

Crowdsourcing Interaction Logs to Understand Text Reuse from the Web

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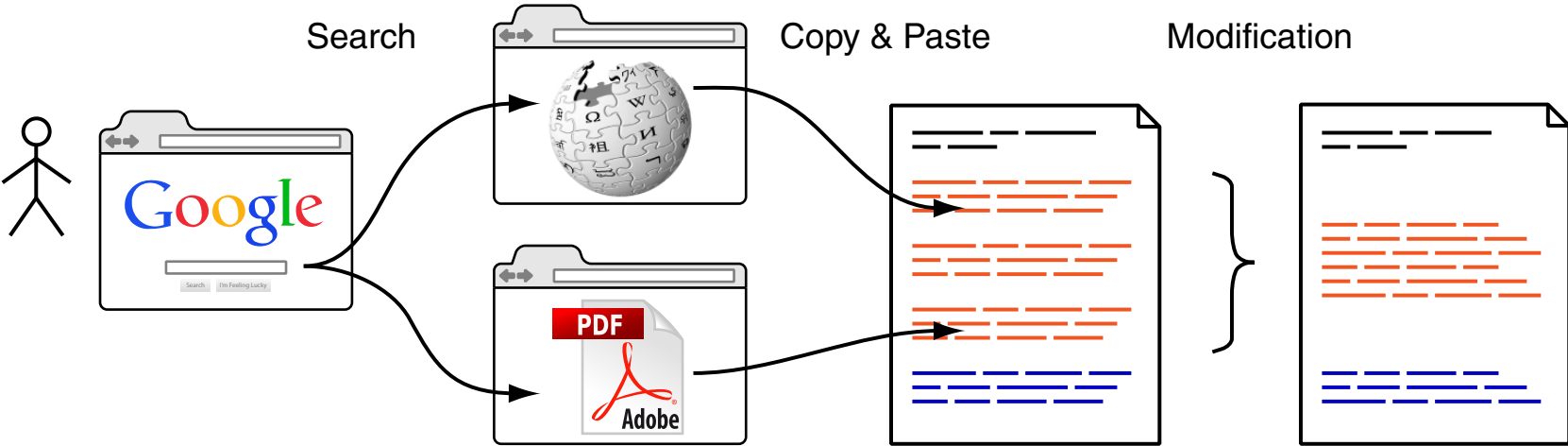
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Introduction

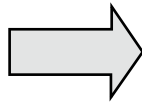
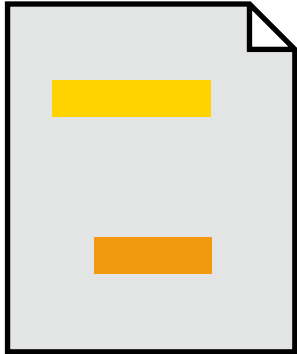
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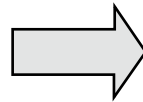
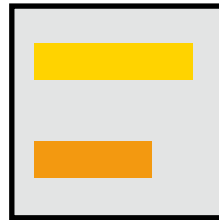
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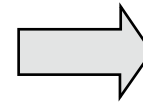
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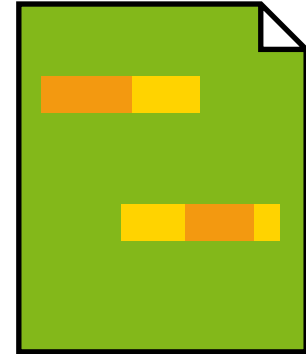
Automatic Excerpt



Automatic Modification



Insertion

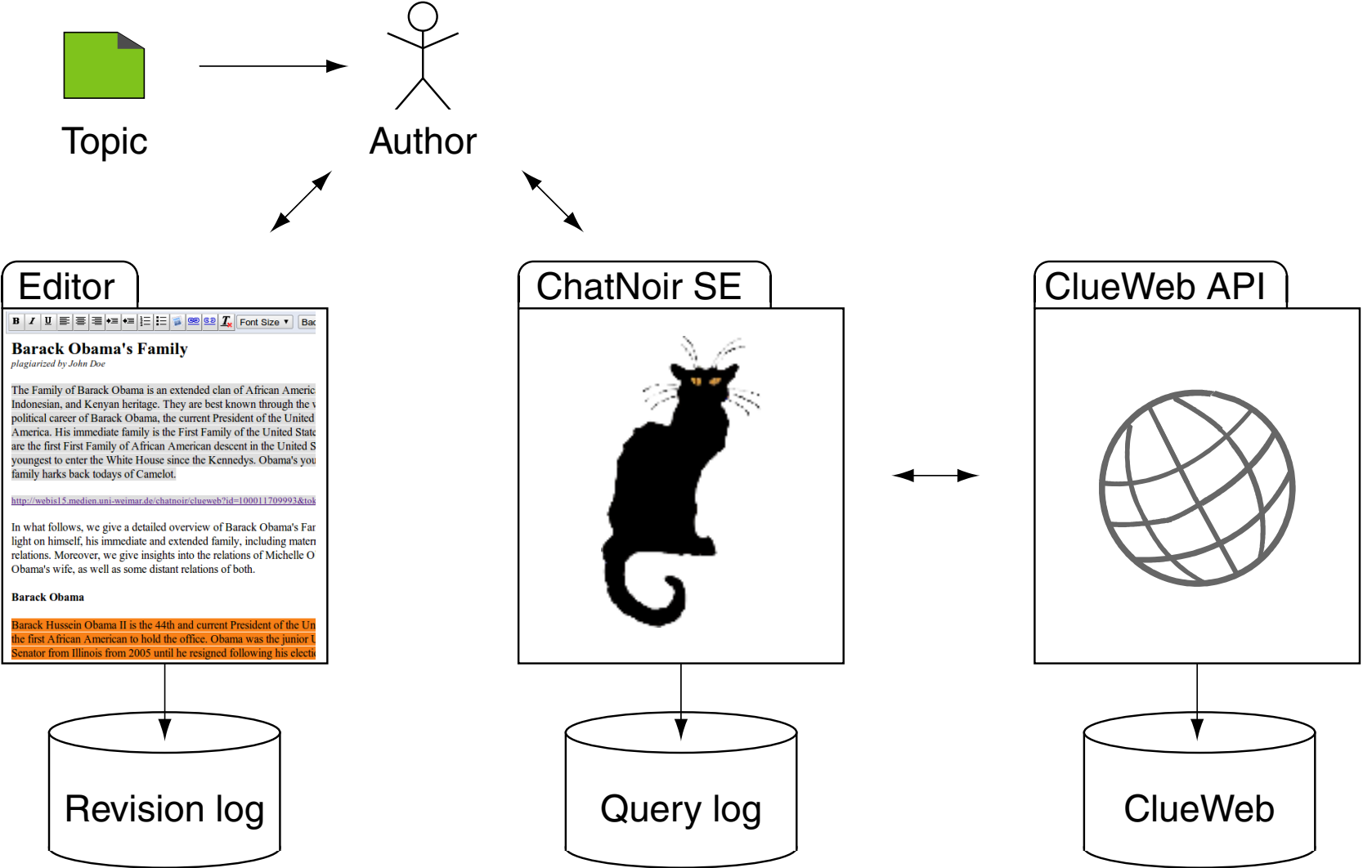


- ❑ PAN-PC-09/10/11: >25.000 documents; >60.000 plagiarism cases each
- ❑ Automatically generated *artificial plagiarism*
- ❑ Automatic modifications do not preserve semantics

The Webis-TRC-12 Dataset

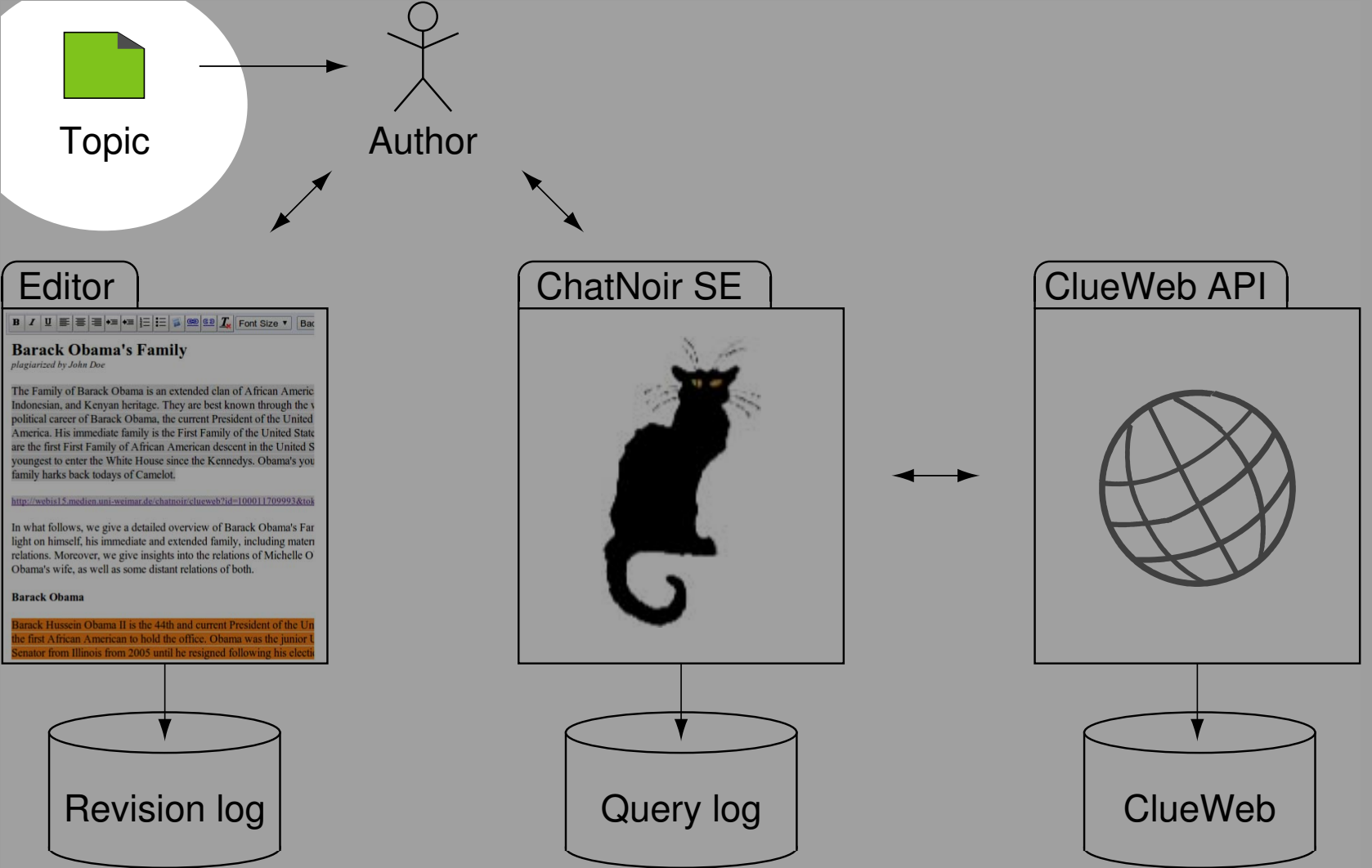
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Construction Overview



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Construction Overview: Topics



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Example topic:

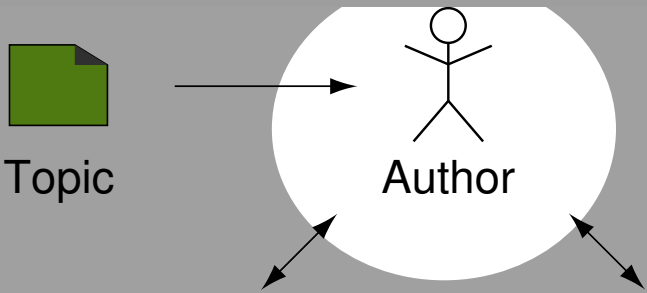
Obama's family.

Write about President Barack Obama's family history, including genealogy, national origins, places and dates of birth, etc. Where did Barack Obama's parents and grandparents come from? Also include a brief biography of Obama's mother.

- ❑ Based on TREC Web Track topics 2009–2011 [\[details\]](#)
- ❑ 150 topics, 297 essays
- ❑ Target essay length: 5000 words

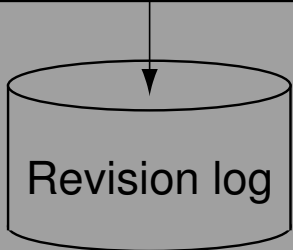
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Construction Overview: Authors



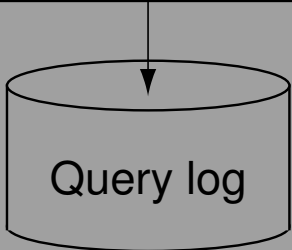
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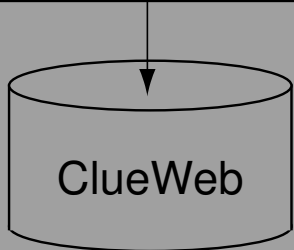
ChatNoir SE

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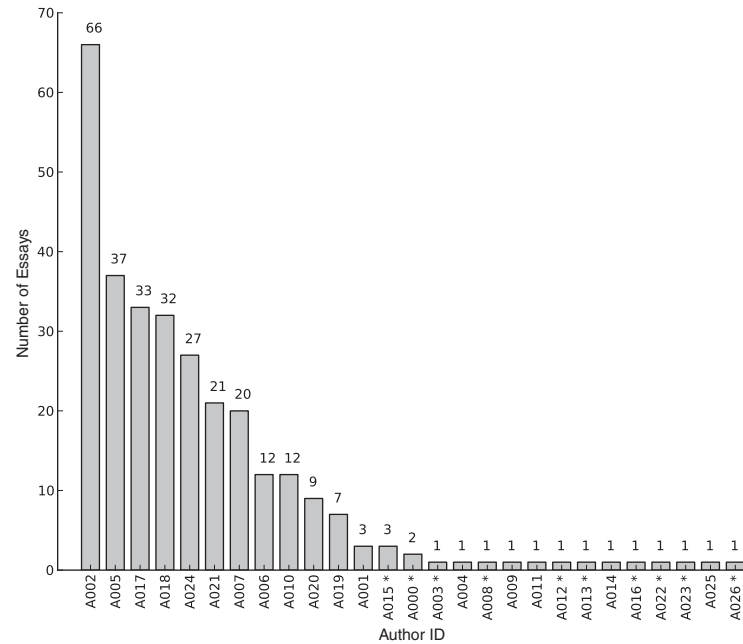
ClueWeb API

The screenshot shows a wireframe globe with latitude and longitude lines on a grey background.



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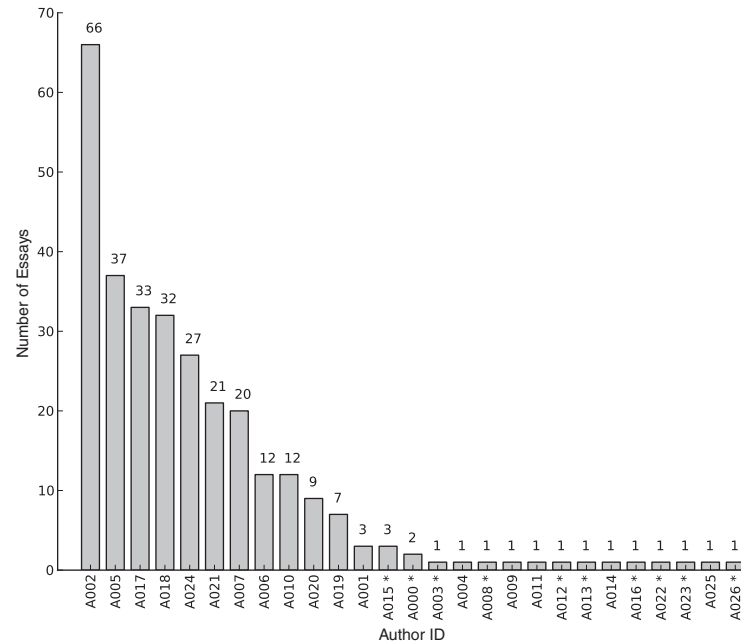
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- ❑ Professional writers hired on oDesk + volunteers
- ❑ Fluent English speakers

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Construction Overview: Authors



Author Demographics (n=12)

Age (Median) 37

Years Writing (Median) 8

Academic degree

Postgrad 41%

Undergrad 25%

None 17%

n/a 17%

English

Native 67%

Second Language 33%

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Construction Overview: Sources



Topic



Author



Editor

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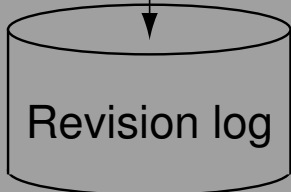
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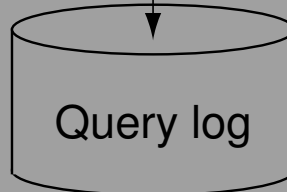
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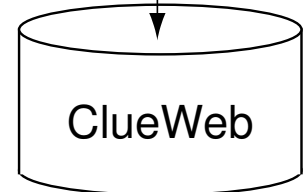
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ChatNoir SE

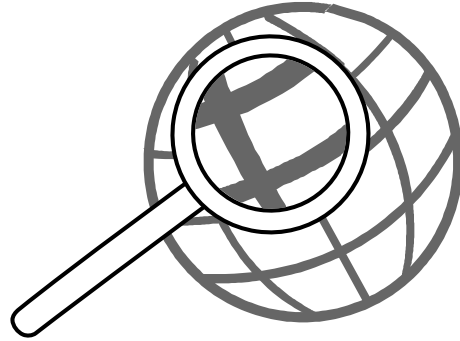


ClueWeb API



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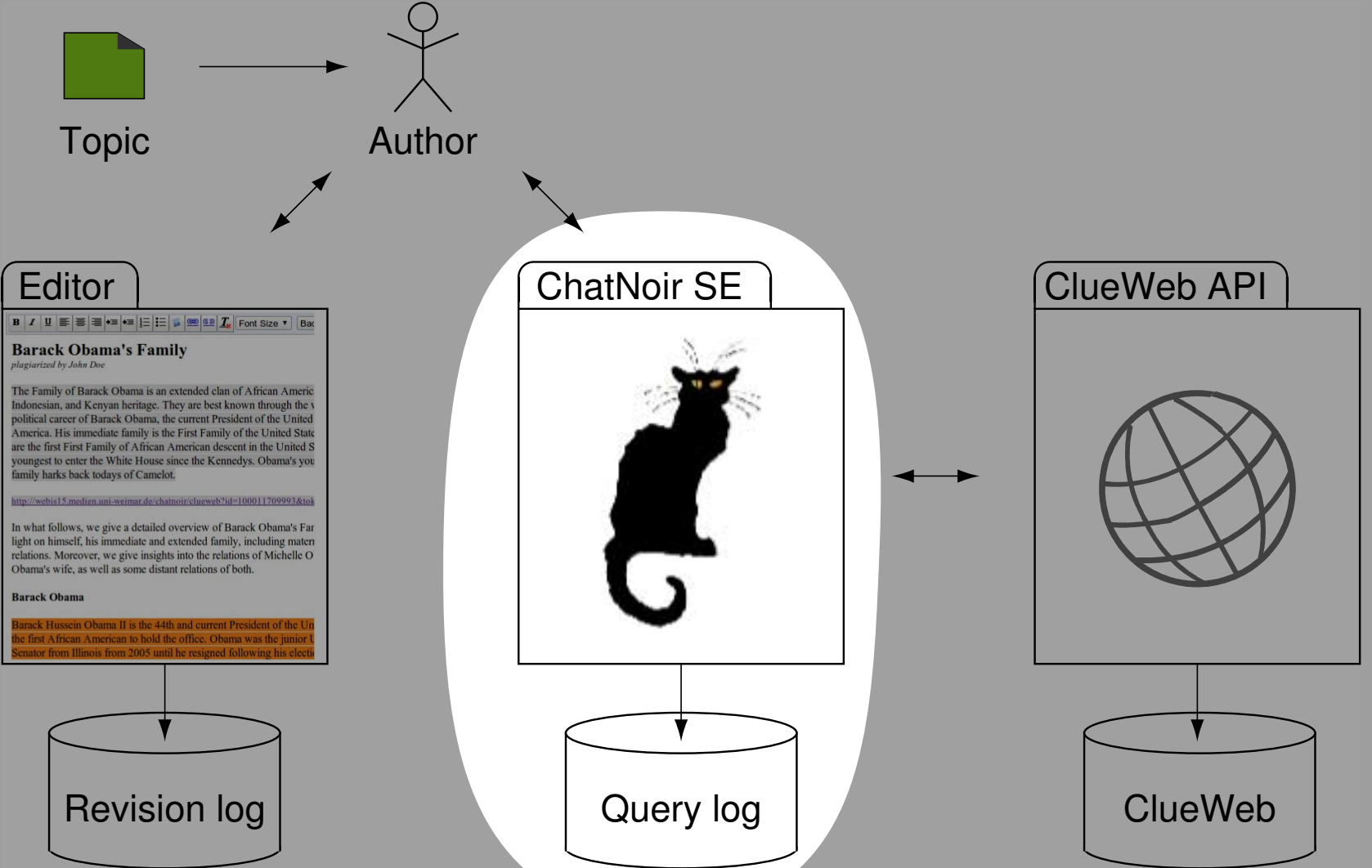
Construction Overview: Sources



- ❑ ClueWeb09: 500 million English pages
- ❑ Representative sample of the web
- ❑ Commonly used in search engine evaluation (TREC)

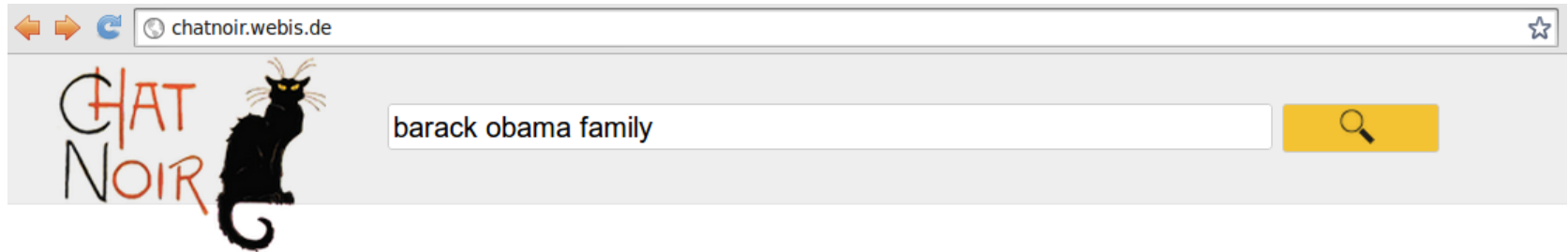
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Construction Overview: Search Engine



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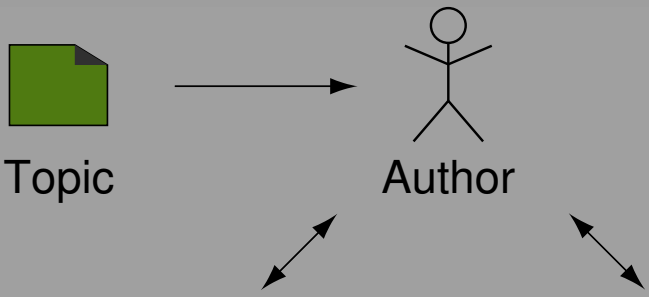
Construction Overview: Search Engine



- ❑ Used for source retrieval [chatnoir.webis.de]
- ❑ Indexes ClueWeb
- ❑ Records fine-grained interaction log [[example](#)]

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Construction Overview: Editor



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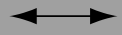
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ChatNoir SE

The ChatNoir SE component is shown as a screenshot of a search engine interface. It features a black cat silhouette with whiskers. Below the screenshot is a cylinder labeled "Query log".

ClueWeb API

The ClueWeb API component is shown as a screenshot of a web interface featuring a globe icon. Below the screenshot is a cylinder labeled "ClueWeb".



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Barack Obama was born on 4 August 1961 at the Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children in Honolulu, Hawaii, to Ann Dunham of Wichita, Kansas and Barack Hussein Obama, Sr. of Nyangoma-Kogelo, Nyanza Province, Kenya. His parents met while both were attending the East-West Center of the University of Hawaii at Manoa, where his father was enrolled as a foreign student. The couple married only 6 months earlier on February 2, 1961.

Childhood and Youth

When Barack Obama was two years old, his parents divorced and his father moved to Connecticut to continue his education before returning to Kenya. He saw his son only once more before dying in an automobile accident in 1982.

When Obama was six, his mother married Lolo Soetoro, an Indonesian oil manager. In 1967, when Soetoro's student visa was revoked because of political unrest in Indonesia, Dunham and Barack, then in first grade, accompanied him to Jakarta.

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2. Once you found a passage of text to plagiarize, copy it into your text.
3. Change the background color of the copied passage. Also, add a link to the source web page with the same background color. This is so we can follow up on your work.
4. Modify the plagiarized passage so that an automatic plagiarism detector (like Turnitin) won't be able to detect it.
5. Repeat these steps until your text is complete.

Remarks:

- The text shall be at least 5000 words long.
- It shall contain a couple of plagiarized passages.
- You shall also write some passages yourself.
- You may choose the text genre: an essay, a news article, a press release, a blog post, an advertisement etc.
- You may follow links on web pages found via the search engine.
- While modifying and rewriting a plagiarized passage, you may mix it with others, delete things, or add sentences.

Use the editor on the left to write your text. Do not use any other editor. Your text will be frequently saved on our servers. In case of errors, you will be notified in the status message below. Report errors back to us before you continue writing.

Topic

Obama's family tree. Write about President Barack Obama's family history, including genealogy, national origins, places and dates of birth, etc. For instance: where did Barack Obama's parents and grandparents come from; what did his mother work; etc.

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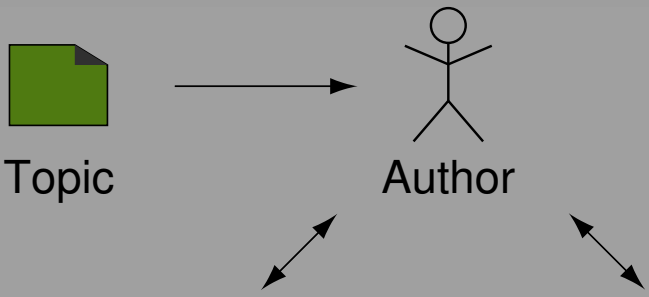
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- ❑ Custom web-based rich text editor
- ❑ Records sources of re-used text passages
- ❑ New revision every 300ms of inactivity
- ❑ Detailed revision history [example]

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Three Main Data Sources



Editor

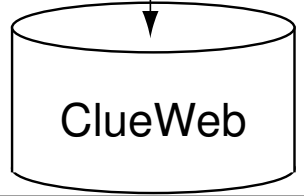
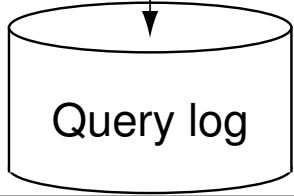
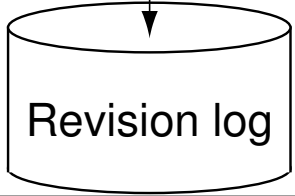
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A screenshot of a search engine interface. The main content is a black silhouette of a cat with whiskers, set against a light gray background.

ClueWeb API

A screenshot of a globe icon, representing the ClueWeb API. The globe is a simple wireframe model with latitude and longitude lines.



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Research Questions

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1. Different text reuse approaches distinguishable?
2. Relation to existing text reuse categorizations?
3. Influence of text reuse task on search engine interaction?

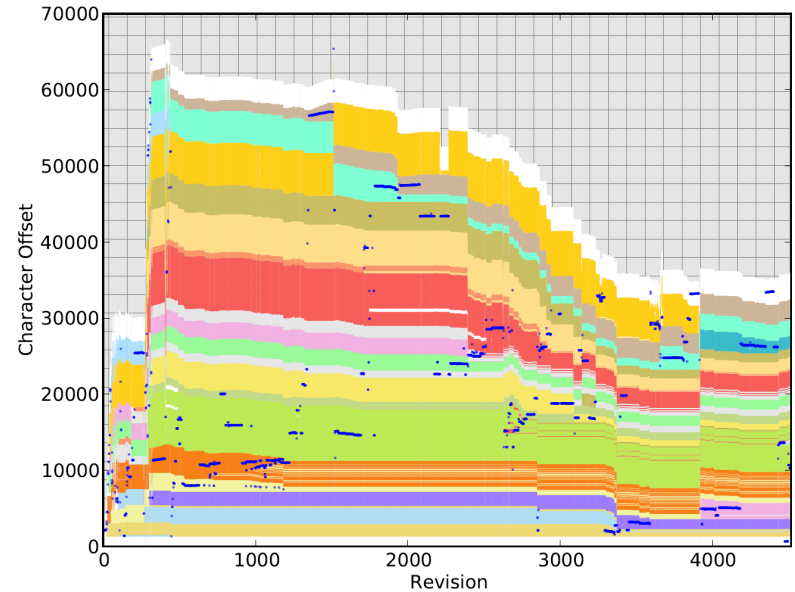
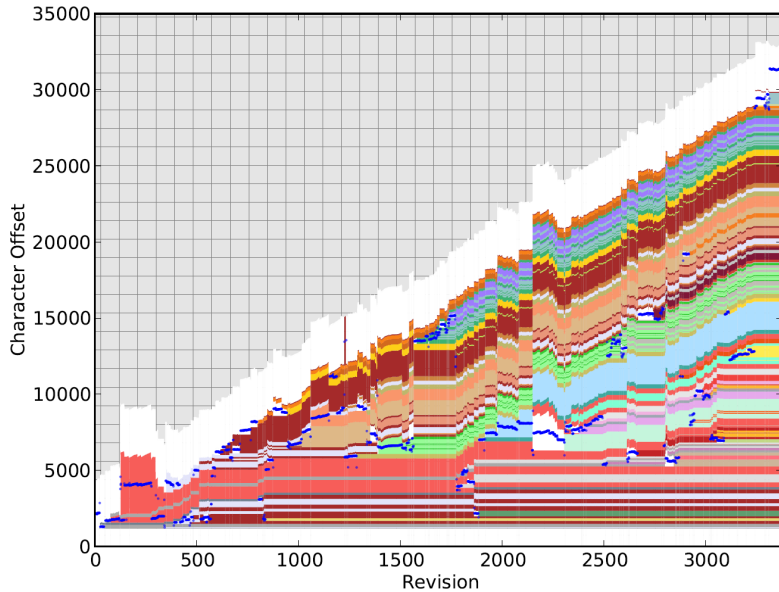
We expect new research insights and impacts to

- ❑ text reuse detection
- ❑ query formulation
- ❑ paraphrasing

Categorizing Crowdsourced Text Reuse

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Build-Up Versus Boil-Down Reuse

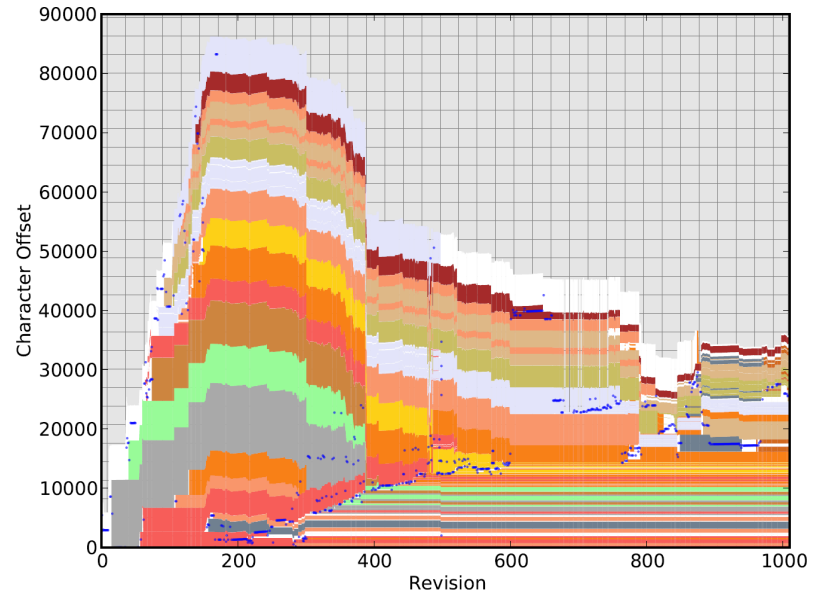
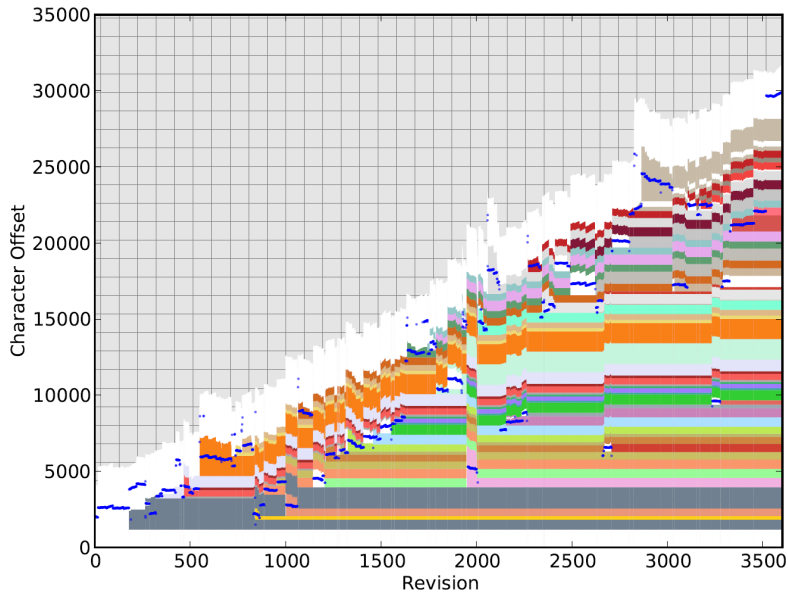


Build-up reuse (left) versus boil-down reuse (right).

- ❑ text length (y-axis) over text revision (x-axis)
- ❑ colors: different source documents (original text is white)
- ❑ blue dots: position of the writer's last edit

Categorizing Crowdsourced Text Reuse

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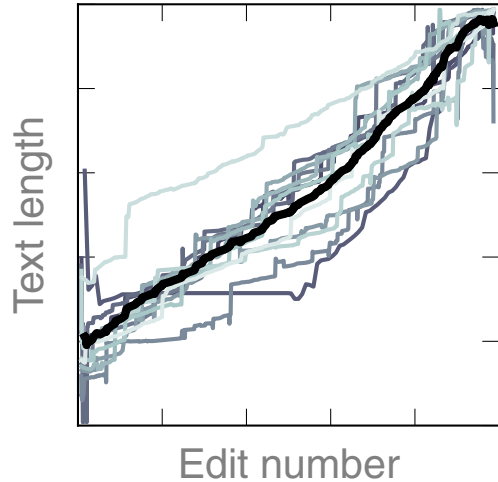
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- ❑ **Build-up: 45%; boil-down: 40%; mixed: 12%**

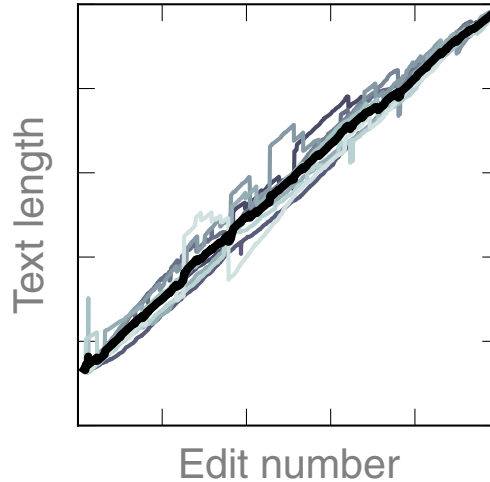
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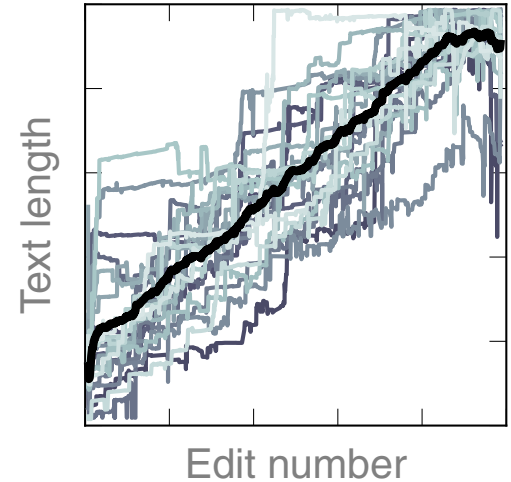
Author 6 (12 topics)



Author 20 (9 topics)



Author 21 (21 topics)



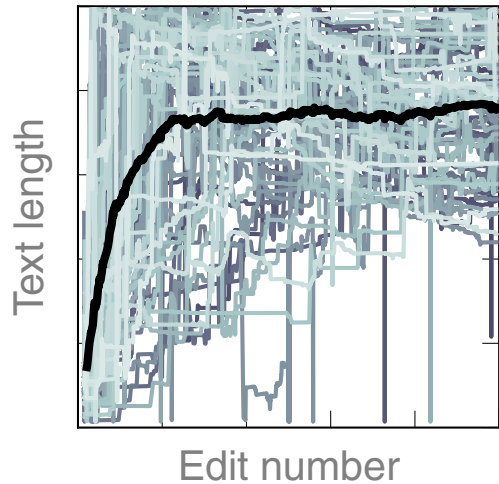
Build-up reuse: Averaged editing histories by authors.

- ❑ one author per plot
- ❑ gray lines: individual essays
- ❑ black line: average

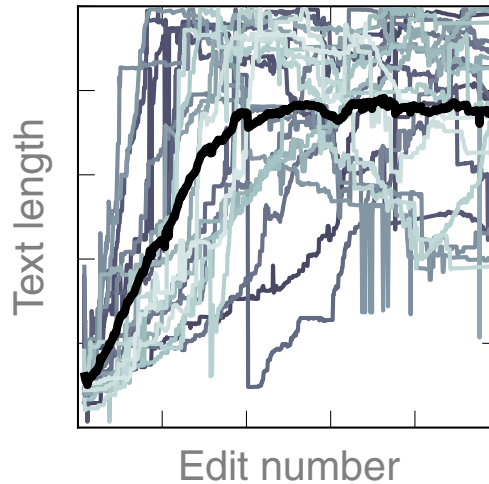
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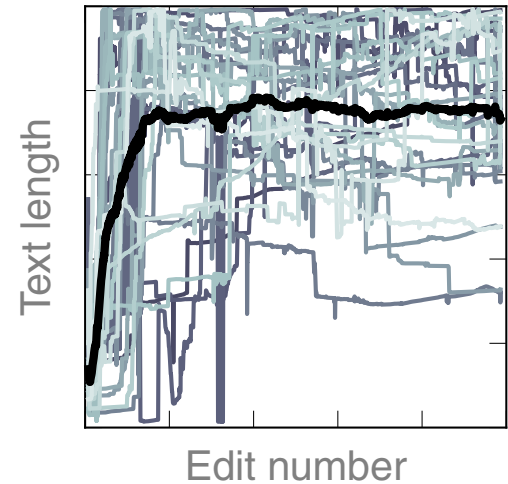
Author 2 (66 topics)



Author 7 (20 topics)



Author 24 (27 topics)



Boil-down reuse: Averaged editing histories by authors.

- ❑ one author per plot
- ❑ gray lines: individual essays
- ❑ black line: average

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Find-Replace

Remix

Clone, Ctrl-C

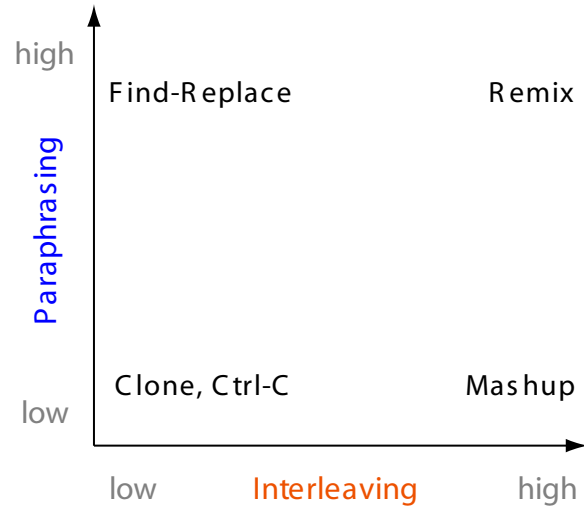
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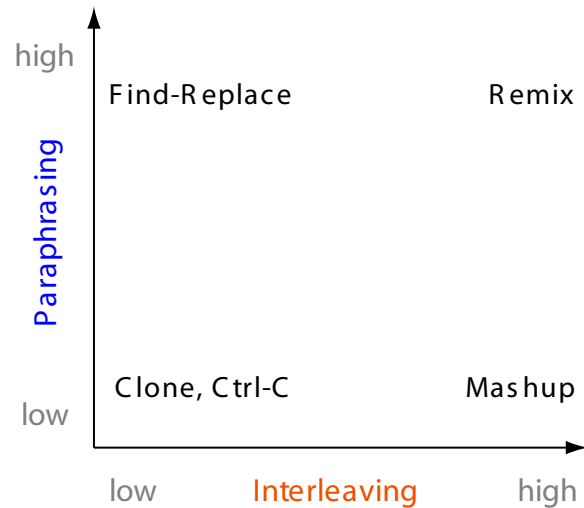


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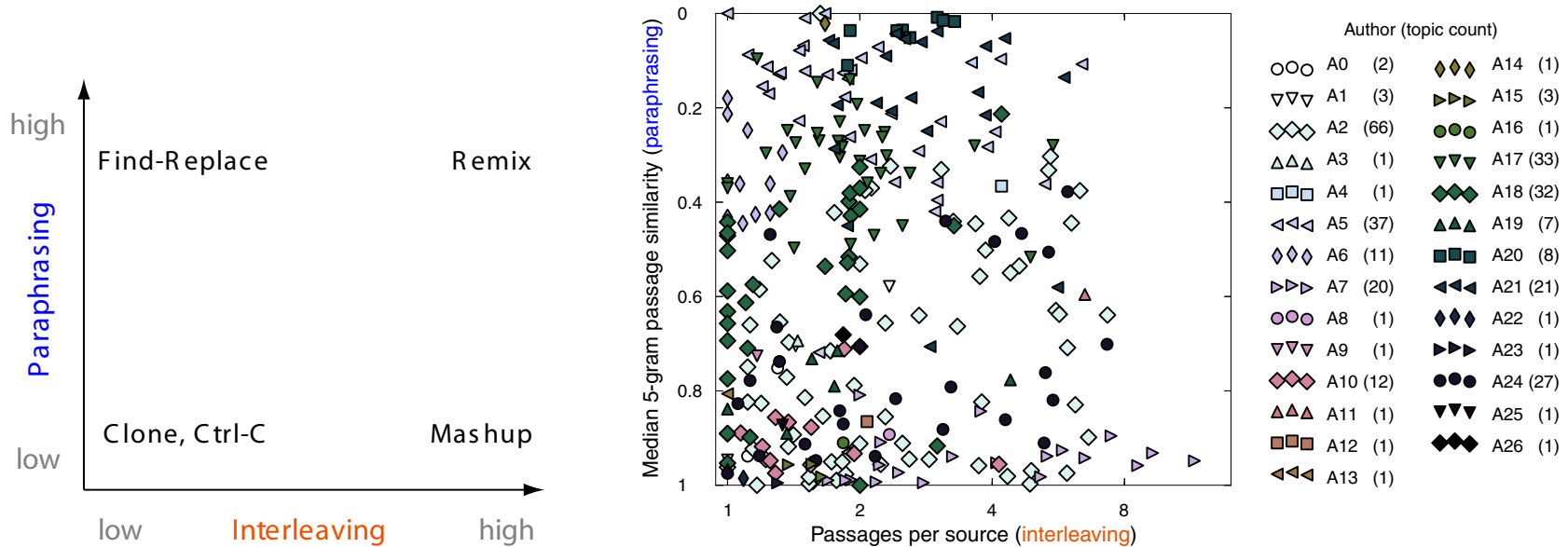
- ❑ Quantify: N-Gram similarity and ratio of passages to sources [details]
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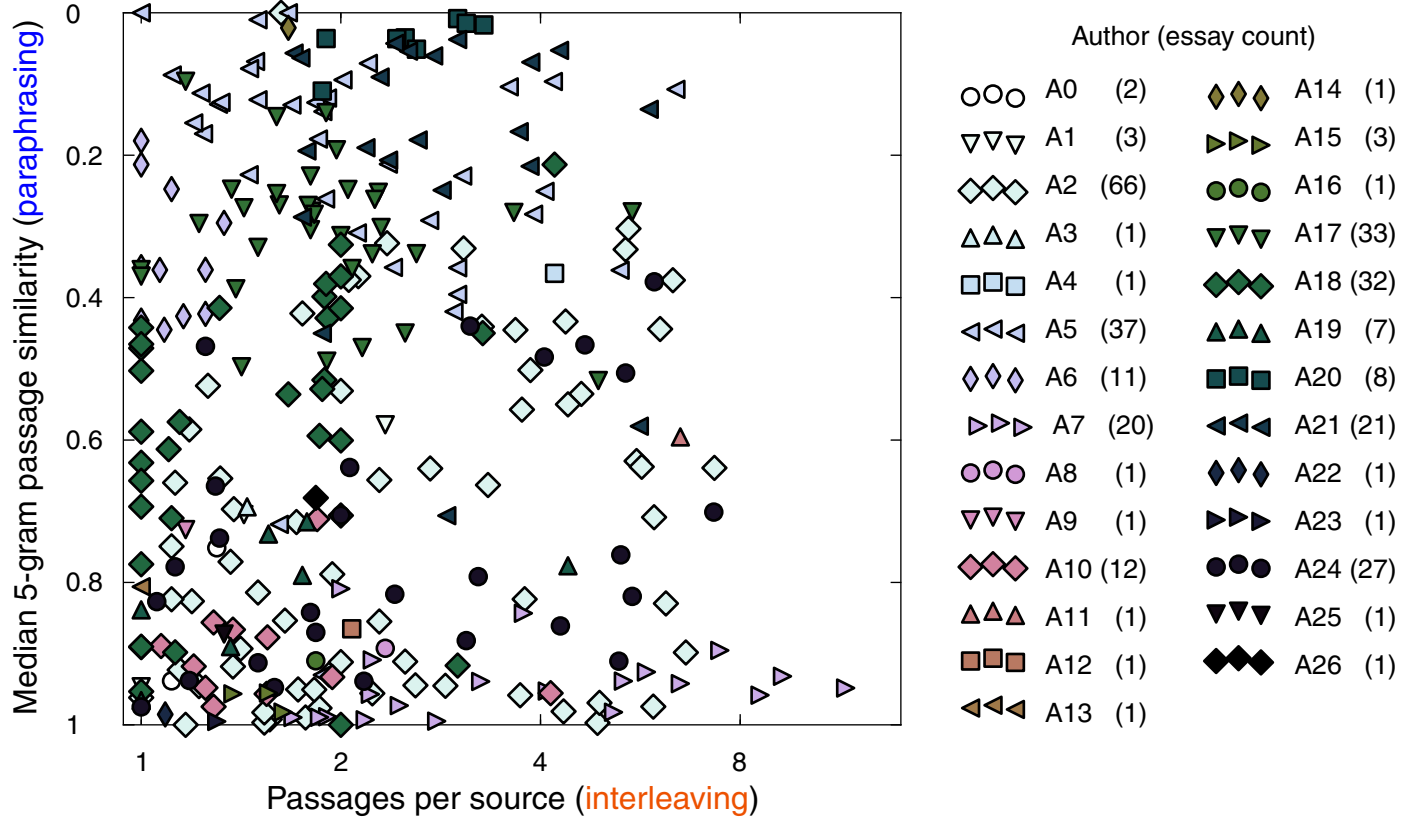


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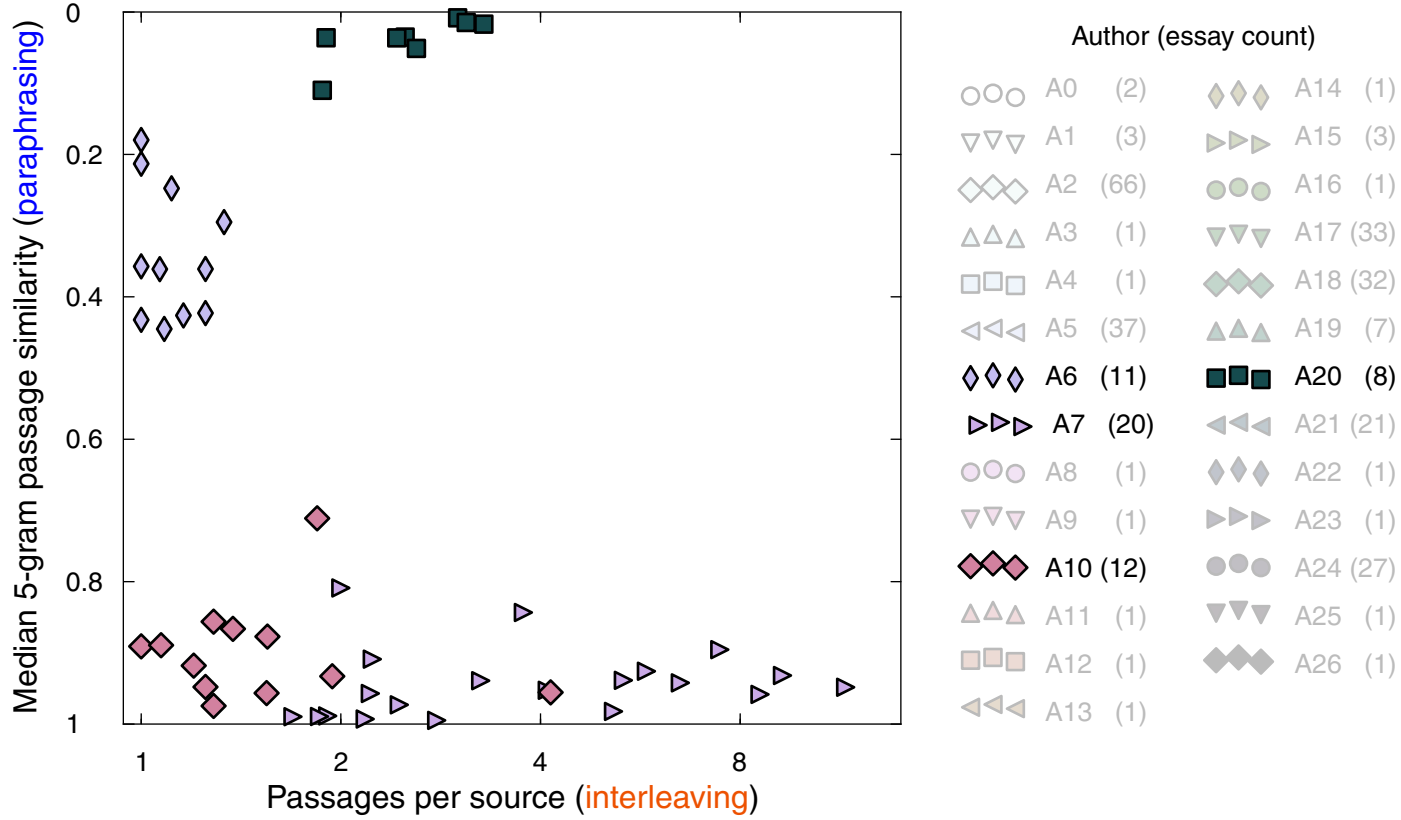
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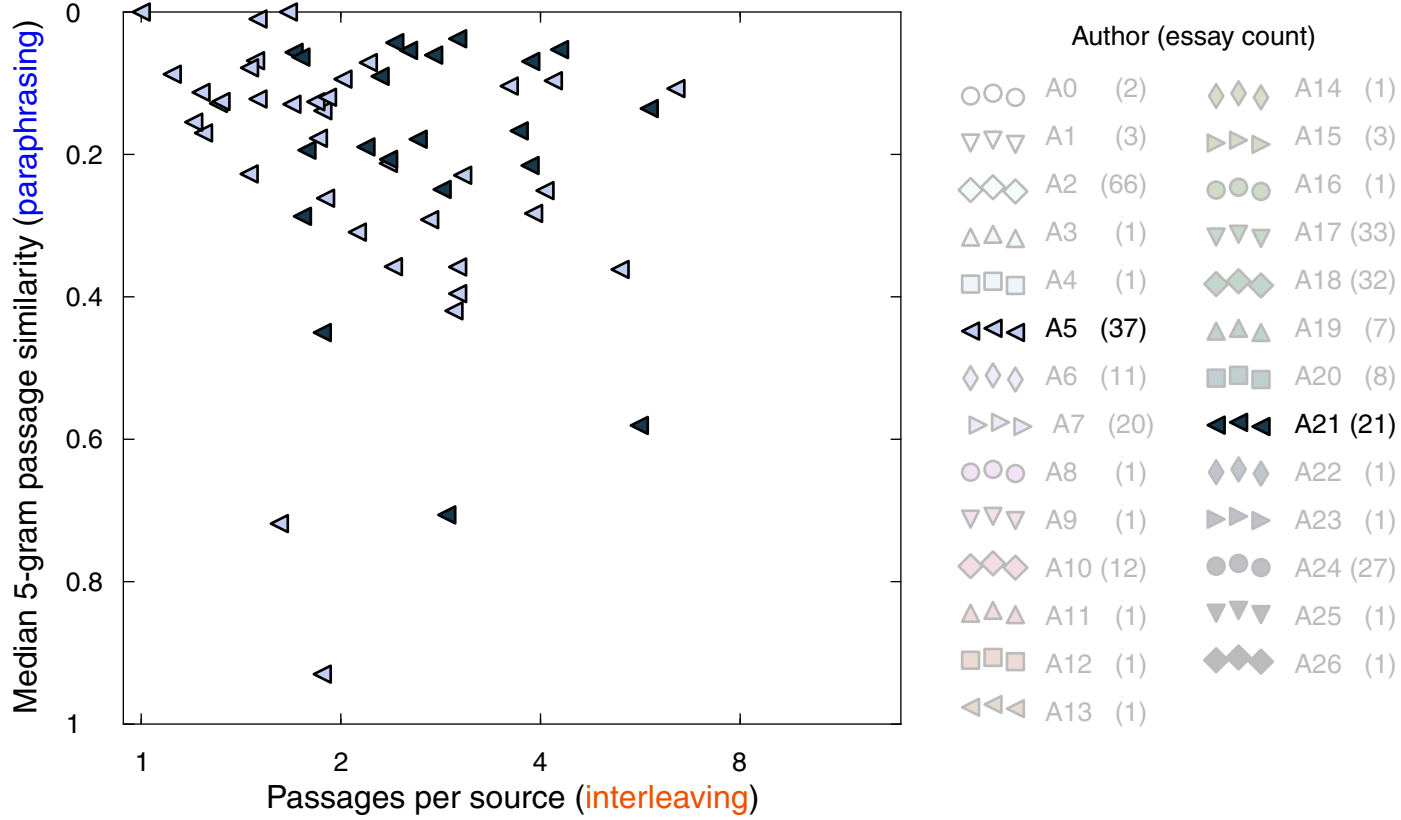
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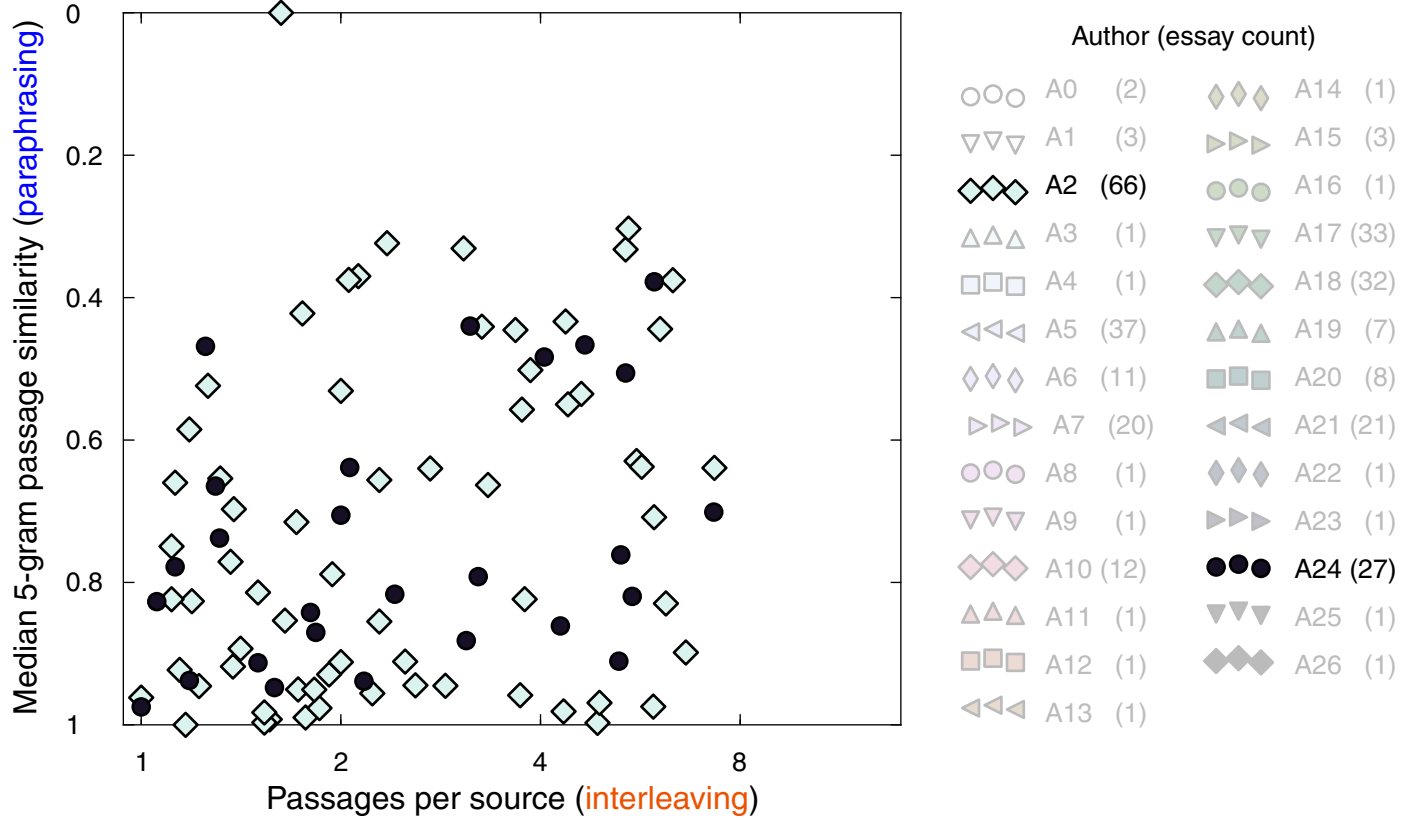
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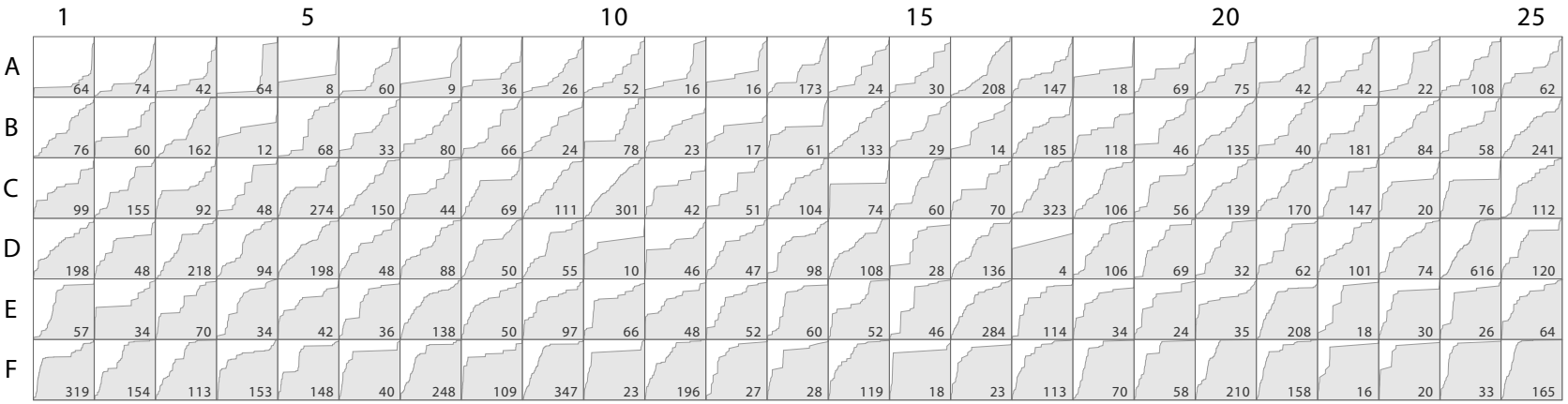
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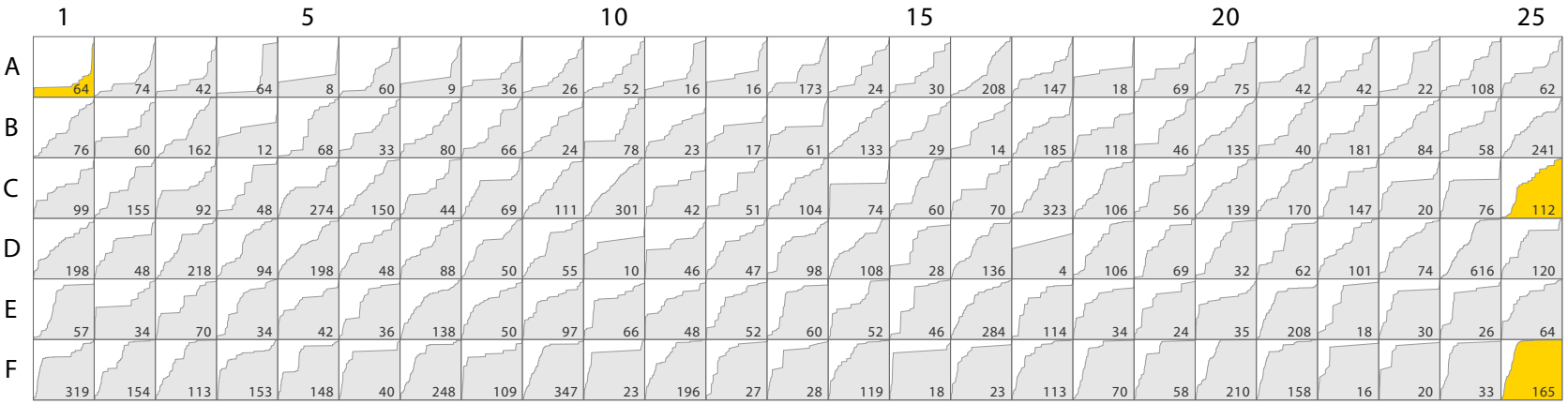


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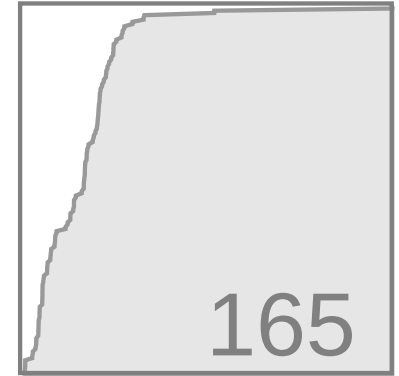
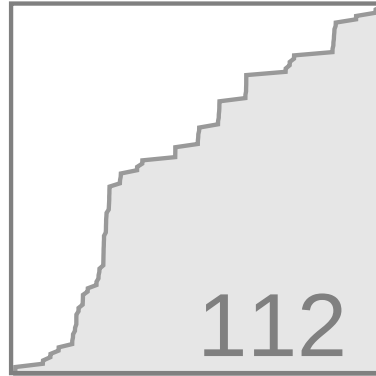
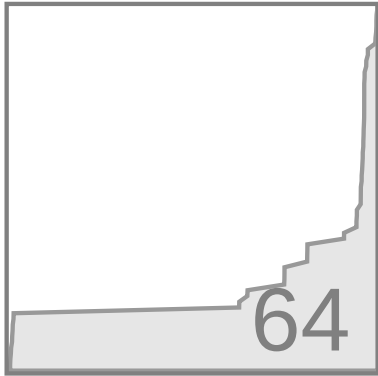


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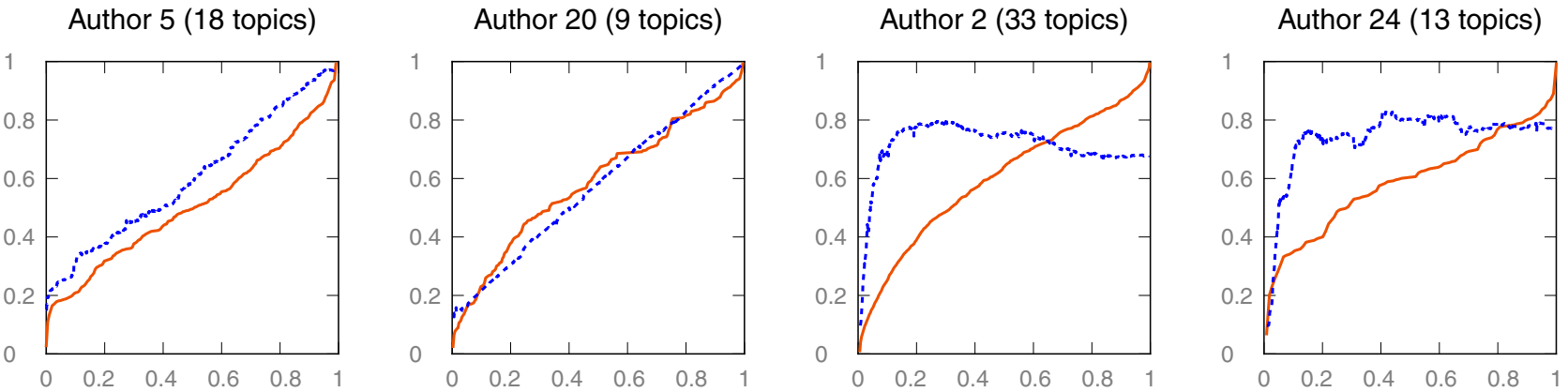


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Correlation of editing and querying behavior.

- averaged editing histories by authors [plots]
- distribution of queries over time [plots]

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Thank you for your attention!

Example topic:

Obama's family.

Write about President Barack Obama's family history, including genealogy, national origins, places and dates of birth, etc. Where did Barack Obama's parents and grandparents come from? Also include a brief biography of Obama's mother.

Original topic 001 of the TREC Web Track 2009:

Query. obama family tree

Description. Find information on President Barack Obama's family history, including genealogy, national origins, places and dates of birth, etc.

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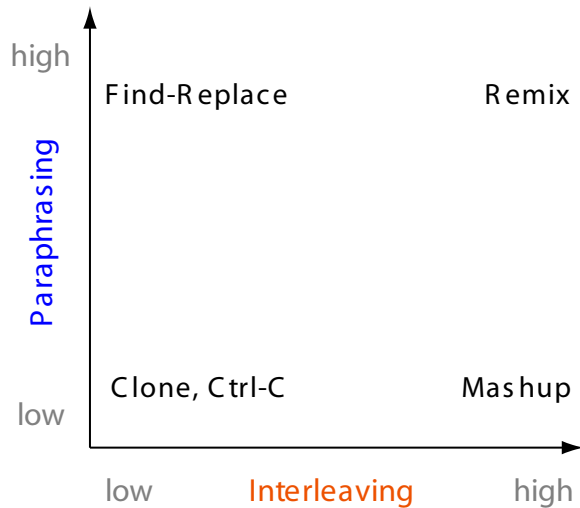
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	Frequency	Severity
Clone Exact copy of another author's work	1	1
Mashup A mix of material copied verbatim from several sources	2	3
Ctrl-C Significant portions of text copied from a single source	3	2
Remix Paraphrasing from several sources and making the content fit together seamlessly	4	9
Recycle Self-plagiarism	5	5
Re-Tweet Proper citation, but closely follows a single source	6	10
Find-Replace Near copy of a single source, with key phrases changed	7	7
Aggregator Proper citation, but (almost) no original work	8	4
404 Error Citations to non-existent or inaccurate information about sources	9	6
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Details: Paraphrasing & Interleaving

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How to quantify?

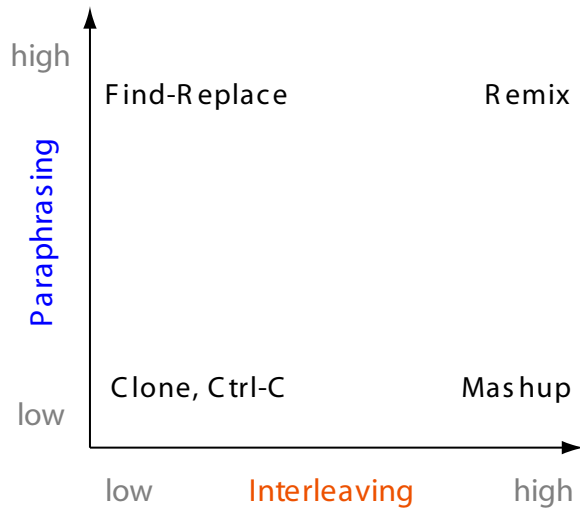
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Three passages:

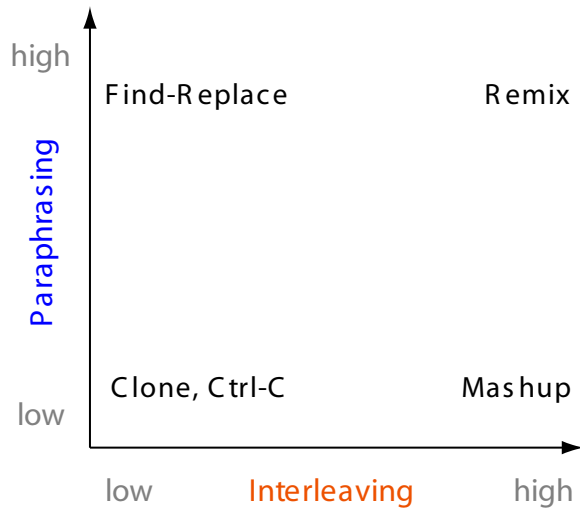
The Emperor penguins are the only penguins that inhabit the Antarctic continent and are the largest of all penguins. Adult Emperor penguins are typically 1.2 meters tall. Juveniles are slightly shorter, only about 90cm to 1m. Emperors weigh around 30 to 40 kg and their weight varies a great deal during the year. They can easily be recognized by their black cap, blue-grey neck, orange ear-patches and bills and yellow breasts. There is a thick layer of blubber under the Emperor's skin which is covered by a dense layer of woolly down where an overlapping coat of feathers grows over. The outer feathers, however, are covered in a greasy waterproof coating.

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Paraphrasing: N-Gram similarity

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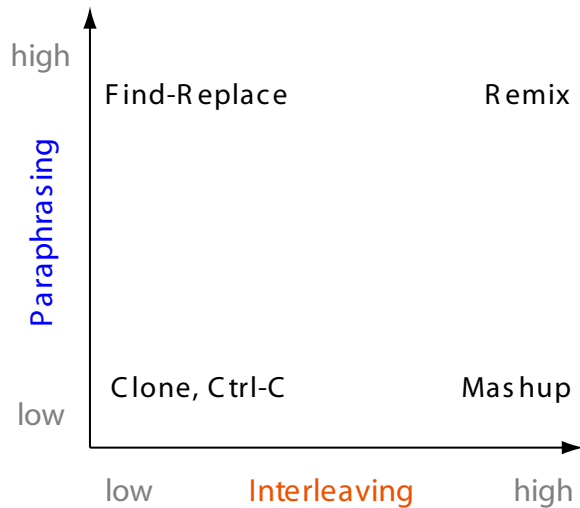
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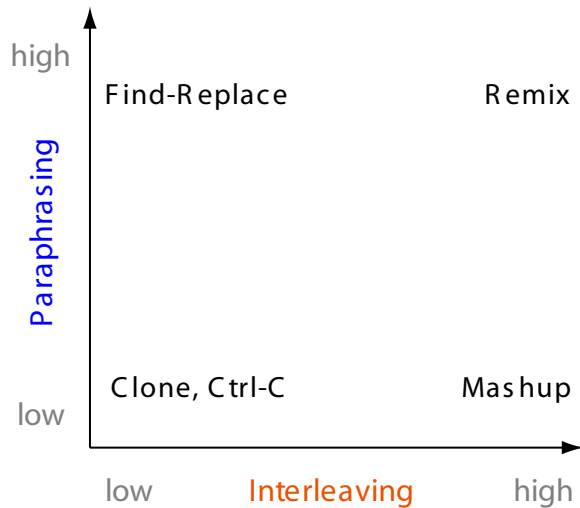
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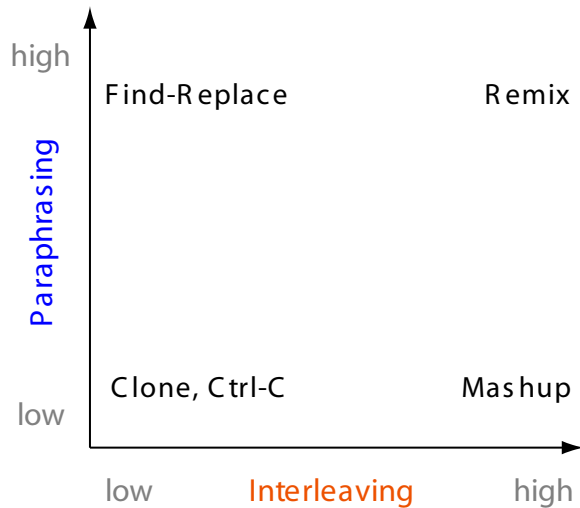
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Paraphrasing: N-Gram similarity

$$\varphi_n(N_c, N_s) := \frac{|N_c \cap N_s|}{|N_c|}$$

- N_c : N-Grams in the passage
- N_s : N-Grams in the source

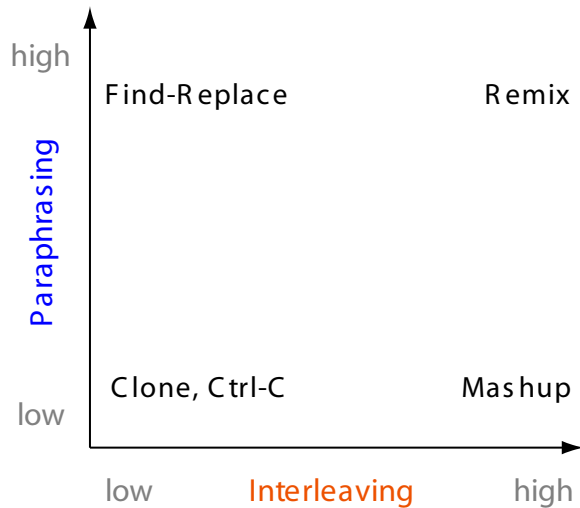
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Interleaving: Passages per source

$$pps(C, S) := \frac{|C|}{|S|}$$

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