

Beeg Data - Beeg Meme

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Goal

Analyze and data-mine funny internet images to gain insights on certain internet communities.

This is Spiderman
His back hurts because he had to carry the entire
Playstation 5 lineup for 3 years now.



How to watch Breaking Bad :

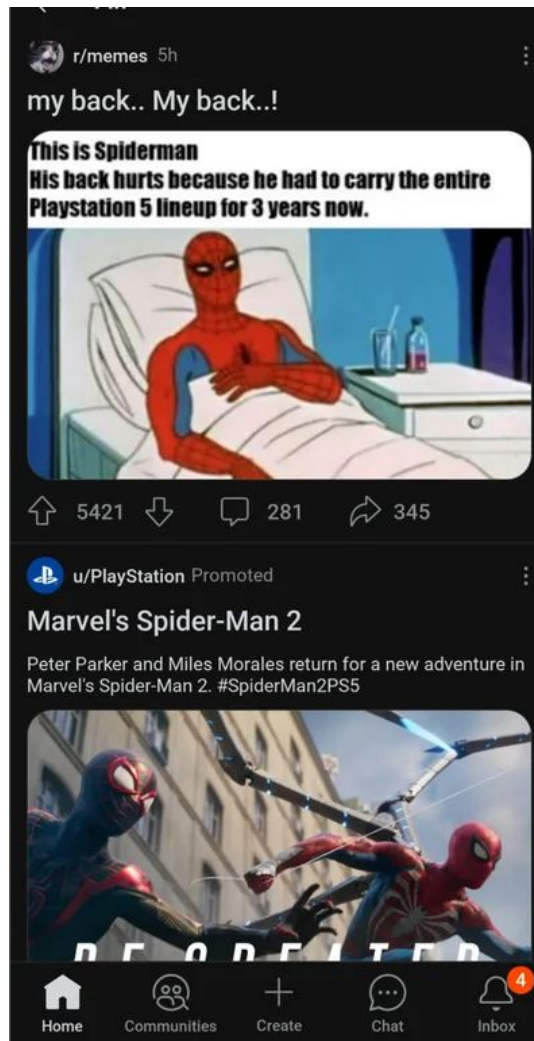


made with memefix



Justification

- Memes often involve text-in-picture combined with a secondary image
- Textual information can provide insight for advertisements
 - What is being talked about
 - What is the sentiment
- The images are often similar and can provide context for the textual information
 - Comparison between two items
 - Sarcasm



Data sources

- Reddit
- Imgur
- ~~Ifunny~~ -> Tumblr
 - The reverse engineered iFunny API turned out to be outdated
 - We chose Tumblr as a replacement, which does have an official API
- ~~KnowYourMeme~~



Reddit

- We focused on reddit.com/r/memes
- Dedicated Python wrapper (PRAW)
- Hot, Top, New
- 100 requests per minute (managed by the wrapper)
 - We assumed that fetching info about one post is one request, but that might not be the case
- Around 1 new post/minute on /r/memes
 - Will likely expand to other, more active communities.

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Imgur

- Imgur-python library
- Hot, Top, New
- 12 500 requests per day
- Slight delay
- Around 1-2 new posts/minute
- Returns images or galleries
- Lots of additional metadata

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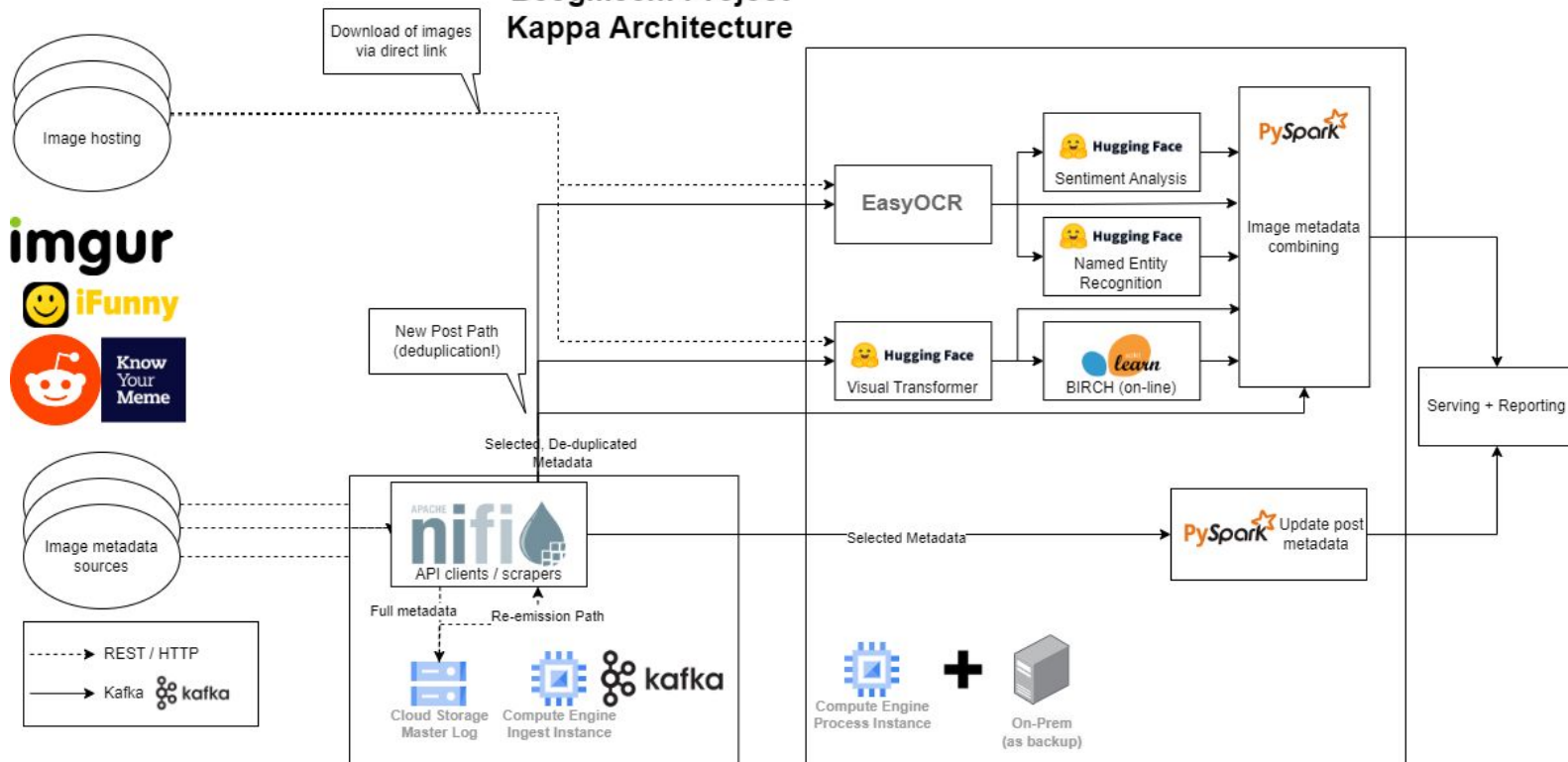
Tumblr

- pytumblr library
- latest memes in tags
- 1000 requests per hour
- 5000 requests per day
- 1 post/ 5-7 min in #memes
- Returns json with image urls
- Images of multiple resolutions
- Total number of interactions
- No number of views
- Author = blog name
- A lot of useless metadata

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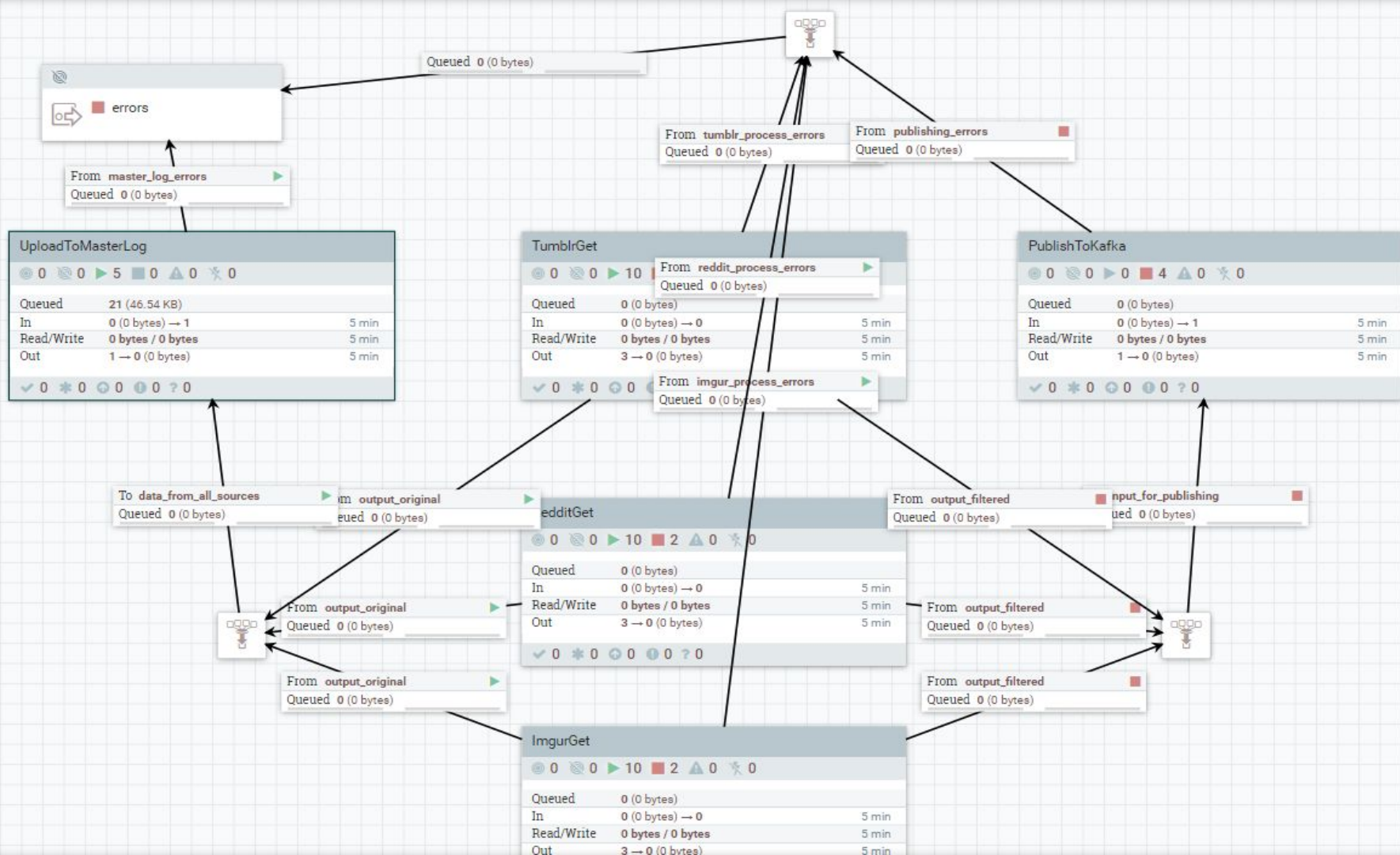

Architecture

BeegMeem Project Kappa Architecture



Ingestion

- For data acquisition and preliminary transformation we use Apache Nifi
- Separate flows for each data source
- Data transformation, unification
- Writing to master log
- Publishing to Kafka



Unified Data fields

- Global ID
- Author of the post
- Time the post was created (UTC)
- Text description of the post
- Post score
- URL to the post image
- Image source (Imgur, Reddit, Tumblr)

Transport

- We experimented with different solutions:
Pub/Sub, Pub/Sub lite & Kafka
 - Pub/Sub has no connector to Spark
 - The Pub/Sub lite connector didn't work
 - We spent too much time on something that was supposed to save us time
- We eventually just set up Apache Kafka.
- It will be used to glue different parts of the system together.



Processing

- Various data-mining models operating on image data and data extracted from images
 - Visual Transformer ->
 - On-line Clustering
 - Optical Character Recognition ->
 - Sentiment Analysis
 - Named Entity Recognition
- Metadata processing for new posts
- Metadata processing for post updates

ML Models

- Optical Character Recognition
 - recognizes text inside a meme
 - EasyOCR python module
- Sentiment Analysis
 - identifies the polarity of the meme text
 - pretrained HuggingFace 'sentiment-analysis' pipeline
- Named Entity Recognition
 - extract named entities from the meme text
 - HuggingFace bert-base-ner model
- Visual Transformer
 - pretrained HuggingFace model
- On-line Clustering
 - BIRCH algorithm, scikit-learn implementation

Serving + Reporting

MongoDB:

- real time querying
- flexible schema design
- uses JSON
- integration with Apache Spark

Data will be partitioned by day

Report will be in PowerBI Desktop, which will connect via ODBC data source



Conclusion

- Goal: Analyze and data-mine funny internet images to gain insights on certain internet communities
- Use Kappa architecture for application
- Sources of memes: Reddit, Imgur, Tumblr (tested and working)
- NiFi and Apache Kafka
- 4 ML models to add insights into data
- MongoDB
- PowerBI Desktop reporting