

Research Software Directory

A content management system
tailored to research software

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What does the Research Software Directory look like?

Product pages have been designed

- to employ Search Engine Optimization (SEO)
- to be visually attractive
- to be easy to consume for visitors
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- provide a starting point

The screenshot shows the product page for 'Kernel Tuner' on the Netherlands eScience Center's Research Software Directory. The page features a dark header with the center's logo and search options. The main content area includes a 'Get started' button, a commit history line graph showing activity from 2015 to 2019, and a 'Cite this software' section with dropdown menus for version (0.2.0) and citation style (BibTeX), along with buttons for copying the DOI and downloading the file. Below this is a 'What Kernel Tuner can do for you' section with a bulleted list of features and a 'Tags' sidebar listing categories like GPU, High performance computing, and Multi-scale & multi model simulations. The page also includes a 'Participating organizations' section and a footer with 'Mentions' and 'Writing Testable GPU Code'.

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What Kernel Tuner can do for you

- Allows developers to easily unit test and auto-tune GPU code
- Generic auto-tuning of user-defined parameters for CUDA, OpenCL, and C kernels
- Supports more than 20 different search optimization methods to speedup tuning
- Successfully used in 5 different eScience projects, across various disciplines

Kernel Tuner simplifies the development of efficient GPU programs, or kernels. It does so by making kernels written in C/C++, OpenCL, or CUDA accessible from Python, while taking care of the required synchronization between data kept in host memory and data kept in device memory.

This has a number of advantages. First, it simplifies auto-tuning of the kernel parameters. In fact, Kernel Tuner comes standard with a variety of strategies for efficiently searching the parameter space, leading to greatly improved performance of tuned kernels. Second, it allows for unit testing of GPU code from within Python.

Kernel Tuner does not add any additional dependencies to the kernel code, and does not require extensive code changes. Furthermore, it is noteworthy that kernels tuned by Kernel Tuner do not require any changes after tuning to make them production ready—tuned kernels can be used as-is from any host programming language.

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Mentions

Writing Testable GPU Code
By Ben van Werkhoven
April 12, 2018
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Tags: GPU, High performance computing, Multi-scale & multi model simulations, Real time data analysis, Optimized data handling, Big data

Programming Language: Python, CUDA, OpenCL

License: Apache-2.0

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How to fill it with data

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Brand name: Kernel Tuner

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Short statement: Short software statement: in max. 30 words explain when your software might be useful and what it solves. Example for Xenon: *If you are using remote machines to do your computations, and don't feel like learning and implementing many different APIs, Xenon is the tool for you.* Kernel Tuner greatly simplifies the development of highly-optimized and auto-tuned CUDA, OpenCL, and C code, supporting many advanced use-cases and optimization strategies that speed up the auto-tuning process.

Bullet list: Answer the following questions (in Markdown with bullet points (!)):
What does your software provide for what user?
What does your software do?
What makes your software unique?
List some highlights/awards:
Example for Xenon:
* Provides an easy-to-use interface for distributed computing developers
* Enables the use of different file transfer protocols and scheduling systems on remote machines
* No need to learn and implement many different APIs
* Successfully used in many eScience tools and projects
* Allows developers to easily unit test and auto-tune GPU code
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Concept DOI: The Zenodo concept DOI. Not a URL
10.5281/zenodo.1220113

Getting started URL: https://github.com/benvanwerkhoven/kernel_tuner

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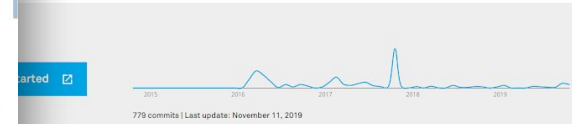
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- Tags
- GPU High performance computing
 - Multi-scale & multi model simulations
 - Real time data analysis
 - Optimized data handling Big data

Programming Language

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- CUDA
- OpenCL

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The Research Software Directory and how it promotes software citation

Improve the findability, citability, and reproducibility of research software

By *Jurriaan H. Spaaks*, *Stefan Verhoeven*, *Tom Klaver*, *Jason Maassen*, (Netherlands eScience Center) and *Stephan Druskat* (Humboldt Universität zu Berlin)

The Netherlands eScience Center currently employs about 50 Research Software Engineers who work side-by-side with domain scientists to address technological challenges that need to be overcome in order to answer the research questions. As a result, much of the scientific output of our institute comes in the form of software. To show the outside world that our work matters, we wanted a mechanism to improve transparency of our organization, some sort of virtual shop window if you will. This ultimately resulted in development of what we call the Research Software Directory.

A content management system — tailored to software

A Research Software Directory is a kind of content management system, tailored to software. A Research Software Directory aims to improve the *findability*, *citability*, and *reproducibility* of the software advertised in it. In practice, this entails creating a so-called *product page* for each software package which we want to showcase. A product page presents a given

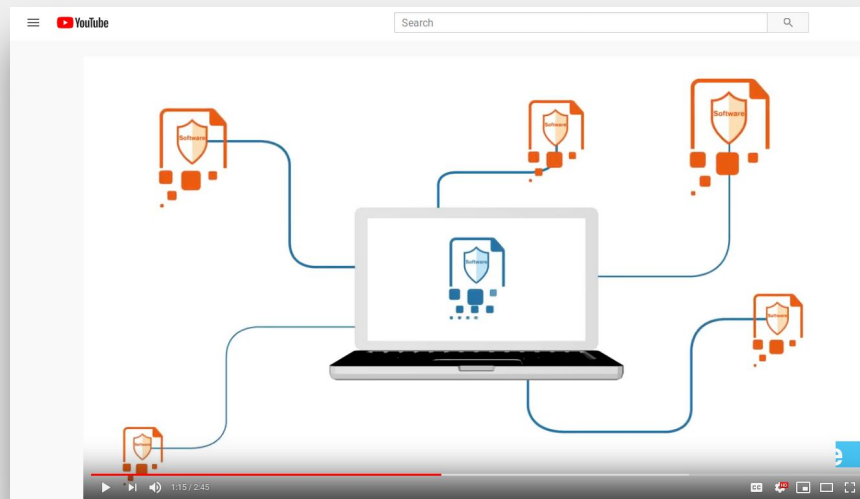
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Encouraging the re-use of research software

The Research Software Directory aims to promote the impact, the exchange and re-use of research software. Please use our tools! [Read more](#)

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Tags -

- Big data (22)
- GPU (2)
- High performance computing (16)
- Image processing (5)
- Inter-operability & linked data (11)
- Machine learning (6)
- Multi-scale & multi model simulations (6)
- Optimized data handling (11)
- Real time data analysis (5)
- Text analysis & natural language processing (14)
- Visualization (24)
- Workflow technologies (24)

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The screenshot shows the GitHub interface for the 'research-software-directory' repository. The repository name is highlighted with a blue arrow. The README file is open, displaying the following content:

```
! [Research Software Directory] build [passing] [CC] 15/12/2019/zenodo:1154130
```

This README file has the following sections:

- What is the Research Software Directory?
- How do I enter data into an instance of the Research Software Directory?
- Documentation for developers
 - Try it out locally
 - Customize your instance of the Research Software Directory
 - Make your instance available to others by hosting it online (deployment)
- Documentation for maintainers

What is the Research Software Directory?


The Research Software Directory is a content management system that is tailored to software.

The idea is that institutes for whom research software is an important output, can run their own instance of the Research Software Directory. The system is designed to be flexible enough to allow for different data sources, database schemas, and



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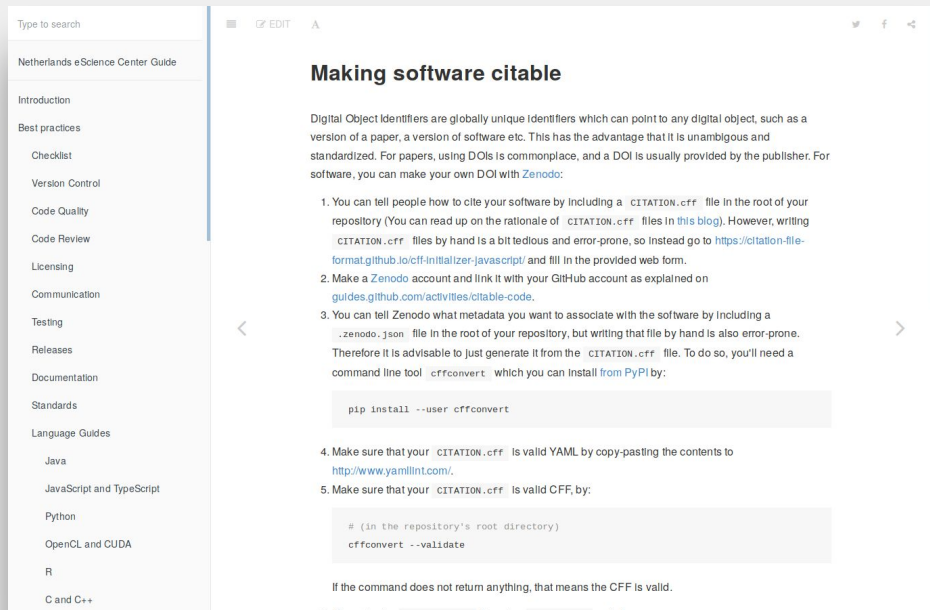
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The screenshot shows a web page titled "Making software citable" with a left-hand navigation menu. The menu includes sections like "Introduction", "Best practices", "Checklist", "Version Control", "Code Quality", "Code Review", "Licensing", "Communication", "Testing", "Releases", "Documentation", "Standards", "Language Guides", "Java", "JavaScript and TypeScript", "Python", "OpenCL and CUDA", "R", and "C and C++". The main content area contains the following text:

Making software citable

Digital Object Identifiers are globally unique identifiers which can point to any digital object, such as a version of a paper, a version of software etc. This has the advantage that it is unambiguous and standardized. For papers, using DOIs is commonplace, and a DOI is usually provided by the publisher. For software, you can make your own DOI with Zenodo:

1. You can tell people how to cite your software by including a `CITATION.cff` file in the root of your repository (You can read up on the rationale of `CITATION.cff` files in [this blog](#)). However, writing `CITATION.cff` files by hand is a bit tedious and error-prone, so instead go to <https://citation-file-format.github.io/cff-initializer-javascript/> and fill in the provided web form.
2. Make a Zenodo account and link it with your GitHub account as explained on guides.github.com/activities/citable-code.
3. You can tell Zenodo what metadata you want to associate with the software by including a `.zenodo.json` file in the root of your repository, but writing that file by hand is also error-prone. Therefore it is advisable to just generate it from the `CITATION.cff` file. To do so, you'll need a command line tool `cffconvert` which you can install from PyPI by:

```
pip install --user cffconvert
```
4. Make sure that your `CITATION.cff` is valid YAML by copy-pasting the contents to <http://www.yamllint.com/>.
5. Make sure that your `CITATION.cff` is valid CFF, by:

```
# (in the repository's root directory)
cffconvert --validate
```

If the command does not return anything, that means the CFF is valid.

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The screenshot shows the GitHub interface for the repository 'NLeSC / awesome-research-software-registries'. The repository has 63 commits, 2 branches, 0 releases, and 3 contributors. The README file is selected, showing the title 'Awesome Research Software Registries' and a description: 'A list of research software registries (also known as catalog, index, warehouse, repository, hub, platform, and other terms). We define a registry as any publicly accessible website where research software can be registered, and that employs Search Engine Optimization such as the addition of metadata to help promote discovery of the research software that is published on the registry. Websites do not necessarily have to retain their own copies of the research software itself in order to be included in the list below.' The README also lists contents categorized by country, organization, and programming language.

Contents

- By country
- By organization
- By programming language
- By domain
- Generic

By country

- France - HAL: is an open archive where authors can deposit scholarly documents from all academic fields.
- Netherlands - NARCIS aims to record all scholarly outputs (papers, data, as well as software) produced at Dutch institutions.

By organization

- CompBioMed - Software catalogue from H2020 project CompBioMed.
- Dutch Royal Library
- Netherlands eScience Center
- Lawrence Berkeley National Lab
 - Applied Mathematics Software
 - Computational Science Software
 - Computer Science Software
 - Data Science & Technology Software
- US Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA)
- US Department of Energy

By programming language

- JavaScript, TypeScript
- Julia
 - Julia Packages
- MATLAB
- Python
 - Python Package Index (PyPI)

