Experiments and Results

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This document demonstrates three of the experiments that we performed for our paper entitled "Identifying Extract Method Opportunities Based on Variable References". Results of these experiments are supported with a source code analysis tool we developed. Here we demonstrate, by giving the original and modified code for the methods that the proposed technique in our paper works effectively with the analysis and visualization tools we developed.

The tools that we developed for our experiments use a rule based ad-hoc parser. This parser analyzes source code extracting only the information we need using rules that work on specific collections of tokens we call "SemiExpressions". We chose this approach over using a traditional parser generator because the results we seek depend on only a small part of the (C++) language grammar.

Experiment 1

First method used for our experiments is shown in Figure 2. Figure 2 shows the placement tree for the method given in Figure 2.



Figure 1 Placement Tree of Original Method









Figure 1 Restructured Version For Experiment 1

After restructuring we run our tool and get the following placement tree for the new version of the code.



Figure 2 Original Method After Refactoring

Following figures show the placement trees for the new extracted methods.



Experiment 2

Second method used for our experiments is shown in Figure 5.



Figure 6 shows the placement tree for the method given in Figure 5.



Figure 4 Placement Tree for Experiment 2

Restructured version of the method given in Figure 5 is shown in Figure 7.





After restructuring we run our tool and get the following placement tree for the new version of the code.



Figure 6 Original Method after Restructuring

Following figures show the placement trees for the new extracted methods.



Experiment 3

Third method used for our experiments is shown in Figure 9.

```
1
    □void doAction(ITokCollection *& pTc){
          if(p_Repos->scopeStack().size()== 0){
  2
  3
              return ;
  4
          3
  5
          if(BeginningOfScope::GetNonScopePar()){
  6
              BeginningOfScope::BackInScope();
              return ;
  7
  8
          }
          element * elem = p_Repos->scopeStack().pop();
  9
          elem->setELine(p_Repos->lineCount());
 10
          if(elem->getType()== "function"){
 11
 12
              printElement(elem);
 13
              std::string fn = p_Repos->Toker()->getCurrFileName();
              std::string temp = fn.substr(fn.find_last_of('\\')+1,fn.find_last_of('.')-fn.find_last_of('\\'));
 14
 15
              temp.append("xml");
 16
              XMLCreator * xc = new XMLCreator(elem,temp);
 17
              delete xc ;
 18
          }
 19
          else {
 20
              if(p_Repos->scopeStack().size()== 0){
 21
                  return ;
 22
 23
              if(! elem->IsInTree()){
 24
                  element * parentelem = p_Repos->scopeStack().pop();
 25
                  parentelem->addChild(elem);
 26
                  elem->setInTree(true);
 27
                  p_Repos->scopeStack().push(parentelem);
 28
              }
 29
              if(elem->getName()== "if"){
 30
                  p_Repos->setLatestIf(elem);
 31
              }
 32
          }
 33
     }
.
  - 4
```

Figure 7 Original Method for Experiment 3

Figure 10 shows the placement tree for the method given in Figure 9.



Figure 8 Placement Tree for the Original Method

Restructured version of the method given in Figure 9 is shown in Figure 11.

```
1 Dovid ProcessElementInTree(element * elem)
2
       {
3
         if(! elem->IsInTree()){
                 element * parentelem = p_Repos->scopeStack().pop();
4
 5
                 parentelem->addChild(elem);
 6
                 elem->setInTree(true);
 7
                 p_Repos->scopeStack().push(parentelem);
 8
             3
9
             if(elem->getName()== "if"){
10
                 p_Repos->setLatestIf(elem);
11
             }
12
13
       3
14
       bool ProcessFunctionelement(element * elem)
   Ξ
15
       {
         if(elem->getType()== "function"){
16
17
             printElement(elem);
             std::string fn = p_Repos->Toker()->getCurrFileName();
18
             std::string temp = fn.substr(fn.find_last_of('\\')+1,fn.find_last_of('.')-fn.find_last_of('\\'));
19
20
             temp.append("xml");
             XMLCreator * xc = new XMLCreator(elem,temp);
21
22
             delete xc ;
23
         }
24
         else {
25
             if(p_Repos->scopeStack().size()== 0){
26
                 return true;
27
             }
28
              ProcessElementInTree(elem);
29
         }
30
         return false;
31
       }
       void doAction(ITokCollection *& pTc){
32 🖃
33
         if(p_Repos->scopeStack().size()== 0){
34
             return ;
35
36
         if(BeginningOfScope::GetNonScopePar()){
37
             BeginningOfScope::BackInScope();
             return ;
38
39
         }
         element * elem = p_Repos->scopeStack().pop();
40
41
         elem->setELine(p_Repos->lineCount());
42
         if(ProcessFunctionelement(elem)){
43
                 return;
44
         }
45
       }
```



After restructuring we run our tool and get the following placement tree for the new version of the code.



Figure 10 Original Method After Restructuring

Following figures show the placement trees for the new extracted methods.

