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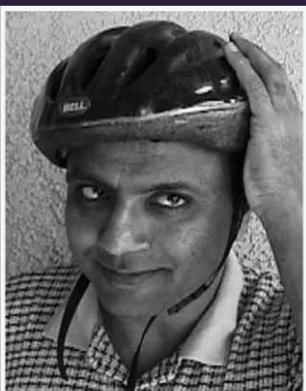
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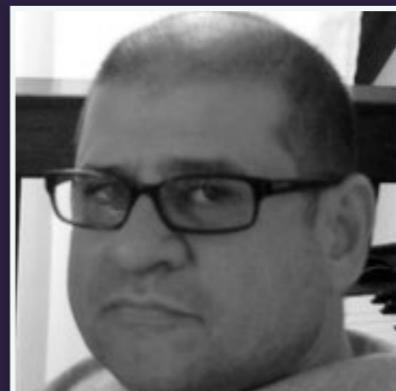
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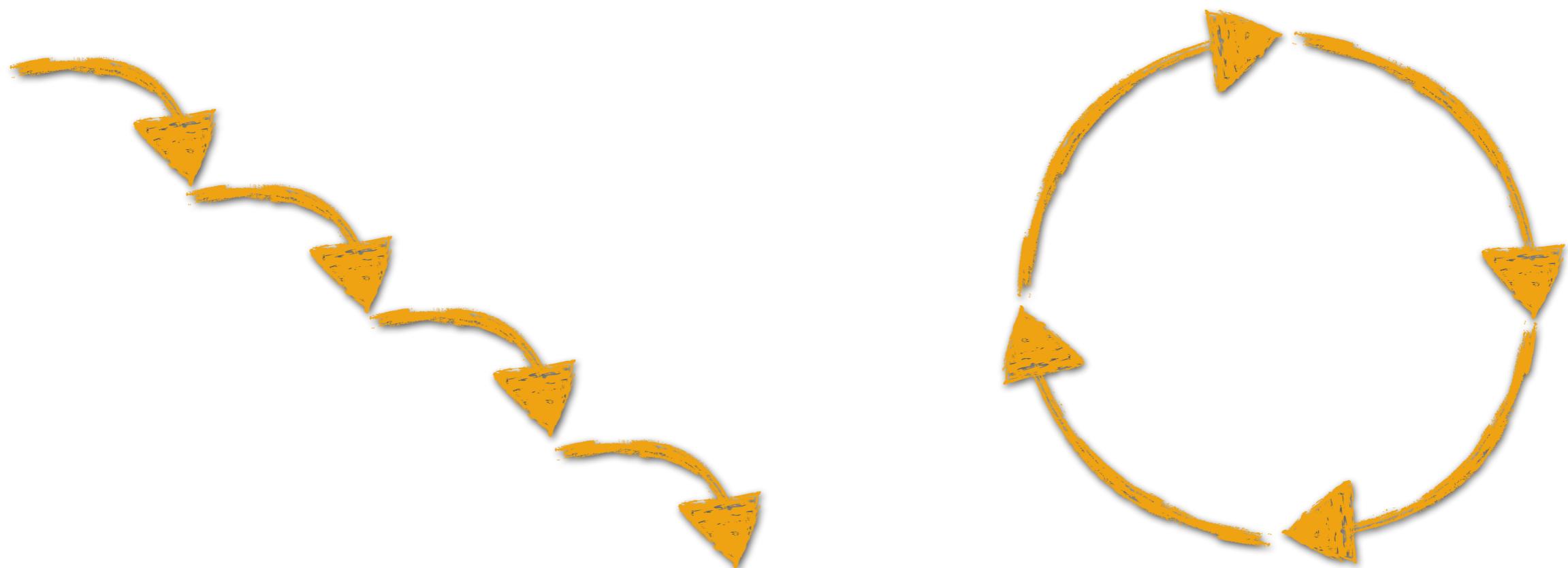


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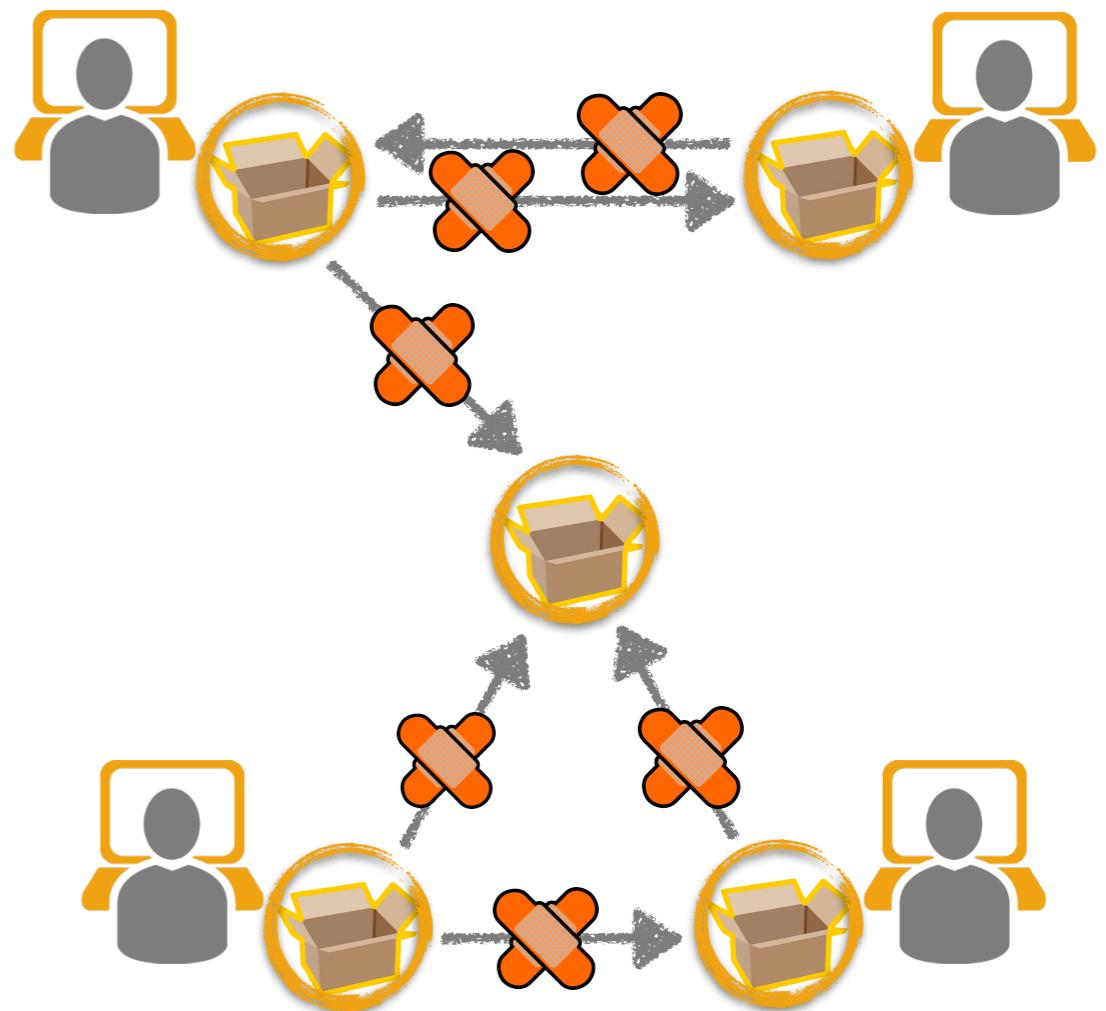
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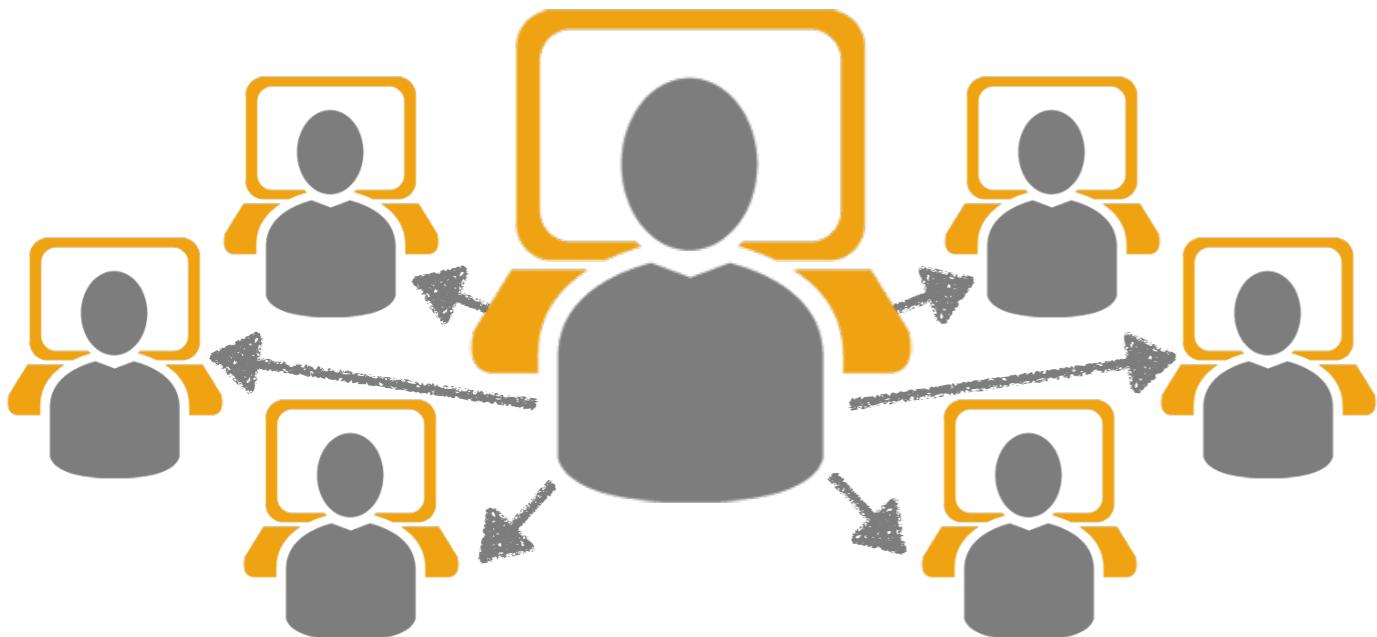
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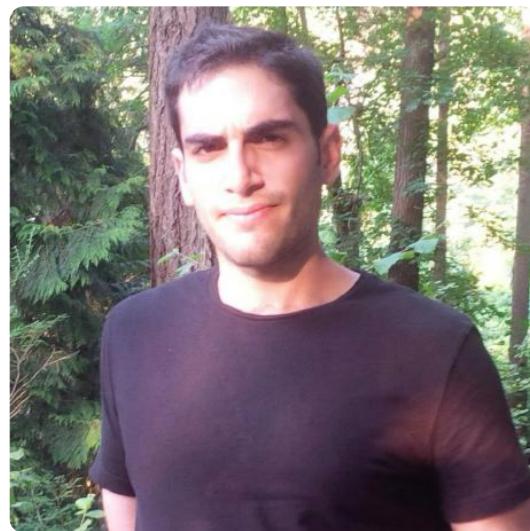


Master**branch**



- Programming in a socially networked world: the evolution of the social programmer  
C Treude, F Figueira Filho, B Cleary, MA Storey. *The Future of Collaborative Software Development @ CSCW 2012*
- Social networking meets software development: Perspectives from GitHub, MSDN, Stack Exchange, and TopCoder  
A Begel, J Bosch, MA Storey. *IEEE Software 2013*

# ... has a public profile



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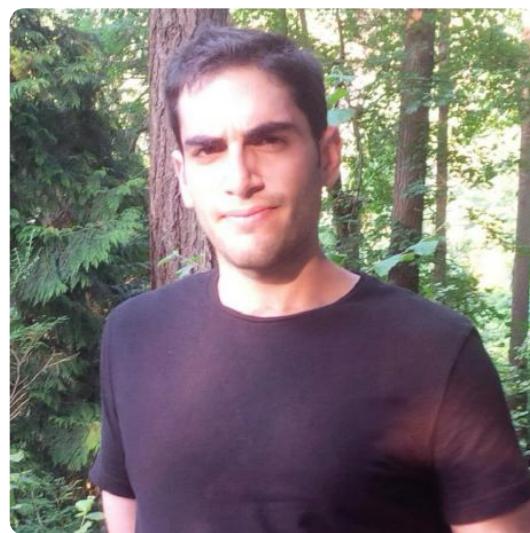
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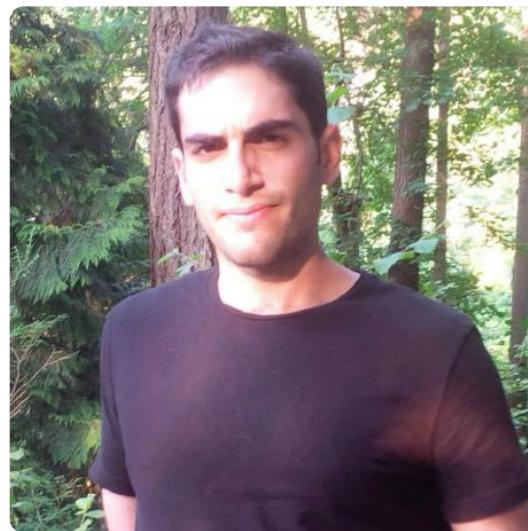
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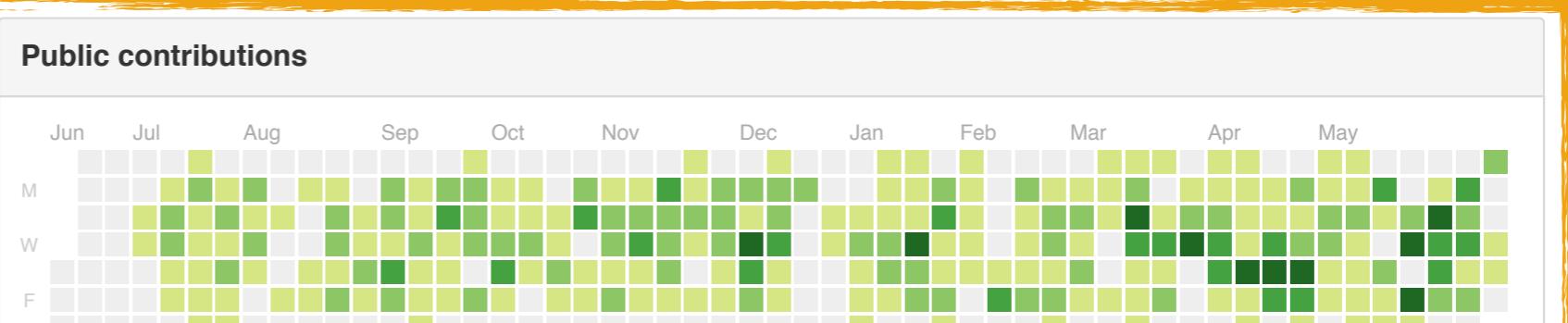
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# ... shares knowledge



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## Jon Skeet top 0.01% overall

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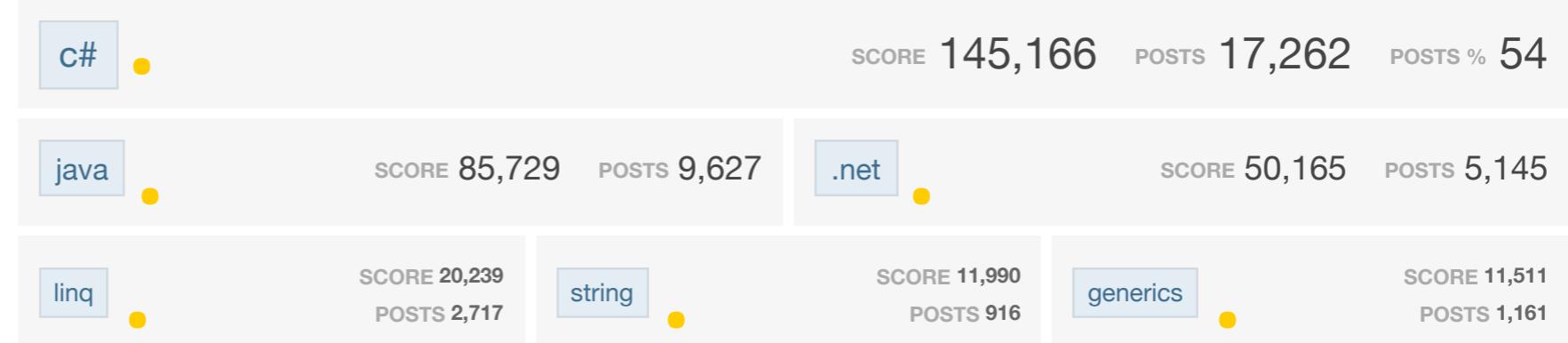
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# ... signals



**Stack Overflow**

Q&A for professional and enthusiast programmers  
(4,368,896 total users)

All Time

Type to find users:



**Jon Skeet**

1♦ 360 1● 5367 1● 6604

member for: 6 years, 8 months

#1

all time rank

784,585

all time reputation



**Darin Dimitrov**

1♦ 98 1● 2027 1● 2062

member for: 6 years, 8 months

#2

595,006

all time rank

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**BalusC**

1♦ 142 1● 1872 1● 2174

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#3

573,150

all time rank

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**Hans Passant**

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- “Jon Skeet can divide by zero.”
- “When Jon Skeet's code fails to compile the compiler apologises.”
- “Jon Skeet does not use revision control software. **None of his code has ever needed revision.**”
- “Jon Skeet has already written a book about C# 6.0. It's currently sealed up. In three years, Anders Hejlsberg is going to open the book to see if the language design team got it right.”

<http://meta.stackexchange.com/questions/9134/jon-skeet-facts>

# Impact?



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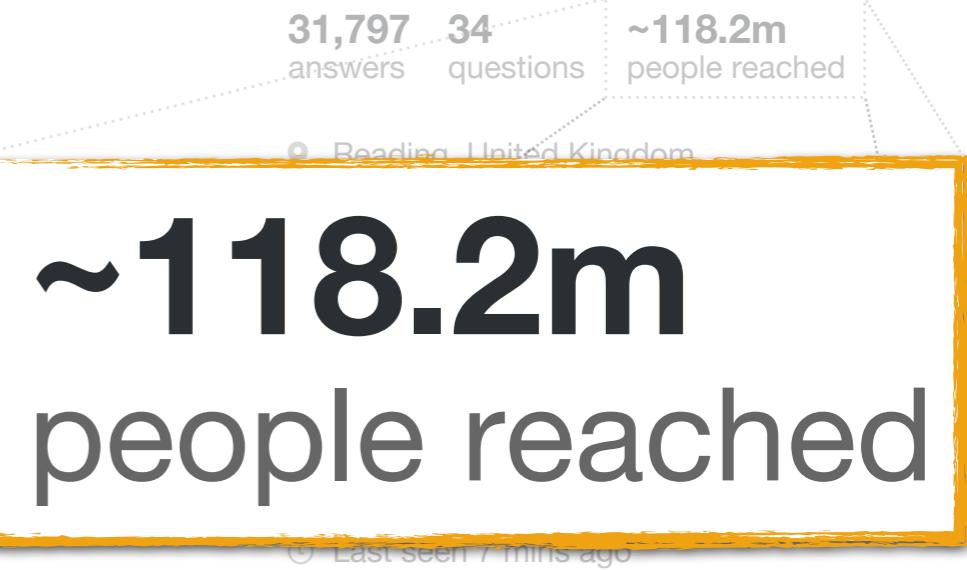
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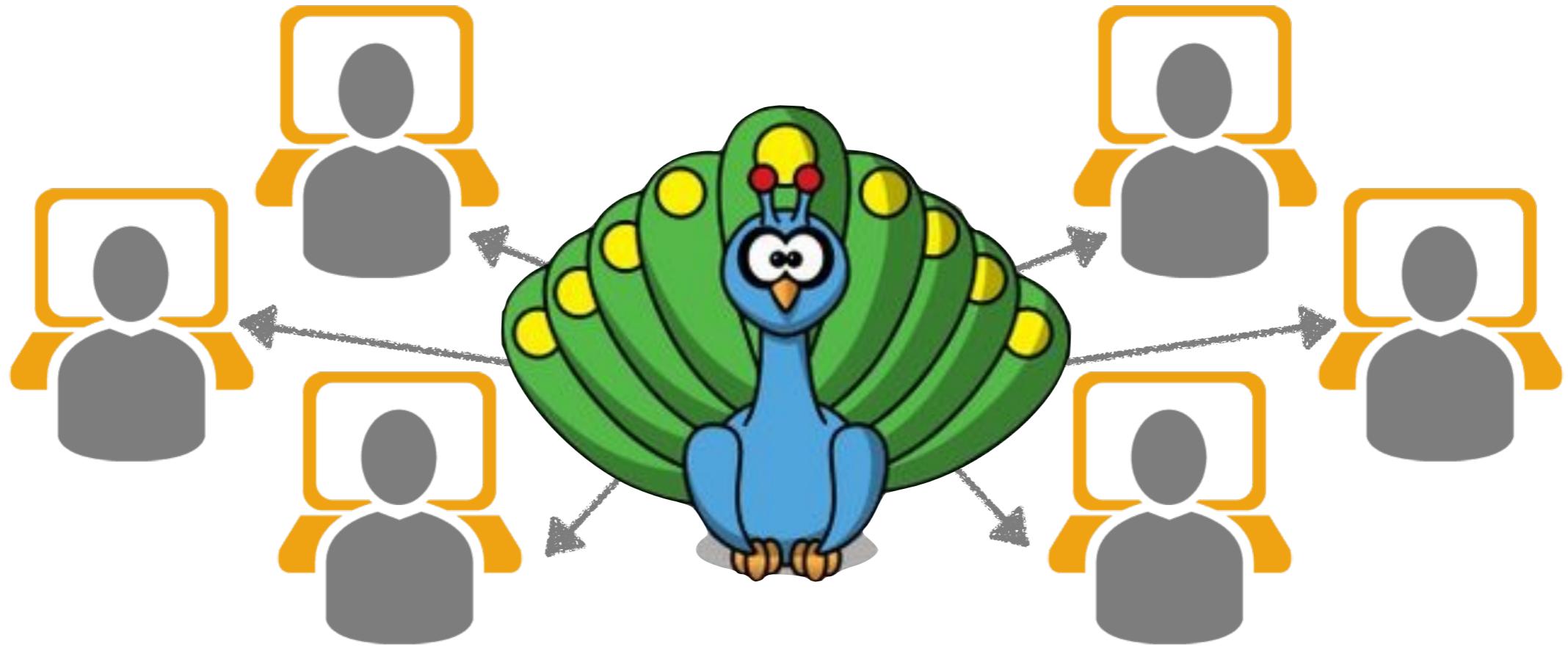
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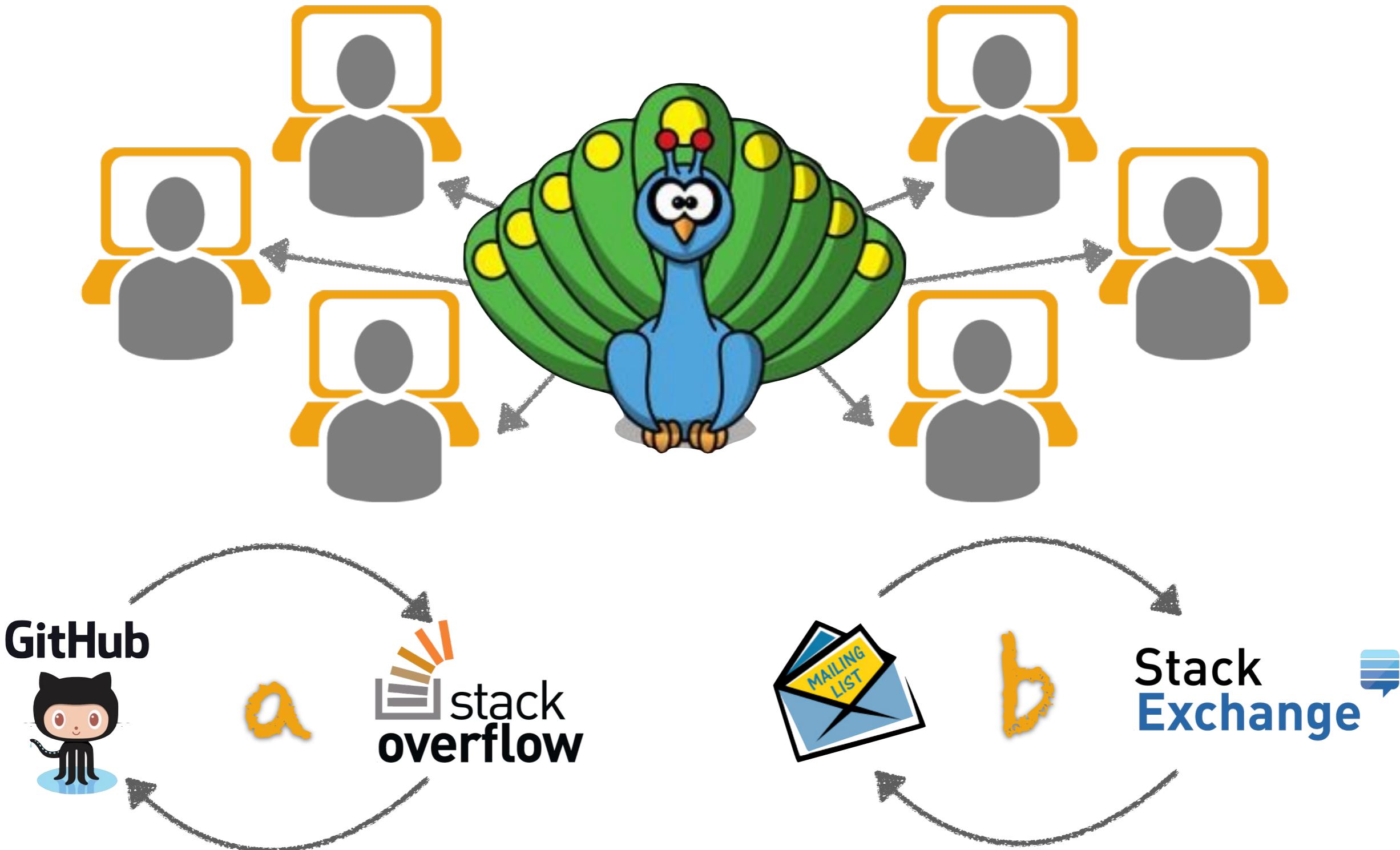
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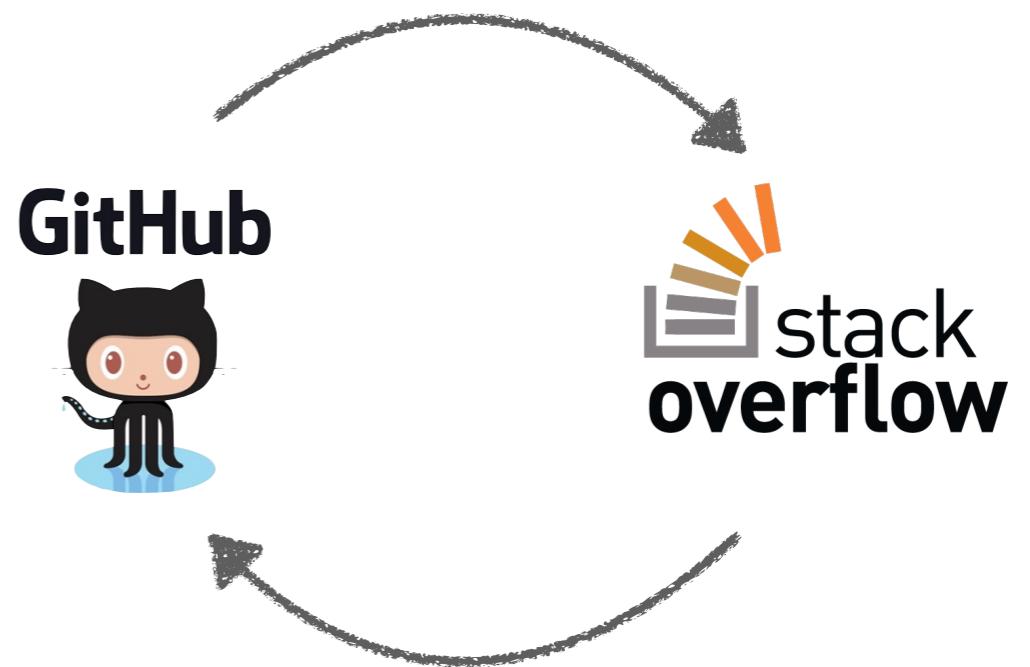
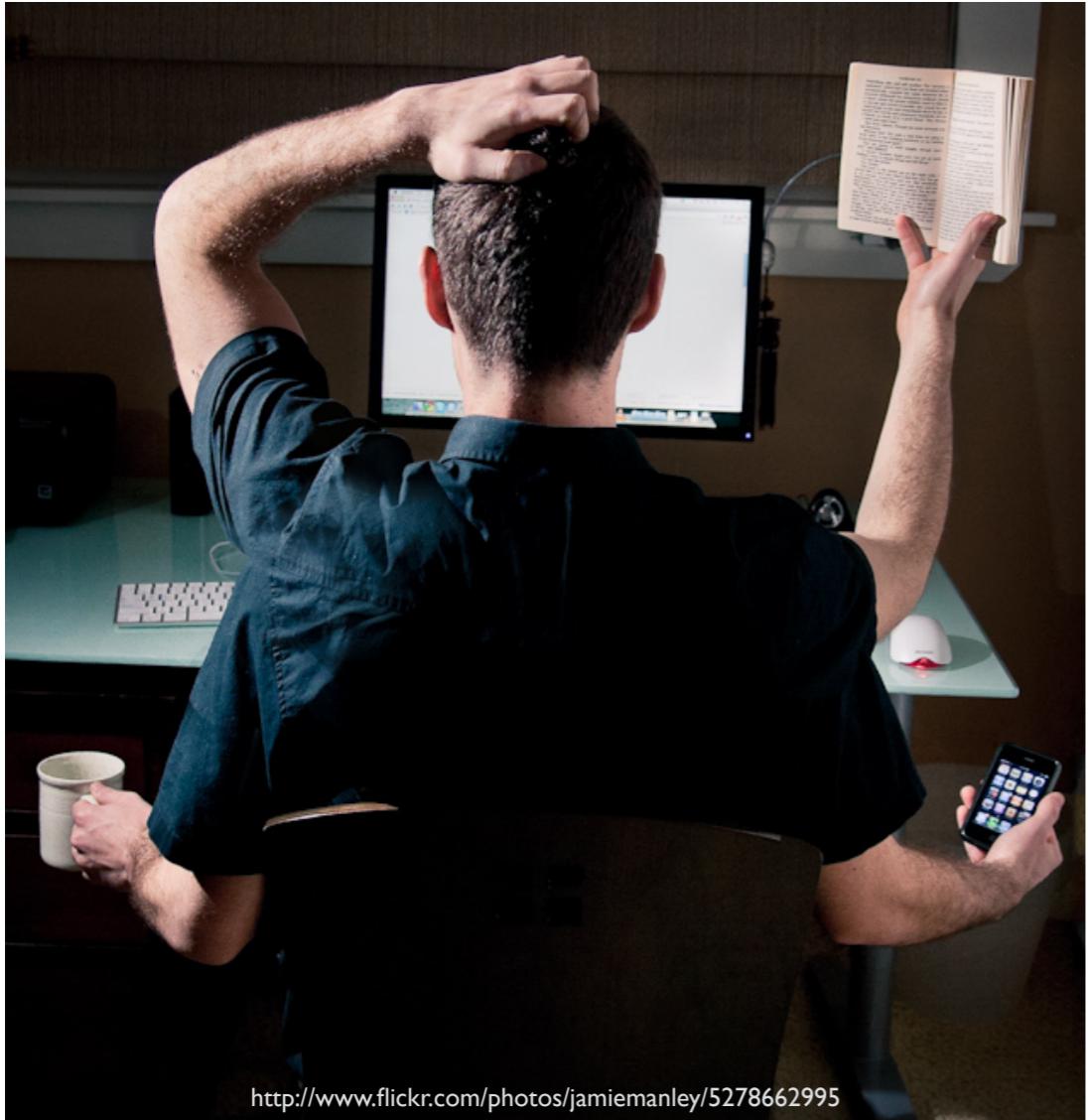


- Assessing technical candidates on the social web  
A Capiluppi, A Serebrenik, L Singer. *IEEE Software 2013*
- Mutual assessment in the social programmer ecosystem: an empirical investigation of developer profile aggregators  
L Singer, F Figueira Filho, B Cleary, C Treude, MA Storey, K Schneider. *CSCW 2013*
- Impression formation in online peer production: activity traces and personal profiles in GitHub  
J Marlow, L Dabbish, J Herbsleb. *CSCW 2013*
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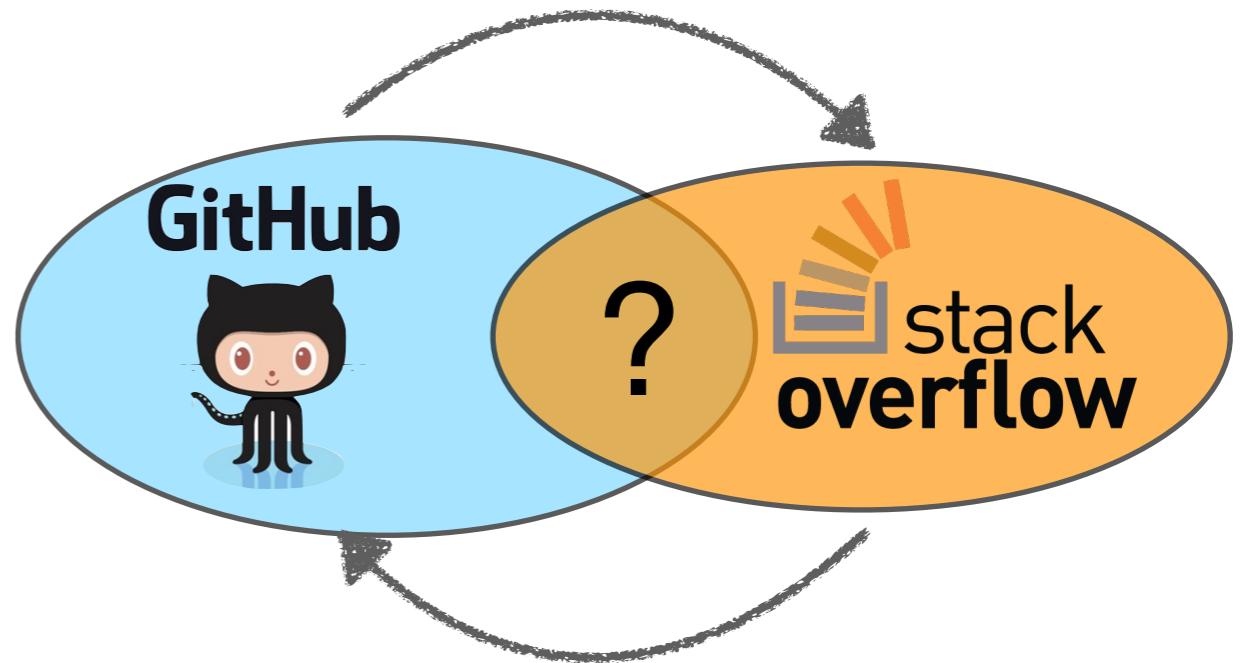
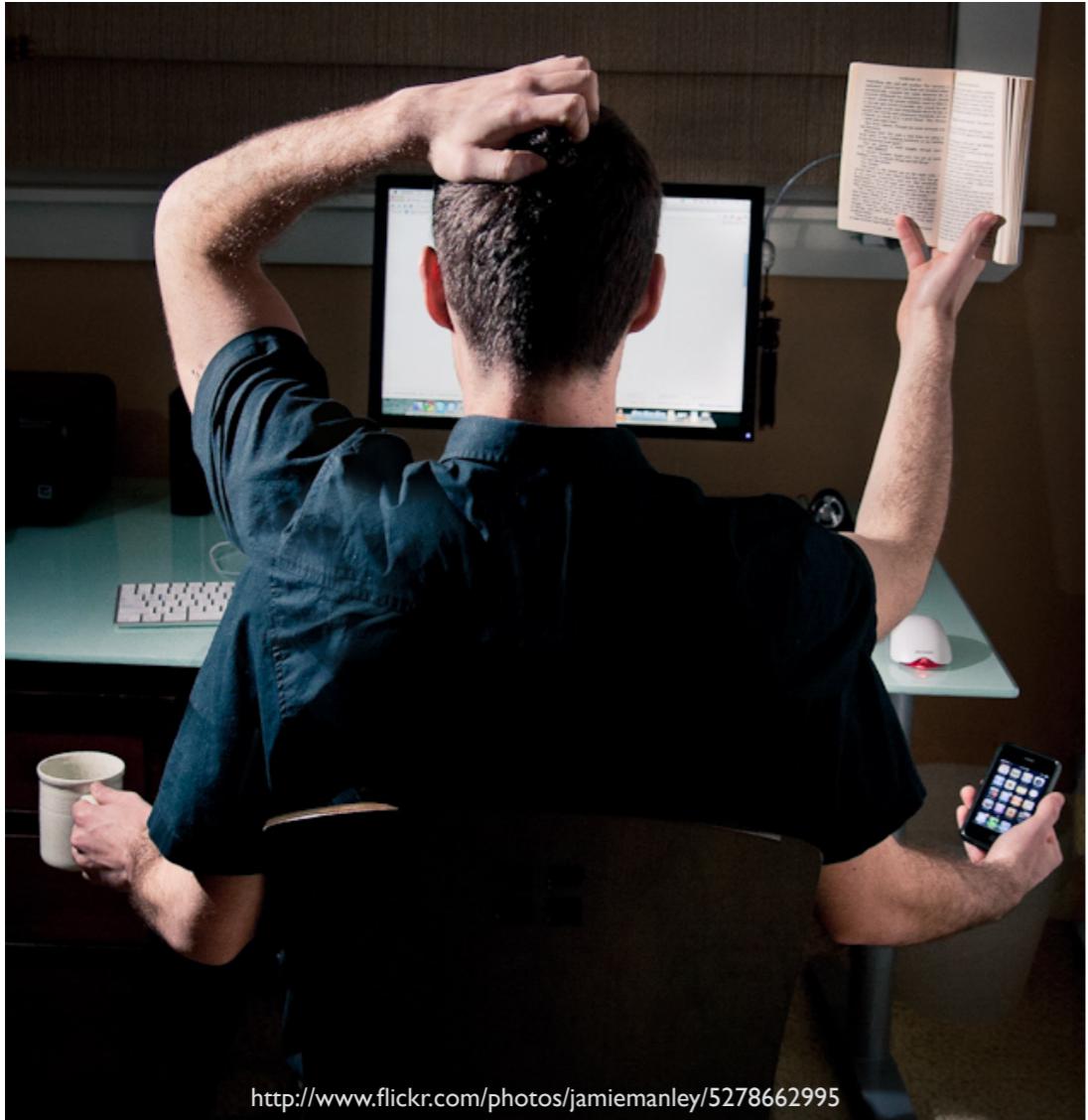


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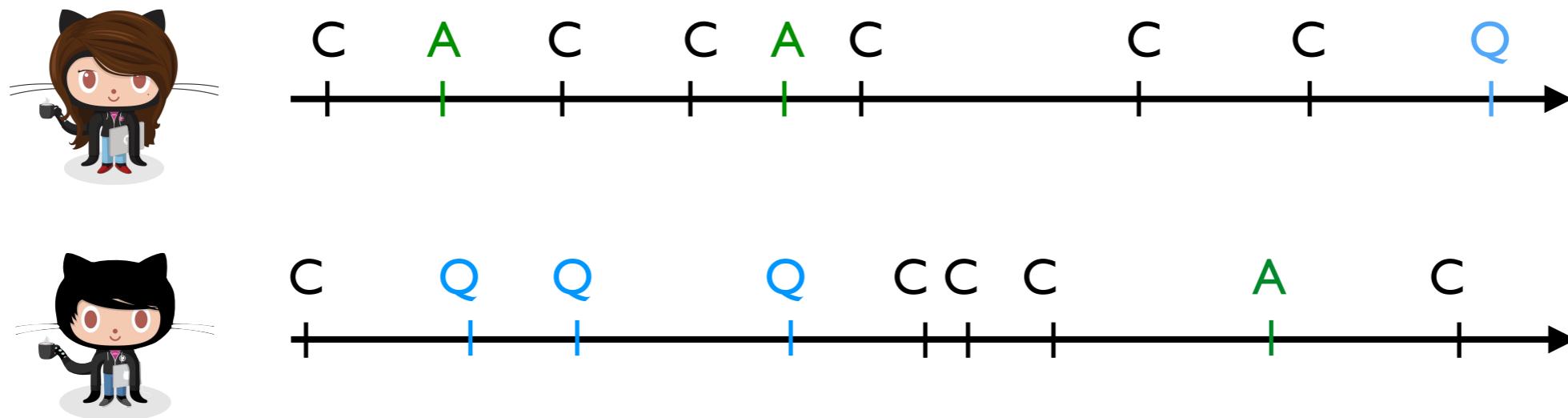
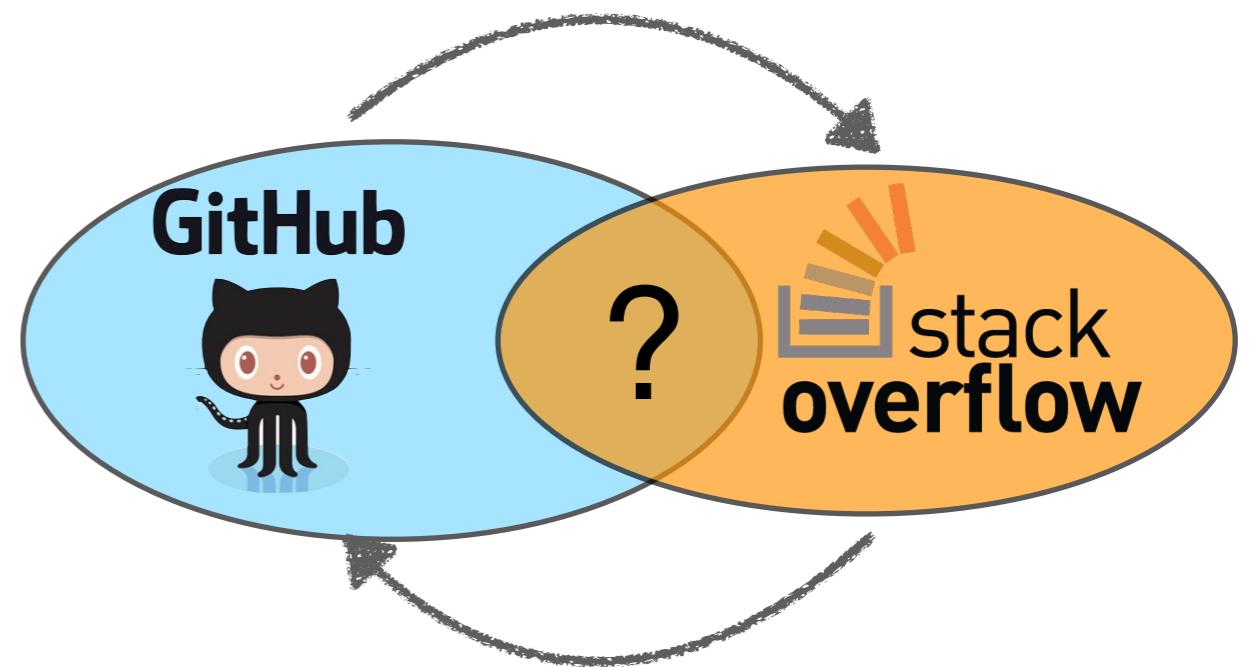
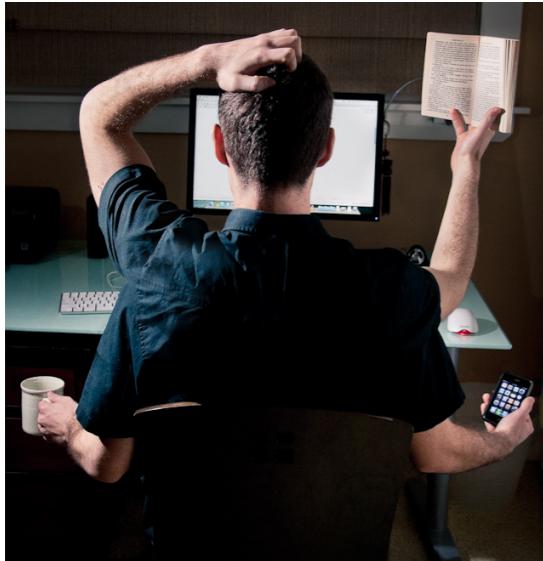
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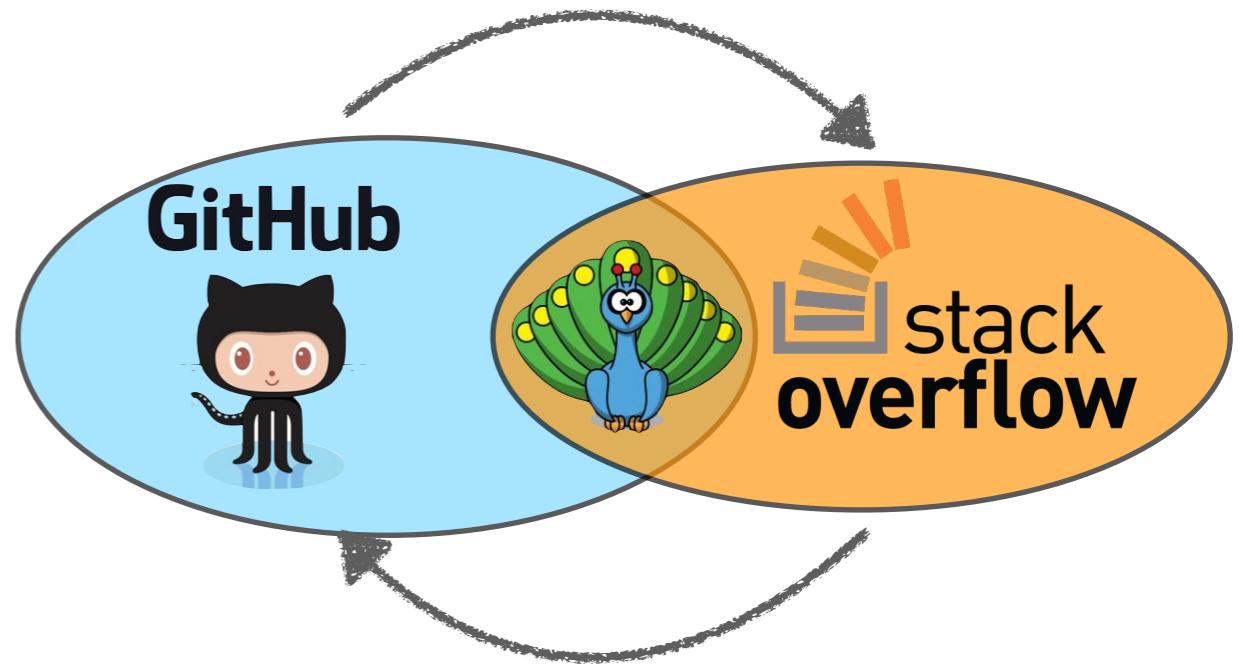
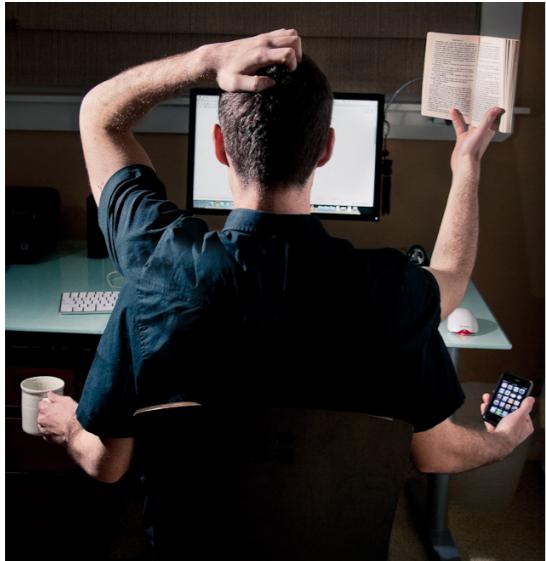
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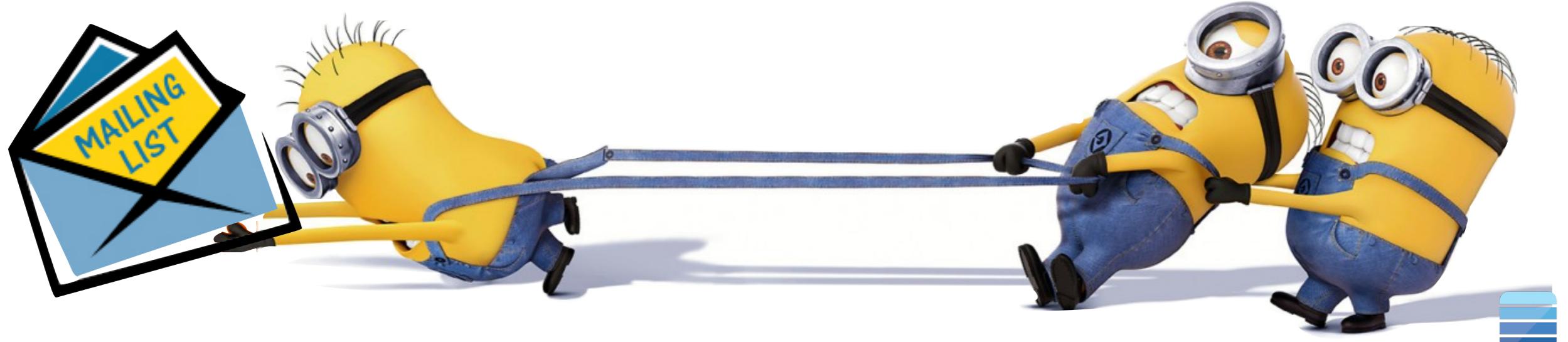


- Experts are experts everywhere
- Participating in SO “speeds up” coding

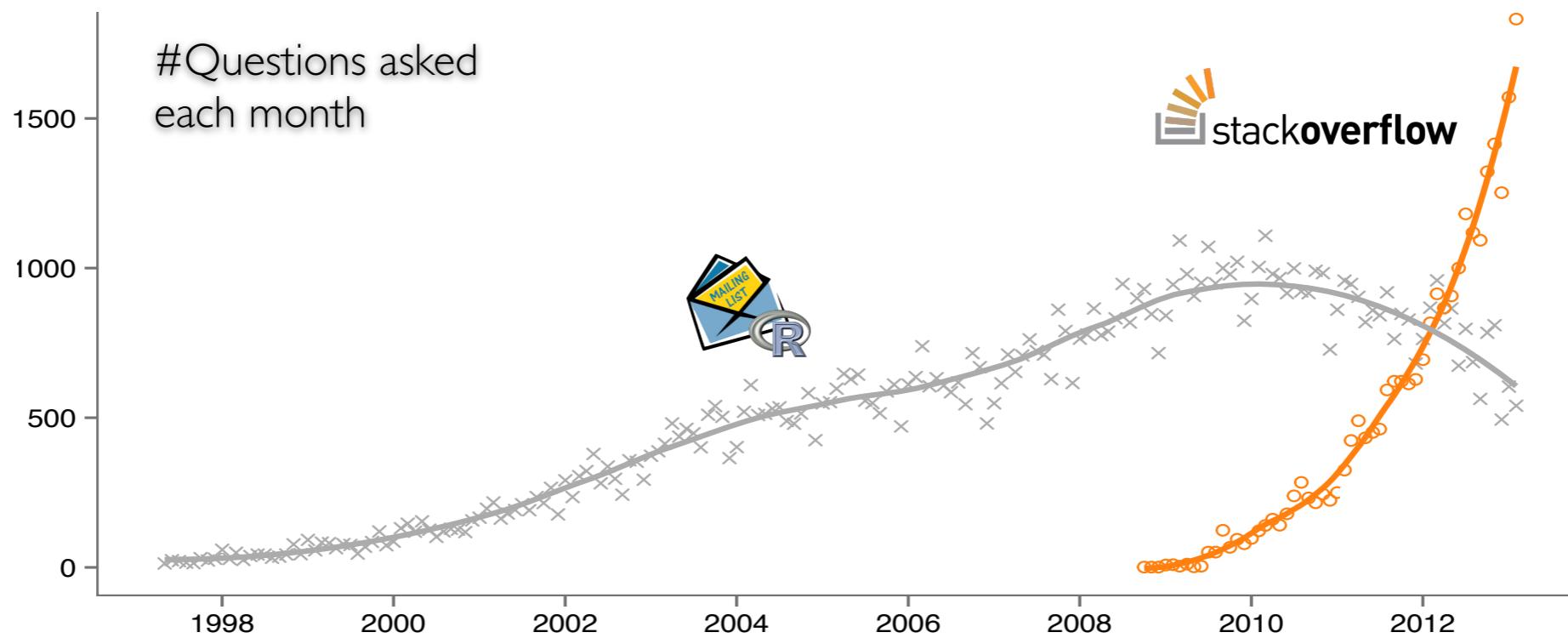
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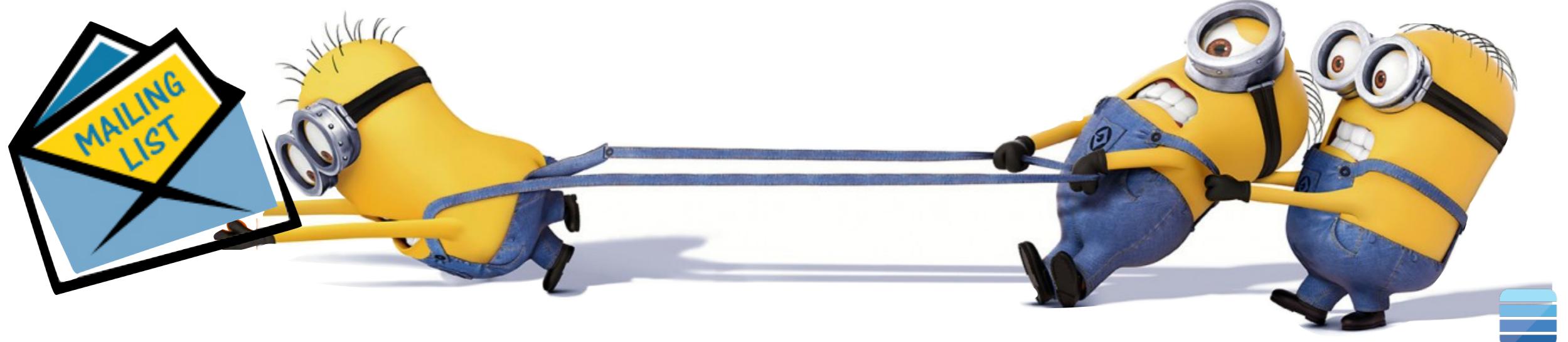


Stack**Exchange**



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## StackExchange

### December 2003 Archives by thread

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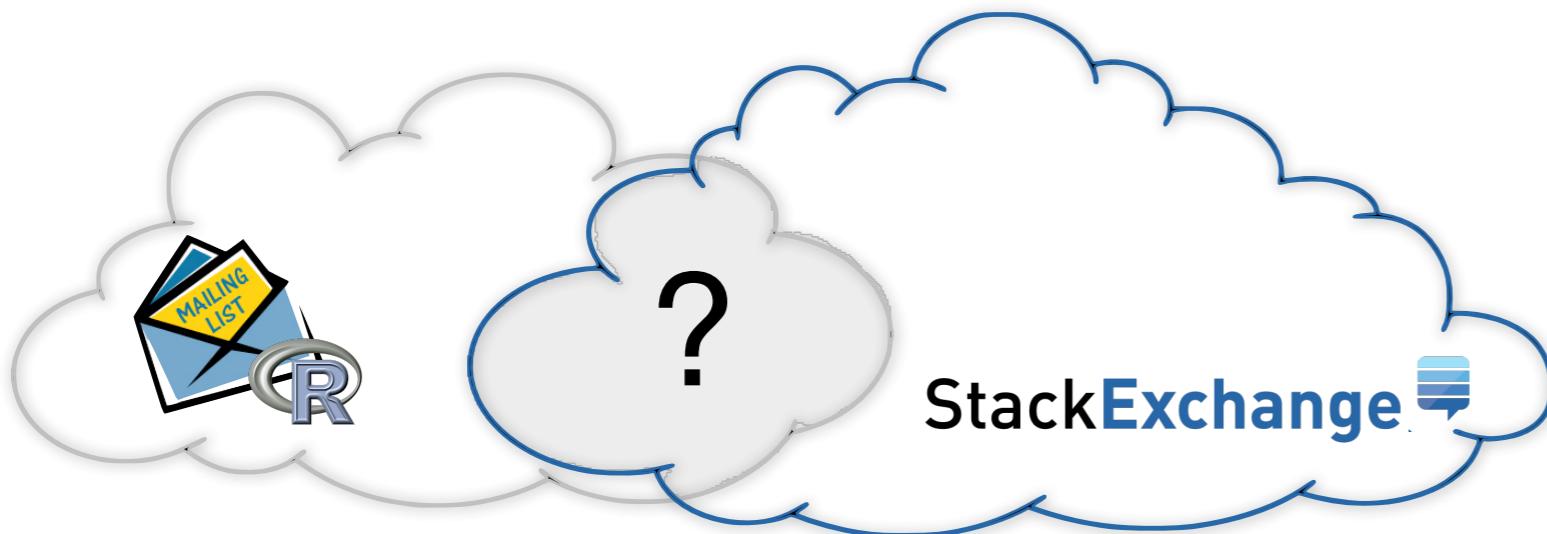
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The screenshot shows a Stack Overflow page for a question titled "How to make a great R reproducible example?". The question has 431 votes, 11 answers, and 24k views. It includes a summary of R as a free, open source programming language for statistical computing, bioinformatics, and graphics. Below the question are links to "learn more...", "improve tag wiki", "top users", and "synonyms (1)". To the right, there's a sidebar with a "community wiki" section for "r-faq" with 4 revisions, 3 users, and 62% completion by Andrie.

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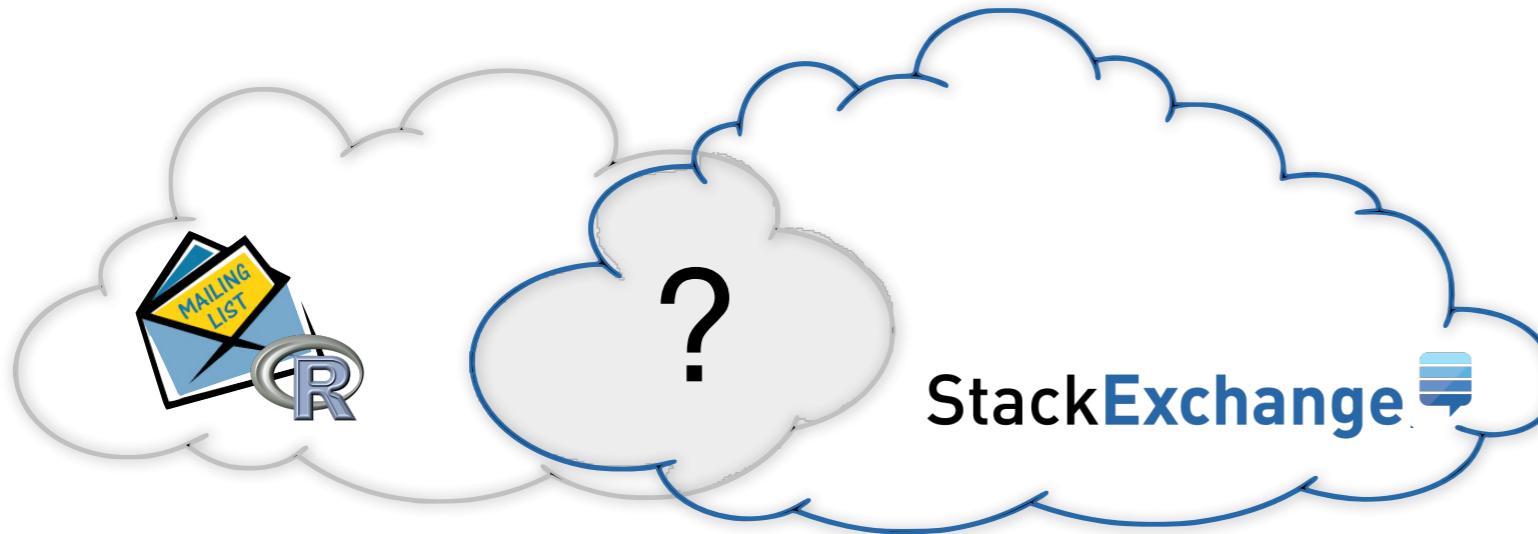


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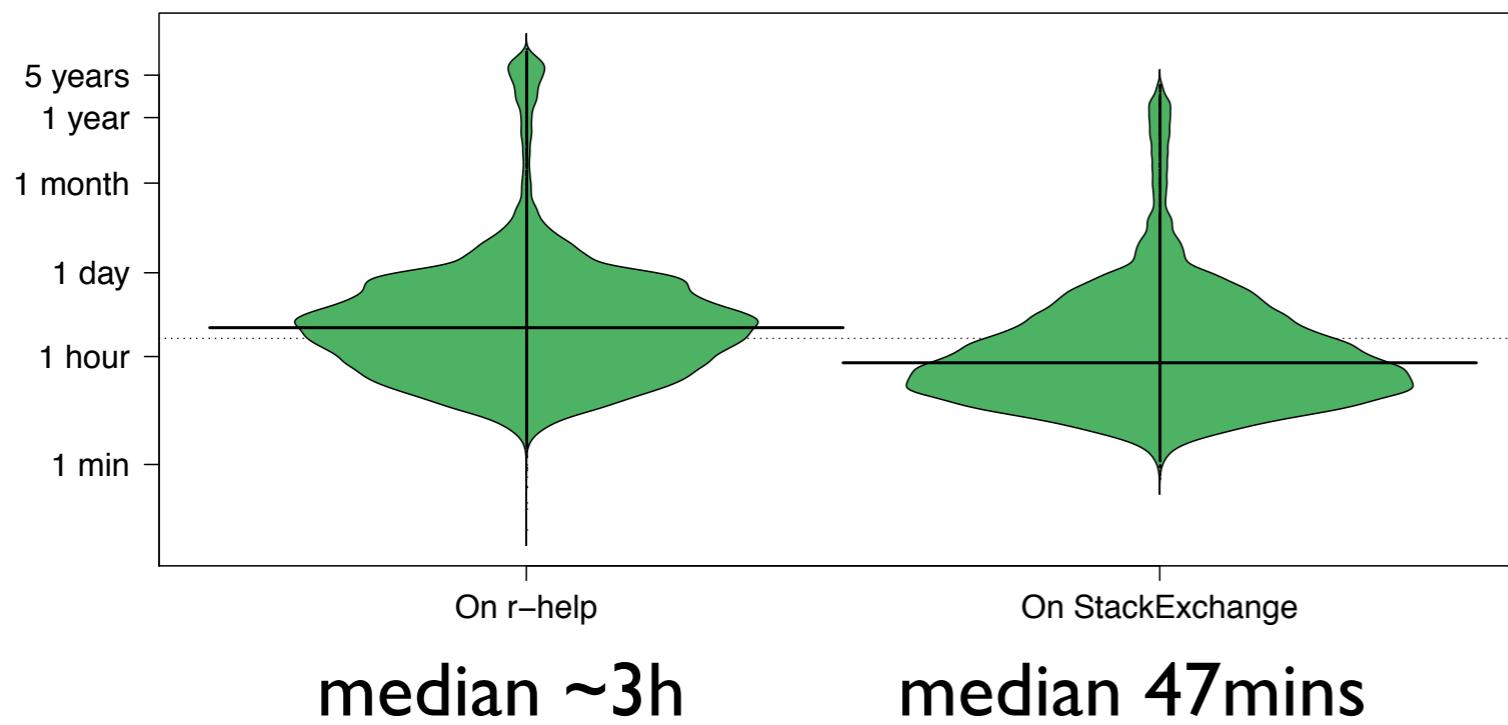


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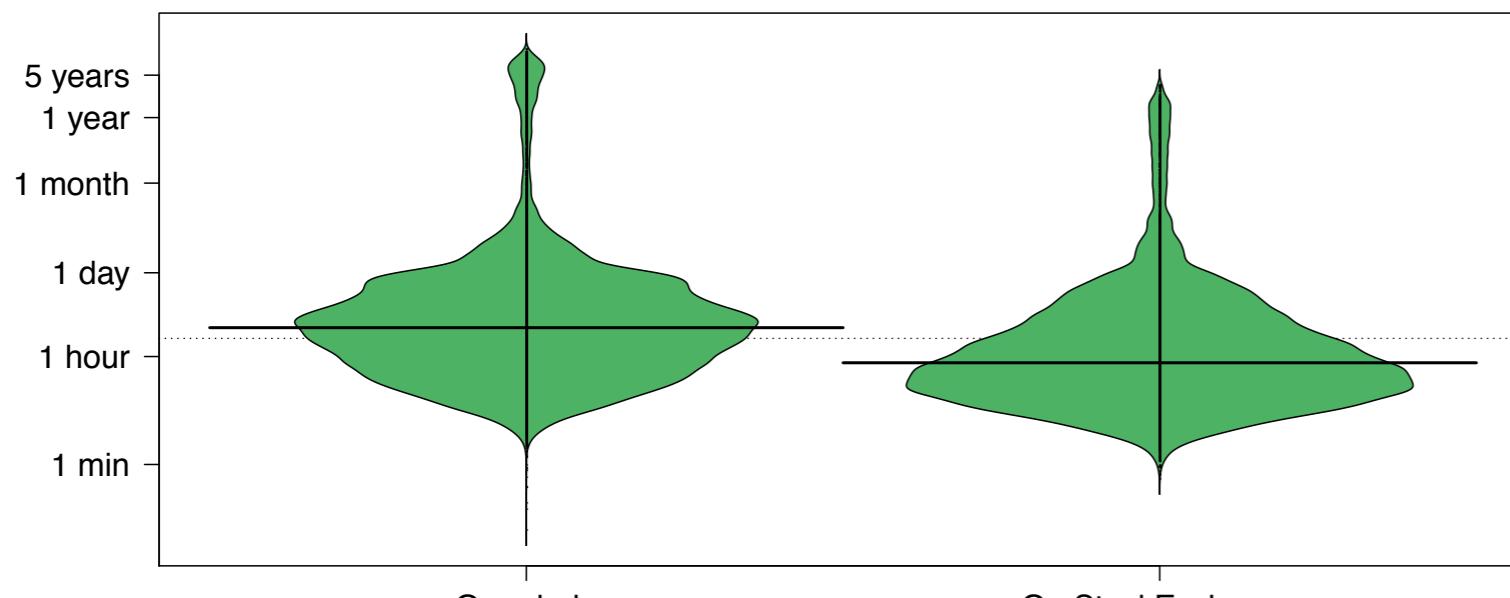


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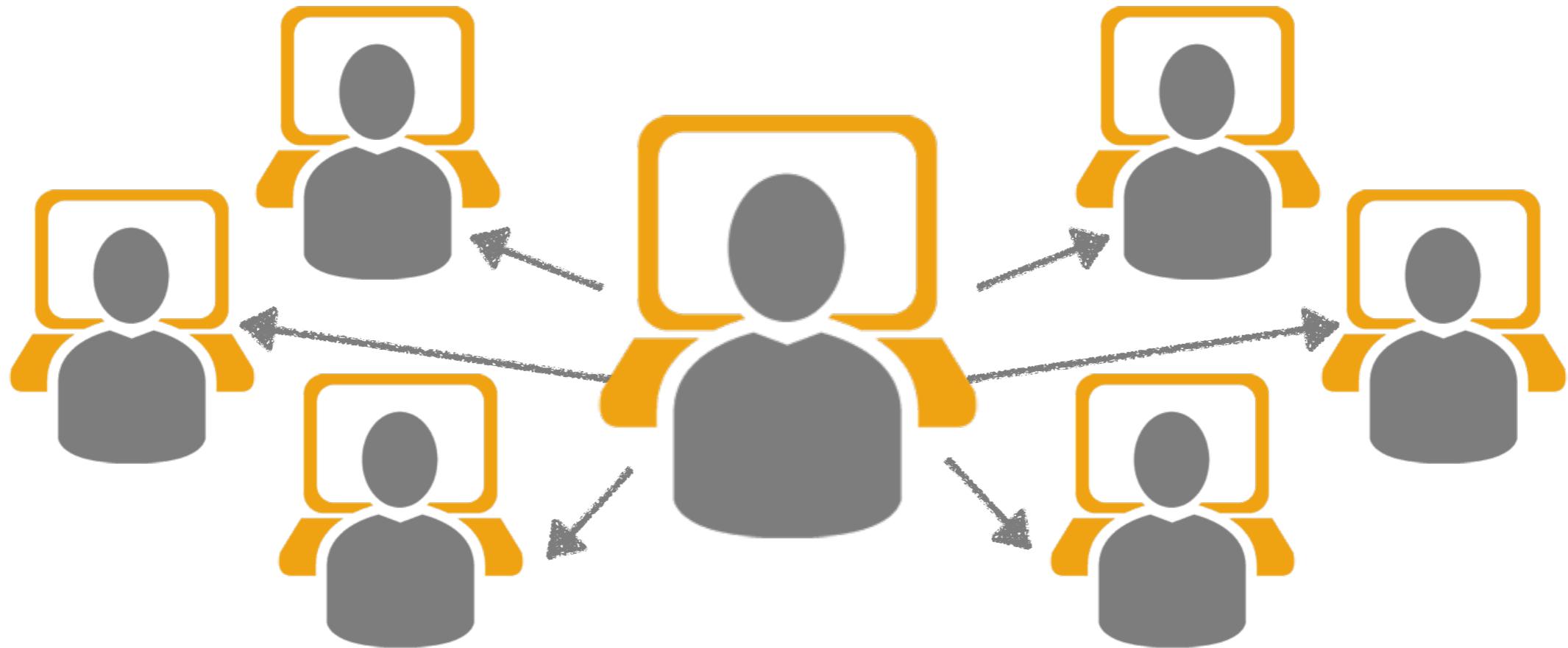
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## The social cost of “social coding”



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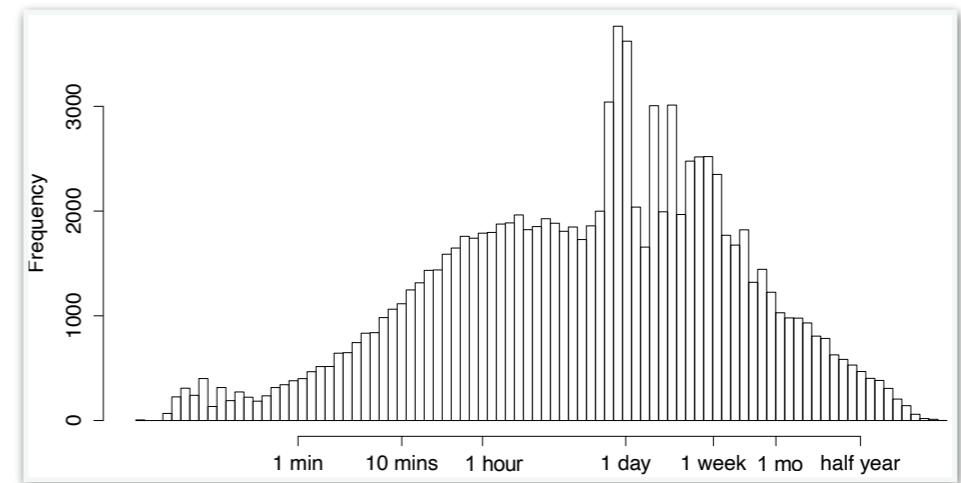
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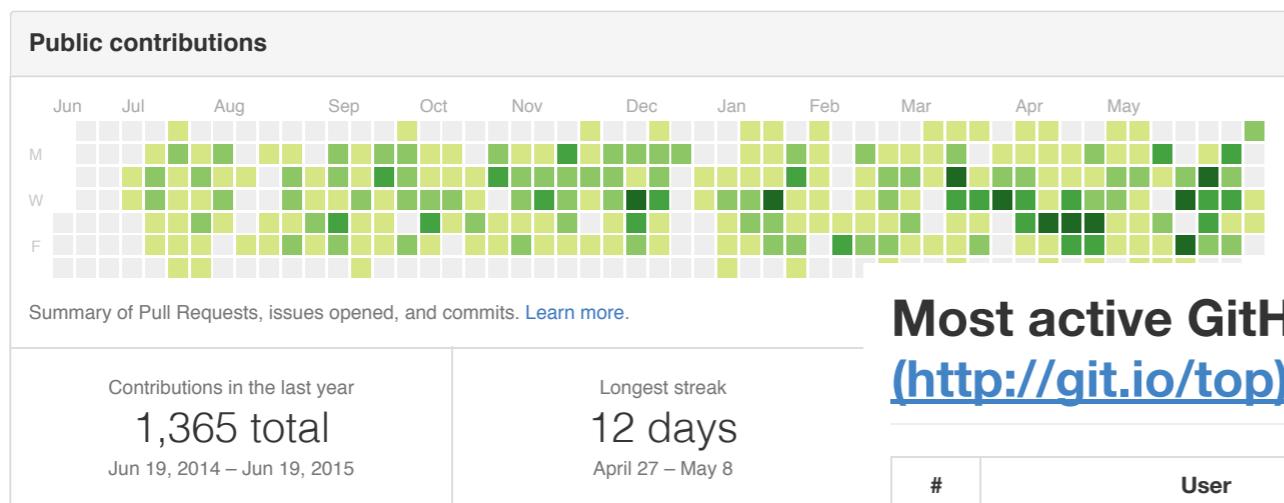


The predictability of  
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## Most active GitHub users ([git.io/top](http://git.io/top)) (<http://git.io/top>)

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#2	<a href="https://github.com/michalbe">michalbe</a> ( <a href="https://github.com/michalbe">https://github.com/michalbe</a> ) (Michał Budzyński)	14771	JavaScript	Warsaw, Poland
#3	<a href="https://github.com/kevinsawicki">kevinsawicki</a> ( <a href="https://github.com/kevinsawicki">https://github.com/kevinsawicki</a> ) (Kevin Sawicki)	9159	JavaScript	Redwood City, C

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

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

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



5.8%

- Stack Overflow 2015 Developer Survey (26,086 people from 157 countries)  
<http://stackoverflow.com/research/developer-survey-2015#profile-gender>



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# Gender representation



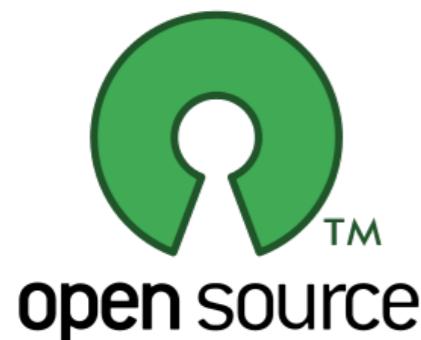
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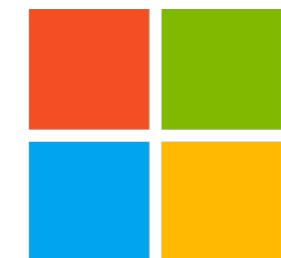
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10.9%

Google

18%



16.6%

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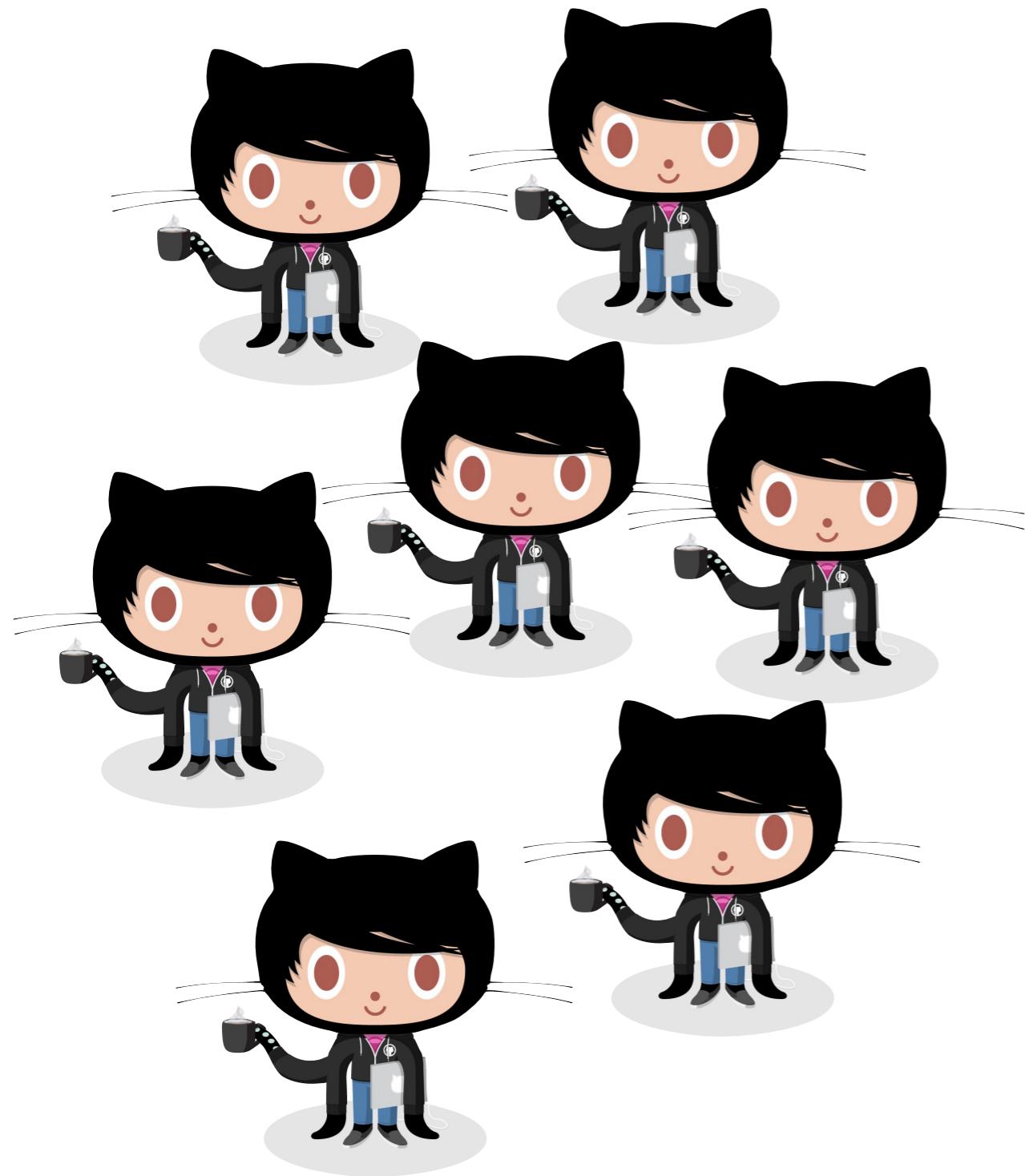
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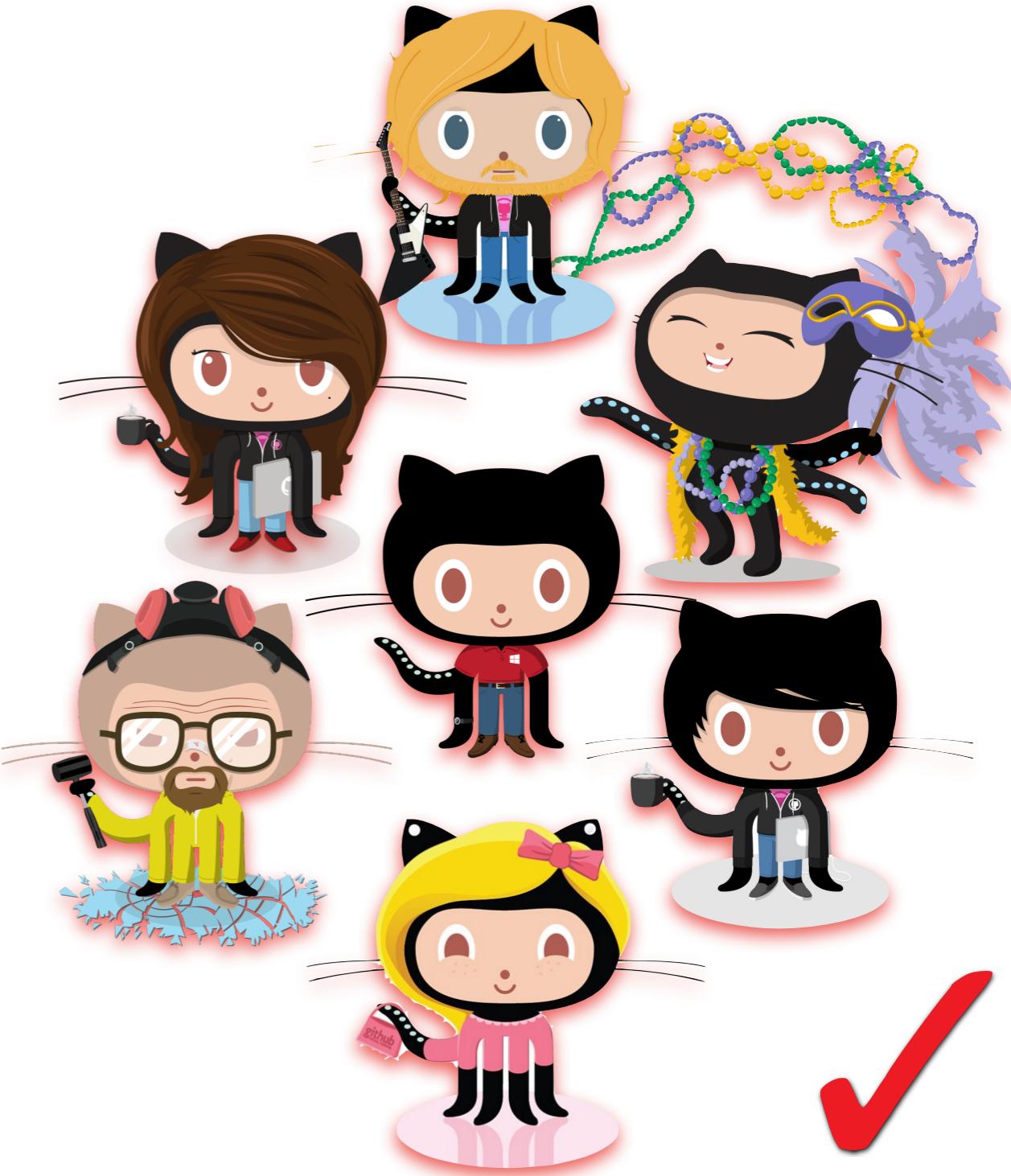
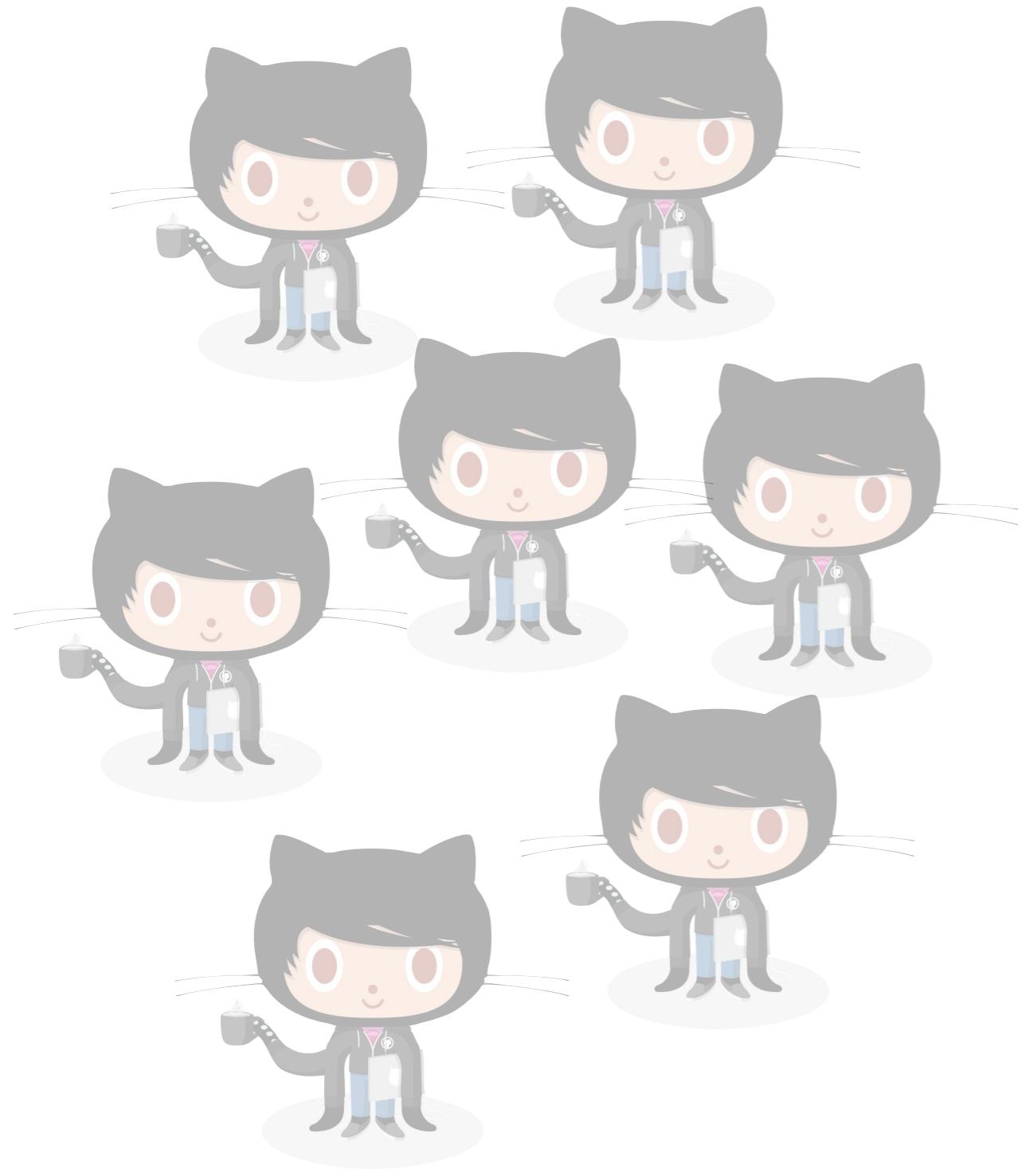
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# Diversity



Hollie Caporilli  
2012

## Similarity attraction theory

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



## Social identity and social categorization theory

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

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

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# Diversity



Driver of internal innovation and business growth [Forbes]

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



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



Multicultural social networks promote creativity [Harvard Business School]

# Diversity



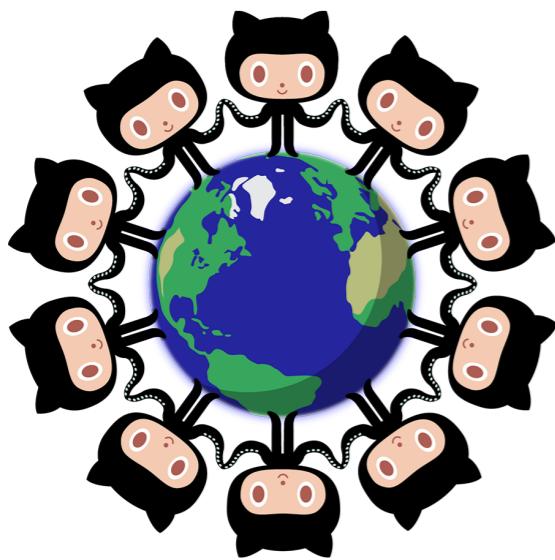
## Information Processing Theory

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

[Salancik & Pfeffer]

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

Different settings



Geographic &  
cultural dispersion



Online communities  
& distributed comm.  
channels

Different methods



Quantitative;  
large-scale trace data

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



Gender diversity  
= mix women/men

*simplifying assumption:  
gender is binary*



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

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

Reports of active  
discrimination and sexism  
towards women [Nafus]

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Tenure diversity  
= mix junior/senior



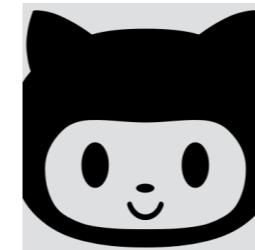
The “onion” structure of OSS:  
small (stable) core + large  
(loose) periphery [Ducheneaut]



High turnover [Robles &  
Gonzalez-Barahona]

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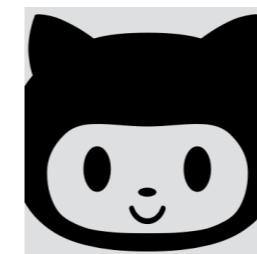
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World's largest open  
source community

Trace data available  
@ghtorrent  
[Gousios et al]

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Theoretical



Technical

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

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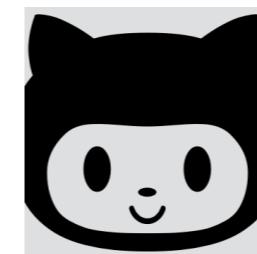
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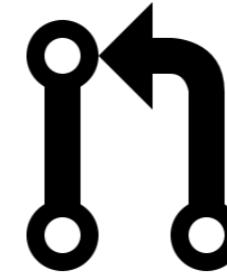
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Demographics are less salient in OSS  
[Riordan & Shore]

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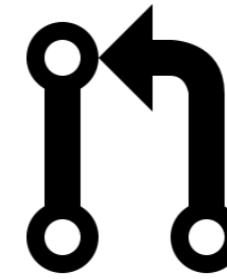
Anyone can contribute to any repository.  
Who's on a team?

Technical

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



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Gender is not explicitly recorded

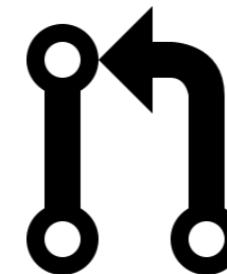
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People contribute  
under multiple aliases

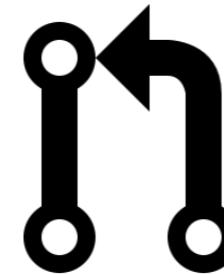
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# Today: gender & tenure diversity in open source software (OSS) GitHub teams



Theoretical



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How to analyze  
such large-scale  
longitudinal trace  
data?

# Approach: mixed methods

**Diversity survey**

Welcome to our GitHub diversity survey!

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

Your participation is voluntary and confidential. If you agree to



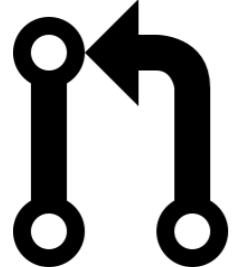
- Perceptions of diversity on GitHub: A user survey  
B Vasilescu, V Filkov, A Serebrenik. CHASE 2015

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# Survey

4,500 invitations, 816 responses



What constitutes a team?



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Does diversity matter?

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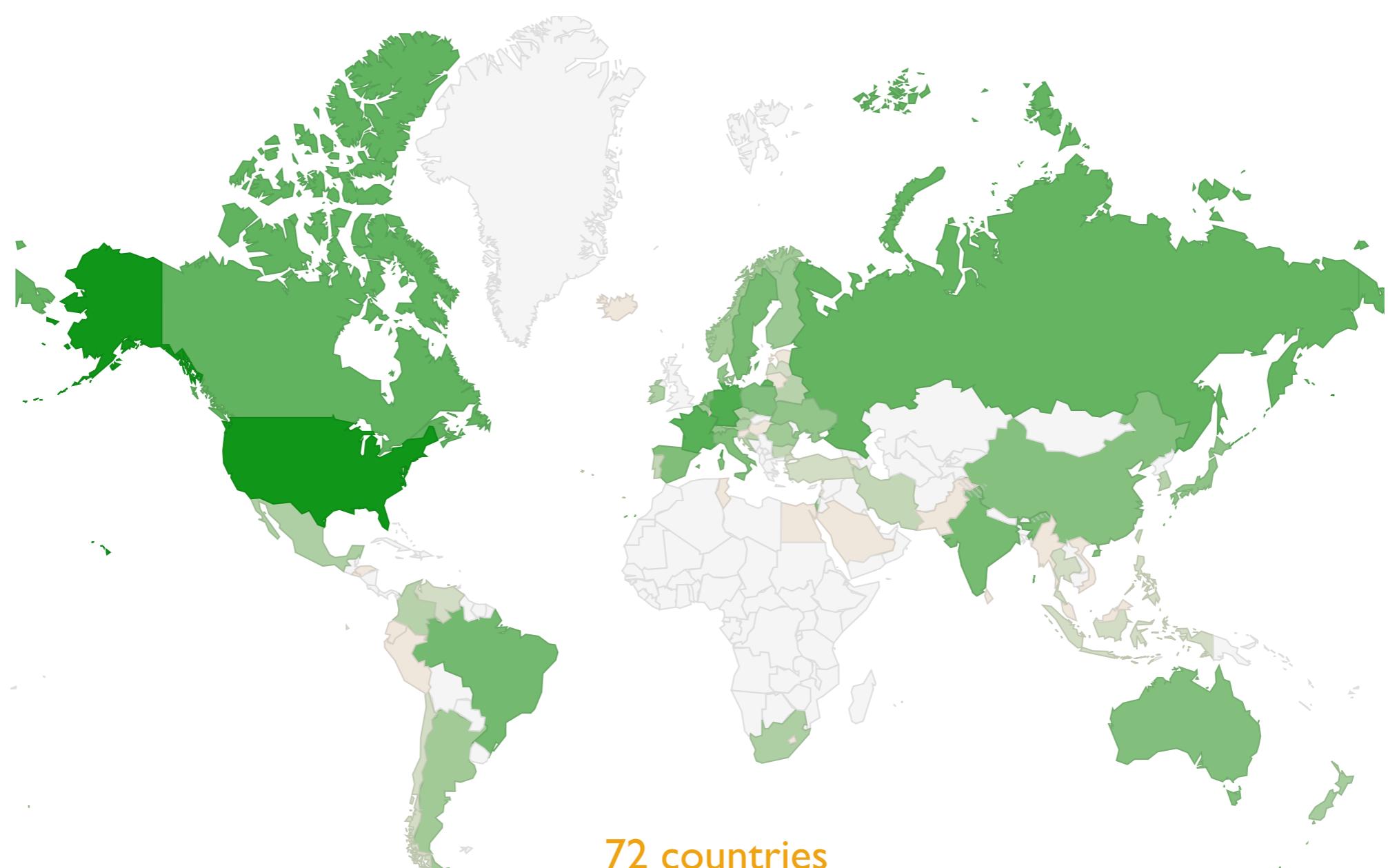


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72 countries

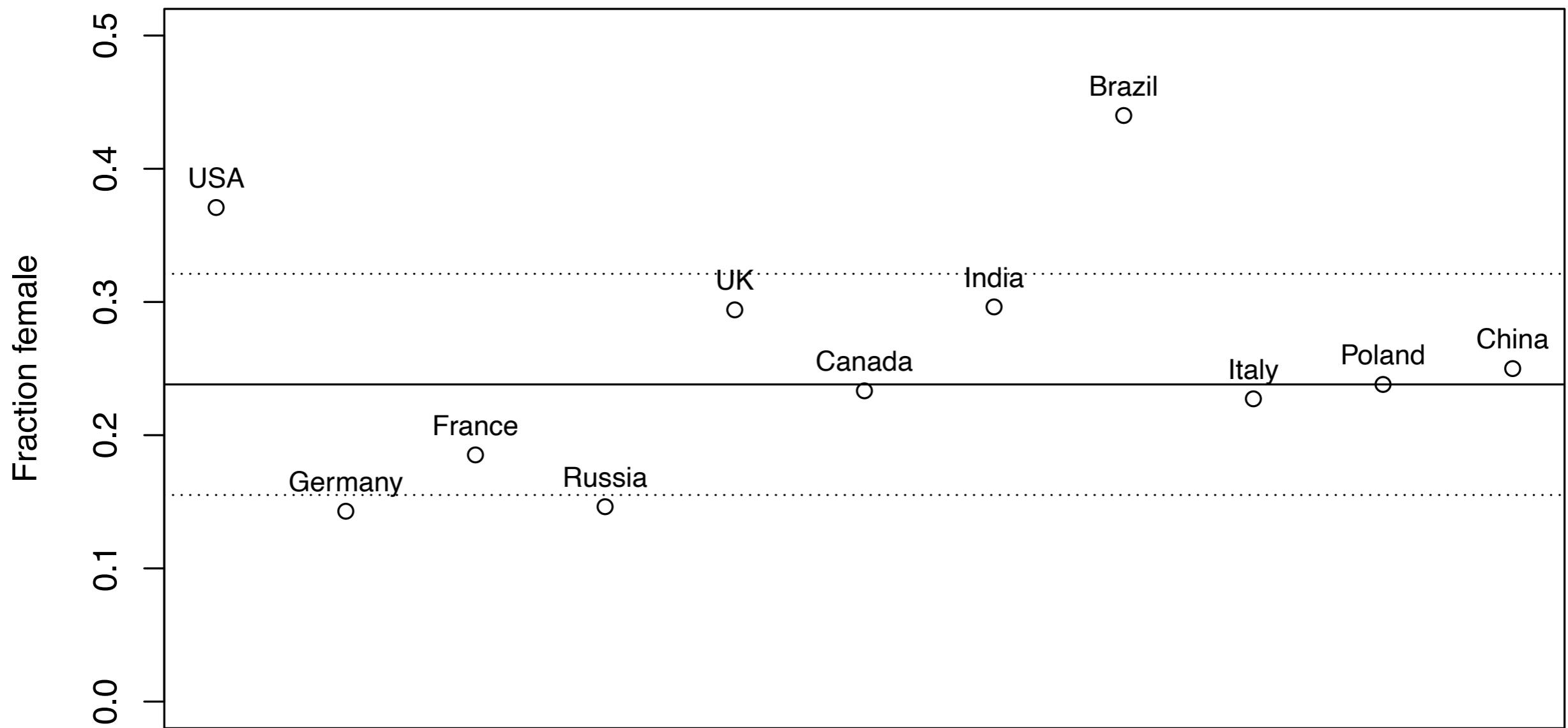


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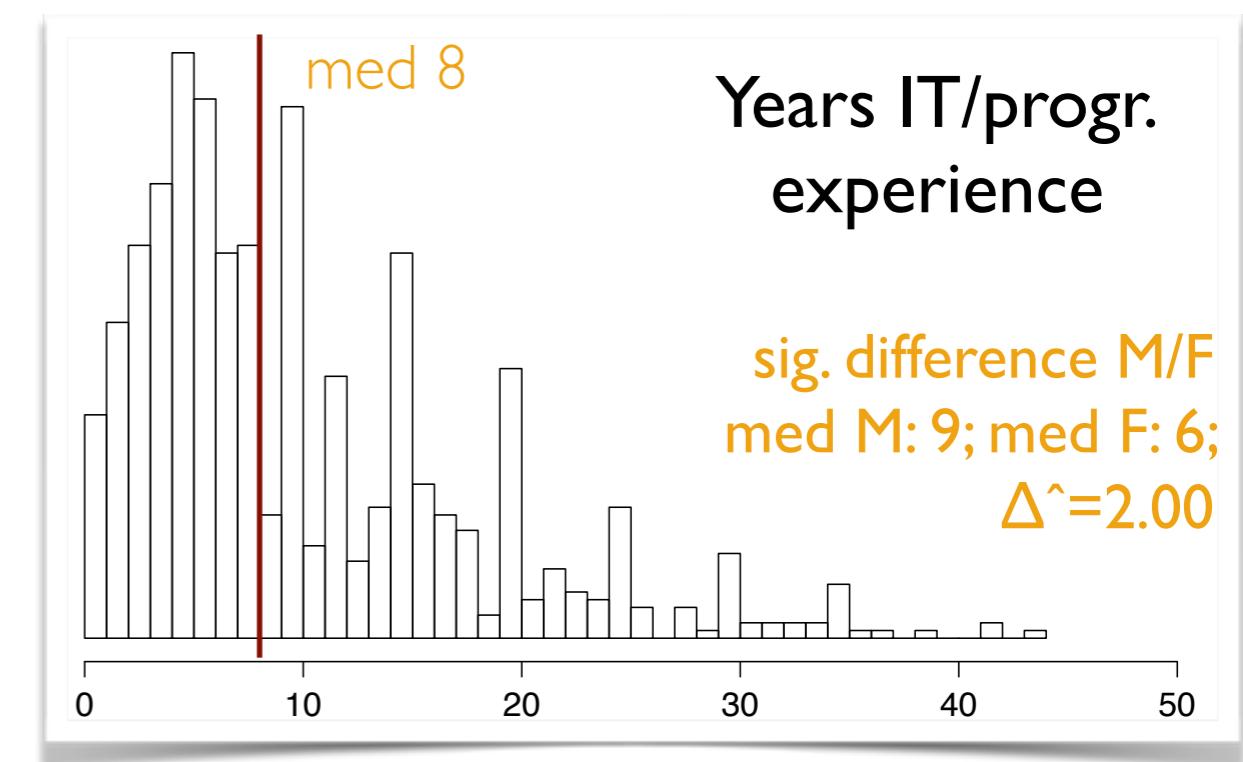
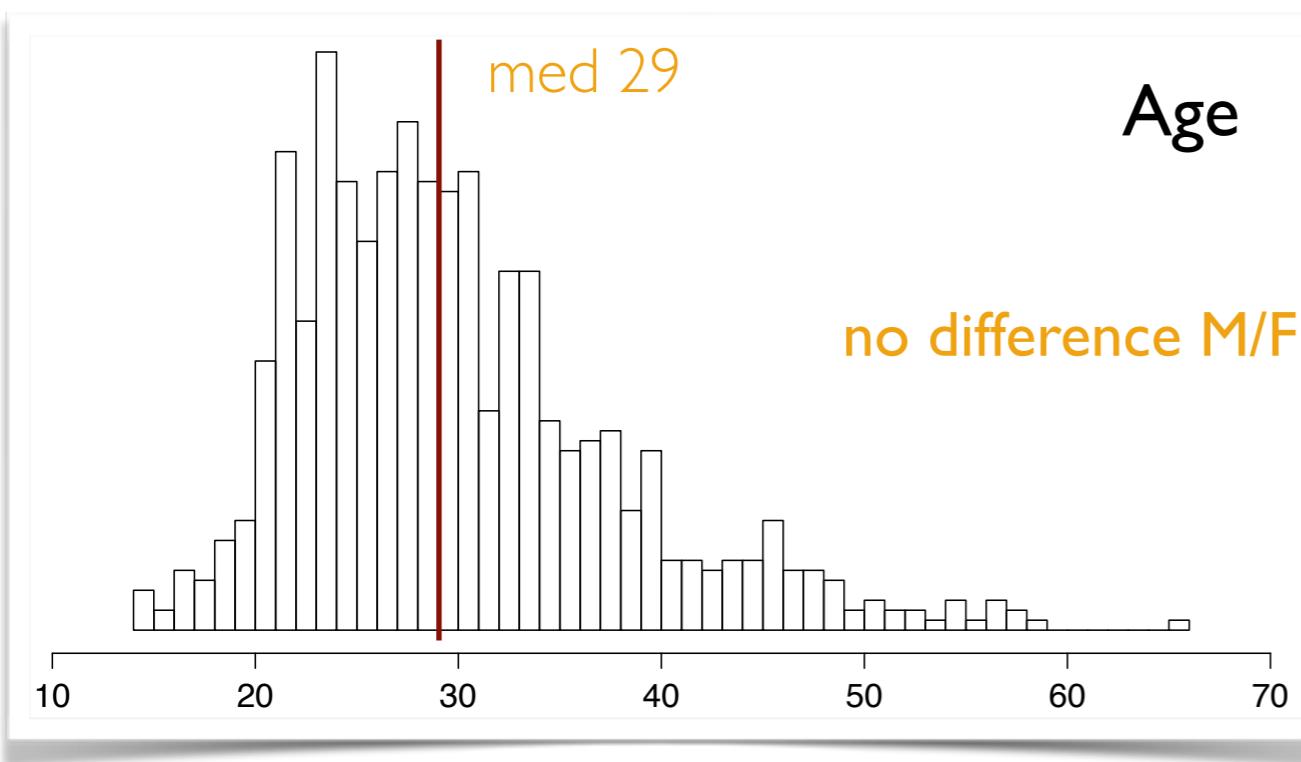


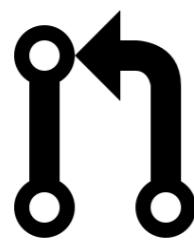
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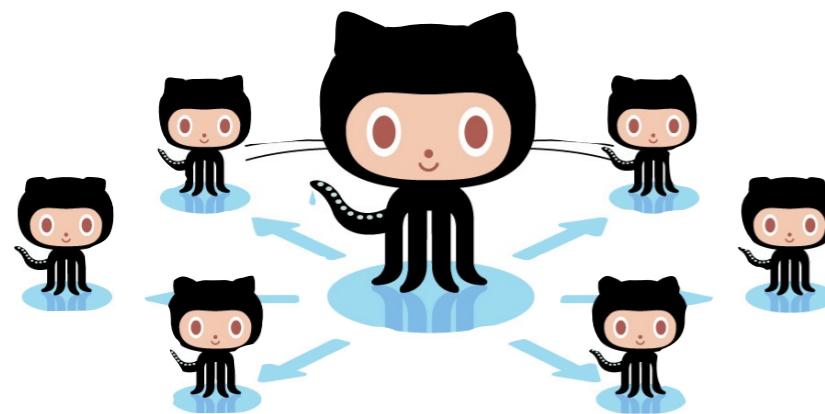
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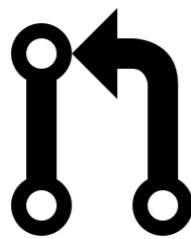


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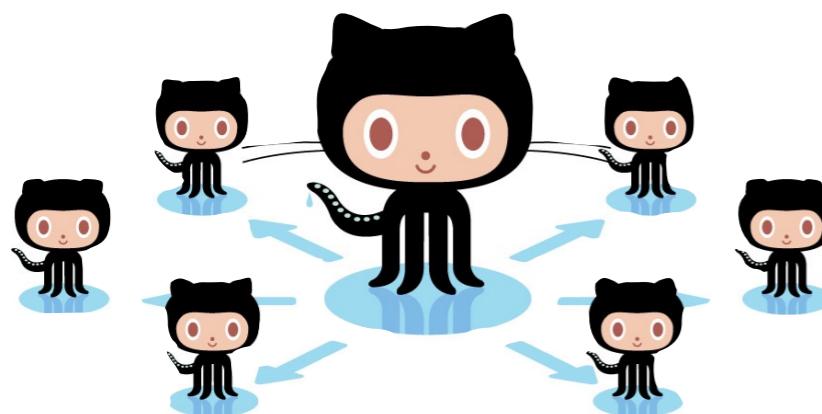


- The repository owner and others who can push directly
  - People who contribute code frequently
  - People who work on my particular feature/branch
- ▲ **less inclusive**
- ▼ **more inclusive**
- Everyone who does something in this repository

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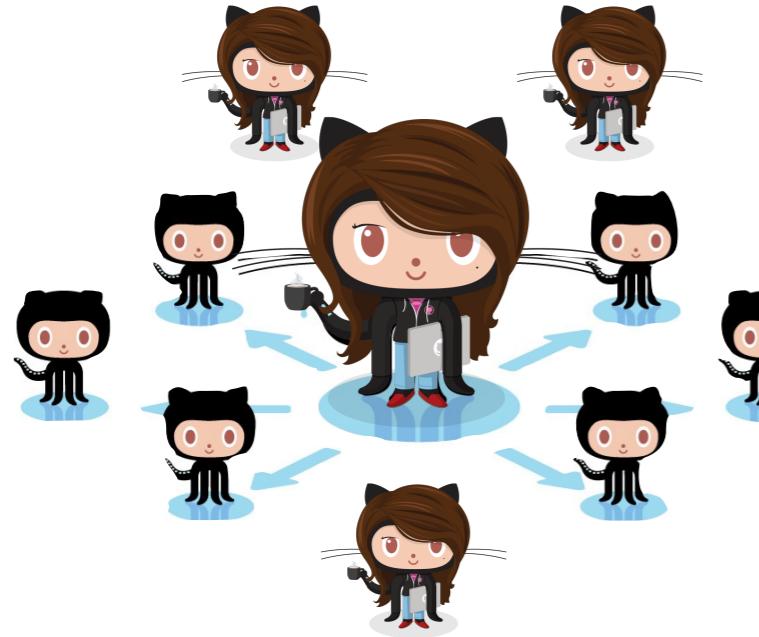
Everyone

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Which differences do people recognize among team members?

... for (none other / few other / most other) team members



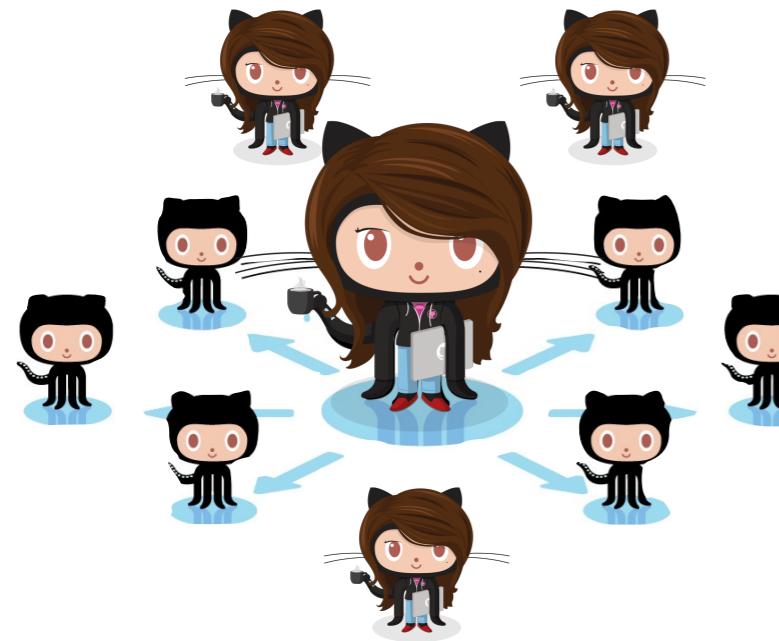
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Demographics not salient in  
OSS [Riordan & Shore]

- Programming skills 74%
- **Gender** 48%
- Real name 45%
- Social skills 42%
- Country of residence 40%
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- Educational level 26%
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- Hobbies 11%
- Political views 4%

Developers are aware of each other's gender

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Does diversity matter?

“code sees no color or gender”

“any demographic identity is irrelevant”

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

Meritocracy; no effects of diversity

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Does diversity matter?

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

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

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

Positive effects of diversity

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Does diversity matter?

Gender related

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

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

“... caused me to leave a project”

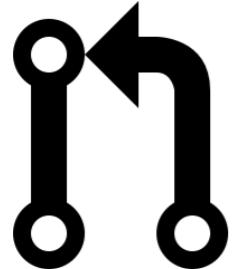
Negative effects of diversity

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The team is everyone



Which differences do people recognize among team members?

Gender is surprisingly salient



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Positive/negative/no effects of diversity

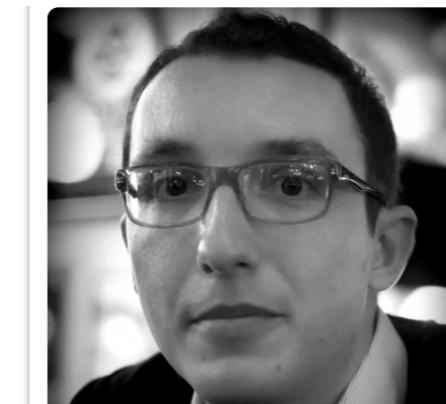
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# Mining



Infer genders  
[Vasilescu et al,  
IW'C'13]

Sample  
4K projects



Bogdan Vasilescu  
bvasiles

University of California  
Davis, CA  
<http://bvasiles.github.io>  
Joined on Jul 3, 2012



Bogdan + USA

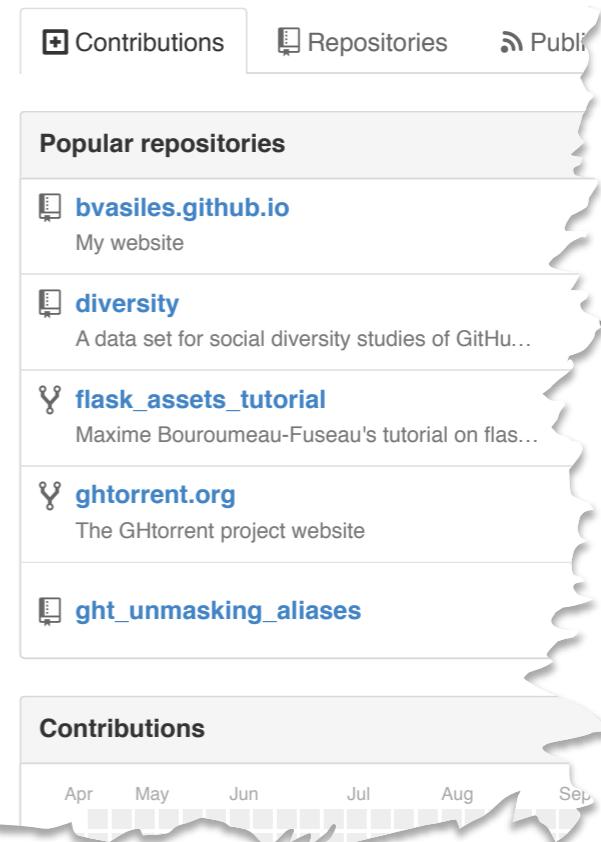


male

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

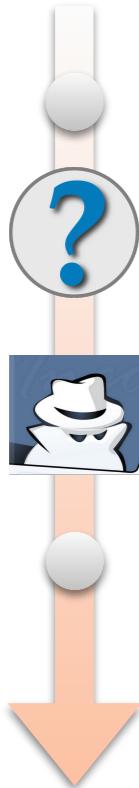
Name frequency tables for 30 countries  
<http://github.com/tue-mdse/genderComputer>

Andrea + Italy = male  
Andrea + USA = female



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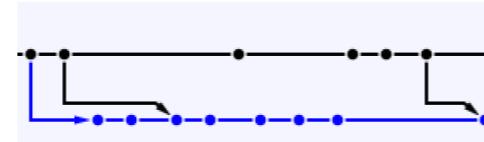
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Turnover  
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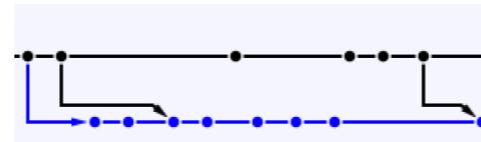
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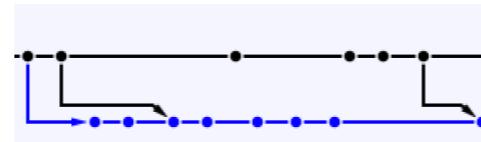
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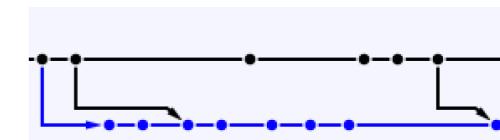
Time



Project age



Project activity



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# Analysis

## Nesting: projects

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					Q5	19	12	10	0.00	0.93	0.75
					Q6	7	13	12	0.25	0.54	0.67
					Q7	56	53	20	0.00	0.56	0.87
					...						
B	2010-09-21	11	2075	578	Q4	71	169	83	0.03	0.66	0.87
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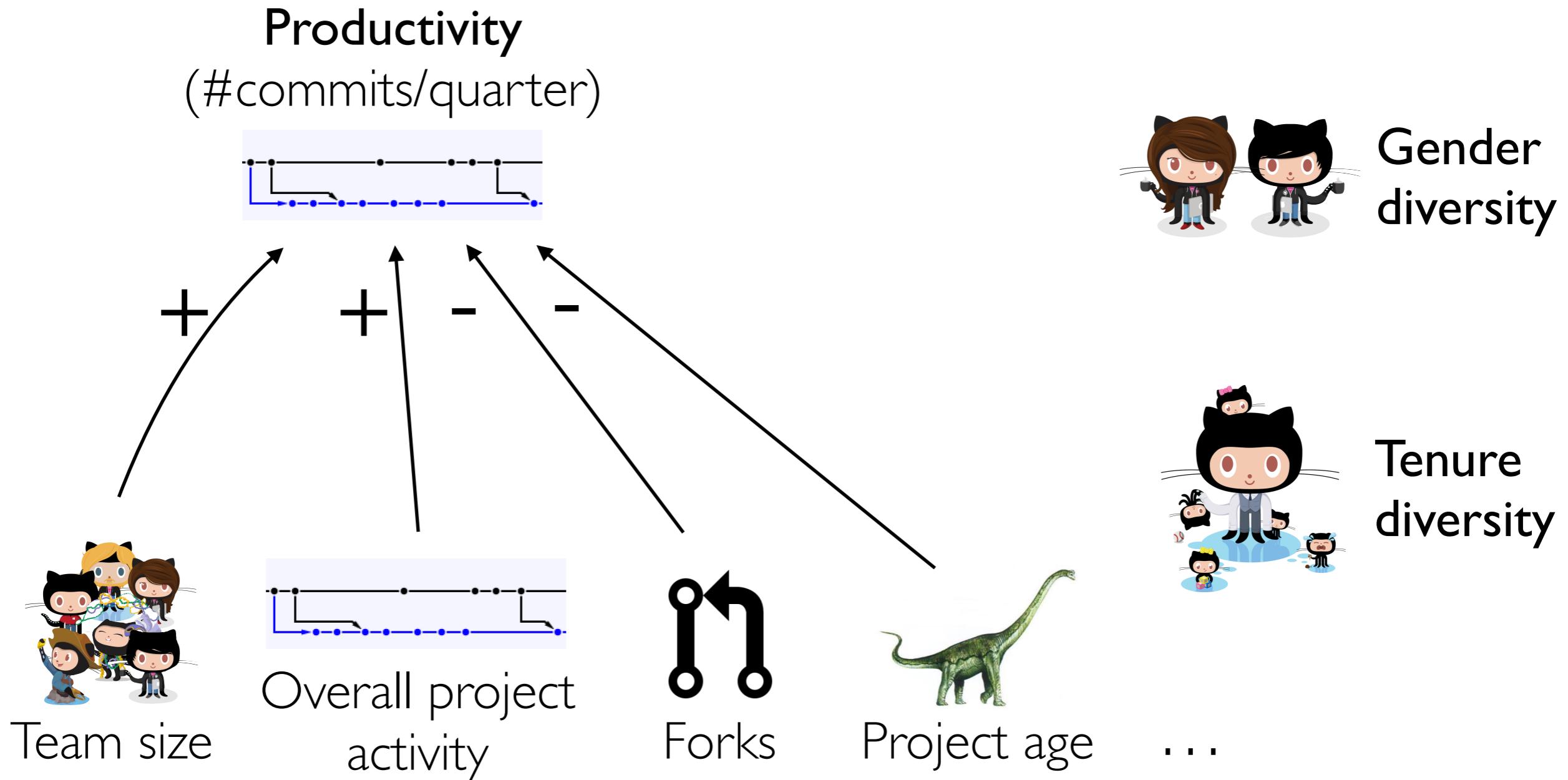
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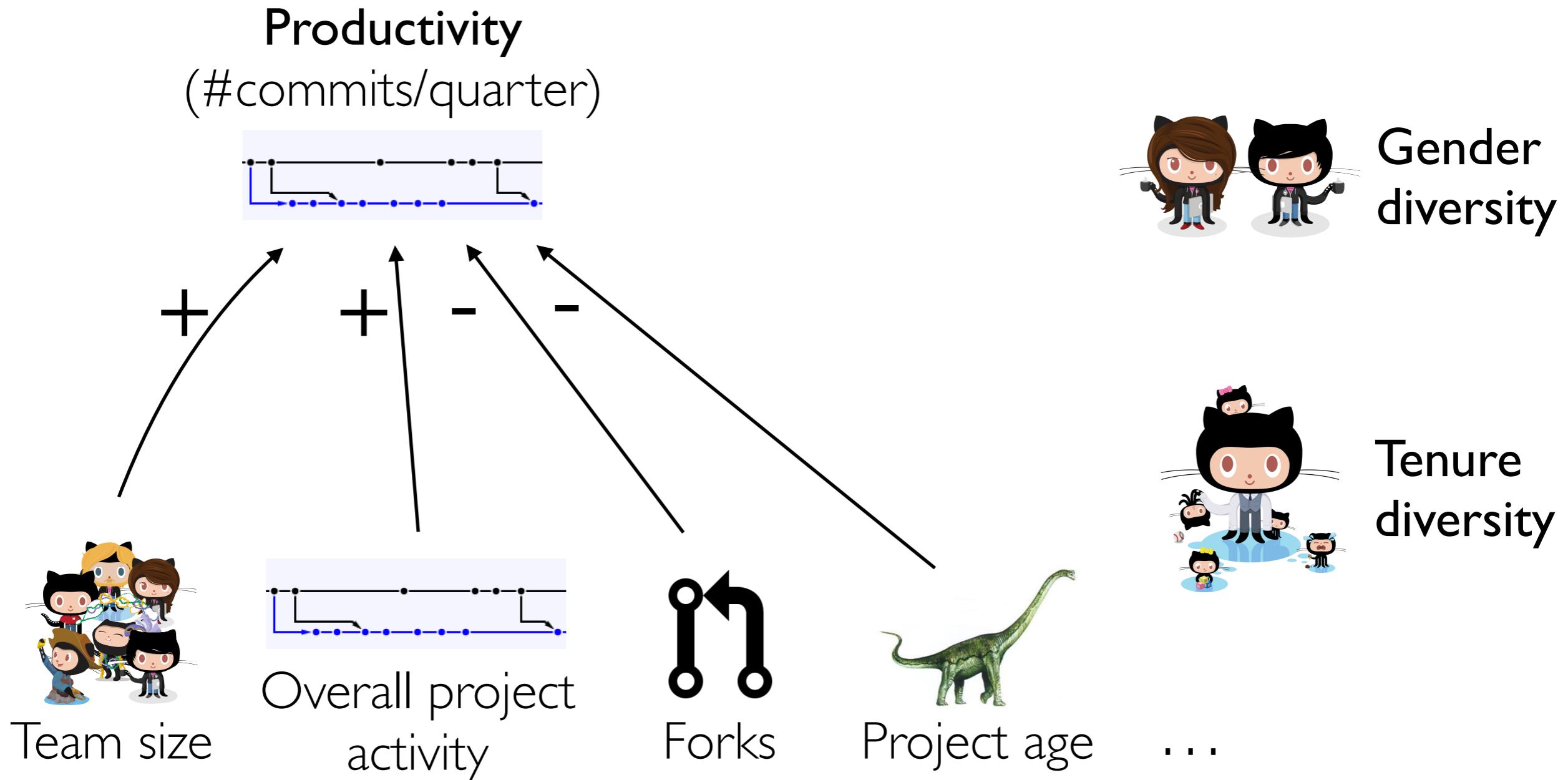
Linear mixed-effects  
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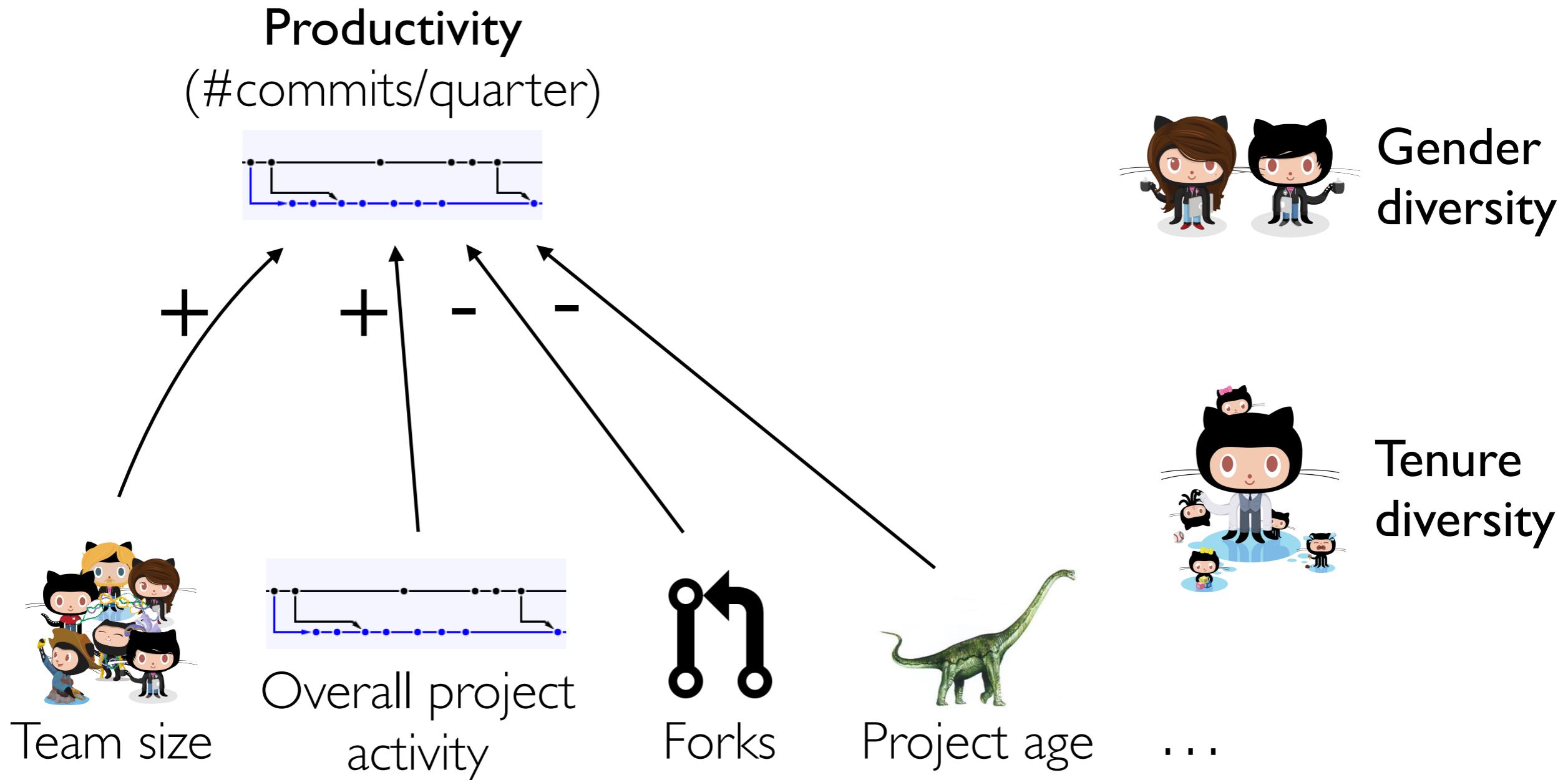
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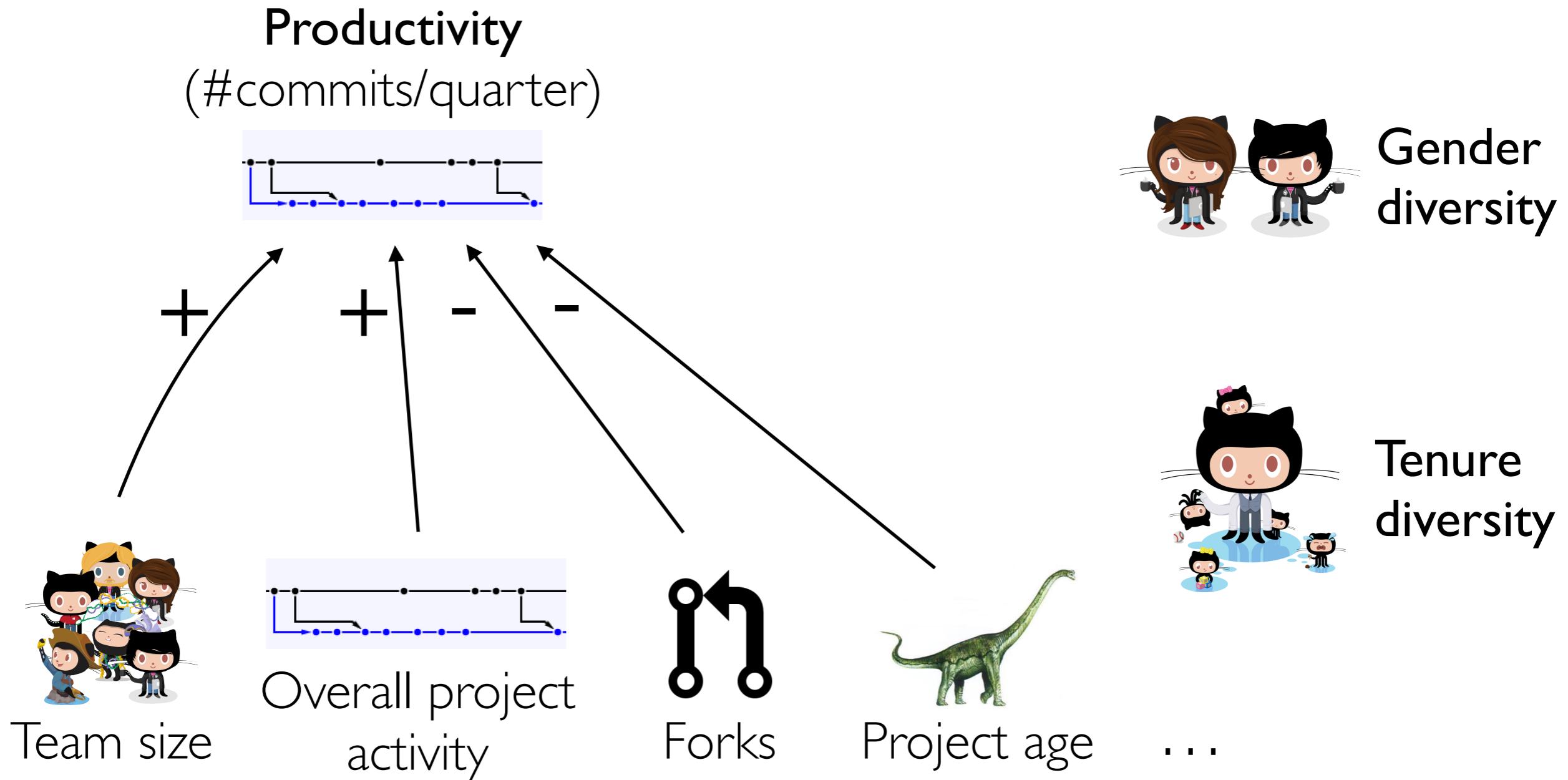
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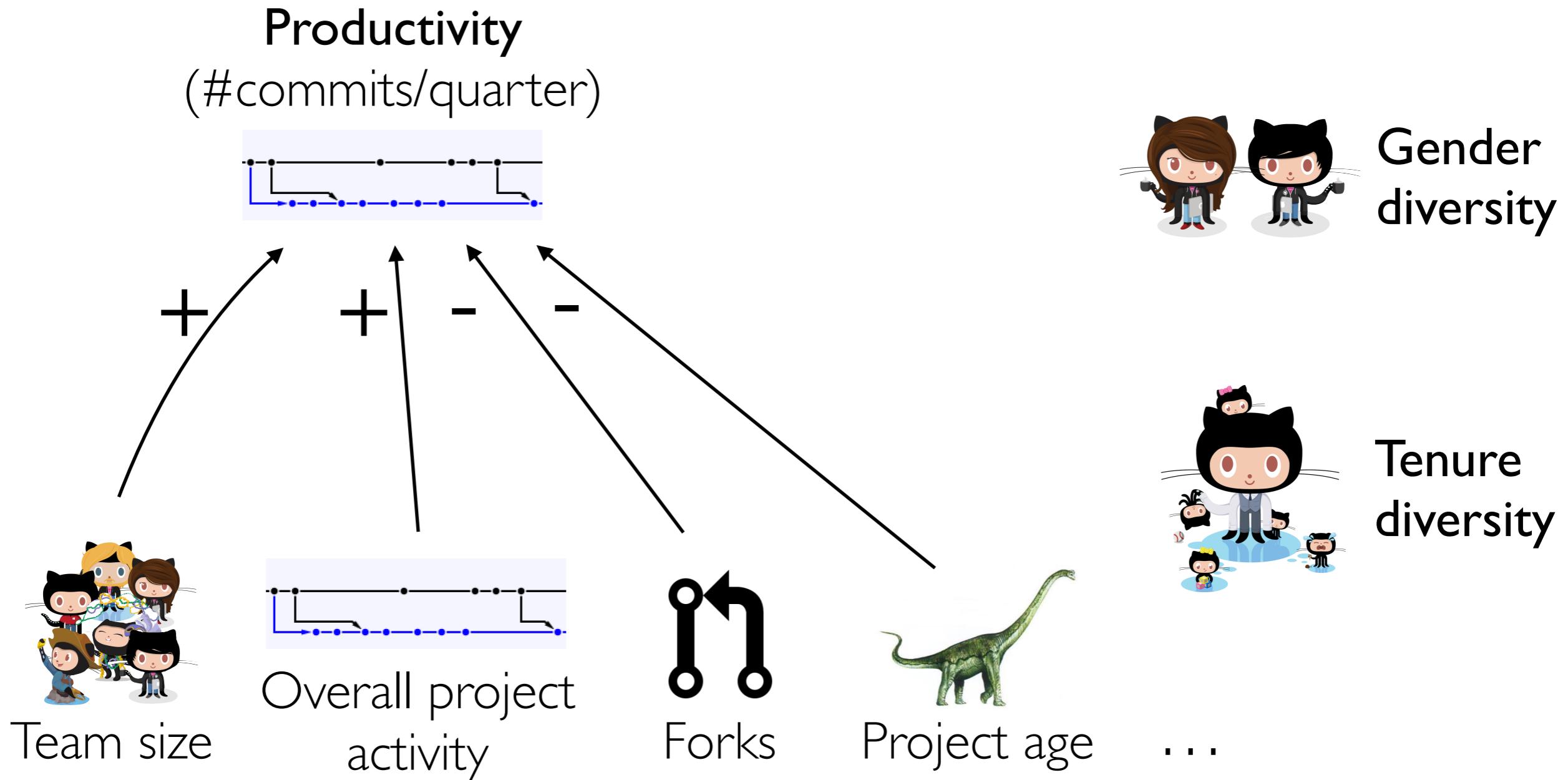
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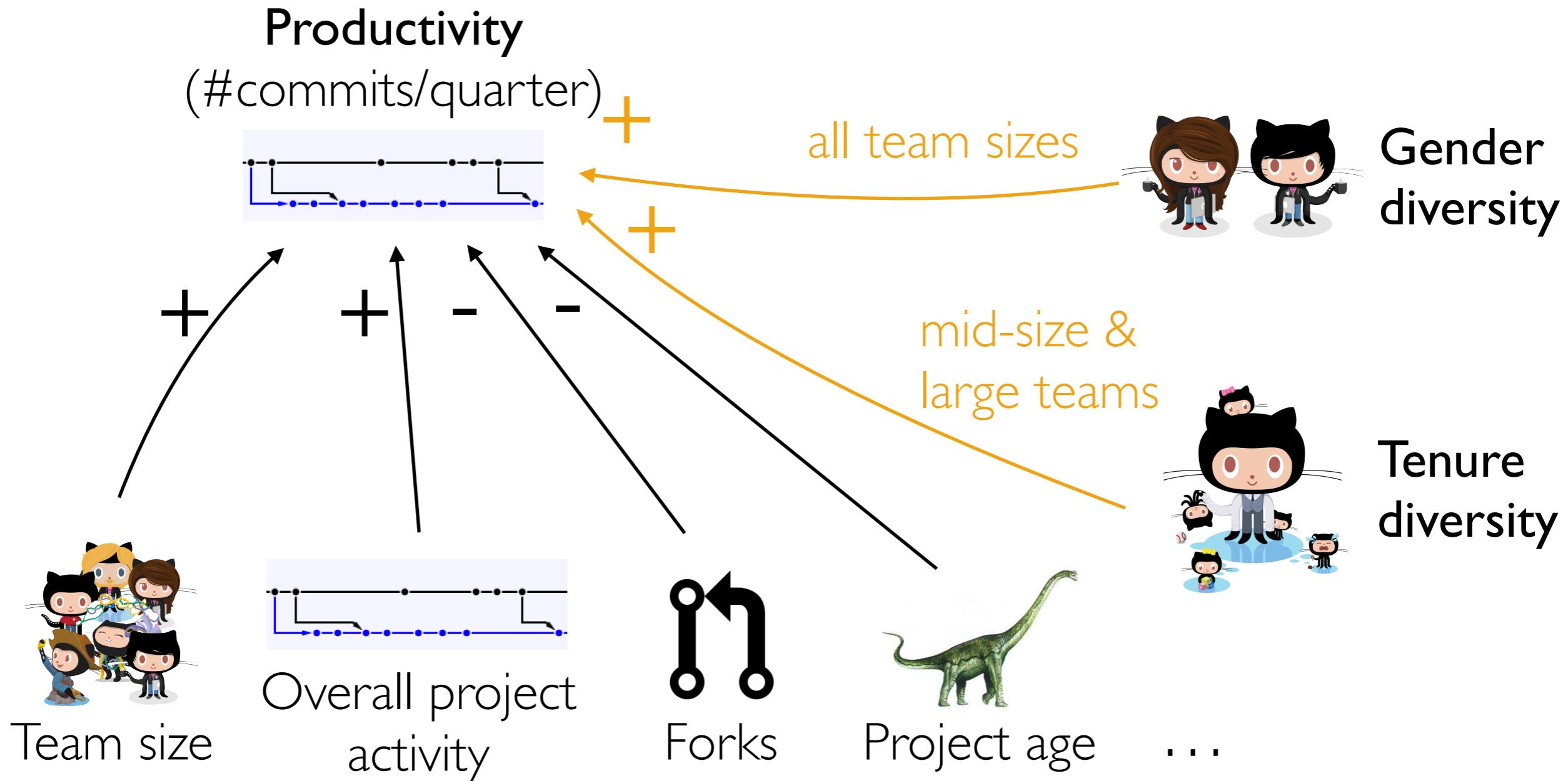
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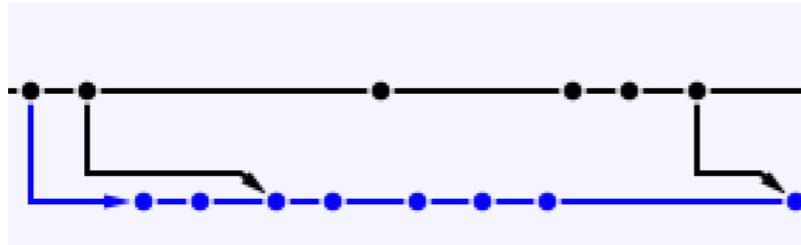


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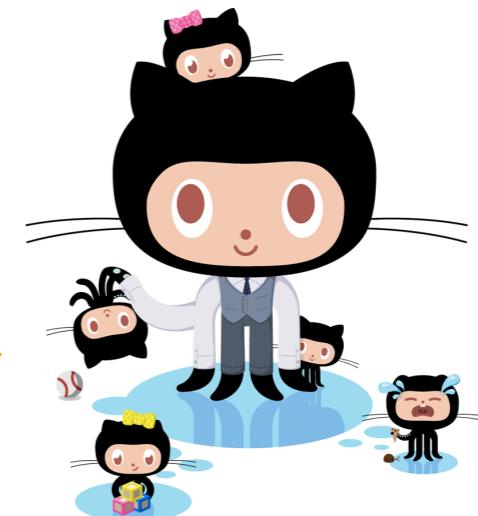
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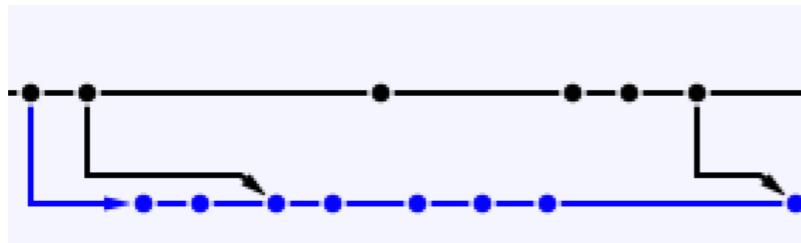


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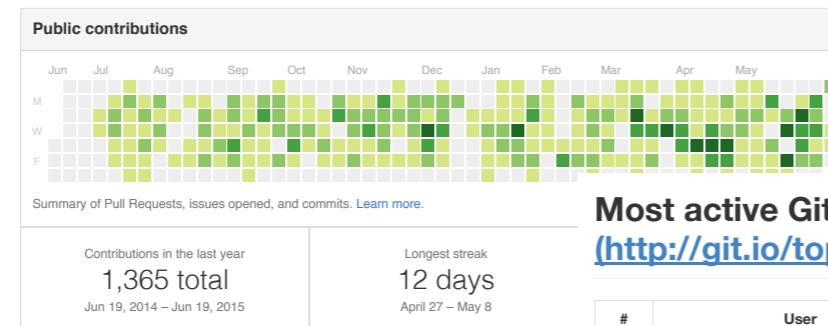


**Tenure diversity**



# The takeaway

## The social cost of “social coding”



### Most active GitHub users ([git.io/top](http://git.io/top)) (<http://git.io/top>)

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#2	<a href="https://github.com/michalbe">michalbe</a> ( <a href="https://github.com/michalbe">https://github.com/michalbe</a> ) (Michał Budzyński)	14771	JavaScript
#3	<a href="https://github.com/kevinsawicki">kevinsawicki</a> ( <a href="https://github.com/kevinsawicki">https://github.com/kevinsawicki</a> ) (Kevin Sawicki)	9159	JavaScript

	<b>Jon Skeet</b>	#1	784,585
	360 5367 6604	all time rank	all time reputation
	<b>Darin Dimitrov</b>	#2	595,006
	98 2027 2062	all time rank	all time reputation
	<b>BalusC</b>	#3	573,150
	142 1872 2174	all time rank	all time reputation
	<b>Hans Passant</b>	#4	553,678
	61 656 1236	all time rank	all time reputation

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

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

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

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**Public contributions**

Summary of Pull Requests, issues opened, and commits. [Learn more.](#)

Contributions in the last year 1,365 total Jun 19, 2014 – Jun 19, 2015	Longest streak 12 days April 27 – May 8
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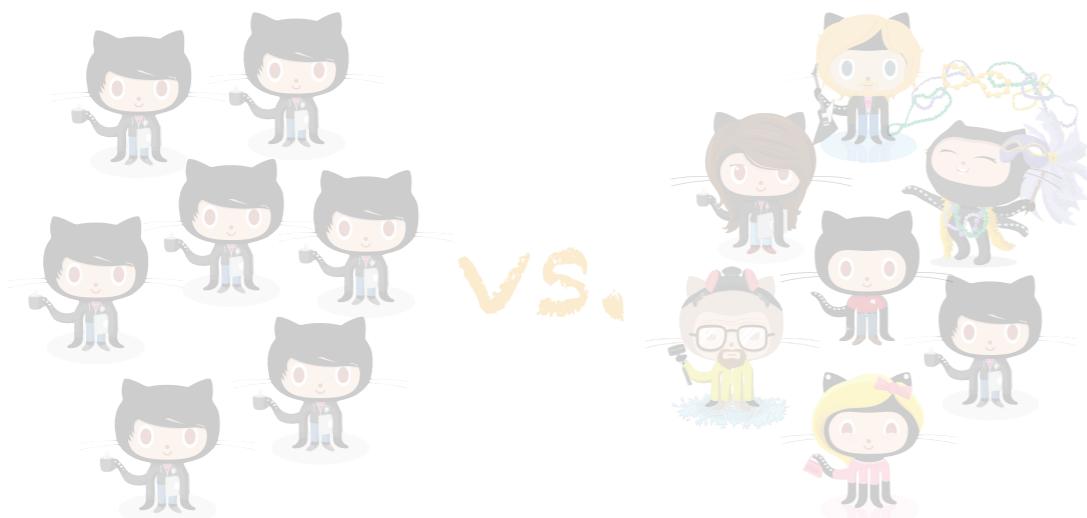
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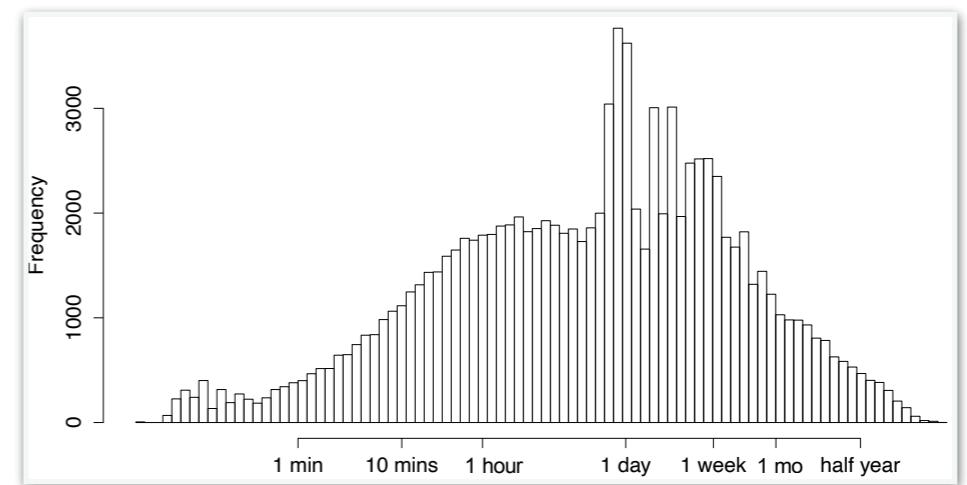
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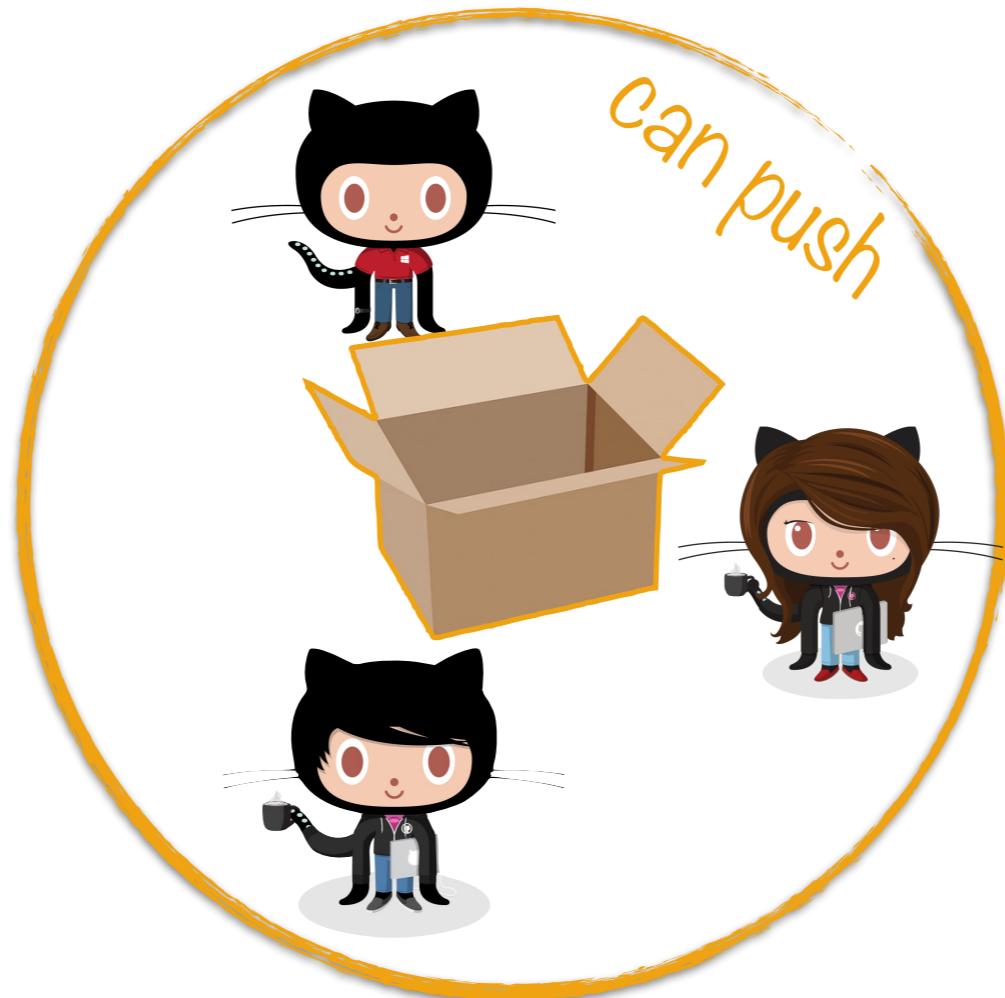
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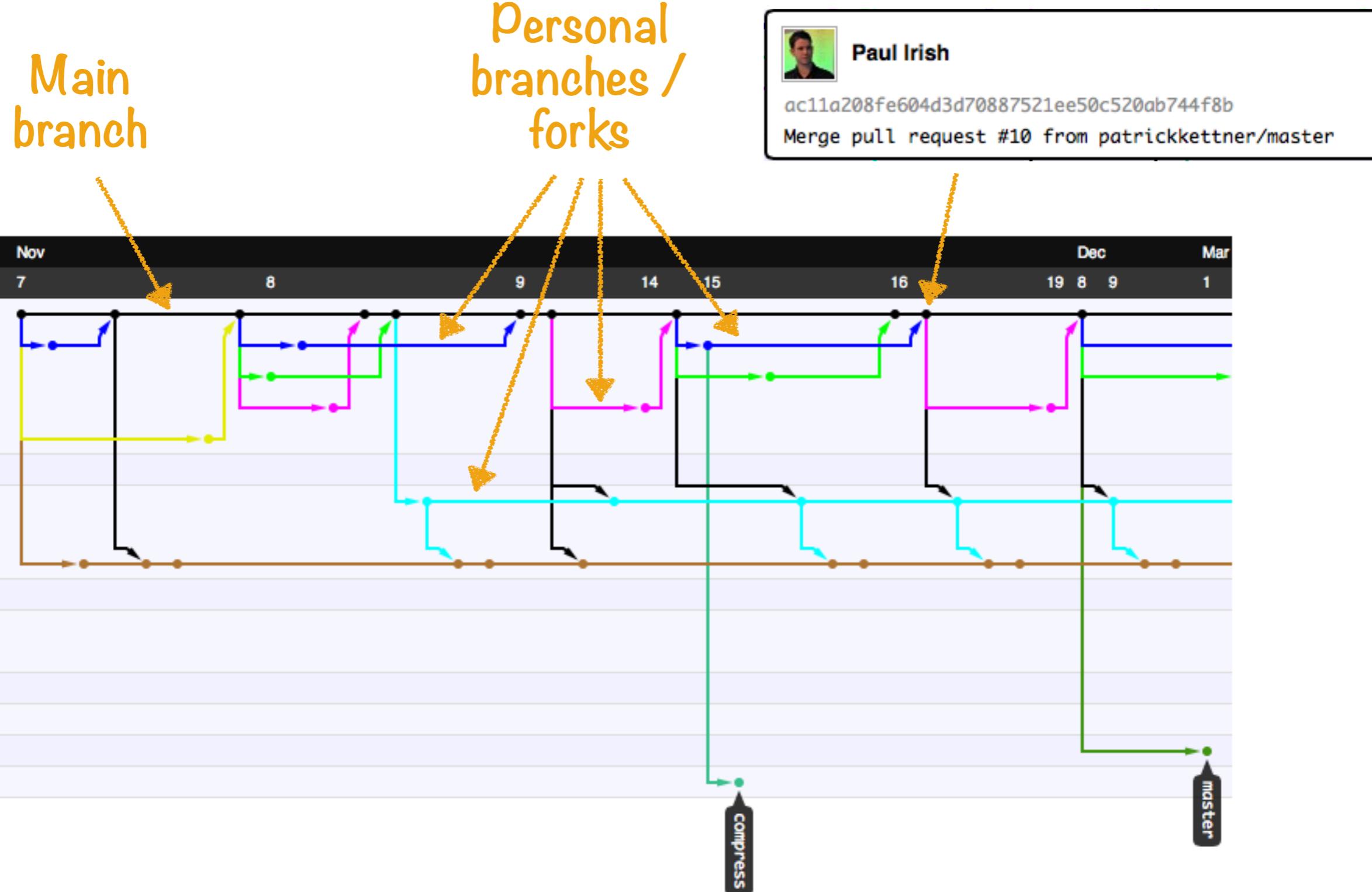
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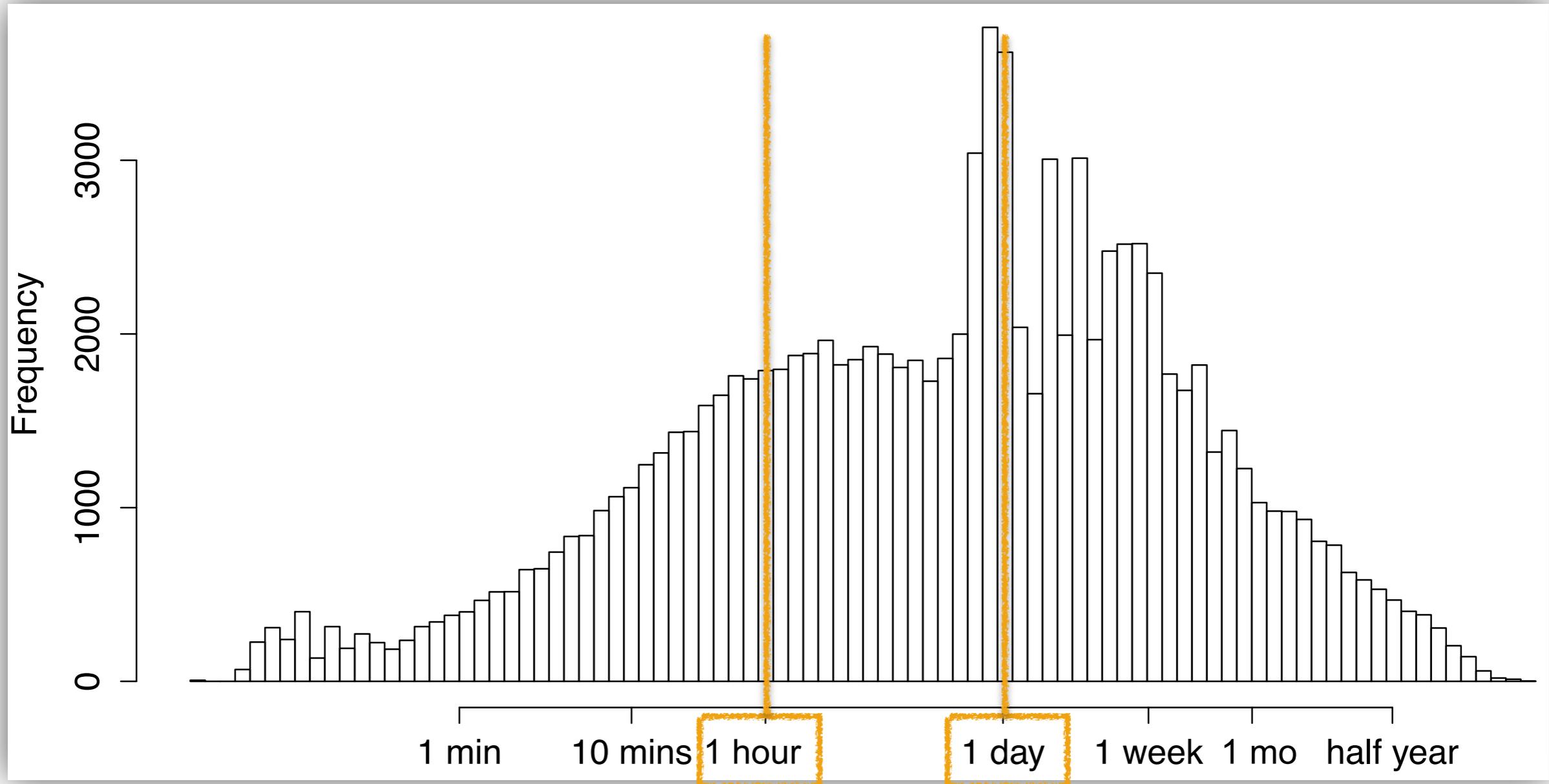
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activejob/test/integration/queuing\_test.rb

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```
+ test 'should supply a provider_job_id when available for delayed jobs' do
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**jvanbaarsen** added a note 5 days ago

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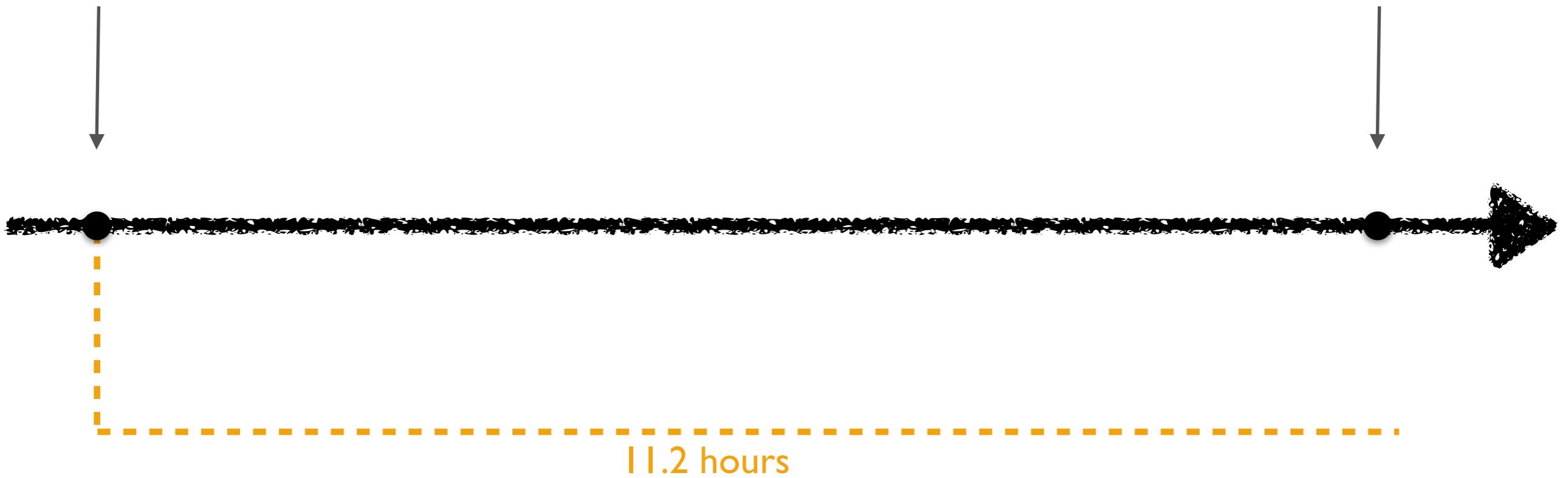
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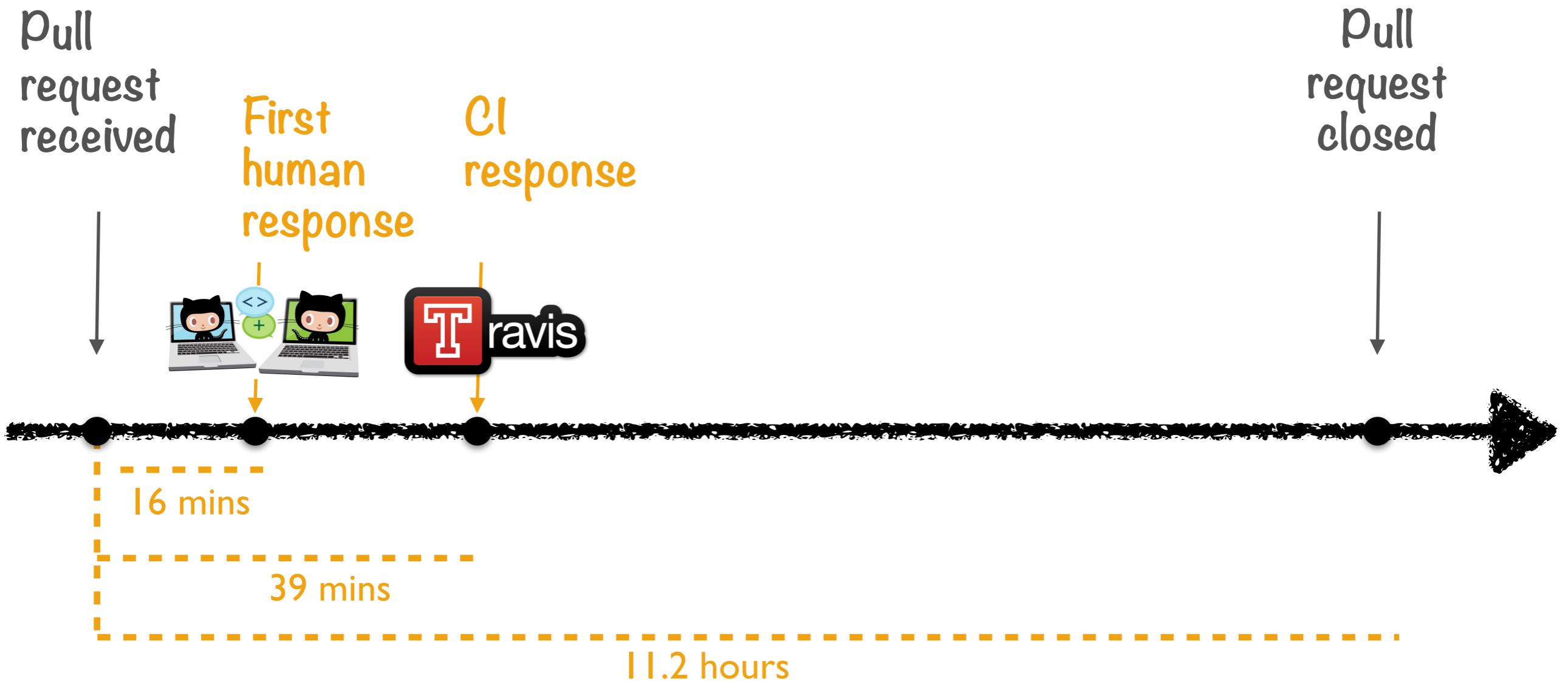
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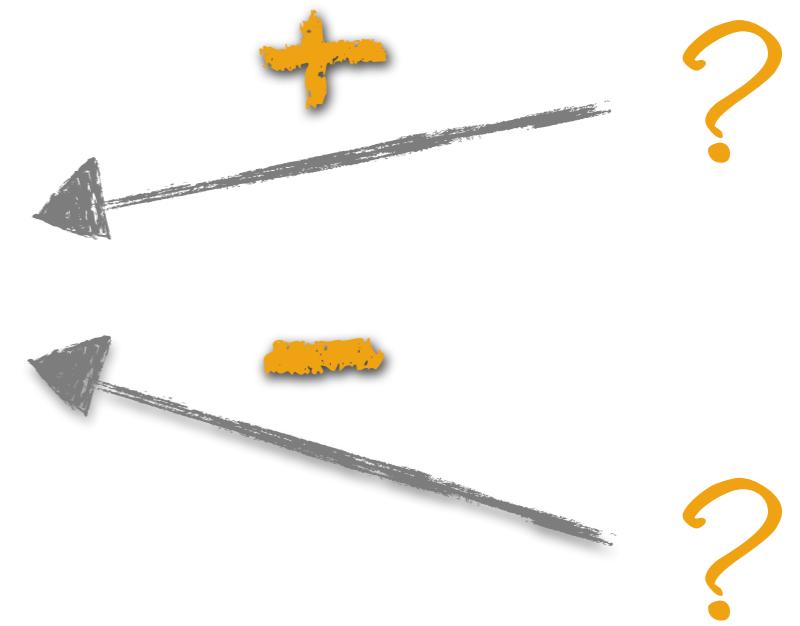
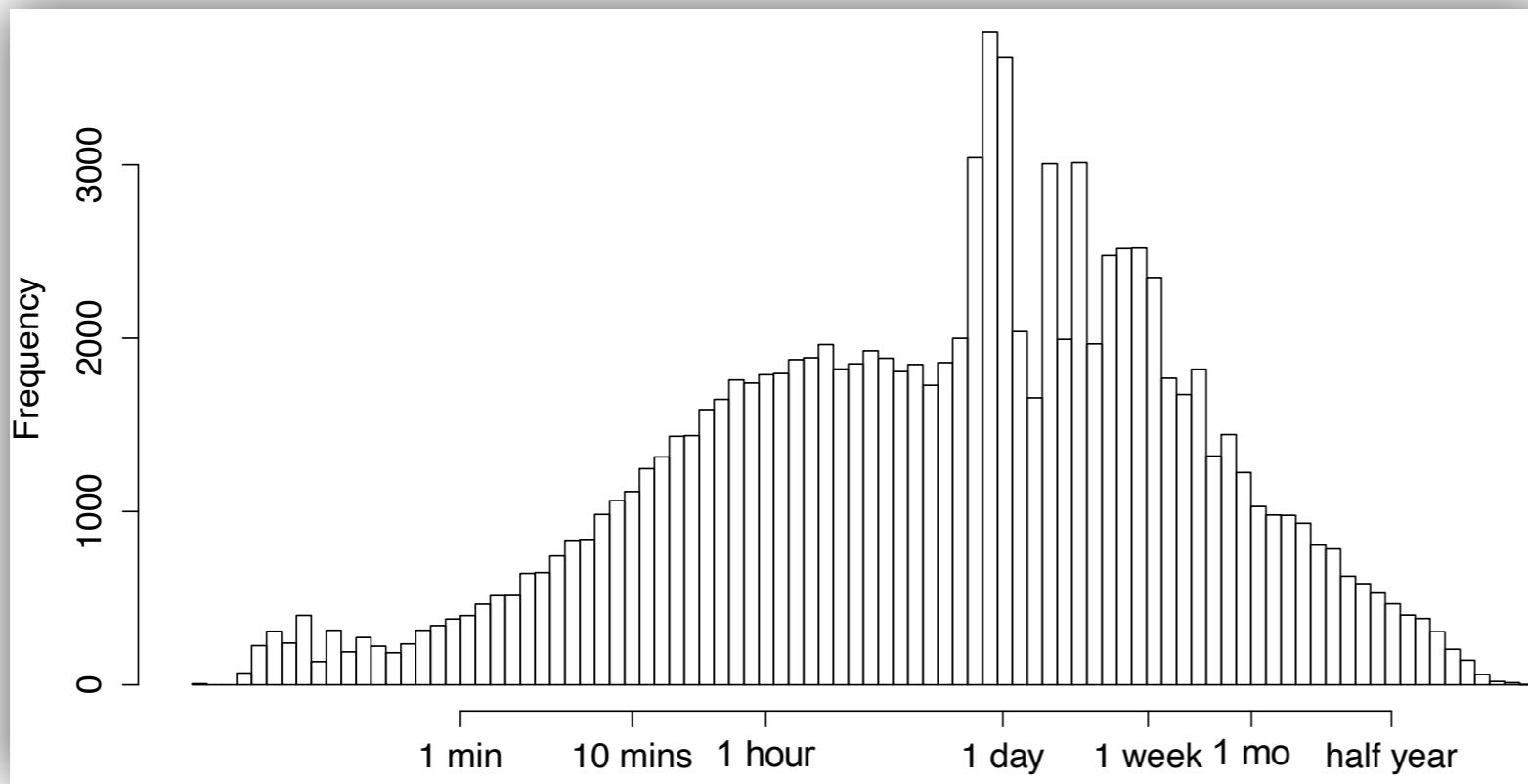
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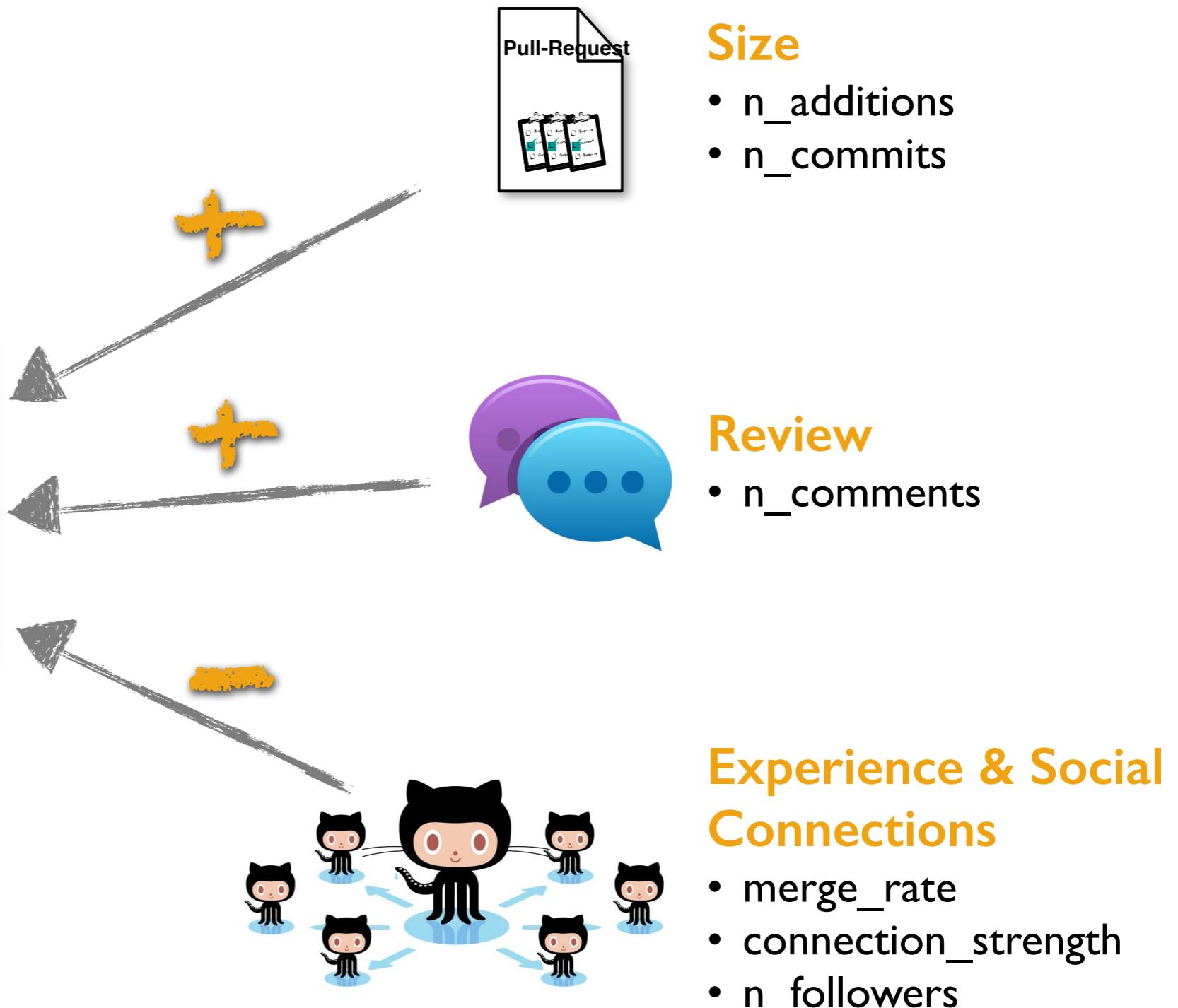
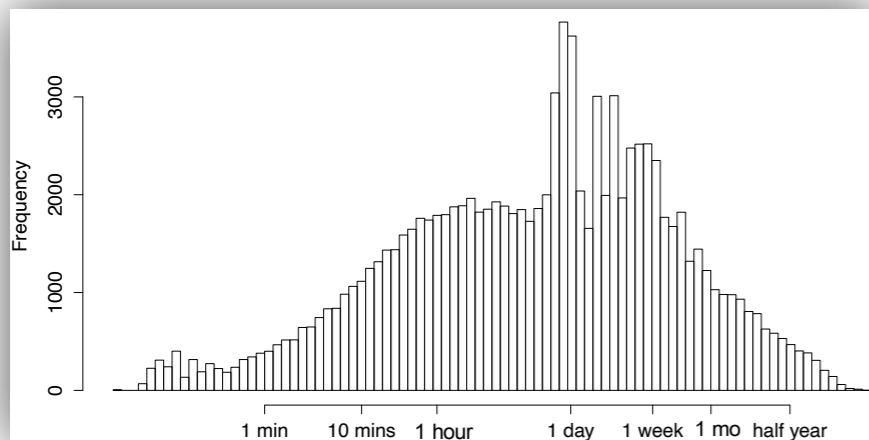


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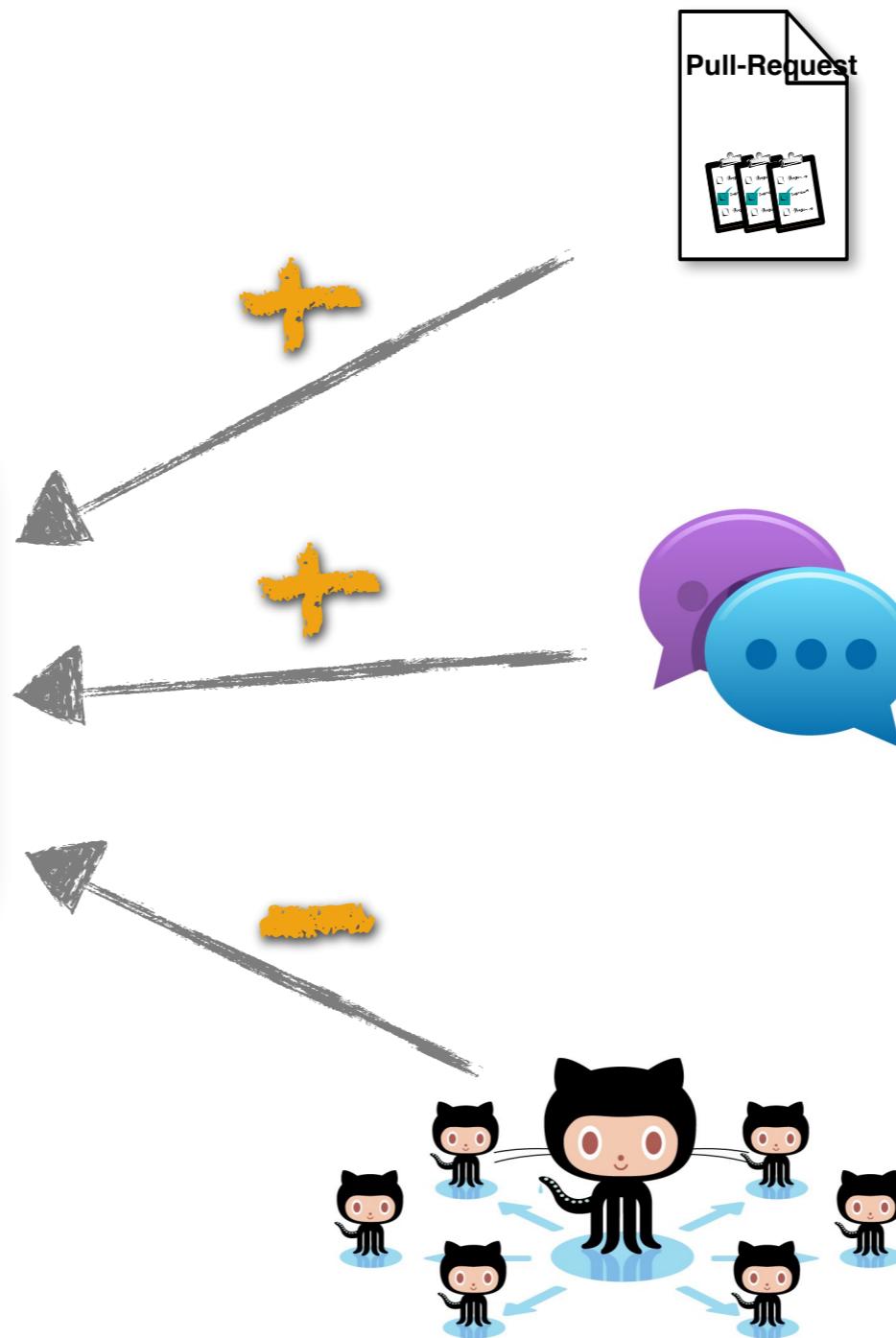
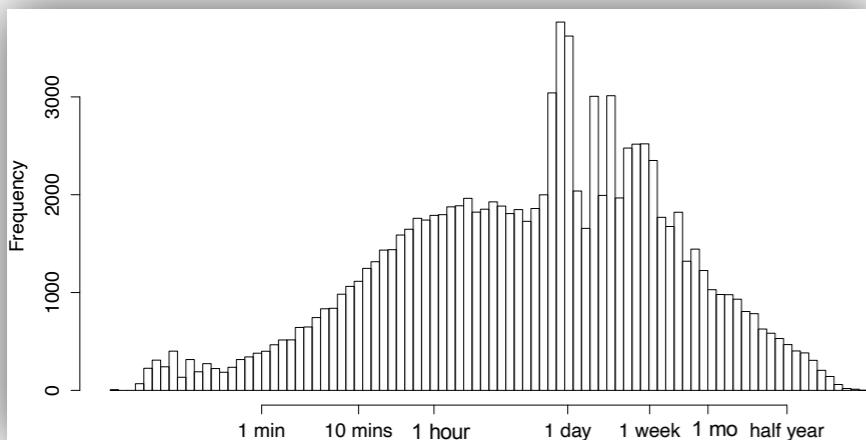


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MI: Previously-  
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✓  $R^2 = 36.2\%$



## Size

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## Review

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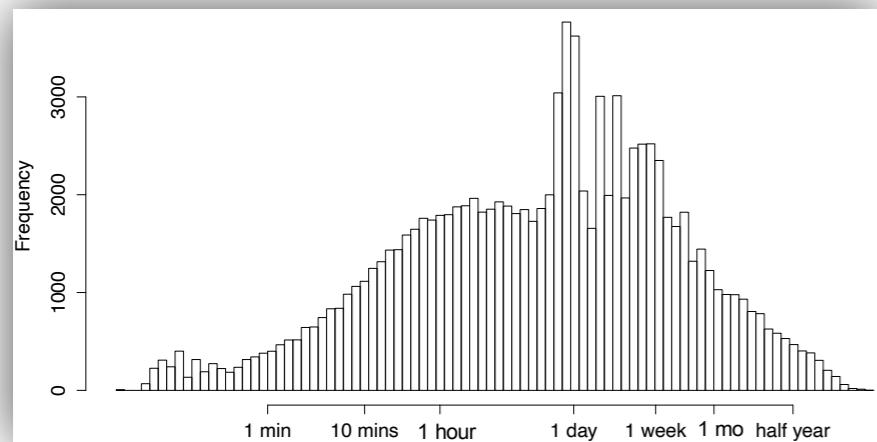
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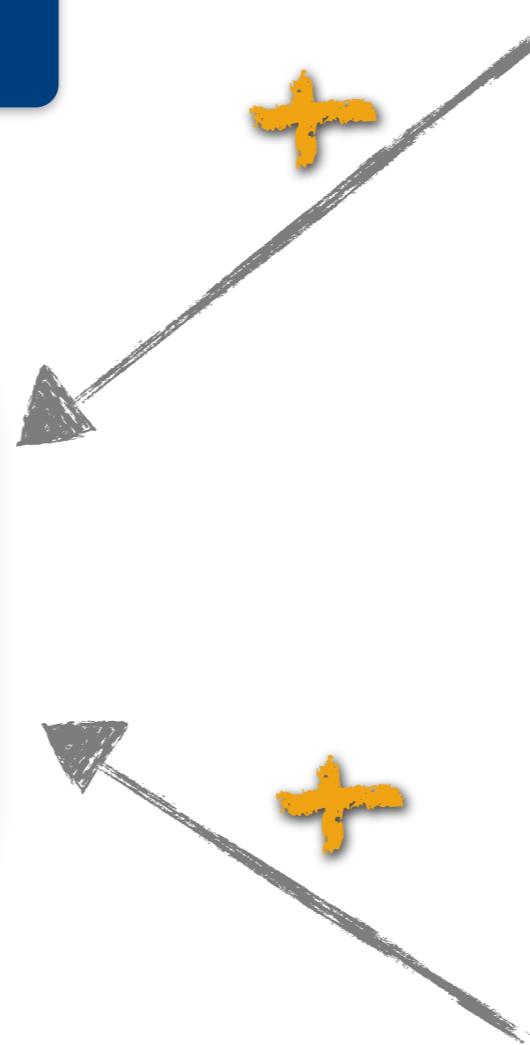
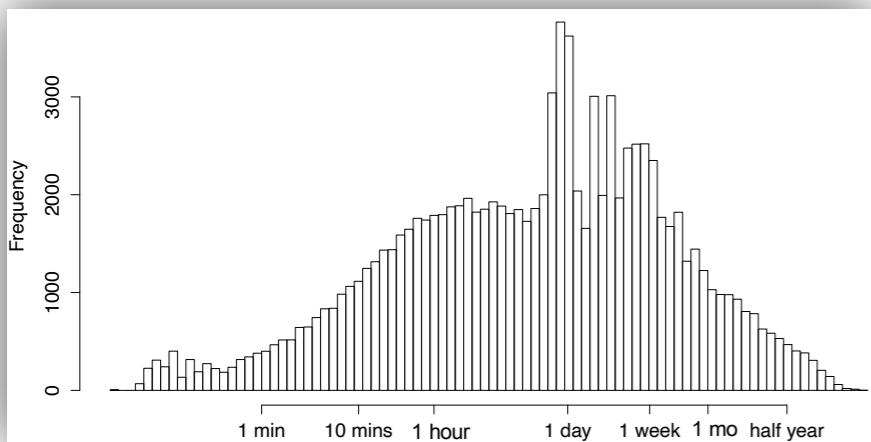


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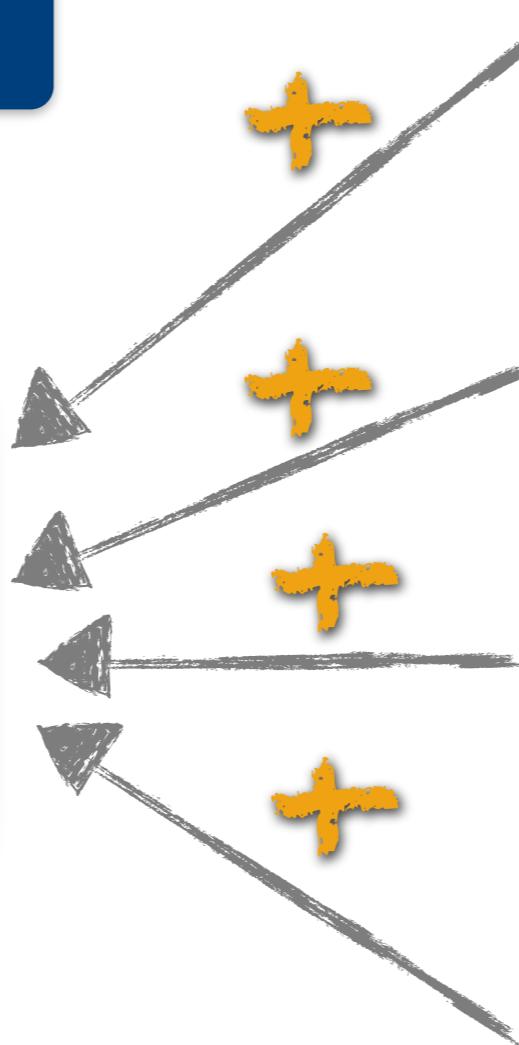
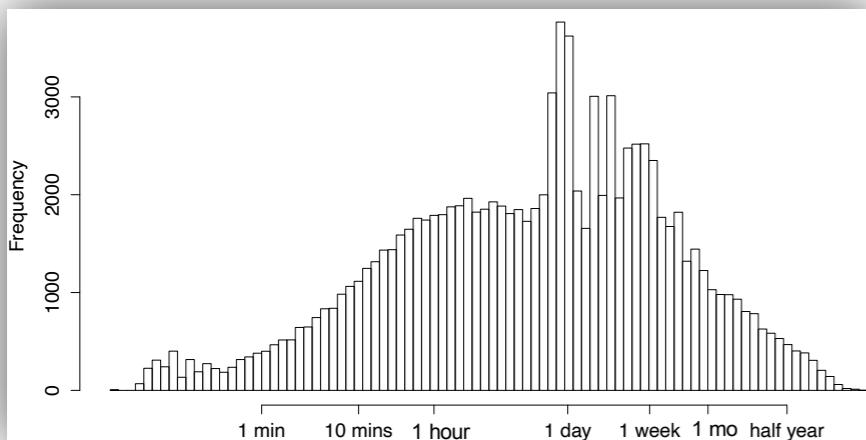
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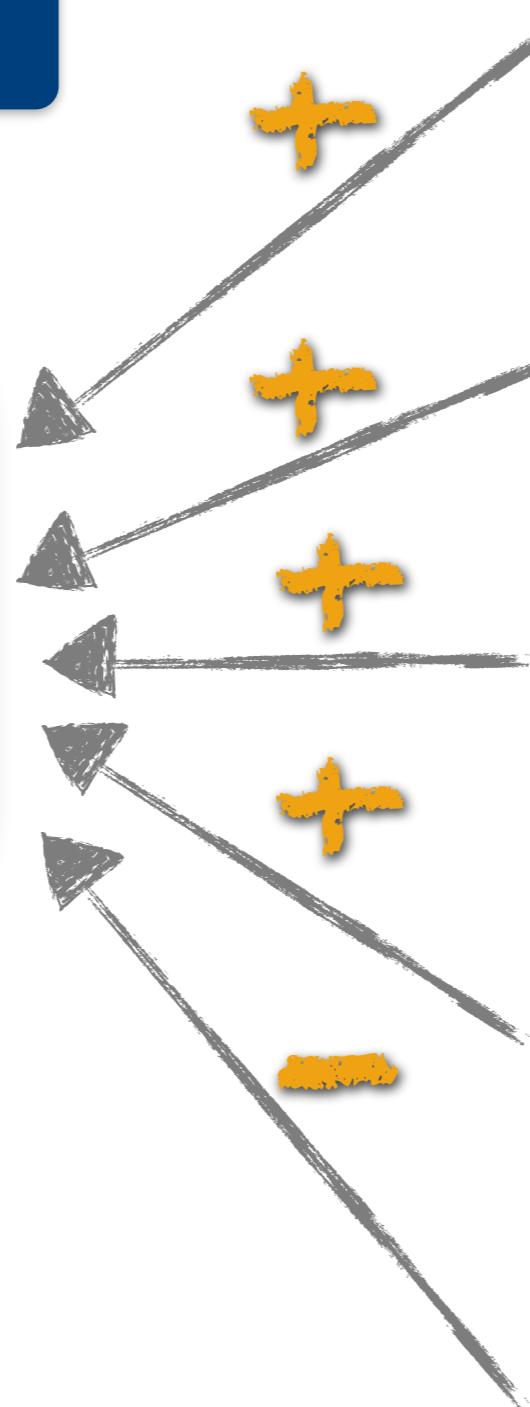
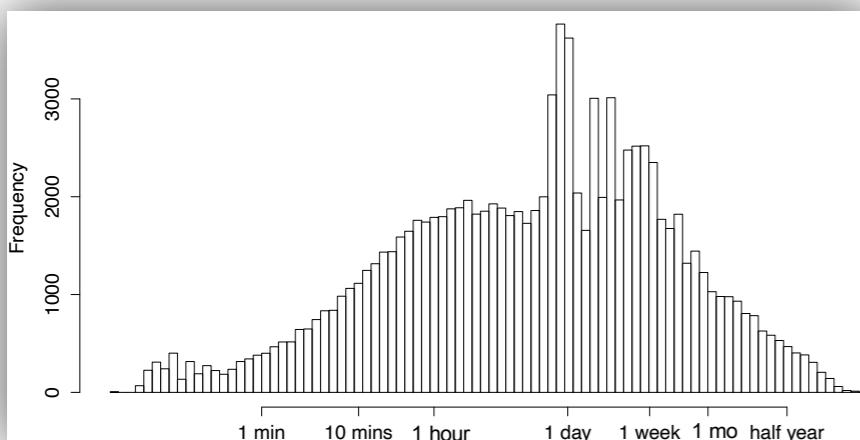
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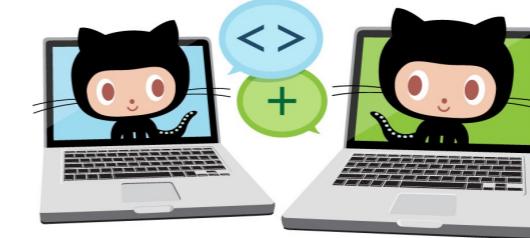
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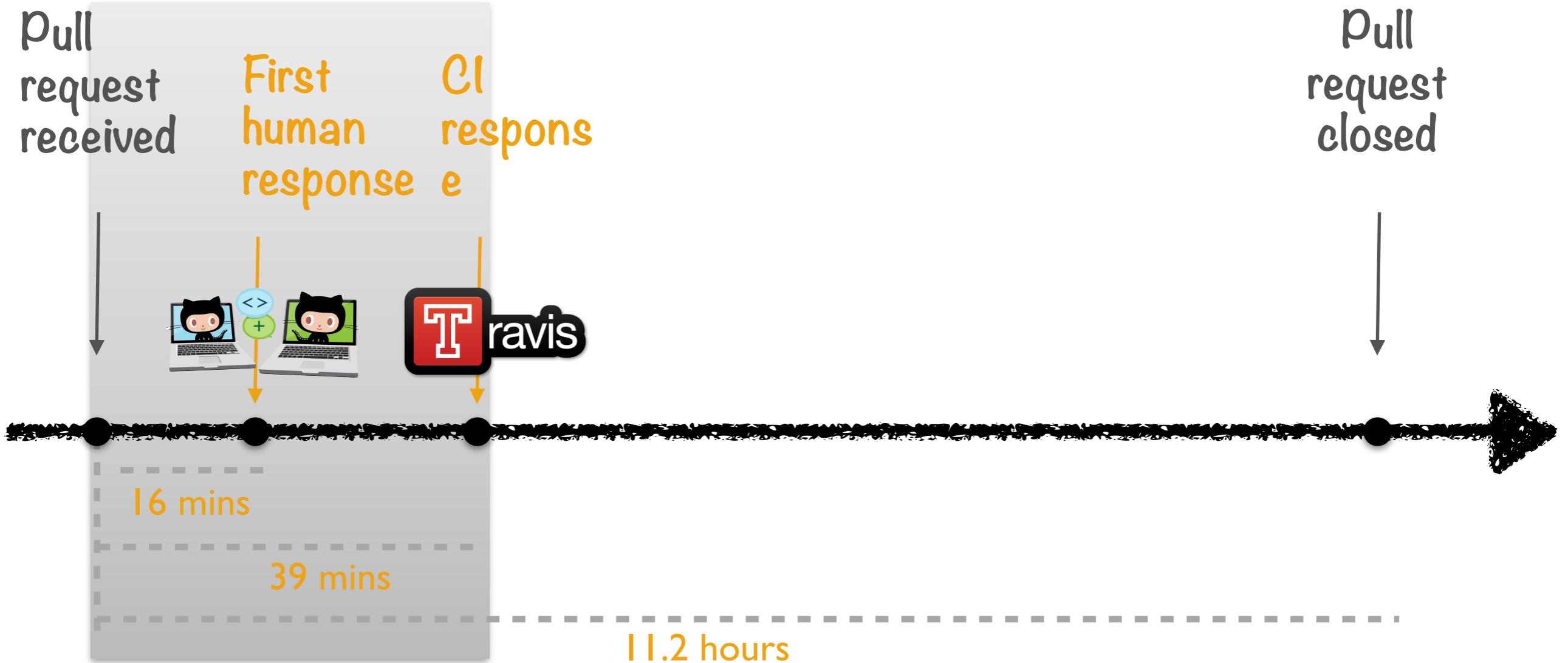
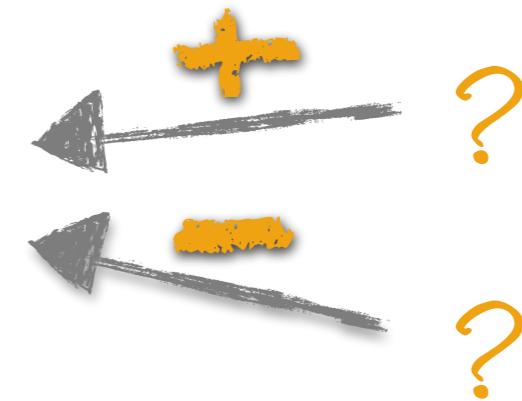
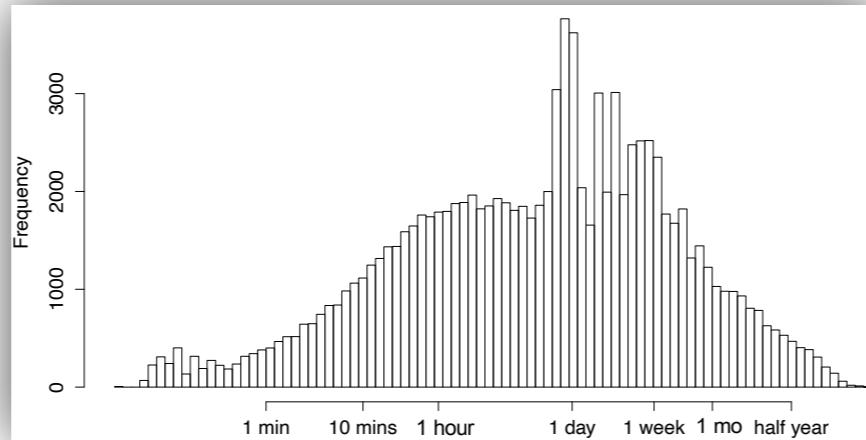


Social tagging

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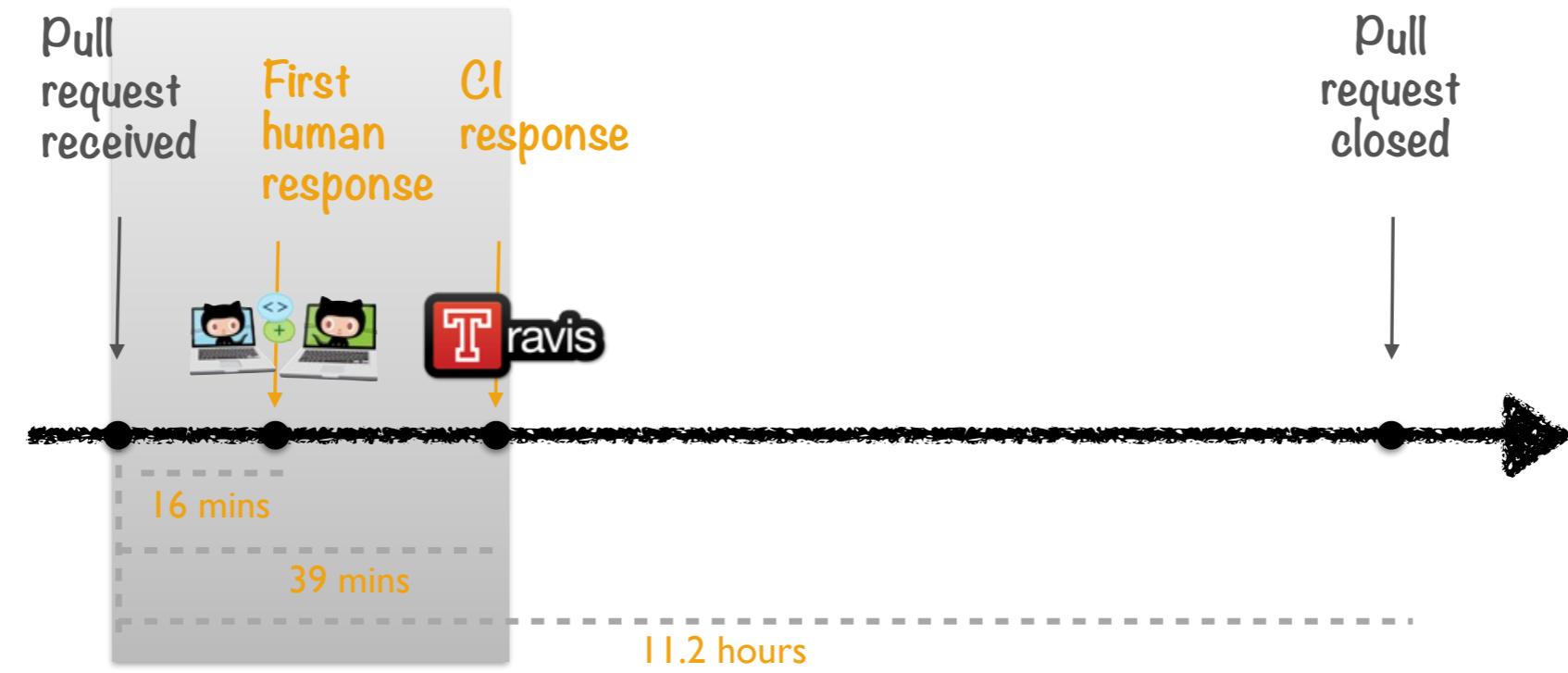
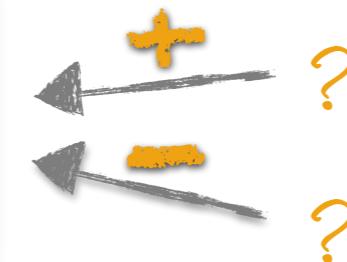
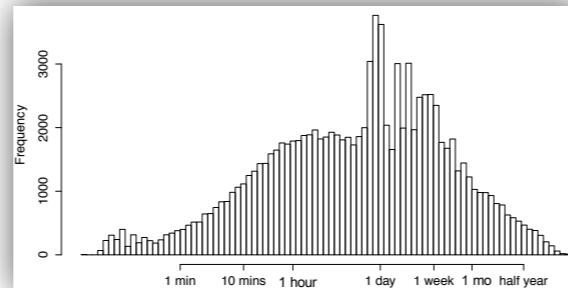
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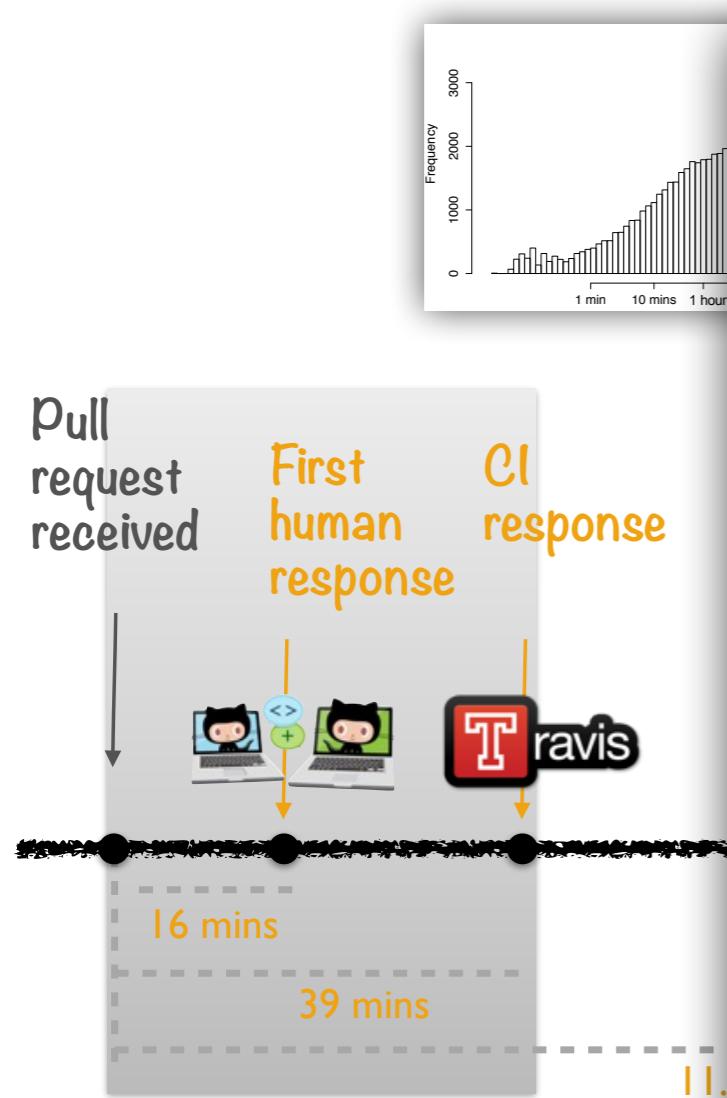
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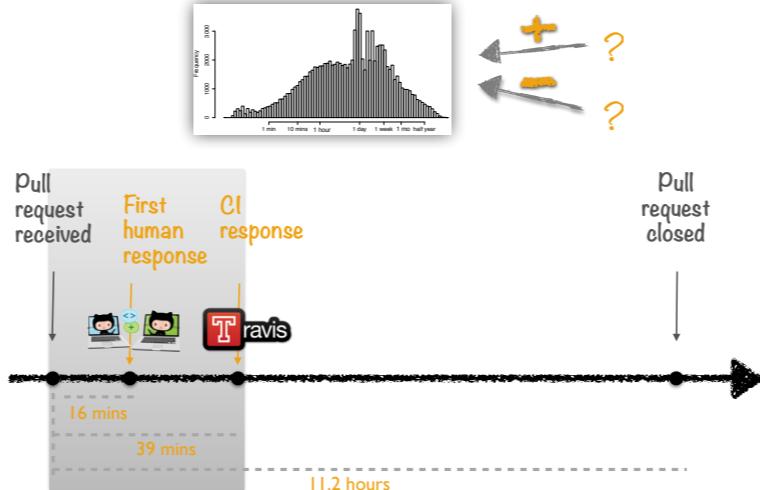


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