

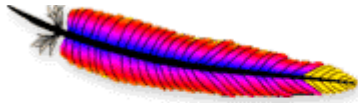
Live API Documentation

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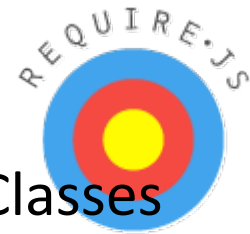
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Apache Commons



- 3,463 Classes
- 30,420 Methods



- 21,696 Classes
- 179,408 Methods



PhoneGap



GRUNT



- 307 Properties

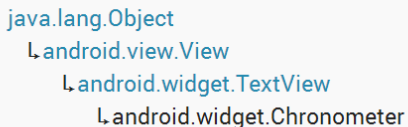


public class

Summary: [Nested Classes](#) | [XML Attrs](#) | [Inherited XML Attrs](#) | [Inherited Constants](#) | [Inherited Fields](#) | [Ctors](#) | [Methods](#) | [Protected Methods](#) | [Inherited Methods](#) | [\[Expand All\]](#)
Added in API level 1

Chronometer

extends [TextView](#)



public void **setBase** (long base)

Added in API level 1

Set the time that the count-up timer is in reference to.

Parameters

base Use the [elapsedRealtime\(\)](#) time base.

public void **setFormat** (String format)

Added in API level 1

Sets the format string used for display. The Chronometer will display this string, with the first "%s" replaced by the current timer value in "MM:SS" or "H:MM:SS" form. If the format string is null, or if you never call `setFormat()`, the Chronometer will simply display the timer value in "MM:SS" or "H:MM:SS" form.

Parameters

format the format string.

public void **setOnChronometerTickListener** ([Chronometer.OnChronometerTickListener](#) listener)

Added in API level 1

Sets the listener to be called when the chronometer changes.

Parameters

listener The listener.

public void **start** ()

Added in API level 1

Start counting up. This does not affect the base as set from [setBase\(long\)](#), just the view display. Chronometer works by regularly scheduling messages to the handler, even when the Widget is not visible. To make sure resource leaks do not

Android APIs API level: 19

- android
- android.accessibilityservice
- android.accounts
- android.animation
- android.app
- android.app.admin
- android.app.backup
- android.appwidget
- android.bluetooth
- android.content
- android.content.pm
- android.content.res
- android.database
- android.database.sqlite

Classes

- AbsListView
- AbsListView.LayoutParams
- AbsoluteLayout
- AbsoluteLayout.LayoutParams
- AbsSeekBar
- AbsSpinner
- AdanterView

Use Tree Navigation



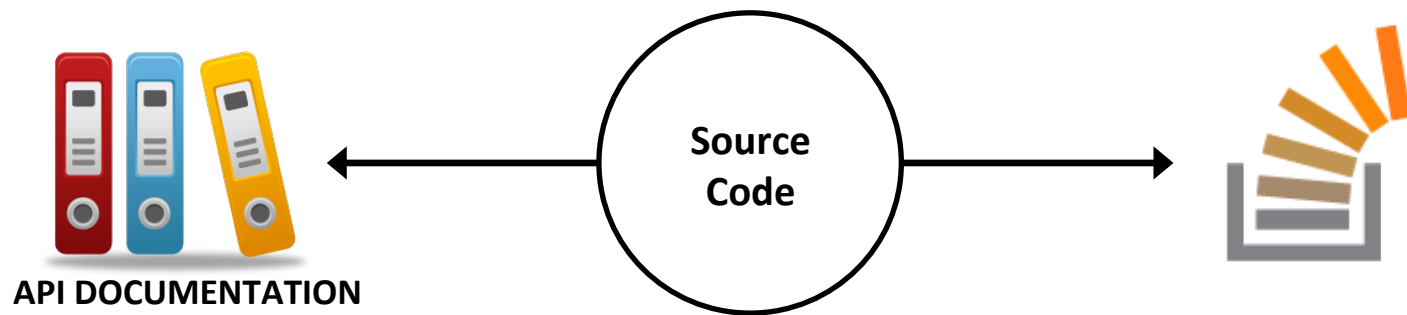
- **1.5 million** users and **11 million** posts.
- Questions are answered in a median time of **11 minutes**.
[Mamykina et al., CHI '11]

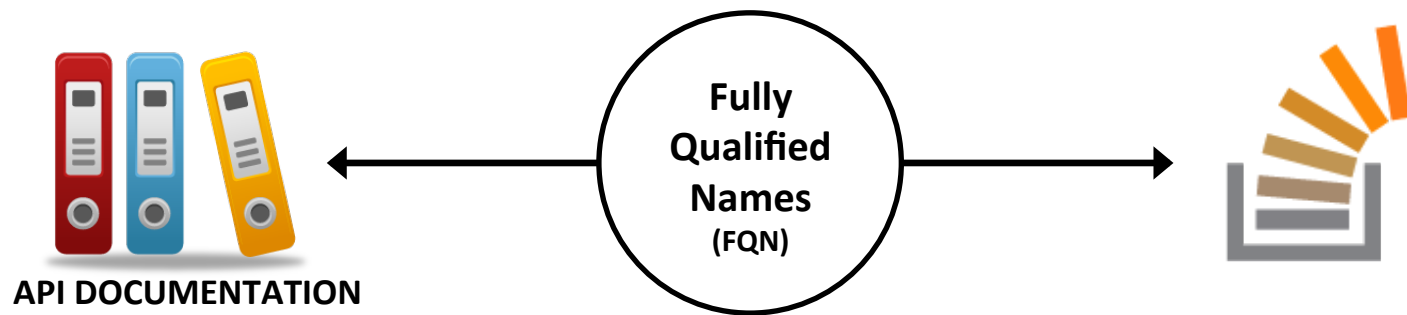
On first page load you are calling `onHistoryChanged(INIT_STATE)` by hand. This does not change history. Replace with this:

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```
public FirstPanel() {  
  
    History.addHistoryListener(this);  
    String token = History.getToken();  
    if (token.length() == 0) {  
        History.newItem(INIT_STATE);  
    } else {  
        History.fireCurrentHistoryState();  
    }  
  
    .. rest of code
```

Better practice would be to register History listeners `History.addHistoryListener(..)` only in the top-most panel (EntryPoint or ContentPanel) and switch panels based on history from there.





Declaration Ambiguity

```
View.OnClickListener mStartButtonListener = new OnClickListener() {  
    @Override  
    public void onClick(View arg0) {  
        mChronometer.setBase(SystemClock.elapsedRealtime());  
        mChronometer.start();  
    }  
};
```

Missing declaration statement.

External Reference Ambiguity

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        mChronometer.start();  
    }  
};
```

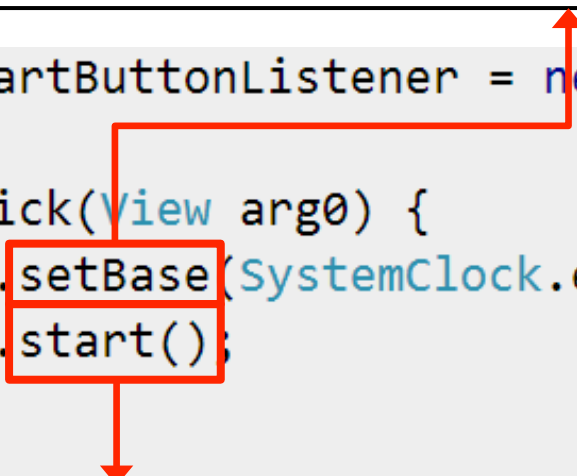
Missing import statements.

Overcoming Ambiguity

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- org.jfree.chart.axis.LogAxis.**setBase(double)**
- net.sf.jsog.client.UrlBuilder.**setBase(java.lang.String)**
- android.widget.Chronometer.**setBase(long)**
- ...

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    public void onClick(View arg0) {  
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    }  
};
```



15,352

- java.lang.Thread.**start()**
- com.mysql.jdbc.util.ServerController.**start()**
- android.widget.Chronometer.**start()**
- com.jpattern.shared.util.Chronometer.**start()**
- ...

Overcoming Ambiguity

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- android.widget.Chronometer

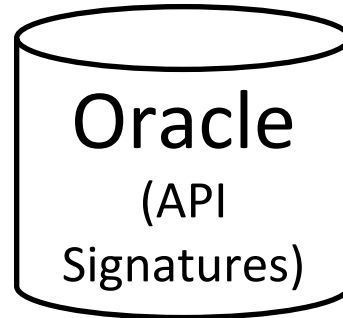
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```

Java :

- Type signatures
- Method signatures
- Inheritance information

JavaScript :

- Function object signatures

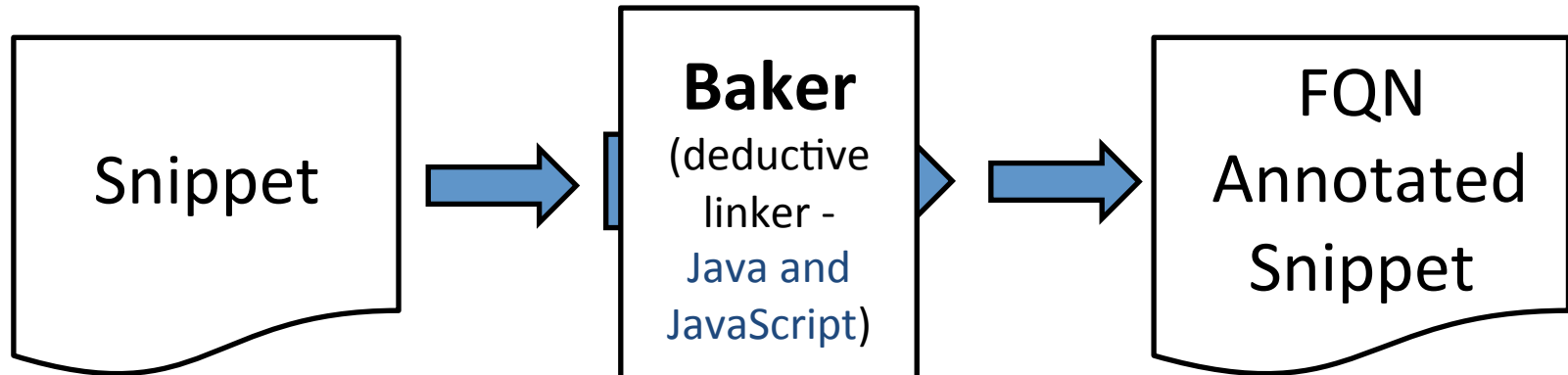


Java :

- 1.5 Million types
- 16 Million methods

JavaScript:

- 1,600 Function objects



```
public class Quotes extends Activity {  
  
    @Override  
    public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {  
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);  
        webView.getSettings().setJavaScriptEnabled(true);  
        webView.setWebViewClient(new MyWebViewClient(this));  
        webView.loadUrl("..");  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

Potential API references in the snippet.

```
public class Quotes extends Activity {  
  
    @Override  
    public void onCreate( Bundle savedInstanceState) {  
        super.onCreate( savedInstanceState);  
        webview.getSettings( ).setJavaScriptEnabled( true);  
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        webview.loadUrl( "...");  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

Identifying local
declarations

```
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        super.onCreate( savedInstanceState );  
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        webview.setWebViewClient( new MyWebViewClient( this ) );  
        webview.loadUrl( "...");  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

Inferring types

android.app.Activity.onCreate(android.os.Bundle)

~~44~~ 1

```
public class Quotes extends Activity {
```

~~37~~ 1

@Override

```
public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
```

```
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
```

```
    webView.getSettings().setJavaScriptEnabled(true);
```

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    webView.setWebViewClient(new MyWebViewClient(this));
```

```
    webView.loadUrl("...");
```

```
    ...
```

```
}
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}
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Inferring overridden methods

android.app.Activity.onCreate(android.os.Bundle)

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```
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```
@Override
```

```
public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
```

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```

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```
    webView.setWebViewClient(new MyWebViewClient(this));
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    webView.loadUrl("...");
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    ...
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}
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}
```

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android.app.Activity.onCreate(android.os.Bundle)

Inferring method invocations

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    webView.loadUrl("...");
```

...

```
}
```

Return types

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```

```
    webView.loadUrl("...");
```

...

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Return types

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Return types

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Return types

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...

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Return types

android.webkit.WebView

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Constraint consistency check

android.app.Activity.onCreate(android.os.Bundle)

android.app.Activity

```
public class Quotes extends Activity {
```

android.os.Bundle

```
@Override
```

```
public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
```

```
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
```

```
    webView.getSettings().setJavaScriptEnabled(true);
```

```
    webView.setWebViewClient(new MyWebViewClient(this));
```

```
    webView.loadUrl("...");
```

```
    ...
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

android.webkit.WebView

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Baker Accuracy : Java

Precision: 0.98

Recall: 0.83

An API reference is a

▪ **Unique**

- **True Positive:**

Baker correctly identified the target API.

- **False Positive:**

Baker incorrectly identified a target API.

- **False Negative:**

Baker either could not correctly identify the right target API or it produced an imprecise match.

- **Relaxed**

- **False Negative:**

Baker could not identify the target API even imprecisely.

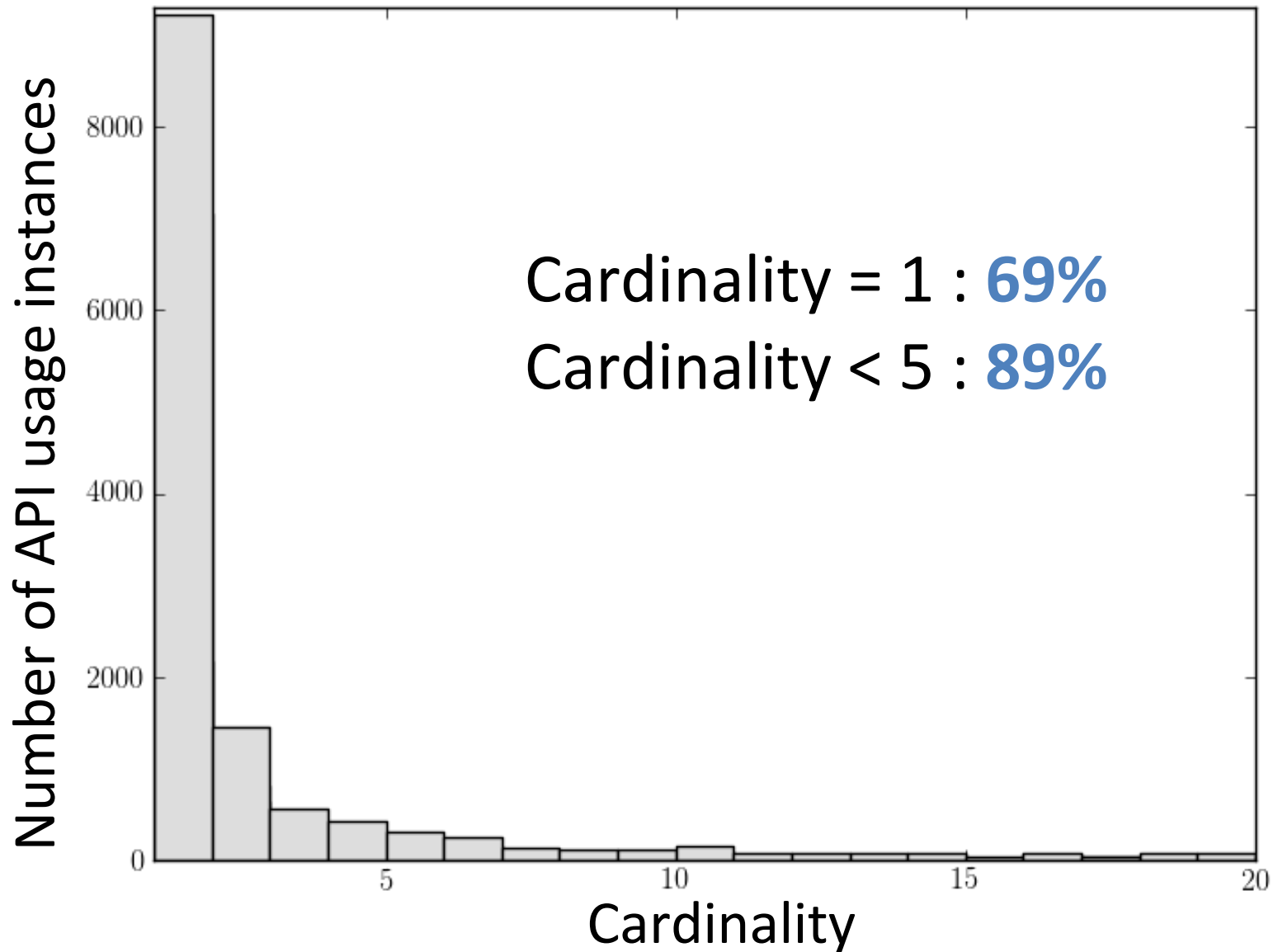
System	Unique			Relaxed
	True Positives	False Positives	False Negatives	False Negatives
Android	40	1	9	1
GWT	43	0	7	0
Hibernate	37	0	13	0
Joda Time	44	3	3	0
Xstream	40	0	10	0
Total	204	4	42	1

Baker Accuracy : JavaScript

Precision: 0.97 Recall: 0.96

System	Unique			Relaxed
	True Positives	False Positives	False Negatives	False Negatives
JSCore/DOM	48	2	0	0
JQuery	47	2	1	0
Phoneygap	46	2	2	0
Webworks	43	0	7	2
Total	184	6	10	2

Cardinality Distribution



Imprecise Matches

Imprecise matches in the `AbstractDocumentReader` class belonging to the `xstream` Java library:

- [com.thoughtworks.xstream.io.xml.AbstractDocumentReader](#)
- `com.cloudbees.shaded.thoughtworks.xstream.io.xml.AbstractDocumentReader`
- `com.ovea.jetty.session.internal.xstream.io.xml.AbstractDocumentReader`
- `cucumber.runtime.xstream.io.xml.AbstractDocumentReader`
- `org.pitest.xstream.io.xml.AbstractDocumentReader`

Enabling Live API Documentation (Demo)

Querying Baker

```
$ cat JavaSnippet.txt
```

```
final Chronometer chrono =  
    (Chronometer) findViewById(R.id.chronometer);  
chrono.setBase(SystemClock.elapsedRealTime());  
chrono.start();
```

```
$ curl --data "file = @JavaSnippet.txt"
```

```
http://gadget.cs.uwaterloo.ca/Baker/getAPI.php
```

```
{  
    "api_elements" : [  
        ...  
        {  
            "precision" : "1",  
            "name" : "setBase",  
            "line_number" : "2",  
            "type" : "api_method",  
            "elements" : [  
                "android.widget.Chronometer.setBase(long) "  
            ]  
        }  
        ...  
    ]  
}
```

Summary

- **Deductive Linking** can identify API references in source code snippets with high precision.
- This helps enable “**Live Documentation**” by bridging interactive Stack Overflow posts with authoritative API documentation.
- Baker and related resources can be accessed at: <https://cs.uwaterloo.ca/~rtholmes/baker>

References

- **[1]** Mamykina, Lena and Manoim, Bella and Mittal, Manas and Hripcsak, George and Hartmann, Bjorn. Design Lessons from the Fastest Q&A Site in the West.

Additional Info

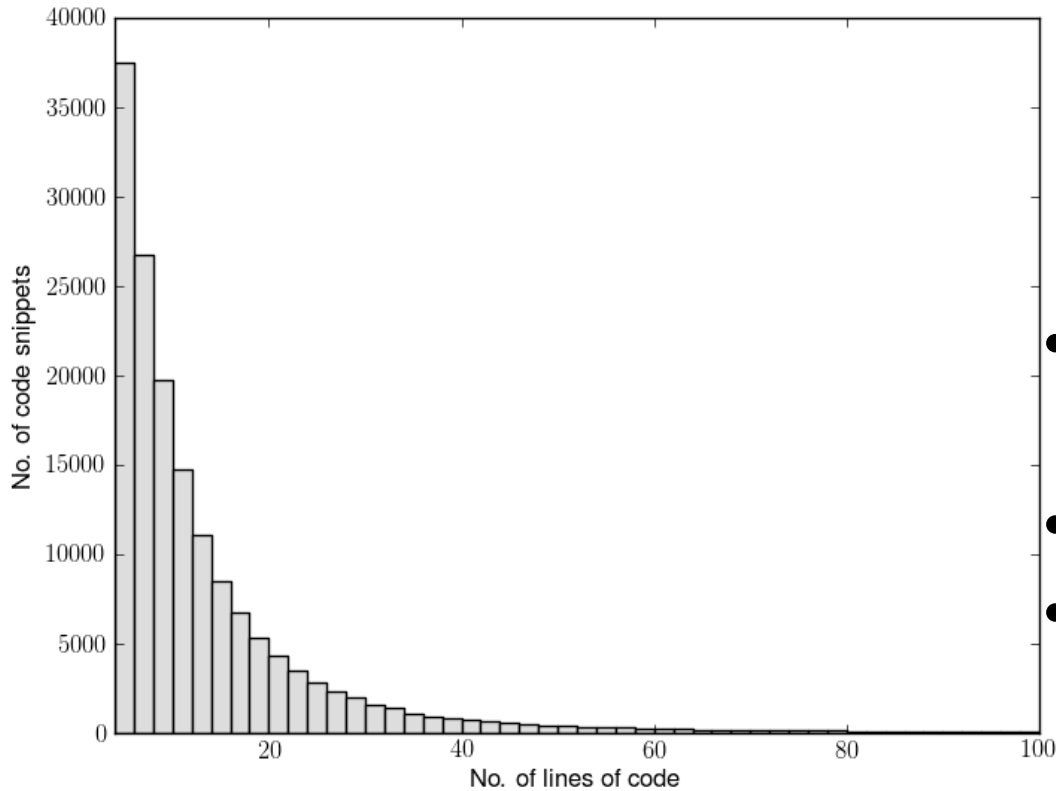


- 277 K posts
- 110 K accepted answers
- 69 K code snippets (in accepted answers)



- 241 K posts
- 121 K accepted answers
- 89 K code snippets (in accepted answers)

Challenges



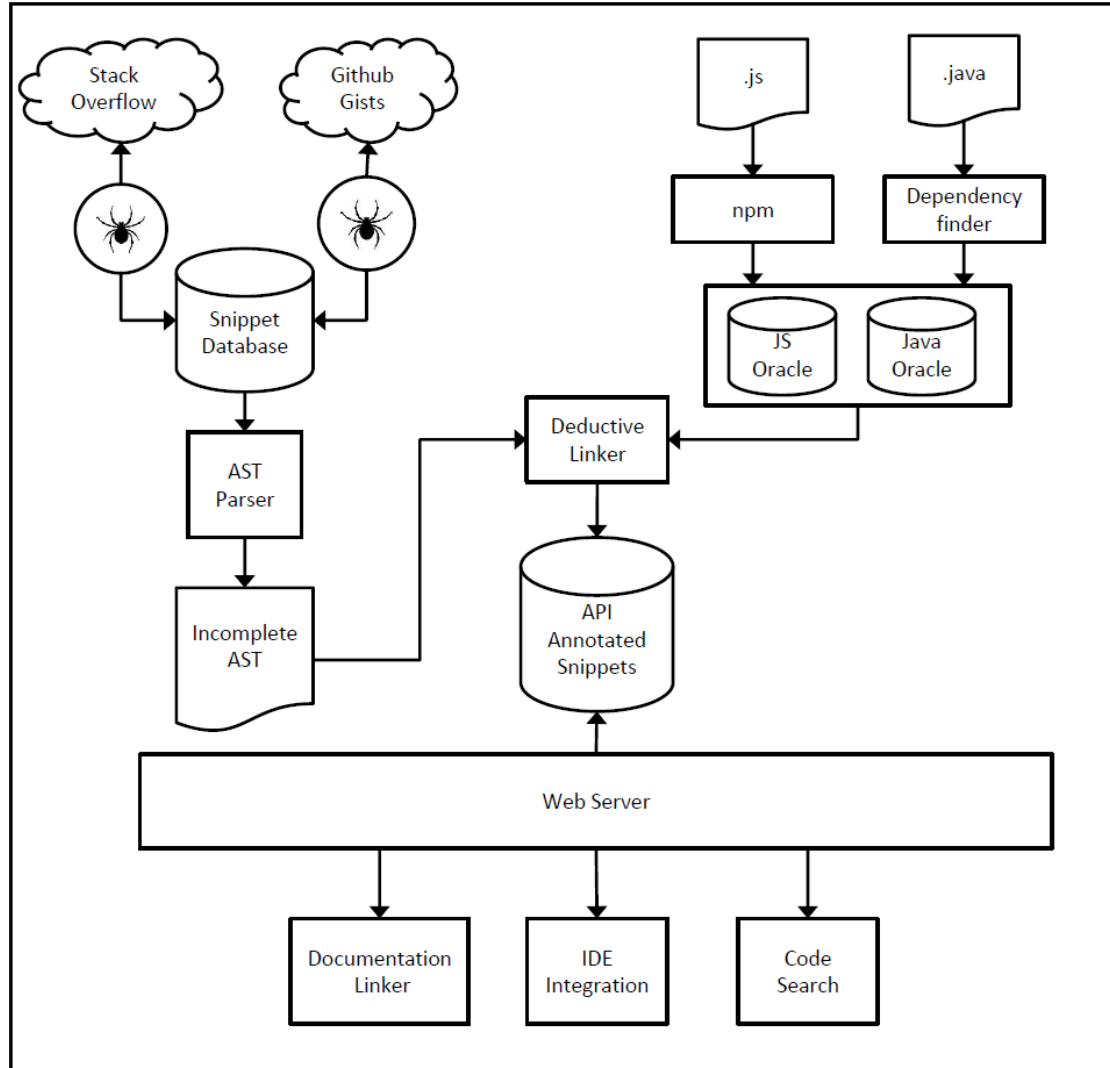
In **accepted answers** tagged Java/JavaScript:

- No. of snippets > 3 LOC : **159, 531**
- Median size : **9 LOC**
- Mean size : **14.33 LOC**

Method Name	No. of Collisions	No. of Packages
onCreate	32	15
show	17	2
getResources	9	6
getContentResolver	4	2
getItemId	7	2
getAction	6	3
findViewById	5	3
getString	34	12
getData	12	9
close	137	36
Average	26.3	9.0

Naming Collisions among the 10 most-used Android methods.

Architecture



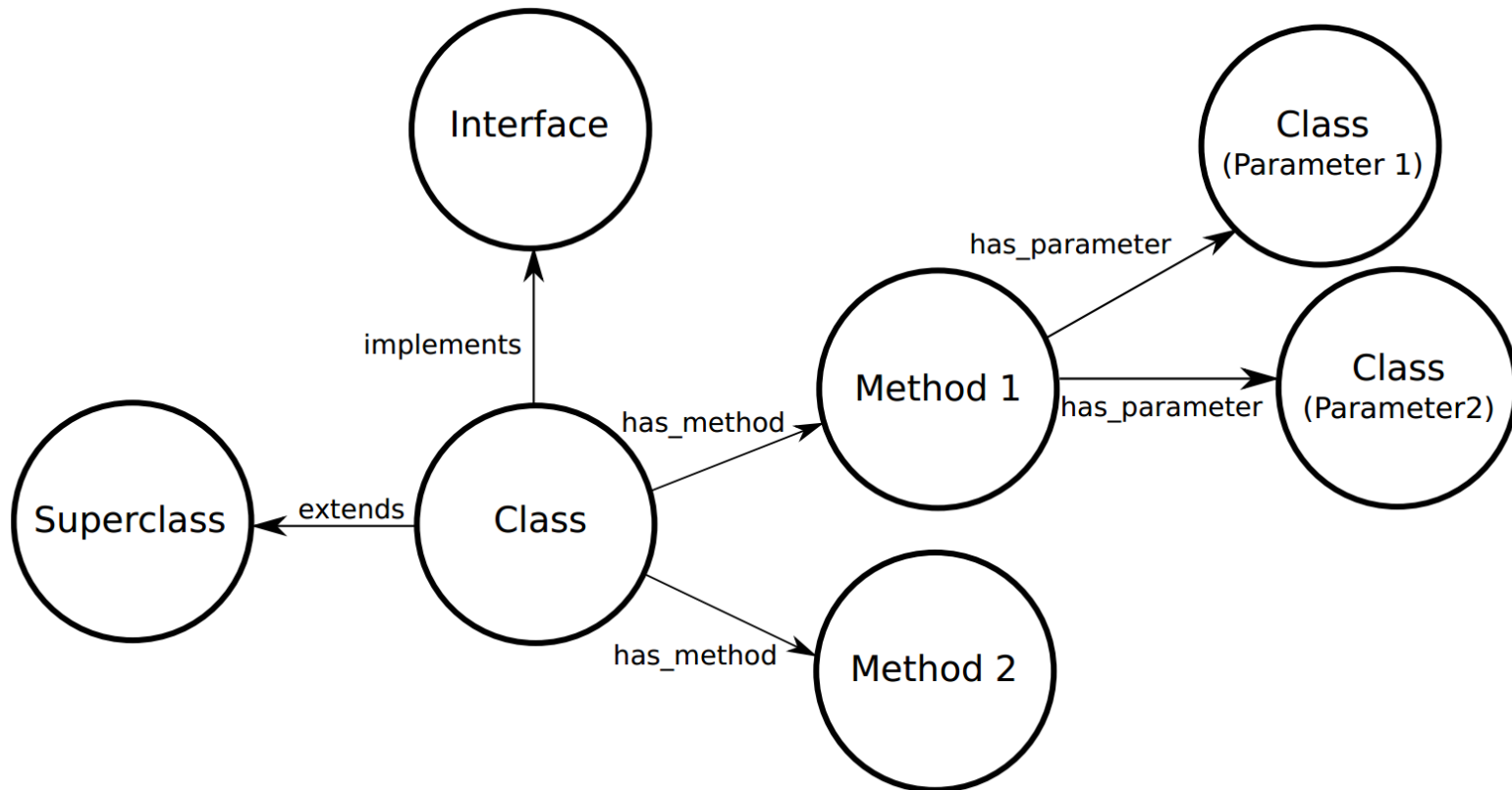
Java :

- 1.5 Million Classes
- 16 Million Methods

Oracle

JavaScript:

- 1,600 Properties



Evaluation

- **RQ1:** Does Baker accurately identify fully-qualified API references in code snippets?
- **RQ2:** Is Baker robust and able to resolve references on a variety of libraries?

Example Diversity : Java

System	No. of Classes (Total/Unique)	No. of Methods (Total/Unique)
Android	272 / 64	175 / 104
Apache	178 / 79	108 / 97
Eclipse	104 / 41	53 / 45
GWT	149 / 47	122 / 69
Hibernate	389 / 133	378 / 199
JDK	14,252 / 632	7,483 / 1,981
Other	5,956 / 487	1,339 / 747
Total	21,300 / 1,483	9,658 / 3,242

Example Diversity : JavaScript

System	No. of Properties (Total/Unique)
JSCore/DOM	6,467/107
JQuery	1,793/96
Phonegap	126/27
Webworks	244/52
Other	1,297/300
Total	9,927/582

The Baker Framework

```
siddharth@siddharth-Inspiron-7520:~/BakerExamples$ cat JavaSnippet.txt  
//*****
```

```
final Chronometer chrono = (Chronometer)findViewById(R.id.chronometer);  
chrono.setBase(SystemClock.elapsedRealtime());  
chrono.start();
```

```
siddharth@siddharth-Inspiron-7520:~/BakerExamples$ curl --data-urlencode 'pastedcode@JavaSnippet.txt' http://  
/gadget.cs.uwaterloo.ca:2145/snippet/getapijsonfromcode.php
```

```
{  
  "api_elements": [  
    {  
      "precision": "1",  
      "name": "Chronometer",  
      "line_number": "3",  
      "type": "api_type",  
      "elements": ["android.widget.Chronometer"],  
      "character": "56"  },  
    {  
      "precision": "1",  
      "name": "Chronometer",  
      "line_number": "3",  
      "type": "api_type",  
      "elements": ["android.widget.Chronometer"],  
      "character": "78"  },  
    {  
      "precision": "1",  
      "name": "Chronometer",  
      "line_number": "4",  
      "type": "api_type",  
      "elements": ["android.widget.Chronometer"],  
      "character": "129"  },
```

Quantifying Naming Collisions in the Java Oracle

	Types	Methods	Fields	Total	Average
FQN	1,646,650	14,206,944	3,149,206	19,002,800	-
PQN	-	9,455,644	2,571,384	12,027,028	-
UN	1,121,887	1,600,053	1,115,099	3,837,039	-
% ambiguous PQN	-	33%	37%	-	37%
% ambiguous UN	32%	89%	65%	-	80%

FQN : Fully Qualified Name (e.g., `android.widget.Chronometer.start()`)

PQN : Partially Qualified Name (e.g., `Chronometer.start()`)

UN : Unqualified Name (e.g., `start()`)

Extensions

- Heuristics to predict libraries imported.

```
public class Quotes extends Activity implements
View.OnClickListener {
    @override
    public void onCreate ( Bundle savedInstanceState) {
        super.onCreate (savedInstanceState);
        webview.getSettings ( ).setJavaScriptEnabled (true);
        webview.setWebViewClient (new MyWebViewClient (this));
        webview.loadUrl ("...");
    }
    @override
    public void onClick ( View v) {
    }
}
```

The diagram illustrates heuristics for predicting imported libraries. It shows a code snippet for a class named `Quotes` that extends `Activity` and implements `View.OnClickListener`. The code includes an `onCreate` method that calls `super.onCreate`, `webview.getSettings`, `webview.setWebViewClient`, and `webview.loadUrl`. The `onClick` method is also shown. Red boxes highlight the `Activity` class, the `Bundle` parameter, and the `View` parameter. Blue arrows point from these highlighted elements to a green checkmark and the Android logo (labeled 'ANDROID') on the right, indicating that these elements are associated with the Android platform. Another blue arrow points from the `View` parameter to a red 'X' and the Eclipse logo (labeled 'Eclipse') at the bottom right, indicating that this element is associated with the Eclipse IDE.

Extensions

- Utilizing metadata wherever available.

Hibernate count rows with some criterias

```
Criteria crit = session.createCriteria(Person.class);
crit.add( Restrictions.isNotNull("birthDate"));
crit.add( Restrictions.eq("isStudent", true));
List<Person> students = crit.list();
Integer count = students.size();
```

java

hibernate

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Extensions

- Pre-processing to re-order constraints and reduce running time.

```
public FirstPanel() {  
    History.addHistoryListener(this);  
    String token = History.getToken();  
    if (token.length() == 0) {  
        History.newItem(INIT_STATE);  
    } else {  
        History.fireCurrentHistoryState();  
    }  
}
```

The diagram illustrates the mapping of code lines to numerical values. Three red boxes highlight specific code elements: the first box around `addHistoryListener(this)` has an arrow pointing to the number 34; the second box around `newItem(INIT_STATE)` has an arrow pointing to the number 62; and the third box around `fireCurrentHistoryState()` has an arrow pointing to the number 3.

Related Work

- **ACE**
 - Does not need an oracle.
 - Cannot identify FQNs (only PQNs).
- **RecoDoc**
 - Specific target libraries.
 - Cannot resolve external references.

Traceability Link Recovery

References to `android.widget.Chronometer`



Core Details:

[Javadoc](#) [[developer.android.com](#)]

[Source Code](#) [[github.com](#)]



[3 Stack Overflow](#) posts involve Chronometer



Chronometer occurs in [12 code reviews](#)



Chronometer is referenced by [6 issues](#)



Chronometer.java has been changed [42 times](#)



[5 other types](#) are called Chronometer

A mock-up of what could be achieved with an effective traceability linking strategy across a number of information sources.