

Supporting Reverse Engineering Tasks with a Fuzzy Repository Framework

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Abstract	<p>Software reverse engineering (RE) is often hindered not by the lack of available data, but by an overabundance of it: the (semi-)automatic analysis of static and dynamic code information, data, and documentation results in a huge heap of often incomparable data. Additionally, the gathered information is typically fraught with various kinds of imperfections, for example conflicting information found in software documentation vs. program code.</p> <p>Our approach to this problem is twofold: for the management of the diverse RE results we propose the use of a repository, which supports an iterative and incremental discovery process under the aid of a reverse engineer. To deal with imperfections, we propose to enhance the repository model with additional representation and processing capabilities based on fuzzy set theory and fuzzy belief revision.</p>
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