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Data4MDE + FPVM Panel

availability (or rather, lack of it) of
large datasets and repositories of modelling artefacts

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■ Background:

- Masters: Maths & Computer Science at Cambridge 1988–91
- CASE tool SW dev. + year working as a field linguist in Kenya
- PhD: Information Systems (MetaEdit+), Jyväskylä 1993–97
- Multi-user, multi-paradigm, multi-tool, OO-repository-based
- CTO at MetaCase, 1996–

■ MetaCase founded from university research project 1991

- Metamodeling & modelling tools: theory into practice
- Domain-Specific Modeling: make new language for org/proj

■ Fortunate to acquire large cases early on and build on that

- 100s of metamodels, 100s GB of models, 1000s users
- Plus those where info / models are not shared with us

■ I love making tools and processes efficient and scalable

Questions & Opinions

- We all have so much to learn from each other!
- 1. In your opinion, why there are no large repositories/datasets of models?
 - The most valuable models are often the most secret. This won't change.
 - Those most interested in openness are often least interested in visual modelling
 - although there is at least [one 'graphical' model by Linus!](#)
- 2. What would be the socio-technical requirements for such repositories?
 - Public sector systems should be open source, including models
 - Need to solve the real-world problem of openness vs. vulnerability
 - Multi-user collaboration and versioning based on people, models; not text, code
- 3. How can we foster the modelling community to share their models?
 - Tooling to make it easy – and not just for tool developer 😊
 - Web platforms to offer a shared space and make it scale

Linus's state diagram in Linux kernel on GitHub

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github.com/torvalds/linux/blob/master/net/ipv4/tcp_bbr.c#L17
...
17  * Here is a state transition diagram for BBR:
18  *
19  *           |
20  *           V
21  *  +----> STARTUP  +----+
22  *  |           |           |
23  *  |           V           |
24  *  |       DRAIN  +----+
25  *  |           |           |
26  *  |           V           |
27  *  +----> PROBE_BW +----+
28  *  |           ^           |
29  *  |           |           |
30  *  |       +-----+       |
31  *  |           |           |
32  *  +----- PROBE_RTT <--+
33  *
34  * A BBR flow starts in STARTUP, and ramps up its sending rate quickly.
35  * When it estimates the pipe is full, it enters DRAIN to drain the queue.
36  * In steady state a BBR flow only uses PROBE_BW and PROBE_RTT.
37  * A long-lived BBR flow spends the vast majority of its time remaining
38  * (repeatedly) in PROBE_BW, fully probing and utilizing the pipe's bandwidth
39  * in a fair manner, with a small, bounded queue. *If* a flow has been
40  * continuously sending for the entire min_rtt window, and hasn't seen an RTT
41  * sample that matches or decreases its min_rtt estimate for 10 seconds, then
42  * it briefly enters PROBE_RTT to cut inflight to a minimum value to re-probe
43  * the path's two-way propagation delay (min_rtt). When exiting PROBE_RTT, if
44  * we estimated that we reached the full bw of the pipe then we enter PROBE_BW;
45  * otherwise we enter STARTUP to try to fill the pipe.
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