

Visual analysis of code security

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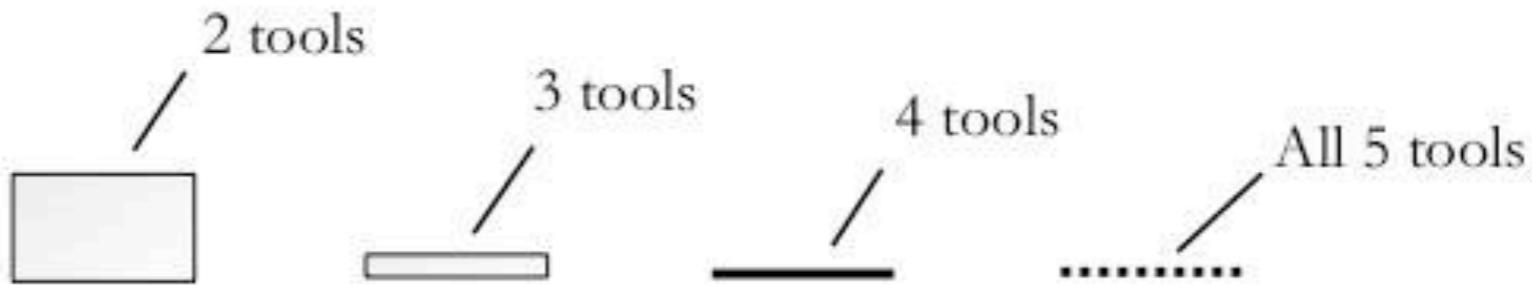
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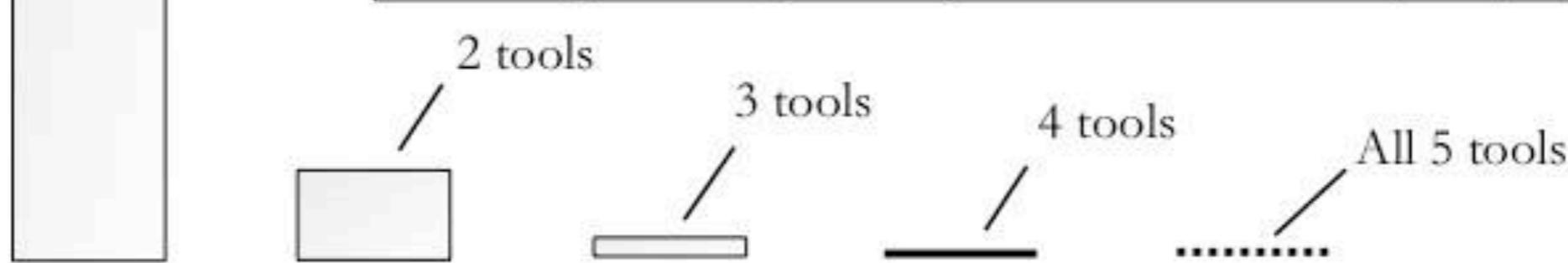
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    fActual
    fContextLength
    fExpected
    fPrefix
    fSuffix
  ComparisonCompactor(int, String, String)
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10901	DEADLOCK	Triaged	...Example\$Deadlock\$BA.run
10902	RESOURCE_LEAK	New	...Example.simpleResourceLeak
10903	DEADLOCK	Triaged	...Example\$Deadlock\$AB.run
10904	FORWARD_NULL	New	...Example.forwardNull(...)
10905	REVERSE_NONNULL	New	...Example.reverseNull(...)
10906	CALL_SUPER	New	...OpenResources\$Resource\$2.fin...
10907	CALL_SUPER	New	...OpenResources\$Resource\$Final...
10908	LOCK_INVERSION	Triaged	...Example\$Deadlocks\$A.run()
10909	DC_CODING_STYLE	New	...Ability\$2.run()
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Vulnerability-Centric

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Dashboard Projects Configuration Administration

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Security best practice violations

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Filters Applied: Checker Status Detected In

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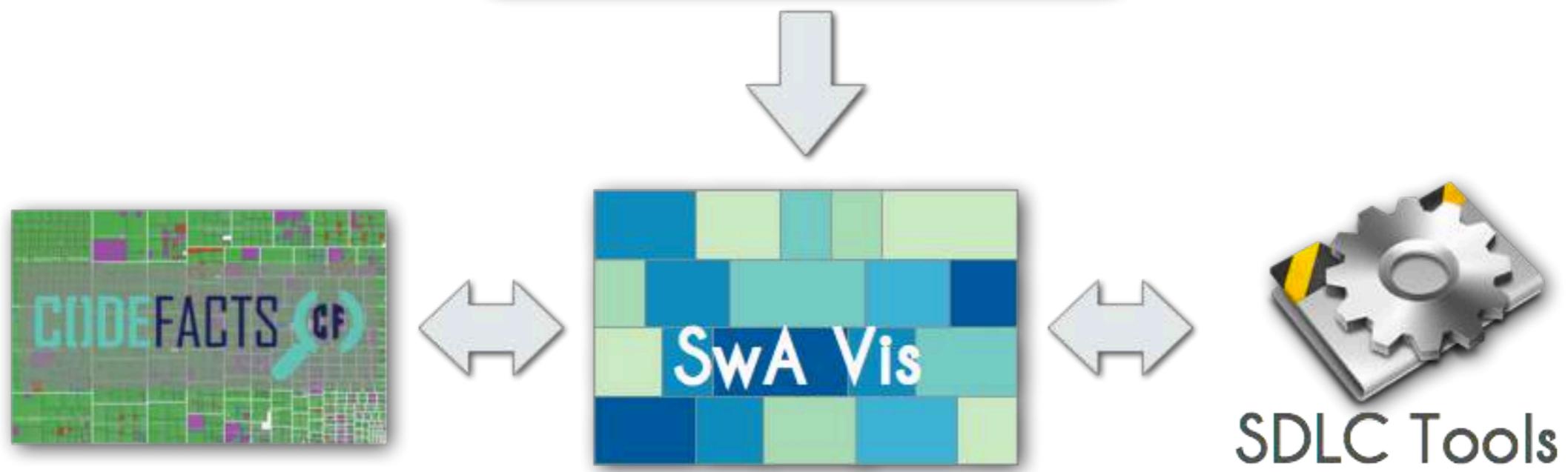
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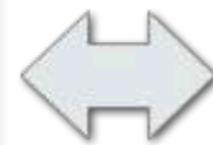
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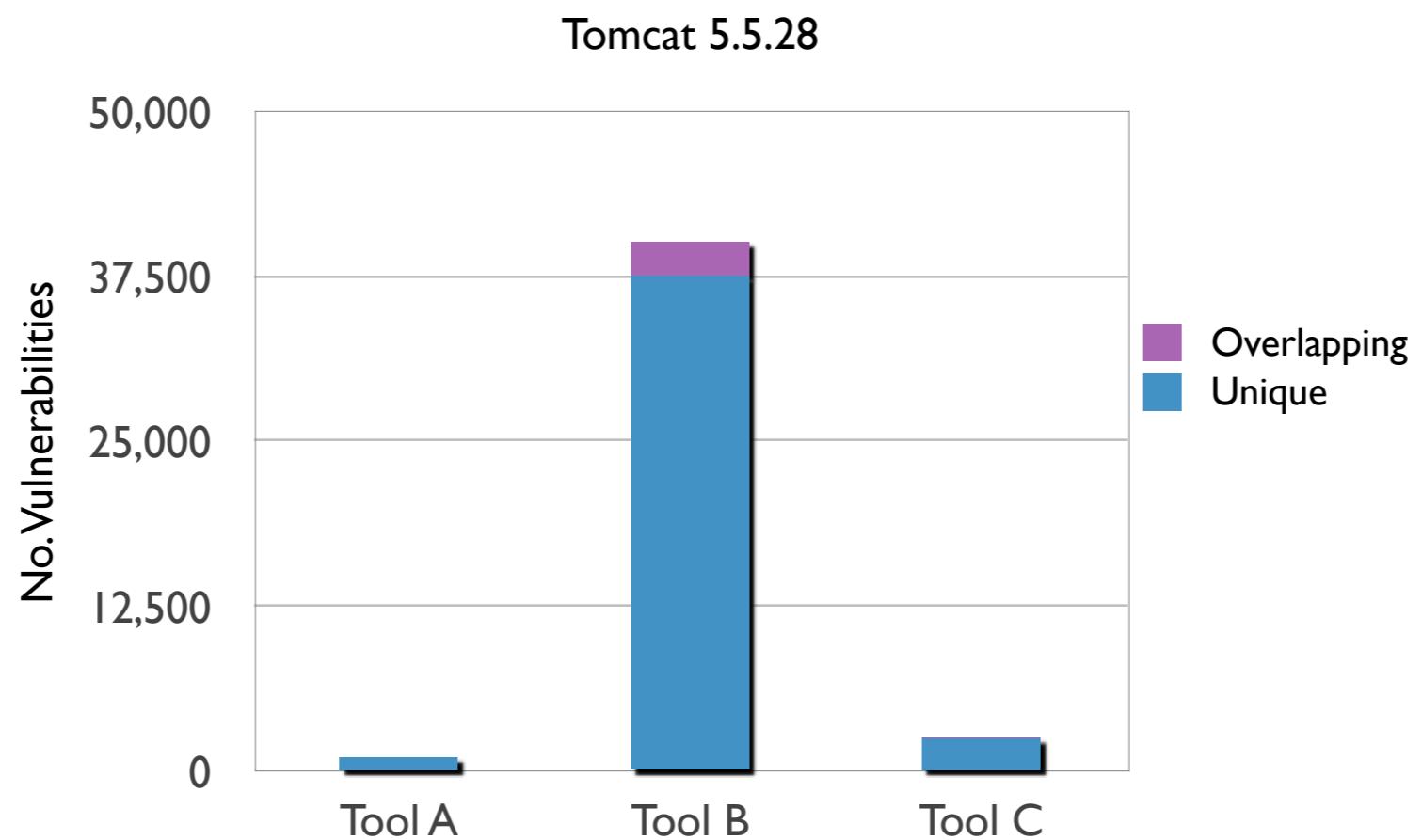


integrate / correlate / normalize



Test Data

- Three software analysis tools
- Two test data sets



SwA Tool Output

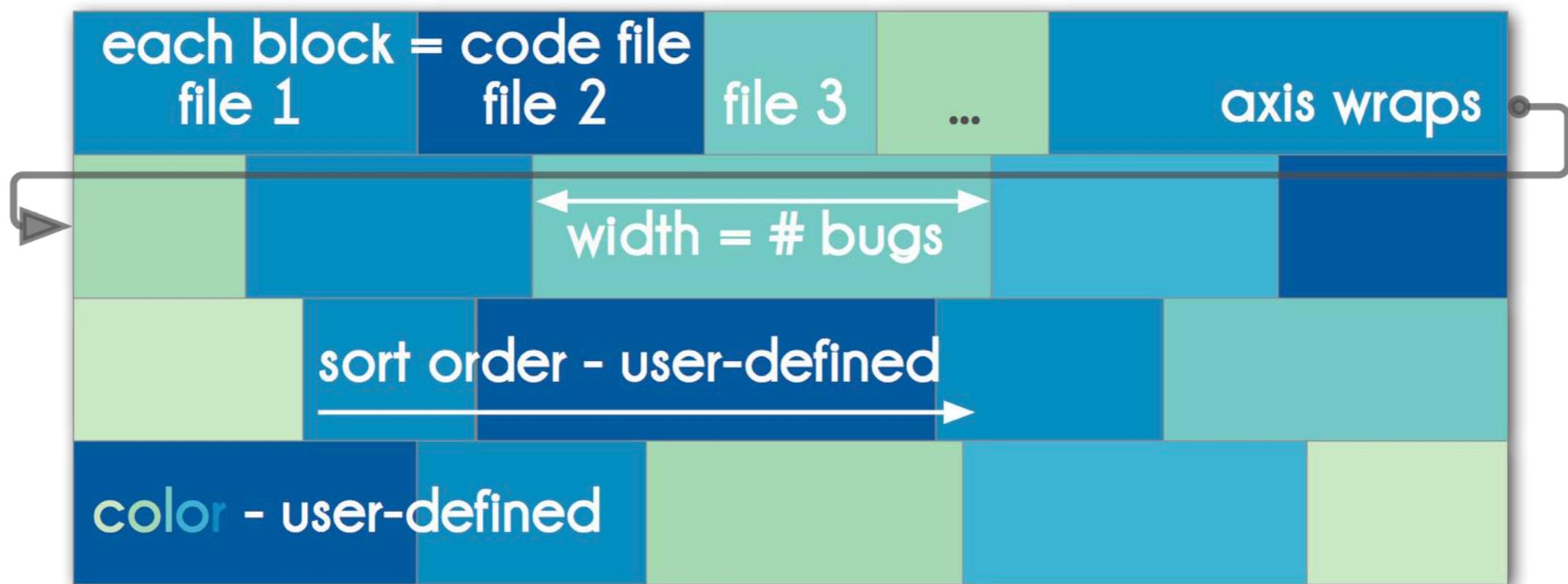
- Tool output is in varying XML schemas
- Results are parsed and correlated
- Severity and category are normalized

Use case : Triage

- Which vulnerabilities are noise / most important
- What vulnerability categories are most common
- What vulnerabilities are found by multiple tools
- Where in the code are the vulnerabilities
- Who do confirmed vulnerabilities get assigned to

Visualization

- Each source code file is represented as a block
- Each block aggregates the vulnerabilities found
- Very compact, space filling method
- Flexible (color/sort) data > visual mappings



Demonstration



Load



By Severity



By Count



By Date



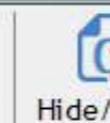
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File Bug

Application Files ▾ -

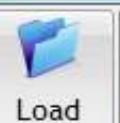
Severity Score Distribution ▾ -

Detection Intersection ▾ -

Analysis Tools ▾ -

Categories ▾ -

Overview first, zoom & filter, details on demand...
– Ben Schneiderman



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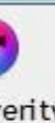
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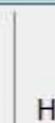
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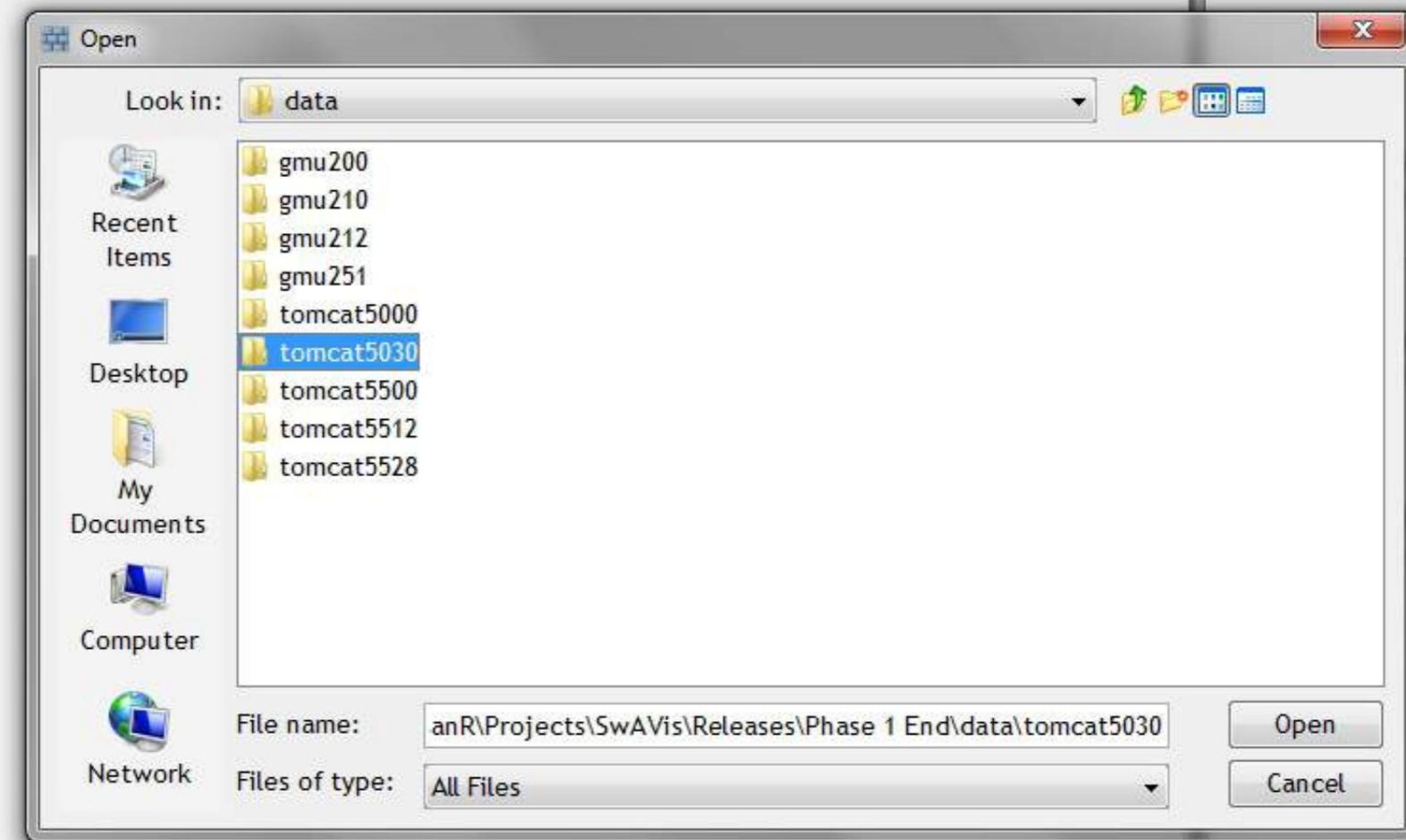
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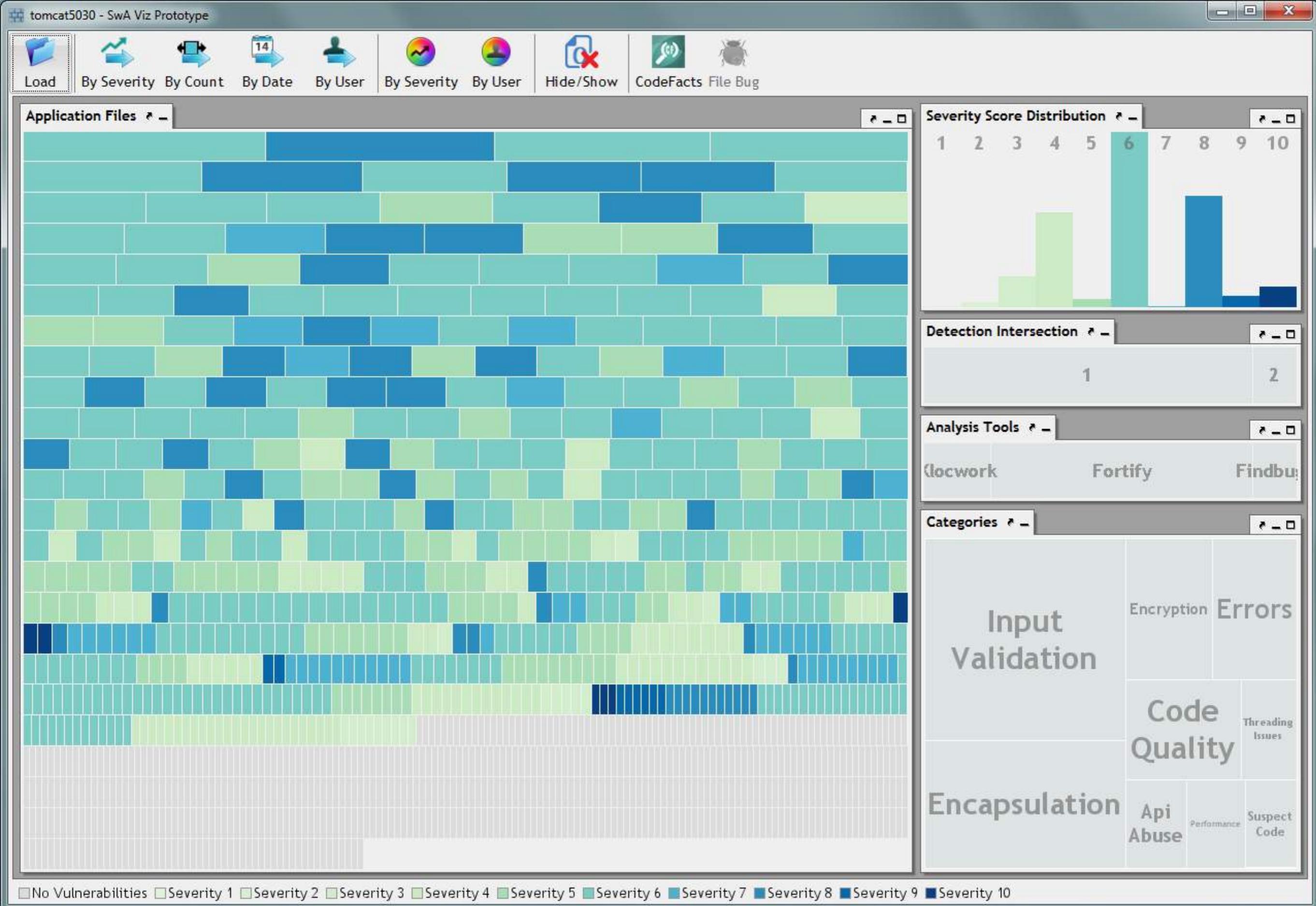


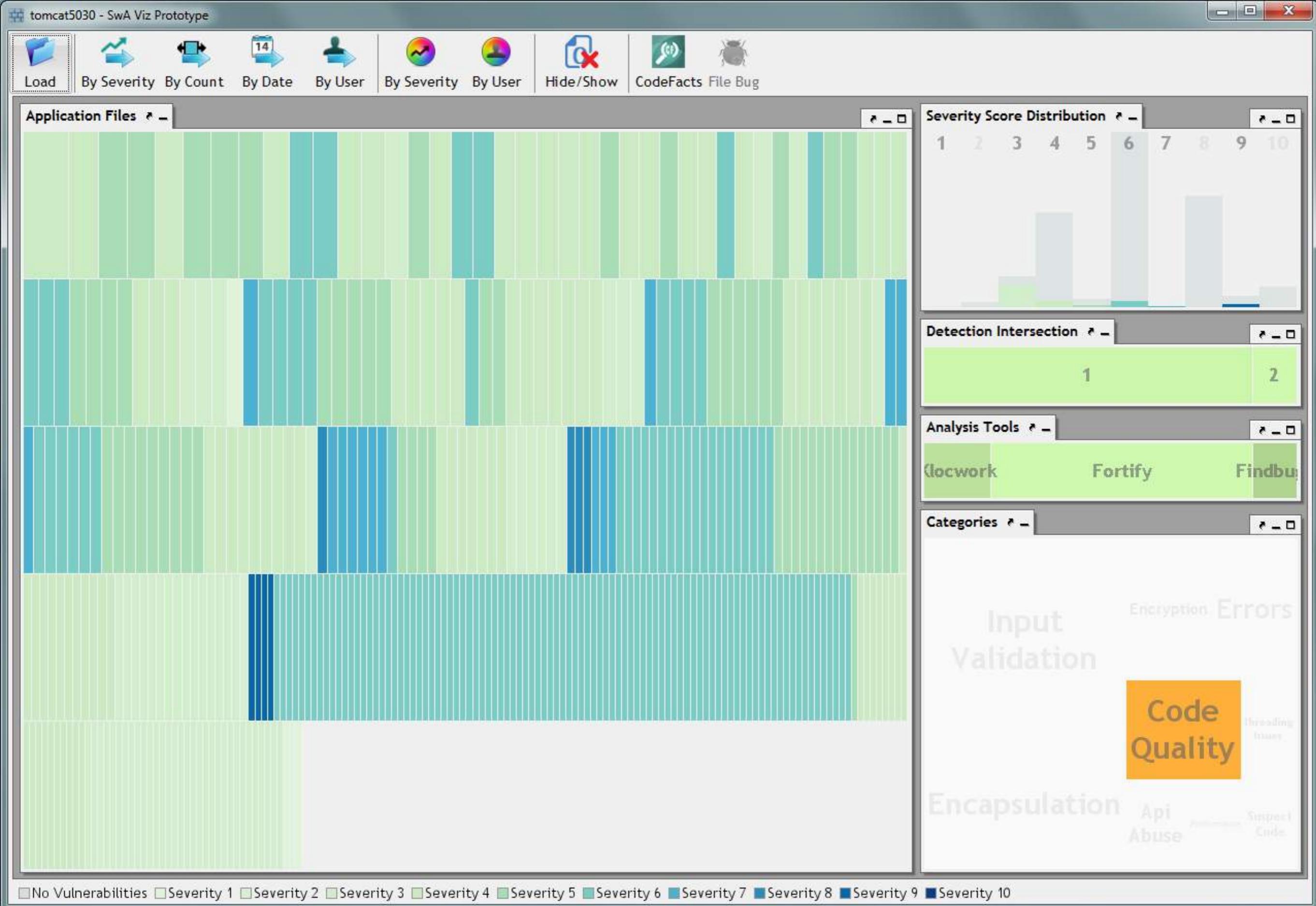
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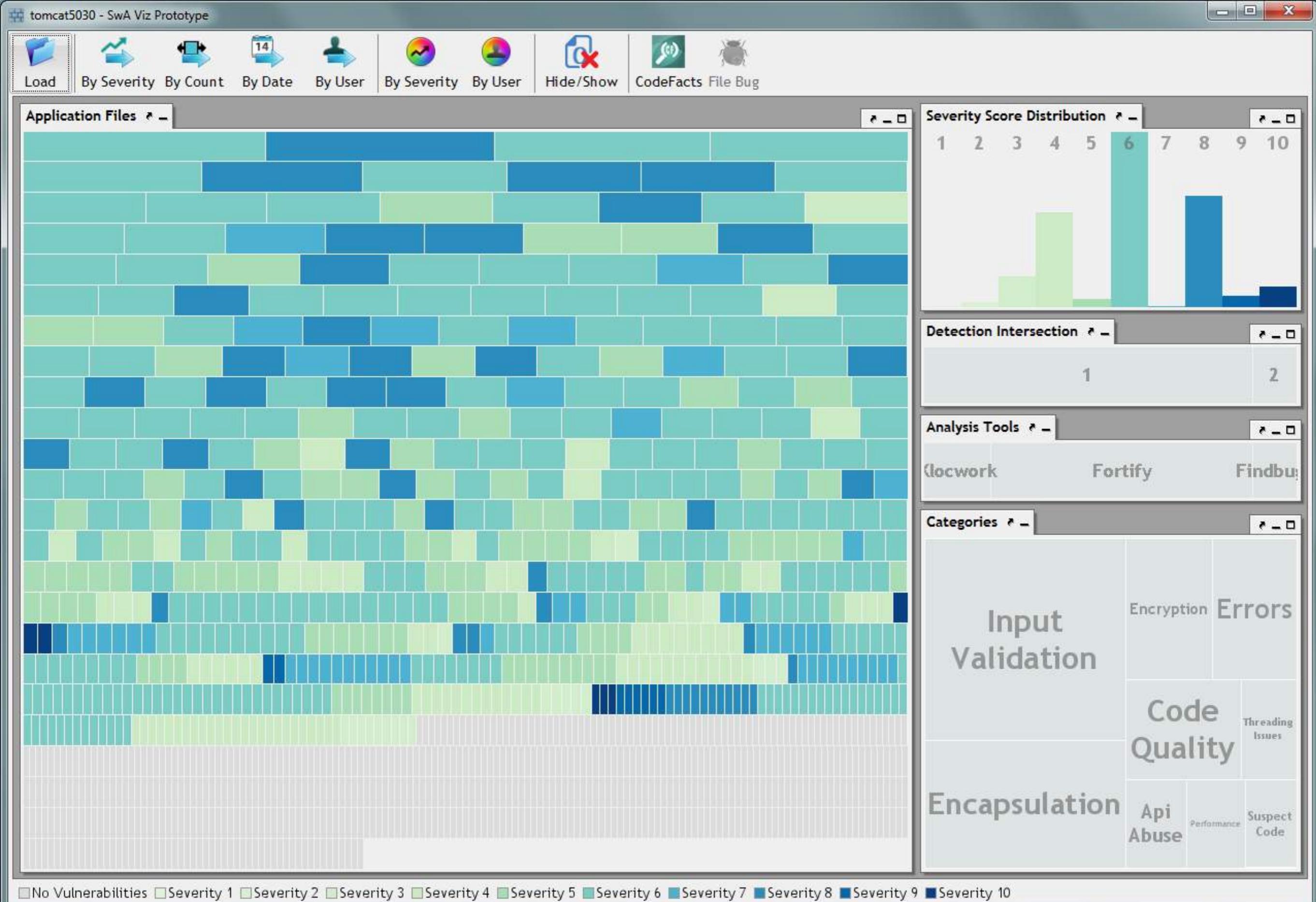
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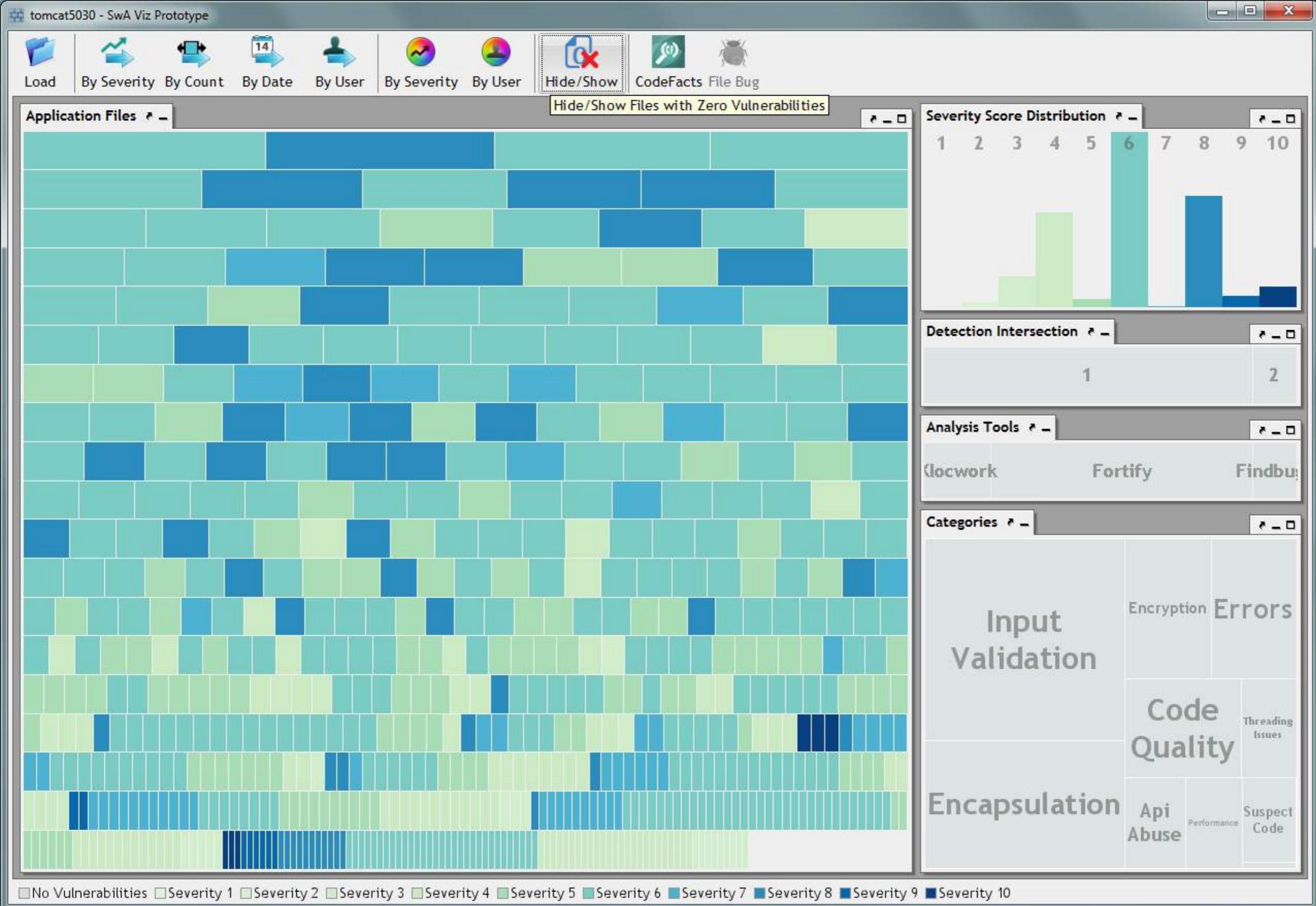
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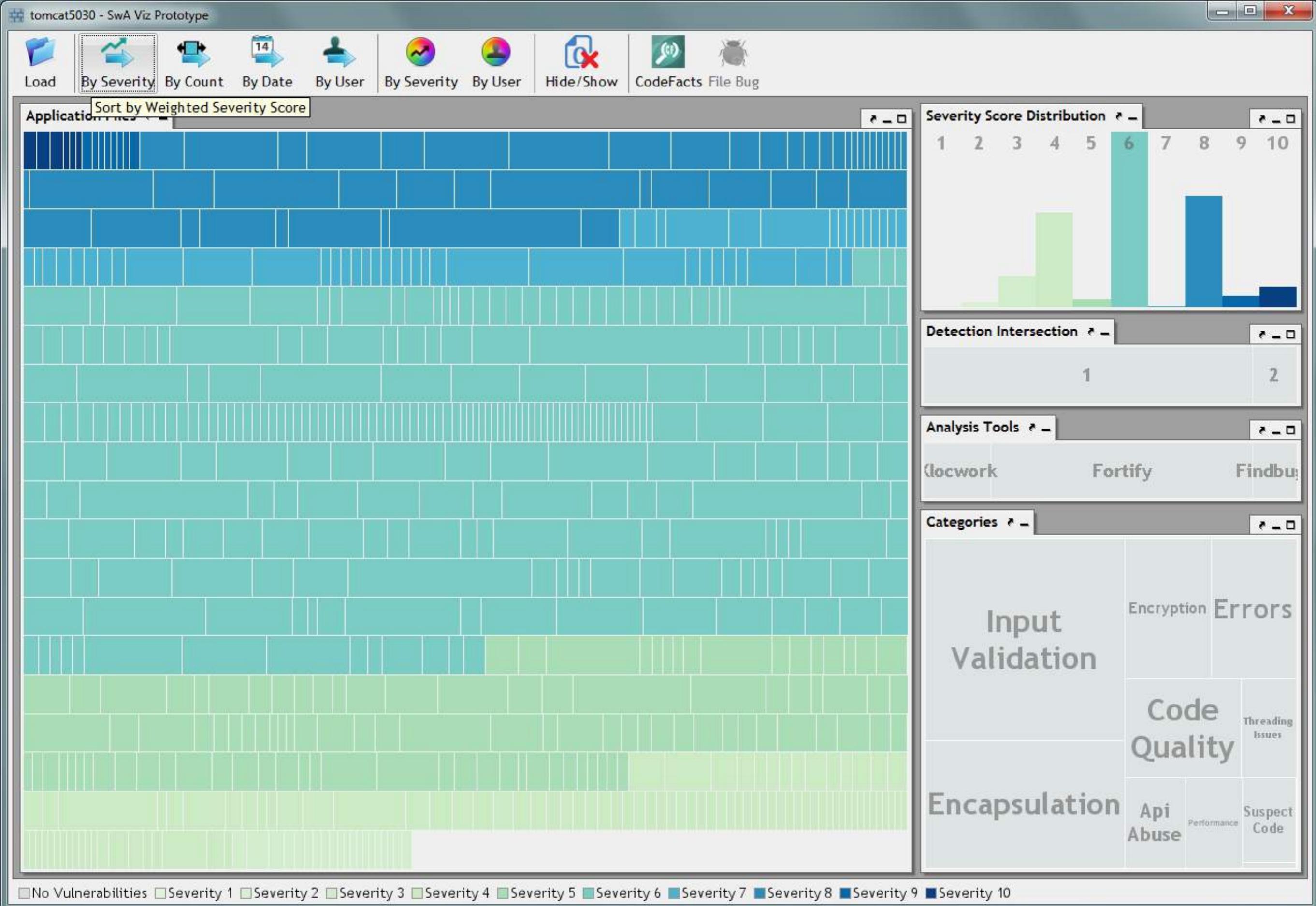


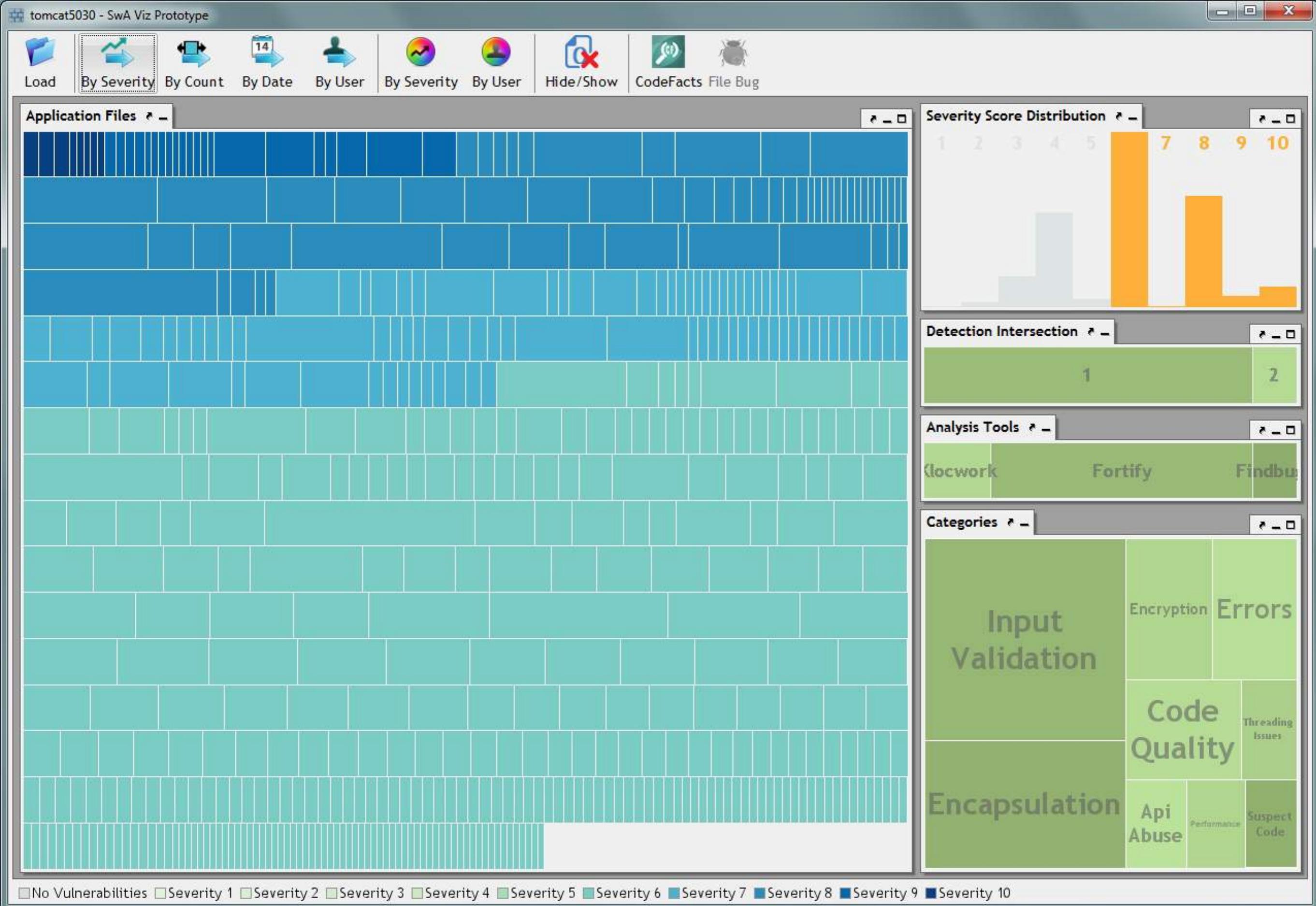


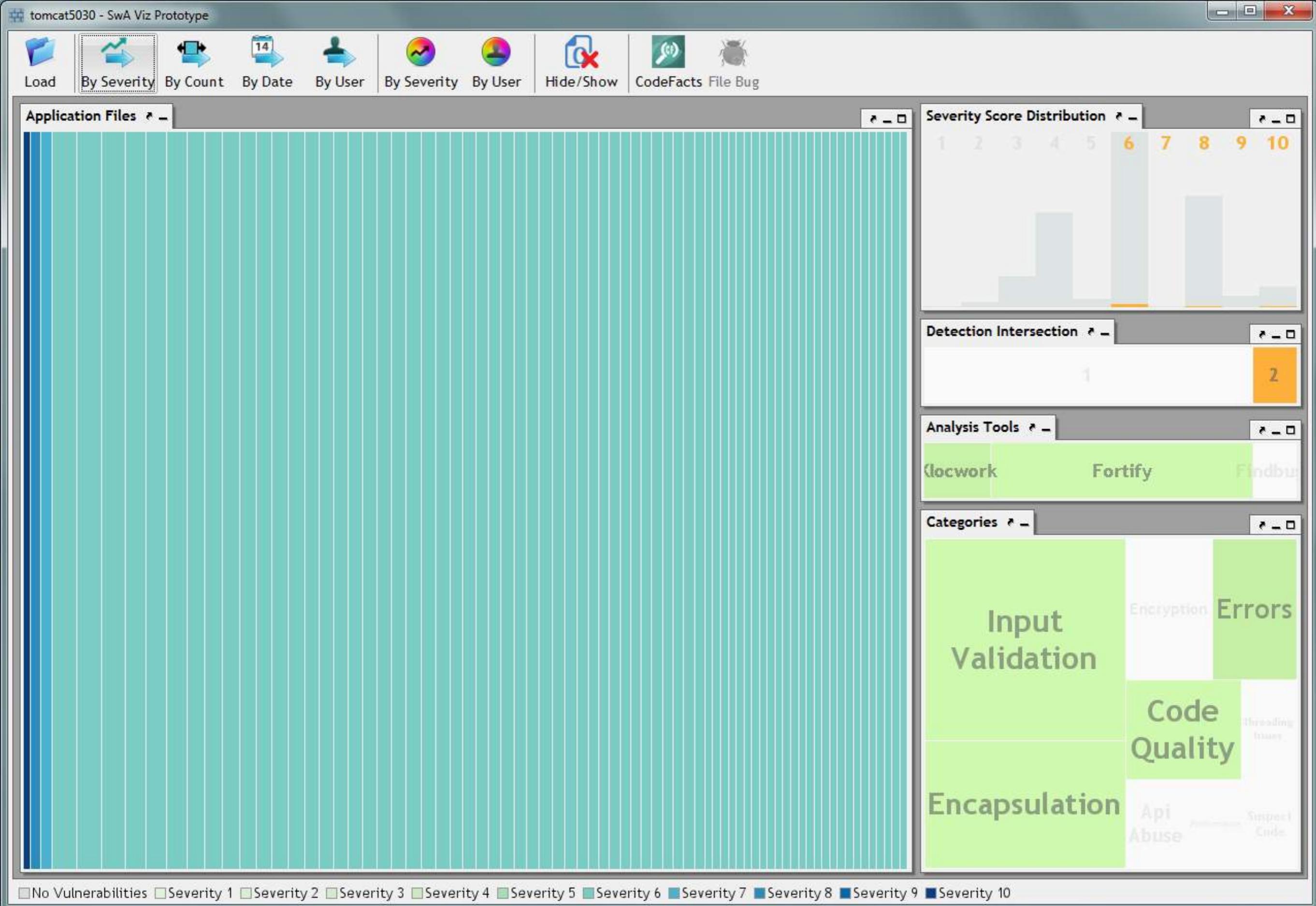


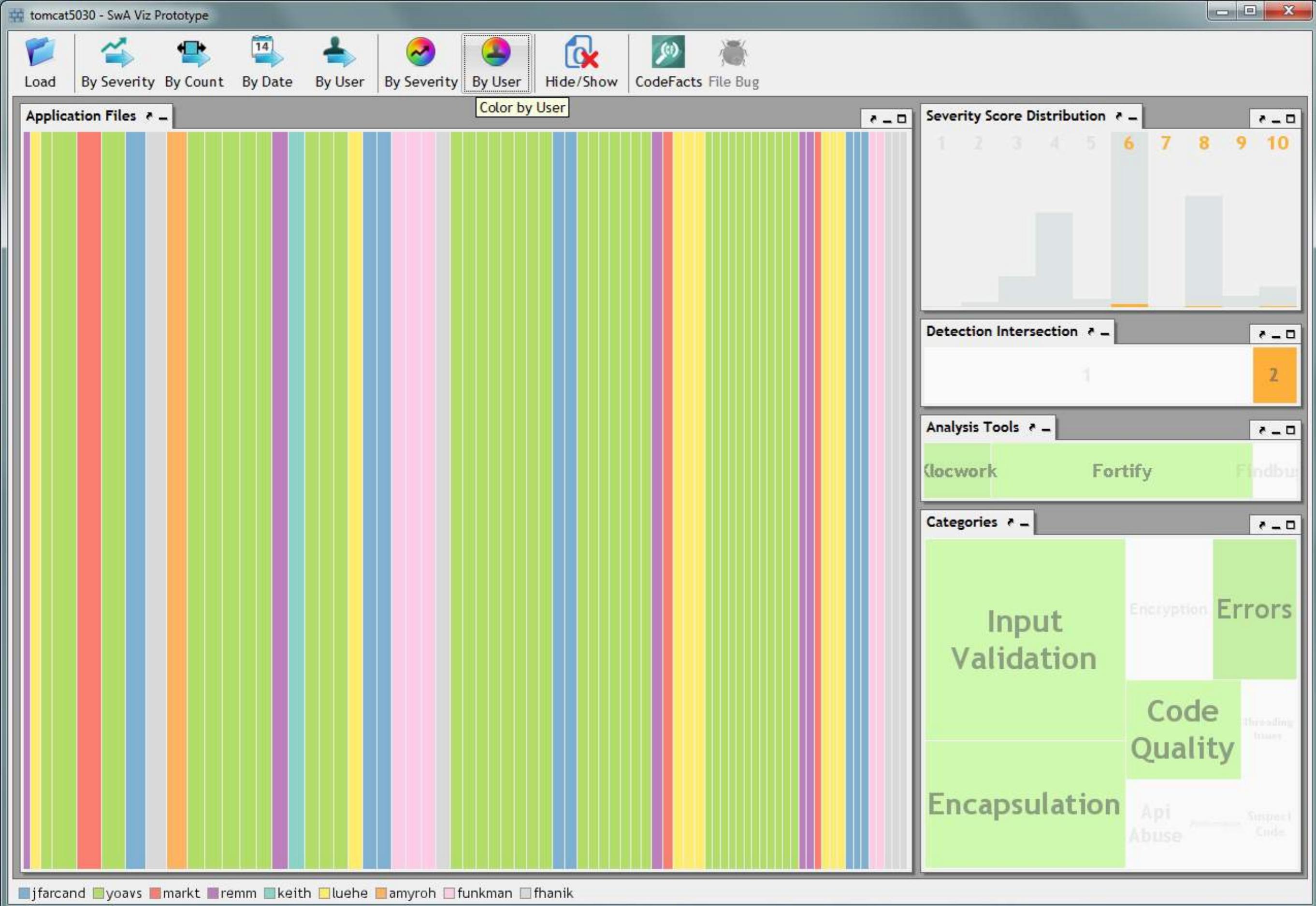


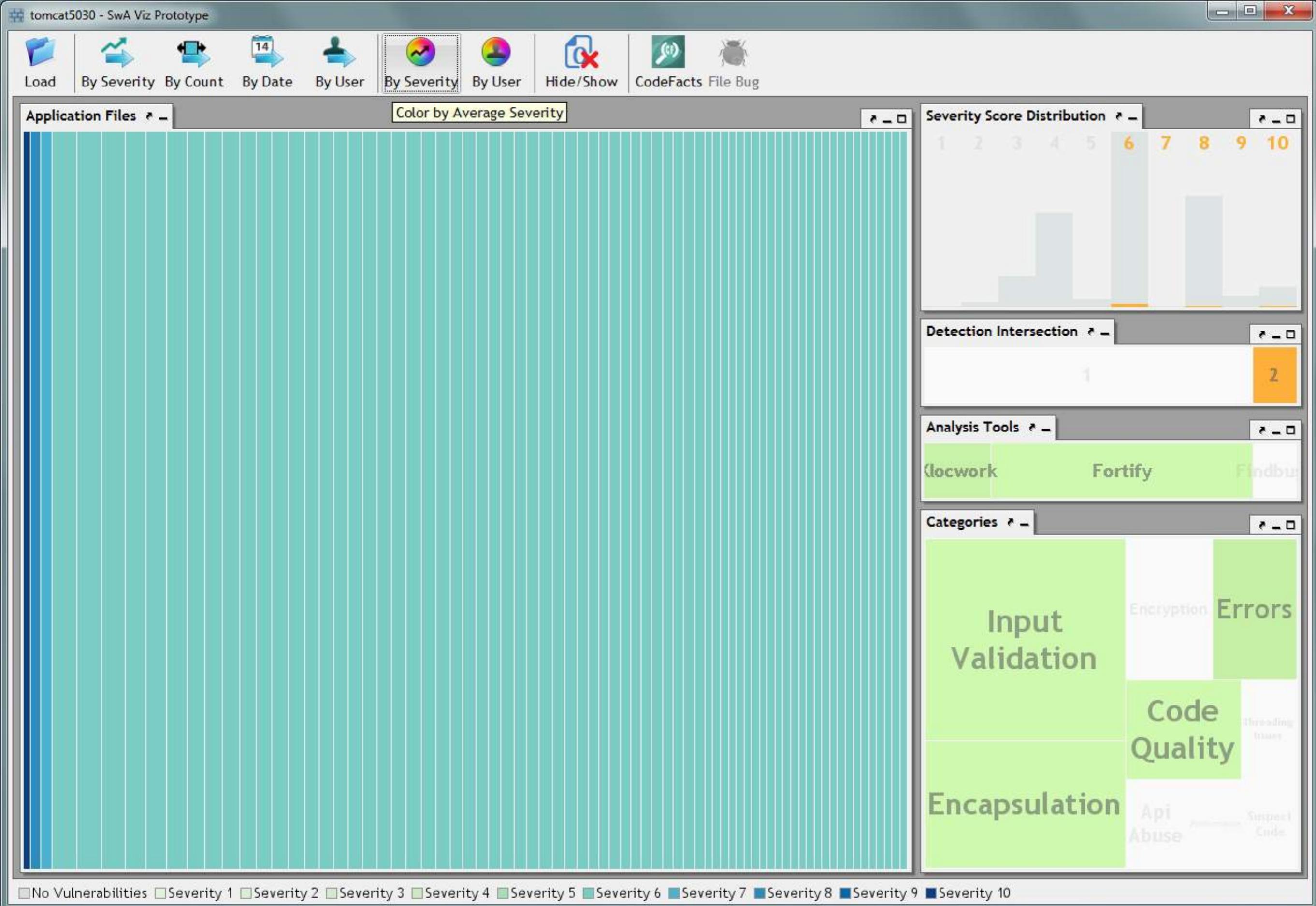


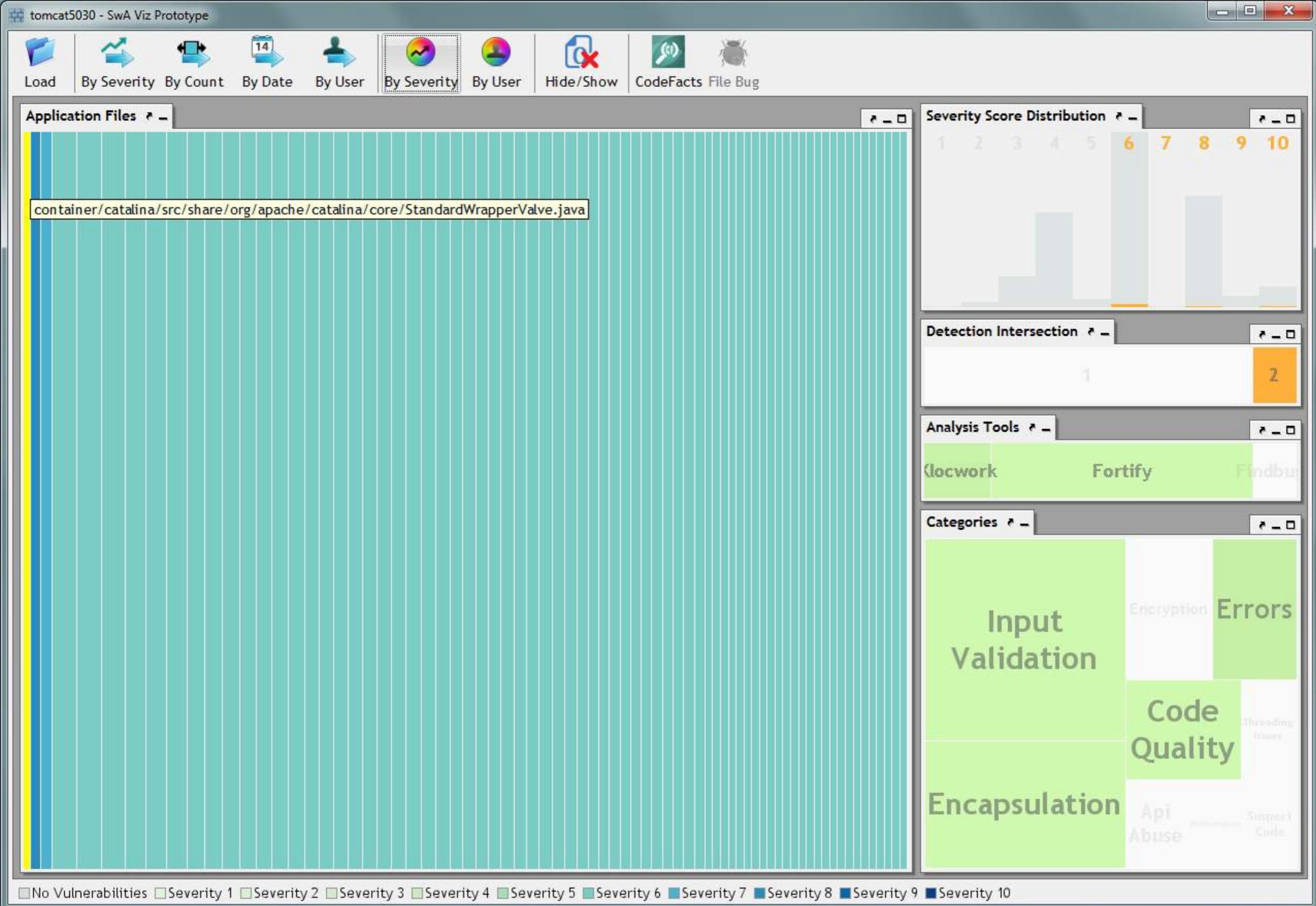


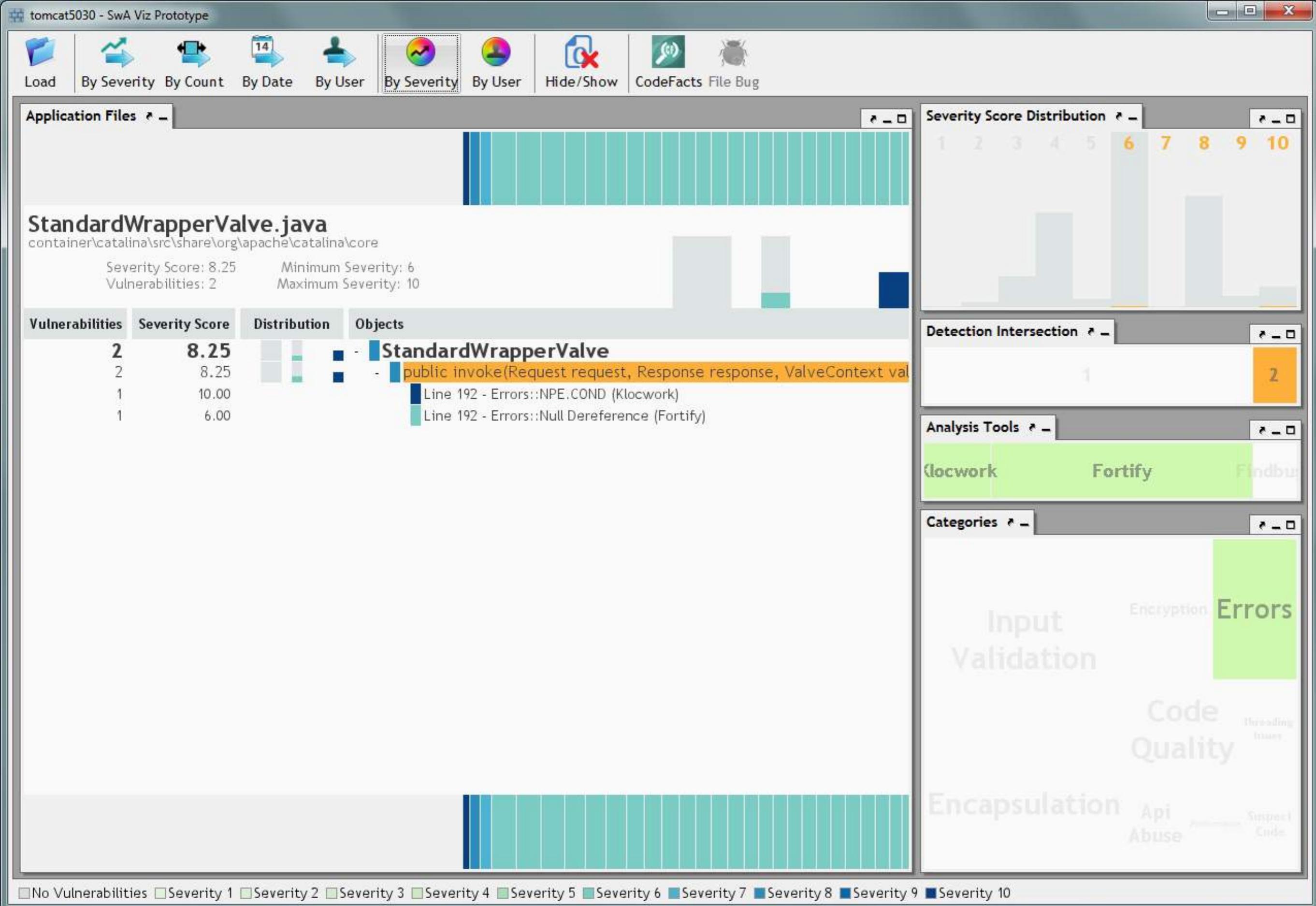


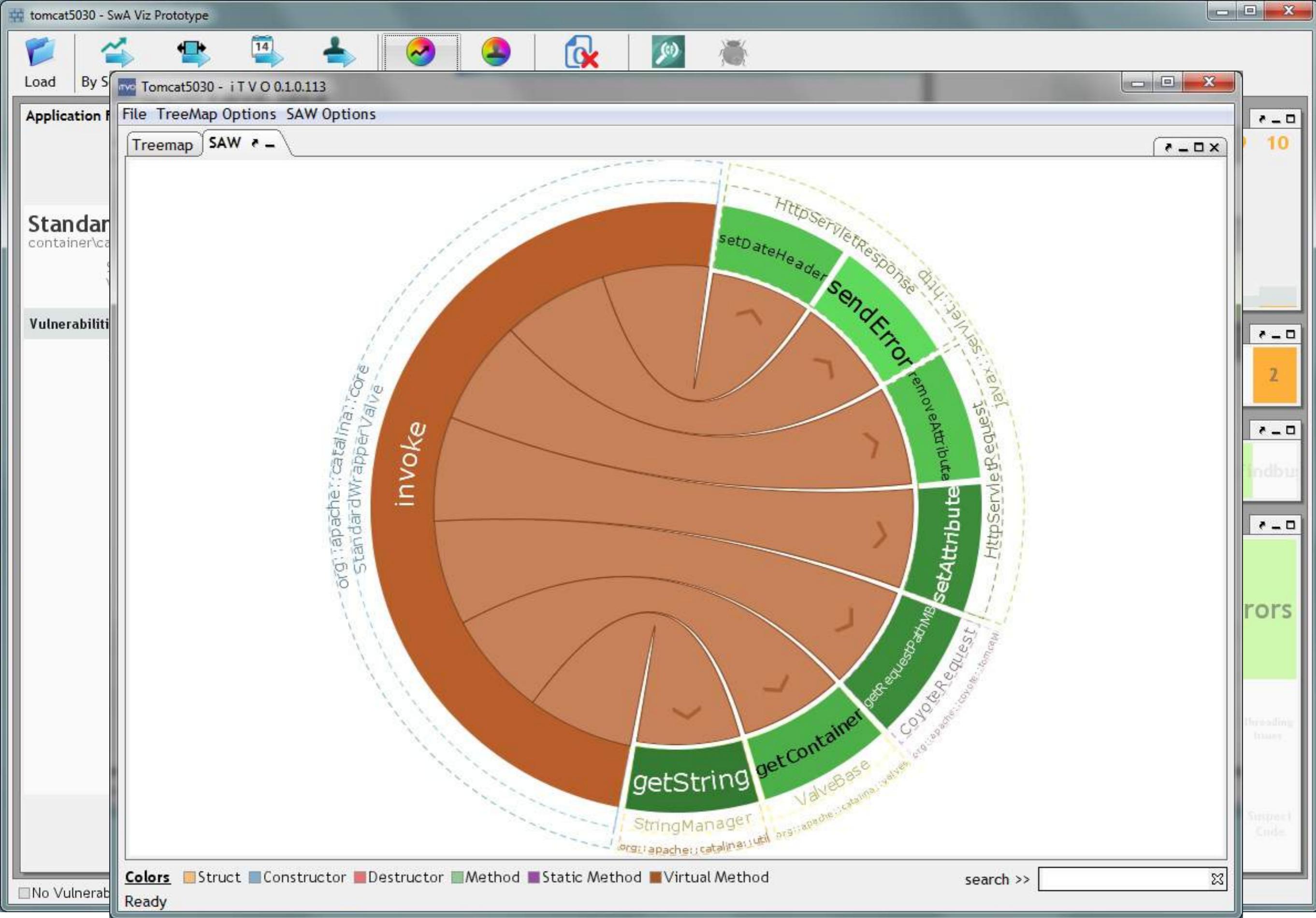


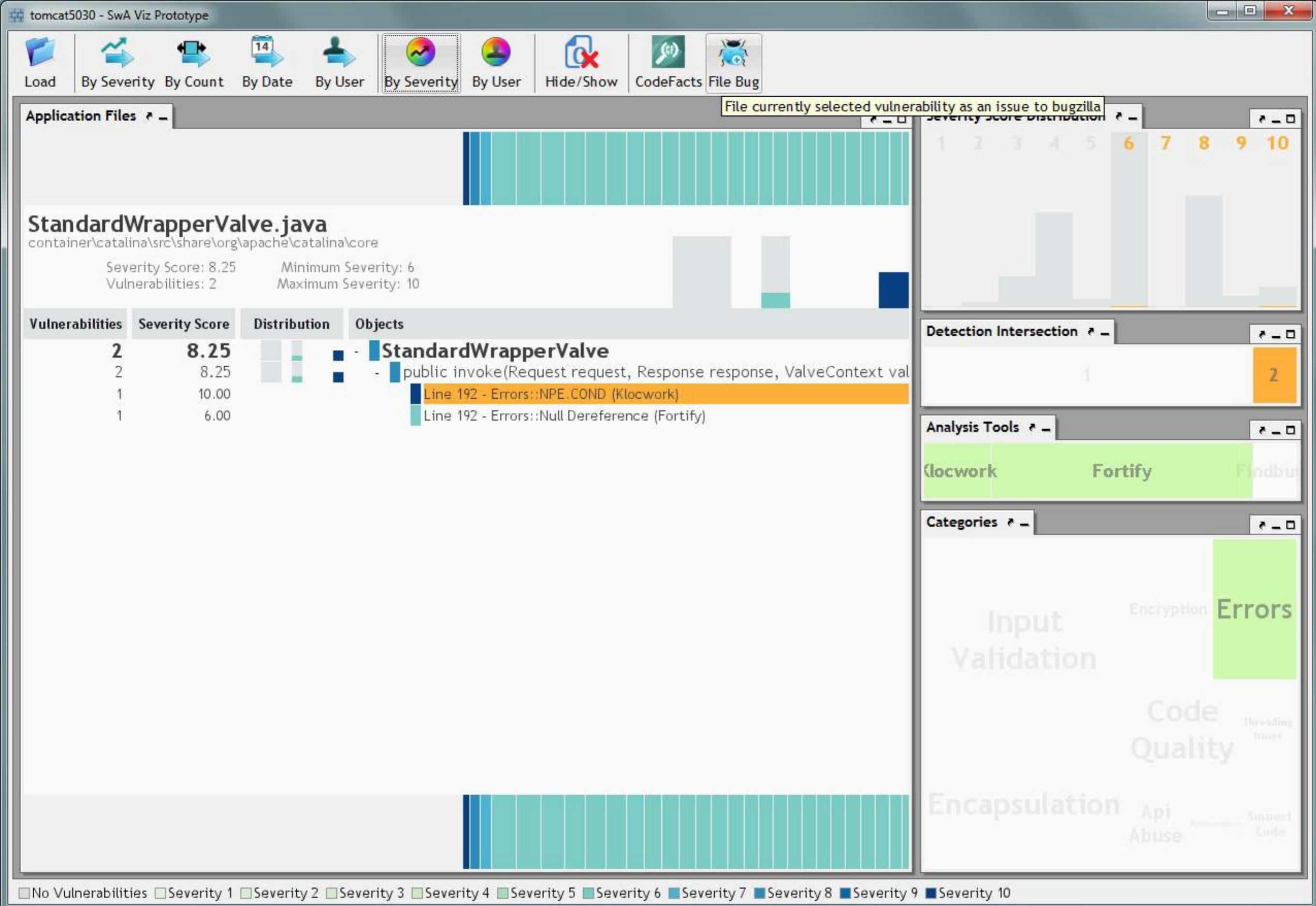


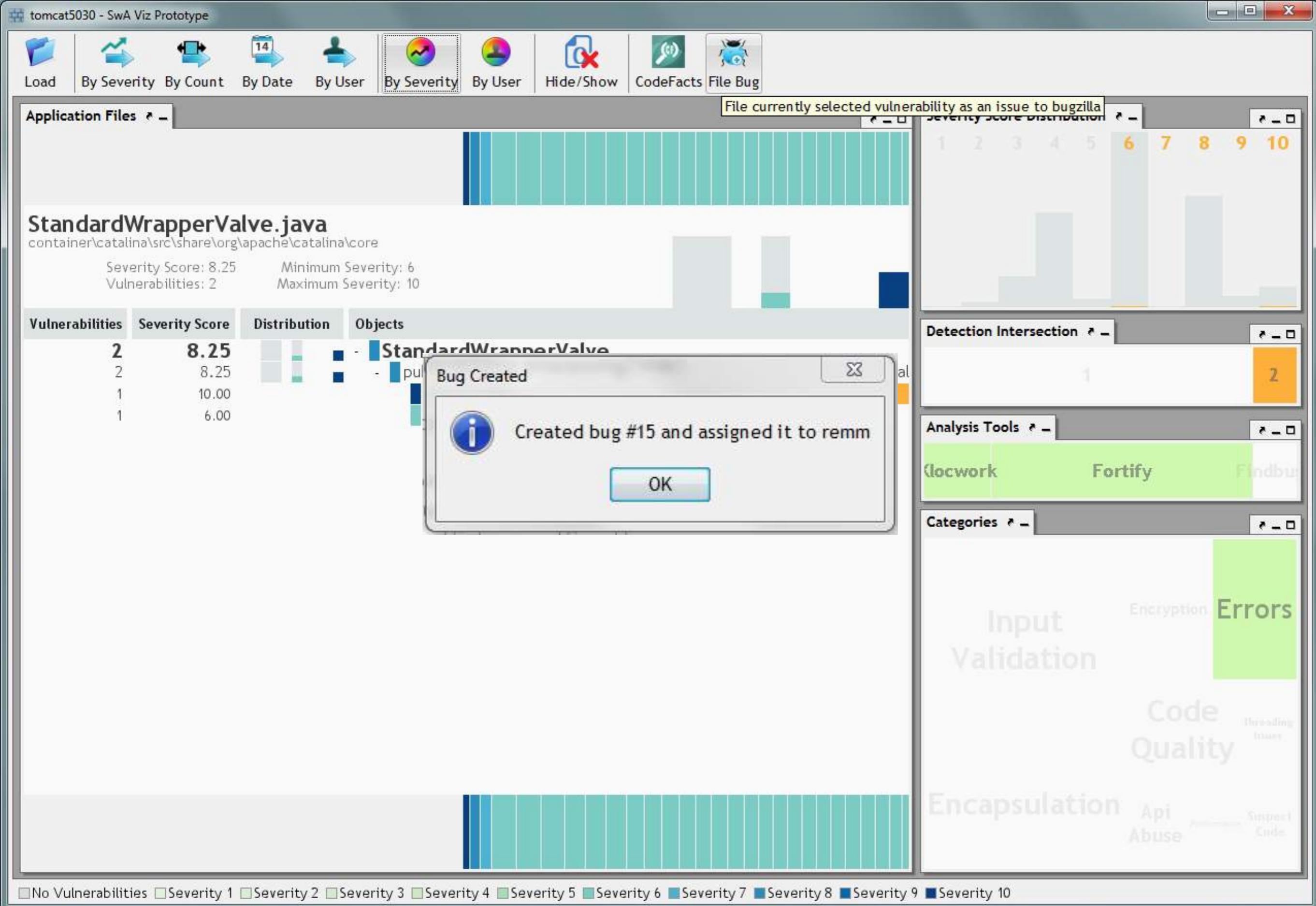












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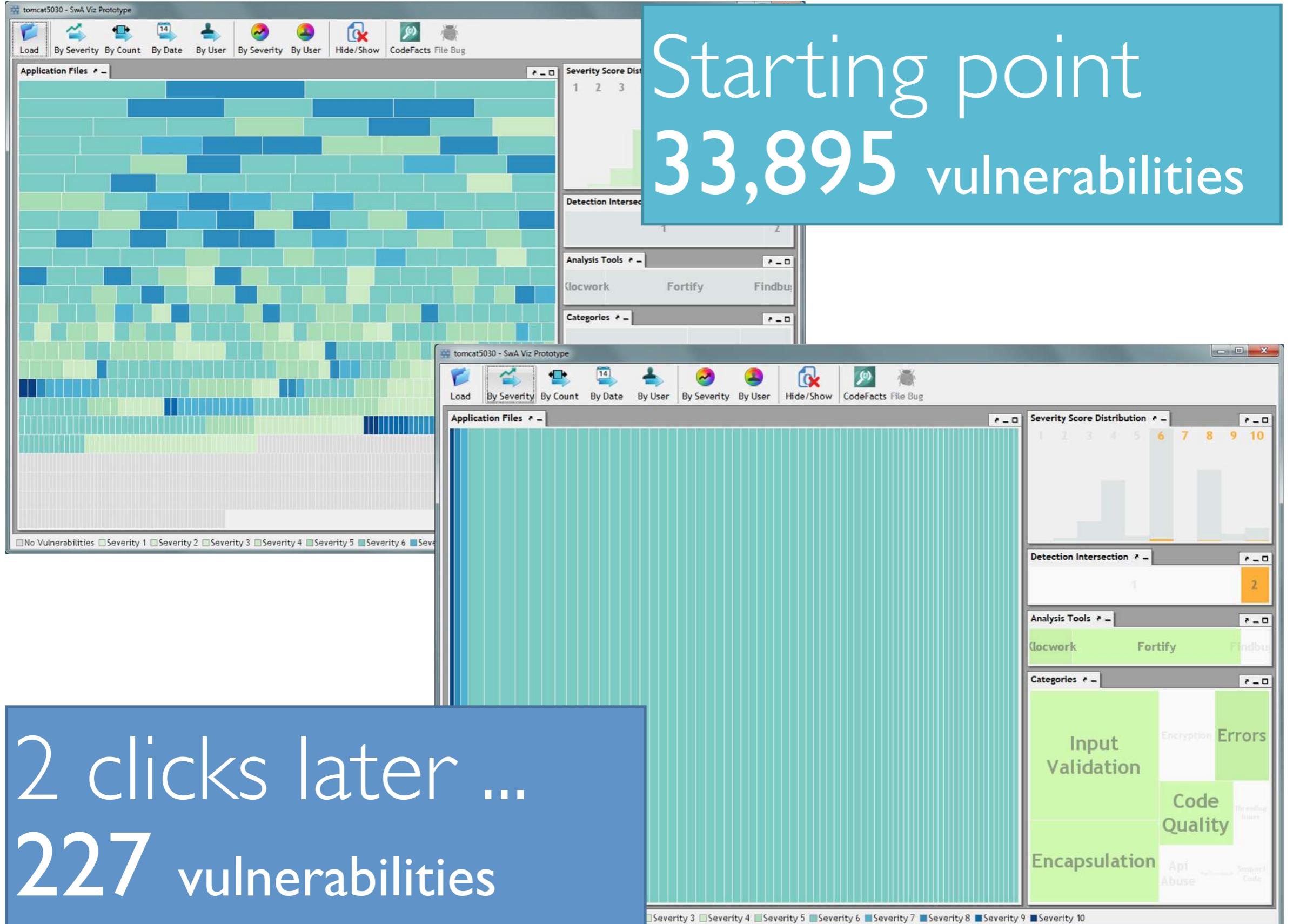
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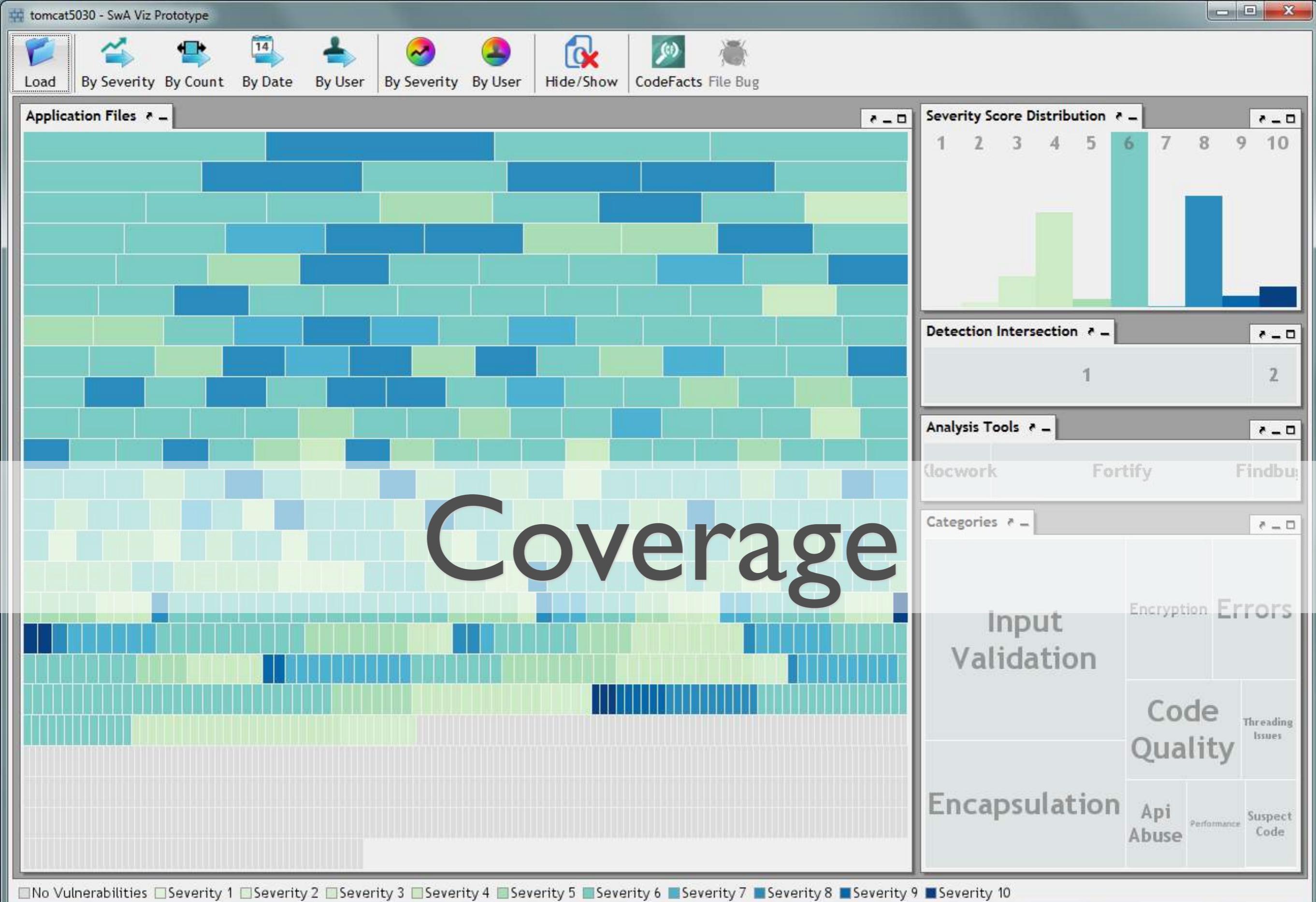
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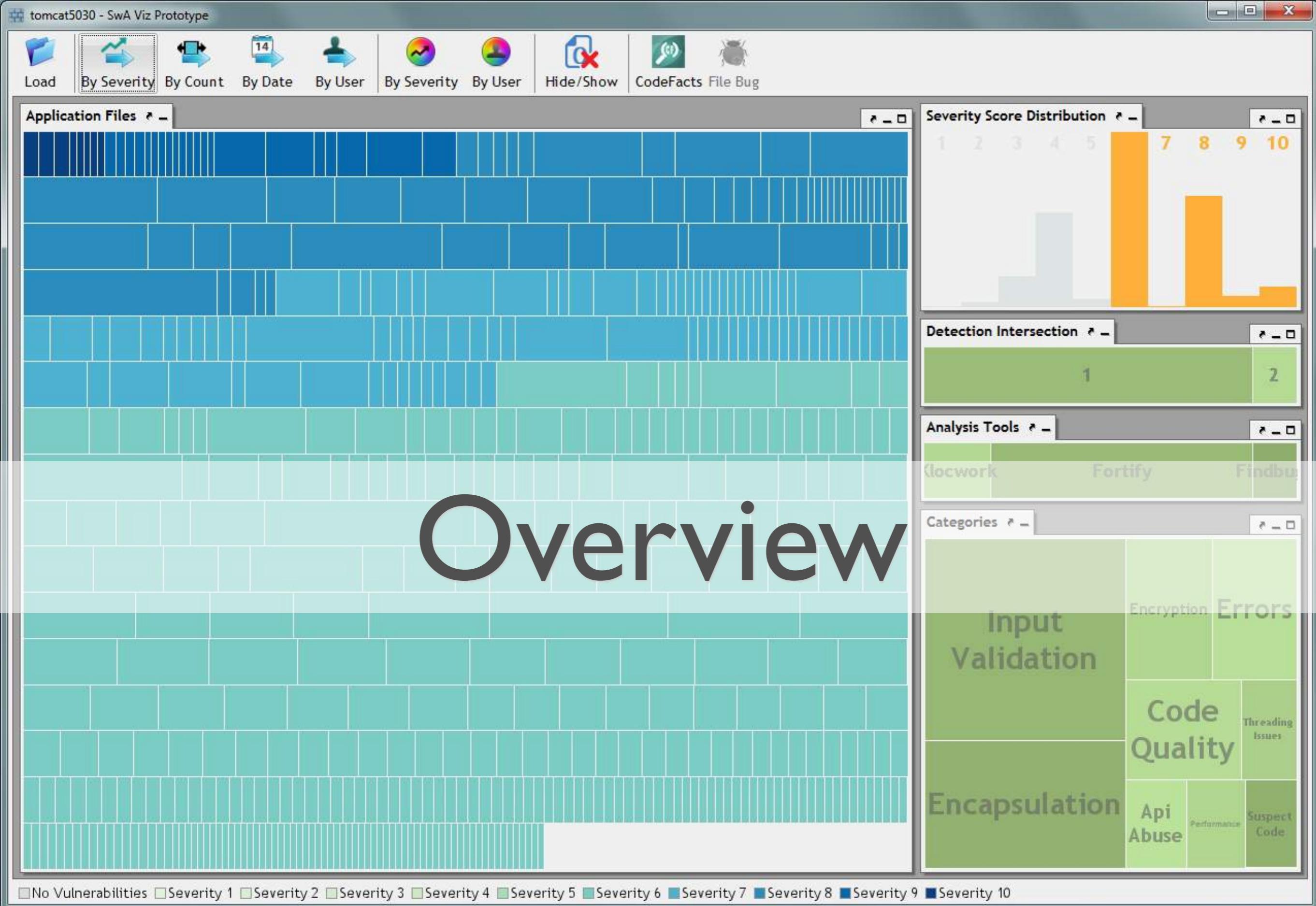
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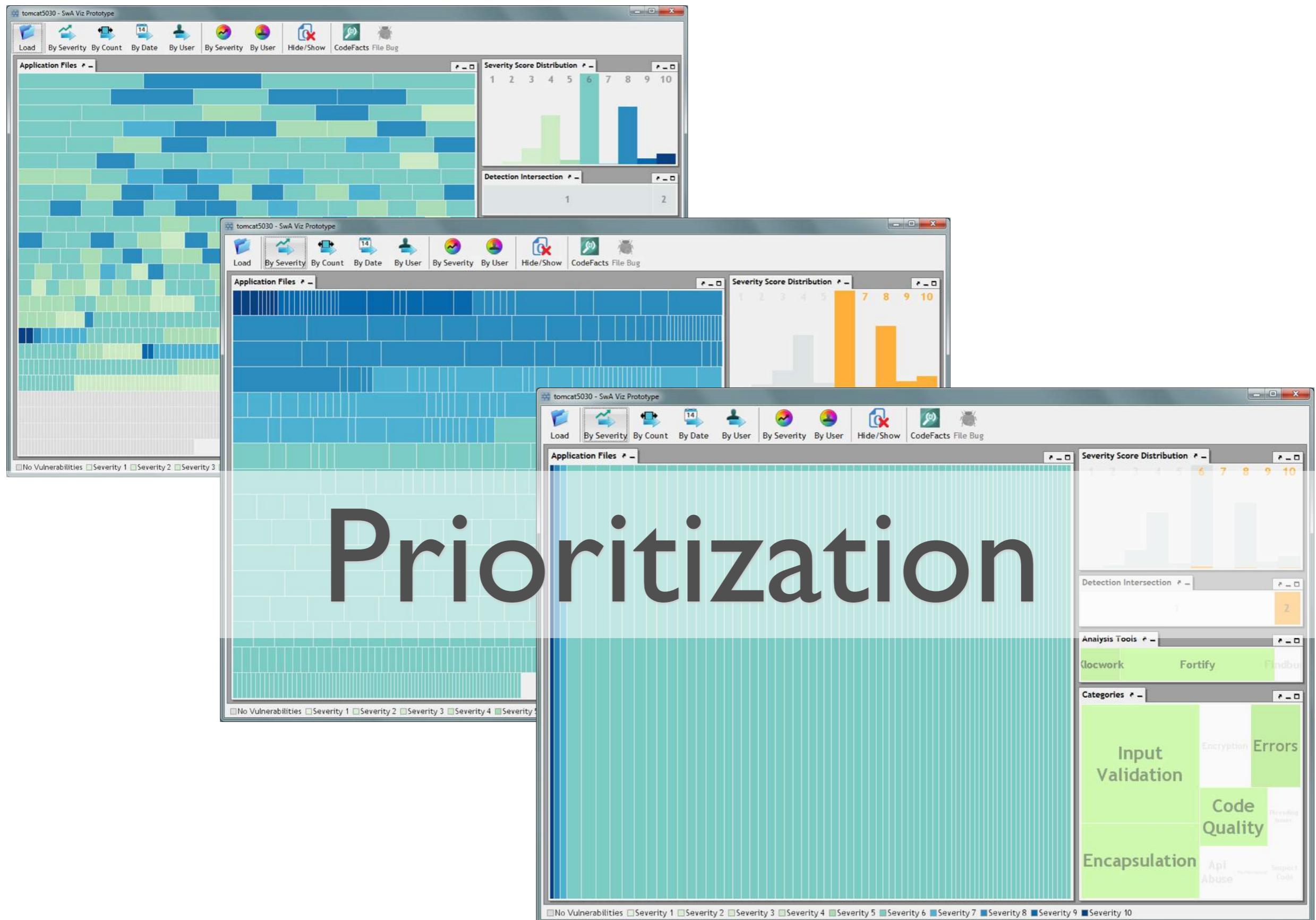
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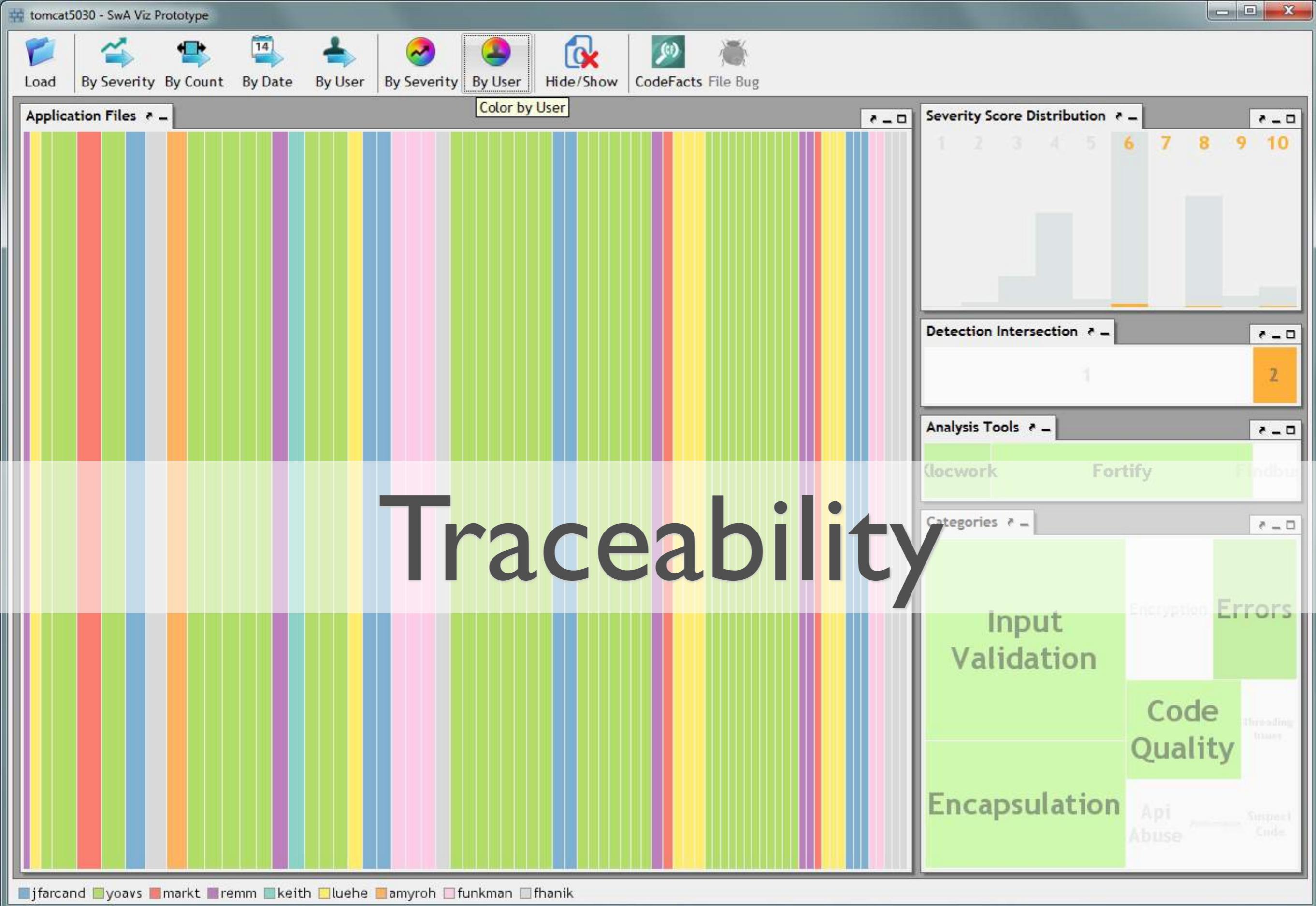
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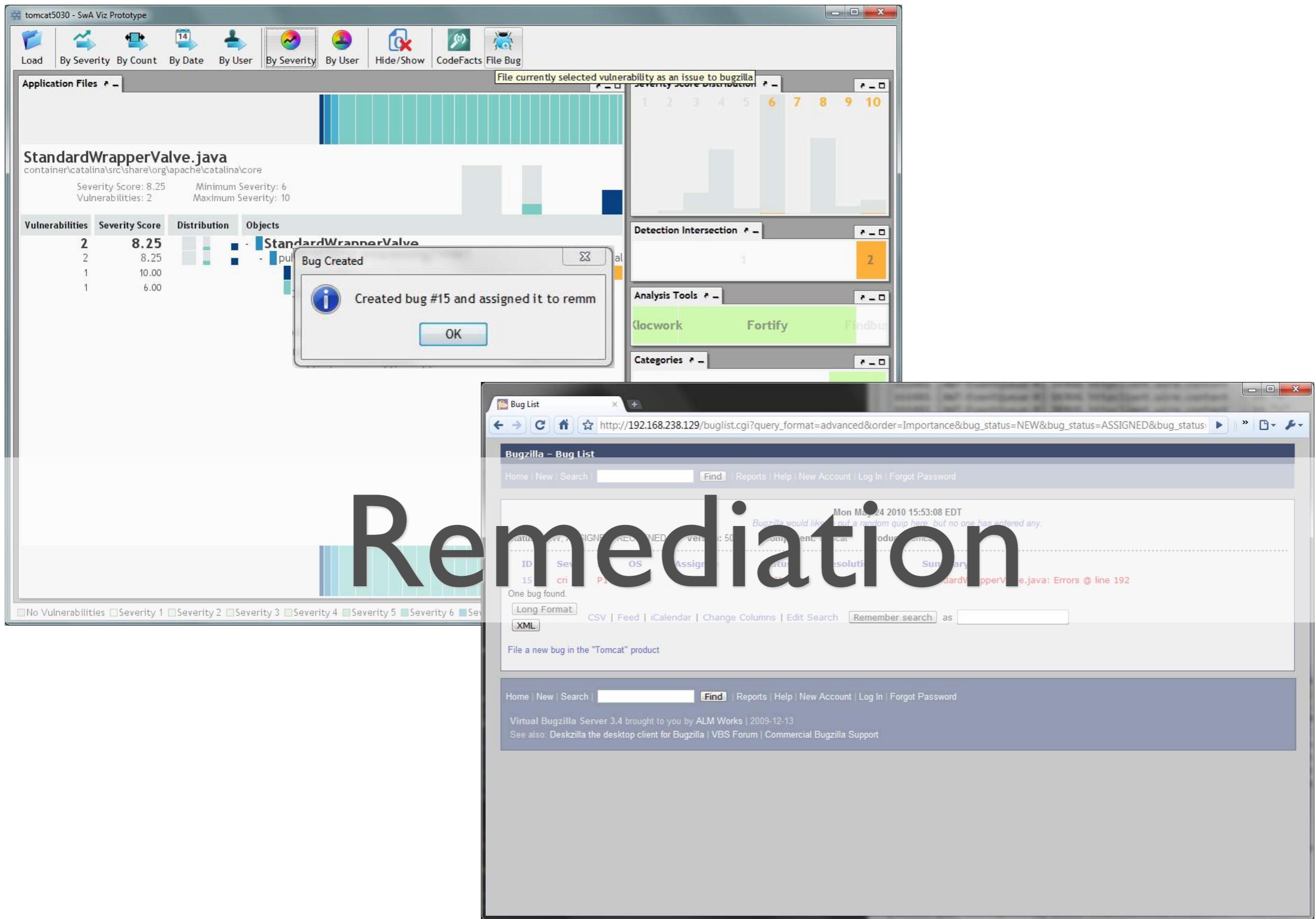
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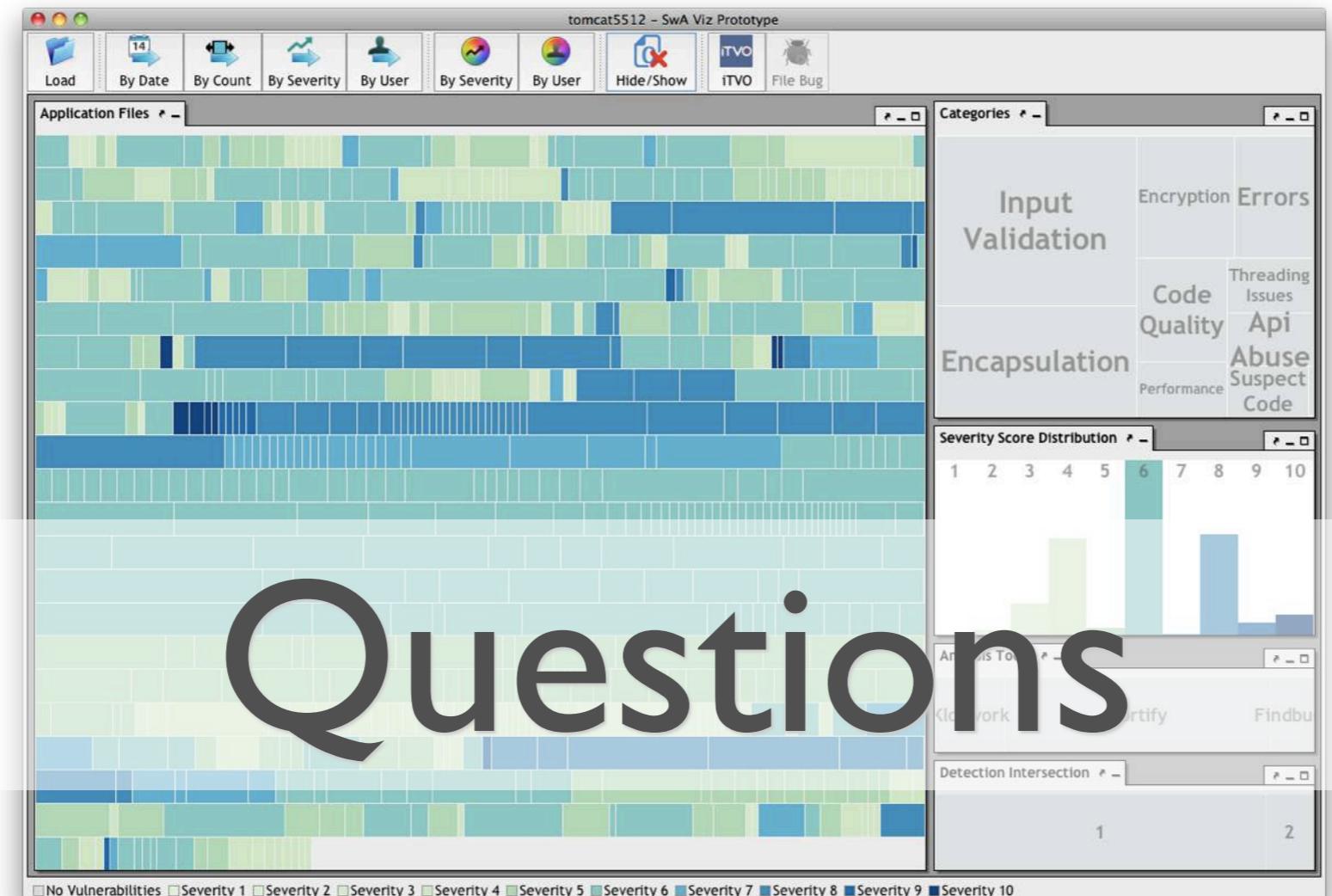








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