



Automatic identification of bot accounts in *Open-Source projects*

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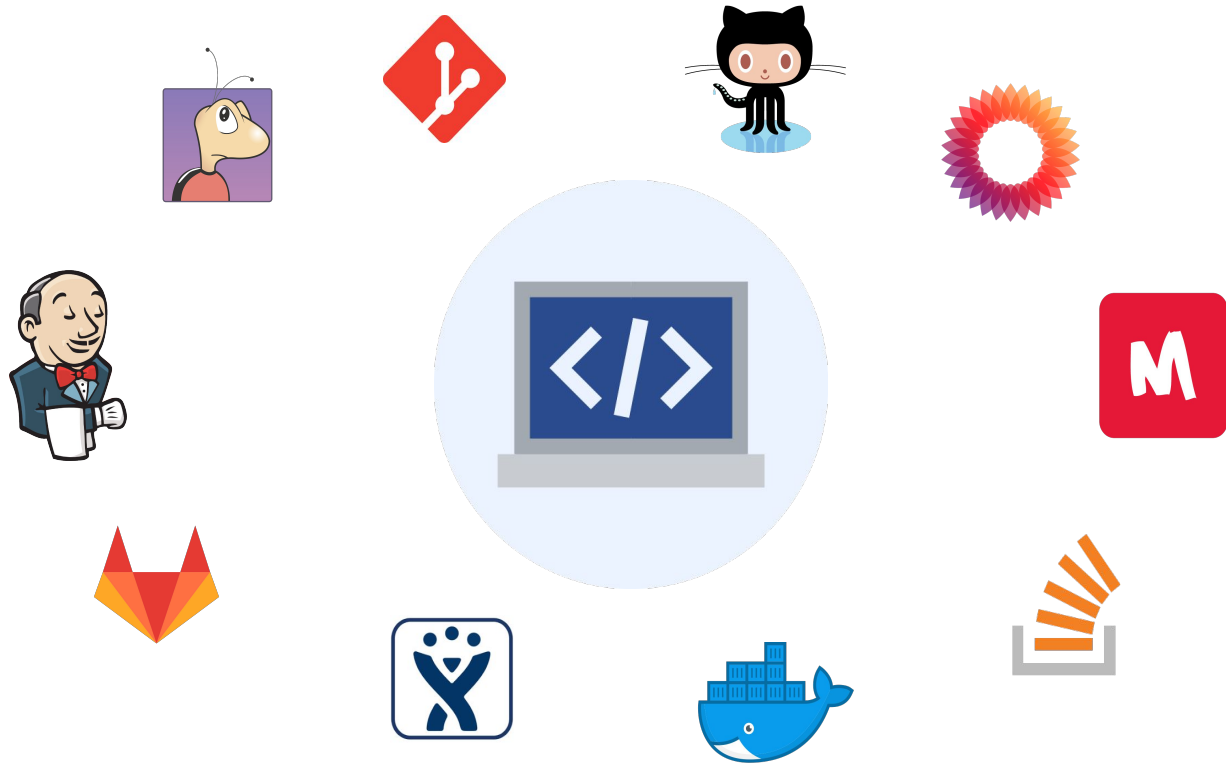
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Accounts



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GitHub

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stackoverflow

doe.jane



Mattermost

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Organizations



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From: September 1st, 2015

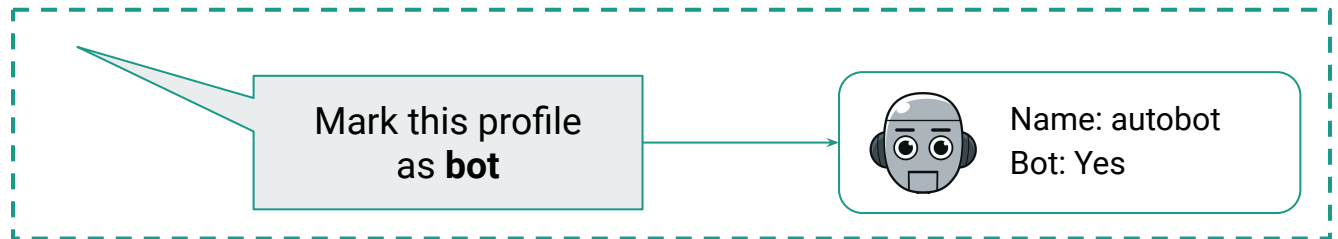
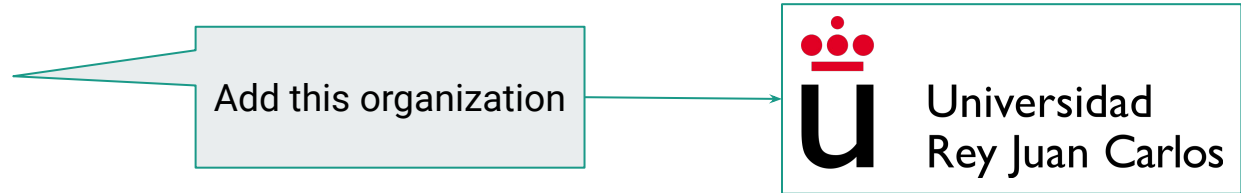
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To: Present day

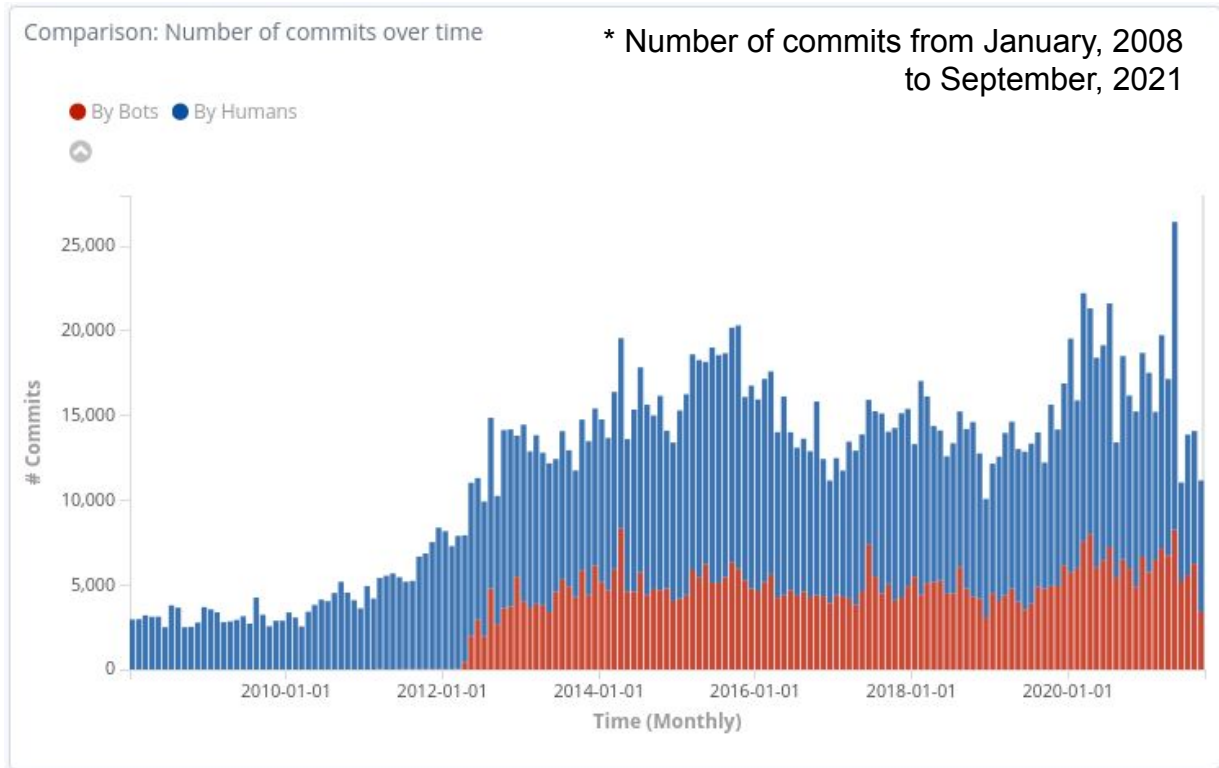
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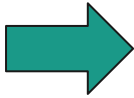
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● Commits from humans

● Commits from bots



/problem



Hatstall Profiles Organizations About

Profile info / 221fbe1e6f273891523748ff9261b388edfadc00

Name dependabot[bot]

e-mail None

Bot?

Country None

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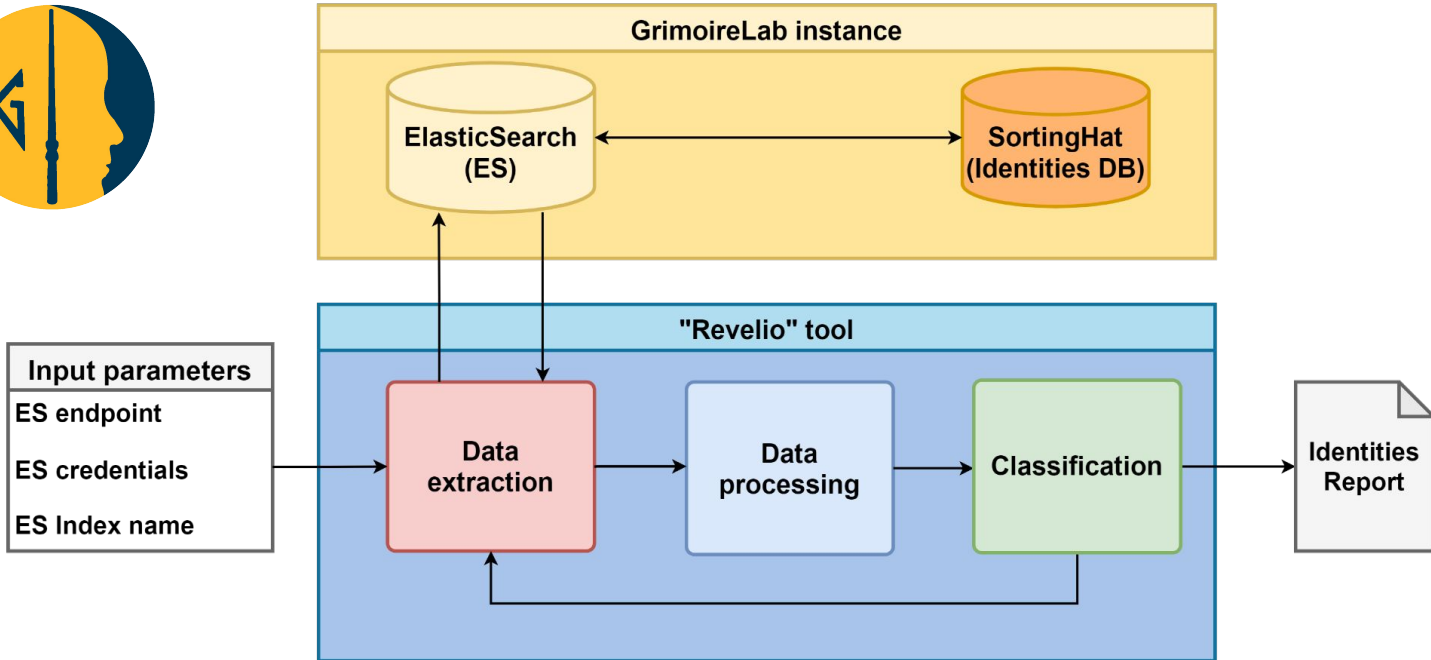
Enrollments [Add](#)

Organization	Dates		
Github	1900-01-01 to 2100-01-01	Update	Un-enroll

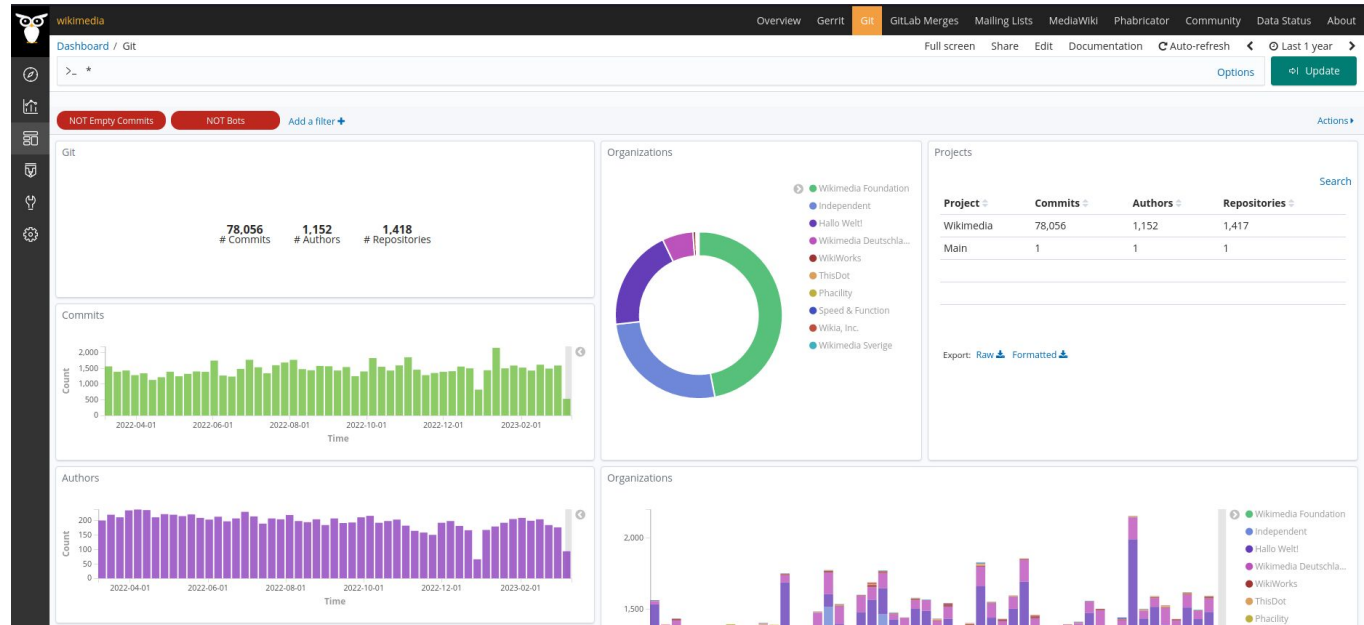
Profile Identitites [Add](#)

Name	email	Username	Source	
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None	None	dependabot[bot]	github	unmerge
dependabot[bot]	support@github.com	None	git	unmerge
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dependabot[bot]	49693333+dependabot[bot]	@users.noreply.github.com	None	git unmerge

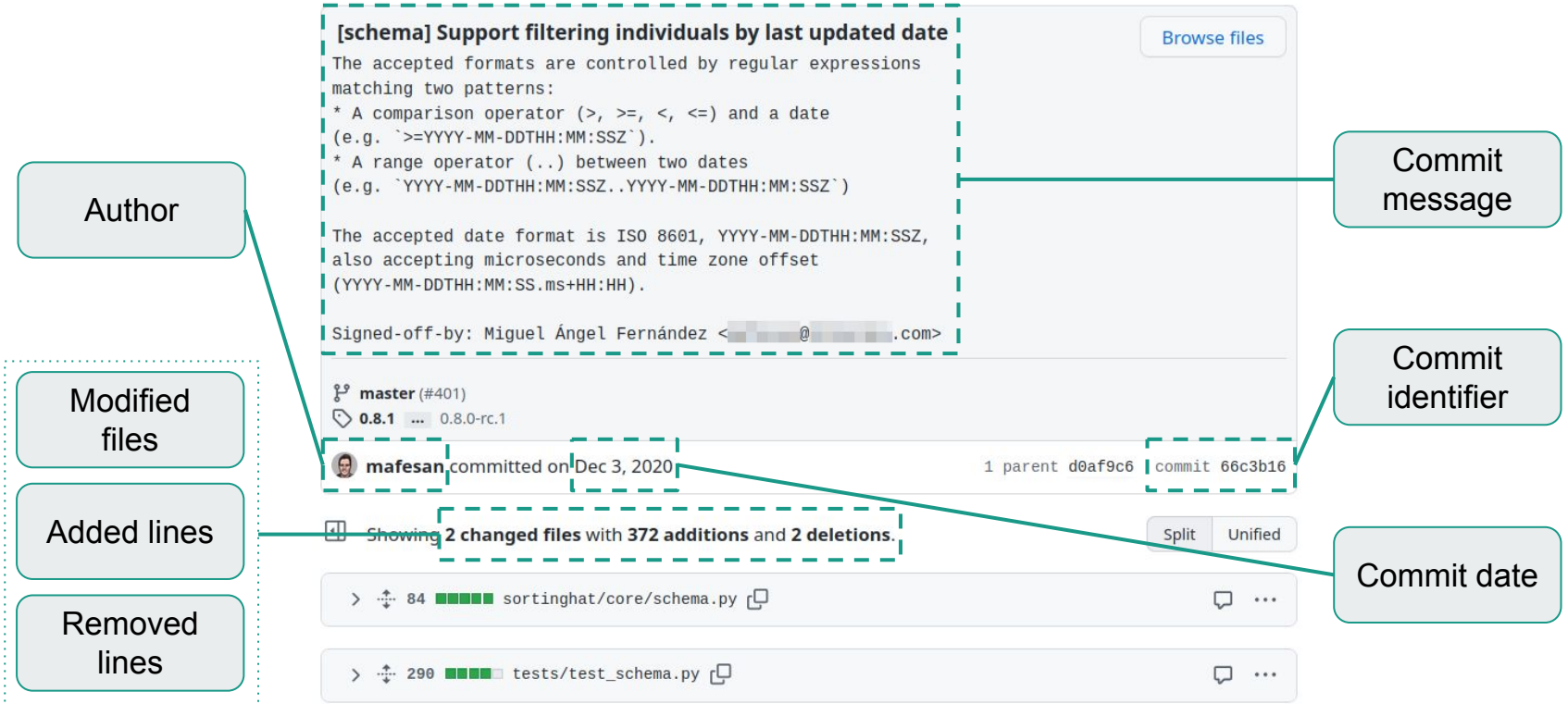
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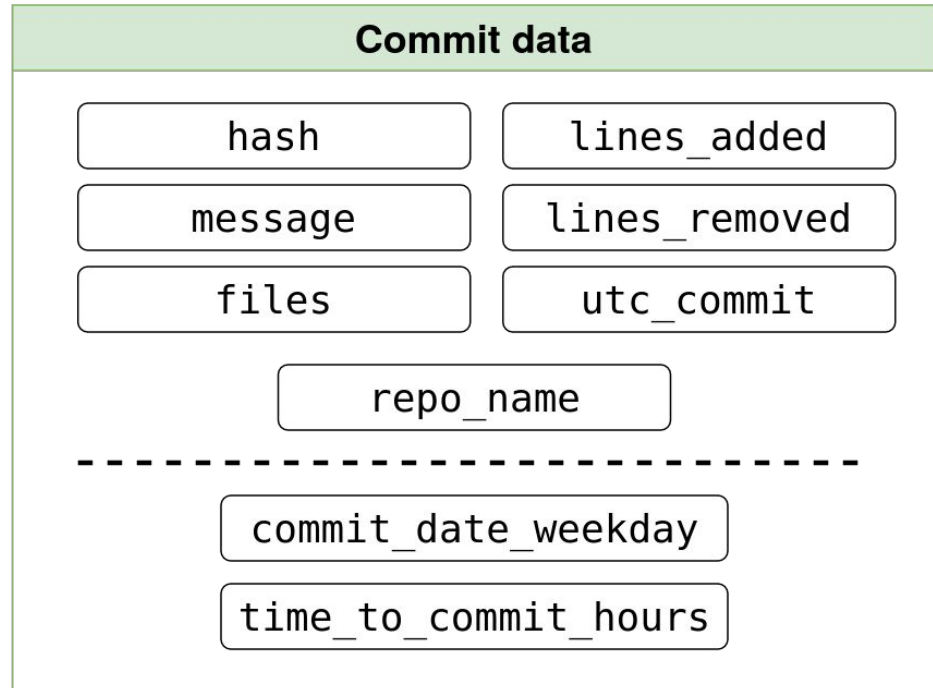
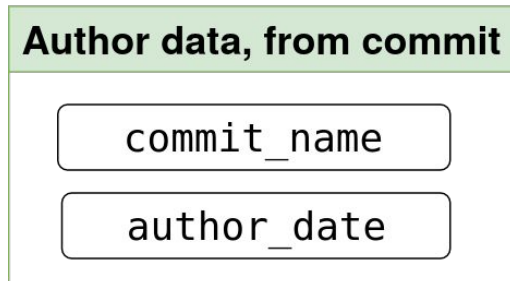
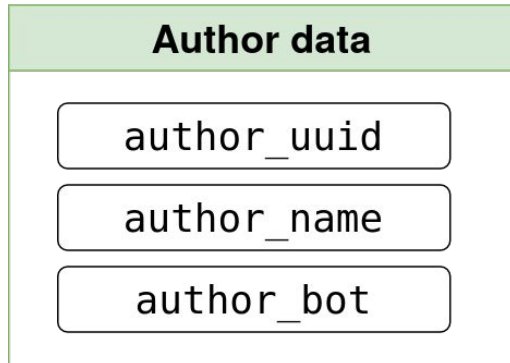
/choosing the community to analyse



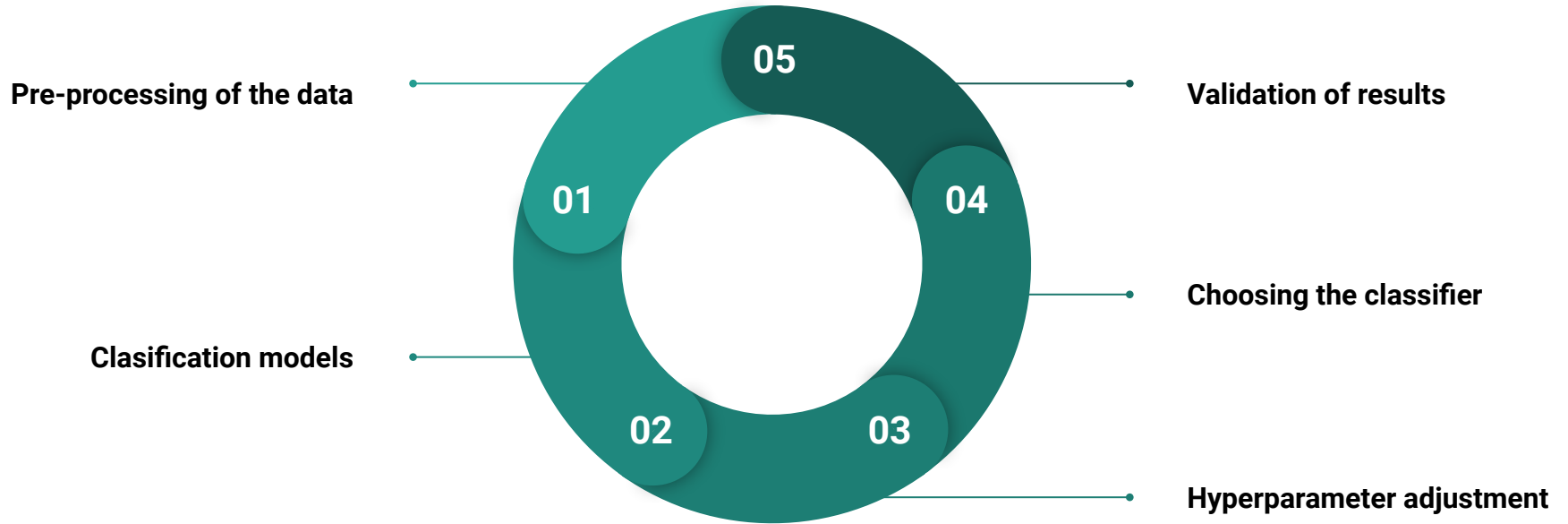
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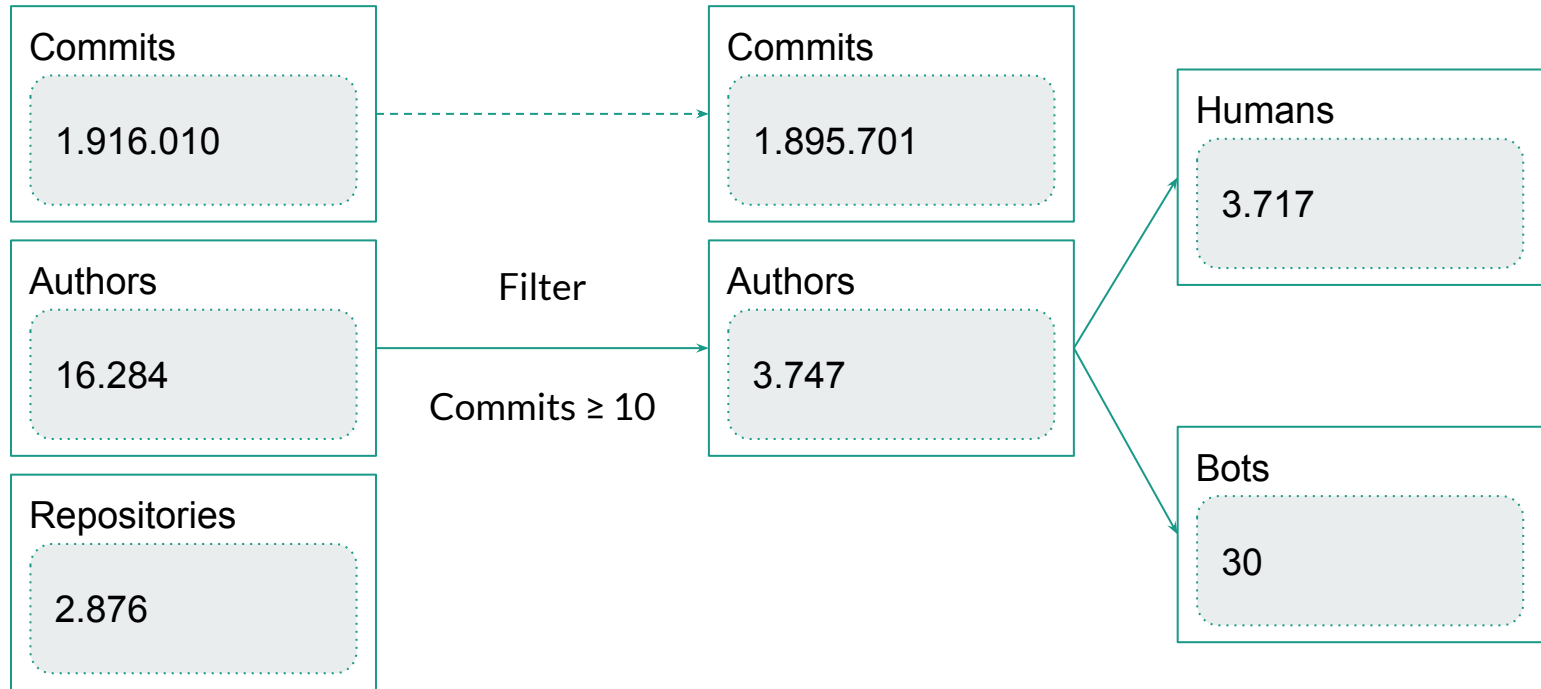
/choosing fields using *GQM methodology*



/experiments phase



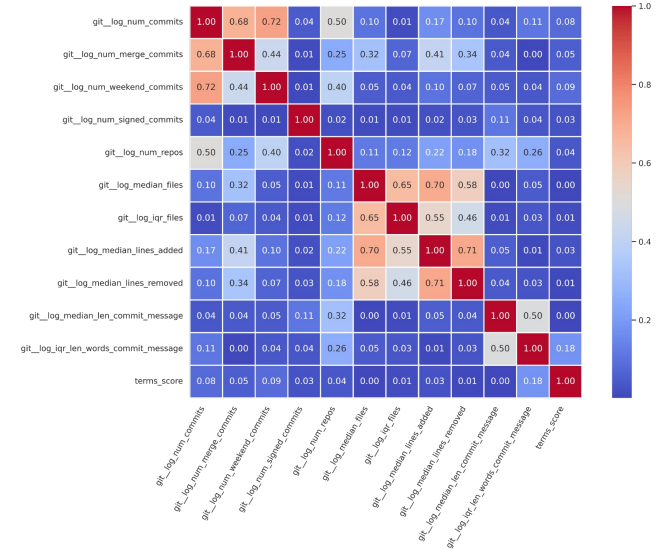
/exploratory data analysis



/input dataset



/pre-processing of the data and feature transformation



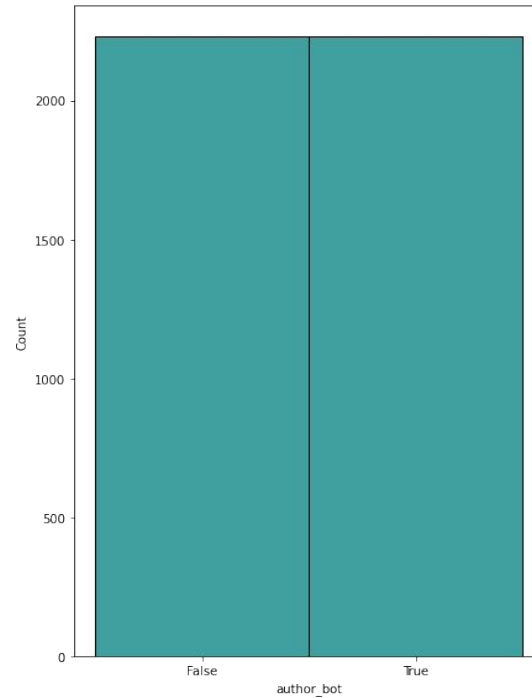
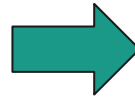
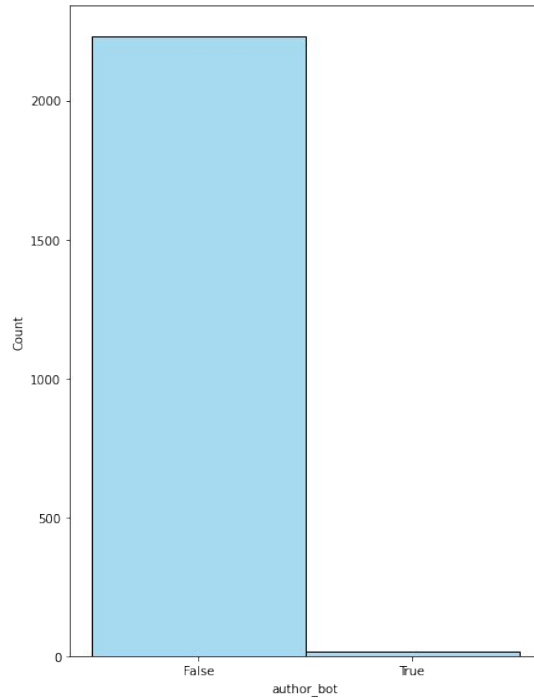
/feature generation

Level	Weight	Heuristic terms
1	60	bot, dependency, fix, integration, merge
2	30	auto, build, commit, copy, issue, release, request, review, sync, template, tool, travis
3	10	cd, ci, code, patrol, pr, pull

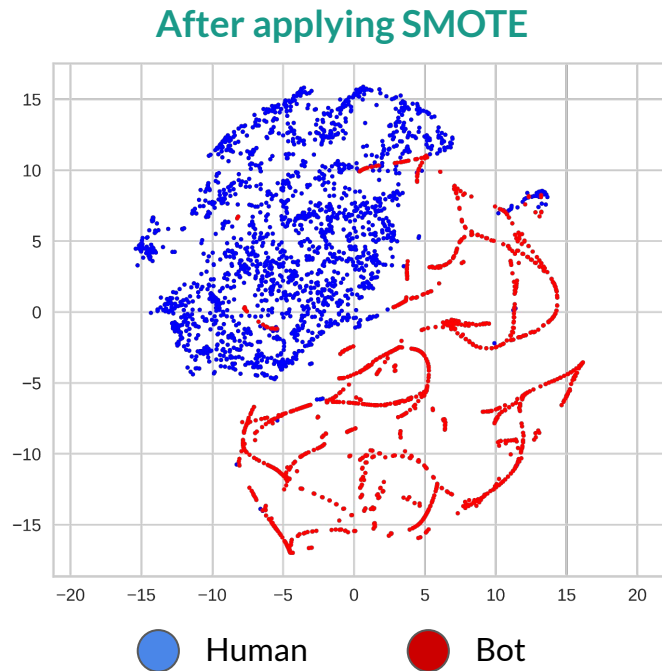
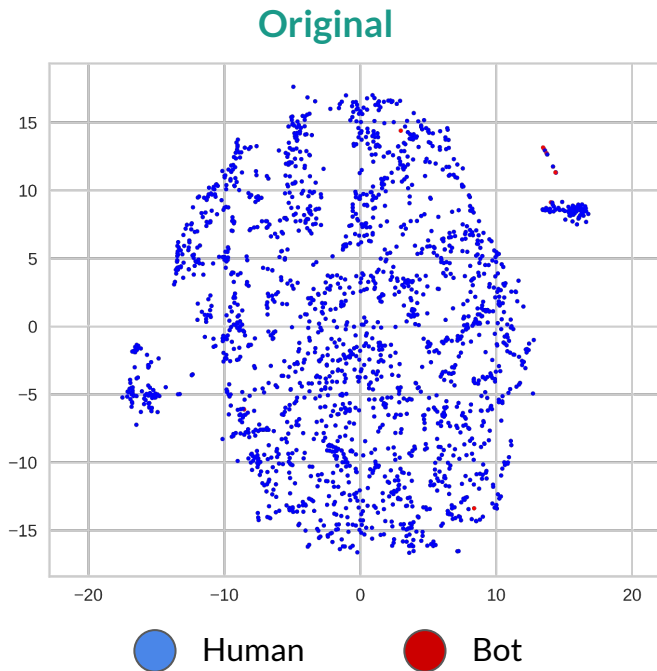


$$Ts(\text{term}) = 60Nl_1 + 30Nl_2 + 10Nl_3$$

/unbalanced data: SMOTE

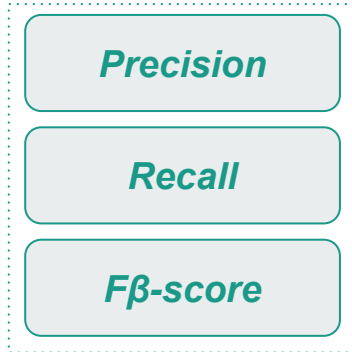


/class distribution using t-SNE



/classifiers: evaluation

		Predicted	
		Real	Real
Real	Real	TN	FP
	Real	FN	TP



Classification model
Gaussian Naive-Bayes
Complement Naive-Bayes
LinearSVC
KNN
Decision Tree
Random Forest
XGBoost

/classifiers: Random Forest

Number of estimators

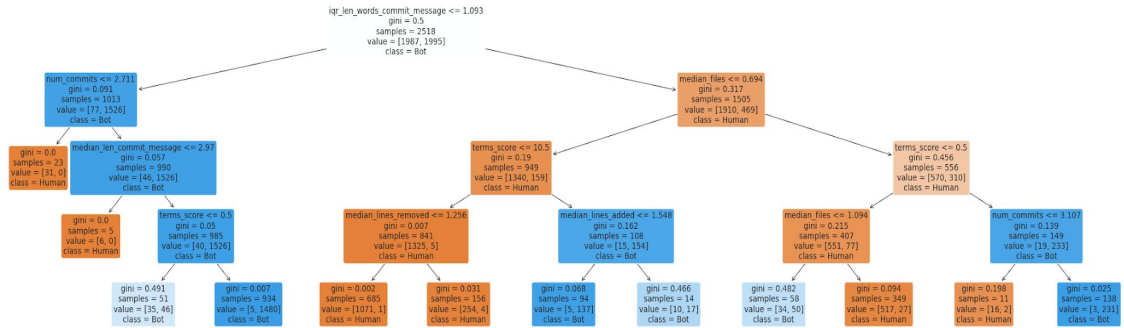
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Split criterion

Gini impurity

Maximum depth

4 levels



/classifiers: test

		Predicted	
		Human	Bot
Real	Human	826	3
	Bot	1	6

Model name	<i>Precision</i>	<i>Recall</i>	<i>Fβ-score</i>
Random Forest	0.667	0.857	0.811

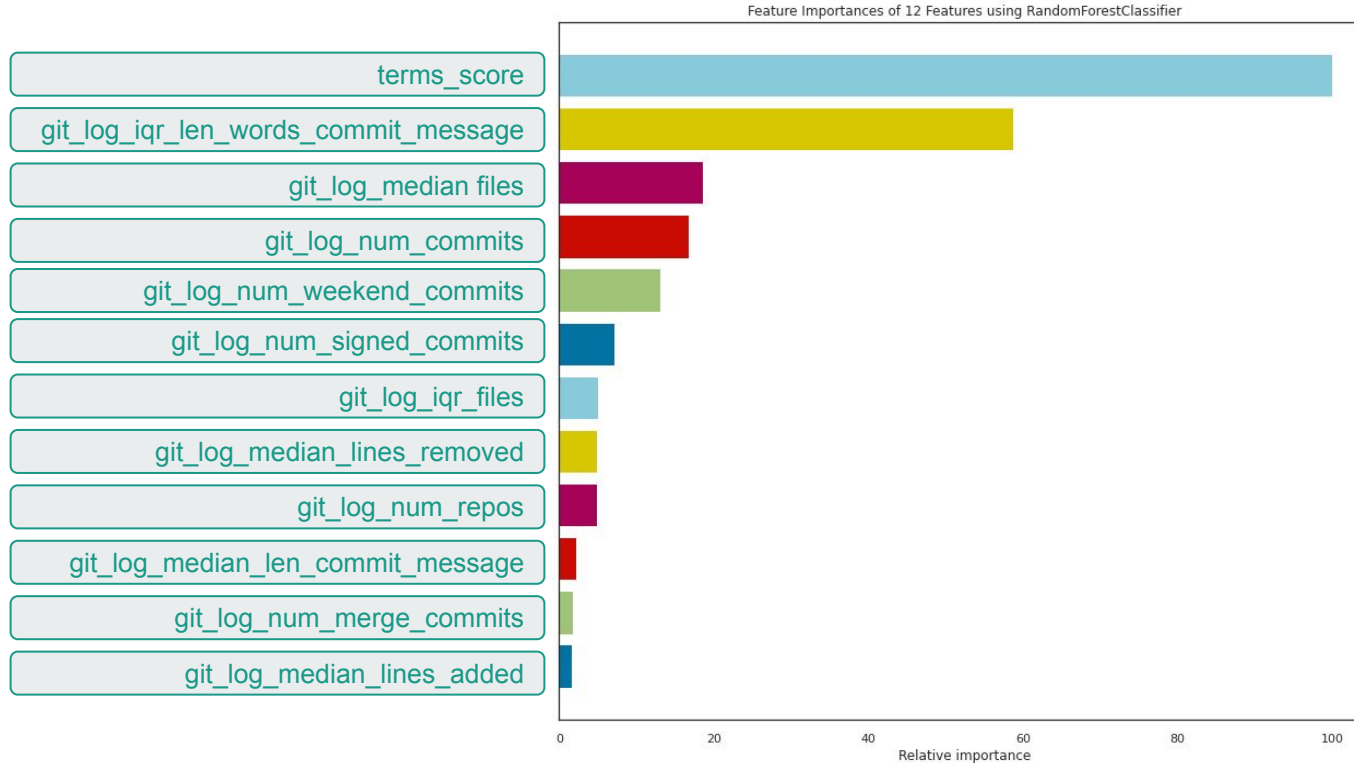
+ 5-fold
cross-validation

/classifiers: validation

		Predicted	
		Human	Bot
Real	Human	493	6
	Bot	1	3

Model name	<i>Precision</i>	<i>Recall</i>	<i>Fβ-score</i>
Random Forest	0.333	0.75	0.6

/classifiers: most relevant features



/future work

Improvement of the classification model

Other projects / Other communities

Text metrics / Digital footprints

Summary of the user / *Concept Learning*

Mixed accounts / Multi-class classification

Integration with SortingHat/GrimoireLab

Classification report

Recommendation engine

**Feedback to the classification model
after the user's decision**

/end

Questions

mafesan.github.io/Memoria-TFM