

Supplementary Material for Heard it Through the  
GITvine: An Empirical Study of Tool Diffusion  
Across the *npm* Ecosystem

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**Algorithm 1** Dealiasing Users

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**Input** Set of all repositories:  $\mathcal{R}$ , Set of all users in a repository  $r$ :  $U_r$ , Set of all users:

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 $\mathcal{U} = \bigcup_{r=1 \dots \mathcal{R}} U_r.$ 
1: for  $r \in \mathcal{R}$  do
2:   for  $u \in U_r$  do
3:     Id, Name, Login, Email Prefix, Email Domain, Loc., Org.  $\leftarrow$  GetFeatures( $u$ )
4:   end for
5: end for
  /* Project Level DeAliasing */
6: Clusterlocal = {} ▷ Initializing project level dictionary
7: for  $r \in \mathcal{R}$  do
8:   for User Pairs( $U_a, U_b$ )  $\in U_r$  do
9:     if (Email $a$ ==Email $b$ ) OR
10:    (Full Name $a$ ==Full Name $b$ ) OR
11:    (Email Prefix $a$ ==Email Prefix $b$ ) then
12:      Clusterlocal[min(Id $a$ , Id $b$ )].add(Id $a$ )
13:      Clusterlocal[min(Id $a$ , Id $b$ )].add(Id $b$ )
14:    end if
15:  end for
16: end for
  /* Global DeAliasing */
17: Clusterglobal = {} ▷ Initializing global level dictionary
18: for User Pairs( $U_a, U_b \in \mathcal{U}$ ) do
19:   if (Email $a$ ==Email $b$ ) OR
20:   (Full Name $a$ ==Full Name $b$ ) AND
21:   ((Location $a$ ==Location $b$ ) OR (Email Domain $a$ ==Email Domain $b$ )) then
22:     Clusterglobal[min(Id $a$ , Id $b$ )].add(Id $a$ )
23:     Clusterglobal[min(Id $a$ , Id $b$ )].add(Id $b$ )
24:   end if
25: end for
  /* Merging Project and Global DeAliasing */
26: Create empty graph  $\mathcal{G} = (V, E)$ 
27: for cluster  $c \in \text{Cluster}_{\text{local}} \cup \text{Cluster}_{\text{global}}$  do
28:   for User Pairs( $U_a, U_b$ )  $\in c$  do
29:      $\mathcal{G}.$ addNode( $U_a$ ),  $\mathcal{G}.$ addNode( $U_b$ )
30:      $\mathcal{G}.$ addEdge( $U_a, U_b$ )
31:   end for
32: end for
33:  $\mathcal{CC} \leftarrow$  GetConnectedComponents( $\mathcal{G}$ ) ▷ Extract Connected Components
34: for  $cc \in \mathcal{CC}$  do ▷ For each connected component
35:    $U_{\text{gen}} \leftarrow \text{argmin}_{\text{id}}(U \in cc)$ 
36:   AP.add( $U_{\text{gen}}, U_{\text{alias}}$ ) where  $U_{\text{alias}} = \{U \in cc \setminus U_{\text{gen}}\}$ 
37: end for
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