Ephemeral Messaging

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Ephemeral messaging is the mobile-to-mobile transmission of multimedia messages that disappear after a short period of time.

Messages are public

Messages can be captured before they disappear

Examples of Ephemeral Messages

https://freephonenum.com/us/receive-sms/2066417772

1 day ago	916-919-****	Who is this
1 day ago	346-803-****	Use 762956 as your login code for Tinder. (Account Kit by Facebook)
1 day ago	479-789-****	Ada, I just found something that can help you quite well. Call me back to get the details KN7LzNW043V65y0FHRFpd81Zb
1 day ago	617-233-****	What?
1 day ago	903-952-****	Plz do not text this phone

Observation: Many Verification Codes

20 hours ago	346-803-****	Use 561250 as your login code for Roz Dhan. (Account Kit by Facebook)
20 hours ago	346-803-****	Telegram code 91306
21 hours ago	781-888-****	STOP
21 hours ago	346-803-****	<#> Telegram code: 44032 You can also tap on this link to log in: https://t.me/login/44032 oLeq9AcOZkT
21 hours ago	310-808-****	Lol who is this
21 hours ago	336-967-****	Welcome to LyveBee, the verification code to register is 603756, the code is valid for 10 minutes. Thanks
22 hours ago	628-600-****	Your verification code for AmateurMatch is: 9023
22 hours ago	346-803-****	Use 096291 as your login code for Monkey. (Account Kit by Facebook)

Observations -> Questions

1. What are the implications on privacy for ephemeral messaging when being used for account creation?

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2. What is the primary use case for people on these throwaway phone numbers?

Step 1: Scraping data

For each message, we need to collect the message, the time, and the phone number that sent the message.

We want to scrape data from each site that provides ephemeral messaging services.

Scrape Data from Here

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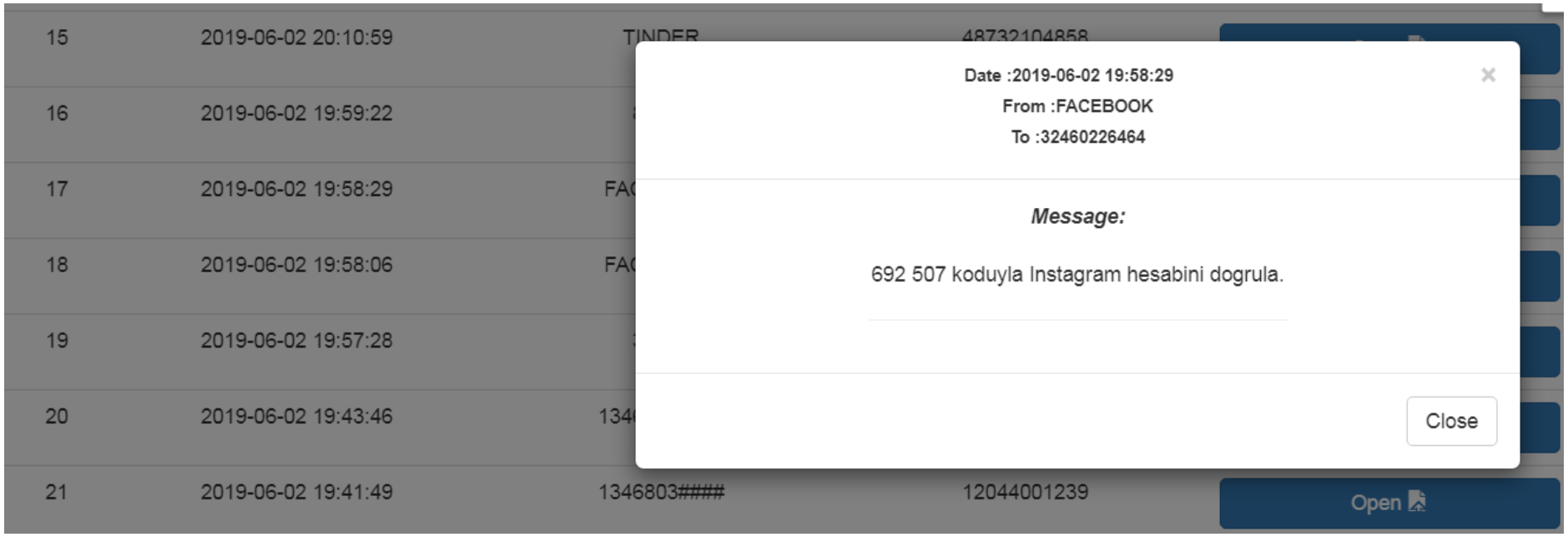
Challenges with Scraping Data

Many sites do not lay out the data in a straightforward way

Some sites have an AI program to block scraping



Step 2: Literature Review

Amass a collection of related work on the topic to contextualize the work

Look for analysis techniques

Find questions to ask about our data

Draw contrasts with what others are doing

Step 3: Data Analysis

Categorize the messages by creating labels

Automate the labeling process

Analyze data using statistical methods

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