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The Research Software Directory in Helmholtz

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HELMHOLTZ RESEARCH FOR GRAND CHALLENGES

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Research Centres

43.000

Employees



Sustainability

Viewpoints

Open Science

Data privacy in research

Good Scientific Practice

Funded initiatives

The Helmholtz Incubator

- Helmholtz strives towards a unified environment for research and information technology
- Incubator consists of five platforms to accelerate for the digital transformation in Helmholtz







Helmholtz
Information & Data
Science Incubator







- HIFIS Mission
 - Provide a seamless, high performance IT infrastructure
- HIFIS competence clusters
 - Cloud Services Cluster
 - Backbone Services Cluster
 - Software Services Cluster







https://www.helmholtz-hida.de/course-catalog



https://helmholtz.cloud



HIFIS Software Services Cluster

Education & Training

 Courses, material and workshops for getting you started or boosting your software engineering practice.

Community

- Build and foster communities to support the cultural change when dealing with research software.
- Maintain a SW Directory

Consulting

 Contact points for researchers for questions and problems in the context of RSE.

Technology

 Provide a sustainable, well integrated and easy to use technology infrastructure for research software development.

An example to start with

"We did this and that using the software Someproduct (Author et al. 2011, 2019)."

A peer-reviewed publication about *Someproduct* und it's algorithm

A conference talk about some more features of *Someproduct*

Research Software in the scientific community

Houston, we have a problem

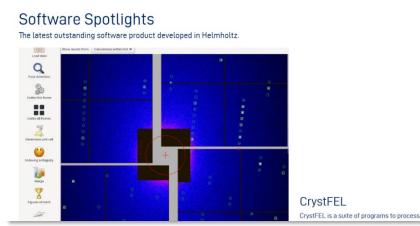
- Proper citation
- Licencing issues
- Incomplete or non-uniform metadata at DOI providers
- Poor discoverability outside of scientific literature
- Impact measurement
- Acknowledgement in academia



Addressing the issues

Research Software Directory







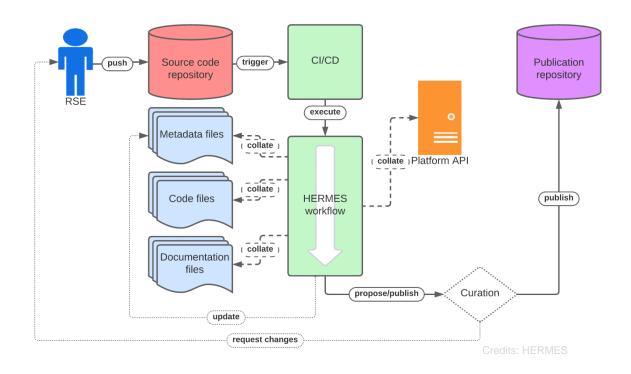
- Upstream development supported by HIFIS Software
- Helmholtz fork for corporate adjustments
- Currently in pilot stage https://helmholtz.software

Vision



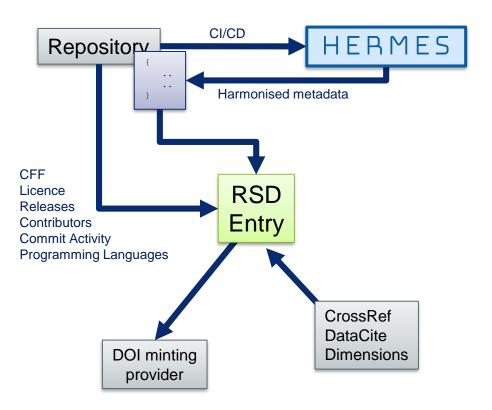
Automatic metadata aggregation: HERMES





For more info, please refer to: https://project.software-metadata.pub

HERMES integration into the RSD



Goal

- Incorporate HERMES Pipeline
- Prepare and harmonize metadata
- Submission to DOI Minting Providers

After publication

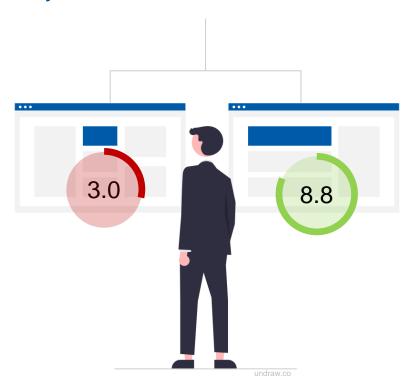
- Foundation for impact analysis
- Auto scrape citations
- Software Heritage



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Increasing FAIRness with Software Quality Indicators

- Possible evaluation criteria
 - FAIR aspects
 - Code quality
 - Test coverage
 - REUSE specification compatibility
 - Licence type
 - Documentation
 - Citations / Mentions
 - Project / community activity (e.g. feature requests, commits, issues, PRs)
- WIP: <u>Software Quality Assurance</u>
 Framework



Increasing the visibility of Research Software

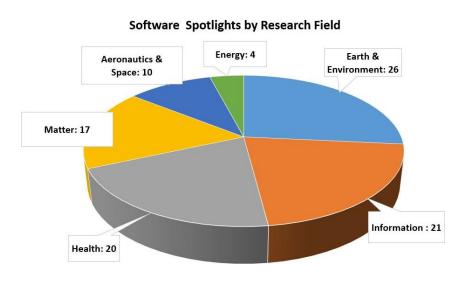
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Vision summarised

Discover **Monitor** Quality assessment **Impact** Services Evaluation Consultation assessment **RSD** Software Metadata awards preparation **Promote**