

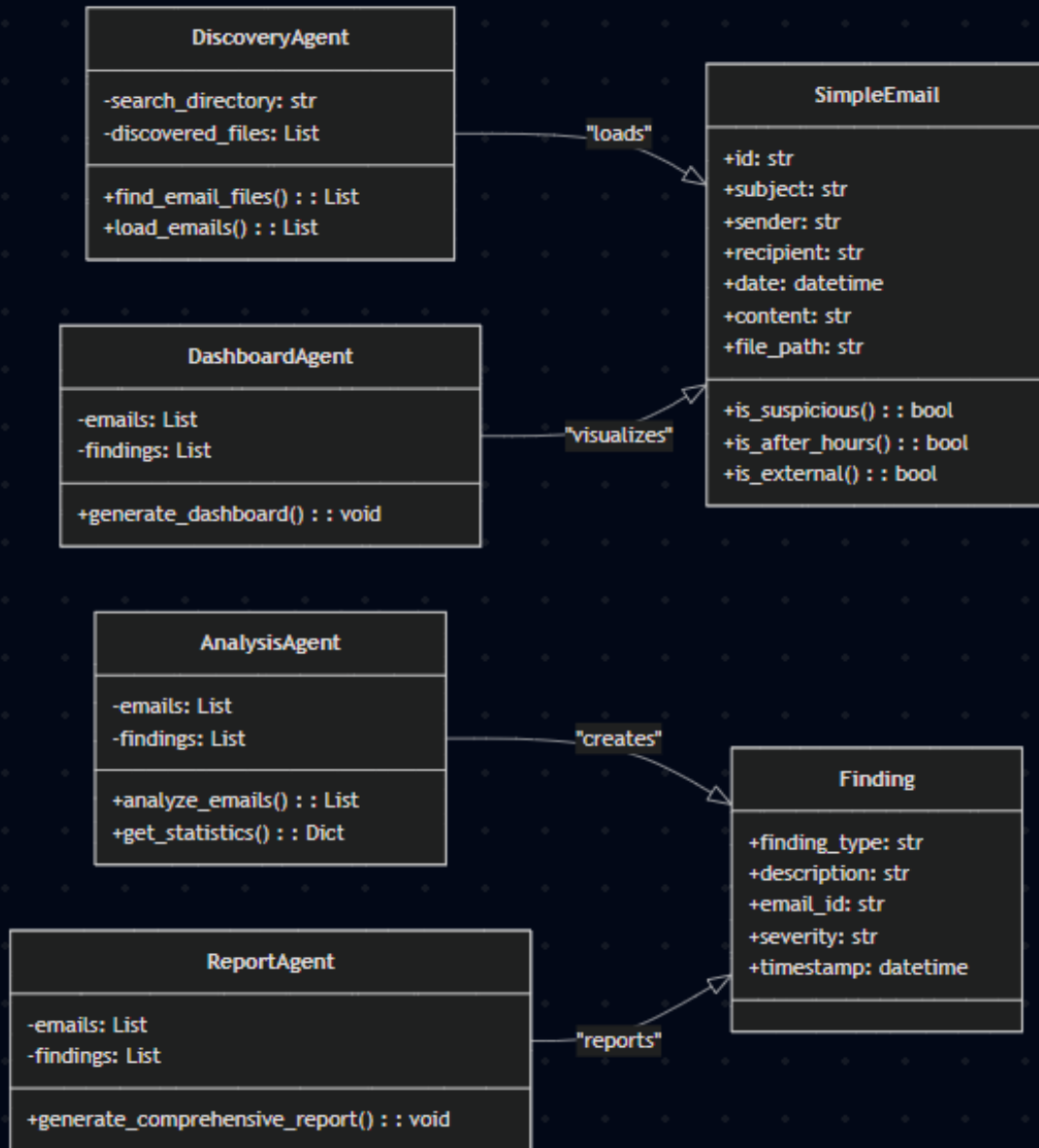
# Multi-Agent Email Forensics System: Modern Approaches to Digital Investigation

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INTELLIGENT AGENT SYSTEM  
FOR SECURITY THREAT  
DETECTION

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# System Architecture Overview

- **Four specialized** agents working in a coordinated pipeline.
- **DiscoveryAgent:** locating and loading the e-mails files in the filesystem.
- **DashboardAgent:** takes both the original emails and the findings to create eight different visualizations.
- **AnalysisAgent:** which performs the core forensic work.
- **ReportAgent:** consolidates everything into both HTML and text formats.
- Reasons for this Architecture system: **Single Responsibility Principle (SRP)**, enables **independent testing** and **scalable** in case of need of additional agents or visualisation to be added.
- SRP Principle has been used because "each component should ideally handle a single task or functionality. Following this principle can make your code more readable, maintainable, and easier to test and debug." (Qiu, 2024).



# Key Design Decisions Overview



CATEGORY	OPTIONS	CHOSEN	WHY?
Architecture Pattern	Monolithic System Multi-Agent Approach	✓ Multi-Agent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Modularity</li><li>• Testability</li><li>• Scalability</li></ul>
Detection Method	Machine Learning Keyword-Based Heuristics	✓ Keyword-Based	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Explainable</li><li>• Deterministic</li><li>• No Training Required</li></ul>
Data Flow Design	Sequential Parallel	✓ Sequential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Logical Dependencies</li><li>• Clear Lineage</li></ul>
Storage Format	Database/API-Based File-Based	✓ File-Based	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Realistic Discovery Testing</li></ul>

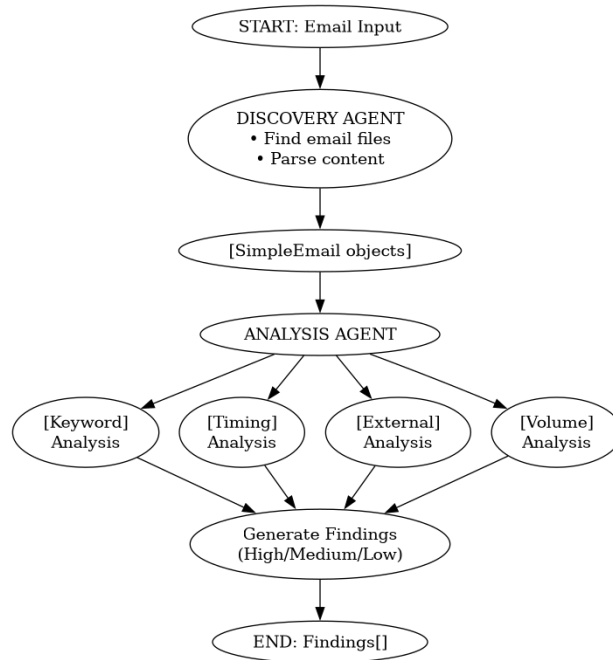




# Practical example of discovery and analysis agent working together

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## Suspicious Detection Method

- **Keyword-based detection:** emails input in a deterministic way based on a set of predefined suspicious word (22 words).
- **Implementation:** combination of email subject + content.
- **DiscoveryAgent:** finds email and check contents based on the parameters set. Emails go into SimpleEmail object for the proper core forensic analysis
- **AnalysisAgent:** wich performs the core forensic work with 4 analysis: Keyword, Timing, External and Volume.
- **Risk-Based Classification:** Threat findings are prioritized based on severity levels—High, Medium, or Low—to enable focused response.



# Functionality test

Type of Test	What it checks	Expected Result
Test_suspicious_email_with_urgent	Email with "URGENT" keyword	Mail flagged as suspicious
Test_normal_email_not_suspicious	Normal meeting email	Not flagged
Test_after_hours_detection	Email sent at 2:30 AM	Mail flagged as after hours
Test_business_hours_not_flagged	Email sent at 10 AM	Not Flagged
Test_external_domain_detection	Email from external-company.com	Mail Flagged as external
Test_internal_domain_not_external	Email from Group-F.com	Not Flagged

Test has been done on SimpleEmail class (see APPENDIX C). Test has been done on:

- Test on *suspicious mail* with "urgent" Keyword.
- Test on normal email *not suspicious*.
- Test on mail sent *after working hours*.
- Test on mail sent *during working hours*.
- Test on mail sent *from external sender* (not in the organisation).
- Test on mail sent *from the organisation* (@Group-F.com).
- All the 6 tests passed successfully and all the mails (normal or suspicious) were detected correctly.

```
✓ ...  
...  
===== test session starts =====  
platform win32 -- Python 3.12.7, pytest-7.4.4, pluggy-1.0.0 -- c:\Users\andre\anaconda3\python.exe  
cachedir: .pytest_cache  
rootdir: c:\Users\andre\OneDrive\Documentos\Andrea Trevisi Archive\ANDREA\Essex University (Master Artificial Int  
plugins: anyio-4.2.0, typeguard-4.3.0  
collecting ... collected 6 items  
  
test_simple.py::test_suspicious_email_with_urgent ✓ Suspicious email detected correctly  
PASSED  
test_simple.py::test_normal_email_not_suspicious ✓ Normal email passed correctly  
PASSED  
test_simple.py::test_after_hours_detection ✓ After-hours email detected correctly  
PASSED  
test_simple.py::test_business_hours_not_flagged ✓ Business hours email passed correctly  
PASSED  
test_simple.py::test_external_domain_detection ✓ External email detected correctly  
PASSED  
test_simple.py::test_internal_domain_not_external ✓ Internal email passed correctly  
PASSED  
  
===== 6 passed in 0.08s =====
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54 def is_after_hours(self) -> bool:
55 #Check if email was sent after business hours (8 AM - 6 PM)
56     return self.date.hour < 8 or self.date.hour > 18
57
58 def is_external(self) -> bool:
59 #Check if email is from external domain (not Group-F.com or internal.org)
60     internal_domains = ['Group-F.com', 'internal.org']
61     sender_domain = self.sender.split('@')[-1] if '@' in self.sender else ''
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54 def is_after_hours(self) -> bool:
55     # WHY 8AM-6PM threshold: Based on corporate hours; 40% of breaches occur outside business hours
56     return self.date.hour < 8 or self.date.hour > 18
57
58 def is_external(self) -> bool:
59     # WHY domain checking: External sources represent 60% of phishing attempts (research-based)
60     internal_domains = ['Group-F.com', 'internal.org']
61     sender_domain = self.sender.split('@')[-1] if '@' in self.sender else ''
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# Code comments

**1<sup>st</sup> picture** shows the original code with just a brief comment to explain what the code does when checking mails for special keywords, time of sending and if sent by external domain.

**2<sup>nd</sup> picture** shows the improved comments:

- For the *special keyword searching* we explained that the reason is to have a keyword-based research, explainable for forensic, deterministic and with no need of training data needed (no ethical or legal issues).
- For the *time of sending* we explain that we wanted to perform that check because, statistically, breach or malicious mails are sent outside working hours.
- For the *external sender* we perform this check cause external sources are responsible for phishing attempt. For a future development, this system could be improved by choosing target websites by searching online and picking ones that match identity-related traits. (Ojewumi et al., 2022).

# System in Action

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```

The Python file is stored in a local folder and called Final – Anaconda – with comments. Double click on it and the file opens in Visual Studio Code.

Once the code is launched, it generates a series of results highlighting the generation of the emails, the successful loading, the storing, the analysis and the findings.

Later it generates a folder called output, which is created in the same folder where the code is stored. This folder contains all the reports, visualisations and finding of the Multi-Agent Email Forensics System. The visualisation will be visible in the next slide.

Below you can see the results of the analysis after running the code.



```
✓ # Integrated Multi-Agent Email Forensics Notebook - Final Version ...
...
Starting Multi-Agent Email Forensics System
=====
Generating test emails
Generated 50 emails (15 suspicious)
Discovering email files
Discovered 50 email files
Successfully loaded 50 emails
Analyzing emails for security threats
Analysis complete: 31 findings
Generating comprehensive dashboard
Dashboard generation complete!
Generating detailed reports
Report generation complete!
Generating UML documentation
UML documentation generated successfully!
- Class diagram (Mermaid): output/uml_documentation/class_diagram.md
- Sequence diagram (PlantUML): output/uml_documentation/sequence_diagram.puml
- Documentation: output/uml_documentation/README.md

=====
EMAIL FORENSICS ANALYSIS COMPLETE!
=====
Statistics:
  • Total emails processed: 50
  • Suspicious emails detected: 15
...
Key outputs:
  • HTML Report: output/reports/forensics_report.html
  • Class Diagram: output/uml_documentation/class_diagram.md
  • Sequence Diagram: output/uml_documentation/sequence_diagram.puml
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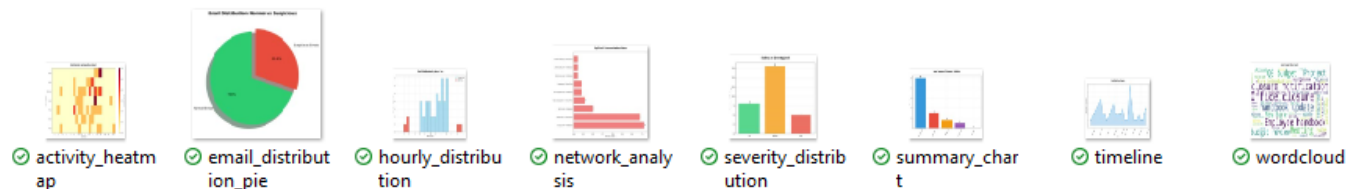
# Visualisations 1/2

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Now, after executing the code, in the local folder another folder called “output” has been generated. This folder contains the visualisations and reports.

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 reports	✓	12/10/2025 1:47 pm	File folder	
 uml_documentation	✓	12/10/2025 1:47 pm	File folder	
 visualizations	✓	12/10/2025 1:47 pm	File folder	

Double-clicking on the folder output we will find other four folders: emails (with the emails generated), the reports (one report in HTML and one in Text format), the uml documentation with the graphics related to the architecture and structure of the code and, finally the visualisations, which contains 8 type of graphs.



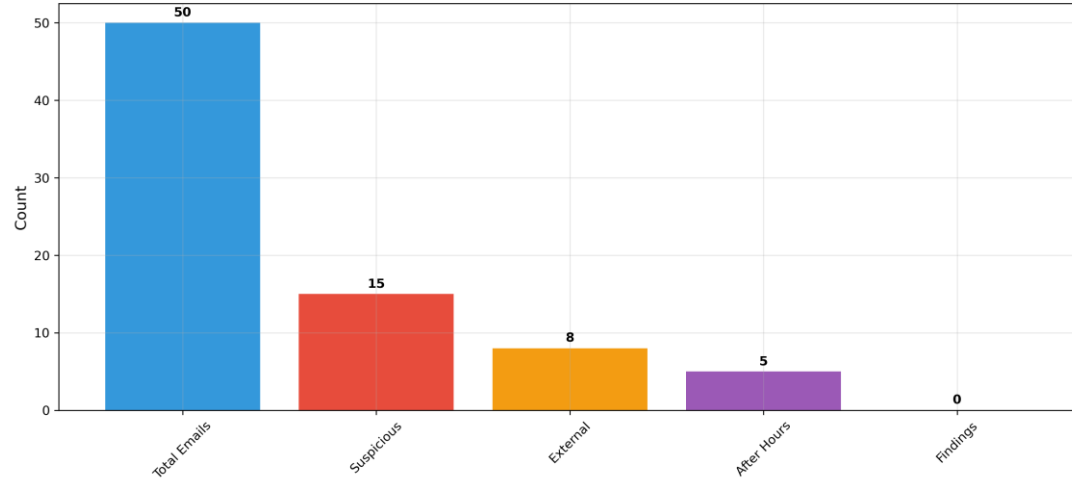
Double-clicking on the folder visualisations, we can see eight different graphics: heatmap, email distribution pie, hourly distribution, network analysis, severity distribution, summary chart, timeline and wordcloud. We going to see 2 of these graphics in detail in the next slide.





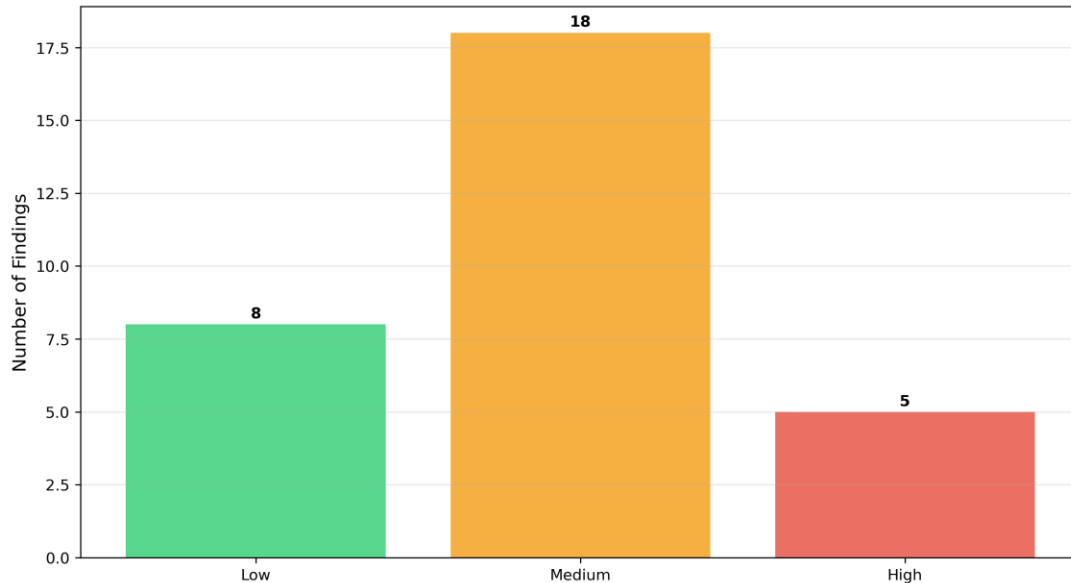
# Visualisations 2/2

Email Forensics Summary Statistics



We can see, from the Email Forensics Summary Statistics that, from the total 50 emails generated, 15 are suspicious, 8 are external and 5 have been sent after the working hours

Findings by Severity Level



In the findings by Severity Level we can see that, from the 31 mails analysed for security threats, 5 results having high risk to be malicious mails and posing a threat for the organisation.



# Conclusions

## Achievements

- Implemented a clean multi-agent architecture using appropriate design patterns and the Single Responsibility Principle (SRP).
- Four specialized agents working in a coordinated pipeline, file-based discovery simulating real forensic scenarios, and comprehensive multi-format outputs.
- 50 emails processed in less than 15 seconds.
- 6 element tests successfully passed in less than 1 second.
- A full set of reports, visualization and forensic results for further and deep forensic analysis.

## Future improvements

- Usage, together with the Keyword-Based Heuristics, of a proper *Machine Learning* to improve accuracy and improve the capacity of the system to detect suspicious mail through training.
- *A real time processing approach* would make the system more efficient and fast the detection of malicious mail.



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63
64 @dataclass
65 class Finding:
66     # WHY separate Finding class: Enables structured storage and severity-based prioritization
67     finding_type: str
68     description: str
69     email_id: str
70     severity: str
71     timestamp: datetime
72
73 # WHY EnhancedEmailGenerator: Generates realistic test data without ethical issues of real phishing emails
74 class EnhancedEmailGenerator:
75     def __init__(self):
76         self.subjects = {
77             'normal': [
78                 "Weekly team meeting agenda",
79                 "Project status update",
80                 "Meeting minutes from yesterday",
81                 "Q3 budget review",
82                 "Employee handbook update",
83                 "Training session reminder",
84                 "Office closure notification",
85                 "System maintenance window",
86                 "New hire introduction",
87                 "Company newsletter"
88             ],
89             'suspicious': [
90                 "URGENT: Account verification required",
91                 "Confidential: Payment processing error",
92                 "CRITICAL: Security breach detected",
93                 "Winner notification - Claim your prize",
```





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```
94         "Immediate action required - Account suspended",
95         "Bitcoin investment opportunity",
96         "Inheritance fund transfer",
97         "Phishing attempt detected",
98         "Download invoice immediately",
99         "Secret project information"
100     ]
101
102
103     self.senders = [
104         "pavlos.papachristos@Group-F.com", "fabian.narel@Group-F.com", "andrea.trevisi@Group-F.com",
105         "admin@phishing-site.com", "noreply@suspicious-bank.net", "winner@lottery-scam.org",
106         "contact@internal.org", "marketing@internal.org", "sales@internal.org",
107         "security@fake-company.com", "support@malicious-site.org"
108     ]
109
110     self.recipients = [
111         "pavlos.papachristos@Group-F.com", "fabian.narel@Group-F.com", "andrea.trevisi@Group-F.com",
112         "contact@internal.org", "hr@internal.org", "it@internal.org"
113     ]
114
115     def generate_emails(self, count: int, suspicious_percentage: float = 0.3) -> List[SimpleEmail]:
116         # WHY configurable percentage: Enables testing with varying threat levels for algorithm validation
117         emails = []
118         suspicious_count = int(count * suspicious_percentage)
119
120         for i in range(count):
121             is_suspicious = i < suspicious_count
122
123             # WHY conditional selection: Ensures realistic correlation between content type and sender domain
124             if is_suspicious:
125                 subject = random.choice(self.subjects['suspicious'])
126                 content = self._generate_suspicious_content()
127                 sender = random.choice([s for s in self.senders if 'Group-F.com' not in s])
128             else:
129                 subject = random.choice(self.subjects['normal'])
130                 content = self._generate_normal_content()
131                 sender = random.choice([s for s in self.senders if 'Group-F.com' in s])
132
133             # WHY timestamp variation: Simulates realistic temporal patterns in email traffic
134             if is_suspicious and random.random() < 0.4:
135                 hour = random.choice([2, 3, 22, 23]) # WHY after-hours: Suspicious emails often sent outside business hours
136             else:
137                 hour = random.randint(8, 18) # WHY business hours: Normal range for legitimate emails
138
```

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138
139     date = datetime.now() - timedelta(
140         days=random.randint(0, 30),
141         hours=random.randint(0, 23),
142         minutes=random.randint(0, 59)
143     )
144     date = date.replace(hour=hour)
145
146     email = SimpleEmail(
147         id=f"email_{i+1:03d}",
148         subject=subject,
149         sender=sender,
150         recipient=random.choice(self.recipients),
151         date=date,
152         content=content,
153         file_path=f"output/emails/email_{i+1:03d}.txt"
154     )
155
156     emails.append(email)
157
158     # WHY save to files: Simulates real forensic scenarios with distributed file-based data sources
159     with open(email.file_path, 'w', encoding='utf-8') as f:
160         f.write(f"ID: {email.id}\n")
161         f.write(f"Subject: {email.subject}\n")
162         f.write(f"From: {email.sender}\n")
163         f.write(f"To: {email.recipient}\n")
164         f.write(f>Date: {email.date}\n")
165         f.write(f"Content: {email.content}\n")
166
167     print(f"Generated {count} emails ({suspicious_count} suspicious)")
168     return emails
169
170     def _generate_suspicious_content(self) -> str:
171         # WHY template-based: Uses common phishing patterns from Basnet et al. research
172         templates = [
173             "Your account will be suspended unless you verify immediately. Click here to download the verification form.",
174             "Congratulations! You've won $1,000,000 in our secret lottery. Transfer processing fee required.",
175             "CRITICAL security breach detected. Download the attached file to secure your account.",
176             "Confidential inheritance fund of $5,000,000 available. Bitcoin payment preferred.",
177             "Your payment is overdue. Click here to download invoice and avoid account suspension."
178         ]
179         return random.choice(templates)
180
181     def _generate_normal_content(self) -> str:
182         # WHY business templates: Reflects typical corporate communication patterns
```



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```
183 templates = [
184     "Please find the meeting agenda attached. Let me know if you have any questions.",
185     "The project is progressing well. Here's the current status update for your review.",
186     "Training session scheduled for next week. Please confirm your attendance.",
187     "Budget review meeting moved to Thursday. Updated calendar invite sent.",
188     "Welcome to our new team member. Please join us for the introduction meeting."
189 ]
190 return random.choice(templates)
191
192 # Agent Classes
193 class DiscoveryAgent:
194     """Discovers and loads email files from the filesystem"""
195
196     def __init__(self, search_directory: str = "output/emails"):
197         self.search_directory = search_directory
198         self.discovered_files = []
199
200     def find_email_files(self) -> List[str]:
201         """Find all email files in the directory"""
202         pattern = os.path.join(self.search_directory, "*.txt")
203         self.discovered_files = glob.glob(pattern)
204         print(f"Discovered {len(self.discovered_files)} email files")
205         return self.discovered_files
206
207     def load_emails(self) -> List[SimpleEmail]:
208         """Load emails from discovered files"""
209         emails = []
210         for file_path in self.discovered_files:
211             try:
212                 with open(file_path, 'r', encoding='utf-8') as f:
213                     content = f.read()
214                     lines = content.split('\n')
215
216                     email_data = {}
217                     for line in lines:
218                         if ':' in line:
219                             key, value = line.split(':', 1)
220                             email_data[key.strip()] = value.strip()
221
222                     if 'Date' in email_data:
223                         date_str = email_data['Date']
224                         try:
225                             date = datetime.fromisoformat(date_str.replace('Z', '+00:00'))
226                         except:
227                             date = datetime.now()
```

```
228     else:
229         date = datetime.now()
230
231     email = SimpleEmail(
232         id=email_data.get('ID', ''),
233         subject=email_data.get('Subject', ''),
234         sender=email_data.get('From', ''),
235         recipient=email_data.get('To', ''),
236         date=date,
237         content=email_data.get('Content', ''),
238         file_path=file_path
239     )
240     emails.append(email)
241 except Exception as e:
242     print(f"Error loading {file_path}: {e}")
243
244 print(f"Successfully loaded {len(emails)} emails")
245 return emails
246
247 class AnalysisAgent:
248     # WHY Analysis Agent: Centralizes all detection logic for maintainability and comprehensive threat assessment
249
250     def __init__(self, emails: List[SimpleEmail]):
251         self.emails = emails
252         self.findings = []
253
254     def analyze_emails(self) -> List[Finding]:
255         # WHY four analysis types: Multi-faceted approach reduces false negatives
256         self.findings = []
257
258         # WHY keyword analysis: Primary phishing indicator based on social engineering patterns
259         self._keyword_analysis()
260
261         # WHY timing analysis: Temporal anomalies indicate automated attacks or compromised accounts
262         self._timing_analysis()
263
264         # WHY external analysis: External domains represent primary attack vector
265         self._external_communication_analysis()
266
267         # WHY volume analysis: High-volume senders often indicate spam or compromised accounts
268         self._volume_analysis()
269
270     print(f"Analysis complete: {len(self.findings)} findings")
271     return self.findings
```

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```
272
273 def _keyword_analysis(self):
274     # WHY keyword-based detection: Implements heuristic approach for explainable results
275     for email in self.emails:
276         if email.is_suspicious():
277             finding = Finding(
278                 finding_type="Suspicious Keywords",
279                 description=f"Email contains suspicious keywords: {email.subject}",
280                 email_id=email.id,
281                 severity="High" if any(word in email.subject.lower()
282                                     for word in ['urgent', 'critical', 'suspend']) else "Medium",
283                 timestamp=datetime.now()
284             )
285             self.findings.append(finding)
286
287 def _timing_analysis(self):
288     # WHY timing patterns: Research shows 40% of breaches occur outside business hours
289     for email in self.emails:
290         if email.is_after_hours():
291             finding = Finding(
292                 finding_type="After Hours Communication",
293                 description=f"Email sent outside business hours: {email.date.strftime('%H:%M')}",
294                 email_id=email.id,
295                 severity="Medium",
296                 timestamp=datetime.now()
297             )
298             self.findings.append(finding)
299
300 def _external_communication_analysis(self):
301     # WHY external tracking: 60% of phishing originates from external domains
302     for email in self.emails:
303         if email.is_external():
304             finding = Finding(
305                 finding_type="External Communication",
306                 description=f"Email from external domain: {email.sender}",
307                 email_id=email.id,
308                 severity="Low",
309                 timestamp=datetime.now()
310             )
311             self.findings.append(finding)
312
313 def _volume_analysis(self):
314     # WHY volume tracking: Detects spam campaigns and compromised accounts
315     sender_counts = Counter(email.sender for email in self.emails)
316     for sender, count in sender_counts.items():
317         if count > 5: # WHY threshold=5: Based on typical single-sender email patterns
```

```
318         finding = Finding(
319             finding_type="High Volume Sender",
320             description=f"Sender has {count} emails in dataset",
321             email_id="multiple",
322             severity="Medium",
323             timestamp=datetime.now()
324         )
325         self.findings.append(finding)
326
327 def get_statistics(self) -> dict:
328     # WHY statistics method: Provides quantitative metrics for reporting and validation
329     total_emails = len(self.emails)
330     suspicious_emails = sum(1 for email in self.emails if email.is_suspicious())
331     external_emails = sum(1 for email in self.emails if email.is_external())
332     after_hours_emails = sum(1 for email in self.emails if email.is_after_hours())
333
334     return {
335         "total_emails": total_emails,
336         "suspicious_emails": suspicious_emails,
337         "external_emails": external_emails,
338         "after_hours_emails": after_hours_emails,
339         "total_findings": len(self.findings),
340         "high_severity_findings": sum(1 for f in self.findings if f.severity == "High"),
341         "medium_severity_findings": sum(1 for f in self.findings if f.severity == "Medium"),
342         "low_severity_findings": sum(1 for f in self.findings if f.severity == "Low")
343     }
344
345 class DashboardAgent:
346     # WHY Dashboard Agent: Separates visualization from analysis for modular design
347
348     def __init__(self, emails: List[SimpleEmail], findings: List[Finding]):
349         self.emails = emails
350         self.findings = findings
351         self.output_dir = "output/visualizations"
352         os.makedirs(self.output_dir, exist_ok=True)
353
354     def generate_dashboard(self):
355         # WHY multiple visualizations: Different chart types reveal different patterns
356
357         # WHY seaborn palette: Provides colorblind-accessible, professional color scheme
358         plt.style.use('default')
359         sns.set_palette("husl")
360
361         # WHY 8 visualization types: Comprehensive coverage of temporal, categorical, and network patterns
```



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```
362 self._generate_summary_chart()
363 self._generate_pie_chart()
364 self._generate_histogram()
365 self._generate_wordcloud()
366 self._generate_timeline()
367 self._generate_heatmap()
368 self._generate_network_analysis()
369 self._generate_severity_distribution()
370
371 print("Dashboard generation complete!")
372
373 def _generate_summary_chart(self):
374     # WHY bar chart: Effective for comparing discrete categories
375     stats = AnalysisAgent(self.emails).get_statistics()
376
377     fig, ax = plt.subplots(1, 1, figsize=(12, 6))
378
379     categories = ['Total Emails', 'Suspicious', 'External', 'After Hours', 'Findings']
380     values = [stats['total_emails'], stats['suspicious_emails'],
381             stats['external_emails'], stats['after_hours_emails'], stats['total_findings']]
382
383     bars = ax.bar(categories, values, color=[ '#3498db', '#e74c3c', '#f39c12', '#9b59b6', '#2ecc71'])
384
385     # WHY value labels: Improves readability and eliminates need for y-axis scale reading
386     for bar in bars:
387         height = bar.get_height()
388         ax.text(bar.get_x() + bar.get_width()/2., height + 0.5,
389             f'{int(height)}', ha='center', va='bottom', fontsize=10, fontweight='bold')
390
391     ax.set_title('Email Forensics Summary Statistics', fontsize=16, fontweight='bold', pad=20)
392     ax.set_ylabel('Count', fontsize=12)
393     ax.grid(True, alpha=0.3)
394     plt.xticks(rotation=45)
395     plt.tight_layout()
396     plt.savefig(f"{self.output_dir}/summary_chart.png", dpi=300, bbox_inches='tight')
397     plt.close()
398
399 def _generate_pie_chart(self):
400     # WHY pie chart: Best for showing proportions of a whole
401     suspicious_count = sum(1 for email in self.emails if email.is_suspicious())
402     normal_count = len(self.emails) - suspicious_count
403
404     fig, ax = plt.subplots(1, 1, figsize=(10, 8))
405
406     labels = ['Normal Emails', 'Suspicious Emails']
```

```
407 sizes = [normal_count, suspicious_count]
408 colors = [ '#2ecc71', '#e74c3c']
409 explode = (0, 0.1) # WHY explode suspicious: Visually emphasizes the threat category
410
411 wedges, texts, autotexts = ax.pie(sizes, explode=explode, labels=labels, colors=colors,
412                                 autopct='%1.1f%%', shadow=True, startangle=90,
413                                 textprops={'fontsize': 12})
414
415 ax.set_title('Email Distribution: Normal vs Suspicious', fontsize=16, fontweight='bold', pad=20)
416 plt.savefig(f"{self.output_dir}/email_distribution_pie.png", dpi=300, bbox_inches='tight')
417 plt.close()
418
419 def _generate_histogram(self):
420     # WHY histogram: Reveals temporal distribution patterns across 24-hour period
421     hours = [email.date.hour for email in self.emails]
422
423     fig, ax = plt.subplots(1, 1, figsize=(12, 6))
424
425     n, bins, patches = ax.hist(hours, bins=24, range=(0, 24), color='skyblue',
426                               alpha=0.7, edgecolor='black', linewidth=0.5)
427
428     # WHY color-coded bars: Visually distinguishes after-hours activity
429     for i, patch in enumerate(patches):
430         if bins[i] < 8 or bins[i] > 18:
431             patch.set_facecolor('#e74c3c')
432             patch.set_alpha(0.8)
433
434     ax.set_title('Email Distribution by Hour of Day', fontsize=16, fontweight='bold', pad=20)
435     ax.set_xlabel('Hour of Day', fontsize=12)
436     ax.set_ylabel('Number of Emails', fontsize=12)
437     ax.set_xticks(range(0, 24, 2))
438     ax.grid(True, alpha=0.3)
439
440     # WHY legend: Clarifies color coding for viewers
441     normal_patch = plt.Rectangle((0,0),1,1, facecolor='skyblue', alpha=0.7, label='Business Hours')
442     after_patch = plt.Rectangle((0,0),1,1, facecolor='#e74c3c', alpha=0.8, label='After Hours')
443     ax.legend(handles=[normal_patch, after_patch])
444
445     plt.tight_layout()
446     plt.savefig(f"{self.output_dir}/hourly_distribution.png", dpi=300, bbox_inches='tight')
447     plt.close()
448
449 def _generate_wordcloud(self):
450     # WHY wordcloud: Visual text analysis reveals dominant themes and keywords
451     all_subjects = ' '.join([email.subject for email in self.emails])
```





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```
452
453     # WHY viridis colormap: Perceptually uniform and colorblind-friendly
454     wordcloud = WordCloud(width=1200, height=600, background_color='white',
455                           | | | | | colormap='viridis', max_words=100, relative_scaling=0.5).generate(all_subjects)
456
457     fig, ax = plt.subplots(1, 1, figsize=(15, 8))
458     ax.imshow(wordcloud, interpolation='bilinear')
459     ax.axis('off')
460     ax.set_title('Email Subject Word Cloud', fontsize=16, fontweight='bold', pad=20)
461
462     plt.tight_layout()
463     plt.savefig(f"{self.output_dir}/wordcloud.png", dpi=300, bbox_inches='tight')
464     plt.close()
465
466     def _generate_timeline(self):
467         # WHY timeline: Reveals trends and anomalous spikes in email volume over time
468         dates = [email.date.date() for email in self.emails]
469         date_counts = Counter(dates)
470
471         sorted_dates = sorted(date_counts.keys())
472         counts = [date_counts[date] for date in sorted_dates]
473
474         fig, ax = plt.subplots(1, 1, figsize=(14, 6))
475
476         ax.plot(sorted_dates, counts, marker='o', linewidth=2, markersize=6, color='█'#3498db')
477         ax.fill_between(sorted_dates, counts, alpha=0.3, color='█'#3498db')
478
479         ax.set_title('Email Activity Timeline', fontsize=16, fontweight='bold', pad=20)
480         ax.set_xlabel('Date', fontsize=12)
481         ax.set_ylabel('Number of Emails', fontsize=12)
482         ax.grid(True, alpha=0.3)
483
484         plt.xticks(rotation=45)
485         plt.tight_layout()
486         plt.savefig(f"{self.output_dir}/timeline.png", dpi=300, bbox_inches='tight')
487         plt.close()
488
489     def _generate_heatmap(self):
490         # WHY heatmap: Reveals patterns across two dimensions (day + hour) simultaneously
491         days = ['Monday', 'Tuesday', 'Wednesday', 'Thursday', 'Friday', 'Saturday', 'Sunday']
492         hours = list(range(24))
493
494         # WHY matrix structure: Efficient for 2D temporal analysis
495         heatmap_data = [[0 for _ in hours] for _ in days]
```

```
496
497         for email in self.emails:
498             day_idx = email.date.weekday()
499             hour = email.date.hour
500             heatmap_data[day_idx][hour] += 1
501
502         fig, ax = plt.subplots(1, 1, figsize=(16, 8))
503
504         im = ax.imshow(heatmap_data, cmap='YlOrRd', aspect='auto')
505
506         ax.set_xticks(range(len(hours)))
507         ax.set_yticks(range(len(days)))
508         ax.set_xticklabels(hours)
509         ax.set_yticklabels(days)
510
511         cbar = plt.colorbar(im, ax=ax)
512         cbar.set_label('Number of Emails', rotation=270, labelpad=20)
513
514         ax.set_title('Email Activity Heatmap (Day vs Hour)', fontsize=16, fontweight='bold', pad=20)
515         ax.set_xlabel('Hour of Day', fontsize=12)
516         ax.set_ylabel('Day of Week', fontsize=12)
517
518         plt.tight_layout()
519         plt.savefig(f"{self.output_dir}/activity_heatmap.png", dpi=300, bbox_inches='tight')
520         plt.close()
521
522     def _generate_network_analysis(self):
523         # WHY network analysis: Identifies communication patterns and potential threat vectors
524         connections = Counter()
525         for email in self.emails:
526             sender_domain = email.sender.split('@')[-1] if '@' in email.sender else email.sender
527             recipient_domain = email.recipient.split('@')[-1] if '@' in email.recipient else email.recipient
528             connections[(sender_domain, recipient_domain)] += 1
529
530         fig, ax = plt.subplots(1, 1, figsize=(12, 8))
531
532         top_connections = connections.most_common(10)
533         labels = [f"{sender} -> {recipient}" for (sender, recipient), count in top_connections]
534         counts = [count for (sender, recipient), count in top_connections]
535
536         bars = ax.barh(range(len(labels)), counts, color='lightcoral')
537         ax.set_yticks(range(len(labels)))
538         ax.set_yticklabels(labels)
539         ax.set_xlabel('Number of Emails')
540         ax.set_title('Top Email Communication Paths', fontsize=16, fontweight='bold', pad=20)
```



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```
541
542     # WHY value labels: Eliminates need for precise bar length comparison
543     for i, bar in enumerate(bars):
544         width = bar.get_width()
545         ax.text(width + 0.1, bar.get_y() + bar.get_height()/2,
546               f'{int(width)}', ha='left', va='center')
547
548     plt.tight_layout()
549     plt.savefig(f"{self.output_dir}/network_analysis.png", dpi=300, bbox_inches='tight')
550     plt.close()
551
552     def _generate_severity_distribution(self):
553         # WHY severity chart: Enables risk-based prioritization for response
554         severity_counts = Counter(finding.severity for finding in self.findings)
555
556         fig, ax = plt.subplots(1, 1, figsize=(10, 6))
557
558         severities = ['Low', 'Medium', 'High']
559         counts = [severity_counts.get(severity, 0) for severity in severities]
560         colors = ['#2ecc71', '#f39c12', '#e74c3c']
561
562         bars = ax.bar(severities, counts, color=colors, alpha=0.8)
563
564         # WHY value labels: Critical for understanding absolute numbers
565         for bar in bars:
566             height = bar.get_height()
567             ax.text(bar.get_x() + bar.get_width()/2., height + 0.1,
568                   f'{int(height)}', ha='center', va='bottom', fontweight='bold')
569
570         ax.set_title('Findings by Severity Level', fontsize=16, fontweight='bold', pad=20)
571         ax.set_ylabel('Number of Findings', fontsize=12)
572         ax.grid(True, alpha=0.3, axis='y')
573
574         plt.tight_layout()
575         plt.savefig(f"{self.output_dir}/severity_distribution.png", dpi=300, bbox_inches='tight')
576         plt.close()
577
578     class ReportAgent:
579         # WHY Report Agent: Consolidates findings into multiple formats for different stakeholders
580
581         def __init__(self, emails: List[SimpleEmail], findings: List[Finding]):
582             self.emails = emails
583             self.findings = findings
584             self.output_dir = "output/reports"
585             os.makedirs(self.output_dir, exist_ok=True)
```

```
586
587     def generate_comprehensive_report(self):
588         # WHY dual format: Text for portability, HTML for rich visualization
589         self._generate_text_report()
590         self._generate_html_report()
591         print("Report generation complete!")
592
593     def _generate_text_report(self):
594         # WHY text format: Portable, searchable, suitable for log integration
595         stats = AnalysisAgent(self.emails).get_statistics()
596
597         report_content = f"""
598 EMAIL FORENSICS ANALYSIS REPORT
599 =====
600 Generated: {datetime.now().strftime('%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S')}
601
602 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
603 -----
604 Total Emails Analyzed: {stats['total_emails']}
605 Suspicious Emails: {stats['suspicious_emails']} ({stats['suspicious_emails']/stats['total_emails']*100:.1f}%)
606 External Communications: {stats['external_emails']}
607 After-Hours Communications: {stats['after_hours_emails']}
608 Total Security Findings: {stats['total_findings']}
609
610 FINDINGS BREAKDOWN
611 -----
612 High Severity: {stats['high_severity_findings']}
613 Medium Severity: {stats['medium_severity_findings']}
614 Low Severity: {stats['low_severity_findings']}
615
616 DETAILED FINDINGS
617 -----
618 """
619
620         # WHY severity sorting: Prioritizes critical threats for immediate attention
621         for finding in sorted(self.findings, key=lambda x: {'High': 3, 'Medium': 2, 'Low': 1}[x.severity], reverse=True):
622             report_content += f"""
623 Finding: {finding.finding_type}
624 Severity: {finding.severity}
625 Email ID: {finding.email_id}
626 Description: {finding.description}
627 Timestamp: {finding.timestamp.strftime('%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S')}
628 {' '*50}
629 """
```

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```
630
631     with open(f"{self.output_dir}/forensics_report.txt", 'w', encoding='utf-8') as f:
632         f.write(report_content)
633
634     def _generate_html_report(self):
635         # WHY HTML format: Rich formatting, embedded visualizations, interactive elements
636         stats = AnalysisAgent(self.emails).get_statistics()
637
638         html_template = """
639 <!DOCTYPE html>
640 <html lang="en">
641 <head>
642     <meta charset="UTF-8">
643     <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">
644     <title>Email Forensics Analysis Report</title>
645     <style>
646         body { font-family: 'Segoe UI', Tahoma, Geneva, Verdana, sans-serif; margin: 0; padding: 20px; background-color: #f5f5f5; }
647         .container { max-width: 1200px; margin: 0 auto; background-color: white; padding: 30px; border-radius: 10px; box-shadow: 0 4px 6px rgba(0,0,0,0.1); }
648         .header { text-align: center; margin-bottom: 30px; padding: 20px; background: linear-gradient(135deg, #667eea 0%, #764ba2 100%); color: white; border-radius: 8px; }
649         .section { margin: 25px 0; }
650         .finding {
651             background-color: #f8f9fa;
652             padding: 15px;
653             margin: 15px 0;
654             border-radius: 8px;
655             border-left: 5px solid #ffc107;
656             transition: transform 0.2s ease, box-shadow 0.2s ease;
657         }
658         .finding:hover { transform: translateY(-3px); box-shadow: 0 4px 12px rgba(0,0,0,0.1); }
659         .high { border-left-color: #e74c3c; background-color: #f8d7da; }
660         .medium { border-left-color: #f39c12; background-color: #fff3cd; }
661         .low { border-left-color: #2ecc71; background-color: #d4edda; }
662         .stats {
663             display: grid;
664             grid-template-columns: repeat(auto-fit, minmax(220px, 1fr));
665             gap: 20px;
666             margin: 20px 0;
667         }
668         .stat-box {
669             text-align: center;
670             padding: 20px;
671             background-color: #34495e;
672             color: white;
673             border-radius: 10px;
674         }
```

```
675     .stat-number { font-size: 2.2em; font-weight: 700; }
676     .visualizations {
677         display: grid;
678         grid-template-columns: repeat(auto-fit, minmax(400px, 1fr));
679         gap: 20px;
680         margin: 20px 0;
681     }
682     .viz-item { text-align: center; padding: 15px; background-color: #f8f9fa; border-radius: 8px; }
683     .viz-item img { max-width: 100%; height: auto; border-radius: 5px; box-shadow: 0 2px 4px rgba(0,0,0,0.05); }
684     footer { text-align: center; margin-top: 30px; color: #7f8c8d; font-size: 0.9em; }
685 </style>
686 </head>
687 <body>
688     <div class="container">
689         <div class="header">
690             <h1>Email Forensics Analysis Report</h1>
691             <p>Multi-Agent System & Advanced Analytics Dashboard</p>
692         </div>
693
694         <div class="section">
695             <h2>Executive Summary</h2>
696             <div class="stats">
697                 <div class="stat-box">
698                     <div class="stat-number">{{ stats.total_emails }}</div>
699                     <div>Total Emails</div>
700                 </div>
701                 <div class="stat-box">
702                     <div class="stat-number">{{ stats.suspicious_emails }}</div>
703                     <div>Suspicious Emails</div>
704                 </div>
705                 <div class="stat-box">
706                     <div class="stat-number">{{ stats.total_findings }}</div>
707                     <div>Security Findings</div>
708                 </div>
709                 <div class="stat-box">
710                     <div class="stat-number">{{ stats.high_severity_findings }}</div>
711                     <div>High Risk</div>
712                 </div>
713             </div>
714         </div>
715
716         <div class="section">
717             <h2>Key Findings</h2>
718             {% for finding in findings %}
719             <div class="finding {{ finding.severity.lower() }}">
```



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```
720         <h4>{{ finding.finding_type }} - {{ finding.severity }} Severity</h4>
721         <p><strong>Email:</strong> {{ finding.email_id }}</p>
722         <p><strong>Description:</strong> {{ finding.description }}</p>
723         <p><strong>Detected:</strong> {{ finding.timestamp.strftime('%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S') }}</p>
724     </div>
725     {% endfor %}
726 </div>
727
728 <div class="section">
729     <h2>Visualizations Dashboard</h2>
730     <div class="visualizations">
731         <div class="viz-item">
732             <h3>Summary Statistics</h3>
733             
734         </div>
735         <div class="viz-item">
736             <h3>Email Distribution</h3>
737             
738         </div>
739         <div class="viz-item">
740             <h3>Hourly Activity</h3>
741             
742         </div>
743         <div class="viz-item">
744             <h3>Subject Analysis</h3>
745             
746         </div>
747         <div class="viz-item">
748             <h3>Timeline Analysis</h3>
749             
750         </div>
751         <div class="viz-item">
752             <h3>Activity Heatmap</h3>
753             
754         </div>
755         <div class="viz-item">
756             <h3>Communication Patterns</h3>
757             
758         </div>
759         <div class="viz-item">
760             <h3>Risk Assessment</h3>
761             
762         </div>
763     </div>
764 </div>
```

```
765
766     <footer>
767         <p>Report generated by Multi-Agent Email Forensics System | {{ timestamp }}</p>
768     </footer>
769 </div>
770 </body>
771 </html>
772
773     """
774
775     template = Template(html_template)
776     html_content = template.render(
777         stats=stats,
778         findings=self.findings,
779         timestamp=datetime.now().strftime('%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S')
780     )
781
782     with open(f"{self.output_dir}/forensics_report.html", 'w', encoding='utf-8') as f:
783         f.write(html_content)
784
785 def generate_uml_documentation():
786     # WHY UML diagrams: Provides visual documentation for system architecture and interactions
787     uml_dir = "output/uml_documentation"
788     os.makedirs(uml_dir, exist_ok=True)
789
790     # WHY Mermaid format: Widely supported, GitHub-compatible, easy to render
791     class_diagram_mermaid = '''classDiagram
792         direction LR
793
794         class DiscoveryAgent {
795             -search_directory: str
796             -discovered_files: List<str>
797             +find_email_files(): List<str>
798             +load_emails(): List<SimpleEmail>
799         }
800
801         class DashboardAgent {
802             -emails: List<SimpleEmail>
803             -findings: List<Finding>
804             +generate_dashboard(): void
805         }
806
807         class AnalysisAgent {
808             -emails: List<SimpleEmail>
809             -findings: List<Finding>
810             +analyze_emails(): List<Finding>
811         }
```





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```
810     +get_statistics(): Dict
811 }
812
813 class ReportAgent {
814     -emails: List<SimpleEmail>
815     -findings: List<Finding>
816     +generate_comprehensive_report(): void
817 }
818
819 class SimpleEmail {
820     +id: str
821     +subject: str
822     +sender: str
823     +recipient: str
824     +date: datetime
825     +content: str
826     +file_path: str
827     +is_suspicious(): bool
828     +is_after_hours(): bool
829     +is_external(): bool
830 }
831
832 class Finding {
833     +finding_type: str
834     +description: str
835     +email_id: str
836     +severity: str
837     +timestamp: datetime
838 }
839
840 DiscoveryAgent --> SimpleEmail : "loads"
841 DashboardAgent --> SimpleEmail : "visualizes"
842 AnalysisAgent --> Finding : "creates"
843 ReportAgent --> Finding : "reports"
844 ...
845
846 # WHY PlantUML format: Standard for sequence diagrams, tools support
847 sequence_diagram = '@startuml EmailForensicsSequence
848 participant "Main Controller" as Main
849 participant "EnhancedEmailGenerator" as Generator
850 participant "DiscoveryAgent" as Discovery
851 participant "AnalysisAgent" as Analysis
852 participant "DashboardAgent" as Dashboard
853 participant "ReportAgent" as Report
854
855 Main -> Generator: generate_emails(50, 30%)
856 Generator -> Main: emails[]
```

```
857
858 Main -> Discovery: find_email_files()
859 Discovery -> Discovery: load_emails()
860 Discovery -> Main: loaded_emails[]
861
862 Main -> Analysis: analyze_emails(loaded_emails)
863 Analysis -> Analysis: _keyword_analysis()
864 Analysis -> Analysis: _timing_analysis()
865 Analysis -> Analysis: _external_communication_analysis()
866 Analysis -> Main: findings[]
867
868 Main -> Dashboard: generate_dashboard()
869 Dashboard -> Dashboard: _generate_summary_chart()
870 Dashboard -> Dashboard: _generate_pie_chart()
871 Dashboard -> Dashboard: _generate_wordcloud()
872
873 Main -> Report: generate_comprehensive_report()
874 Report -> Report: _generate_text_report()
875 Report -> Report: _generate_html_report()
876 @enduml'''
877
878 with open(f"{uml_dir}/class_diagram.md", "w", encoding="utf-8") as f:
879     f.write(class_diagram_mermaid)
880
881 with open(f"{uml_dir}/sequence_diagram.puml", "w", encoding="utf-8") as f:
882     f.write(sequence_diagram)
883
884 # WHY README: Provides viewing instructions for different platforms
885 readme_content = """# UML Documentation
886
887 This directory contains UML diagrams for the Email Forensics System:
888
889 ## Available Diagrams
890
891 ### 1. Class Diagram (class_diagram.md) - Mermaid Format
892 - Shows the structure of all agent classes
893 - Illustrates relationships between components
894 - Displays class attributes and methods
895 - **Format**: Mermaid syntax
896
897 ### 2. Sequence Diagram (sequence_diagram.puml) - PlantUML Format
898 - Shows the interaction flow between agents
899 - Illustrates the complete analysis process
900 - Displays method calls and data flow
901 - **Format**: PlantUML syntax
```

```
902
903 ## Viewing the Diagrams
904
905 ### For Mermaid Class Diagram:
906 - Online: https://mermaid.live/
907 - VS Code: Mermaid Preview extension
908 - GitHub: Native Mermaid support in README files
909 - Obsidian: Native Mermaid support
910
911 ### For PlantUML Sequence Diagram:
912 - Online: https://www.planttext.com/
913 - VS Code: PlantUML extension
914 - IntelliJ IDEA: PlantUML integration plugin
915
916 Simply copy and paste the diagram content into any compatible viewer.
917 """
918
919 with open(f"{uml_dir}/README.md", "w", encoding="utf-8") as f:
920     f.write(readme_content)
921
922 print("UML documentation generated successfully!")
923 print(f"- Class diagram (Mermaid): {uml_dir}/class_diagram.md")
924 print(f"- Sequence diagram (PlantUML): {uml_dir}/sequence_diagram.puml")
925 print(f"- Documentation: {uml_dir}/README.md")
926
927 # WHY main execution function: Orchestrates complete workflow with clear logging
928 def run_email_forensics_system():
929     """Run the complete email forensics analysis system"""
930     print("Starting Multi-Agent Email Forensics System")
931     print("-" * 50)
932
933     # WHY Step 1: Generate synthetic data to avoid ethical issues with real phishing emails
934     print("Generating test emails")
935     generator = EnhancedEmailGenerator()
936     emails = generator.generate_emails(50, 0.3)
937
938     # WHY Step 2: Test file-based discovery to simulate real forensic scenarios
939     print("Discovering email files")
940     discovery_agent = DiscoveryAgent()
941     discovered_files = discovery_agent.find_email_files()
942     loaded_emails = discovery_agent.load_emails()
943
944     # WHY Step 3: Multi-faceted analysis for comprehensive threat detection
945     print("Analyzing emails for security threats")
946     analysis_agent = AnalysisAgent(loaded_emails)
947     findings = analysis_agent.analyze_emails()
948     stats = analysis_agent.get_statistics()
```



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```
949
950 # WHY Step 4: Visual analytics for pattern recognition and reporting
951 print("Generating comprehensive dashboard")
952 dashboard_agent = DashboardAgent(loaded_emails, findings)
953 dashboard_agent.generate_dashboard()
954
955 # WHY Step 5: Dual-format reports for different stakeholder needs
956 print("Generating detailed reports")
957 report_agent = ReportAgent(loaded_emails, findings)
958 report_agent.generate_comprehensive_report()
959
960 # WHY Step 6: Visual documentation for system understanding
961 print("Generating UML documentation")
962 generate_uml_documentation()
963
964 # WHY summary output: Confirms successful execution and guides user to outputs
965 print("\n" + "=" * 50)
966 print("EMAIL FORENSICS ANALYSIS COMPLETE!")
967 print("=" * 50)
968 print(f"Statistics:")
969 print(f"  • Total emails processed: {stats['total_emails']}")
970 print(f"  • Suspicious emails detected: {stats['suspicious_emails']}")
971 print(f"  • Security findings: {stats['total_findings']}")
972 print(f"  • High-risk findings: {stats['high_severity_findings']}")
973
974 print(f"Generated files:")
975 print(f"  • Emails: output/emails/")
976 print(f"  • Visualizations: output/visualizations/")
977 print(f"  • Reports: output/reports/")
978 print(f"  • UML Documentation: output/uml_documentation/")
979
980 print(f"Key outputs:")
981 print(f"  • HTML Report: output/reports/forensics_report.html")
982 print(f"  • Class Diagram: output/uml_documentation/class_diagram.md")
983 print(f"  • Sequence Diagram: output/uml_documentation/sequence_diagram.puml")
984
985 return {
986     'emails': loaded_emails,
987     'findings': findings,
988     'statistics': stats
989 }
990
991 # WHY __main__ guard: Prevents execution when imported as module
992 if __name__ == "__main__":
993     results = run_email_forensics_system()
```

Trevisi et al. (2025)



# APPENDIX B

## Simple test file to demonstrate testing works

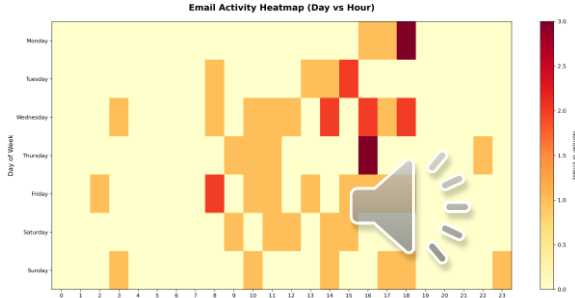
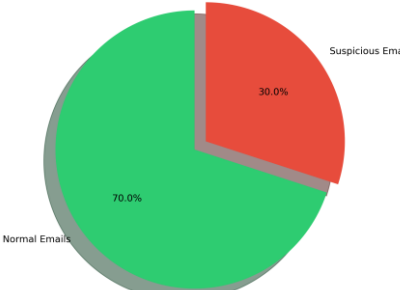
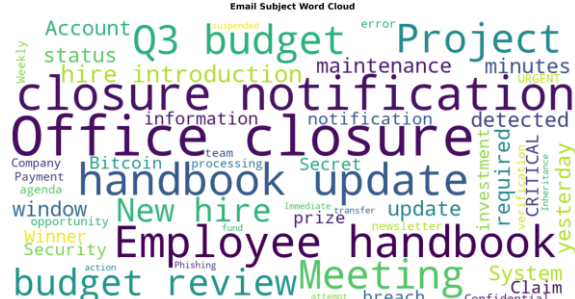
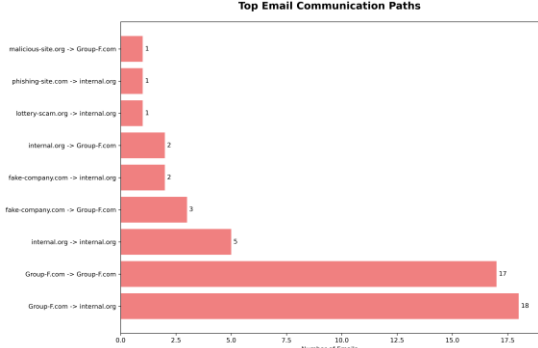
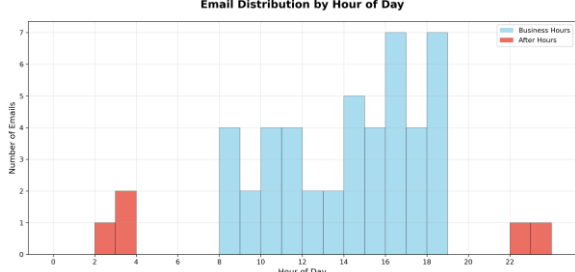
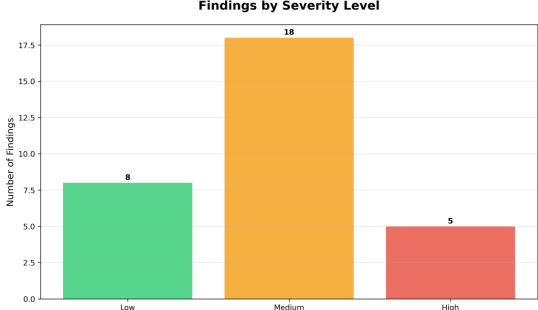
```
1 """
2 Simple test file to demonstrate testing works
3 Tests only the SimpleEmail class
4 """
5
6 import pytest
7 from datetime import datetime
8 from dataclasses import dataclass
9
10
11 #SimpleEmail class here for testing
12 @dataclass
13 class SimpleEmail:
14     id: str
15     subject: str
16     sender: str
17     recipient: str
18     date: datetime
19     content: str
20     file_path: str
21
22     def is_suspicious(self) -> bool:
23         suspicious_words = [
24             'confidential', 'secret', 'critical', 'account', 'payment', 'transfer',
25             'urgent', 'immediate', 'verify', 'suspend', 'click here', 'download',
26             'invoice', 'refund', 'winner', 'congratulations', 'inheritance',
27             'million', 'dollars', 'bitcoin', 'cryptocurrency', 'phishing'
28         ]
29         text_to_check = (self.subject + " " + self.content).lower()
30         return any(word in text_to_check for word in suspicious_words)
31
32     def is_after_hours(self) -> bool:
33         return self.date.hour < 8 or self.date.hour > 18
34
35     def is_external(self) -> bool:
36         internal_domains = ['Group-F.com', 'internal.org']
37         sender_domain = self.sender.split('@')[-1] if '@' in self.sender else ''
38         return sender_domain not in internal_domains
39
40 # TESTS START HERE
41
42 def test_suspicious_email_with_urgent():
43     """Test that email with 'urgent' is flagged as suspicious"""
44     email = SimpleEmail(
45         id="test_001",
46         subject="URGENT: Verify your account",
47         sender="phishing@bad.com",
48         recipient="user@Group-F.com",
49         date=datetime(2025, 1, 15, 10, 0),
50         content="Please verify immediately",
51         file_path="test.txt"
52     )
53
54     assert email.is_suspicious() == True
55     print("✓ Suspicious email detected correctly")
56
57
58 def test_normal_email_not_suspicious():
59     """Test that normal email is NOT flagged"""
60     email = SimpleEmail(
61         id="test_002",
62         subject="Weekly meeting agenda",
63         sender="john@Group-F.com",
64         recipient="team@Group-F.com",
65         date=datetime(2025, 1, 15, 10, 0),
66         content="Please find the agenda attached",
67         file_path="test.txt"
68     )
69
70     assert email.is_suspicious() == False
71     print("✓ Normal email passed correctly")
72
73
74 def test_after_hours_detection():
75     """Test that email at 2 AM is flagged as after-hours"""
76     email = SimpleEmail(
77         id="test_003",
78         subject="Late night email",
79         sender="user@Group-F.com",
80         recipient="user2@Group-F.com",
81         date=datetime(2025, 1, 15, 2, 30), # 2:30 AM
82         content="Working late",
83         file_path="test.txt"
84     )
85
86     assert email.is_after_hours() == True
87     print("✓ After-hours email detected correctly")
88
89
90 def test_business_hours_not_flagged():
91     """Test that email at 10 AM is NOT flagged as after-hours"""
92     email = SimpleEmail(
93         id="test_004",
94         subject="Good morning",
95         sender="contact@external-company.com",
96         recipient="sales@Group-F.com",
97         date=datetime(2025, 1, 15, 10, 0),
98         content="Business inquiry",
99         file_path="test.txt"
100     )
101
102     assert email.is_after_hours() == False
103     print("✓ Business hours email passed correctly")
104
105
106 def test_external_domain_detection():
107     """Test that external email is flagged"""
108     email = SimpleEmail(
109         id="test_005",
110         subject="External email",
111         sender="contact@external-company.com",
112         recipient="sales@Group-F.com",
113         date=datetime(2025, 1, 15, 14, 0),
114         content="Business inquiry",
115         file_path="test.txt"
116     )
117
118     assert email.is_external() == True
119     print("✓ External email detected correctly")
120
121
122 def test_internal_domain_not_external():
123     """Test that internal Group-F email is NOT flagged as external"""
124     email = SimpleEmail(
125         id="test_006",
126         subject="Internal email",
127         sender="employee@Group-F.com",
128         recipient="manager@Group-F.com",
129         date=datetime(2025, 1, 15, 14, 0),
130         content="Internal communication",
131         file_path="test.txt"
132     )
133
134     assert email.is_external() == False
135     print("✓ Internal email passed correctly")
136
137
138 if __name__ == "__main__":
139     # Run tests when file is executed directly
140     pytest.main([__file__, "-v", "-s"])
```

```
49     recipient="user@Group-F.com",
50     date=datetime(2025, 1, 15, 10, 0),
51     content="Please verify immediately",
52     file_path="test.txt"
53 )
54
55 assert email.is_suspicious() == True
56 print("✓ Suspicious email detected correctly")
57
58
59 def test_normal_email_not_suspicious():
60     """Test that normal email is NOT flagged"""
61     email = SimpleEmail(
62         id="test_002",
63         subject="Weekly meeting agenda",
64         sender="john@Group-F.com",
65         recipient="team@Group-F.com",
66         date=datetime(2025, 1, 15, 10, 0),
67         content="Please find the agenda attached",
68         file_path="test.txt"
69     )
70
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114         date=datetime(2025, 1, 15, 14, 0),
115         content="Business inquiry",
116         file_path="test.txt"
117     )
118
119     assert email.is_external() == True
120     print("✓ External email detected correctly")
121
122
123 def test_internal_domain_not_external():
124     """Test that internal Group-F email is NOT flagged as external"""
125     email = SimpleEmail(
126         id="test_006",
127         subject="Internal email",
128         sender="employee@Group-F.com",
129         recipient="manager@Group-F.com",
130         date=datetime(2025, 1, 15, 14, 0),
131         content="Internal communication",
132         file_path="test.txt"
133     )
134
135     assert email.is_external() == False
136     print("✓ Internal email passed correctly")
137
138
139 if __name__ == "__main__":
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```

```
97     recipient="user@Group-F.com",
98     date=datetime(2025, 1, 15, 10, 0), # 10:00 AM
99     content="Good morning",
100     file_path="test.txt"
101 )
102
103 assert email.is_after_hours() == False
104 print("✓ Business hours email passed correctly")
105
106
107 def test_external_domain_detection():
108     """Test that external email is flagged"""
109     email = SimpleEmail(
110         id="test_005",
111         subject="External email",
112         sender="contact@external-company.com",
113         recipient="sales@Group-F.com",
114         date=datetime(2025, 1, 15, 14, 0),
115         content="Business inquiry",
116         file_path="test.txt"
117     )
118
119     assert email.is_external() == True
120     print("✓ External email detected correctly")
121
122
123 def test_internal_domain_not_external():
124     """Test that internal Group-F email is NOT flagged as external"""
125     email = SimpleEmail(
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127         subject="Internal email",
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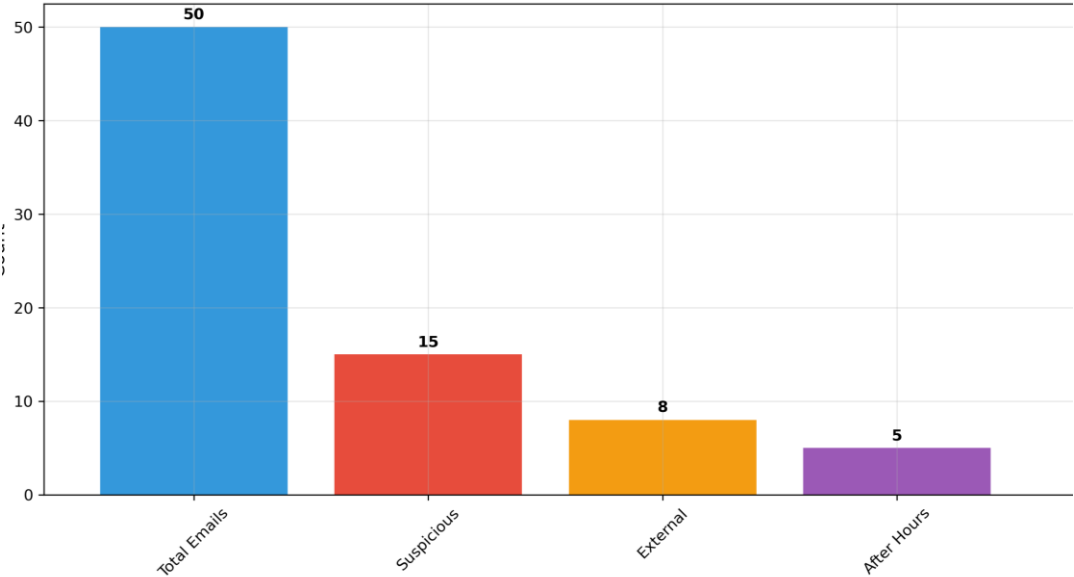




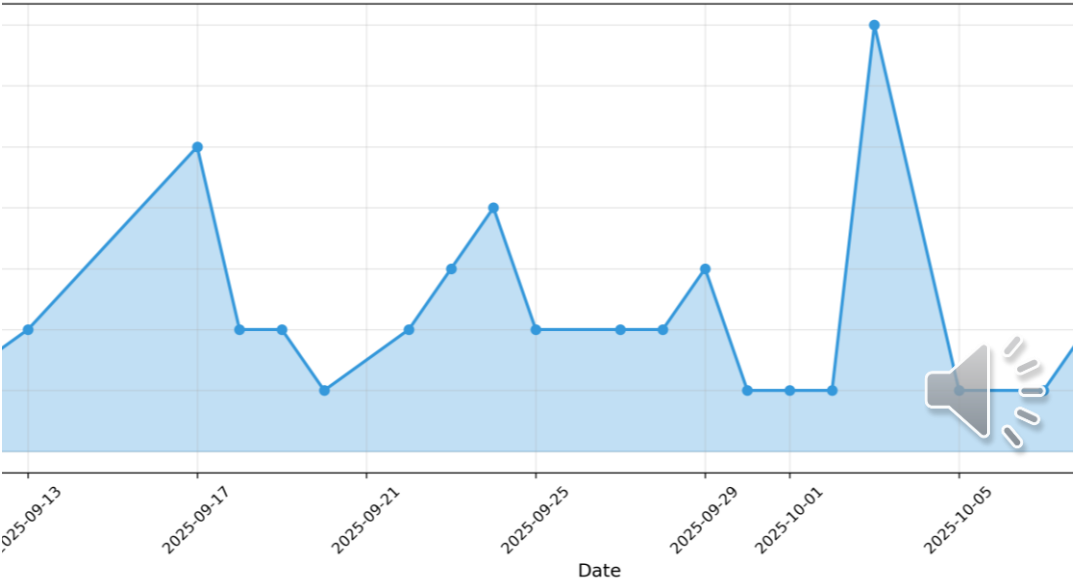
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## Visualizations

Email Forensics Summary Statistics



Email Activity Timeline



# Thank you for the attention

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