# Spam Detection on YouTube

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# Spam detection of comments

88% accuracy

# **Business Understanding**

#### Improve User Experience

Identifying whether each comment is spam for better user experience on YouTube





# Data

#### Dataset

- Comments to popular music videos from 2013
  - PSY, Katy Perry, Shakira, LMFAO, Eminem
- Around 2,000 comments
- Equal representation of spam and non-spam comments





# Methods

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- Eliminate html tags and urls
- Eliminate commonly used words
- Metric → Accuracy



# Key Findings

#### Most Important Words

- Channel
- Check
- Like
- Please
- Subscribe

### **Most Important Bigrams**

- Check channel
- Check video
- Subscribe channel

### Recommendations

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Focus on comments that are self-advertising

Only use model for music videos

 Flag comments instead of removing them



## Future Research

#### **Areas of Future Research**

 More comments for better model performance

 Identify accounts that generate more spam comments

 Model generalization for model usage in non-music videos



### Thank you!

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