

Software Evolution and Quality

Seminar in Advanced Software
Engineering, FS 2012

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Organizational Announcements

- 3rd year and up (prerequisite: Software Engineering)
- Language for report and presentation is English
- Work independently
- Don't forget to do the "Modulbuchung"!

Seminar Goals

- Introduce you to a part of research in software engineering
- Improve your ability to critically read and analyze scientific papers
- Strengthen your technical writing and your presentation skills
- Improve your ability to ask and answer critical questions

What you have to do

- Do a literature review for assigned topic (at least 7 to 10 relevant articles)
- Write a report and refine it (12 to 15 pages)
- Review two reports
- Present your findings (20mins + 10mins questions)
- Actively participate in discussions

3 credits / 90 hours: approx. 70 report & review, 20 presentation

Software Evolution and Quality – Topics

- Supporting Crosscutting Concerns
- Code Recommendation
- Tool Support for Tasks/Bugs
- Software Quality Tools
- Refactoring
- Software Architecture
- APIs

Topic – Supporting Crosscutting Concerns

- Aspect-Oriented Programming.
- N degrees of separation: multi-dimensional separation of concerns.
- Concern graphs: finding and describing concerns using structural program dependencies.

Topic – Code Recommendation

- Using structural context to recommend source code examples.
- Mining version histories to guide software changes.

Topic – Tool Support for Tasks/Bugs

- Using task context to improve programmer productivity.
- Who should fix this bug?

[Summarizing software artifacts: a case study of bug reports.]

Topic – Software Quality Tools

- Yesterday my program worked today it does not. Why?
- Change analysis with Evolizer and ChangeDistiller.
- Tools for continuously evaluating distributed-system qualities.

Topic – Refactoring

- A survey of software refactoring.
- How we refactor and how we know it.
- Automated testing of refactoring engines.

Topic – Software Architecture

- Using software evolution to focus architectural recovery.
- ArchJava: connecting software architecture to implementation.
- Software Reflexion Models: bridging the gap between source and high-level models.

Topic – APIs

- What makes APIs hard to learn? Answers from developers.
- How to design a good API and why it matters.

Finding Relevant Work

- Google scholar
- Proceedings of main conferences (ICSE, FSE, ESEM, ICGSE, ICPC, CSCW)
- References
- Related work section
- Cited by

Code bubbles: rethinking the user interface paradigm of integrated development environments

Full Text: [PDF](#)

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Expectations

- Find good structure / outline / categorization
- Find commonalities, specialties, differences,...
- Critical thinking (also constructive)
- Some reflection on your own
- Higher for master than for bachelor students

- Wikipedia is not an option!

Presentation

- Several guidelines on website
- Some more:
 - Don't exceed the time limit
 - Practice the talk
 - Don't ignore the audience
 - Avoid too many slides, too many bullets, fonts too small, too much text
 - Have a flow
- Scientifically Speaking:
http://www.erp.wisc.edu/profdev/Scientifically_speaking.pdf

Deadlines

- 4th Mar – Email with 3 prefs to Giacomo
- 5th Mar – Topics assignment
- 6th Apr – Report submission (midnight hard deadline)
- 16th Apr – Review period end
- 17th Apr – Notification
- 27th Apr – Corrected report submission
- 15th May – Presentation Day (1pm, mandatory)
- 16th May – Second Presentation Day (1pm)

More Information

- See website: <http://seal.ifi.uzh.ch/seminar>
(also includes presentation guidelines)
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Lots of BSc and MSc Project...

- Information interaction, tailoring and filtering using interactive displays and Kinect
- Answering developers questions
- IDE perspective of a change
- software quality indicators
- mobile applications quality
- ...

...contact us if you are interested
