

Releasing Scientific Software in GitHub: A Case Study on SWMM2PEST

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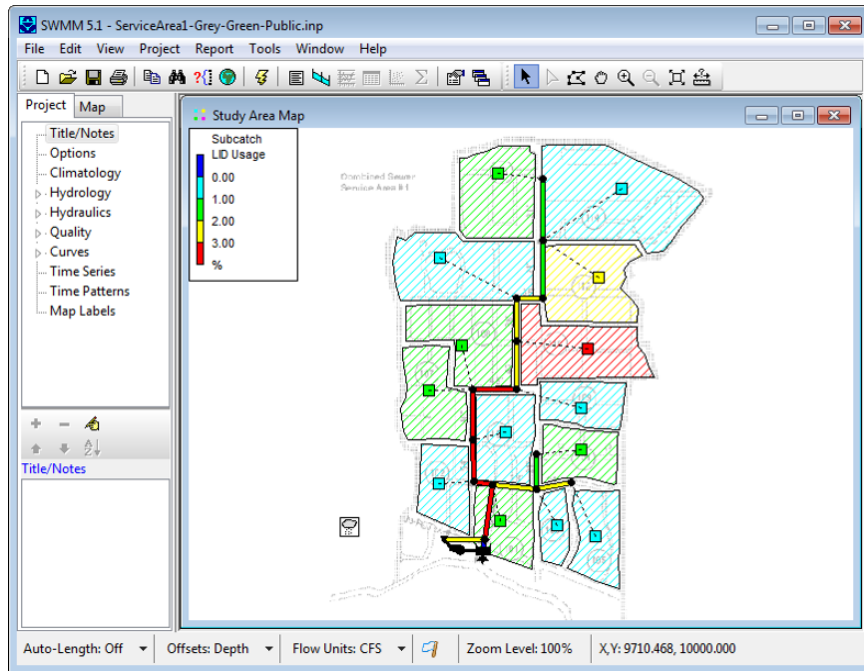
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Storm Water Management Model (SWMM)



Partial statistics on using SWMM
for research in 2018 based on
Google Scholar

<https://www.epa.gov/water-research/storm-water-management-model-swmm>

The scientific software we are releasing

SWMM2PEST

An integration of the SWMM and PEST scientific programs

Dynamic rainfall-runoff
simulation model

Version 5.1.013 was
released in 2018

About 45,500 LoC



integrated

SWMM2PEST

Model-Independent
Parameter Estimation
and Uncertainty Analysis

Version 15 was released
in 2018

About 210,000 LoC



Characteristics of scientific software

- Highly specialized: 1,000 to 100,000 LoC
- People: A few scientists-developers

Scientists often develop their own software for research for a relatively small user set, which may not be **well documented** and **debugged** for general use of others.



GitHub
helps



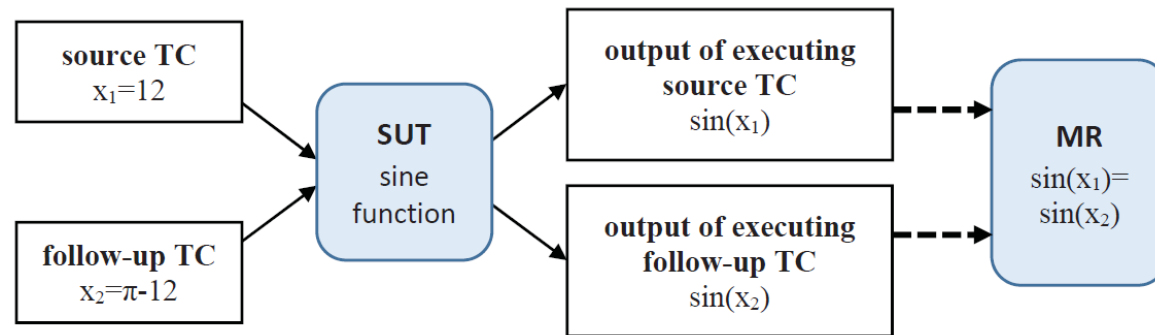
Release engineering

- Help accelerate software development and delivery
- Increase customer trust and satisfaction
- Provide faster feedback to developers
- Enhance the communication of integration systems
- Improve software quality
- ...

How to release **scientific software** by applying release engineering

Metamorphic testing

Alleviate the oracle problem



Published as Technical Report HKUST-CS98-01, Department of Computer Science
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, 1998.

Metamorphic Testing:

A New Approach for Generating Next Test Cases [†]

T. Y. Chen S. C. Cheung S. M. Yiu

Metamorphic testing on SWMM2PEST

Hierarchical Metamorphic Relations for Testing Scientific Software

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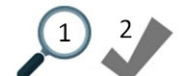



Exploratory Metamorphic Testing for Scientific Software

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Our ongoing work

	 Resultless	 Decreased	 Unchanged	 Increased	 Bug	 Mismatch	 Constraint
FS10 (N=275)	24.4%	16.0%	4.7%	54.9%			
Villanova (N=194)	3.6%	27.3%	6.2%	62.9%			

SWMM2PEST 1.0 to 2.0

Changes

Added & modified lines (source code)	Deleted lines (source code)	Added & modified UI files	Deleted UI files
1029	696	5	2



**SWMM2PEST
1.0**

Developed by Suraj Kamble
Python 3.5.4&PyQt 5
About 3,300 LoC

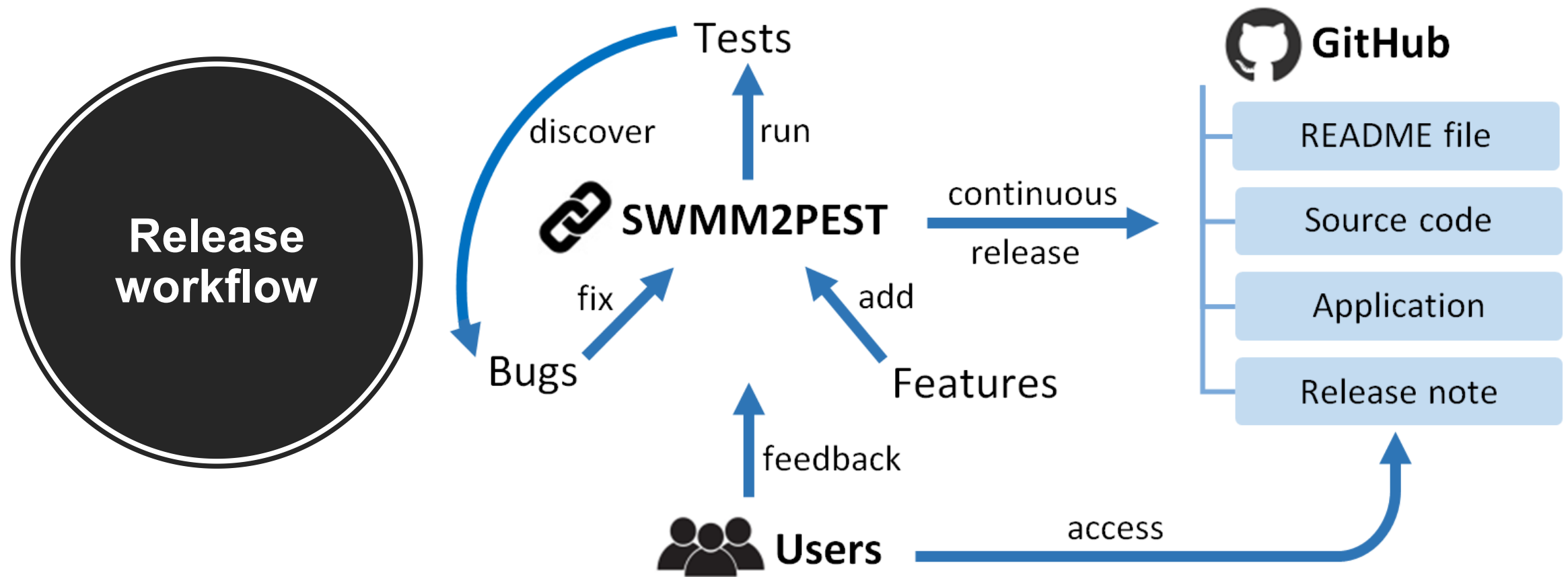


- ✓ Metamorphic testing
- ✓ Bugs fixed
- ✓ Restructured
- ✓ New features added



**SWMM2PEST
2.0**

Developed by Xuanyi Lin
Python 3.5.4&PyQt 5
About 3,200 LoC



GitHub-driven release process

Releasing in GitHub

README.md

SWMM2PEST

SWMM2PEST is a science

Purpose & Motivation

Hydrologists and engineers use Parameter ESTimation back and forth and re calibration process of

Introduction

SWMM2PEST 2.0 is a fixed lots of bugs, add

References

SWMM:

Note that both SWMM 5.1.013.

How to run

A. Run in Pycharm

1. Run MainFrame.py.

B. Run as Windows application

1. Download [SWMM2PEST](#).
2. Unzip the file.
3. Run SWMM2PEST.exe

How to use

A. Input File Selection

1. Provide SWMM input
2. Click "Start".

Caveats

1. Do not include the parameter with a value of 0 to do the calibration
2. The folder path of the input file cannot contain spaces.
3. Same parameters in SWMM input file and observation file must be
4. Make sure the observation data format is the same format as the o contain date (mm/dd/yyyy), time (hh:mm:ss) and value, e.g. 01/30/2

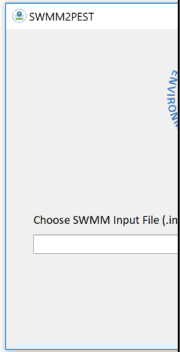
Project status

SWMM2PEST 2.0: June 2018

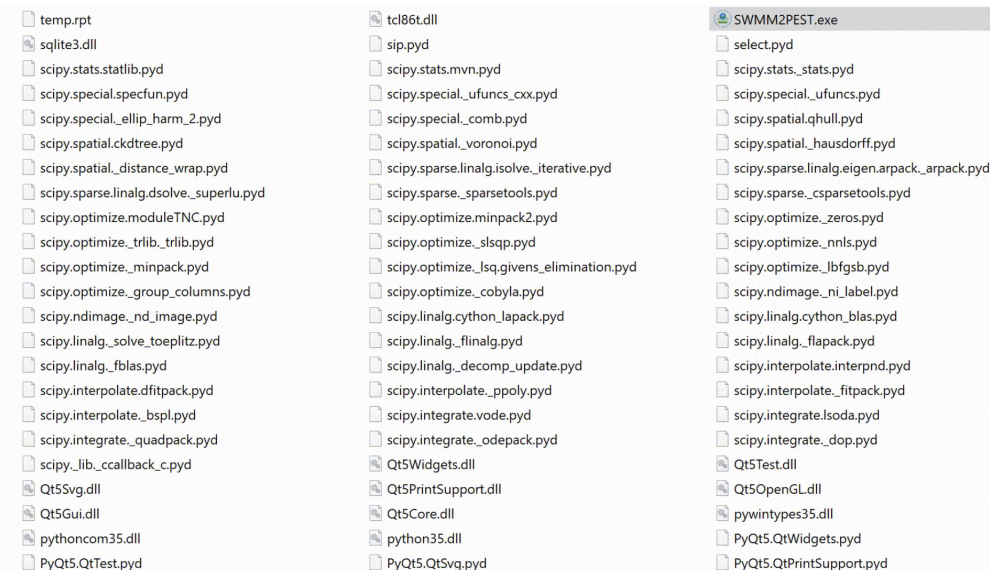
[SWMM2PEST](#): August 2017

Contributing

Everyone is welcome to contribute to this project.



Demo



Categorizing the Content of GitHub README Files

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Releasing in GitHub

The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for XuanyiLin / SWMM2PEST2.0. The 'Issues' tab is selected, showing 2 open issues. A modal window is open, displaying a list of issues with filters and a search query 'is:open is:issue'. The issues listed are 'Additional Criteria' and 'Add PBIAS and RSR to SWMM2PEST'.

Source Code

The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for XuanyiLin / SWMM2PEST2.0. The 'Assets' tab is selected, showing 4 assets: example.zip (142 KB), SWMM2PEST.V2.1.zip (84.6 MB), Source code (zip), and Source code (tar.gz).

Release software

Changes between versions

SWMM2PEST

	SWMM2PEST 1.0	SWMM2PEST 2.0	SWMM2PEST 2.1
SWMM PEST	5.1.10 13.3	5.1.10 14.2	5.1.13 14.2

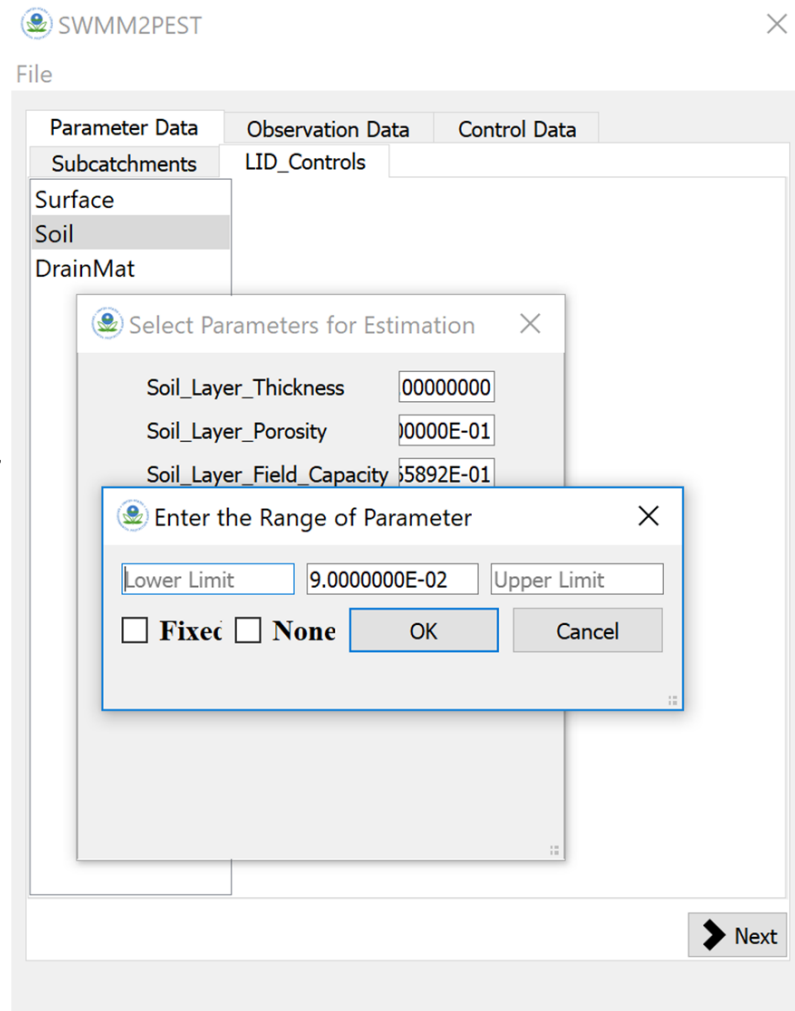
*SWMM
5.1.10*

1	SWMM5 LID Report File			
2				
3	Project:			
4	LID Unit: GreenRoof in Subcatchment FS10			
5				
6	Elapsed	Total	Total	Surface
7	Time	Inflow	Evap	Infil
8	Hours	in/hr	in/hr	in/hr
9	-----			
10	JAN-06-2009	10:40:00	0.00	0.0000
11	JAN-06-2009	10:45:00	0.00	0.0000
12	JAN-06-2009	10:50:00	0.00	0.0000
13	JAN-06-2009	10:55:00	0.00	0.0000
14	JAN-06-2009	11:00:00	0.00	0.0000
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16	JAN-06-2009	11:10:00	0.00	0.0000
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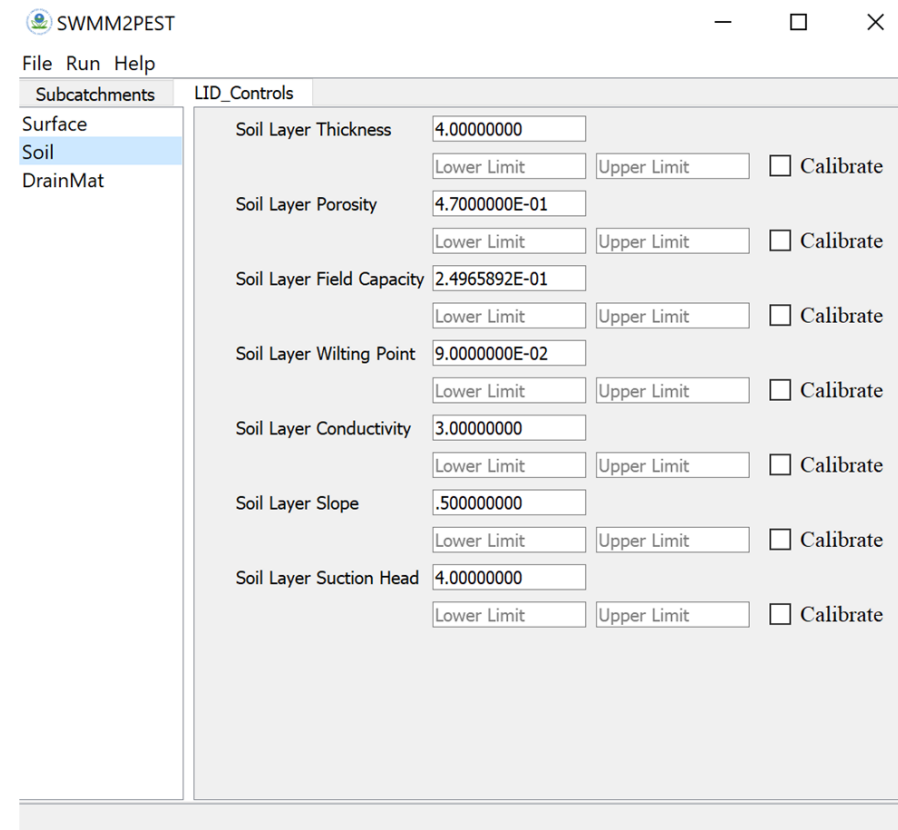
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13	01/06/2009	10:55:00	0.333	0.000
14	01/06/2009	11:00:00	0.417	0.000
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16	01/06/2009	11:10:00	0.583	0.000
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1503	01/13/2009	00:05:00	157.500	0.000
1504	01/20/2009	09:00:00	334.417	0.000
1505	01/20/2009	09:05:00	334.500	0.120
1506	01/20/2009	09:10:00	334.583	0.000
1507	01/24/2009	22:25:00	443.833	0.000
1508	01/24/2009	22:30:00	443.917	0.120
1509	01/24/2009	22:35:00	444.000	0.000

*SWMM
5.1.13*

Improvements as requirements change



*SWMM2PEST
1.0 UI*



*SWMM2PEST
2.0 UI*



Insights

- Release as *required*
- **Connector** versus **connectee** release
- Release to help automated *testing*

Future work

- Investigate other repositories
- Continuous release with more comprehensive user feedback and other developers' opinions

Thank you

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