

Automated Software Performance Improvement with Magpie

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Personal Background



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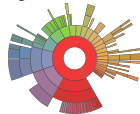
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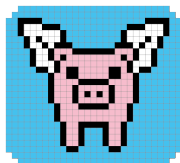
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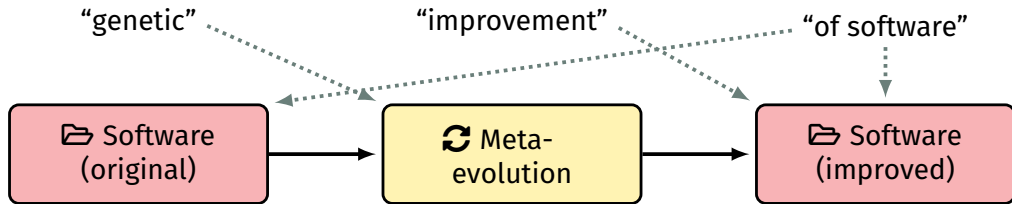
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What is... Genetic Improvement of Software?

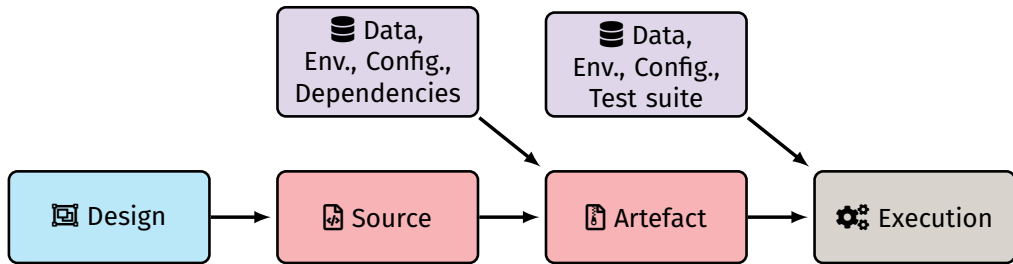


Core targets

- ▶ **Functional properties:** e.g., automated program repair
- ▶ **Non-functional properties:** performance improvement
→ e.g., execution time, energy/memory usage, solution quality...

What is... Software?

The description of an ultimately executable system?



Observations

- ▶ Software development comprise many successive steps
- ▶ Most can be automatically conducted/optimised
- ▶ Most tools are dedicated to one specific use case only

What is... Magpie?

Machine Automated General Performance Improvement via Evolution (of softw...)

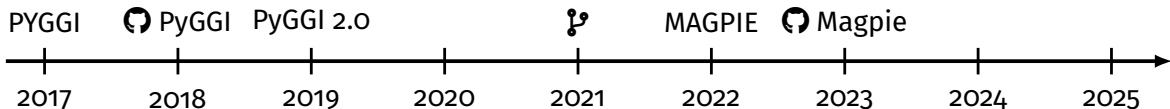
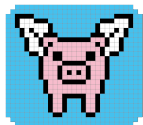


Magpie is...
a **Python** framework...
to **model software**...
and **automate searching**...
for **improved software variants**

Key points

- ▶ Free, libre, and open-source
- ▶ Small sized but very versatile
- ▶ Multi-purpose and trustworthy

A Brief History of Magpie



PYGGI 📄 An, Kim, and Yoo, KSC 2017

PyGGI 📄 An, Kim, Lee, and Yoo, GI@GECCO 2018

PyGGI 2.0 📄 An, Blot, Petke, and Yoo, ESEC/FSE 2019

🍴 📄 Blot and Petke, IEEE TEVC 2021

MAGPIE 📄 Blot and Petke, CoRR 2022

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- Search space

- Search process

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Software Search Space

Program Synthesis (from scratch): Nothing $\xrightarrow{\text{synthesis}}$ New software



Natural representation

Software (model)

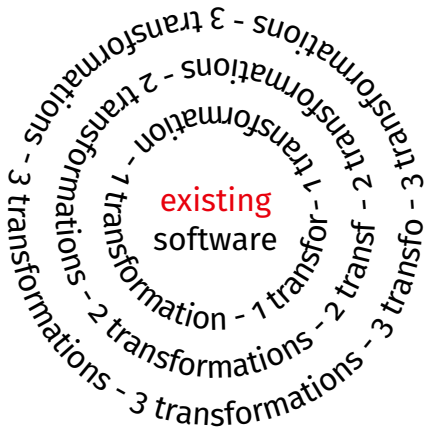
Key points

- Virtually infinite search space
- Hard to navigate
- Sparse: mostly irrelevant
- + Maximum expressiveness

Good software is far from the origin

Standing on the Shoulder of Giants

Genetic Improvement: Software $\xrightarrow{\text{evolution}}$ New software



Ad hoc representation

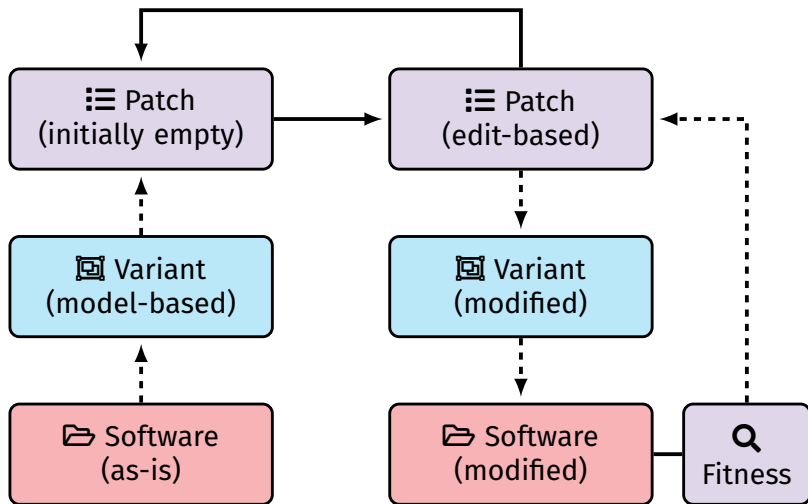
Sequence of transformations

Key points

- Still virtually infinite
- Still hard to navigate
- Reduced expressiveness
- + Centred on all interesting variants

Optimised software is “very close”

A Transformation-Centred Approach



Terminology in Magpie

Variant

A *collection* of **models** on which to apply **patches**

Model

An *internal representation* of a part of the target software

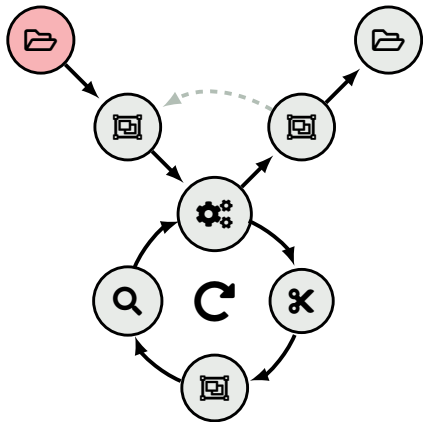
Patch

A *sequence* of **edits**

Edit

A single **model** *transformation*

Searching for Improved Variants



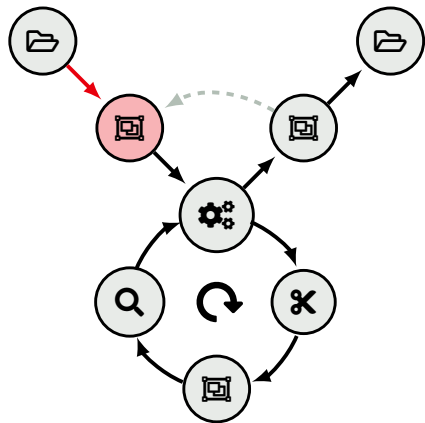
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2. Abstract parts on which to focus
3. Evolve a patch
 - 3.1 Add/remove edit
 - 3.2 Apply to create new variant
 - 3.3 Evaluate fitness function
4. Enjoy your improved software

Optional additional steps

- ▶ Test for generalisation
- ▶ Minimise patch size
- ▶ Manually assess semantics

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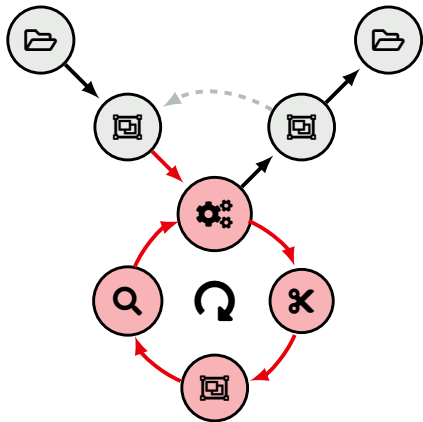
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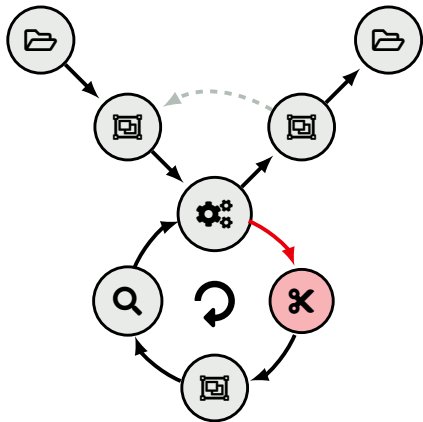
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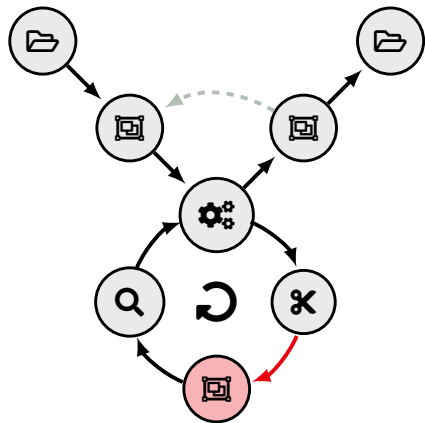
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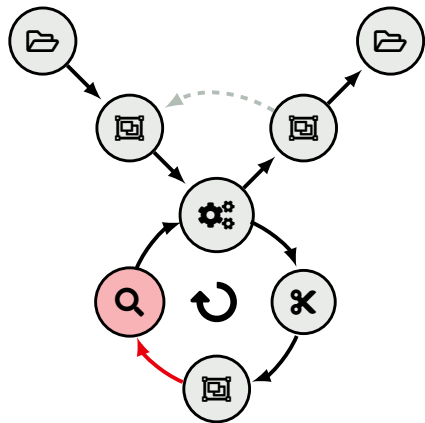
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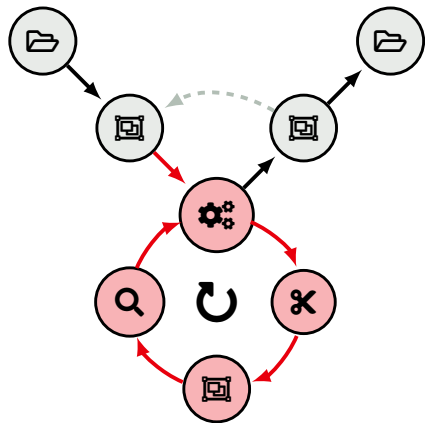
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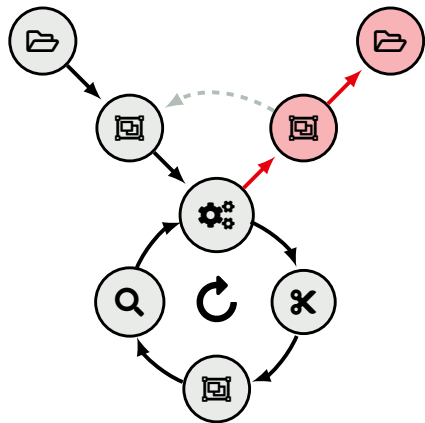
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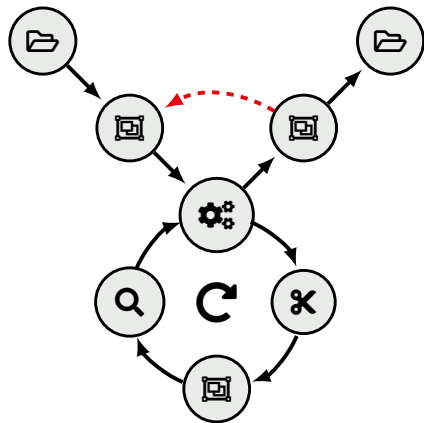
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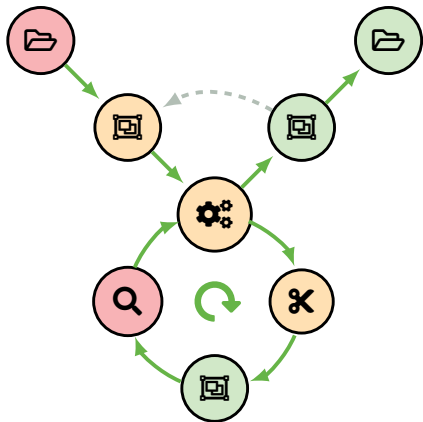
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Components' Origin



User-provided (software)

- ▶ Reference software
- ▶ Test suite
- ▶ Evaluation benchmark

User-specified (scenario)

- ▶ Models
- ▶ Search process
- ▶ Model transformations
- ▶ Performance indicator

Automated (Magpie)

- ▶ Procedure

Why Does it Work?

The “*competent programmer*” hypothesis (from MT)

Competent programmers write programs that are *almost* correct

The “*plastic surgery*” hypothesis (from APR)

1. Program source code changes occurring during development contain snippets that already exist in the codebase
2. These snippets can be efficiently found and exploited

The “*your software is not unique*” observation (from me)

There are *infinitely many* equivalent software, in a *fractal* fashion

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Magpie in a Nutshell



Magpie

- ▶ **Modular** Python framework for GI/MT/AC/CO
- ▶ **Hack-friendly**, for researchers!
- ▶ **User-friendly**, for developers!

Key points

- ▶ Free, libre, and open-source → MIT license, on GitHub
- ▶ Small sized but very versatile → ≈ 4500 loc, *many functionalities*
- ▶ Multi-purpose and trustworthy → F/NF properties, scenario-based

Magpie's Architecture

```
magpie/ (← the Git repository)
├── docs/ (← Diátaxis-based -  https://diataxis.fr/)
├── examples/
│   ├── triangle-c/ (← target software)
│   └── _magpie/ (← scenario files)
├── magpie/
│   ├── core/ (← base classes + scenario config ≈ 1600 loc)
│   ├── models/ (← line, xml, config, astor ≈ 1300 loc)
│   ├── algos/ (← LS, GP, validation, ablation ≈ 800 loc)
│   ├── fitness/ (← time, repair, bloat, output ≈ 200 loc)
│   ├── bin/ (← entry points ≈ 200 loc)
│   └── __main__.py (← main entry point)
└── tests/
```

Suggested Project Structure

```
/
├── magpie/ (← the one containing "__main__.py")
├── your_software/
├── scenario.txt
├── _magpie_work/ (← automatically generated)
│   └── your_software_167874800/
├── _magpie_logs/ (← automatically generated)
│   ├── your_software_167874800.log
│   ├── your_software_167874800.patch
│   └── your_software_167874800.diff
```

In practice

- `python3 magpie local_search --scenario scenario.txt`
- `python3 magpie minify_patch --scenario s.txt --patch p.txt`

Scenario File: INI Configuration File

```
1  [software]
2  path = examples/triangle-rb
3  target_files =
4      triangle.rb
5  fitness = repair
6
7  init_cmd = bash init_bug.sh
8  test_cmd = ruby test_triangle.rb
9
10 [search]
11 target_fitness = 0
12 max_steps = 100
13 possible_edits =
14     LineReplacement
15     LineInsertion
16     LineDeletion
```


Magpie's Models

List-based

- ▶ **LineModel** → **line** replacement, insertion, deletion

Tree-based

- ▶ **XmlModel** → **node** replacement, insertion, deletion,
node text setting, wrapping
- ▶ **SrcmlModel** → (same)
- ▶ **AstorModel** → **statement** replacement, insertion, deletion

Dictionary-based

- ▶ **ParamFileConfigModel** → **parameter** setting

Note

Model association is done by default through **file extension**

Magpie's Algorithms

LS-based

- ▶ **FirstImprovement**
- ▶ **BestImprovement**
- ▶ **TabuSearch**
- ▶ **WorstImprovement**

Validation-based

- ▶ **ValidMinify**
- ▶ **ValidTest**
- ▶ **ValidSingle** = **DebugSearch**

GP-based

- ▶ **GeneticProgramming1Point**
- ▶ **GeneticProgramming2Point**
- ▶ **GeneticProgrammingConcat**
- ▶ **GeneticProgrammingUniformConcat**
- ▶ **GeneticProgrammingUniformInter**

Other

- ▶ **AblationAnalysis**
- ▶ **RandomSearch**
- ▶ **RandomWalk**

Magpie's Fitness Functions

Execution time

- ▶ `time`
- ▶ `posix_time` `/real (\S+)/` $\in$ `run.stderr`
- ▶ `perf_time` `/(\S+) seconds time elapsed/` $\in$ `run.stderr`
- ▶ `perf_instructions` `/(\S+) instructions/` $\in$ `run.stderr`
- ▶ **new:** `gnu_time<key>, perf<key>` `key` line $\in$ `run.stderr`

Program repair

- ▶ `repair` currently supports `JUnit`, `pytest`, and `minitest`
e.g., `/Failures: (\d+)/` and `/Tests run: (\d+)/` $\in$ `test.stdout`

Misc.

- ▶ `bloat_{lines, words, chars}`
- ▶ `output` `/MAGPIE_FITNESS: (\S+)/` $\in$ `run.stdout`

Magpie's Entry Points

Usage

- `python3 magpie [[magpie/]{bin,scripts}/]ENTRY[.py]`
- `mv magpie/{bin,scripts}/ENTRY.py .; python3 ENTRY.py`
- `python3 -m magpie.{bin,scripts}.ENTRY`

Search

- ▶ `bin/local_search.py`
- ▶ `bin/genetic_programming.py`

Validation

- ▶ `bin/show_patch.py`
- ▶ `bin/revalidate_patch.py`
- ▶ `bin/minify_patch.py`
- ▶ `bin/ablation_analysis.py`

Misc.

- ▶ `bin/show_locations.py`

Scripts

- ▶ `scripts/clear_xml.py`
- ▶ `scripts/line_to_xml.py`
- ▶ `scripts/python_to_xml.py`

Magpie 1.2 in a Nutshell

Added

- ▶ support for multi-objective optimisation, maximisation
- ▶ templated fitness functions (e.g., `perf<instructions>`)
- ▶ templated edits (e.g., `XmlNodeReplacement<stmt>`)

Changed

- ▶ fitness functions are now first-class citizens
- ▶ edit classes renamed for consistency
- ▶ patch ingredients changed for consistency

Fixed

- ▶ `repair` support for jUnit
- ▶ GP failing on very small search spaces
- ▶ instance batch output processing

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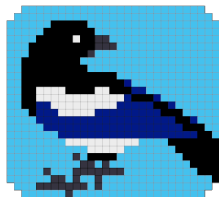
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First steps

Getting Serious

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Magpie in Practice



Magpie

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- ▶ Hack-friendly, for researchers!
- ▶ User-friendly, for developers!

Try it now!

- › `git clone https://github.com/bloa/magpie.git`
- › `cd magpie`
- › `python3 magpie local_search \`
`--scenario examples/triangle-c/_magpie/scenario_slow.txt`

First Steps: triangle-c

```
magpie/ (← the Git repository)
├── examples/
│   └── triangle-c
│       ├── triangle.c
│       ├── triangle.h
│       ├── run_triangle.c
│       ├── test_triangle.c
│       ├── makefile
│       ├── init_slow.sh
│       └── _magpie/
│           ├── scenario_slow.txt
│           ├── triangle_slow.c.diff
│           ├── triangle_slow.h.diff
│           └── triangle_slow.c.xml
```

The Scenario

examples/triangle-c/_magpie/scenario_slow.txt

```
1  [software]
2  path = examples/triangle-c
3  target_files = triangle.c.xml
4  fitness = time
5
6  init_cmd = bash init_slow.sh
7  compile_cmd = make test_triangle run_triangle
8  test_cmd = ./test_triangle
9  run_cmd = ./run_triangle
10 run_timeout = 1
11
12 [search]
13 max_steps = 100
14 max_time = 60
15 possible_edits =
16     XmlNodeDeletion<stmt>
17     XmlNodeReplacement<stmt>
18     XmlNodeInsertion<stmt,block>
```

The Preparation

examples/triangle-c/init_slow.sh

```
1 #!/usr/bin/env bash
2
3 patch triangle.c _magpie/triangle_slow.c.diff
4 patch triangle.h _magpie/triangle_slow.h.diff
5 #srcml triangle.c > _magpie/triangle_slow.c.xml
6 mv _magpie/triangle_slow.c.xml triangle.c.xml
```

init_cmd is executed once, every time

examples/triangle-cpp/setup.sh

```
1 #!/usr/bin/env bash
2
3 rm -rf build
4 mkdir build
5 cd build
6 cmake ..
```

setup_cmd is executed once, only “when necessary”

The Bug

examples/triangle-c/_magpie/triangle_slow.c.diff

```
1  --- triangle.c
2  +++ triangle_slow.c
3  @@ -1,9 +1,16 @@
4   #include "triangle.h"
5
6  +void delay() {
7  +  const struct timespec ms = {0, 0.001*1e9}; //(0.001s)
8  +  nanosleep(&ms, NULL); /*ignores possible errors*/
9  +}
10 +
11  int classify_triangle(double a, double b, double c) {
12     double tmp;
13
14  +  delay();
15  +
16     // sort the sides so that a <= b <= c
17     if(a > b) {
```

The XML AST Representation

examples/triangle-c/_magpie/triangle.c (excerpt)

```
1 // sort the sides so that a <= b <= c
2 if(a > b) {
3     tmp = a;
4     a = b;
5     b = tmp;
6 }
```

examples/triangle-c/_magpie/triangle_slow.c.xml (excerpt)

```
1 <comment type="line">// sort the sides so that a &lt;= b &l
2 <if_stmt><if>if<condition>(<expr><name>a</name> <operator>&
3     <expr_stmt><expr><name>tmp</name> <operator>=</operator>
4     <expr_stmt><expr><name>a</name> <operator>=</operator> <n
5     <expr_stmt><expr><name>b</name> <operator>=</operator> <n
6 </block_content>}</block></if></if_stmt>
```

XML Processing

Default rules

```
1 [srcml]
2 rename =
3     stmt: break continue decl_stmt do expr_stmt for goto if r
4     number: literal_number
5 focus = block stmt operator_comp operator_arith number
6 internodes = block
7 process_pseudo_blocks = True
8 process_literals = True
9 process_operators = True
```

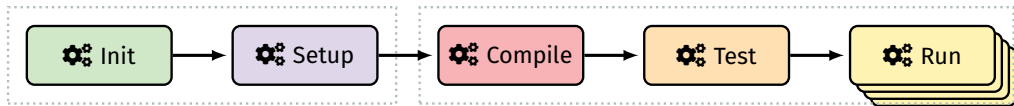
- ▶ `rename`: dictionary of renaming rules
- ▶ `focus`: list of tags to keep
- ▶ `internodes`: list of tags to process for future node insertion
- ▶ `process_...:` bespoke SrcML rules

Running Magpie!

```
> python3 magpie local_search \  
    --scenario examples/triangle-c/_magpie/scenario_slow.txt
```

```
1  ==== SEARCH: FirstImprovement ====  
2  ~~~~ WARMUP ~~~~  
3  WARM    SUCCESS          0.07  (--)  [0 edit(s)]  
4  WARM    SUCCESS          0.08  (--)  [0 edit(s)]  
5  WARM    SUCCESS          0.08  (--)  [0 edit(s)]  
6  REF     SUCCESS          0.08  (--)  [0 edit(s)]  
7  
8  ~~~~ START ~~~~  
9  1        TEST_CODE_ERROR  None  (--)  [1 edit(s)]  
10 2         SUCCESS          *0.08 (96.18%) [1 edit(s)]  
11 3         SUCCESS          *0.07 (92.74%) [2 edit(s)]  
12 4         SUCCESS          0.08 (102.29%) [1 edit(s)]  
13 5         SUCCESS          0.08 (96.18%) [1 edit(s)] [cached]  
14 6        TEST_CODE_ERROR  None  (--)  [3 edit(s)]  
15 7        TEST_CODE_ERROR  None  (--)  [3 edit(s)]  
16 8         SUCCESS          0.15 (188.92%) [3 edit(s)]
```

Multi-Step Evaluation and Logging



Configured in scenario file

- ▶ `{step}_cmd`
- ▶ `{step}_timeout`
- ▶ `{step}_lengthout`
- ▶ `batch_timeout`
- ▶ `batch_lengthout`

Step-specific logging

- ▶ `{step}_CLI_ERROR`
- ▶ `{step}_CODE_ERROR`
- ▶ `{step}_TIMEOUT`
- ▶ `{step}_LENGTHOUT`
- ▶ `{step}_PARSE_ERROR`
- ▶ `SUCCESS` (i.e., fitness value)

Note: Fails during warmup trigger automated self-diagnostic

Finding Variants

```
1 24      TEST_CODE_ERROR      None  (--)  [4  edit(s)]
2 25      COMPILE_CODE_ERROR   None  (--)  [4  edit(s)]
3 26      SUCCESS              *0.00  (4.08%) [2  edit(s)]
4 ^C~~~~ END ~~~~
5
6 ==== REPORT ====
7 Termination: keyboard interrupt
8 Log file: /home/aymeric/git/magpie/_magpie_logs/triangle-c_17
9 Patch file: _magpie_logs/triangle-c_1712601481.patch
10 Diff file: _magpie_logs/triangle-c_1712601481.diff
11 Reference fitness: 0.08
12 Best fitness: 0.00
13
14 ==== BEST PATCH ====
15 XmlNodeInsertion<stmt,block>(('triangle.c.xml', '_inter_block
16
17 ==== DIFF ====
18 --- before: triangle.c
19 +++ after: triangle.c
```

Final Diff

```
1  --- before: triangle.c
2  +++ after: triangle.c
3  @@ -2,7 +2,7 @@
4
5  void delay() {
6      const struct timespec ms = {0, 0.001*1e9}; //tv_sec=0, tv_
7  -  nanosleep(&ms, NULL); /*ignores possible errors*/
8  +  /*ignores possible errors*/
9  }
10
11 int classify_triangle(double a, double b, double c) {
12 @@ -40,6 +40,7 @@
13     if(a == b || b == c)/*auto*/{
14
15         return ISOSCELES;
16  +     return EQUILATERAL;
17     }/*auto*/
18     return SCALENE;
19 }
```

What to do with a Patch?

Look at it (and possibly `--keep` it)

```
> python3 magpie show_patch \  
    --scenario examples/triangle-c/_magpie/scenario_slow.txt \  
    --patch _magpie_logs/triangle-c_1712601481.patch \  
    --keep
```

Revalidate it (possibly on a different scenario)

```
> python3 magpie revalidate_patch --scenario ... --patch ...
```

Minify it (possibly on a different scenario)

```
> python3 magpie minify_patch --scenario ... --patch ...
```

Study it

```
> python3 magpie ablation_analysis --scenario ... --patch ...
```

Changing the Fitness Function

Execution time (Python) → **noisy**, **precise**, “free”

- ▶ `[software] fitness = time`
- ▶ `[software] run_cmd = ./run_triangle`

Execution time (POSIX) → **noisy**, **not very precise**, **UNIX**

- ▶ `[software] fitness = posix_time`
- ▶ `[software] run_cmd = /usr/bin/time -p ./run_triangle`

Execution time (perf) → **noisy**, **very precise**, **linux**

- ▶ `[software] fitness = perf<elapsed>`
- ▶ `[software] run_cmd = perf stat ./run_triangle`

CPU instructions (perf) → “**deterministic**”, **extremely precise**, **linux/HW**

- ▶ `[software] fitness = perf<instructions>`
- ▶ `[software] run_cmd = perf stat ./run_triangle`

Changing More Scenario Specifics

Setting a random seed

- ▶ `[magpie] seed = ... (integer)`

Configuring warmup

- ▶ `[search] warmup = ... (strictly positive integer)`
- ▶ `[search] warmup_strategy = ... ({last, min, max, mean, median})`

Configuring the stopping condition

- ▶ `[search] max_steps = ... (integer or empty)`
- ▶ `[search] max_time = ... (integer or empty)`
- ▶ `[search] target_fitness = ... (integer or empty)`

Getting Serious: MiniSAT

```
magpie/ (← Git)
├─ examples/
│   └─ minisat
│       ├── init.sh
│       ├── compile.sh
│       ├── test.sh
│       ├── run.sh
│       ├── minisat.params (← runtime configuration space)
│       ├── data/ (← input instances)
│       └─ magpie/
│           ├── scenario.txt
│           └─ Solver.cc.xml
```

Preliminary Setup (1/3)

examples/minisat/init.sh

```
1 #!/usr/bin/env bash
2
3 CACHE=$MAGPIE_ROOT/_magpie_cache
4 ARCHIVE=minisat-2.2.0.tar.gz
5
6 # download and cache archive
7 mkdir -p $CACHE
8 if ! test -f $CACHE/$ARCHIVE; then
9     wget "http://minisat.se/downloads/$ARCHIVE"
10     mv $ARCHIVE $CACHE
11 fi
12
13 # extract, patch, and setup pre-computed XML AST
14 tar xzf $CACHE/$ARCHIVE --strip-components=1
15 patch core/Dimacs.h _magpie/dimacs.diff
16 # srcml core/Solver.cc > _magpie/Solver.cc.xml
17 cp _magpie/Solver.cc.xml core
```

Preliminary Setup (2/3)

examples/minisat/test.sh (excerpt)

```
1 #!/bin/sh
2 ARGV=$@
3
4 my_test() {
5     FILENAME=$1 ; EXPECTED=$2
6     ./simp/minisat $FILENAME $ARGV > /dev/null
7     RETURN=$?
8     if [ $RETURN -ne $((EXPECTED)) ]; then
9         echo "FAILED_ON_FILE:" $FILENAME
10        echo "GOT:" $RETURN
11        echo "EXPECTED:" $EXPECTED
12        exit -1
13    fi
14 }
15
16 my_test data/uf50-01.cnf 10
17 my_test data/uf50-02.cnf 10
18 my_test data/uuf50-01.cnf 20
19 my_test data/uuf50-02.cnf 20
```

Preliminary Setup (3/3)

examples/minisat/run_fixed.sh (excerpt)

```
1  #!/bin/sh
2
3  ./simp/minisat data/uf150-01.cnf $@
4  ./simp/minisat data/uf150-02.cnf $@
5  ./simp/minisat data/uf200-01.cnf $@
6  ./simp/minisat data/uf200-02.cnf $@
7  ./simp/minisat data/uf250-01.cnf $@
8  ./simp/minisat data/uf250-02.cnf $@
9
10 ./simp/minisat data/uuf150-01.cnf $@
11 ./simp/minisat data/uuf150-02.cnf $@
12 ./simp/minisat data/uuf200-01.cnf $@
13 ./simp/minisat data/uuf200-02.cnf $@
14 ./simp/minisat data/uuf250-01.cnf $@
15 ./simp/minisat data/uuf250-02.cnf $@
16
17 exit 0
```

Use Case 1: Line-level Evolution

examples/minisat/_magpie/scenario_runtime_line.txt

```
1 [software]
2 path = examples/minisat
3 target_files = core/*.cc
4 fitness = time
5
6 init_cmd = bash init.sh
7 setup_cmd = bash compile.sh
8 compile_cmd = bash compile.sh
9 test_cmd = bash test.sh
10 run_cmd = bash run_fixed.sh
11
12 [search]
13 max_steps = 100
14 possible_edits =
15     LineReplacement
16     LineInsertion
17     LineDeletion
```

Use Case 2: AST-level Evolution

examples/minisat/_magpie/scenario_runtime_xml1.txt

```
1 [software]
2 path = examples/minisat
3 target_files = core/Solver.cc.xml
4 fitness = time
5
6 init_cmd = bash init.sh
7 setup_cmd = bash compile.sh
8 compile_cmd = bash compile.sh
9 test_cmd = bash test.sh
10 run_cmd = bash run_fixed.sh
11
12 [search]
13 max_steps = 100
14 possible_edits =
15     XmlNodeDeletion<stmt>
16     XmlNodeReplacement<stmt>
17     XmlNodeInsertion<stmt,block>
```

Use Case 3: Parameter Tuning

examples/minisat/_magpie/scenario_runtime_config1.txt

```
1  [software]
2  path = examples/minisat
3  target_files = minisat_simplified.params
4  fitness = time
5
6  init_cmd = bash init.sh
7  setup_cmd = bash compile.sh
8  compile_cmd =
9  test_cmd = bash test.sh
10 run_cmd = bash run_fixed.sh
11
12 [search]
13 max_time = 60
14 possible_edits = ParamSetting
```

Parameter Configuration File

examples/minisat/minisat_simplified.params (excerpt)

```
1 CLI_PREFIX = "-"
2 CLI_GLUE = "="
3 CLI_BOOLEAN = "prefix"
4
5 # core
6 luby          {True, False}[True]
7 rnd-init     {True, False}[False]
8 gc-frac      e(0, 65535)[0.2]
9 rinc         e(1, 65535)[2]
10 var-decay    (0, 1)[0.95]
11
12 phase-saving  [0, 2][2]
13 ccm-in-mode   [0, 2][2]
14 rfirst       g[1, 65535][100]
```

Examples: “-luby”, “-no-luby”, “-gc-frac=0.2”, etc

More Syntax

```
1 # magic constants
2 CLI_...
3 TIMING="setup compile"
4
5 # categorical parameters
6 name {value1, value2, value3}[value1]
7 name {True, False, None}[None]
8
9 # numerical parameters
10 name (0, 1.0)[0] # uniform continuous
11 name e(0, 1.0)[0] # exponential
12 name [0, 100][0] # uniform discrete
13 name g[-999999999, 999999999][0] # geometric
14
15 # and more!
16 name1 | name2 == True # conditional
17 {name1 == True, name2 == True} # forbidden combination
18 @name {True, False}[True] # invisible parameter
19 name$suffix {True, False}[True] # invisible suffix
```

Use Case 4: Evolving at Multiple Granularities

```
1  [software]
2  target_files =
3      gcc.params
4      minisat.params
5      **/*.cc.xml
6
7  [search]
8  possible_edits =
9      ParamSetting
10     SrcmlNumericSetting
11     XmlNodeDeletion<stmt>
12     XmlNodeReplacement<stmt>
13     XmlNodeInsertion<stmt, block>
```

How are edits generated?

1. Select an edit type — from `possible_edits`
2. Identify target models and locations — potentially multiple times
3. Instantiate the edit — with additional data as needed

Use Case 5: Batch Processing

examples/minisat/_magpie/scenario_runtime_batch1.txt (excerpt)

```
1 [software]
2 run_cmd = bash run_single.sh {INST}
3
4 [search]
5 batch_instances =
6     file:data/inst_sat.txt
7
8     file:data/inst_unsat.txt
9 batch_sample_size = 4
```

examples/minisat/run_single.sh

```
1 #!/bin/sh
2
3 ./simp/minisat $@
4 exit 0
```

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The Magpie Wish List

From a tooling perspective

- ▶ Interactive search visualisation
- ▶ Interactive model visualisation
- ▶ Fine-grained user interaction

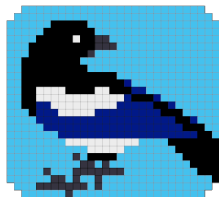
→ Make the process more transparent and engaging

From a research perspective

- ▶ Fault localisation
- ▶ Semantic search guidance
- ▶ Performance prediction
- ▶ Two-way explanations

→ Increase efficiency, trust, and usability

Final Words



Magpie, One Framework to Rule Them All!

- ▶ Modular Python framework for GI/MT/AC/CO
- ▶ Hack-friendly, for researchers!
- ▶ User-friendly, for developers!

Use it now!

```
> git clone https://github.com/bloa/magpie.git
> cd magpie
> python3 magpie local_search \
    --scenario examples/triangle-c/_magpie/scenario_slow.txt
```

Please do not hesitate to reach out for support!