Mining massive datasets: Wikipedia Bots' Detector



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Project Objectives

• Data:

- Obtain 40k Wikipedia edits
- Use 20% sampling for the stream
- Show distributions of edits per humans and bots

• Classifier:

- Train a model to classify user as a human or bot
- Do not use username field
- Evaluate the model

Bloom Filter:

- Train on model's predictions
- Find optimal parameters to around 10% error rate
- Make the system work with PySpark Streaming

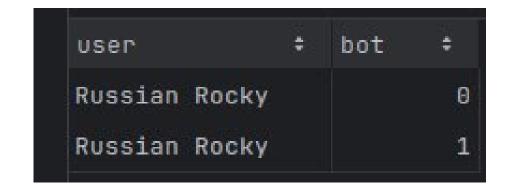
Data Fetching & Sampling

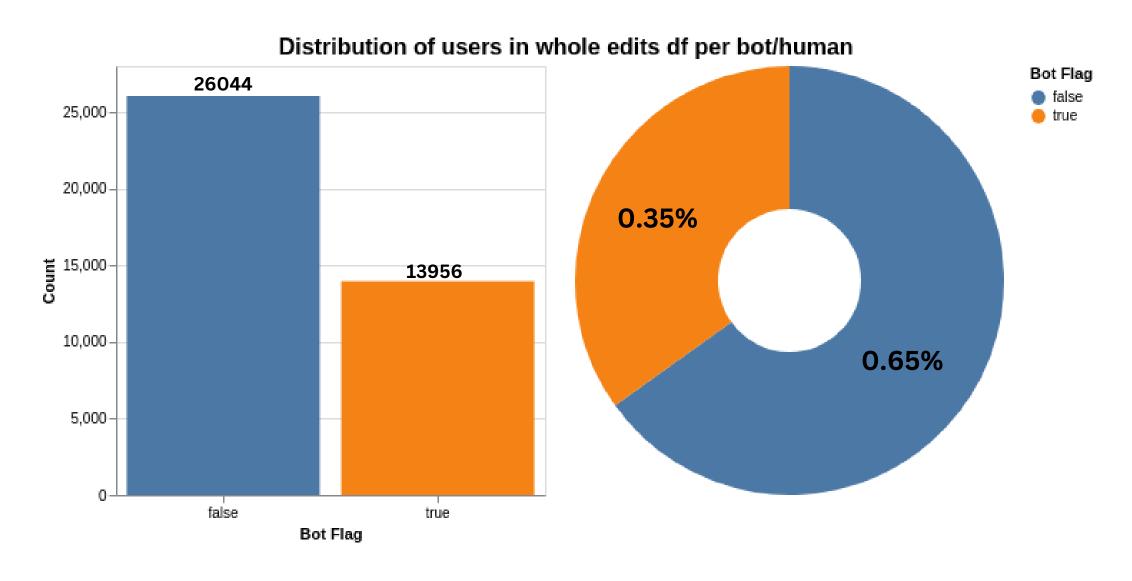
- Edits endpoint
 - https://stream.wikimedia.org/v2/stream/recentchange
- Sampling 20% of the stream
- 40000 edits

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event: message
id: [{"topic":"eqiad.mediawiki.recentchange", "partition":0, "offset":-1},
{"topic": "codfw.mediawiki.recentchange", "partition": 0, "timestamp": 1732125085001}]
data: {"$schema":"/mediawiki/recentchange/1.0.0","meta":
{"uri": "https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/06988441", "request id": "946c0e16-6d94-4001-a166-
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441", "title url": "https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q6988441", "comment": "/* wbeditentity-update-languages-
short:0||mul */ Update default label to name in native
language", "timestamp":1732125085, "user": "Iamcarbon", "bot":false, "notify url": "https://www.wikidata.org/w
/index.php?diff=2277570159&oldid=1716872425&rcid=2345703731","minor":false,"patrolled":true,"length":
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org", "server_script_path": "/w", "wiki": "wikidatawiki", "parsedcomment": "<span dir=\"auto\"><span
class=\"autocomment\">Changed label, description and/or aliases in mul: </span></span> Update default
label to name in native language"}
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Raw Data Distribution

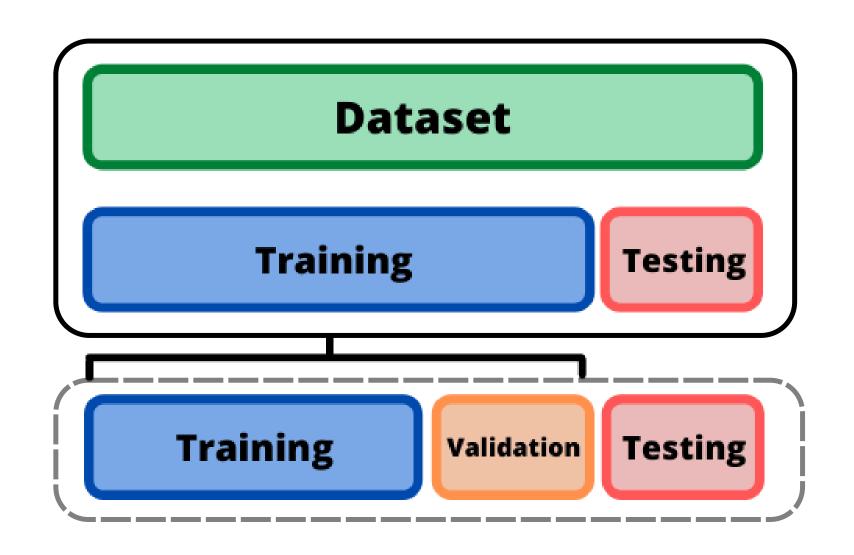
- Unique humans: 4586
- Unique bots: 159
- Hybrid: **41**



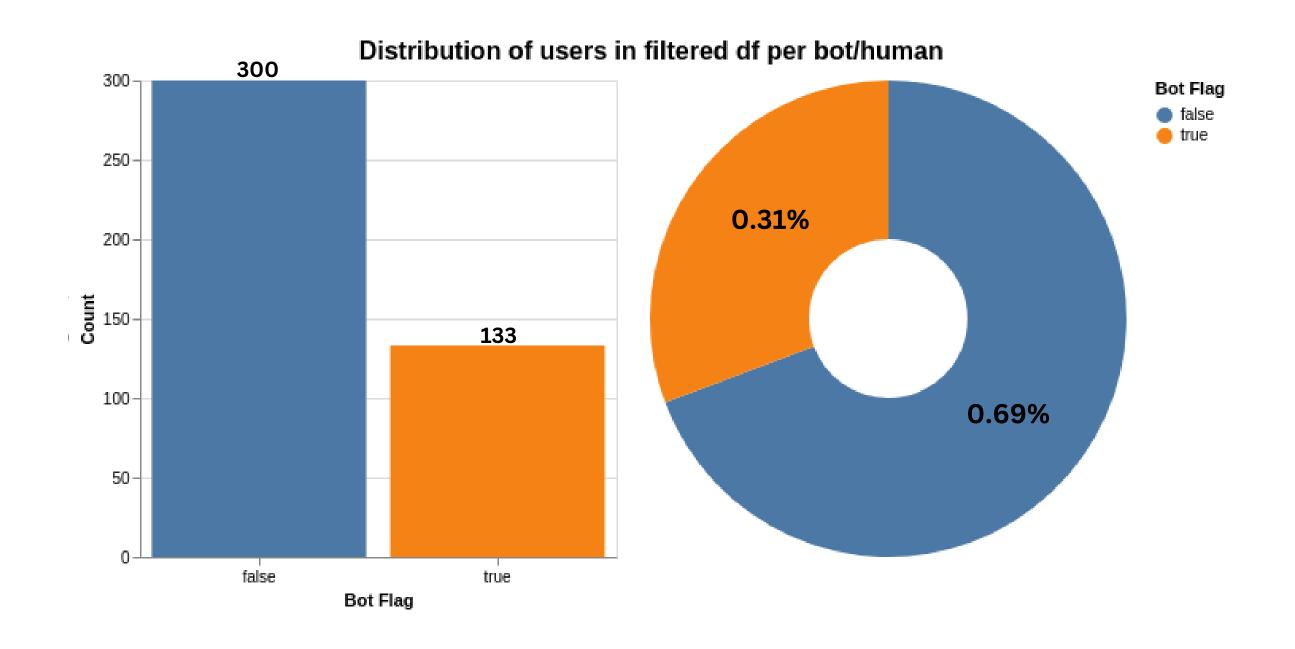


Data Preparation

- Random split
- Grouped split
 - 200/215 test edits by 1 bot
- Deduplication:
 - 26044 -> 4560 human
 - 13956 -> 133 bot
- Class balancing:
 - 4560 -> 300 human



Filtered Data Distribution



Classification Model

Random Forest Classifier:

- 4 features (type, namespace, comment, length)
- custom features:
 - length_diff
 - comment_length
 - stopwords filter + tf-idf on comment
 - one-hot encoding on type and namespace
- 1 target feature (bot)

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Non-Null Count
    Column
                                         Dtype
                         40000 non-null
    $schema
                                         object
    meta
                         40000 non-null
                                         object
    id
                         39248 non-null float64
    type
                         40000 non-null
                                         object
                         40000 non-null
                                         int64
    namespace
    title
                         40000 non-null
                                         object
   title url
                         40000 non-null
                                         object
    comment
                         40000 non-null
                                         object
    timestamp
                         40000 non-null
                                         datetime64[ns]
                                         object
    user
                         39999 non-null
   bot
                         40000 non-null
                                         int64
    notify_url
                         38143 non-null
                                         object
    server_url
                         40000 non-null
                                         object
                         40000 non-null
    server name
                                         object
    server script path
                         40000 non-null
                                         object
15
    wiki
                         40000 non-null
                                         object
16
    parsedcomment
                         40000 non-null
                                         object
17
    minor
                                         float64
                         22990 non-null
    patrolled
                         16641 non-null
                                         float64
    length
                         22990 non-null
                                         object
                                         object
    revision
                         22990 non-null
    log id
                         1857 non-null
                                         float64
                                         object
    log_type
                         1857 non-null
    log_action
                                         object
                         1857 non-null
                                         object
                         1857 non-null
    log params
    log_action_comment
                        1857 non-null
                                         object
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Hyperparameters Tuning

Hyperparameters: numFeatures, numTrees, maxDepth

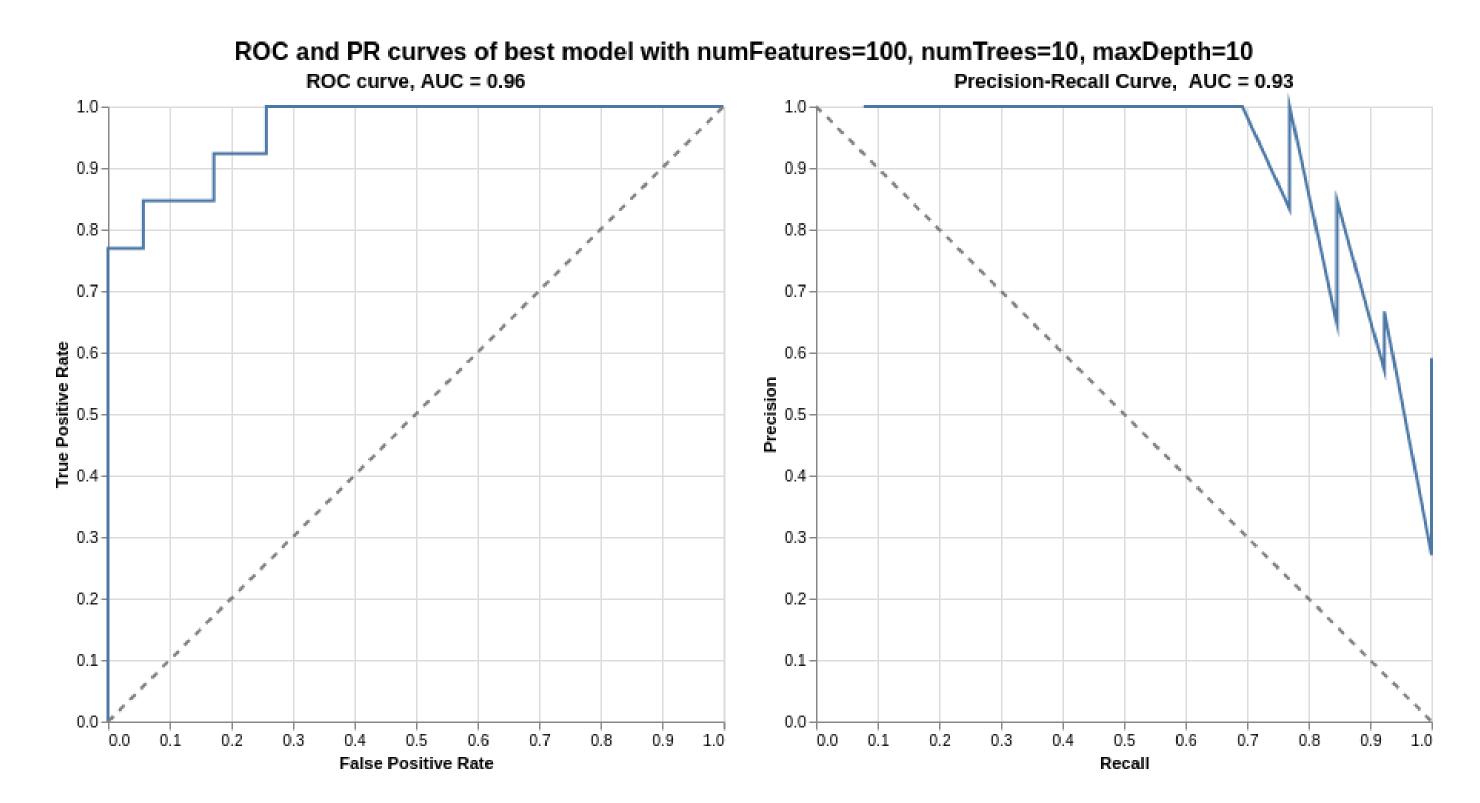
Grid Search:

- numFeatures: [100, 500, 1000]
- numTrees: [10, 50, 100]
- maxDepth: [5, 10, 20]

Evaluation: f1, accuracy, precision, recall, ROC AUC, PR AUC

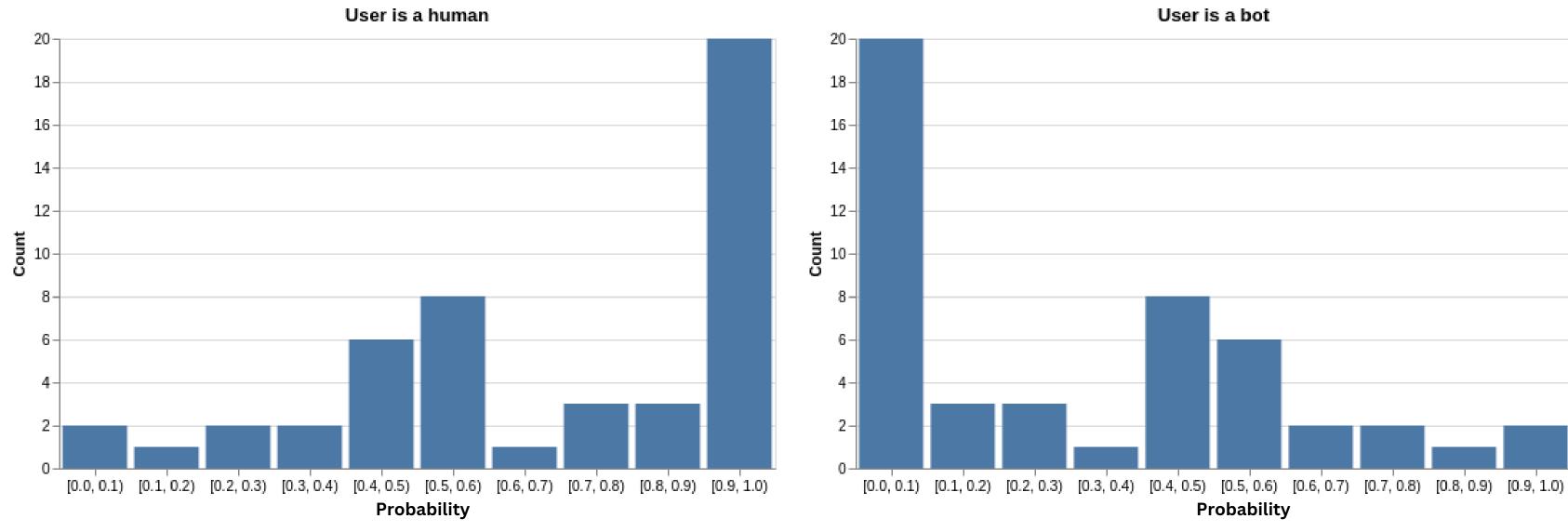
Optimal parameters: numFeatures=100, numTrees=10, maxDepth=10

Model Evaluation



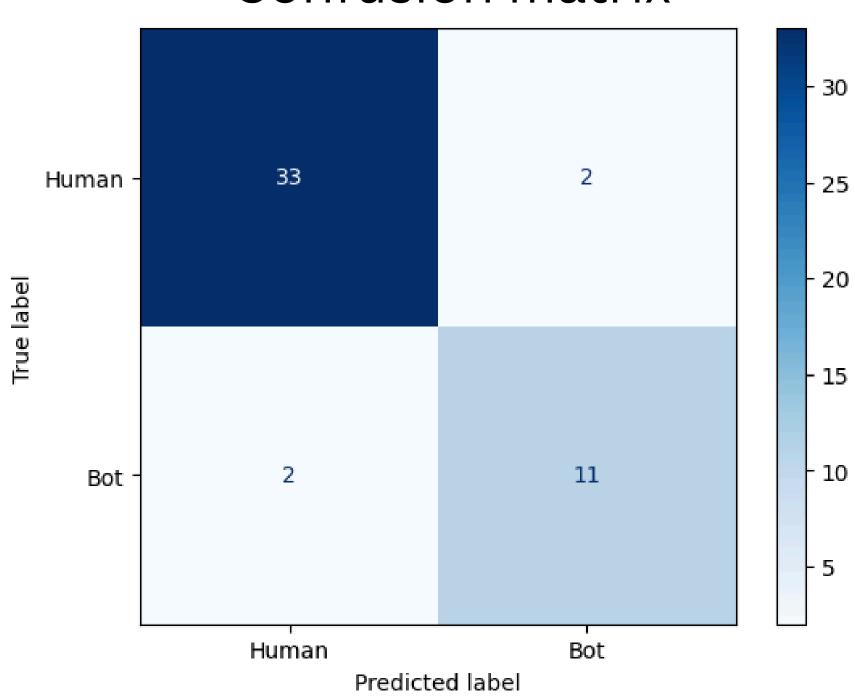
Model Evaluation

Distribution of binned predicted probabilities for both types of users



Model Evaluation

Confusion matrix



Bloom Filter

Input

Blacklist of bots (usernames that classifier predicted as bots)

Hash function

mmh3.hash(x, seed=42) % (a + b) % filtersize

where

a and **b** are random integers between 1 and filtersize - 1 **filtersize** - number of bits in the filter

x - bot's username

Optimal parameters

Optimal filter size:
$$m=-\frac{n\ln(p)}{\left(\ln(2)\right)^2}=-\frac{13\times\ln(0.1)}{\left(\ln(2)\right)^2}\approx 62$$

Optimal number of hash functions:
$$k=ln(2) imes rac{m}{n}=ln(2) imes rac{62}{13}pprox 3$$

p = 0.1 - desired FPR (error rate)

n = 13 - number of stored elements

Deployment & Demo

- Docker image
- PySpark Streaming
- Socket input
- Live blacklisting
- Output to console

```
title_url|
                                                user | bot | blacklisted |
|Категорія:Сторінк...|https://uk.wikipe...|BunykBot|true
100 1090k
                              0 52111
             0 1090k
                                             0 --:--:-- 0:00:21 --:--:--
Batch: 19
                                             0 --:--:-- 0:00:22 --:--:--
100 1127k
             0 1127k
                              0 51794
                                                 user bot blacklisted
|Template:Casertan...|https://en.wikipe...|
                                                 Rodw|false|
                                                                   true
    Dimitrana Ivanova https://fr.wikipe...|RobokoBot| true
                                                                   true
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title
                                 title_url|
                                                          user bot blacklist
           Q51561119 https://www.wikid...
                                                         KrBotl truel
                                                                          falsel
Transformers : Le...|https://fr.wikipe...|
                                                       Pautard false
                                                                          false
|User talk:Changem...|https://en.wikipe...|
                                                     Wiiformii|false|
                                                                          falsel
|Category:WikiProj...|https://en.wikipe...|
                                                    Psquintero | false |
                                                                          falsel
|Category:Draft-Cl...|https://en.wikipe...|
                                                    Psquintero false
                                                                          falsel
|Petit dictionnair...|https://fr.wikiso...|
                                                    Poslovitch|false|
                                                                          falsel
|Category:Media co...|https://commons.w...|
                                                      DPLA bot| true|
                                                                          false
|Категорија:Шаблон...|https://sr.wikipe...|
                                                 Ранко Николић false
                                                                          false
|Категорија:Шаблон...|https://sr.wikipe...|
                                                 Ранко Николић false
                                                                          false
|Британские СМИ: a...|https://ru.wikine...|InternetArchiveBot| true|
                                                                          false
|Category:Digital ...|https://commons.w...|
                                                      DPLA bot| true|
                                                                          falsel
|Category:Draft-Cl...|https://en.wikipe...|
                                                    Psquintero|false|
                                                                          falsel
|Категория:Страниц...|https://ru.wikipe...|
                                                        Valmin false
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File:2017-06-21 L... https://commons.w...
                                                 SchlurcherBot| true|
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|Category:Media co...|https://commons.w...|
                                                      DPLA bot| true|
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|Category:Digital ...|https://commons.w...|
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Категорија:Шаблон...|https://sr.wikipe...|
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