

# Everyday Aspects

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confessions of a (failed)  
software engineer

what is modularity?

undergraduate student...

```
    * @return  
    */  
    public void newCareer(String code){  
        Career joe;  
        for(int i=0; i<= allBooks.size()+1; i++){  
            Driver SQL = Class.forName("com.mysql.jdbc.Driver");  
            Connection conn1 = SQL.getConnection("jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/");  
            Statement goSQL = conn1.createStatement("SELECT * FROM career WHERE code = '" + code + "'");  
        }  
    }  
}
```

contiguous code with  
data hiding and interfaces

industrial software engineer...



ownership

graduate student...



unit of work

now...



fluid and task-oriented



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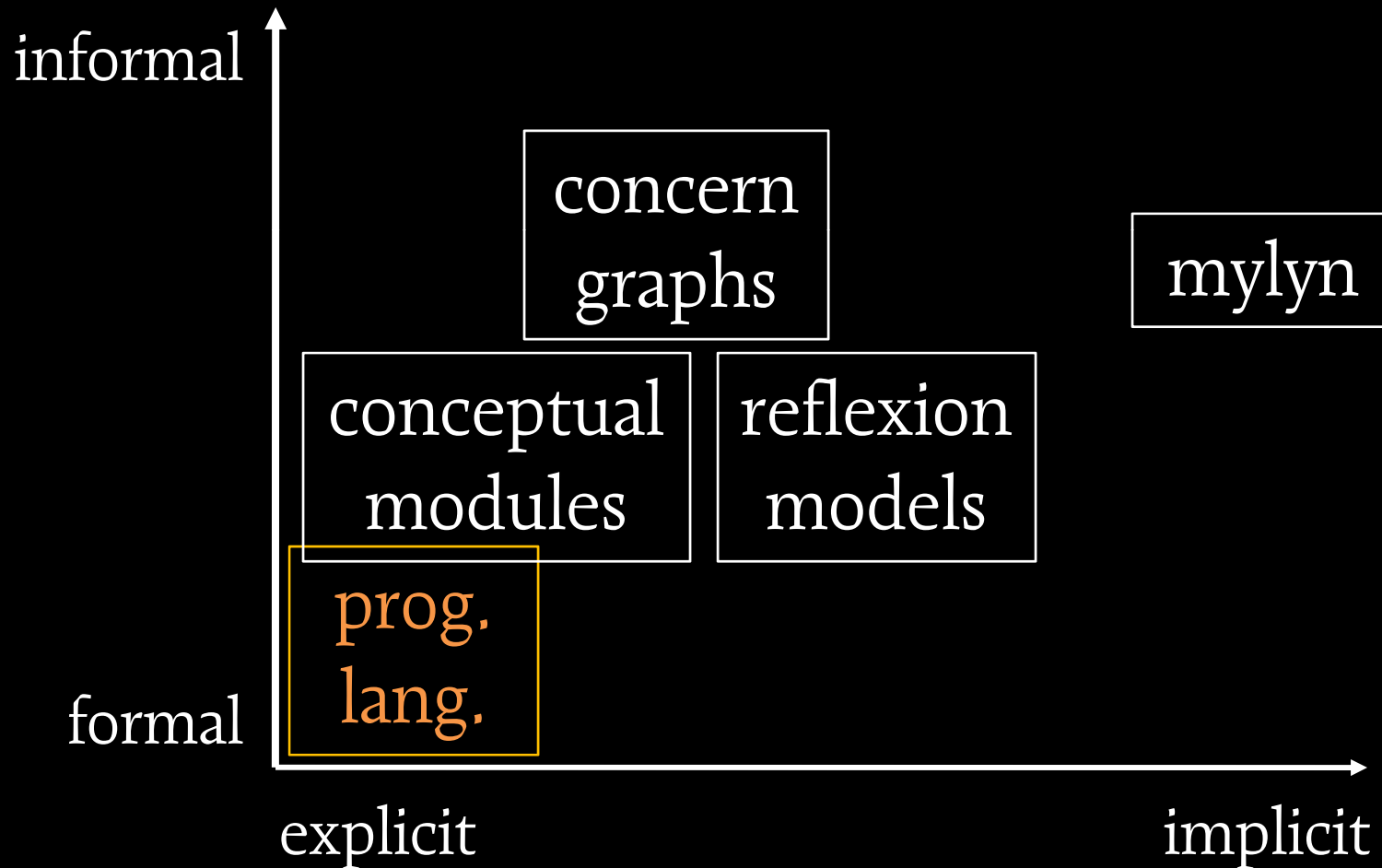
fluid and task-specific

humans working  
to “make” modules

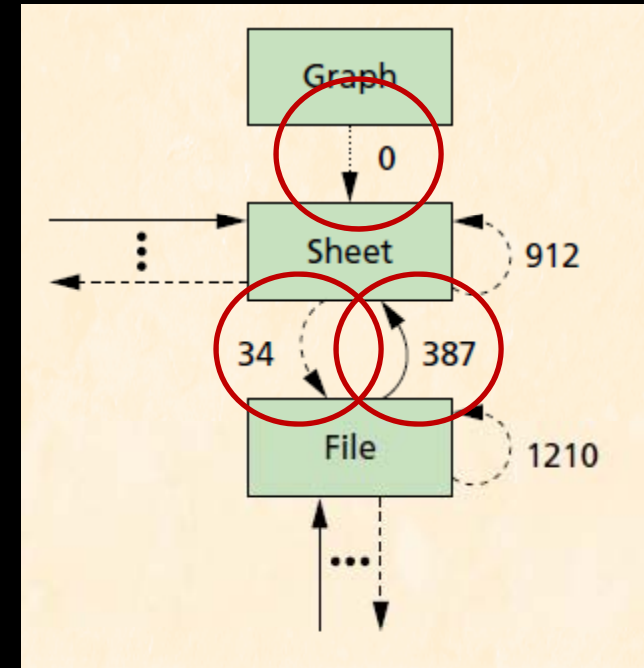
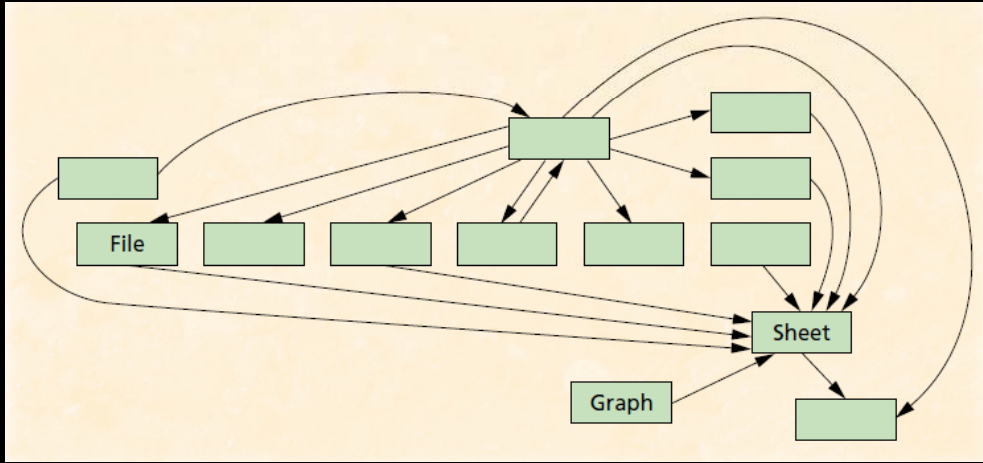
modules “working”  
for humans



# tale of 4 projects



# reflexion models



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Murphy, Notkin, and Sullivan (1996+)

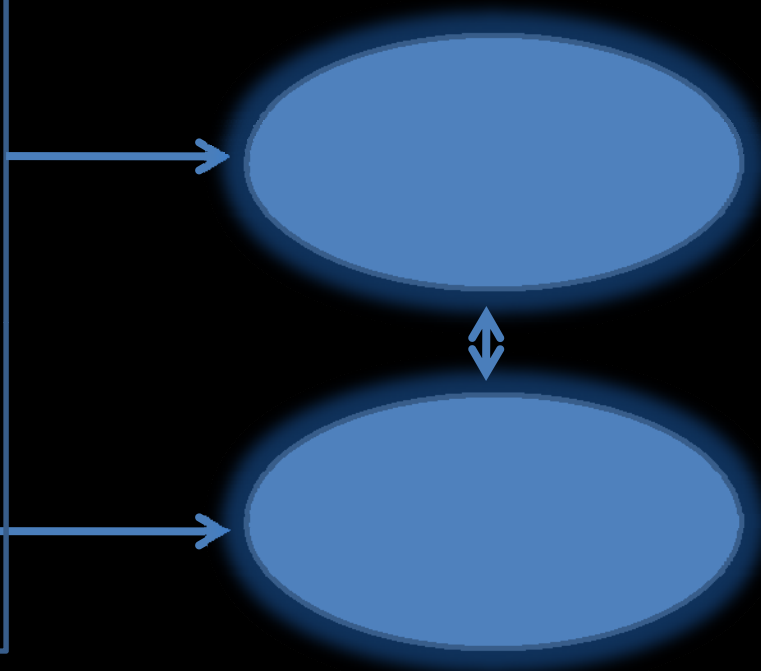
# reflexion models for experimental reengineering of Excel

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170 entries grew to > 1000 entries  
used map to automate exp. reengineering

# reflexion models

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data hiding and interfaces  
(ownership)

task-oriented

informal

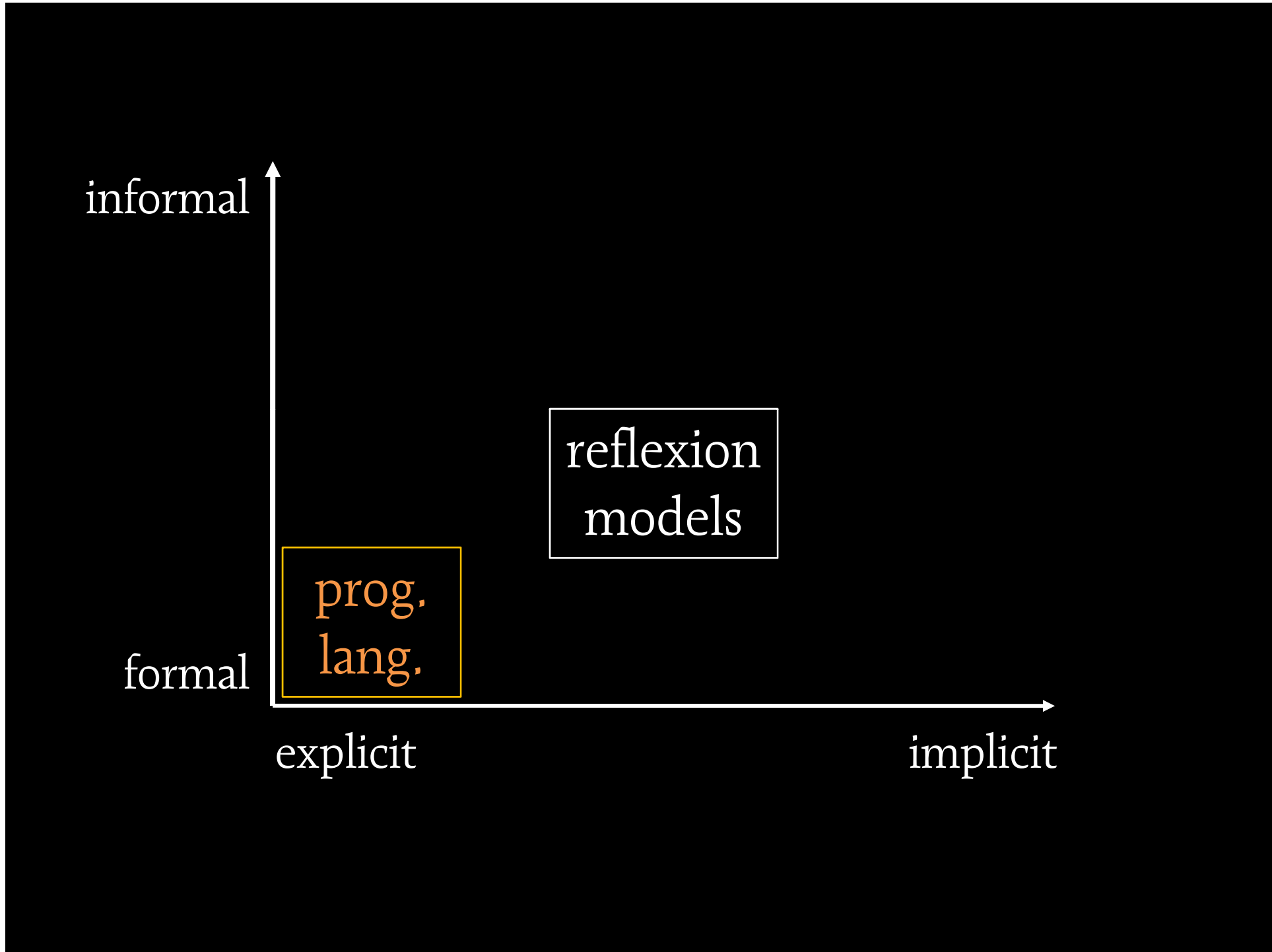
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explicit

implicit

prog.  
lang.

reflexion  
models

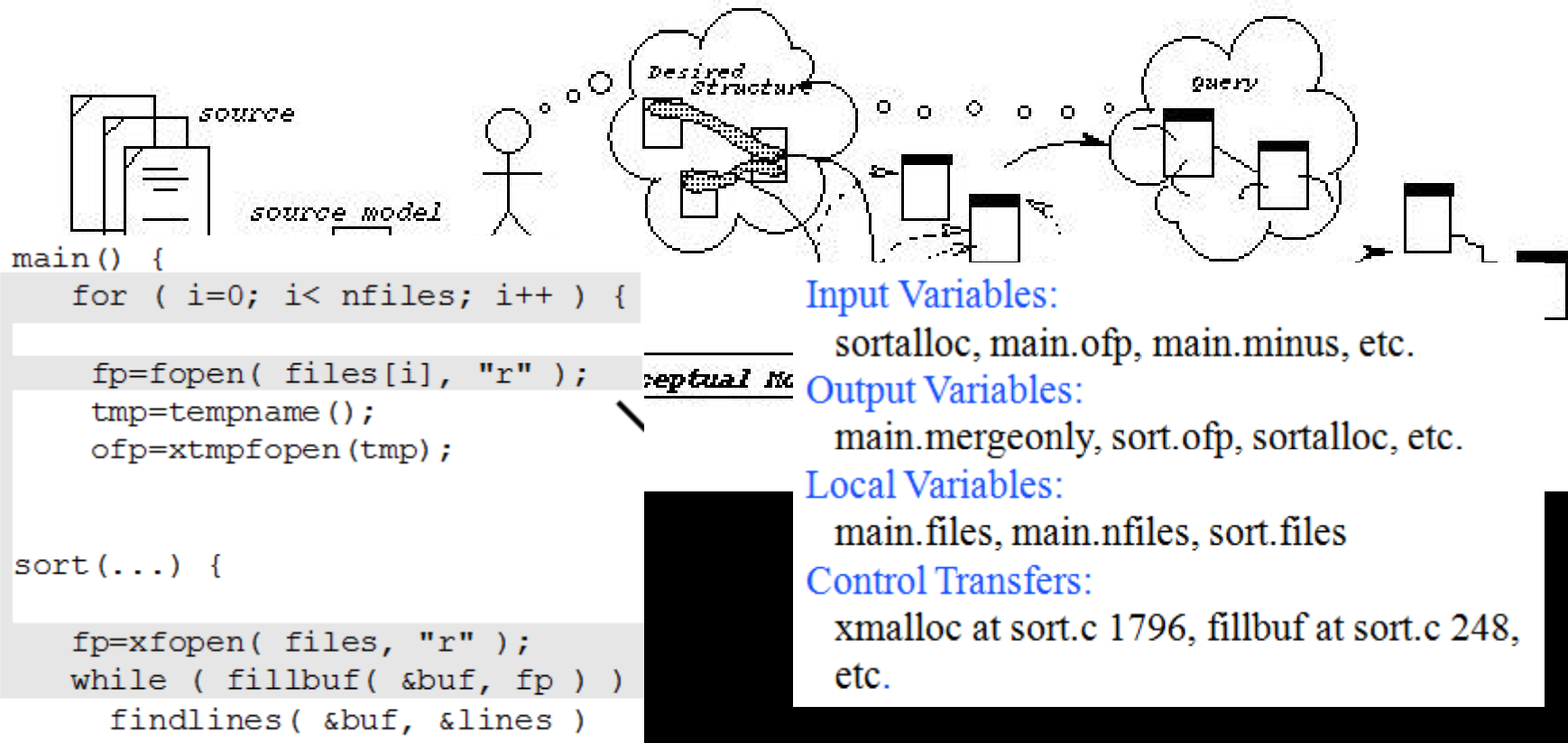


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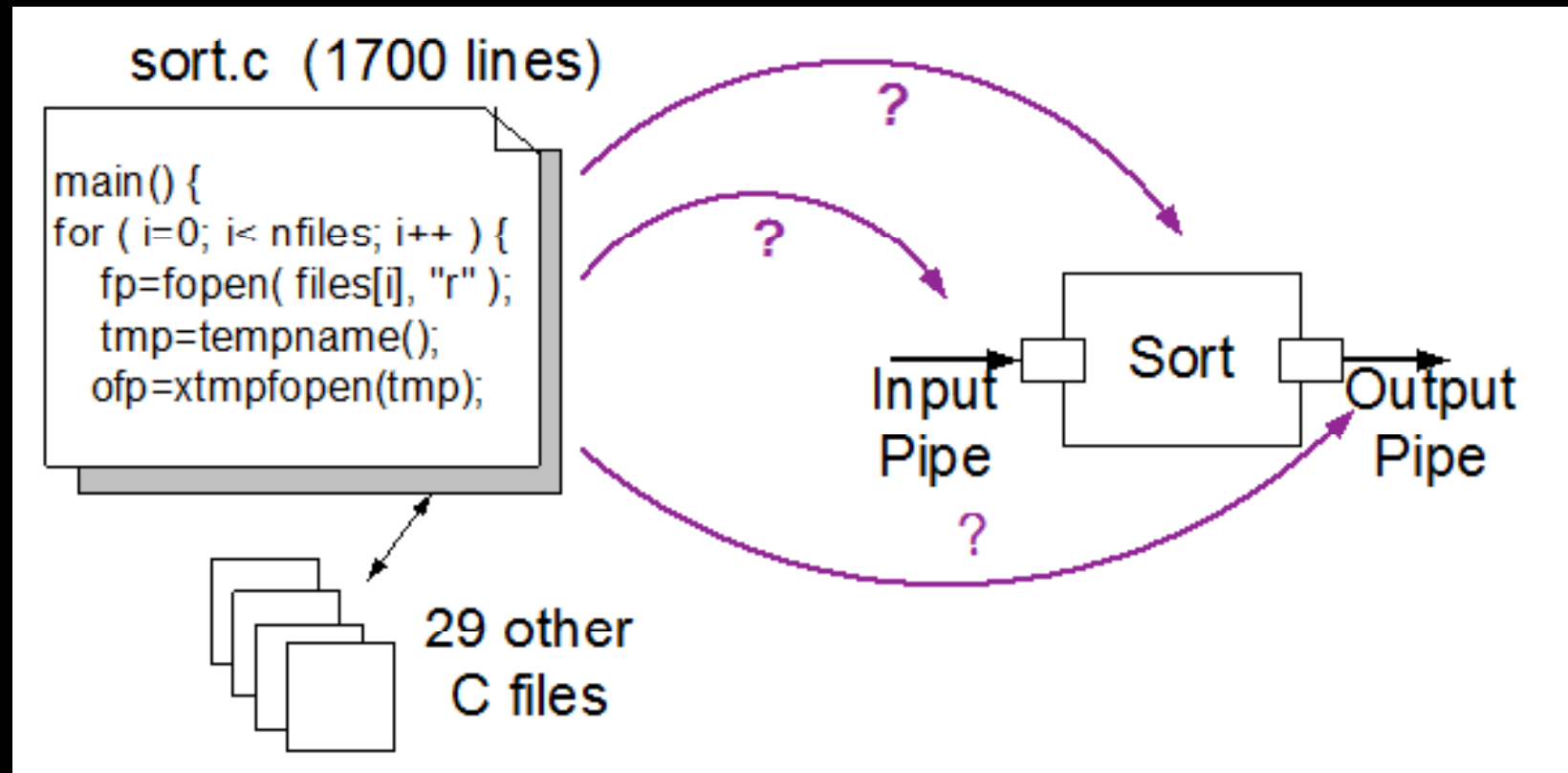
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# conceptual modules



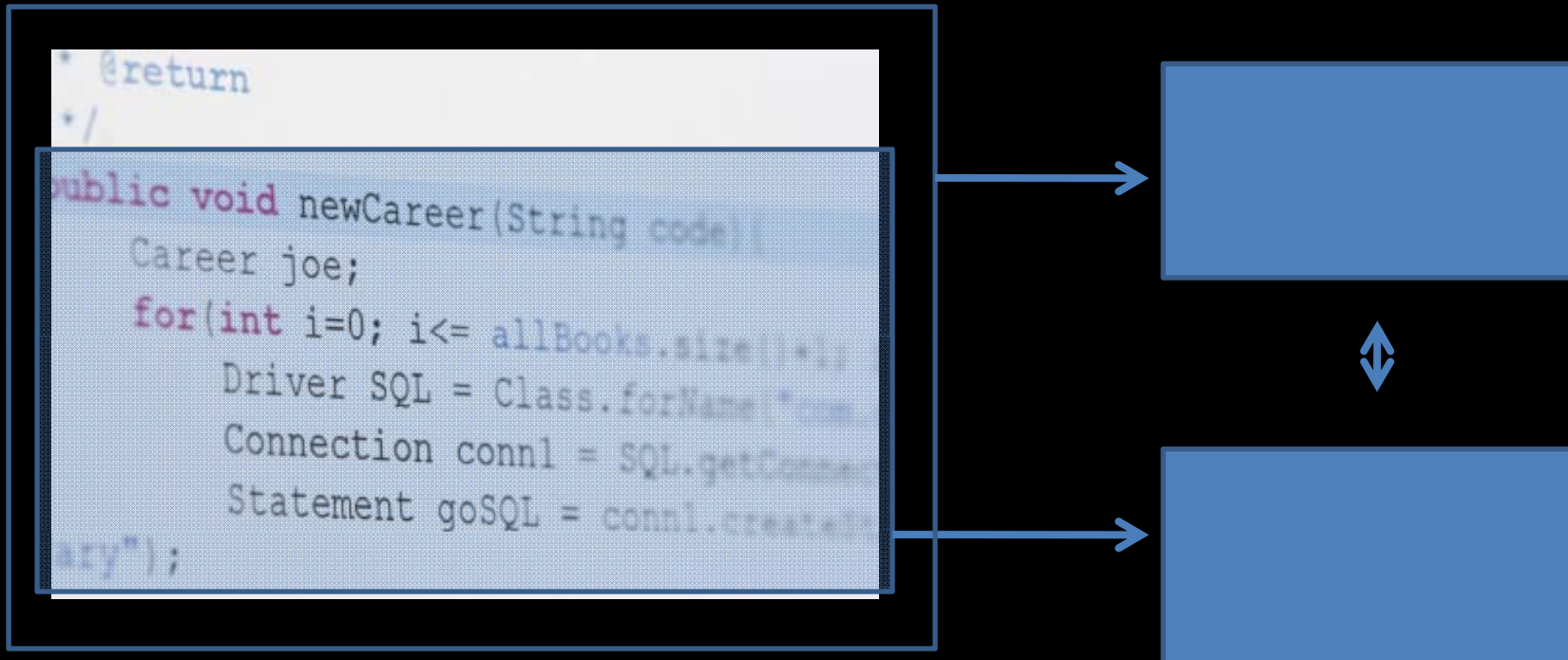


# conceptual modules for reengineering



interface analysis  
module relationships

# conceptual modules

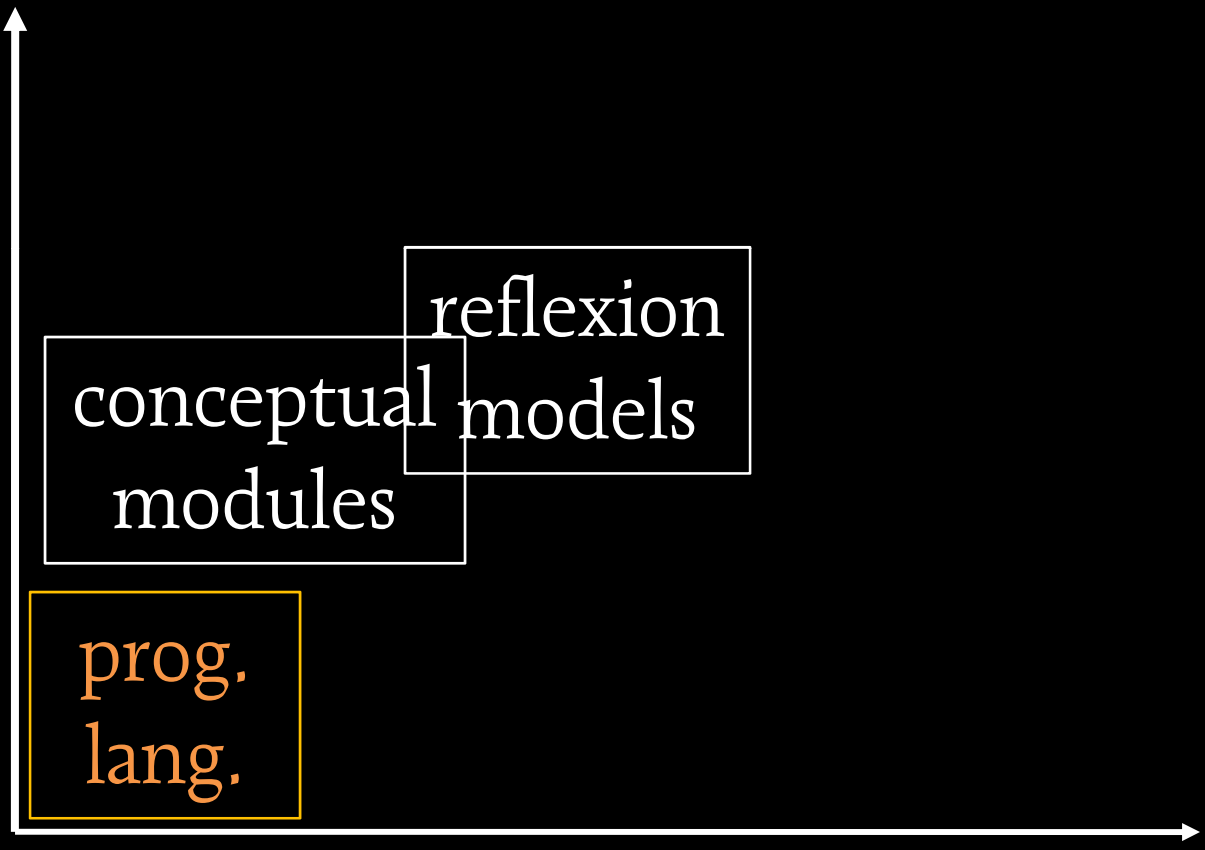


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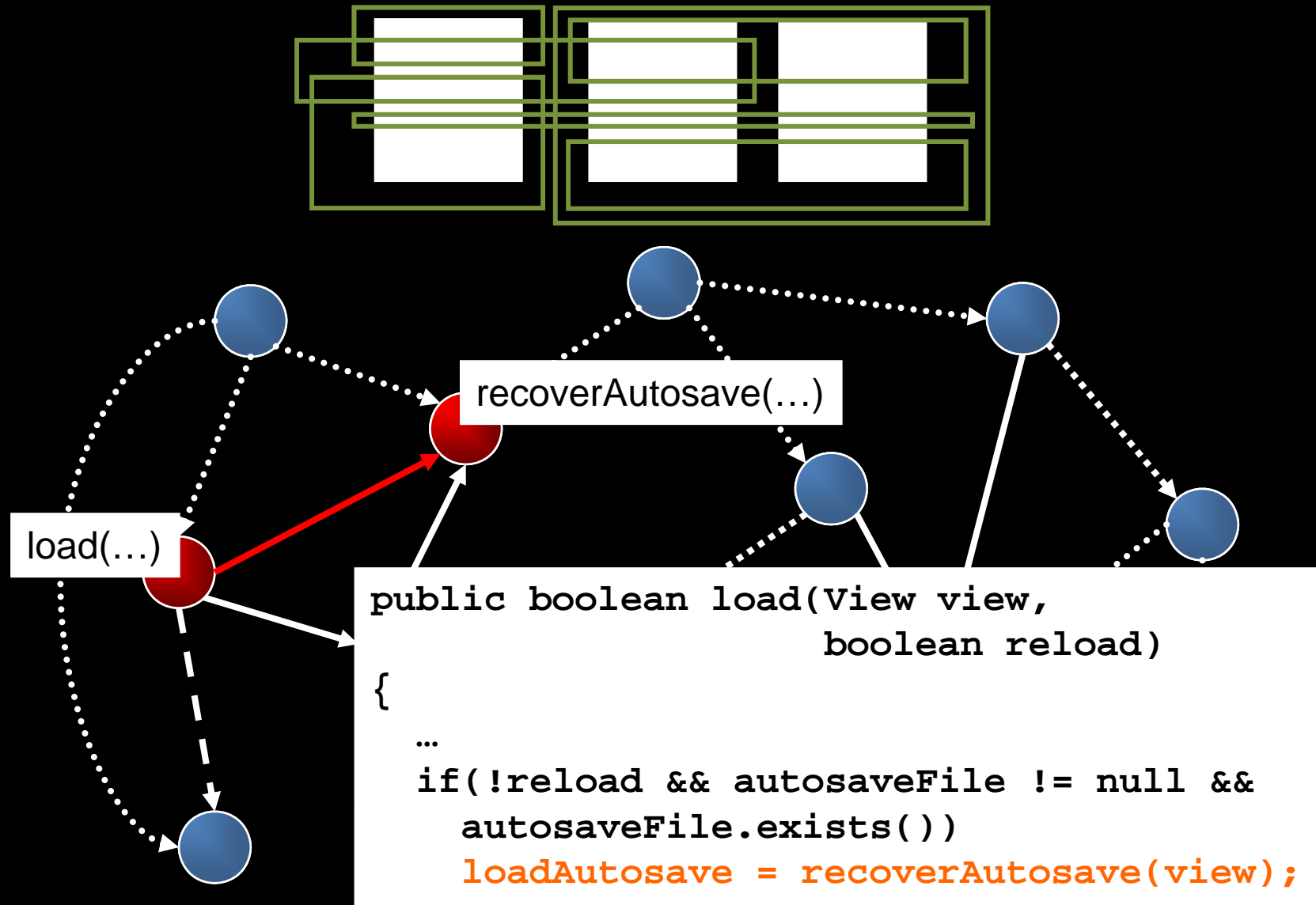
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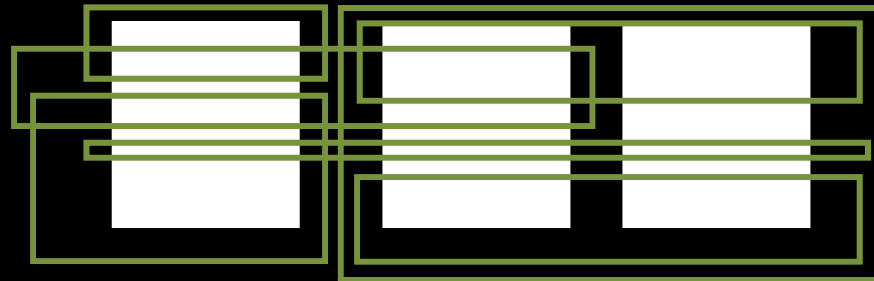
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# concern graphs



# concern graphs



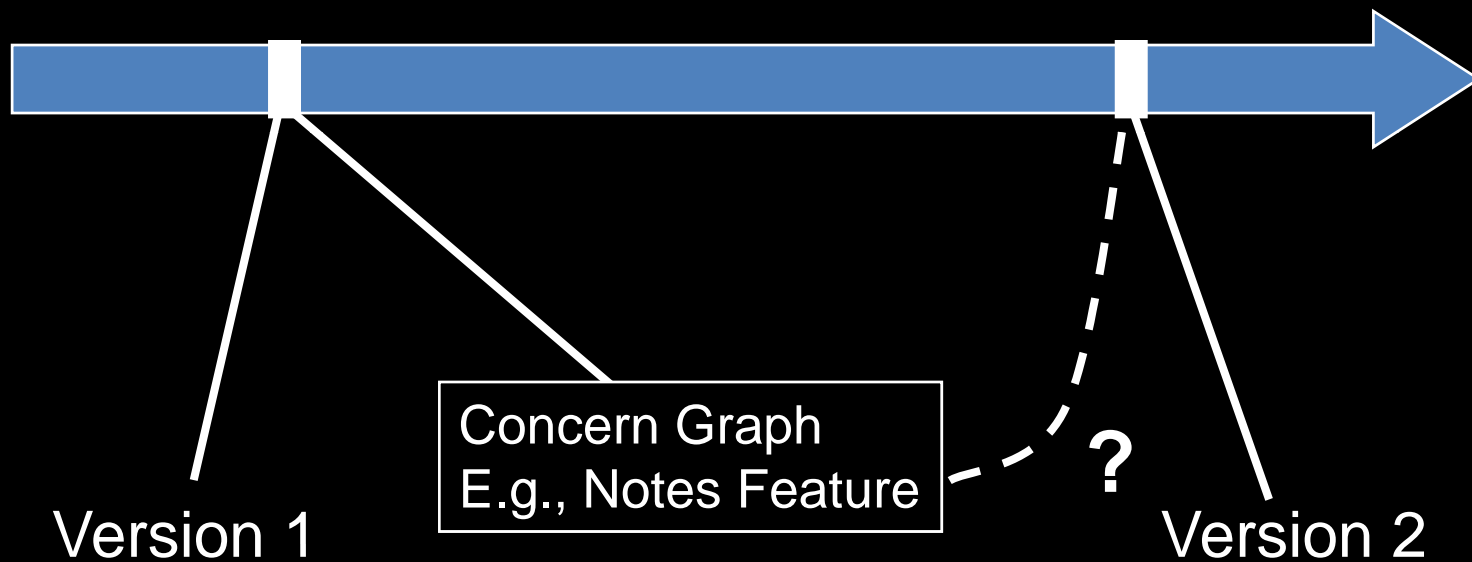
Projection

Buffer.recoverAutosave(View) called by ALL

- Buffer
  - recoverAutosave(View)
    - called by
      - Buffer
        - load(View,boolean)

Projection Relations

# concern graphs for concern documentation



# concern graphs

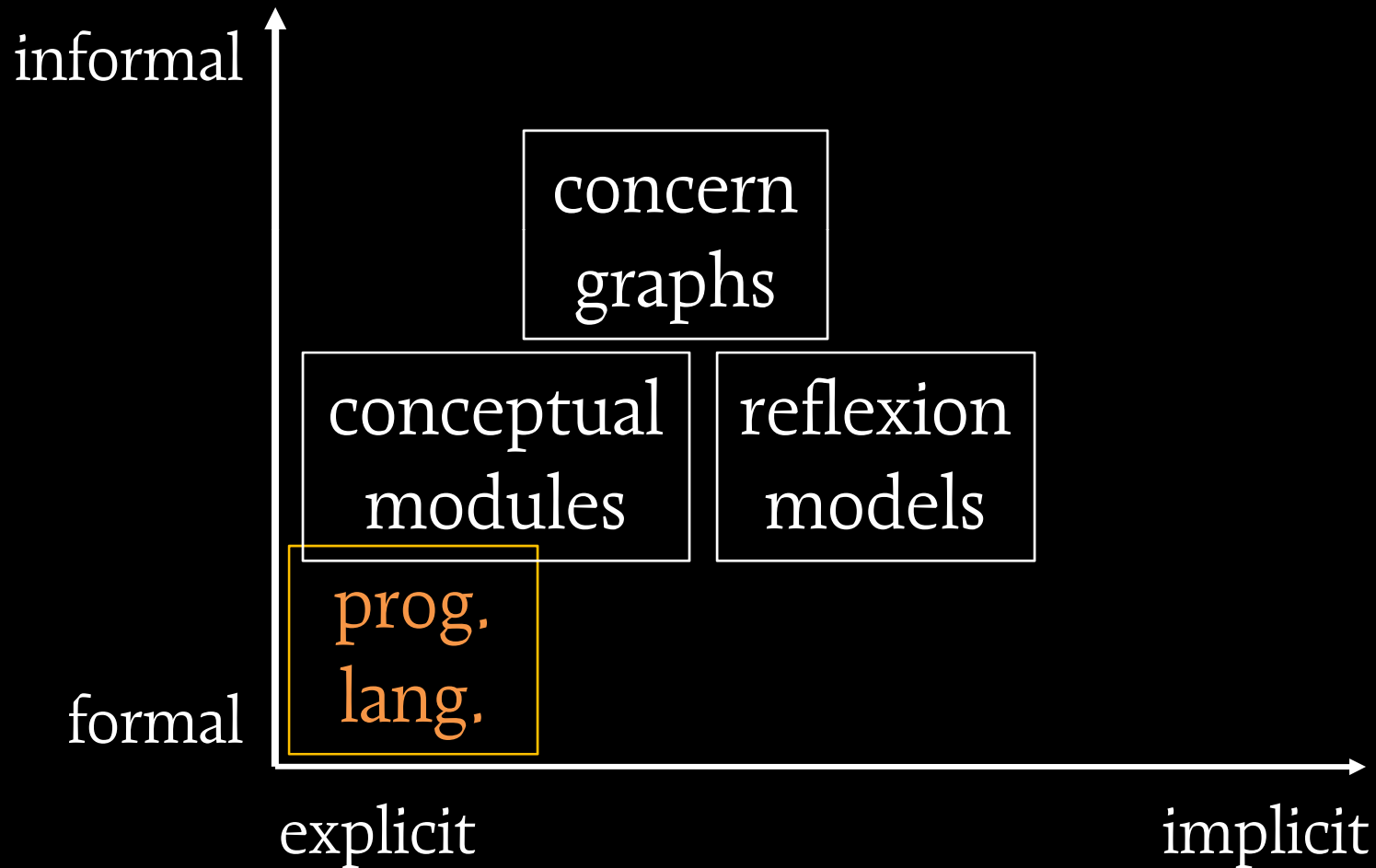
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data hiding and interfaces  
(ownership)

(fluid)  
(ownership)



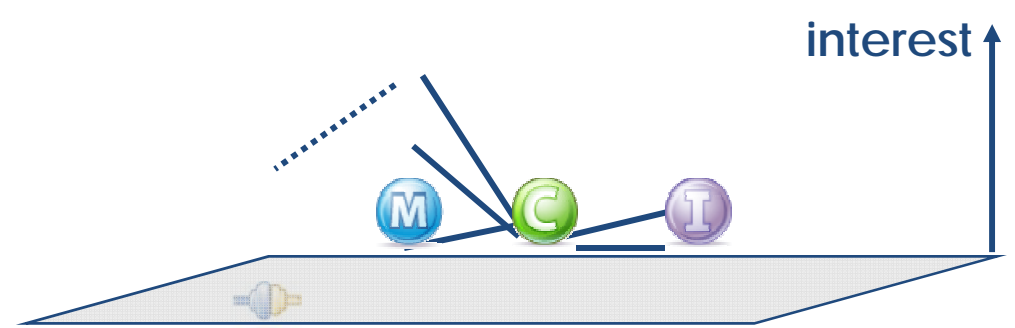
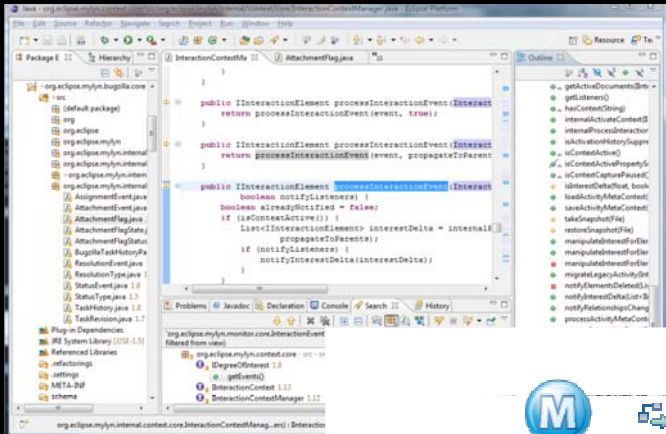


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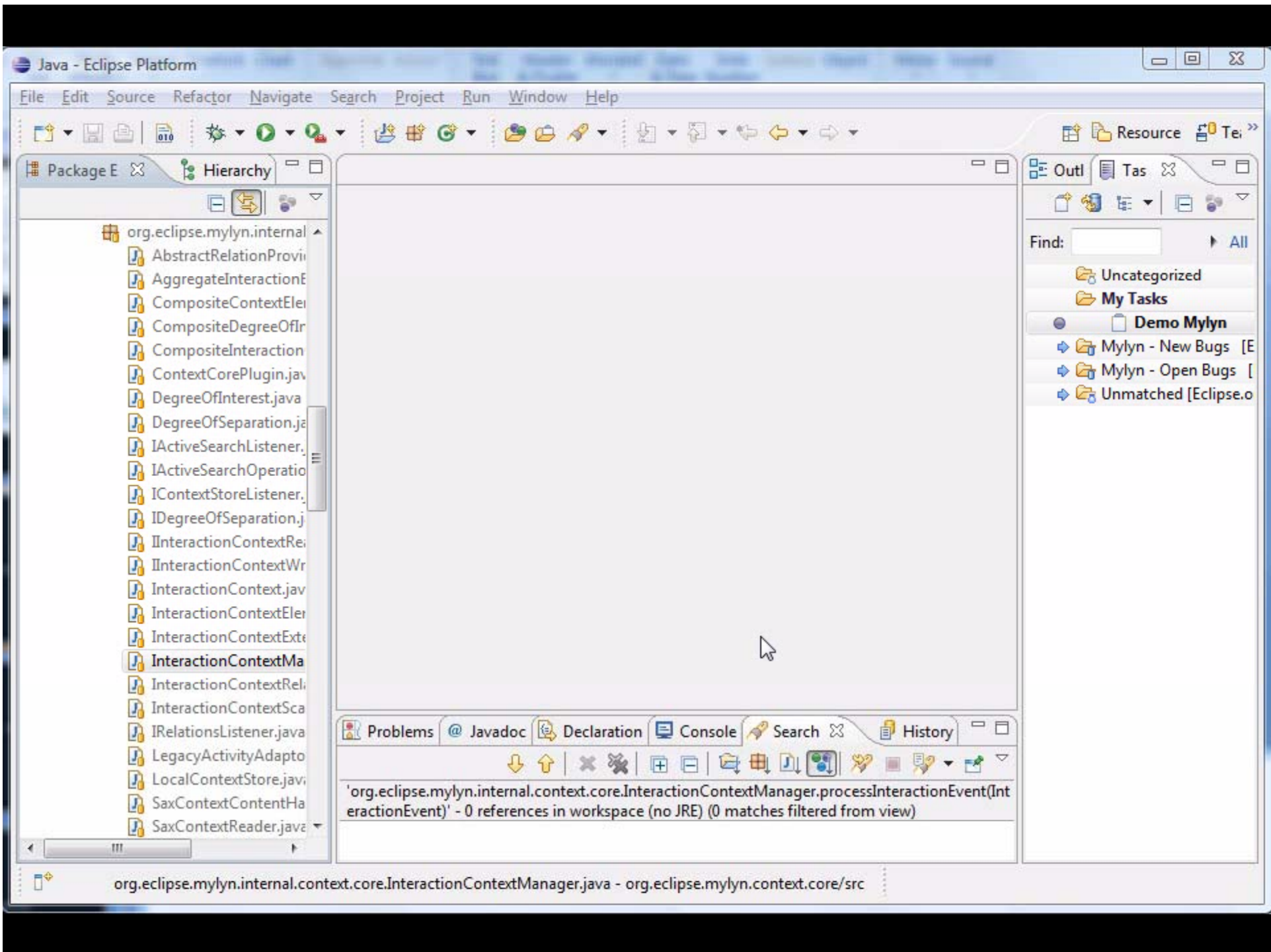
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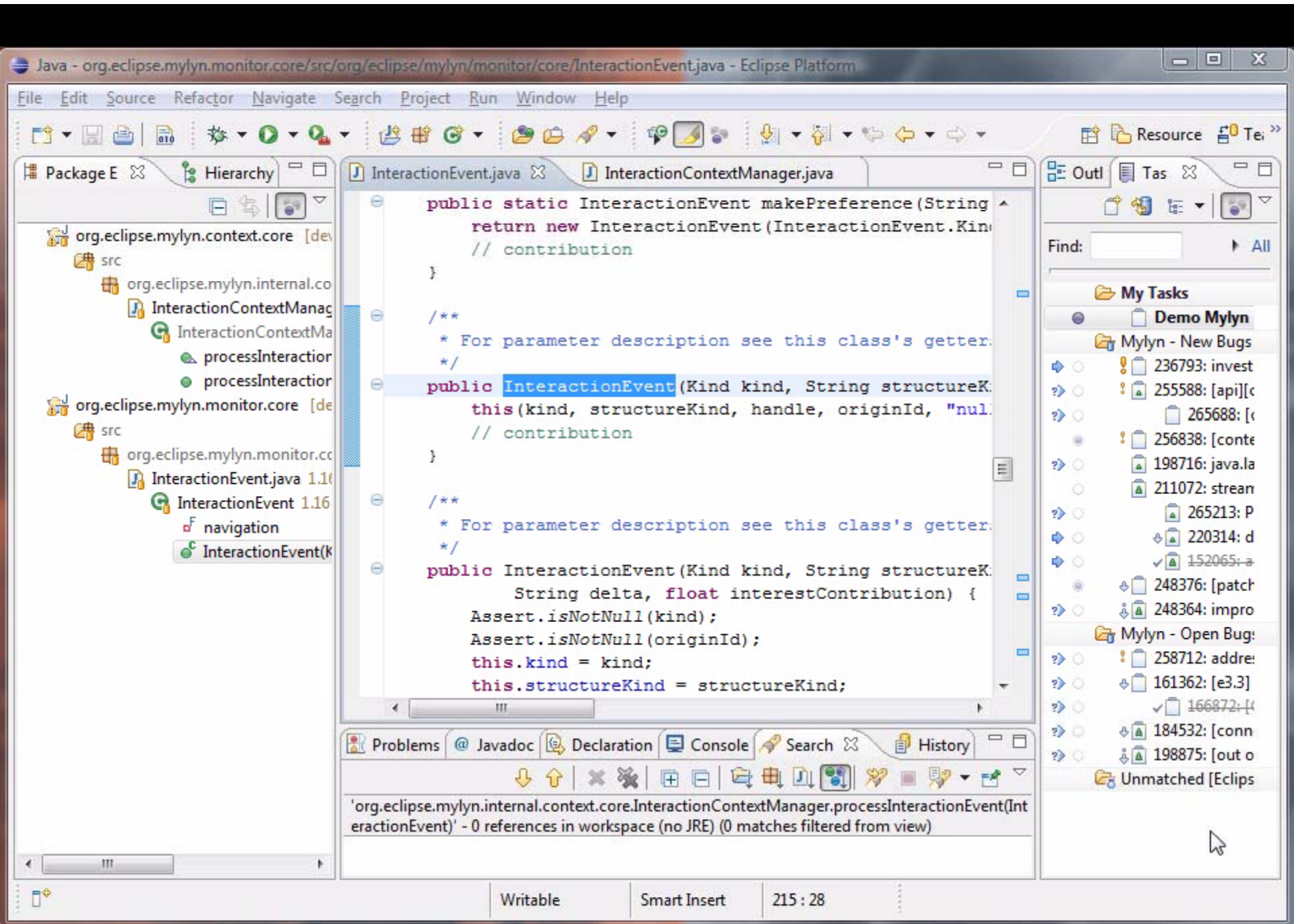
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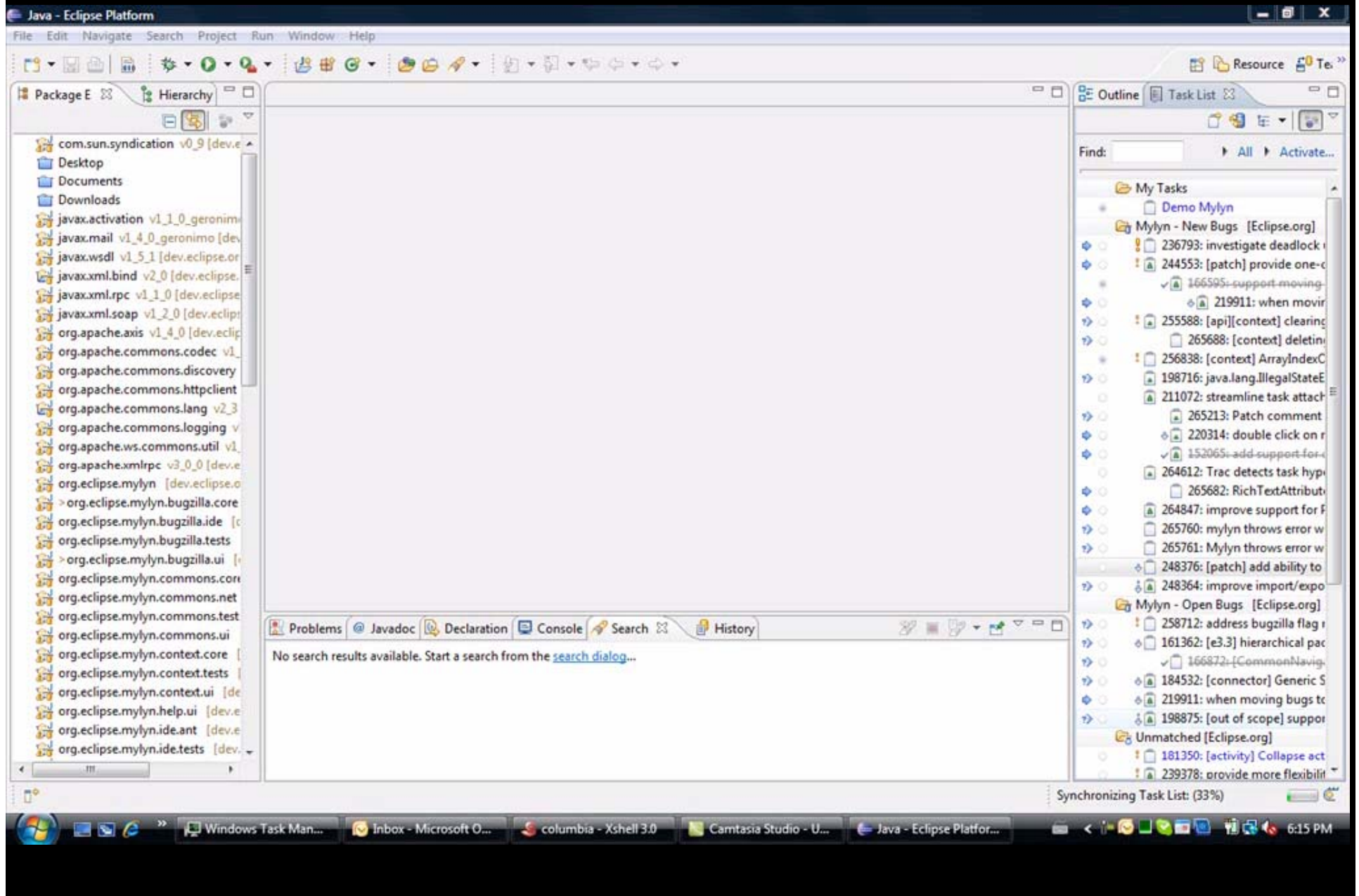
# Eclipse mylyn



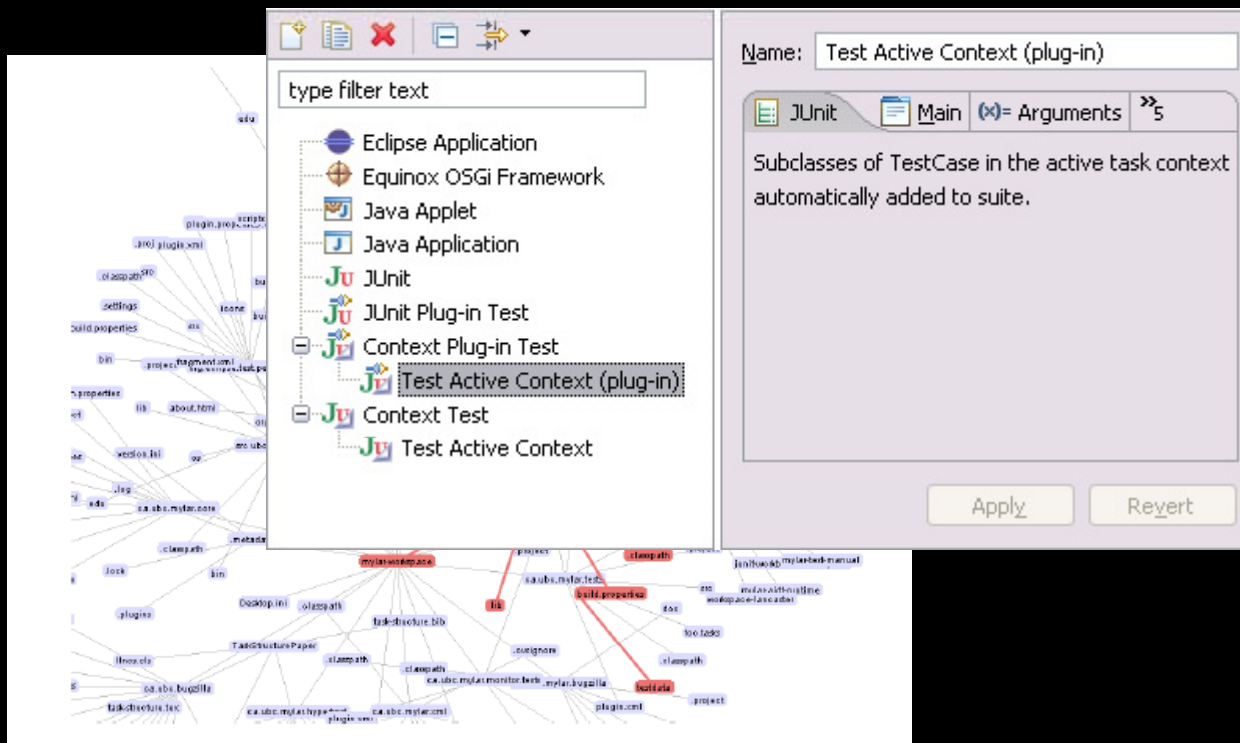
Kersten and Murphy (2005+)





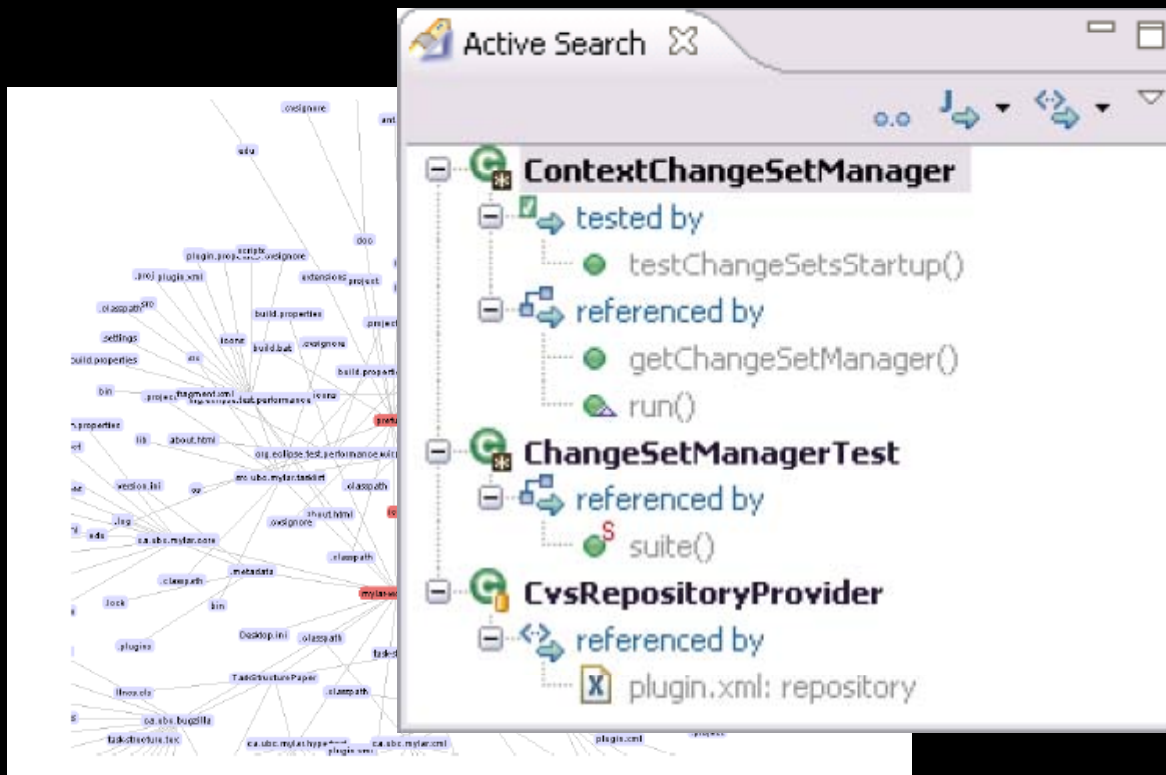


mylyn  
for overload  
for collaboration  
for recommendations



run unit test  
cases related  
to task  
context

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for overload  
for collaboration  
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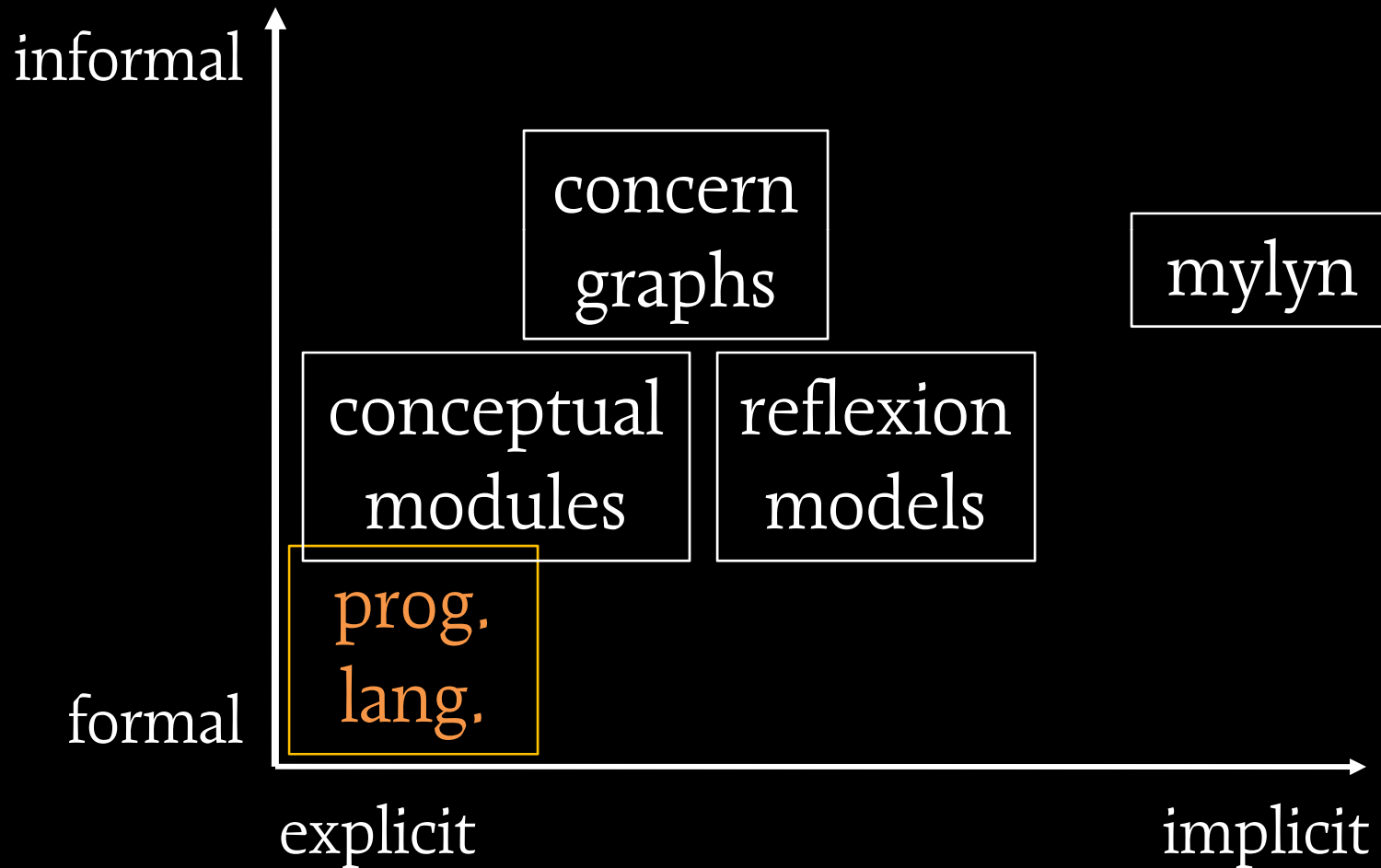
search for  
likely  
useful  
elements  
related to  
task context




mylyn



unit of work  
fluid and task-oriented

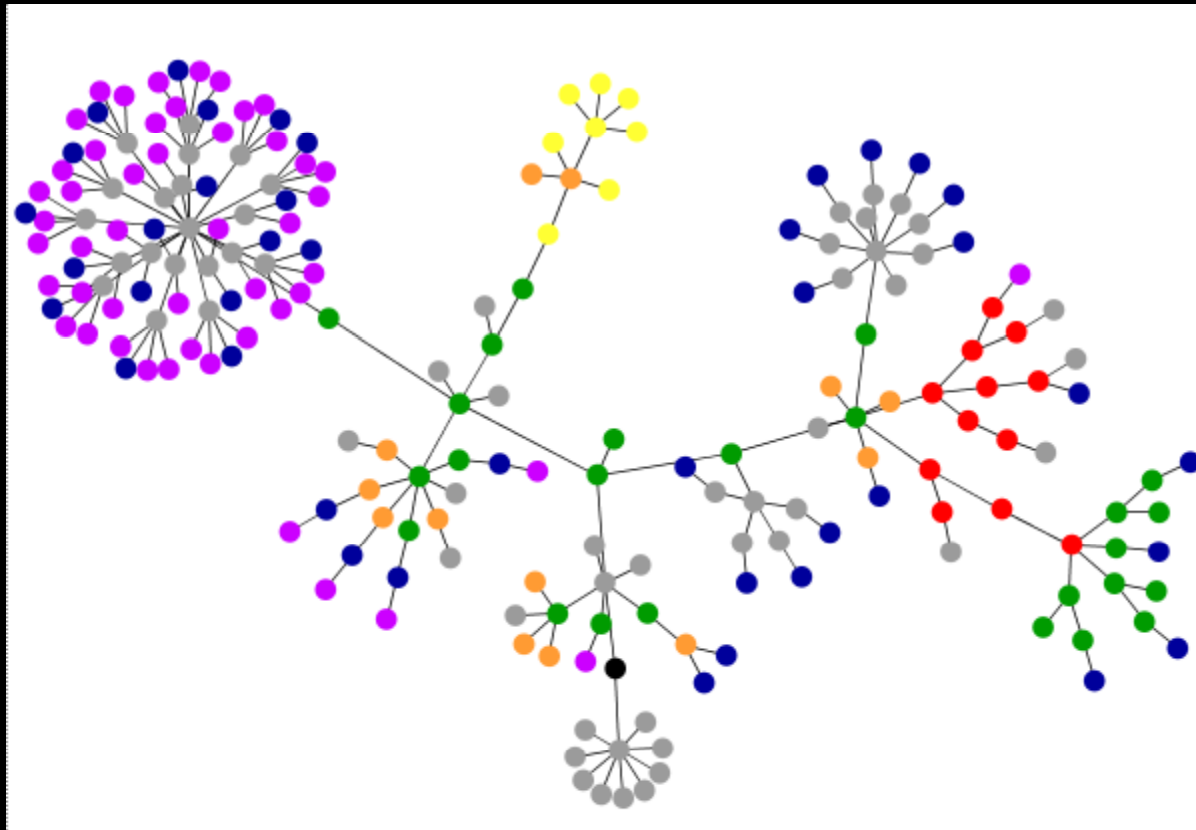


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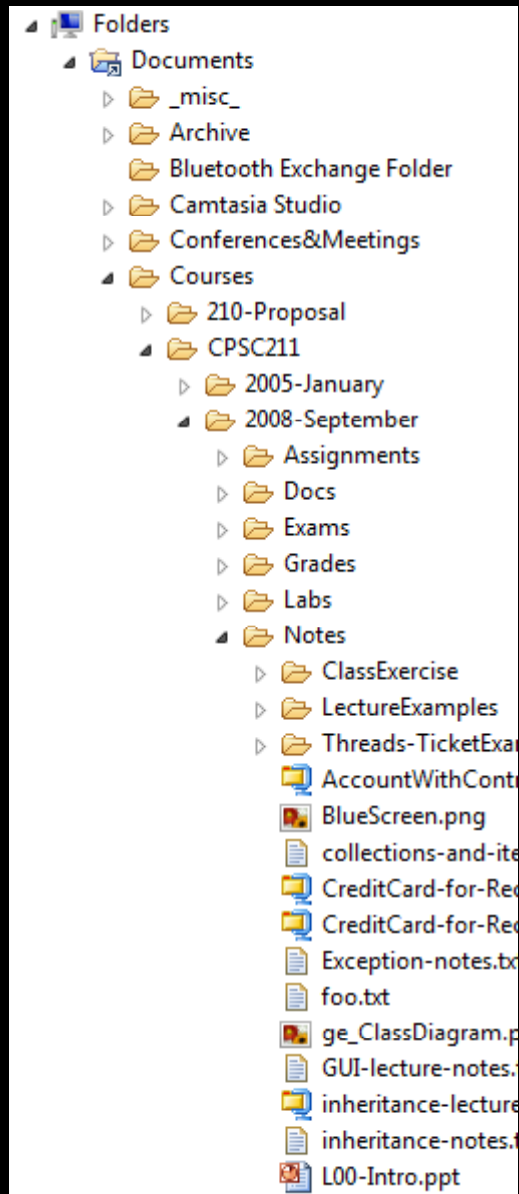
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# aosd.net web page




<http://www.aharef.info/static/htmlgraph/>

# file systems



# knowledge worker field study (early Mylyn)

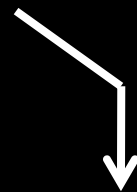
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folder nesting

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ratio of interesting files in directory

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distance to common parent



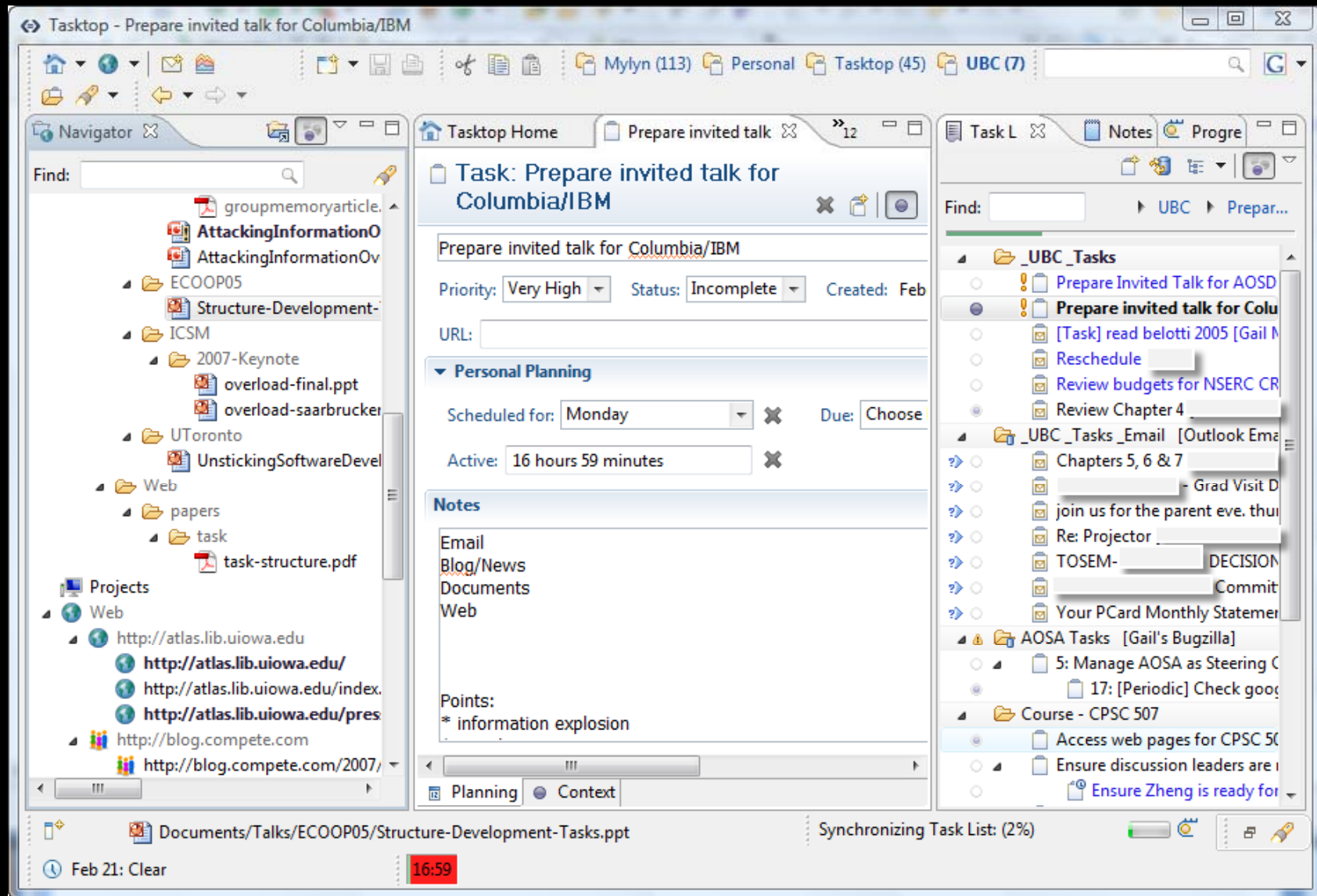
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common substring

# Tasktop (Mylyn to the desktop)

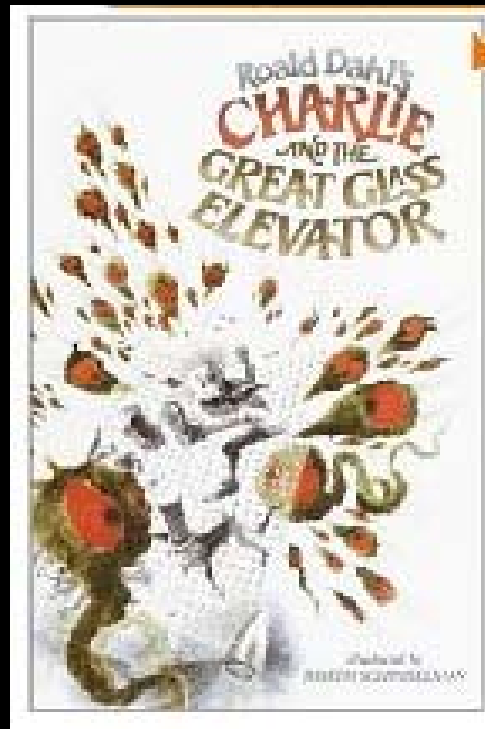


## Vermicious knid

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

*For the defunct Brantford, Ontario based indie rock band, see [The Vermicious Knid](#).*

**Vermicious knids** are a fictional species of **amorphous, shape-shifting** monsters that invade the Space Hotel USA in Roald Dahl's *Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator*, the sequel to *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. They are also mentioned in the 1971 feature film adaptation, *Willy Wonka &*



get a handle on one perspective from another

Intentional Views

[Mens et al]

Fluid AOP

[Hon and Kiczales]

...

TaskTracer/Smart Desktop

[Herlocker et al]

Keeping Found Things Found

[Jones et al]

better ways to identify task-oriented modules

better ways to

analyze

operate on

manipulate task-oriented modules

better ways to move between representations

better understanding of tasks



john anvik  
 elisa baniassad  
 wesley coelho  
 davor cubranic  
 brian de alwis  
 rob elves  
 thomas fritz  
 jan hannemann  
 lyndon hiew  
 reid holmes  
 mik kersten  
 seonah lee  
 shawn minto  
 martin robillard  
 izzet safer  
 david shepherd  
 ducky sherwood  
 annie ying  
 trevor young  
 robert waiker  
*and others!*



what is modularity?



what is modularity?

subsets of “stuff” that can be  
operated upon?



what is modularity?

varying forms for varying purposes

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