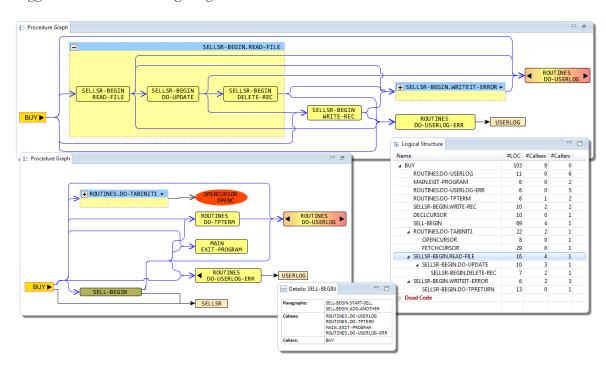




Procedures and Functions

Cobol does not have procedures and functions, at least not explicitly (in older COBOL-versions). Instead there is, in the Procedure Division, a collection of sections with paragraphs in them, which are sometimes executed individually and sometimes together and that call each other. Variables are always defined globally, even if they are used locally only. The concepts of COBOL causes this structure but complicates the understanding and modernization of the application.

AMELIO Logic Discovery identifies procedures and logical groups as well as their interfaces and the scope of variables by analysing calling relationships and usages. Results are presented in a clear and understandable way. This eases the understanding and modernization of the application. Suggestions for a refactoring are given.



Procedures

Sections and paragraphs build implicit procedures in COBOL. AMELIO Logic Discovery Logic determine these procedures and make them visible. The procedures are displayed together with their context.

Composites

AMELIO Logic Discovery determines which procedures can be grouped logically. These logical groupings, the so-called composites, are represented in the overall context of the application.





Call Relationships

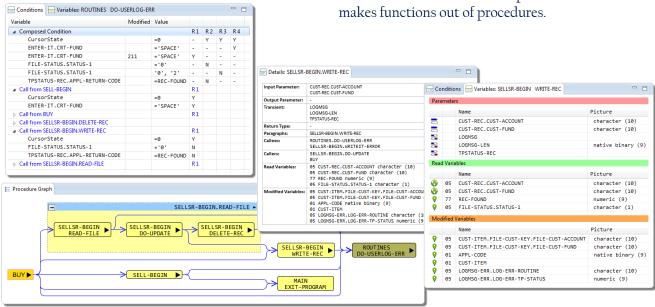
AMELIO Logic Discovery analyses the call relations that exist between the determined procedures and composites. It also determines under what conditions a procedure or a composite is called.

This analysis is performed both based on the calling procedure as well as from the program start.

Interfaces and Variables

Each variable is analyzed by AMELIO Logic Discovery and for each of them it is determined, if the variable is used globally or whether it is actually a local variable.

The result of the Scope Analysis is used by AMELIO Logic Discovery to identify for each procedure and composite which parameters are expected as input and which are returned as output and therefore makes functions out of procedures.



Refactoring Suggestions

The composites that are determined are candidates to be made into subroutines during a refactoring. Since AMELIO Logic Discovery analyzes the interface of each composite and determines which global variables are used, all information needed is available.



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