

In order to reduce potential biases in the data, I have decided to scrape the MAL website once every 5 minutes for a week total. This decision was based off of the following factors:

1. It is reasonable to assume that viewers will have a preferred genre of anime, and will watch more shows from that genre than shows from other genres. Likewise, it is reasonable to assume that most of the people on MAL are watching at least some of the currently airing anime. Since currently airing anime is released weekly, data must be collected in weekly intervals in order to avoid genre bias.
2. It is reasonable to assume that viewers from different countries have different preferences for anime. Thus, data must be collected frequently enough in order to reduce the potential for any bias.

However, there still remain some flaws with this methodology. Since MAL primarily used by English speakers, the data collected will trend towards western tastes in anime. While Japanese and other language sites similar to MAL exist, the language barrier makes it difficult to gather data efficiently.