

Craft and Software Engineering

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Software Engineering,
Software Craftsmanship

Management
vs.
Programmers?

**A Caricature of
Engineering**



1. A software system can best be designed if the testing is interlaced with the designing instead of being used after the design.

2. A simulation which matches the requirements contains the control which organizes the design of the system.

3. Through successive repetitions of this process of interlaced testing and design the model ultimately becomes the software system itself. [...] in effect the testing and the replacement of simulations with modules that are deeper and more detailed goes on with the simulation model controlling, as it were, the place and order in which these things are done.

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Unlike the first conference, at which it was fully accepted that the term software engineering expressed a need rather than a reality, in Rome there was already a slight tendency to talk as if the subject already existed.

And it became clear during the conference that the organizers had a hidden agenda, namely that of persuading NATO to fund the setting up of an International Software Engineering Institute.

However things did not go according to their plan. The discussion sessions which were meant to provide evidence of strong and extensive support for this proposal were instead marked by considerable scepticism, and led one of the participants, Tom Simpson of IBM, to write a splendid short satire on “Masterpiece Engineering”.

It was little surprise to any of the participants in the Rome conference that no attempt was made to continue the NATO conference series, but the software engineering bandwagon began to roll as many people started to use the term to describe their work, to my mind often with very little justification.

—*Brian Randell*

“Premature maturity”

[Programming] is not some kind of engineering where all we have to do is put something in one end and turn the crank.

–Bruce Eckel

“A Rational Design Process”

- A. Establish and document requirements
- B. Design and document the module structure
- C. Design and document the module interfaces
- D. Design and document the uses hierarchy
- E. Design and document the module internal structures
- F. Write programs
- G. Maintain

The conversion of an idea to an artifact, which engages both the designer and the maker, is a complex and subtle process that will always be far closer to art than to science.

*(Eugene S. Ferguson,
Engineering and the Mind's Eye)*

In engineering ... people design through documentation.

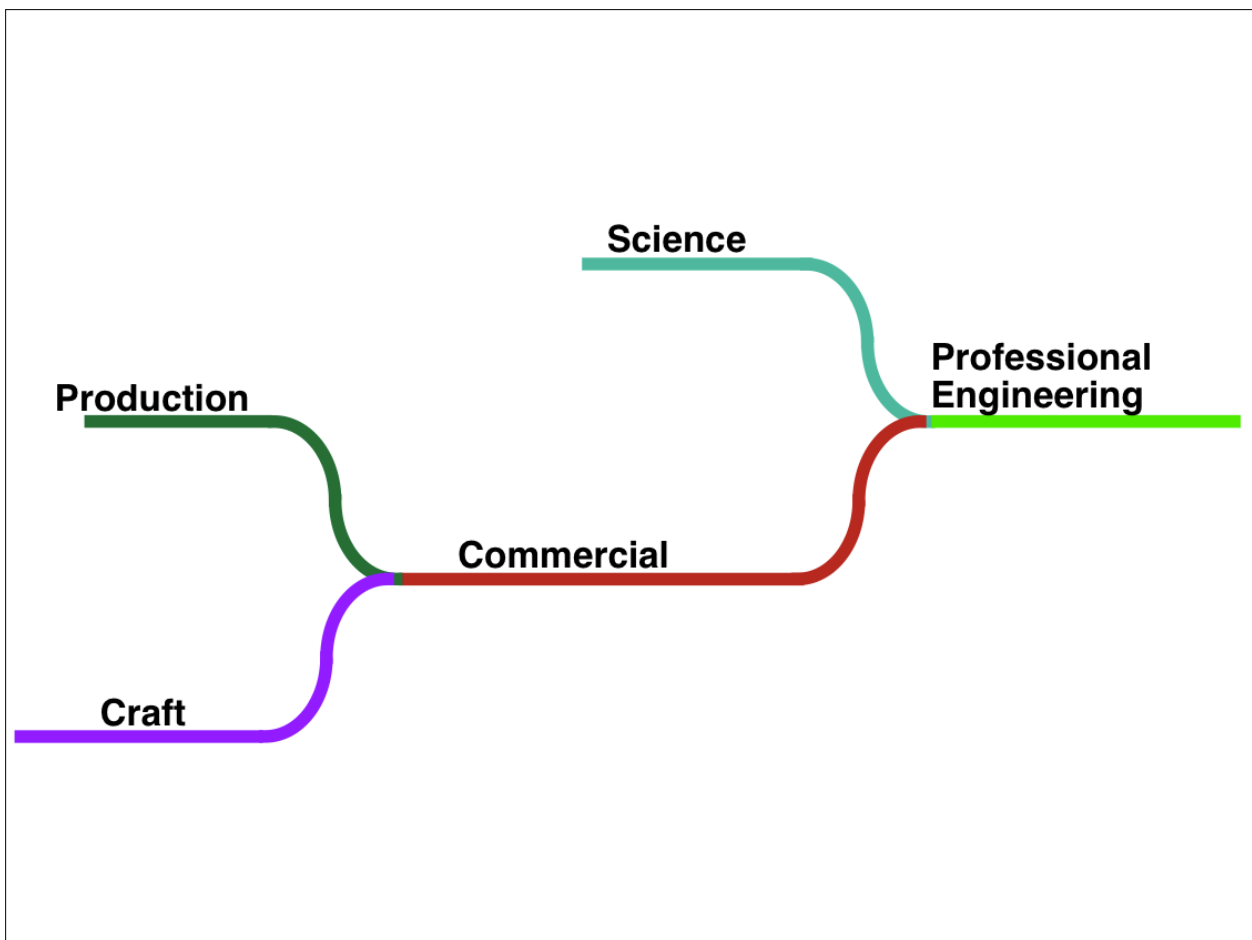
—David Parnas

Although the drawings appear to be exact and unequivocal, their precision conceals many informal choices, inarticulate judgments, acts of intuition, and assumptions about the way the world works.

*(Eugene S. Ferguson,
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The *defined process control model* requires that every piece of work be completely understood. A defined process can be started and allowed to run until completion, with the same results every time.

The *empirical process control model* provides and exercises control through frequent inspection and adaptation for processes that are imperfectly defined and generate unpredictable and unrepeatable outputs.





@skilldrick

Nick Morgan

I've invented a new term "Parasitic Credibility". Where certain fields attempt to link themselves to science in order to sound more real.

Aeroplanes are not designed by science,
but by art, in spite of some pretence
and humbug to the contrary. [...]

There is a big gap between scientific
research and the engineering product
which has to be bridged by
the art of the engineer.

—*J. D. North*

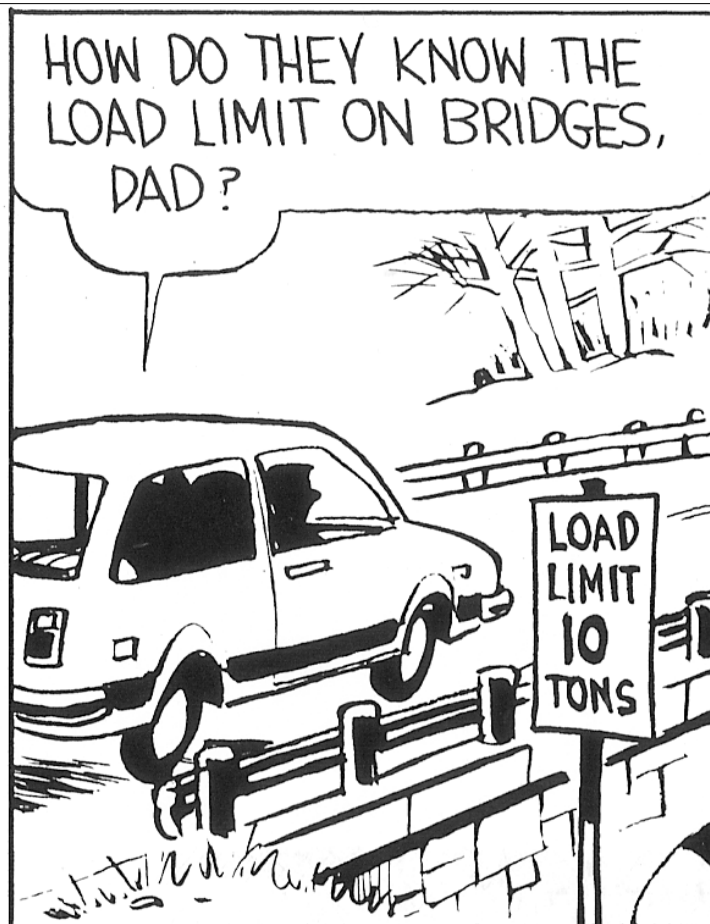
“You don’t know
it’s right if you
don’t have the
math to prove it.”

Structural analyses (indeed, any
engineering calculations) must be
employed with caution and judgment,
because mathematical models are
always less complex than actual
structures, processes, or machines.

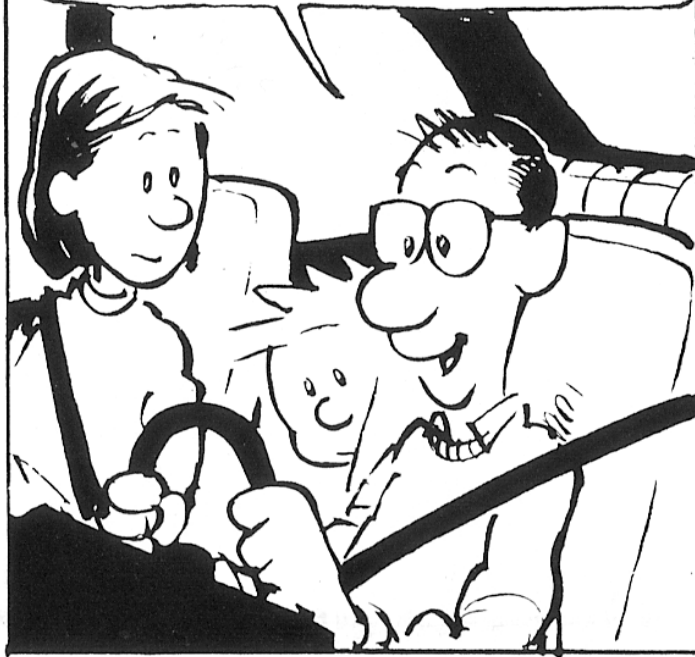
*(Eugene S. Ferguson,
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Engineering is not the art
of constructing. It is rather
the art of not constructing:
or, it is the art of doing well
with one dollar what any
bungler can do with two.

—*Arthur Mellen Wellington*



THEY DRIVE BIGGER AND
BIGGER TRUCKS OVER THE
BRIDGE UNTIL IT BREAKS.



THEN THEY WEIGH THE
LAST TRUCK AND
REBUILD THE BRIDGE.





Mathematical modeling
was introduced as a
cost-saving measure.

Engineering is the art of
directing the great sources of
power in nature for the use
and convenience of man.

—*Institution of Civil Engineers*

Structural engineering is
the science and art
of designing and making,
with economy and elegance,
[...] structures so that they
can safely resist the forces to
which they may be subjected.

—*Structural Engineer's Association*

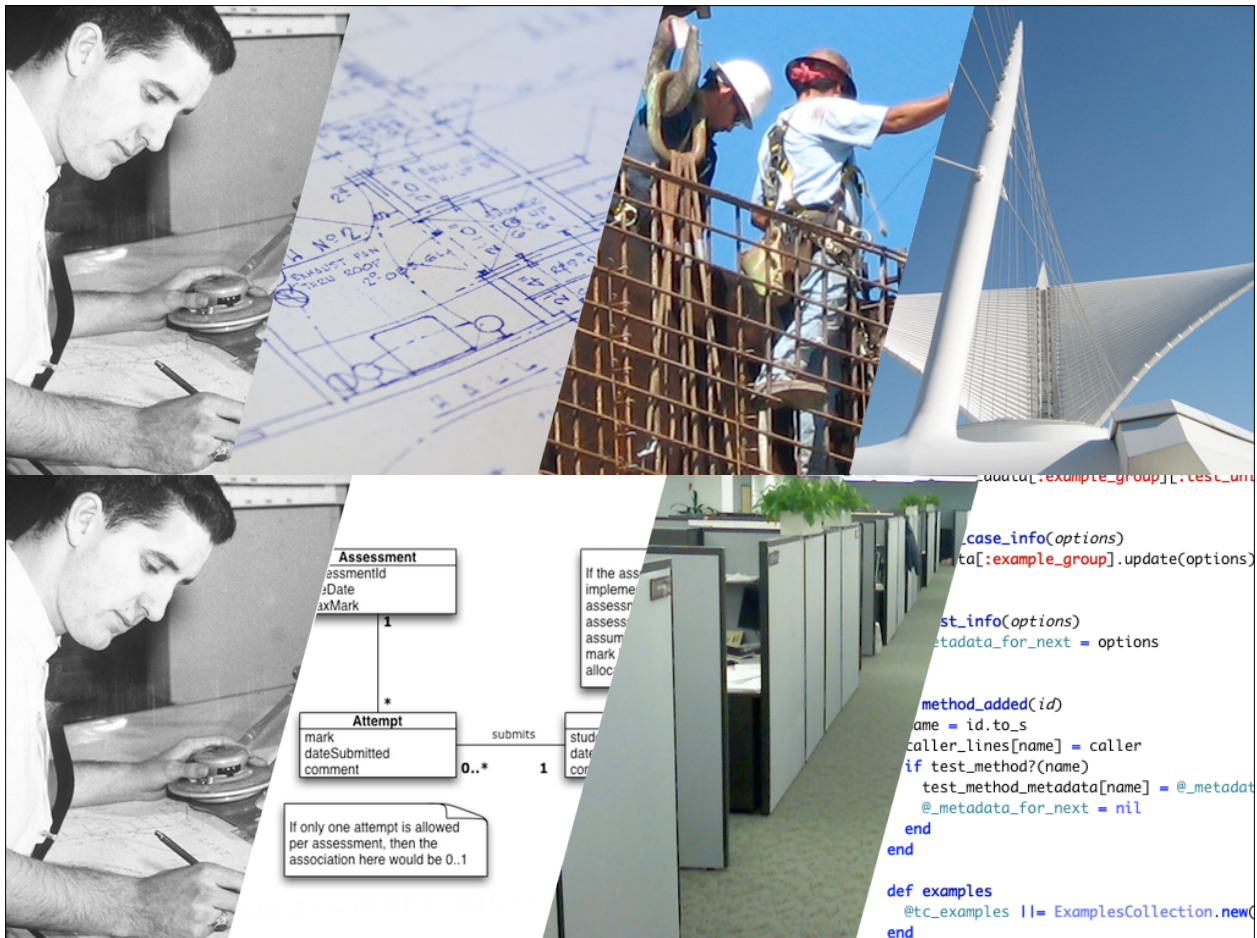
Different Engineering Disciplines are *Different*

- Different materials, physical effects, forces
- Different degrees of complexity in requirements, designs, processes, and artifacts
- Varied reliance on formal modeling and analysis vs. experimentation, prototyping, and testing
- Varied use of defined and empirical processes

Real Software Engineering

Software engineering is
the science and art
of designing and making,
with economy and elegance,
[...] systems so that they can
readily adapt to the situations to
which they may be subjected.

Software engineering will
be *different* from other
kinds of engineering.





divided by	2	3	4	7
9	4.5	3	2.5	1.29
10	5.0	3.33	2.5	1.43
11	5.5	3.66	2.75	1.57
12.6	6.3	4.2	3.15	1.8
22	11.0	7.33	5.5	3.14
100	50.0	33.33	25.0	14.29

Feature: Addition

In order to avoid silly mistakes
 As an error-prone person
 I want to divide two numbers

Scenario Outline: Divide two numbers

Given I have entered <input_1>
 And I have entered <input_2>
 When I press "divide"
 Then the result should be <result>

Examples:

input_1	input_2	result
10	2	5.0
12.6	3	4.2
22	7	~3.14
9	3	<5
11	2	4<_<6
100	4	32

eg.Division

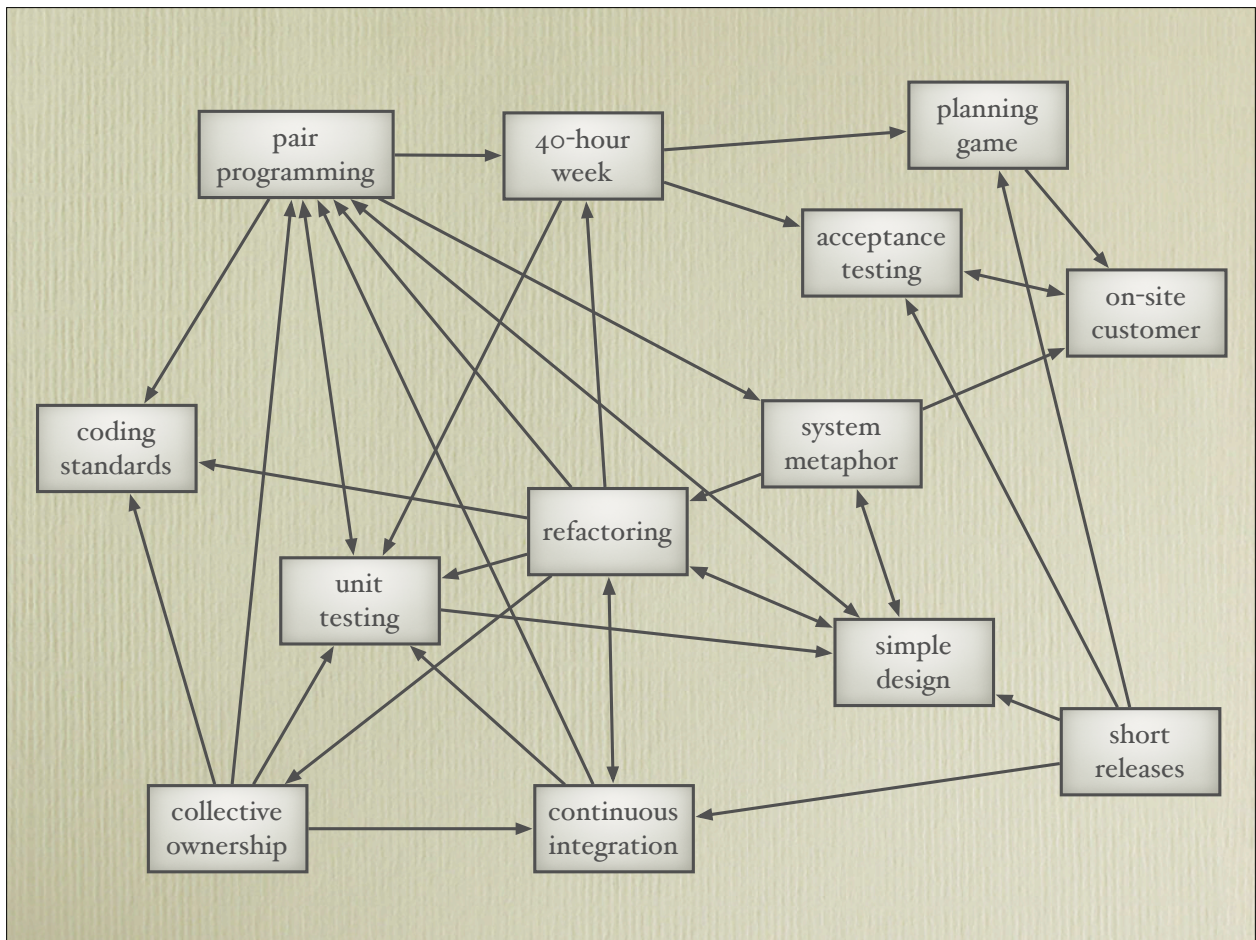
numerator	denominator	quotient?
10	2	5.0
12.6	3	4.2
22	7	~3.14
9	3	<5
11	2	4<_<6
100	4	32 expected
		25 actual

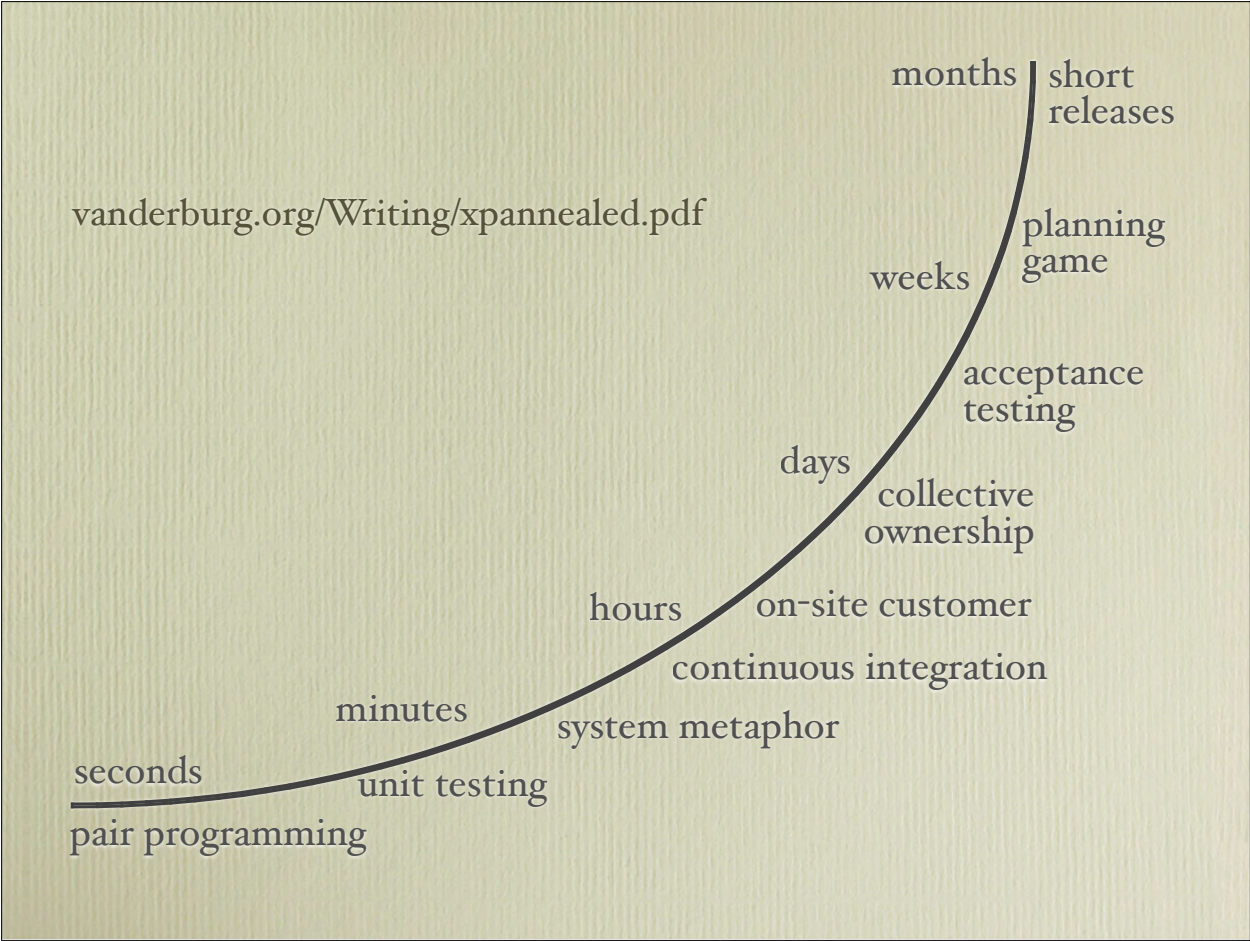
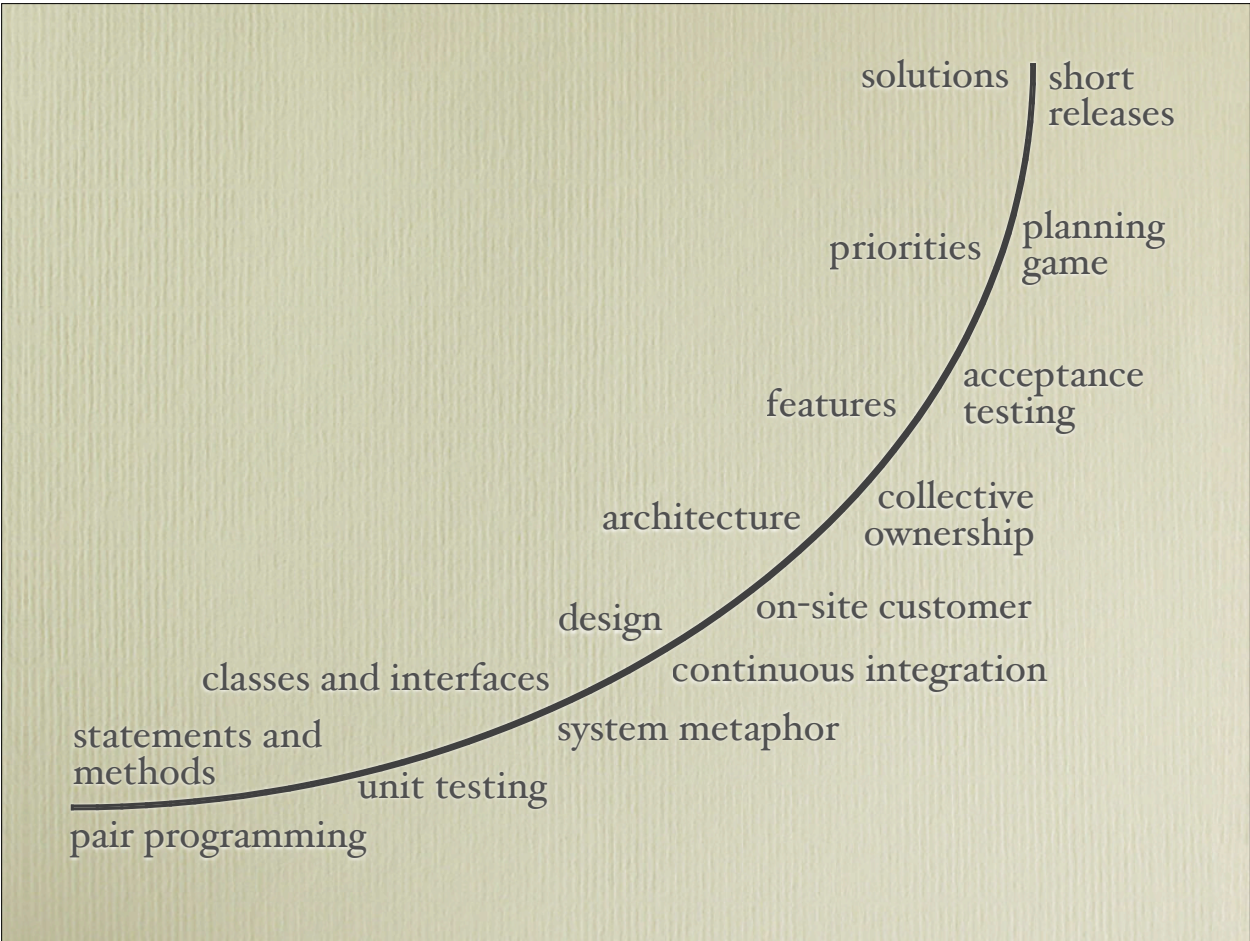
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assert_in_delta 5, (9 / 3)
assert 4.2, (11/2)
assert_equal 32, (100 / 4)
end
end
  
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"divide" do
  do
    should == 5.0
    should == 4.2
    should be_close(3.14, 0.01)
  end
end
  
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Assumptions Once True, But No Longer

- Code is hard to read
- Code is hard to change
- Testing is expensive

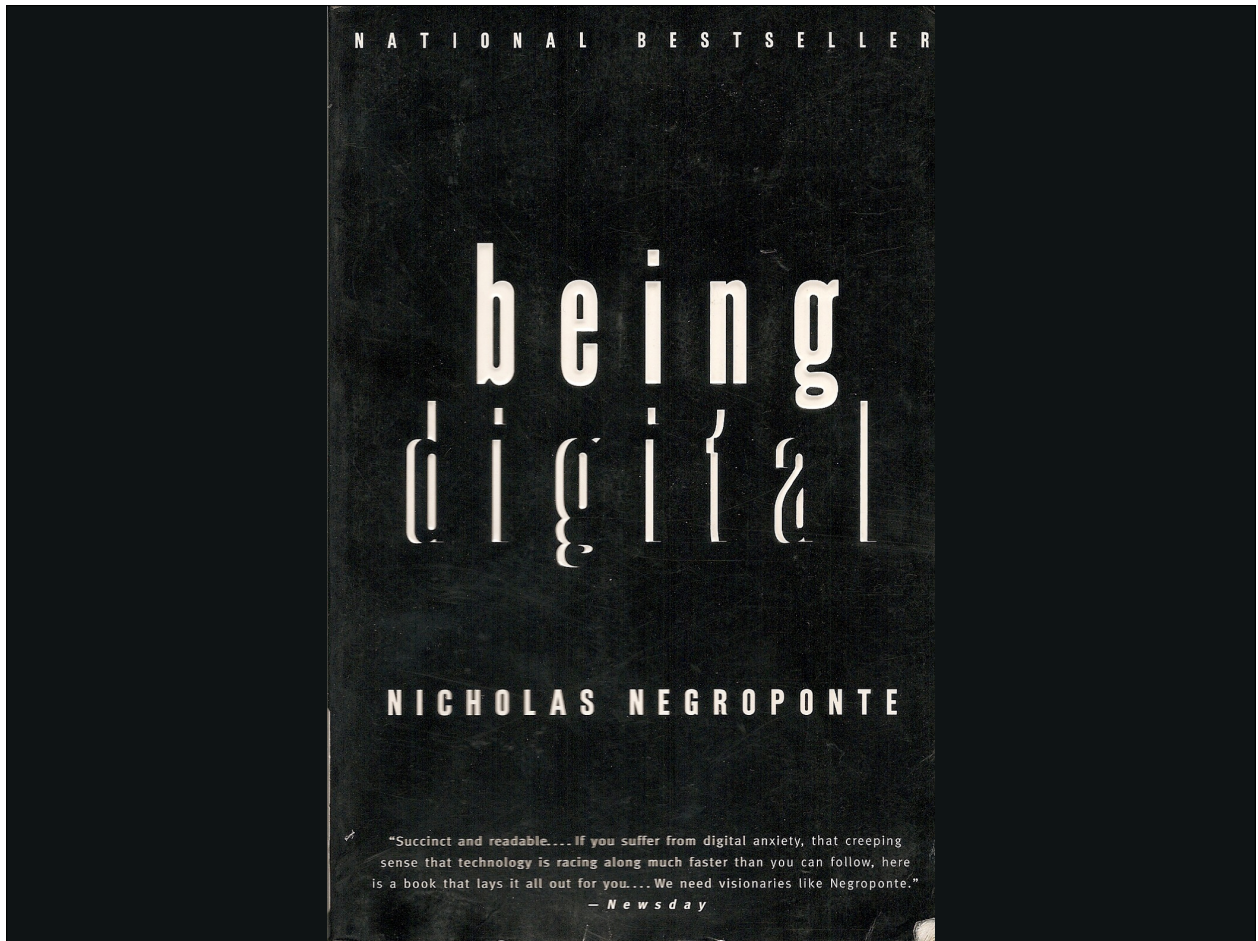
Assumptions Once Believed But Never True

- All engineering is like structural engineering
- Programming is like building
- Modeling and analysis are about correctness

The Reality of Software Engineering

- Software is very unlike bridges and buildings.
- Additional complexity hinders requirements, design, and approval.
- Source code *is* a model.
- Building and testing our interim designs is effectively free.
- Empirical processes are rational for software.

Software Engineering and Craft



Design by Artisans

- Artisans may produce documents to help themselves think.
- But they build what is in their heads.

Design by Engineers

- Engineers produce documents to help themselves think.
- But they mostly produce documents to convey the design to builders.

Bending moments in nodes (kNm)			Displacements (mm)
<i>Vehicle dynamics</i>			
Node 9 1,042.48	Node 17 – 585.56	Node 25 1,076.93	2.29
<i>Earthquake through support acceleration – accelerogram from EC8</i>			
Node 8 – 721.62	Node 17 1,201.01	Node 26 – 722.39	1.422
<i>Spectral analysis</i>			
Node 7 – 153.62	Node 17 228.42	Node 27 – 151.14	0.29

EQUATIONS

BEAM SHEAR
(ONE-WAY)

Reinforced

plain

$$\phi V_c = \phi 2bd\sqrt{f'_c}$$

$$\phi V_n = \phi \frac{4}{3} b h \sqrt{f'_c}$$

$$\phi = 0.75$$

$$\phi = 0.55$$

PERIPHERAL = PUNCHING = 2WAY SHEAR

Reinforced

plain

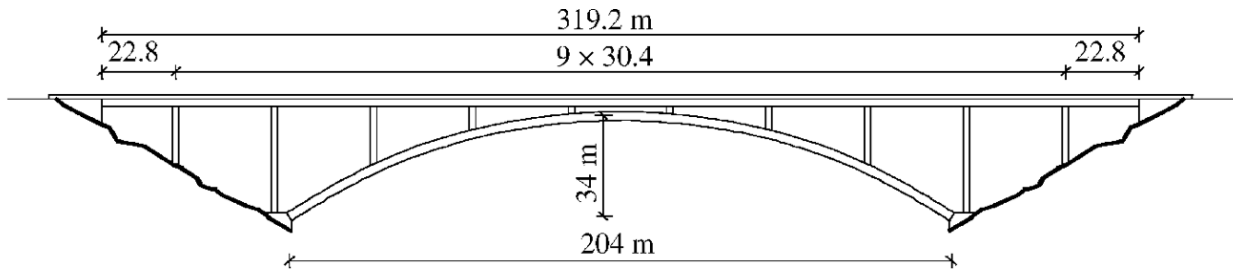
$$\phi V_c = \phi 4b_o d \sqrt{f'_c}$$

$$\phi V_n = \phi \frac{8}{3} b_o h \sqrt{f'_c}$$

$$\phi = 0.75$$

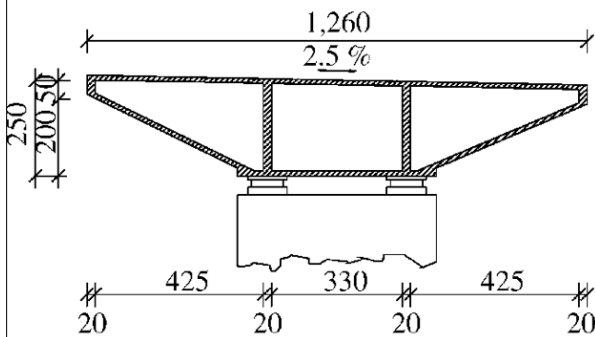
$$\phi = 0.55$$

b_o is $a + \frac{h}{2}$...
 h = thickness minus 2 if cast against ϕ ends

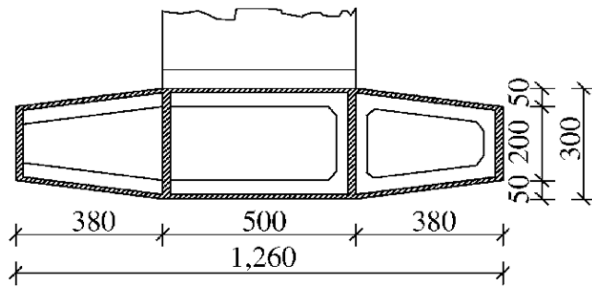


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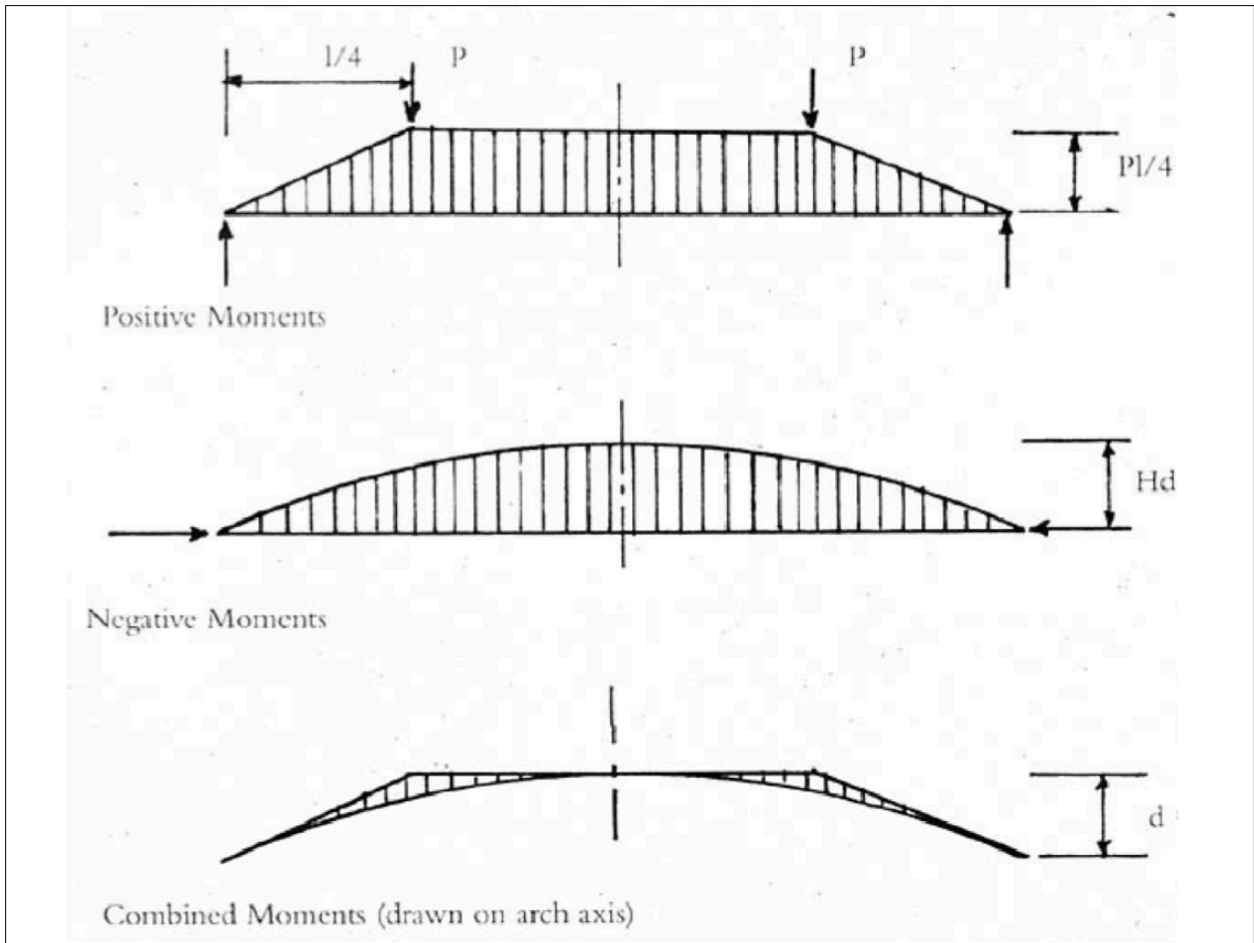
Cross-section at arc



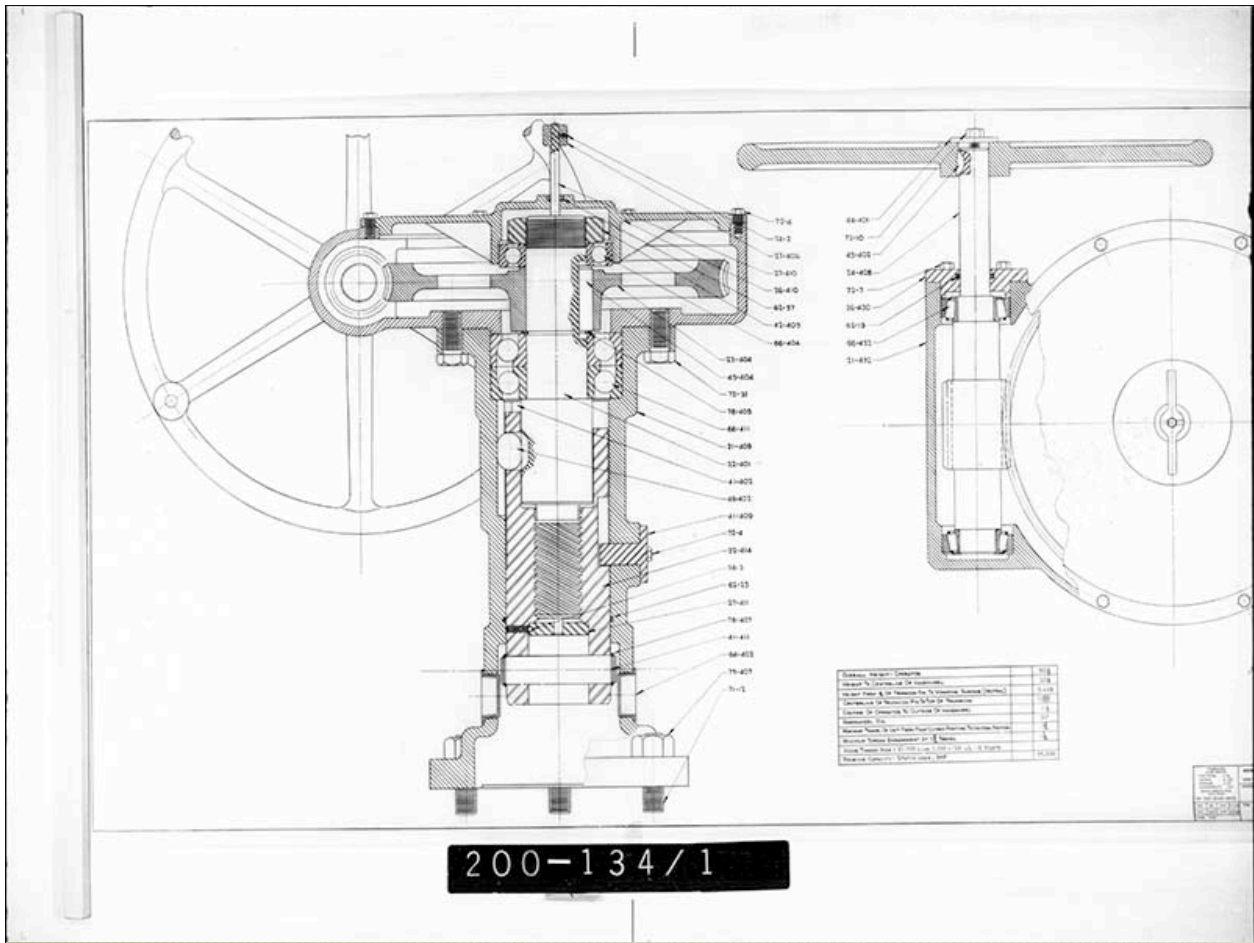
$$A = 4.247 \text{ m}^2, I_z = 3.658 \text{ m}^4, h = 2.50 \text{ m}$$



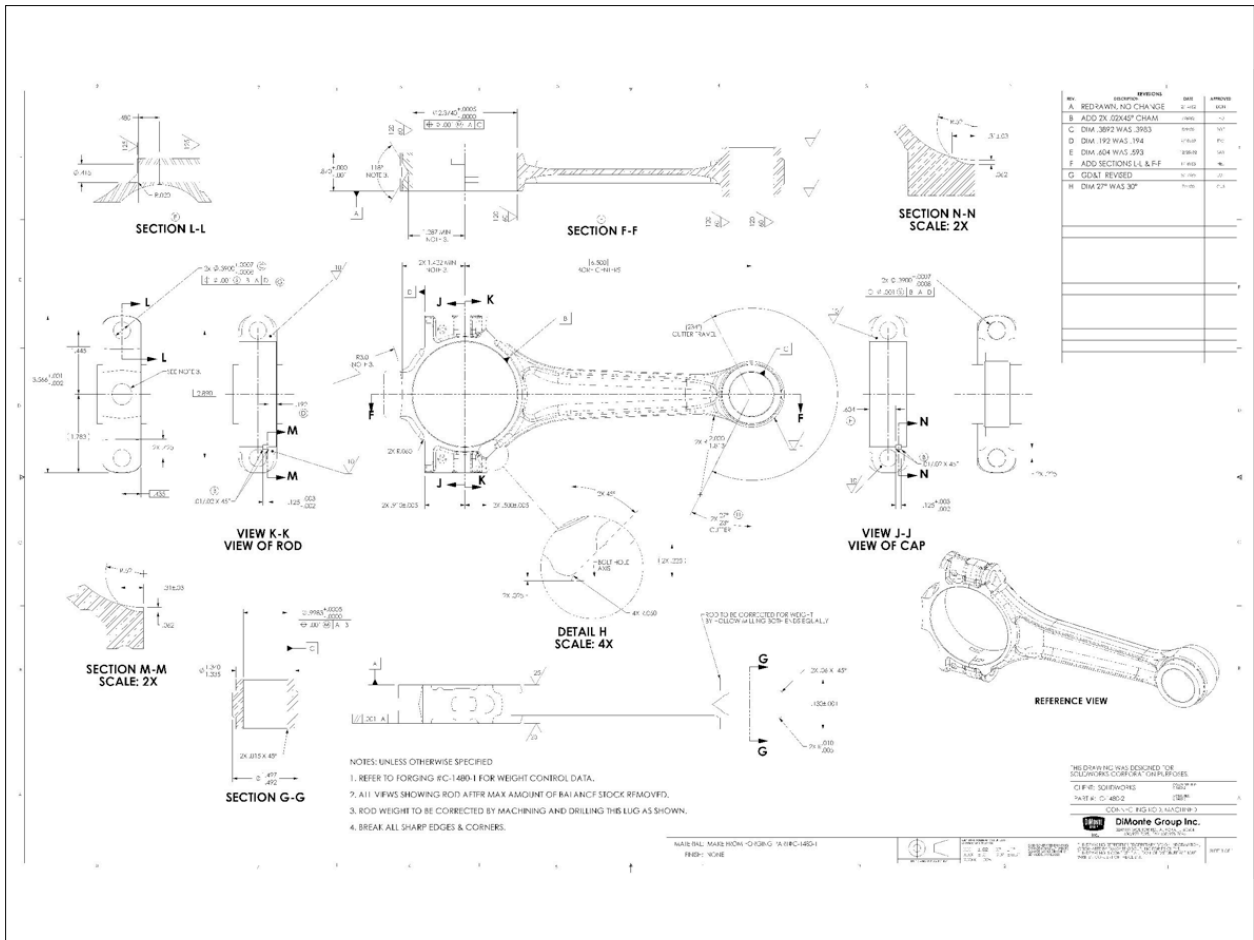
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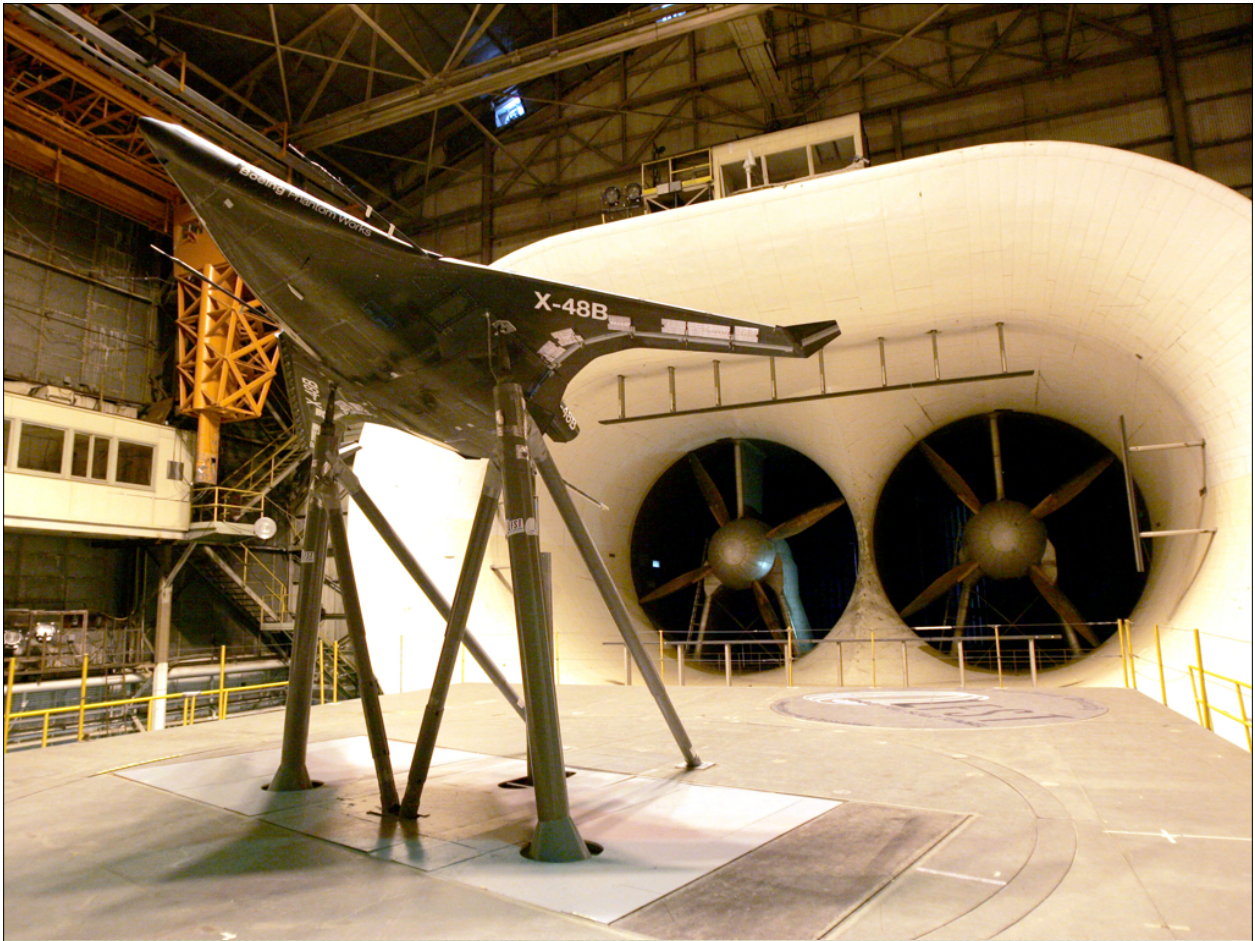
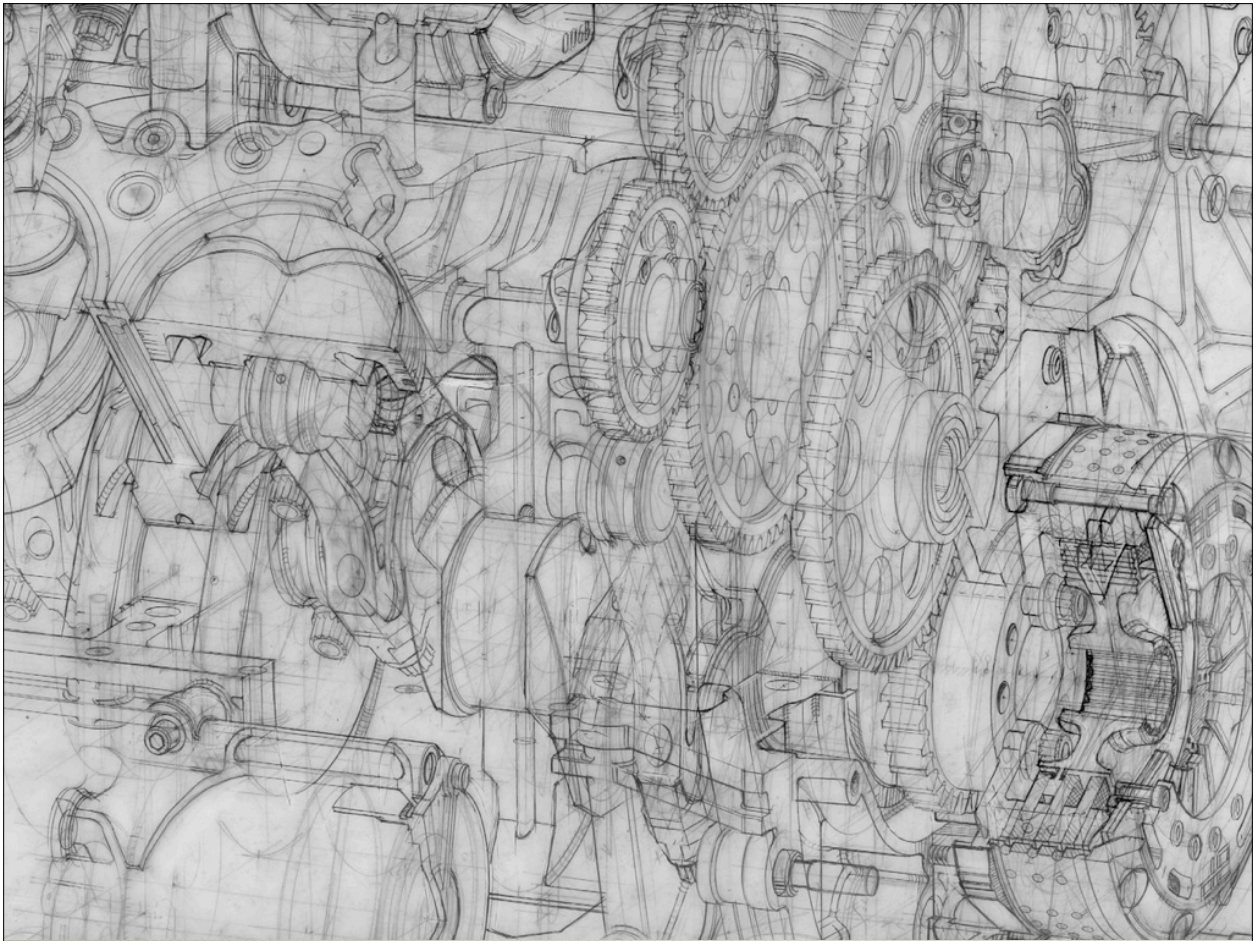






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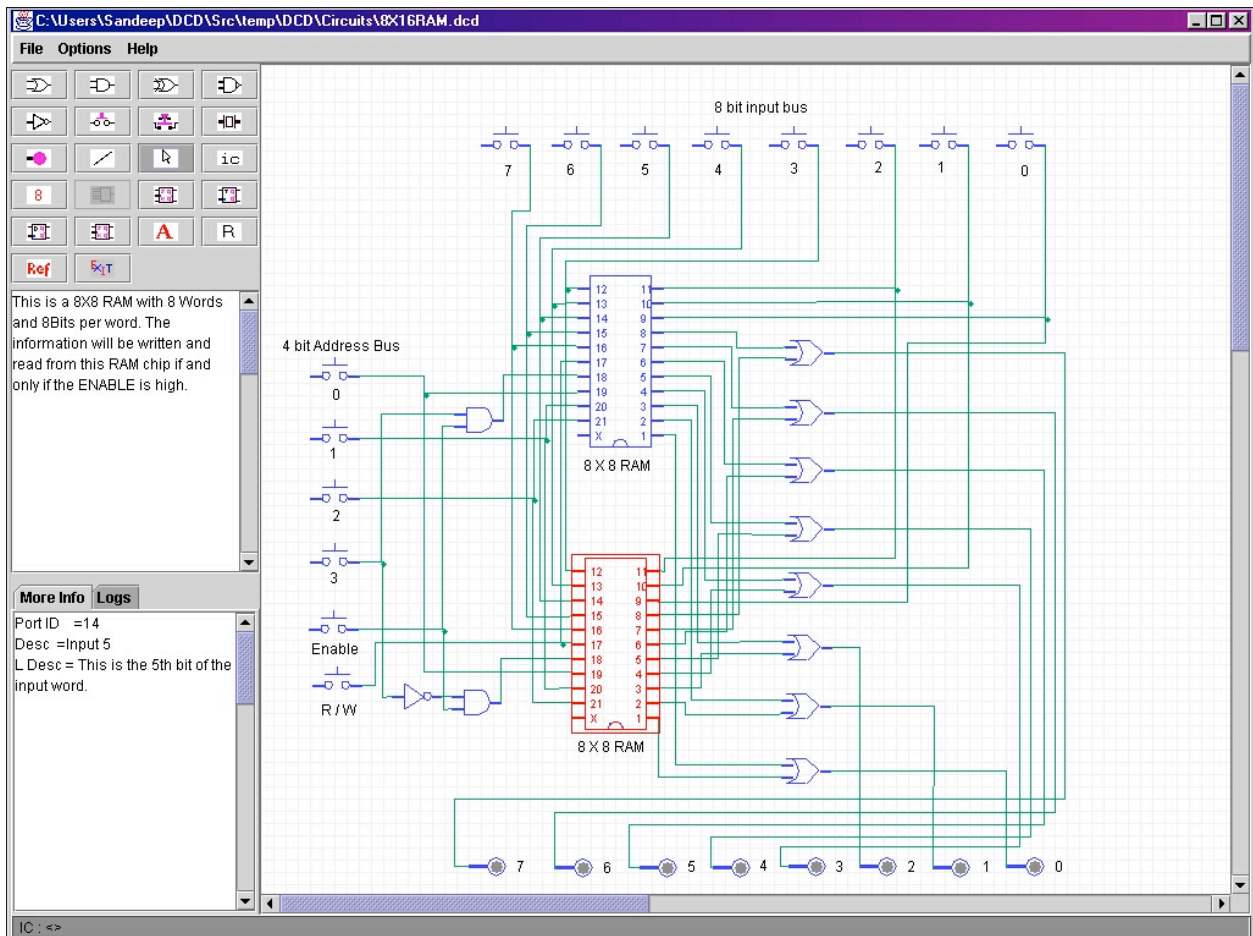

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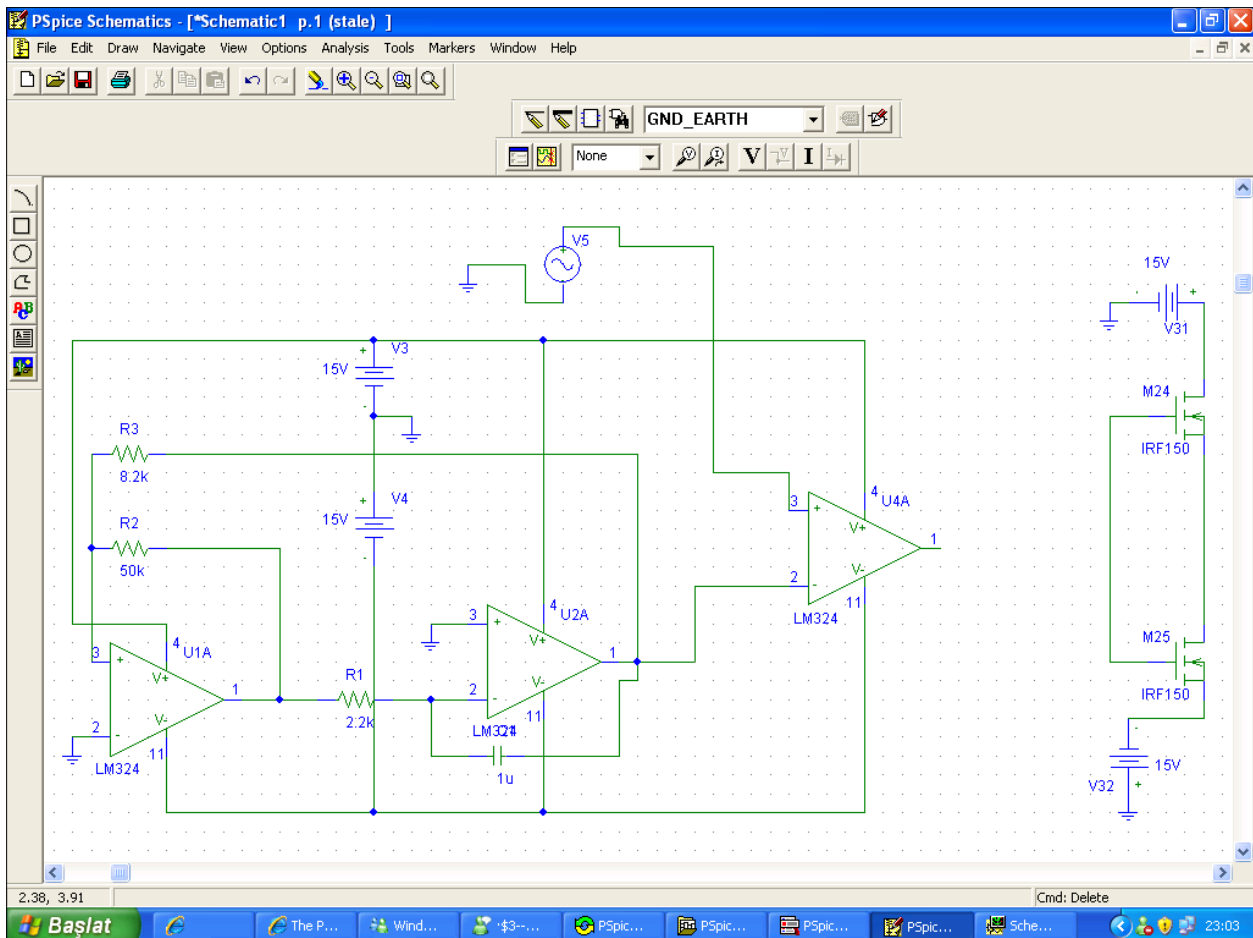
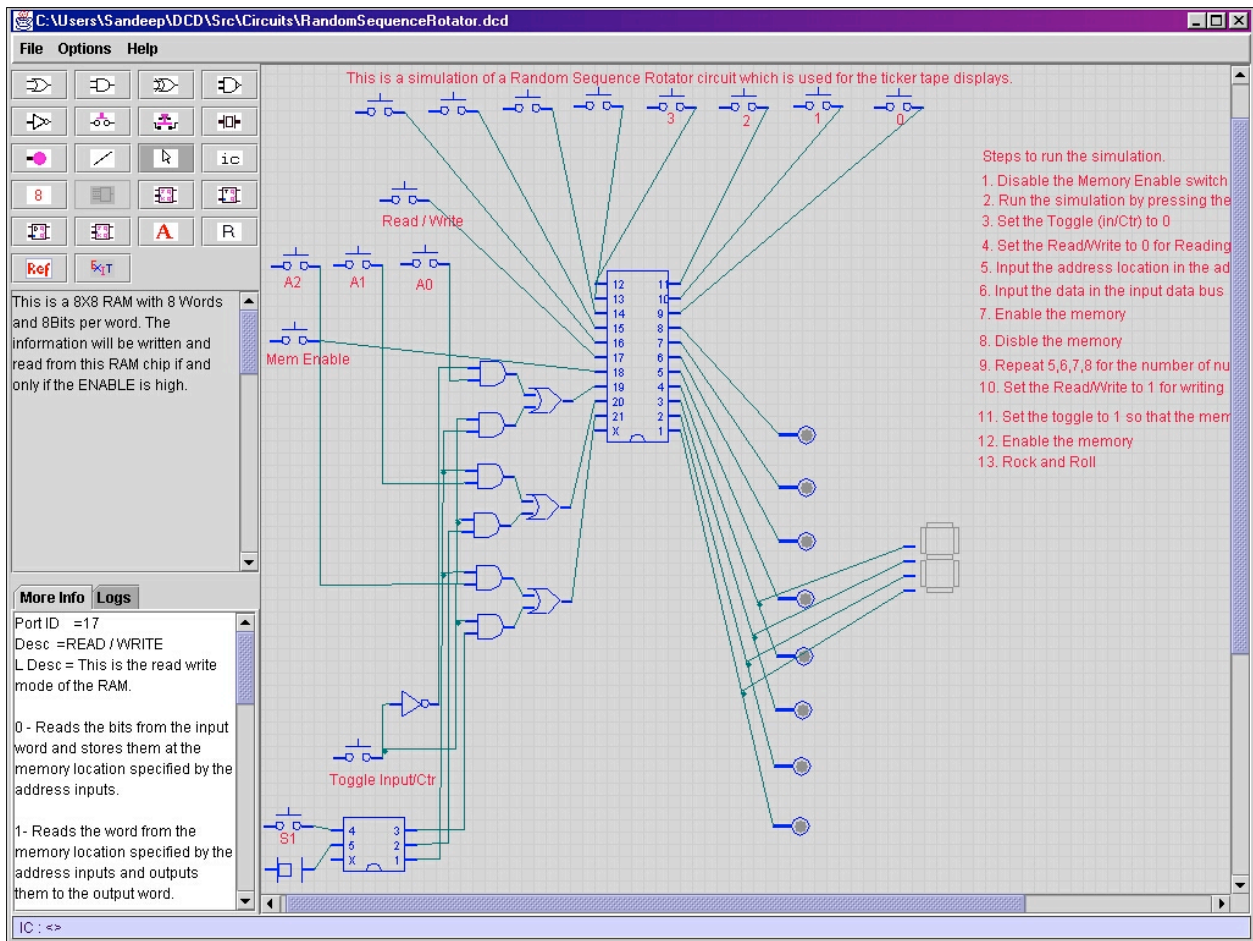
module RSpec::Core
  class Reporter
    def initialize(*formatters)
      @formatters = formatters
      @example_count = @failure_count = @pending_count = 0
      @duration = @start = nil
    end

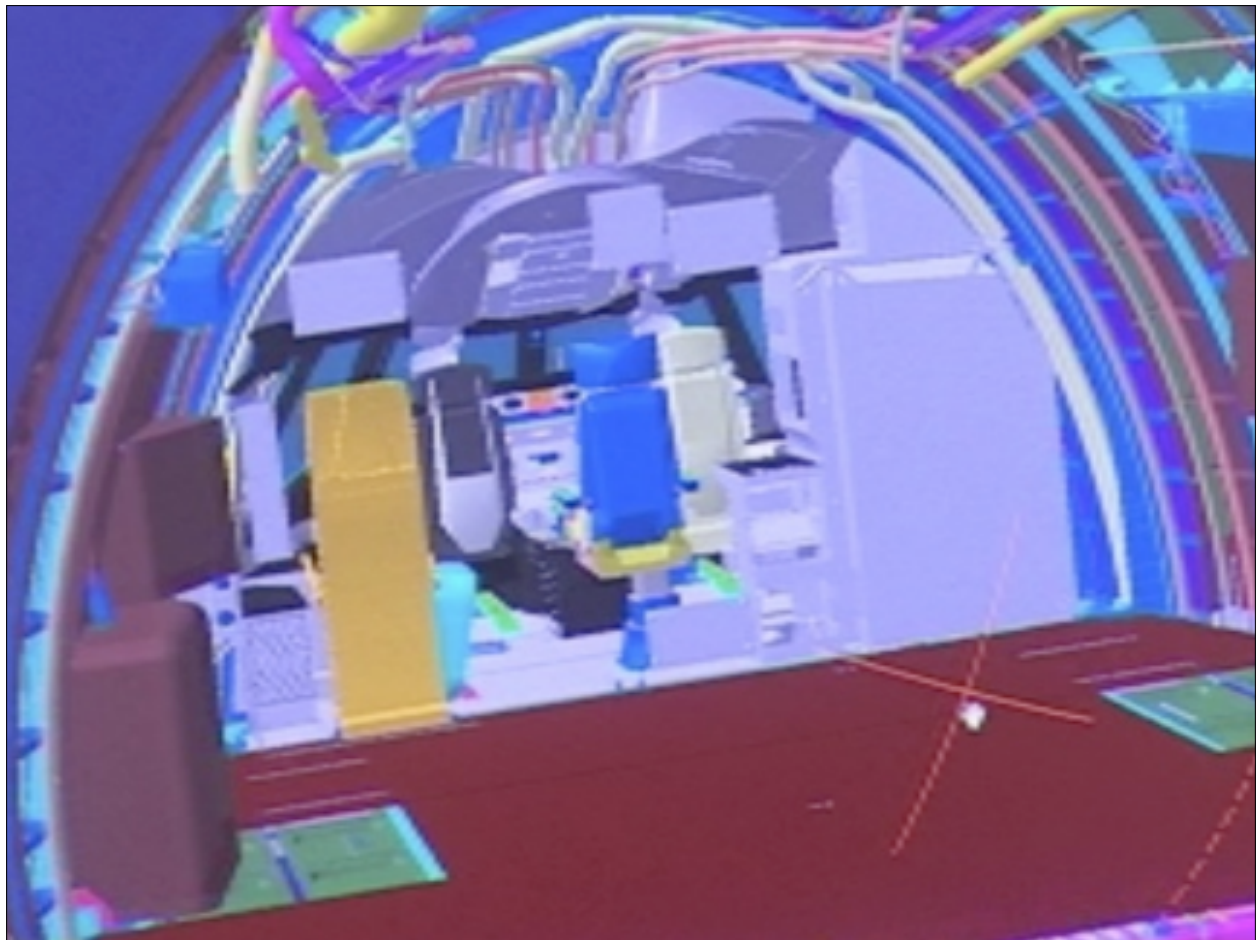
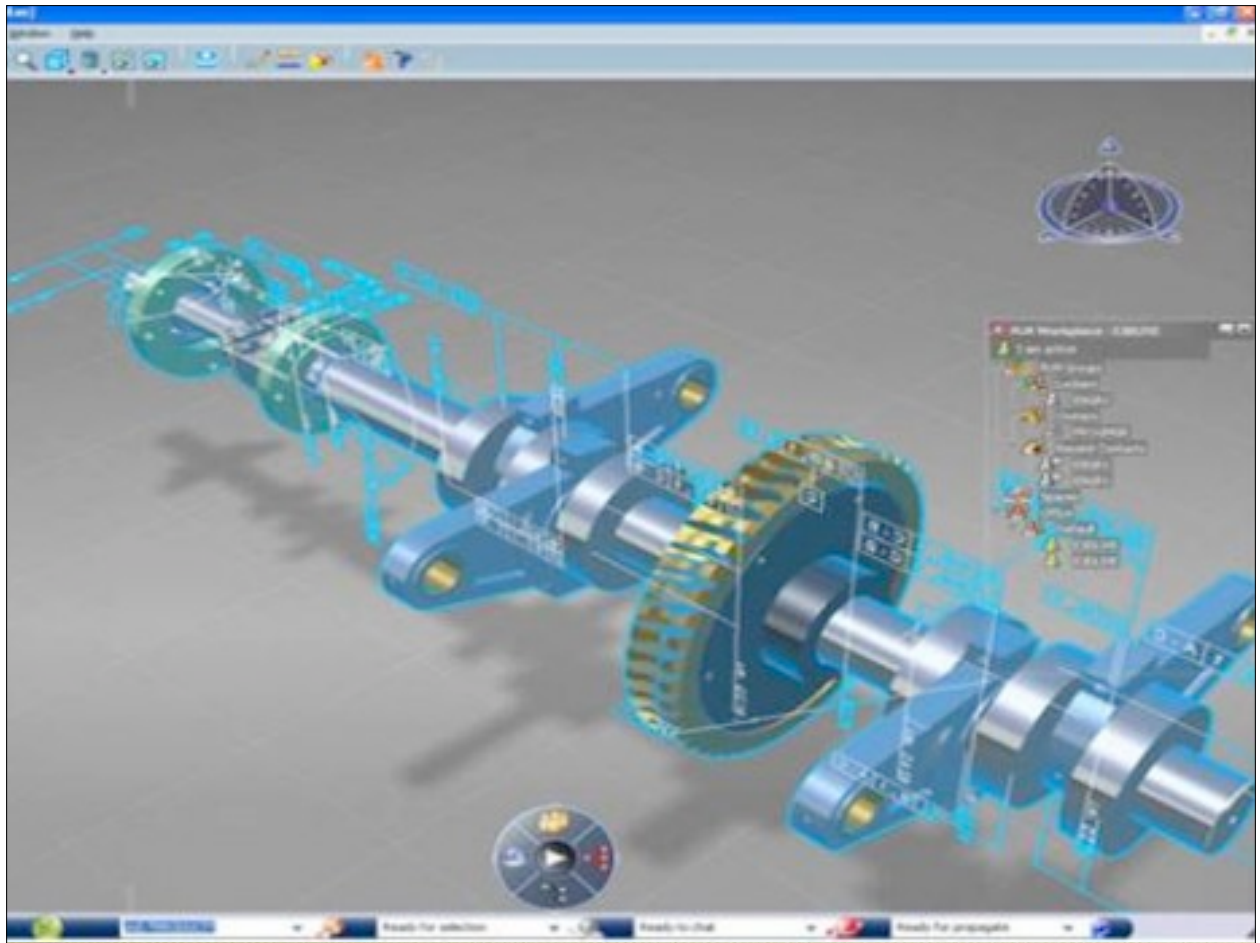
    def report(count)
      start(count)
      begin
        yield self
      ensure
        conclude
      end
    end

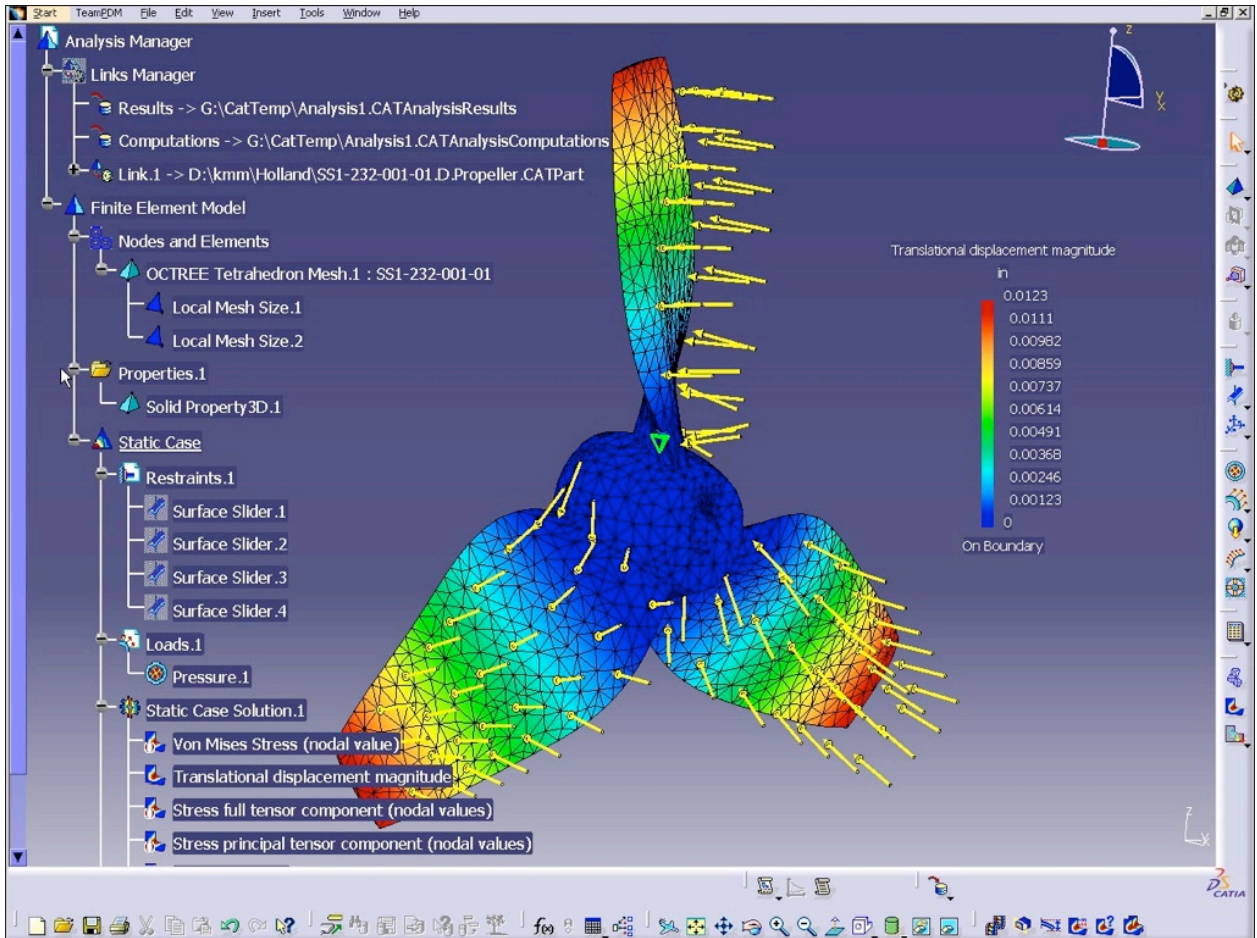
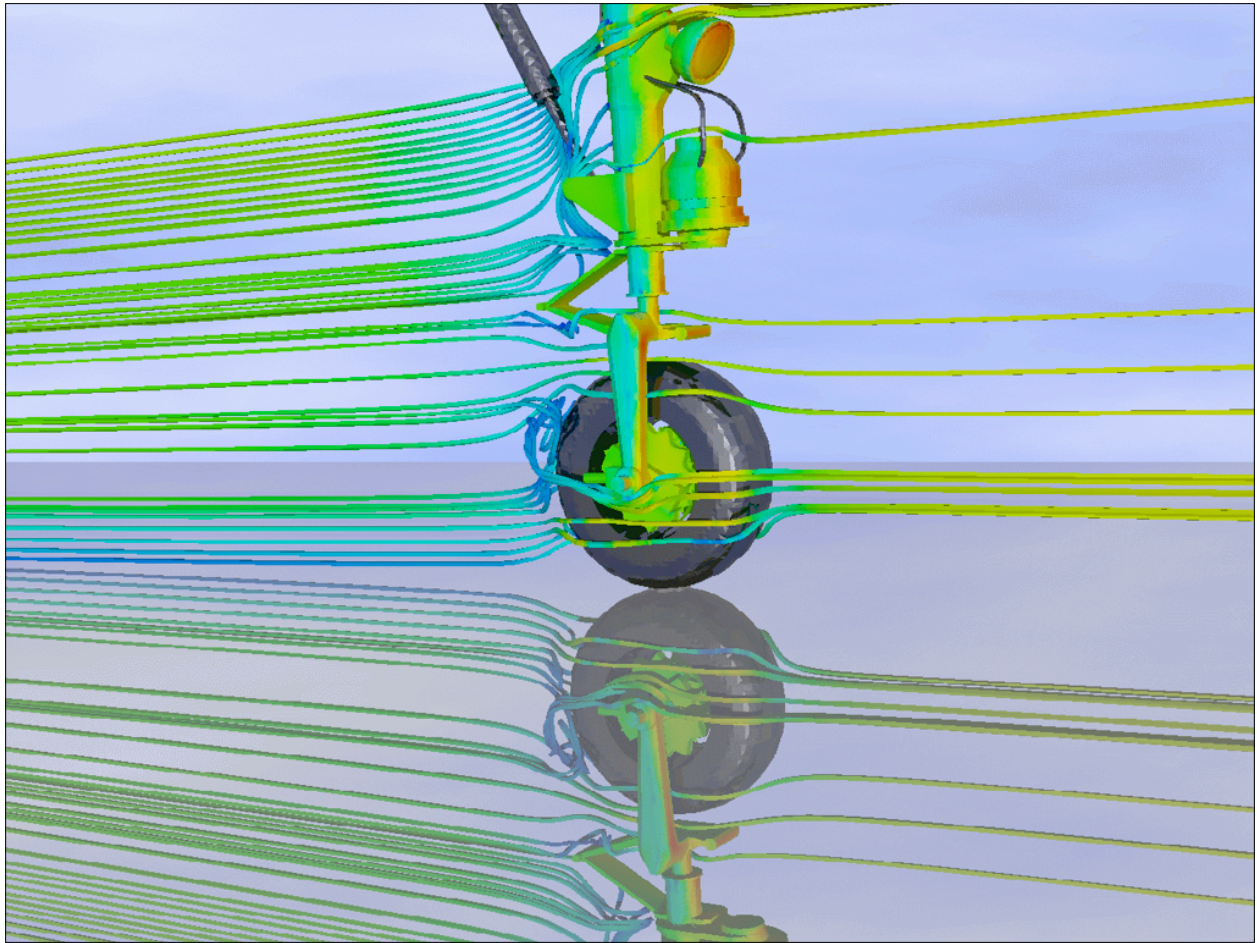
    def conclude
      begin
        stop
        notify :start_dump
        notify :dump_pending
        notify :dump_failures
        notify :dump_summary, @duration, @example_count, @failure_count, @pending_count
      ensure
        notify :close
      end
    end
  end
end

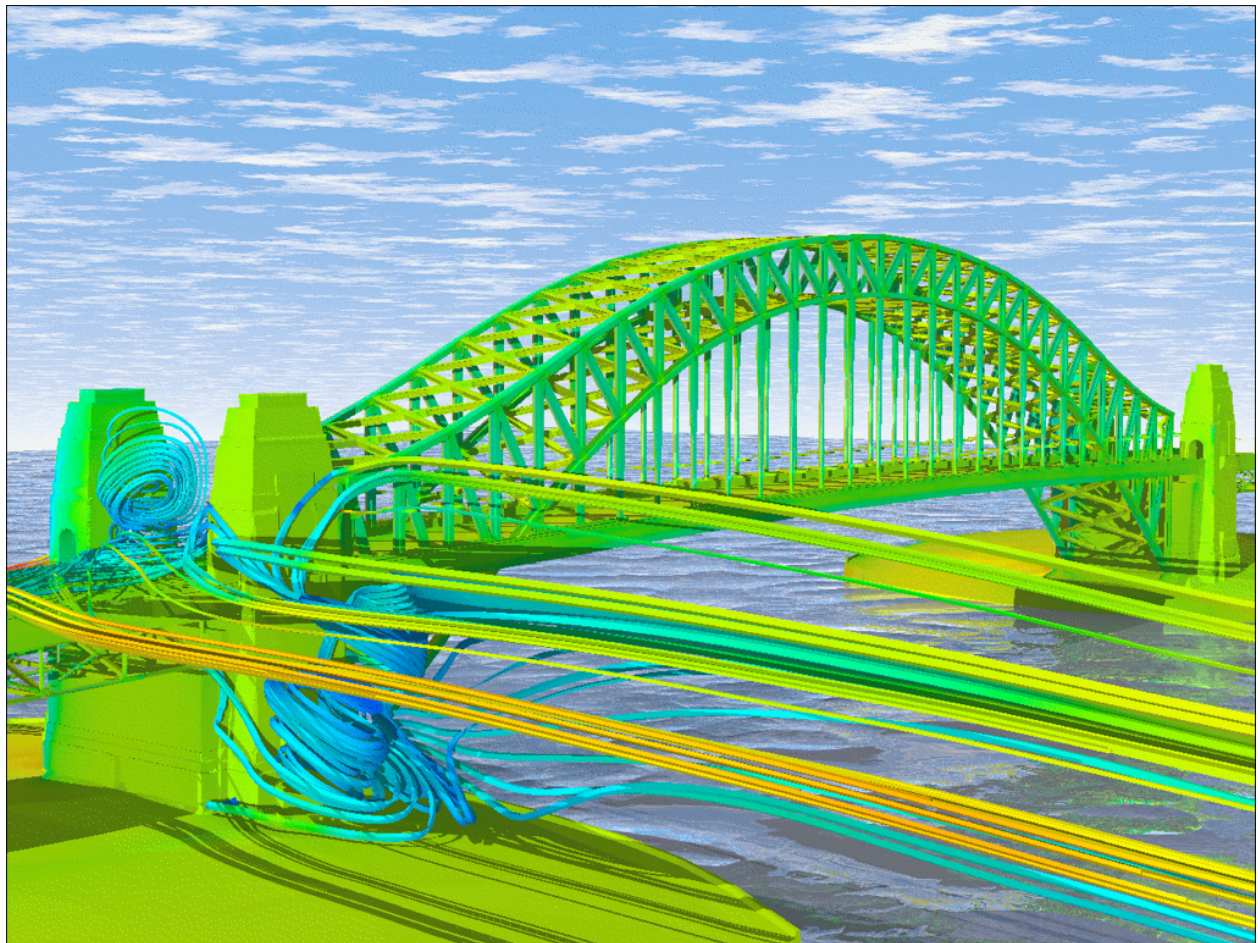
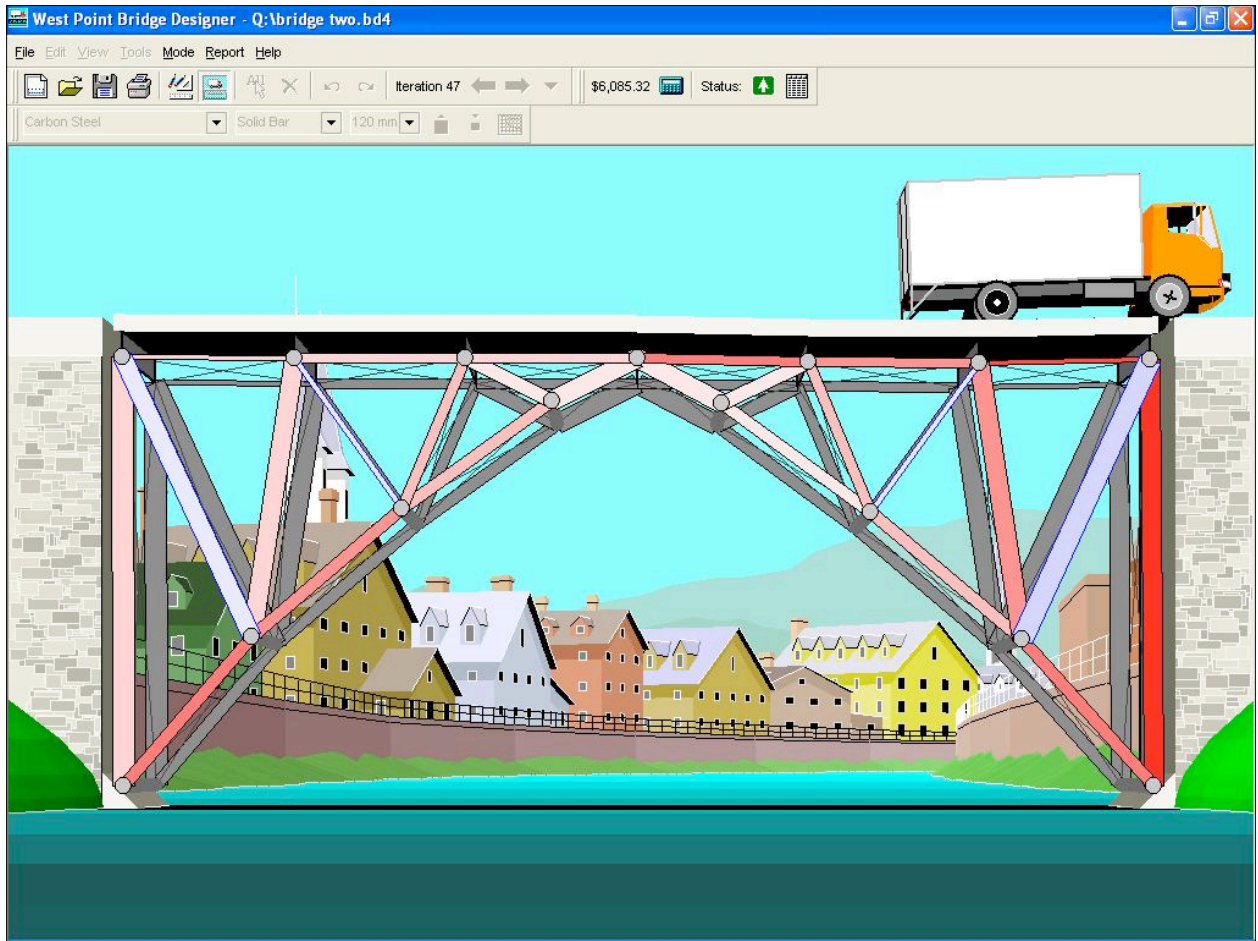
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Software Models (i.e., source code)

- Because the artifact is abstract, model is “concrete”.
- Model isomorphic to built artifact.
- *Feels* like working directly with the constructs.
- We are designers *and* builders

Software Models (i.e., source code)

- Furthermore, we are also writers.
- Code must serve two purposes:
 - to be the solution
 - to describe the solution



Programs must be written for
people to read, and only incidentally
for machines to execute.

—*Harold Abelson
and Gerald Jay Sussman*

Software practitioners –
especially, ironically, the good
ones – often [...] fall in love with
the software itself and start
thinking of themselves as
craftsmen of software.

—*Dan North*

Let us change our traditional attitude
to the construction of programs.
Instead of imagining that our main task
is to instruct a computer what to do,
let us concentrate rather on
explaining to human beings
what we want a computer to do.

—*Donald Knuth*

Internal vs. External

- Abstract vs. concrete
- Hidden vs. public and visible
- Potential effects vs. immediate effects

Programmers have the luxury of being both engineers and craftsmen:

- because we are both designers and makers.
- because we are not insulated from the artifacts we are designing.
- because, like craftsmen, we can *feel* the things we build.

Programmers have the responsibility to be craftsmen, not just engineers:

- because otherwise we inevitably lose sight of the less tangible (but no less important) aspects of our creations.