Lessons from Closure

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Open/Closed Principle

SOFTWARE ENTITIES (CLASSES, MODULES, FUNCTIONS, ETC.) SHOULD BE OPEN FOR EXTENSION, BUT CLOSED FOR MODIFICATION.

Prescription or Description?

A codebase is well designed when we don't have to change it much to add new features

The Open/Closed Principle and Single Responsibility Principle are related

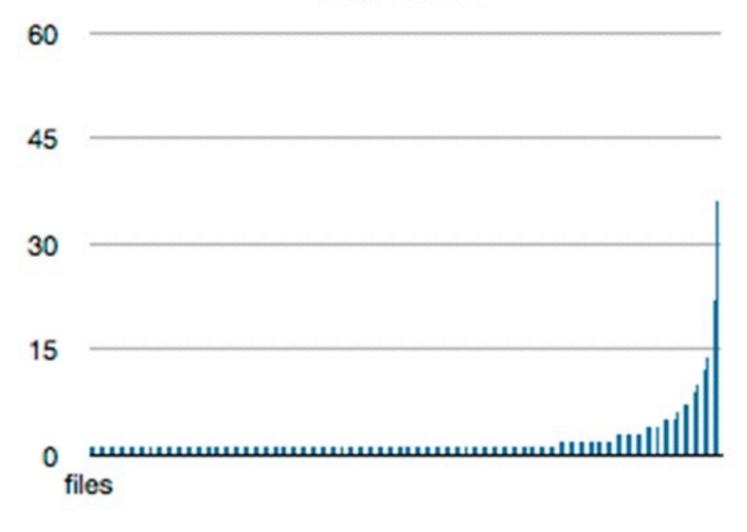
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File Churn



Commit

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commit hash (shal) time/date stamp committer files actual change

Method Event

commit hash (shal) time/date stamp committer method name method body add/change/delete



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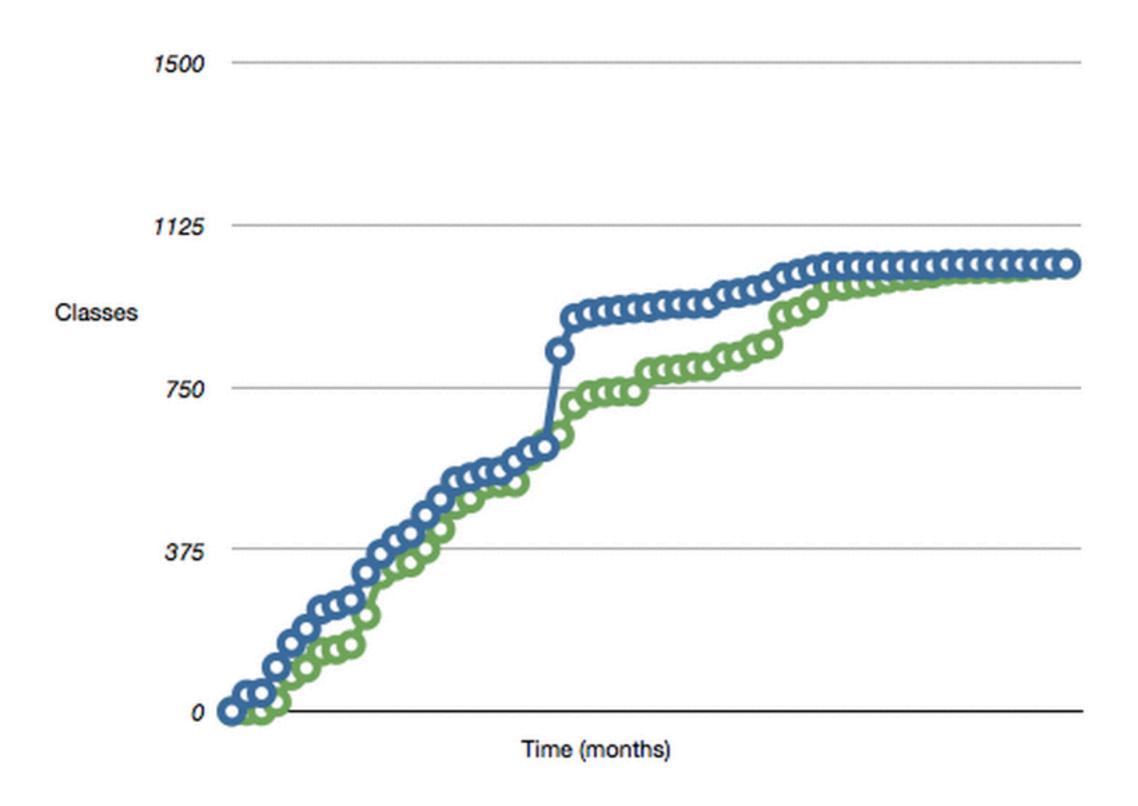
Classes By Closure Date

```
[["DummiesController", 2008-04-21 13:03:08 -0700], ["Core::ActiveRecord::AttributeDefaults::ClassMethods", 2008-04-22 16:02:54 -0700], ["Legacy::Database", 2008-04-24 15:37:51 -0700], ["Core::ActiveRecord::AttributeDelegation::ClassMethods", 2008-04-24 20:46:58 -0700], ["Core::ActiveRecord::SkipValidationForHasOnes", 2008-04-29 21:54:32 -0700]]
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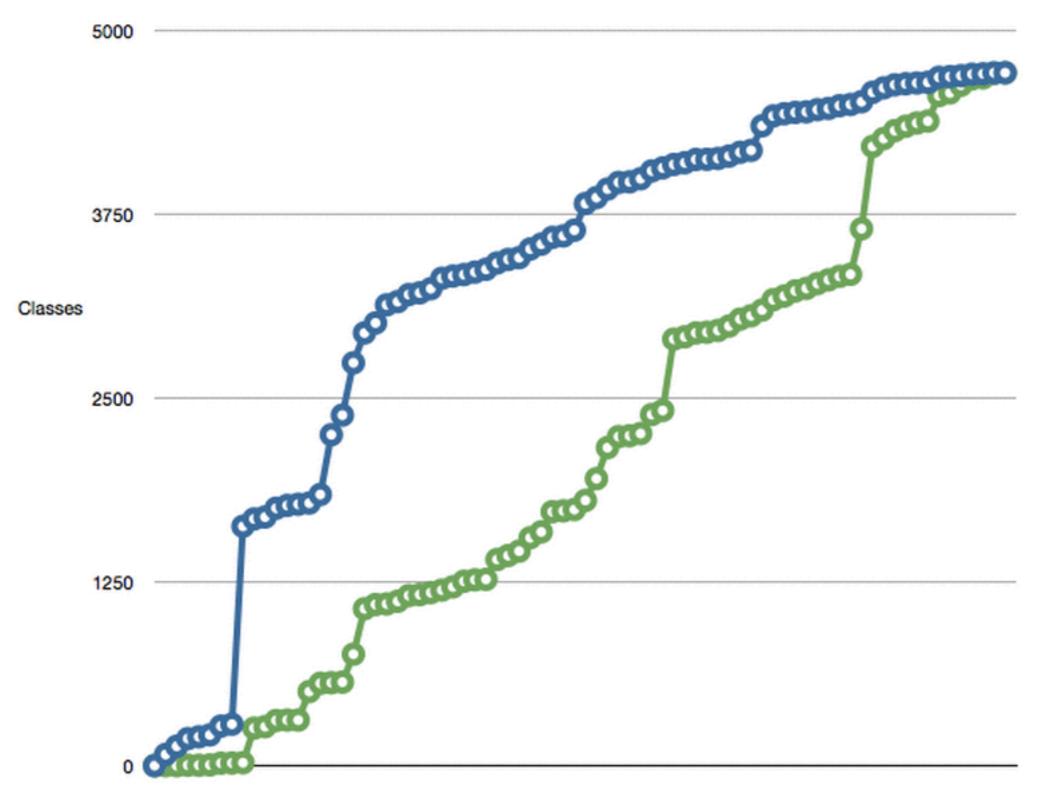
Classes By Closure Date

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def classes_by_closure events
  class_names = method_events(events).map(&:class_name).uniq
  classes = Hash[class_names.zip([Time.now] * class_names.length)]
  method_events(events).each {|e| classes[e.class_name] = e.date }
  classes.to_a.sort_by {|_,date| date }
end
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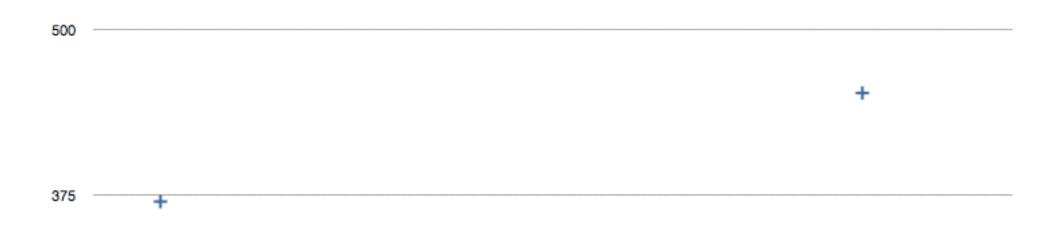
Active Set of Classes



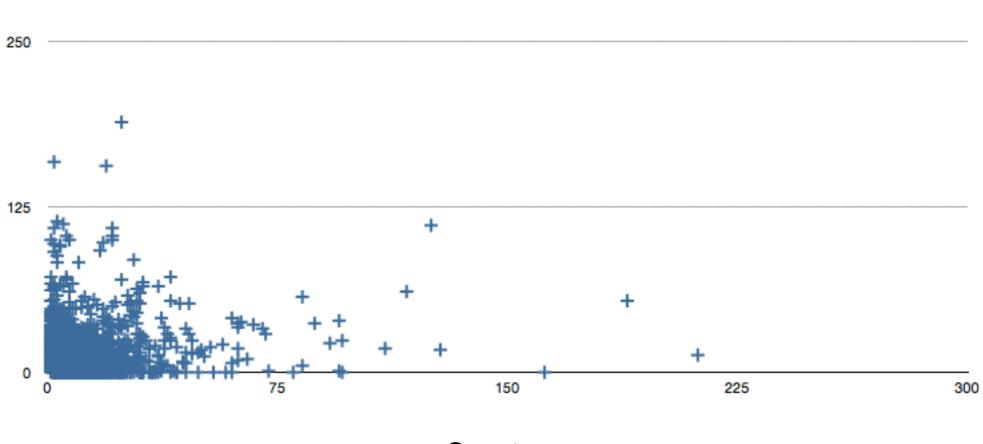
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Turbulence

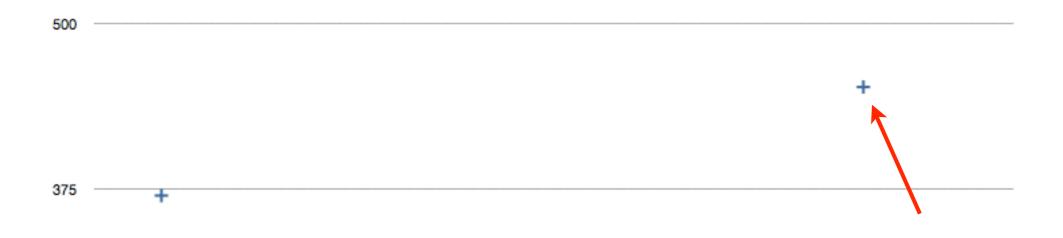


Complexity



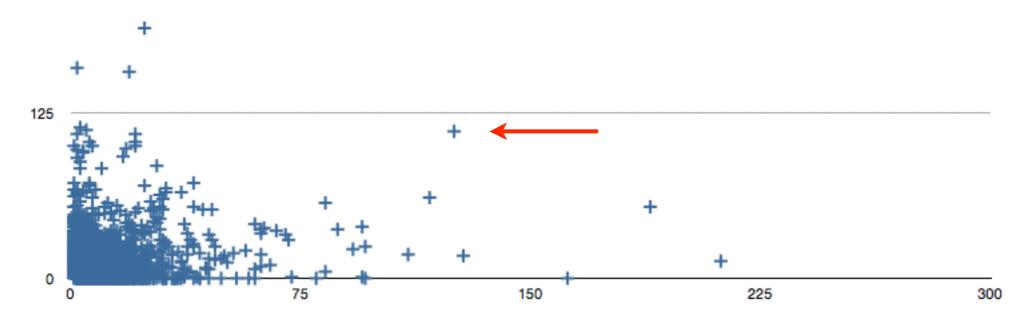
Commits

Turbulence



Complexity





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Is Churn all we need?

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Where do you save most money on refactoring?

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Use of Relative Code Churn Measures to Predict System Defect Density

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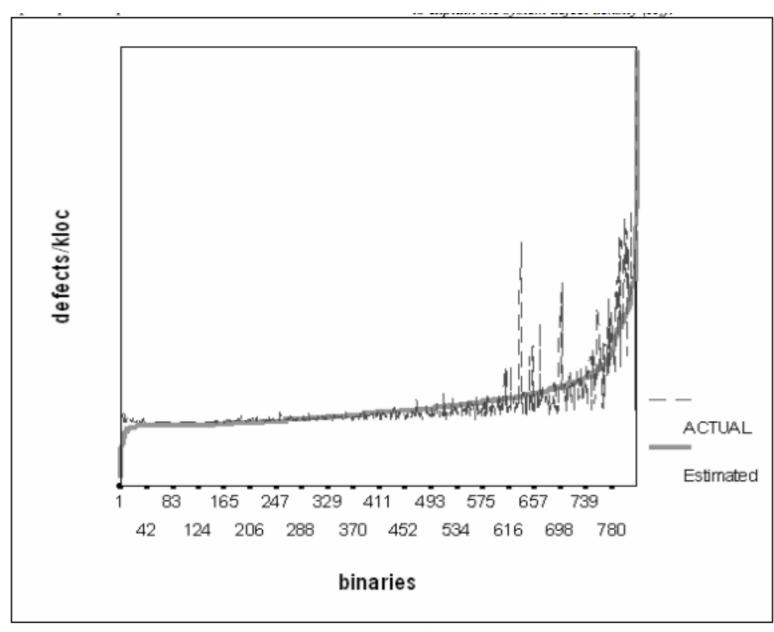
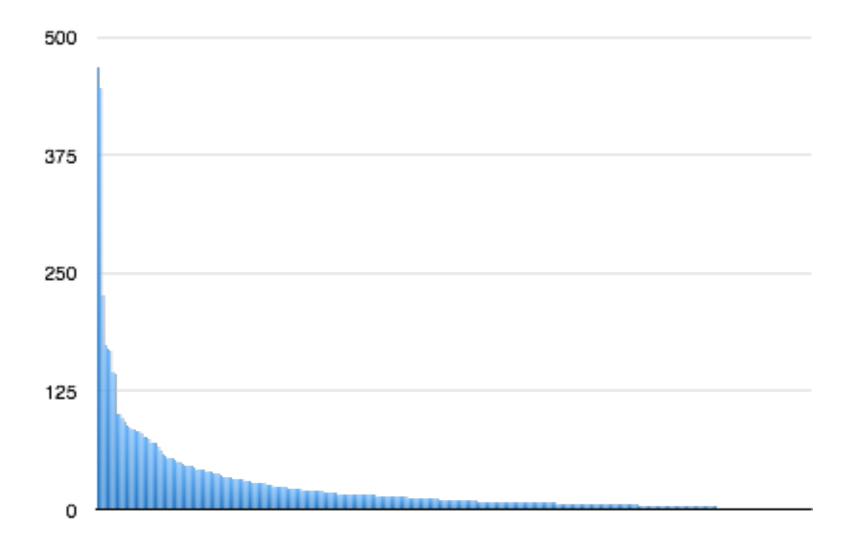
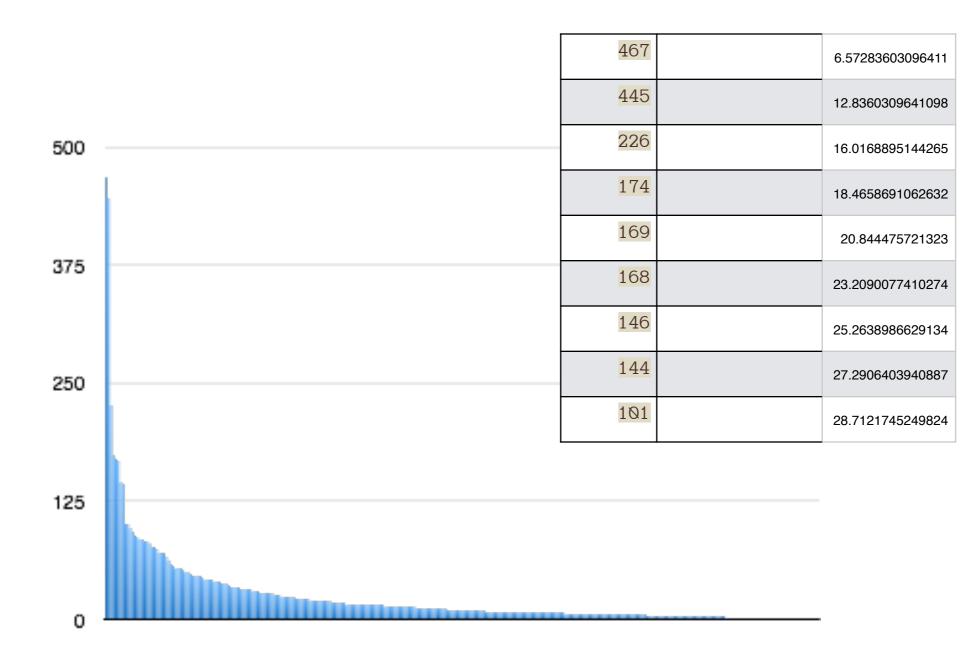


Figure 3: Actual vs. Estimated System Defect Density



How Effective Is Refactoring?





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