Automatic Evaluation of Tasks for Instantaneous Diagnostics in Computer Science Lessons

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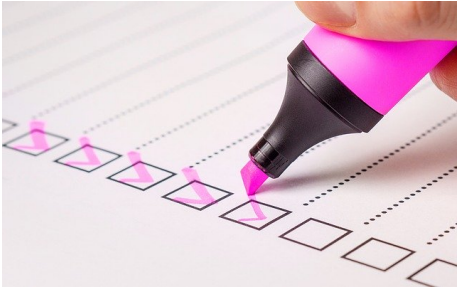
Outline



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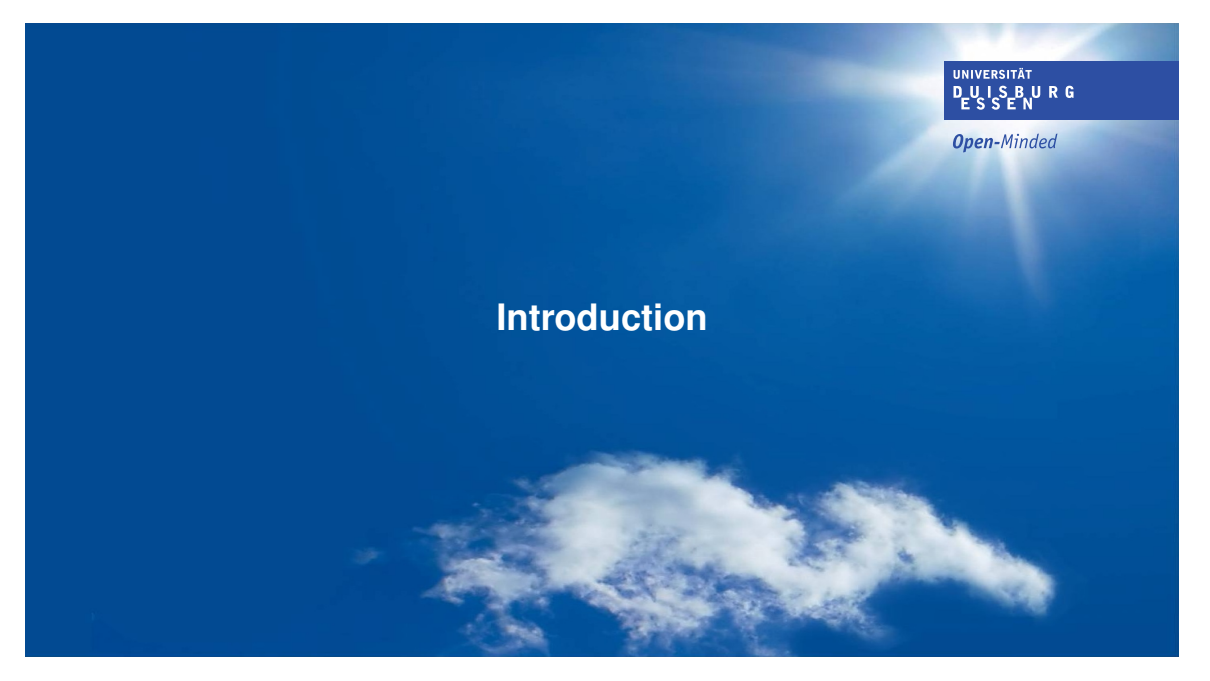

Who am I?

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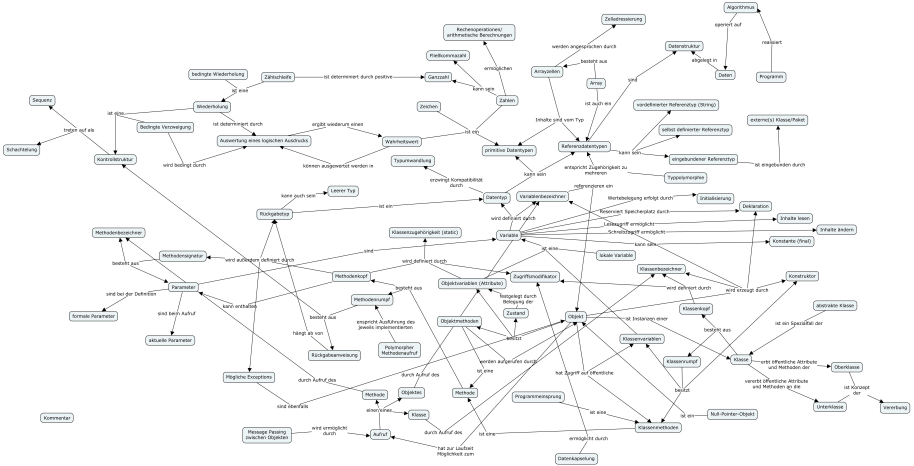
What is my main research area?



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What will I show you today?

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Considerations

Considerations I

- Webapplication (WA)
- No need for a user account ⇒ Access to the test with a token (NUA)
- Analysis of the problem-solving-capabilities through capturing the interactions (UIT)
- GDPR: partly encrypted submissions and self-hostable (DS)
- Ability to create items and tests (ITE)
- Ability to create new task formats (CE)
- Ability to download all data for further analysis or provided analysis

Considerations II

	WA	NUA	UIT	DS	ITE	CE
JACK (Goedicke and Striewe, 2017)	(✓)	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
VILLE (Rajala et al., 2016)	✓	✗	?	✓	✓	✓
TRAKLA2 (Laakso et al., 2004)	(✓)	✗	✓	✓	?	?
BOSS2 (Joy et al., 2005)	(✓)	✗	✗	✓	?	?
ProGoSS (Gluga et al., 2011)	(✓)	✗	✗	✗	?	?
QuizJET (Hsiao et al., 2008)	✓	✓	✗	✗	?	?

- Additionally, we analyzed other systems (Mooshak, Bottlenose, CourseMarker, WeBWorK and more) as well, but none fitted our needs
- ⇒ Custom development was necessary

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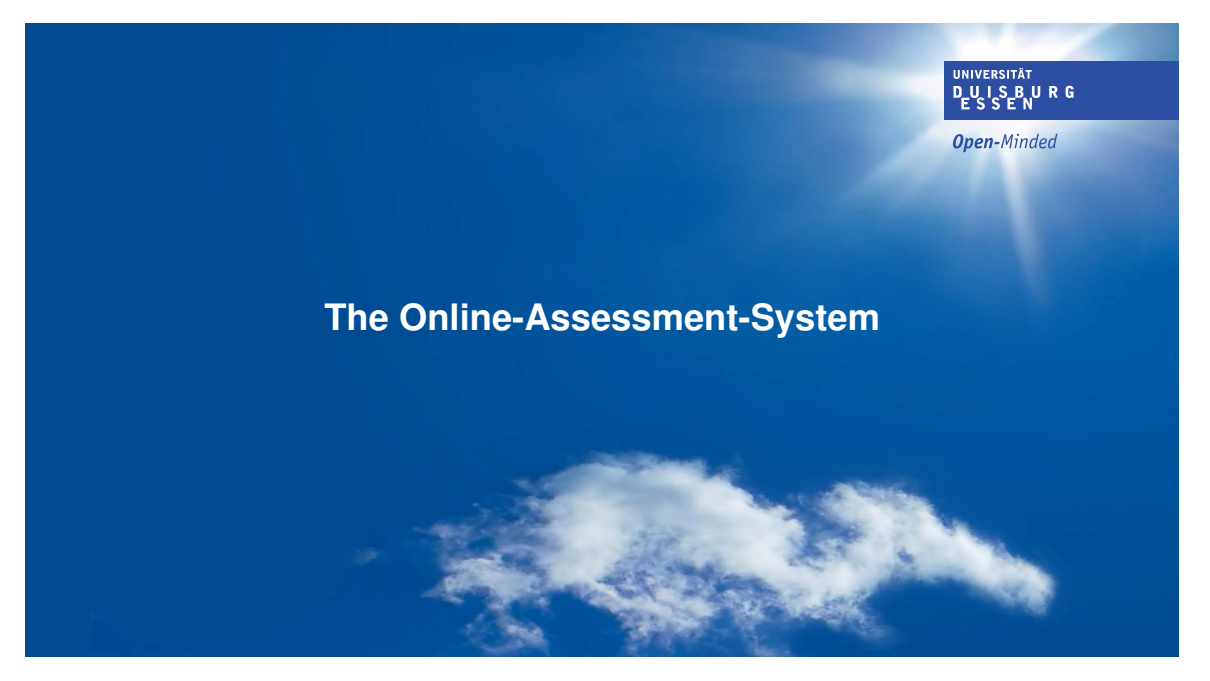
The Online-Assessment-System



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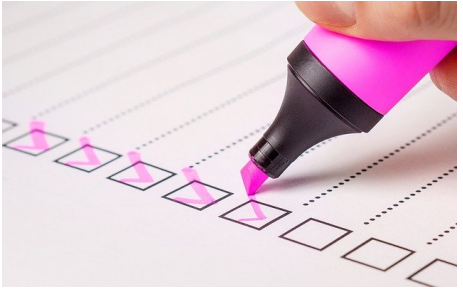

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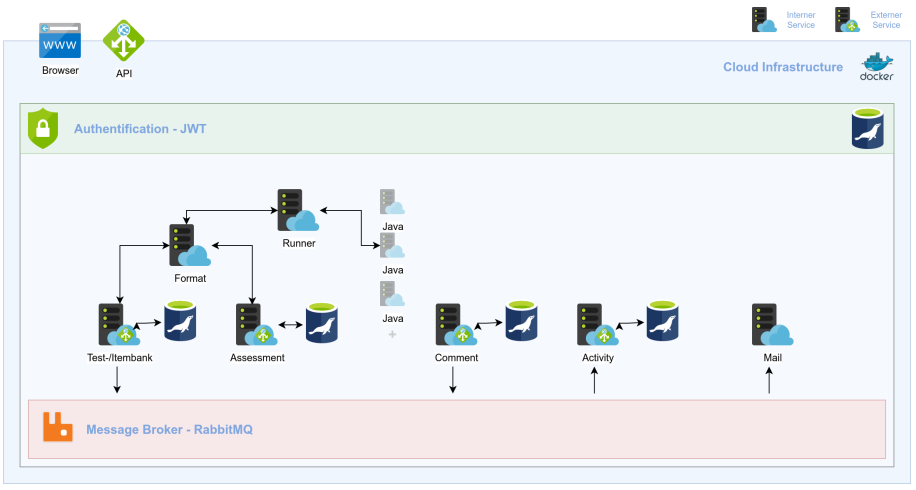
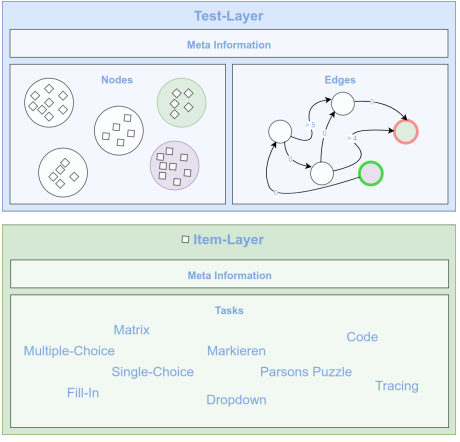
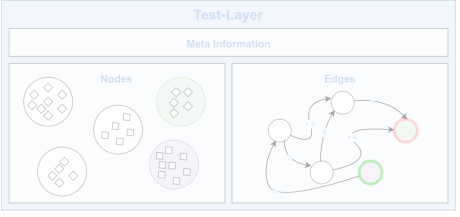
Technical Realization



Conceptual Realization

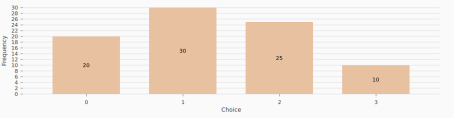


Item-Layer



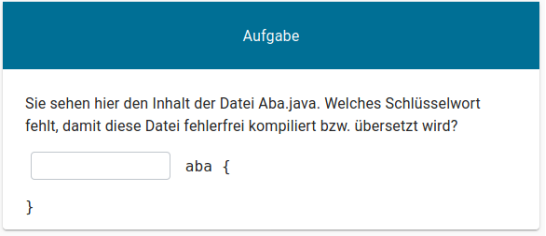
Analog to Digital I

- Scale
  - Digitize analog task formats
  - Makes faster evaluation possible
  - Instantaneous visualization
  - **Evaluation**: Choice
  - **Diagnostic Visualization**: Barchart



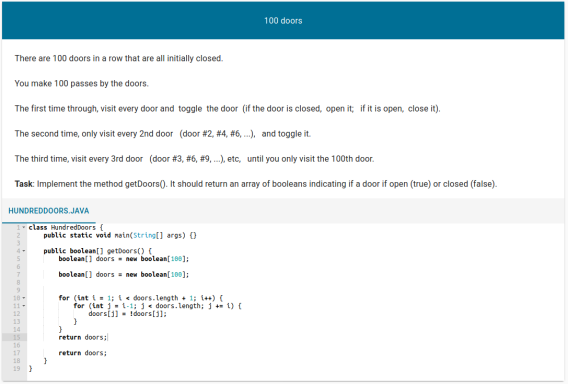
Analog to Digital II

- Fill-in
  - No “handwriting recognition”
  - **Evaluation**: Regular expressions e.g.: “[li]nterface|[Cc]lass”
  - **Diagnostic Visualization**: Word-cloud
  - For use in an empirical study see Striewe et al. (2017)



Authentic Task Formats

- Desirable to use more authentic task formats
- We implemented a source code runner for this
- Source code will be compiled and tested on our servers
- **Evaluation**: Unittests
- **Diagnostic Visualization**: Currently Missing (Percentage of correct unittests, average time for execution)



100 doors

There are 100 doors in a row that are all initially closed.

You make 100 passes by the doors.

The first time through, visit every door and toggle the door (if the door is closed, open it; if it is open, close it).

The second time, only visit every 2nd door (door #2, #4, #6, ...), and toggle it.

The third time, visit every 3rd door (door #3, #6, #9, ...), etc, until you only visit the 100th door.

Task: Implement the method getDoors(). It should return an array of booleans indicating if a door if open (true) or closed (false).

HUNDREDDOORS.JAVA

```
class HundredDoors {
    public static void main(String[] args) {}

    public boolean[] getDoors() {
        boolean[] doors = new boolean[100];

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        for (int i = 1; i < doors.length + 1; i++) {
            for (int j = i-1; j < doors.length; j += i) {
                doors[j] = !doors[j];
            }
        }
        return doors;

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    }
}
```

Development of Complex Task Formats: Highlighting I

- Comparatively simple task format, but authentic
- Was already used by Hauswirth and Adamoli (2013)
- Connects conceptual knowledge with representation of the concepts in a formal language
- Idea: Highlight all spots of `<Concept>` in the given source code

Development of Complex Task Formats: Highlighting II

- **Evaluation**: Calculate Cohens Kappa and compare to a cutoff score
- **Diagnostic Visualization**: Heatmap
- Evaluation method described in Kramer, Barkmin, Brinda, and Tobinski (2018)
- For use in an empirical study see Kramer, Barkmin, and Brinda (2019)

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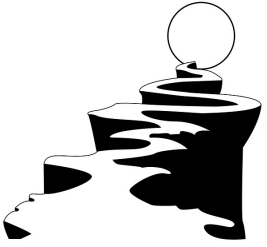

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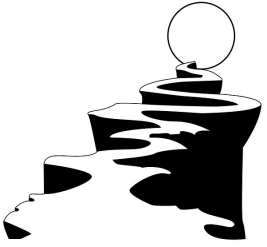

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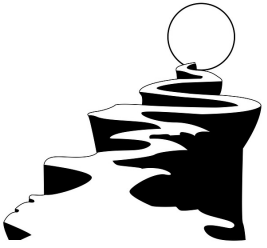
- **Alternative solution**: Recording of the interactions with the Online-Assessment-System
  - approx. 500 students ~ 20MB
  - Auto tagging of events



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Recording of the Process

- **Action**: Is dispatched by the user
- **Reducer**: Constructs a new state based on a dispatched action
- **Store**: Contains the current state
- **UI**: Will be rendered depending on the current state in the store

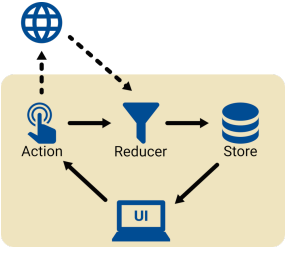

Figure: Action-Reducer-Store see https://redux.js.org

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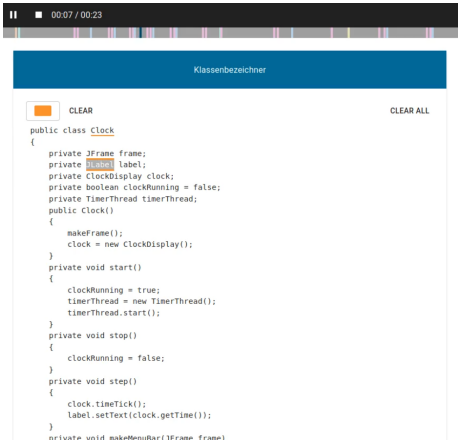

Time	Item	Task	Type	Payload
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00:00	Item 1	Task 1	highlight/INIT_COLORS	{"colors":["#f28e2b"]}
00:03	Item 1	Task 1	highlight/SELECT	{"anchorKey":"bo2u8","anchorOffset":15,"focusKey":"bo2u8","focusOffset":15,"isBackward":false}
00:03	Item 1	Task 1	highlight/SELECT	{"anchorKey":"bo2u8","anchorOffset":13,"focusKey":"bo2u8","focusOffset":18,"isBackward":false}
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Making use of the Recordings

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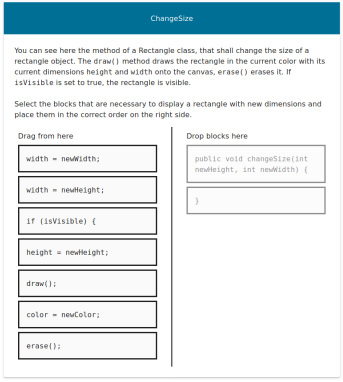

Initial State (left: source, right: user)

- Based on the idea of Parsons and Haden (2006)
- Our actions for Parson Puzzles
  - MOVE_FROM_SOURCE_TO_USER (sourceId, userId)
  - MOVE_FROM_USER_TO_SOURCE (userId, sourceId)
  - MOVE_WITHIN_USER (userId1, userId2)
- What happens, when the action MOVE_FROM_SOURCE_TO_USER (1, 1) is dispatched?

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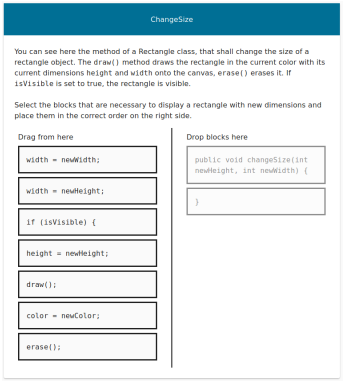

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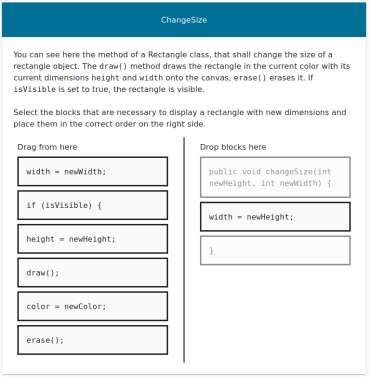


After dispatching the action MOVE_FROM_SOURE_TO_USER (1, 1)

Making use of the Recordings - Visualization

- Visualization as a directed graph
- Each node represents a state of the parsons puzzle
  - star-shape indicates start state
  - green indicates correct state
- Each edge represents the dispatch of an action
- Number and thickness indicating the frequency

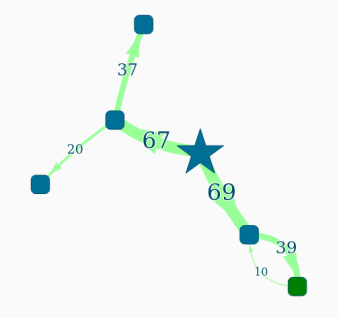
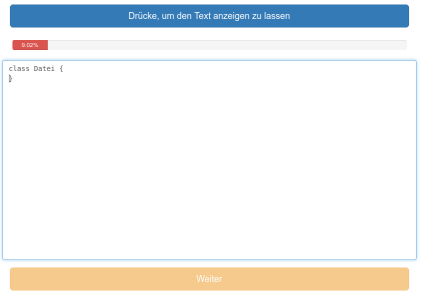


Figure: Visualization of 136 processes based on Helminen et al. (2012)

Making use of the Recordings - Cognitive Structures

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class Datei {
    String name;
    String pfad;

    Datei(String name, String pfad) {
        this.name = name;
        this.pfad = pfad;
    }

    void umbenennen(String name) {
        this.name = name;
    }
}
```

Making use of the Recordings - Cognitive Structures

- Actions for task format memorize
  - INSERT_CHAR (charId, pos)
  - REMOVE_CHAR (pos)
  - OPEN_MEMORIZE
  - CLOSE_MEMORIZE

Making use of the Recordings - Cognitive Structures

- Every keystroke is recorded
- Many actions are hard to analyze
- Actions must be combined to reduce complexity
- Memorize-Phases (Blue), Write-Phases (Green) and Pause-Phases (Lightblue)
- Empirical study see Barkmin et al. (2017)

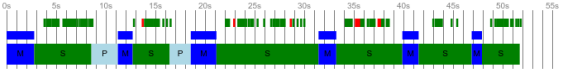

Figure: Timeline of one process

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7	P	2.43			
8	S	3.01	-6	1	␣␣␣␣public␣class␣Haus␣{ ␣␣␣␣private␣int␣nummer; ␣␣␣␣private␣String␣Straße; ␣␣␣␣ ␣␣␣␣
9	P	2.43			
		8.72 (4.86)	-39	1	
10	M	2.15			
11	P	2.19			
12	S	5.67	0	8	␣␣␣␣public␣class␣Haus␣{ ␣␣␣␣private␣int␣nummer; ␣␣␣␣private␣String␣Straße; ␣␣␣␣ ␣␣␣␣ ␣␣␣␣

Figure: Transcript of one process using combined actions

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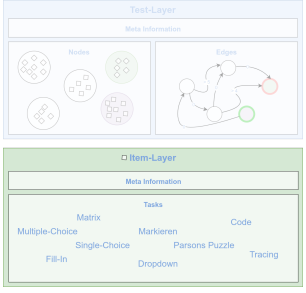


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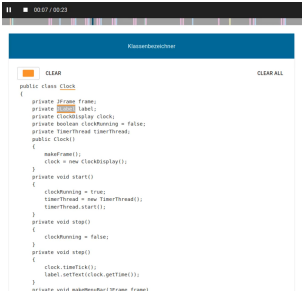

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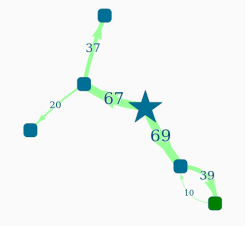
Teacher - Visualization

Study the handling of the visualizations by teachers



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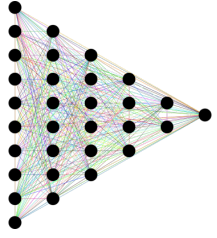
Pattern-Recognition

Automatic Evaluation of the Process



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Source Code: https://gitlab.com/openpatch

Website: https://openpatch.app

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