



Accelerating Research Software Understandability Through Knowledge Capture

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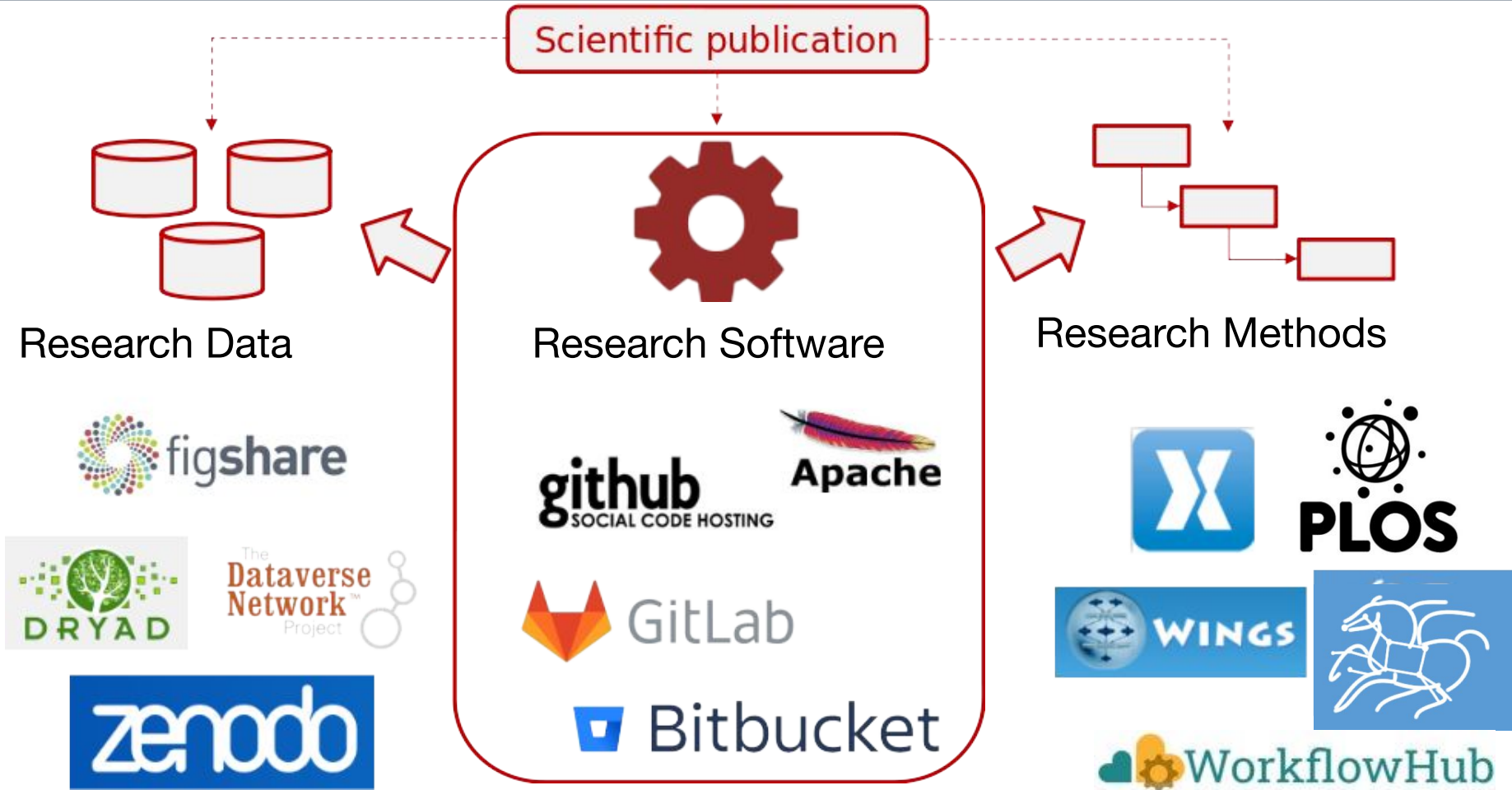
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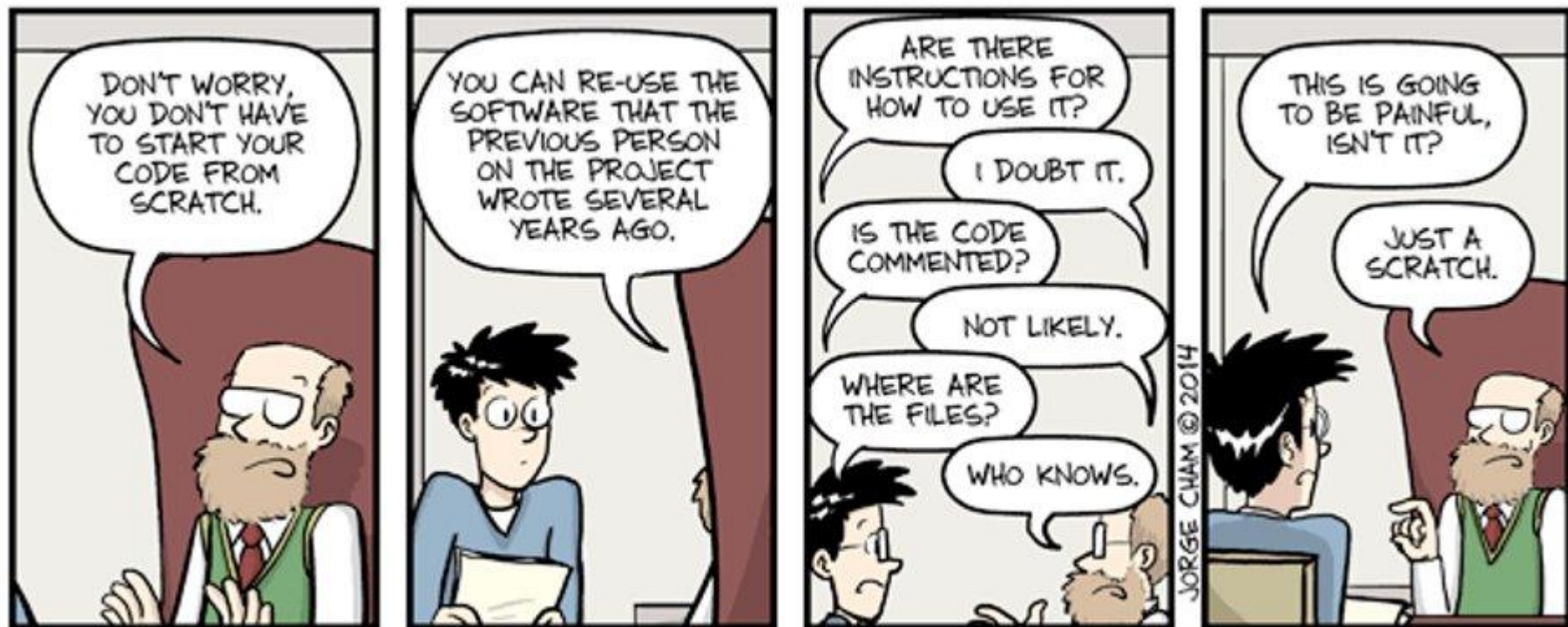


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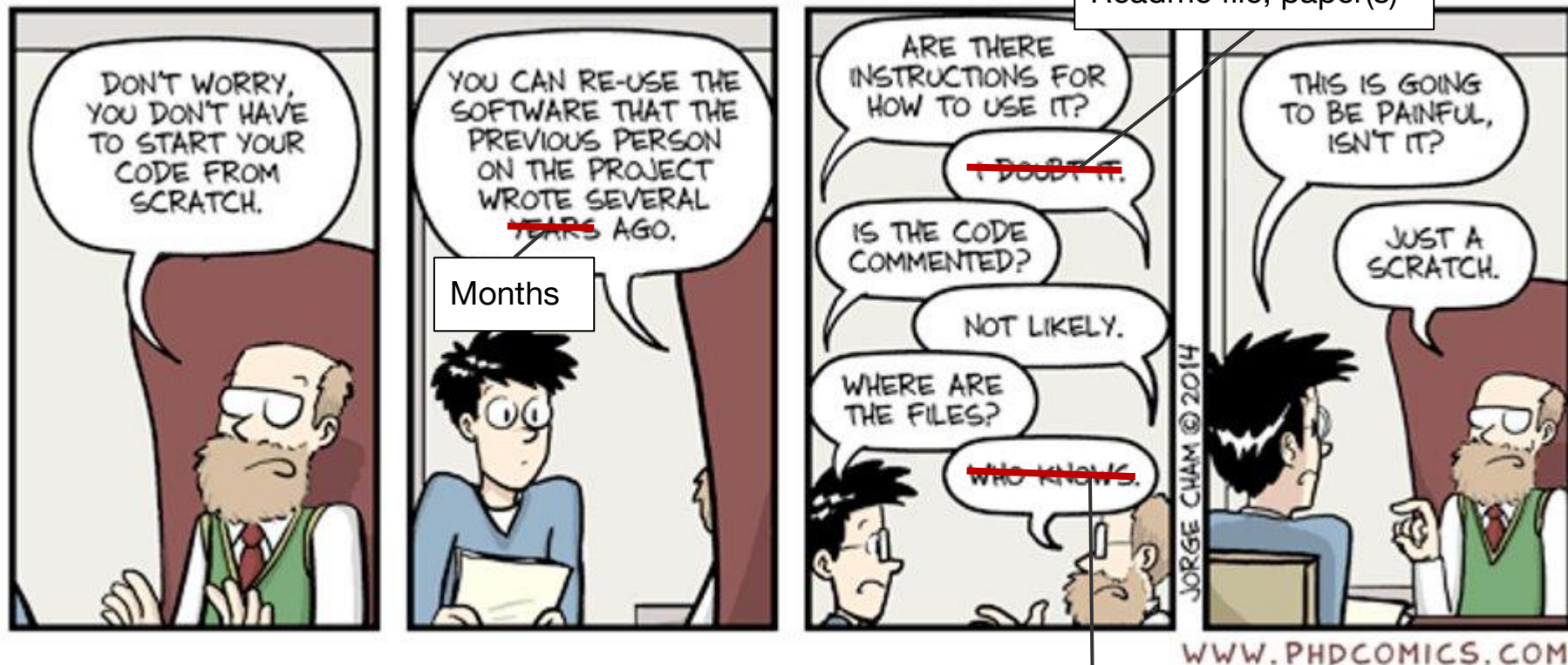


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GitHub, Gitlab, Docker image? etc.

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- All **tools were available online** (except one, but authors had a replacement)

The screenshot shows a research article page. At the top, it says 'OPEN ACCESS' and 'PEER-REVIEWED'. The title is 'The *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* Drugome and Its Polypharmacological Implications'. The authors are Sarah L. Kinnings, Li Xie, Kingston H. Fung, Richard M. Jackson, Lei Xie, and Philip E. Bourne. It was published on November 4, 2010. The article has 191 saves, 93 citations, 20,259 views, and 1 share. There are buttons for 'Download PDF', 'Print', and 'Share'. A 'Check for updates' button is also present. The article is categorized under 'Subject Areas' including Drug discovery, Protein structure, Drug research and development, Proteomes, Protein structure comparison, Protein metabolism, and Protein interaction networks. The abstract discusses a computational approach for integrating structural bioinformatics and systems biology to construct a drug-target network on a structural proteome-wide scale.

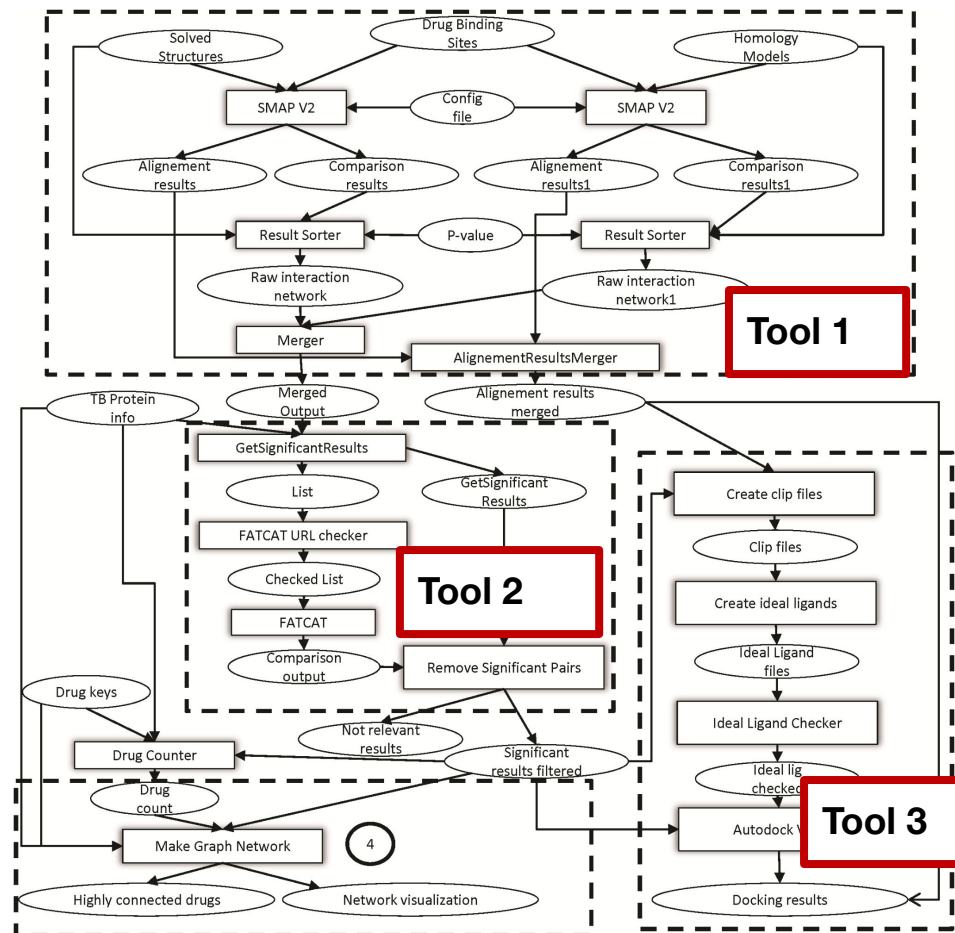
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[1] Garijo, D., Kinnings, S., Xie, L., Xie, L., Zhang, Y., Bourne, P. E., & Gil, Y. (2013). Quantifying reproducibility in computational biology: the case of the tuberculosis drugome. *PLoS one*, 8(11), e80278.

Reusability takes time, even when sources are available

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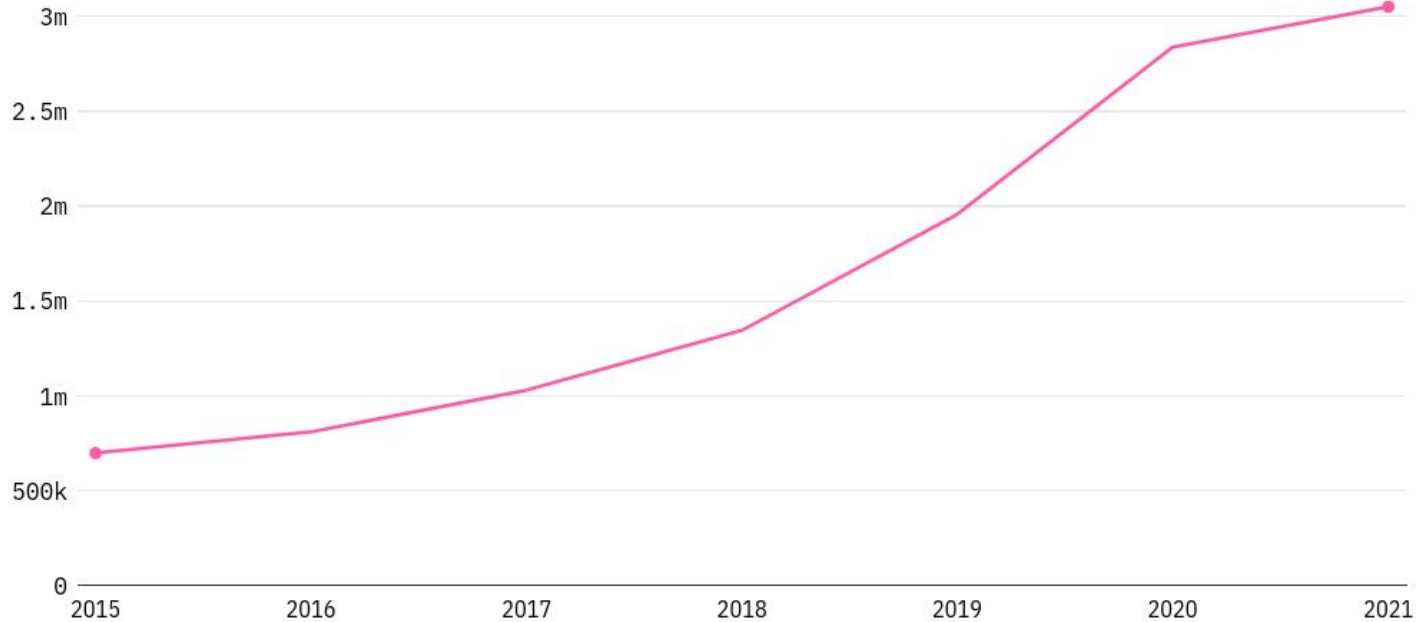
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- **> 250 hrs to full reproducibility**
- **> 100 hrs to get familiar with the tools and their I/O**



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Millions of **open-source repositories** are updated/created every year

Number of first-time contributors for open source projects, by year



Source: GitHub Octoverse Report 2021

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Can we **automatically** accelerate
research software understanding?

Describe



Given a software project:

- What is it about?
- Examples?
- Relation to other resources (data, papers)?
- Metadata?

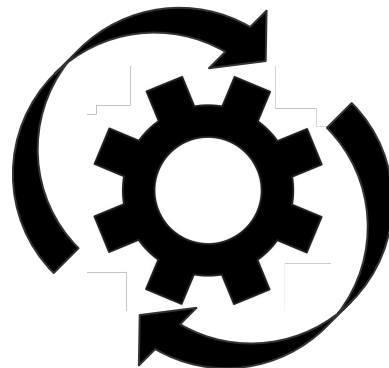
Compare



Given two or more tools:

- What are their similarities?
- Differences?
- Main features?

Reuse



How to quickly:

- run?
- repeat?
- reproduce?
- fix?
- combine?



- How to...

- use a **software component**
- transform my data** to use a software component?
- interpret the results?**
- invoke** the software component?
- configure** the right parameters?
- compare** against similar methods?

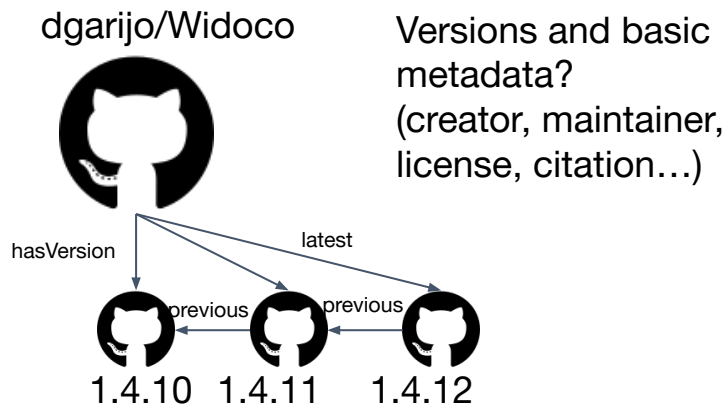
- How to...

- Ease **capturing the dependencies and installation instructions** of my software?
- Encapsulate my software** so it can be used with other data?
- Describe my software** so it can be used by others?
- Test if my software** is ready to be used by others?

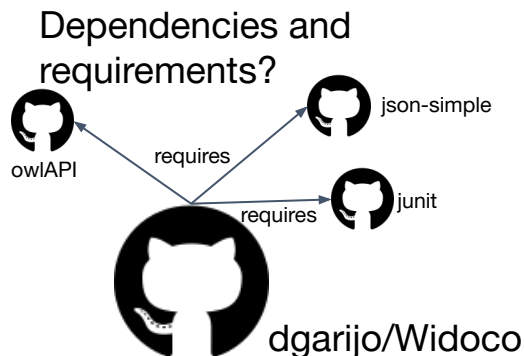
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2. **Knowledge capture** from documentation and code
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Research problem: Wide Research Software landscape



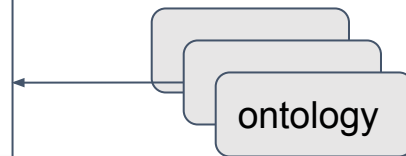
Versions and basic metadata?
(creator, maintainer, license, citation...)



Execution command and configuration



Supporting materials?
Input data?



Representing Research Software Metadata: Scientists' perspective



Crowdsourced Research Software Metadata Registry

- Complements code repositories to make them **understandable**
- Software metadata **designed for scientists**
- Metadata is **curated by decentralized communities of users**
- **Training scientists** on best practices

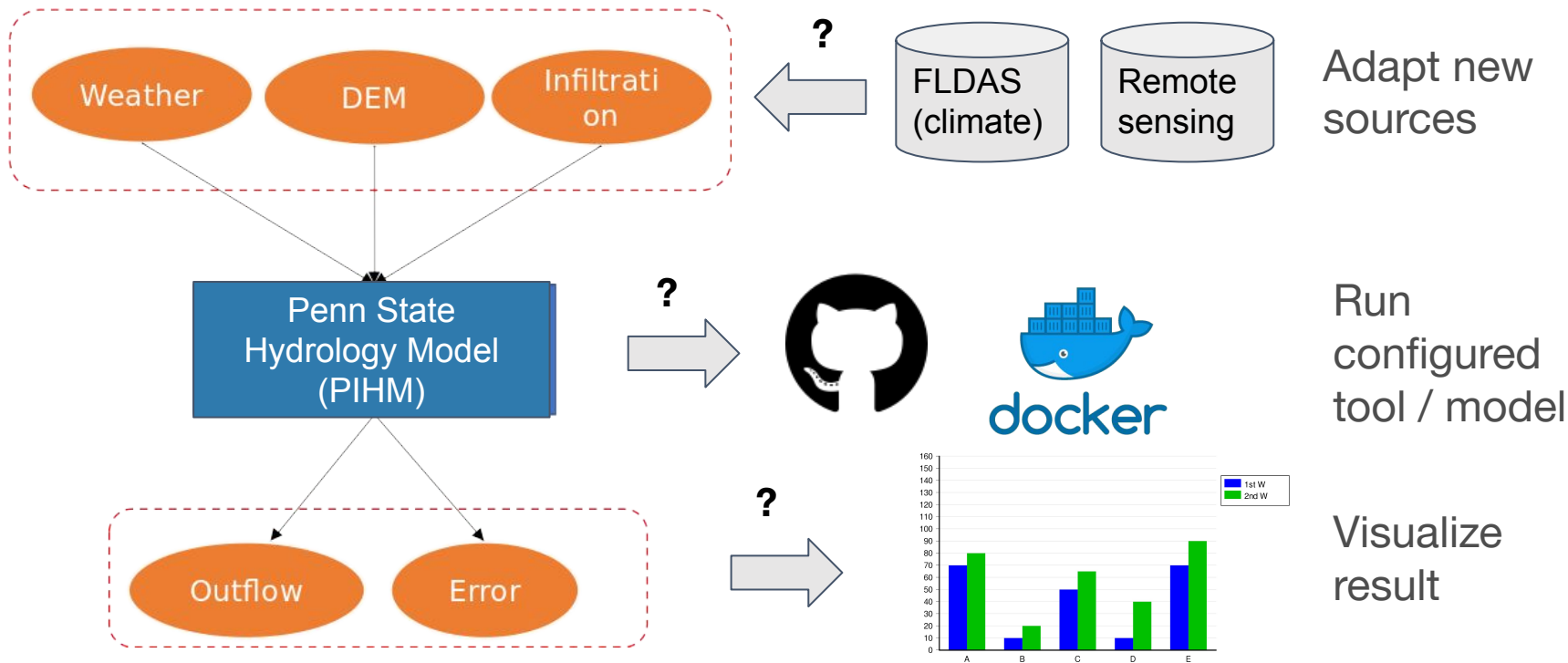


<http://ontosoft.org>

OntoSoft: Capturing Scientific Software Metadata. Eighth ACM International Conference on Knowledge Capture, Palisades, NY, 2015

<div> <div>OntoSoft</div> <div>Software</div> <div>Community</div> <div>Training</div> </div> <div> <h2>Compare Software</h2> <p>DrEICH algorithm, PIHM, PIHMGis, TauDEM, WBMsed</p> </div>				
PIHM	PIHMGis	DrEICH	TauDEM	WBMsed
What are domain specific keywords for this software ? (eg: hydrology, climate)				
Geomorphology, Hydrological, Bedrock channel ero-	Basins, Continental	Basins, GIS	Hydrologically corrected DEM, Watershed	Sediment flux, Global model, Hydrological model
What Operating Systems can the software run on ?				
Unix Linux	Unix Windows Linux Mac OS	Unix Windows Linux Mac OS	Unix Windows Linux Mac OS	Unix Linux
Is there any test data available for the software ?				
Test Data Location: http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/2013WR015167/full Test Data Description: Two test DEMs are included in the repository,	Test Data Location: http://sourceforge.net/projects/pih-model/ Test Data Description: Upper Juniata River 875 km ² : see: http://sourceforge.net/projects/pih-model/		Test Data Location: http://csdms.colorado.edu/wiki/Model:TauDEM#Testing Test Data Description: The Logan River DEM is a small test dataset useful	Test Data Location: http://csdms.colorado.edu/wiki/Model:WBMsed#Testing Test Data Description: Extensive input dataset is available on the CSDMS

Describing inputs, outputs and their structure



Adding structure to software Metadata: MINT (Model Integration)

Low grained machine-readable Software Metadata:

- (From OntoSoft) Attribution, license, funding, usage examples...
- **Executable** software components
- Software **invocation**
- Input & output files, **variables and units**
- Containers used to **encapsulate** and run software component

pihm-riv

Input/output variables

Information of river segments

IO Files:

	Name	Description
INPUT	pihm-riv	Spatial geometry and material information of river segments
INPUT	pihm-geol	Geologic file
INPUT	pihm-ibc	Boundary condition information for elements
INPUT	pihm-modelinfo	PIHM model information aggregation file
INPUT	pihm-lc	Vegetation parameters of different land cover types
INPUT	pihm-base	Base file
INPUT	pihm-forc	PIHM forcing file with the majority of the relevant variables
INPUT	pihm-soil	Soil parameters for the soil types
INPUT	pihm-att	PIHM attribute file with index values of variables for timeseries
OUTPUT	pihm-et0	Evaporation canopy file
OUTPUT	pihm-rivFlx9	lateral outflux to the bed beneath river
OUTPUT	pihm-rivFlx4	Baseflow to stream reach from aquifer on the left
OUTPUT	pihm-rech	Recharge Rate file
OUTPUT	pihm-rivFlx10	lateral influx to the bed beneath river
OUTPUT	pihm-infiltration	Infiltration file

Label	Long Name	Description	Standard Name	Units
Bed	Bed Depth	Bed Depth	channel_bed__thickness	m
KsatV	Bed Hydraulic Conductivity	Bed Hydraulic Conductivity	soil_water__vertical_saturated_hydraulic_conductivity	m day-1
Water table value	Water table of the IC	Water table of the IC		m



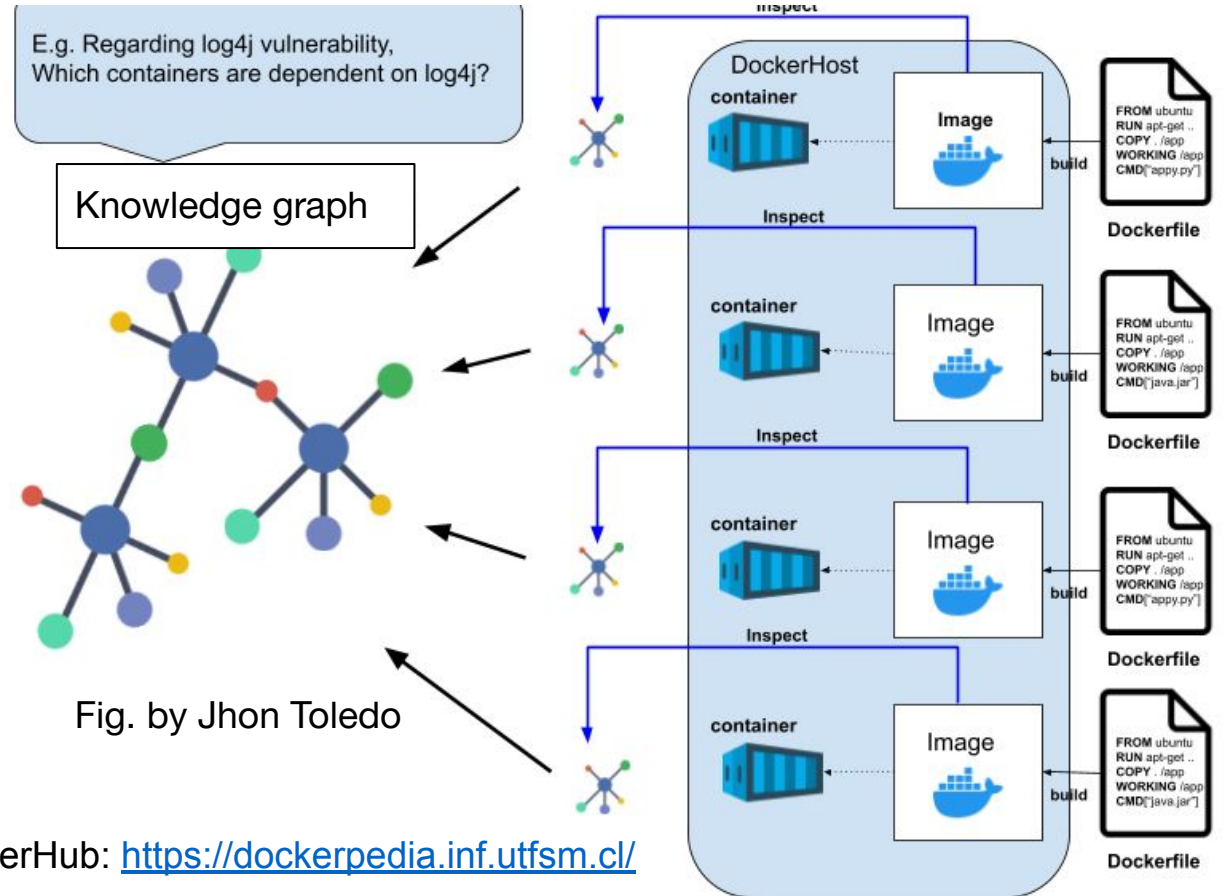
- [Schema.org/Codemeta](#) (software metadata)
- [W3C Data Cubes](#) (Contents of inputs and outputs)
- [NASA QUDT](#) (Units)
- [DockerPedia](#) (Software images)
- [Scientific Variables Ontology](#) (Standard Variables)

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Software images are created from configuration files (e.g., Dockerfiles)

- Execution of a tool
- Configuration
- Dependencies
- Infrastructure

Helpful for reproducibility



Initial effort transforming part of DockerHub: <https://dockerpedia.inf.utfsm.cl/>

Osorio, M., Buil-Aranda, C., Santana-Perez, I., & Garijo, D. (2022). DockerPedia: A Knowledge Graph of Software Images and Their Metadata. *International Journal of Software Engineering and Knowledge Engineering*, 32(01), 71-89.

Notebooks contain **crucial examples** to understand scientific projects:

- Demos
- Tutorials
- Configuration

Basic metadata
(e.g., title)

Configuration /
queries needed

Intermediate results

The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook titled 'wikidata (autosaved)'. The interface includes a menu bar (File, Edit, View, Insert, Cell, Kernel, Widgets, Help) and a toolbar with icons for file operations, running, and code execution. The notebook content is as follows:

Which algorithms or formulas in Wikidata do not have an image yet?

```
In [1]: %endpoint http://query.wikidata.org/sparql
%display table
%show all

SELECT DISTINCT ?item ?itemLabel ?formula WHERE {
  {
    SELECT DISTINCT ?item ?formula WHERE {
      { ?item ((wdt:P31*/wdt:P279) wd:Q8366. } UNION { ?item wdt:P2534 ?formula. }
      FILTER(NOT EXISTS { ?item wdt:P18 ?image. })
      FILTER(NOT EXISTS { ?item wdt:P31 wd:Q1266546. })
      FILTER(NOT EXISTS { ?item wdt:P373 ?category. })
    }
    LIMIT 5
  }
  SERVICE wikibase:label { bd:serviceParam wikibase:language "[AUTO_LANGUAGE],en". }
}
ORDER BY ASC(?item)
```

Endpoint set to: <http://query.wikidata.org/sparql>
Display: table
Result maximum size: unlimited

item	itemLabel	formula
http://www.wikidata.org/entity/Q116076	CORDIC	
http://www.wikidata.org/entity/Q130762	multiplication algorithm	
http://www.wikidata.org/entity/Q140770	General number field sieve	
http://www.wikidata.org/entity/Q71746	Trachtenberg system	
http://www.wikidata.org/entity/Q93593	common subexpression elimination	

Total: 5, Shown: 5

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Research Software metadata is not ~~abundant~~ machine readable



Can you please describe your software component with metadata?

I already did! Did you read the project readme?

Did you see the online documentation?

Perhaps the you saw the paper?



Many domain-specific registries are **curated by hand by experts**

- Documentation

- Text classification
- Named entity recognition and relation extraction

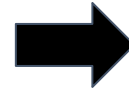
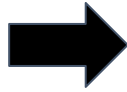
- Code

- Static code analysis

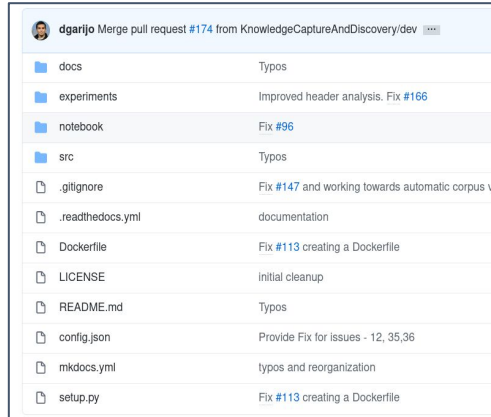
docs	update doc	13 days ago
experiments	Added pipeline missed in previous version of create_models	8 months ago
notebook	Fix #180	15 months ago
src/somef	update version	13 days ago
.gitignore	Fix test and added env to gitignore	29 days ago
.readthedocs.yml	documentation	2 years ago
CITATION.cff	Add citation file	4 months ago
Dockerfile	updating Docker image	4 months ago
LICENSE	initial cleanup	2 years ago
README.md	update doc	13 days ago
config.json	Created script to generate models and updated python version to 3.9	8 months ago
mkdocs.yml	Fix #178	15 months ago
pyproject.toml	minor package changes	4 months ago
setup.py	Fix #437	28 days ago

Text classification: Software Metadata Extraction Framework

<https://github.com/KnowledgeCaptureAndDiscovery/somef/>



Results (Metadata)



File	Change
docs	Typos
experiments	Improved header analysis. Fix #166
notebook	Fix #96
src	Typos
.gitignore	Fix #147 and working towards automatic corpus v
.readthedocs.yml	documentation
Dockerfile	Fix #113 creating a Dockerfile
LICENSE	initial cleanup
README.md	Typos
config.json	Provide Fix for issues - 12, 35, 36
mkdocs.yml	typos and reorganization
setup.py	Fix #113 creating a Dockerfile

- **Readme Analysis**

- Supervised classification
- Regular expressions
- Header analysis

- **File exploration**

- Notebooks
- Dockerfiles
- Documentation

- **GitHub API**



CodeMeta



- Paragraph-based **text classification**
- Four main categories (binary classification):
 - Installation
 - Citation
 - Description
 - Invocation

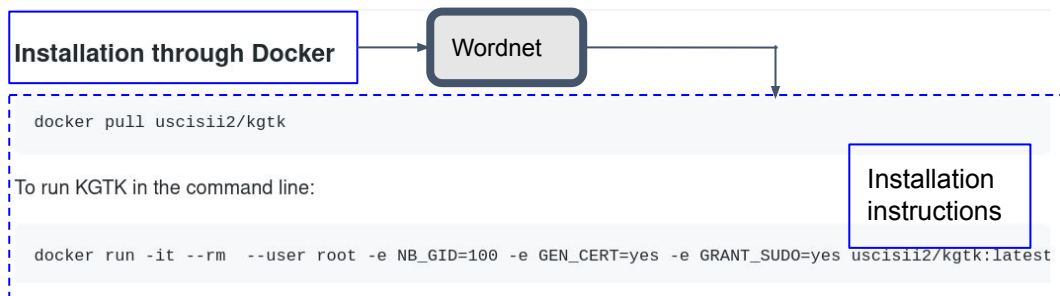
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True	Description	0.5	275
False	Installation	0.125	68
	Invocation	0.125	68
	Citation	0.125	68
	Treebank	0.125	68
Total		1.0	547

Classifier	Best pipeline	Precision	Recall	F-Measure
Description	CountVectorizer + LogisticRegression	0.85	0.79	0.82
Installation	TFIDFVectorizer + StochasticGradientDescent	0.92	0.9	0.91
Invocation	CountVectorizer + NaiveBayes	0.88	0.9	0.89
Citation	CountVectorizer + NaiveBayes	0.89	0.98	0.93

Simple classification pipelines yield nice results

- Extraction based on frequent header analysis
 - Fuzzy matching based on synsets

Installation



KGTK: Knowledge Graph Toolkit



Regular expressions, based on common practices (e.g., DOI, .bib, etc.)

The Knowledge Graph Toolkit (KGTK) is a comprehensive framework for the creation and exploitation of large hyper-relational knowledge graphs (KGs), designed for ease of use, scalability, and speed. KGTK represents KGs in tab-separated (TSV) files with four columns: edge-identifier, head, edge-label, and tail. All KGTK commands consume and produce KGs represented in this simple format, so they can be composed into pipelines to perform complex transformations on KGs. KGTK provides:

Using READMEs to categorize software

- **Preprocessing** is crucial
- Creating a methodology to recognize categories based on **awesome lists**
 - Text classification
 - Bi-LSTM networks

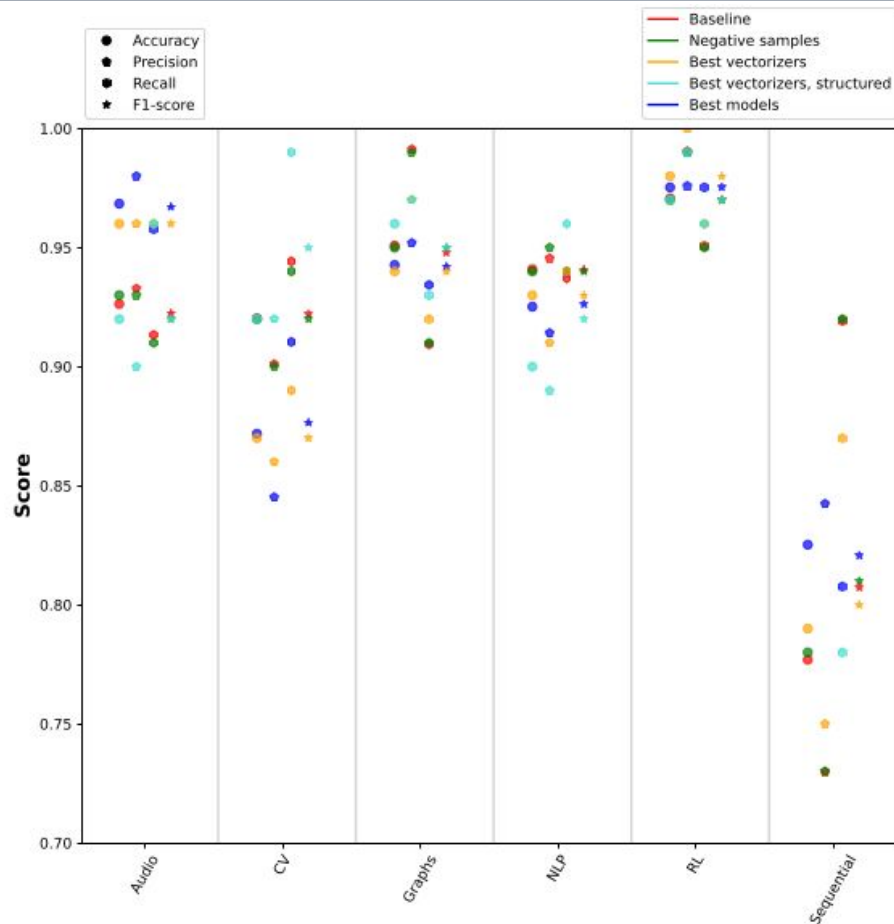
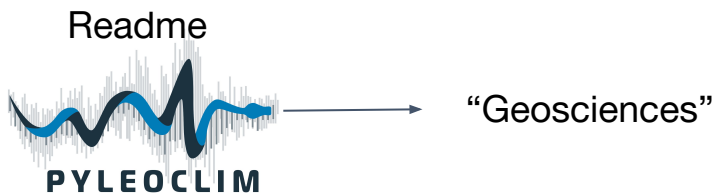


Fig. by Jenifer Tabitha

- Name (GA)
- Full title (RE)
- Description (SC, HA)
- Citation (SC, RE, HA)
- Installation instructions (SC, HA)
- Invocation (SC)
- Usage examples (HA)
- Documentation (HA, FE)
- Requirements (HA)
- Contributors (HA)
- FAQ (HA)
- Support (HA)
- License (GA, HA, FE)
- Stars (GA)

Method used (provenance):

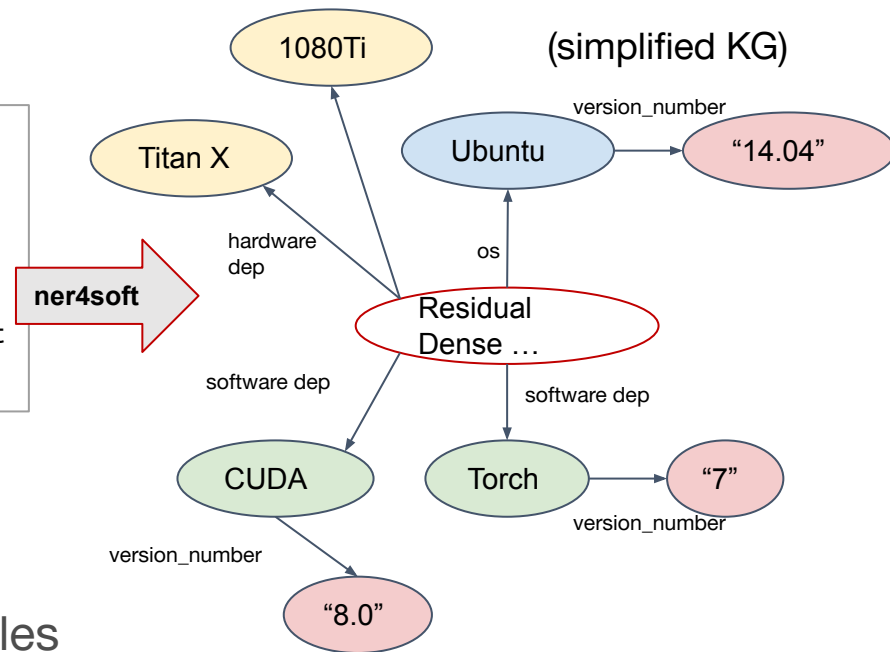
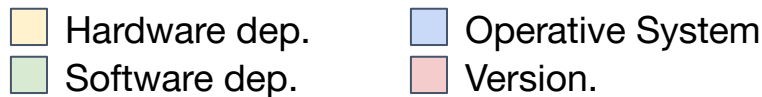
- Supervised Classification (SC)
- Header Analysis and Synset comparison (HA)
- File Exploration (FE)
- Regular Expressions (RE)
- GitHub API (GA)

- Contact (HA)
- Download URL (HA, GA)
- DOI (RE)
- DockerFile (FE)
- Notebooks (FE)
- Executable notebooks (Binder, Collab) (RE)
- Owner: (GA)
- Keywords (GA)
- Source code (GA)
- Releases (GA)
- Changelog (GA)
- Issue tracker (GA)
- Programming languages (GA)
- Acknowledgements (HA)
- Logos (RE)
- Images (RE)
- Shell scripts (FE)
- Code of conduct (FE)
- Repository status (RE)
- Arxiv links (RE)
- Support channels (RE)
- Software category (SC) (Work in progress)
- ...

Readme file

Residual Dense Network for Image Super-Resolution

The code is built on EDSR (Torch) and tested on Ubuntu 14.04 environment (Torch7, CUDA8.0, cuDNN5.1) with Titan X/1080Ti/Xp GPUs.



Extracting **additional context** from README files

- Transformer-based architectures (SciBERT)
- Inference for explicit and implicit relationships



<https://github.com/oeg-upm/ner4soft/> (Work in progress)

Static code analysis in Python

- Extraction of available classes and functions
 - Documentation
- Requirements (reusing existing libraries)
- Call list
- Control flow (reusing existing libraries)
- Software **invocation**
 - Service
 - Package
 - Library
 - Script
 - Invocation command
- Output as a JSON file

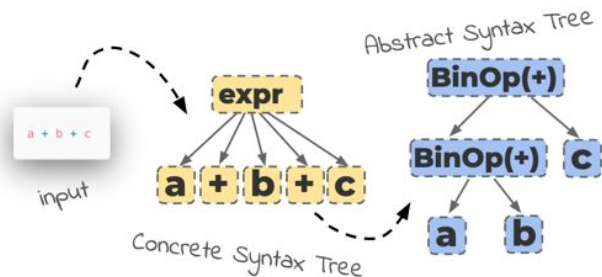


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Intermediate parse tree



GitHub: <https://github.com/SoftwareUnderstanding/inspect4py>

Filgueira, R. and Garijo, D. (2022). Inspect4py: A Knowledge Extraction Framework for Python Code Repositories. To appear in Mining Software Repositories, 2022 (demo)

morph-kgc

Powerful RDF Knowledge Graph
Generation with [R2]RML Mappings

logo

short description

notebooks

52 stars, 21 forks

Icons: book, scales, code, document, speech bubble, doi, list, download, package

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{Morph-KGC: Scalable Knowledge
Graph Materialization with
Mapping Partitions}

Citation

```
@article{arenas2022morph,  
  title = {{Morph-KGC: Scalable Knowledge Graph Materialization with |  
  author = {Arenas-Guerrero, Julián and Chaves-Fraga, David and Toledo  
  journal = {Semantic Web},  
  year = {2022},  
  url = {http://www.semantic-web-journal.net/system/files/swj3135.p  
}
```

Usage

Learn quickly with the tutorial in [Google Colaboratory!](#)

PyPi is the fastest way to install Morph-KGC:

pip install morph-kgc

We recommend to use **virtual environments** to install Morph-KGC.

To run the engine via **command line** you just need to execute the following:

python3 -m morph_kgc config.ini

Check the **documentation** to can see how to generate the configuration INI file.

Here you can also see an example INI file.

It is also possible to run Morph-KGC as a **library** with **RDFLib** and **Oxigraph**:

import morph_kgc

```
# generate the triples and load them to an RDFLib graph  
g_rdfLib = morph_kgc.materialize('/path/to/config.ini')
```

```
# work with the RDFLib graph  
q_res = g_rdfLib.query(' SELECT DISTINCT ?classes WHERE { ?s a ?classes } ')
```

```
# generate the triples and load them to Oxigraph  
g_oxigraph = morph_kgc.materialize_oxigraph('/path/to/config.ini')
```

```
# work with Oxigraph  
q_res = graph.query(' SELECT DISTINCT ?classes WHERE { ?s a ?classes } ')
```

```
# the methods above also accept the config as a string  
config = ""
```

```
[DataSource1]  
mappings: /path/to/mapping/mapping_file.rml.ttl  
db_url: mysql+pymysql://user:password@localhost  
""
```

```
g_rdfLib = morph_kgc.materialize(config)
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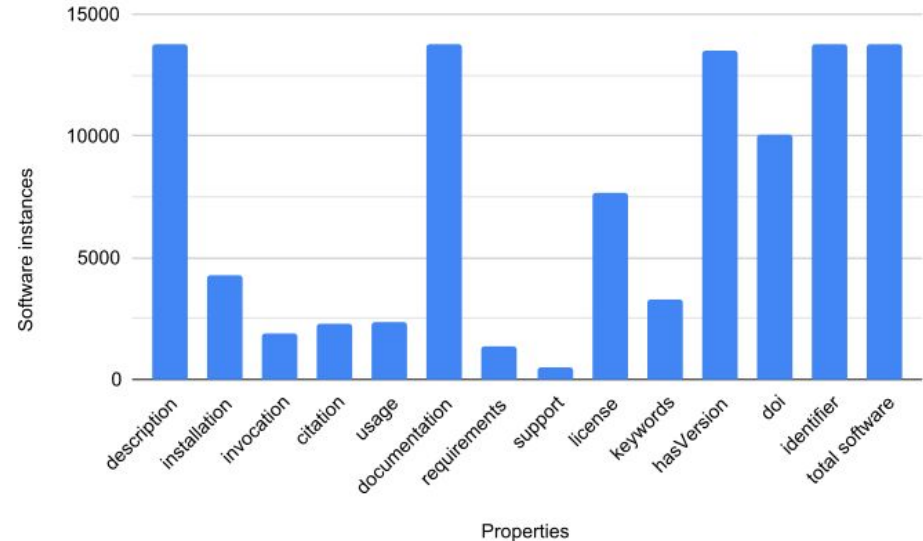
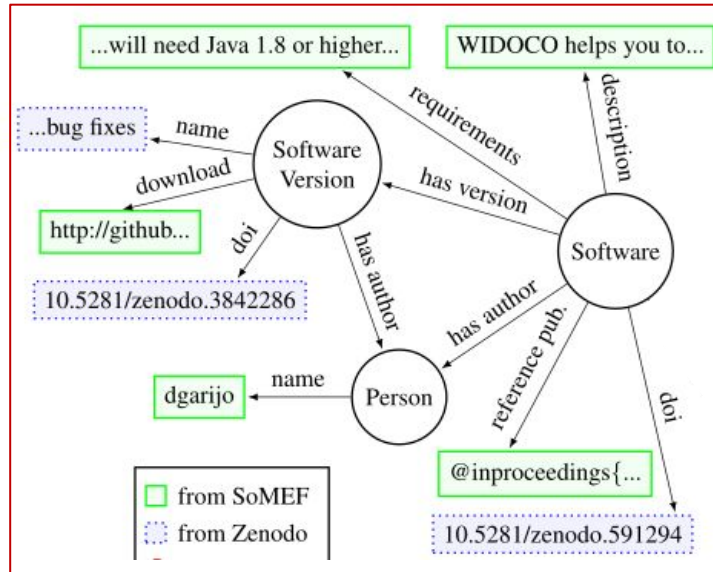
How to use it

```
python /morph-kgc/oeg-upm_morph-kgc/morph-kgc-main/src/morph_kgc/main.py
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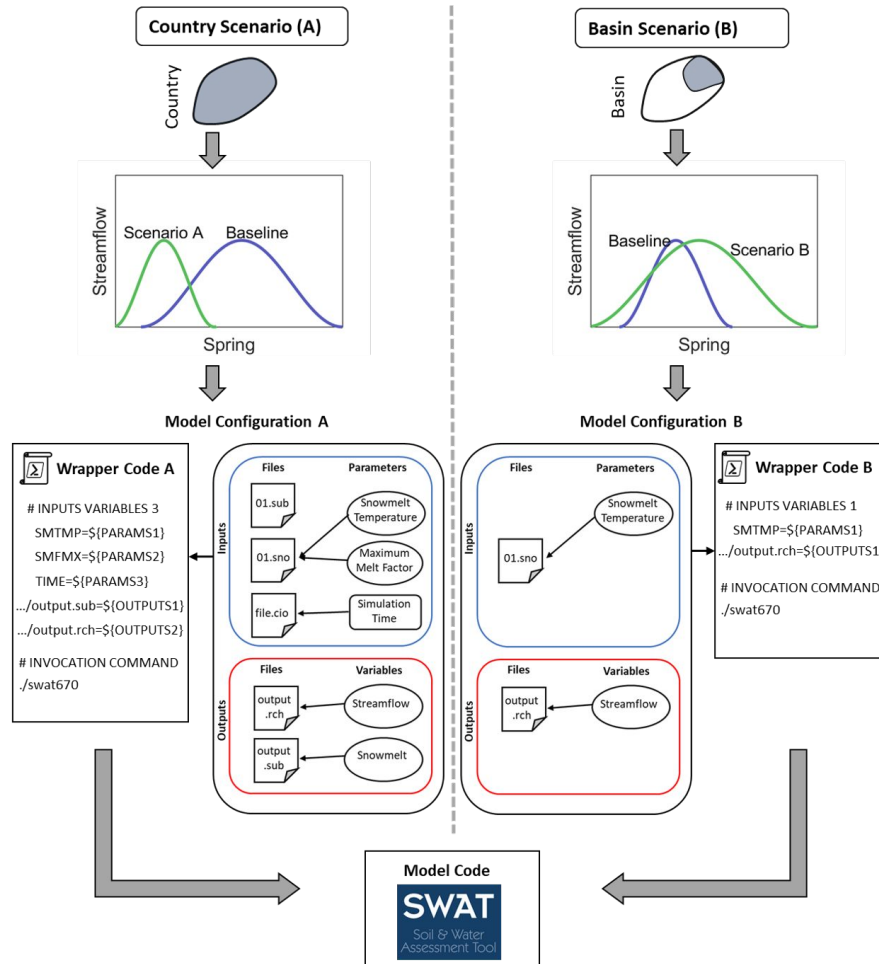
invocation

Extracting KGs from thousands of Open Source repositories

- Zenodo software (> 12000)
- Measuring best practices based on metadata



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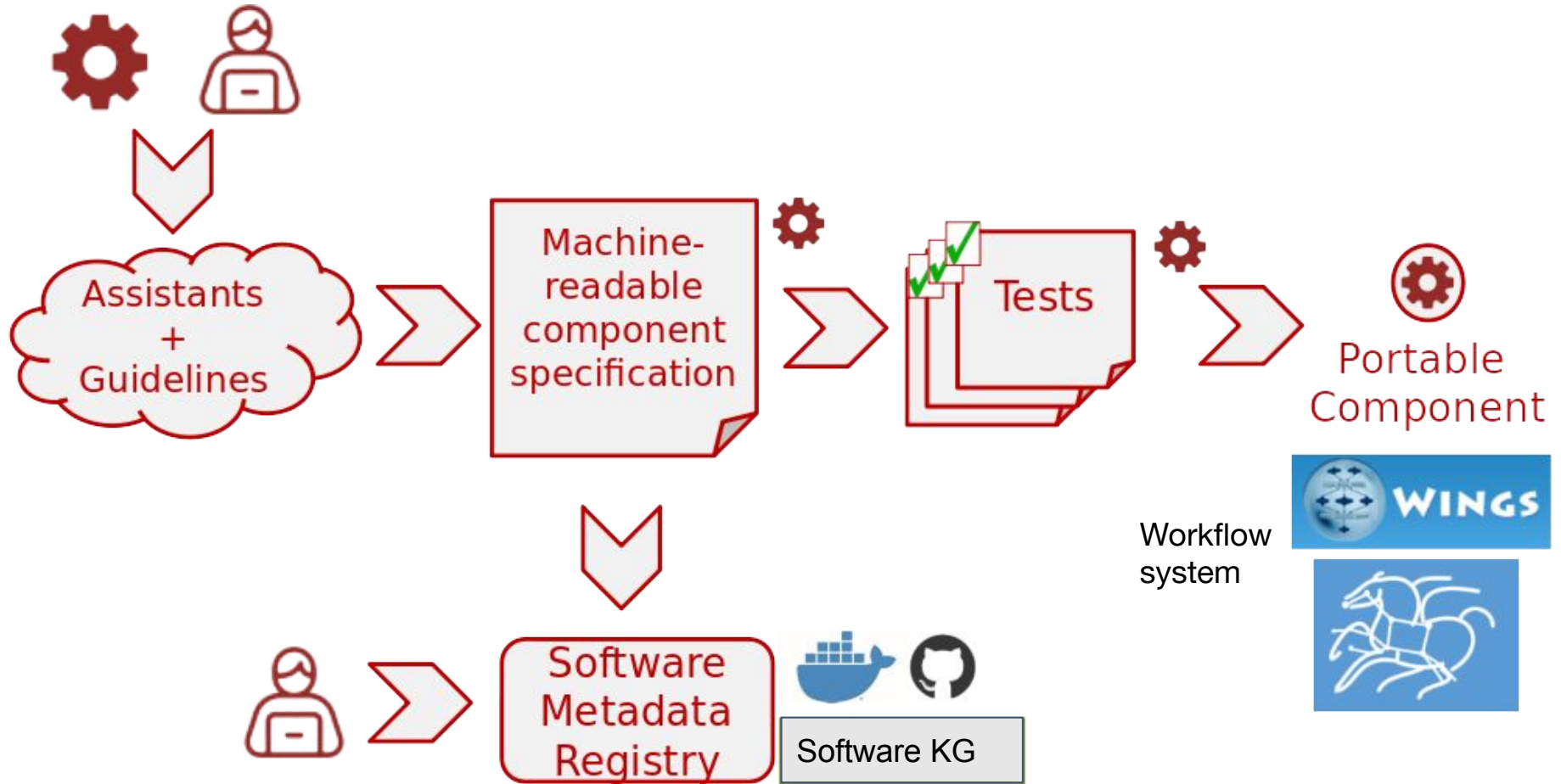
Capturing different configurations of a complex tool **requires significant knowledge.**

How can we ensure an expert **can share** configured/calibrated models?

- Reduce complexity for novice users

Example: SWAT Hydrology model

- Model code is always the same
- Input files vary according to:
 - The region
 - Available information

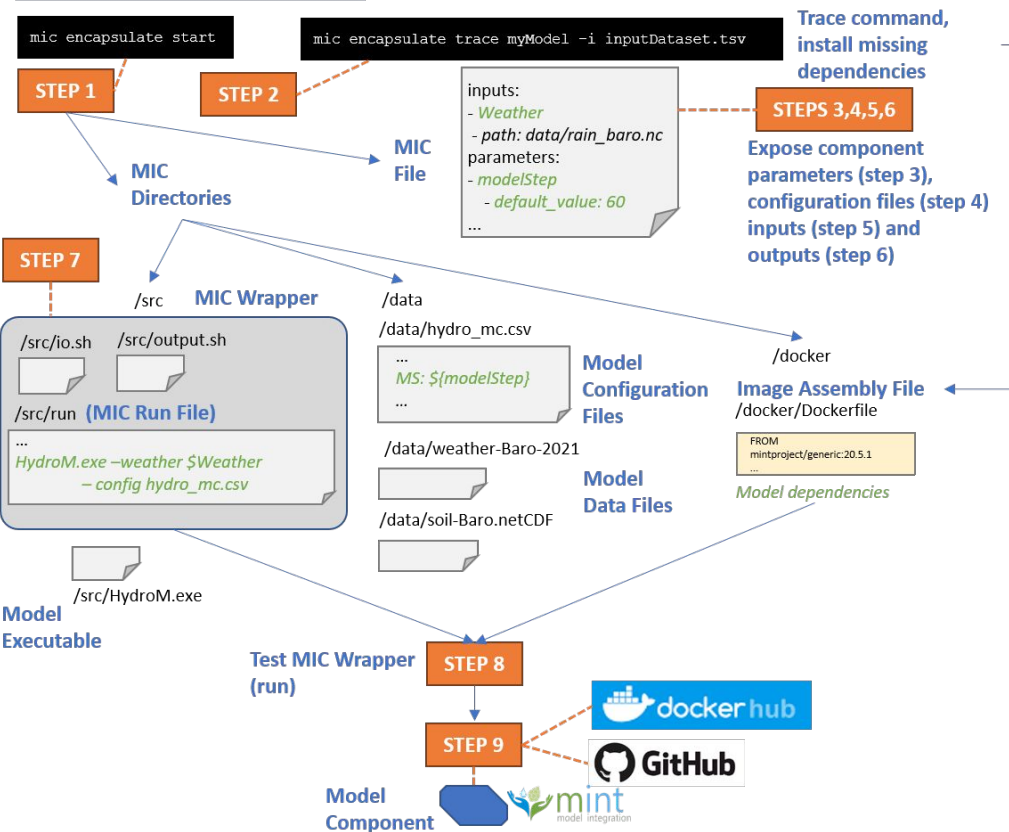


Reusing software: model encapsulation methodology

MIC Process for Component-Based Software Encapsulation of Models

LEGEND:
Blue boldface highlights important concepts in component-based software encapsulation
Green italics indicate user-provided input

MIC STEP MIC assists users through 8 steps, creating file templates, directory structures, publishing code, and validating the new model component



Software encapsulation methodology







- Input: **software component**
- Output:
 - **Docker image**
 - **Wrapper script** (GitHub)
 - **Metadata** (MINT model catalog)
- Powered by ReproZip (<https://www.reprozip.org/>) to automatically suggest I/O

Summing up

Describe

Compare

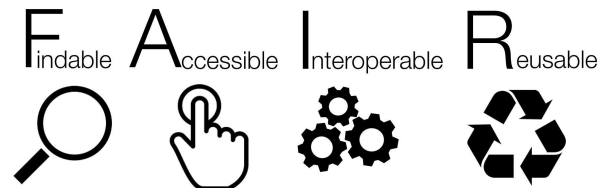
Reuse

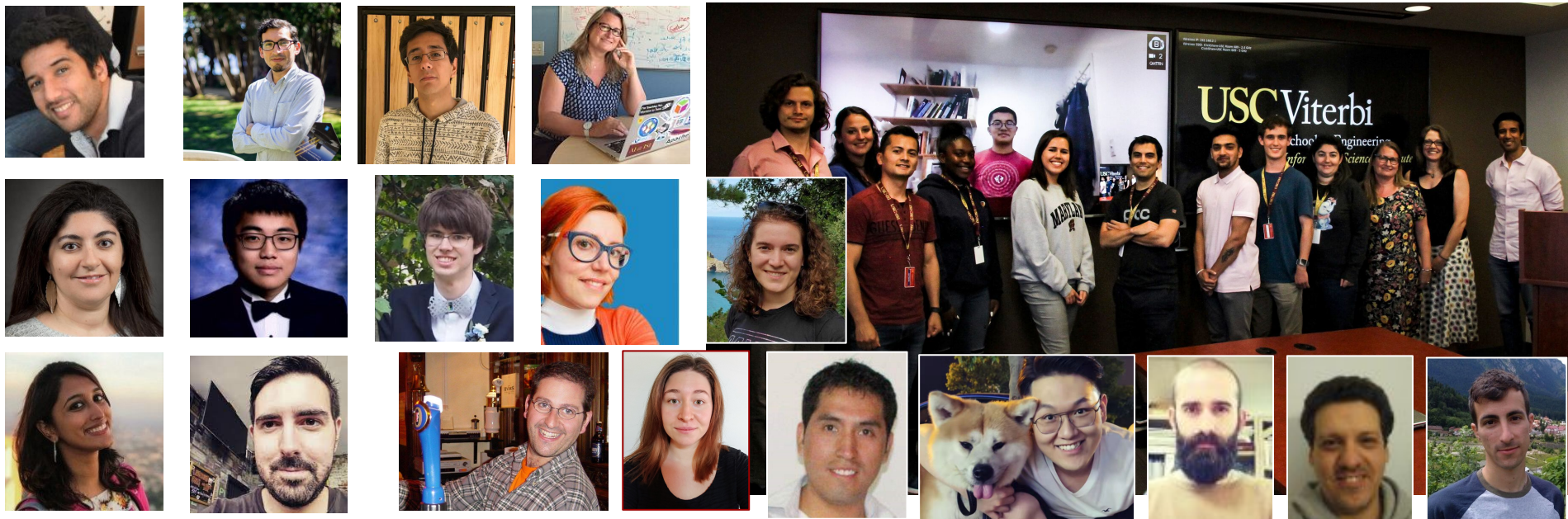
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Research software is a **critical asset for Open Science**

Accelerating **Software Understanding** requires:

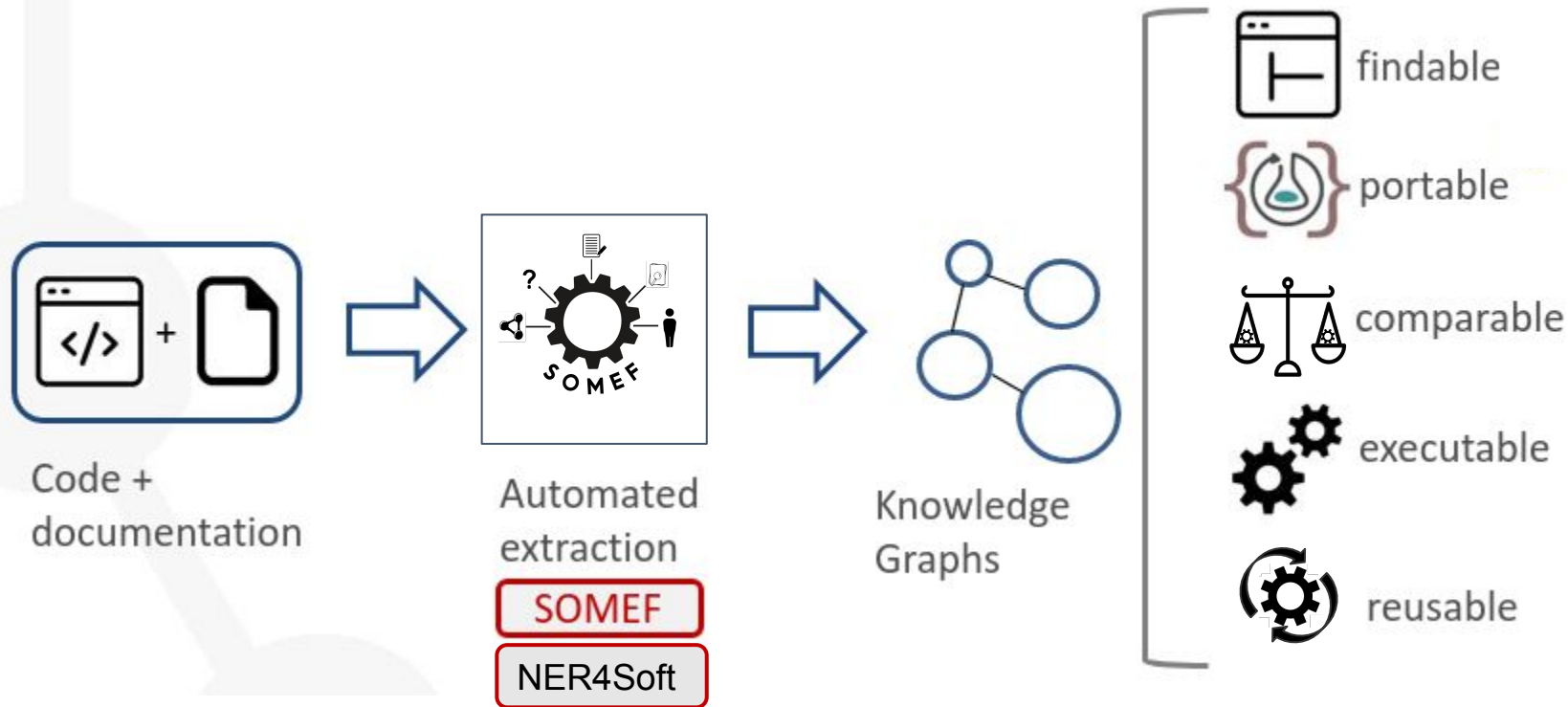
- Automated description
- Assisted comparison
- Easy reuse





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Let's create **machine-actionable** software metadata to promote Open Science!

Extra slides



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▼ description:
  ▼ 0:
    ▼ excerpt:
      "WIDOCO helps you to publish and create an enriched and customized documentation of your
      classes, properties and data properties of the ontology, the OOPS! webservice by María
      being used. In addition, we use WebVowl to visualize the ontology and have extended Bub
      documentation of the terms in your ontology (based on [LODE])(http://www.essepuntato.it/
      annotation in JSON-LD snippets of the html produced.\n* Association of a provenance pag
      means to complete it on the fly when generating your ontology. Check the [best practice
      WIDOCO.\n* Guidelines on the main sections that your document should have and how to co
      changelog of differences between the actual and the previous version of the ontology (b
      them independently and replace only those needed.\n* Content negotiation and serializat

    ▼ confidence:
      0:
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      technique:
        "wordnet"

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    ▼ excerpt:
      "For a complete list of the current improvements and next features, check the project o
    ▼ confidence:
      0:
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      technique:
        "classifier"

  ▼ 2:
    ▼ excerpt:
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      technique:
        "metadata"

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      "@inproceedings{garajo2017widoco,\n  title={WIDOCO: a wizard for documenting ontologies
      organization={Springer, Cham},\n  doi = {10.1007/978-3-319-68204-4_9},\n  funding = {US
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      technique:
        "classifier"
  
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CodeMeta

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@context:
  "https://doi.org/10.5063/schema.CodeMeta/2.0"
@type:
  "SoftwareSourceCode"
▼ license:
  "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/dgarajo/Widoco/master/LICENSE"
codeRepository:
  "git+https://github.com/dgarajo/Widoco.git"
dateCreated:
  "2013-07-15"
datePublished:
  "2020-12-14"
dateModified:
  "2021-03-16"
downloadUrl:
  "https://github.com/dgarajo/Widoco/releases"
issueTracker:
  "https://github.com/dgarajo/Widoco/issues"
name:
  "Widoco"
version:
  "v1.4.15_1"
▼ description:
  ▼ 0:
    "Wizard for documenting ontologies. WIDOCO is a step by step generat
  ▼ 1:
    "WIDOCO helps you to publish and create an enriched and customized d
    the classes, properties and data properties of the ontology, the OOP
    URI and title being used. In addition, we use WebVowl to visualiz
    WIDOCO:\n* Automatic documentation of the terms in your ontology (ba
    /index.html))\n* Automatic annotation in JSON-LD snippets of the htm
    extraction from the ontology plus the means to complete it on the fl
    to know more about the terms recognized by WIDOCO.\n* Guidelines on
    (http://vowl.visualdataweb.org/webvowl/)).\n* Automatic changelog of
    /)).\n* Separation of the sections of your html page so you can writ
    practices\n\n"
  ▼ 2:
    "For a complete list of the current improvements and next features,
  ▼ releaseNotes:
    "This pre-release fixes issues regarding namespace prefixes (now the
    settings in your visualization)\r\n\r\nMore information on the addre

▼ keywords:
  0:
    "ontology"
  1:
    "wizard"
  2:
    "metadata"
  3:
    "documentation"
  4:
    "ontology-diagram"
  5:
    "ontology-evaluation"
  
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