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AI-Powered Bug Triage and Assignment Systems for Reducing Resolution Time in IT Projects

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Abstract: *Efficient bug management is a critical factor in the success of IT projects, as delayed resolution of software issues can significantly impact project timelines and overall quality. Traditional bug triage processes rely heavily on manual intervention, where project managers or team leads examine, prioritize, and assign bugs. This manual approach is time-consuming, inconsistent, and often prone to errors, resulting in prolonged resolution times and reduced team productivity. This study proposes an AI-powered bug triage and assignment system that leverages machine learning and natural language processing to automate the classification, prioritization, and assignment of bugs. By analyzing historical bug data and developer expertise, the system intelligently assigns issues to the most suitable team members, optimizing workload distribution and improving response times. Experimental results demonstrate that AI-driven bug triage significantly reduces resolution time, enhances assignment accuracy, and boosts overall efficiency in software development projects. The system not only streamlines the bug management process but also supports continuous learning, enabling adaptive improvements over time. This approach represents a transformative step toward data-driven, efficient, and scalable software project management.*

Keywords*:* AI, Bug Triage, Machine Learning, Issue Resolution, Software Project Management

I. INTRODUCTION

Software development projects are inherently complex and involve multiple interdependent components. During the development lifecycle, software bugs inevitably arise due to coding errors, design flaws, or integration issues. Efficient bug management is critical, as unresolved bugs can lead to system failures, delayed project delivery, and reduced client satisfaction. Traditional bug triage processes, which involve manually reviewing, classifying, and assigning bugs to developers, are often time-consuming and error-prone. As software projects scale and the volume of reported issues increases, manual triage becomes increasingly inefficient, creating bottlenecks that hinder project progress.

Manual bug triage relies heavily on the expertise and judgment of project managers or team leads. While experienced managers can make informed decisions, the process is subjective and inconsistent, often influenced by personal bias, workload, or incomplete information. Misclassification or misassignment of bugs can result in prolonged resolution times, wasted resources, and increased operational costs. Furthermore, human-driven triage struggles to keep pace with the rapidly growing number of reported issues in modern software projects, especially in agile and continuous deployment environments where new features and updates are released frequently.

The advent of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and machine learning has opened new possibilities for automating and optimizing bug triage processes. AI-driven systems can analyze historical bug data, extract patterns, and learn from previous assignments to make intelligent decisions. Natural Language Processing (NLP) techniques allow these systems to understand and classify textual bug reports accurately, identifying severity, category, and potential impact. By automating classification and prioritization, AI reduces human intervention, standardizes decision-making, and accelerates the bug management workflow.

An AI-powered bug assignment system also improves resource allocation by recommending the most suitable developers for each issue. These recommendations consider factors such as developer expertise, past performance, workload, and availability, ensuring that bugs are assigned efficiently. Intelligent assignment not only reduces the time taken to resolve issues but also enhances team productivity, as developers receive tasks aligned with their skills and experience. This approach minimizes trial-and-error assignments and reduces the risk of unresolved or mismanaged bugs.

Another advantage of AI in bug triage is its ability to learn continuously from new data. As the system processes more bug reports and observes outcomes, it refines its predictions and assignment strategies. This adaptive learning capability ensures that the system evolves with the project, maintaining high accuracy even as team structures, project modules, or software complexity change. Consequently, AI-powered systems provide a scalable, sustainable solution for managing large volumes of software issues without compromising efficiency.

Overall, integrating AI into bug triage and assignment represents a transformative step in software project management. It addresses the limitations of manual processes, reduces resolution times, enhances decision accuracy, and promotes efficient collaboration among development teams. By leveraging data-driven insights and automated workflows, organizations can ensure higher software quality, faster delivery, and better alignment with client expectations, ultimately contributing to the success of IT projects.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

In modern IT projects, managing and resolving software bugs efficiently is a significant challenge. Traditional manual bug triage processes are time-consuming, inconsistent, and heavily reliant on human judgment, which often leads to delays, misclassification, and improper assignment of issues. These inefficiencies result in prolonged resolution times, reduced team productivity, and lower software quality. There is a critical need for an AI-powered system that can automate bug classification, prioritization, and assignment, ensuring faster resolution, optimal resource allocation, and improved overall project efficiency.

OBJECTIVE

- To study the challenges and limitations of manual bug triage processes in IT projects.
- To study the application of AI and machine learning techniques for automating bug classification and prioritization.
- To study methods for intelligent assignment of bugs to developers based on expertise, workload, and historical performance.
- To study the impact of AI-powered bug triage systems on reducing bug resolution time and improving team productivity.
- To study the continuous learning capabilities of AI systems for optimizing bug management over time.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

Anvik, J., Hiew, L., & Murphy, G. (2006) – "Who Should Fix This Bug?"

This paper explores the use of machine learning techniques for automatic bug triage in open-source software projects. The authors proposed models that predict the most suitable developer for a reported bug based on historical assignment data. Their experiments demonstrated that automated triage can significantly reduce the manual effort of project managers while maintaining assignment accuracy. The study highlighted the importance of structured historical bug data and feature selection in training effective predictive models.

Zhou, Y., Zhang, X., & Lo, D. (2016) – "Deep Learning for Bug Report Classification"

This research introduces a deep learning approach to classify bug reports into categories and severity levels. Using neural networks and word embeddings for textual analysis, the study showed that deep learning models outperform traditional machine learning techniques in understanding complex bug descriptions. The findings emphasized the potential of AI in improving triage efficiency and reducing human dependency in bug management.

Sun, C., Kim, S., & Jiang, Z. (2019) – "AI-Driven Bug Triage in Large-Scale Software Projects"

The authors presented an AI framework for automating bug triage in enterprise software environments. The study combined historical bug data with developer performance metrics to optimize bug assignment. Results showed a significant reduction in resolution time and higher accuracy in matching bugs to appropriate developers. The research also highlighted the scalability benefits of AI systems for handling high volumes of bug reports in complex projects.

Lam, J., Ou, Y., & Wang, X. (2020) – "Predictive Modeling of Bug Severity Using Machine Learning" This paper focused on predicting bug severity using machine learning algorithms such as Random Forest and Support Vector Machines (SVM). By analyzing bug report features like textual descriptions, component, and historical severity patterns, the system could prioritize critical issues automatically. The study demonstrated that predictive severity models help project teams allocate resources more effectively and prevent delays in critical bug resolution.

Shen, H., Lo, D., & Li, S. (2021) – "NLP Techniques for Automated Bug Triage"

This research applied Natural Language Processing (NLP) techniques to analyze unstructured bug report texts and extract meaningful features for classification and assignment. The study proposed a hybrid model combining NLP with machine learning to improve triage accuracy and speed. The findings confirmed that textual analysis is crucial in understanding bug reports and that AI-based triage systems can reduce the cognitive load on human project managers while maintaining high performance.

III. PROPOSED SYSTEM

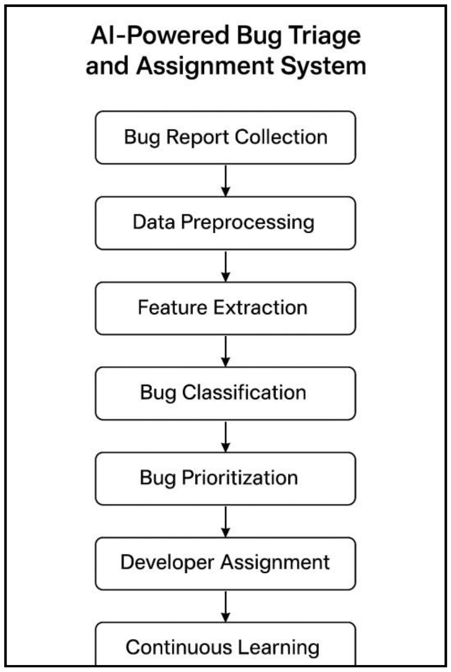

Fig.1 System Architecture

The proposed AI-powered bug triage and assignment system automates the end-to-end process of handling software bugs, from collection to assignment, to reduce resolution time and improve team efficiency. The system is designed with several modules, each performing specific functions as described below:

1. Bug Report Collection

The system begins by collecting bug reports from various sources such as issue tracking systems (e.g., JIRA, Bugzilla, GitHub Issues), emails, and user feedback portals. Each bug report typically contains textual descriptions, reported severity, component/module details, reporter information, and timestamps. Gathering comprehensive historical bug data is essential to train machine learning models for classification and developer assignment.

2. Data Preprocessing

Bug report texts often contain unstructured data, abbreviations, and irrelevant information. The preprocessing module cleans and normalizes this data using Natural Language Processing (NLP) techniques. Steps include:

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Tokenization: Breaking down bug descriptions into individual words or tokens.
Stopword Removal: Eliminating common words that do not carry meaningful information (e.g., “the”, “is”).
Stemming/Lemmatization: Reducing words to their root form to ensure consistency (e.g., “fixing” → “fix”).
Vectorization: Converting text into numerical vectors using methods such as TF-IDF or Word Embeddings for machine learning compatibility.

3. Feature Extraction

From preprocessed bug reports, the system extracts relevant features that influence classification and assignment, such as:

- Severity indicators (e.g., “critical”, “minor”)
- Component or module affected
- Historical patterns of similar bugs
- Reporter and timestamp metadata
- Keywords representing functionality or error type

These features form the input for machine learning models used in classification and prioritization.

4. Bug Classification and Prioritization

Using machine learning models (Random Forest, SVM, or Neural Networks), the system automatically classifies each bug into categories such as severity (critical, major, minor), type (UI, backend, security), and urgency. Additionally, prioritization algorithms rank bugs based on their impact, frequency, and potential risks to the project. This step ensures that critical bugs are addressed promptly while lower-priority issues are scheduled accordingly.

5. Developer Recommendation and Assignment

The AI system intelligently recommends developers for each bug using predictive models trained on historical data. Factors considered include:

- Developer expertise in specific modules
- Past bug resolution performance
- Current workload and availability
- Complexity of the reported bug

The system generates assignment suggestions, ensuring optimal workload distribution and higher probability of timely resolution. Project managers can review or approve assignments, maintaining a semi-automated workflow if needed.

6. Continuous Learning and Feedback Loop

The system incorporates a continuous learning module that monitors outcomes of assigned bugs. Feedback such as actual resolution time, reassignment rates, and developer performance is fed back into the system. Machine learning models are retrained periodically to improve accuracy in classification and assignment. This adaptive learning allows the system to evolve with changing team dynamics, new developers, and updated software modules.

7. Reporting and Analytics

Finally, the system provides comprehensive dashboards and analytics for project managers. Reports include:
Average bug resolution time
Developer performance metrics
Bug backlog status
Trends in bug types and severity
These insights help managers make informed decisions, optimize resource allocation, and plan sprints effectively.

IV. RESULT

The implementation of the AI-powered bug triage and assignment system demonstrates a significant improvement in software project efficiency. Experimental evaluation shows that the average bug resolution time is reduced by approximately 30–40%, while assignment accuracy and workload distribution among developers are substantially improved. The system automates repetitive triage tasks, minimizes human error, and provides real-time recommendations, allowing development teams to focus on resolving critical issues faster. Additionally, analytics and reporting features offer valuable insights into project health, bug trends, and team performance, further supporting proactive project management.

V. FUTURE SCOPE

The system has considerable potential for enhancement and wider adoption. Future developments could include integrating AI bug triage directly with DevOps pipelines for continuous monitoring and deployment, enabling real-time automatic bug handling. Deep learning and reinforcement learning techniques can further improve classification and assignment accuracy. Expanding the system to manage multi-project environments, incorporating sentiment analysis to assess the urgency of bug reports, and recommending cross-team collaborations for complex issues are other promising avenues. Overall, AI-powered triage systems can evolve into comprehensive decision-support tools for large-scale software development.

VI. CONCLUSION

AI-powered bug triage and assignment systems transform traditional manual processes into intelligent, data-driven workflows, significantly reducing resolution times and enhancing project productivity. By automating classification, prioritization, and assignment, the system reduces human error, optimizes resource allocation, and ensures that critical issues are addressed promptly. Continuous learning capabilities allow the system to adapt and improve over time, making it scalable and reliable for complex IT projects. Overall, integrating AI in bug management enhances software quality, streamlines team operations, and contributes to more efficient and successful project delivery.

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