

Abstract:

Although considerable effort has been invested in developing methods for testing and failure detection, synthesis of programs from abstract models and verification of programs (and models), techniques for locating the root cause of observed software failures are still relatively immature. Therefore, the utility for general testing and debugging techniques remain limited to specific programs, execution environments, and problem contexts. Furthermore, no plug&play toolset exists providing state-of-the-art techniques to help developers with testing and debugging. In this talk, we will discuss current state-of-the-art techniques for testing and debugging and how the combination of all these techniques helps to gain a better understanding of the software application. We will discuss the connection with testing and a metric that helps get better test suites with respect to diagnosability. The techniques discussed in the talk are available within a plugin for the Eclipse IDE, coined GZoltar.

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