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1 Introduction

In our previous reports , we analyzed Reddit with Pylint. We first learned how to use Pylint and analyzed the messages that he could return. Then, we analyzed all the messages given by Pylint to reddit to see if they are relevant and concise.

In this report, we will study the links that can exist between the different error codes Pylint gives us to reddit. This will allow us to assess whether the messages Pylint are not redundant.

2 Methodology

We have parsed the Pylint output with an home-made script to generate a table containing the correlations between the different error codes. We made three tables for three levels of analysis : by file, by class, and by method. Pylint generates error messages, and sometimes specify the class and the method concerned. For the file-level, we considered the messages where no class was specified. For the class-level, we only selected the messages where Pylint indicates a class. And for the method-level, we only considered the messages where Pylint indicates a method.

To refine our analysis, we removed some error codes that weren't relevant for the analysis. We discarded pairs of error codes that had high distances (greater than 0.9). And we excluded all pairs of critics for which one of the code-critics covers more than 90% of all source code entities analyzed.

3 Patterns of Co-occurring Critics

3.1 By file

Unfortunate Correlation

This section contains pairs of error codes that have quite a low distance, but the error codes don't have something in common.

Correlation	0.50
C0322	Operator not preceded by a space
R0904	Too many public methods (%s/%s)

Correlation	0.67
C0322	Operator not preceded by a space
R0911	Too many return statements (%s/%s)

Correlation	0.50
C0322	Operator not preceded by a space
R0912	Too many branches (%s/%s)

Correlation	0.50
C0322	Operator not preceded by a space
W0106	Expression "%s" is assigned to nothing

Correlation	0.50
C0322	Operator not preceded by a space
W0404	Reimport %r (imported line %s)

Correlation	0.67
C0322	Operator not preceded by a space
W0631	Using possibly undefined loop variable %r

Correlation	0.60
E0611	No name %r in module %r
W0232	Class has no __init__ method

Correlation	0.70
E1101	%s %r has no %r member
R0914	Too many local variables (%s/%s)

Same niche

This occurs when code critics seem to correlate just because they both refer to a specific kind of source entity.

Correlation	0.50
R0911	Too many return statements (%s/%s)
R0912	Too many branches (%s/%s)
Comment:	<i>In Reddit, they uses a lot of if/return.</i>

TODO

Correlation	0.50
R0911	Too many return statements (%s/%s)
W0404	Reimport %r (imported line %s)

Correlation	0.67
R0911	Too many return statements (%s/%s)
W0631	Using possibly undefined loop variable %r

Correlation	0.50
R0912	Too many branches (%s/%s)
W0631	Using possibly undefined loop variable %r

Correlation	0.68
R0913	Too many arguments (%s/%s)
R0914	Too many local variables (%s/%s)

Correlation	0.67
R0914	Too many local variables (%s/%s)
W0612	Unused variable %r

Correlation	0.50
W0404	Reimport %r (imported line %s)
W0631	Using possibly undefined loop variable %r

Correlation	0.69
W0612	Unused variable %r
W0621	Redefining name %r from outer scope (line %s)

3.2 By class

3.3 By method

Correlation	0.60
C0203	Metaclass method %s should have mcs as first argument
W0602	W0602: Using global for %r but no assignment is done

Correlation	0.60
F0401	Unable to import %s
W0122	Use of exec

Appendices

Excluded codes : ['E1101', 'W0613', 'C0202', 'E0102', 'E0213', 'E0602', 'E0711', 'E1101', 'E1123', 'F0401', 'W0101', 'W0122']

/	C0203	C0321	C0324	E0101	E0203	E0211	E0710	E1002	R0911	R0912	R0913	R0914	W0102	W0201	W0221	W0231	W0232	W0233	W0403	W0404	W0602	W0612	W0621	W0622	W0631	W0701	W0702	W0703
C0203	0.88	0.88	0.50	0.86	0.75		0.83		0.89	0.84			0.83		0.85	0.86	0.88	0.88	0.75	0.80	0.50				0.50		0.67	0.67
C0321	0.88	0.86	0.86	0.89					0.89						0.85	0.86	0.88	0.89	0.89	0.86	0.86			0.75	0.86	0.88	0.88	0.88
C0324	0.86	0.89													0.89	0.89				0.89	0.89			0.89				
E0101	0.50	0.86	0.89				0.80		0.67				0.80			0.50	0.67	0.75	0.75							0.50	0.50	0.50
E0203									0.67																			
E0211															0.85											0.86		
E0710	0.75															0.88												
E1002																												
R0911																												
R0912	0.75	0.89	0.67	0.67			0.83	0.86					0.83		0.67	0.75	0.50	0.60	0.67	0.67					0.67	0.75	0.75	0.75
R0913	0.84						0.82									0.87			0.88	0.89	0.81		0.78					
R0914									0.83	0.82			0.87				0.89	0.88	0.88	0.80				0.89	0.80		0.83	0.83
W0102	0.83			0.80					0.86						0.80	0.83	0.86	0.88	0.80									
W0201												0.87																
W0221	0.85					0.85																		0.83		0.88		
W0231	0.50	0.86	0.89						0.67				0.80			0.50	0.67	0.75	0.75	0.75						0.50	0.50	0.50
W0232								0.88																				
W0233	0.67	0.88		0.50					0.75	0.87			0.83		0.50	0.50	0.75	0.80	0.50	0.50					0.50	0.67	0.67	0.67
W0403	0.75	0.89	0.67	0.67			0.89	0.86	0.50				0.89	0.86	0.67	0.75	0.60	0.67	0.60	0.67	0.67			0.67	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75
W0404	0.80		0.75				0.88		0.60				0.88	0.75	0.75	0.80	0.60	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.83		0.75	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80
W0602	0.50	0.86	0.89						0.67				0.80			0.50	0.67	0.75	0.75	0.75						0.50	0.50	0.50
W0612											0.88										0.89	0.89						
W0621											0.89								0.83	0.83	0.89							
W0622	0.75									0.78	0.81				0.83						0.89							
W0631	0.50	0.86	0.89						0.67			0.80				0.50	0.67	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.89					0.50	0.50	0.50
W0701						0.86									0.88													
W0702	0.67	0.88		0.50					0.75			0.83			0.50	0.67	0.75	0.80	0.50	0.50				0.50	0.50	0.67	0.67	0.67
W0703	0.67	0.88		0.50					0.75			0.83			0.50	0.67	0.75	0.80	0.50	0.50				0.50	0.50	0.67	0.67	0.67

Excluded codes : ['E0702', 'F0401', 'W0102', 'W0105', 'W0201']

/	C0321	C0322	C0324	E0602	E0611	E1002	E1101	E1120	E1123	R0904	R0911	R0912	R0913	R0914	W0106	W0231	W0232	W0404	W0612	W0613	W0621	W0622	W0631	W0702	W0703
C0321	0.80	0.88	0.88	0.83	0.83		0.89	0.80	0.83	0.75				0.87	0.75					0.85					
C0322	0.80	0.88	0.83	0.83					0.50	0.50	0.67	0.50	0.85	0.85	0.50			0.50					0.67	0.80	
C0324	0.88	0.88	0.80	0.89	0.89		0.86	0.88	0.89		0.88	0.86	0.88	0.82		0.88		0.86	0.80	0.88	0.78		0.88	0.78	
E0602	0.88	0.83	0.80	0.86				0.83	0.86		0.83	0.80	0.87	0.88				0.80	0.88	0.77	0.82	0.88	0.83	0.88	
E0611	0.83	0.89	0.86					0.75	0.80								0.60								
E1002																0.75									
E1101	0.89	0.86						0.88	0.89				0.79	0.70	0.88				0.79	0.88	0.77	0.80	0.88		
E1120	0.80	0.88	0.83	0.75			0.88		0.75				0.85												
E1123	0.83	0.89	0.86	0.80			0.89	0.75					0.86								0.88				
R0904	0.75	0.50																							
R0911	0.67	0.88	0.83									0.50						0.50					0.67	0.80	
R0912	0.50	0.86	0.80								0.50												0.50	0.75	
R0913		0.88	0.87				0.79						0.68						0.79	0.79	0.83				0.83
R0914	0.87	0.85	0.82	0.88			0.70	0.85	0.86				0.68						0.67	0.86	0.73			0.87	
W0106	0.75	0.50																							
W0231		0.88					0.88																		
W0232				0.60	0.75																0.88				
W0404		0.50	0.80								0.50												0.50	0.75	
W0612		0.80	0.88				0.79						0.79	0.67						0.87	0.69	0.84		0.83	
W0613	0.85	0.88	0.77				0.88						0.79	0.86					0.87		0.82	0.86			
W0621		0.78	0.82				0.77		0.88				0.83	0.73			0.88		0.69	0.82		0.88		0.81	
W0622			0.88				0.80											0.84	0.86		0.88		0.85	0.87	
W0631	0.67	0.88	0.83				0.88				0.67	0.50					0.50				0.85		0.80		
W0702	0.80	0.78	0.88								0.80	0.75		0.87			0.75	0.83			0.81	0.87	0.80		
W0703													0.83												

Excluded codes : ['E1101', 'R0913', 'R0914', 'W0612', 'W0613', 'W0621', 'C0202', 'C0321', 'C0322', 'C0324', 'E0101', 'E0102', 'E0211', 'E0213', 'E0611', 'E0702', 'E0710', 'E0711', 'E1002', 'E1101', 'E1123', 'R0901', 'R0902', 'R0904', 'R0911', 'W0101', 'W0102', 'W0105', 'W0106', 'W0201', 'W0221', 'W0232', 'W0403', 'W0613', 'W0622', 'W0701', 'W0702', 'W0703']

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C0203											0.60	
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R0912		0.80								0.83		0.88
W0122					0.50							
W0231									0.81			
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