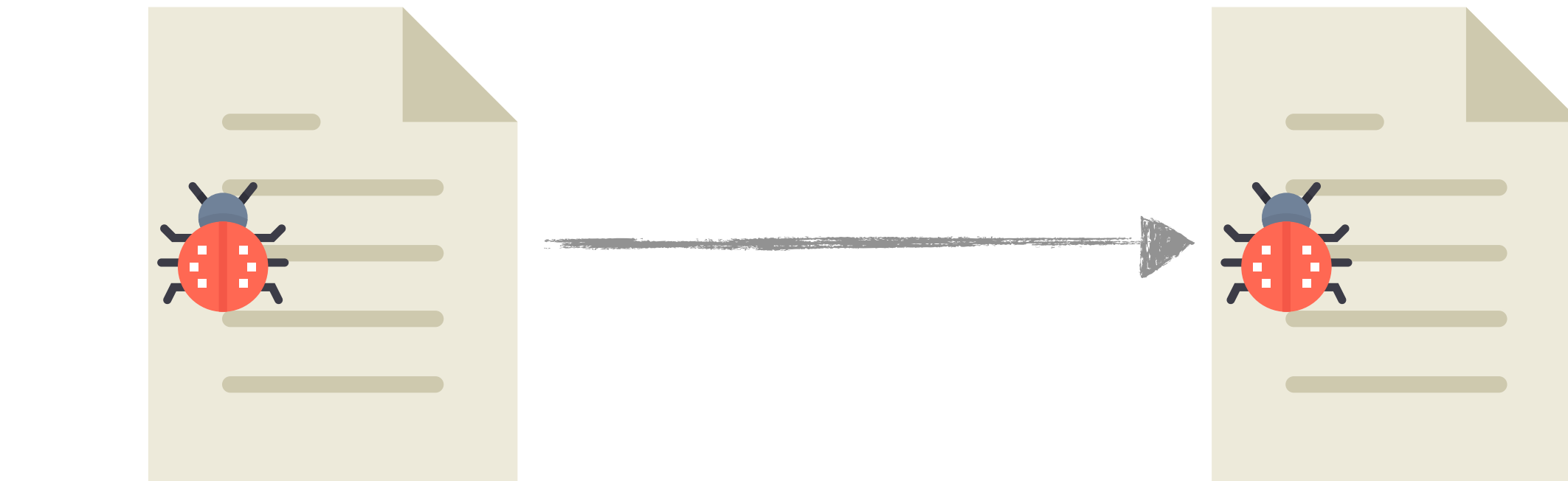


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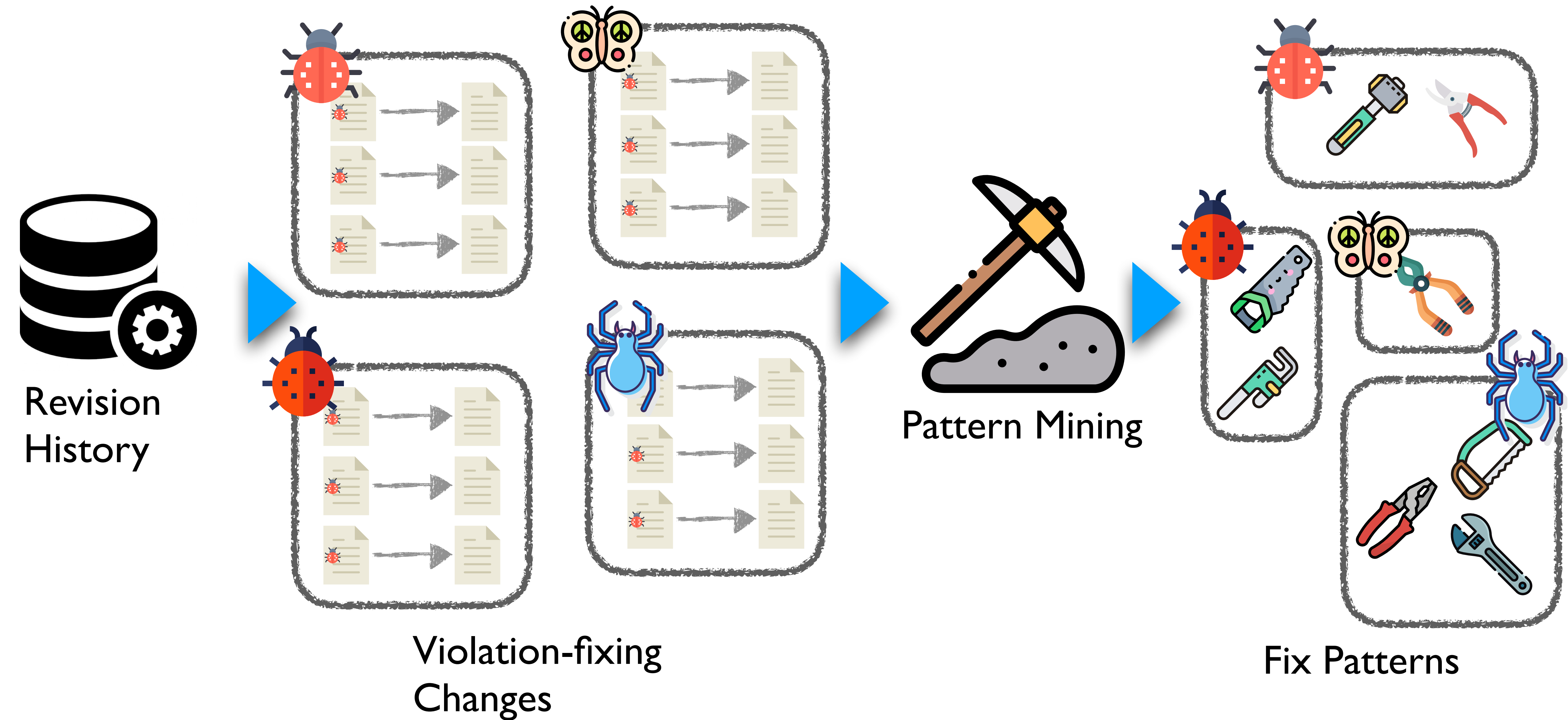
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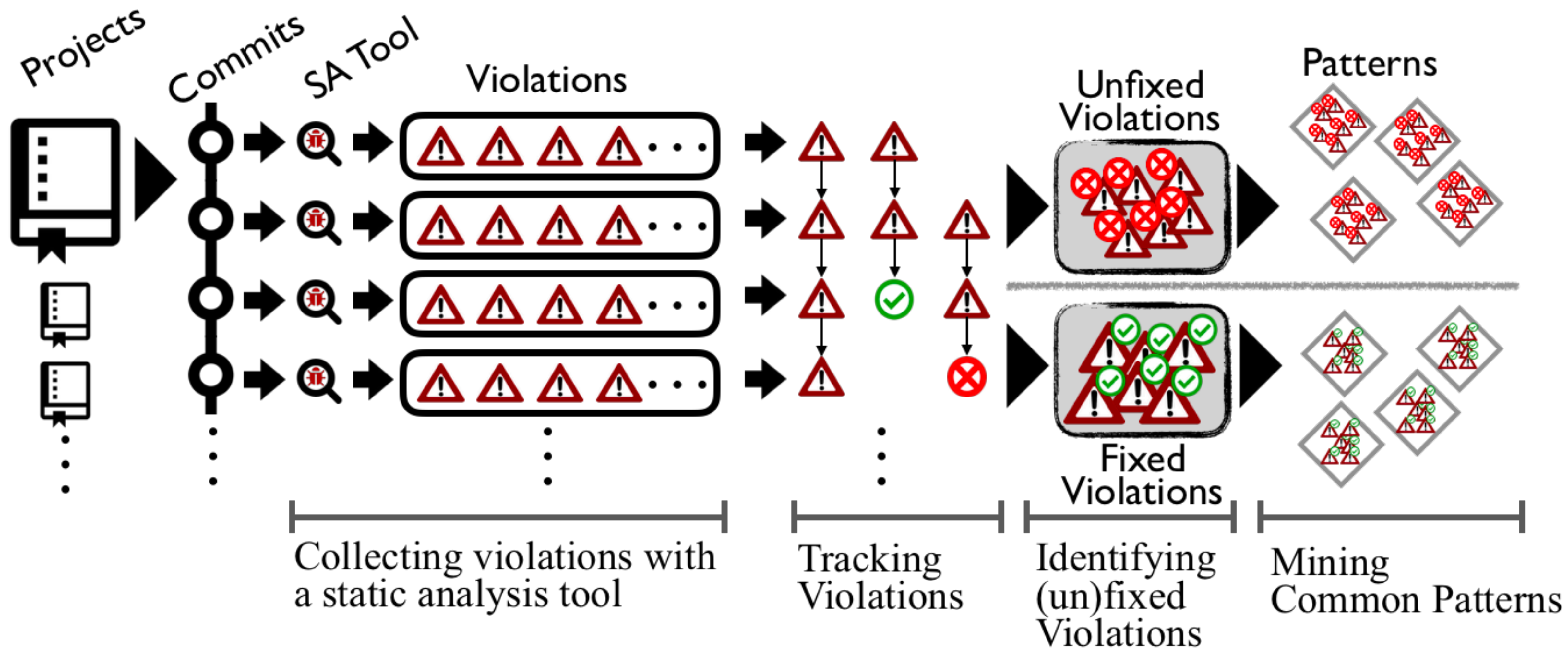
# Idea: Mining violation-fixing changes patterns



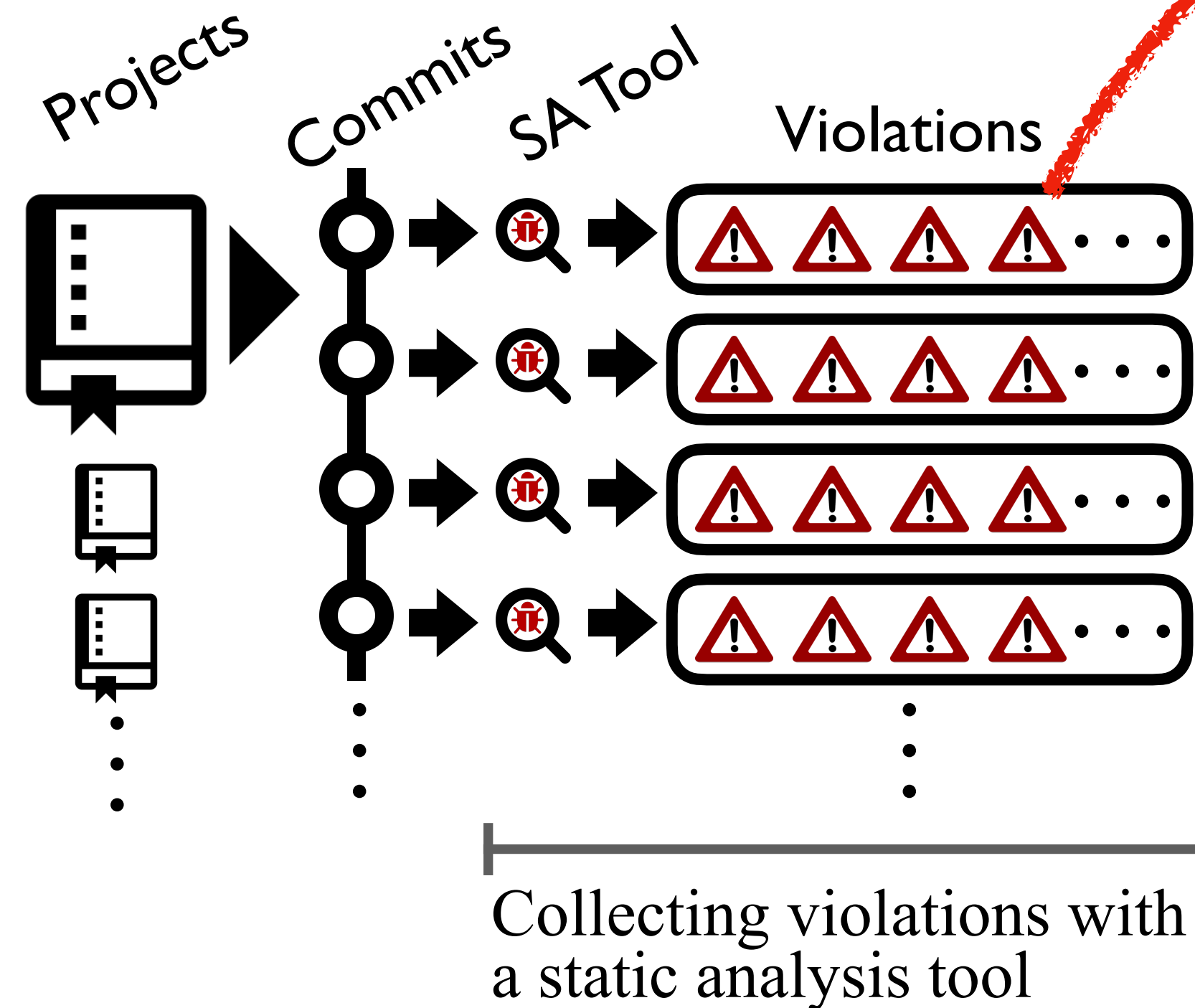


# Approach

# Overview

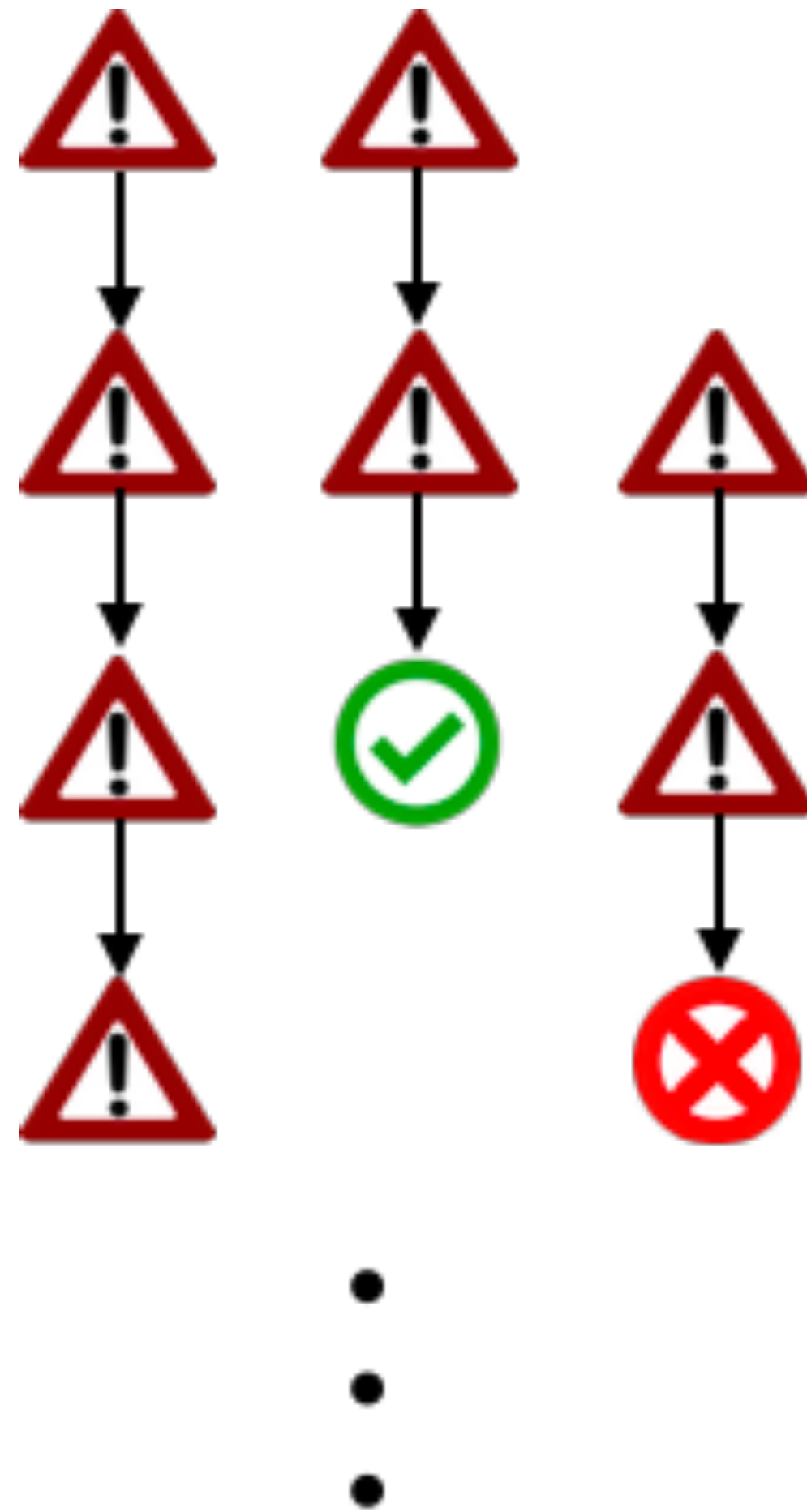


# Collecting violations



```
<ViolationInstance>
  <ViolationType>
    BC_EQUALS_METHOD_SHOULD_WORK_FOR_ALL_OBJECTS
  </ViolationType>
  <ProjectName> nbm-maven-plugin</ProjectName>
  <CommitVersionID>bdf3fe</CommitVersionID>
  <FilePath>nb-repository-plugin/src/main/java/org/
    codehaus/mojo/nbm/repository/PopulateRepository
    Mojo.java</FilePath>
  <StartLineNumber>1195</StartLineNumber>
  <EndLineNumber>1195</EndLineNumber>
</ViolationInstance>
```

# Tracking violations



Identify identical violations between revisions\*.

Detect whether a violation is fixed, or just removed.

[\*] P. Avgustinov, A. I. Baars, A. S. Henriksen, G. Lavender, G. Menzel, O. de Moor, M. Schfer, and J. Tibble, “Tracking Static Analysis Violations over Time to Capture Developer Characteristics,” in Proceedings of the 37th International Conference on Software Engineering, 2015, pp. 437–447.

# Parsing changes (i.e., patches)

```

public boolean equals(Object obj) {
-   return getModule().equals(
-       ((ModuleWrapper) obj).getModule());
+   return obj instanceof ModuleWrapper &&
+       getModule().equals(
+       ((ModuleWrapper) obj).getModule());
}

```

We used GumTree\* to identify AST-level changes.

```

UPD ReturnStatement@@ "return getModule().equals(((ModuleWrapper) obj).getModule());"
---INS InfixExpression@@ "obj instanceof ModuleWrapper..." to ReturnStatement
-----INS InstanceofExpression@@ "obj instanceof ModuleWrapper " to InfixExpression
-----INS Variable@@ "obj" to InstanceofExpression
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-----MOV MethodInvocation@@ "getModule().equals(...)" to InfixExpression

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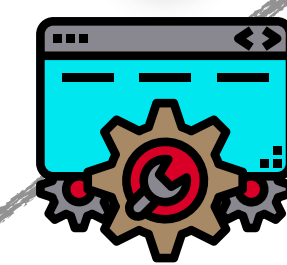
[\*] J.-R. Falleri, F. Morandat, X. Blanc, M. Martinez, and M. Monperrus, “Fine-grained and accurate source code differencing,” in *ACM/IEEE International Conference on Automated Software Engineering*. Vasteras, Sweden - September 15 - 19: ACM, 2014, pp. 313–324.

# Tokenizing change information

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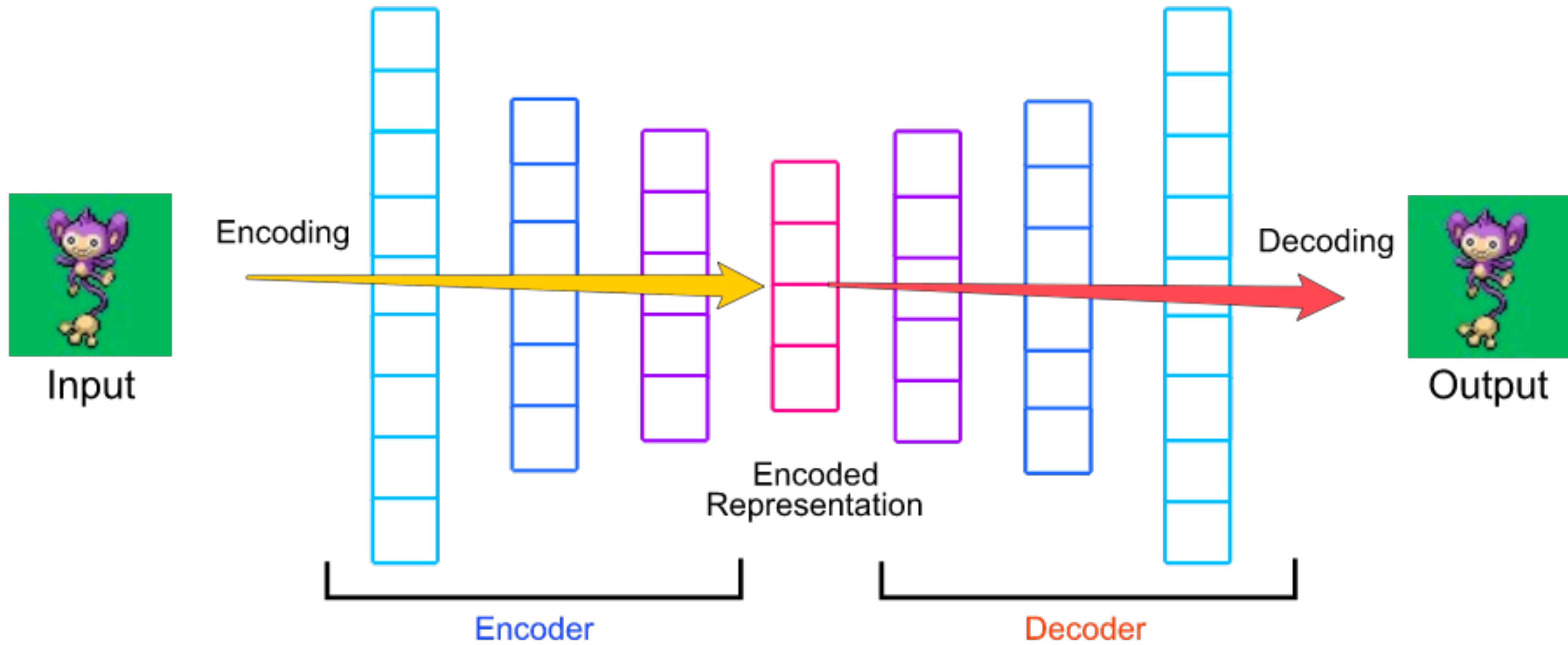
[UPD ReturnStatement, INS InfixExpression, INS InstanceofExpression, INS Variable, INS Operator, INS SimpleType, MOV MethodInvocation]



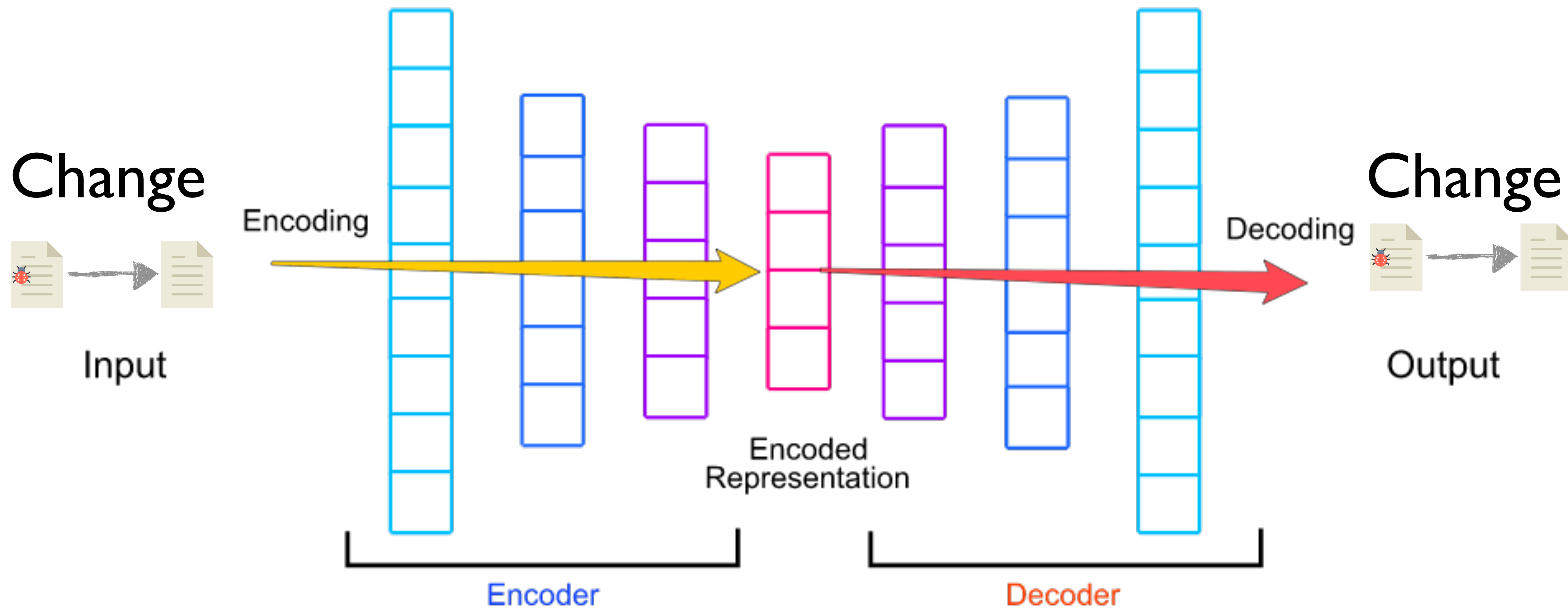
Token Embedding  
(Word2Vec)

<2, 6, 9, ...> <8, 4, 1, ...> <9, 0, 7, ...> <2, 3, 0, ...> ... <7, 1, 2, ...> ...

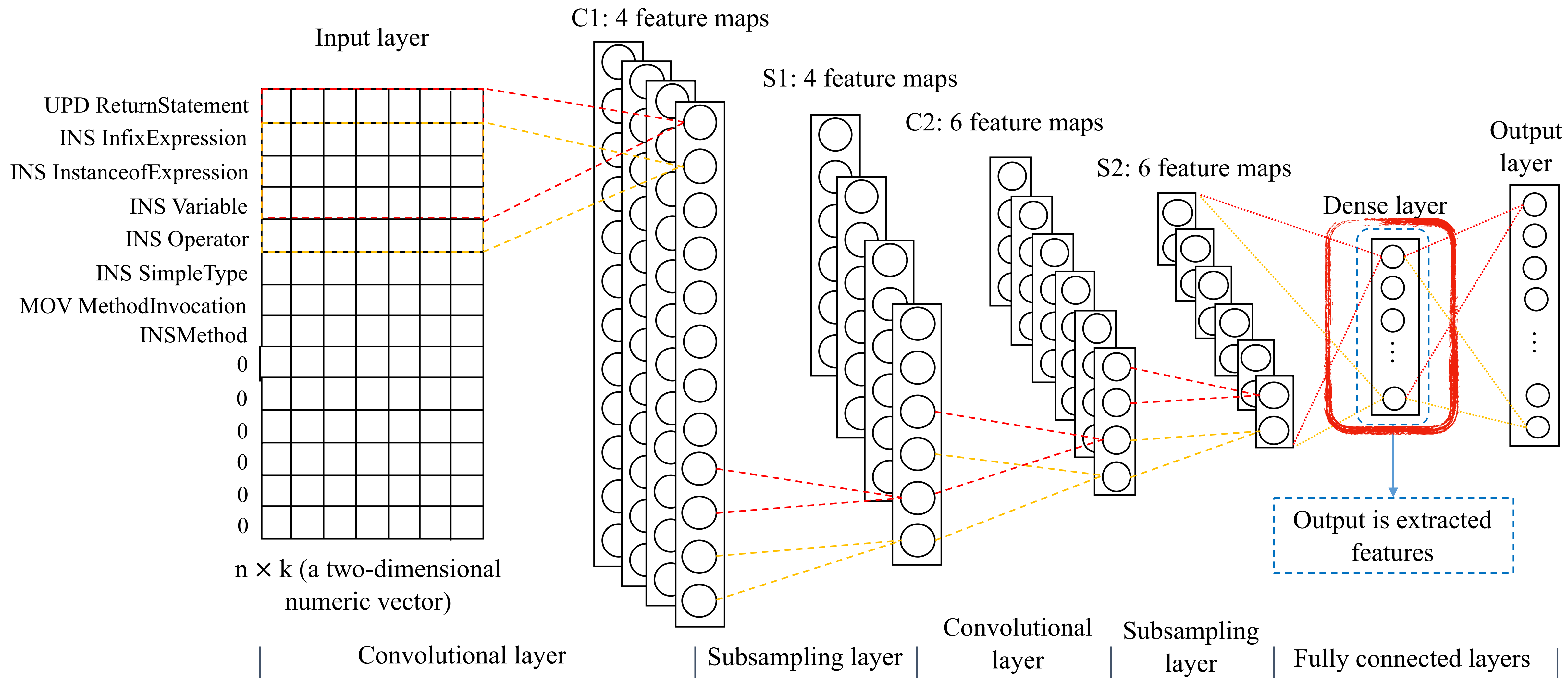
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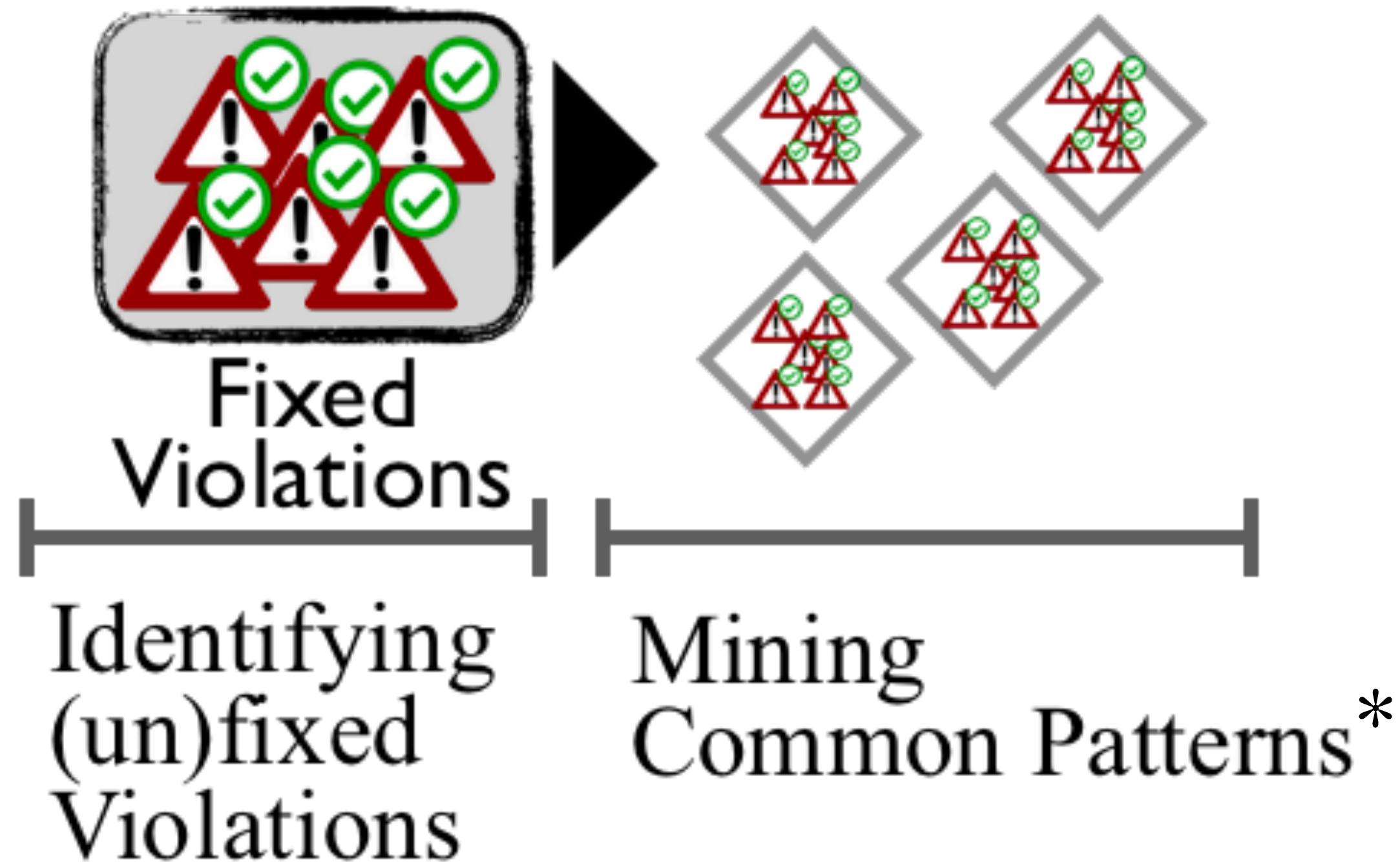
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# Embedding change information



# Clustering Patches and Identifying Fix Patterns



Violation Type:

BC\_EQUALS\_METHOD\_SHOULD\_WORK\_FOR\_ALL\_OBJECTS

Patch Example:

```
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+ return obj instanceof T && exp1().
    equals(((T)obj).exp2());
```

Fix Pattern###:

UPD ReturnStatement

---INS InfixExpression

-----MOV MethodInvocation

-----INS InstanceofExpression

-----INS Variable

-----INS Instanceof

-----INS SimpleType

-----INS Operator

[\*] D. Pelleg, A. W. Moore et al., “X-means: Extending k-means with efficient estimation of the number of clusters.” in ICML, vol. 1, 2000, pp. 727–734.



# Evaluation

# Subjects

# Projects	730
# Commits	291,615
# Violations (detected)	250,387,734
# Distinct violations	16,918,530
# Violations types	400

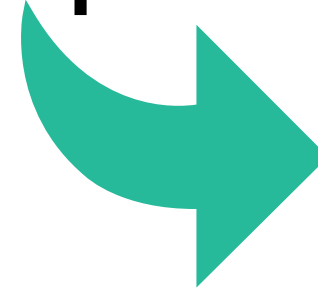
Collected from [GitHub.com](https://github.com).

With at least one violation  
fixing commits.

# Fix Patterns Identified

We have identified  
**174** fix patterns for  
**111** violation types.

Example



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SA_LOCAL_SELF_COMPARISON	Mined Fix Patterns.	7 months ago
SBSC_USE_STRINGBUFFER_CONCATENATION	Mined Fix Patterns.	7 months ago
SC_START_IN_CTOR	Mined Fix Patterns.	7 months ago
SE_BAD_FIELD_INNER_CLASS	Mined Fix Patterns.	7 months ago
SE_NO_SERIALVERSIONID	Mined Fix Patterns.	7 months ago
SIC_INNER_SHOULD_BE_STATIC	Mined Fix Patterns.	7 months ago
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SIO_SUPERFLUOUS_INSTANCEOF	Mined Fix Patterns.	7 months ago
SS_SHOULD_BE_STATIC	Mined Fix Patterns.	7 months ago
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UC_USELESS_CONDITION	Mined Fix Patterns.	7 months ago
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UPM_UNCALLED_PRIVATE_METHOD	Mined Fix Patterns.	7 months ago
URF_UNREAD_FIELD	Mined Fix Patterns.	7 months ago
URF_UNREAD_PUBLIC_OR_PROTECTED_FIELD	Mined Fix Patterns.	7 months ago



# Comparison (Defects4J)

Note that our fix patterns are extracted only from violation fixing patterns.

	Chart	Closure	Lang	Math	Mokito	Time	Total
AVATAR*	5	8	5	6	2	1	27
CapGen	4	0	5	12	0	0	21
Nopol	1	0	3	1	0	0	5
ACS	2	0	3	12	0	1	18
SimFix	4	6	9	14	0	1	34

[\*] K. Liu, A. Koyuncu, D. Kim, and T. F. Bissyandè, “AVATAR: Fixing Semantic Bugs with Fix Patterns of Static Analysis Violations,” in 2019 IEEE 26th International Conference on Software Analysis, Evolution and Reengineering (SANER), 2019, pp. 1–12.

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json-simple	2				2
commons-io	2			2	
commons-lang	7		1	1	5
commons-math	6				6
ant	16	9	1	4	2
cassandra	9				9
mahout	3				3
aries	5				5
poi	44	44			
camel	22	14		8	
Total	116	67	2	15	32

# Plan



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Statistical detection of **bugs** in bug finders

# Plan



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Statistical  
detection of **false  
alarms**



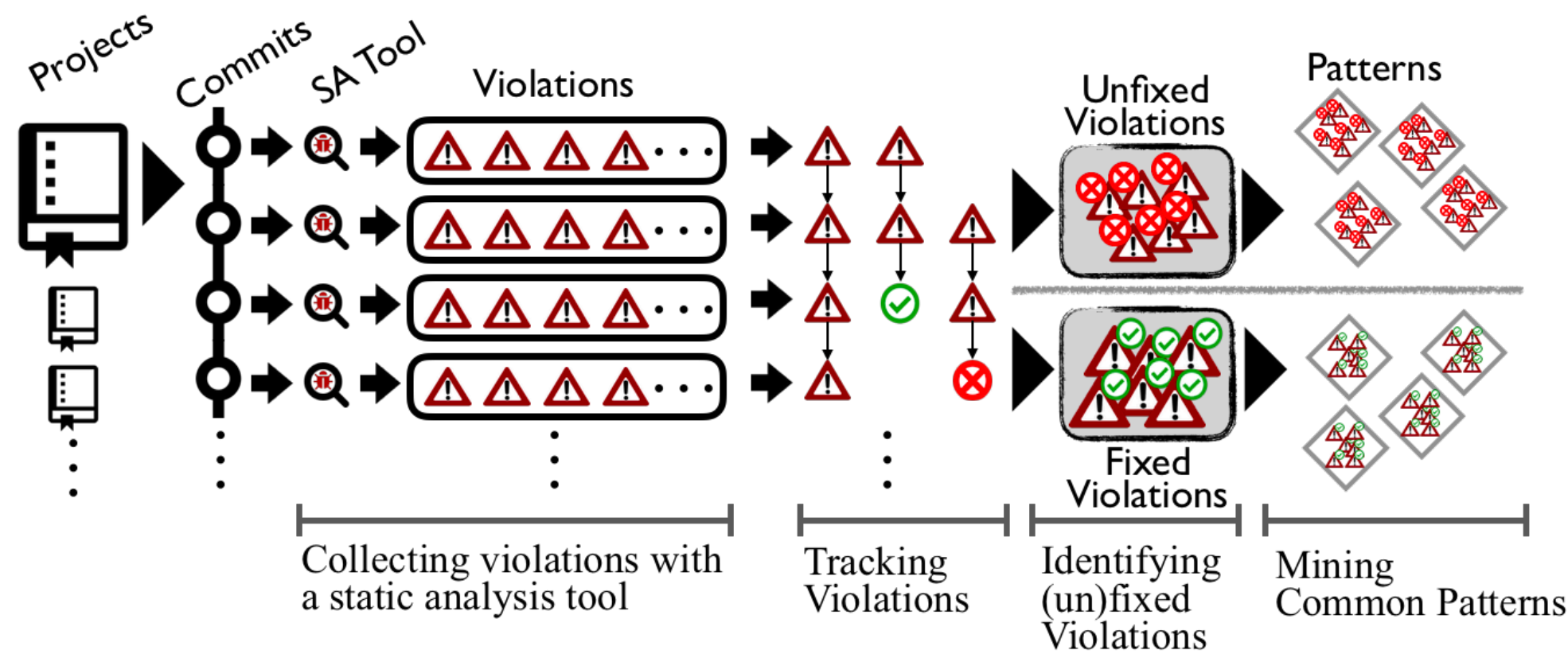
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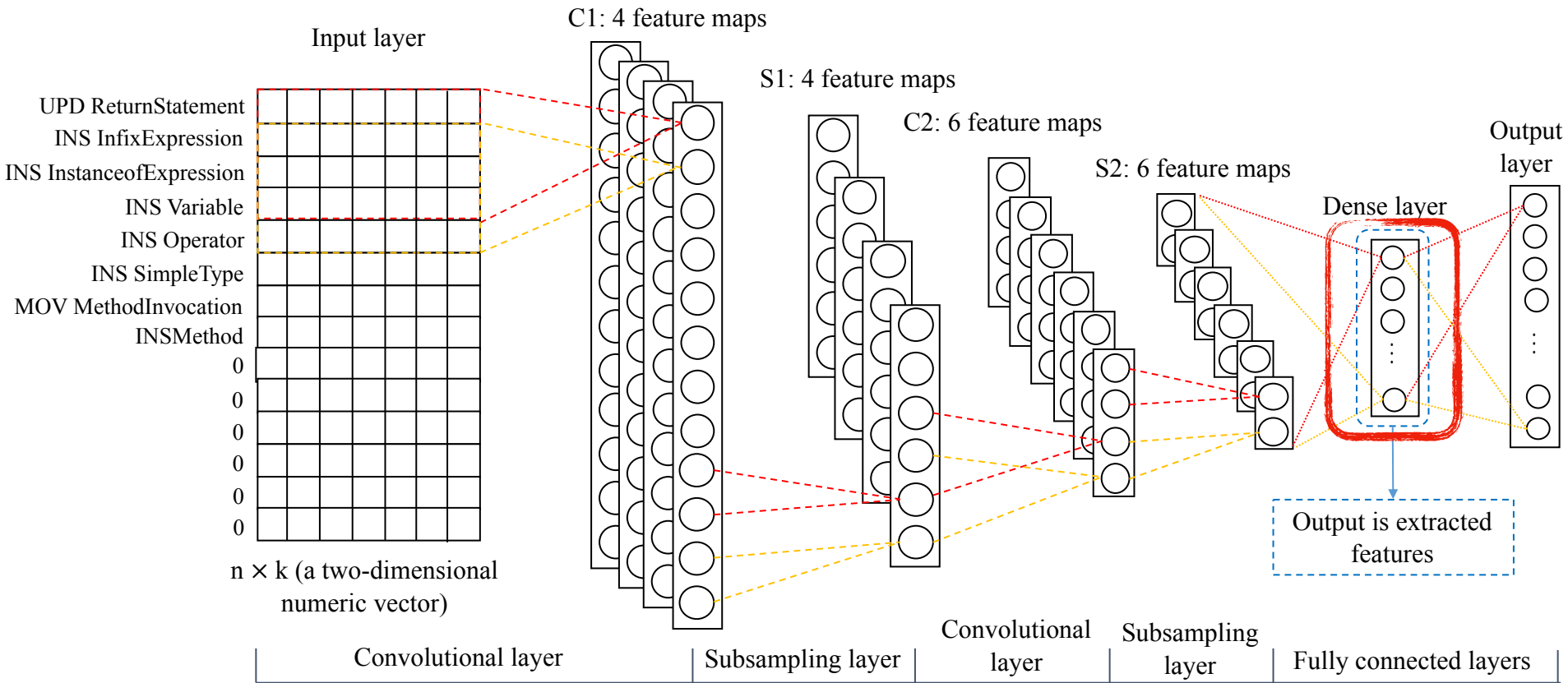
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