Mining Software Repositories

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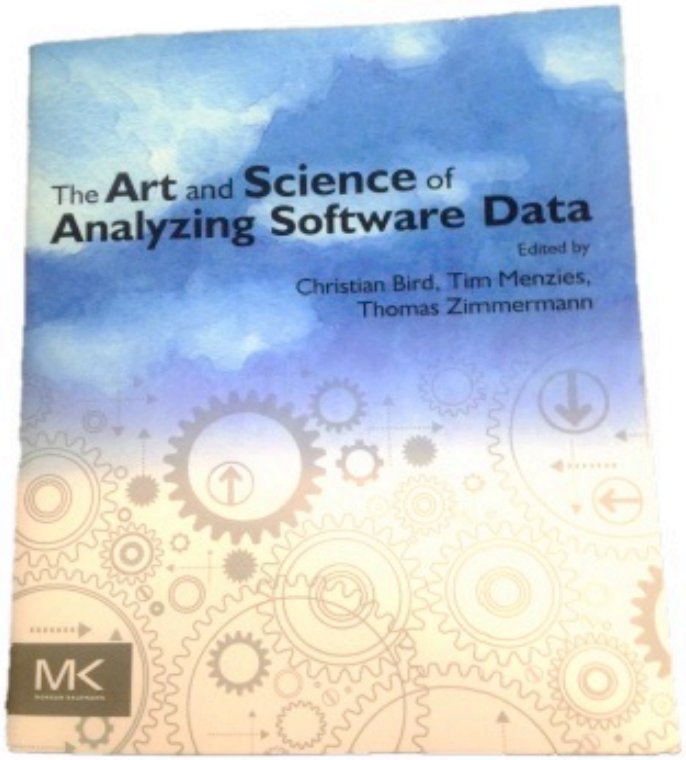

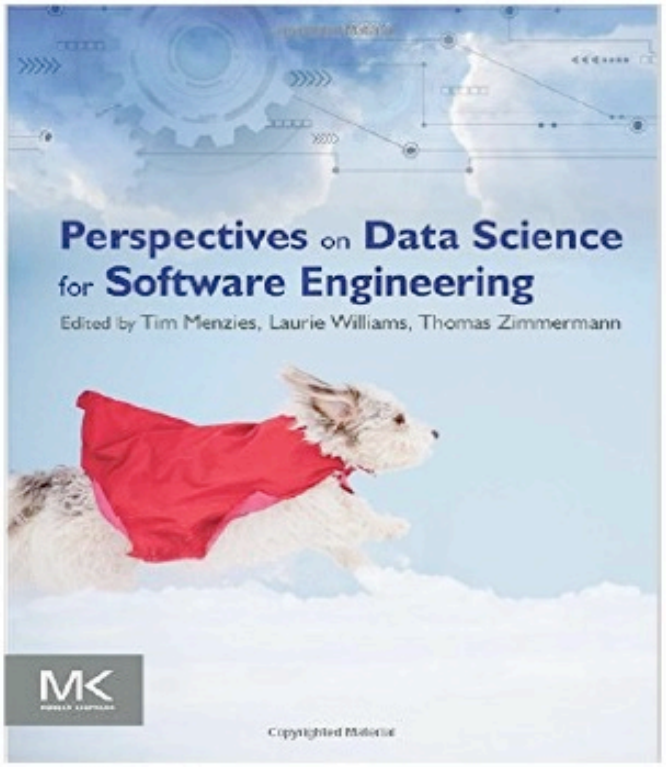

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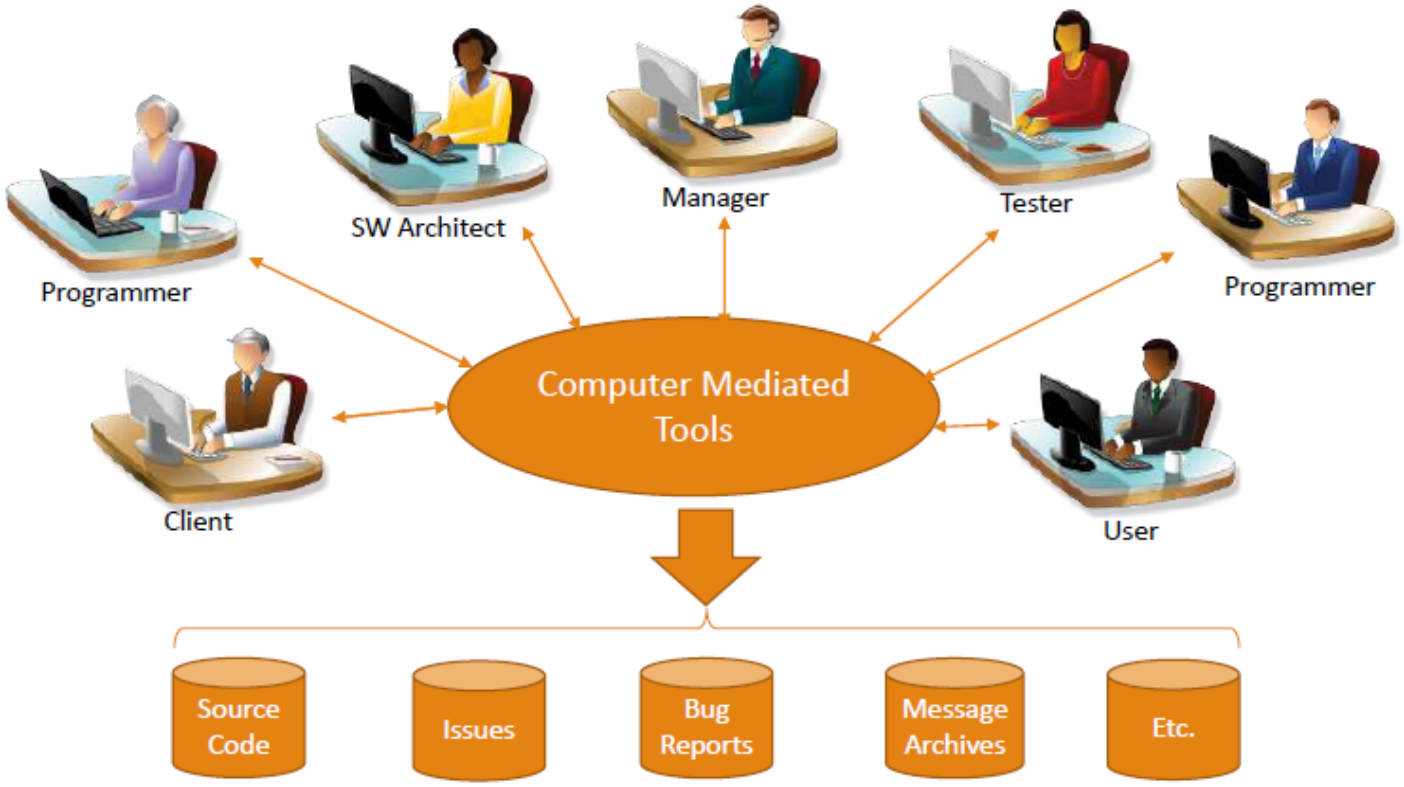
Lecture Goals

- **Learn about:**
  - Classic and notable research and researchers in mining SE data
  - Data mining and data processing techniques and how to apply them to SE data
  - Risks in using SE data due to e.g., noise
- **After the lecture, you should be able to:**
  - Retrieve SE data
  - Prepare SE data for mining
  - Mine interesting information from SE data

Why mine SE data?

- **SE data can be used to:**
  - Gain empirically-based understanding of software development
  - Predict, plan, and understand various aspects of a project
  - Support future development and project management activities

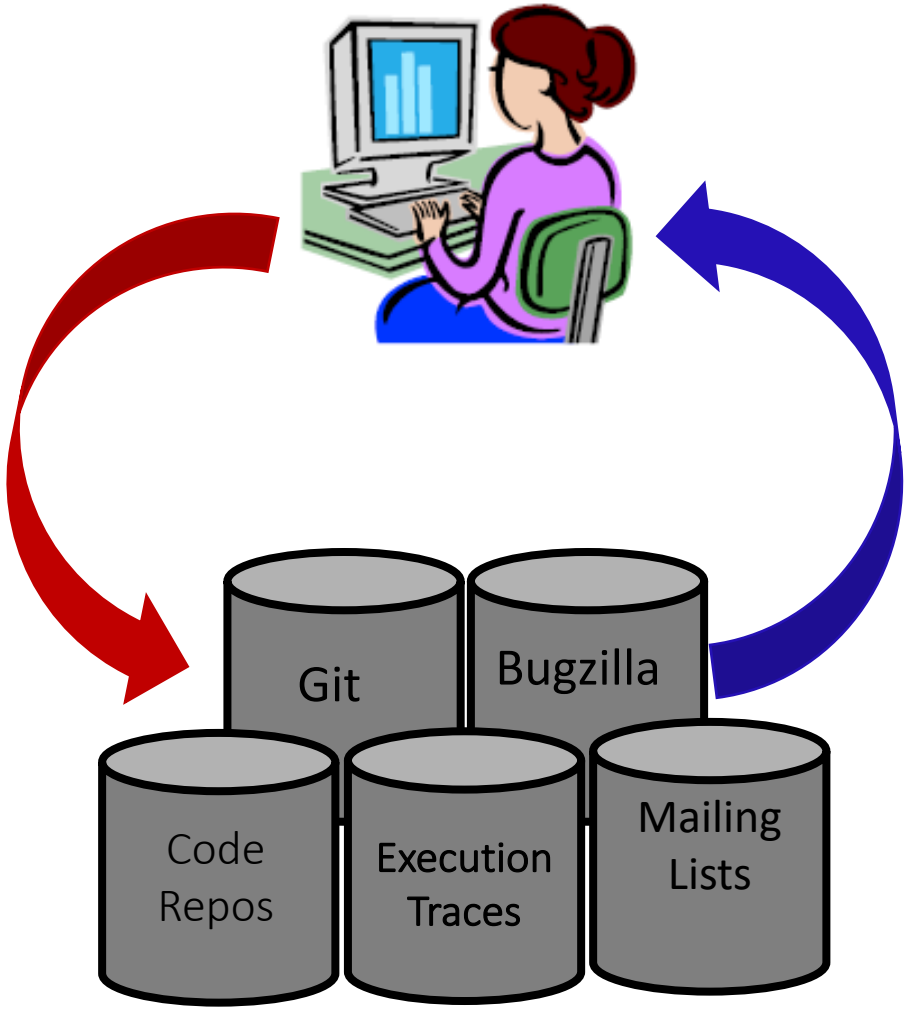
How is SE Data generated?



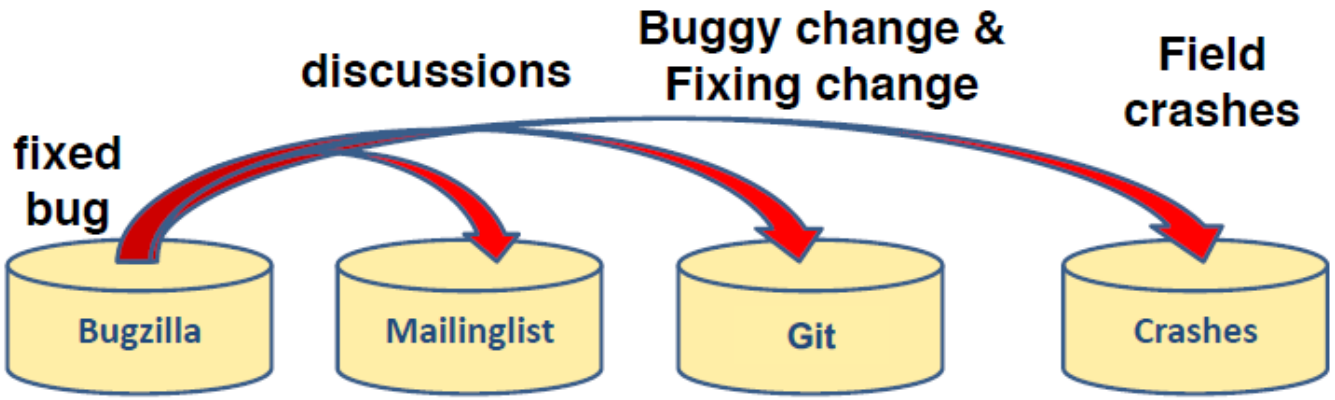
Current and historical artifacts and interactions are registered in software repositories

What is MSR?

- Transforming static record keeping SE into active data
- Making SE data actionable by uncovering patterns and trends



MSR researchers analyze and cross-link repositories



New bug report
Estimate fix effort
Suggest experts and fix!

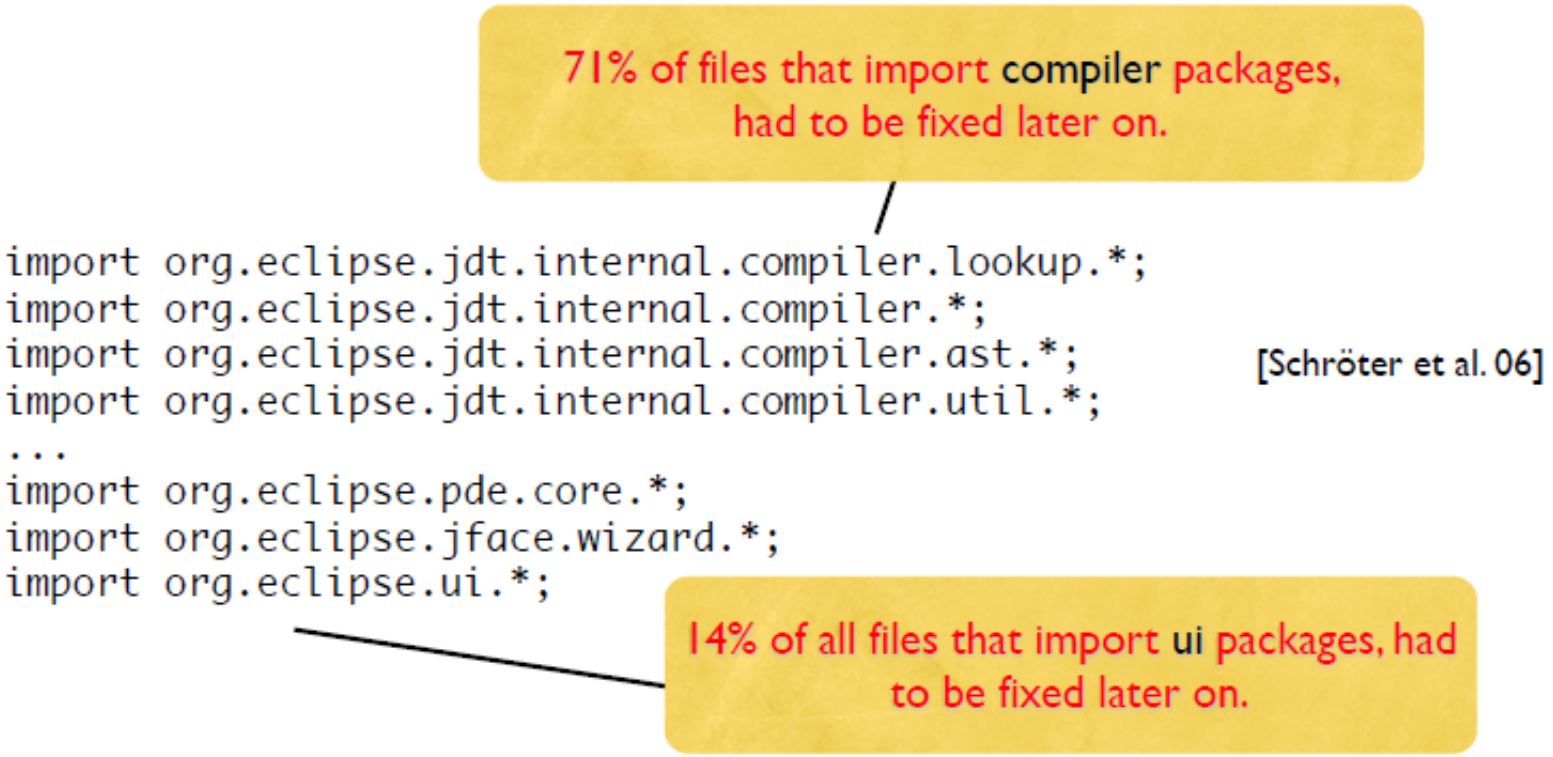
MSR Process

Study Outline

- **Part I**: What can we learn from SE data?
  - A sample of notable findings for different SE data types
- **Part II**: How can we mine SE data?
  - Understand the structure of SE data

MSR studies – Bugs – Part I

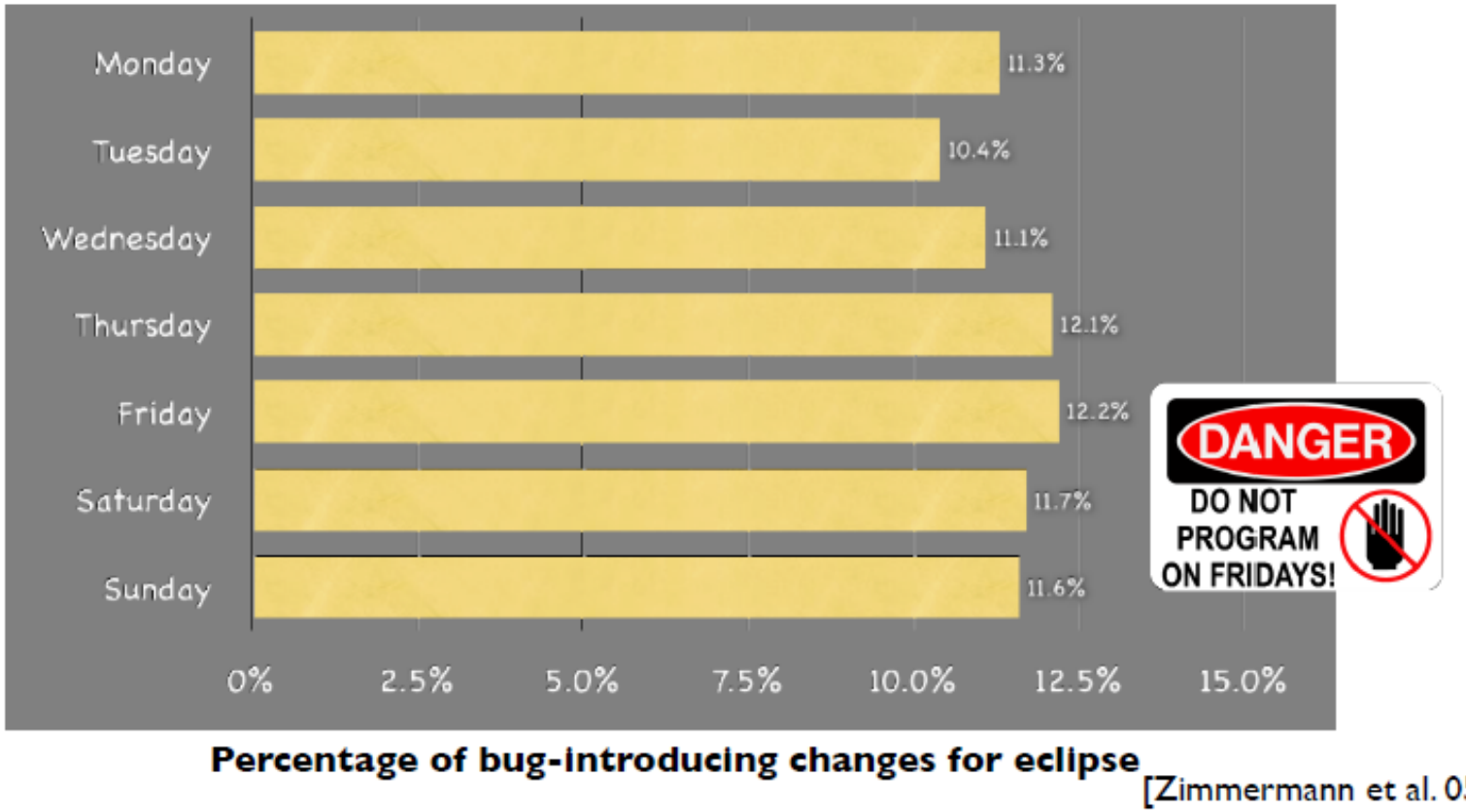
Using imports to predict Bugs



[Schröter et al. 06]

MSR studies - Bugs

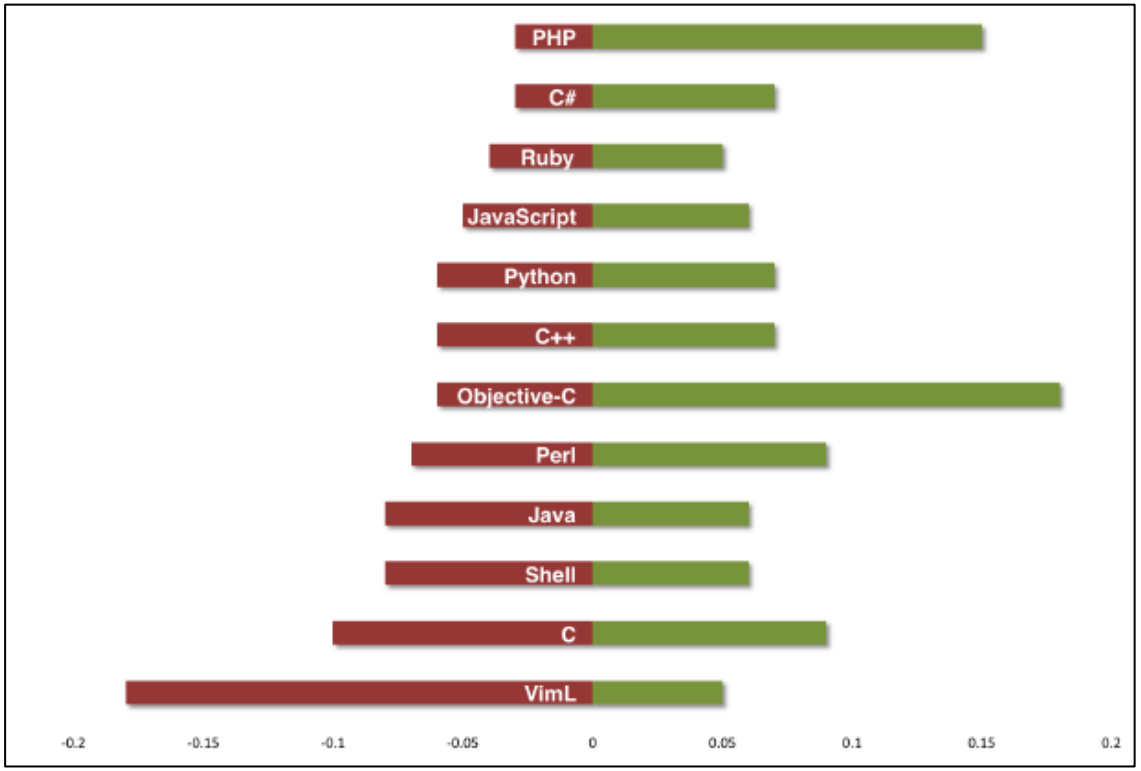
Do not program on Friday ;-)



Percentage of bug-introducing changes for eclipse [Zimmermann et al. 05]

MSR studies – Sentiment Analysis

Anger vs. Joy



How they stack up?

- **PHP**, **Object-C**, and **C#** are net positive
- **Java**, **Shell**, and **C** are fairly even while **VimL** is just bad news.

[Doll and Grigorik, 2012]

MSR studies – Sentiment Analysis

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Disable 'showmatch' option Matching parens are highlighted even without this option; what it does is jump the cursor to the matching paren which is [redacted] insane.

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styles everywhere, tutorial for first user login, fixing some css [redacted]

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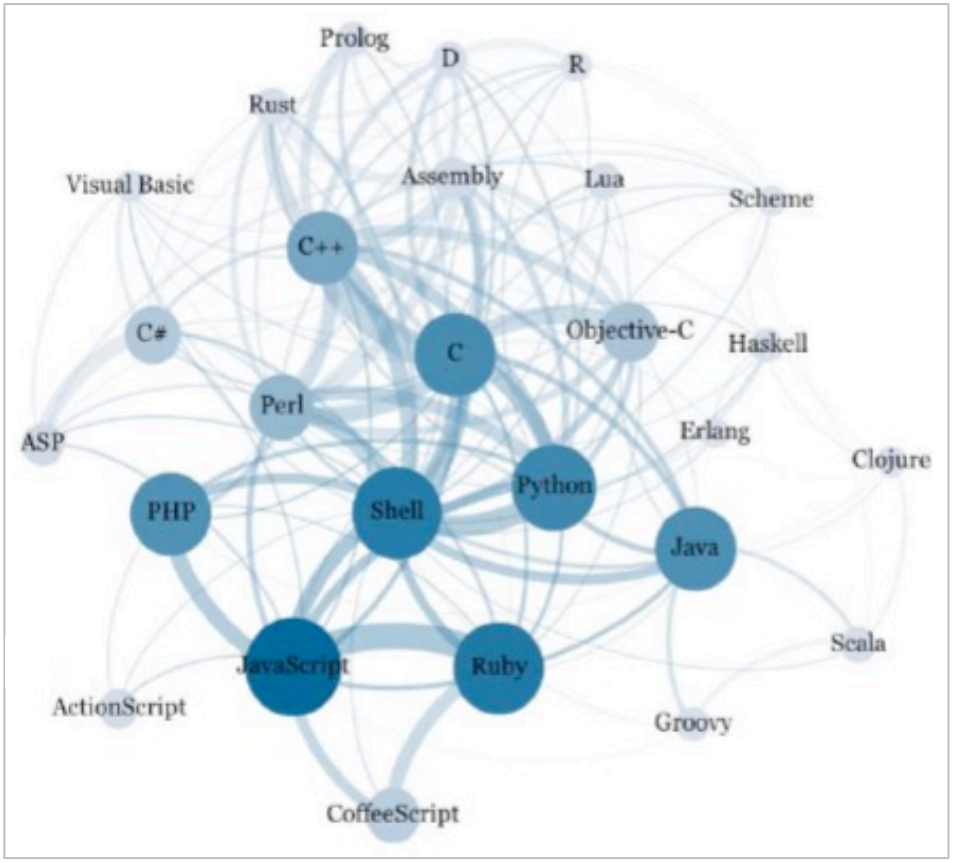
http://www.commitlogsfromlastnight.com/

MSR studies – Programming languages

Programming language relations



A **Ruby** programmers **is very likely to know Javascript**, while a **Perl** programmer is not

Java is a popular programming language but stands primarily alone

https://github.com/mjwillson/ProgLangVisualise

MSR studies – Changes by programmers

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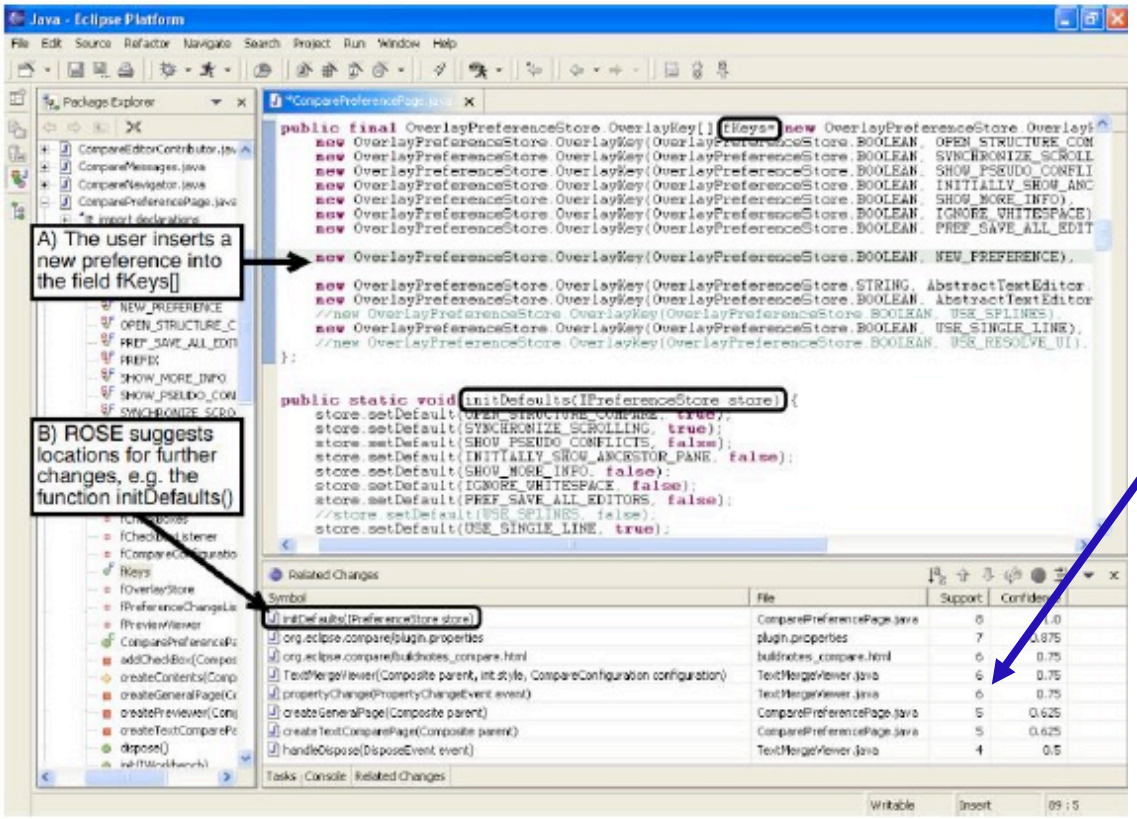

After the programmer has made some changes to the source (above), **ROSE** suggests locations (below) where, in similar transactions in the past, further changes were made

[Zimmermann, 2005]
Mining Version Histories to Guide Software Changes

How can we mine SE Data – Part II

Repositories of Repositories

January 2020:
100 Millinon repositories
40 Million Users

April 2019
28 Millinon repositories
10 Million Users

April 2019
28K projects

January 2020:
430K repositories
3.7 Million Users

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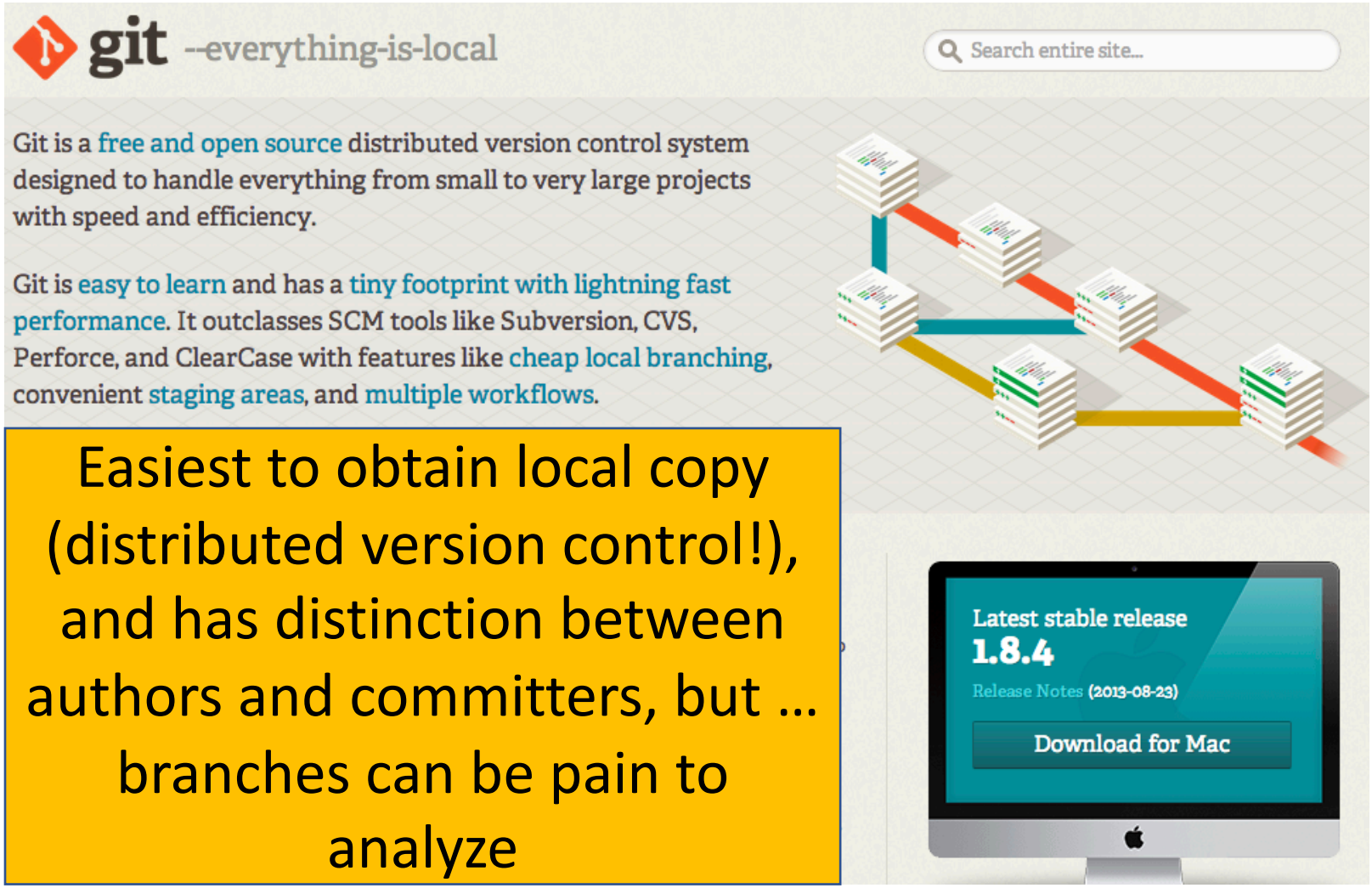

Easiest to obtain local copy (distributed version control!), and has distinction between authors and committers, but … branches can be pain to analyze

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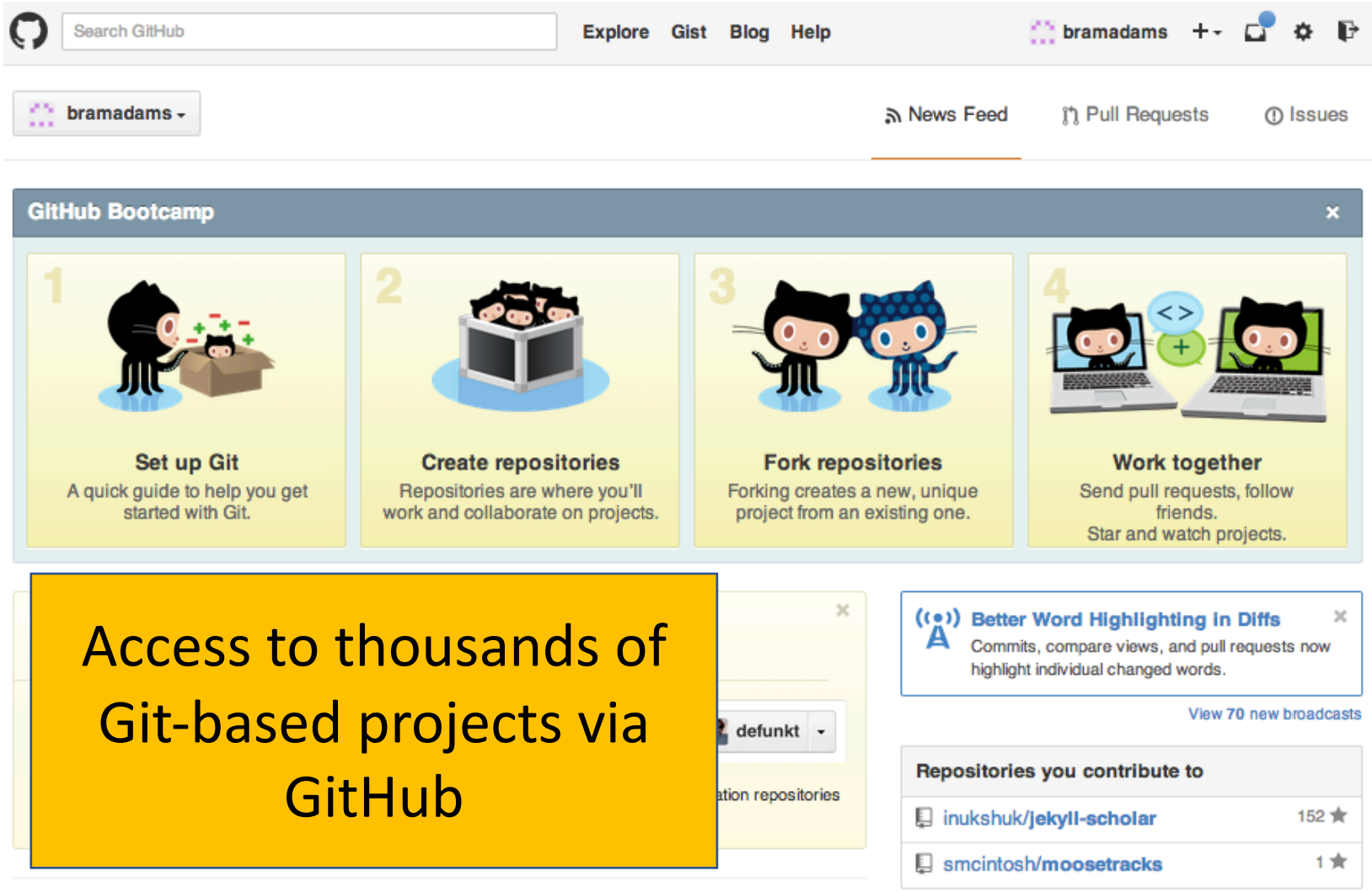

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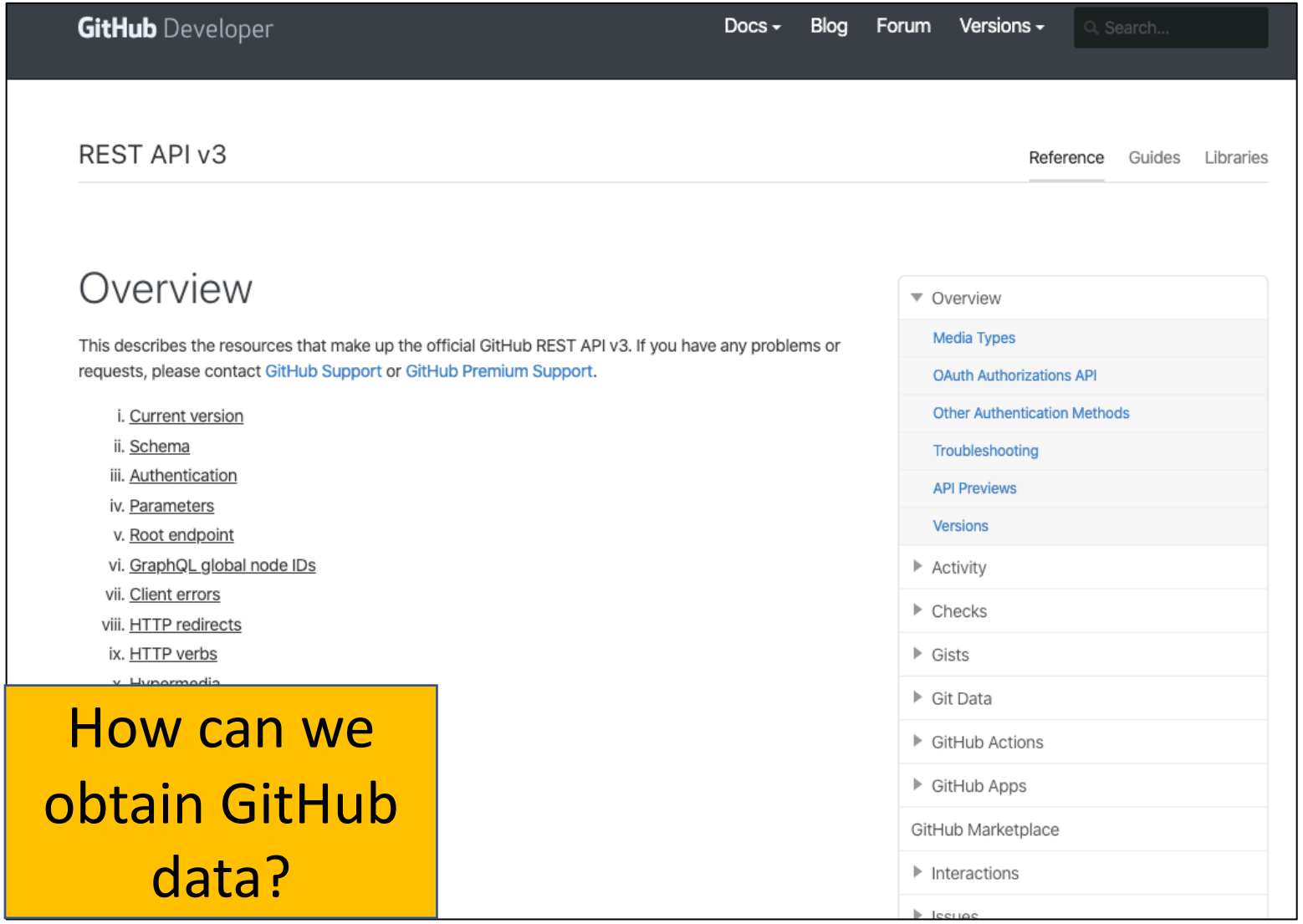

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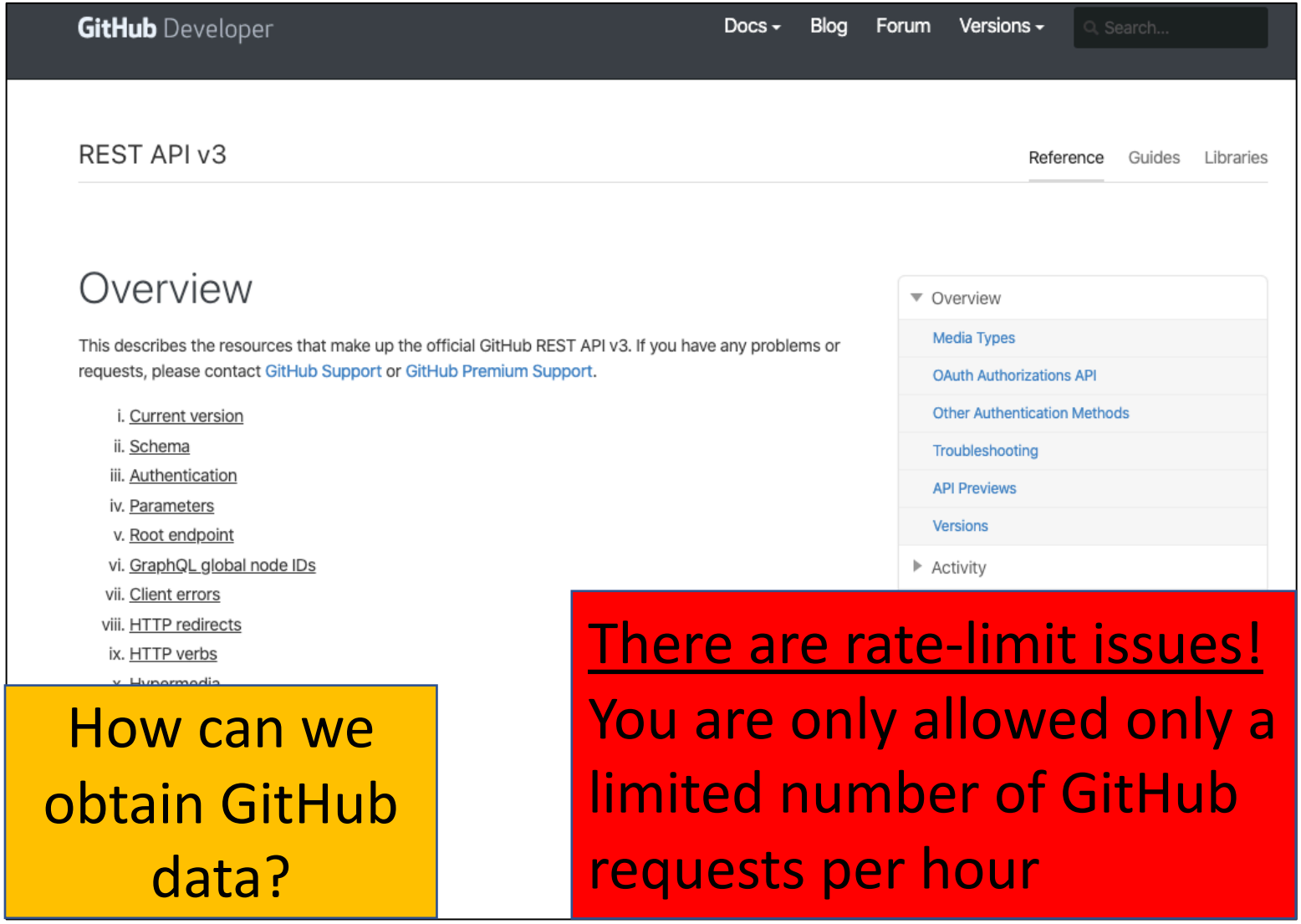

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There are rate-limit issues!

You are only allowed only a limited number of GitHub requests per hour

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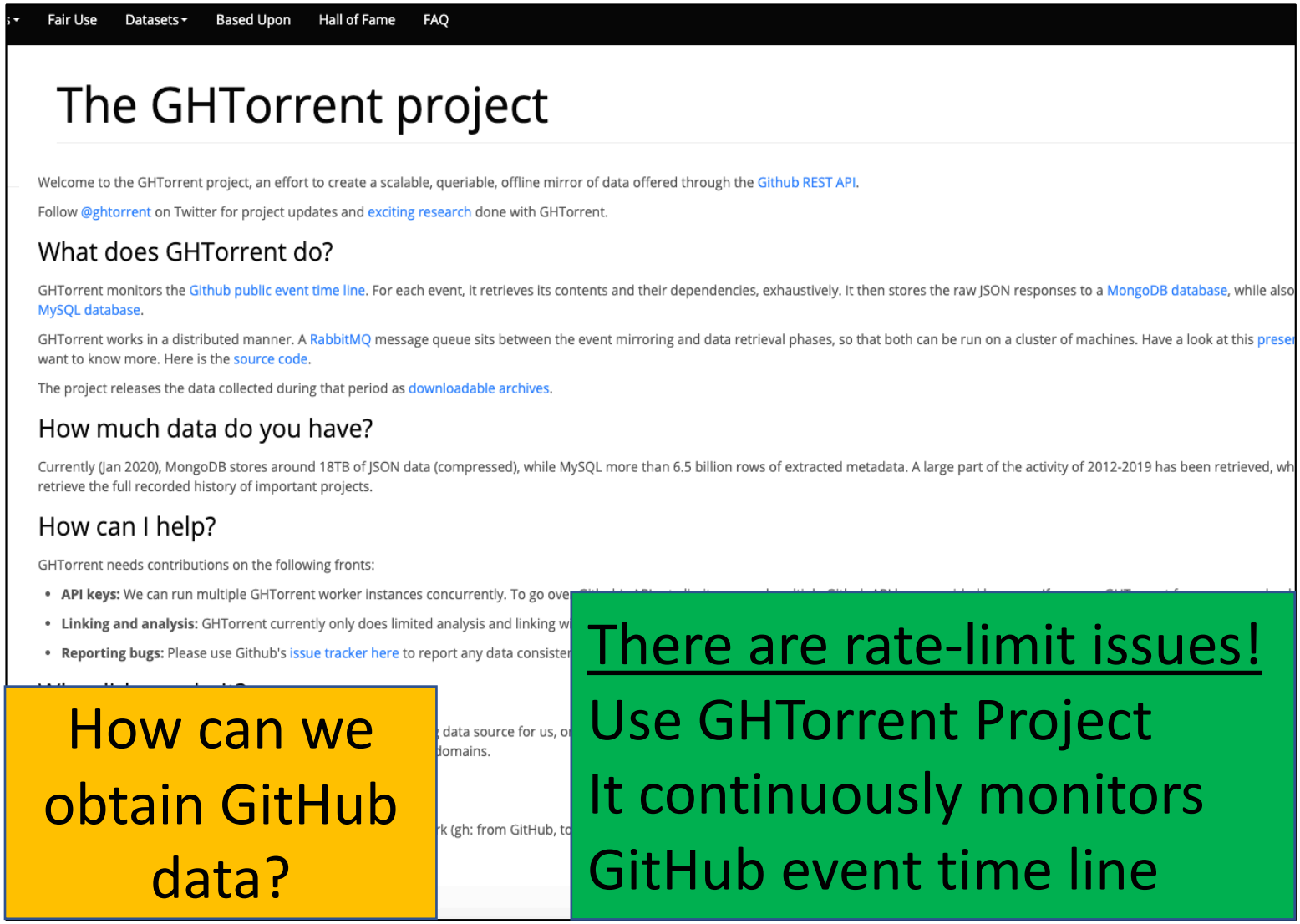

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Use GHTorrent Project

It continuously monitors GitHub event time line

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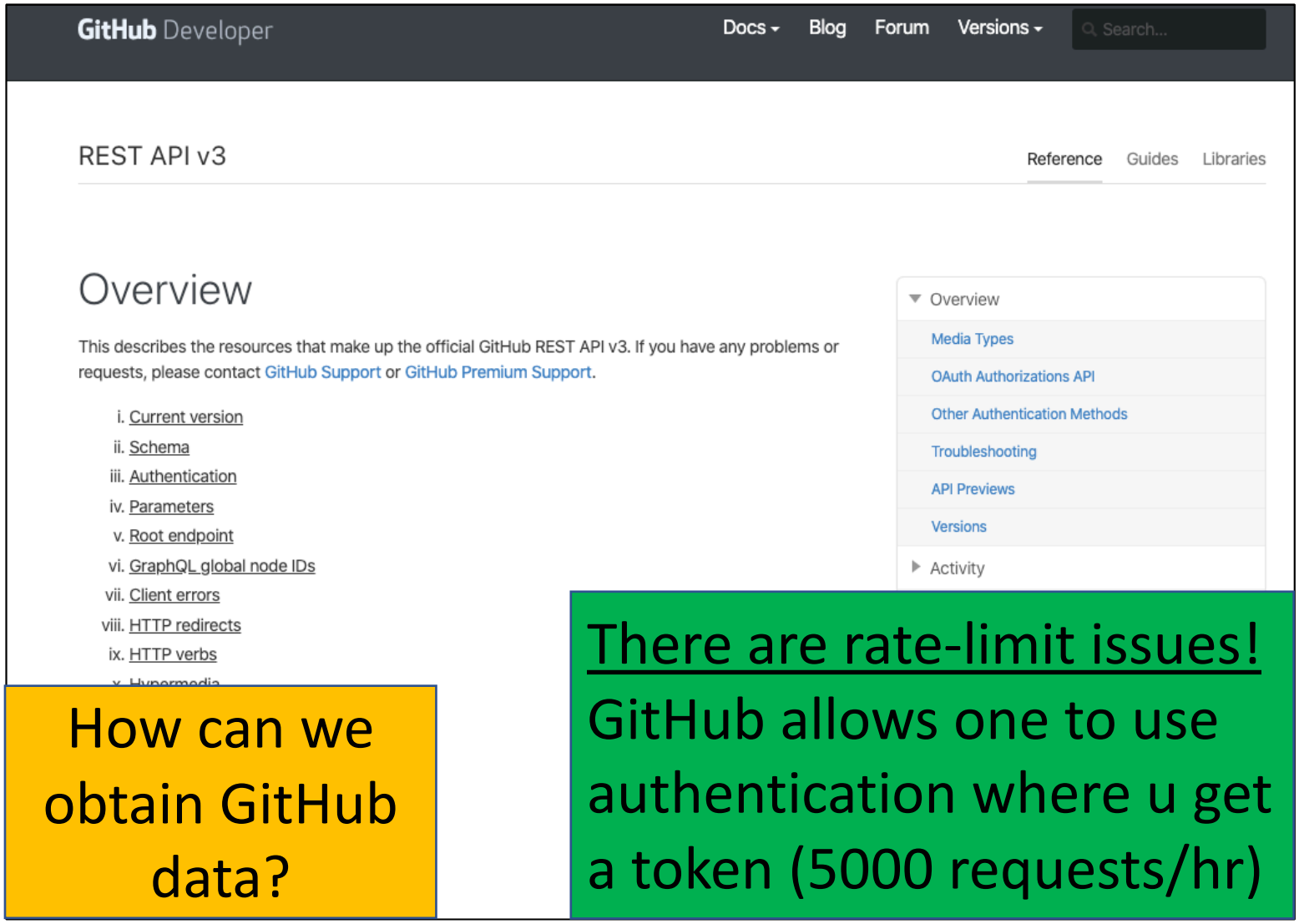

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GitHub allows one to use authentication where u get a token (5000 requests/hr)