WHAT IS NEW IN RESEARCH SOFTWARE ENGINEERING IN GERMANY?

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Research Software Engineering in Germany

- Brief history
- de-RSE – Society for Research Software
- Outreach & community building
- Politics, policies & guidelines
- NFDI: National Research Data Infrastructure
- RSE + Computer Science
- Save the date: **deRSE24, 4-8 March 2024, Würzburg/Germany**

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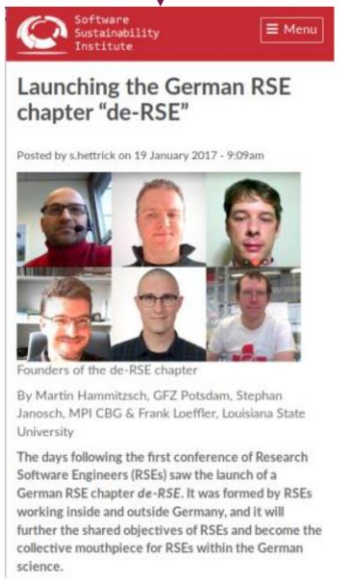
Brief history of de-RSE (as of June 2020)

2016: post-RSE conf. chapter launch	Nov 2018: National assoc. founded	Jun 2019: deRSE19 (200 intl. delegates)	May 2020: Position paper 001	~~Aug 2020: deRSE20~~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Launching the German RSE chapter "de-RSE"

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Founders of the de-RSE chapter

By Martin Hammitzsch, GFZ Potsdam, Stephan Janosch, MPI CBG & Frank Loeffler, Louisiana State University

The days following the first conference of Research Software Engineers (RSEs) saw the launch of a German RSE chapter *de-RSE*. It was formed by RSEs working inside and outside Germany, and it will further the shared objectives of RSEs and become the collective mouthpiece for RSEs within the German science.

SOCIETY FOR RESEARCH SOFTWARE

POSITION PAPER #001 (06 May 2020)

An Environment for Sustainable Research Software in Germany and Beyond: Current State, Open Challenges, and Call for Action

- Charitable status
- Generic board structure
- 4 regional chapters
- ~50 members
- Mailing list
- Rocket Chat

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Society

- de-RSE.org
- 6 board members
- ~70 formal members
- Larger community in chat & mailing list
- 9 local/regional chapters
- Initial meetings of German RSE groups

Conferences

- 2020/21: participation in SORSE
- 2022: RSE track & workshops at GI's virtual Software Engineering 2022 SE 22 SOFTWARE ENGINEERING
- 2023:
  - deRSE23 (Paderborn, co-locating with SE23)
  - un-deRSE23 unconference (Jena)

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- de-RSE is seen as a relevant partner & community in German academia!
- Community building is hard work!

Future changes 🤔

- Happen with and for the community 👉 de-RSE Unconference!
  - Extended board structure?
  - Better online community infrastructure?
  - Regular exchange between RSE (Group) Leaders?
  - Increasing value for members?

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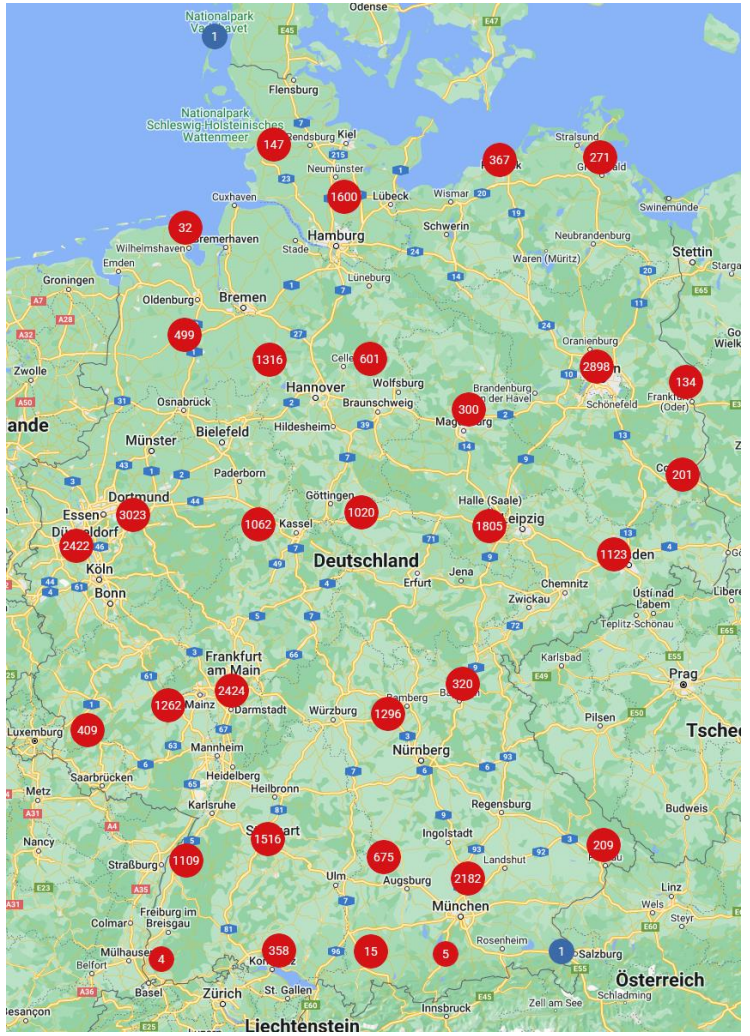
Outreach & community building

- Fragmented research community == Fragmented RSE community?
- Conferences, unconferences, monthly community call
- Software awards:
  - Helmholtz Incubator Software Award (2023)
  - campusSOURCE Award (2022)
- Online community (platform change)
- HIRSE_PS
  - Helmholtz Innovation project
  - Community building & networking
  - Seminars & events (open to all!)
  - Claire Wyatt (community manager)
  - www.helmholtz-hirse.de



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Politics, policies & guidelines

de-RSE – Society for Research Software:

- *Public Money Public Code* endorsement (FSFE)
- *Software Heritage* testimonial
- Participation in consultation for *Research Data Act*
- *Position papers* (in progress):
  - RSE Groups in Germany
  - RSE Education Resources

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Politics, policies & guidelines

- Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (2022):
  Guidelines for Safeguarding Good Research Practice
  - **Quality assurance:**
    - “The source code of publicly available software must be persistent, citable and documented.”
    - “Software programmed by researchers themselves is made publicly available along with the source code” and an “appropriate license.”
  - **Authorship:**
    - “An author is an individual who has made a genuine, identifiable contribution to […] software.”
  - **Publication:**
    - “In addition to [text] publication, authors may also consider […] software repositories […].”
  - **Archival:**
    - “Researchers back up […] the research software used, by adequate means according to the standards of the relevant subject area, and retain them for an appropriate period of time.”

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Politics, policies & guidelines

- Helmholtz Association of German Research Centres (2022): **Helmholtz Open Science Policy** (binding for funded projects)
  - Detailed **research software management** procedures by 2025
  - Basic indicator for **citable research software publications** (2023)
  - Helmholtz **quality indicator** for research software publications by 2024

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NFDI: National Research Data Infrastructure

- **Goals:** Accessibility, interoperability, usability of research data
- Disciplinary consortia
  - Software as cross-cutting topic originally disregarded
- de-RSE is a member of the NFDI association
- RSE as topic distributed over (cross-cutting) sections, e.g.
  - WG “Research Software Engineering” in Section *Common Infrastructures*
  - WG “Research Software Metadata” in Section *(Meta)data, Terminology, Provenance*
- Proposal for a common Research Software Directory in NFDI Basic Services
  - nfdi.software

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RSE + CS

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- Memorandum of understanding with the Society for Computer Science
- Common working group
  "Research Software Engineering"
  - Interface between
    Software Engineering Research &
    Research Software Engineering
  - Focus on RSE Research

Save the date!

deRSE24

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Thanks!

de-RSE – Society for Research Software:

- de-rse.org/en/

Mailing list:

- de-rse.org/en/join.html

Mastodon:

- mastodon.social/@de_rse