

# CensorshipInvestigation

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## 1 Censorship Investigation

Proposed solutions and test for blocked WeChat message and surveys.

### 1.1 What's here

- [X] wxpy multiple bots at once
- [X] Quatrics Speed
- [X] links without sensitive keywords
- [X] links with sensitive keywords
- [ ] Google Voice registered WeChat account

### 1.2 Resources

- [GreatFire Analyzer](#): censorship analyzer for url, keywords etc.
- [List](#) of Baidu censored words (will return "Not Found").

### 1.3 WeChat

#### 1.3.1 Setup and Manage Multi Accounts

- Register with [Google Voice US numbers](#)
- 0 cost, but needs to make phone calls and texts every week to prevent from being canceled
- might not pass WeChat check
- Multiple login with Python ThreadPool to prevent [overload](#)
- (See code below)

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In [ ]: # Python ThreadPool to login multiple accounts at once
        from multiprocessing.pool import ThreadPool
        from wxpy import *

        cache_paths = ['bot1.pkl', 'bot2.pkl']

        with ThreadPool(2) as pool:
            bot1, bot2 = pool.map(lambda x: Bot(x, qr_path='{}.png'.format(x)), cache_paths)
```

### 1.3.2 Censorship at server

- Choose a usable encryption
- Encoperate with the wxpy API

## 1.4 Surveys

Option 1: use Quatrics

- speed test on [WebSitePulse](#) using self-created Qualtrics [form](#)

Tested From	Shanghai, China	Beijing, China
Status	OK	OK
Response Time	6.038 sec	0.803 sec

- when using a longer [form](#)

Tested From	Shanghai, China	Beijing, China
Status	OK	OK
Response Time	5.583 sec	6.446 sec

Option 1: use Chinese survey website [wjc](#)

Option 3: use vultr or [bluehost](#) for web hosting

In [6]: # cvs + python API demo: display content of test.cvs

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import csv
with open('testSensitive.csv', newline='', mode='r') as inputFile:
    inputReader = csv.DictReader(inputFile)
    # next(input_reader, None) # skip the headers in cvs.reader(input) mode
    for row in inputReader:
        print('From: ' + row['From'])
        print('To: ' + row['To'])
        print('Message: ' + row['Msg'])
```

From: liz

To: filehelper

Message: [https://www.google.com/search?ei=VpXtW6zBAojL\\_QbWlJSADw&q=%E9%87%91%E4%B8%89%E8%83%96](https://www.google.com/search?ei=VpXtW6zBAojL_QbWlJSADw&q=%E9%87%91%E4%B8%89%E8%83%96)

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From: liz

To: b83120371

Message: [https://www.baidu.com/s?wd=6.4&rsv\\_spt=1&rsv\\_iqid=0xd460cf2400004c96&issp=1&f=8&rsv\\_b](https://www.baidu.com/s?wd=6.4&rsv_spt=1&rsv_iqid=0xd460cf2400004c96&issp=1&f=8&rsv_b)

From: liz

To: luv

Message: [https://www.baidu.com/s?wd=%E6%B3%95%E8%BD%AE%E5%8A%9F&rsv\\_spt=1&rsv\\_iqid=0xd460cf24000004c96&issp=1&f=8&rsv\\_bp=1](https://www.baidu.com/s?wd=%E6%B3%95%E8%BD%AE%E5%8A%9F&rsv_spt=1&rsv_iqid=0xd460cf24000004c96&issp=1&f=8&rsv_bp=1)  
From: liz  
To: Tiffany  
Message: test3  
From: liz  
To:  
Message: [https://www.baidu.com/s?wd=%E9%80%80%E5%85%9A&rsv\\_spt=1&rsv\\_iqid=0xd460cf24000004c96&issp=1&f=8&rsv\\_bp=1](https://www.baidu.com/s?wd=%E9%80%80%E5%85%9A&rsv_spt=1&rsv_iqid=0xd460cf24000004c96&issp=1&f=8&rsv_bp=1)  
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From: liz  
To: Sherry Zhang  
Message: [https://www.baidu.com/s?wd=89&rsv\\_spt=1&rsv\\_iqid=0xd460cf24000004c96&issp=1&f=8&rsv\\_bp=1](https://www.baidu.com/s?wd=89&rsv_spt=1&rsv_iqid=0xd460cf24000004c96&issp=1&f=8&rsv_bp=1)

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In [7]: # demo for using csv with itchat
import csv
import itchat

itchat.auto_login(hotReload=True)

with open('testSensitive.csv', newline='', mode='r') as inputFile:
    inputReader = csv.DictReader(inputFile)

    for row in inputReader:
        # itchat.send((row['Msg']), toUserName=(row['To']))
        receiverUserName = (row['To'])
        msg = (row['Msg'])
        itchat.send(msg, toUserName=receiverUserName)
        print('Sent!')
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