

# HW5 and Github

CS 4278/5278: Principles of Software Engineering

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# Delta Debugging Review

From previous lecture slides:

- Delta debugging is an **automated debugging approach** that finds a one-minimal **interesting subset** of a given set.
- Delta debugging is based on **divide and conquer** and relies on critical **assumptions** (monotonicity, unambiguity, and consistency).
- It can be used to find which code changes cause a bug, to minimize failure inducing inputs, and even to find harmful thread schedules.

# Delta Debugging Review

Remember the three main assumptions around Delta Debugging...

- Monotonicity - if X is interesting, set of X & anything is interesting
- Unambiguity - if X & Y are interesting, intersection of X & Y is interesting
- Consistency - X is either interesting or not interesting

And the problems that delta debugging seeks to solve are simplifying, isolating, and identifying failure-inducing components

# Homework 5

- Four parts
  - 5a - delta.py file
  - 5b - is-failure-inducing-change, minimizing failure-inducing changes
  - 5c - report, minimizing test suites
  - 5d - faultloc.py file, coverage based fault localization

## Homework 5a

- delta.py implements the basic divide-and conquer algorithm discussed in class, seen below:

Step	$c_i$	Configuration	test	
1	$c_1$	1 2 3 4 . . . .	✓	
2	$c_2$	. . . . 5 6 7 8	✓	
3	$c_1$	1 2 . . 5 6 7 8	✓	
4	$c_2$	. . 3 4 5 6 7 8	✗	
5	$c_1$	. . 3 . 5 6 7 8	✗	3 is found
6	$c_1$	1 2 3 4 5 6 . .	✗	
7	$c_1$	1 2 3 4 5 . . .	✓	6 is found
Result		. . 3 . . 6 . .		

- os and sys libraries are important here

# Homework 5b

- Writing a simple bash script to apply given patches into a file and check whether it still compiles with GCC
- File that patches are applied to should be returned to its original state
- This functions acts as a replacement of the “is-interesting.sh” component of part a - it only checks if the given patches cause a compilation error or not

# Homework 5c

- Find one-minimal test suite, given the 1639-image test cases on the libpng
- Highlights from report guidelines...
  - What constituted “interesting”? How did you implement it?
  - Were you able to use delta debugging to find a one-minimal subset of the test suite with same coverage?
- Start early!! More information about the timing of this part can be found on the assignment page

# Homework 5d

- Using the *Ochiai Suspiciousness Score* to find the 100 most suspicious lines
- Ochiai formula (can be found in linked IEEE paper, right after table 3):

$$\textit{Suspiciousness}(\textit{Ochiai}) = \frac{N_{CF}}{\sqrt{N_F \times (N_{CF} + N_{CS})}}.$$



# Homework 5d

- Small but important details listed on homework page
- Idea is to take provided command line arguments and find the 100 most suspicious lines

Visits	Line no.	Source code
6: 2020:		if (i == 1)
2: 2021:		status_dots_requested = 1;
-: 2022:		
4: 2023:		else if (verbose == 0)
4: 2024:		status_dots_requested = 0;

- Lots of whitespace visible - strip, rstrip, split can all be helpful

# Homework 5d

- Once computed, sort and print the top 100 most suspicious lines as pairs (ex: (5, 0.75) for line 5 having a score of .75)
- If < 100 pairs, then print all pairs, if more, only print the top 100
- Do not print using iteration - use print function on the list of pairs (but ensure only 100 get printed)

# Open Source Contribution (HW6 for Undergrad)

- Goals:
  - Engage with software engineering
  - Make a meaningful contribution (Pull Request)
  - Reflect on the process and results (Project Report)
- Logistics Overview:
  - 2-student teams are allowed (w/o mixing undergrad and grad)
    - Higher expectations for contribution and project report
  - HW6(A): Task Selection Report (due on 04/02/23)
    - See <https://huang.isis.vanderbilt.edu/cs4278/oss4sg.html> for ideas
    - Feel free to look around and find a project that you resonate with
  - HW6(B): Project Report (due on 04/18/23)
    - See examples on course website
    - +6% bonus points on HW6(B) if your pull request(s) is/are accepted!

# How to make an open source contribution?

- Where to find open source projects?
  - GitHub!!!
- How to spot a good project?
  - Hang on... (next couple of slides)
- How to actually contribute?
  - Pull Requests! (lots of tutorials online)
    - Fork the repository
    - Clone the repository to local machine (git clone)
    - Create a new branch (git checkout -b [branch-name])
    - Make the changes
    - Commit the changes (git commit)
    - Push the changes (git push)
    - Create a pull request on GitHub UI

# Task Selection

- Find an **active** project that is meaningful to you!!
- Where to start?
  - GitHub trending repositories
    - <https://github.com/trending?since=monthly>
    - Lots of OpenAI-related or ChatGPT-related repositories right now!!
    - Generally very active and fast paced
  - Third Party Monthly Picks
    - <https://star-history.com/blog/star-history-monthly-pick-202302>
  - Popular Projects (generally very well maintained)
    - Raspberry Pi Projects (<https://github.com/raspberrypi>)
    - Hyperledger Foundation Projects (<https://github.com/orgs/hyperledger>)
    - Kubernetes Projects (<https://github.com/kubernetes>)
    - Google Project, Microsoft Project, etc.

# Task Selection Cont.

- Python Projects:
  - TensorFlow
  - OpenCV
  - Flask
- C++ Projects:
  - Microsoft Cognitive Toolkit
  - IncludeOS
  - Kodi
- Java Projects
  - Jenkins
  - Elasticsearch
- Lots of online articles/blogs that can guide you to finding a good project!
  - e.x. <https://www.rocket.chat/blog/open-source-projects>

# Task Selection Advice

- Choose an **active** project with many contributors!
- Scope the project well (don't get overly ambitious)
- Choose one large task or several smaller tasks
- Read the entire homework description on the course website!!!
- Once you identify a task to do, claim it!
  - Especially important for well-maintained projects
  - Someone may already be on the task!
- Create a timeline (both for yourself and for the report)
  - Try to stick to it!
- Start early!!
  - Especially if you want your pull request to get accepted before the deadline.
  - (only PRs accepted before the deadline will get extra-credit)

# Project Report Overview

- NO LATE SUBMISSION for HW6(B)
- NO excuse will be accepted!



# Project Report Overview

- Show us what you did!
  - Be proud of your contribution!!
- Explain your strategy/approach
- Share your engineering experience
  - What issues/roadblocks did you encounter?
  - How was communication with other community members?
  - How did you fix the bug or make an improvement?
  - Show some evidence of your work :)
- Compare your initial plan to what you have achieved
  - Any differences?
- Many examples on course website!!

# Final Remarks

We hope you can have some fun with open source contribution, as it is a vital component of the software engineering community. Maybe you'll become a regular open source contributor in the future!

# Research Proposal (HW6 for Grad)

- Format based on the NSF requirements
- 5-7 pages excluding references
- Use the provided LaTeX template

# Research Proposal (HW6 for Grad)

- First Page: Project, Summary, Intellectual Merit, Impact
- Introduction
- Background and Related Work
- Proposed Research
- Proposed Experiments
- Preliminary Work
- Conclusion
- References (IEEE format)