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# Continuous Integration with Architectural Invariants

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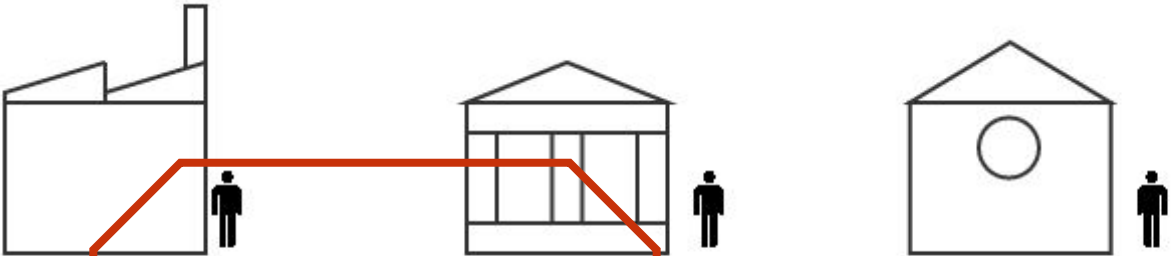
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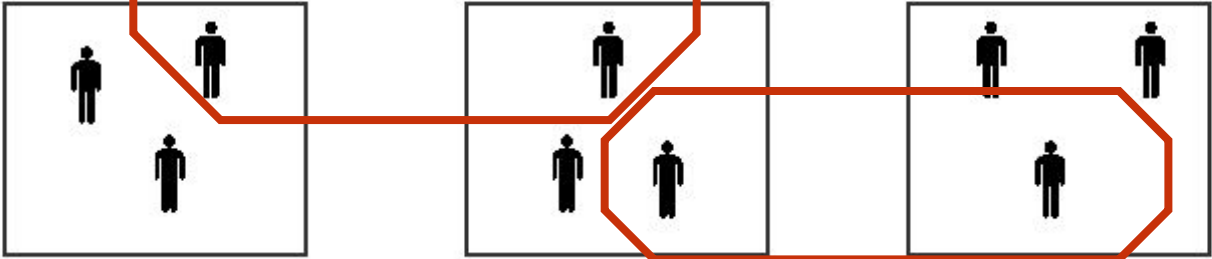


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Clients



Service Providers



# The Problem



## **REFACTORING**

Analytics

Progress Monitoring

Encourage Participation

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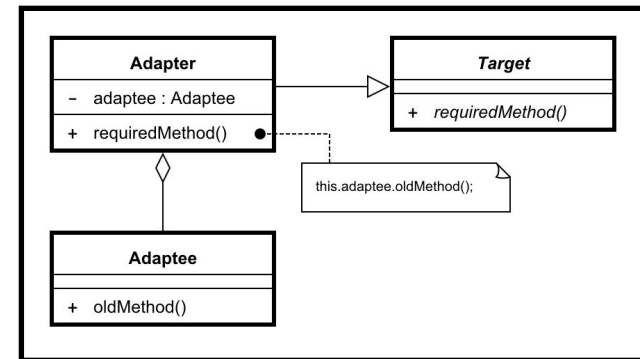


# Dicto

**Controller** = PhpClass with name: „\*Controller“


**Database** = PhpClass with name: „Database“

**Controller** cannot depend on **Database**

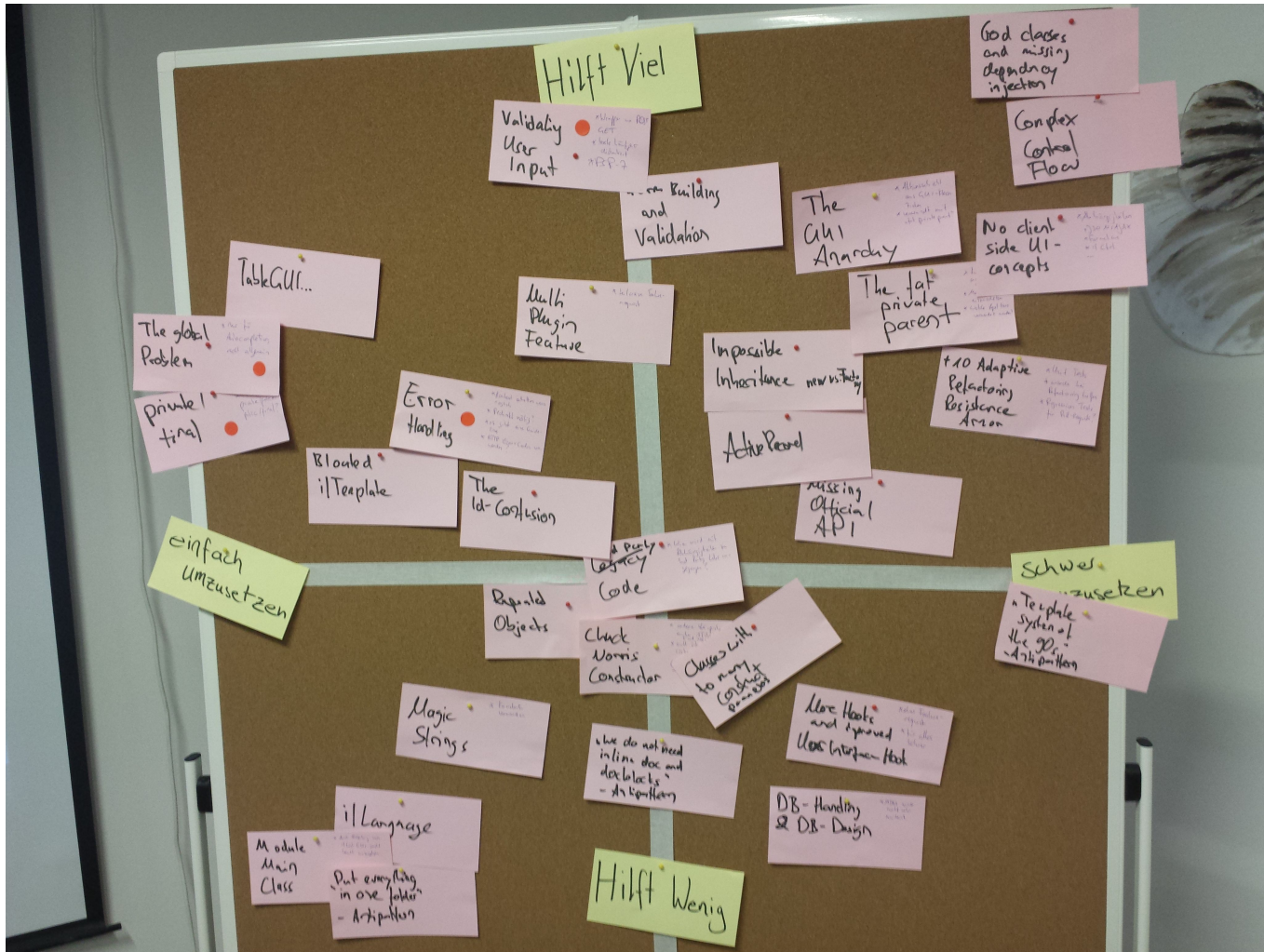


**!** You use the Database in BlogController

# Roadmap

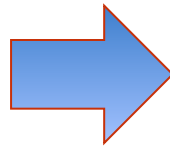
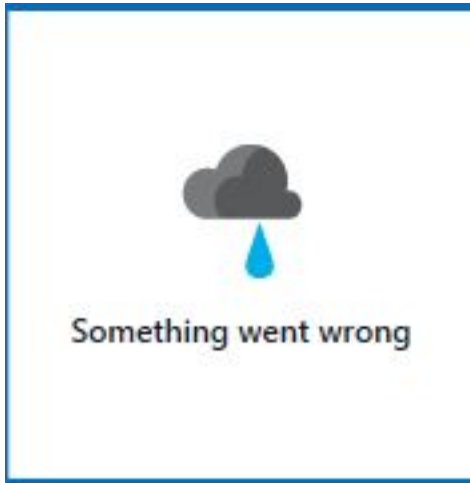
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# Pain Point Survey





# Error/Exception Handling



- Keep Context Information
- Handle all Exceptions Equally

# Dicto Rules

only **GUIClasses** can depend on **iTemplateClass**

**IExceptionsWithoutTopLevelException** must depend on any **iExceptions**

**WholelliasCodebase** cannot invoke **SetErrorOrExceptionHandler**



# Implement/Extend Adapters



## **CHALLENGES**

PHP Dependencies

Performance

CI Integration

User Interface



Run ...

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Settings



# Dicto

Automated Architectural Tests. With emphasis on the Diff. [What's this?](#)

- Repository: <https://github.com/ILIAS-eLearning/ILIAS>
- Commit: [99e925d3b222f7c41b2c2490949f6966dce6a906](#)
- Compared to Commit: [e57fd89555ca8db6f039dec92bd2e20fe14cb546](#)

918

Total Violations

0

Added Violations

2

Resolved Violations



## only GUIClasses can depend on iLanguage

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The Model of ILIAS should be language independent. Only on the GUI layer the language should be assigned.

See: [http://www.ilias.de/docu/goto\\_docu\\_pg\\_199\\_42.html](http://www.ilias.de/docu/goto_docu_pg_199_42.html)

Exception: You may still need to use iLanguage on SOAP endpoints.

Added Violations 0

Resolved Violations 2

All Violations 316

Search...

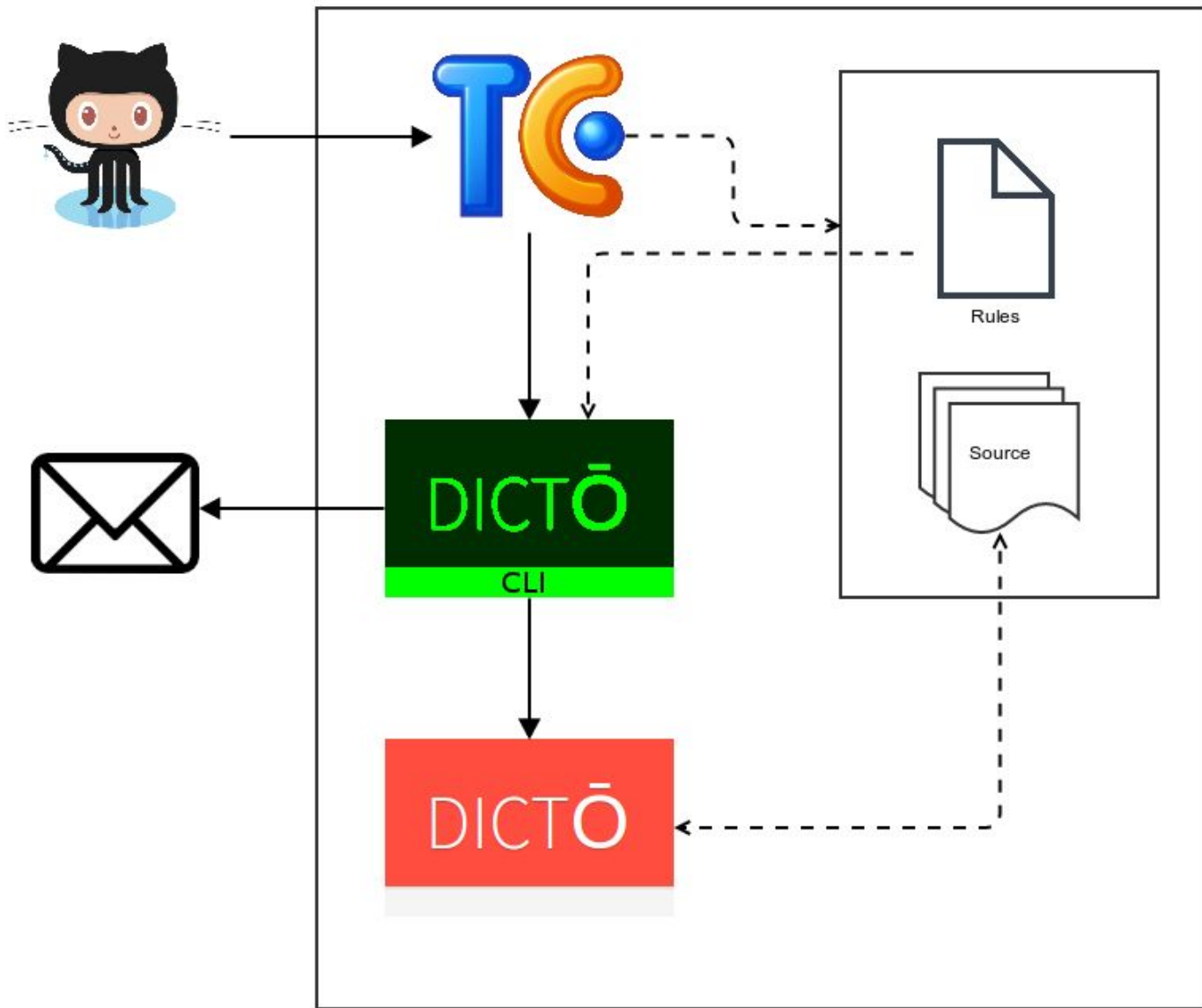
### Resolved Violations

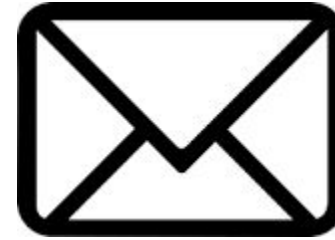
- iIDataCollectionRecordField depends on iLanguage
- iIDataCollectionRecordField depends on GLOBAL\lng



## only GUIClasses can depend on iTemplate

+/- 0 ↕





### GUIClasses cannot depend on iIDBClass

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The GUI-Layer should not itself interact with the database. Try to build reusable Model classes, adding a layer of abstraction instead of accessing the database.

Added Violations 3

Resolved Violations 1

All Violations 13

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### Newly Introduced Violations

iQuestionPoolSkillAdministrationGUI depends on iIDB  
Resolve dependency in /Modules/TestQuestionPool/classes/class.iQuestionPoolSkillAdministrationGUI.php:64

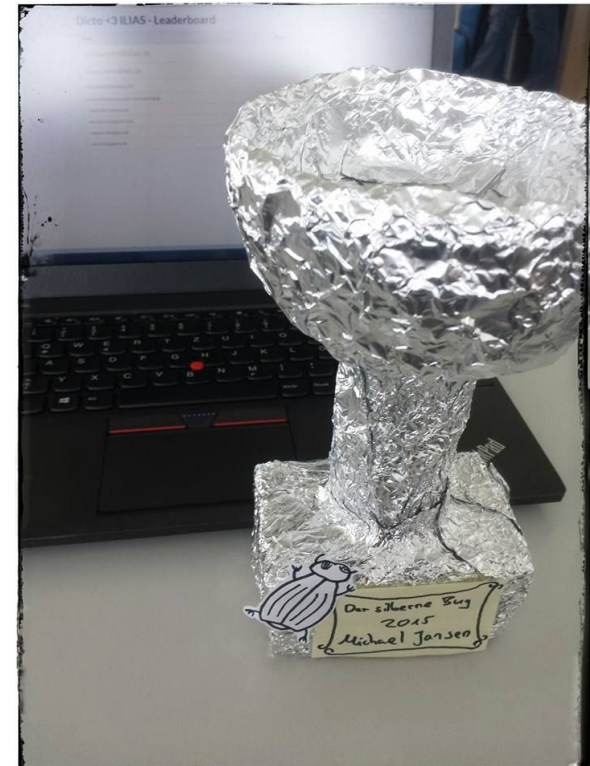
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iAssQuestionSkillUsagesTableGUI depends on iIDB



# Dicto <3 ILIAS - Leaderboard

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*„I searched very deliberately for violations within our modules and fixed them.“*

# Roadmap Review

1. Find architectural pain points ✓
2. Plan refactoring ✓
3. Formulate rules ✓
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# Language Expressivity

- Rules can be discussed without any training

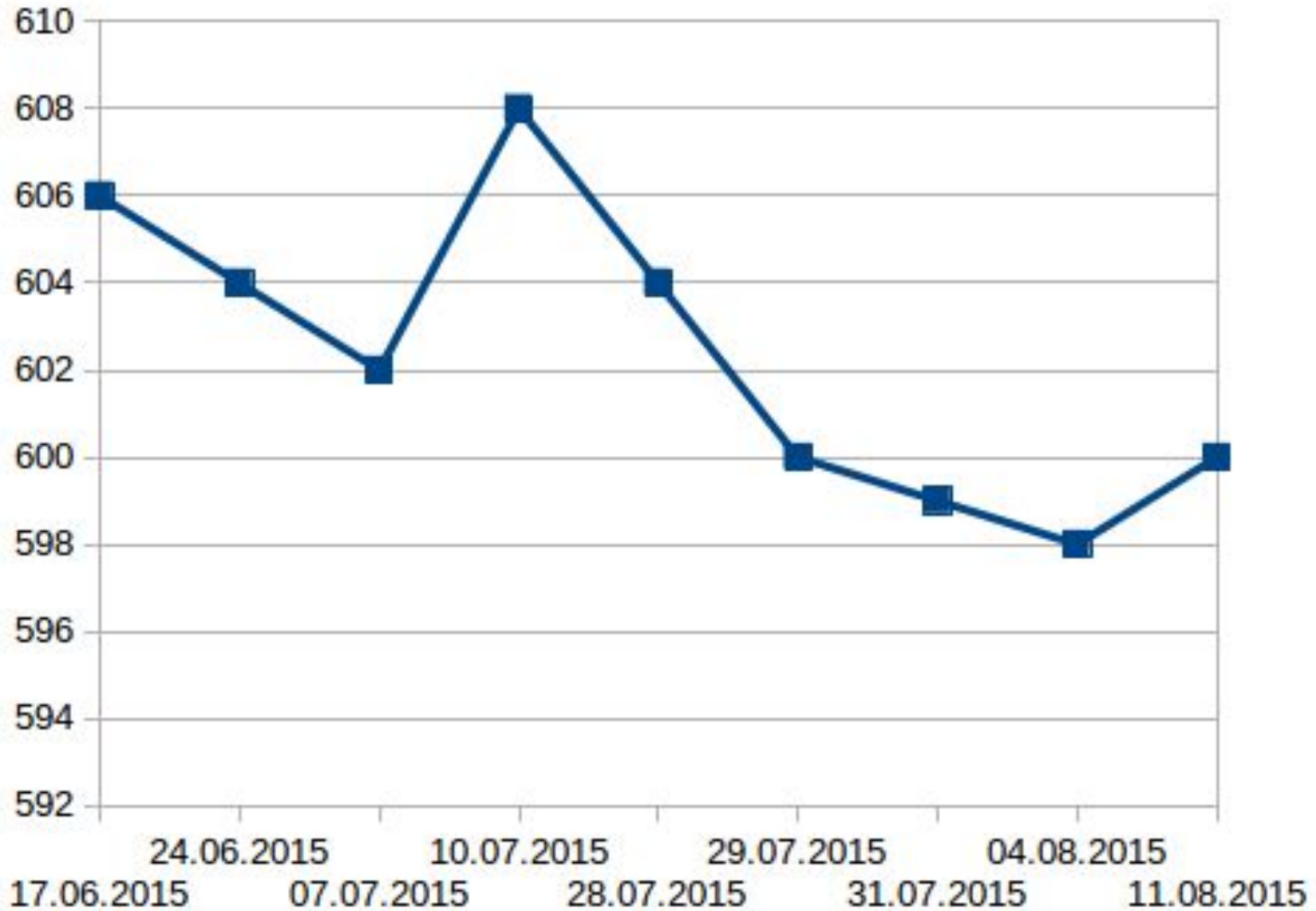
*„It definitely leverages the discussion about architecture and separation of concerns.“*



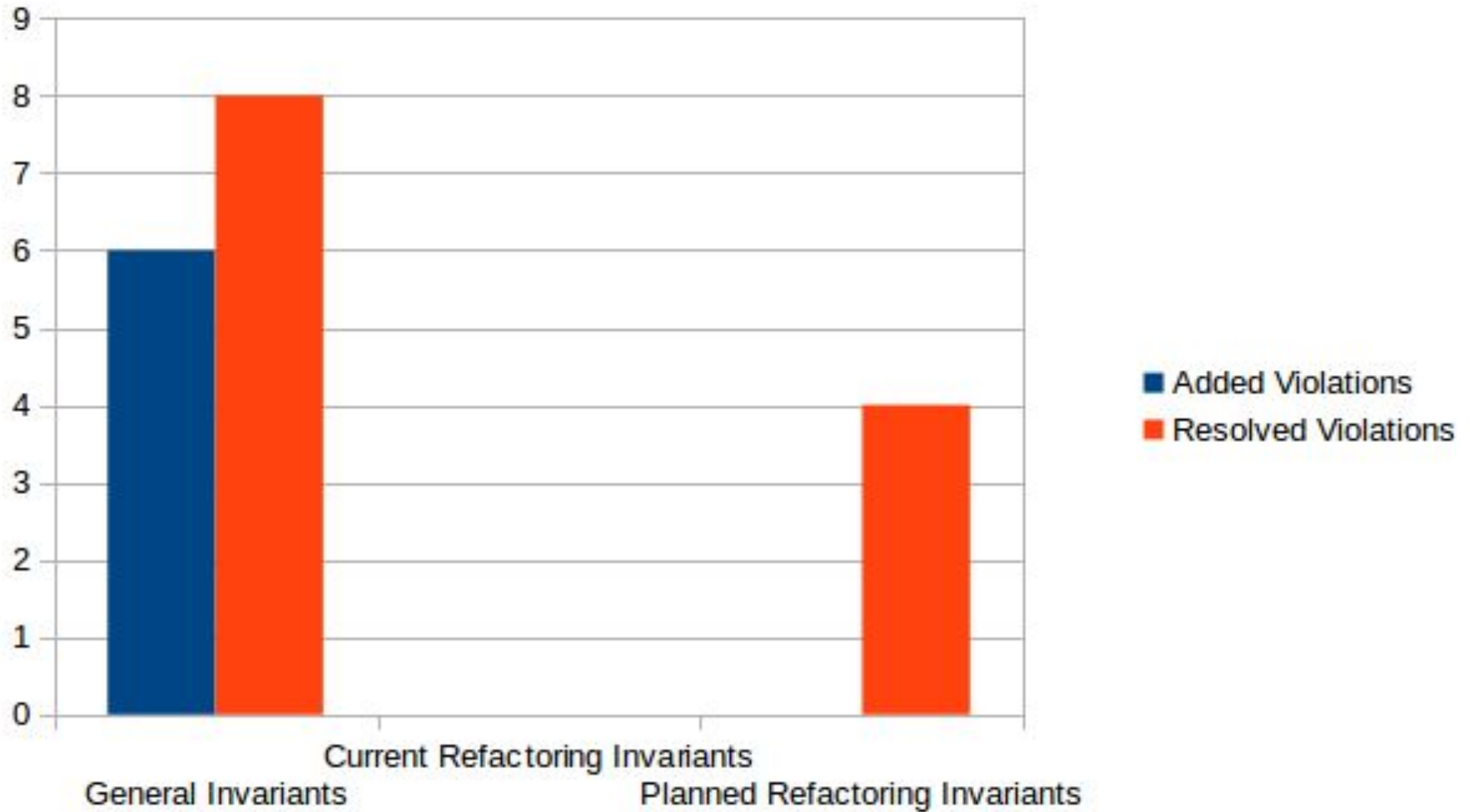
# Language Expressivity

- Exceptions to rules -> No syntax needed
- What we modified:
  - Added comments to rules
  - Added a modifier: must ... Any
- Dicto is as strong as it's tools

# Violations



# Violations of different Groups



# Inspection



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Courier Anti-Pattern

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# Conclusion

- Dicto encourages collaboration
- You gain insights in architectural problems
- Overall violations decrease

