How do Features Interact With Architecture?



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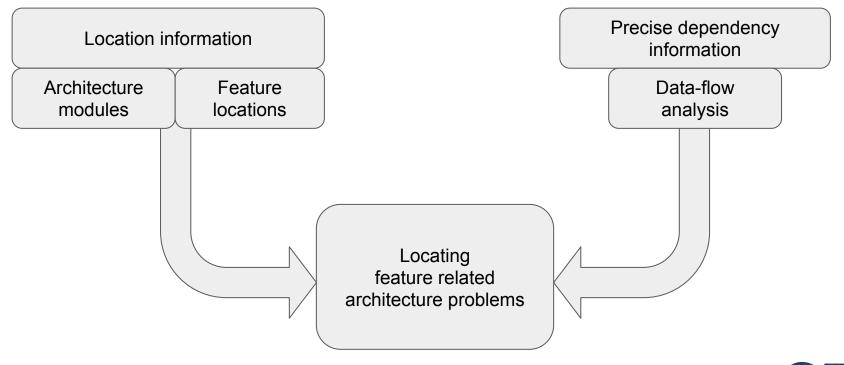
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Architecture Variability Modularity Modularity Feature Modules Configurability Maintainability Separation of Crosscutting concerns concerns Feature scattering Architectural decay Feature tangling



Feature Induced Architectural Smells





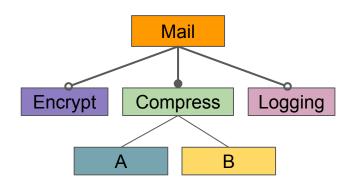
Resulting RQs

- 1 How do feature implementations affect dependencies between architecture modules?
 - Do features give rise to dependencies?
 - How to distinguish between problematic and unproblematic dependencies?

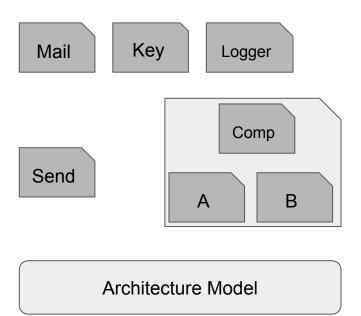
- 2 What kind of features are most often associated with architecture smells?
 - When is an architectural smell associated with a feature?
 - Is there a difference between utility and functionality features?
 - Are scattered features more likely to be associated with architecture smells?



Two Models



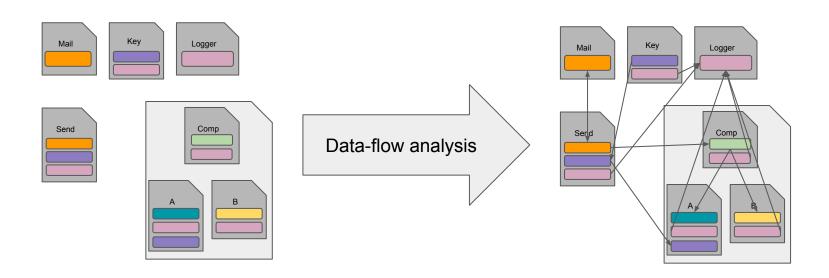
Feature Model



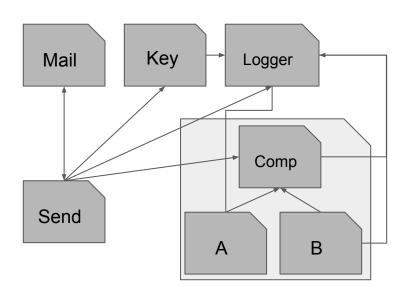


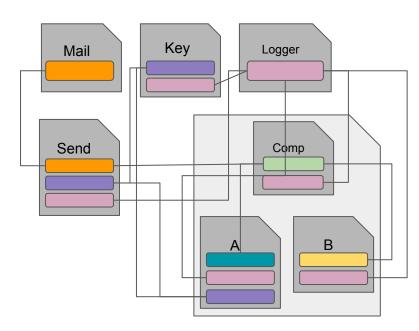
Combining the Viewpoints Key Mail Logger Mail Encrypt Logging Compress Comp Send В Key Mail Logger В Α Comp Send В Α

Extracting dependencies

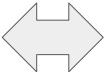






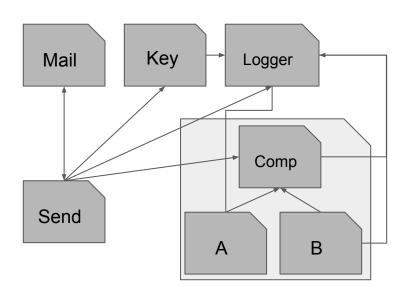


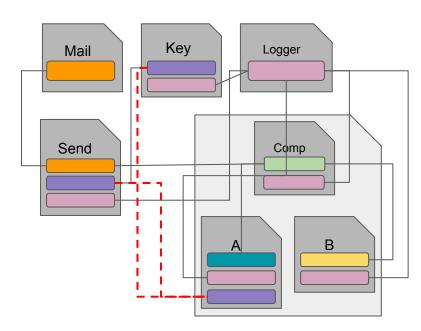
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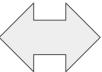
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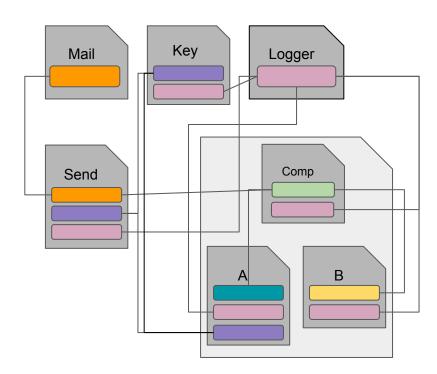
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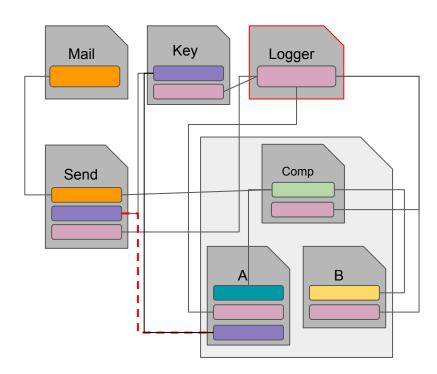


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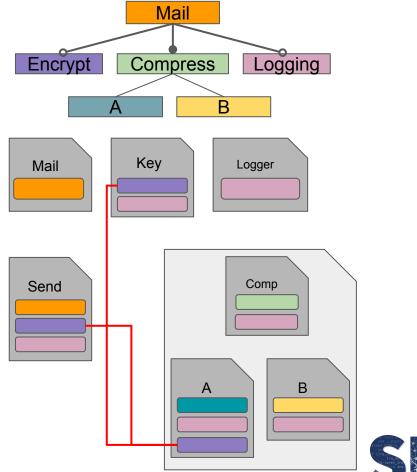
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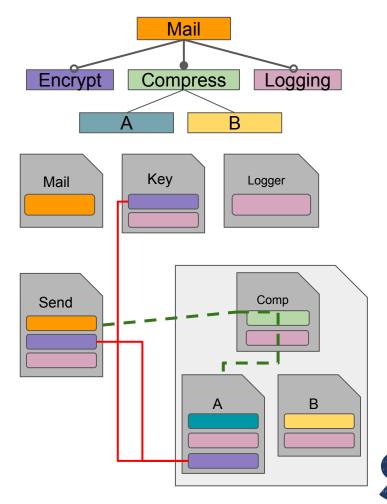


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Logging regions aggregate data to the logger

