Basic classification of second-level domains in .CZ.

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Let's use DNS crawler* data





DNS crawler results

- DNS cralwer scan on 23 October 2020
 - Scanned 1,365,753 .CZ domains
 - Domain list as of 22 Oct 2020 23:59:59 UTC
 - Gathered 200 GB of raw data



Web content scan

- For each domain we collected web content for various combinations of:
 - IP version (IPv4/IPv6)
 - Web server ports (80/443)
 - Prefix labels (empty/www)
- We followed all HTTP redirections
- The longest content was used for further analysis

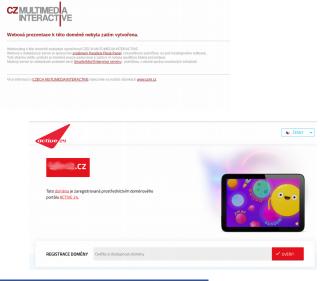










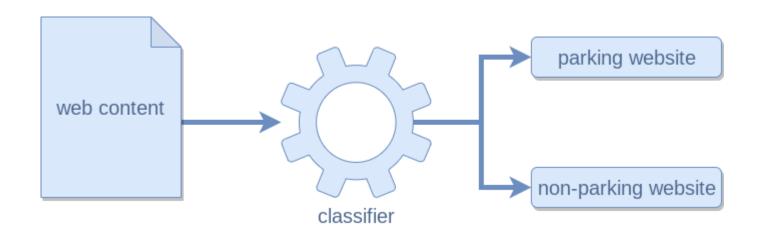




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Machine Learning methods





- Classifier input
 - Preprocessed web content
 - Visible text extracted from HTML
 - No JS rendering



- Classifier output
 - Class label
 - Parking web web content was classified as parking website
 - Active web web content was classified as non-parking website
 - No content web server was unreachable or if the web content was empty
 - HTTP error web server answered with 4xx or 5xx HTTP status code



Classifier

- Random forest based on TF-IDF
 - Term frequency in a document versus term frequency in corpus
 - Facilitates identyfying important terms
 - Removed *Czech*, *Slovak*, *English* and *Polish* stop words
 - 1-3 level n-grams of words
- Trained using data from domain report
 - ~600 manually classified domains
 - Balanced dataset



- Classifier performance
 - F score = 0.92
 - Accuracy 92%
 - Web content was classified correctly for 92 out of 100 domains in a batch (parking website versus non-parking website)

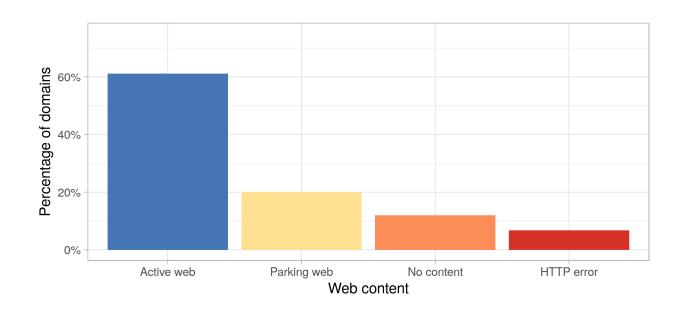


Classifier findings

- Popular terms
 - Parking websites: "domena zaregistrovana" (Czech: "domain registered")
 - Non-parking websites: "vsechna prava vyhrazena" (Czech: "all rights reserved")



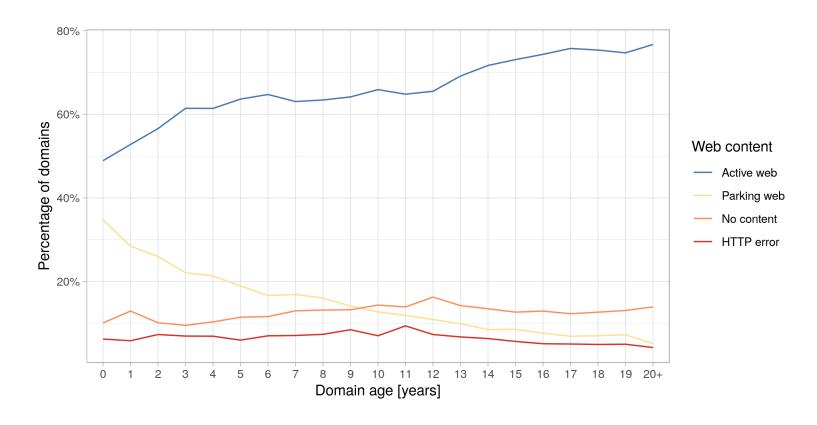
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• **61.1%** domains have active web (host a non-parking website)

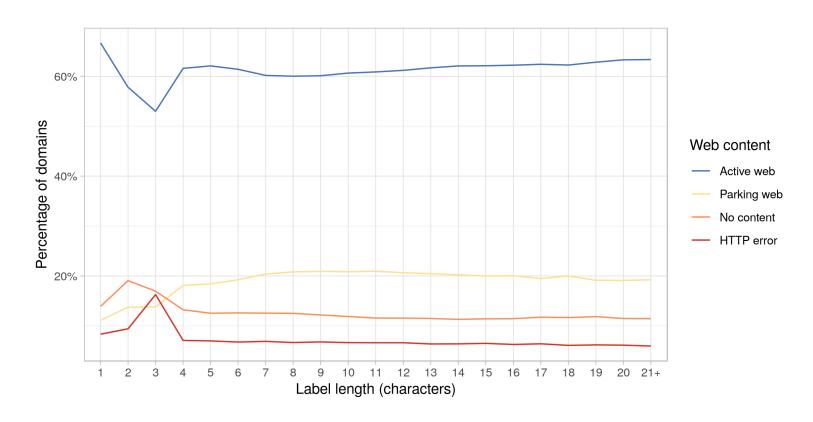


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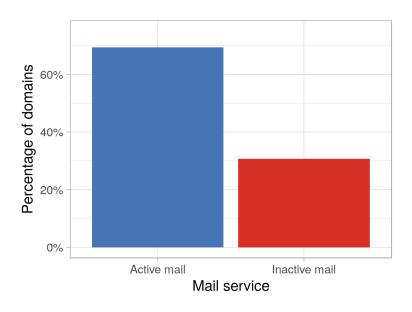
Detecting mail service

- Active mail if there was a reachable mail server for a domain
- Inactive mail if there was no mail server for a domain or it was unreachable

- For each domain:
 - DNS crawler connected to port 25, 465 or 587 on its mail server
 - Mail server indicated in MX or A/AAAA records (see RFC5321)



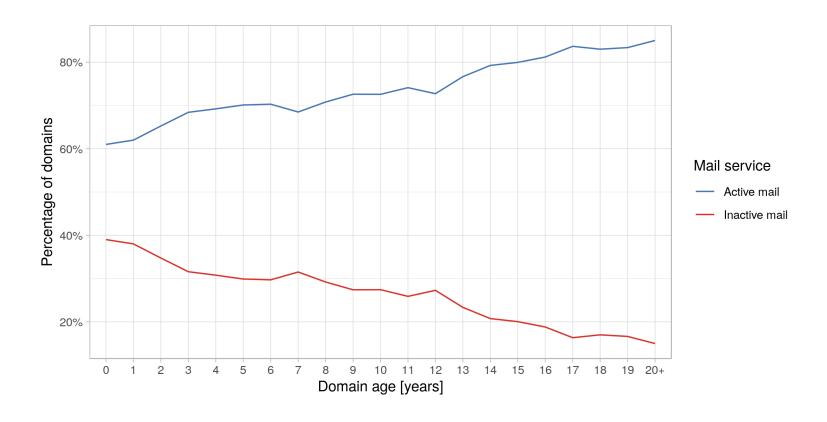
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• 69.3% domains have active mail server

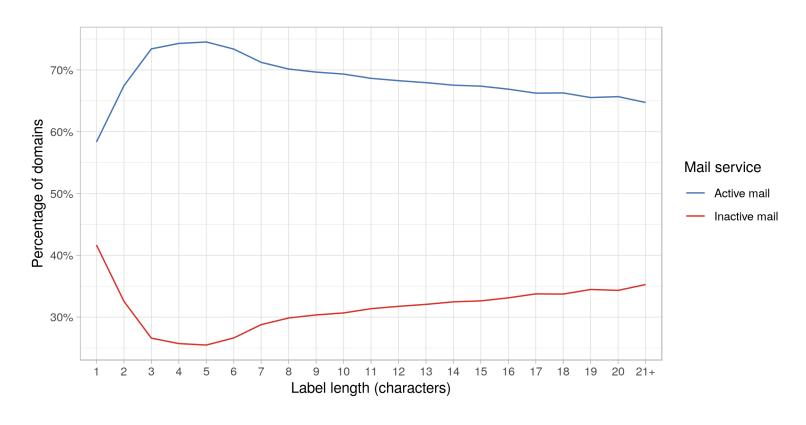


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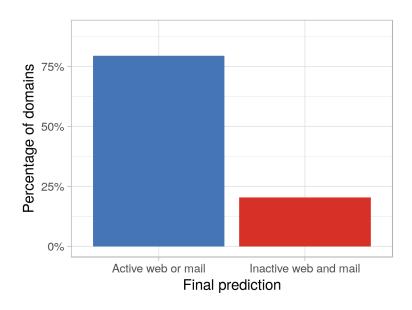


Final prediction

- Active web or mail if a domain hosted a non-parking website or had a working mail server)
- Inactive web and mail if there was neither a non-parking website nor an active mail server for this domain



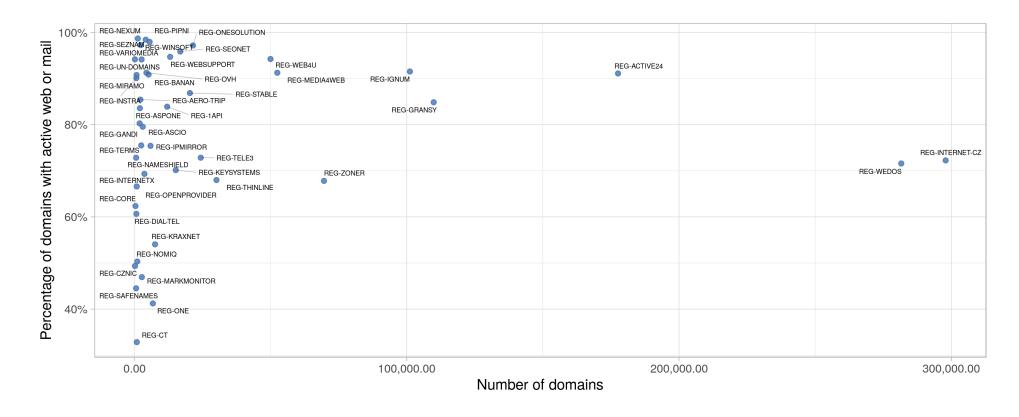
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79.6% domains have active web or mail server

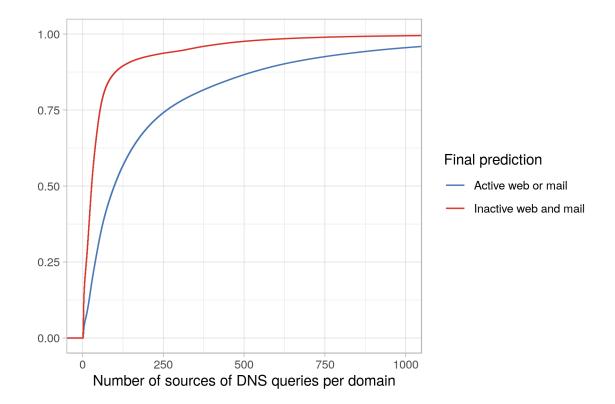


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Conclusions

- Out of 1,365,753 .CZ domains:
 - ~60% host a non-parking website
 - ~70% run a mail server
 - ~80% host a non-parking website or run a mail server

Domain age and label length matters

Remark: a domain can be used for a different purpose than mail or www



Thank You

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