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Abstract:
Process patterns based on particular coordination mechanisms have been used to describe and understand the work practices of commercial software development. However, there has not been much work done on whether the specific coordination mechanisms noticed in commercial software development are indeed applicable to Open Source software development projects. Such an analysis can help managers of Open Source projects in coordinating their project. In this paper we explore whether three Commercial software development patterns are applicable to Open Source software development projects. We do this through an analysis of published case studies.