

Analyzing Projects :: CHEAT SHEET



Getting Started

Kaiāulu recommends a set of steps to analyze projects. These include the way to organize a project's folders and the way the analysis is configured for reproducibility.

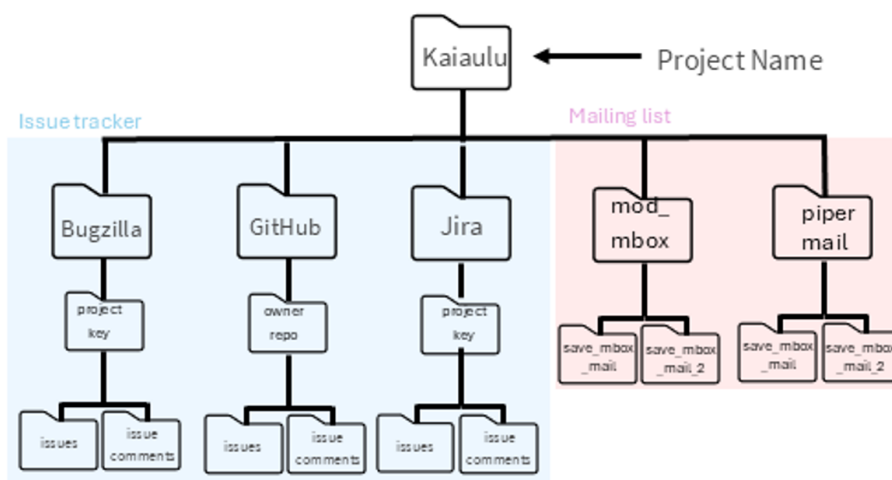
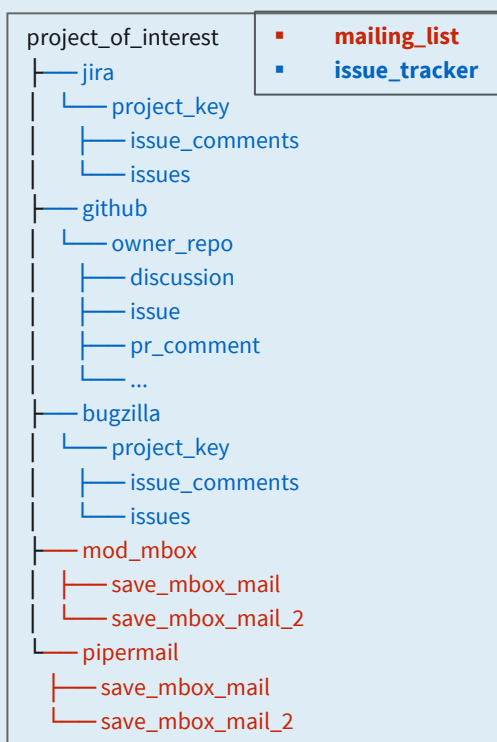
Additional features facilitate project selection by different project demographics, reusing parts of Kaiāulu in other tools or server-side for parallelization.

Folder Organization

A project analysis is organized in sub-folders per data source provenance. A project folder can be initialized by the function:

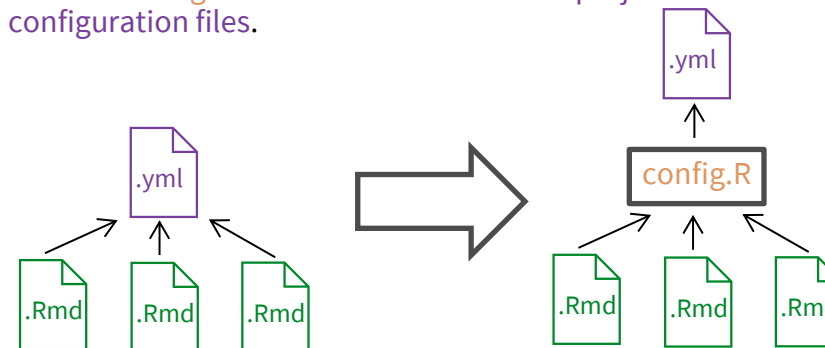
`create_file_directory()`

The file organization is specified in the **project configuration file**. These, in turn, are used throughout the **Notebooks** via **getter functions** in Kaiāulu once the **project configuration file** is specified.



Accessing Configs from Notebooks

The **getter functions** in **config.R** centralize the process of gathering information from **project configuration files** (.yml) in **Notebooks** (.Rmd). This allows for different **Notebooks** to use the same **getter functions** for different **project configuration files**.



Without the **getter functions** from **config.R**, the **Notebooks** would require direct variable assignments to the **project config** information.

With the **getter functions** from **config.R**, the **Notebooks** can use the **getter functions** to acquire the **project config** information.

If the **project config** specification evolve in the future, only the corresponding **getter function** implementation needs to be updated, instead of all the dependent **Notebooks** and **Exec scripts**.

Selecting Projects

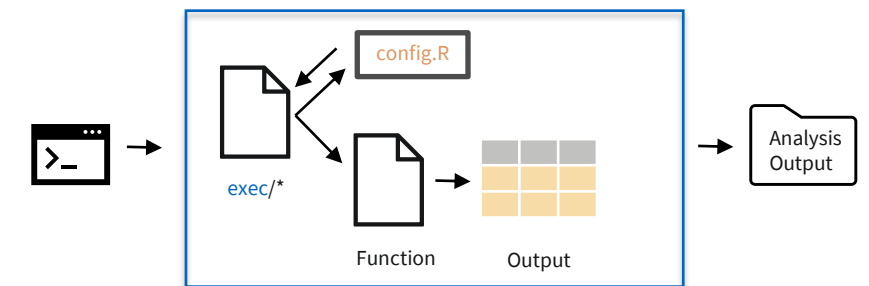
Project selection often involves tedious work in browsing different websites and repositories to identify project demographics, language, issue traceability, or bug labeling.

openhub_project_search.Rmd is a **Notebook** that showcases how Kaiāulu interfaces with OpenHub API to facilitate selecting open-source projects for studies. This **Notebook** demonstrates how to use the Kaiāulu OpenHub API interface to search for projects that meet specific criteria, streamlining the process of discovering open-source projects through OpenHub's database.

Once projects for analysis are decided upon, they can be documented as **project configuration files**, in turn accessed in **Notebooks** by **getter functions**.

Command Line Interface

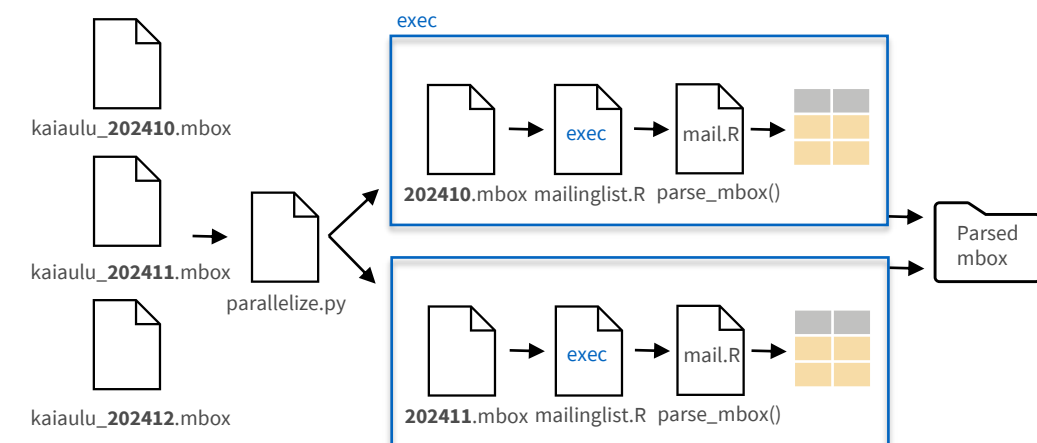
Exec scripts serve as interface between Kaiāulu functions and external tools, allowing a subset of capabilities to be accessed via the command line in other languages.



Executable files also utilize **getter functions** to access **project configuration files**, and Kaiāulu's API to externalize functionality. **Exec scripts** expect a combination of both **project configuration files** as input and optional arguments.

Parallelization

Through **Exec scripts**, Kaiāulu functions can be called in parallel, enabling concurrent analysis of large projects.



The **parallelize.py** script can be used with other Kaiāulu **Exec scripts** depending on the analysis needs.