

Hunt: Hunt's project is based on trying to solve a staffing issue in Open Source projects. He's wondering if repository structure correlates with contributor activity. He's planning on getting his data from the Github API. The main problems he's going to run into is that repositories aren't marked as public. The way he got around this is he's only going to pull from repositories that are public and have at least one commit from a developer who is not an owner of the repo. He's planning on using CART to make a tree that will predict how likely a repo is to be successful.

Courtney: She's doing a repeat study of a paper she found. She wasn't happy with how the paper was carried out so wants to replicate it. She's going to be reusing the data collected by the original authors because it was gone through by hand and she doesn't want to do it again. She's going to be using GAN to generate and also discriminate if a particular piece of text is positive or negative.

Kyle: Is going to be testing if city planners have prejudice. He's planning on doing this by combining data from road length and road width from a dataset and mixing it economic data from the US census. On the plots he's going to be putting things like road width against average salary in a region. He's planning on using K-Means to do the clustering.

Andy: Is going to be using topic analysis on a few different epics stuff like the Odyssey. He chose this topic because it combined their interests of the Classics and DM/ML. Topic analysis is used for building up models of word topics. Topics are a mathematical way to describe groups of words with a similar context to them. For instance words like bird and parakeet would be in the same topic while words like bird and car would be in different topics. The goal for this project is to be asking questions on what the structure of these epics are through the lens of Topic analysis and how the translation of these texts change over time.

Jake: Jake is planning on using convolutional neural networks to transform pictures taken at NCF into pictures in the style of pictures his friends will make. A convolutional neural network is based on a neural network except that instead of weights there are these things called convolutions. Convolutions are a set of pixels with weights on them for how much to turn up or turn down a pixel's intensity. So when the model is training it is adjusting these convolutions.