Participation Rate based on Github Repository Public Events

Overview

The purpose of this study is to determine if we can predict the overall participation level for a repository based on public Github event activity. The ultimate goal is to develop a sampling methodology for Github repositories based on this event activity.

This study is part of a larger research project to answer the following questions:

- What are the measurable impacts of Continuous Integration?
- What software projects would most likely benefit from Continuous Integration?

Hypotheses

Participation rate (the proportion of events per actor based on events data) provides an accurate metric for categorizing GitHub repositories.

Stratifying GitHub repositories by participation rate improves analysis results by reducing variability.

Some event types have a higher frequency of certain participation rates.

Null Hypothesis

Calculating participation rate from events data does not accurately reflect the actual participation rate of the repository.

Grouping repositories by participation does not significantly reduce variability.

Event types do not favor any participation rate.

Methodology

This research analyzed 6 months of public GitHub activity published in the GitHub Archive, from June 2016 to December 2016. For data set creation, see the accompanying file, "events_analysis_data.Rmd".

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## Attaching package: 'dplyr'

## The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':
##
## filter, lag
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## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
##
## intersect, setdiff, setequal, union
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```
library(ggplot2)
library(reshape2)
```

Measuring Participation

In the previous section, I identified types of events that occurred more frequently than others. However the total number of actors as well as the actors to repository ratio suggest these events may be associated with repositories that have a small number of contributors. In this section, I'll explore measuring repository participation and grouping repositories by this participation rating.

The repositories represented by the GitHub event data vary significantly. Some have only 1 or 2 contributors while others have several hundred. A normalized metric is required to effectively compare these repositories. The average percent of events per actor can provide a way to group repositories by a comparable participation level.

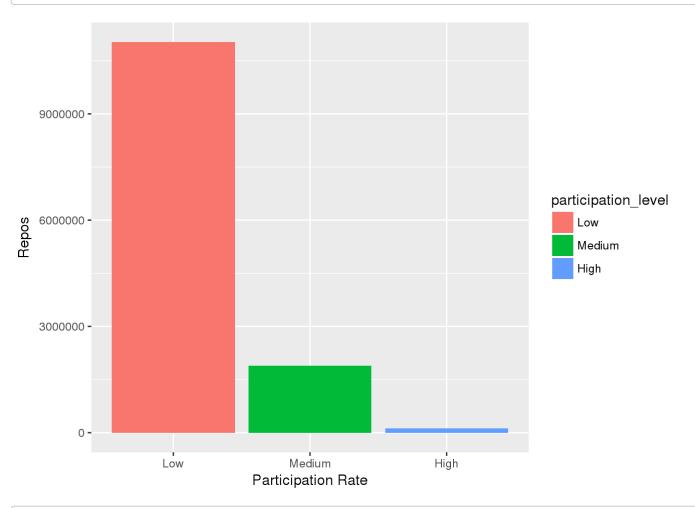
percent of events per actor = events per actor / total number of events where events per actor = total number of events/total number of unique actors

For example, for a total of 100 events: 1 unique actor = (100/1)/100 = 1 or 100% of events per actor 2 unique actors = (100/2)/100 = .5 or 50% of events per actor 5 unique actors = (100/5)/100 = .2 or 20% of events per actor 100 unique actors = (100/100)/100 = .01 1% of events per actor Lower value = higher participation level

I rounded to one decimal place to make the Participation Rate discrete rather than continuous. Because of this rounding, repositories that fell into the rating of 0 and 1 had a significantly higher frequency than repositories that fell in to .1 through .5. To adjust for this, I defined 3 levels of Participation: High (0), Medium (.1-.5), and Low (1).

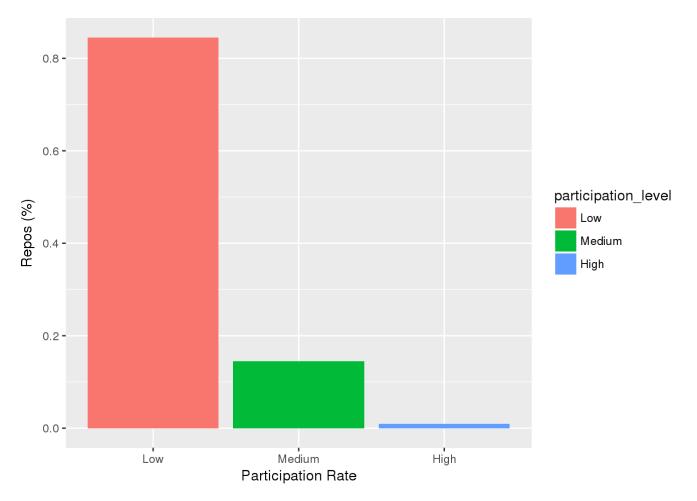
What is the proportion of different participation levels in the repository population?

The majority of repositories in the population are Low participation, meaning they only have 1 unique actor generating events.



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total_repos <- sum(participation_rate_summary$num_repos)
participation_rate_summary <- participation_rate_summary %>%
   mutate(repos_perc = num_repos/total_repos)

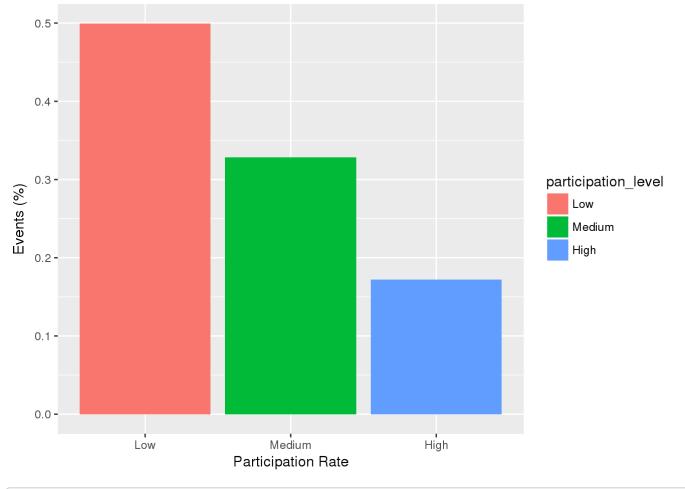
ggplot(data = participation_rate_summary,
        aes(x=participation_level, y=repos_perc, fill=participation_level)) +
   geom_bar(stat="identity", position="dodge") +
   xlab("Participation Rate") +
   ylab("Repos (%)")
```



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ggsave(filename="participation_repos_pct.png")
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What proportion of events is each participation rate responsible for?

Low participation repositories were responsible for almost half of the events. Medium participation repositories accounted for nearly 30% while High participation repositories accounted for under 20% of all event activity.



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What proportion of repositories contributed to event activity in each participation level?

The next series of visualizations plot the relative event frequency among repositories in each participation level. The relative events frequency was calculated by counting the total number of events per repository and dividing that number by the total number of events in each participation level. A log transform has been applied to the event frequency to reduce the scale of the overall shape of the data.

All Participation Levels

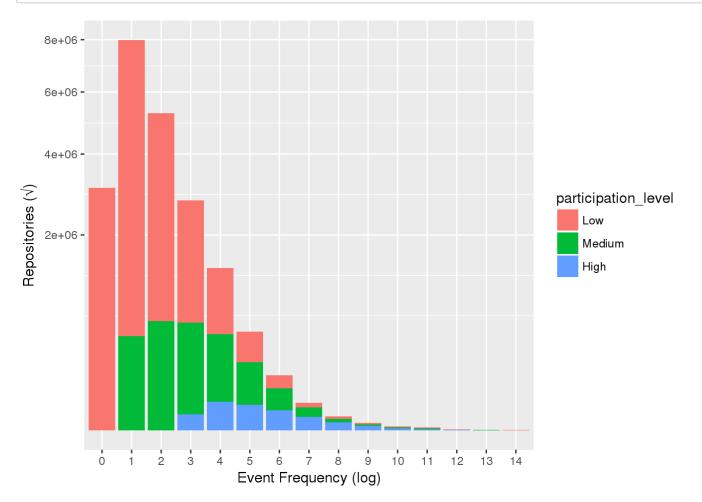
As indicated in the previous plot, about half the events can be attributed to Low participation repositories. A square root transform has been applied to the repositories due to the difference in scale between each participation level.

The distribution is heavily right skewed, showing that the majority of repositories contributed to activity in the lower end of the events range. However, the minimum number of events represented by Medium and High activity repositories is much higher than the minimum number of events represented by the low activity

repositories. Low participation repositories show the greatest spread overall with data points in both the lowest and highest ends.

```
participation_num_events_freq_sum$participation_level <- factor(
   participation_num_events_freq_sum$participation_level,
   levels = unique(participation_num_events_freq_sum$participation_level[
      order(participation_num_events_freq_sum$num_repos, decreasing=TRUE)]))

ggplot(data = participation_num_events_freq_sum,
      aes(x=factor(event_freq_log), y=num_repos,
            fill = participation_level)) +
   geom_bar(stat="identity") +
   xlab("Event Frequency (log)") +
   ylab("Repositories (√)") +
   scale_y_continuous(trans = "sqrt")</pre>
```

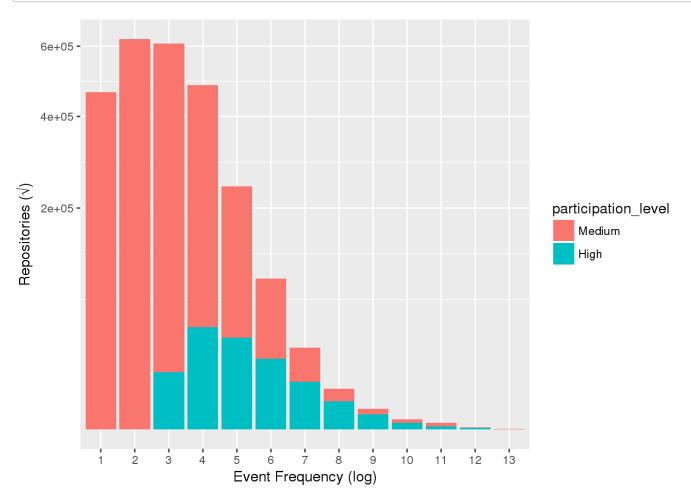


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ggsave(filename="participation_num_events_freq.png")
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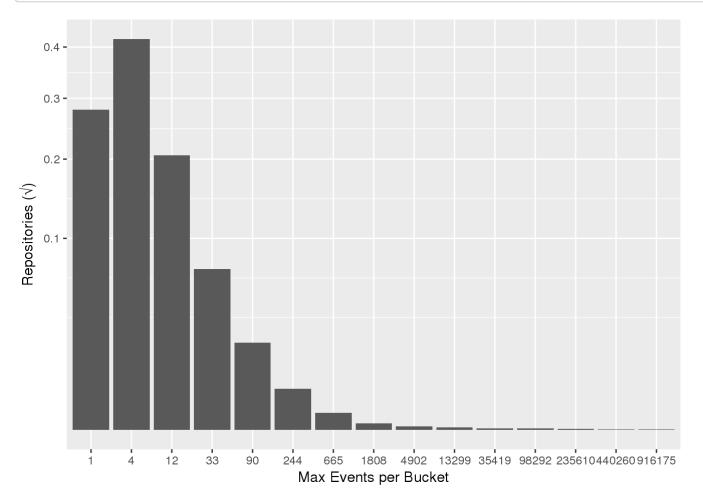
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participation_num_events_freq_sum_mh <- participation_num_events_freq_sum %>%
    filter(participation_level != "Low")

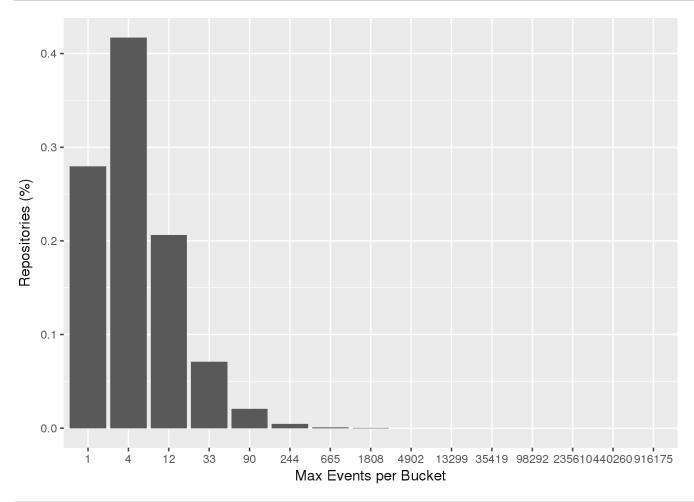
ggplot(data = participation_num_events_freq_sum_mh,
        aes(x=factor(event_freq_log), y=num_repos,
            fill = participation_level)) +
    geom_bar(stat="identity") +
    xlab("Event Frequency (log)") +
    ylab("Repositories (√)") +
    scale_y_continuous(trans = "sqrt")
```

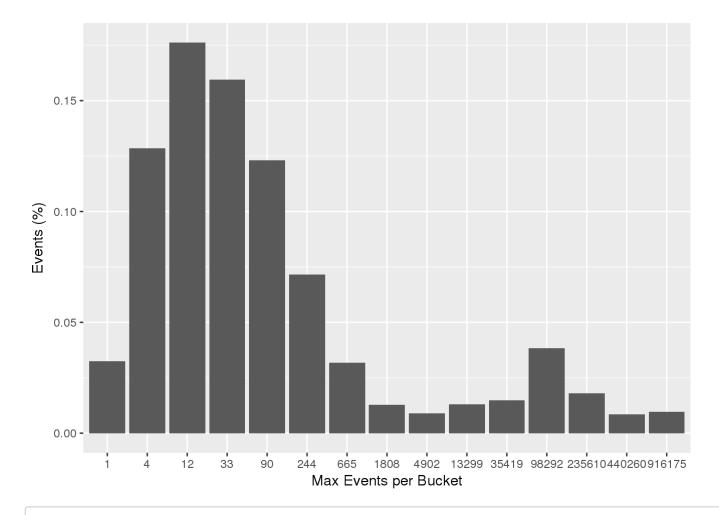


Low Participation

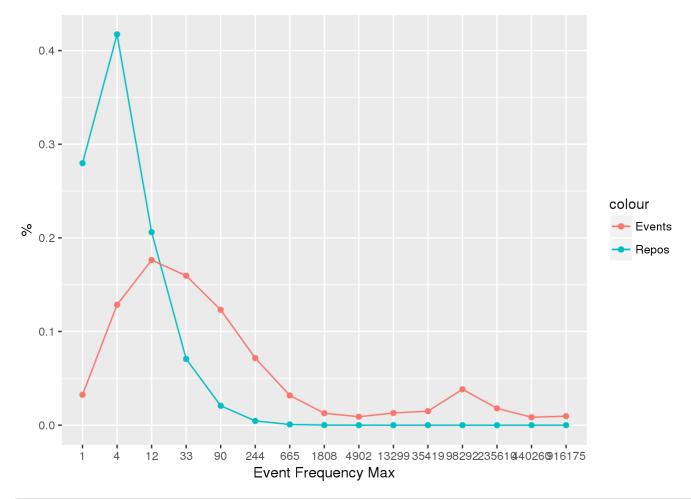
Around 70% of the repositories in this group accounted for 4 or less events per repository with a small number of repositories generating an incredibly large number of events for one contributor. This will be explored further down.







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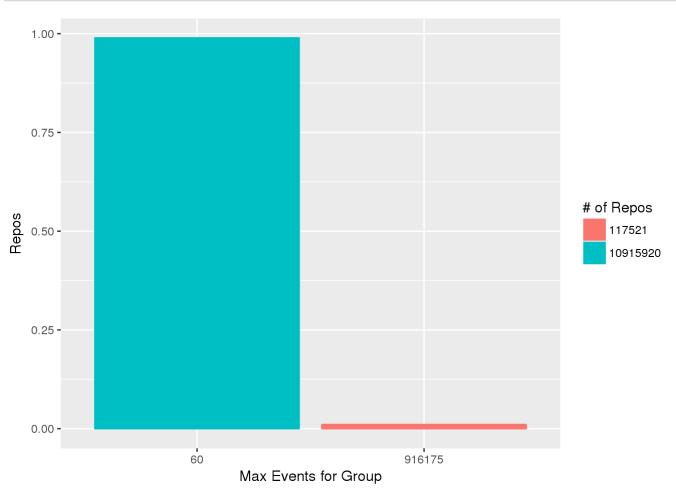


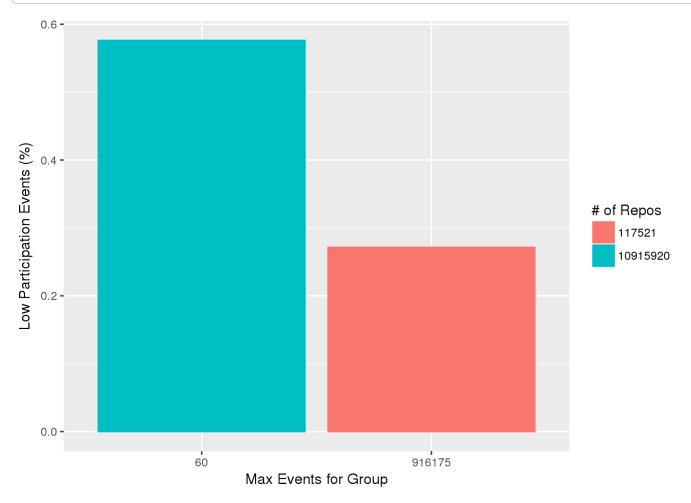
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ggsave(filename="lp_events_freq_sum_vs_repos.png")
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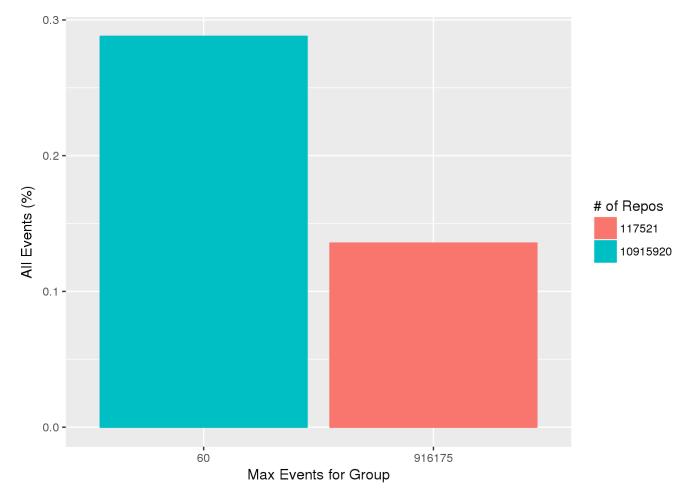
The majority of Low participation repositories (10,934,829) had 60 or less events per repository out of 11,033,441, or about 99% of the population studied. Over 6 months, 60 events would be a maximum of 10 events per month. This represents just under 60% of all Low participation event activity.

Almost 30% of all event activity came from repositories with 1 actor and 60 or less total events for the 6 month time period.

```
lp_events_freq_split <- low_participation_num_events_freq %>%
  mutate(event freq group = ifelse(event freq > 60, 2, 1)) %>%
  group_by(event_freq_group) %>%
  summarise(num repos = sum(num repos),
            event_freq_min = min(event_freq),
            event freq max = max(event freq),
            event freq med = median(event freq),
            event freq mean = round(mean(event freq)),
            event freq cnt = n(),
            num events perc = sum(num events perc),
            num lp events perc = sum(num lp events perc))
# TODO this might be duplicated
lp_events_freq_split <- lp_events_freq_split %>%
  mutate(num lp repos perc = num repos/lp summary$num repos)
ggplot(data = lp events freq split,
       aes(x=factor(event freq max),
           y=num lp repos perc,
           color=factor(num repos), fill = factor(num repos))) +
  geom bar(stat="identity") +
  labs(x = "Max Events for Group", y = "Repos", fill = "# of Repos", color = "# of Rep
os")
```

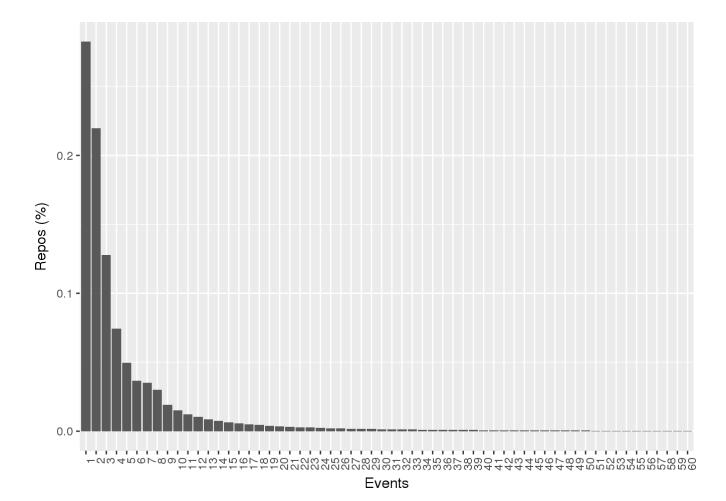






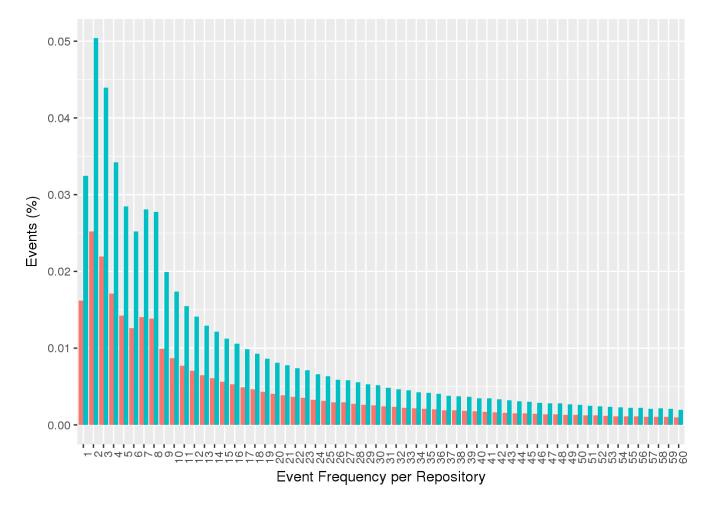
Below is a plot of two percentages, the shorter bar is the percent of events overall and the taller bar is percent of events within the Low participation events.

28% of repositories that had 60 or less events had only one event per repository. This represents just over 3% of all event activity during the 6 month period.



```
lp_events_freq_group1_long <- lp_events_freq_group1 %>%
    select(event_freq, num_events_perc, num_lp_events_perc) %>%
    melt(id.vars = "event_freq")

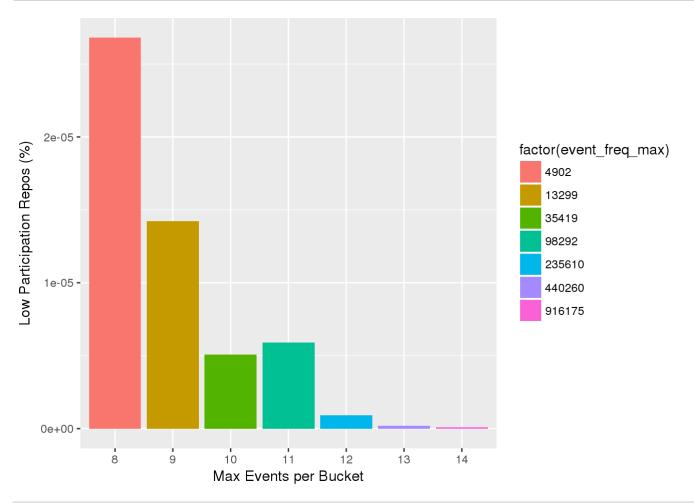
ggplot(data = lp_events_freq_group1_long, aes(x = factor(event_freq), y = value, fill
= variable)) +
    geom_bar(stat="identity", position="dodge") +
    labs(x = "Event Frequency per Repository", y = "Events (%)") +
    theme(legend.position="none") +
    theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 90, hjust = 1))
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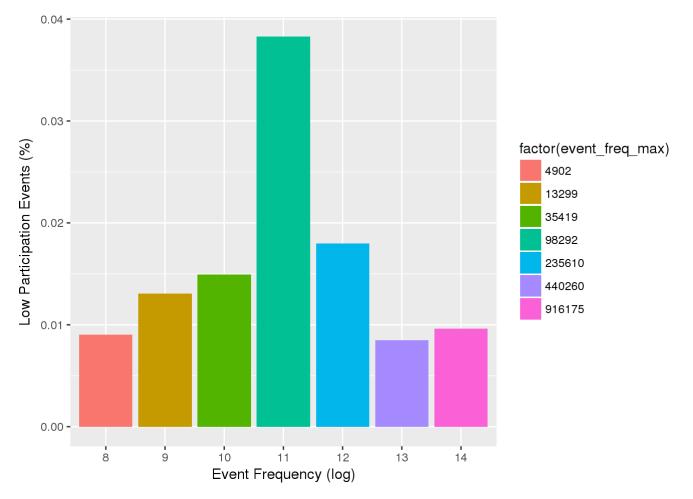


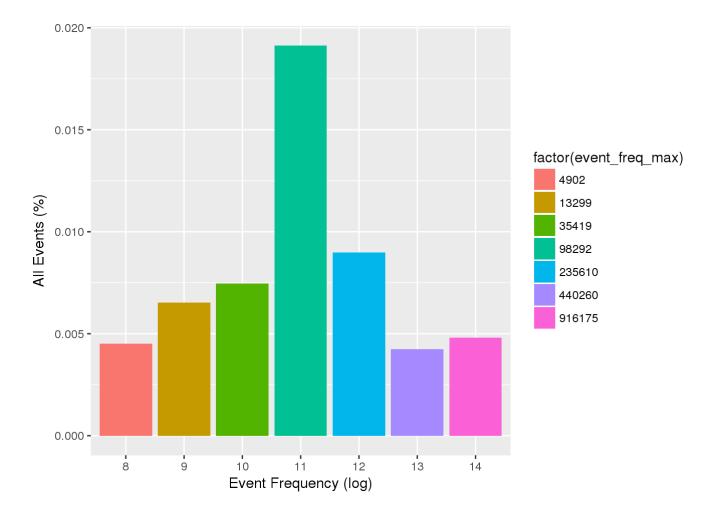
On the high end, 587 out of 11,033,441 or about .005% of the Low participation repositories had more than 1500 events over the 6 month period. For context, there are 213 days represented in the population, so that's an average of 7 events per day for just 1 person. On the very highest end, one repository accounted for 916,175 events (about 4,300 events per day) while 12 others accounted for over 100,000 events each (around 984 events per day)!

```
## repos repos_pct events_pct lp_events_pct
## 1 587 5.32019e-05 0.05565159 0.1113807
```

```
ggplot(data = lp_events_freq_group2,
        aes(x=factor(event_freq_log), y=num_lp_repos_perc,
fill=factor(event_freq_max))) +
   geom_bar(stat="identity") +
   xlab("Max Events per Bucket") +
   ylab("Low Participation Repos (%)")
```



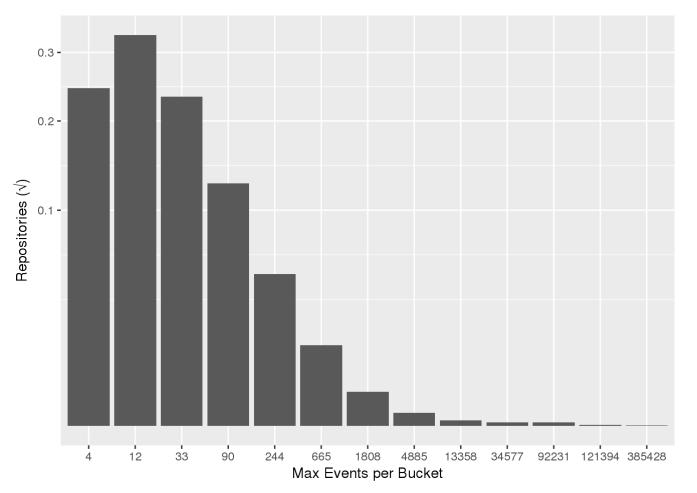


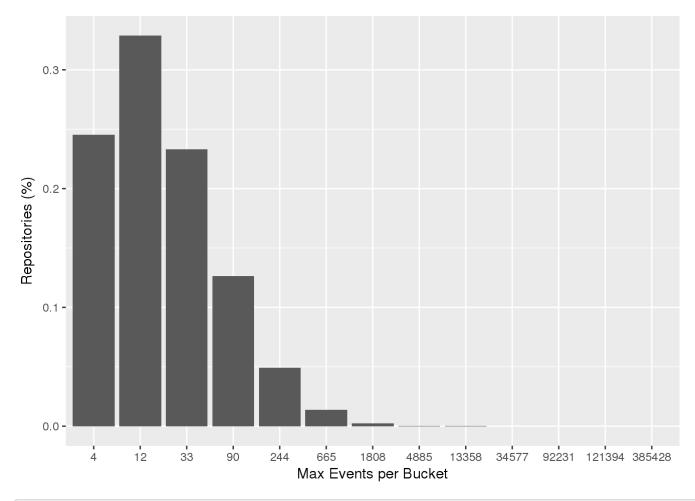


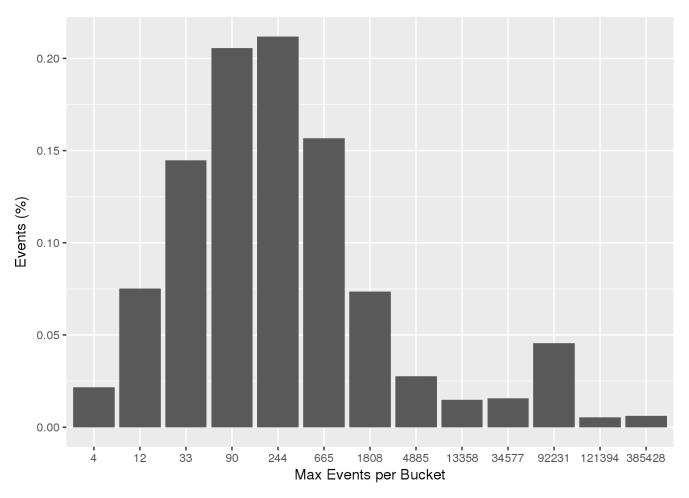
Medium Participation

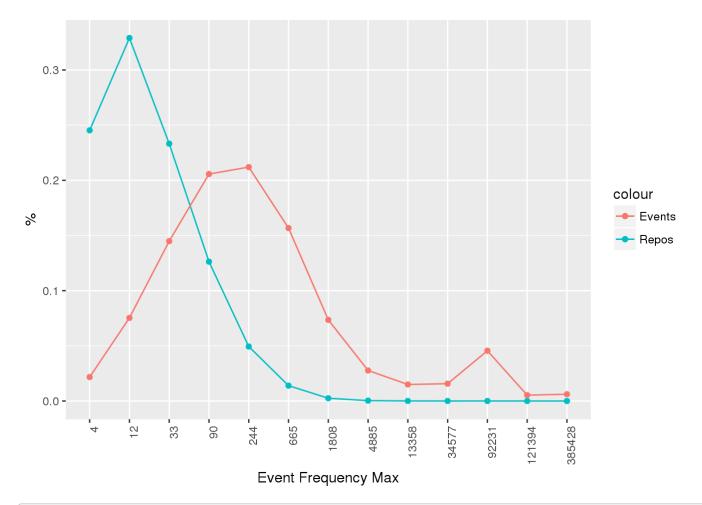
For Medium Participation repositories, about 75% of the repositories had between 2 and 33 events in the 6 month period.

```
mp_summary <- participation_rate_summary %>% filter(participation_level == "Medium")
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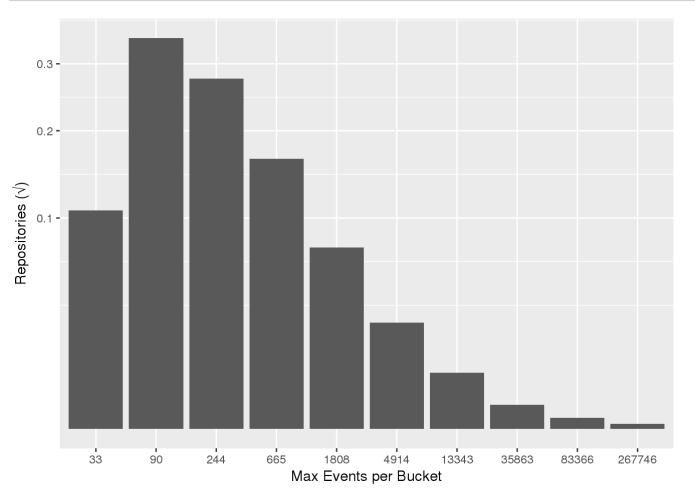


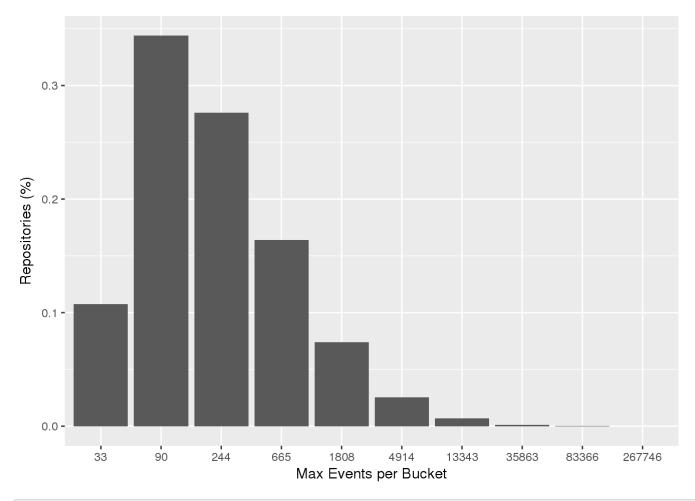
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ggsave(filename="mp_events_freq_sum.png")
```

High Participation

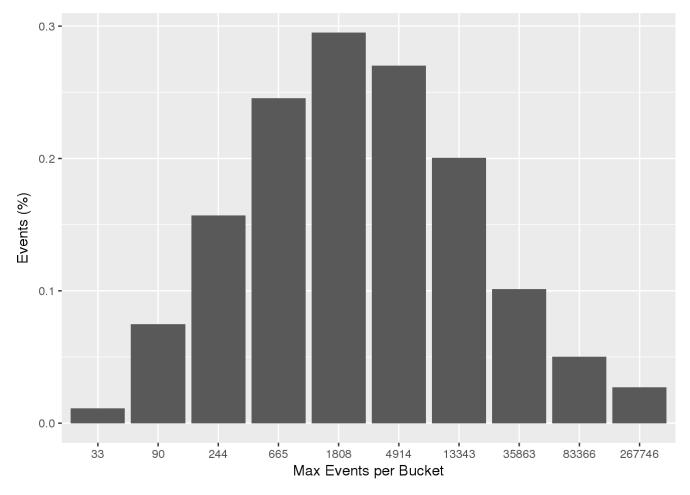
For High Participation repositories, 80% of the repositories had between 34 and 665 events in the 6 month period.

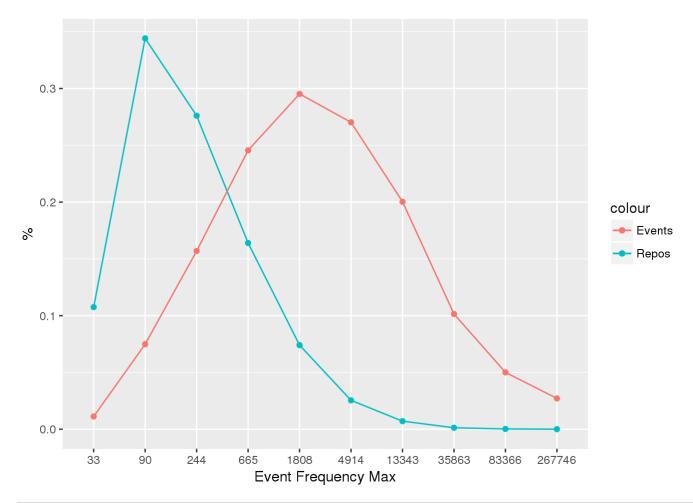
```
hp_summary <- participation_rate_summary %>% filter(participation_level == "High")
```





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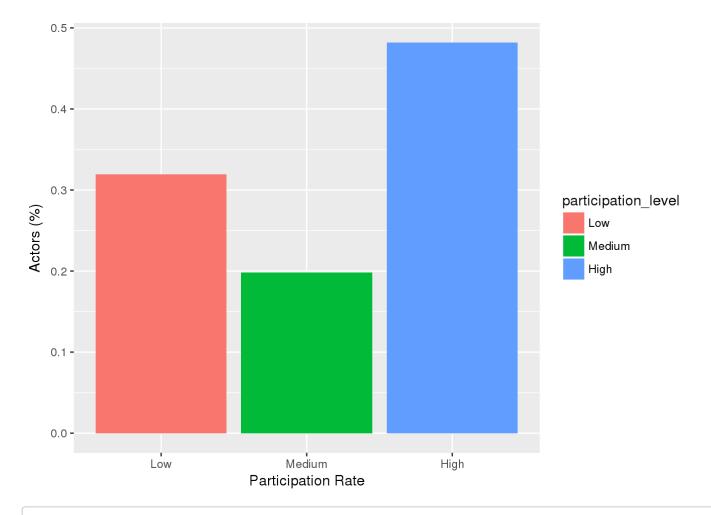


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ggsave(filename="hp_events_freq_sum.png")
```

What was the distribution of actors in each participation level?

All Levels

Low and High participation repositories had the most unique actors.



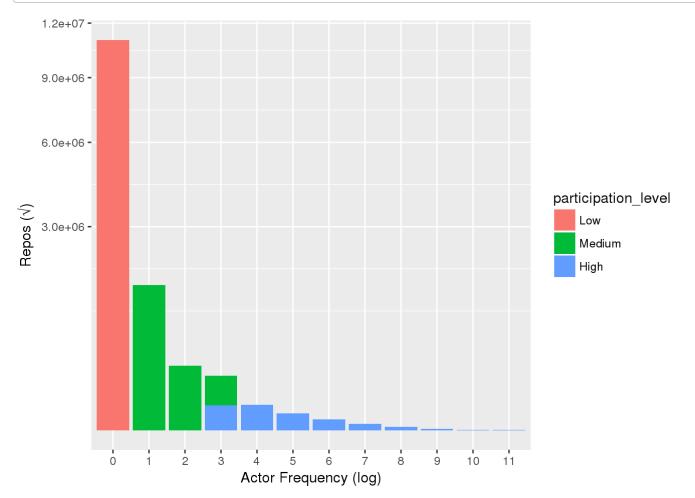
```
ggsave(filename="participation_actors_pct.png")
```

```
participation_num_actors_freq <- readRDS("participation_num_actors_freq.rds")

participation_num_actors_freq_sum <- participation_num_actors_freq %>%
    group_by(participation_level, actor_freq_log) %>%
    summarise(num_repos = sum(num_repos),
        actor_freq_min = min(actor_freq),
        actor_freq_max = max(actor_freq),
        actor_freq_med = median(actor_freq),
        actor_freq_cnt = n())
```

```
participation_num_actors_freq_sum$participation_level <- factor(
   participation_num_actors_freq_sum$participation_level,
   levels = unique(participation_num_actors_freq_sum$participation_level[
      order(participation_num_actors_freq_sum$num_repos, decreasing=TRUE)]))

ggplot(data = participation_num_actors_freq_sum,
      aes(x=factor(actor_freq_log), y=num_repos,
            fill = participation_level)) +
   geom_bar(stat="identity") +
   xlab("Actor Frequency (log)") +
   ylab("Repos (√)") +
   scale_y_continuous(trans = "sqrt")</pre>
```



```
ggsave(filename="participation_num_actors_freq.png")
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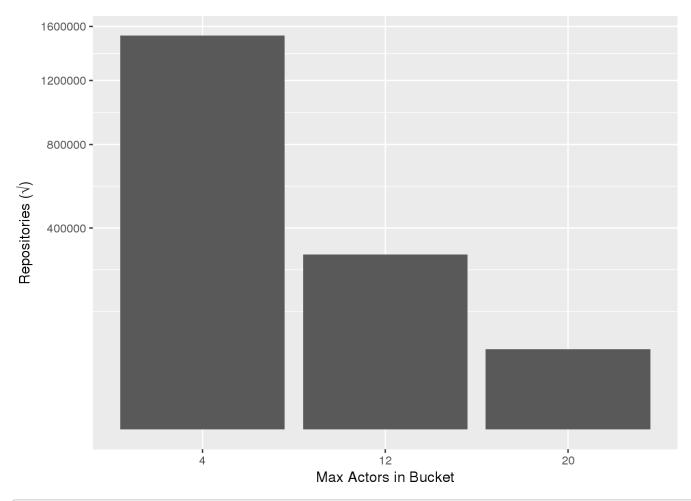
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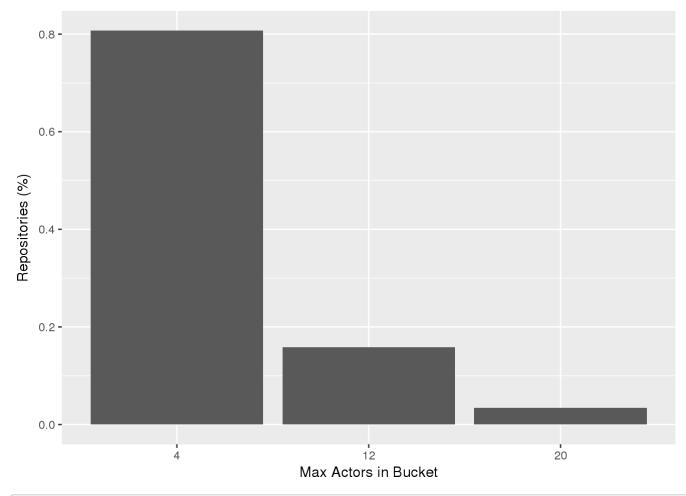
Low Participation

All of the Low participation repositories had only 1 unique actor per repository.

Medium Participation

Medium participation repositories had between 2 and 29 unique actors per repository. The majority of these repositories had between 2 to 4 unique actors. 55% of Medium participation repositories had only 2 actors. It's possible this indicates a problem with the participation rate range used to select this group (.1-.5). Further analysis should compare a split of this range with the High and Low repositories to see if this level is actually necessary or if we can just use a "high" and "low" rating.

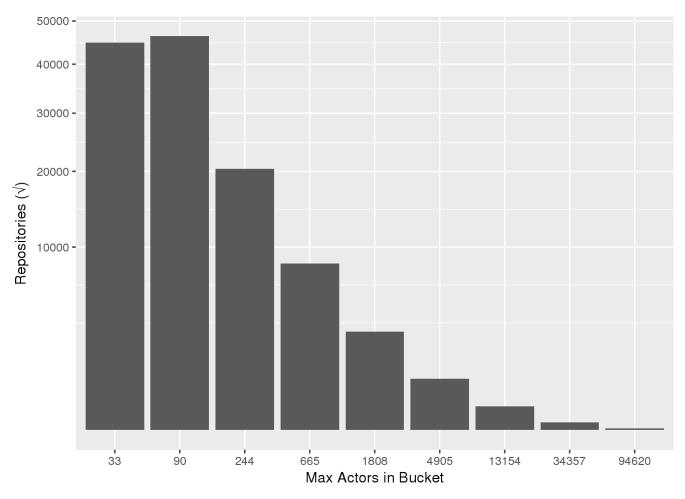


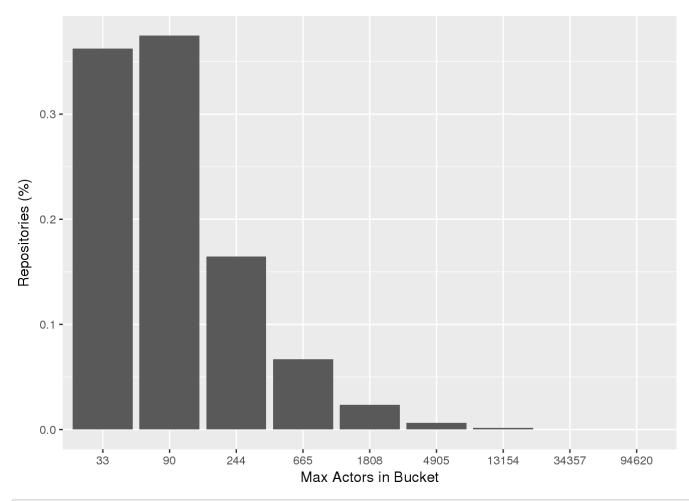


```
ggsave(filename="mp_actors_freq_sum.png")
```

High Participation

The majority of High Participation repositories (~70%) have between 30 and 90 unique actors. The rest have a really large spread going over 90,000 for one repository. This distribution further supports what was shown previously, that the participation rates assigned to each level might need to be shifted. Further analysis looking at samples will give us more insight into how to do this.





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How does the frequency of event types compare between participation rates?

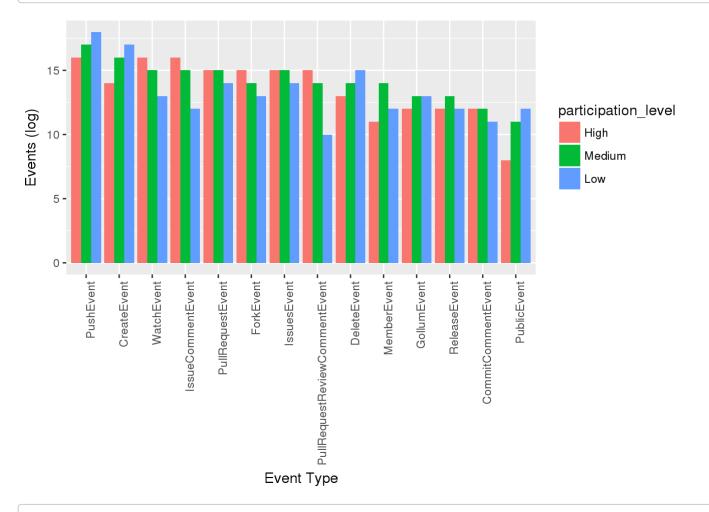
Events

Some event types are fairly evenly distributed between the participation rates while others are not.

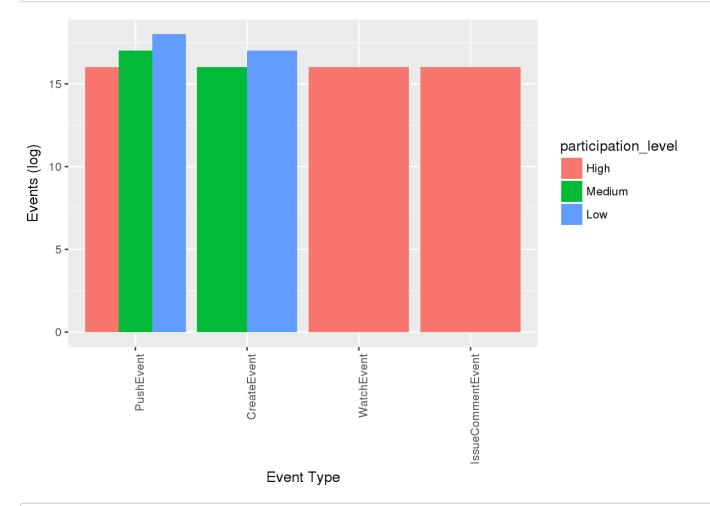
This preliminary analysis allows us to propose the following:

- 1. Samples taken from Push events would show the most variation and diversity.
- 2. Create events show the highest association with Medium and Low repositories.
- 3. Watch, Issue Comment, and Fork events occur most frequently with High participation repositories.

Finally, Medium repositories do not appear to have distinct characteristics from Low or High repositories. Future analysis should compare splitting Medium between High and Low repositories and recalculating the participation rate and readjusting the ranges represented by each group.



```
ggsave("participation_event_types.png")
```

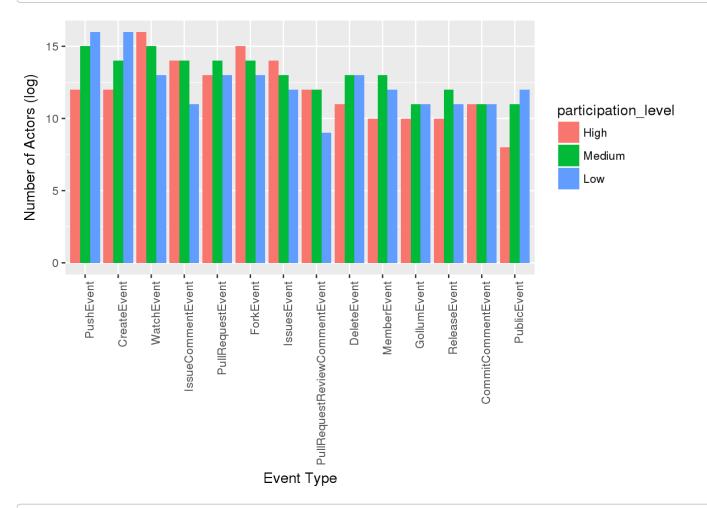


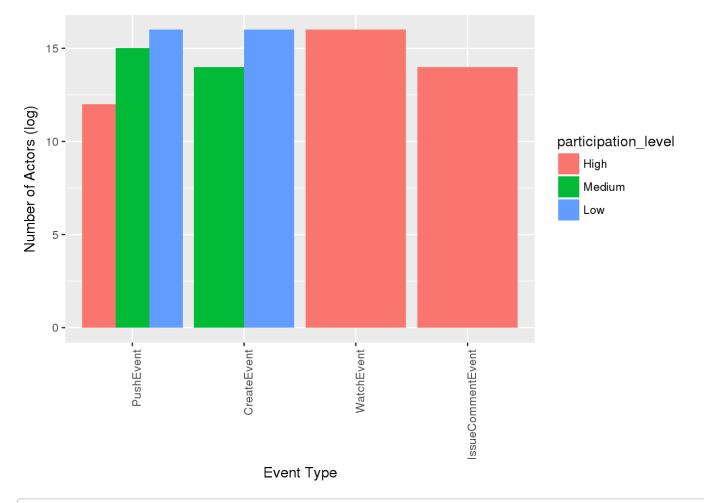
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ggsave("participation_max_events.png")
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Actors

The following plots look at the number of actors across the different event types and in the most frequent event types identified in the previous section. It appears that the most frequent events also had the highest number of unique actors, which would be expected. Medium is spread across both High and Low which is also expected. Looking at event types with the highest number of actors, no new event types show up here suggesting a consistent correlation.



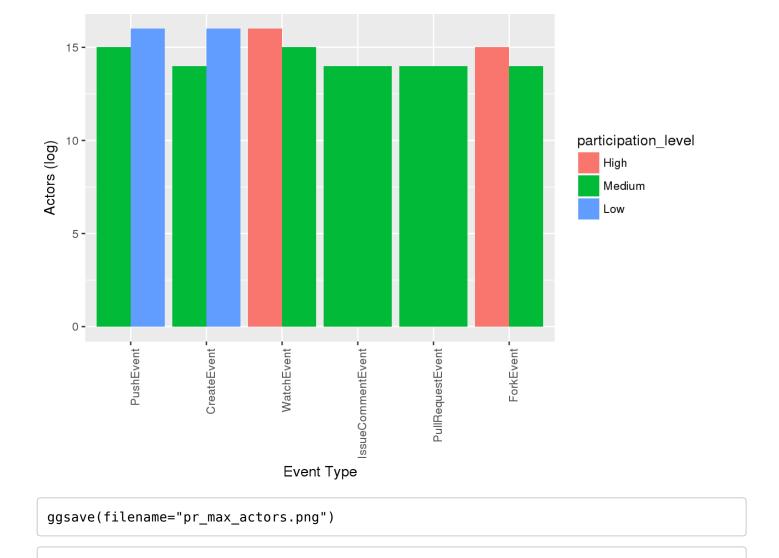


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ggsave(filename="pr_max_events_actors.png")
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```
pr_max_actors <- participation_rate_event_types %>%
    filter(actors_log >= max(actors_log)-1)

ggplot(data = pr_max_actors,
        aes(x=type,
        y=actors_log,
        fill=participation_level)) +
    geom_bar(stat="identity", position="dodge") +
    ylab("Actors (log)") +
    xlab("Event Type") +
    theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 90, hjust = 1))
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Sampling Experiments

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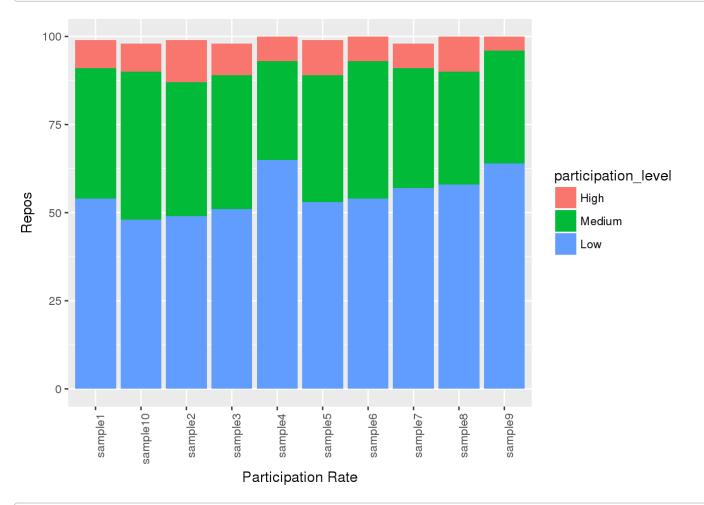
In this experiment, samples are pulled from event types that had the highest association with one participation level. The participation level distribution will be evaluated to see if by sampling events of a certain type we can guarantee a majority of repositories at the desired participation level. If this turns out to be the case, it means we do not have to calculate the participation levels of repositories and could potentially just pull samples directly from events in the archive.

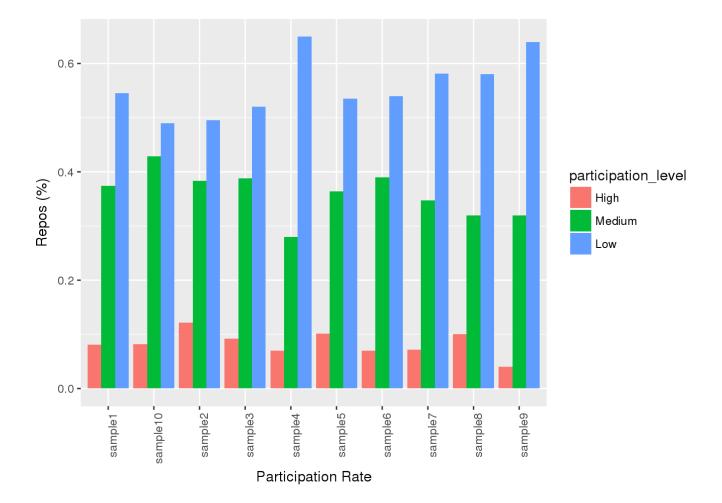
All Participation Levels (Push Events)

Repositories from Push event samples would provide the best distribution of all participation rates and therefore most closely mimic the population.

Participation Rates

```
push repo summary <- push events repo samples %>%
  group by(dataset, repo name) %>%
  summarise(
    participation level = max(participation level),
    num repo events = max(num repo events),
    num_repo_actors = max(num_repo actors),
    repo actors log = round(log(num repo actors)),
    repo events log = round(log(num repo events))
  )
push_dataset_summary <- push_repo_summary %>%
  group by(dataset) %>%
  summarise(repos in dataset = n(),
            actors in dataset = sum(num repo actors),
            events in dataset = sum(num repo events))
push participation summary <- push repo summary %>%
  group_by(dataset, participation_level) %>%
  summarise(num repos = n())
push_participation_summary <- merge(push_participation_summary, push_dataset_summary,</pre>
by="dataset")
push participation summary <- push participation summary %>%
  mutate(repos_perc = num_repos/repos_in_dataset)
push participation summary$participation level <- factor(push participation summary$pa
rticipation level,
                                                          levels = c("High", "Medium",
"Low"))
```





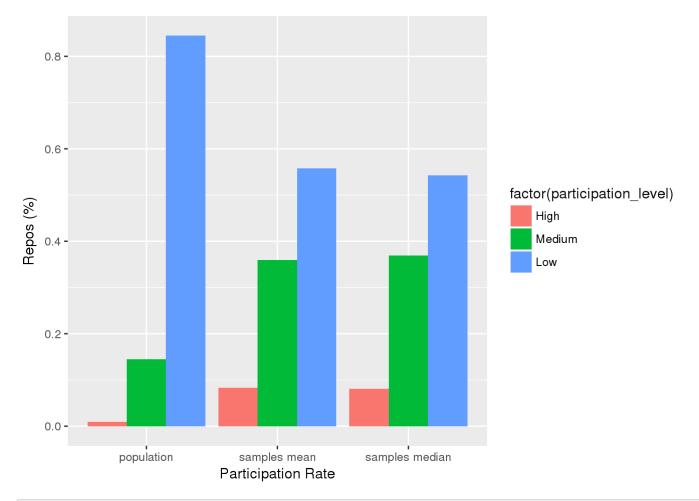
```
participation rate summary <- readRDS("participation rate summary.rds")</pre>
total repos <- sum(participation rate summary$num repos)</pre>
total events <- sum(participation rate summary$num events)</pre>
total actors <- sum(participation rate summary$num actors)</pre>
push vs pop pop <- participation rate summary %>%
  mutate(
    dataset = "population",
    repos perc = num repos/total repos
  ) %>%
  select(dataset,
    participation level,
    repos perc)
push vs pop push mean <- push participation summary %>%
  group by(participation level) %>%
  summarise( dataset = "samples mean",
    repos perc = mean(repos perc))
push vs pop push med <- push participation summary %>%
  group by(participation level) %>%
  summarise( dataset = "samples median",
    repos perc = median(repos perc))
push_vs_pop_participation <- bind_rows(push_vs_pop_push_mean, push_vs_pop_push_med, pu</pre>
sh vs pop pop)
## Warning in bind rows (x, .id): binding factor and character vector,
## coercing into character vector
push vs pop participation$participation level <- factor(push vs pop participation$part
icipation level,
                            levels = c("High", "Medium", "Low"))
ggplot(data = push_vs_pop_participation,
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aes(x=dataset, y=repos perc, fill=factor(participation level))) +

geom_bar(stat="identity", position="dodge") +

xlab("Participation Rate") +

ylab("Repos (%)")



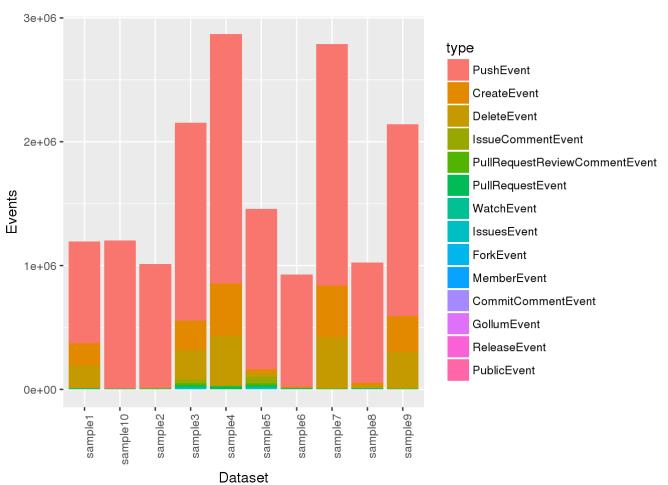
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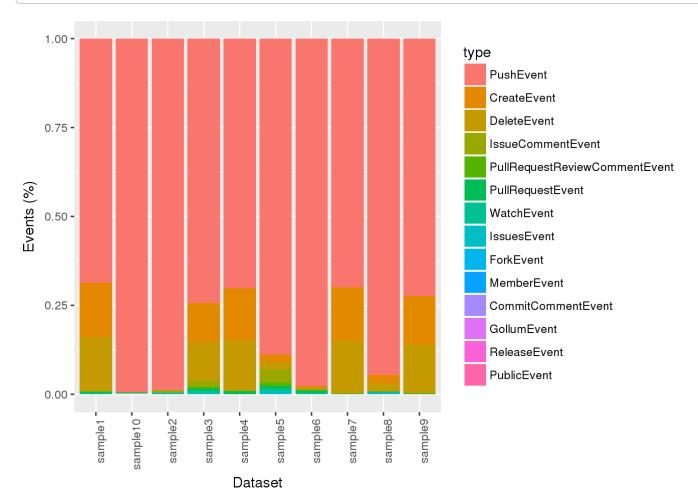
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Event Type Frequency

The distribution of events per event type per sample dataset.

```
push_types_summary <- merge(push_dataset_summary, push_events_repo_samples, by="datase</pre>
t")
push_sample_event_types <- push_types_summary %>%
  group by(dataset, type) %>%
  summarise(
    events sum = sum(num events),
    total events sum = sum(num repo events),
    events prop = events sum/min(events in dataset))
push sample event types$type <- factor(</pre>
  push sample event types$type,
  levels = unique(push sample event types$type[order(push sample event types$events pr
op, decreasing=TRUE)]))
ggplot(data = push_sample_event_types,
       aes(x = dataset,
           y = events sum,
           fill=type)) +
  geom bar(stat="identity", position="stack") +
  ylab("Events") +
  xlab("Dataset") +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 90, hjust = 1))
```





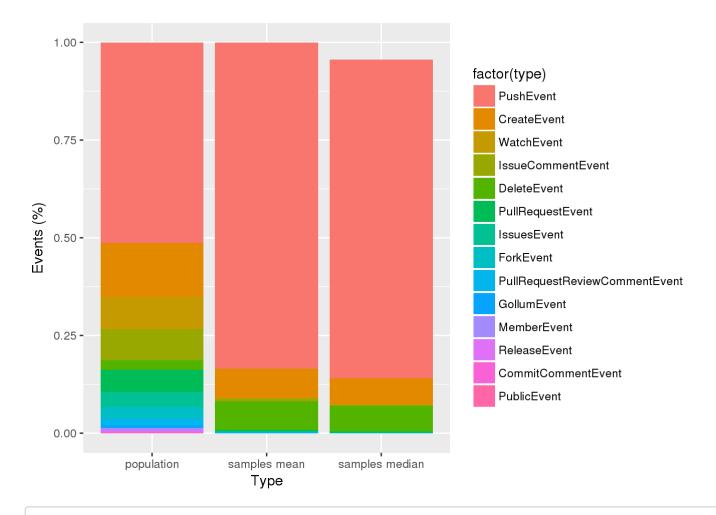
```
participation_rate_event_types <- readRDS("participation_rate_event_types.rds")</pre>
push vs pop et pop <- participation rate event types %>%
  group by(type) %>%
  summarise(
    dataset = "population",
    events sum = sum(num events),
    events prop = events sum/total events
  ) %>%
  select(dataset,
    type,
    events prop)
push vs pop et push mean <- push sample event types %>%
  group by(type) %>%
  summarise( dataset = "samples mean",
    events prop = mean(events prop))
push vs pop et push med <- push sample event types %>%
  group by(type) %>%
  summarise( dataset = "samples median",
    events prop = median(events prop))
push vs pop types <- bind rows(push vs pop et push mean, push vs pop et push med, push
_vs_pop_et_pop)
## Warning in bind rows (x, .id): binding factor and character vector,
## coercing into character vector
push_vs_pop_types$type <- factor(</pre>
  push vs pop types$type,
  levels = unique(push_vs_pop_types$type[order(push_vs_pop_types$events_prop, decreasi
ng=TRUE)]))
```

ggplot(data = push_vs_pop_types,

xlab("Type") +
ylab("Events (%)")

aes(x=dataset, y=events_prop, fill=factor(type))) +

geom_bar(stat="identity", position="stack") +

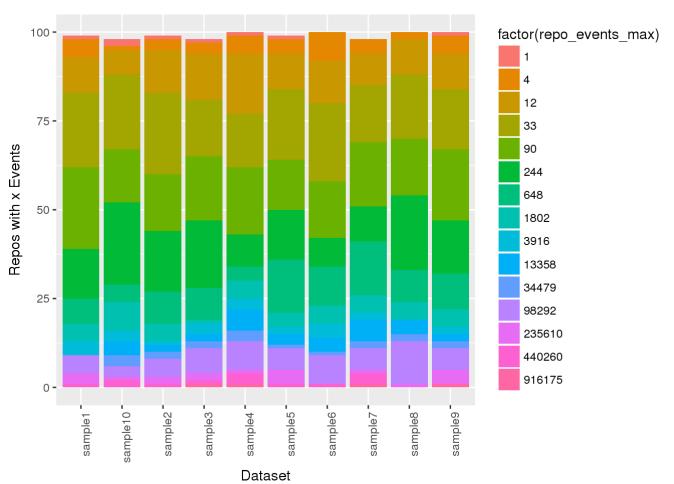


ggsave(filename="push_vs_pop_types.png")

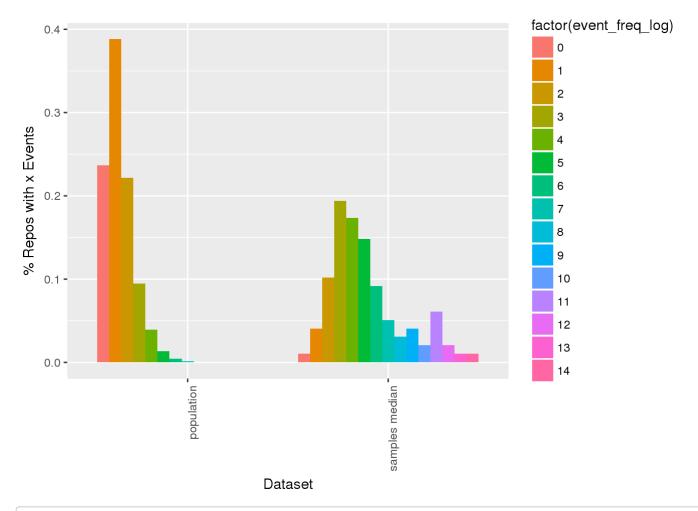
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Events Per Repo

```
push_events <- push_repo_summary %>%
  group by(dataset, repo events log) %>%
  summarise(repo_count = n(),
            num repo events min = min(num repo events),
            num_repo_events_max = max(num_repo_events)) %>%
  select(dataset, repo events log, repo count, num repo events max, num repo events mi
n)
push events log <- push events %>%
  group by(repo events log) %>%
  summarise(repo events max = max(num repo events max),
            repo events min = min(num repo events min))
push_events <- merge(push_events, push_events_log, by="repo_events_log")</pre>
push_events <- push_events[order(push_events$repo_count, decreasing=TRUE),]</pre>
ggplot(data = push events,
       aes(x = dataset,
           y = repo count,
           fill=factor(repo events max))) +
  geom_bar(stat="identity", position="stack") +
  ylab("Repos with x Events") +
  xlab("Dataset") +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 90, hjust = 1))
```

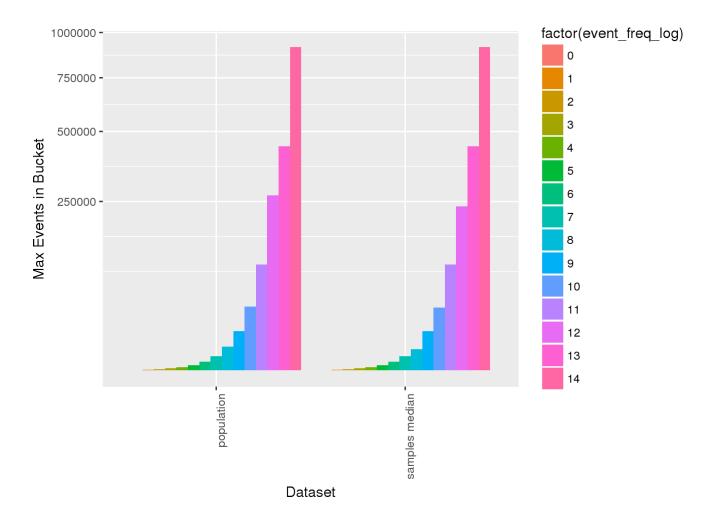


```
participation_num_events_freq <- readRDS("participation_num_events_freq.rds")</pre>
push events summary <- merge(push dataset summary, push events, by="dataset")</pre>
push vs pop events pop <- participation num events freq %>%
  group by(event freq log) %>%
  summarise(repo count = sum(num repos),
            repo prop = repo count/total repos,
            repo events max = max(event freq),
            dataset = "population")
push vs pop events push med <- push events summary %>%
  mutate(event freq log = repo events log) %>%
  group by(event freq log) %>%
  summarise(dataset = "samples median",
    repo count = median(repo count),
    repo prop = repo count/min(repos in dataset),
    repo events max = median(repo events max))
push vs pop events <- bind rows(push vs pop events pop, push vs pop events push med)</pre>
# push vs pop events$type <- factor(</pre>
    push vs pop types$type,
    levels = unique(push_vs_pop_types$type[order(push_vs_pop_types$events_prop, decrea
sing=TRUE)]))
ggplot(data = push vs pop events,
       aes(x = dataset,
           y = repo prop,
           fill=factor(event_freq_log))) +
  geom bar(stat="identity", position="dodge") +
  ylab("% Repos with x Events") +
  xlab("Dataset") +
  theme(axis.text.x = element text(angle = 90, hjust = 1))
```



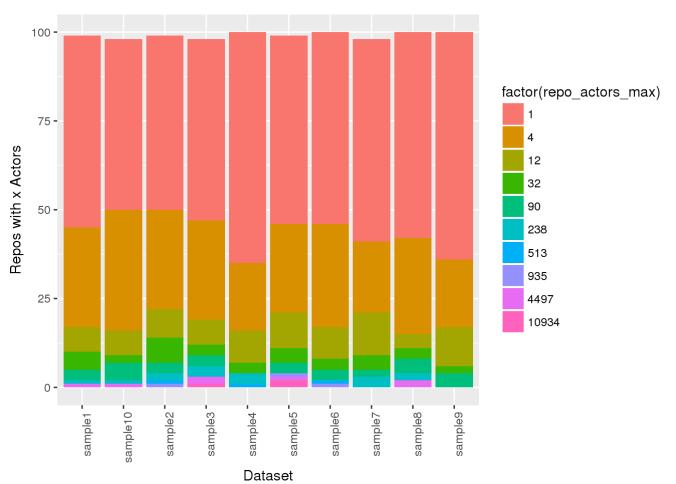
```
ggsave(filename="push_vs_pop_events.png")
```

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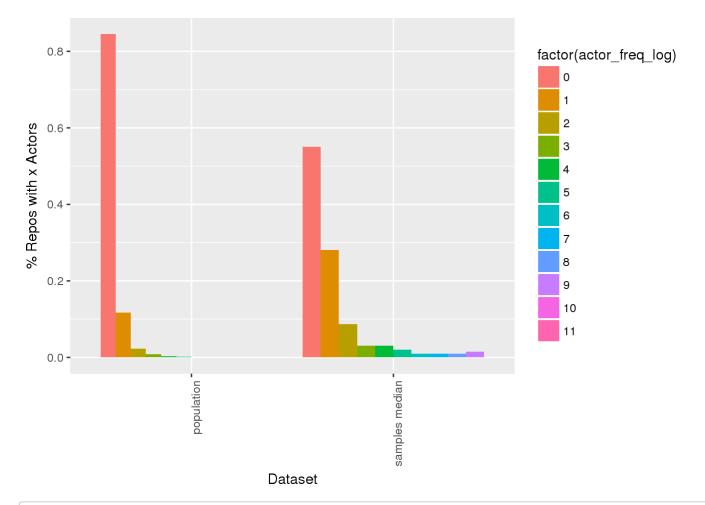


Actors Per Repo

```
push_actors <- push_repo_summary %>%
  group_by(dataset, repo_actors_log) %>%
  summarise(repo_count = n(),
            num repo actors min = min(num repo actors),
            num_repo_actors_max = max(num_repo_actors)) %>%
  select(dataset, repo_actors_log, repo_count, num_repo_actors_max, num_repo_actors_mi
n)
push actors log <- push actors %>%
  group by(repo actors log) %>%
  summarise(repo_actors_max = max(num_repo_actors_max),
            repo actors min = min(num repo actors min))
push_actors <- merge(push_actors, push_actors_log, by="repo_actors_log")</pre>
push_actors <- push_actors[order(push_actors$repo_count, decreasing=TRUE),]</pre>
ggplot(data = push actors,
       aes(x = dataset,
           y = repo count,
           fill=factor(repo actors max))) +
  geom_bar(stat="identity", position="stack") +
  ylab("Repos with x Actors") +
  xlab("Dataset") +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 90, hjust = 1))
```

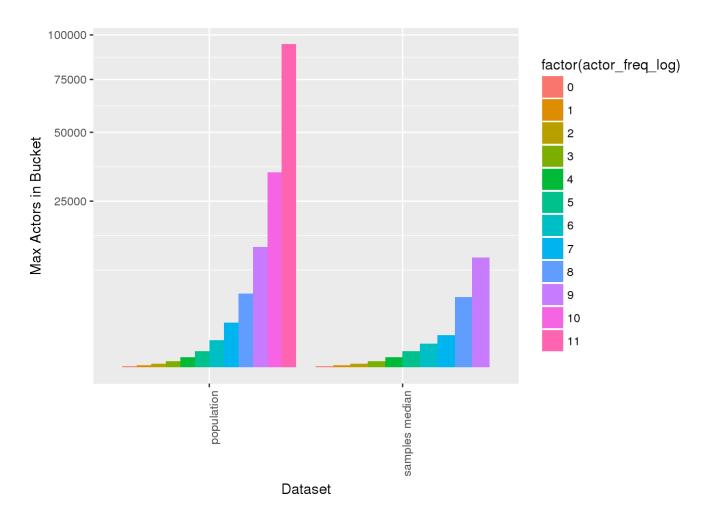


```
# this needs to be proportions
participation num actors freq <- readRDS("participation num actors freq.rds")
push_actors_summary <- merge(push_dataset_summary, push actors, by="dataset")</pre>
push vs pop actors pop <- participation num actors freq %>%
  group by(actor freq log) %>%
  summarise(repo count = sum(num repos),
            repo prop = repo count/total repos,
            repo actors max = max(actor freq),
            dataset = "population")
push vs pop actors push med <- push actors summary %>%
  mutate(actor_freq_log = repo_actors_log) %>%
  group_by(actor_freq_log) %>%
  summarise(dataset = "samples median",
    repo count = median(repo count),
    repo prop = repo count/min(repos in dataset),
    repo actors max = median(repo actors max))
push vs pop actors <- bind rows(push vs pop actors pop, push vs pop actors push med)</pre>
# push_vs_pop_events$type <- factor(</pre>
    push_vs_pop_types$type,
    levels = unique(push_vs_pop_types$type[order(push_vs_pop_types$events_prop, decrea
sing=TRUE)]))
ggplot(data = push vs pop actors,
       aes(x = dataset,
           y = repo prop,
           fill=factor(actor_freq_log))) +
  geom bar(stat="identity", position="dodge") +
  ylab("% Repos with x Actors") +
  xlab("Dataset") +
  theme(axis.text.x = element text(angle = 90, hjust = 1))
```



```
ggsave(filename="push_vs_pop_actors.png")
```

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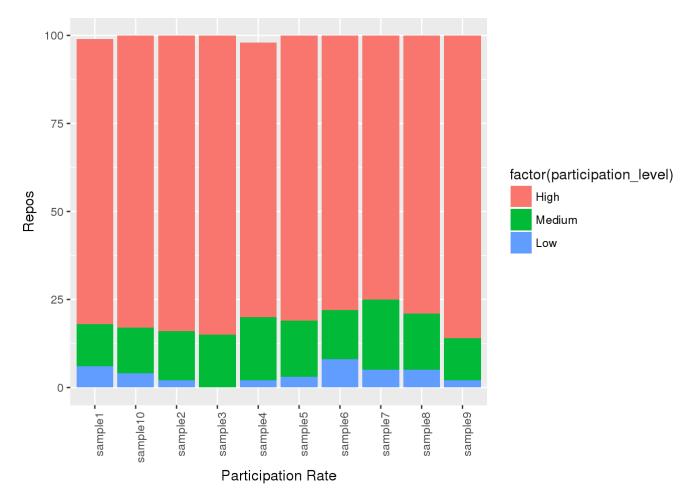
High Participation

Watch, Issue Comment, and Fork events occur most frequently with high participation repositories therefore samples taken from these events would have a higher probability of containing this type of repository.

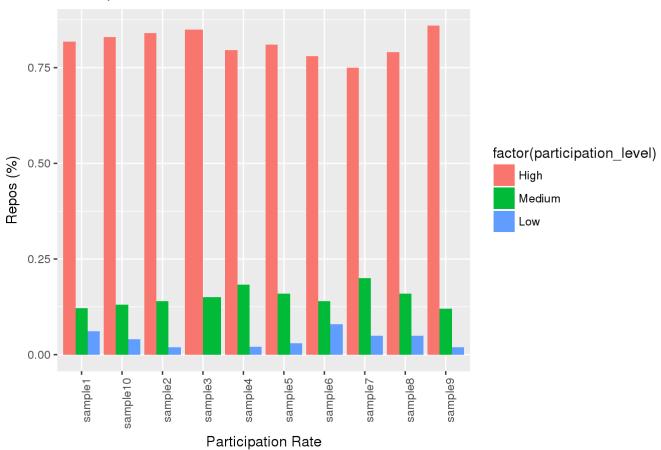
Participation Rates

First we examine if the samples drawn by event type show a higher proportion of high participation repositories.

```
watch_repo_summary <- watch_events_repo_samples %>%
  group by(dataset, repo name) %>%
  summarise(
    participation level = max(participation level),
    num repo events = max(num repo events),
    num repo actors = max(num repo actors),
    repo actors log = round(log(num repo actors)),
    repo events log = round(log(num repo events))
  )
watch dataset summary <- watch repo summary %>%
  group by(dataset) %>%
  summarise(repos in dataset = n(),
            actors in dataset = sum(num repo actors),
            events in dataset = sum(num repo events))
watch participation summary <- watch repo summary %>%
  group by(dataset, participation level) %>%
  summarise(num repos = n())
watch participation summary <- merge(watch participation summary, watch dataset summar
y, by="dataset")
watch participation summary <- watch participation summary %>%
  mutate(repos_perc = num_repos/repos_in_dataset)
watch participation summary$participation level <-
factor(watch participation summary$participation level,
                           levels = c("High", "Medium", "Low"))
ggplot(data = watch_participation_summary,
       aes(x=dataset, y=num repos, fill=factor(participation level))) +
  geom bar(stat="identity", position="stack") +
  xlab("Participation Rate") +
  ylab("Repos") +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 90, hjust = 1))
```

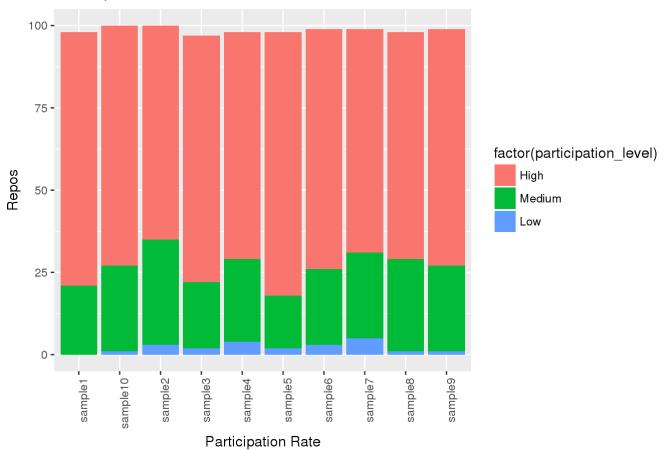


Participation Rates for Watch Events

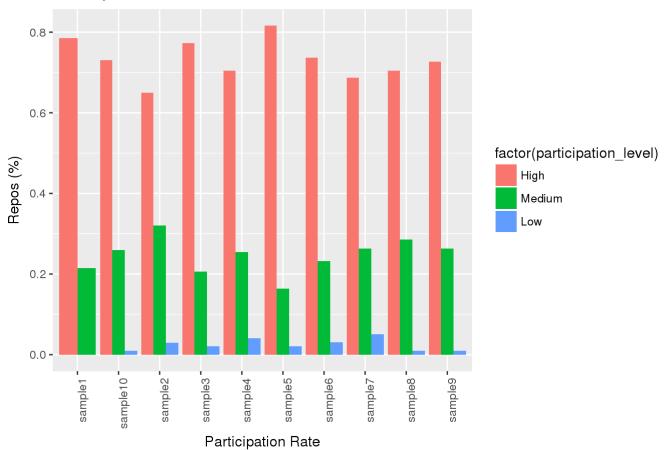


```
isscomment repo summary <- isscomment events repo samples %>%
  group by(dataset, repo name) %>%
  summarise(
    participation level = max(participation level),
    num repo events = max(num repo events),
    num repo actors = max(num repo actors),
    repo actors log = round(log(num repo actors)),
    repo events log = round(log(num repo events))
  )
isscomment dataset summary <- isscomment repo summary %>%
  group by(dataset) %>%
  summarise(repos in dataset = n(),
            actors in dataset = sum(num repo actors),
            events in dataset = sum(num repo events))
isscomment participation summary <- isscomment repo summary %>%
  group by(dataset, participation level) %>%
  summarise(num repos = n())
isscomment participation summary <- merge(isscomment participation summary, isscomment
dataset summary, by="dataset")
isscomment participation summary <- isscomment participation summary %>%
  mutate(repos_perc = num_repos/repos_in_dataset)
isscomment participation summary$participation level <- factor(isscomment participatio
n summary$participation level,
                           levels = c("High", "Medium", "Low"))
ggplot(data = isscomment_participation_summary,
       aes(x=dataset, y=num repos, fill=factor(participation level))) +
  geom bar(stat="identity", position="stack") +
  xlab("Participation Rate") +
  ylab("Repos") +
  theme(axis.text.x = element text(angle = 90, hjust = 1)) +
  ggtitle("Participation Rates for Issue Comment Events")
```

Participation Rates for Issue Comment Events

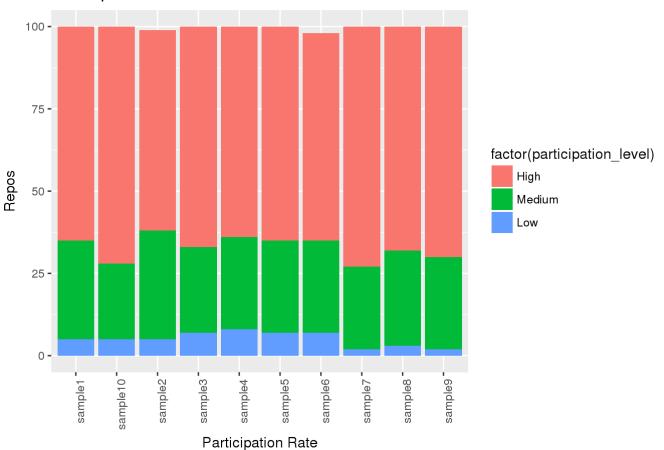


Participation Rates for Issue Comment Events

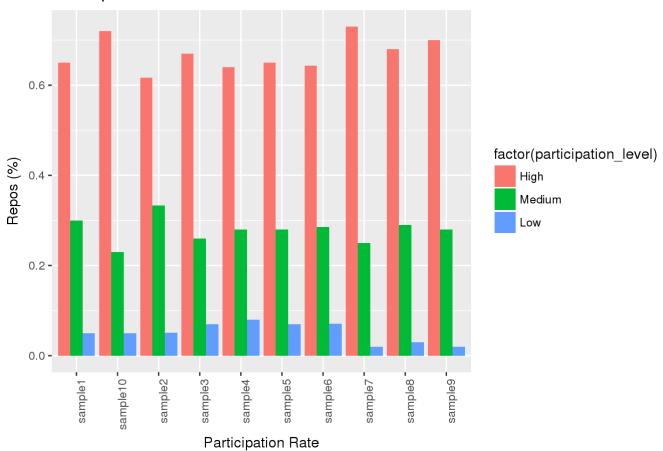


```
fork_repo_summary <- fork_events_repo_samples %>%
  group by(dataset, repo name) %>%
  summarise(
    participation level = max(participation level),
    num repo events = max(num repo events),
    num repo actors = max(num repo actors),
    repo actors log = round(log(num repo actors)),
    repo events log = round(log(num repo events))
  )
fork dataset summary <- fork repo summary %>%
  group by(dataset) %>%
  summarise(repos in dataset = n(),
            actors in dataset = sum(num repo actors),
            events in dataset = sum(num repo events))
fork participation summary <- fork repo summary %>%
  group by(dataset, participation level) %>%
  summarise(num repos = n())
fork participation summary <- merge(fork participation summary, fork dataset summary,
by="dataset")
fork participation summary <- fork participation summary %>%
  mutate(repos_perc = num_repos/repos_in_dataset)
fork_participation_summary$participation_level <- factor(fork_participation_summary$pa</pre>
rticipation level,
                           levels = c("High", "Medium", "Low"))
ggplot(data = fork_participation_summary,
       aes(x=dataset, y=num repos, fill=factor(participation level))) +
  geom bar(stat="identity", position="stack") +
  xlab("Participation Rate") +
  ylab("Repos") +
  theme(axis.text.x = element text(angle = 90, hjust = 1)) +
  ggtitle("Participation Rates for Fork Events")
```

Participation Rates for Fork Events

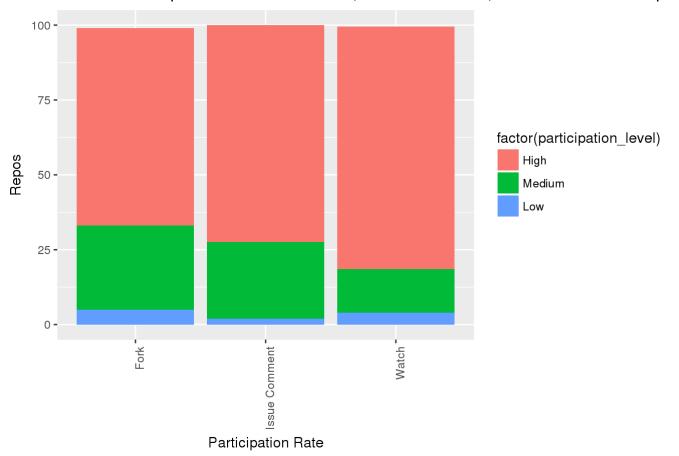


Participation Rates for Fork Events

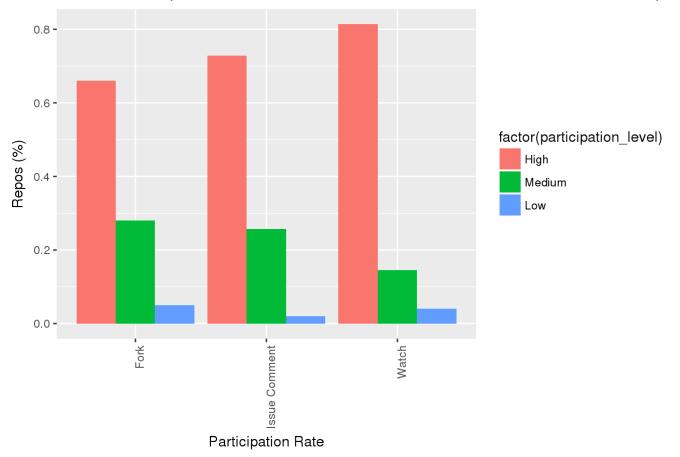


```
watch_pr <- watch_participation_summary %>%
  group by(participation level) %>%
  summarise(num repos med = median(num repos),
            num repos mean = mean(num repos),
            repos perc med = median(repos perc),
            repos perc mean = mean(repos perc),
            dataset = "Watch")
isscomment pr <- isscomment participation summary %>%
  group by(participation level) %>%
  summarise(num repos med = median(num repos),
            num repos mean = mean(num repos),
            repos perc med = median(repos perc),
            repos perc mean = mean(repos perc),
            dataset = "Issue Comment")
fork pr <- fork participation summary %>%
  group by(participation level) %>%
  summarise(num repos med = median(num repos),
            num repos mean = mean(num repos),
            repos perc med = median(repos perc),
            repos perc mean = mean(repos perc),
            dataset = "Fork")
high_type_samples_pr <- bind_rows(watch_pr, isscomment_pr, fork_pr)</pre>
ggplot(data = high type samples pr,
       aes(x=dataset, y=num repos med, fill=factor(participation level))) +
  geom_bar(stat="identity", position="stack") +
  xlab("Participation Rate") +
  ylab("Repos") +
  theme(axis.text.x = element text(angle = 90, hjust = 1)) +
  ggtitle("Median Participation Rates for Watch, Issue Comment, and Fork Events Repo S
amples")
```

Median Participation Rates for Watch, Issue Comment, and Fork Events Repo



Median Participation Rates for Watch, Issue Comment, and Fork Events Repo



ggsave(filename="high_type_samples_participation.png")

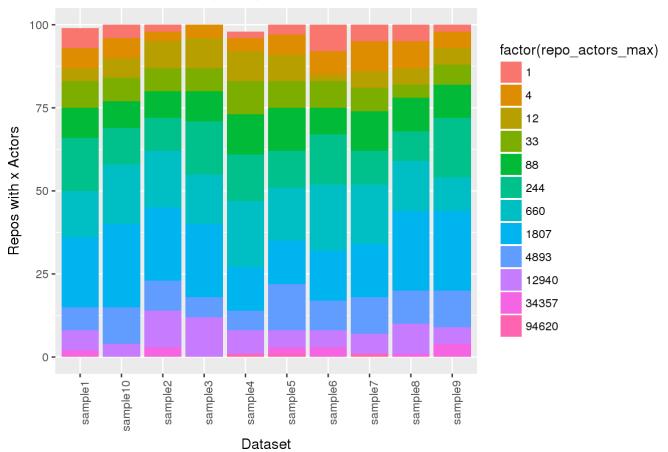
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Actors Per Repo

Second, we look at the number of unique actors that generated events and compare that to the high participation population studied earlier.

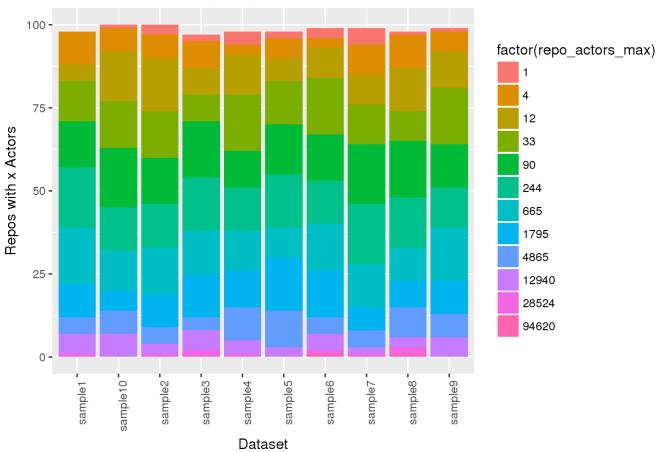
```
watch_actors <- watch_repo_summary %>%
  group by(dataset, repo actors log) %>%
  summarise(repo_count = n(),
            num repo actors min = min(num repo actors),
            num_repo_actors_max = max(num_repo_actors)) %>%
  select(dataset, repo actors log, repo count, num repo actors max, num repo actors mi
n)
watch actors log <- watch actors %>%
  group by(repo actors log) %>%
  summarise(repo actors max = max(num repo actors max),
            repo actors min = min(num repo actors min))
watch actors <- merge(watch actors, watch actors log, by="repo actors log")
watch_actors <- watch_actors[order(watch_actors$repo_count, decreasing=TRUE),]</pre>
ggplot(data = watch actors,
       aes(x = dataset,
           y = repo count,
           fill=factor(repo actors max))) +
  geom_bar(stat="identity", position="stack") +
  ylab("Repos with x Actors") +
  xlab("Dataset") +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 90, hjust = 1)) +
  ggtitle("Actors p/ Repo Frequency for Watch Events")
```

Actors p/ Repo Frequency for Watch Events



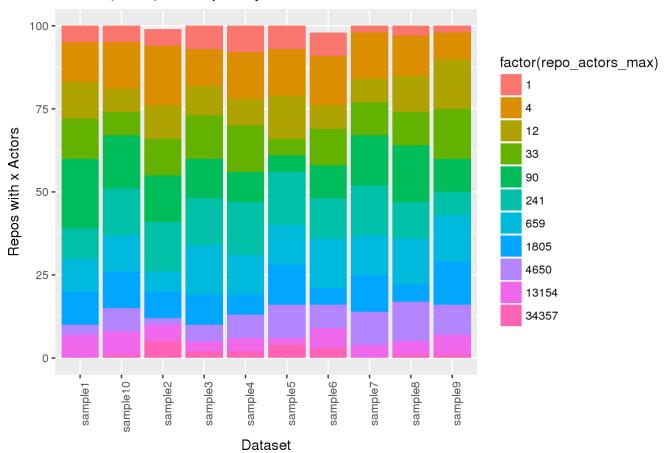
```
isscomment_actors <- isscomment_repo_summary %>%
  group by(dataset, repo actors log) %>%
  summarise(repo_count = n(),
            num repo actors min = min(num repo actors),
            num repo actors max = max(num repo actors)) %>%
  select(dataset, repo actors log, repo count, num repo actors max, num repo actors mi
n)
isscomment actors log <- isscomment actors %>%
  group by(repo actors log) %>%
  summarise(repo actors max = max(num repo actors max),
            repo actors min = min(num repo actors min))
isscomment actors <- merge(isscomment actors, isscomment actors log, by="repo actors l
og")
isscomment actors <- isscomment actors[order(isscomment actors$repo count,</pre>
decreasing=TRUE),]
ggplot(data = isscomment actors,
       aes(x = dataset,
           y = repo_count,
           fill=factor(repo_actors_max))) +
  geom_bar(stat="identity", position="stack") +
  ylab("Repos with x Actors") +
  xlab("Dataset") +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 90, hjust = 1)) +
  ggtitle("Actors p/ Repo Frequency for Issue Comment Events")
```

Actors p/ Repo Frequency for Issue Comment Events



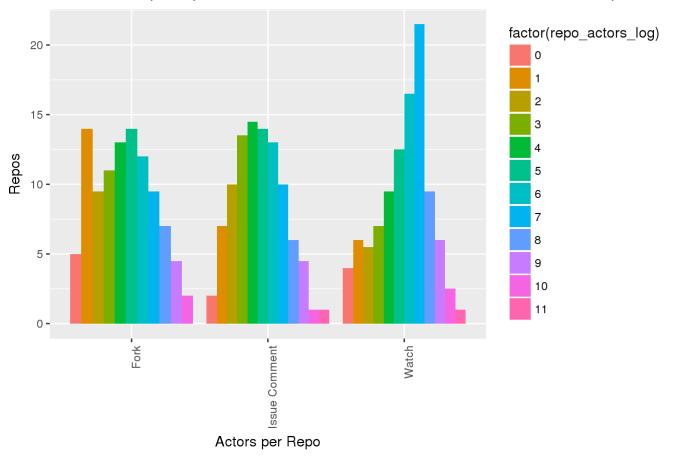
```
fork_actors <- fork_repo_summary %>%
  group by(dataset, repo actors log) %>%
  summarise(repo count = n(),
            num repo actors min = min(num repo actors),
            num_repo_actors_max = max(num_repo_actors)) %>%
  select(dataset, repo actors log, repo count, num repo actors max, num repo actors mi
n)
fork actors log <- fork actors %>%
  group by(repo actors log) %>%
  summarise(repo actors max = max(num repo actors max),
            repo actors min = min(num repo actors min))
fork_actors <- merge(fork_actors, fork_actors_log, by="repo_actors_log")</pre>
fork_actors <- fork_actors[order(fork_actors$repo_count, decreasing=TRUE),]</pre>
ggplot(data = fork actors,
       aes(x = dataset,
           y = repo count,
           fill=factor(repo actors max))) +
  geom_bar(stat="identity", position="stack") +
  ylab("Repos with x Actors") +
  xlab("Dataset") +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 90, hjust = 1)) +
  ggtitle("Actors p/ Repo Frequency for Fork Events")
```

Actors p/ Repo Frequency for Fork Events



```
watch_actors_med <- watch_actors %>%
  group by(repo actors log) %>%
  summarise(dataset = "Watch",
    repo count = median(repo count),
    repo actors max = median(repo actors max))
isscomment actors med <- isscomment actors %>%
  group by(repo actors log) %>%
  summarise(dataset = "Issue Comment",
    repo count = median(repo count),
    repo actors max = median(repo actors max))
fork actors med <- fork actors %>%
  group by(repo actors log) %>%
  summarise(dataset = "Fork",
    repo count = median(repo count),
    repo actors max = median(repo actors max))
high type samples actors <- bind rows(watch actors med, isscomment actors med, fork ac
tors med)
ggplot(data = high type samples actors,
       aes(x=dataset, y=repo_count, fill=factor(repo_actors_log))) +
  geom bar(stat="identity", position="dodge") +
  xlab("Actors per Repo") +
  ylab("Repos") +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 90, hjust = 1)) +
  ggtitle("Med. Actors p/ Repo for Watch, Issue Comment, and Fork Events Samples")
```

Med. Actors p/ Repo for Watch, Issue Comment, and Fork Events Samples



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Medium Participation

Medium appears to be split between High and Low and should not be its own category. Release events might provide insight into how to potentially readjust our participation rate calculation to include a Medium category, of if one exists at all.

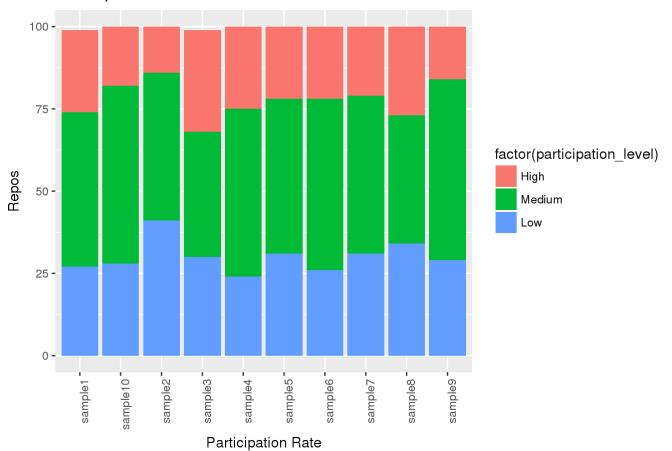
Release events occur frequently with Medium participation repositories therefore samples taken from these events would have a higher probability of containing this type of repository. Member events occur most frequently but they do not represent a significant enough proportion of event activity to warrant analysis.

Participation Rates

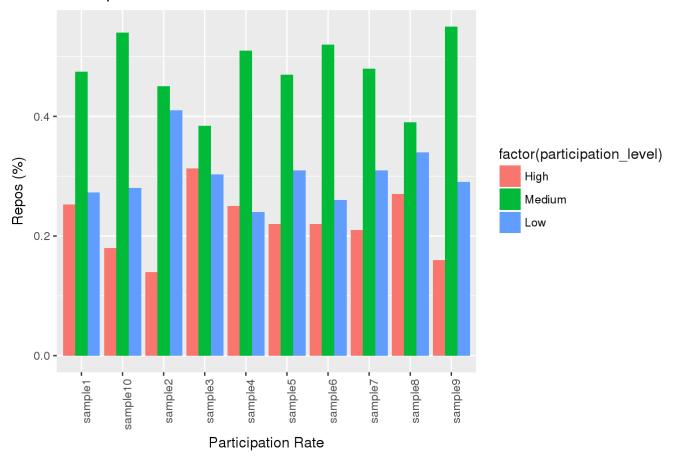
First we examine if the samples drawn by event type show a higher proportion of medium participation repositories.

```
release_repo_summary <- release_events_repo_samples %>%
  group by(dataset, repo name) %>%
  summarise(
    participation level = max(participation level),
    num repo events = max(num repo events),
    num repo actors = max(num repo actors),
    repo actors log = round(log(num repo actors)),
    repo events log = round(log(num repo events))
  )
release dataset summary <- release repo summary %>%
  group by(dataset) %>%
  summarise(repos in dataset = n(),
            actors in dataset = sum(num repo actors),
            events in dataset = sum(num repo events))
release participation summary <- release repo summary %>%
  group by(dataset, participation level) %>%
  summarise(num repos = n())
release participation summary <- merge(release participation summary, release dataset
summary, by="dataset")
release participation summary <- release participation summary %>%
  mutate(repos_perc = num_repos/repos_in_dataset)
release participation summary$participation level <- factor(release participation summ
ary$participation level,
                           levels = c("High", "Medium", "Low"))
ggplot(data = release_participation_summary,
       aes(x=dataset, y=num repos, fill=factor(participation level))) +
  geom bar(stat="identity", position="stack") +
  xlab("Participation Rate") +
  ylab("Repos") +
  theme(axis.text.x = element text(angle = 90, hjust = 1)) +
  ggtitle("Participation Rates for Release Events")
```

Participation Rates for Release Events



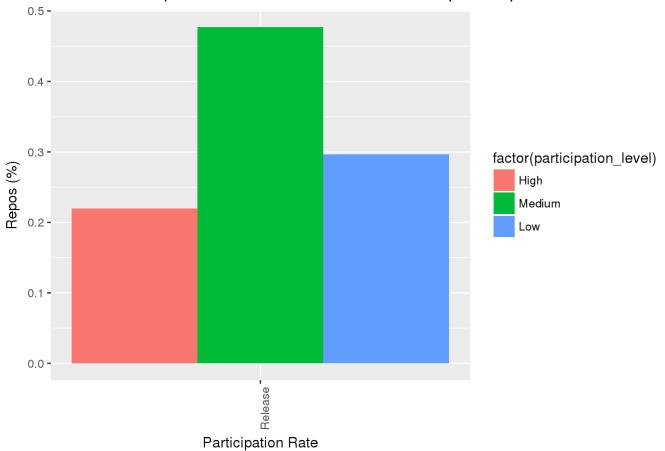
Participation Rates for Release Events



```
med_type_samples_pr <- release_participation_summary %>%
   group_by(participation_level) %>%
   summarise(num_repos_med = median(num_repos),
        num_repos_mean = mean(num_repos),
        repos_perc_med = median(repos_perc),
        repos_perc_mean = mean(repos_perc),
        dataset = "Release")

ggplot(data = med_type_samples_pr,
        aes(x=dataset, y=repos_perc_med, fill=factor(participation_level))) +
   geom_bar(stat="identity", position="dodge") +
   xlab("Participation Rate") +
   ylab("Repos (%)") +
   theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 90, hjust = 1)) +
   ggtitle("Median Participation Rates for Release Events Repo Samples")
```

Median Participation Rates for Release Events Repo Samples



ggsave(filename="med_type_samples_participation.png")

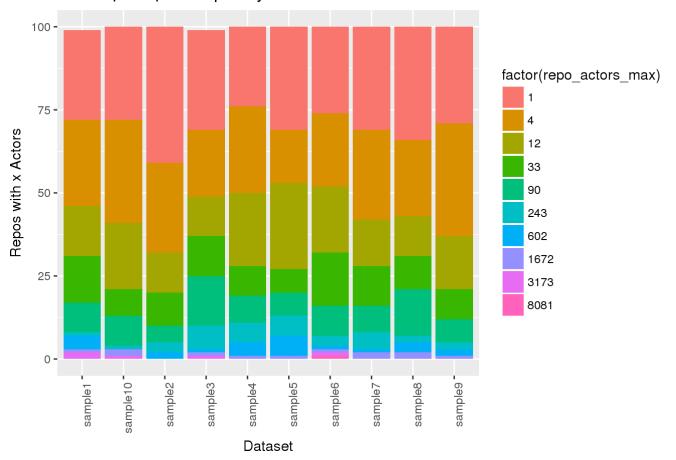
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Actors Per Repo

Second, we look at the number of unique actors that generated events and compare that to the medium participation population studied earlier.

```
release_actors <- release_repo_summary %>%
  group by(dataset, repo actors log) %>%
  summarise(repo_count = n(),
            num repo actors min = min(num repo actors),
            num_repo_actors_max = max(num_repo_actors)) %>%
  select(dataset, repo actors log, repo count, num repo actors max, num repo actors mi
n)
release actors log <- release actors %>%
  group by(repo actors log) %>%
  summarise(repo actors max = max(num repo actors max),
            repo actors min = min(num repo actors min))
release_actors <- merge(release_actors, release_actors log, by="repo actors log")</pre>
release_actors <- release_actors[order(release_actors$repo_count, decreasing=TRUE),]</pre>
ggplot(data = release actors,
       aes(x = dataset,
           y = repo count,
           fill=factor(repo actors max))) +
  geom_bar(stat="identity", position="stack") +
  ylab("Repos with x Actors") +
  xlab("Dataset") +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 90, hjust = 1)) +
  ggtitle("Actors p/ Repo Frequency for Release Events")
```

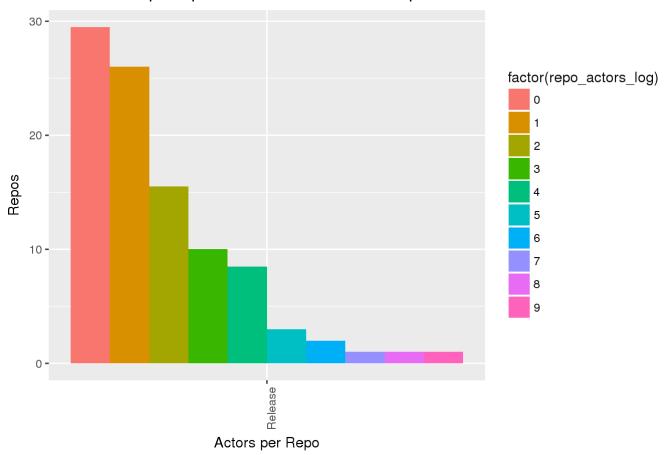
Actors p/ Repo Frequency for Release Events



```
med_type_samples_actors <- release_actors %>%
   group_by(repo_actors_log) %>%
   summarise(dataset = "Release",
        repo_count = median(repo_count),
        repo_actors_max = median(repo_actors_max))

ggplot(data = med_type_samples_actors,
        aes(x=dataset, y=repo_count, fill=factor(repo_actors_log))) +
   geom_bar(stat="identity", position="dodge") +
   xlab("Actors per Repo") +
   ylab("Repos") +
   theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 90, hjust = 1)) +
   ggtitle("Med. Actors p/ Repo for Release Events Samples")
```

Med. Actors p/ Repo for Release Events Samples



```
ggsave(filename="med_type_samples_actors.png")
```

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Low Participation

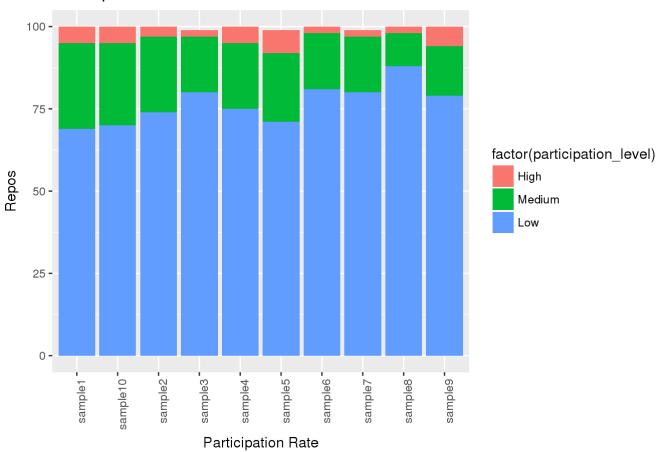
Create events show the highest association with Medium and Low repositories, therefore samples taken from these events would have a higher probability of containing these types of repositories.

Participation Rates

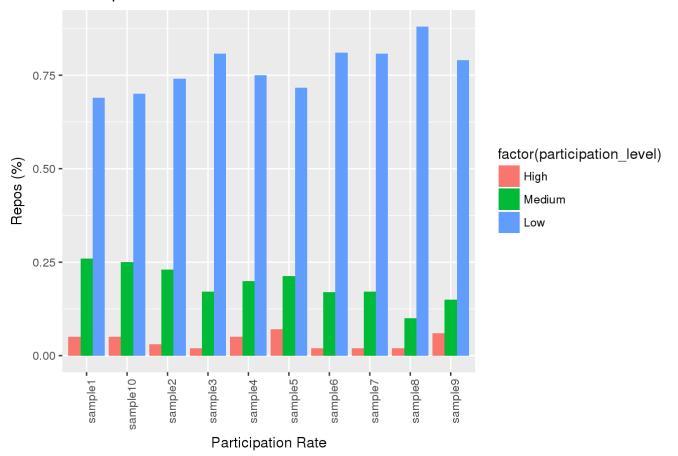
First we examine if the samples drawn by event type show a higher proportion of low participation repositories.

```
create repo summary <- create events repo samples %>%
  group by(dataset, repo name) %>%
  summarise(
    participation level = max(participation level),
    num repo events = max(num repo events),
    num repo actors = max(num repo actors),
    repo actors log = round(log(num repo actors)),
    repo events log = round(log(num repo events))
  )
create dataset summary <- create repo summary %>%
  group by(dataset) %>%
  summarise(repos in dataset = n(),
            actors in dataset = sum(num_repo_actors),
            events in dataset = sum(num repo events))
create participation summary <- create repo summary %>%
  group by(dataset, participation level) %>%
  summarise(num repos = n())
create participation summary <- merge(create participation summary, create dataset sum
mary, by="dataset")
create_participation_summary <- create_participation_summary %>%
  mutate(repos_perc = num_repos/repos_in_dataset)
create_participation_summary$participation_level <- factor(create_participation_summar</pre>
y$participation level,
                           levels = c("High", "Medium", "Low"))
ggplot(data = create_participation_summary,
       aes(x=dataset, y=num repos, fill=factor(participation level))) +
  geom bar(stat="identity", position="stack") +
  xlab("Participation Rate") +
  ylab("Repos") +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 90, hjust = 1)) +
  ggtitle("Participation Rates for Create Events")
```

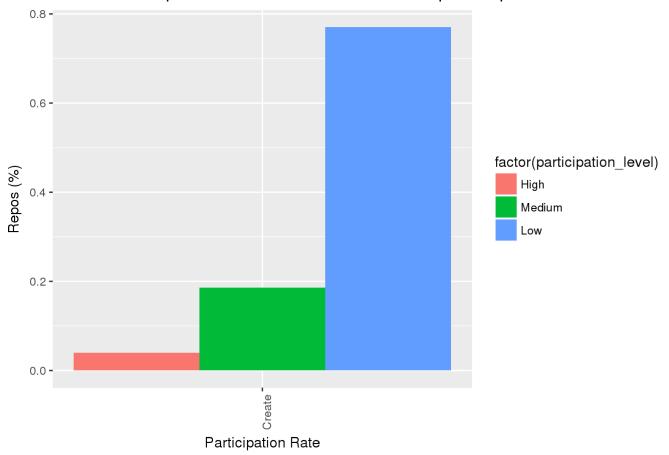
Participation Rates for Create Events



Participation Rates for Create Events



Median Participation Rates for Create Events Repo Samples



```
ggsave(filename="low_type_samples_participation.png")
```

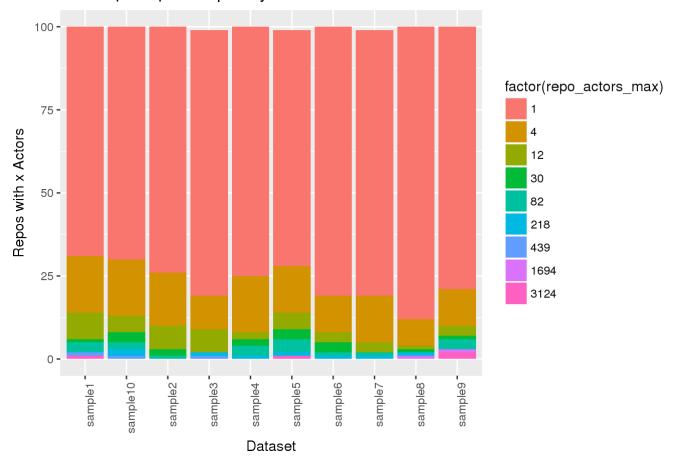
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Actors Per Repo

Second, we look at the number of unique actors that generated events and compare that to the low participation population studied earlier.

```
create_actors <- create_repo_summary %>%
  group by(dataset, repo actors log) %>%
  summarise(repo_count = n(),
            num repo actors min = min(num repo actors),
            num_repo_actors_max = max(num_repo_actors)) %>%
  select(dataset, repo actors log, repo count, num repo actors max, num repo actors mi
n)
create actors log <- create actors %>%
  group by(repo actors log) %>%
  summarise(repo actors max = max(num repo actors max),
            repo actors min = min(num repo actors min))
create_actors <- merge(create_actors, create_actors_log, by="repo_actors_log")</pre>
create_actors <- create_actors[order(create_actors$repo_count, decreasing=TRUE),]</pre>
ggplot(data = create actors,
       aes(x = dataset,
           y = repo count,
           fill=factor(repo actors max))) +
  geom_bar(stat="identity", position="stack") +
  ylab("Repos with x Actors") +
  xlab("Dataset") +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 90, hjust = 1)) +
  ggtitle("Actors p/ Repo Frequency for Create Events")
```

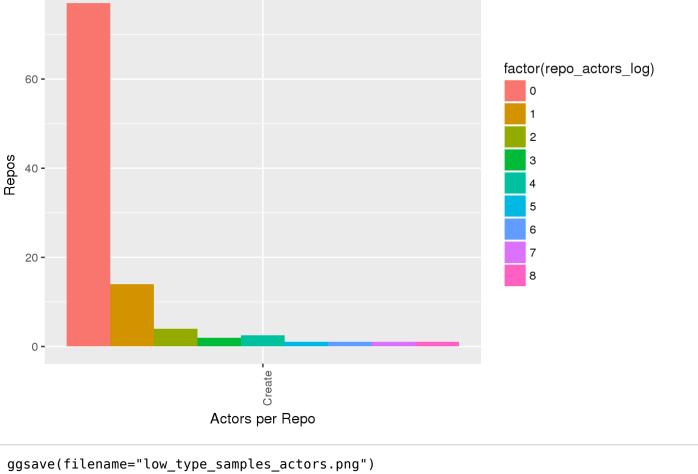
Actors p/ Repo Frequency for Create Events



```
low_type_samples_actors <- create_actors %>%
  group_by(repo_actors_log) %>%
  summarise(dataset = "Create",
    repo_count = median(repo_count),
    repo_actors_max = median(repo_actors_max))

ggplot(data = low_type_samples_actors,
        aes(x=dataset, y=repo_count, fill=factor(repo_actors_log))) +
    geom_bar(stat="identity", position="dodge") +
    xlab("Actors per Repo") +
    ylab("Repos") +
    theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 90, hjust = 1)) +
    ggtitle("Med. Actors p/ Repo for Create Events Samples")
```

Med. Actors p/ Repo for Create Events Samples



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Conclusions

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The data used in this study is insufficient to conclude if participation rate (the proportion of events per actor based on events data) provides an accurate metric for categorizing GitHub repositories. However we have clearly proven that some event types have a higher frequency of repositories with certain levels of participation. Therefore, random samples based on an event type most closely correlated with a given participation level will result in a higher proportion of repositories that are representative or very close to that participation level.

The data used in this study is insufficient to conclude if stratifying GitHub repositories by participation rate reduces variability. While the analysis in this study indicates that it does reduce variability somewhat for the parameters studied, these parameters were used to make the participation rate calculation in the first place. Therefore, further analysis is needed on parameters that are independent of the participation rate calculation.

One issue that came up in the study was the participation rate calculation itself. It is not clear how accurate this calculation is. The intent of this study was to propose the simplest model by which to stratify the repository to look for common themes. This calculation does not take into consideration activity over time and it treats all events as having equal participation value. Further analysis is needed to actually look at the data available on Github for repositories that fall into these participation levels. The main impacts this would have on this study is the potential for skewing the early results.

Finally, it's not clear whether "Medium" participation represents its own category or if it is actually a subtype. Further analysis on the Github repositories themselves may provide more insight into this. Also refactoring the participation calculation itself may provide a more accurate "Medium" range.

Depsite these concerns, we can conclude with confidence that the event type correlation is accurate because we evaluated the number of unique event actors per repo and saw a definite shift in frequency distribution. For a preliminary analysis intent on determining a methodology for sampling, the analysis is sufficiently conclusive to move on to the next phase.

The next step in this process is to test our hypotheses by looking at actual GitHub repository data to see how it compares. Because reconstructing this data to match our time frame would introduce complexity, the next study will instead pull recent samples based on the event types explored in this study.