

Makar: A Framework for Multi-source Studies Based on Unstructured Data

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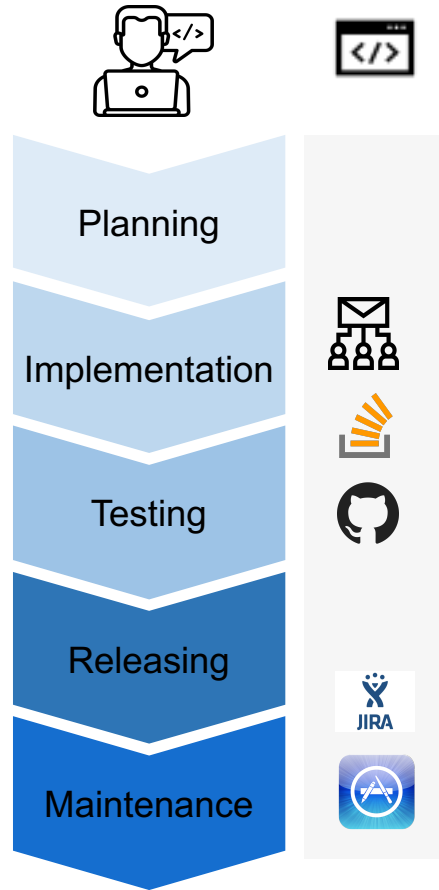
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/**  
 *  TODO  
 */
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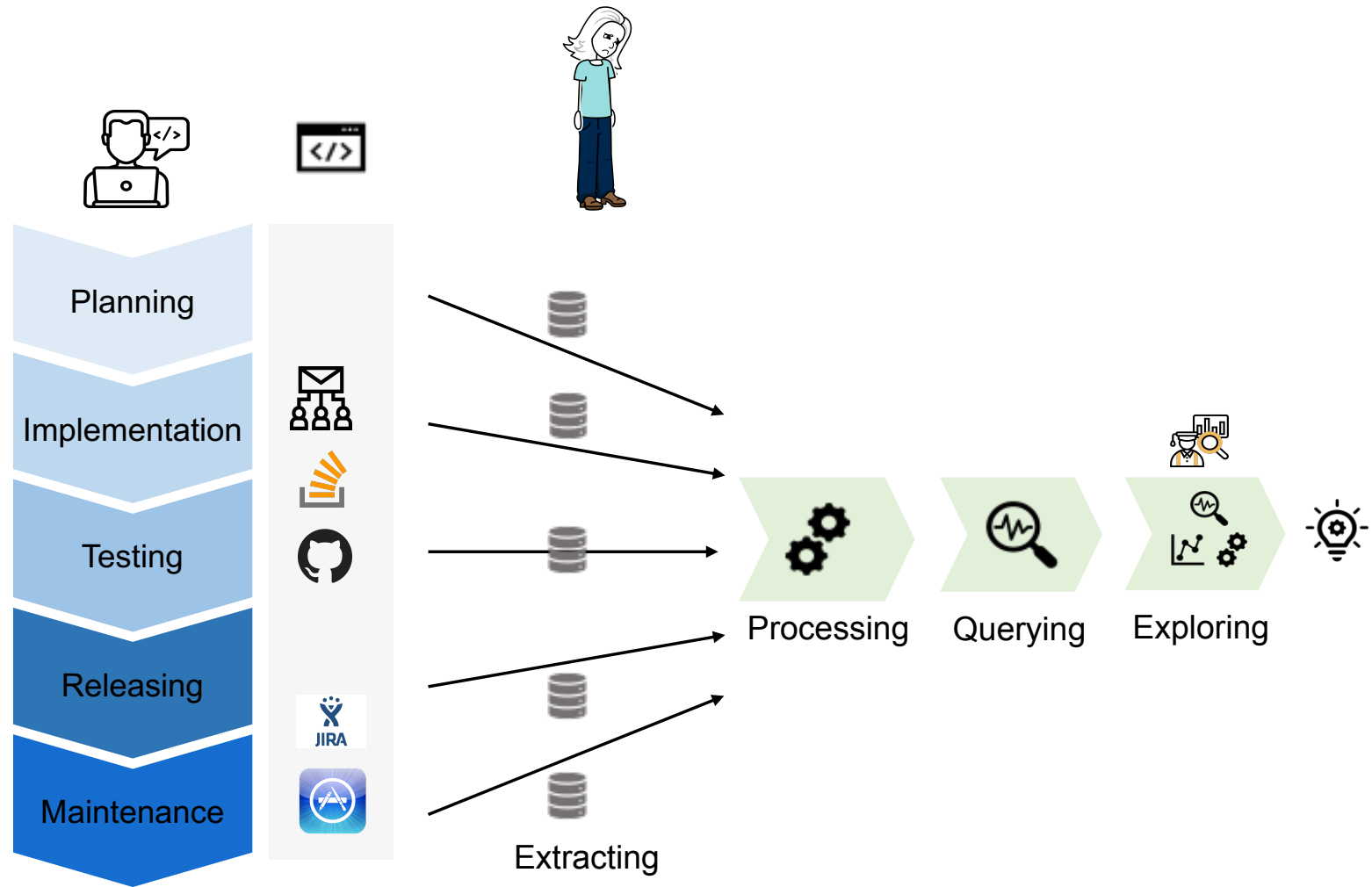
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public void log(String s) {  
    System.out.println(s);  
}
```

Do developers discuss code comments?

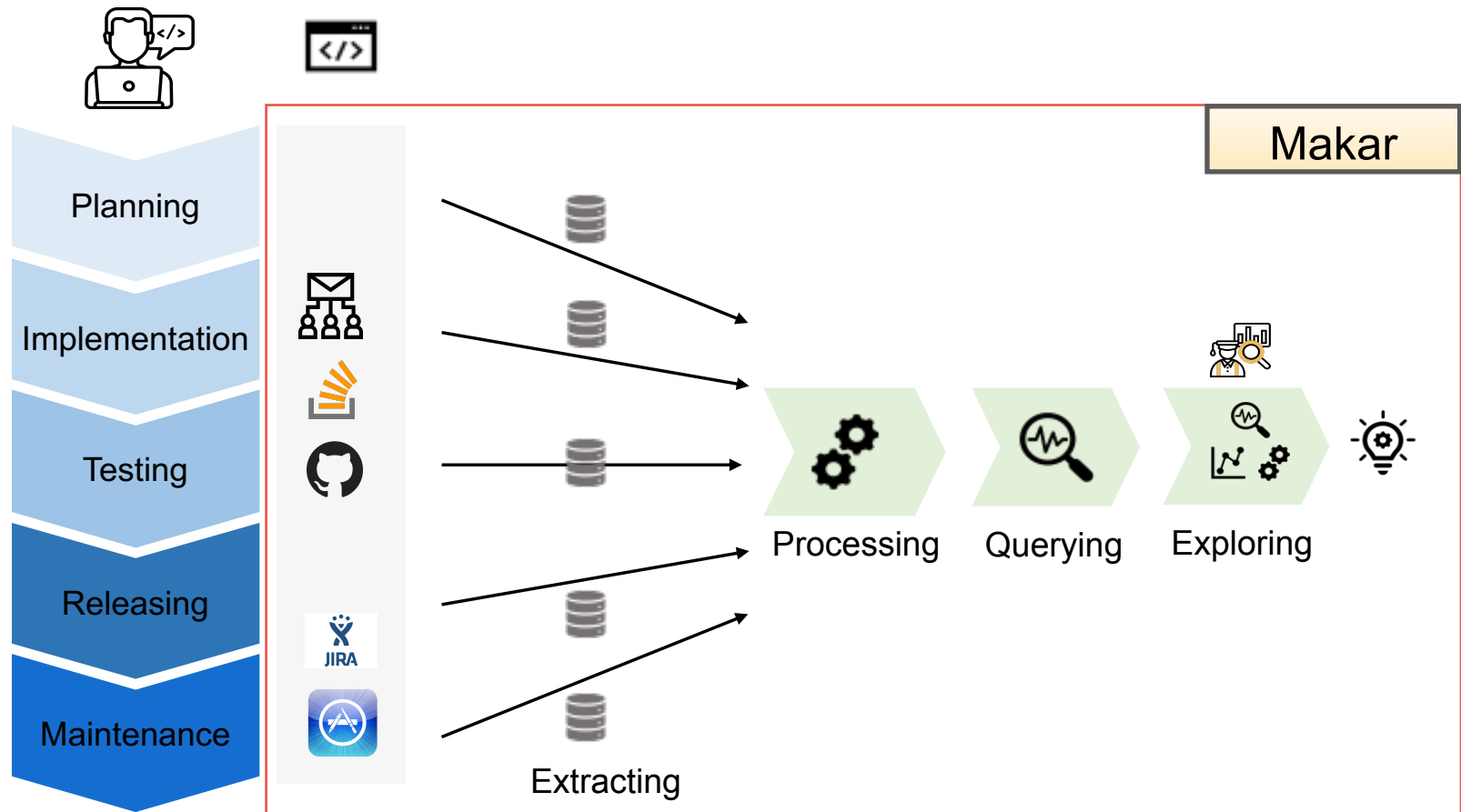
Developers use various discussion sources



Challenges



Makar: A tool for Multi-source Studies



Features

Extract data from different sources

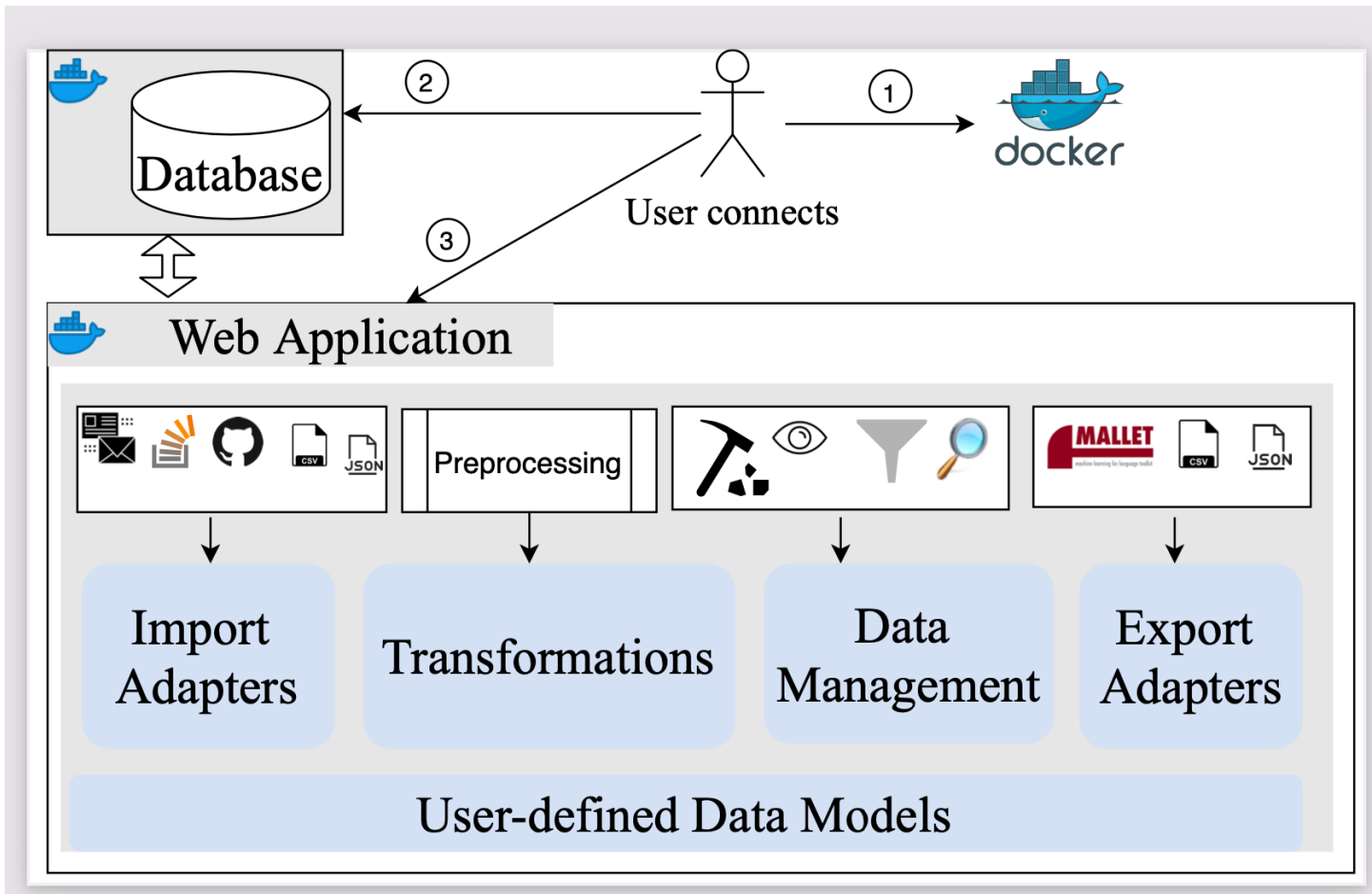
e.g., Stack Overflow, Github, Mailing Lists

Support mapping and processing the data

Explore and perform ad-hoc searches

Extending the dataset easily

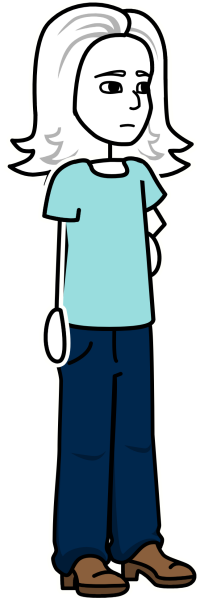
Makar Architecture



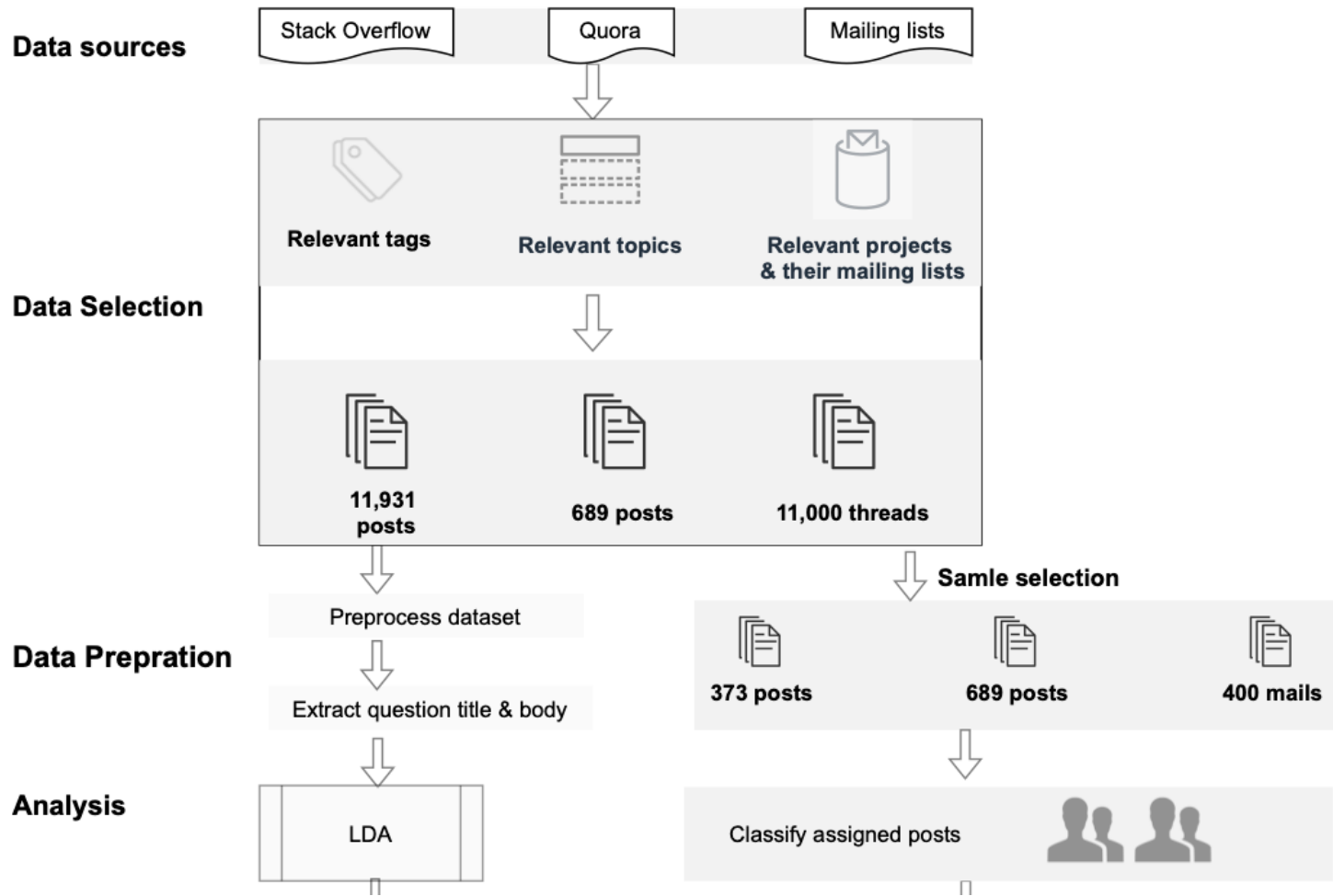
Demo

Do developers ask questions
about comments?

Do the comment
related questions contain
code snippets?



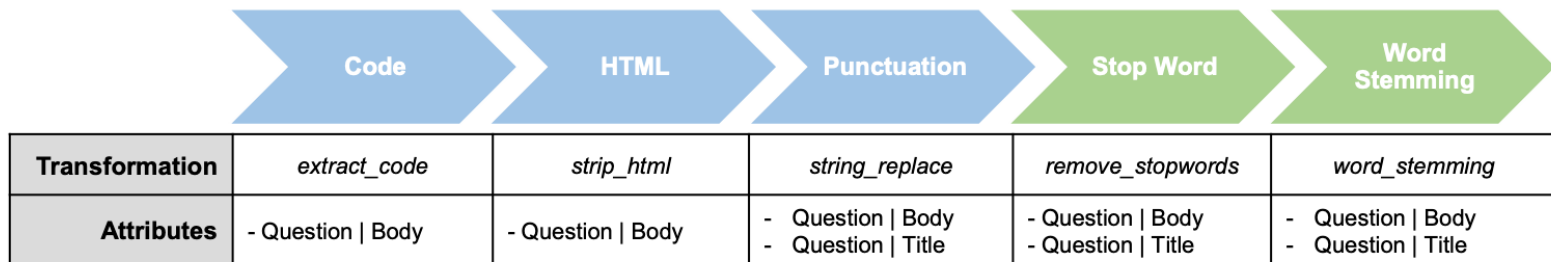
Case Study



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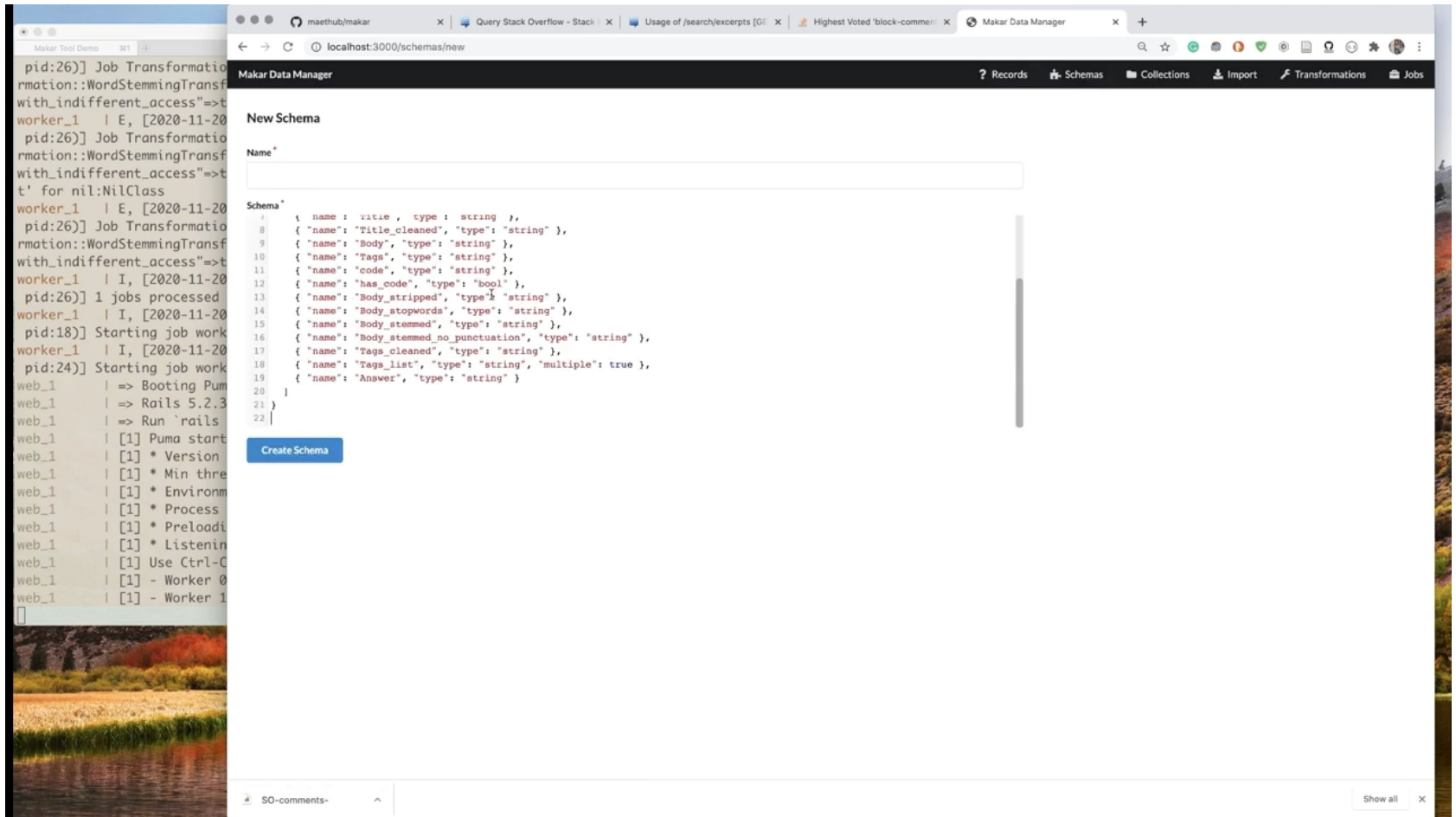
Import adapters: Stack overflow, CSV, Apache mailing list

Preprocess the data:



Export adapters: CSV adapters

Features: Import



A complete demo is available at [Youtube](#)

Features: Search

The screenshot displays the Makar Data Manager web application. The interface is divided into several sections:

- Left Sidebar:** Contains a terminal window showing a sequence of commands and their outputs, such as `pid:26]) Job Transformation: WordStemmingTransf` and `worker_1 | I, [2020-11-20`.
- Top Navigation Bar:** Includes tabs for 'Records', 'Schemas', 'Collections', 'Import', 'Transformations', and 'Jobs'.
- Main Search Area:**
 - Data Records:** A section with a 'Schema' dropdown set to 'SO Questions and Answers by Tag' and a 'Collection' dropdown.
 - Advanced Search:** A section with a 'Matches' dropdown set to 'all' and a 'conditions' dropdown. Below this is a search condition builder with 'Attribute' (containing a dropdown menu with options like 'Record', 'Id', 'Schema', 'Deactivated', 'Created at', 'Updated at', 'Record value', 'Name', 'Value type', 'Data', 'Value hash', 'Created at', 'Updated at', 'Record', 'Index', 'Data'), 'Predicate' (set to 'contains'), and a 'Value' input field.
 - Save Query:** A toggle switch and a 'Filter Name' input field.
 - Search:** A blue button to execute the search.
 - Collection:** A dropdown menu.
 - Buttons:** 'Add to collection' and 'Remove from collection' buttons.
 - Results:** A green box indicating 'Found 1034 records'.
- Results Table:** A table with columns 'ID', 'Schema', and 'Data'. It shows a single record with ID 837, Schema 'SO Questions and Answers by Tag', and a complex JSON data field.

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Features: Collection

The screenshot displays the Makar Data Manager web application. The interface includes a top navigation bar with tabs for 'Records', 'Schemas', 'Collections', 'Import', 'Transformations', and 'Jobs'. The main content area is titled 'SO Questions and Answers by Tag' and shows a 'Collection' dropdown. Below this is an 'Advanced Search' section with two search conditions: 'Attribute: Name, Predicate: contains, Value: Title' and 'Attribute: Data, Predicate: contains, Value: comment'. The 'Save Query' section is visible, along with a 'Filter Name' dropdown and a 'Load Filter' button. The 'Collection' section shows 'Found 1130 records'. At the bottom, a table displays the first record with columns for ID, Schema, and Data. The table has a search icon and a close icon in the bottom right corner.

ID	Schema	Data
1	SO Questions and Answers by Tag	[{"id":244777,"CreationDate":"2008-10-28","ViewCount":2476219,"Title":"Can comments be used in JSON?","Title_cleaned":null,"Body":"<p>Can I use comments inside a JSON file? If so, how?</p>\n";:Tags:<\"json><comments>\";:code:null;:has_code:null;:Body_stripped:null;:Body_stopwords:null;:Body_stemmed:null;:Body_stemmed_no_punctuation:null;:Tags_cleaned:null;:Tags_list:>[];:Answer:<\"<p>No.</p>\n<p>The JSON is data only, and if you include a comment, then it will be data too.</p>\n<p>You could have a designated data element called <code>\"comment\"</code> (or something) ..."]

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Features: Transform

The screenshot displays the Makar Data Manager web application. The interface is divided into several sections:

- Left Sidebar:** A file explorer showing a directory structure with files like 'pid:26]', 'Job Transformation::WordStemmingTransf', 'with_indifferent_access'=>t', 'worker_1 | E, [2020-11-20', 'pid:26]', 'Job Transformation::WordStemmingTransf', 'with_indifferent_access'=>t', 't' for nil:NilClass', 'worker_1 | E, [2020-11-20', 'pid:26]', 'Job Transformation::WordStemmingTransf', 'with_indifferent_access'=>t', 'worker_1 | I, [2020-11-20', 'pid:26]', '1 jobs processed', 'worker_1 | I, [2020-11-20', 'pid:18]', 'Starting job work', 'worker_1 | I, [2020-11-20', 'pid:24]', 'Starting job work', 'web_1 | => Booting Pum', 'web_1 | => Rails 5.2.3', 'web_1 | => Run `rails', 'web_1 | [1] Puma start', 'web_1 | [1] * Version', 'web_1 | [1] * Min thre', 'web_1 | [1] * Environm', 'web_1 | [1] * Process', 'web_1 | [1] * Preloadi', 'web_1 | [1] * Listenin', 'web_1 | [1] Use Ctrl-C', 'web_1 | [1] - Worker 0', 'web_1 | [1] - Worker 1'.
- Main Panel:**
 - Collection Questions containing comment in title:** A search filter.
 - Description:** Contains all the questions with comment in their title.
 - Auto-Filter:** All questions with comment in title.
 - Export:** A dropdown menu for 'Attributes' and 'Export format' (set to 'json'). An 'Export' button is present.
 - Actions:** Buttons for 'Edit', 'Delete', 'Drop ALL Records', 'Table View', and 'Custom Exports'.
 - Records:** A table with 1887 records. The table has columns for 'ID', 'Schema', and 'Data'. The data column shows snippets of JSON or HTML content.
- Bottom:** A status bar showing 'Found 1887 records' and a 'Show all' button.

A complete demo is available at [Youtube](#)

Tool Comparison

Tool	Extract	Process	Manage
Octoparse	✓	✗	✗
Knime	Extension	✓	✓
Rapidminer	✗	Limited	Limited
ELKI	✗	✓	✗
Keel	✗	✗	✗
WEKA	✗	✗	✗
TrifactaWrangler	✗	✓	✓
Boa	Limited	✓	✓
OpenRefine	✓	✓	✓
Makar	✓	✓	✓

Future work

Extension of data source adapters

Building a UI of the study pipeline

Development of analysis and visualisation components

Facilitation of more multi-source studies

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Hosted on Github

<https://github.com/maethub/makar>

Demo at YouTube

<https://youtu.be/Yqj1b4Bv-58>

Replication Package at Zenodo

<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.4434822>

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