7 Impact analysis (IA)

- Determines the strategy and impact of change
- Classes identified in concept location are the *initial impact set*
- Class dependencies are analyzed, and impacted classes are added to the impact set
- Produces *estimated impact set*
Initial and estimated impact set
Example personal schedules
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- Jacob
- Henry
- Chuck
- Pat
- Bobby
- James
- Jane
Example personal schedules
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Jacob
  Henry
    Chuck
  Pat
  Bobby
  James
  Jane
Example: Point of Sale

- Store
- Inventory
- Cashiers
- Item
- Price
- CashierRecord
Change request

• Record cashier sessions
• A cashier session
  – total cash and all sales
  – during the time between the cashier logging in and out.
Example: Point of Sale
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- Store
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Class interactions

• Two classes interact if the have something in common
  – One depends on the other
    • There is a contract between them
  – They coordinate
    • They share the same coding, schedule, etc.

• Interactions propagate change
  – In both directions
    • From A to B or from B to A
Class Interaction Graph

• $G = (X, I)$
  - $X$ … set of classes
  - $I$ … set of interactions

• Neighborhood of class $A$
  $N(A) = \{B \mid (A, B) \in I\}$
Interactions caused by dependencies
Coordination

class C
{
    A a;       // gets the color code
    B b;       // paints the screen
    void foo()
    {
        b.paint(a.get()); // dataflow between a and b
    }
};
Dependency diagram, Interaction diagram
Neighborhood of Item

- Store
- Inventory
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### Status of components (marks)

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<th>Status</th>
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<td>The class was never inspected and is not scheduled for an inspection.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Changed</td>
<td>The programmers inspected the class and found that it is impacted by the change.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Unchanged</td>
<td>The programmers inspected the class and found that it is not impacted by the change.</td>
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<td>Next</td>
<td>The class is scheduled for inspection</td>
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A simplified IA process

1. Create interaction diagram and mark all classes as BLANK.
2. Mark the class located during concept location as CHANGED.
3. Mark all BLANK neighbors as NEXT.
4. Are there any classes marked as NEXT?
   - Yes: Select a class among the classes marked as NEXT. What is the new mark for this class?
   - No: Mark class as UNCHANGED.

Mark class as CHANGED.
Interactive IA
Propagating class: Mailman

• John loaned money to Paul
  – needs the money back
  – His situation changed

• John writes a letter to Paul
  – Mailman takes the letter from John to Paul
  – Paul must take a part-time job
  – a big change that propagated from John to Paul
Interactions

- John interacts with the mailman
- the mailman interact with Paul
- The change originated with John and propagates through the mailman to Paul.
  - mailman is in the middle of the propagation
  - he does not have to change anything
  - he just keeps delivering the letters from one person to another.
IA including propagating classes

Create interaction diagram and mark all classes as BLANK

Mark the class located during concept location as CHANGED

Mark all BLANK neighbors as NEXT

Are there any classes marked as NEXT?

[Yes]

Select a class marked as NEXT. What is the new mark for this class?

[UNCHANGED]

[PROPAGATING]

[CHANGED]

[No]

Mark class as INSPECTED

Mark class as PROPAGATING

Mark class as CHANGED

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Iterative IA

Color codes:
- Unknown
- Changed
- To be inspected
- Inspected and unchanged
- Propagating

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Alternatives in software change

- Program displaying a temperature in Fahrenheit
  - change request: display it in Celsius
- Two separate locations deal with temperature
  - sensor data converted to the temperature
  - temperature displayed to the user
- The change can be done in either place
  - impact analysis weights these alternatives
The criteria

- Required effort of the change
- Clarity of the resulting code
- Often, these two criteria contradict each other
  - it is easier to adjust the user interface
  - it is better to have all calculations of the temperature in one place
- Conflict between short-term and long-term goals
Interactive IA

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Are there any classes marked as NEXT?

Mark class as INSPECTED.

Mark class as PROPAGATING.

Mark class as CHANGED.

Select a class marked as NEXT. What is the new mark for this class?
Tool support: JRipples

- Automatically identifies and suggests components to be inspected
- Keeps track of:
  - What was done (Changed, Propagating, Unchanged)
  - What needs to be done (Next)
- Eclipse plug-in
  - Java
  - 15,000 LOC
  - 150 Classes
  - 2,500 Methods

http://jripples.sourceforge.net
JRipples GUI
JRipples marks and Eclipse