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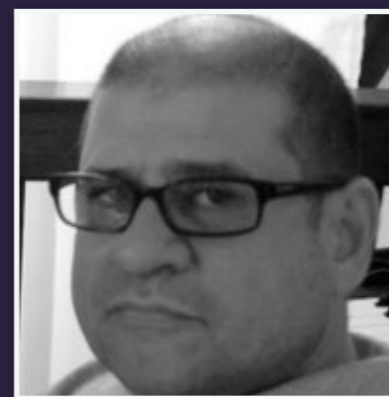
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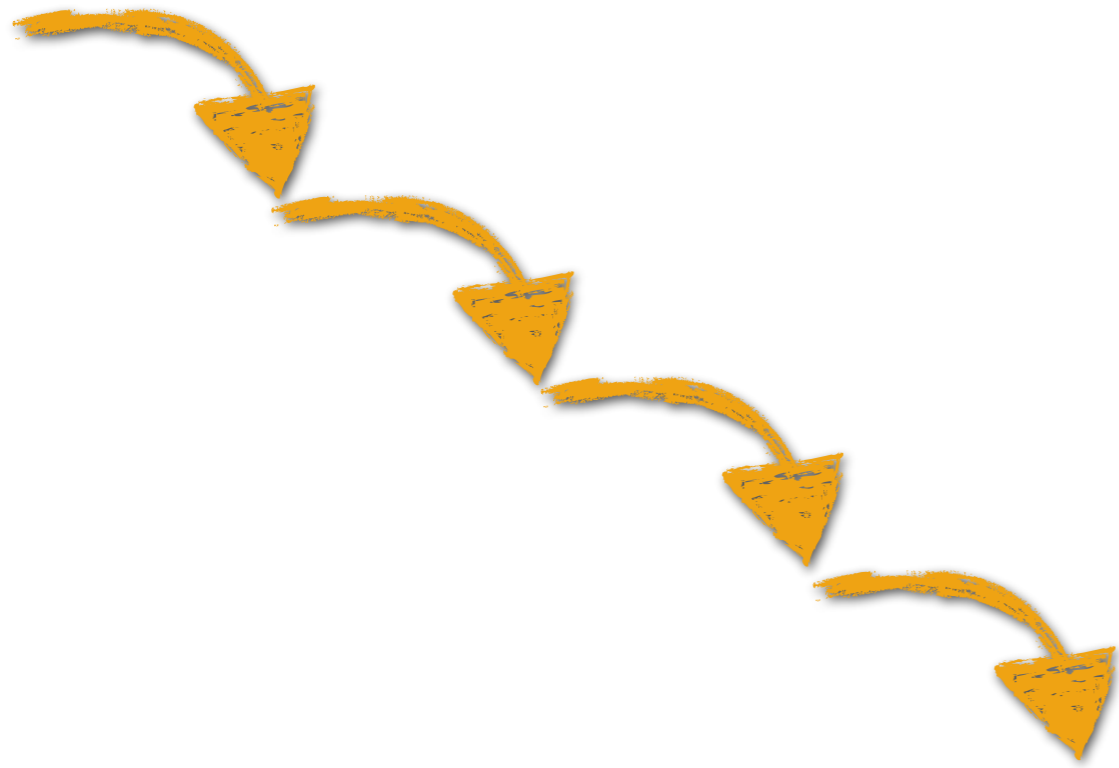


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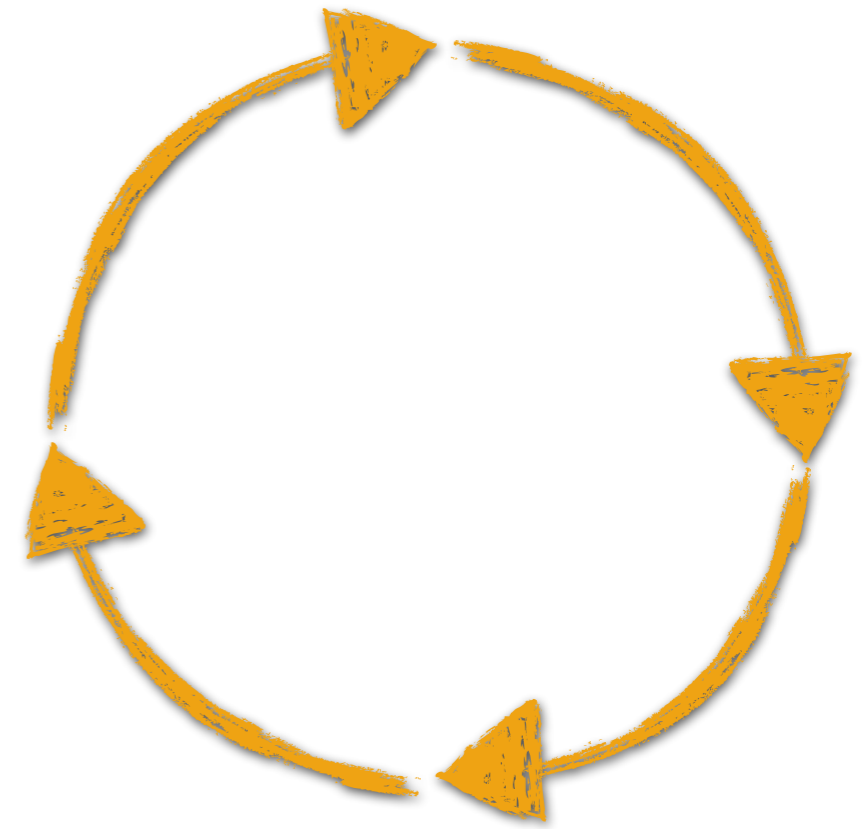
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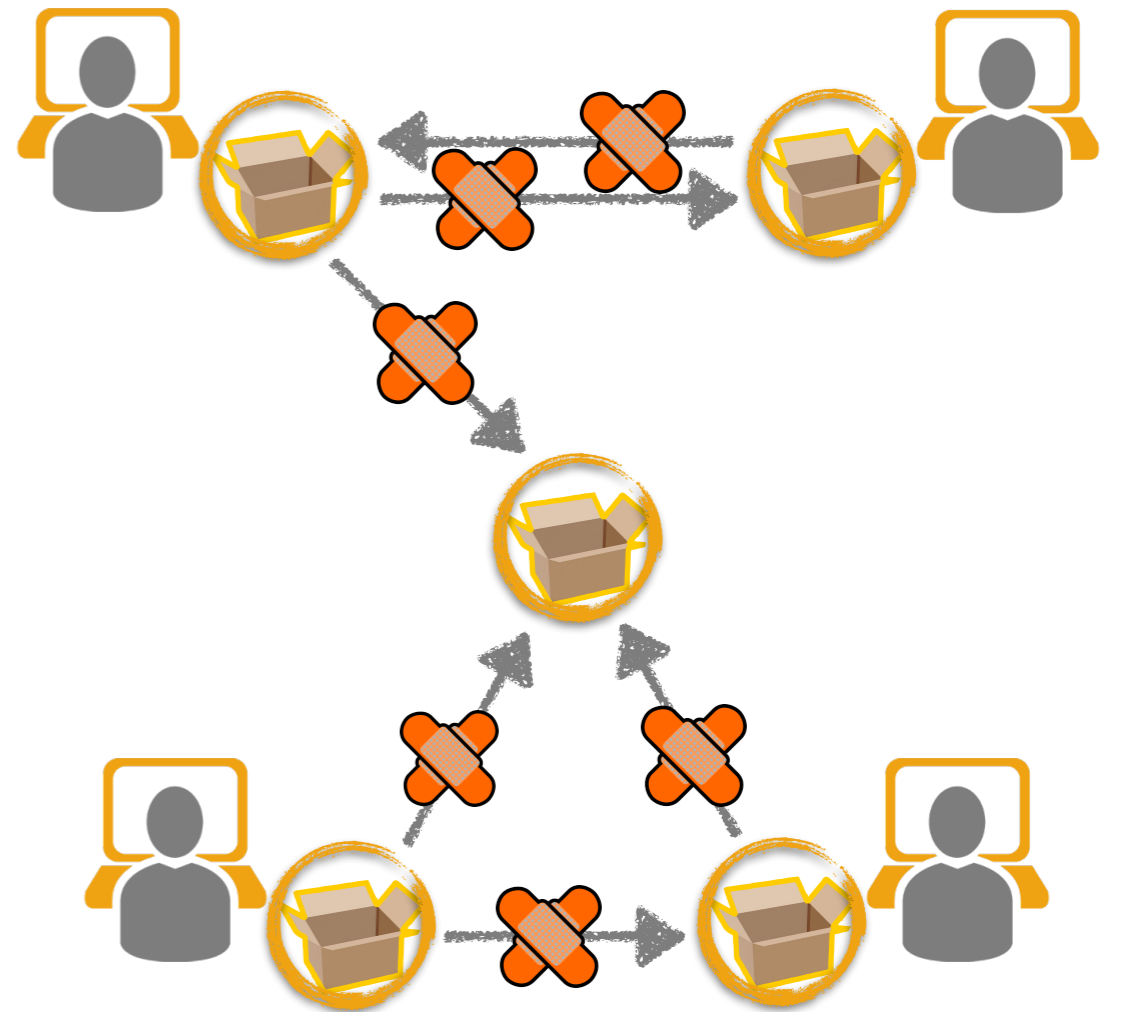
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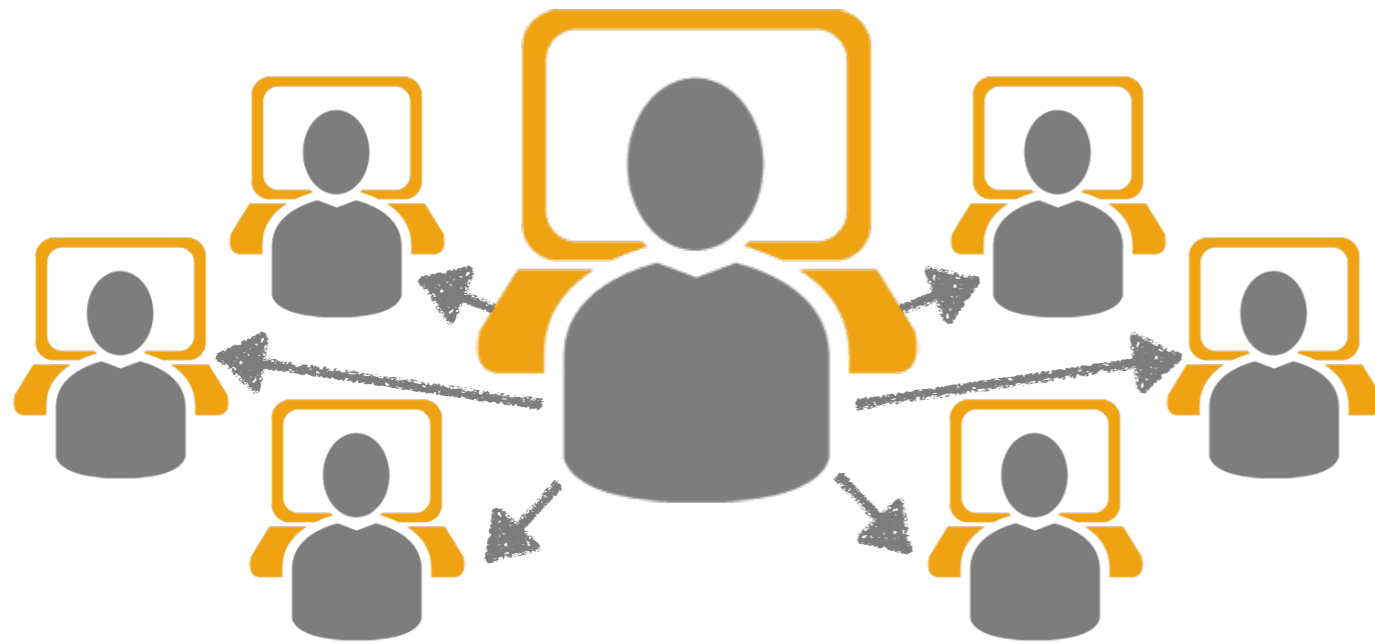
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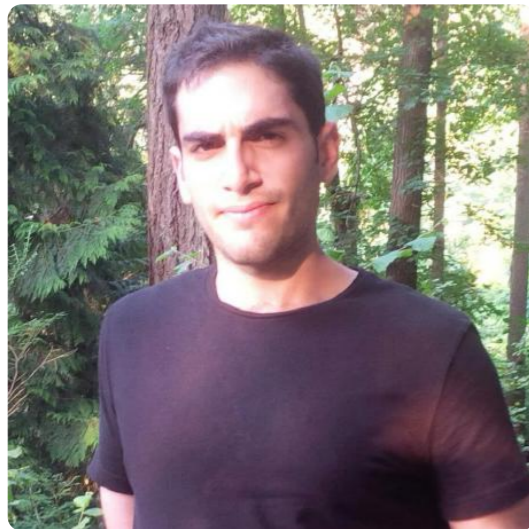
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- Social networking meets software development: Perspectives from GitHub, MSDN, Stack Exchange, and TopCoder
A Begel, J Bosch, MA Storey. *IEEE Software 2013*

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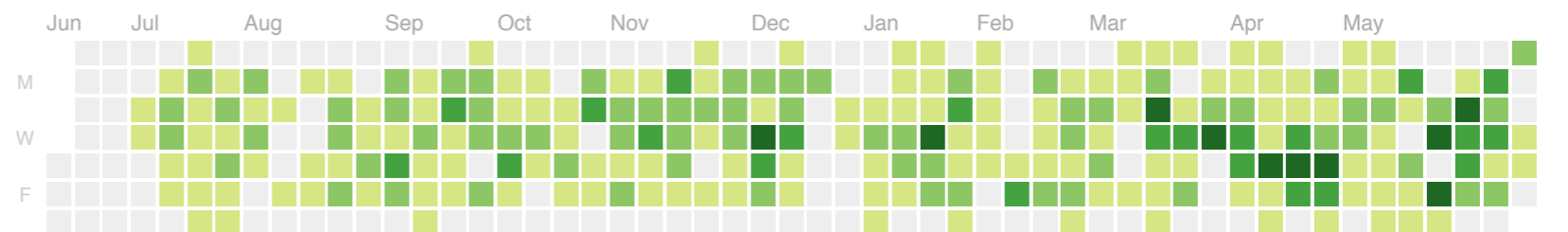
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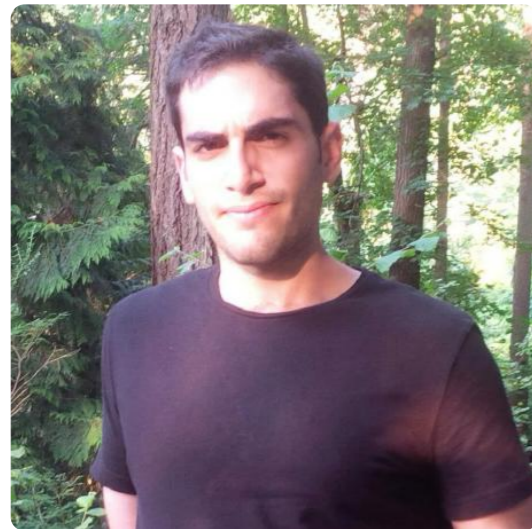
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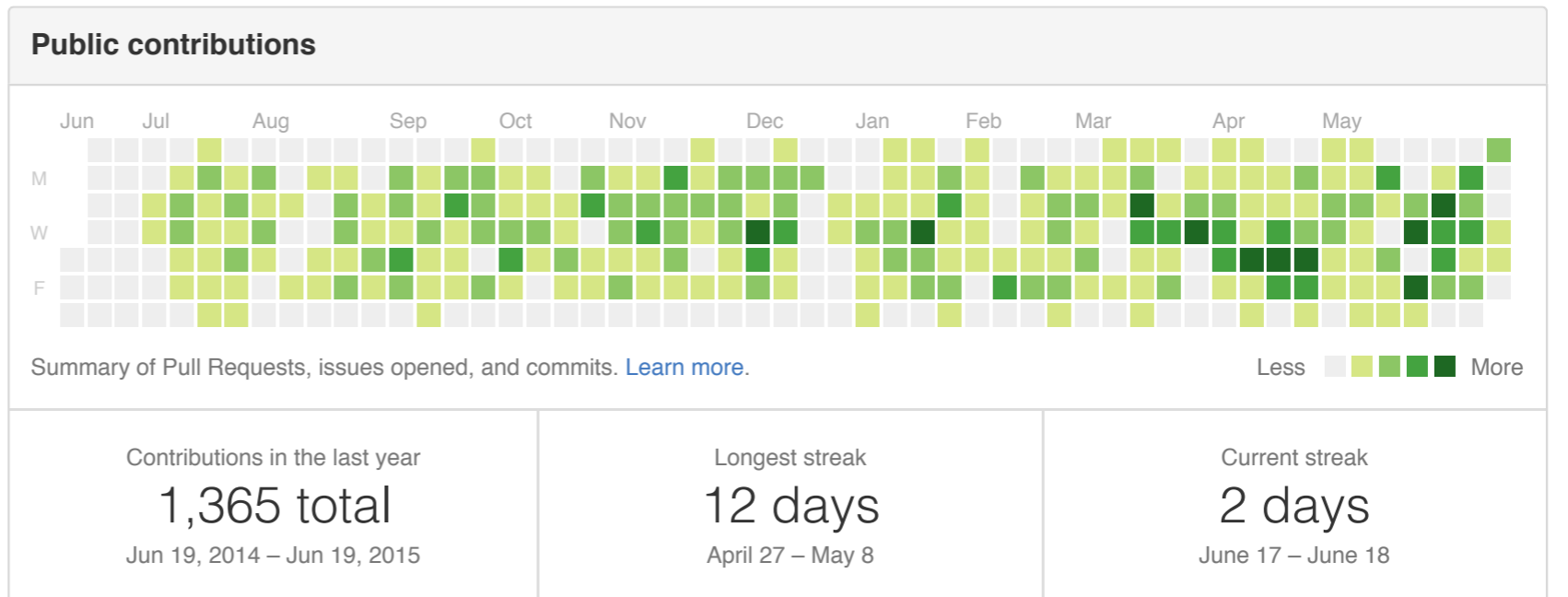
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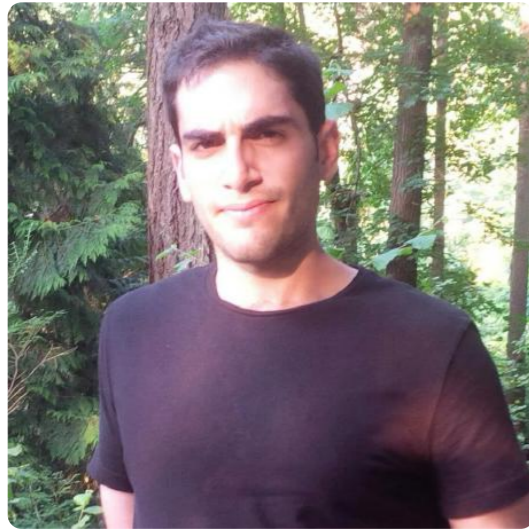
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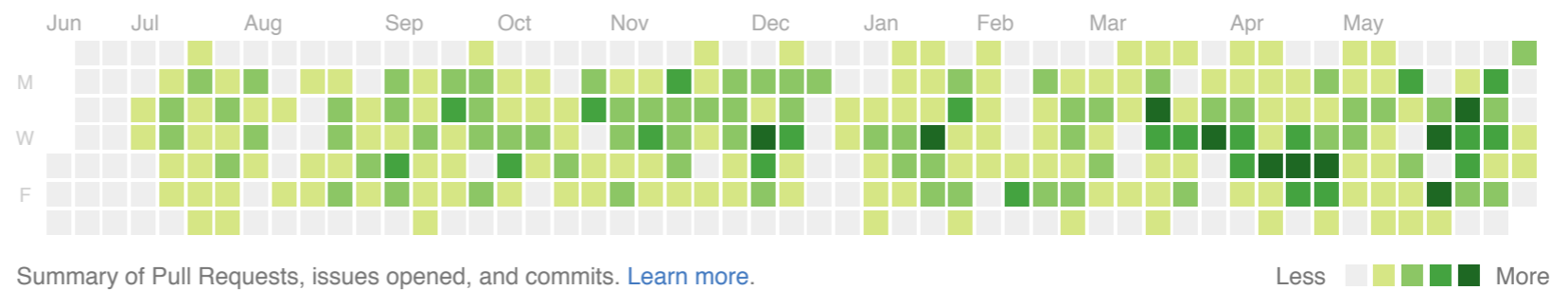
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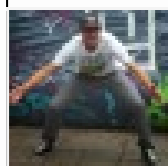
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- 29m ICT-skilled workers
- 18.5m software developers (professional + hobbyist)

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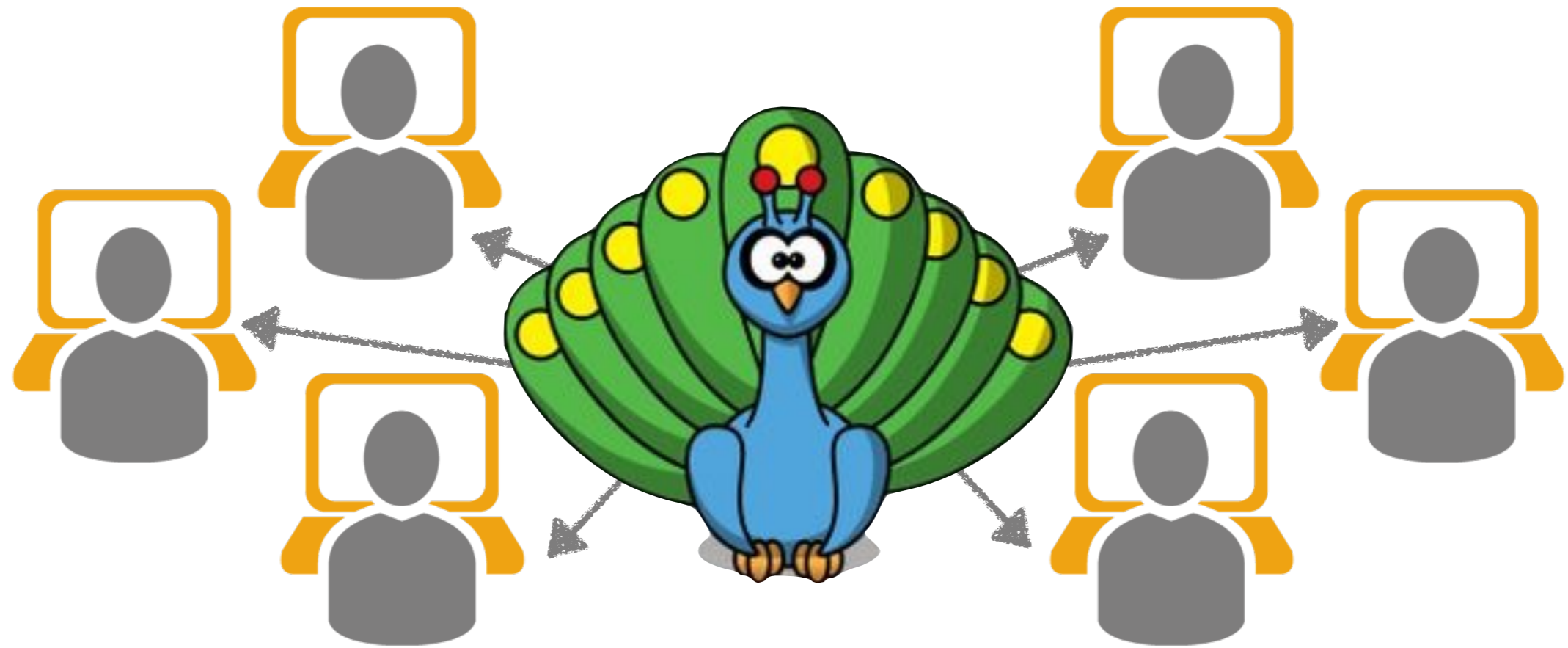


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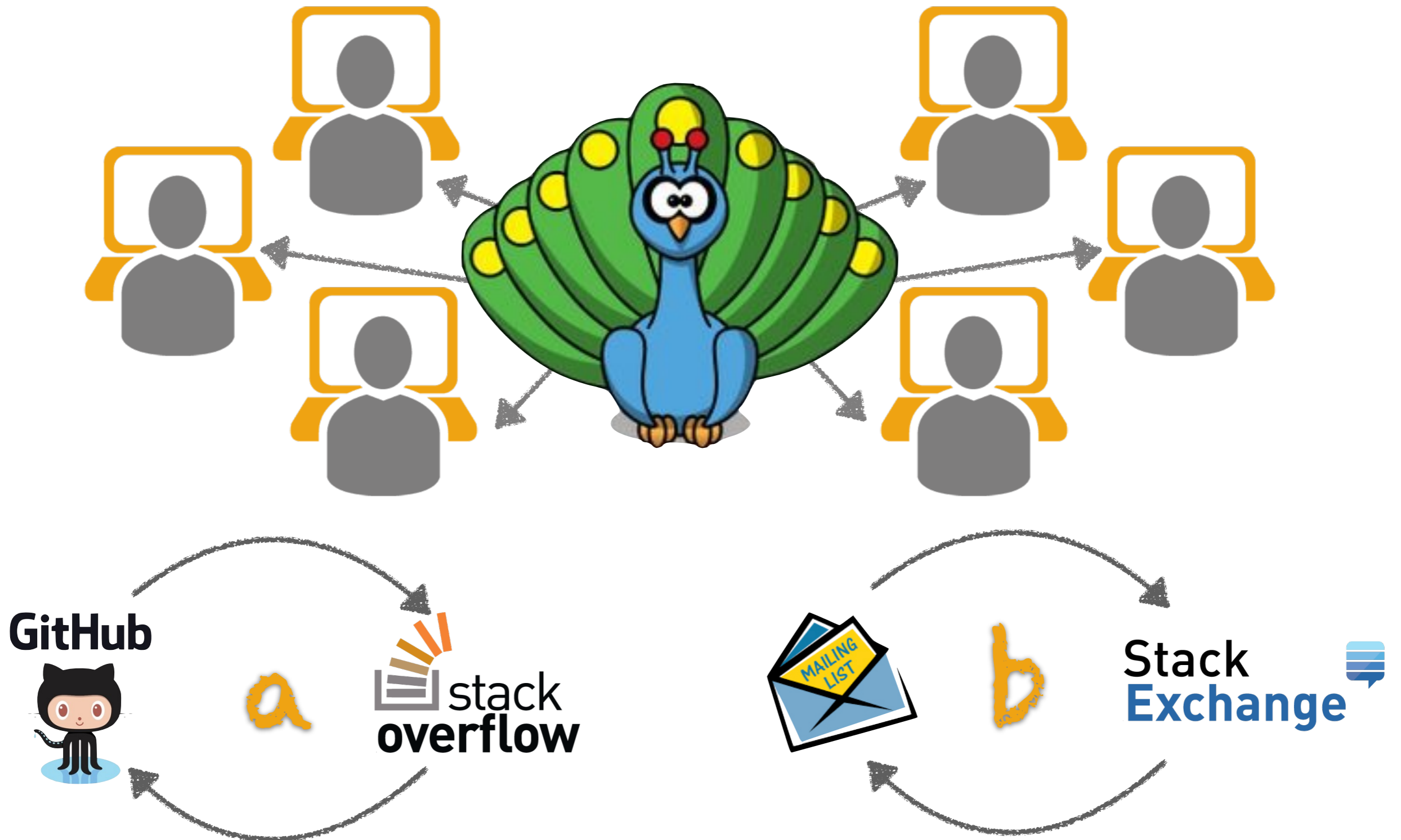
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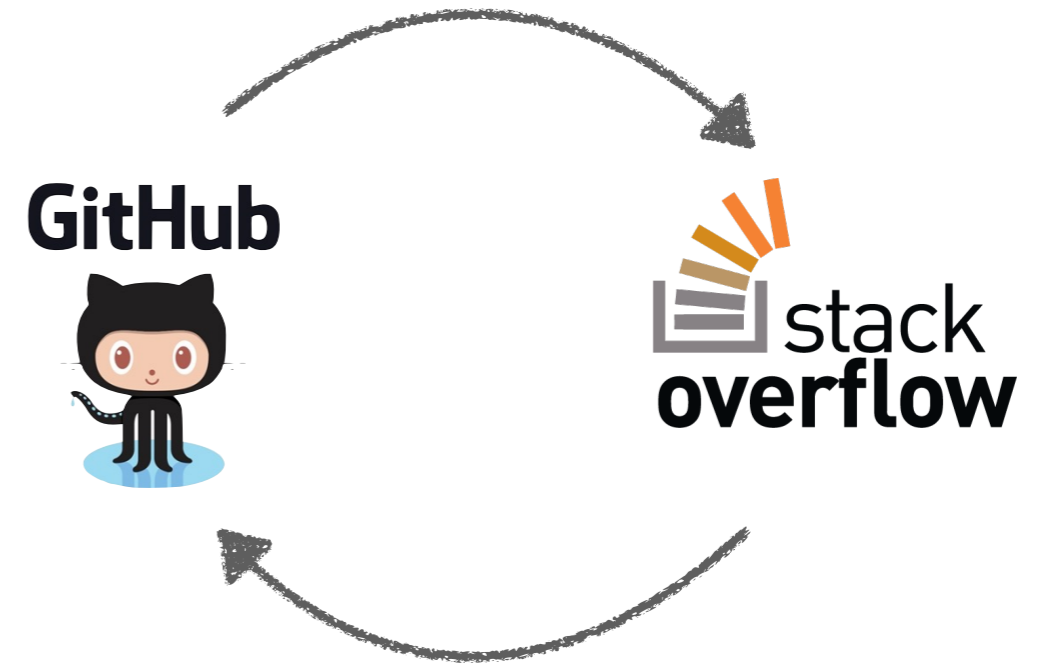
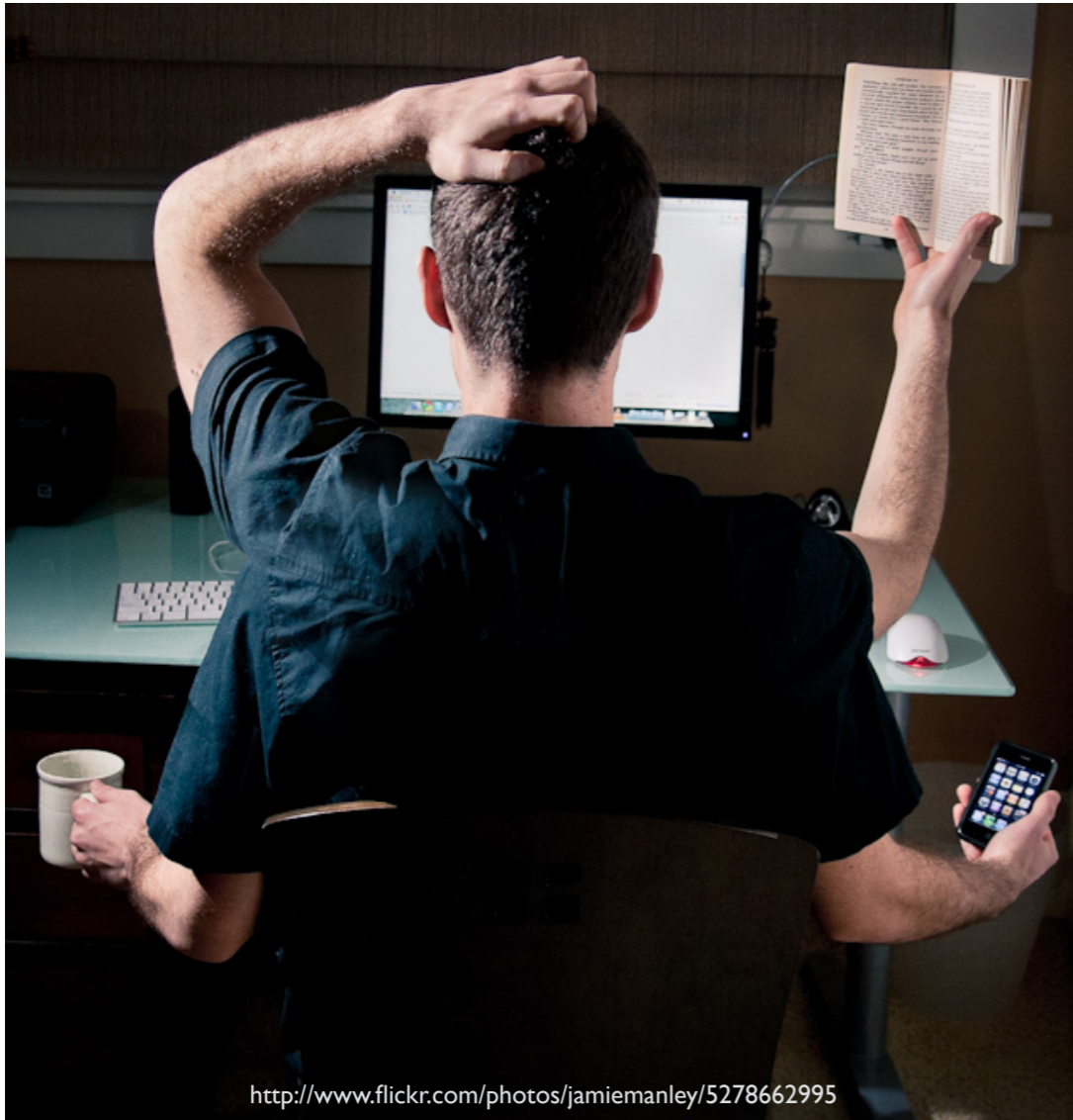
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A Capiluppi, A Serebrenik, L Singer. *IEEE Software 2013*
- **Mutual assessment in the social programmer ecosystem: an empirical investigation of developer profile aggregators**
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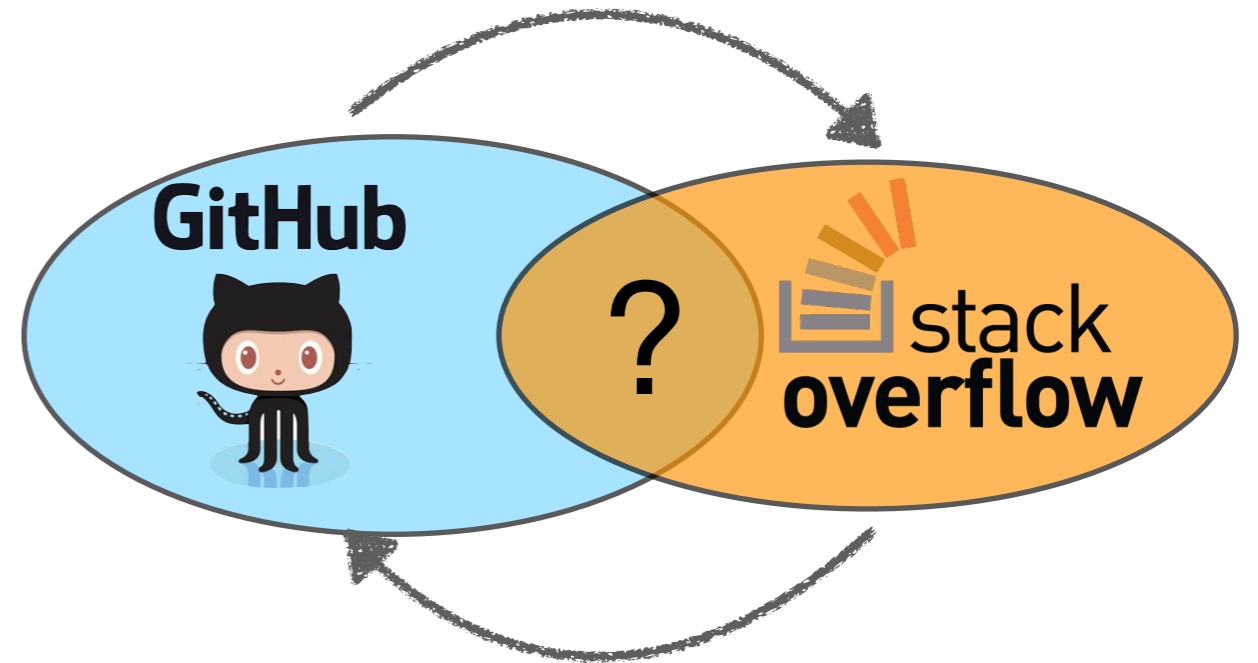
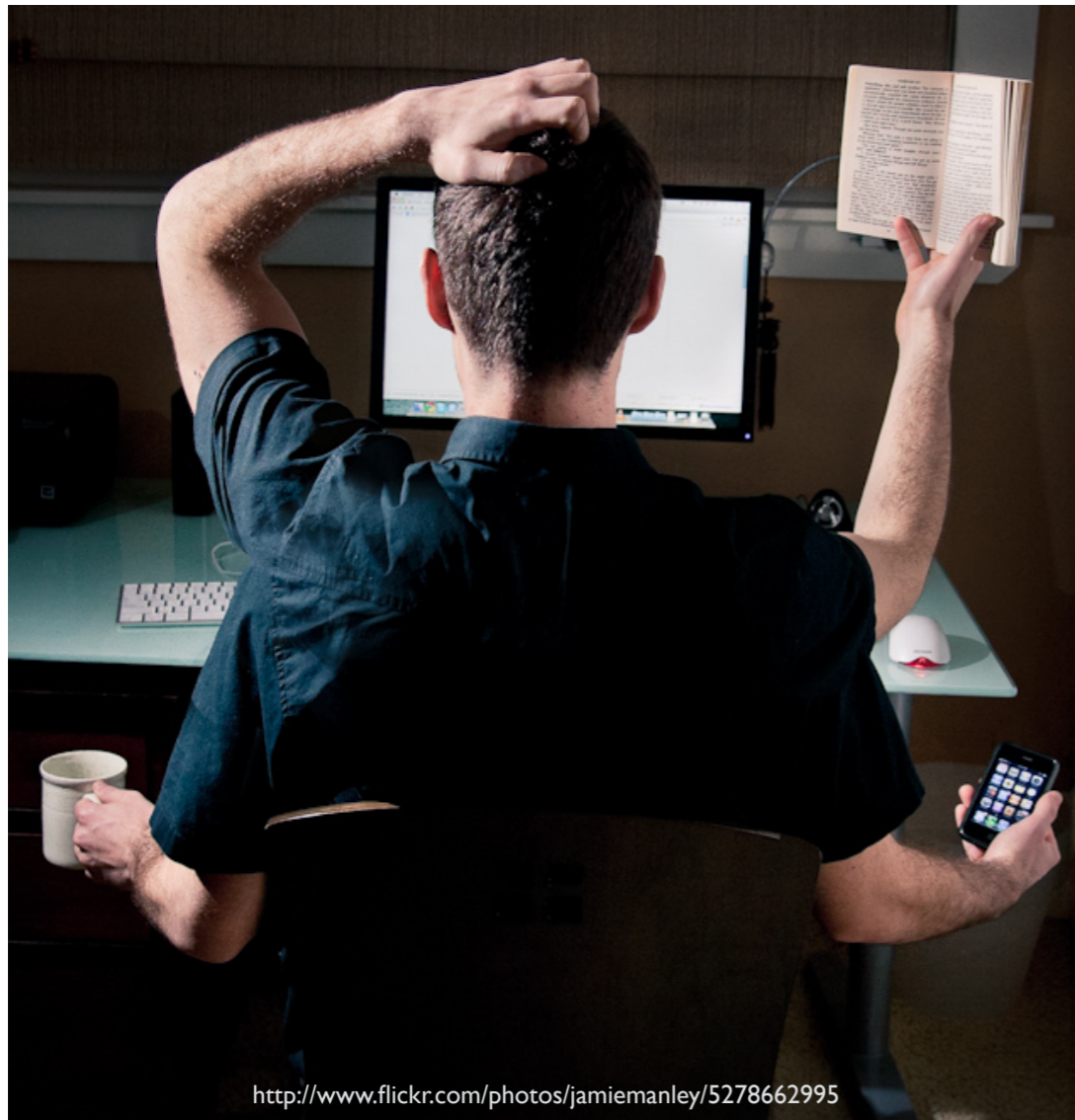
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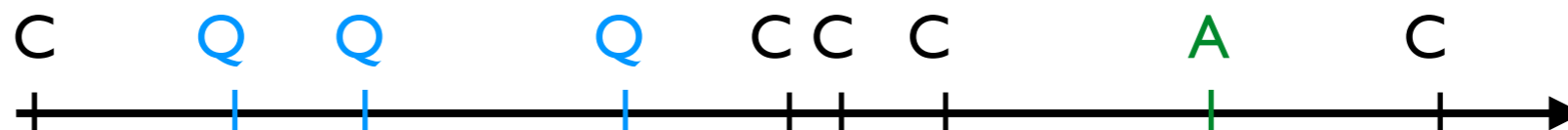
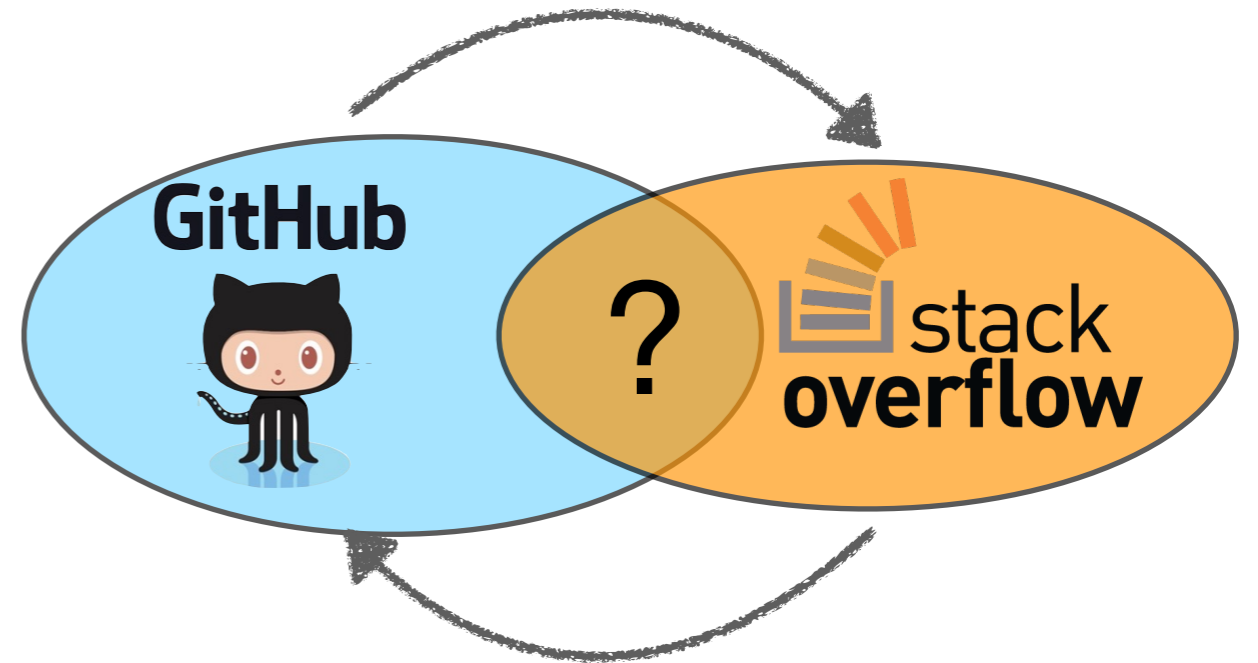
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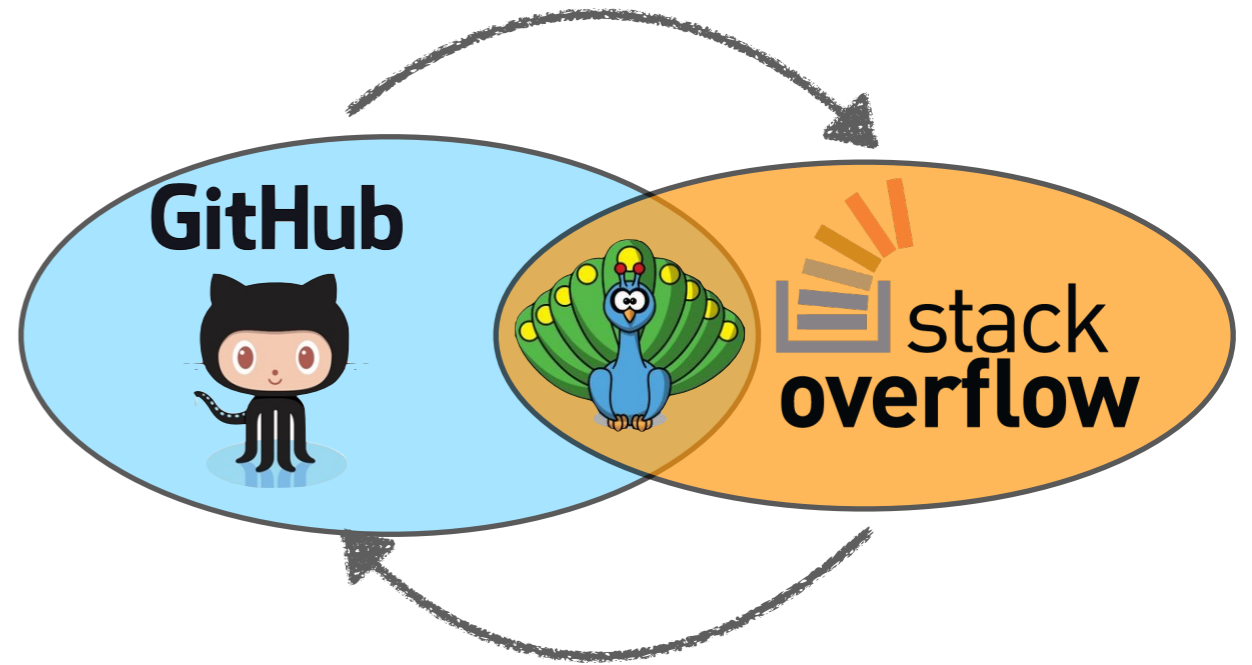
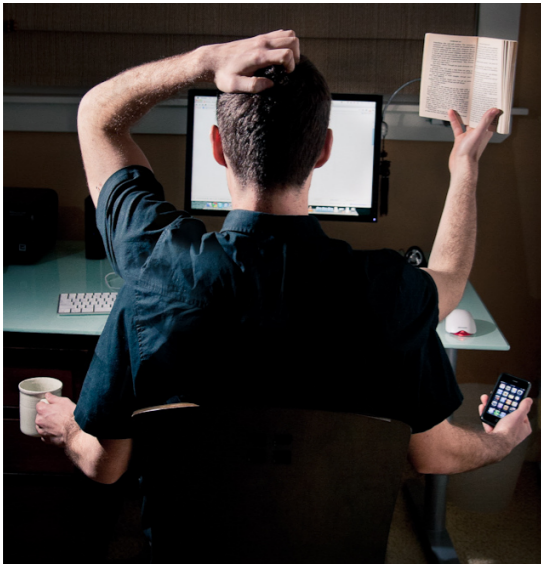
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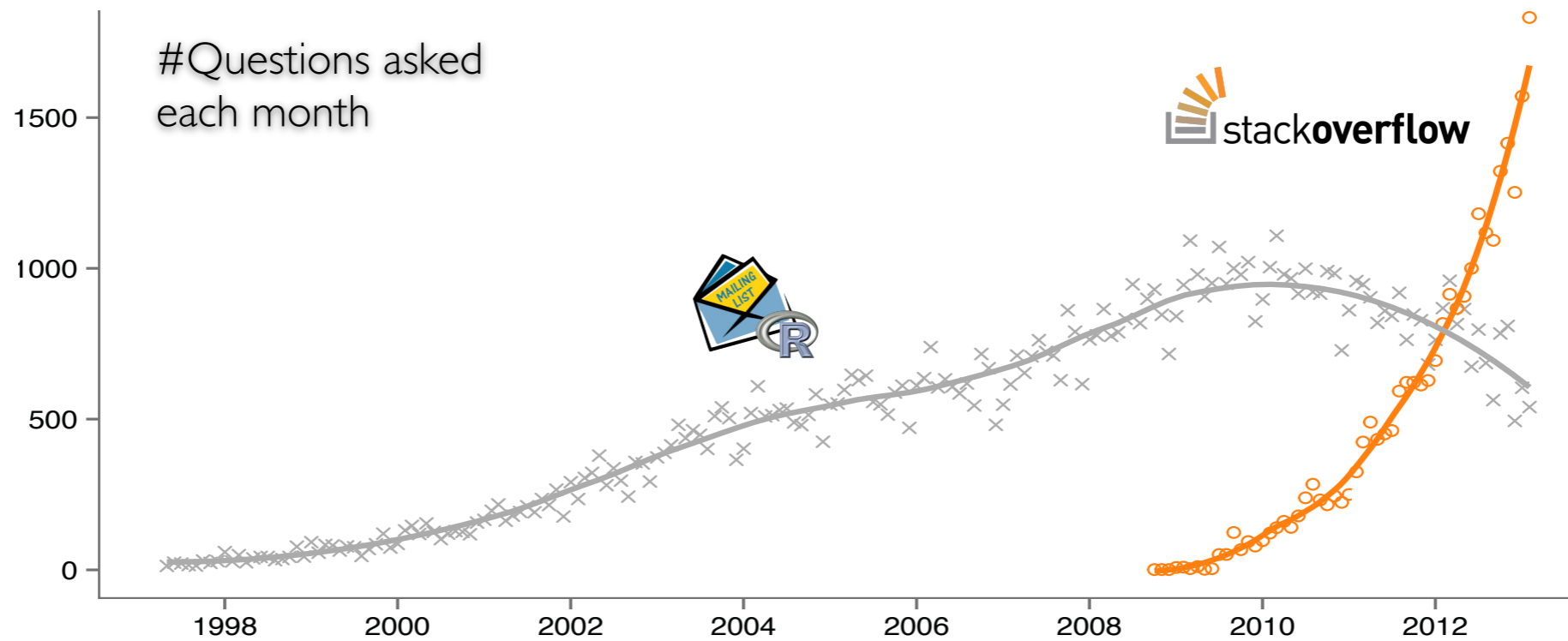
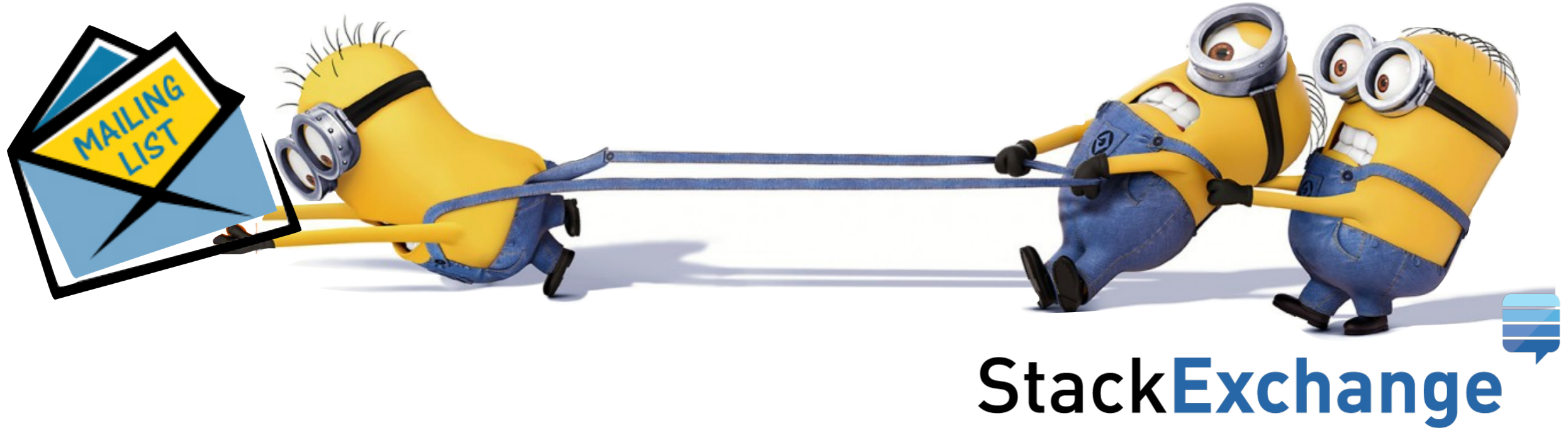
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- Experts are experts everywhere
- Participating in SO "speeds up" coding



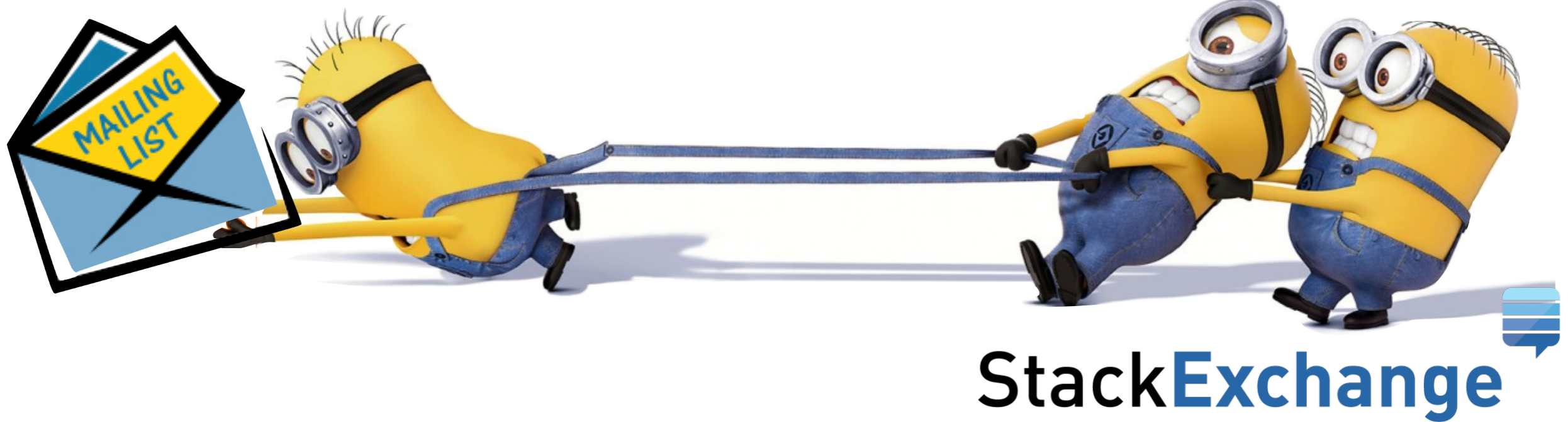
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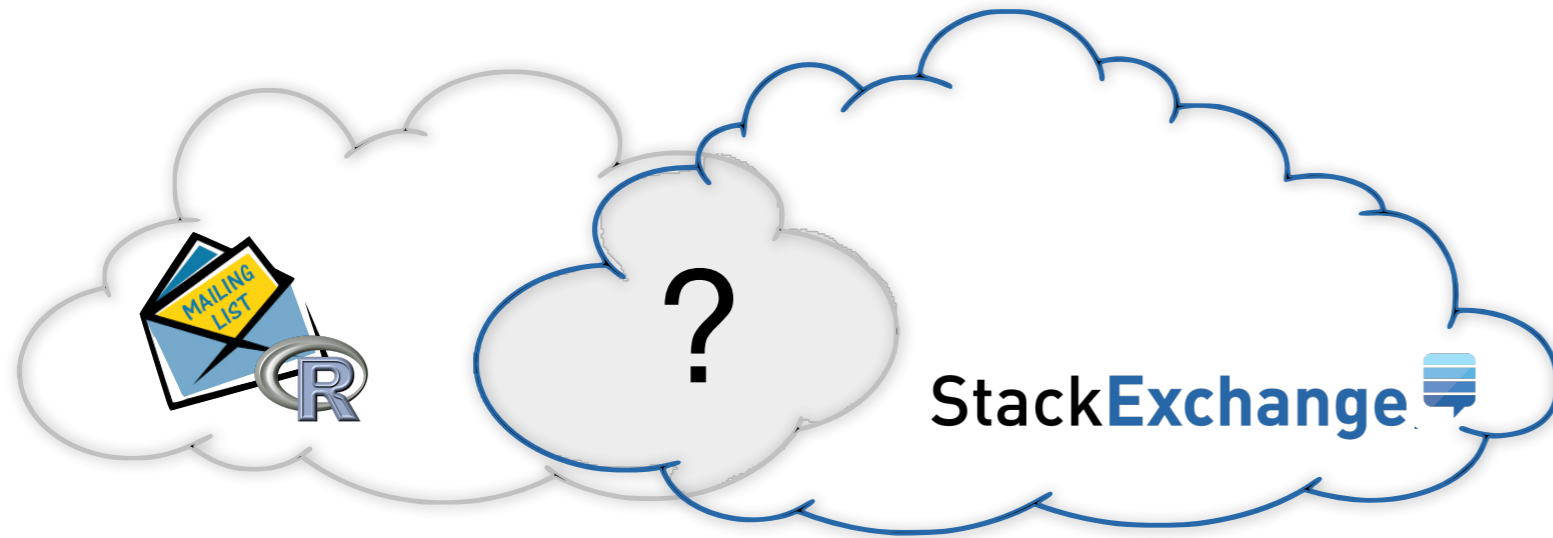
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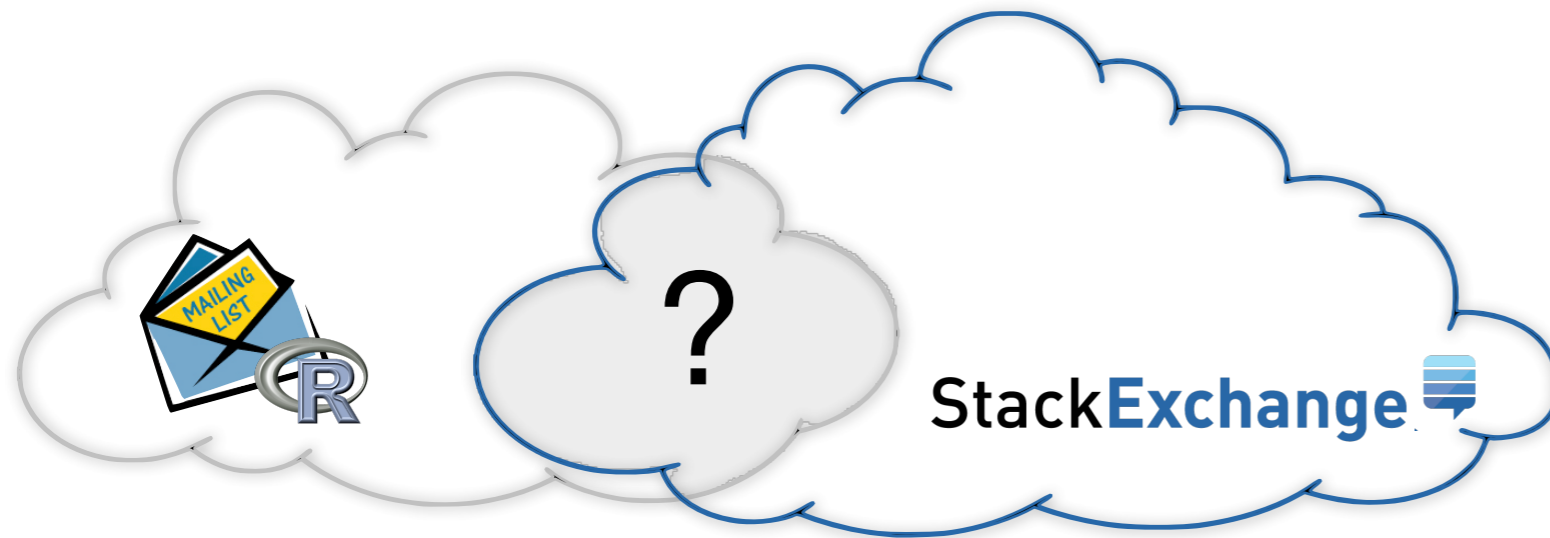
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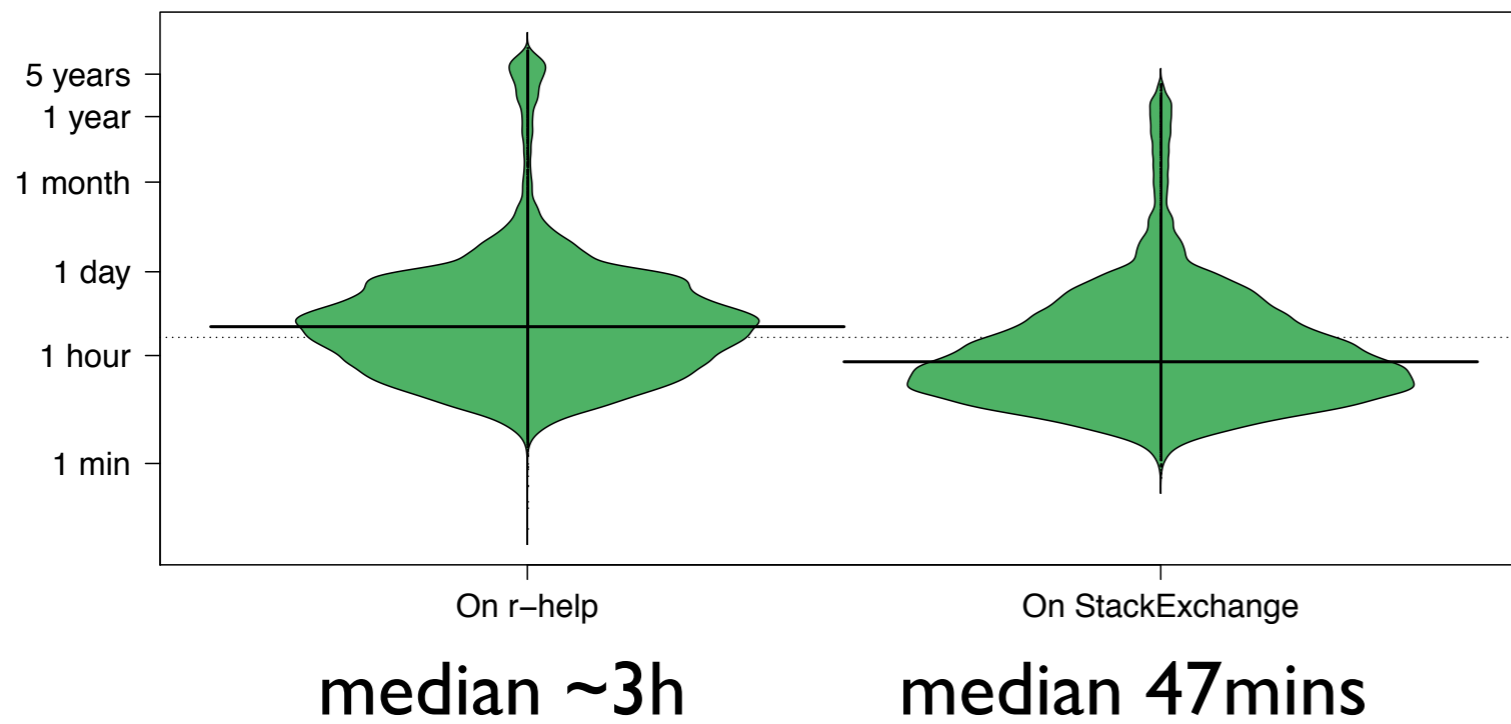
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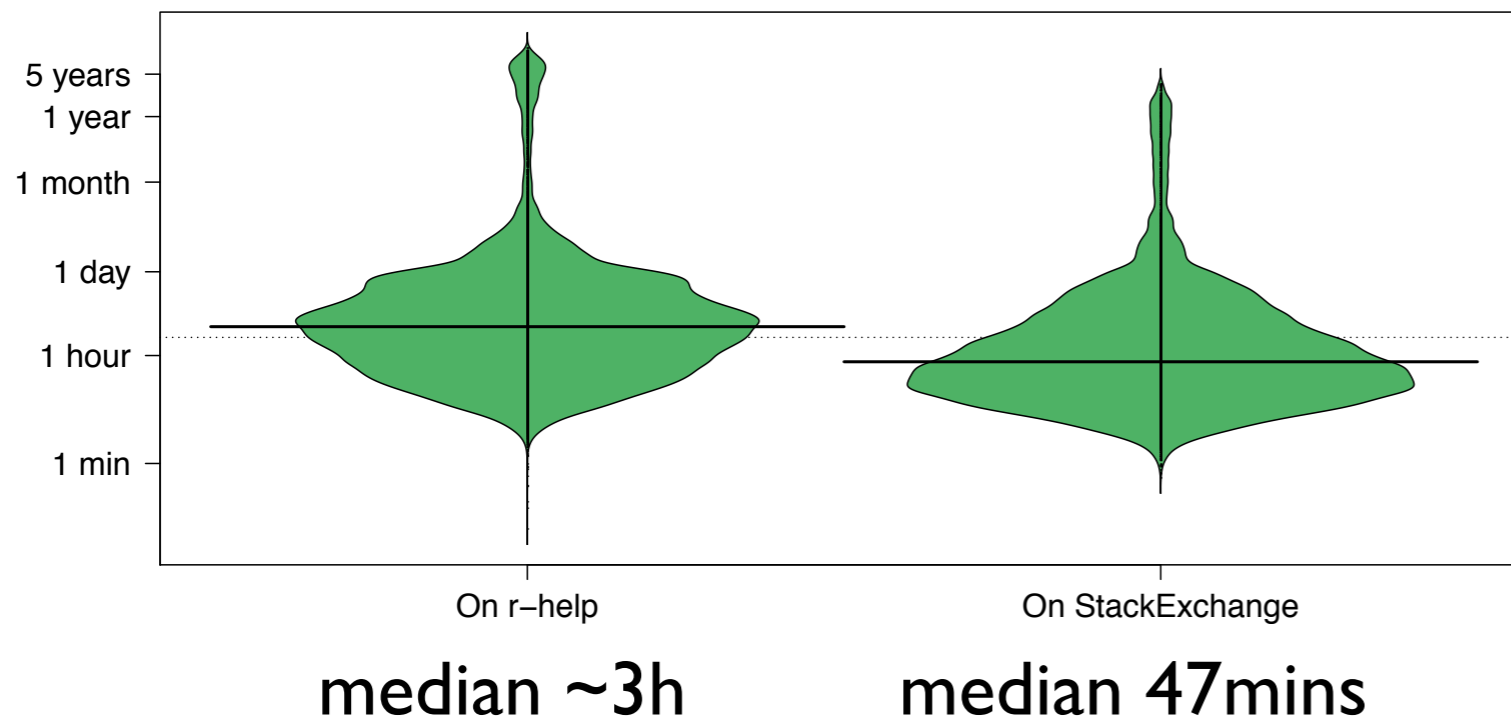


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“It’s a game, which also serves a good purpose”

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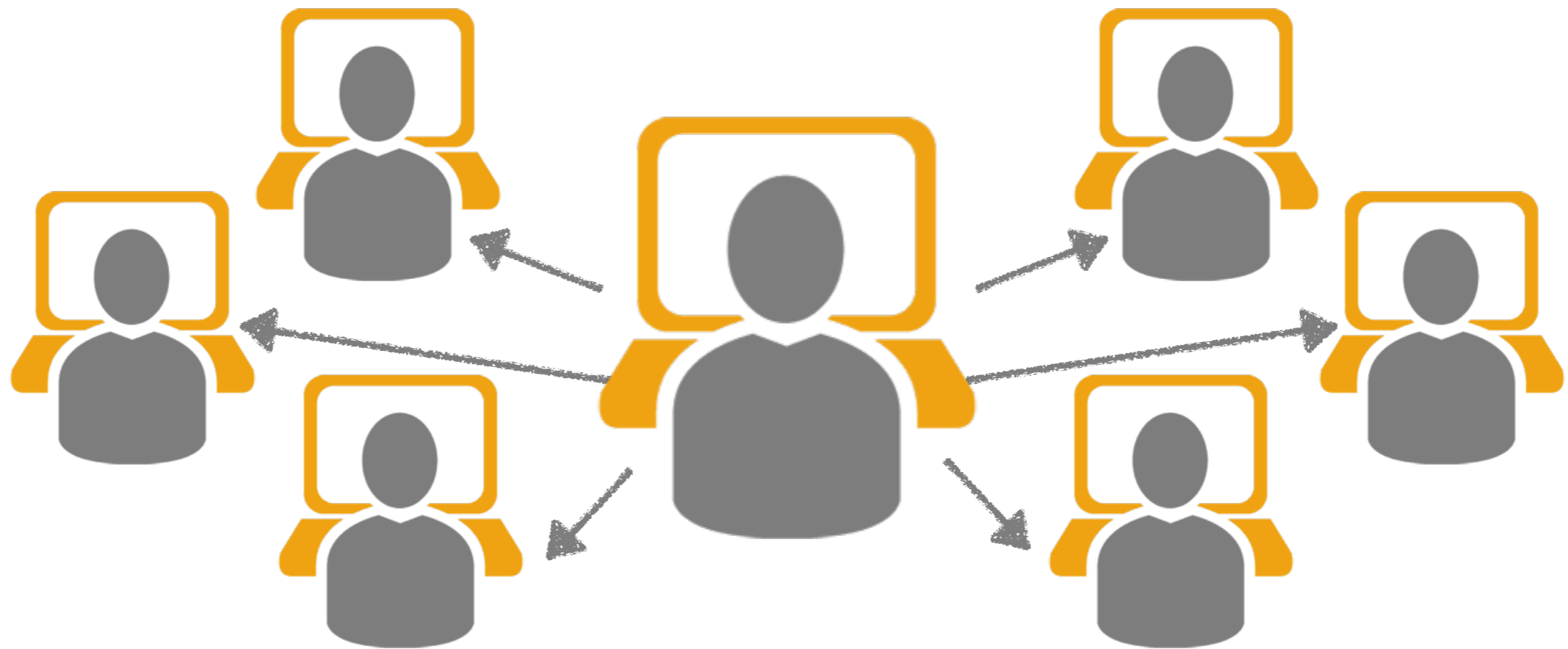
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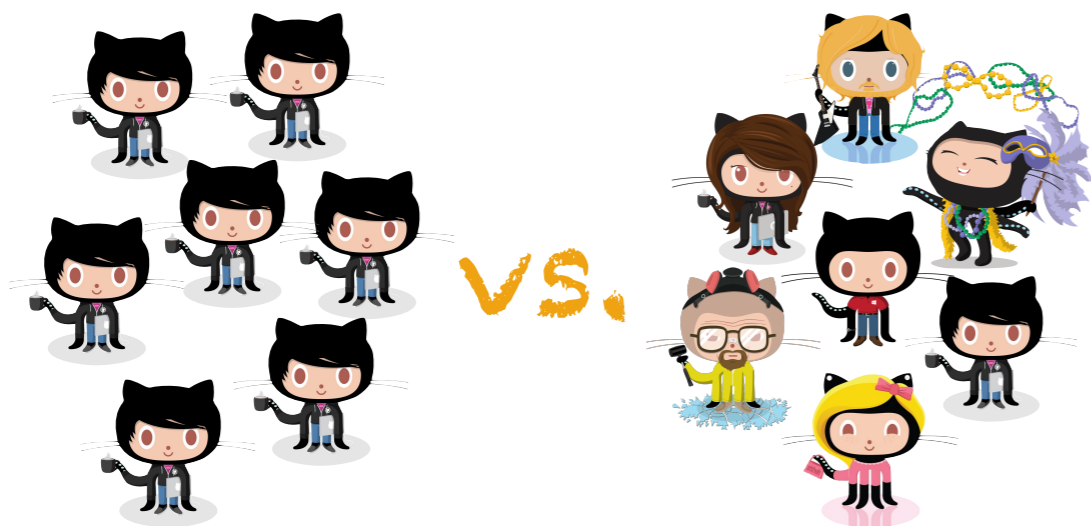


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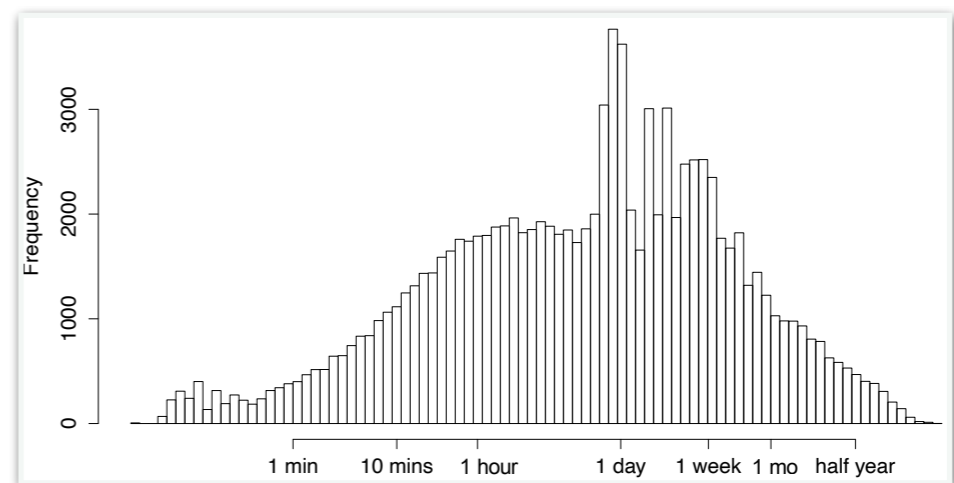
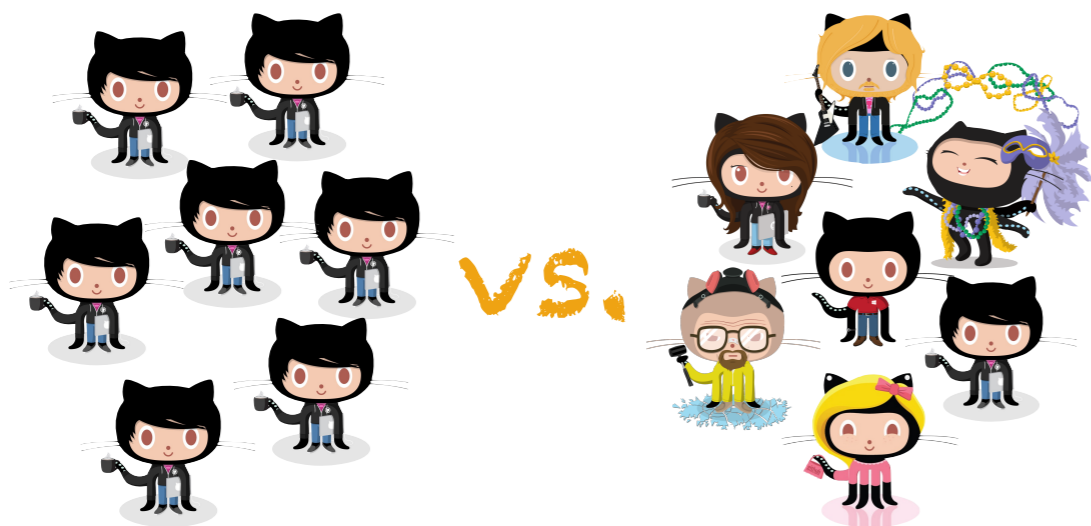
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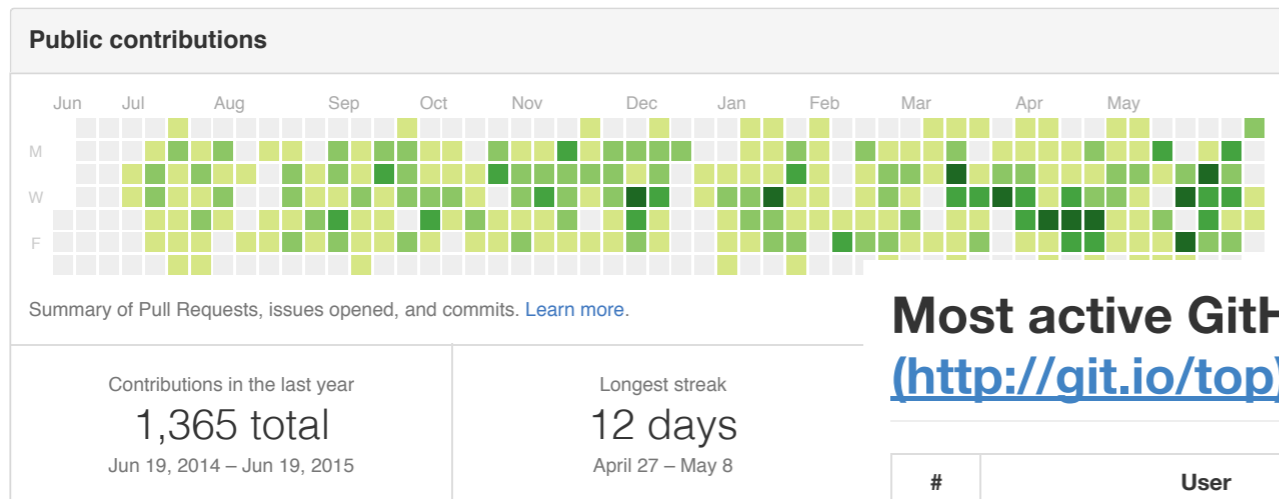
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The predictability of
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#2	michalbe (Michał Budzyński)	14771	JavaScript	Warsaw, Poland
#3	kevinsawicki (Kevin Sawicki)	9159	JavaScript	Redwood City, C

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Women are less effective than men in mixed-gender competitive environments
[Gneezy et al]

Women shy away from competition and men embrace it
[Niederle and Vesterlund]

- **Performance in competitive environments: Gender differences**
U Gneezy, M Niederle, A Rustichini. *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 118(3):1049–1074, 2003
- **Do women shy away from competition? Do men compete too much?**
M Niederle, L Vesterlund. *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 122(3):1067–1101, 2007

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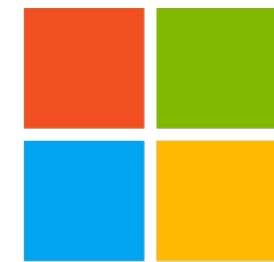
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10.9%



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- FLOSS 2013: A survey dataset about free software contributors: challenges for curating, sharing, and combining
G Robles, L Arjona-Reina, B Vasilescu, A Serebrenik, JM Gonzalez-Barahona. *MSR 2014*
- Google Diversity (2015) www.google.com/diversity/index.html#chart
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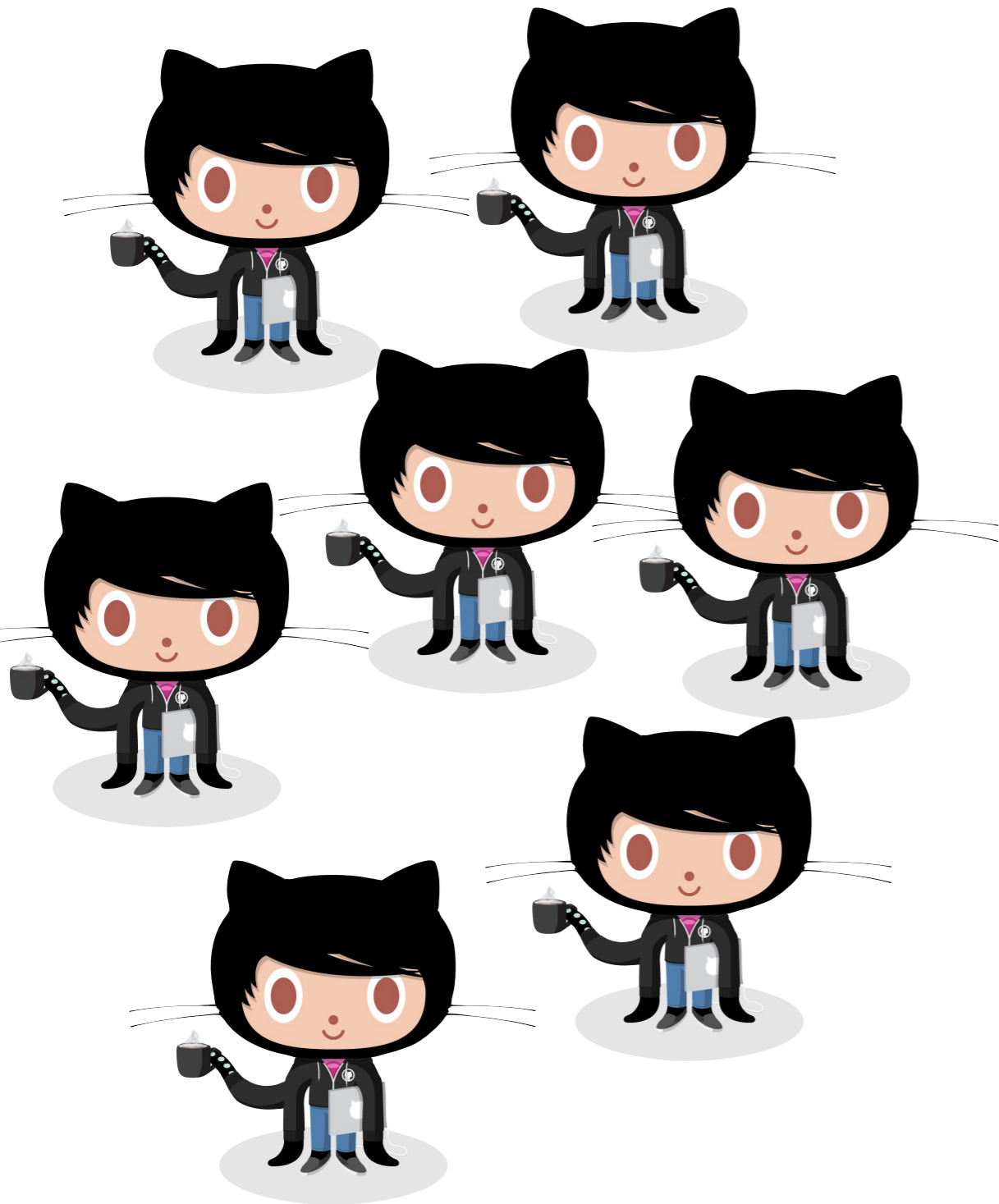


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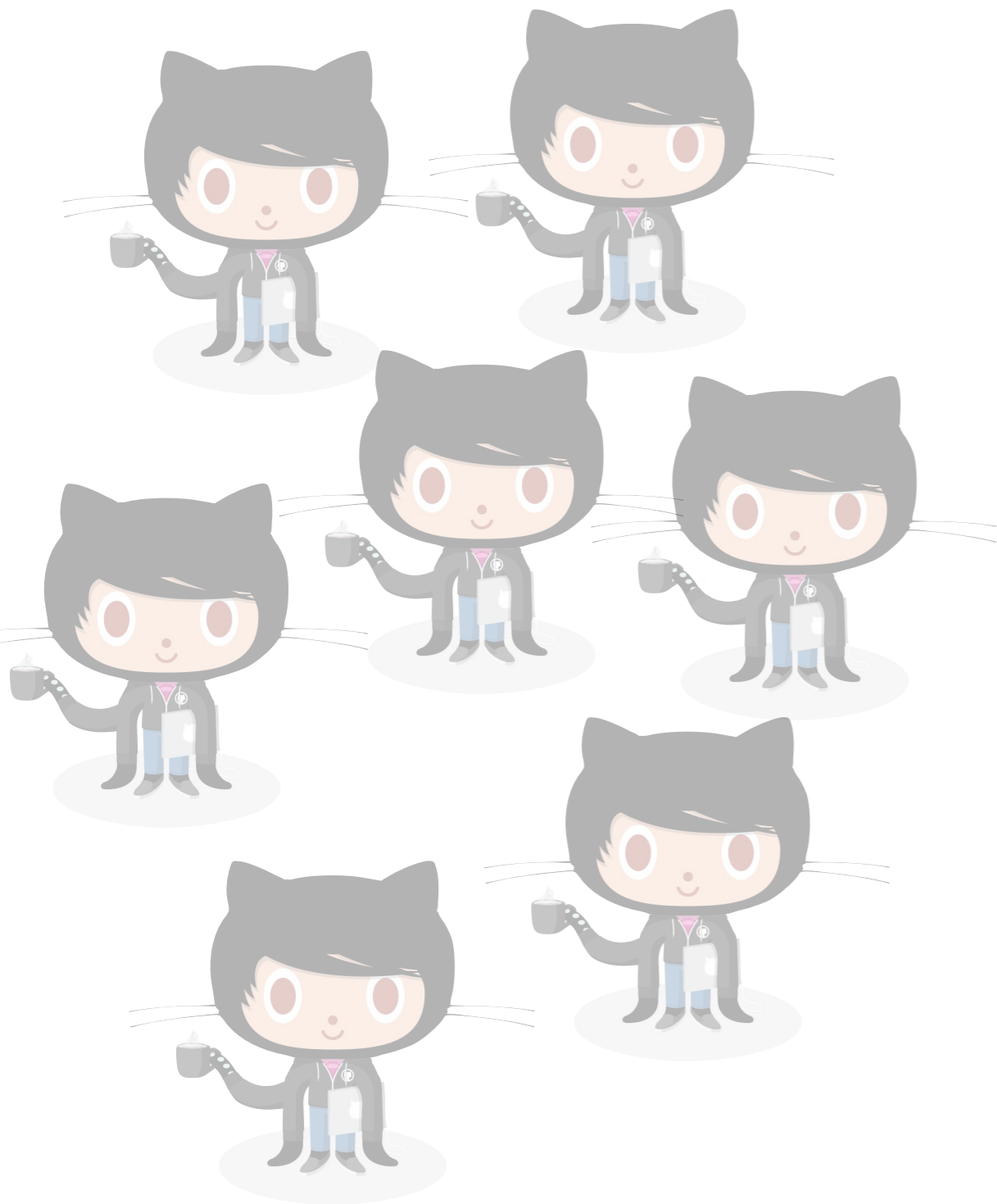
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Diversity 👎



Similarity attraction theory

People prefer working with others similar to them in terms of values, beliefs, and attitudes [Byrne]



Social identity and social categorization theory

People categorize themselves into specific groups. Members of own group are treated better than outsiders [Tajfel]

Due to greater perceived differences between groups than within groups, diversity can lead to confusion, stress, and conflict [Horwitz & Horwitz]

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Diversity



Driver of internal innovation and business growth [Forbes]



Diverse problem solvers outperform high ability problem solvers [Hong & Page]



Companies with diverse executive boards have higher earnings and returns on equity [McKinsey]



Multicultural social networks promote creativity [Harvard Business School]

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Diversity 👍



Information Processing Theory

Mixture of cultural/educational backgrounds
+ access to different networks/broader information
=> creativity, adaptability, & problem solving skills.

[Salancik & Pfeffer]

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Today: diversity in **open source software** (OSS) GitHub teams

Different settings



Geographic &
cultural dispersion



Online communities
& distributed comm.
channels

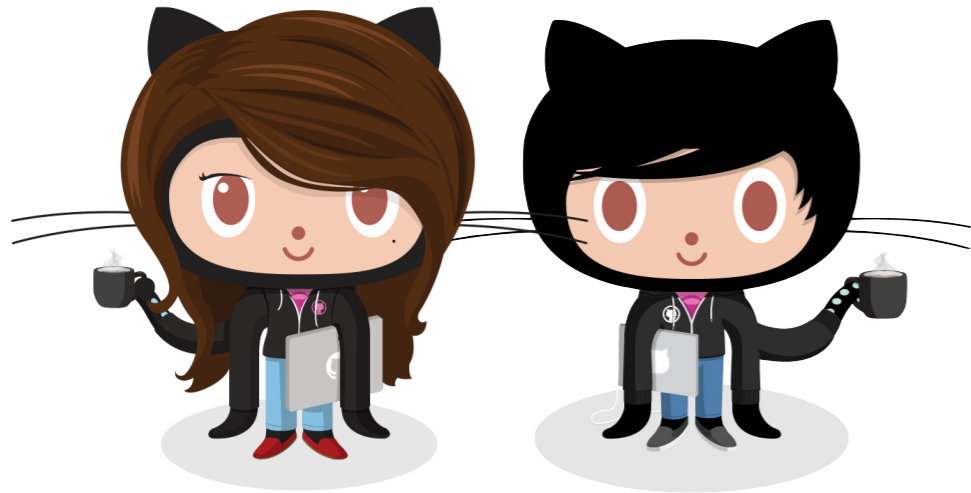
Different methods



Quantitative;
large-scale trace data

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Today: **gender & tenure** diversity in open source software (OSS) GitHub teams



Gender diversity
= mix women/men

*simplifying assumption:
gender is binary*



The “hacker” culture is
male-dominated and
unfriendly to women
[Turkle]



Women are <10% in
OSS [Robles et al]



Reports of active
discrimination and sexism
towards women [Nafus]

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Tenure diversity
= mix junior/senior



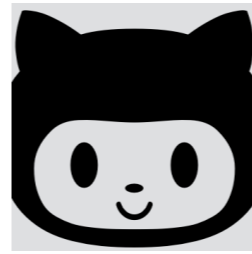
The “onion” structure of OSS:
small (stable) core + large
(loose) periphery [Ducheneaut]



High turnover [Robles &
Gonzalez-Barahona]

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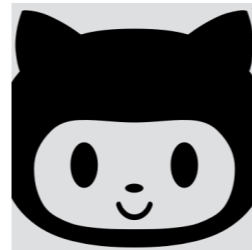


World's largest open source community

Trace data available
@ghtorrent
[Gousios et al]

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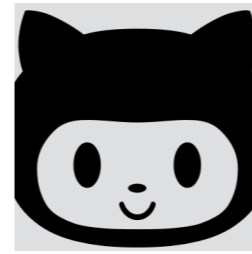


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OSS as meritocracy;
contribution quality as
main driver of impression
formation
[Dabbish et al, Marlow et al]

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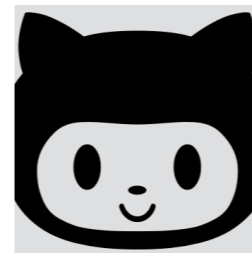


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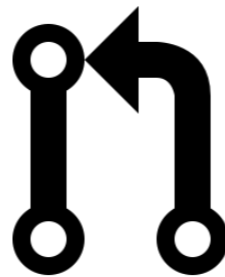
Demographics are less salient in OSS [Riordan & Shore]

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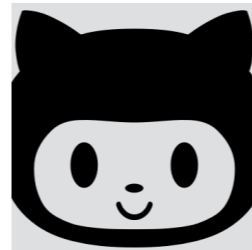
Anyone can contribute to any repository.
Who's on a team?



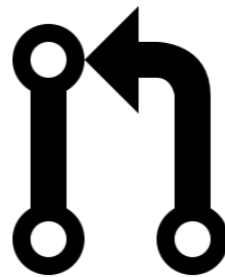
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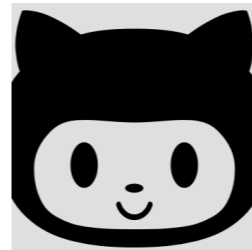


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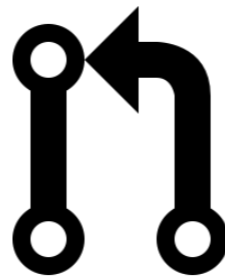


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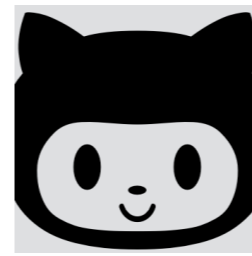
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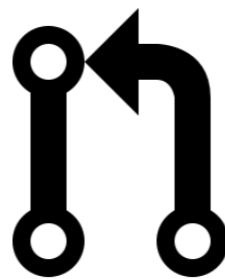
People contribute under multiple aliases

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How to analyze such large-scale longitudinal trace data?

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Approach: mixed methods

Diversity survey

Welcome to our GitHub diversity survey!

This survey is aimed at developing a better understanding of the national origin in distributed software engineering teams.

Your participation is voluntary and confidential. If you agree to



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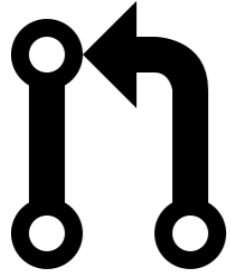
- Perceptions of diversity on GitHub: A user survey
B Vasilescu, V Filkov, A Serebrenik. *CHASE 2015*

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Survey

4,500 invitations, 816 responses



What constitutes a team?



Which differences do people recognize among team members?



Does diversity matter?

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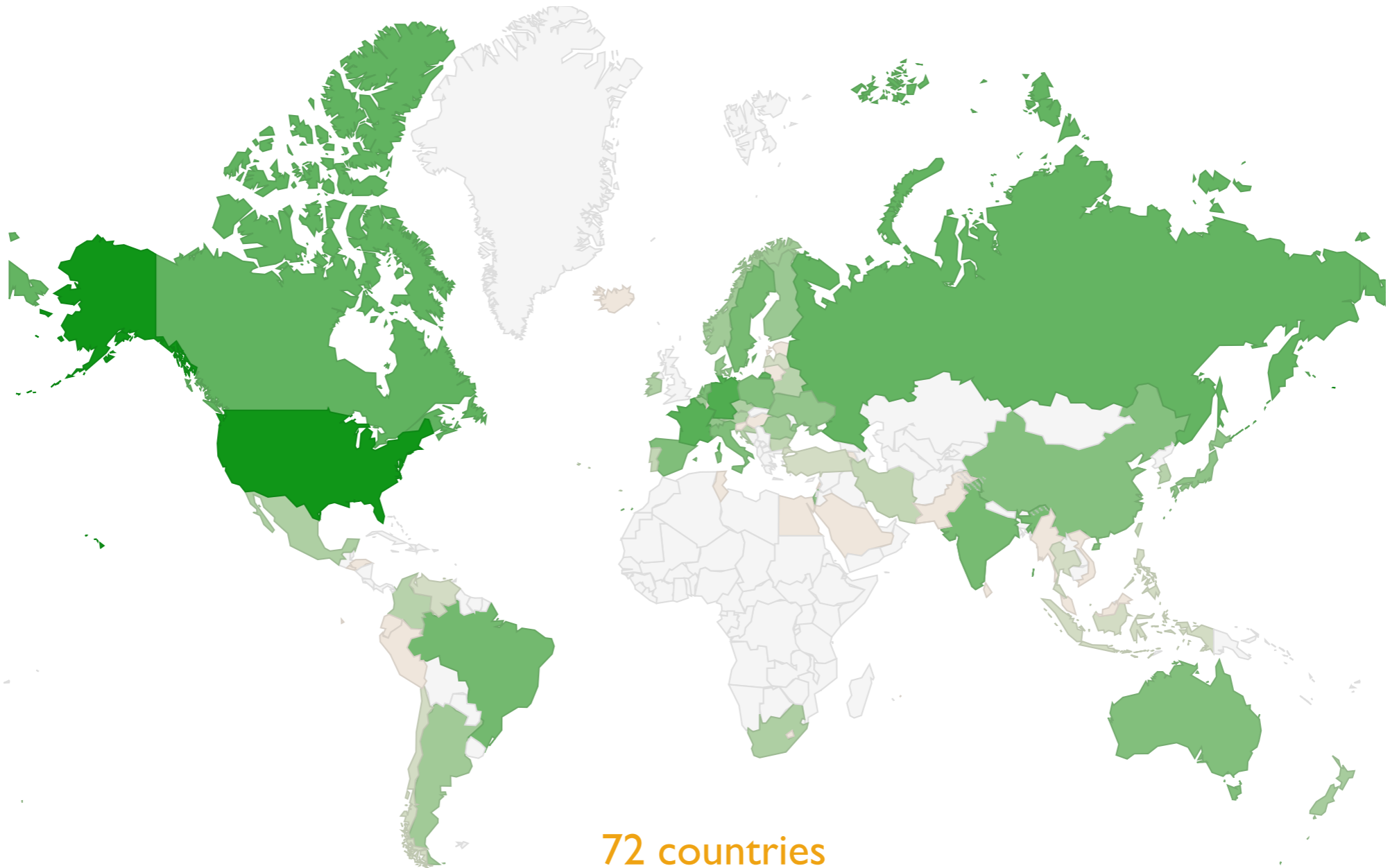
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72 countries

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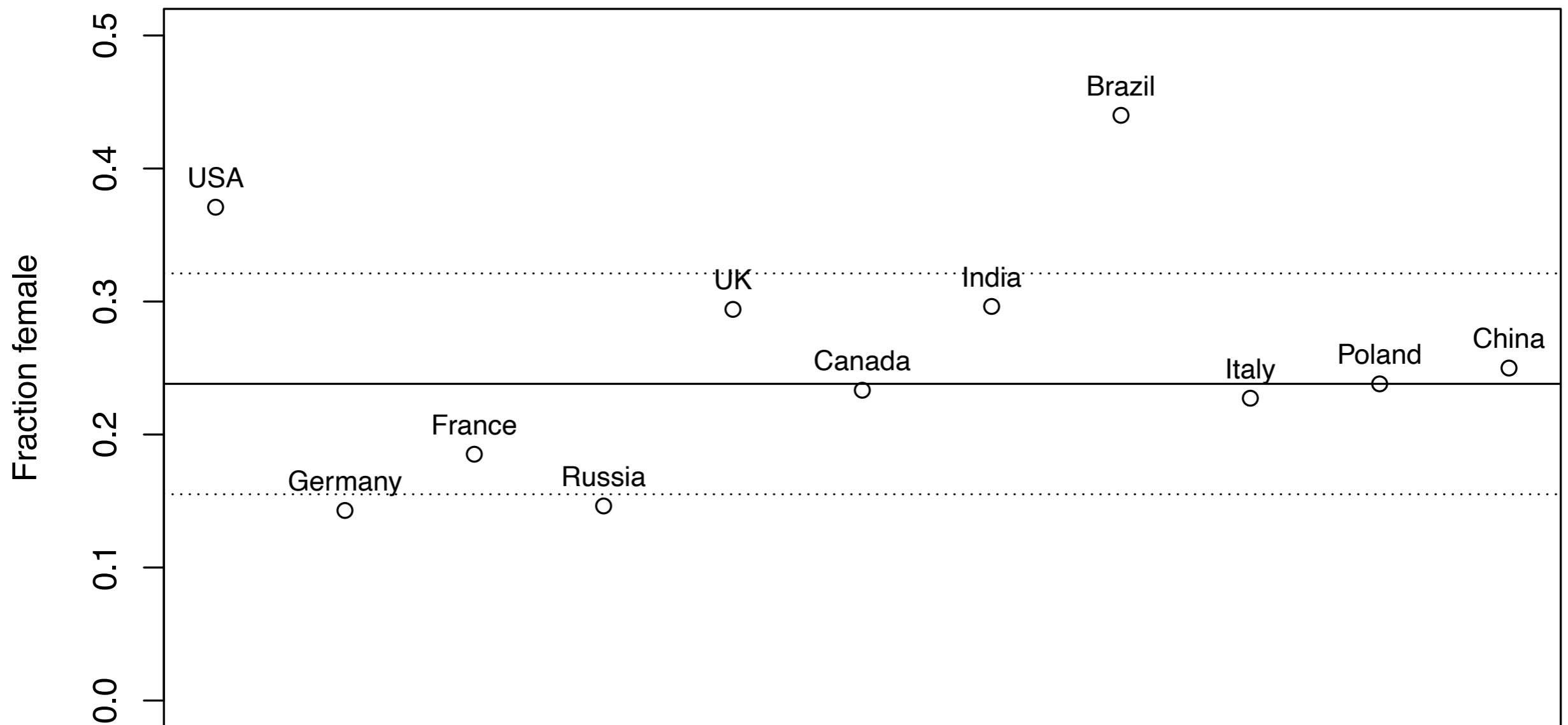


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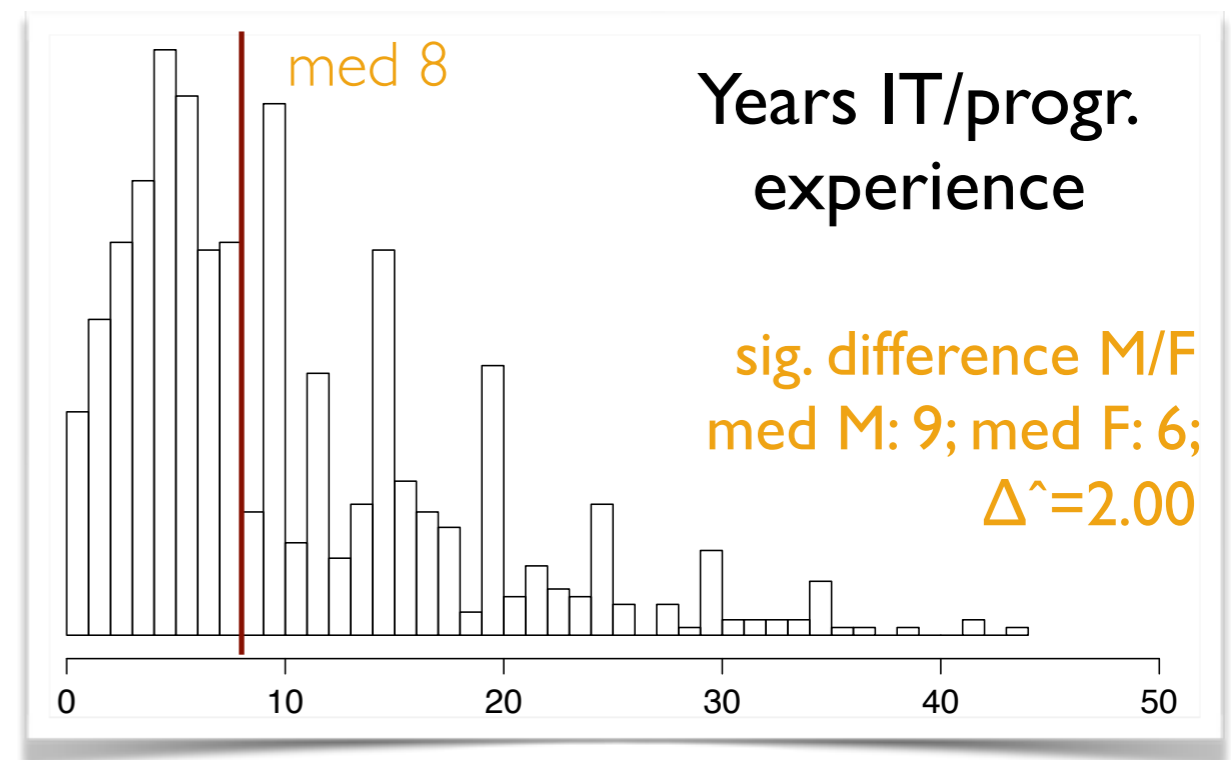
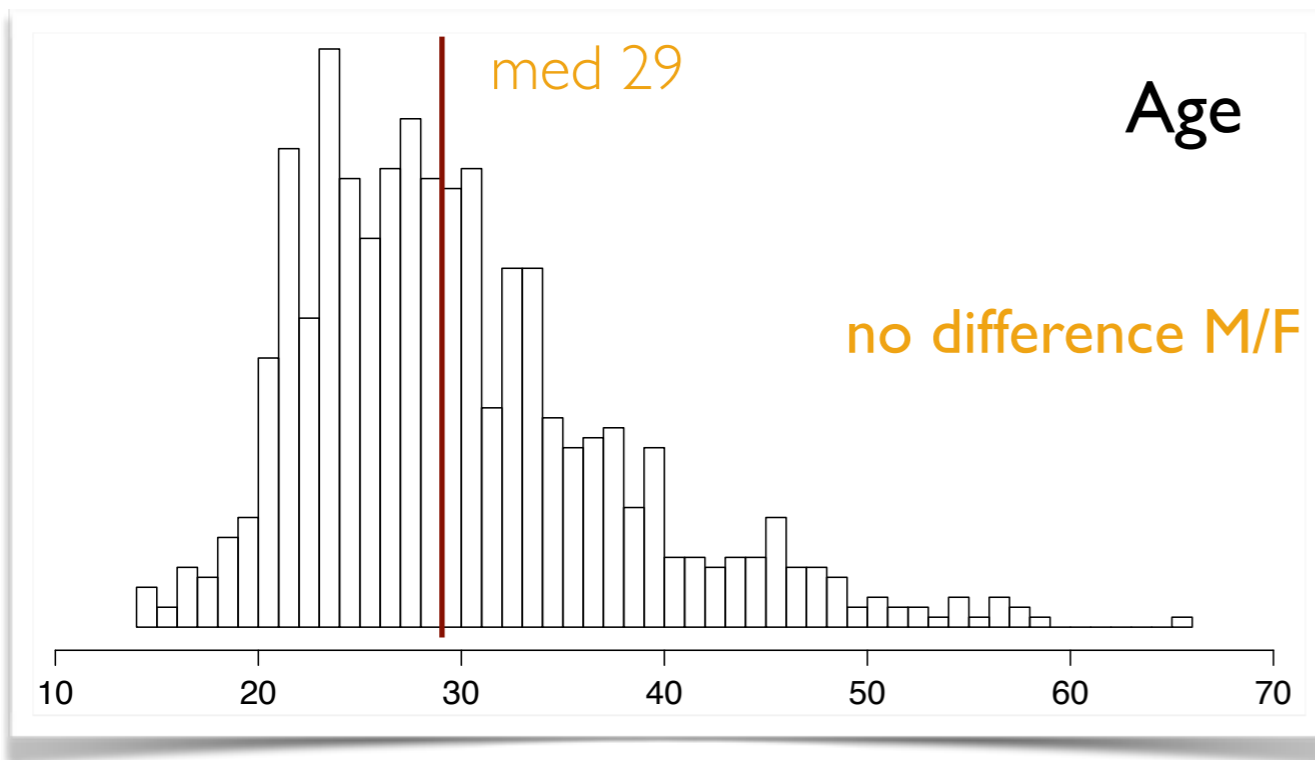
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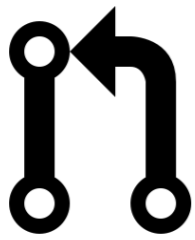


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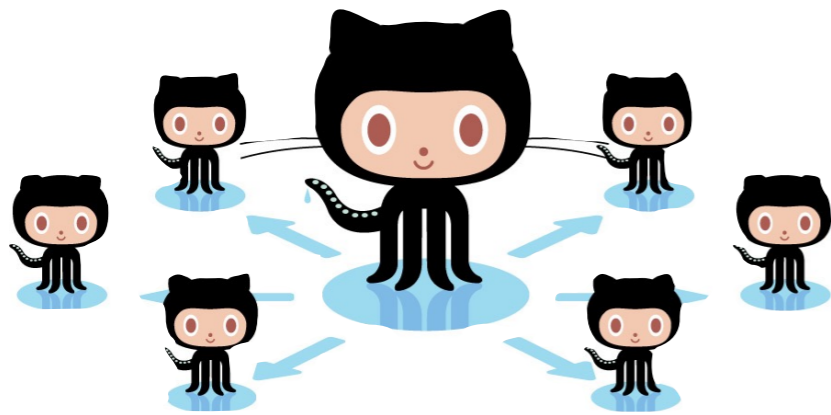
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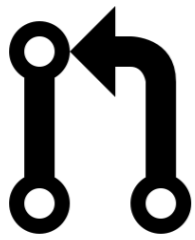


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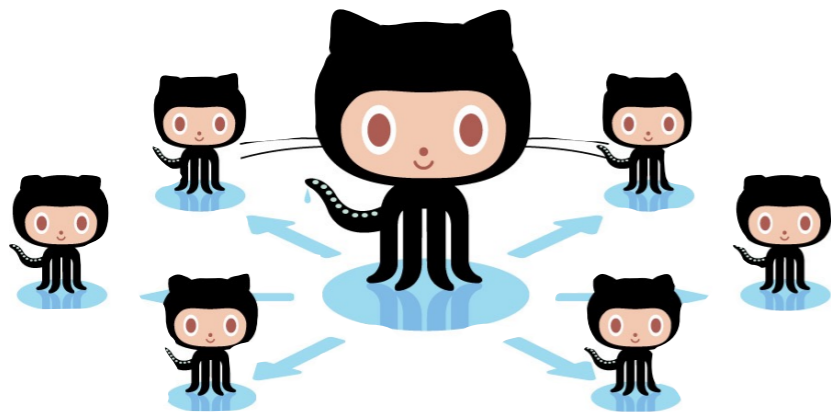


- Everyone who does something in this repository

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▲ less inclusive

▼ more inclusive

#1 (72%)

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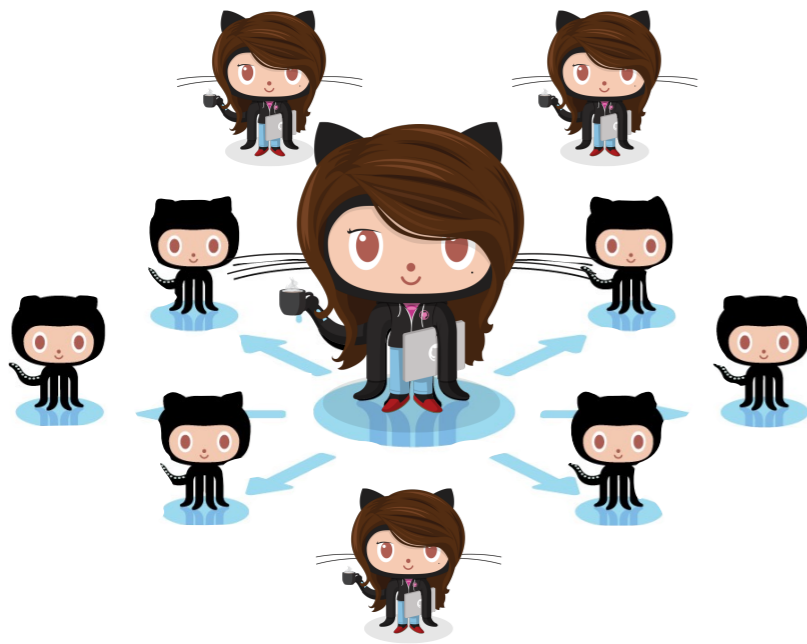
Everyone

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Demographics not salient is
OSS [Riordan & Shore]

- Programming skills 74%
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- Real name 45%
- Social skills 42%
- Country of residence 40%
- Personality 39%
- Reputation as programmer 31%
- Ethnicity 30%
- Employment 30%
- GitHub experience 28%
- Educational level 26%
- Age 23%
- Hobbies 11%
- Political views 4%

Developers are aware of each other's gender

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Does diversity matter?

“code sees no color or gender”

“any demographic identity is irrelevant”

“more about the contributions to the code than the ‘characteristics’ of the person”

Meritocracy; no effects of diversity

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Does diversity matter?

“diverse viewpoints often lead to lively discussions and new ideas”

“in general it is always **enriching** to communicate with someone different”

“diversity in the body of folks willing to interact and contribute works to **strengthen the usability** of the library”

Positive effects of diversity

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Does diversity matter?

Gender related

“I have used a fake GitHub handle (my normal GitHub handle is my first name, which is a distinctly female name) so that people would assume I was male”

“interactions are usually positive too, with occasional sexism, but nothing more than one encounters in the rest of life”

“... caused me to leave a project”

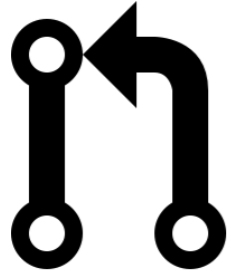
Negative effects of diversity

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The team is everyone



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Gender is surprisingly salient



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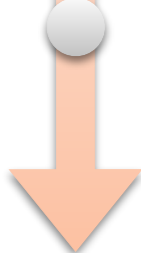
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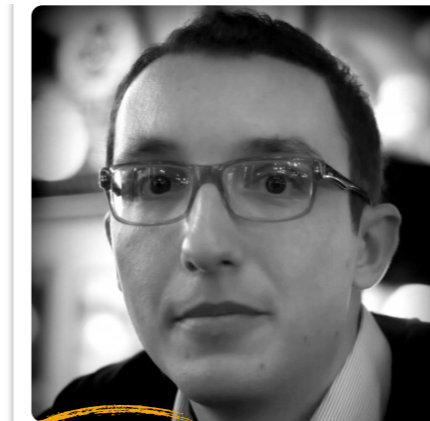
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Infer genders
[Vasilescu et al,
IWC'13]



Sample
4K projects



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Joined on Jul 3, 2012

Contributions

Repositories

Public

Popular repositories

[bvasiles.github.io](#)

My website

[diversity](#)

A data set for social diversity studies of GitHub...

[flask_assets_tutorial](#)

Maxime Bouroumeau-Fuseau's tutorial on flask...

[ghtorrent.org](#)

The GHTorrent project website

[ght_unmasking_aliases](#)

Contributions

Apr

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Bing Maps + Heuristics
<http://github.com/tue-mdse/countryNameManager>

Bogdan + USA



male

Name frequency tables for 30 countries
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Andrea + Italy = male
Andrea + USA = female

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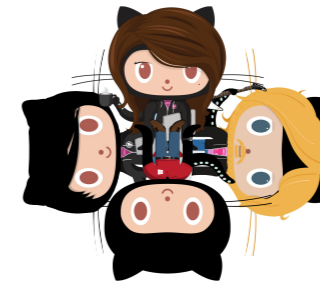
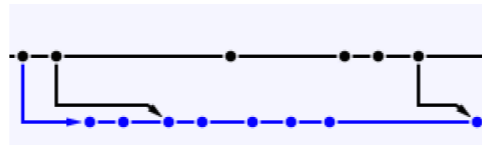
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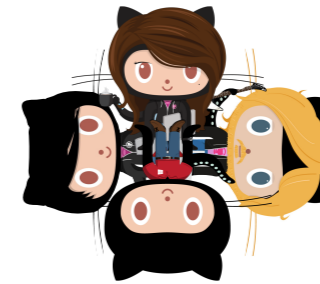
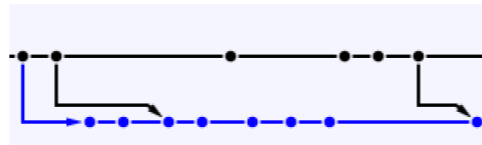
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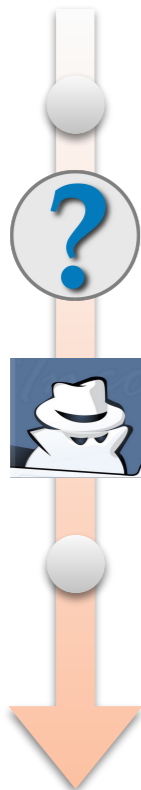


Tenure diversity
(coeff. variation)

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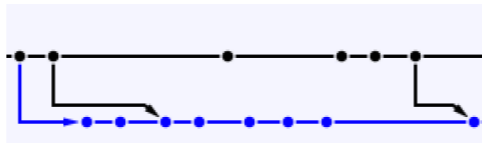
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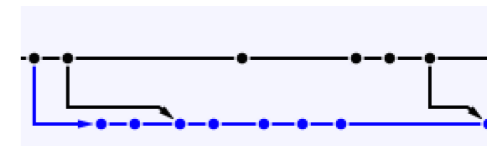
Time



Project age



Project activity



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Nesting: projects

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					Q6	7	13	12	0.25	0.54	0.67
					Q7	56	53	20	0.00	0.56	0.87
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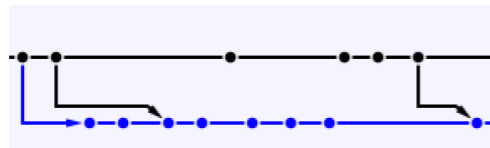
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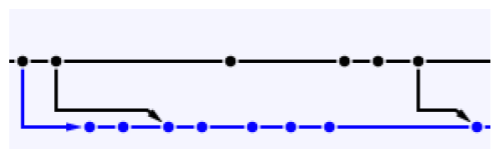
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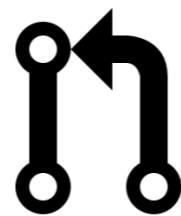
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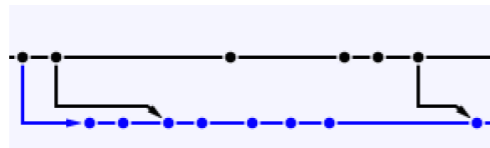
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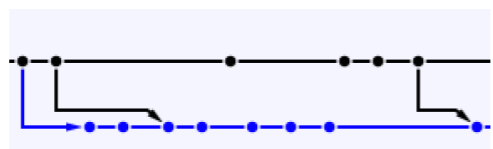
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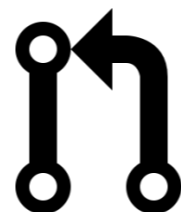
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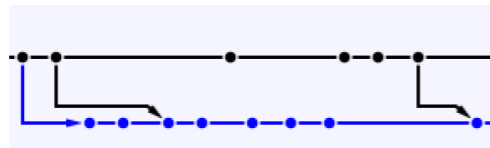
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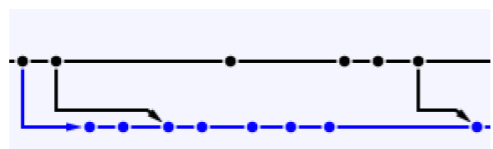
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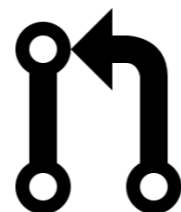
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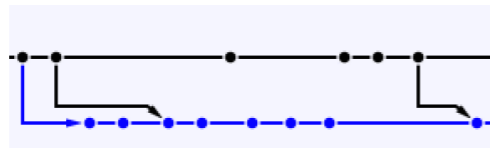
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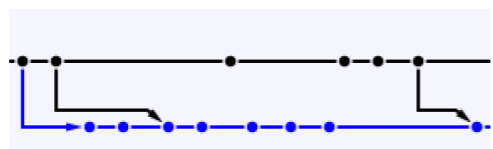
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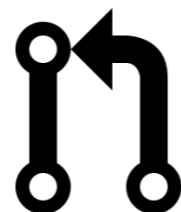
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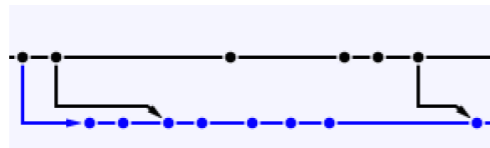
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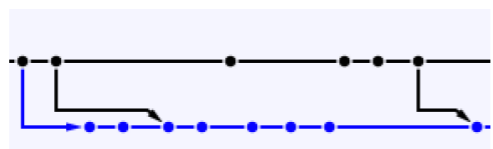
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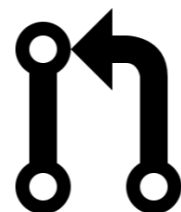
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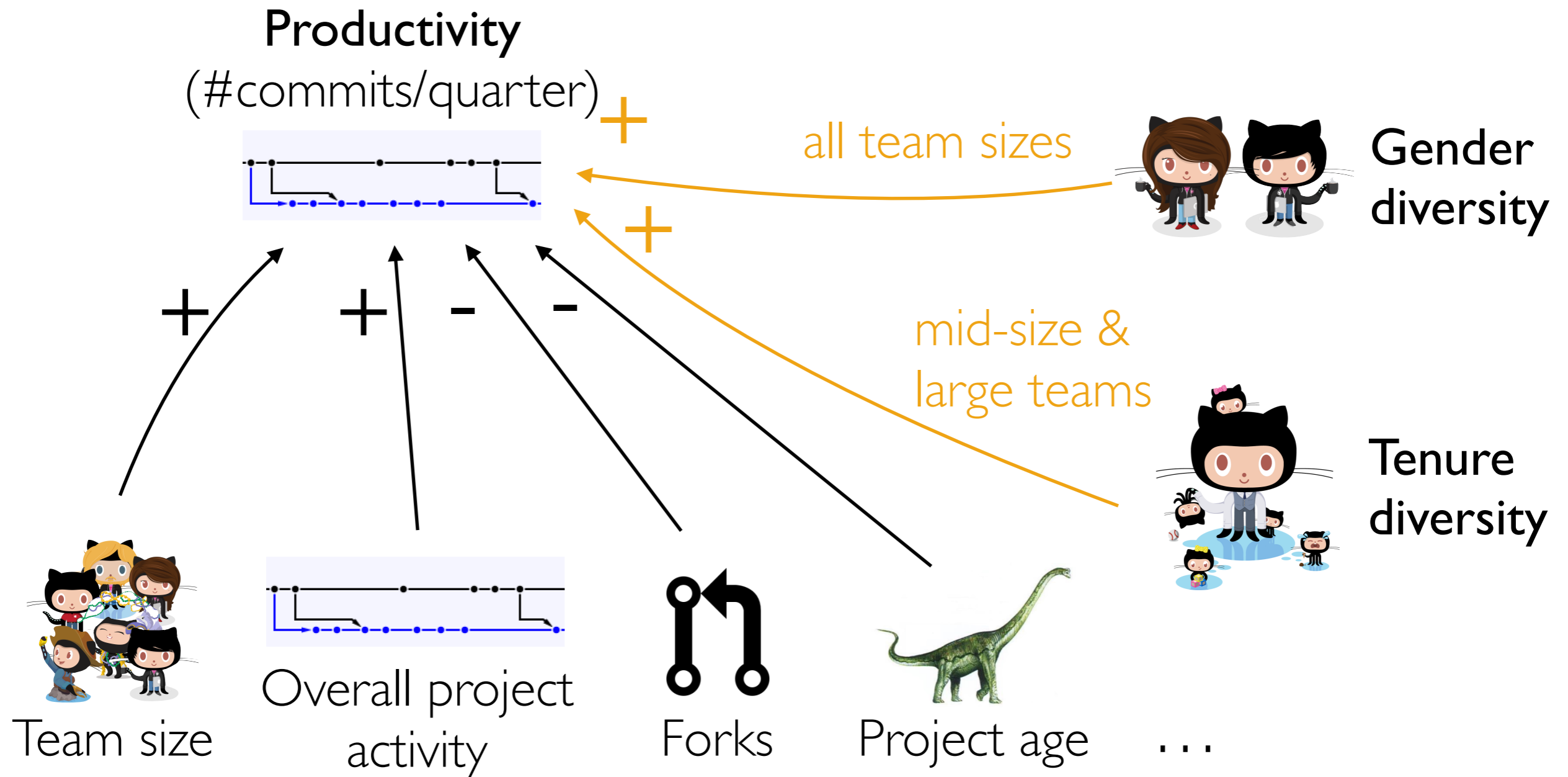


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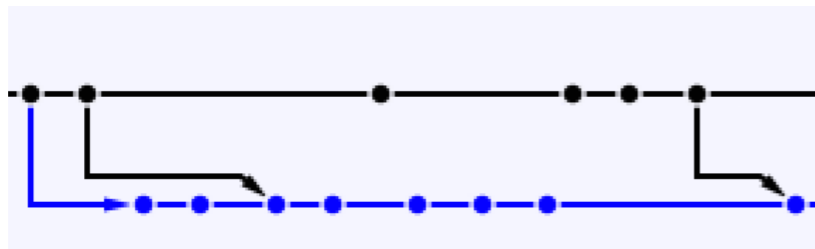
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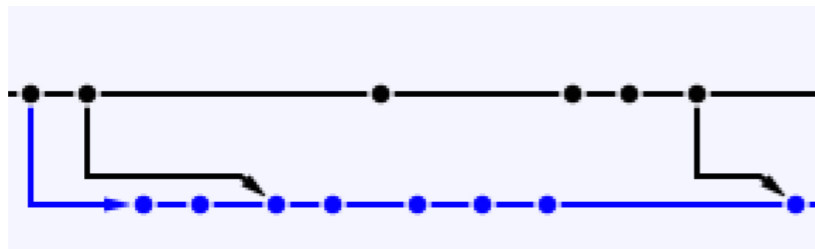
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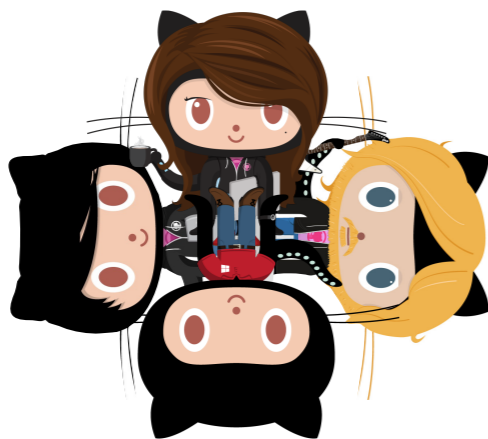
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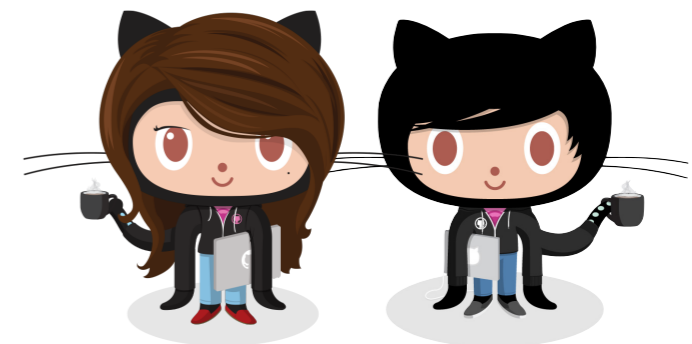
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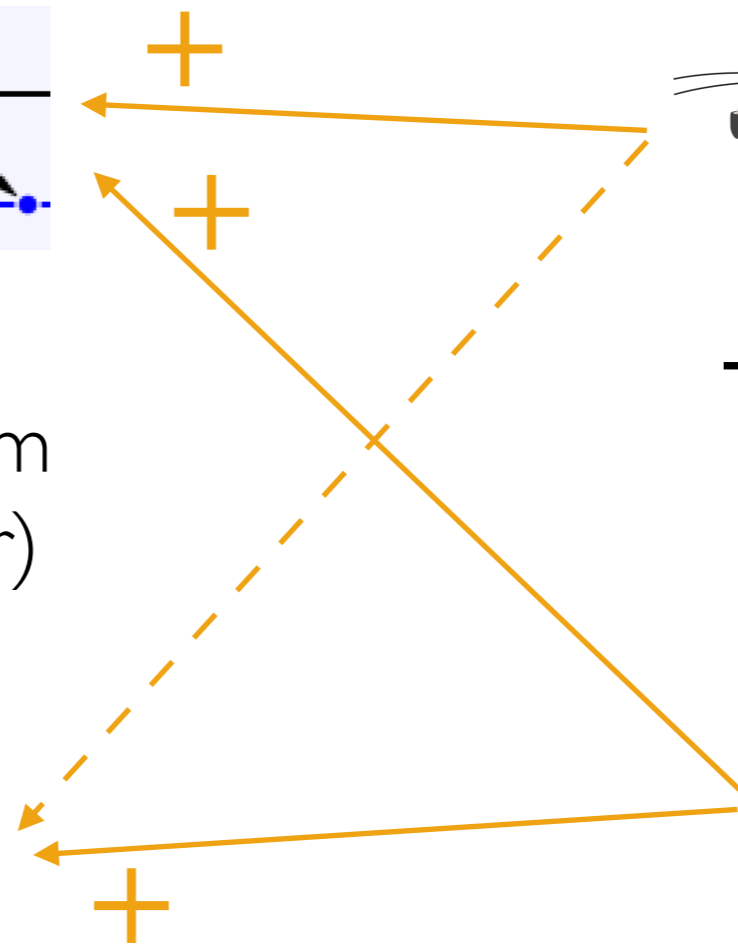
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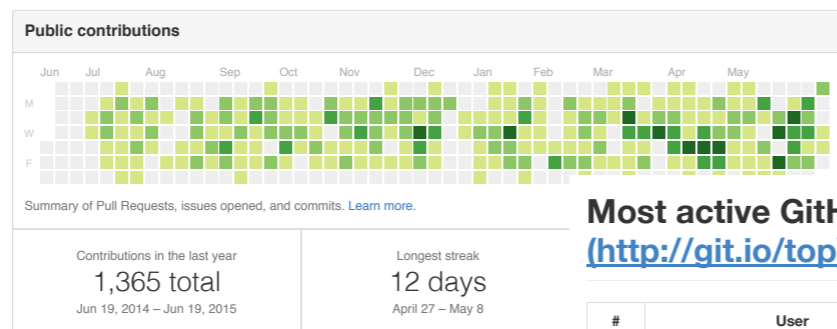
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The takeaway

The social cost of “social coding”



Most active GitHub users (git.io/top)

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#1	Ocramius (Marco Pivetta)	61259	PHP	Frankfurt
#2	michalbe (Michał Budzyński)	14771	JavaScript	Warsaw, Poland
#3	kevinsawicki (Kevin Sawicki)	9159	JavaScript	Redwood City, C

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	Darin Dimitrov 98 2027 2062 member for: 6 years, 8 months	#2	595,006	all time rank	all time reputation
	BalusC 142 1872 2174 member for: 5 years, 10 months	#3	573,150	all time rank	all time reputation
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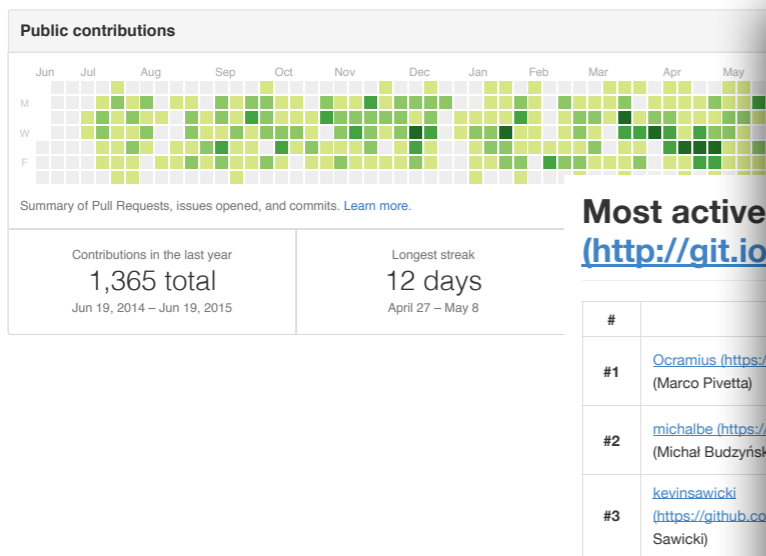
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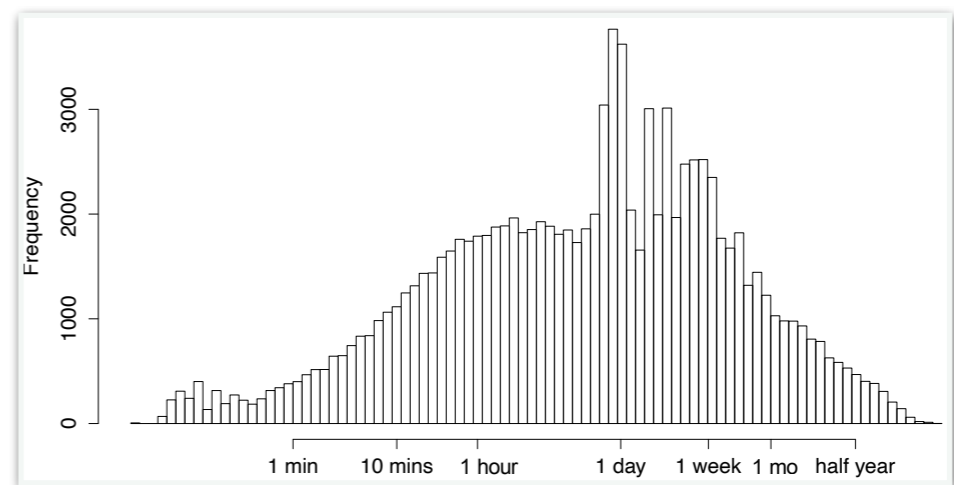
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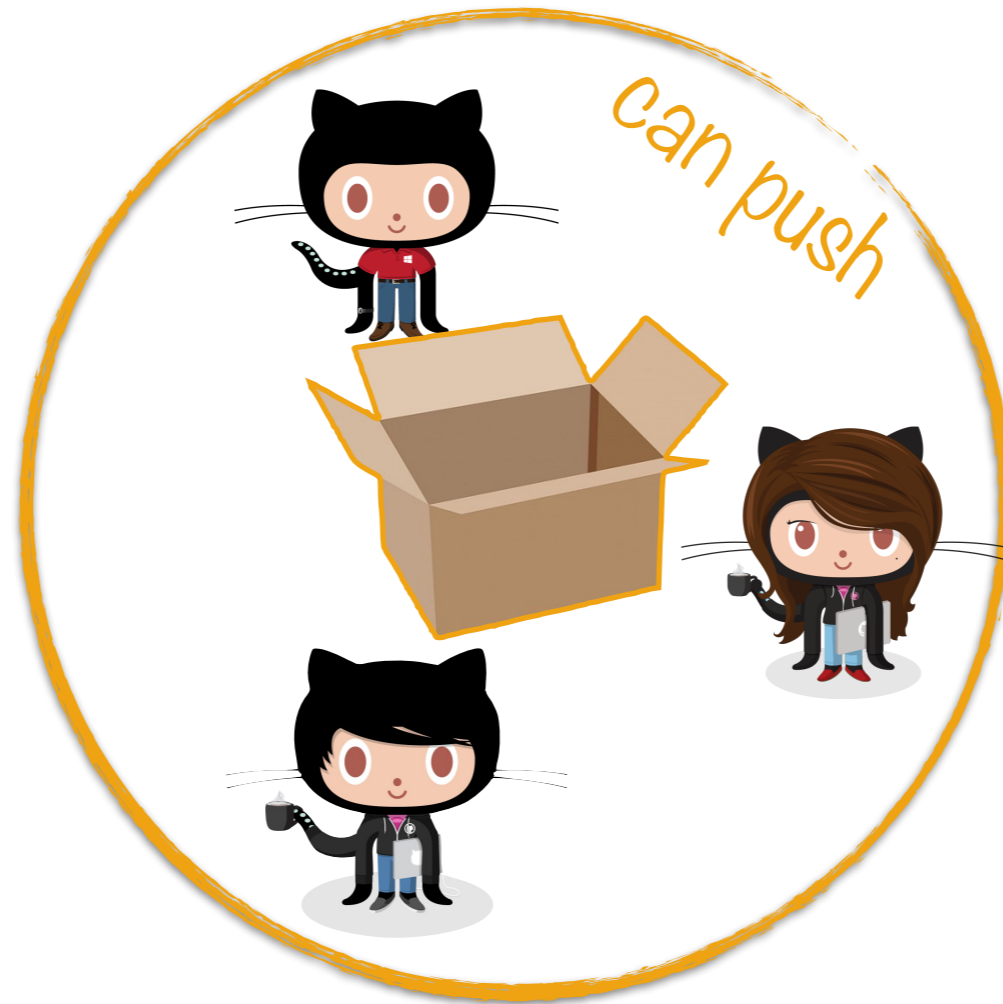
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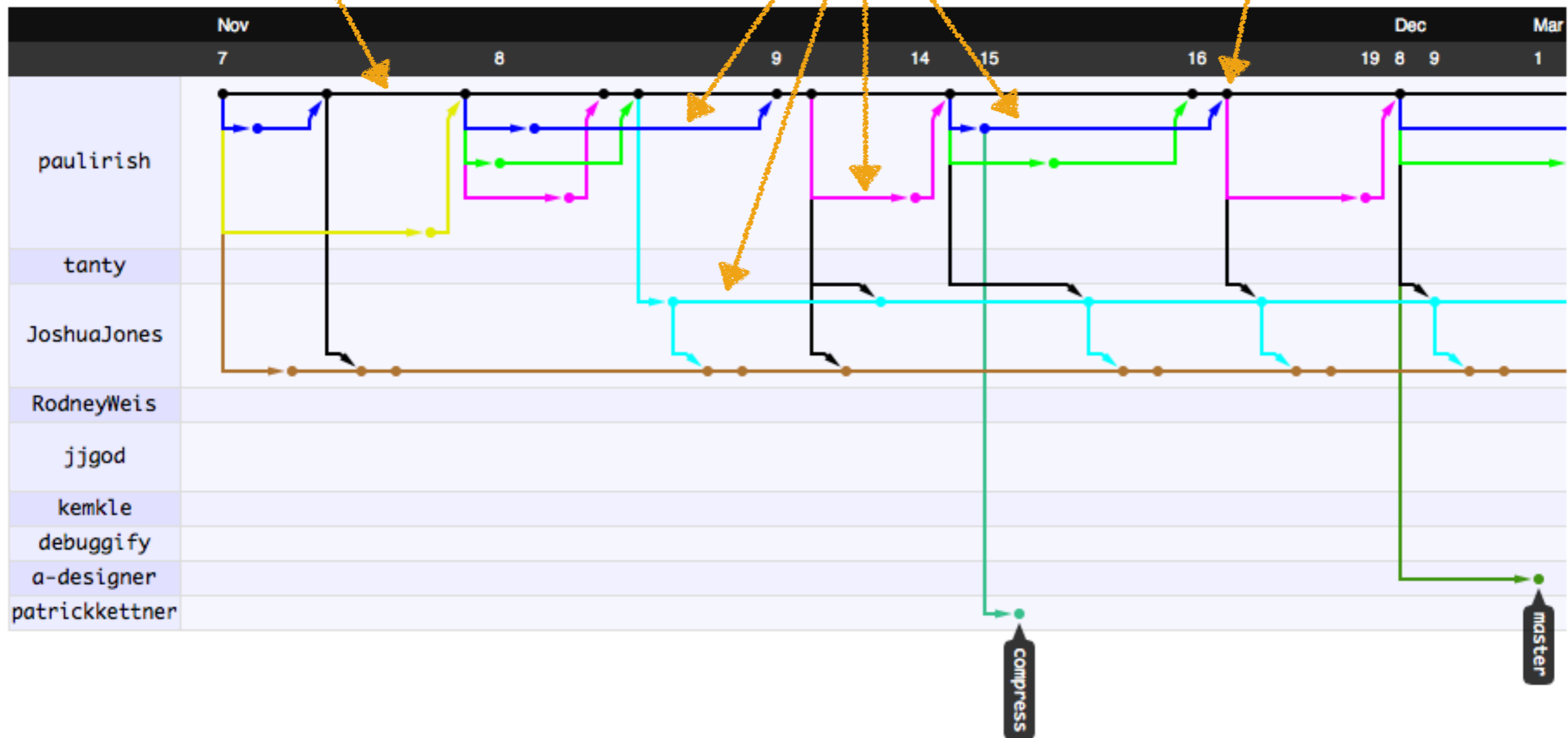
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Main branch

Personal branches / forks

 **Paul Irish**
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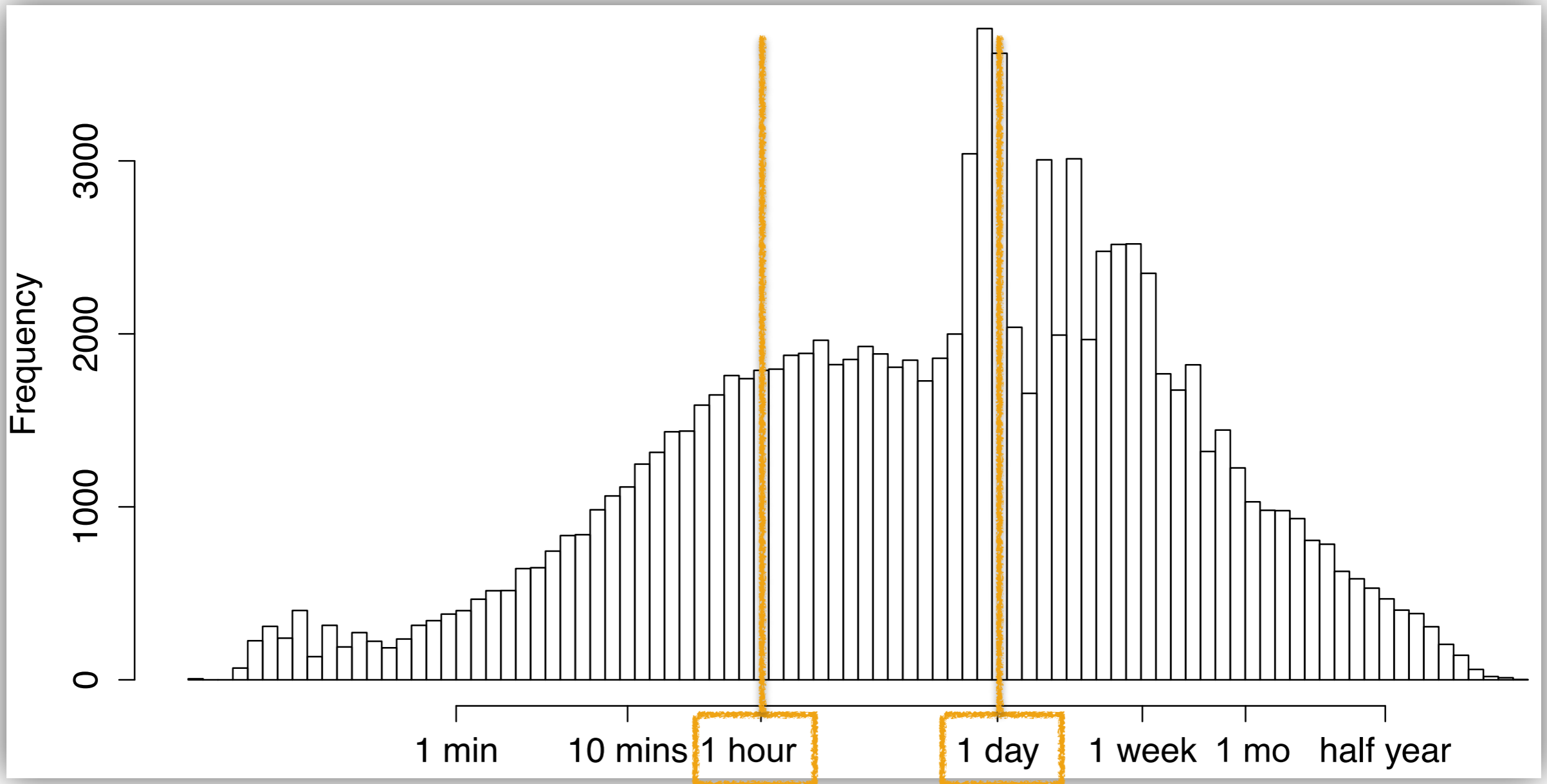
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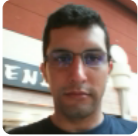
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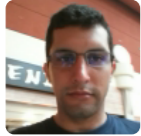
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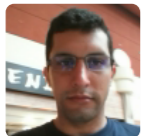
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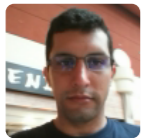
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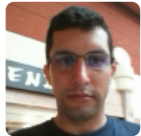
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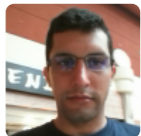
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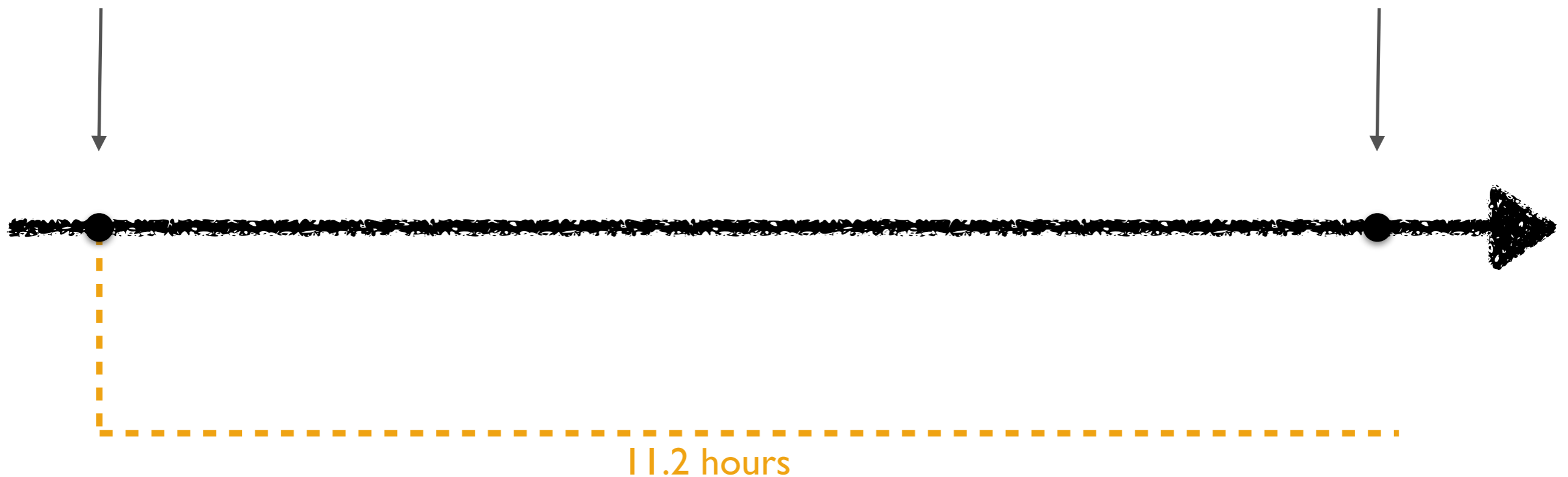
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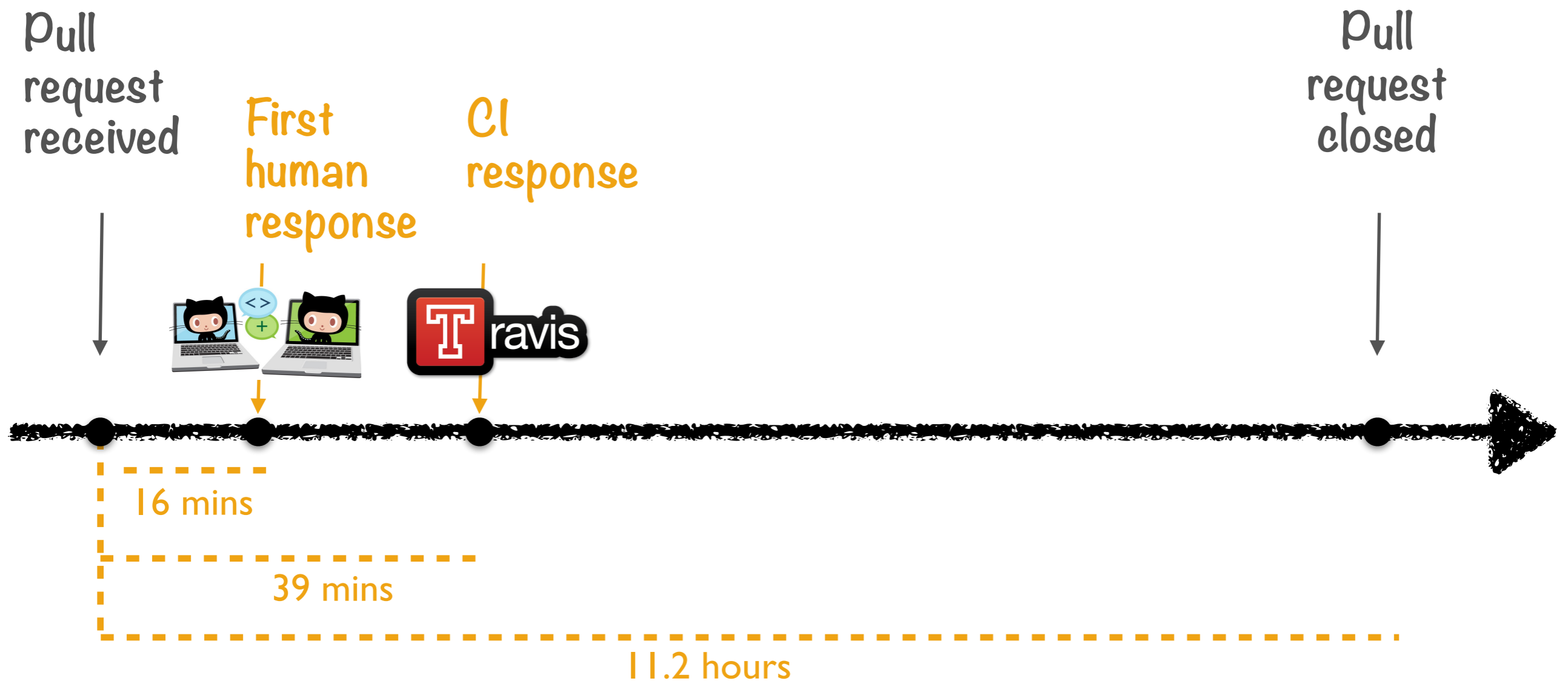
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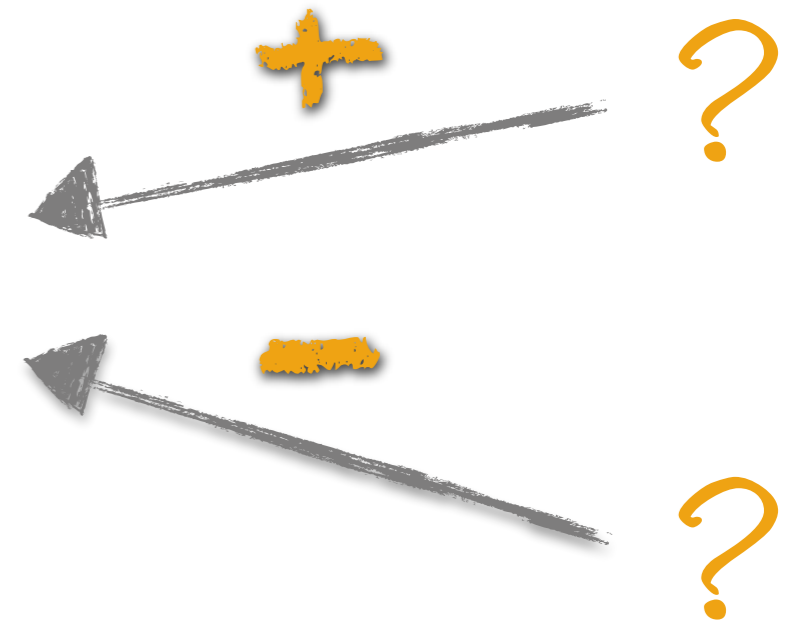
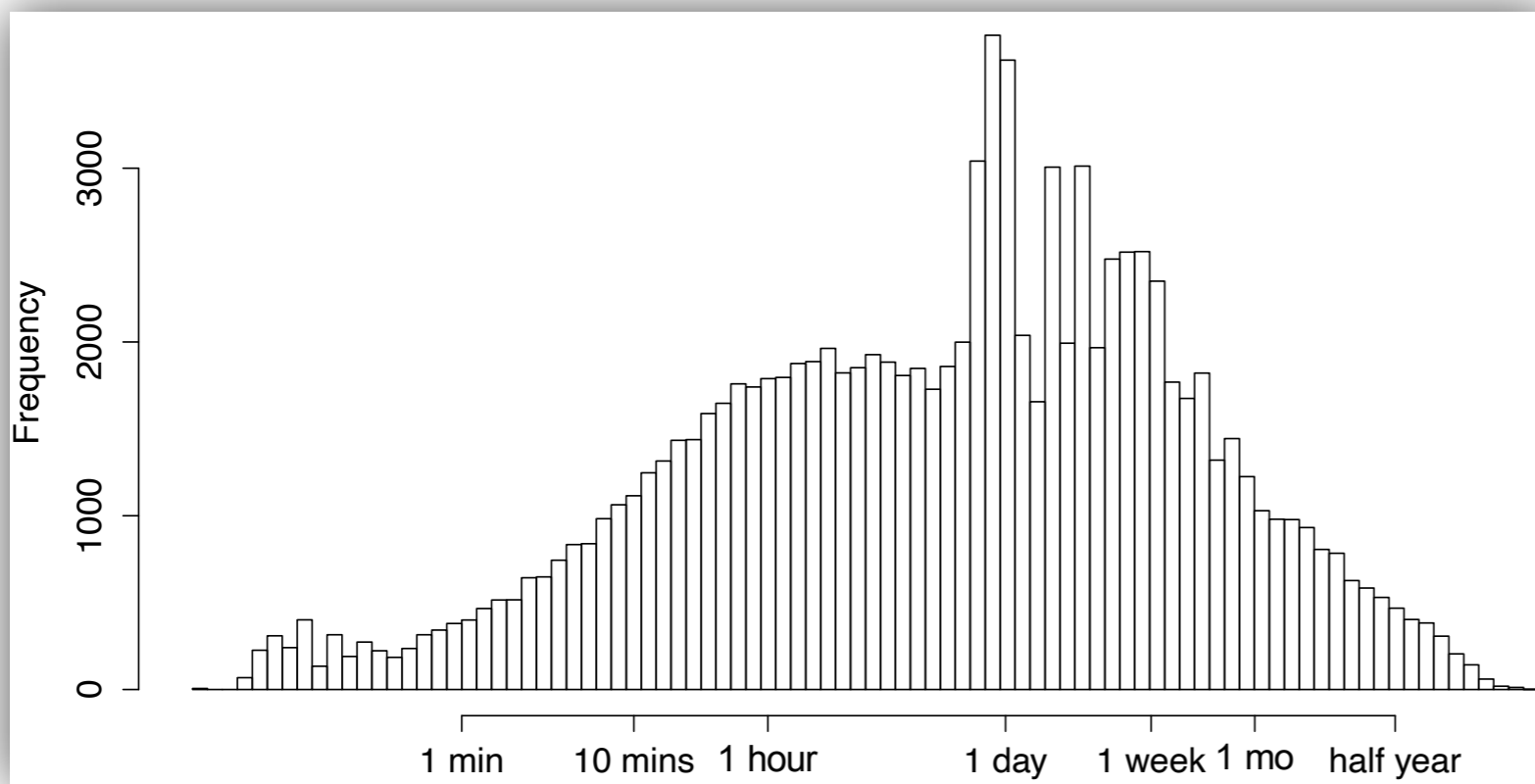
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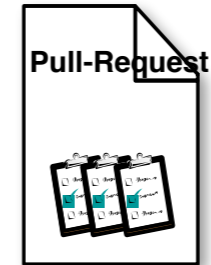
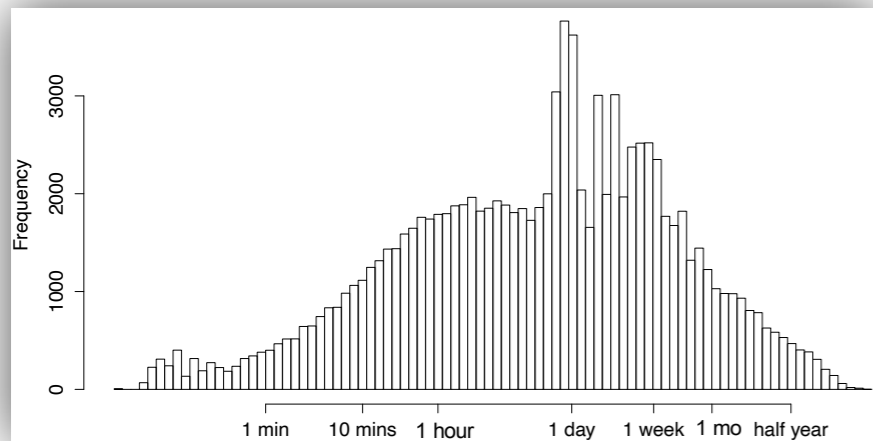
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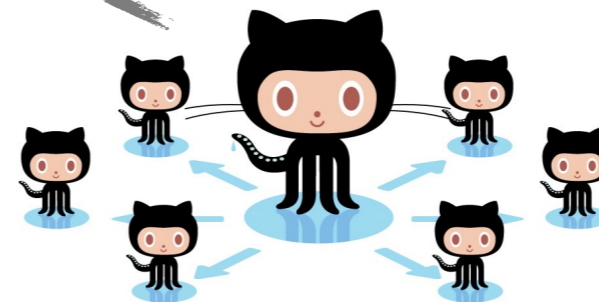
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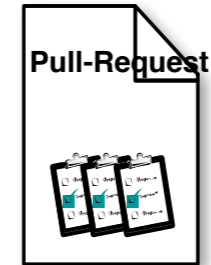
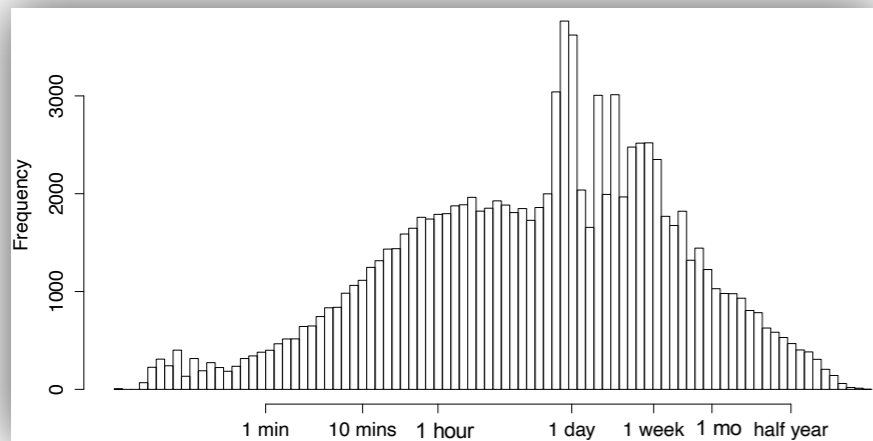
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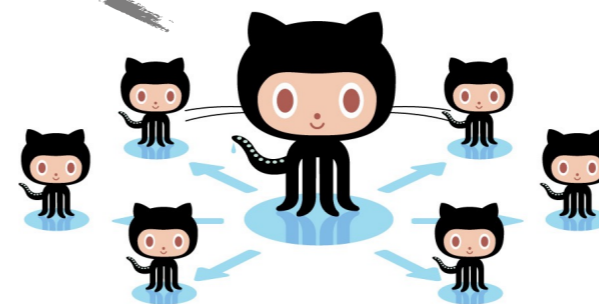
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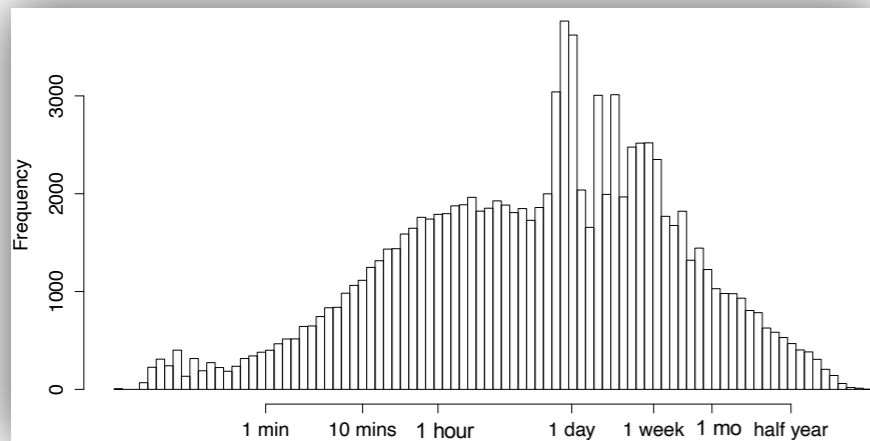
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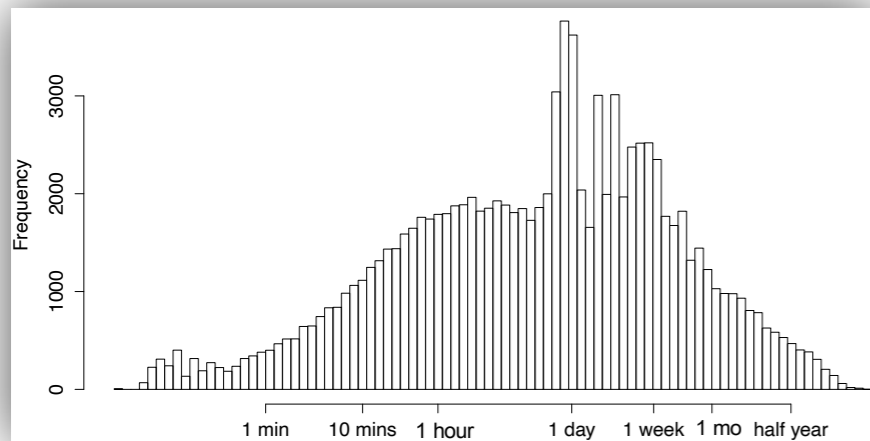
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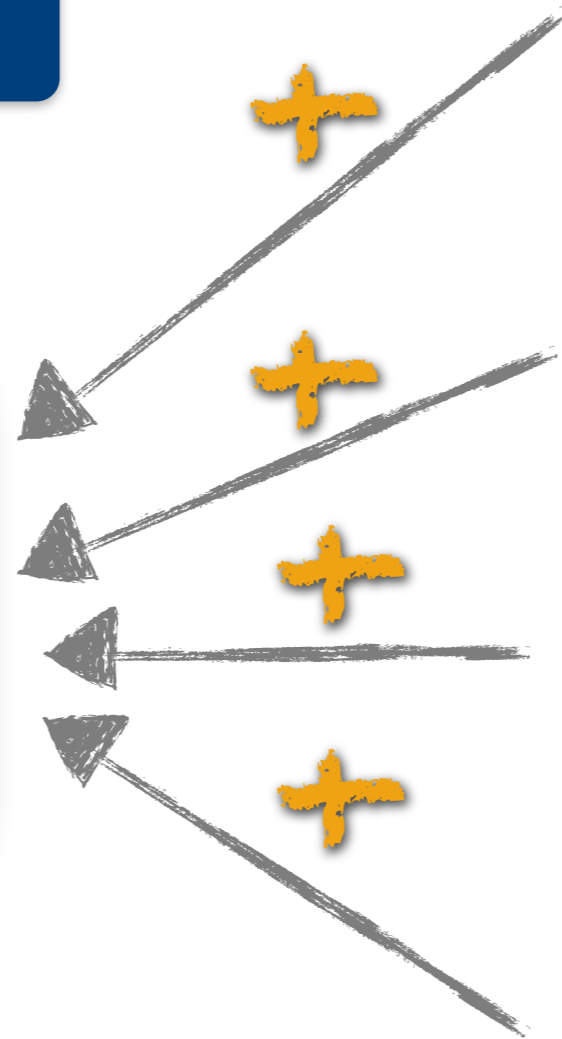
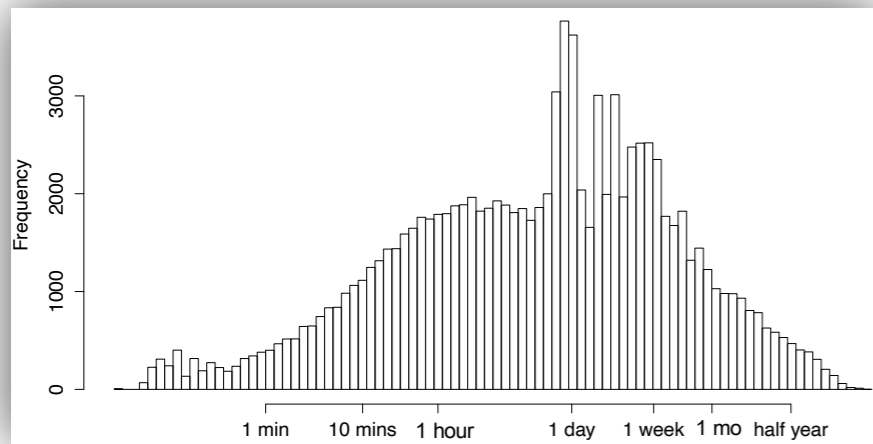
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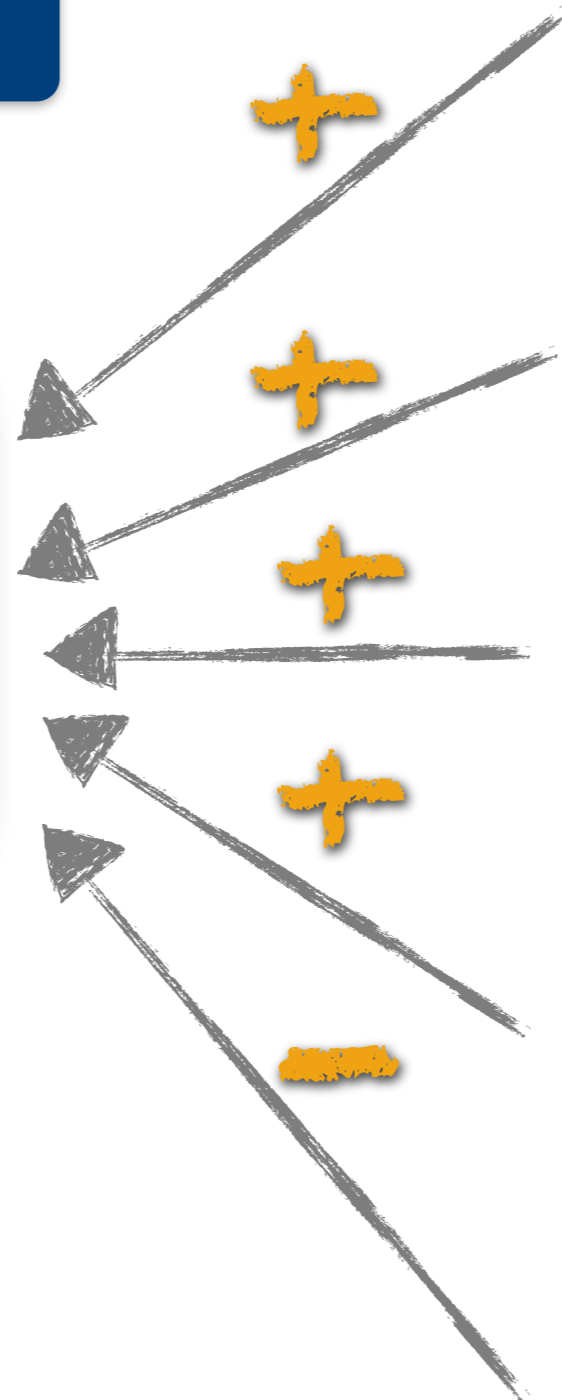
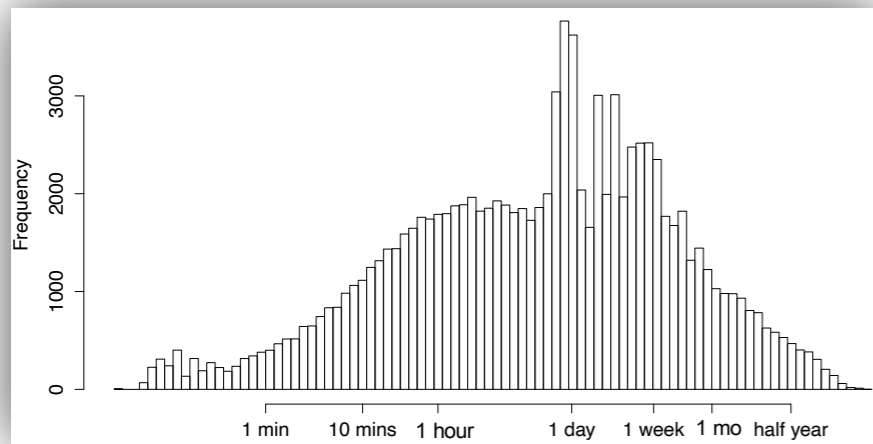
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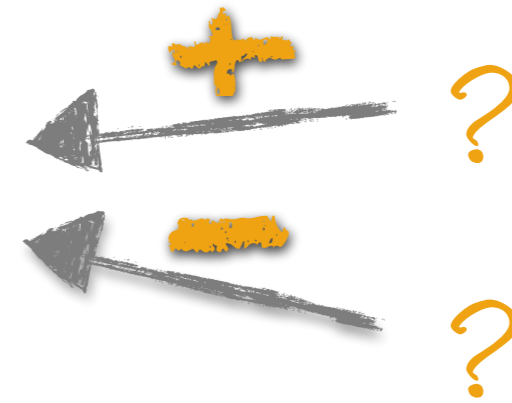
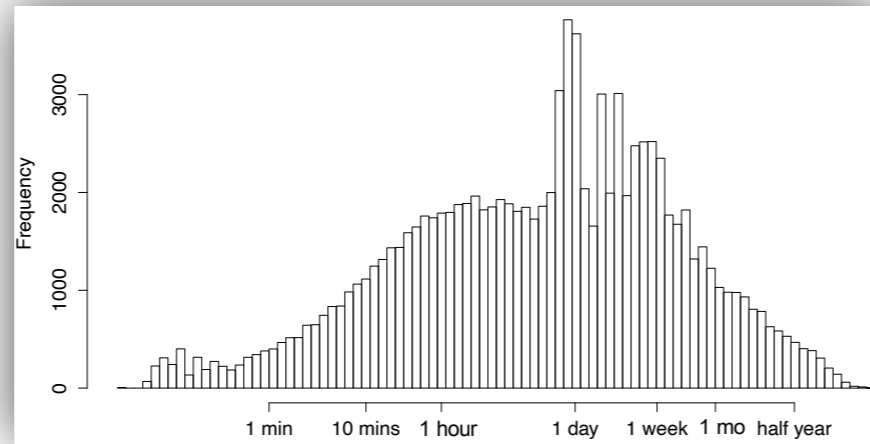


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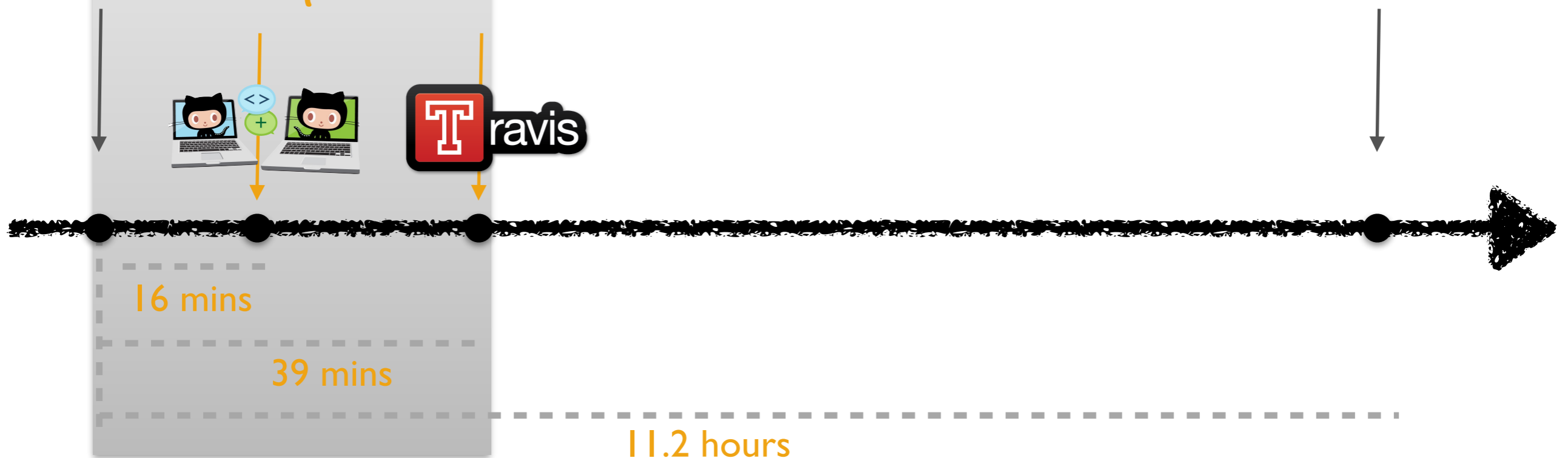


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First human response

CI response

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Continuous Integration

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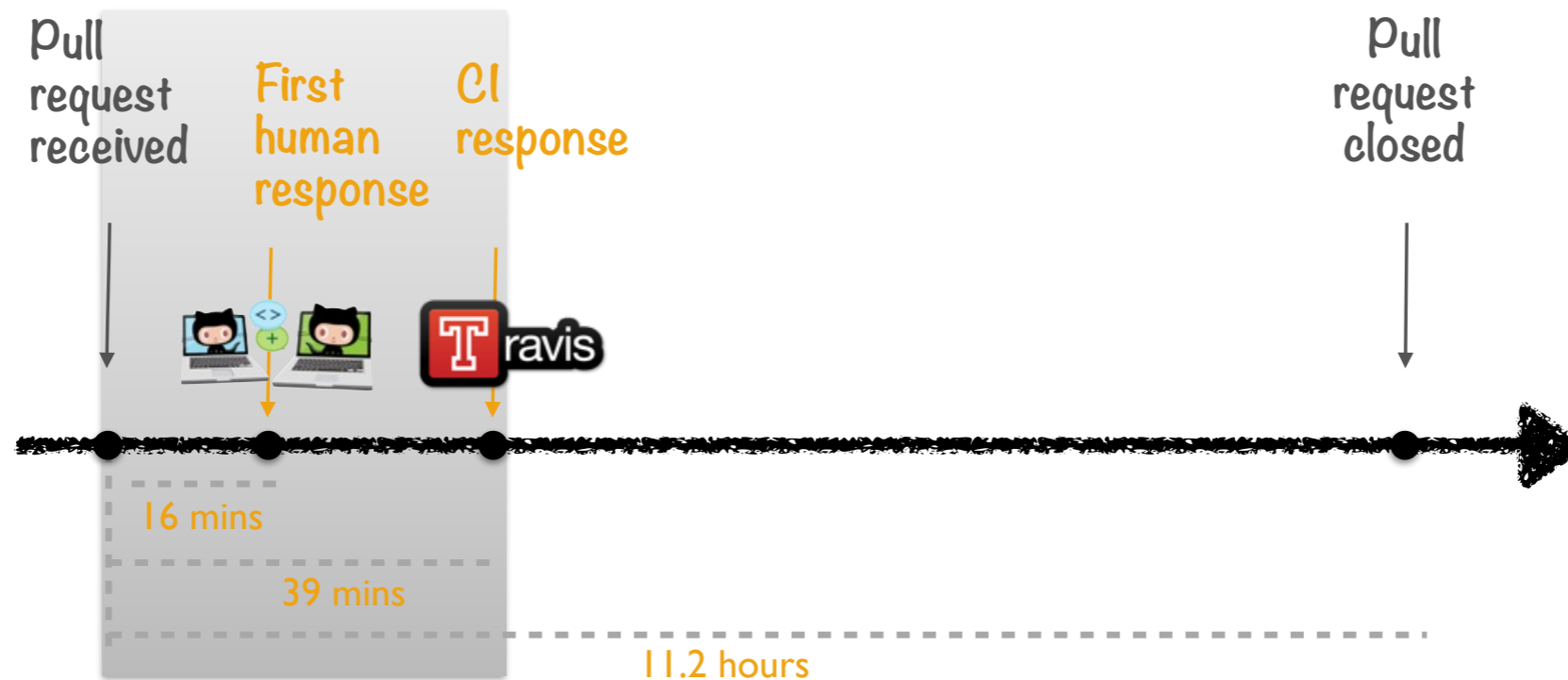
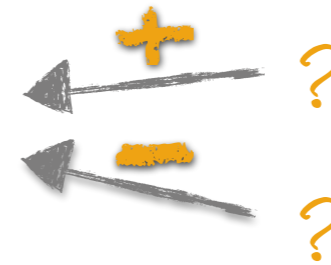
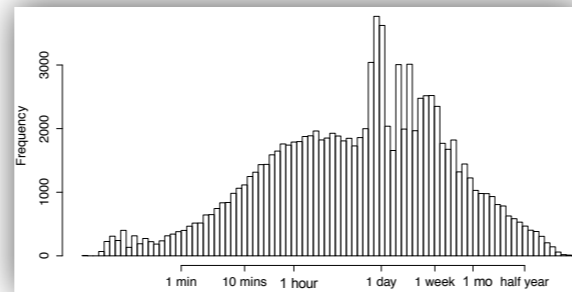
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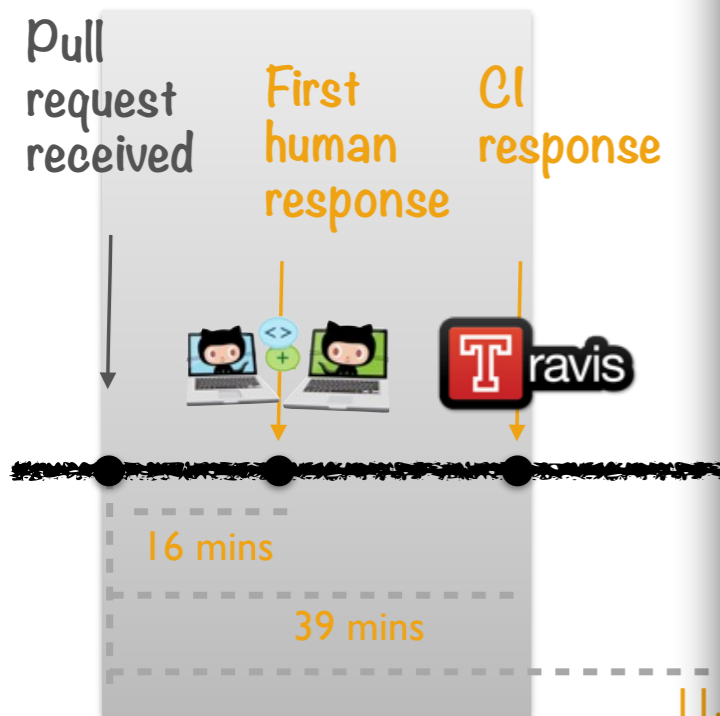
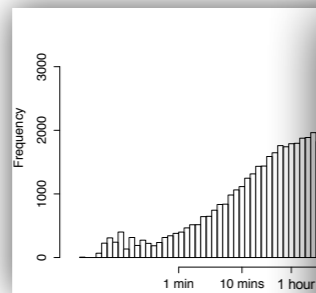
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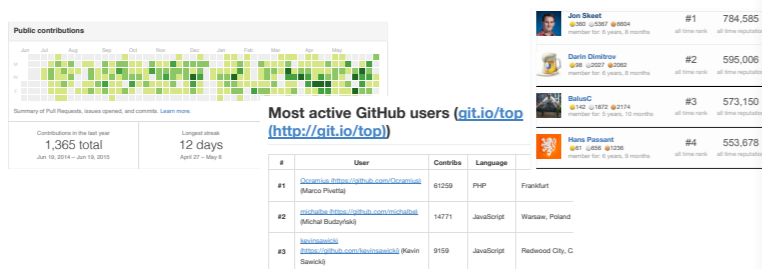
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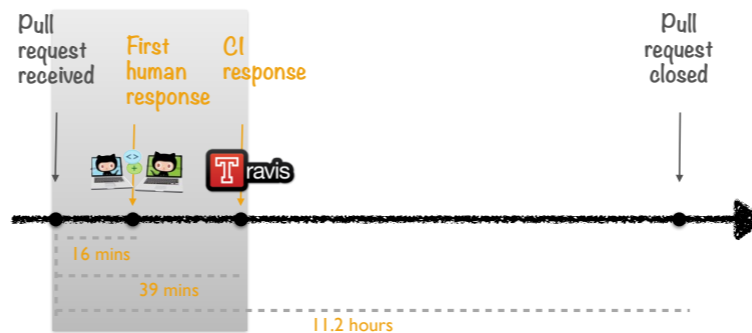
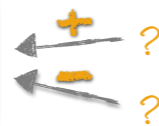
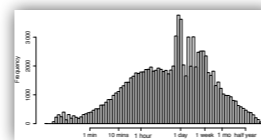
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Continuous Integration

Faster process?

+20.5% more PRs merged monthly from core devs

-42.3% fewer PRs rejected monthly from core devs

-26% fewer PRs rejected monthly from externals

Fewer defects?

+48% more bugs reported monthly by core devs

- more bugs reported monthly by externals

• Quality and productivity outcomes relating to continuous integration in GitHub
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