# Does the First-Response Matter for Future Contributions? A Study of First Contributions

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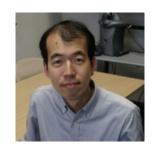
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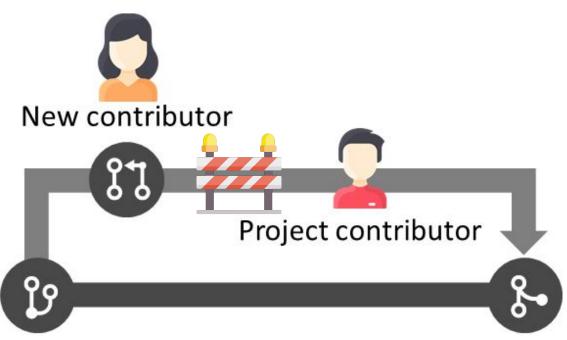


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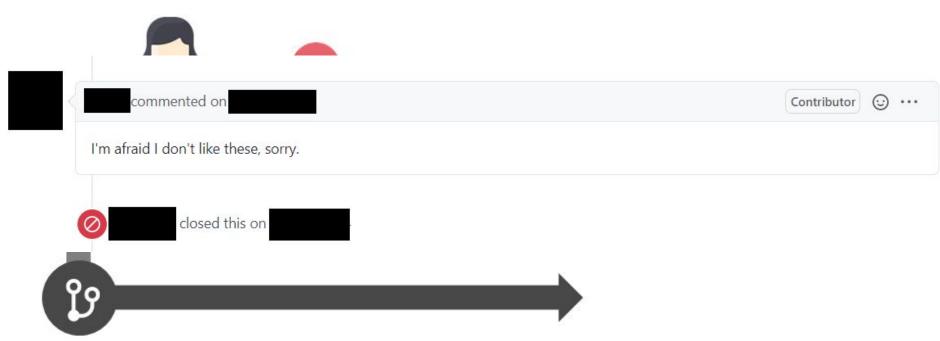
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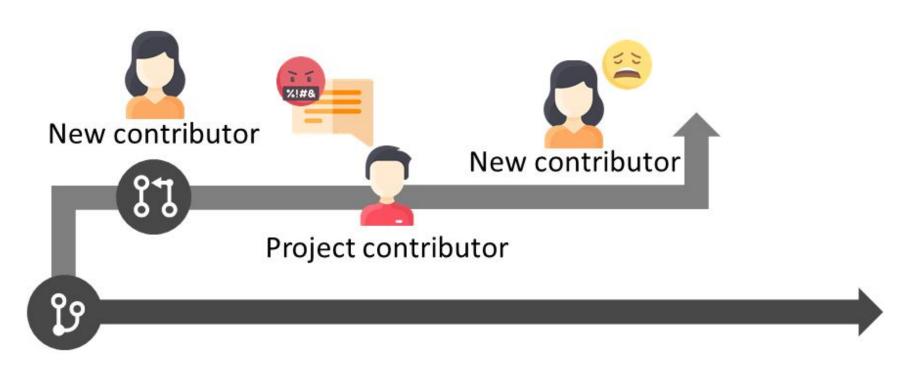
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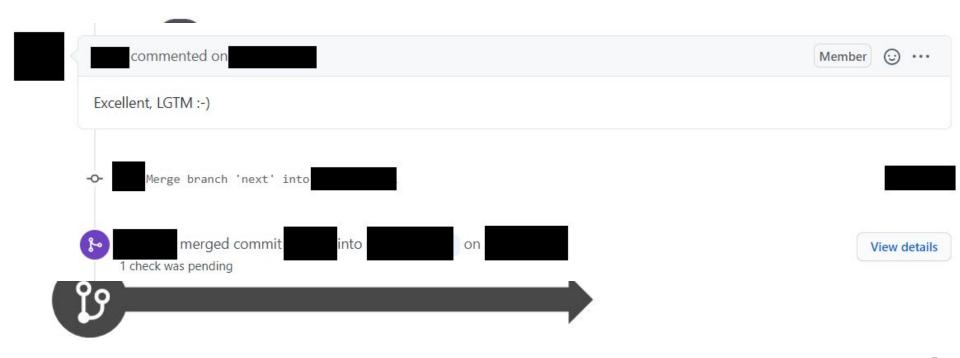
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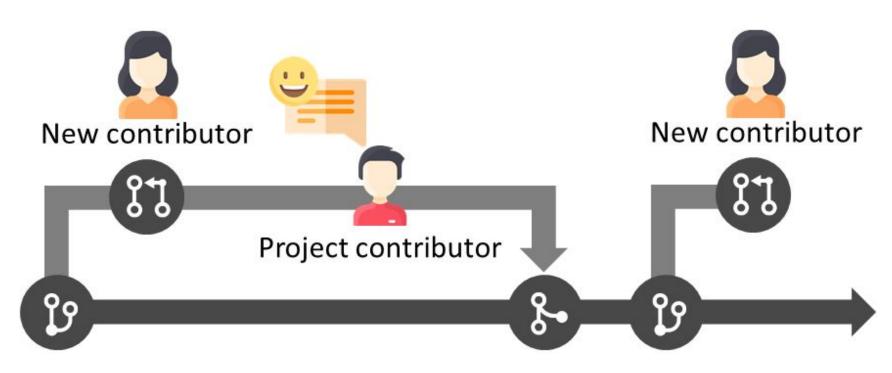
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#### **Preliminary Analysis**

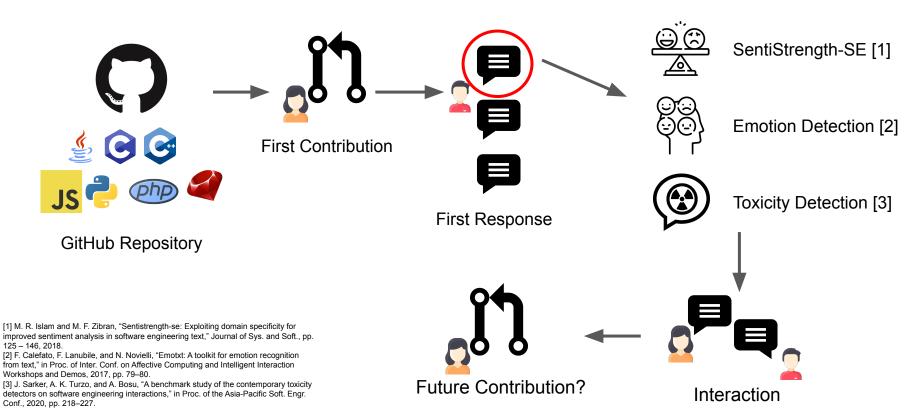
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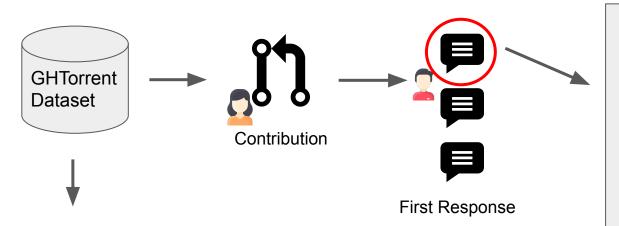
Sample top 20 projects with most contributors.

 From 43,398 pull requests, we observed that 12,003 (27.66%) are from first contribution

8,534 (71.10%) receive responses.

#### The Study Plan for Our Registered Report









Emotion Detection





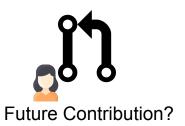
**Toxicity Detection** 

Responsiveness

First Response Characteristics

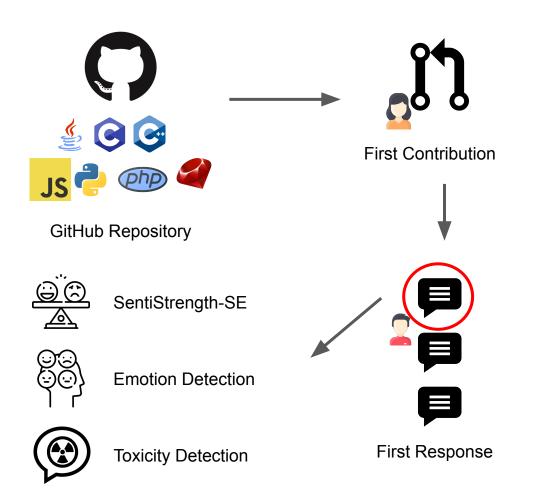


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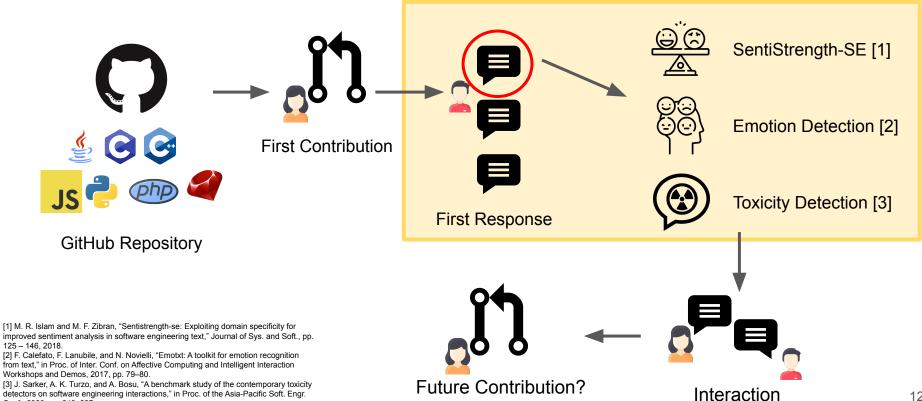






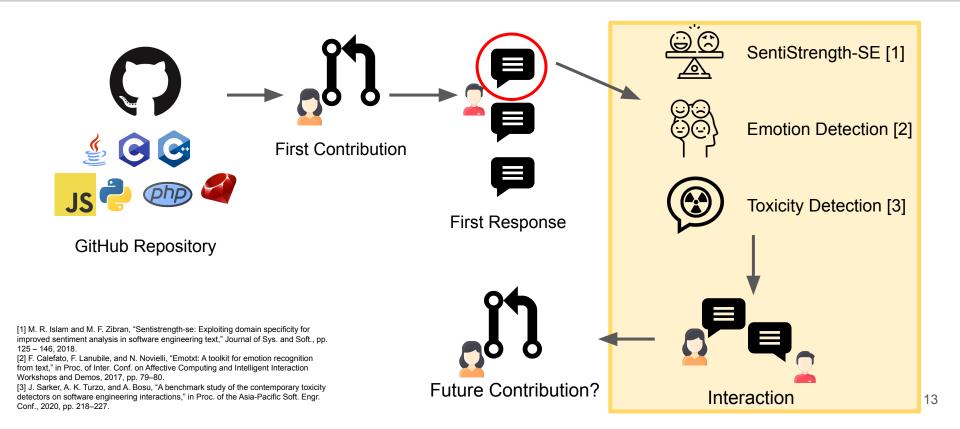


#### RQ1 - First Response Characteristic

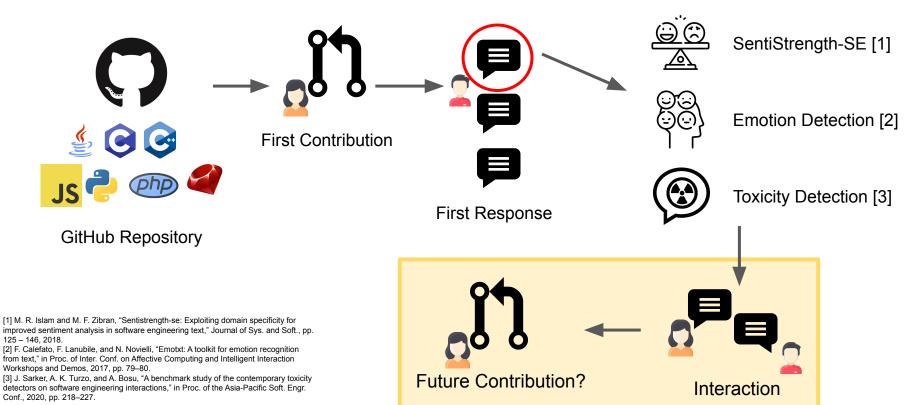


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### RQ2 - Relationship between Positive First Response and Future Interaction



### RQ3 - Relationship between Interaction and Future Contribution

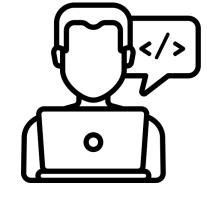


#### **Implication**









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