Classifying Static Analysis False Positives by Learning from Alarm Review Data

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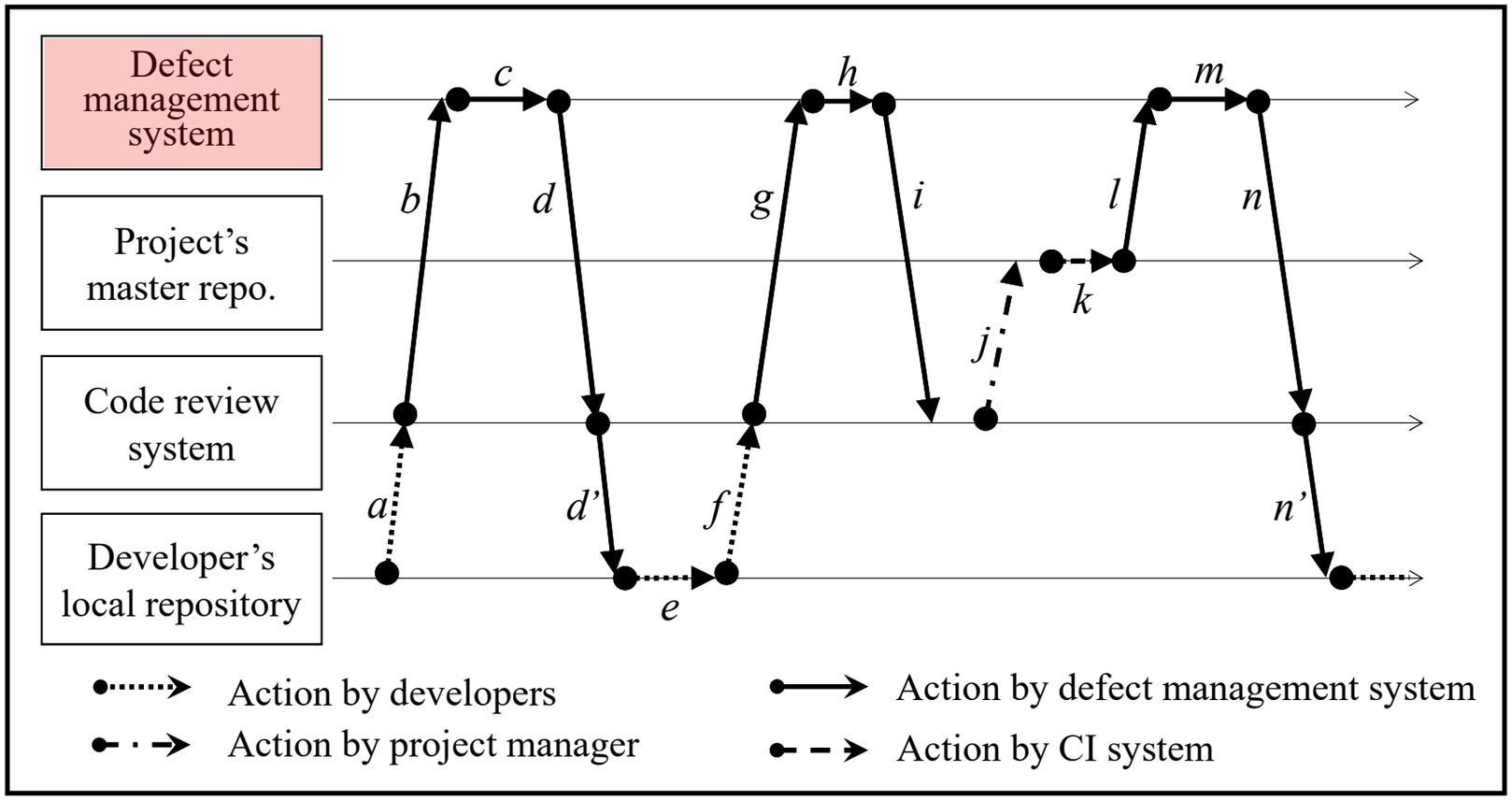

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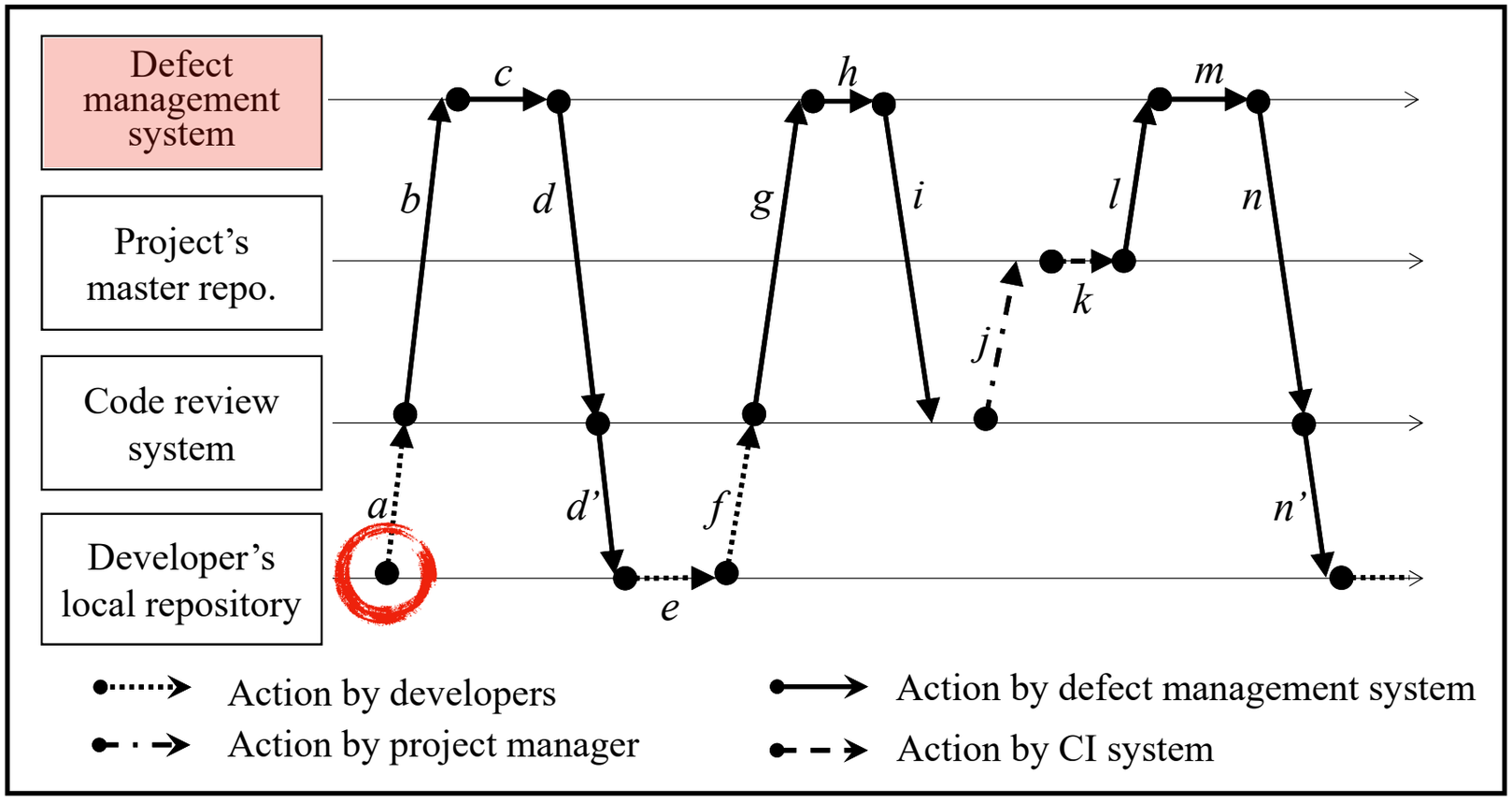

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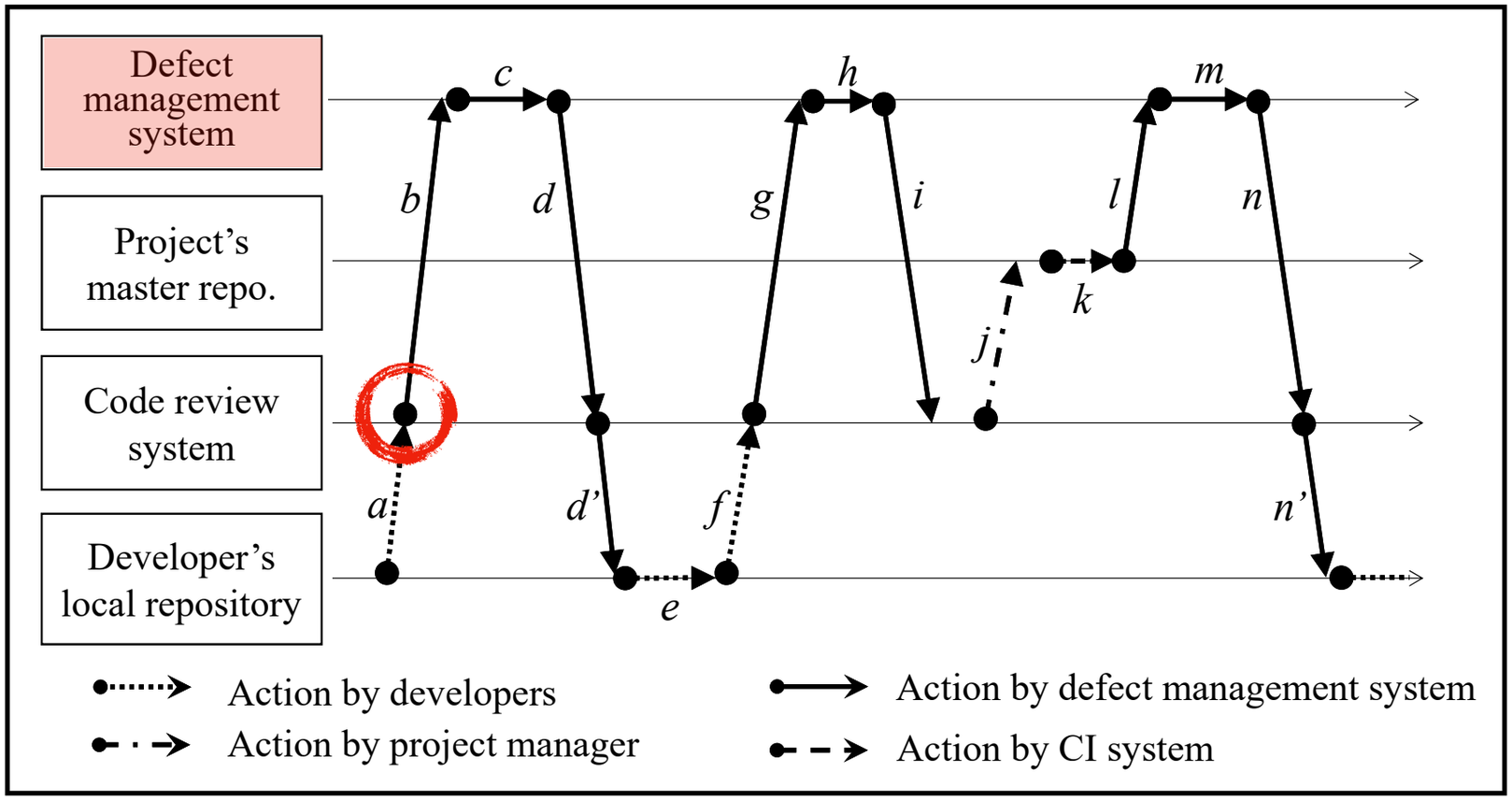

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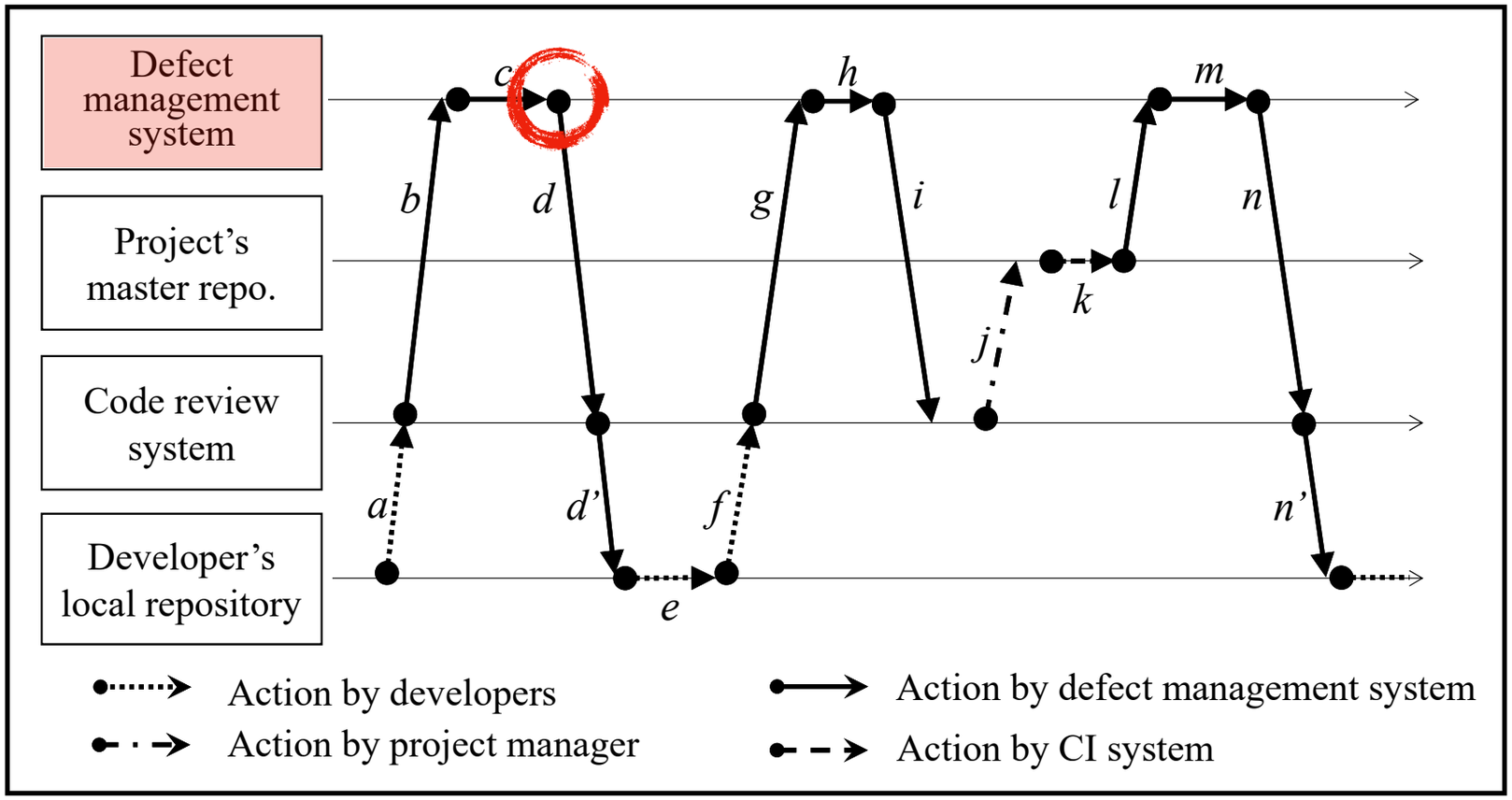

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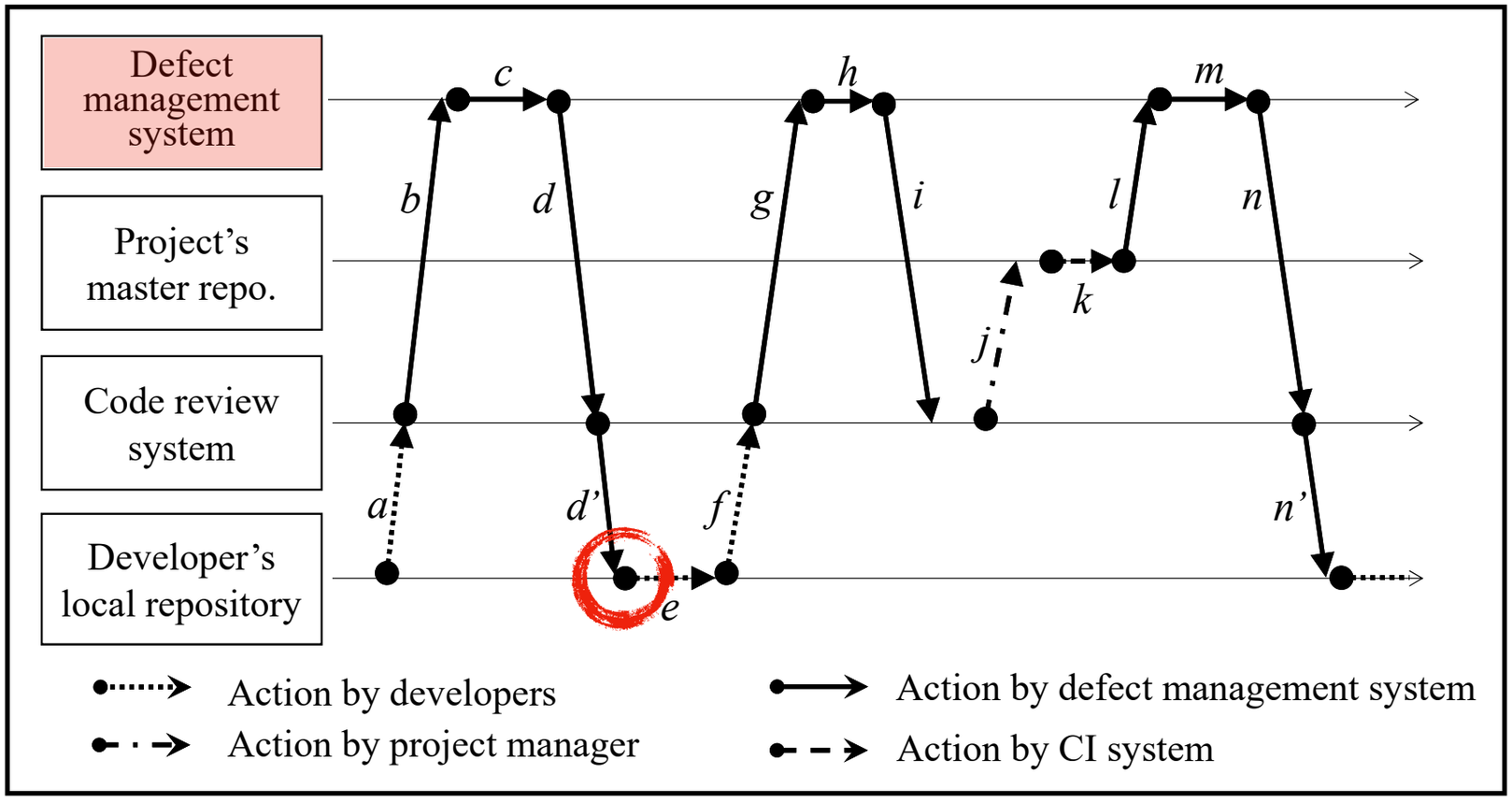

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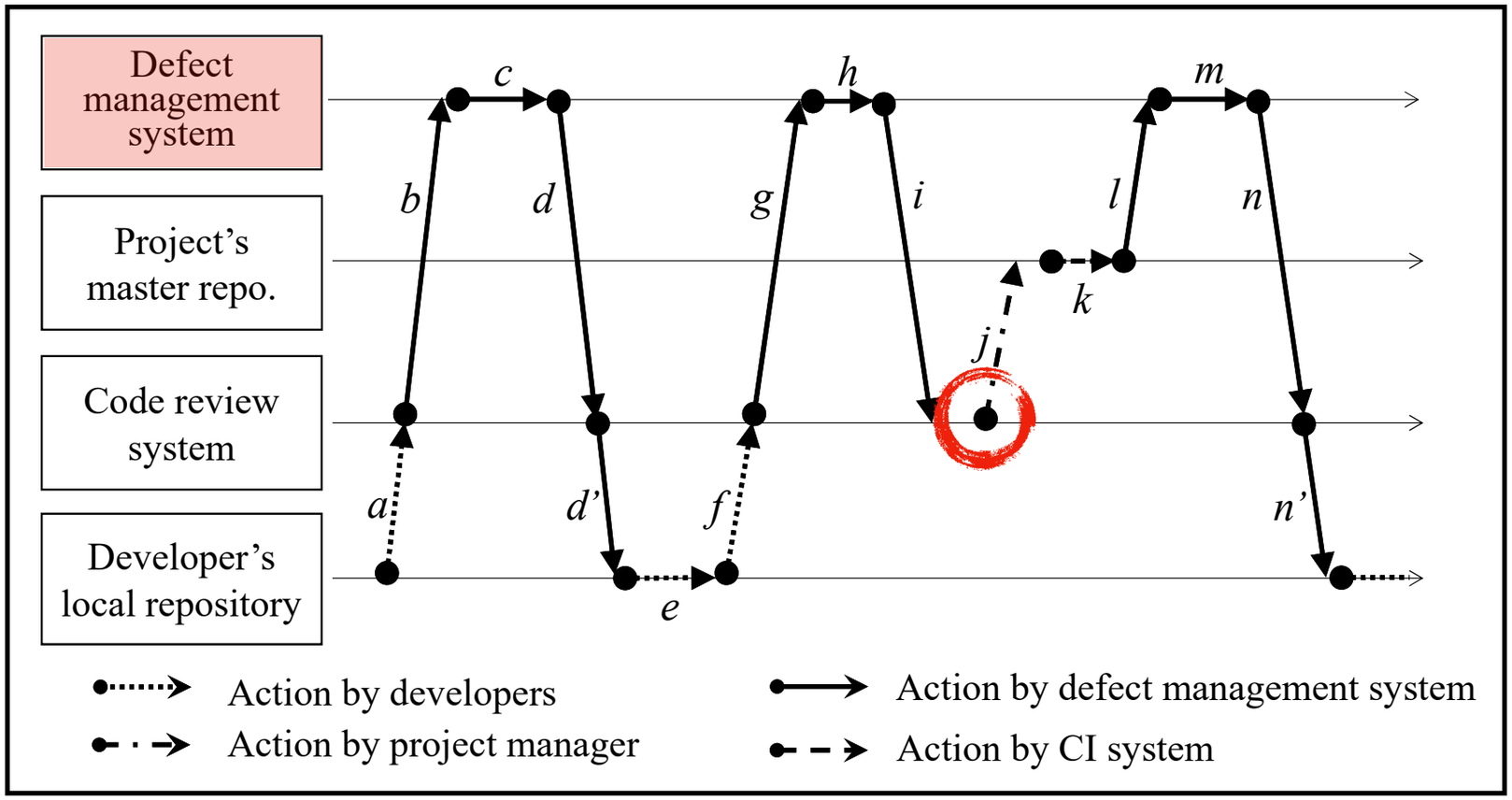

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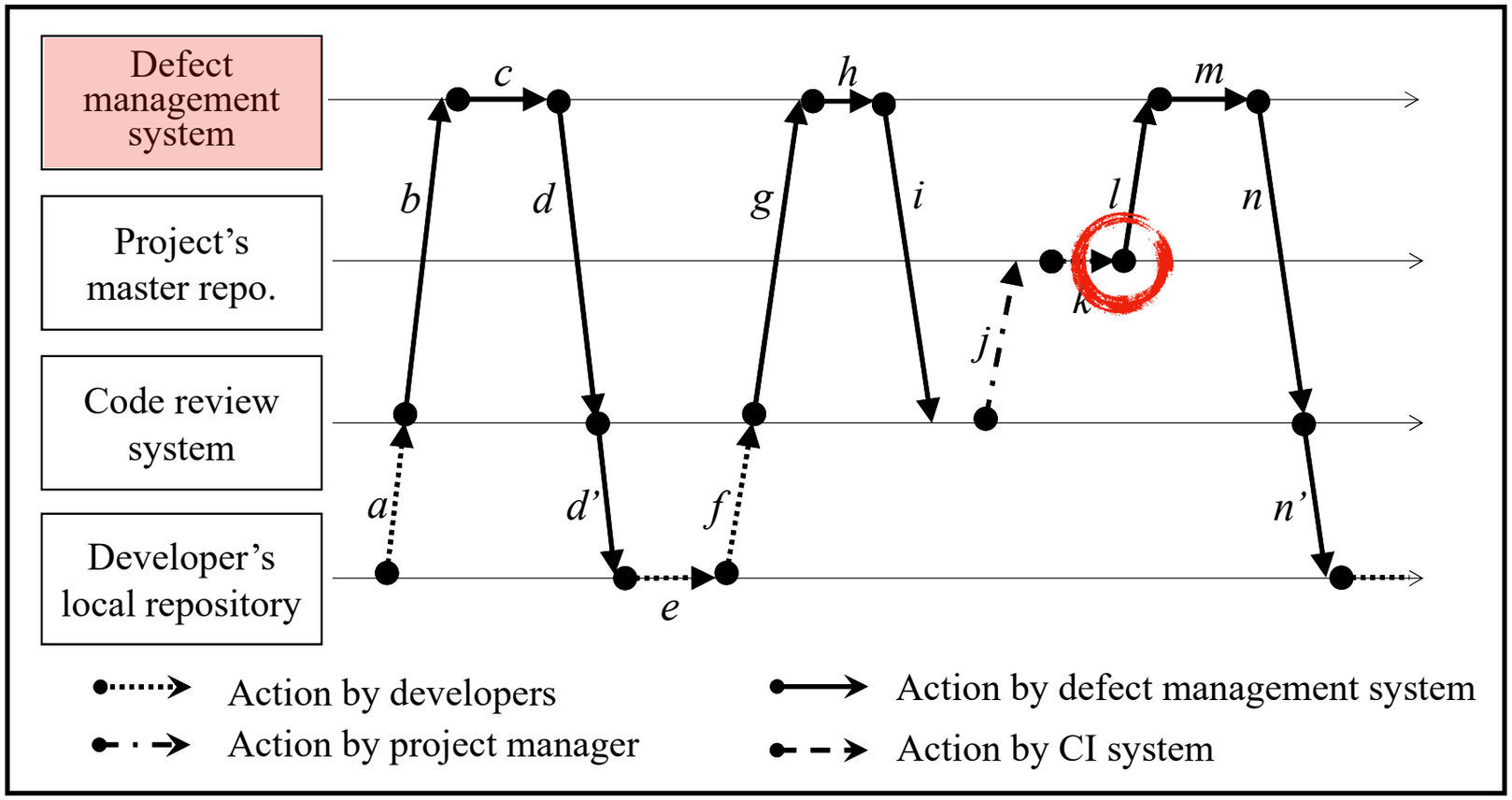

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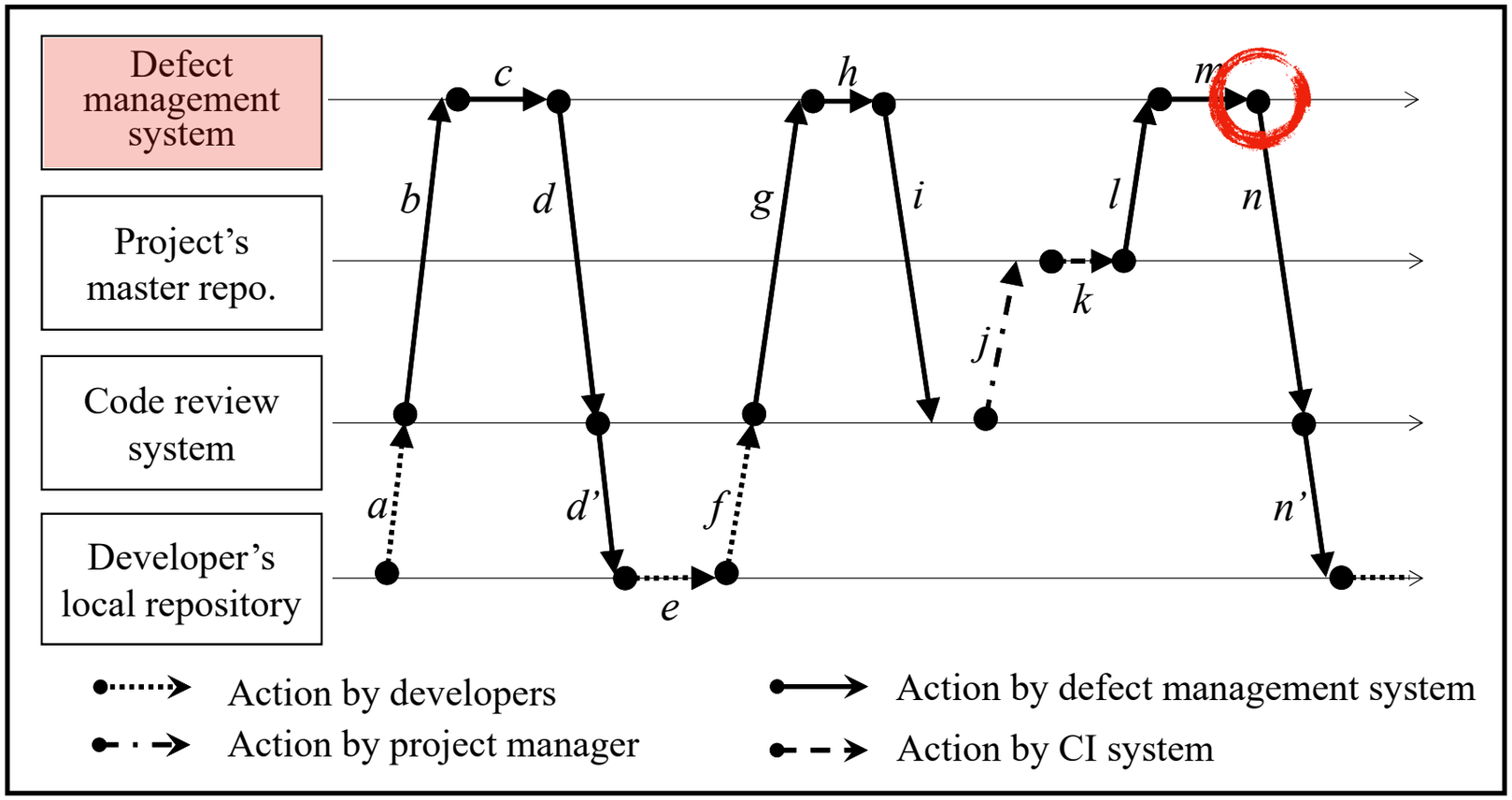

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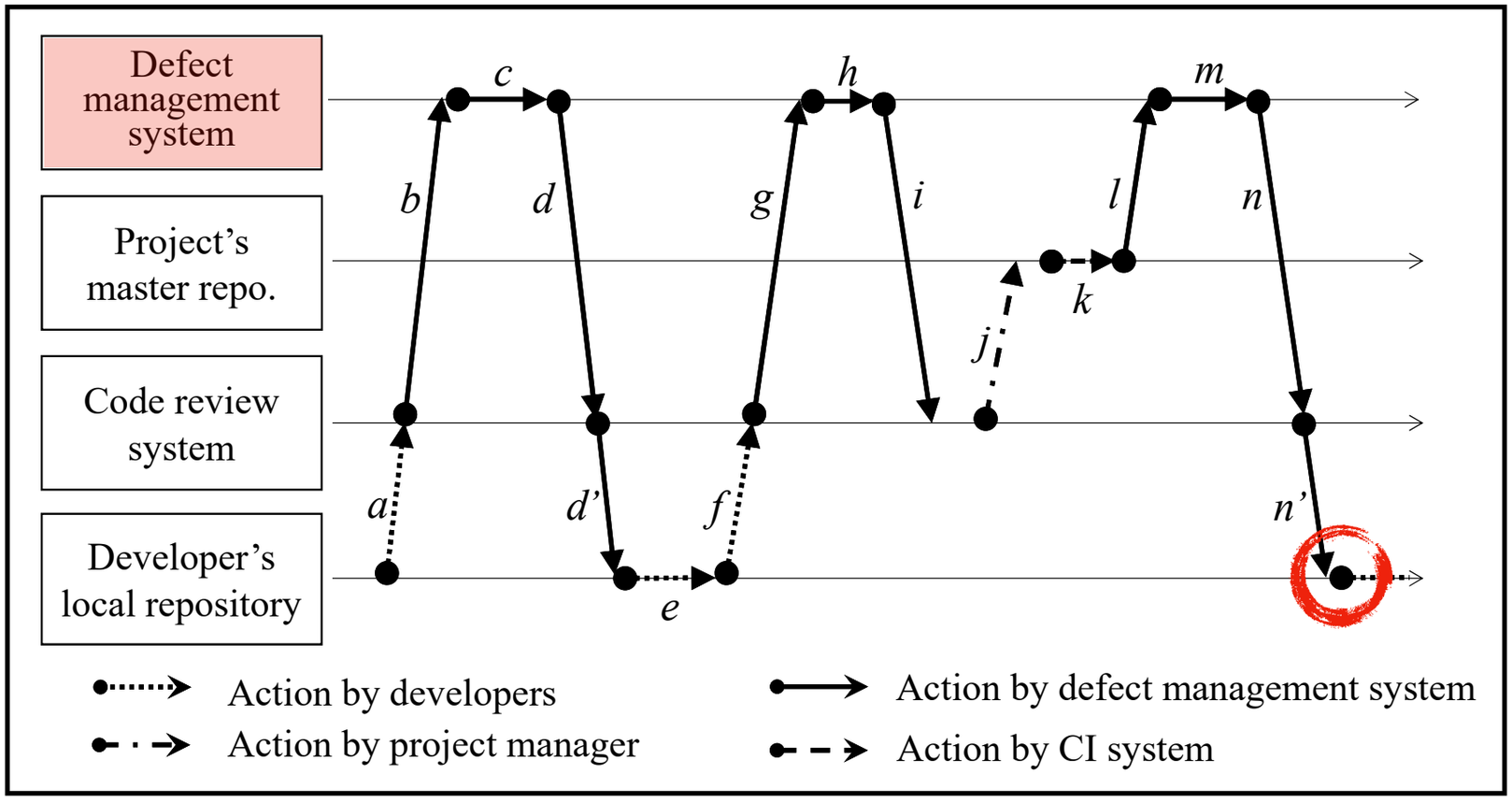

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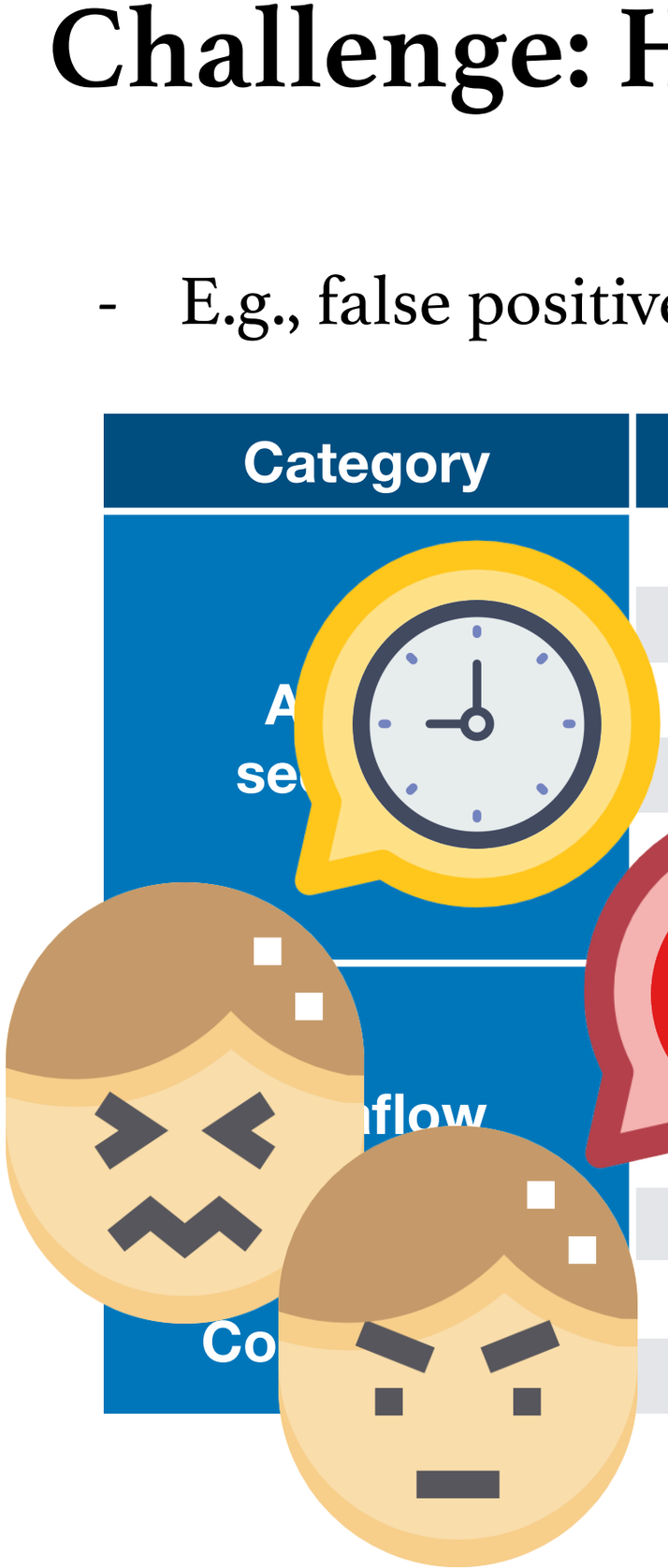

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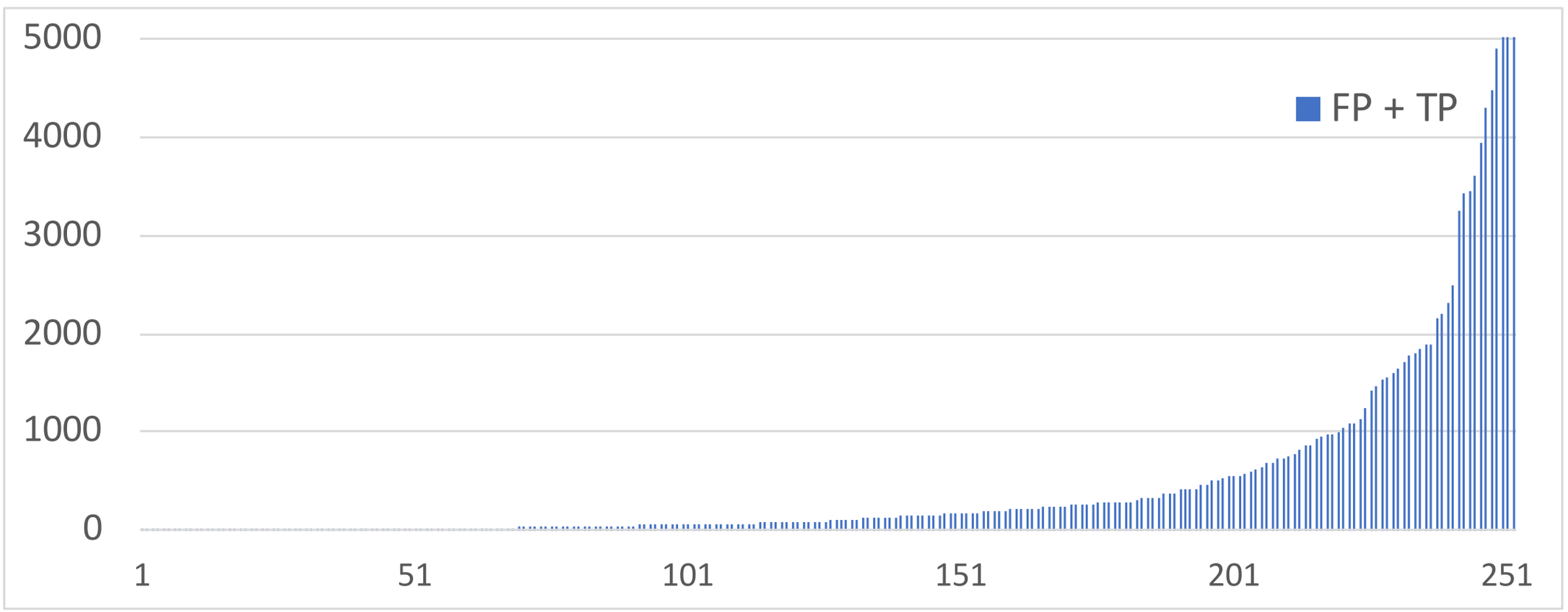

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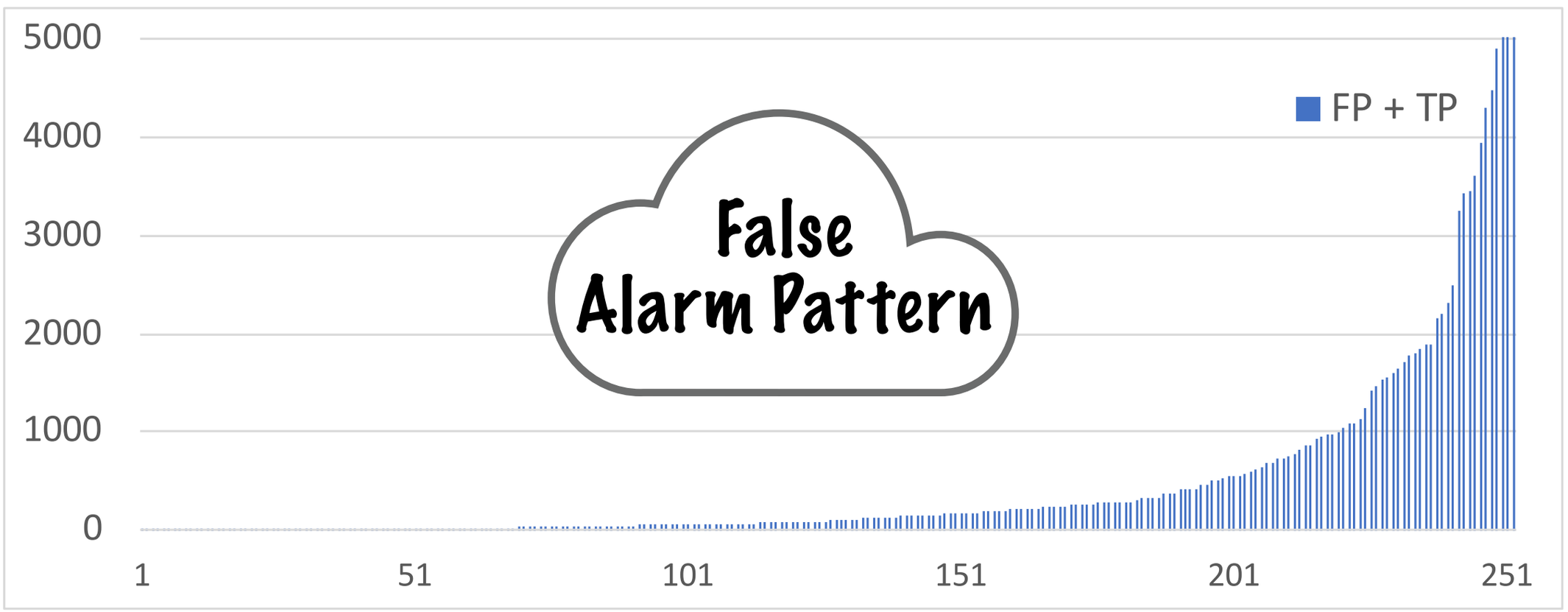

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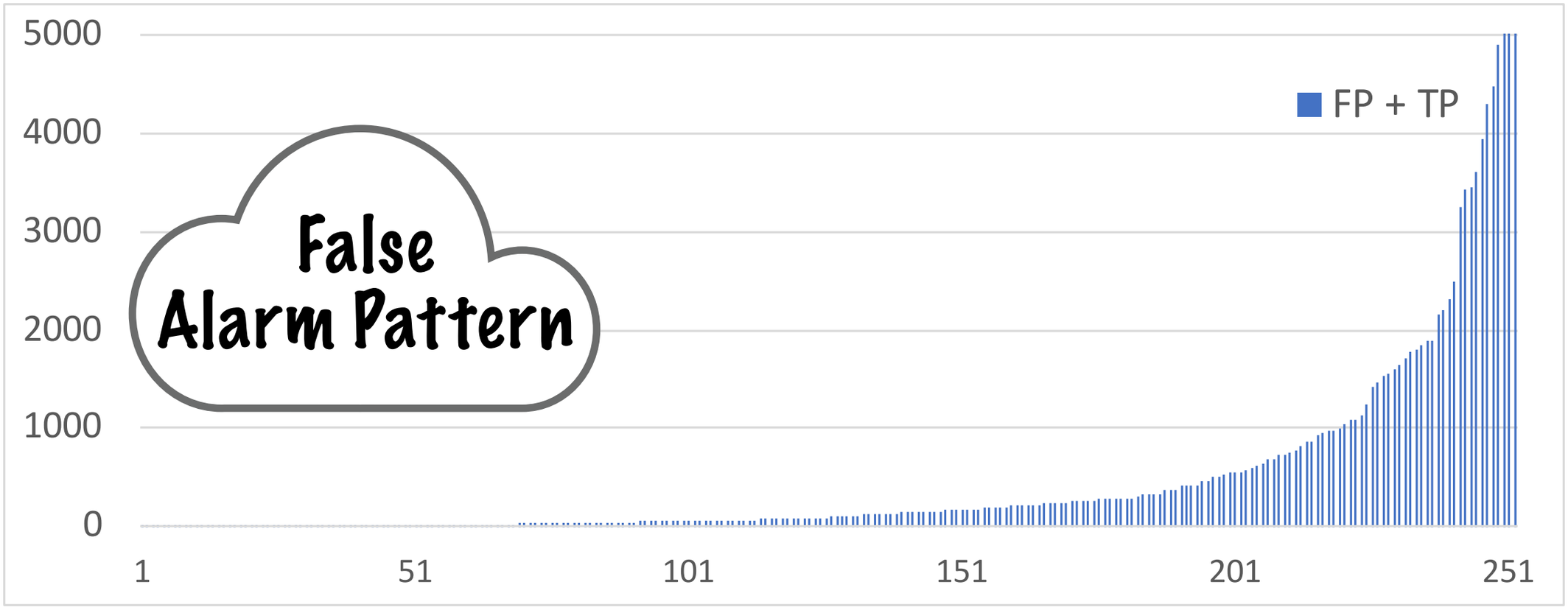

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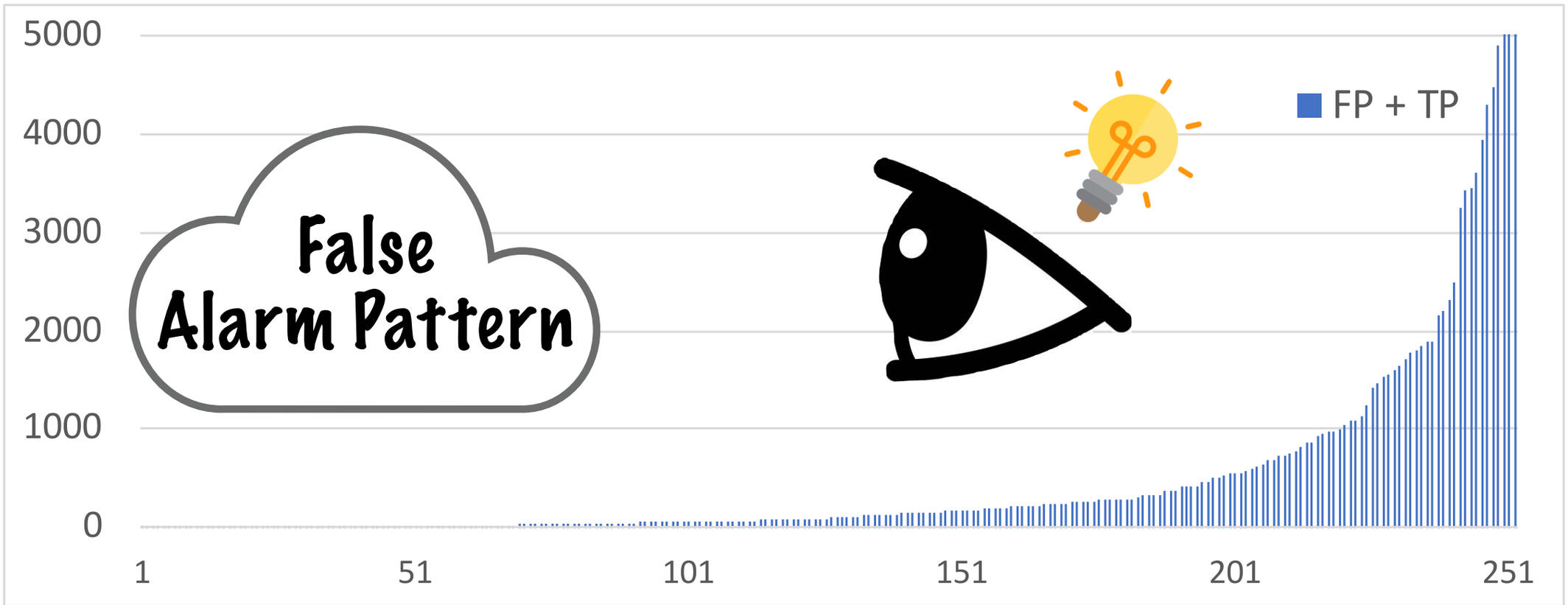

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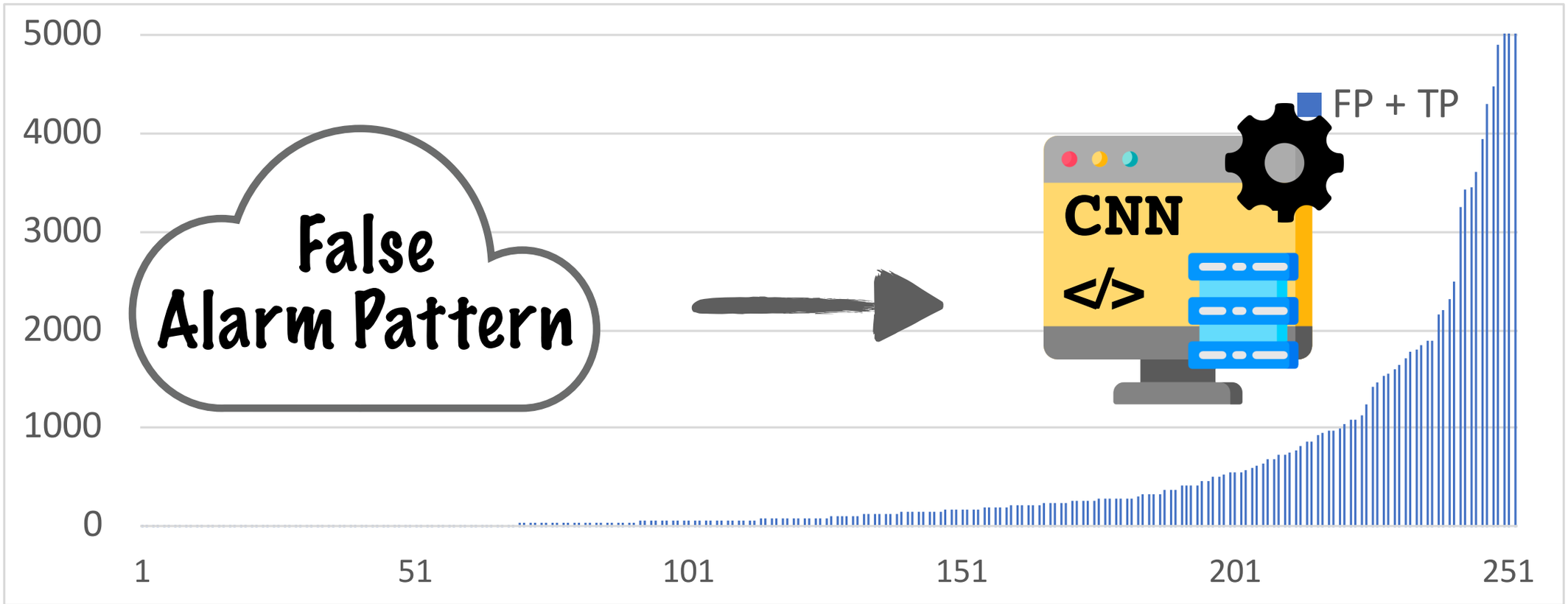

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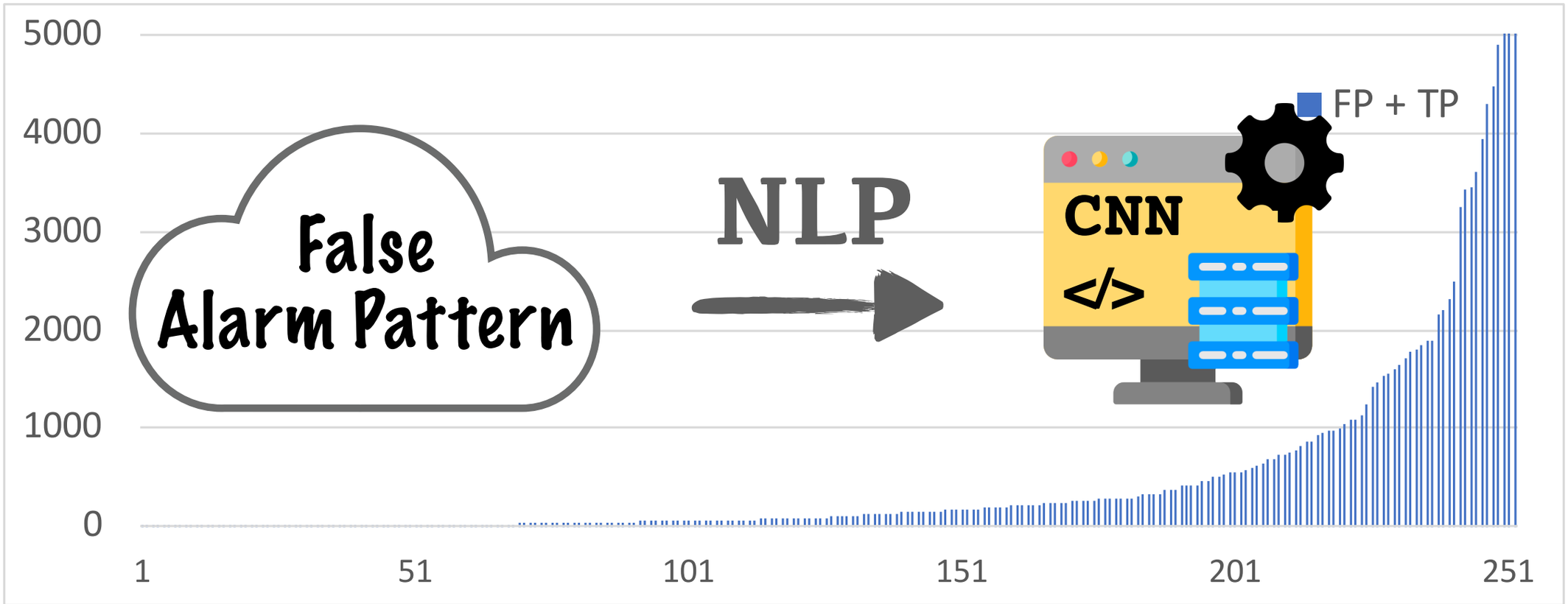

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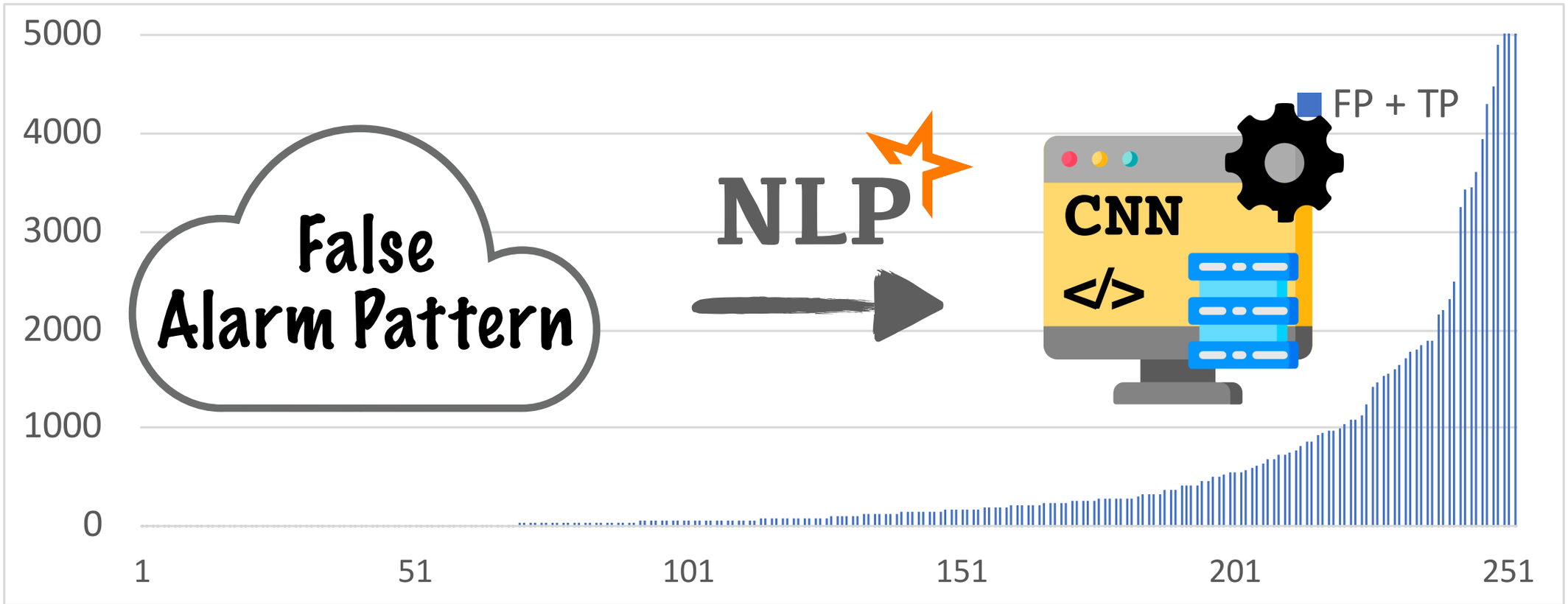

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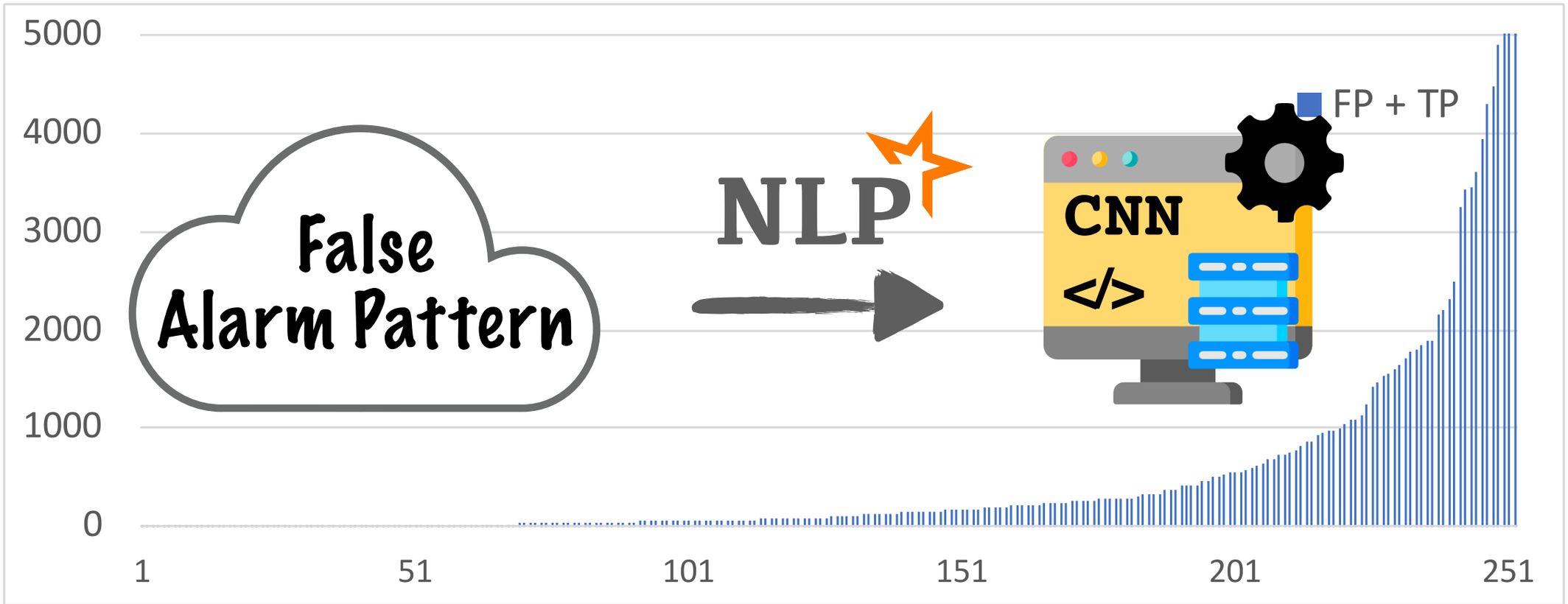

No feature extraction is needed!

Data gathering

- **Picked 12 checkers.** These checkers
  - are used for Tizen,
  - check important properties,
  - have many alarms,
  - are motivated to high false alarm ratio.
- **Data cleaning**
  - Remove noisy, duplicated data & Normalize data
  - 150K → 9.8K datapoints (580-2100 datapoint per checker)
- **Label transformation**
  - {Confirmed, Won't fix, Fixed, Undecided, False positive}

    → {0, 1}

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	TAINT_INT.LOOP	584	430	154	26%
Control Flow	FALL_THROUGH	1,680	1,559	121	7%
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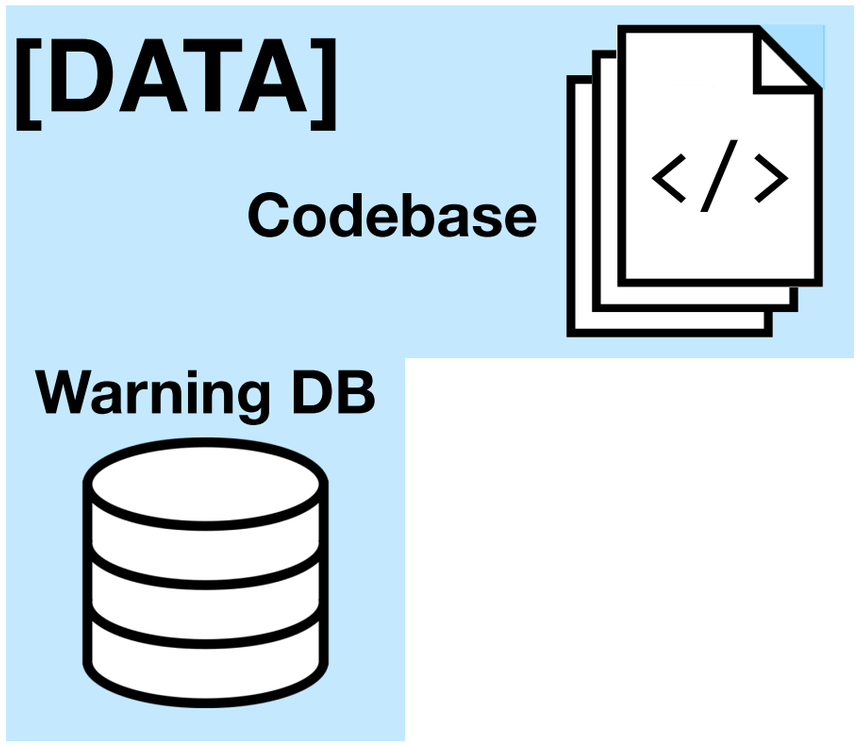

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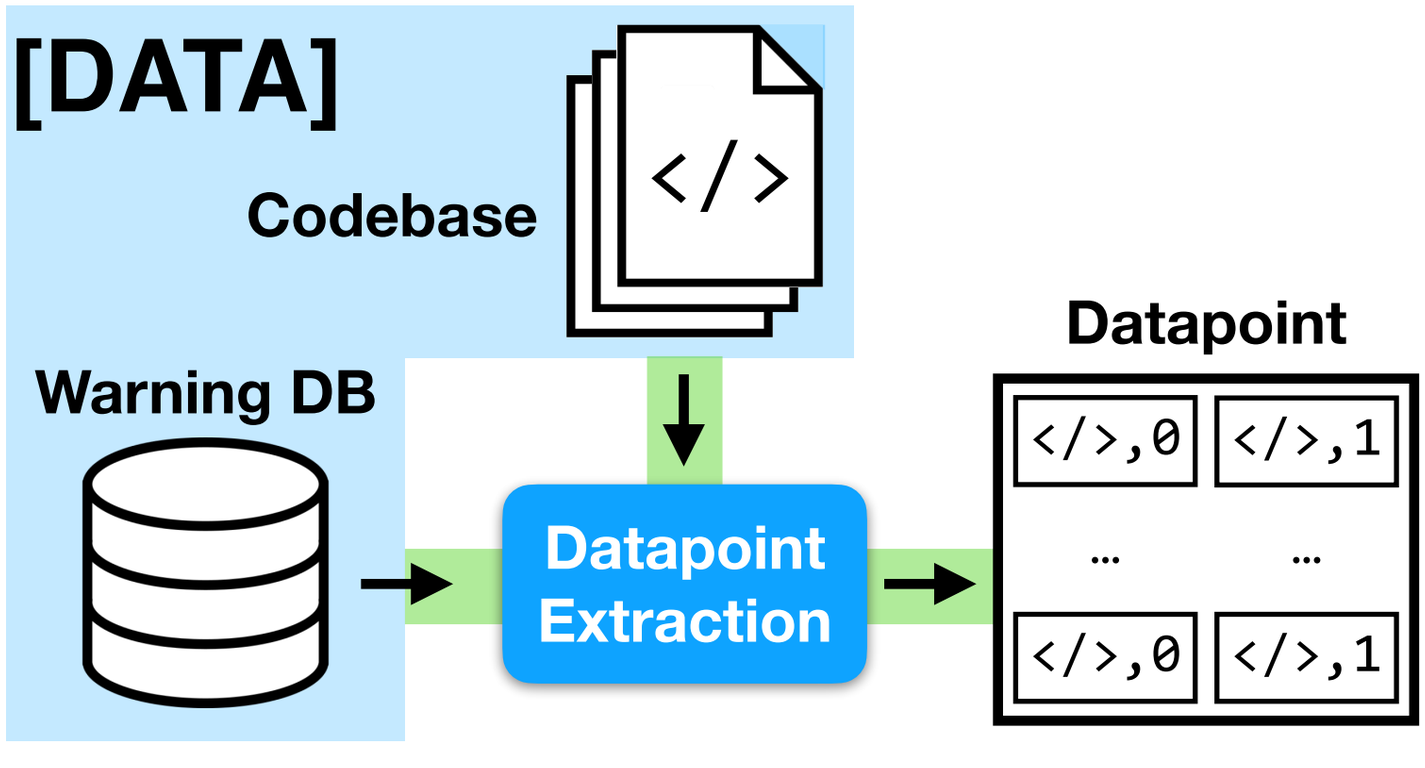

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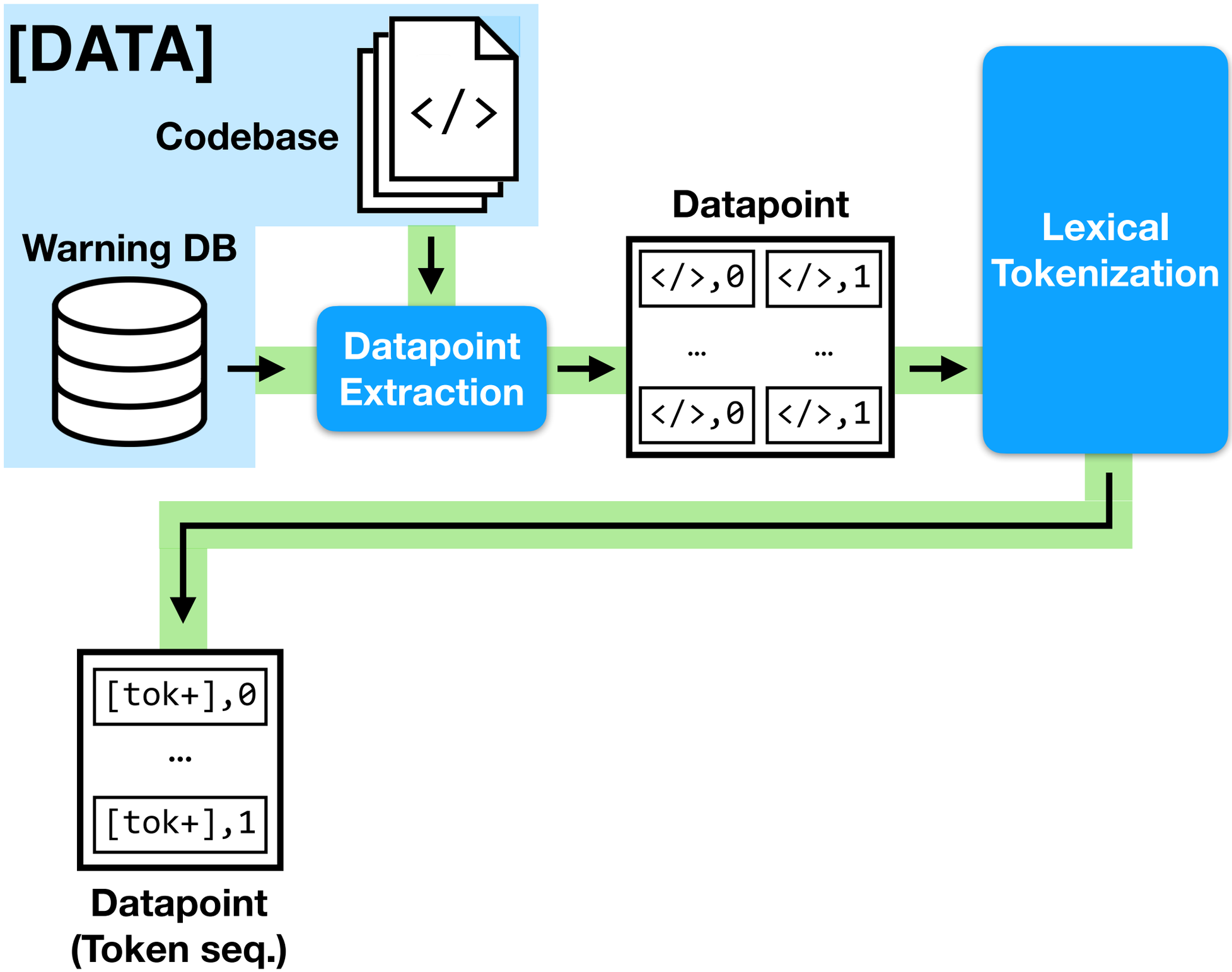

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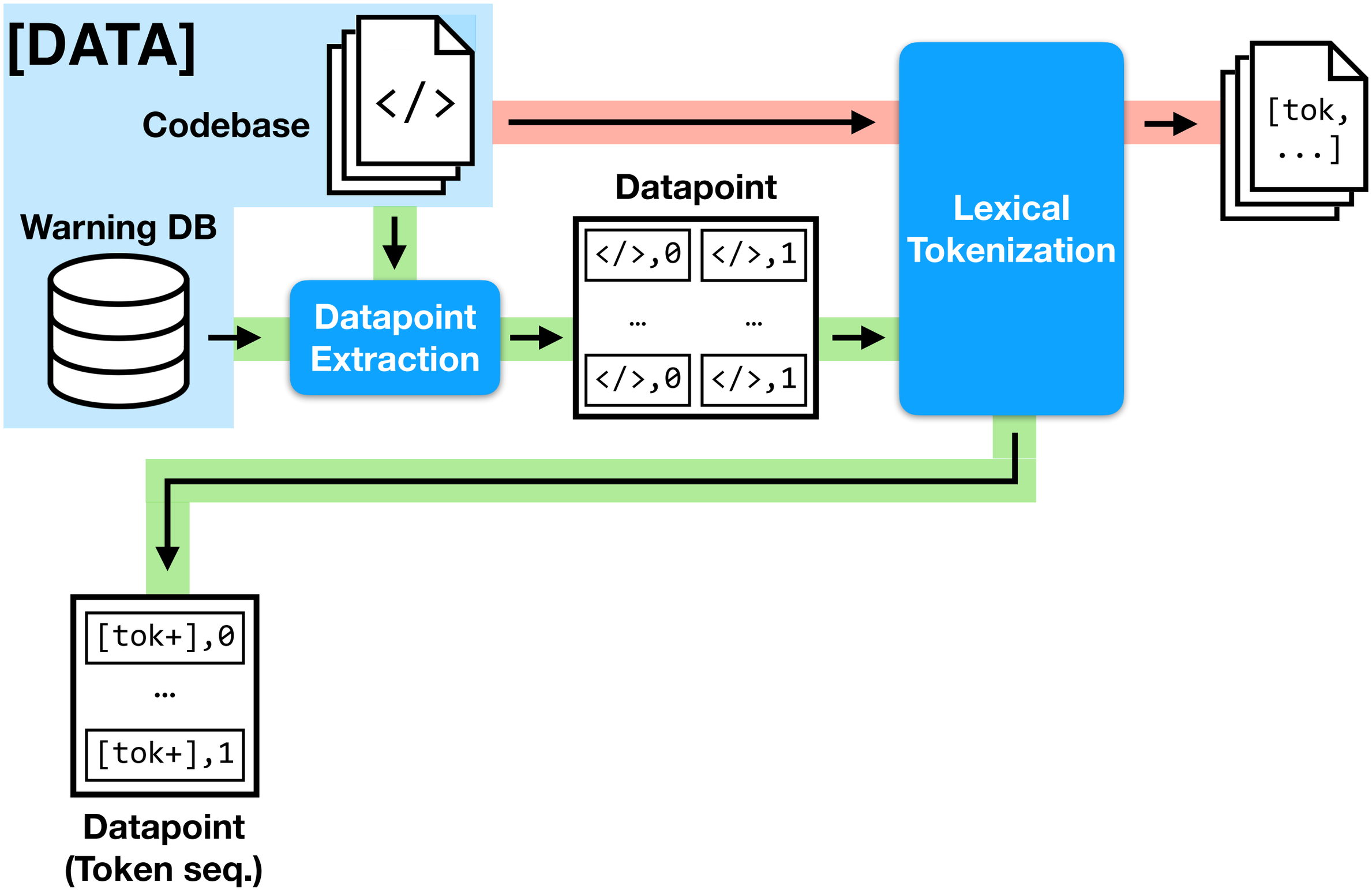

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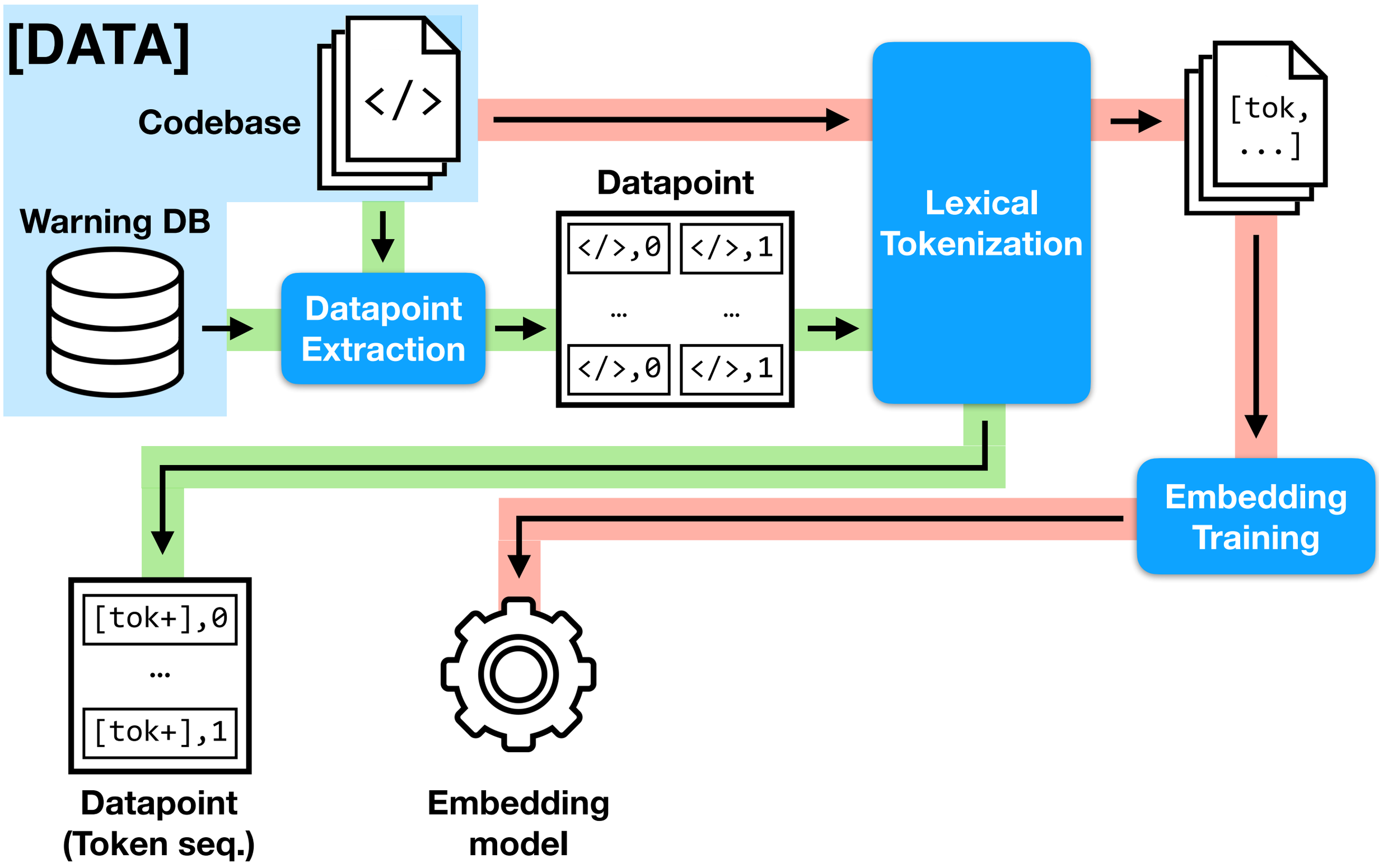

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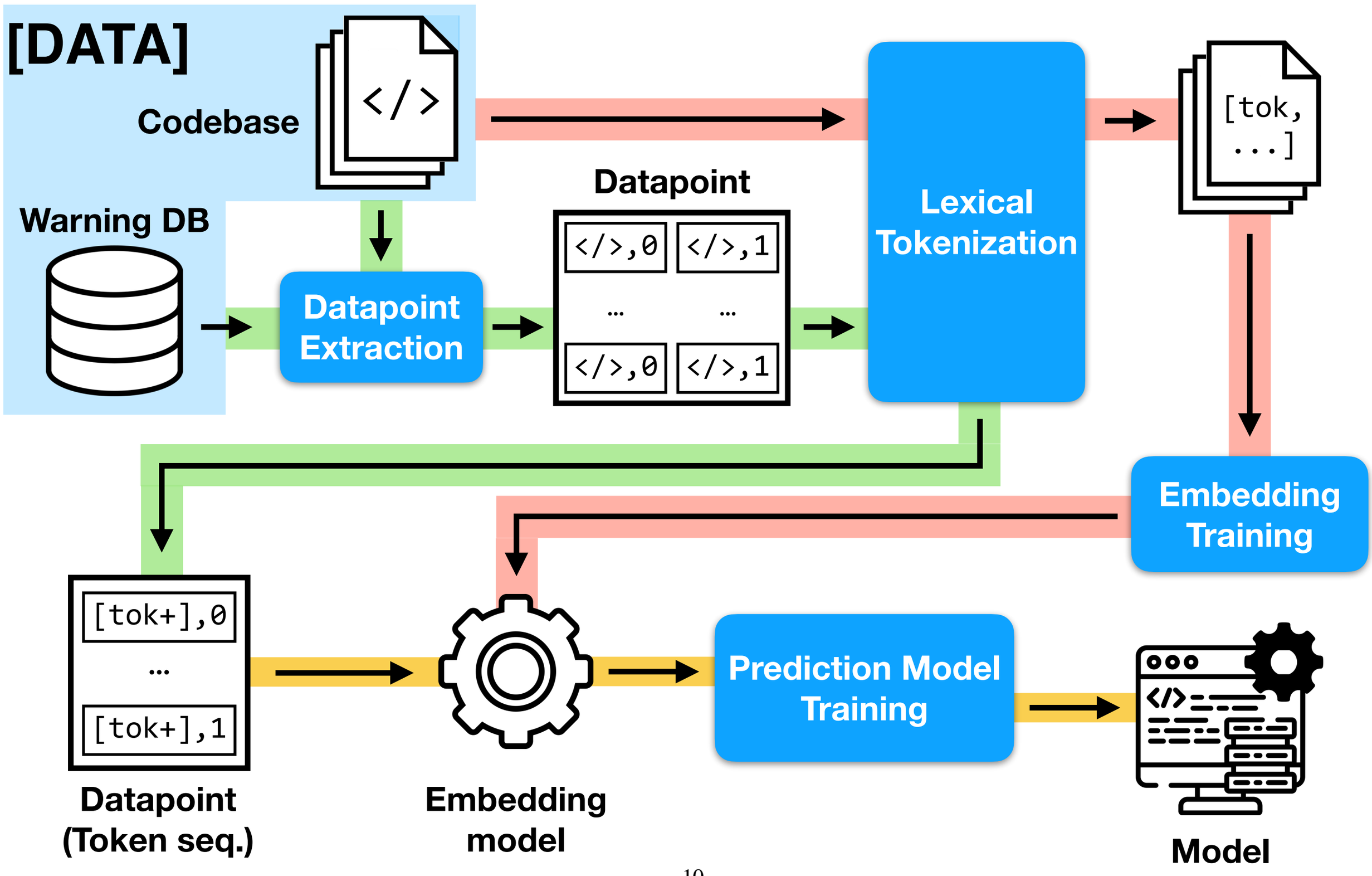

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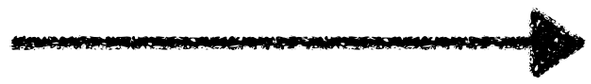

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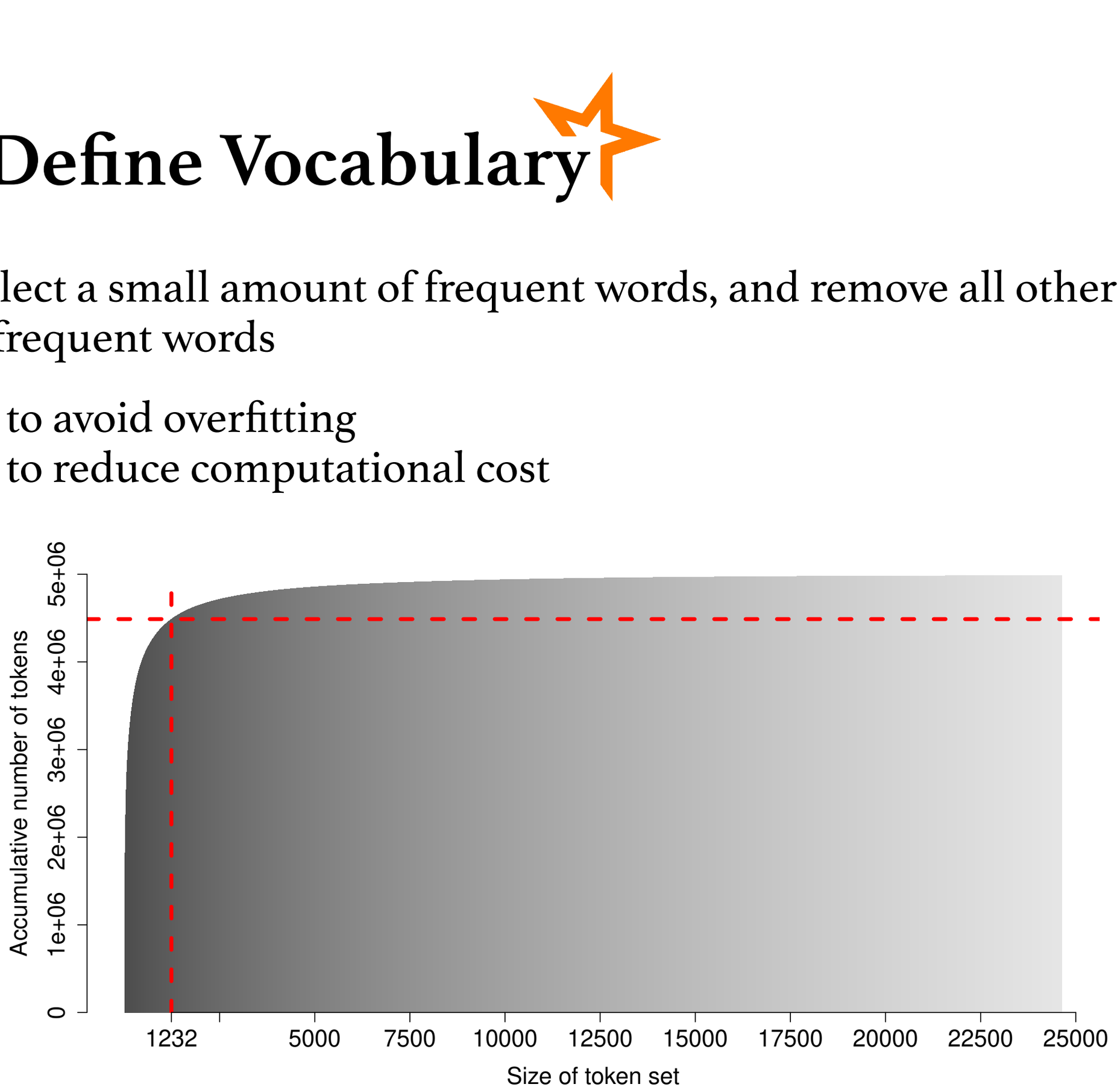
  - to avoid overfitting
  - to reduce computational cost



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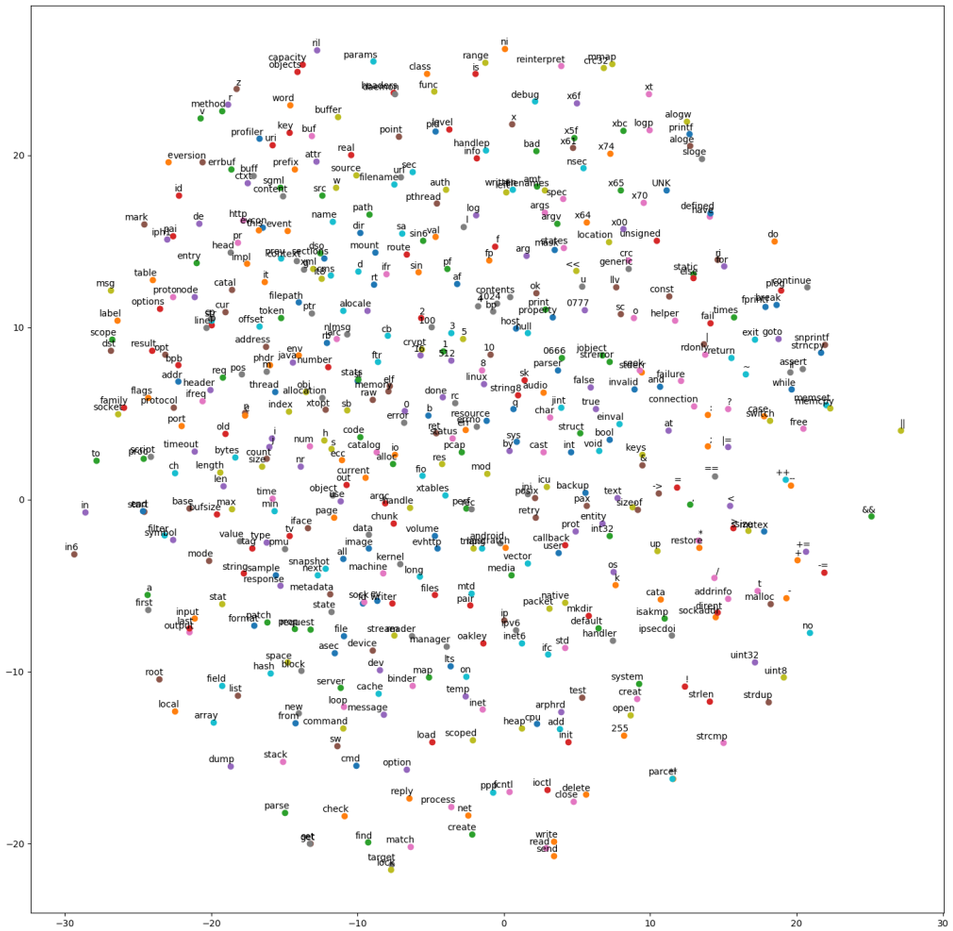

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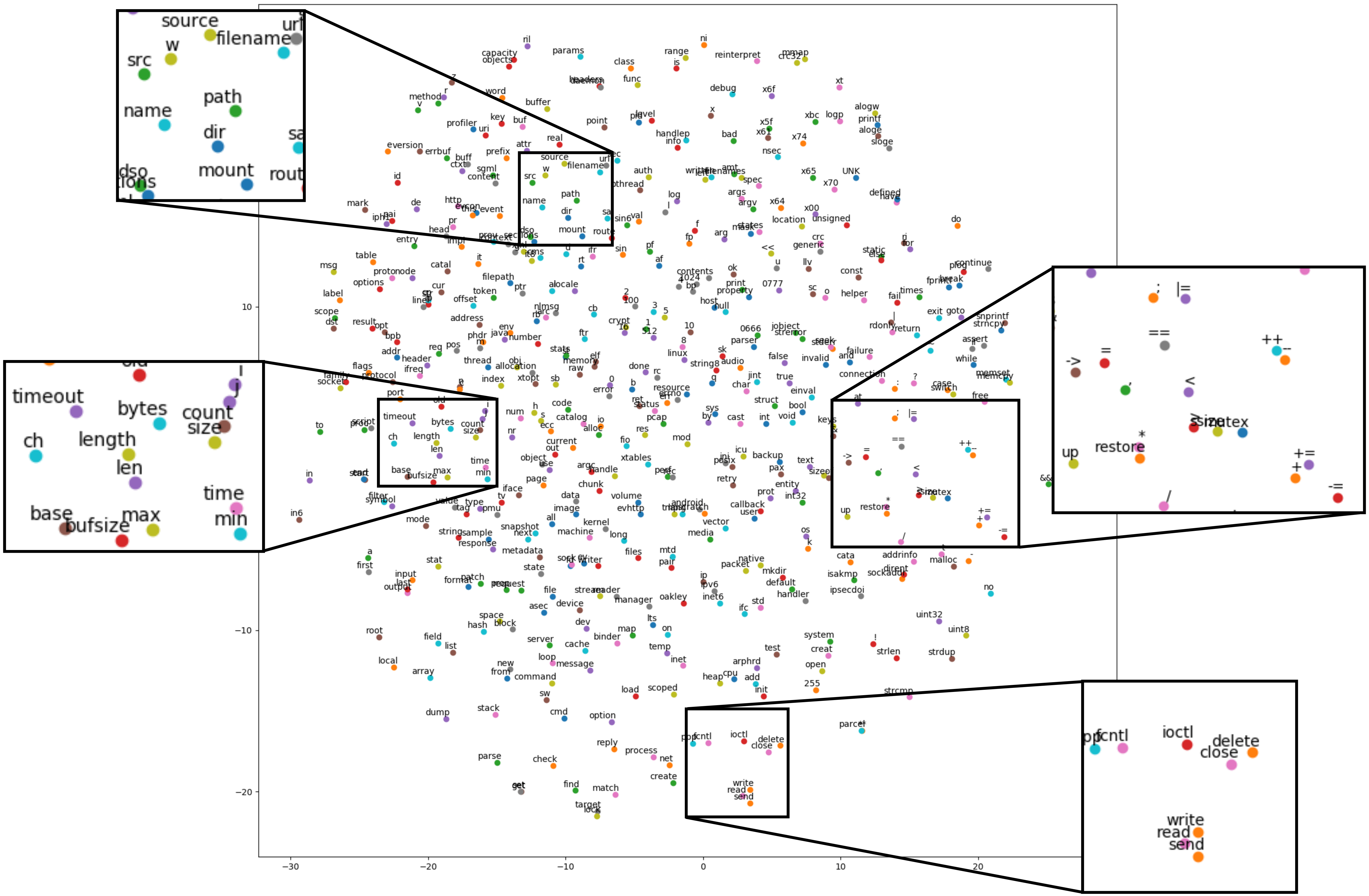

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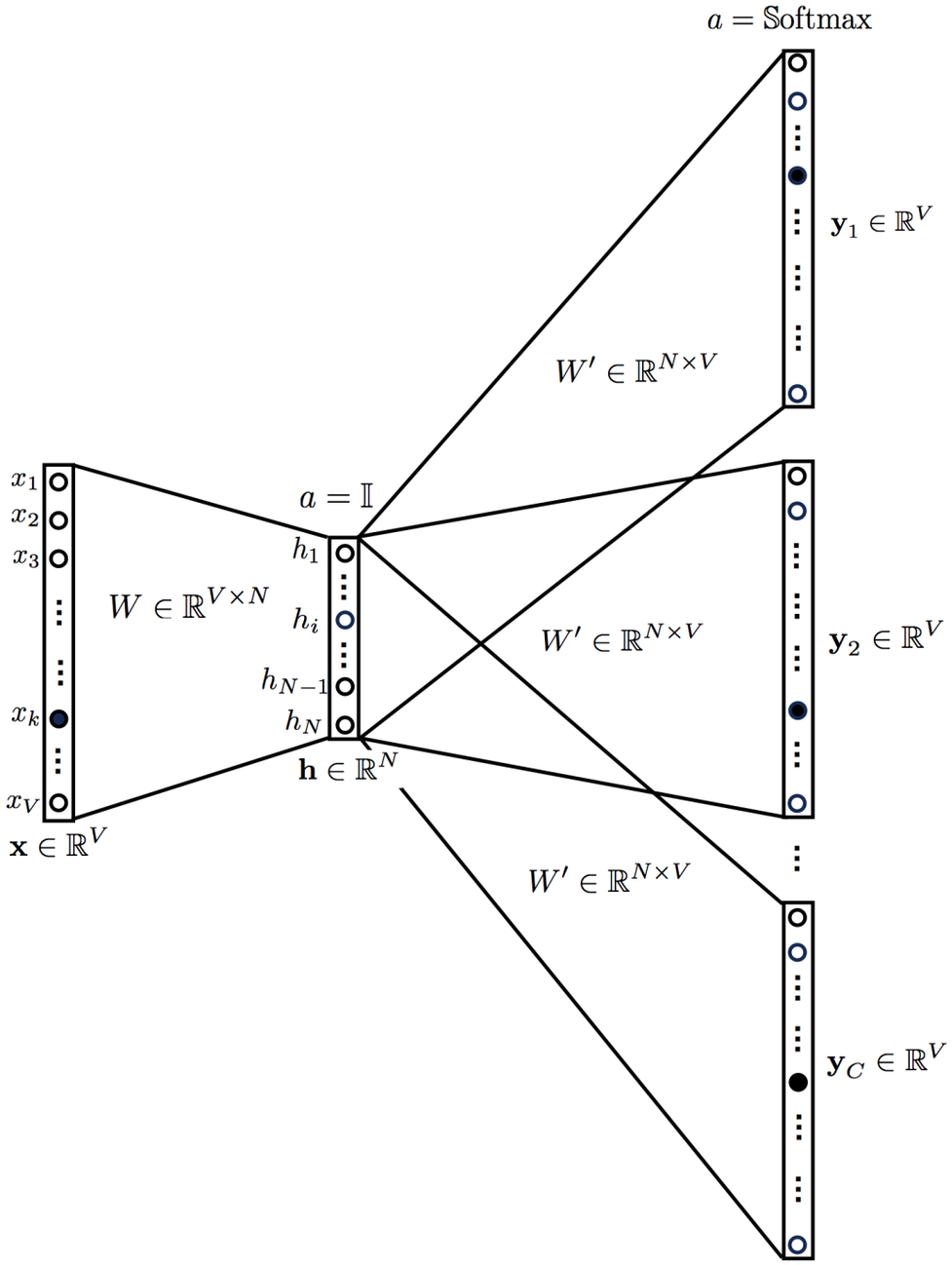

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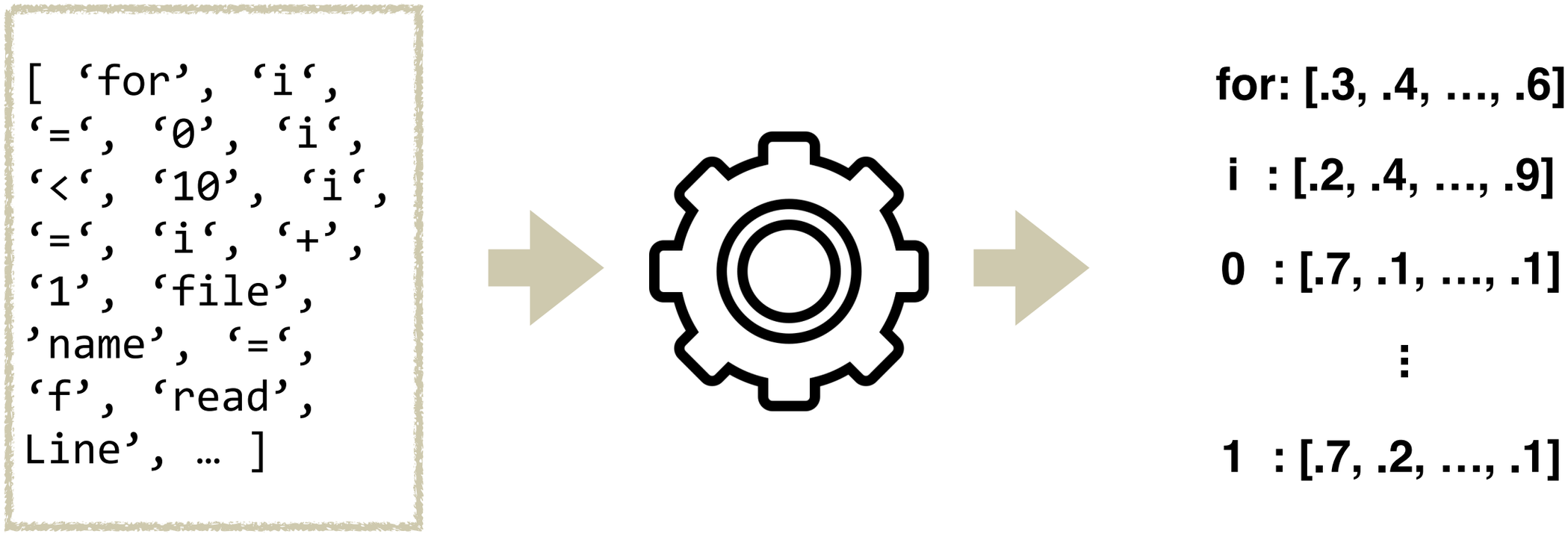

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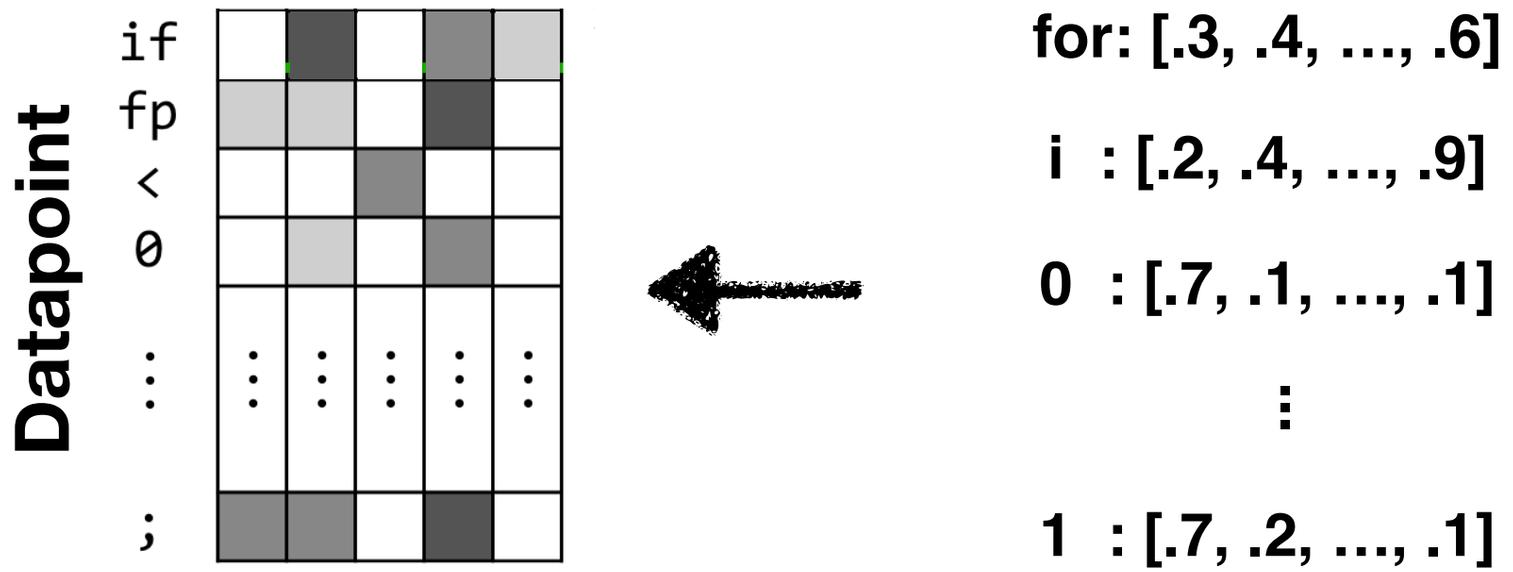

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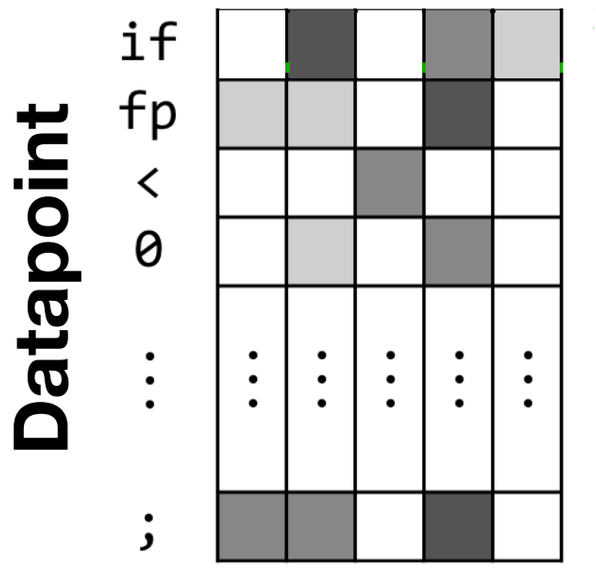

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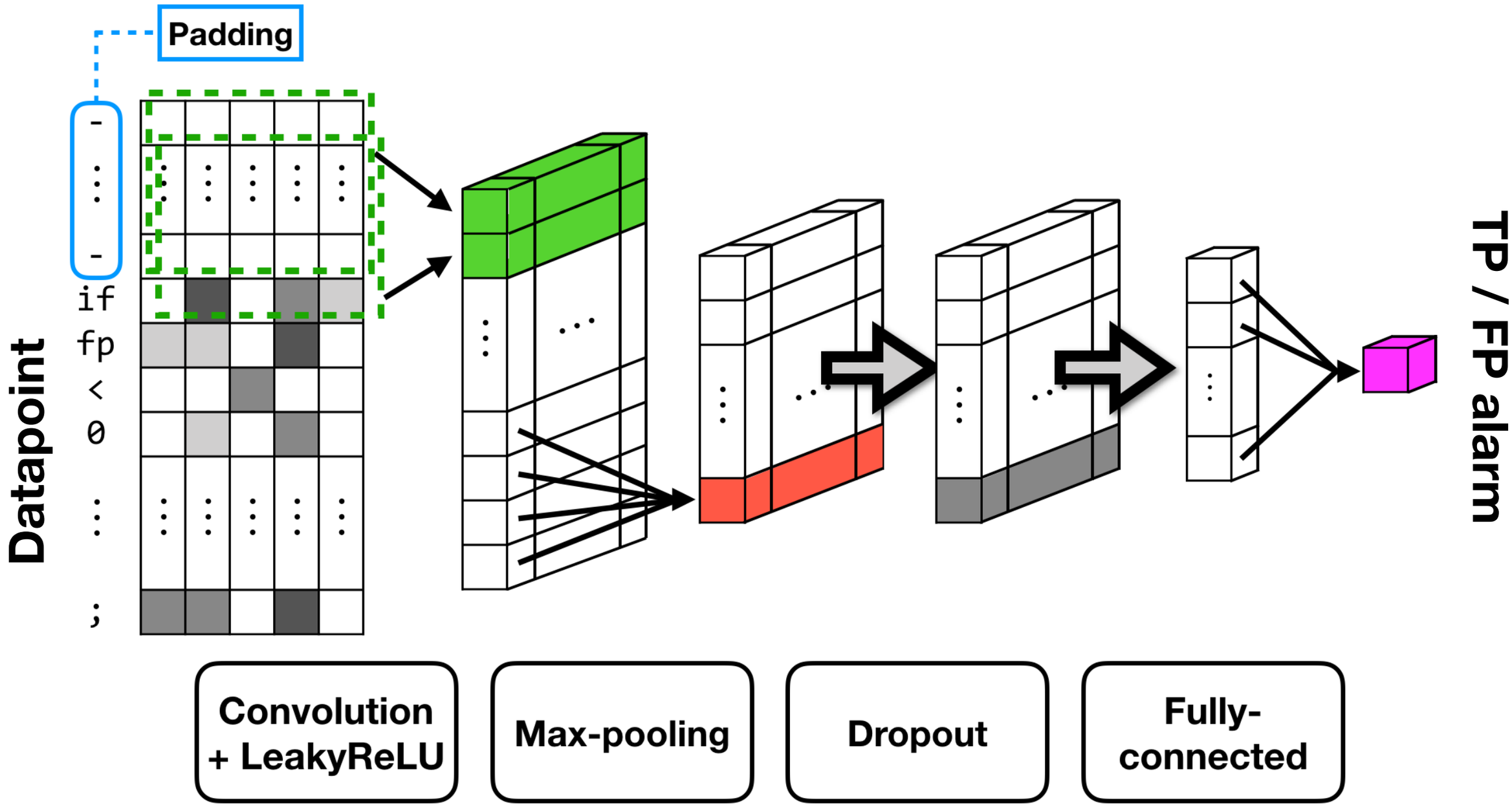
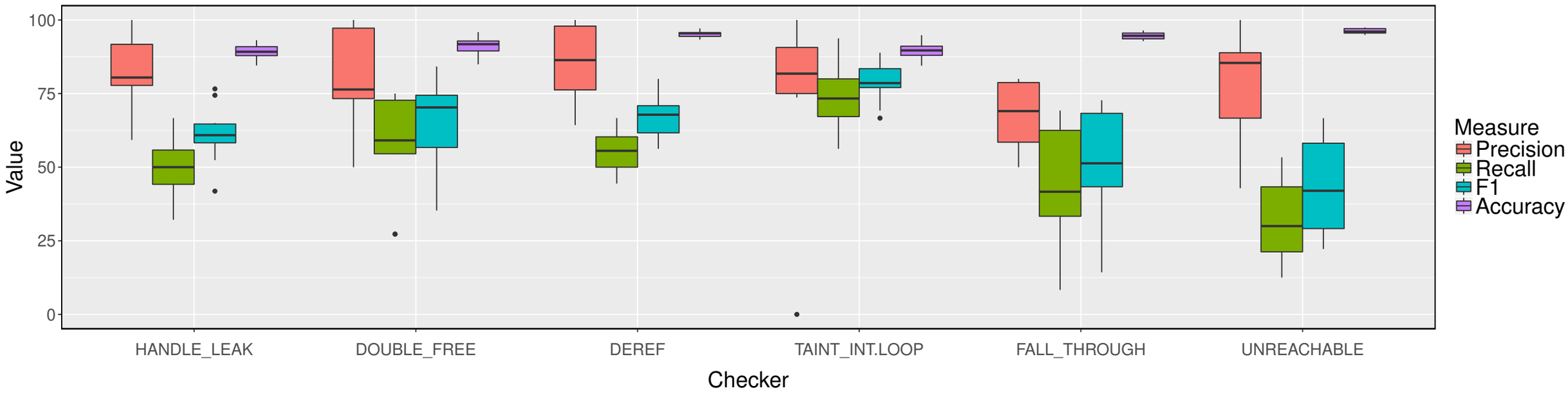


Experiment Setup

- Model configurations
  - An embedding size of 128 with **Word2Vec** implemented using Tensorflow
  - We trained the **CNN** classifier for 150 epochs, using the mini-batch size of 10 with Keras.
- Environment
  - Ubuntu 14.04 LTS, running on Intel Core i7-6700K with 32GB RAM
  - The TensorFlow backend used NVidia CUDA 8.0, running on NVidia GTX1080 GPU with 12GB memory
- Evaluation
  - 10-fold cross validation

Result



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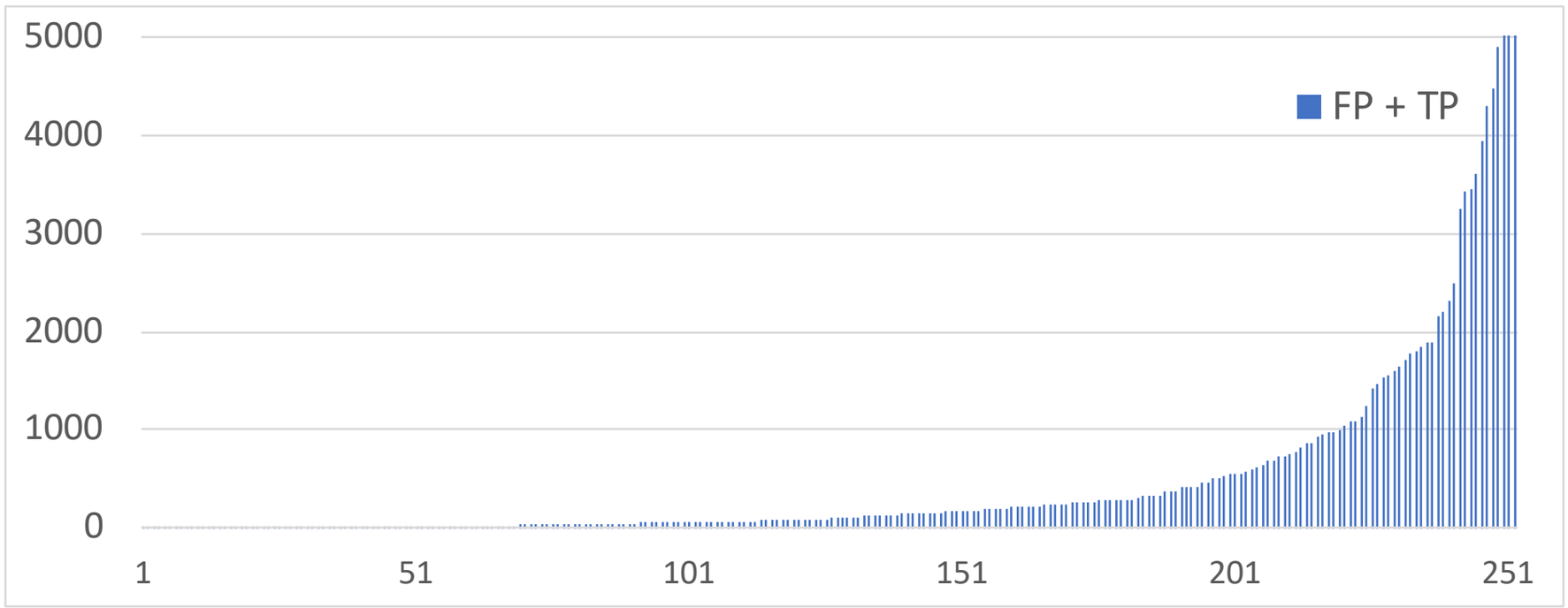

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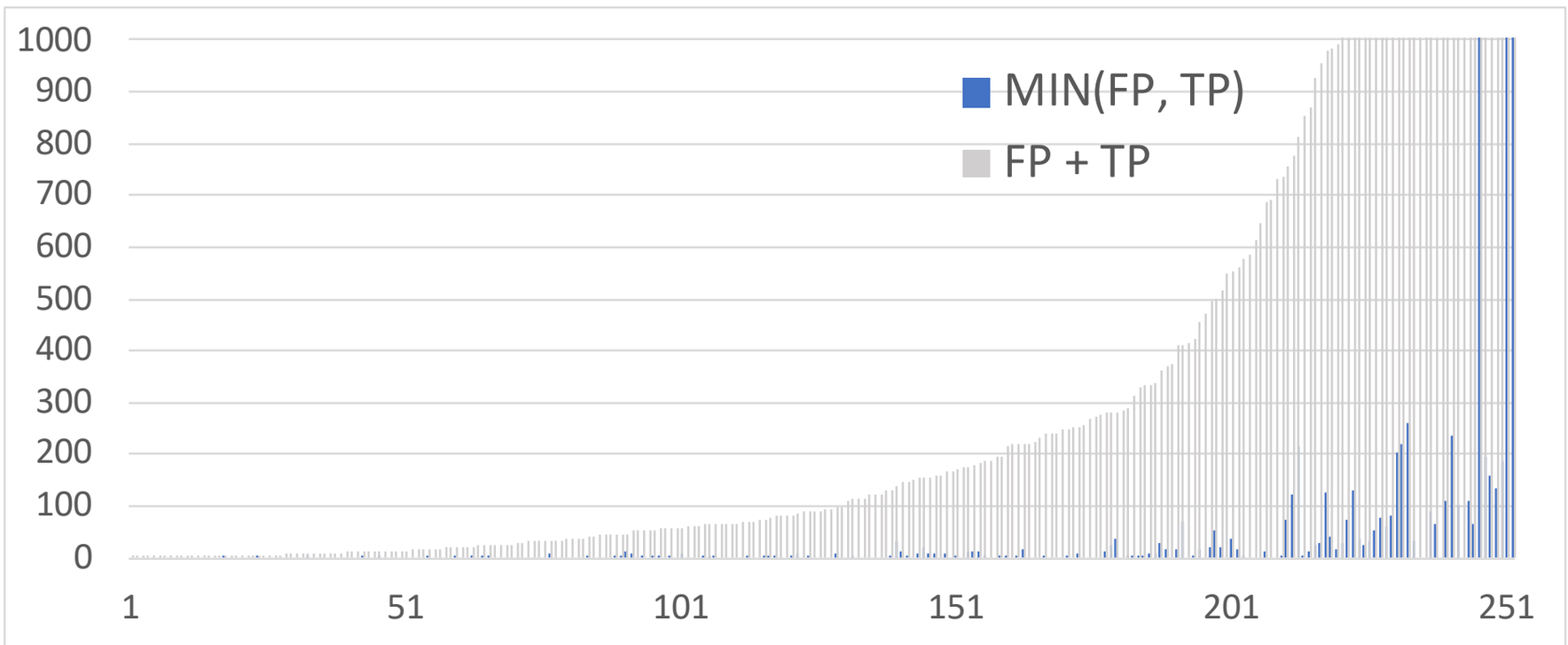

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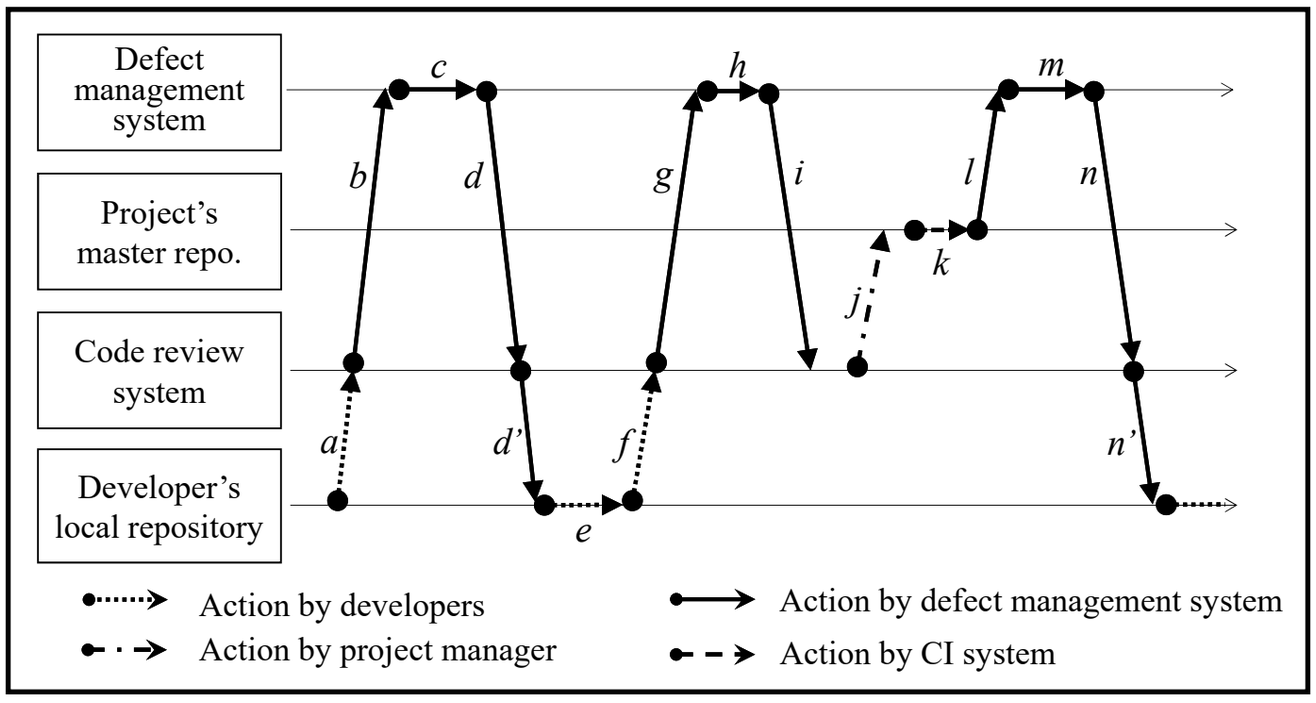


Checker 1. HANDLE_LEAK

- HANDLE_LEAK reports a warning for a pair of statements in a function <*X*, *Y*> if
  1. *X* acquires a resource (e.g., `fopen`) and stores the handler to a local var. *V*,
  2. *Y* follows X in an execution path where *V* does not escape to global, and
  3. *Y* eliminates the handler by overwriting *V* or by deallocating *V* (i.e., `return`)
- Warning review data (collected from Tizen in July 2017)
  - False alarms: 3367 cases (15.4%)
  - True alarms: 18485 cases (84.6%)

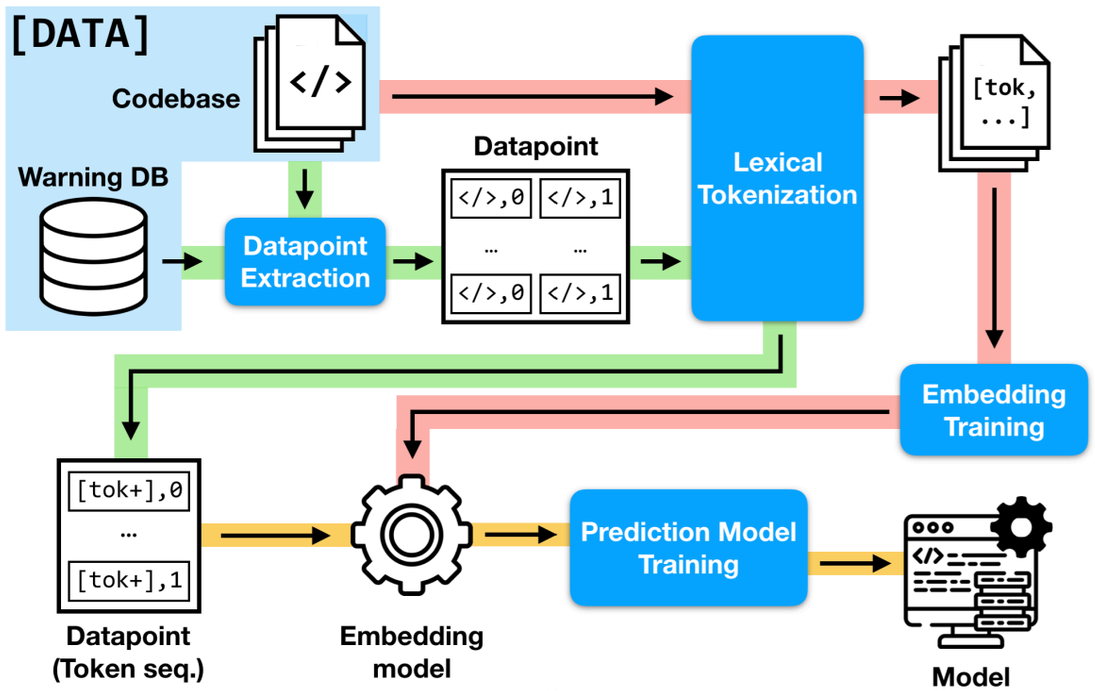
```
01    func() {
02      int fd = open(…);  // acquire
        ...
11      if (feof(fd) == true)
12        return;          // release
13    }
```

True alarm

```
01    func() {
02      int fd = open(…);   // acquire
03      if (fd < 0) {
04        error();
05        return;       // not released
06  ... }
```

False alarm

Overall Process



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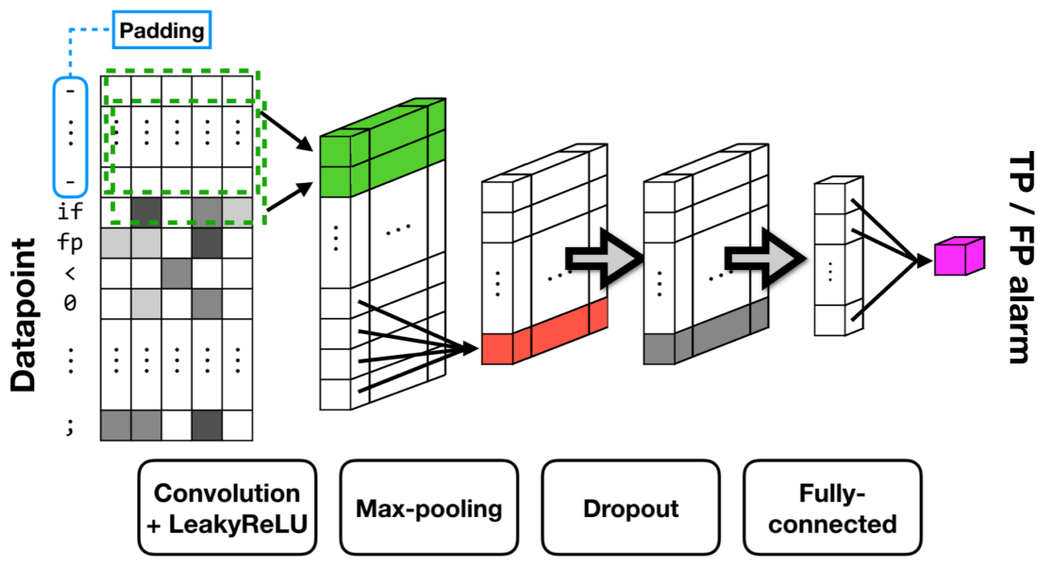

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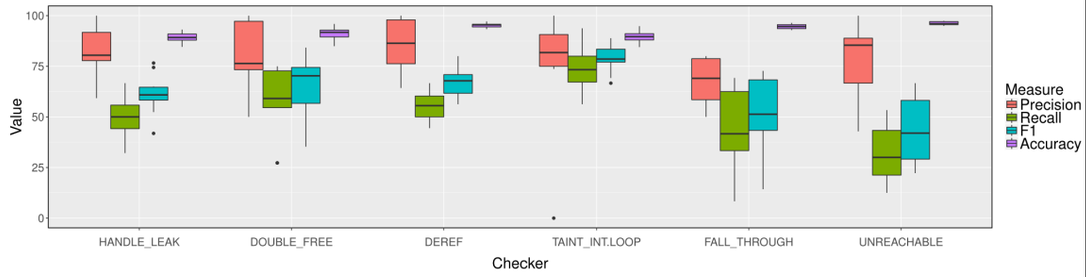

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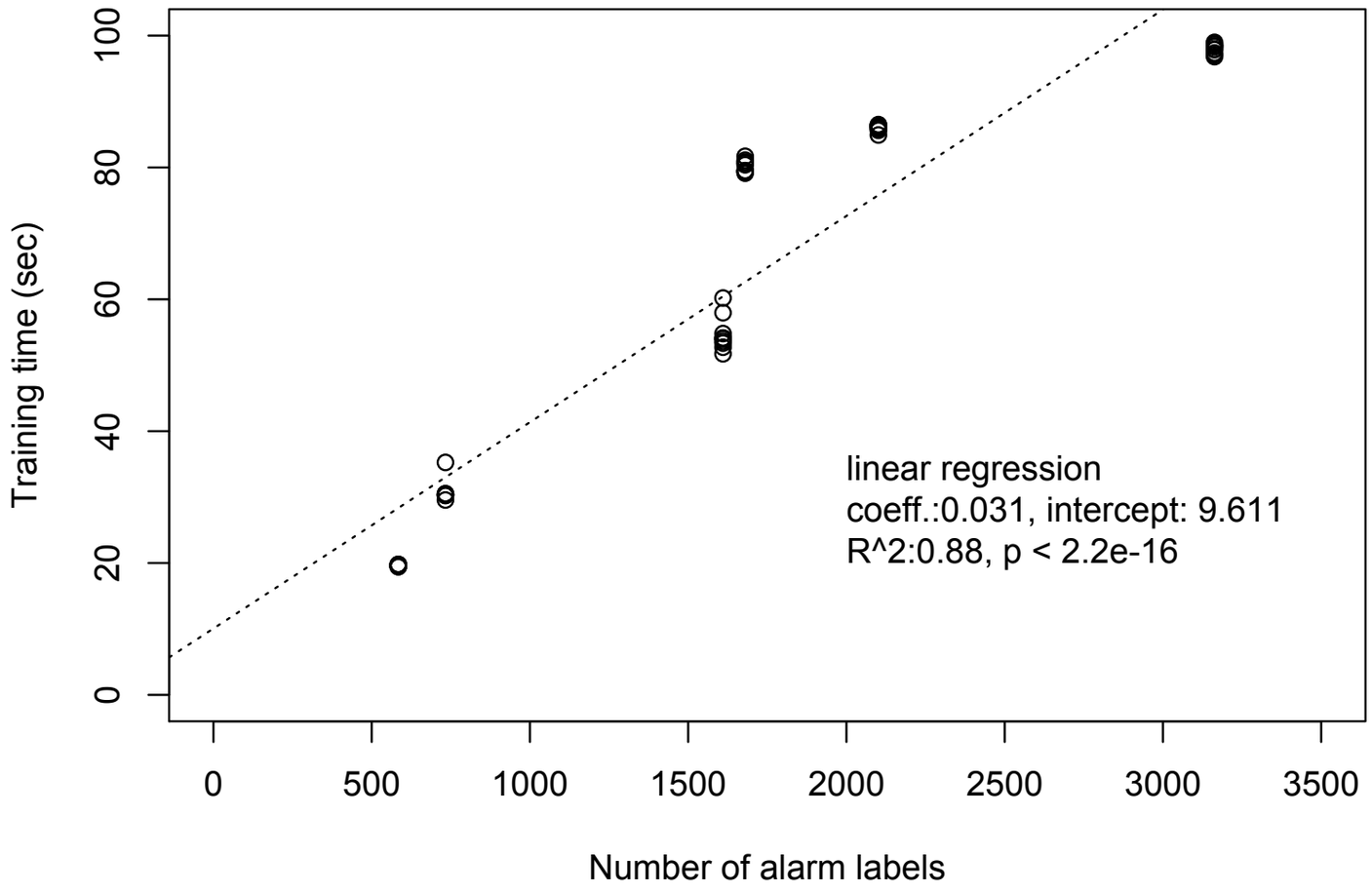
Appendix A. Detailed results

TABLE II: Average accuracy results of ten-fold cross validation for 6 checkers

Checker	Precision		Recall		F1		Accuracy		Avg. # of Predicted / Actual	
	Mean	Var.	Mean	Var.	Mean	Var.	Mean	Var.	TP Alarms	FP Alarms
HANDLE_LEAK	81.80%	186.65	49.74%	90.54	61.24%	90.06	89.27%	7.15	143.9 / 133.4	17.1 / 27.6
DOUBLE_FREE	79.39%	293.09	57.50%	289.36	64.84%	229.52	90.99%	10.57	65.0 / 62.2	8.3 / 11.1
DEREF	85.70%	144.97	55.53%	53.56	66.87%	48.30	95.24%	1.08	198.1 / 191.9	12.0 / 18.2
TAINT_INT.LOOP	85.98%	101.06	73.95%	137.50	78.66%	47.64	89.50%	9.38	44.9 / 43.0	13.5 / 15.4
FALL_THROUGH	67.99%	108.47	44.42%	332.34	52.28%	293.16	94.64%	1.43	160.3 / 155.9	7.7 / 12.1
UNREACHABLE	77.48%	399.67	31.41%	216.05	43.20%	290.30	96.20%	0.84	310.0 / 301.0	6.3 / 15.3
Average	79.72%	-	51.09%	-	61.18%	-	92.64%	-	-	-

Appendix B. Scalability



The training time increases linearly as the number of alarms increases.

All training finished within 100 seconds.

Appendix C. Vocabulary size

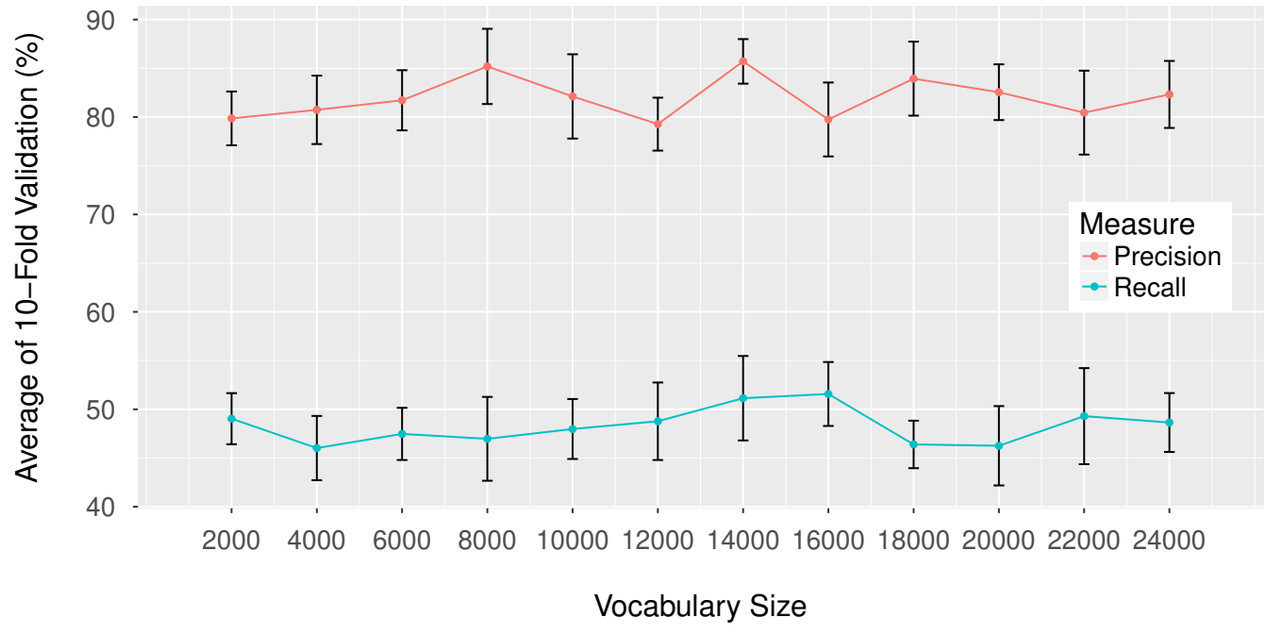


Fig. 13: Change of average cross validation precision and recall of `HANDLE_LEAK` classifier with varying vocabulary sizes: reducing the vocabulary size does not significantly damage the results of training.

While there are fluctuations, the precision level does not drop much below 80%, while maintaining similar levels of recall values.