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Exploring the Taxonomy of Commits in Cyber-Physical Systems for Enhanced Error Fixes Investigation

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Abstract. Cyber-physical systems are a symbiosis of multi-level control systems that take into account the physical aspects of the functioning of target objects. Errors in such systems can be associated both with incorrect organization of the code and operation of the hardware, as well as with an incorrect understanding of physical laws and their numerical approximation. Continuing our previous work, we apply technologies for analyzing commits in git repositories of some well-known cyber-physical systems, followed by classification of messages from developers. As a result, we discuss the identified strong keywords and generalized fix messages that can reveal the main classes of bugs in these projects. The results of the work can be used in training and consulting on errors and vulnerabilities in complex systems.

Keywords: clustering; fixing commits; errors classification; cyber-physical systems.

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Классификация коммитов в репозиториях киберфизических систем для исследования исправлений ошибок в них

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Аннотация. Киберфизические системы представляют собой симбиоз многоуровневых систем управления и учитывают физические аспекты функционирования целевых объектов. Ошибки в таких системах могут быть связаны как с неправильной организацией кода и работой аппаратных средств, так и с неверным пониманием физических законов и их численной аппроксимацией. Продолжая предыдущую работу, мы применяем технологии автоматизированного анализа коммитов в gitрепозиториях некоторых известных киберфизических систем с последующей классификацией собранных сообщений о фиксации изменений, написанных разработчиками таких систем. В работе мы обсуждаем выявленные сильные ключевые слова и обобщенные сообщения об исправлениях, которые способны показать основные ключевые сова и обобщения. Результаты исследования могут быть использованы при обучении и консультировании по ошибкам и уязвимостям в сложных системах.

Ключевые слова: кластеризация; исправляющие коммиты; классификация ошибок; киберфизические системы.

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1. Introduction

Modern software development environments are crucial for improving the efficiency and quality of software development processes. One such valuable tool is the git version control system [1], which is widely used among developers and provides a detailed change history in its repositories. Each change to the code is documented with a message written in natural language by the developer, making it easier to track the evolution of the software.

This work seeks to leverage data analysis methods to identify common types of errors in the source code of software used in cyber-physical systems. By analyzing the messages in git repositories, automated methods can be used to detect patterns of errors fixes for the code. This approach can help developers identify recurring issues and take preventive measures to improve software quality. By conducting such analysis, software development teams can streamline their processes, reduce the occurrence of errors, and enhance the overall quality of the software being developed. By understanding the common types of errors and their main causes, developers can implement targeted solutions to address these issues and prevent them from occurring in future projects to ensure that software for cyber-physical systems is robust and reliable.

The rest of the paper has the following structure.

In Section 2, we discuss the background on commits to version control systems and cyber-physical systems. Section 3 is about the related works on errors detection in cyber-physical systems. Section 4 is devoted to the implementation plan and solving corresponding issues. In Section 5, we discuss the results we got by running our software to analyze some known repositories of cyber-physical systems. In Conclusion, we point out the generalization of found errors types.

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2. Background

2.1 The git version control system

A version control system is a system that helps manage software development. It tracks changes, provides multiple version control of files, and allows multiple developers to collaborate [2].

The git version control system was created by Linus Torvalds to manage the development of the Linux kernel. Projects in the git system are called repositories.

A git repository contains a collection of files and folders associated with a project, along with a history of changes to each file. A file history is a list of changes at a specific moment called commits. They can be organized into multiple development lines called branches. Because git is a distributed version control system, anyone with a copy of the repository can access the entire project's codebase and its history. Thus, by analyzing the repository one can track the progress of project development. Each commit contains the following tracking information [3]: (1) a snapshot of the current state of the files in the repository at the time the changes were committed, a commit stores all the changes that have been made to the files at the time of the commit; (2) author of the commit; (3) the date the commit was created; (4) a commit message written by the developer in natural language that describes the essence of the changes made in this commit; (5) hash sum; and (6) parent commits.

2.2 Commit classification

The three most common reasons for making changes to the code by introducing a commit, are [4-5]:

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- 1) Adding new functionality: this refers to the process of introducing new features to the software application. It could involve creating new modules, implementing new algorithms, or integrating third-party libraries.
- 2) Improving code quality: this reason includes making changes to the code to enhance its maintainability, readability, and efficiency. It could involve refactoring code to follow coding standards, optimizing algorithms or improving documentation.
- 3) Fixing bugs: they involve identifying and resolving issues in the code that affect the functionality of the software application.

While bug fixes and adding new functionality are closely related reasons for code changes, it is essential to accurately classify commits in a version control system to distinguish between the two categories. To address this, some research focused on identifying key features that differentiate bug fixes from adding new functionality in commits. By analyzing the patterns, code changes, and contextual information associated with each type of commit, a commit classifier was made [6]. In our work we use almost the same ideas.

2.3 Cyber-physical systems and errors in it

Edward Lee's works on modeling cyber-physical systems [7, 8] provide in-depth exploration of the fundamental concepts underlying these complex systems. Lee points out the importance of a precise definition of cyber-physical systems, highlighting their evolution from the earlier cybernetic systems studied in control theory. One key aspect that sets modern cyber-physical systems apart is their reliance on diverse sensor data, which necessitates a distributed approach to operation. These systems not only interact with their environment but also have direct impacts on human lives, underscoring the need for accurate modeling to ensure their safe and effective functioning.

Raj Rajkumar emphasizes the interconnected nature of cyber-physical systems [9], notes how these systems combine physical processes with communication networks and computing capabilities. Helen Gill expands the definition of cyber-physical systems to include human factors, taking into account the role of human operators in these systems [10]. Janos Sztipanovits highlighting the interdisciplinary nature of cyber-physical systems, pointing how these systems bring together expertise from various fields such as computer science, engineering, and mathematics [11].

Errors in cyber-physical systems can be categorized into various types [12] such as design errors, implementation errors, communication errors, timing errors, and environmental errors. These errors can result in safety, system failures, performance, and security vulnerabilities.

Addressing errors in cyber-physical systems presents numerous challenges [13] due to the intricate nature of system interactions, real-time constraints, resource limitations, and the necessity for interdisciplinary expertise. To enhance error detection and mitigation strategies, researchers are investigating advancements in formal methods, model-based design, runtime monitoring, anomaly detection, and machine learning techniques [14].

2.4 Examples of cyber-physical systems to analyze

In this subsection, we describe some notable projects from our past experience and from the list of projects on the topic "cyber-physical systems" on GitHub, which we chose to analyze error fixes in their repositories.

The Ardupilot project [15] can be considered as a cyber-physical system. Ardupilot is an opensource autopilot software suite that enables autonomous control of drones, unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), and other robotic systems. It integrates physical components (such as sensors, actuators, and communication modules, see the example of architectural modeling in [16] with computational elements (software algorithms, control logic) to enable real-time monitoring, control, and navigation of the vehicle. Starovoytov N.A., Staroletov S.M. Exploring the Taxonomy of Commits in Cyber-Physical Systems for Enhanced Error Fixes Investigation. *Trudy ISP RAN/Proc. ISP RAS*, vol 36, issue 2, 2024., pp. 33-46.

The Scada-LTS project [17] can also be understood as a cyber-physical system. SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) systems are used to monitor and control industrial processes, infrastructure systems, and other complex systems that involve the interaction between physical components and digital control systems. The Scada-LTS project is an open-source SCADA software system provides monitoring, control, monitoring, and data acquisition capabilities for various industrial applications.

The Modelica project [18-19] is related to the cyber-physical system topic. Modelica is an opensource, object-oriented modeling language used to model complex cyber-physical systems that involve the interaction between physical components and digital control systems. In a cyber-physical system context, Modelica can be used to create models that represent the behavior of physical components such as mechanical systems, electrical systems, thermal systems, and more. These physical component models can then be integrated with control algorithms and other software components to create a comprehensive model of the entire system.

The KeYmaeraX project [20-21] relates to the promising topic of proving the correctness of cyberphysical systems. KeYmaeraX is a theorem prover for hybrid systems, which are systems that exhibit both continuous dynamics (physical processes) and discrete dynamics (digital control algorithms). Cyber-physical systems often fall into the category of hybrid systems. KeYmaeraX supports the verification of safety-critical properties, such as collision avoidance, stability guarantees, reachability analysis, and dynamic logic specifications [22-24], which are essential for ensuring the reliable operation of cyber-physical systems.

3. Related work

To search for errors and vulnerabilities in cyber-physical systems, both static and dynamic methods are applicable. Since software for cyber-physical systems is a set of executable programs (possibly running on different nodes), general methods of analysis, testing and verification specific to distributed software are applicable to it. For such systems, monitoring is preferable, when the system is running and its current state can be obtained and compared with the expected one. The work [25] describes a review of this kind of monitoring for given requirements in the form of specifications. Specific signal analysis methods are applicable for different classes of such systems [26]. For real-time systems, this kind of monitoring can check parameters such as input rate, scheduling delay, and processing time [27]. For systems dependent on network interactions, methods for analyzing network vulnerabilities [28] are applicable.

It has long been discussed that static code analysis techniques are applicable to such systems [29]. Although for special domains, special approaches must be used to generate benchmarks [30].

As of theoretical research, first of all, methods for constructing behavioral models of such systems and testing them [31] as well as logical calculus systems for modeling vulnerabilities [32] are known. Such models are decoupled from real code, which entails the use of abstraction and a potential loss of adequacy, but they can potentially test situations that are difficult to reproduce.

Empirical work by Tan et al. [33] focuses on conducting a comprehensive analysis of bugs in opensource software, with a specific emphasis on the Linux kernel. In the case of Linux, bugs are categorized based on their respective subsystems, such as core, driver, network, FS, arch, or other. The study utilizes BugZilla's message text for various open-source components, employing vectorization techniques for automatic bug classification. In a similar vein, Xiao et al. [34] proceed with a detailed examination of 5741 Linux kernel bug reports. Their analysis delves into bug descriptions, comments, and attached files from the Linux kernel bug tracker, BugZilla. The bugs are further classified as fast-reproducible (Bohrbug), difficult-to-reproduce (Mandelbug), or context-dependent. Additionally, the researchers define specific categories to which bugs can be attributed, such as memory errors or unfreed resources, based on their contextual dependencies. In the present work, we are going to do such kind of analysis. By focusing on cyber-physical systems rather than Linux kernels, we can uncover specific issues and vulnerabilities that are relevant to this

particular domain. Utilizing git repositories as the source for messages provides a wealth of data that can offer insight into the development and maintenance of these systems. By differentiating between fixing commit messages, we can pinpoint common errors and identify patterns that may indicate underlying issues within the codebase.

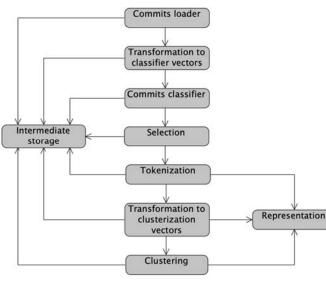


Fig. 1. Architecture of our solution

4. On the implementation

4.1 The structure of the solution

The internal flow and main modules of our solution are presented in Fig. 1. The ideas to implement the approach are presented in our previous paper [35]. To repeat, this is getting the text of commits, identifying commits that commit, representing its text in vector form using a "bag of words", working with increasing the role of significant words, and further clustering such vectors into generalizing centroids with the ability to restore close messages from commits for each of the found centroids. Les us just describe the logical modules.

The **Intermediate storage** is a module necessary to be able to interrupt the progress of the program and replace other modules without completely losing the result of the work; it can be presented in the form of a small database management system.

The **Commits loader** loads commit information from the git system. This module is necessary because calculating file changes can be a costly operation, and preloading information allows it to be done only once.

The **Transformation to classifier vectors** module obtains commits in a vector representation. For conversion, both data from the commit information in natural language and in a programming language are used. Priority in classification is given to control flow graph representation of the commit diff. The vector data is used only for classification and is not used further in commit clustering.

The Commit classifier module determines whether a certain commit is a bug fix.

The **Selection** module makes a selection from the general pool of commits that will be needed for a specific study. For example, the comment belongs to a specific domain and time period.

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The **Tokenization** module converts a commit message to a list of keywords. This process involves removing technical information, converting words to a basic form, and removing unimportant words.

The **Transformation to clusterization vectors** module converts a list of keywords to numeric vectors, and also generates a dictionary for the reverse arrangement of vectors.

The **Clustering module** defines a certain cluster for a specific commit or assigns it to an outlier (does not assign it to any of the clusters). It works with the **Distance calculation** module which calculates the matrix of distances between all vectors.

The **Representation** module collects data from different modules, organizes them and presents them in a user-friendly format.

4.2 Covered issues

In this section, we discuss solving the difficulties that followed attempts to directly apply Linux kernel repository analysis approaches [35] to new cyber-physical system repositories.

During the analysis, it was noticed that the selected repositories of cyber-physical systems lack in commit messages a detailed description of the actions taken by developers. Therefore, we have to rely solely on headlines as the source of data for our analysis. Incomplete and uninformative commit messages make it difficult to understand development history and effectively track down the causes of problems. Unfortunately, in the repositories studied, such commits predominate, which complicates the analysis.

A significant problem also arises from the high IDF values observed in dictionaries. This reflects a lack of token diversity that prevents key aspects from being isolated in the codebase. As a consequence, inflated values lead to a number of problems that must be overcome to achieve good storage analysis.

As a solution to the problems, LSA transformations had to be introduced. LSA is a machine learning technique used to identify semantic patterns in large text data sets, making it an effective tool for analyzing changes in domain-specific code repositories.

It was also decided to change the clustering algorithm. DBSCAN offers significant improvements to the commit analysis process. It detects clusters of different densities and shapes, making it easier to adapt to different projects.

Analyzing each repository with a small number of commits is a unique task in selecting clustering parameters (Table 1), and requires careful manual tuning. Manual selection is critical to achieving optimal results. For example, increasing the "LSA units" parameter can help in cases where the number of clusters is not enough or too many.

	Scada	Modelica	KeYmaeraX	ardupilot
Min cluster size	5	5	10	15
Eps	0.23	0.23	0.38	0.45
LSA units	100	100	200	300

Table 1. Empirically selected parameters for clustering and LSA transformation

In cyber-physical systems repositories, the general lack of a sufficiently large number of commits is a major obstacle because it limits the amount of data available for analysis. This limitation makes it difficult to effectively identify patterns. Low commit rates may be due to factors such as small development teams, infrequent updates, or rigorous testing and review processes before committing changes. Overcoming these challenges requires taking a closer look at available data and exploring alternative analytical approaches to extract meaningful information from a limited data set.

Differences in commit message conventions create serious problems for the classifier (deciding whether a fix or a new feature has been committed) when applied across different repositories. As a result, classifiers trained in one repository may struggle to perform effectively in others, resulting in

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reduced relevance in identifying patches and clustered data. In this set, a classifier trained on the Linux kernel repository was used, so it was much easier for it to find training data.

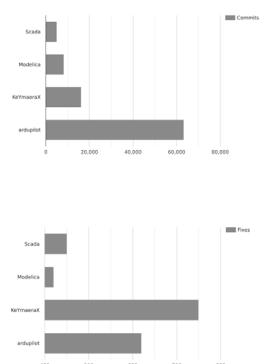


Fig.2. The number of commits (top) vs the number of fixes (bottom) in the selected repositories

The accompanying Fig.2 illustrates an interesting observation: the number of identified fixes does not depend on the total number of commits. This highlights the difficulty of generalizing classifiers and the importance of considering storage-specific nuances to improve classification accuracy.

To mitigate the impact of problems associated with abstract commit descriptions and low commit frequency, several strategies are proposed. These include analyzing relationships between comments, tracking code changes over time, identifying patterns based on sequences of commits, etc. Additionally, using meta-information such as commit author, timestamp, and associated files can enhance the analysis capabilities. Combining data from different sources gives us a more complete understanding of storage dynamics and helps to make more informed decisions.

Every repository, be it Scada, Modelica, KeYmaera X or Ardupilot, has issues that affect the efficient identification of commit clusters (Table 2). These problems include weak commit descriptions, low numbers of commits, difficulties in classifying fixes, and low relevance within the context of the repository's domain. For example, automatic analysis of the Modelica repository is almost impossible with the proposed methods, since each of the proposed problems is present in it. Interestingly, repositories with fewer inherent problems require more stringent parameter specifications to achieve optimal results for them.

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Table 2. Main issues for clustering in selected repositories

	Scada	Modelica	KeYmaeraX	ardupilot
Weak description	+	+	+	+
Low commits count	+	+		
Wrong classification of fixing commits		+		+
Low relevance	+	+	+	

5. Results of analysis of repositories with some known projects of cyberphysical systems

In this section, we show the results of the analysis of the git repositories of the specified projects by our software. First, we demonstrate the generalized vectors found, with the words there arranged in descending order of weight using tf-idf. Next, for each vector, we show examples of the most relevant messages from commits that match this vector.

5.1 The Ardupilot project

Vector #1: ['apvehicle', 'compiler', 'float', 'override', 'keyword', 'old', 'airspeed', 'double', 'gc', 'initialisation', 'serial', 'avoid', 'wrapper', 'older', 'return']

- AP_PID: compiler warnings: apply is_zero(float)
- APMrover2: compiler warnings: apply is_zero(float) or is_equal(float)
- Plane: compiler warnings: apply is_zero(float) or is_equal(float)
- AP_Compass: compiler warnings: apply is_zero(float) or is_equal(float)

AntennaTracker: compiler warnings: apply is_zero(float) or is_equal(float)

This vector represents a fix for the compiler warning when working with floating-point values.

Vector #2: ['hwdef', 'binding', 'copter', 'register', 'match', 'changes', 'update', 'sub', 'optional', 'recent', 'upstream', 'manual', 'i2c', 'avoid', 'lua']

- AP_HAL_ChibiOS: hwdef add support for Networking
- hwdef: add hwdef for SDMODELH7V1
- AP_HAL_ChibiOS: update truenav hwdef
- AP_HAL_ChibiOS: hwdef for Flywoo F405 Pro
- AP_HAL: move defaulting of HAL_DSHOT_ALARM into hwdef

This vector represents an improvement to the hardware definition for hardware abstraction components.

Vector #3: ['hil', 'initial', 'wrapper', 'implementation', 'roll', 'tailsitter', 'pitch', 'eliminate', 'transition', 'ap', 'attitude', 'call', 'vtol', 'timing', 'creation']

ACM: fixed HIL build again

- ArduPlane: remove HIL support
- AP_Compass: remove HIL support
- Blimp: remove HIL support

GCS_MAVLink: remove HIL support

This vector deals with support for the Hardware-in-the-loop simulator, which was gradually removed from the project.

Vector #4: ['define', 'separate', 'send', 'patch', 'stability', 'simple', 'hold', 'alt', 'ability', 'able', 'absolute', 'abstraction', 'ac', 'accel', 'acceleration']

AP_RCProtocol: add separate define for AP_RCPROTOCOL_PPMSUM_ENABLED AP RCProtocol: add separate define for AP RCPROTOCOL ST24 ENABLED

AP RCProtocol: add separate define for AP RCPROTOCOL DSM ENABLED

AP RCProtocol: add separate define for AP RCPROTOCOL SUMD ENABLED

AP RCProtocol: add separate define for AP RCPROTOCOL IBUS ENABLED

This vector deals with define macros in code.

Vector #5: ['fence', 'without', 'register', 'attitude', 'pointer', 'must', 'collective', 'avoid', 'quad', 'horizontal', 'next', 'tradheli', 'heli', 'term', 'structure'] AC Fence: add polygon fence check to check destination within fence AC Avoid: add support for stopping at polygon fence AC Fence: add support for polygon fences AP OSD: Add fence indicator panel Rover: add fence support This vector deals with fixes for obstacle avoidance functions. Vector #6: ['location', 'adjust', 'vector3f', 'require', 'accepts', 'send', 'home', 'packet', 'specify', 'original', 'unify', 'circle', 'mount', 'support', 'usage'] autotest: fixed buildlogs location for *.BIN AP Math: move line path proportion to Location ArduPlane: use past interval finish line and line path proportion from Location Tweaks to fix Loiter Changed save location to int32 added some filtering and smoothing APMrover2: use past interval finish line and line path proportion from Location This vector deals with fixes for location objects. Vector #7: ['scheduler', 'enum', 'old', 'ability', 'able', 'absolute', 'abstraction', 'ac', 'accel', 'acceleration', 'accelerometer', 'accept', 'accepts', 'access', 'accessor'] Rover: windvane update called from scheduler at 20hz AP NavEKF: Scheduler Improvements Plane: remove update events scheduler shim AP HAL AVR: Scheduler extensions implemented Copter: remove shims used in scheduler This vector deals with fixes for the scheduler. Vector #8: ['macro', 'rewrite', 'frontend', 'flag', 'ability', 'able', 'absolute', 'abstraction', 'ac', 'accel', 'acceleration', 'accelerometer', 'accept', 'accepts', 'access'] all: use CLASS NO COPY() macro Copter: Obey RANGEFINDER ENABLED, AUTOTUNE ENABLED and AC TERRAIN build macros AP HAL SMACCM: fix to goofed PPM MAX CHANNELS macro HAL ChibiOS: use EXPECT DELAY() macro AP InertialSensor: use EXPECT DELAY() macro This vector deals with various code fixes in macros (specific to C/C++ projects). Vector #9: ['script', 'reset', 'last', 'install', 'readme', 'folder', 'dronecan', 'style', 'multiple', 'optflow', 'byte', 'iofirmware', 'lua', 'jsbsim', 'enumeration'] AP HAL ChibiOS: fix script for HerePro AP HAL F4Light: fixed some support scripts AP Scripting: add arming check for failed scripts HAL ChibiOS: moved to generated loader script AP Scripting: add checksum of running and loaded scripts with arming check

This vector deals with fixes for built-in scripts.

Vector #10: ['quadplane', 'adjust', 'ability', 'able', 'absolute', 'abstraction', 'ac', 'accel', 'acceleration', 'accelerometer', 'accept', 'accepts', 'accessor', 'accessor', 'accessor']

Plane: Quadplane: use uint16_t for output_motor_mask
Plane: added QTUN logging for quadplane
AC_WPNav: converted to use AP_AHRS_View
Plane: Quadplane remove THR_MIN_PWM and THR_MAX_PWM
Plane: allow for NAV_LOITER_UNLIM and NAV_LOITER_TIME in quadplane

This vector deals with fixes for working with QuadPlane, which is a combined fixed wing and MultiCopter aircraft.

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5.2 The Scada-LTS project

Vector #1 ['settimeout', 'state', 'commonjs', 'pointpropertiesapi', 'eventtextrenderer', 'translate', 'interface', 'messagesms', 'localization', 'validate', 'copy', 'plcalarmsdao', 'messages', 'adapter', 'miscdwrdolongpoll']

#2111 Fixed using setTimeout in common.js - added multi thread tests: MiscDwrDoLongPollAlarmsMultiThreadTest, MiscDwrDoLongPollMultiThreadTest; corrected MiscDwr.doLongPoll, without copy state

#2111 Fixed using setTimeout in common.js - use setInterval

#2111 Fixed using setTimeout in common.js 3 - setTimeout functionality ported to java

#2111 Fixed using setTimeout in common.js - validate uiPerformance, added 'Very high' option (1000ms)

#2111 Fixed using setTimeout in common.js - corrected refresh points with statistics, for request that run longer than the Interval Time

This vector is a fix for the timer function - executing code by timeout in JS.

Vector #2: ['patch', 'vue', 'views', 'tests', 'ability', 'able', 'abstract', 'abstractbeforeafterworkitem', 'accept', 'access', 'accetable', 'acknowledge', 'acl', 'action', 'active']

patch removed newline patch MangoTextContent.java Refactor Vue Unit Tests #1533 #1641 ADD [NotFinished] VirtualDataPoint Vue #1894 Views caching - corrected

This vector represents patches for views (that is, representing the states of objects on the screen).

Vector #3: ['correction', 'commit', 'display', 'partial', 'isalive2', 'viewdao', 'clean', 'eventdetectorapi', 'not', 'eventlist', 'component', 'number', 'ability', 'able', 'abstract']

Correction of commit number display. #1502 #2051 Visual corrections (component shrink) EventDetectorAPI corrections #1532 #2051 Add corrections to the IsAlive2 SLTS-40 Add correction to ViewDAO

This vector represents various corrections associated with the display of information and events in the system.

Vector #4: ['slts13', 'testdao', 'annotation', 'cleanup', 'scriptdao', 'direct', 'rewrite', 'navigation', 'link', 'controller', 'ability', 'able', 'abstract', 'abstractbeforeafterworkitem', 'accept']

SLTS-13 Added FlexProjectRowMapper and remove @SuppressWarning annotation SLTS-13 move expectedException to TestDAO SLTS-13 Rewrite ScriptDAO SLTS-13 controller's clean-up SLTS-132 Implemented direct link navigation.

This vector represents fixes for DAO (data access object).

Vector #5: ['log4j', 'pointdetails', 'slts34', 'logger', 'ability', 'able', 'abstract', 'abstract before after workitem', 'accept', 'access', 'accetable', 'acknowledge', 'acl', 'action', 'active']

#1982 - log4j update #1982 - log4j update SLTS-97 Add logger for log4j. Correct PointValueService. WORKSAVE New PointDetails ideas SLTS-34 Add DataSourceServiceTest

This vector represents logging fixes using log4j (log for Java).

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5.3 The Modelica project

Vector #1: ['proper', 'word', 'format', 'use', 'number', 'leakage', 'accordingly', 'individual', 'usersguide', 'magnetic', 'electrical', 'work', 'ha', 'implementation', '09'] Use proper number formats Proper word Use proper number formats Proper word SymmetricPolyphaseWinding: moved individual leakage from magnetic to electrical implementation: it works! UsersGuide has to be adapted accordingly. This vector represents fixes for formatting messages with the correct number format. Vector #2: ['unify', 'time', 'ccr', 'event', 'enhancement', 'cleanup', 'drive', 'controller', 'some', 'powerconverters', 'partial', 'interface'] refs #1627: Fix detection of (scaled) time events refs #1627: Fix detection of scaled time events CCR: corrected error in setState ps This vector represents fixes for working with time events. Vector #3: ['electricaldigital', 'correction', 'elementary', 'grid', 'fit', 'mechanicsmultibody', 'layout', 'better', 'info', 'svn', 'revision', 'function'] #799 solved for Electrical.Digital errors fixed in Electrical.Digital errors fixed in Electrical.Digital corrections according to #994 in Electrical.Spice3.Internal.Fet Correction of info of function Matrices.realSchur This vector represents bug fixes in the Electrical.Digital component (this library contains packages to model digital electronic systems based on combinational and sequential logic). Vector #4: ['due', 'picture', 'complexblocks', 'modification', 'docu', 'referenceair', 'referencemoistair', 'mass', 'energy', 'balance', 'some', 'static'] Comments added due to #1475 modifications due to ComplexBlocks due to #407 bugs 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 fixed (docu, pictures) Some changes due to renaming of ReferenceMoistAir and ReferenceAir. medium.preferredMediumStates is now false if both mass and energy balances are static Attempt to fix issue #3236 This vector represents error fixes for complex blocks with images. Vector #5: ['dynamicselect', 'boolean', 'comparison', 'real', 'individual', 'stray', 'implementation', '09', '150', '2dtable', '3rdparty', '64bit', 'abbreviation'] Avoid Boolean comparison with Real in DynamicSelect (#2862)

Avoid Boolean comparison with Real in Dynamicselect (#2862) Avoid Boolean comparison with Real in DynamicSelect (#2879) corrected implementation of individual stray permeances

This vector represents fixes for proper comparison with real (floating-point) values.

5.4 The KeYmaeraX project

Vector #1: ['implement', 'syntactic', 'derivative', 'index', 'skeleton', 'skolemization', 'counting', 'magic', 'less', '20150824', '20160308', '20160601', '20160802', '20160816', '2sided']

implement GetPathAll
implement the CreateProblemRequest
implement BranchRoot
implement skolemization
implement more of skeleton

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This vector represents the addition of various functionality to the project in the form of large commits, for example, the implementation of skolemization (reduction to Skolem normal form is an approach for removing existential quantifiers from formal logic statements).

Vector #2: ['package', 'private', 'change', 'moves', 'datastructures', 'firstintegrals', 'fol', 'replaceall', 'tooltips', 'dwplus', 'compilability', 'link', 'thanks', 'cert', 'sos']

packages

Change package

Change package for compilability.

Move strategic AxiomIndex to package btactics

This vector represents fixes for rebuilding packages in the logical organization of the architecture. Vector #3: ['solve', 'axiominfo', 'nilpotent', 'search', 'feedback', 'anyarg', 'anything', 'axiombase', 'output', 'rescue', 'diffsolve', 'theme', 'choice', 'consistently', 'speedup'] Nilpotent solve (preliminary) Nilpotent solve speedup Re-unification to solve p(.)~>.>=0 , p(.)~>2>=0 issues as in [x':=2]x'>=0<->2>=0 against [':=] Nilpotent solve: dW only when provable key/recusor in AxiomInfo This vector represents fixes for Nilpotent solve (for solving algebraic structures). Vector #4: ['unification', 'derive', 'bidirectional', 'axindex', 'imply', 'monomial', 'projection', 'init', 'sign', 'bit', 'variation', 'dot', 'dbx', 'match', 'dotterm'] Colored-dots unification Improve unification a bit further Unification support for projection

Unification match: 0-indexed colored dots DiffHelper derive fix (sign error)

This vector represents fixes for the unification algorithms [36] in the theorem prover.

6. Discussion and Conclusion

The results of the clusterer can be considered successful only for the Ardupilot project. For the rest, there are problems with obtaining both the required number of arbitrarily representative clusters, and with the quality of the found vectors, so that they actually represent fixes of repeating types of errors. We see the main problems here in the organization of development of the selected projects, when developers write uninformative messages about commits. In addition, task management suffers: code fixes are committed to solve large problems at once, rather than small changes with a clear justification. The final problem we see is the classification of commits into adding functionality and fixes: the classifier is based on the code as well as messages of Linux kernel commits and for other repositories, as it turned out, it does not work entirely correctly.

As for the processed commits, in the Ardupilot project the main errors were specific to the software domain for unmanned vehicles, such as issues of location processing, obstacle avoidance, abstraction from hardware and scheduling. For SCADA systems, errors specific to Java applications and MVC architecture were found, which is not surprising, because such projects visualize monitoring data of cyber-physical systems. For the Modelica system, the Electrical.digital subsystem was found, which is prone to errors, as well as other issues there are related to the conversion of numeric floating-point values. Finally, in the theorem prover for cyber-physical systems KeYmaeraX (with not a good organization of commits that does not reveal the full complexity of development), the main logical subsystems for proving cyber-physical models in which there were many changes in the code were found: skolemization, nilpotent solve and unification.

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The final advantages of our solution are the ability to easily evaluate what is being done in a given repository (with a sufficiently large number of well-organized commits) and what errors were corrected in order to learn from examples of the development of this kind of systems with increased reliability requirements.

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