



# Active-Learning driven Testing of RESTful web APIs

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## Dependencies



videoDuration

string

The `videoDuration` parameter filters video search results based on their duration. If you specify a value for this parameter, you must also set the `type` parameter's value to `video`.

custom object

The custom amount to apply to an invoice. If you include a label, you must include a custom amount.



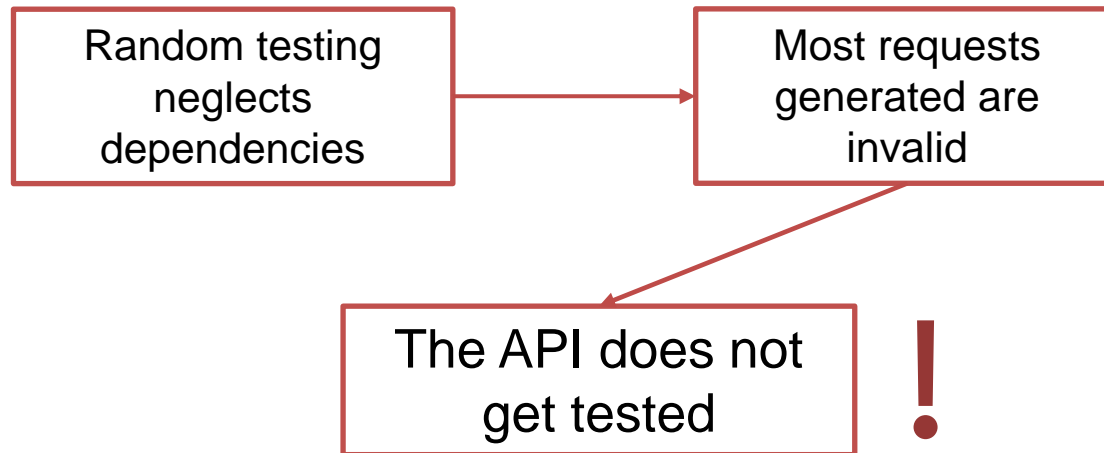
browse

Find venues within a given area. Unlike the `checkin intent`, browse searches an entire region instead of only finding venues closest to a point. A region to search can be defined by including either the `ll` and `radius` parameters, or the `sw` and `ne`. The region will be circular if you include the `ll` and `radius` parameters, or a bounding box if you include the `sw` and `ne` parameters.

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98% faulty test cases in



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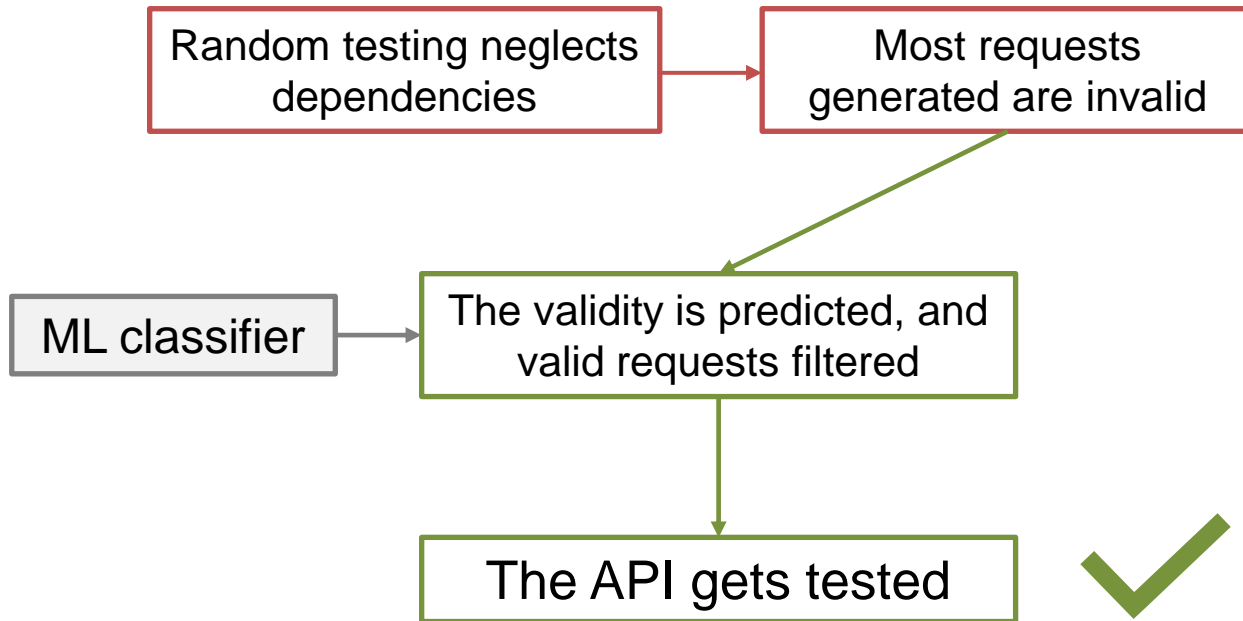


**Automated test case generation  
for  
RESTful APIs with unspecified dependencies**

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ML-based prediction of requests validity



99% valid test cases in



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ML-based prediction of requests validity



## Deep Learning-Based Prediction of Test Input Validity for RESTful APIs

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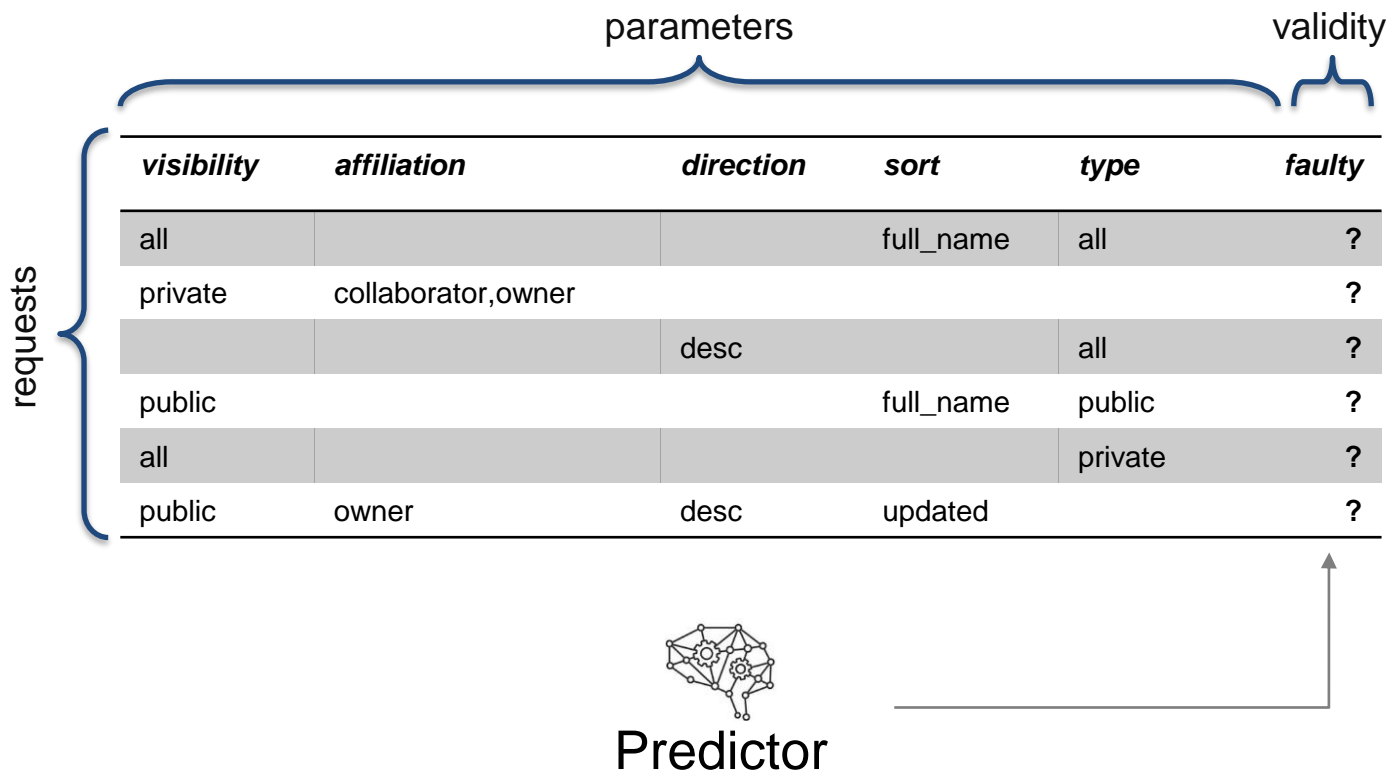
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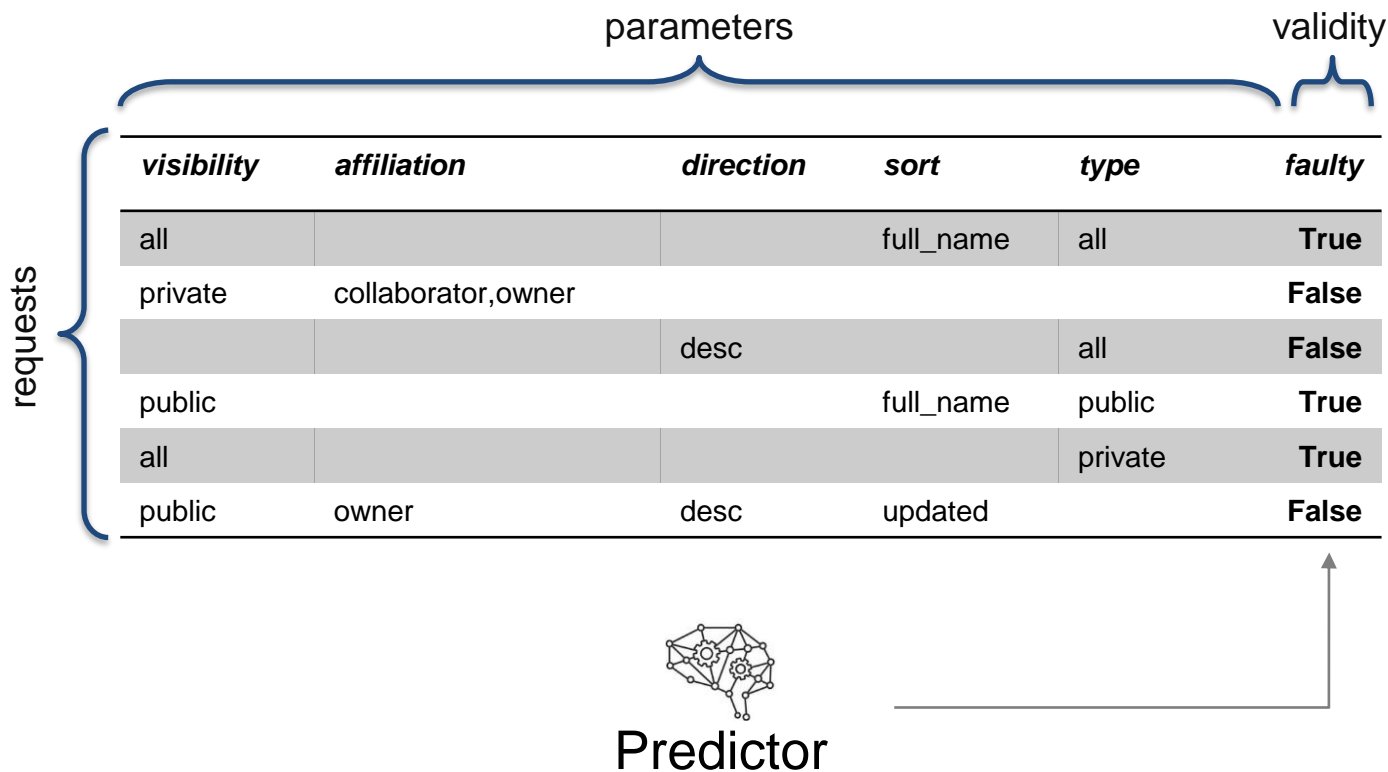
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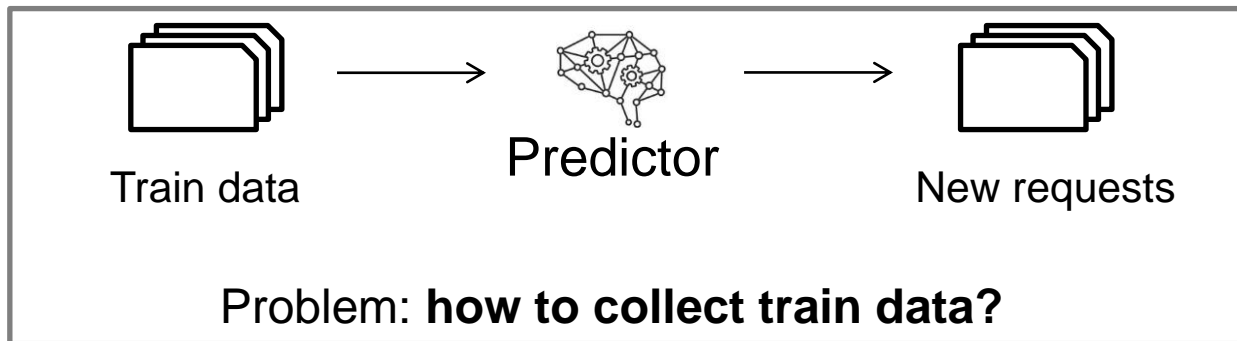
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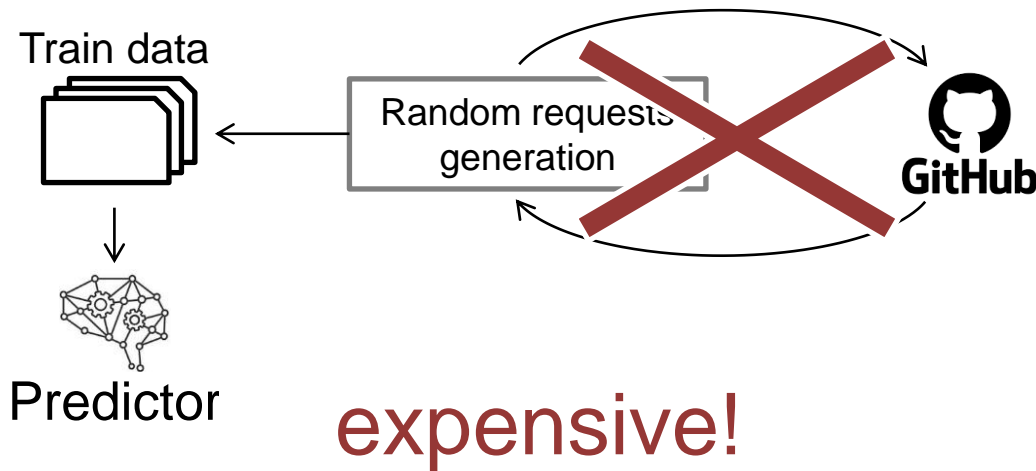
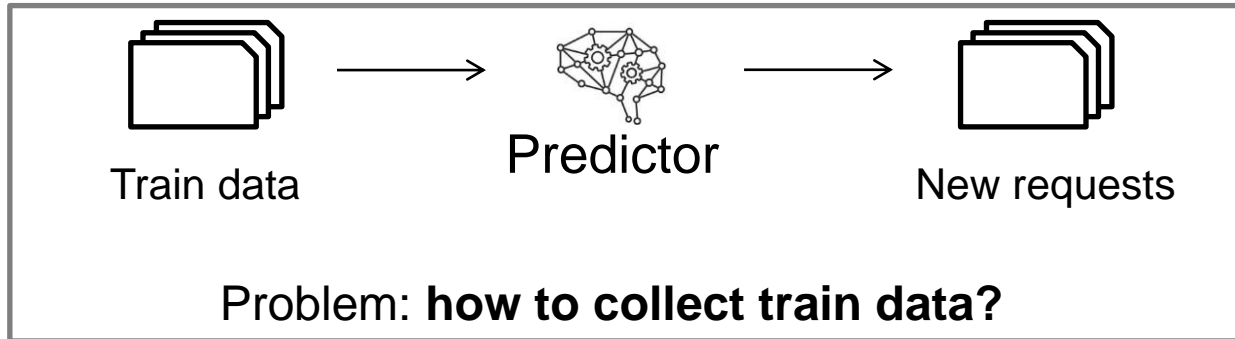
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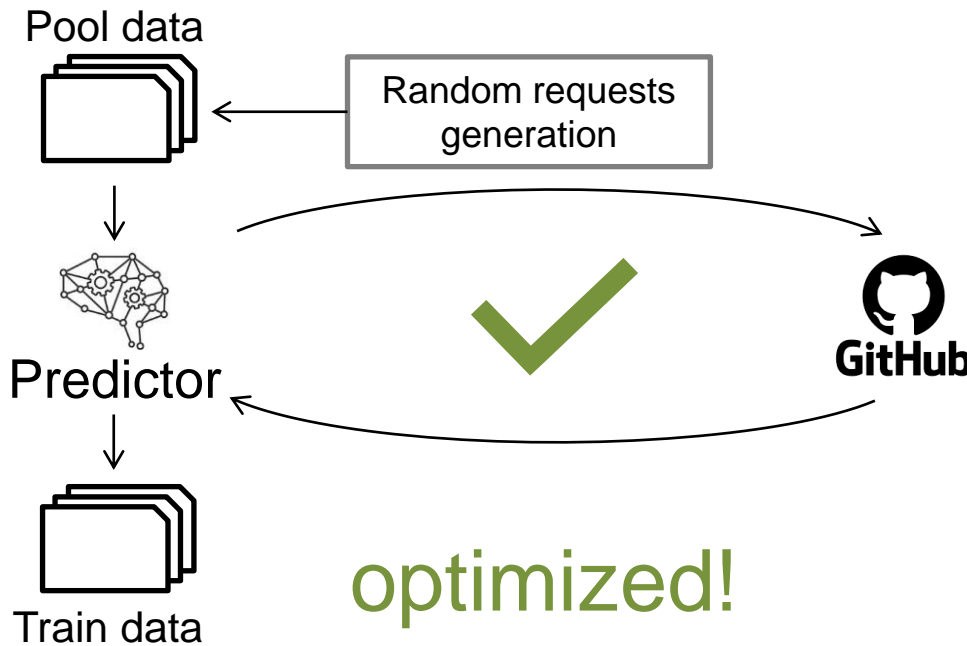
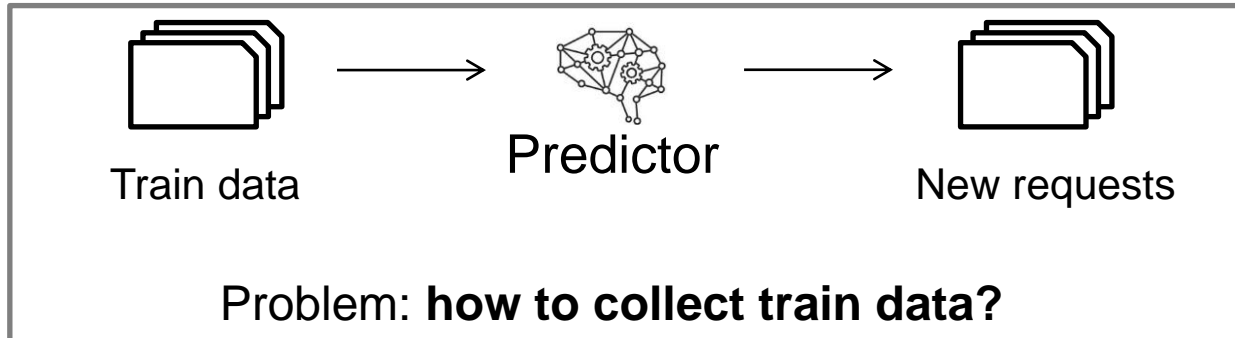
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## Example



parameters

requests

<i>visibility</i>	<i>affiliation</i>	<i>direction</i>	<i>sort</i>	<i>type</i>
all			full_name	all
private	collaborator,owner			
		desc		all
all			pushed	
all				private
public	owner	desc	updated	

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class probabilities

requests

<i>visibility</i>	<i>affiliation</i>	<i>direction</i>	<i>sort</i>	<i>type</i>	<i>valid probability</i>	<i>faulty probability</i>
all			full_name	all	0.7	0.3
private	collaborator,owner				0.1	0.9
		desc		all	0.2	0.8
all			pushed		0.6	0.4
all				private	0.3	0.7
public	owner	desc	updated		0.2	0.8

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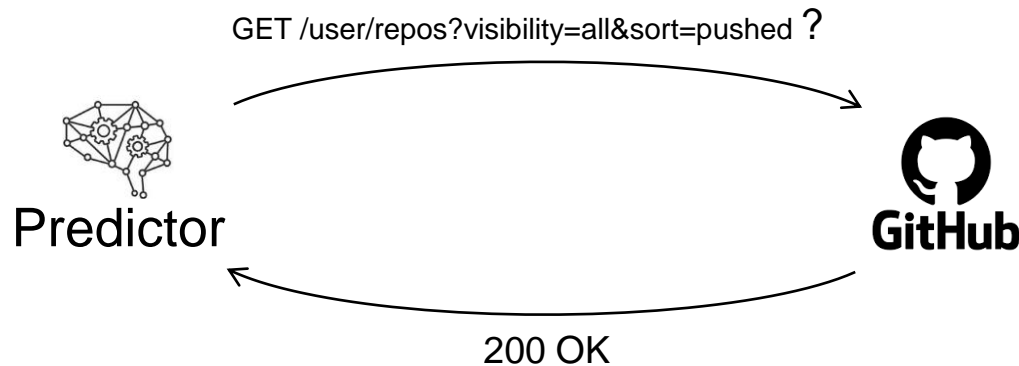


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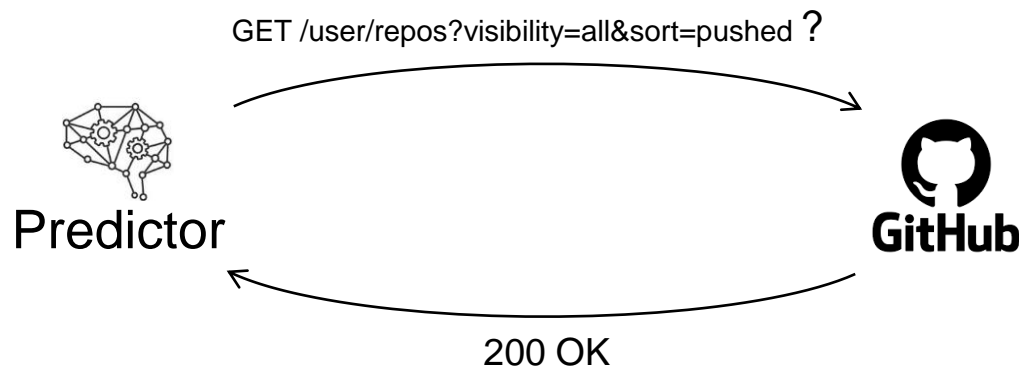
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all			pushed		1	0
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# Evaluation



**RQ1:** How effective is this approach in generating valid requests compared to a random testing baseline?

**RQ2:** What is the fault-detection capability of this approach compared to a random testing baseline?

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## RQ1



**RQ1:** How effective is this approach in generating valid requests compared to a random testing baseline?

Service	Valid requests (%)	
	Random testing	AL-driven testing
GitHub	62.1	98.7
Stripe-CC	13.7	97.4
Stripe-CP	55.8	99.3
Yelp	44.2	83.7
YouTube-GCT	13.4	85.0
YouTube-VID	25.3	99.0
YouTube-SRC	3.0	89.2
<b>Mean</b>	<b>31.3</b>	<b>93.2</b>

*The ratio of valid requests obtained is **93%**, three times more than random testing baseline (31%).*

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## RQ2



**RQ2:** What is the fault-detection capability of this approach compared to a random testing baseline?

Service	Specification Faults	
	Random testing	AL-driven testing
GitHub	313	1159
Stripe-CC	0	0
Stripe-CP	104	284
Yelp	29	60
YouTube-GCT	0	262
YouTube-VID	45	442
YouTube-SRC	30	742
<b>Mean</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>421</b>

*The number of faults detected is **421**, more than five times the faults detected with random testing baseline (74).*

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# Future Work



## Human-readable dependencies inference

```
IF type=='private' THEN NOT visibility=='all' ;
```

```
IF type=='public' THEN visibility;
```

```
IF type=='public' THEN NOT visibility=='private' ;
```

} ZeroOrOne(type, visibility)

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**YouTube** `videoDuration` `string`  
 The `videoDuration` parameter filters video search results based on their duration. If you specify a value for this parameter, you must also set the `type` parameter's value to `video`.

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`custom` `object`  
 The custom amount to apply to an invoice. If you include a label, you must include a custom amount.


**PayPal**

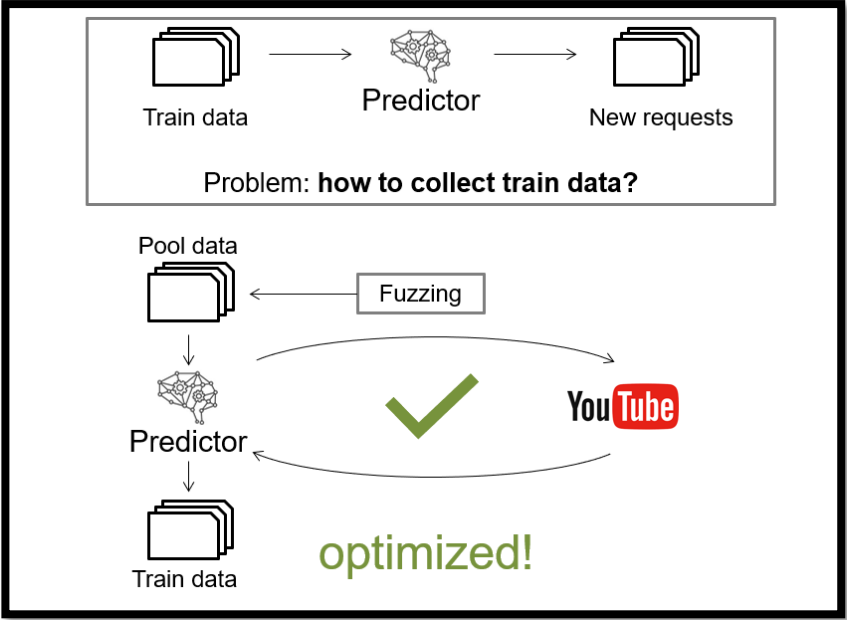
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parameters validity

	parameters				validity	
	visibility	affiliation	direction	sort	type	faulty
requests	all			<u>full_name</u>	all	True
	private	<u>collaborator.owner</u>				False
			desc		all	False
	public			<u>full_name</u>	public	True
	all				private	True
	public	owner	desc	updated		False

  
Predictor



**P12: What is the fault-detection capability of this approach compared to a fuzzing baseline?**

Service	OAS Faults	
	Random testing	AL-driven testing
GitHub	313	1159
Stripe-CC	0	0
Stripe-CP	104	284
Yelp	29	60
YouTube-GCT	0	262
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