Tracking Behavioral Changes in Distributed Systems using Distalyzer

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Problem

- Tracking concurrent updates to large systems projects, to analyze the effectiveness of bug fixes, and long-term impacts on the code-base.
- Project management after unit-tests is currently manual and tedious.

Challenge

- Code changes have unknown side-effects, due to complexity of distributed systems.
- Code & Tests change over time across multiple revision branches.

Approach

- Automated code monitoring infrastructure that leverages existing tests
- Minimal structure from abundant logs to systematically compare revisions.

Phase One Results

Overview

- Identify root cause of performance
- Compare different implementations, requests

BitTorrent (Transmission vs. Azureus):
- 2 perf. bugs in Transmission

BigTable (HBase):
- 3 perf. issues in heavy tail

Diagnosing overall performance problems