

As a conclusion, it becomes clear from the survey that a lot of commercial tools from the private sector are frequently used in DH research projects. This situation does not only apply to the software development question but to all question blocks. It is irrespective of the existence of open and freely available tools and services or a real lack of them. People tend to prefer using commercial products like Google Docs, GitHub or Microsoft applications, even if tools like Etherpad exist. Due to its limited functionality in comparison with Google Docs it is not sufficient. The need for improvement and further development of Etherpad for example (with regard to formatting, versioning, general user friendliness) is one result of the survey.

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