

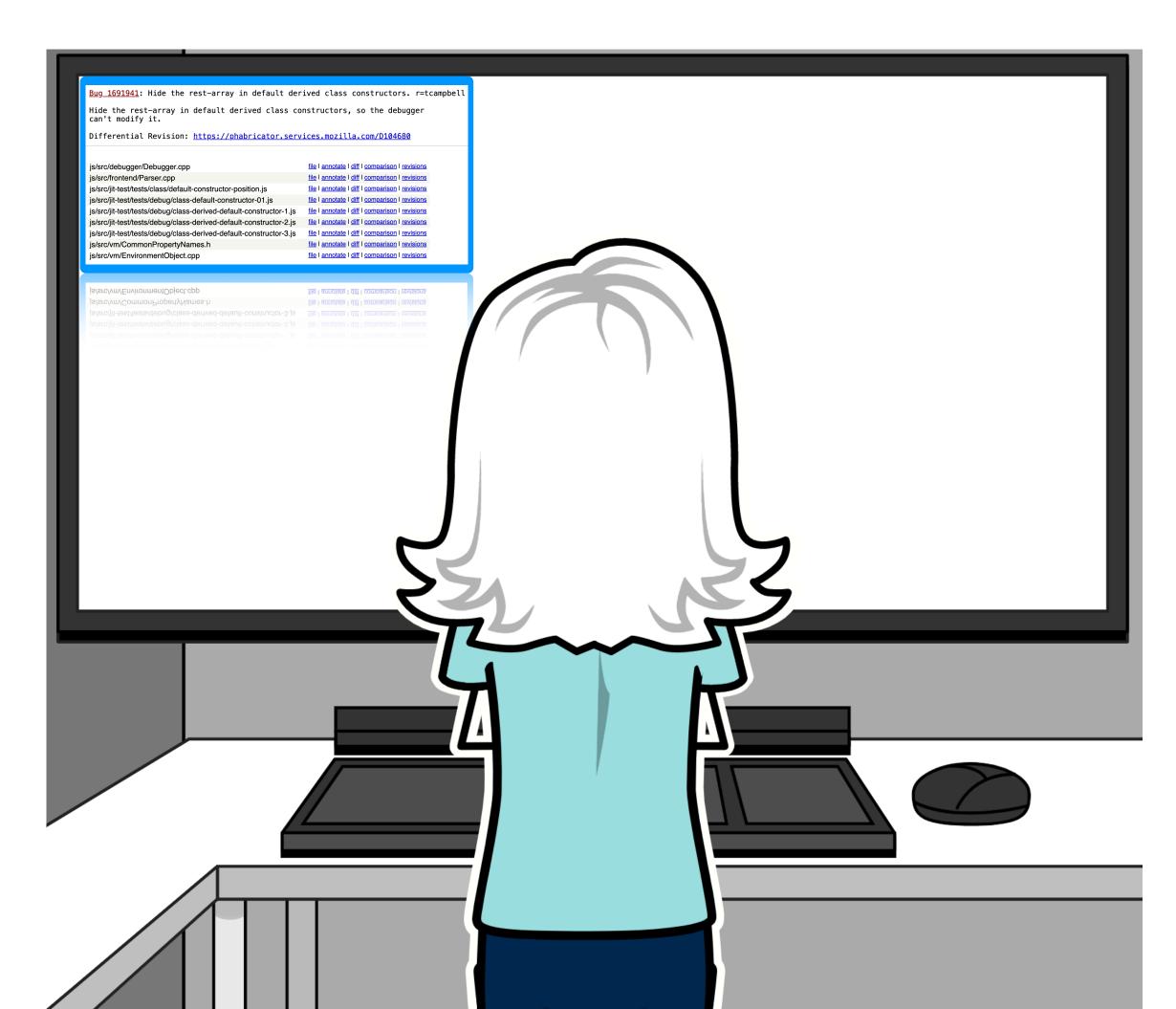




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Bugs are costly to fix

Prevent before they happen

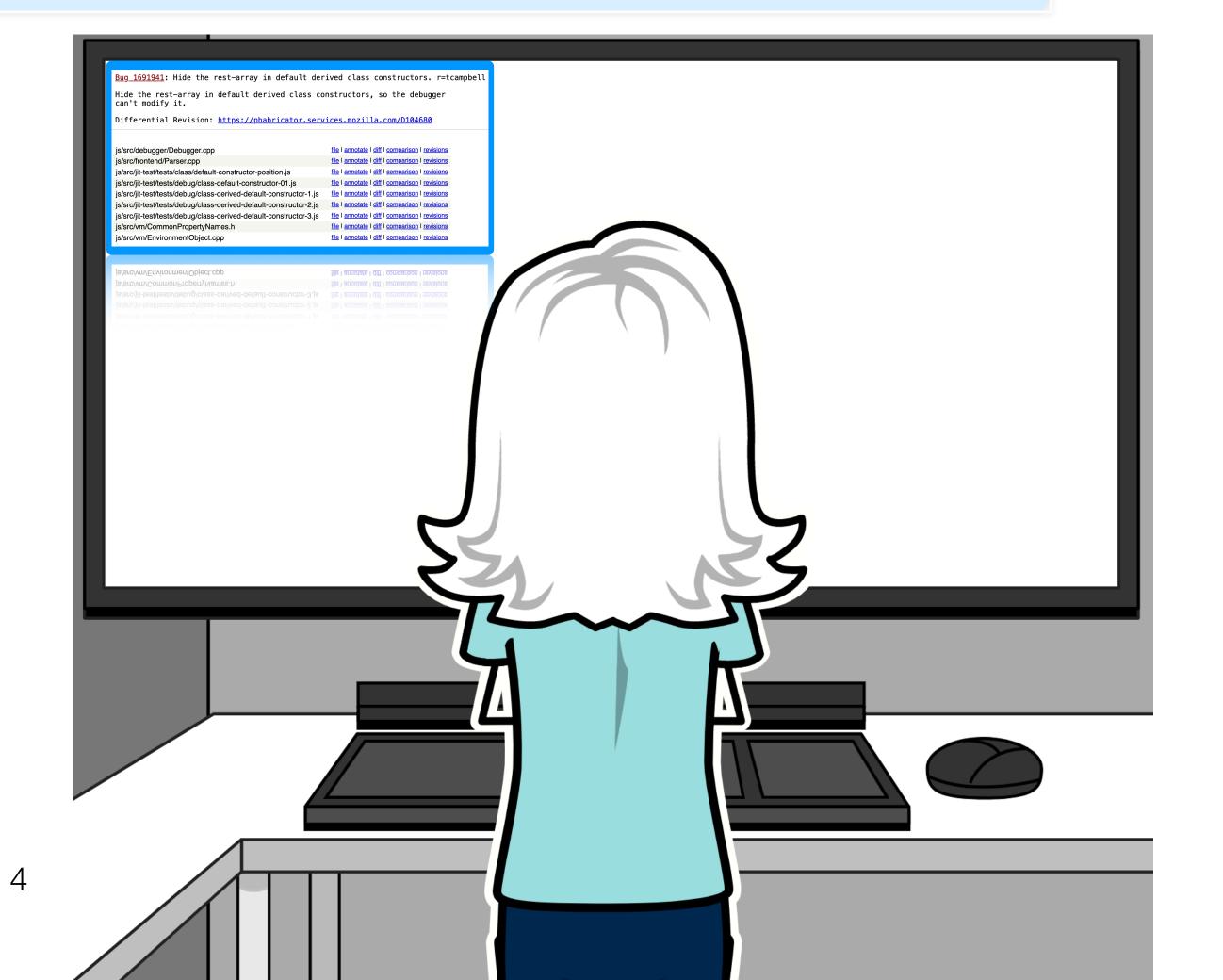
Test smarter, not harder

Build robust code

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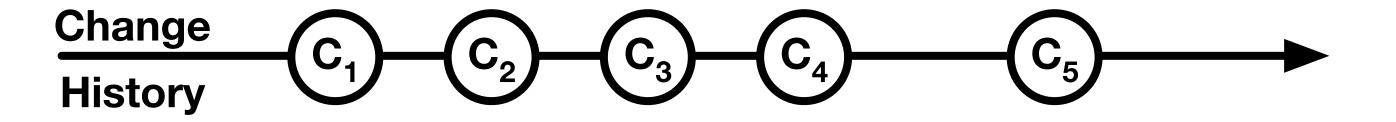
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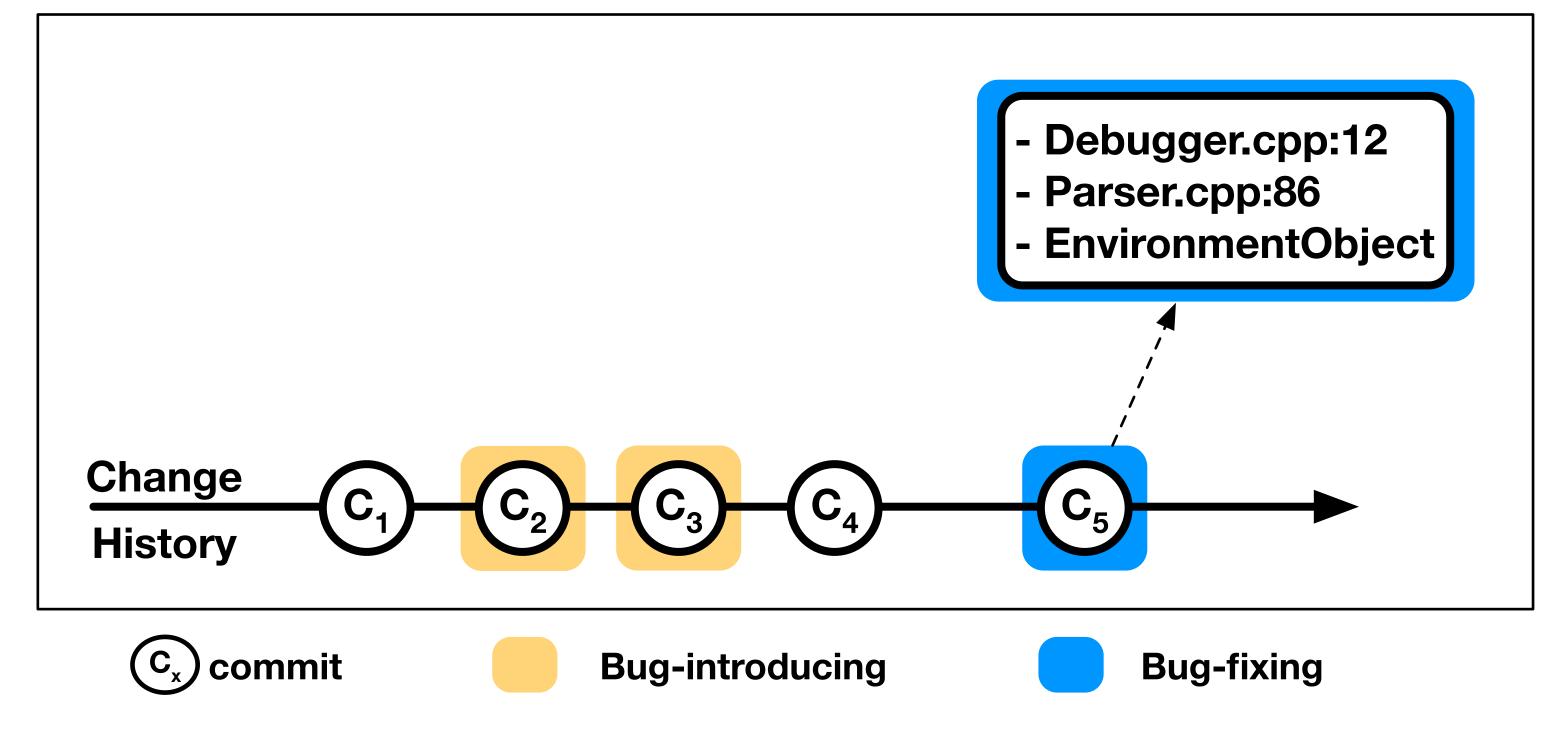
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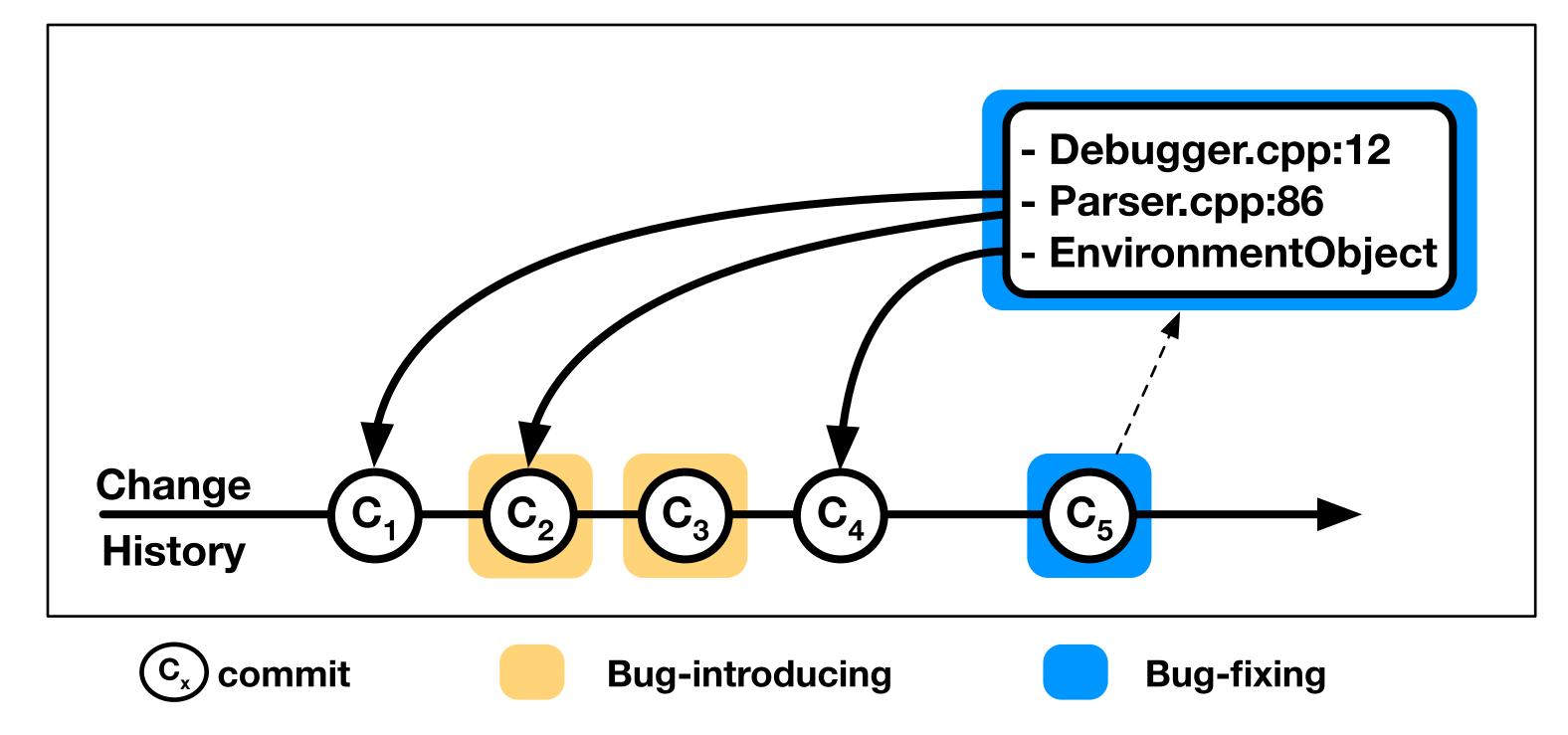
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All changes are fix related

Tangled commits

The same files caused the bug

Ghost commits

Lack of developer-labeled data

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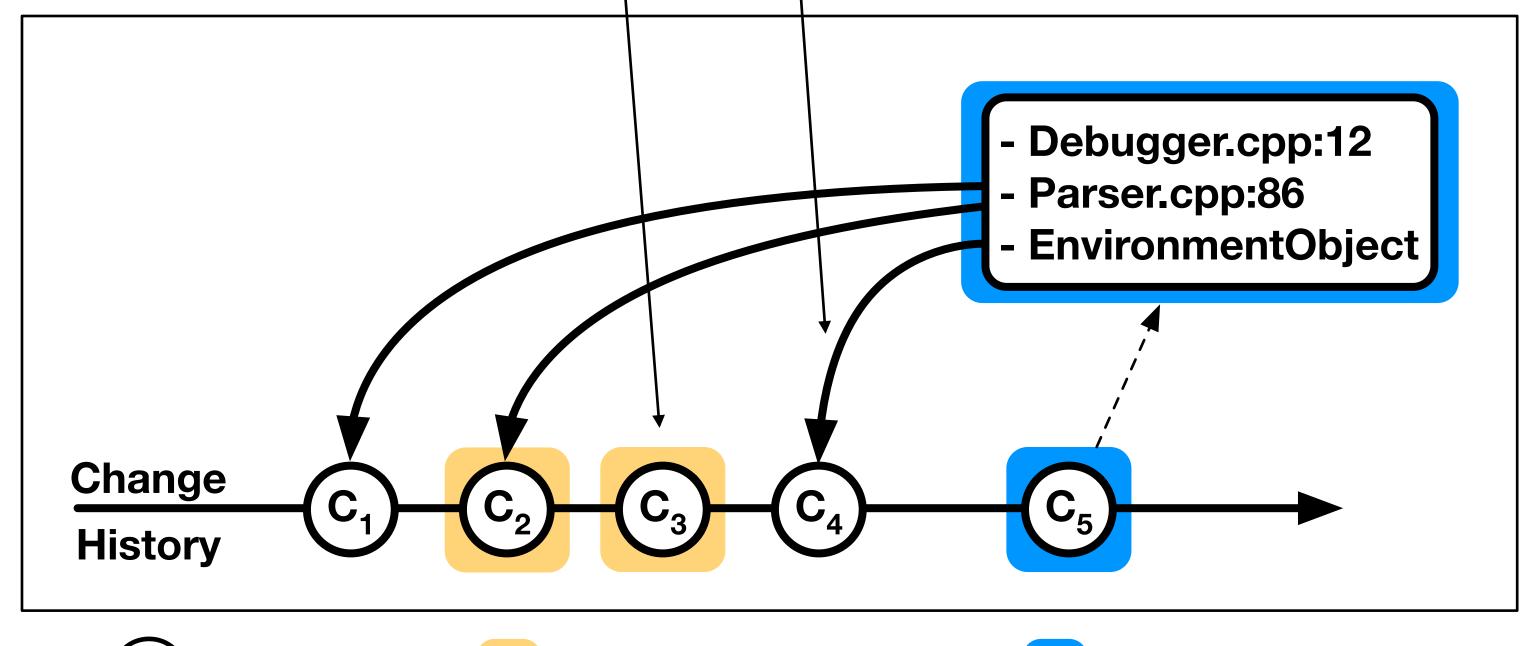
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Bug-introducing



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File modification link



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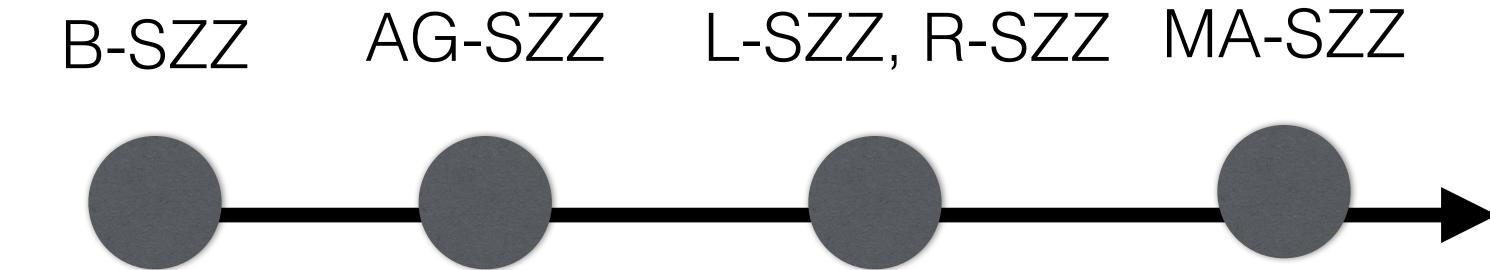
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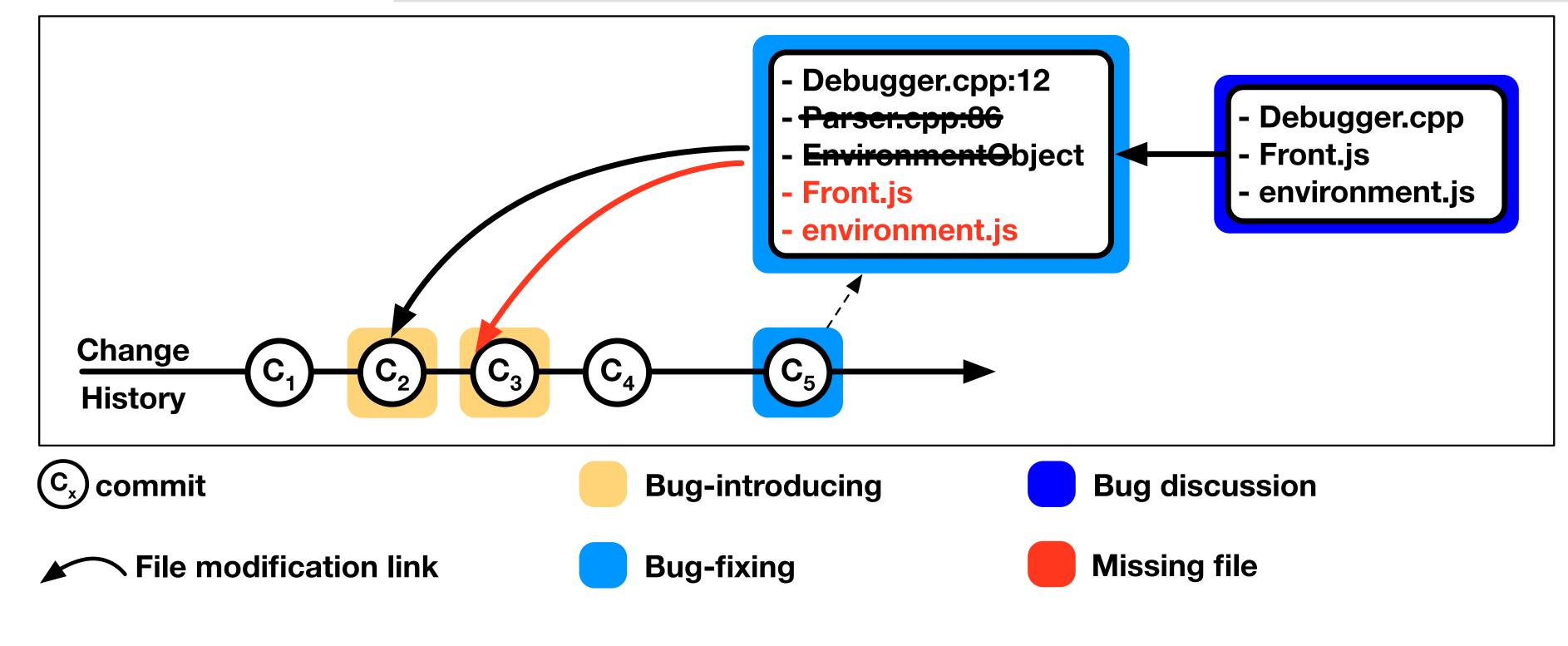
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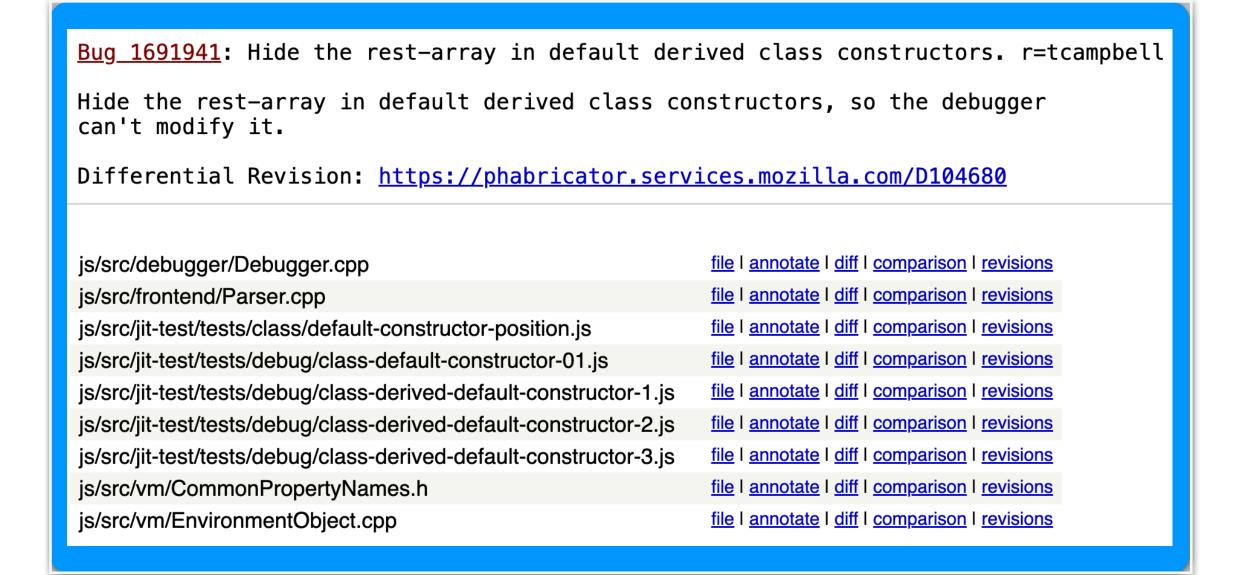
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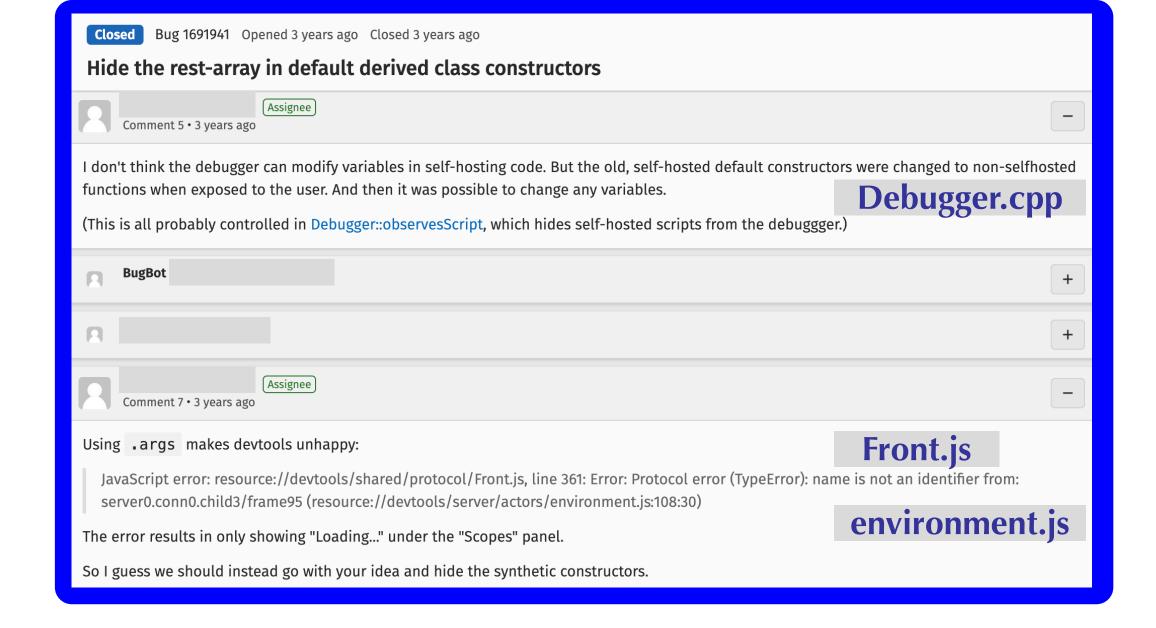
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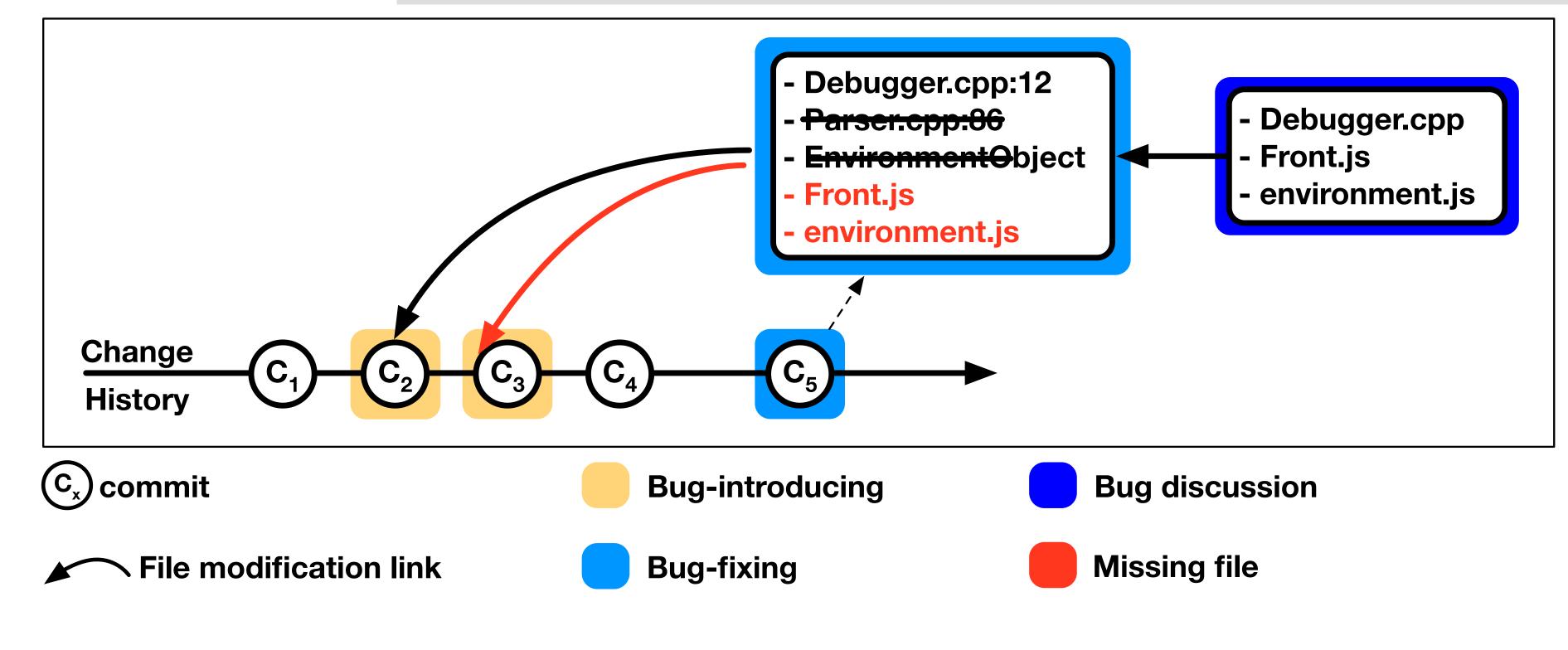


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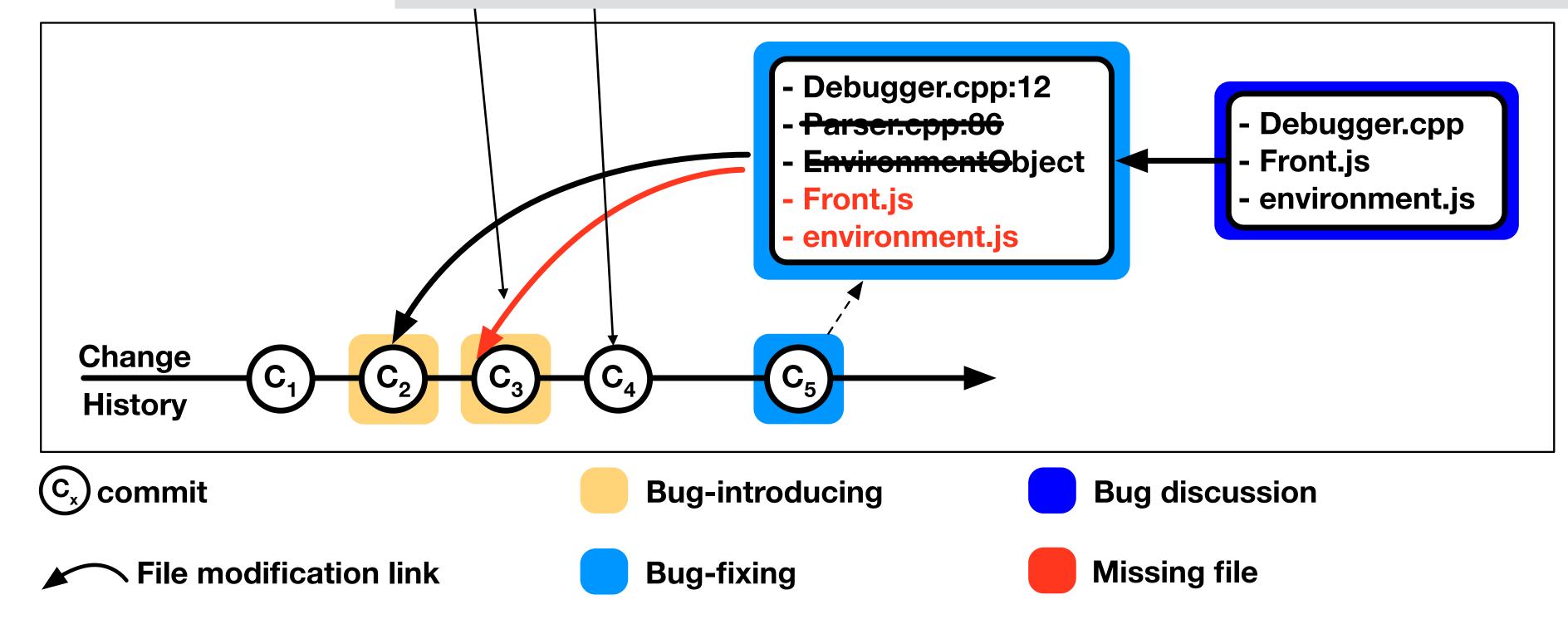


Remove Noisy files

Tangled commits

Add external files

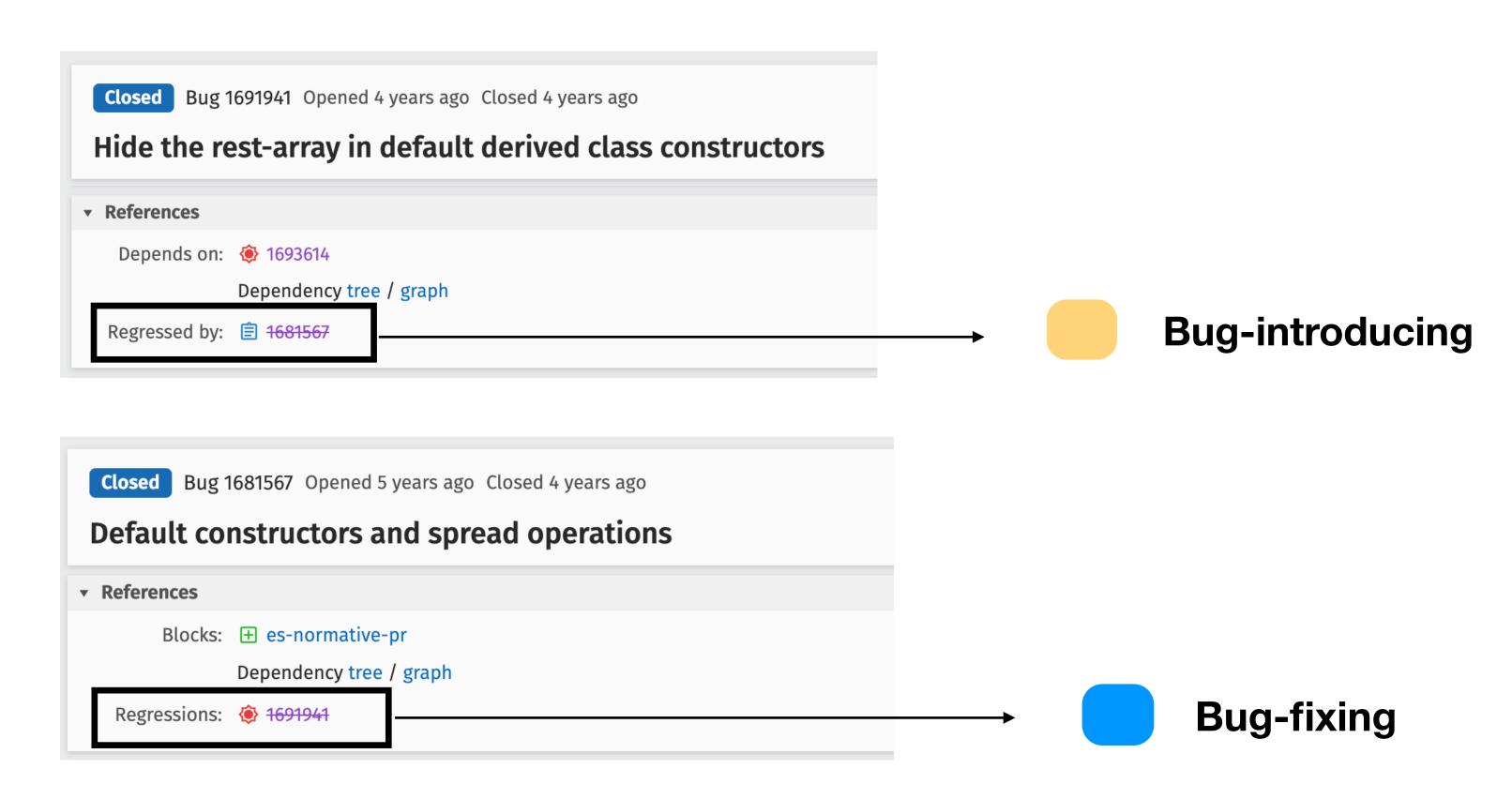
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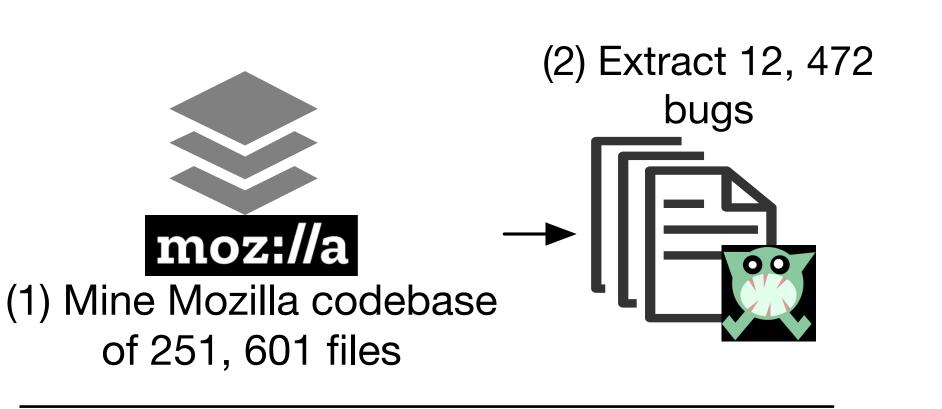




- <250K files
- <13 languages
- <25M LOC

Labeled by developers



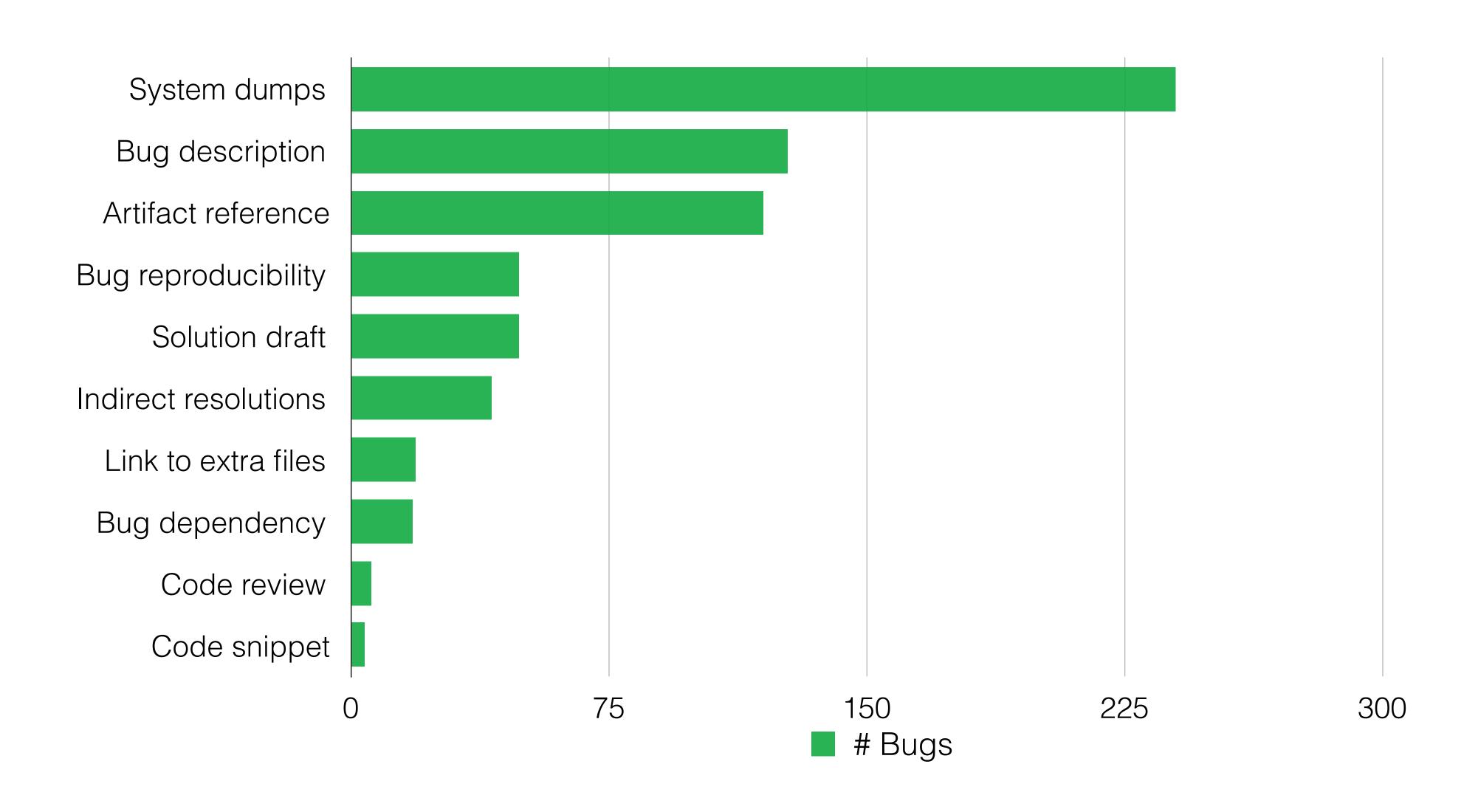


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RQ2: How often are these files part of bug-related commits?

RQ3/4: What is the impact on tangled and ghost commits?

RQ1: Why do developers discuss files?



RQ2: How often are these files part of bug-related commits?

74% of bug reports mention at least one file

71% of those are part of bug-related commits

RQ3: Impact on tangled commits

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Adding external files did not help

Takeaways

Not all the mentioned files help resolve the bugs

Removing noisy files is productive but not adding files

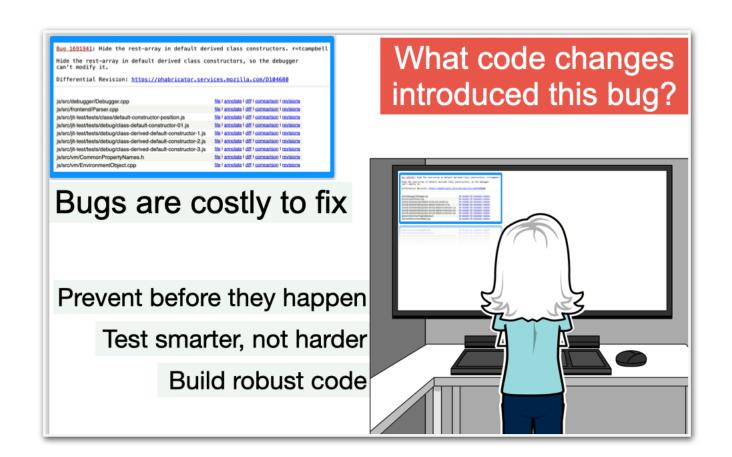
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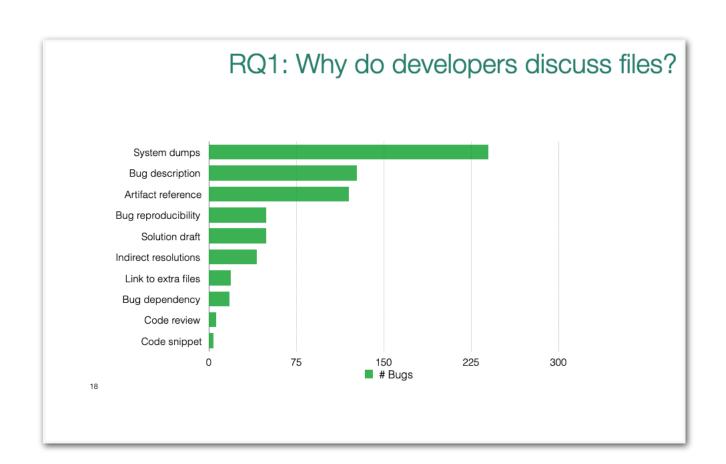
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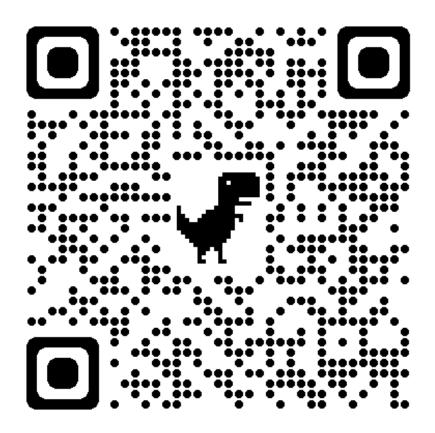
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Pinpoint what changes, in addition to where

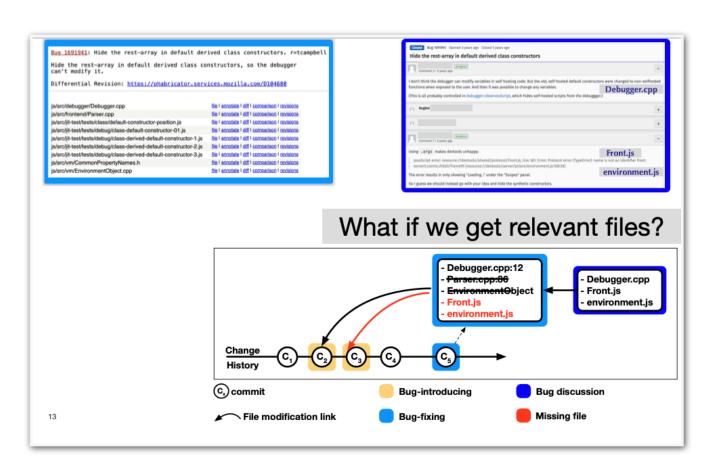
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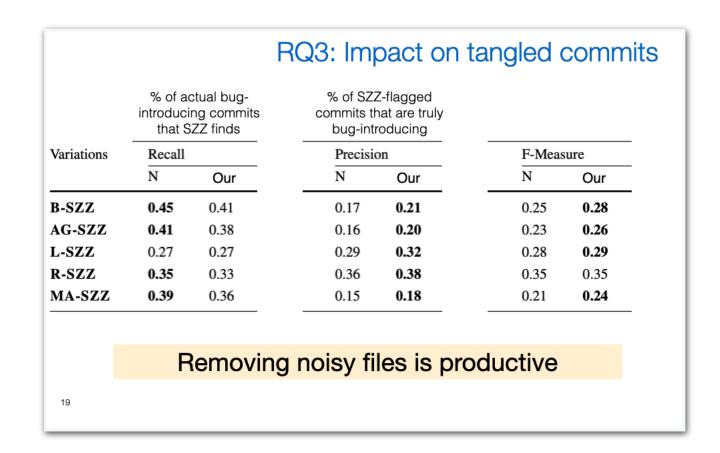






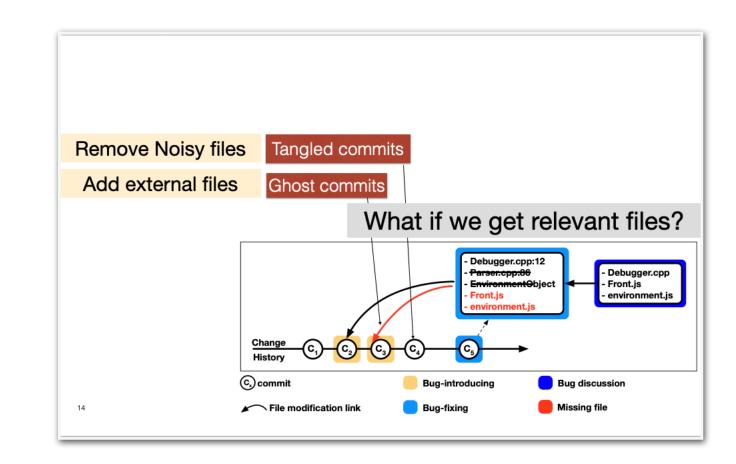
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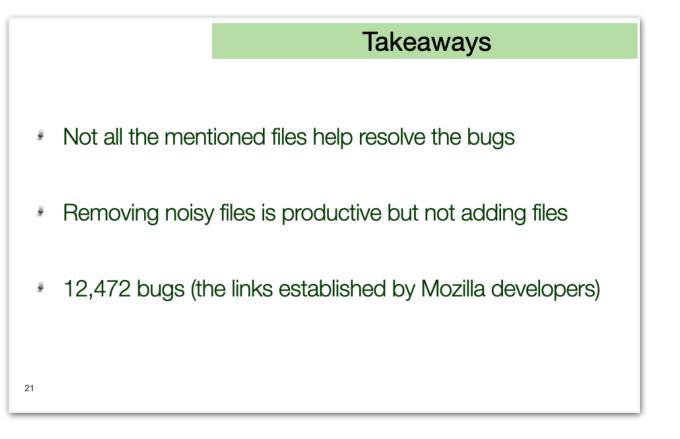






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