Third-party Library Recommendations for Python Developers using Software Analysis Techniques

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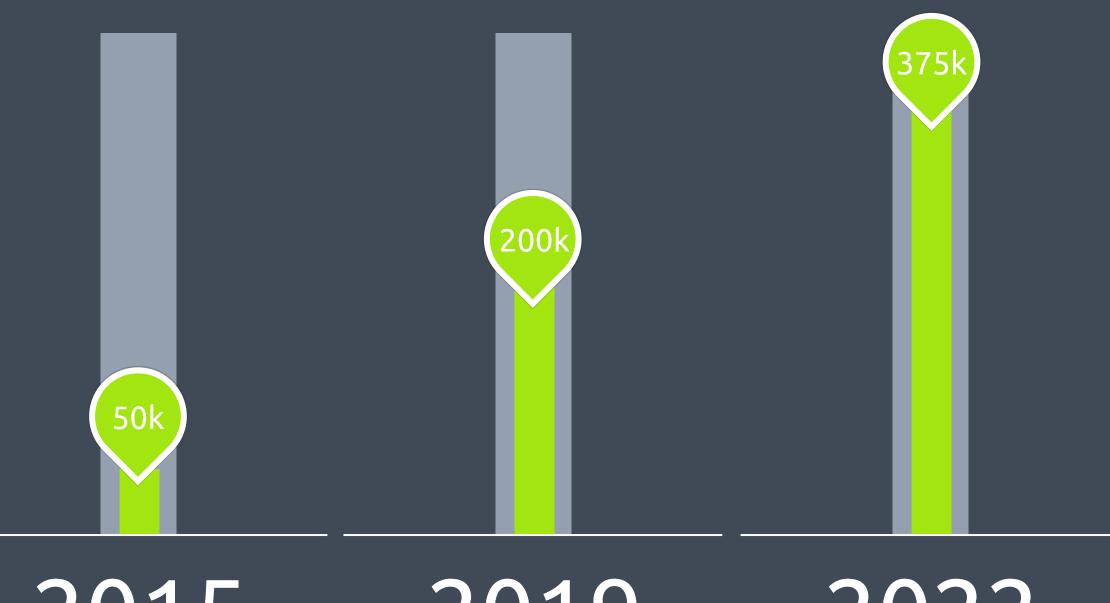
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Introduction

Number of Packages available in PyPi



Vast and Dynamic Ecosystem

Hard to select the most suitable library

- Development Support
- Dependencies
- Compatibility

Library Recommendation

Has already been widely studied in Java Systems

Our Vision

Our research vision is that current recommender systems do not exploit all the potential knowledge hidden in software repositories, and still require additional steps to support developers in the effective integration of the recommended libraries.



Research Objectives

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Analyze library ecosystem

Enhance knowledge base

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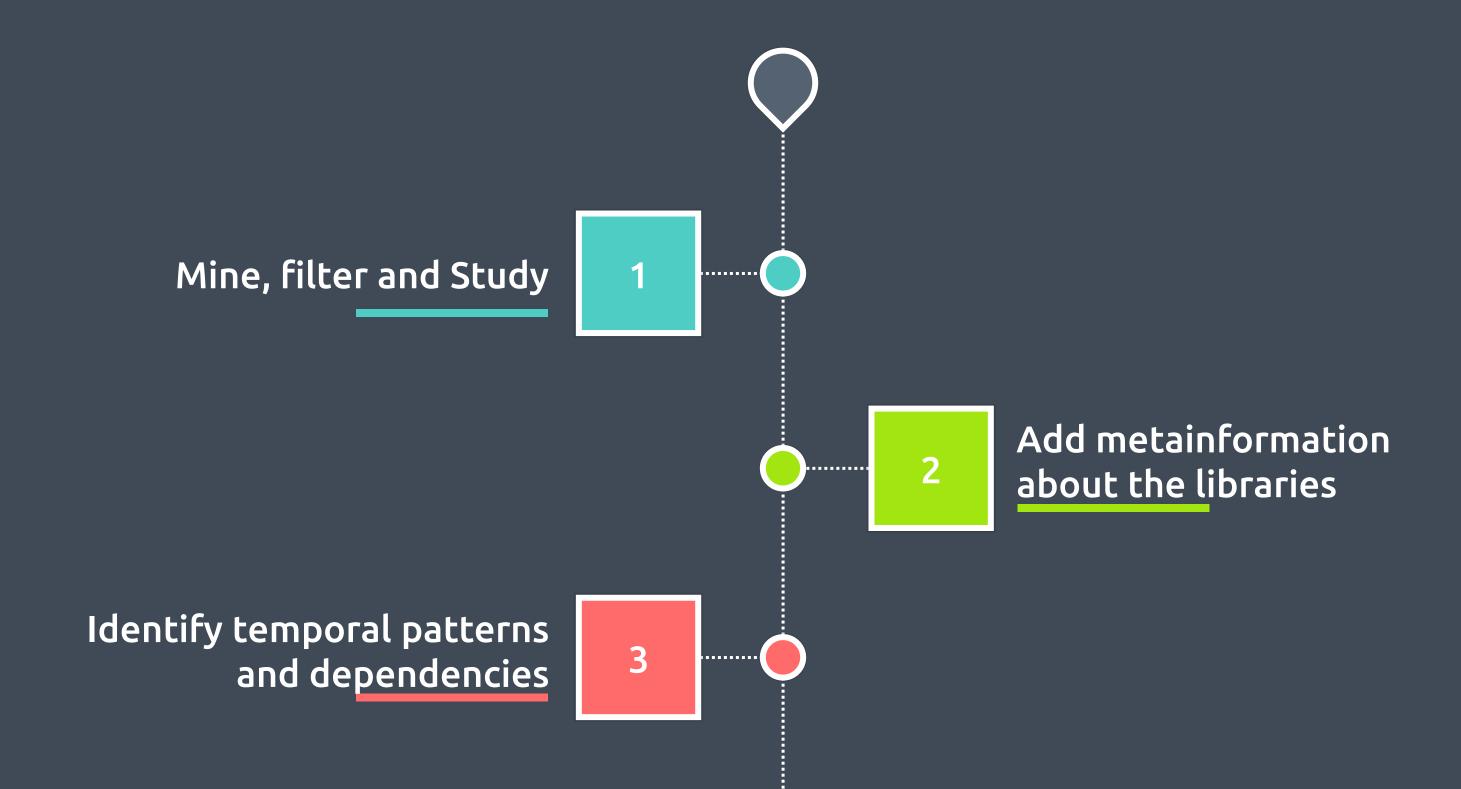
Assist in library integration

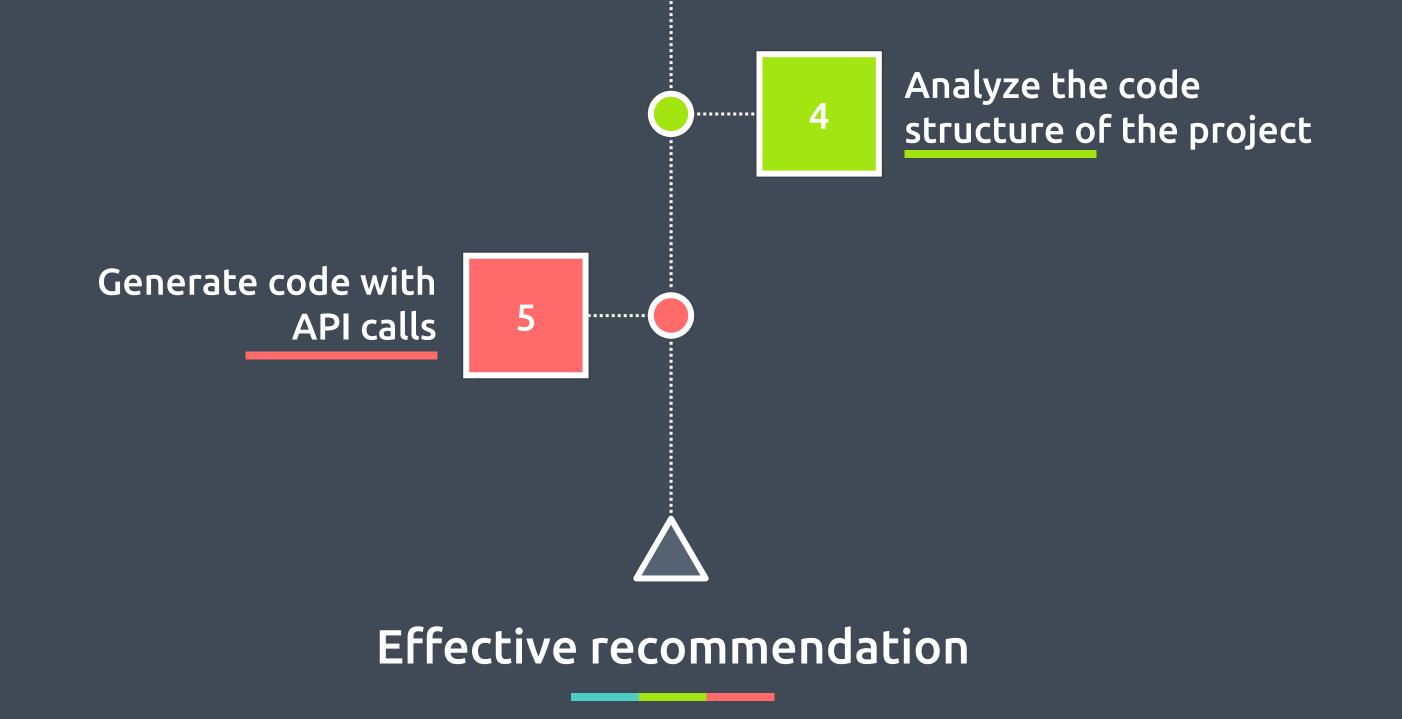
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- Analyze the use of Python libraries in repositories to extract hidden knowledge to make recommendations.
- Enhance the code knowledge base to be able to adapt the recommendations to the project context.
- Assist the developers regarding how their code should be combined or replaced by API calls to the library.

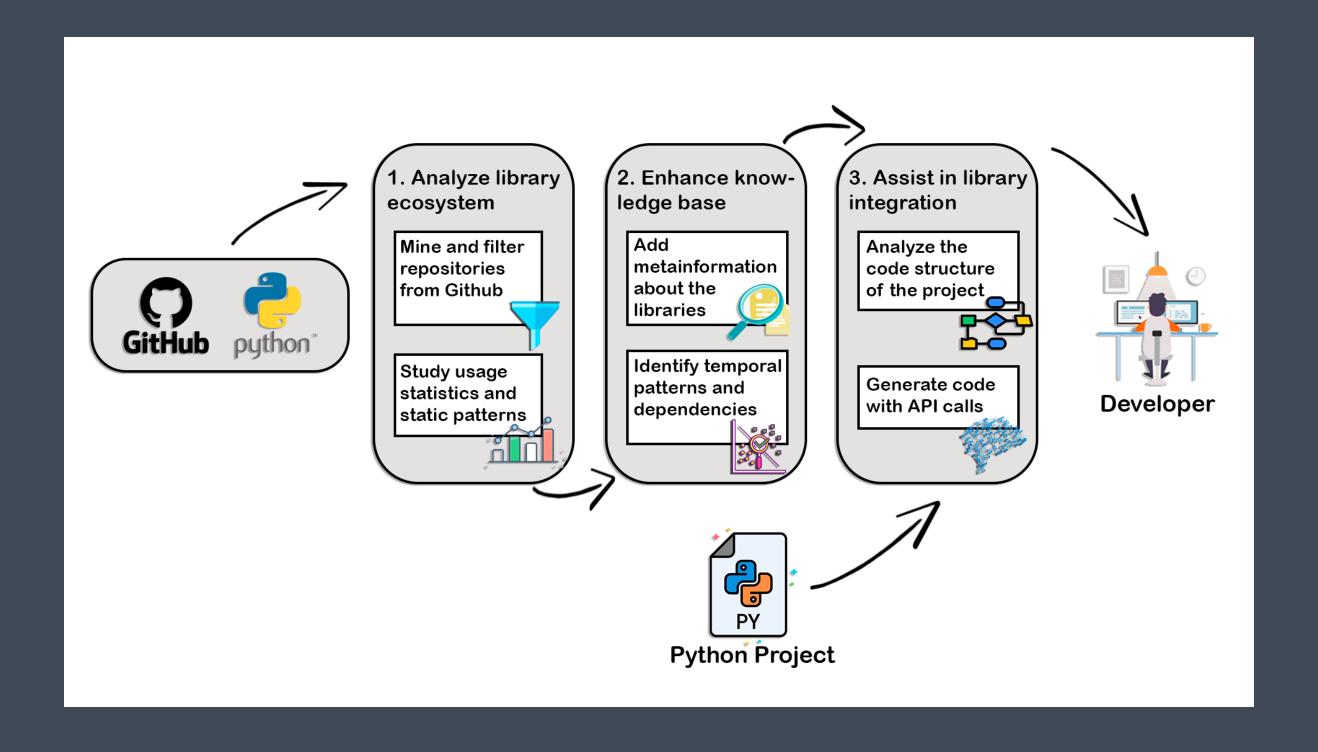


Overview of the aproach





A picture is worth a thousand words





First results



Only appear 1 time

Of average and standard deviation (24.6) clearly indicate that the usage of libraries across repositories presents a skewed distribution

Of them (requests, numpy, sphinx, sphinx, six, pyyaml, scipy, python-dateutil, jinja2, matplotlib and pytz) are included in 100 repositories or more

Is the maximum number of different libraries in one project

of the 3,300 libraries (0.97%) appear in 50 or more repositories

Conclusion and future work



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- Useful knowledge about the current adoption of Python libraries in Github repositories We must enlarge the dataset and apply other unsupervised techniques
- IDE plug-in/extension?









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Thank you!

Any questions?