Software Heritage

Building the Universal Software Archive for Open Science

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- Introductions



Short Bio: Roberto Di Cosmo

Computer Science professor in Paris, now working at INRIA

- 30 years of research (Theor. CS, Programming, Software Engineering, Erdos #: 3)
- 20 years of Free and Open Source Software
- 10 years building and directing structures for the common good



1999 *DemoLinux* – first live GNU/Linux distro

2007 Free Software Thematic Group150 members 40 projects 200Me

2008 Mancoosi project www.mancoosi.org

2010 IRILL www.irill.org

2015 Software Heritage at INRIA

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Software is everywhere



Source code is executable and human readable knowledge

a growing part of our Cultural Heritage

Source code is special

Harold Abelson, Structure and Interpretation of Computer Programs

"Programs must be written for people to read, and only incidentally for machines to execute."

Quake III source code (excerpt)

```
float 0_rsqrt( float number )
{
    long i;
    float x2, y;
    const float threehalfs = 1.5F;

    x2 = number * 0.5F;
    y = number;
    i = *( long *) &y; // evil floating point bit level hacking
    i = %( float *) &i;
    y = y *( float *) &i;
    y = y *( threehalfs - ( x2 * y * y ) ); // Ist iteration
    // y = y *( threehalfs - ( x2 * y * y ) ); // 2nd iteration, this
    can be removed
    return y;
}
```

Net. queue in Linux (excerpt)

```
** SFB uses two B[1][n] : L x N arrays of bins (L levels, N bins per level)

* This implementation uses L = 8 and N = 16

* This permits us to split one 32bit hash (provided per packet by rxhash or

* external classifier) into 8 subhashes of 4 bits.

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Len Shustek, Computer History Museum

"Source code provides a view into the mind of the designer."

~ 50 years, a lightning fast growth

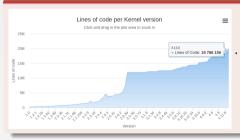
Apollo 11 Guidance Computer (~60.000 lines), 1969



"When I first got into it, nobody knew what it was that we were doing. It was like the Wild West."

Margaret Hamilton

Linux Kernel



... now in your pockets!

are we taking care of all this?

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Software is spread all around





Software lacks its own research infrastructure



Photo: ALMA(ESO/NAOJ/NRAO), R. Hills

Research software: a long way to go!

ICSE (Zannier, Melrik, Maurer, 2006)

• complete absence of replication studies

ACM TOSEM 2001 to 2006

C. Ghezzi http://bit.ly/tosemreprod

• 60% of all papers have tools: only 20% installable

Collberg's 2015 study

http://reproducibility.cs.arizona.edu/

• 601 mainstream papers: 508 with tools, only 40% installable

Main reasons

source code (or the right version of it) cannot be found

URL decay disrupts the web of reference

Web links are not permanent (even permalinks)

there is no general guarantee that a URL... which at one time points to a given object continues to do so
T. Berners-Lee et al. Uniform Resource Locators. RFC 1738.

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URLs used in articles decay!

Analysis of *IEEE Computer* (Computer), and the *Communications of the ACM* (CACM): 1995-1999

• the *half-life* of a referenced URL *is approximately 4 years* from its publication date D. Spinellis. The Decay and Failures of URL References.

Communications of the ACM, 46(1):71-77, January 2003.

Similar findings in Lawrence, S. et al. *Persistence of Web References in Scientific Research*, IEEE Computer, 34(2), pp. 26–31, 2001.

Scholar roster of broken links

An example from Astronomy

Domain	links (broken)	.html	.txt	.dat	.gz	.tar	.fits	tilde
cxc.harvard.edu	802 (110)	336 (70)	0	0	4 (2)	5 (4)	1	0
heasarc.gsfc.nasa.gov	640 (33)	423 (27)	1	0	0	0	0	0
www.stsci.edu	498 (61)	205 (29)	3	0	0	0	0	15 (10)
asc.harvard.edu	471 (152)	212 (99)	0	0	0	0	0	1 (1)
ssc.spitzer.caltech.edu	427 (194)	125 (76)	3 (3)	0	0	0	0	0
cfa-www.harvard.edu	352 (68)	277 (52)	1	0	0	0	0	54 (17)
rchive.stsci.edu	308 (58)	57 (9)	2	1 (0)	0	0	0	0
www.ipac.caltech.edu	285 (14)	209 (12)	0	0	0	0	0	0
www.atnf.csiro.au	211 (21)	12 (6)	0	0	0	0	0	7 (5)
ipace.mit.edu	193 (10)	58 (5)	1	0	0	0	0	2 (1)
www.astro.psu.edu	186 (4)	103 (1)	1	10	1	1	0	2
www.eso.org	186 (58)	54 (22)	1 (1)	0	0	0	0	4 (1)
rsa.ipac.caltech.edu	163 (5)	38	0	0	1	0	0	0
www.sdss.org	156 (2)	106 (1)	0	0	0	0	0	0
nea-www.harvard.edu	125 (37)	42 (17)	1	0	0	1	0	26 (16)
physics.nist.gov	125 (3)	63 (2)	0	0	0	0	0	0
www.noao.edu	120 (3)	50 (2)	0	0	0	0	0	0
mm.vilspa.esa.es	118 (35)	23 (19)	0	0	8 (1)	0	0	1 (1)
www.astro.princeton.edu	115 (31)	43 (14)	0	0	0	0	0	53 (12)
adusno.navy.mil	110 (27)	98 (22)	3 (3)	0	0	0	0	1 (1)

This sable lists total number of links and broken links 0/ITTP status codes 3xx, 4xx, and 5xx) to top domains (domains with over 100 links) found within articles published in the four main astronomy journals between 1997 and 2008. The table also shows, for each domain, the portion of links to common filename extensions, as well as links that contain the tilde character.

How Do Astronomers Share Data? Pepe, Goodman, Muench, Crosas, Erdmann dx.doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0104798

PLOS August 28, 2014

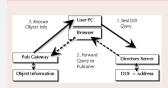
DOI limitations

Example: doi:10.1109/MSR.2015.10

- to find what 10.1109/MSR.2015.10 is, go to a *resolver* (e.g. doi.org)
- this returns http://ieeexplore.ieee.org/ document/7180064/
- at this URL we find ...



Architecture of the DOI infrastructure



- DOI resolution can change
- content at URL can change
- no intrinsic way of noticing
- persistence based on *good will* of *multiple parties*

No catalog, no archive, no references: we are at a turning point

Looking at the past

- a lot of old software misplaced, lost, or behind barriers, but...
- most founding fathers are still here, and willing to share
- urgent to collect their knowledge

Only a few years left.

Looking at the future

- software development and use skyrockets: more programmers, and more code!
- essential to provide a universal platform for all the future software source code

Every year that goes by makes the problem worse.

it is **urgent** to take action!

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Our mission

Collect, preserve and share the source code of all the software that is available

Past, present and future

Preserving the past, enhancing the present, preparing the future

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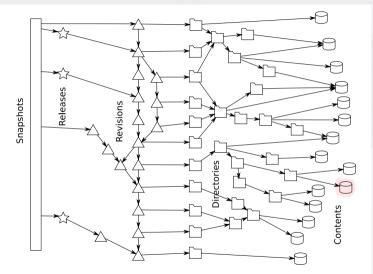
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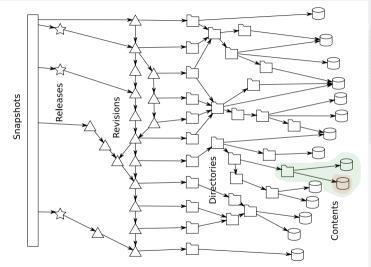
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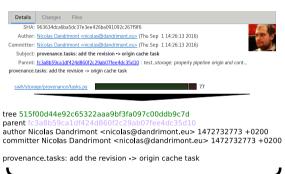
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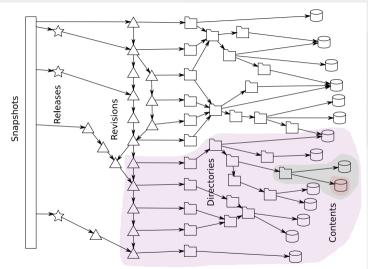


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Releases

tag v0.0.51 Tagger: Nicolas Dandrimont <nicolas@dandrimont.eu>

Release swh.storage v0.0.51

- Add new metadata column to origin_visit
- Update swh-add-directory script for updated API

Date: Wed Aug 24 14:36:03 2016 +0200

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object c0c9f16b1e134f593e7567570a1761b156e6eb1d

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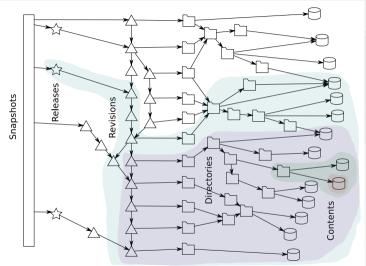
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git show-refs

Snapshots

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commit ba5443a24e3f9fe323a46c292cec4fcbe61c67eb refs/beads/directory-listing-arrays
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A principled infrastructure

http://bit.ly/swhpaper



Technology

- transparency and FOSS
- replicas all the way down

Content

- intrinsic identifiers
- facts and provenance

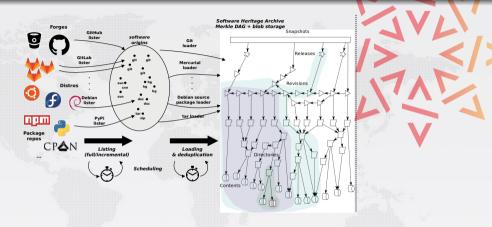
Organization

- non-profit
- mirror network

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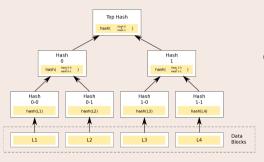
Automation, and storage



- full development history permanently archived
- origins: GitHub (auto), Debian (auto), Gitlab.com, Gitorious, Google Code, GNU
- ~ 200Tb raw contents, ~ 10Tb graph (10Bn nodes, 100Bn edges)

Much more than an archive!

Merkle tree (R. C. Merkle, Crypto 1979)

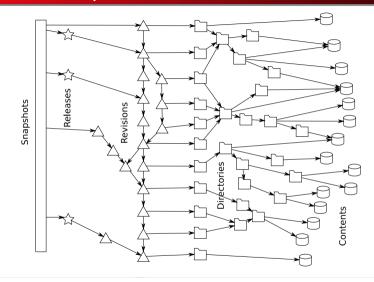


Combination of

- tree
- hash function

Classical cryptographic construction

- fast, parallel signature of large data structures
- widely used (e.g., Git, blockchains, IPFS, ...)
- built-in deduplication





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Reference archive for all software

A "wayback machine" for software source code ...

with intrinsic identifiers!

- http://archive.softwareheritage.org/browse
- http://bit.ly/swhpids for persistent identifiers

Demo time: let's highlight some features...

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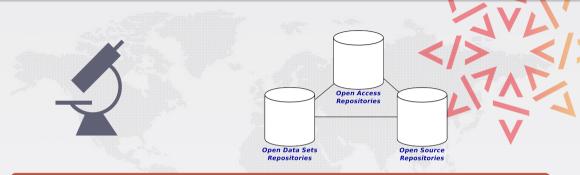




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Supporting more accessible and reproducible science



A global library referencing all software used in all research fields

- completes the infrastructure for Open Access in science
- provides intrinsic persistent identifiers for scientific reproducibility
- enables large scale, verifiable software studies

Demo links

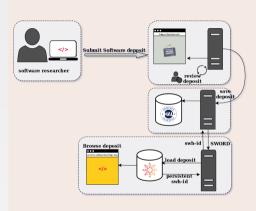
Paper points to lost gitorious.org repo saved in Software Heritage

- https://www.openaire.eu/search/publication?articleId=dedup_wf_001::cd996f0b6236b90659f84f99feb62bcc
- https://gitorious.org/parmap
- https://archive.softwareheritage.org/browse/search/ ?url=%22gitorious.org/parmap%22

Deposit Scientific Software

Deposit software in HAL

http://hal.inria.fr/hal-01738741



Generic mechanism:

- SWORD based
- review process
- versioning

How to do it:

- today: deposit .zip or .tar.gz file (guide)
- tomorrow:
 - provide SWH id and metadata
 - include *metadata file* for automatic metadata extraction
 - ...

September 2018: open to all on https://hal.archives-ouvertes.fr/

The way to go to archive and reference scientific software

All features of Software Heritage for free

- intrinsic IDs (integrity, not dependent on resolvers!)
 - specification: http://bit.ly/swhpids
 - iPres2018 paper: http://bit.ly/swhpidpaper
- browse, download (now)
- metadata, licenses, provenance (plagiarism detection), classification (wip), ...

Coverage and uniformity

- one archive for all domains (industry included)
- reference *any* software, not just the deposited ones
- git-compatible identifiers greatly simplify workflows

Sustainability doors are open!

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Growing Support

Landmark Inria Unesco agreement, April 3rd, 2017









Contributing to the mission





The next steps

The Software Heritage Foundation

- independent
- long term mission
- multistakeholder

The community

- academia: Open Access, research
- industry: better software
- cultural heritage: all the software history

The mirror network

- resilience
- biodiversity

"Let us save what remains: not by vaults and locks which fence them from the public eye and use in consigning them to the waste of time, but by such a multiplication of copies, as shall place them beyond the reach of accident."

Thomas Jefferson

You can help!

Many scientific and technological challenges

object storage, machine learning, classification, efficient graph queries, mirror protocols,

Contribute

• forge.softwareheritage.org

Funding

- become a partner/sponsor/mirror : sponsorship.softwareheritage.org
- give your own contribution: www.softwareheritage.org/donate

Spread the word!

- use the archive and help others do
- tell everybody about Software Heritage

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Library of Alexandria of code



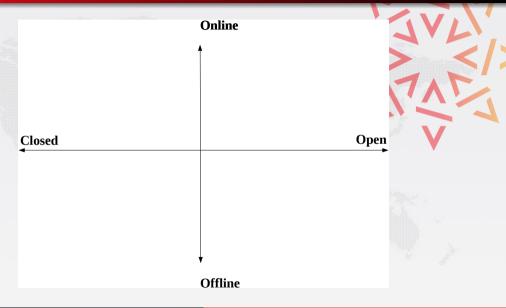
- recover the past
- structure the future

A CERN for Software

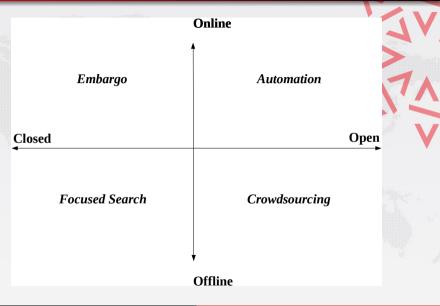


- build better software
 - for industry
 - for society as a whole

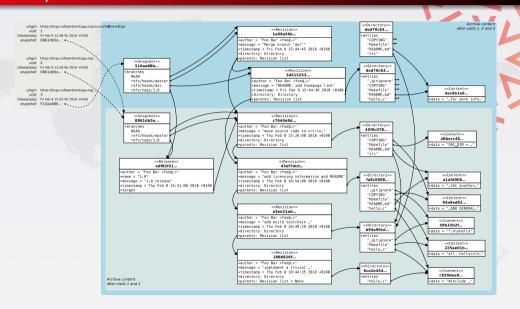
All the source code



All the source code: strategy



A bird's eye view



Outline





Big Code = Big data + Al





- vulnerability detection
- dependency analysis
- pattern elicitation
- automatic classification ...

... need a uniform representation

Software Heritage has one data model for all forges/VCS...

... yes, we do data normalization of software evolution!

Breaking news: soon an Amazon public data set!