

PIE: Pattern Instance Explorer

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Motivation

- A pattern "...describes a problem which occurs over and over again in our environment, and then describes the core of the solution to that problem, in such a way that you can use this solution a million times over, without ever doing it the same way twice" [1].
- Design patterns are employed in source code to solve commonly occurring programming tasks using understood best practices.
- Over the life of a project, these patterns can undergo unplanned changes as a side effect of maintenance tasks.
 - Can result in increased brittleness of the code.
 - May only be detected when the brittleness leads to a bug.

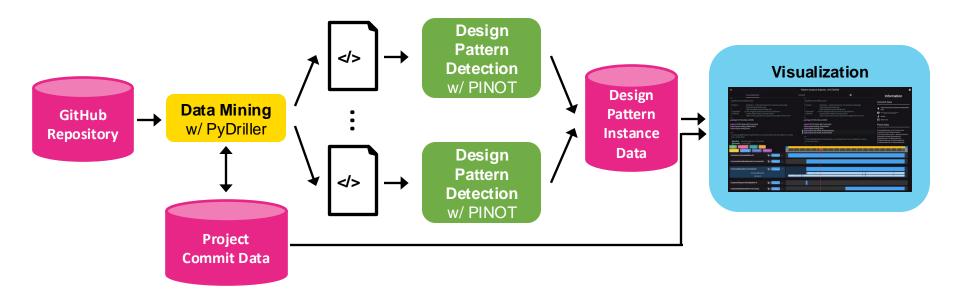


Design Goals

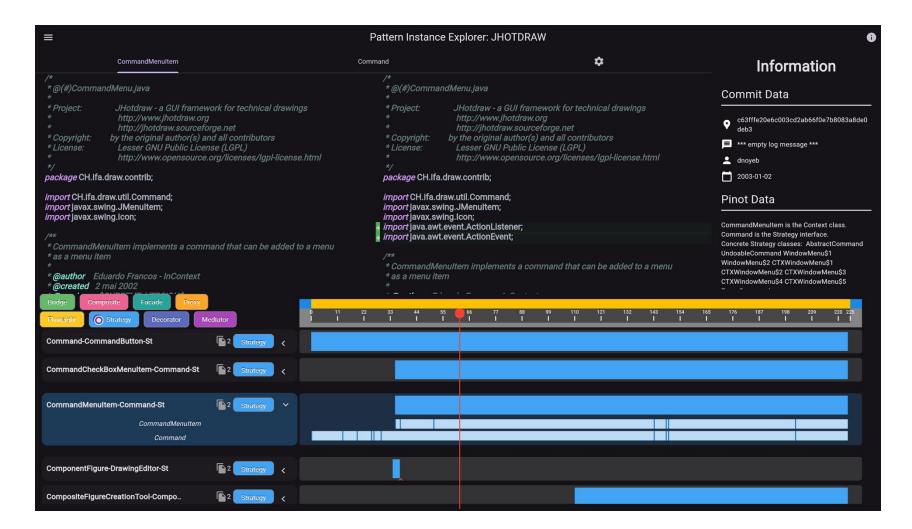
- PIE was designed to allow for exploration of the following questions with respect to a specific project:
 - What design patterns have existed over the lifetime of the project?
 - When have design patterns been created, broken, and removed?
 - What code changes resulted in a design pattern breaking?
 - How have design patterns evolved, both in scope or into other patterns?



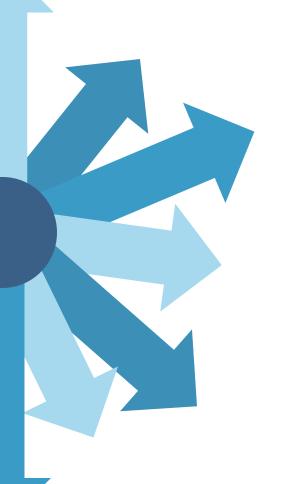
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