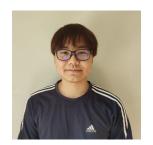
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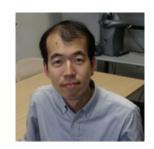
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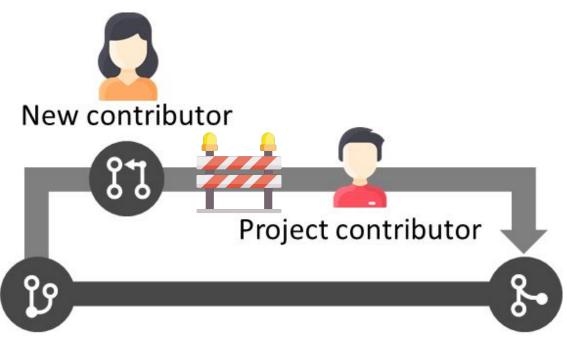


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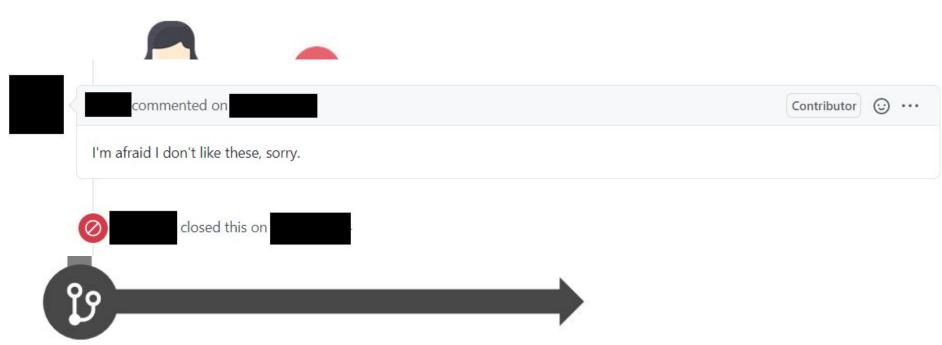
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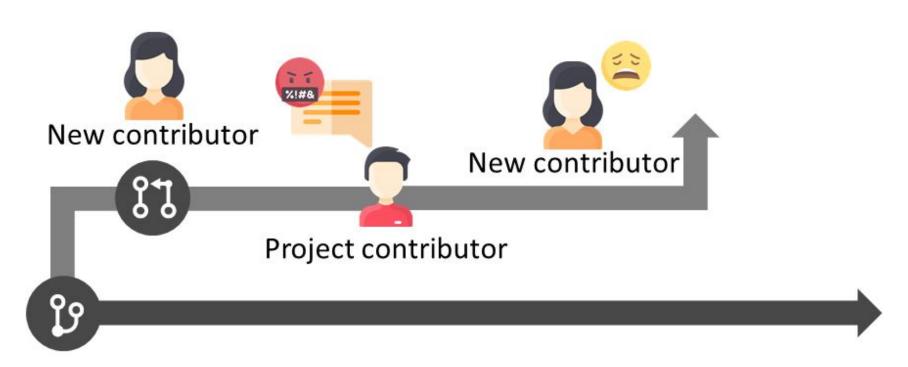
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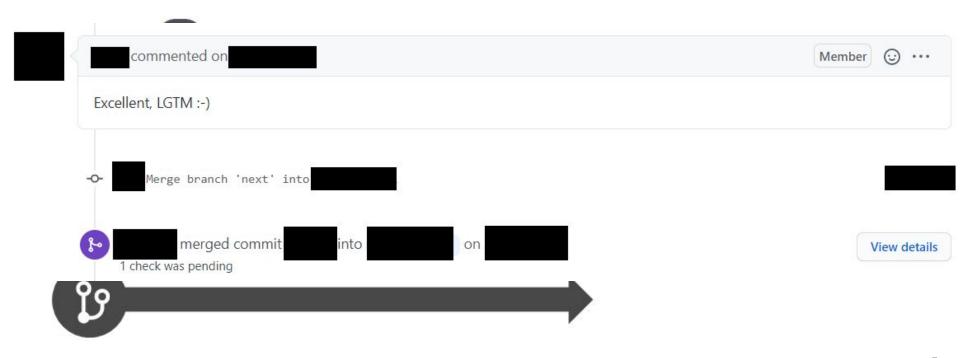
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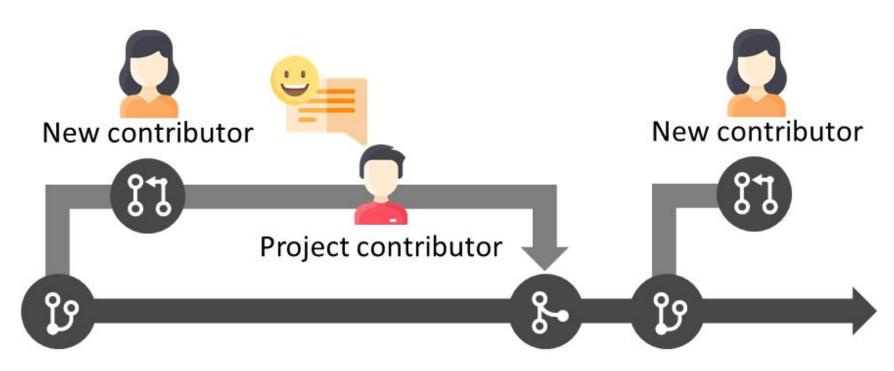
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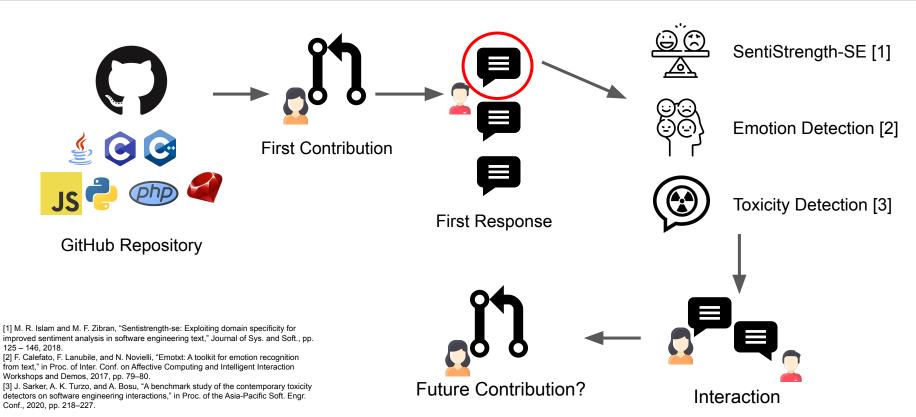
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Sample top 20 projects with most contributors.

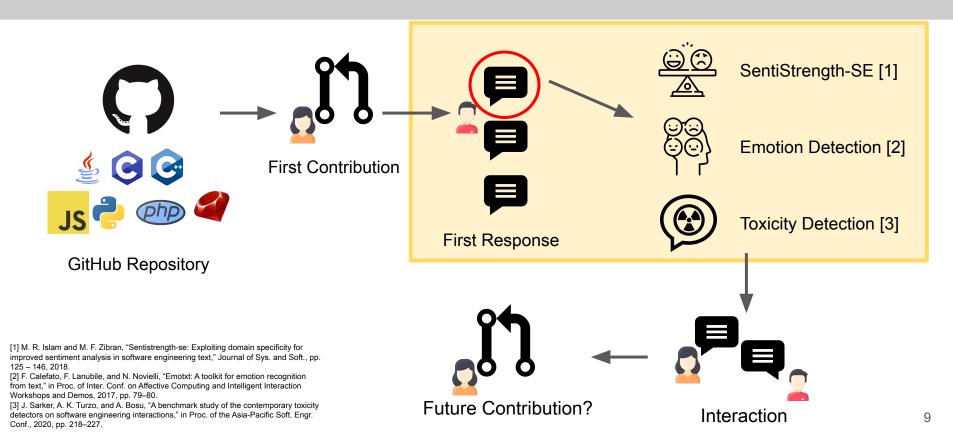
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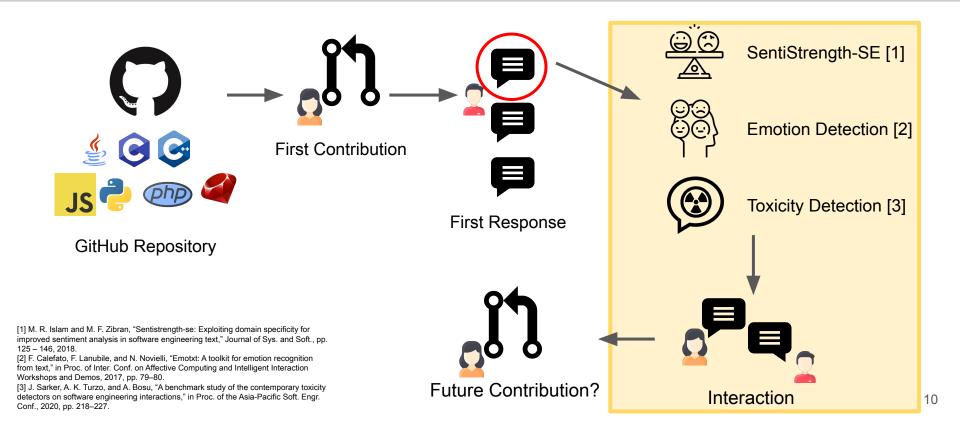
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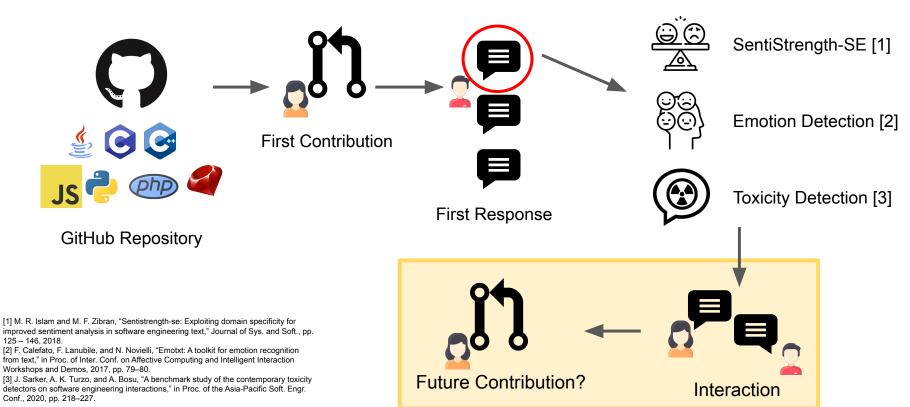
RQ1 - First Response Characteristic



RQ2 - Relationship between Positive First Response and Future Interaction



RQ3 - Relationship between Interaction and Future Contribution

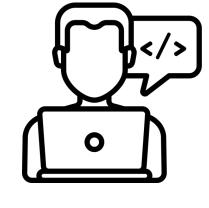


Implication









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