# Research Project D5. Preliminary Results

**Title:** Effect of Project Dependencies on the Health of the Software Project

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## Research Questions

RQ 1: How does packages affect the health of project dependencies?

a: How does deprecated packages affect the health of project dependencies?

b: What are the compatibility issues involved in the upgradation of project dependencies in the future?

## **Data Collection Method**

As part of data collection we have done the following:

#### Step 1:

- > We considered the repositories from 2010 till current date having Javascript projects with package.json file.
- ➤ We considered 10 pages assuming 100 entries per page which resulted to 926 entries in total.

## Data Collection Method Contd...

#### Step 2:

For our preliminary analysis we considered the repositories:

- ➤ Which had greater than average of forks and watchers as we are considering the projects which are popular and could have more dependency on these projects.
- ➤ Hence, we considered 926 entries/repositories out of which 425 repositories had greater than the average of forks and watchers on which our further analysis was performed.
- ➤ We have considered the following columns and performed the analysis assuming that there could be some correlation between these factors: ['id','name','full\_name','html\_url','url','size','language','forks', 'open\_issues','visibility','watchers', 'created\_at', 'updated\_at', 'pushed\_at']

## Data Collection Method Contd...

#### Step 3:

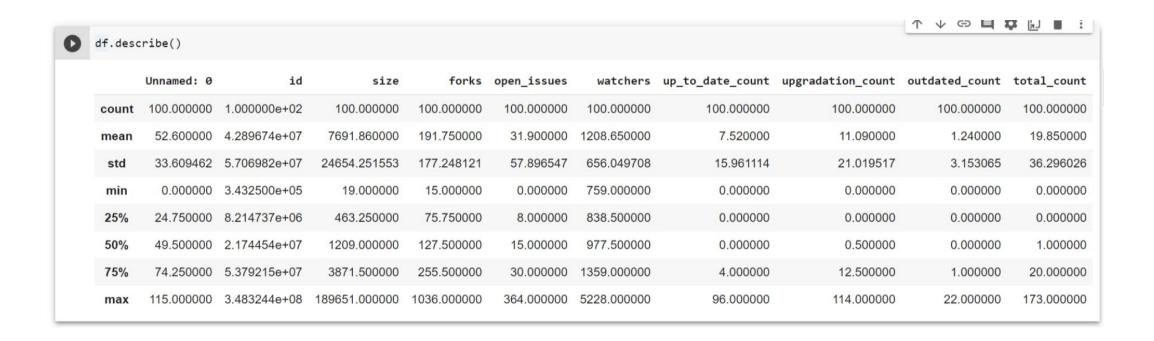
> We picked each repository and checked the packages present in their package.json file upto 2 levels.

#### Pseudocode:

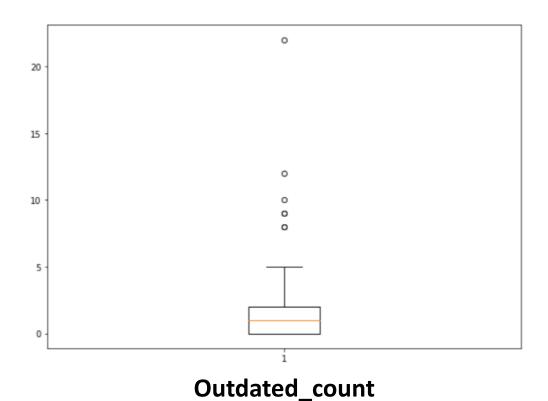
for each repository in list\_of\_repositories:

- 1. check for package.json file
- 2. check for the outdated packages, upgradable packages
- 3. increment their respective counts
- ➤ If we found out a deprecated/outdated package we incremented its count by 1 and packages which needed an upgrade to its latest version had an upgrade increment count.
- Finally, we would display the current version of the package and also give the information about the latest version of the package.

# Results Descriptive Statistics

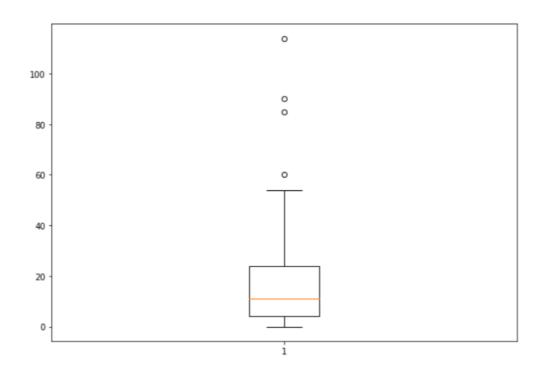


# Results Contd..



The box-plot on the left shows the results obtained from the data analysis of the outdated packages.

## Results cont...



The box plot here shows the results obtained from our data analysis of the packages that need to be updated.

Upgradation\_count

### Results cont...

-0.05504494095246603

#### Correlation

During our analysis, we observed a small correlation when we tried to compare open\_issues with the dependency counts.

Therefore, we are further tuning our methods to obtain better results.

Thank You