### Securing the (Open Source) Software Supply Chain

and the Software Heritage infrastructure

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# Software Heritage

THE GREAT LIBRARY OF SOURCE CODE



### 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



DemoLinux - first live GNU/Linux distro 1999 2007 Free Software Thematic Group 150 members 40 projects 200Me 2008 Mancoosi project www.mancoosi.org 2010 IRILL www.irill.org 2015 Software Heritage at INRIA 2018 National Committee for Open Science, France 2021 EOSC Task Force on Infrastructures for Software. **European Union** 

## Software Source Code is Precious Knowledge

Harold Abelson, Structure and Interpretation of Computer Programs (1st ed.)

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

#### Apollo 11 source code (excerpt)

P63SP0T3	CA EXTEND	BIT6	# IS THE LR ANTENNA IN POSITION 1 YET
	RAND	CHAN33	
	BZF	P63SP0T4	# BRANCH IF ANTENNA ALREADY IN POSITION 1
	CAF	CODE500	# ASTRONAUT: PLEASE CRANK THE
	TC	BANKCALL	# SILLY THING AROUND
	CADR	GOPERF1	
	TCF	GOTOPOOH	# TERMINATE
	TCF	P63SP0T3	# PROCEED SEE IF HE'S LYING
P63SP0T4	тс	BANKCALL	# ENTER INITIALIZE LANDING RADAR
	CADR	SETP0S1	
	тс	POSTJUMP	# OFF TO SEE THE WIZARD
	CADR	BURNBABY	

#### 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 = 0x5f3759df - (i >> 1); // what the fuck?
y = % (float * ) &i;
y = y * ( threehalfs - ( x2 * y * y ) ); // lst iteration
// y = y * ( threehalfs - ( x2 * y * y ) ); // lst iteration, this
can be removed
```

return y;

Len Shustek, Computer History Museum

#### 2006

1985

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

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# ~ 50 years, a lightning fast growth

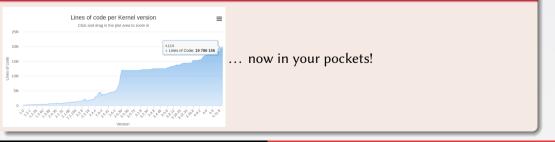
#### Apollo 11 Guidance Computer (~60.000 lines), 1969



"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





### Software is eating the world...

#### **Business**



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#### ESSAY

### Why Software Is Eating The World

By Marc Andreessen August 20, 2011

This week, Hewlett-Packard (where I am on the board) announced that it is exploring jettioning its struggling PC business in favor of investing more heavily in software, where it sees better potential for growth. Meanwhile, Google plans to buy up the cellphone handset maker Motorola Mobility. Both moves surprised the tech word, But both moves are also in line with a trend I've observed, one that makes me optimistic about the future

### outperform or buy out

hardware companies

#### Marc Andreesen, 2011

#### Technology

### **Software Defined Everything**

#### Hardware gets commoditised

Software becomes the new value!



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# Open Source is eating the software world

### **Open Source Software**

can be openly (re)used, modified, (re)distributed, with full access to its source code!



80% to 90% of a new application is ... just reuse!

(Sonatype survey, 2017)

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# How are we managing our (open source) software ?

### Reproducibility, maintenance in Academia



### (articles: here, here, here and here)

### Security, integrity, traceability in Industry



- ship, use, acquire
- has that bug or vulnerability

### awareness is raising at the level of public policy

# Policy highlights: Open Science

Paris Call on Software Source code (2019, UNESCO)



40 international experts call to "promote software development as a valuable research activity, and research software as a key enabler for Open Science/Open Research, [...] recognising in the careers of academics their contributions to high quality software development, in all their forms"

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### Software in the EOSC



2020 EOSC SIRS connect scholarly ecosystem via Software Heritage 2021 EOSC Task Force on Infrastructures for Research Software 2022 FAIRCORE4EOSC project WP6 implements SIRS report 2023 INFRAEOSC call on quality of scientific software

### And much more

Software track in OSEC 2022, Software working group launched in Science Europe, DFG adds software to model CV (9/22), NASA unveils Open Science policy (12/22), ...

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# Software supply chain and its issues



### Software Supply Chain attacks

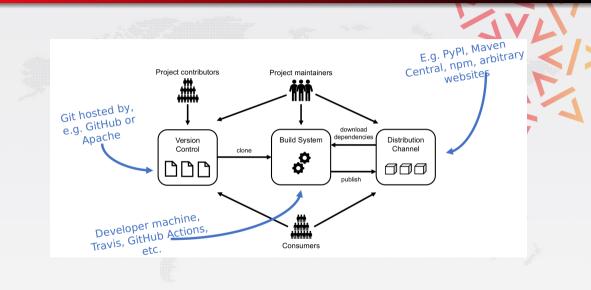
Malicious code injection into software components to compromise downstream users

March 2022 node-ipc and peacenotwar (CVE-2022-23812)

Dec 2021 Apache Log4j Remote Code Execution (Log4Shell, CVE-2021-44228)

Nov 2018 Attack on NPM package event-stream

### Software supply chain in a picture



# Policy highlights: industry and sovereignty

Like KYC in banking, KYSW is now essential all over IT...

### Vertical approach: Secure Your Software



improve security of each component separately

- by law: e.g. EU Cyber Resilience Act
- by practice: e.g. https://best.openssf.org/

### Horizontal approach: all the supply chain



THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON Sec. 4. Enhancing Software Supply Chain Security ensuring and attesting, to the extent practicable, to the integrity and provenance of open source software

May 2021 POTUS Executive Order

## A long road ahead

### Vertical approach

secure each component separately

### A few key challenging properties

findability needs qualified metadata availability needs an archive and a system of identifiers integrity needs crypto traceability needs a global provenance database reproducibility needs groundbreaking tools

### these are relevant for Open Science too

We need a global coordinated effort...

and a common, open, shared infrastructure to track all (Open Source) software!

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### Horizontal approach

explore the whole supply chain

# Forges are key platforms, but they are not enough!

#### 2015: the first big bad news

Google Code and Gitorious.org shutdown: ~1M endangered repositories

• broken links in the web of knowledge (my papers too)

#### Big bad news keep coming in

- summer 2019: BitBucket announces Mercurial VCS sunset
- july 2020: BitBucket erases 250.000+ repositories (including research software)
- summer 2022: GitLab.com considers erasing all projects that are inactive for a year

#### In Academia too!

• 2021: Inria's old gforge is unplugged... breaks the Opam build chain for OCaml

source code is spread across hundreds of them...

lack of uniformity, no persistence guarantee

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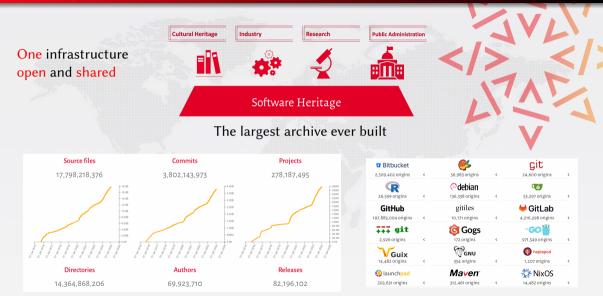
### Software Heritage in a nutshell

www.softwareheritage.org

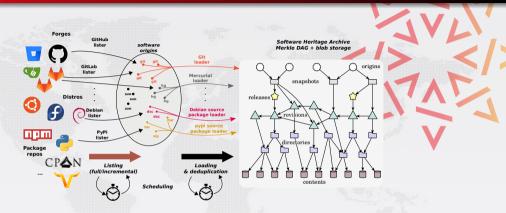


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### The largest software archive, a shared infrastructure



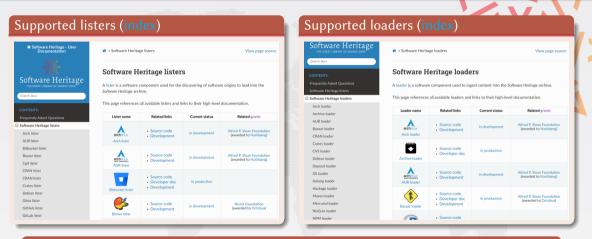
### Address common Open Science and Open Source needs: archival



Global development history permanently archived in a uniform data model

- over 17 billion unique source files from over 270 million software projects
- ~1.5PB (compressed) blobs, ~35 B nodes, ~500 B edges

### A peek under the hood: growing set of listers and loaders



#### Many contributed from external experts

#### thanks to support of Alfred P. Sloan and NLNet foundations

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# Address common Open Science and Open Source needs: reference



### Full fledged source code references for traceability, integrity and reproducibility

- Linux Foundation SPDX 2.2
- IANA-registered "swh:"
- WikiData property P6138

Examples: Apollo 11 AGC excerpt, Quake III rsqrt Guidelines available, see the HOWTO

Breaking news: standardisation, see swhid.org

### An international, non profit initiative

### built for the long term



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### The full graph in the AWS Open Data collection

### https://registry.opendata.aws/software-heritage/

#### **Registry of Open Data on AWS**

#### Software Heritage Graph Dataset

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#### Description

Software Heritage is the largest existing public archive of software source code and accompanying development history. The Software Heritage Graph Dataset is a fully deduplicated Merkle DAG representation of the Software Heritage archive. The dataset links together file content identifiers, source code directories, Version Control System (VCS) commits tracking evolution over time, up to the full states of VCS repositories as observed by Software Heritage during periodic crawls. The dataset's contents come from major development forges (including GitHub and GitLab), FOSS distributions (e.g., Debian), and language-specific package managers (e.g., PyPI). Crawing information is also included, providing timestamps about when and where all archived source code artifacts have been observed in the wild.

#### **Update Frequency**

Data is updated yearly

#### License

Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International.By accessing the dataset, you agree with the Software Heritage Ethical Charter for using the archive data and the terms of use for bulk access.

#### Documentation

https://docs.softwareheritage.org/devel/swh-dataset/graph/athena.html

#### Managed By

Software Heritage

See all datasets managed by Software Heritage.

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#### **Resources on AWS**

Description Software Heritage Graph Dataset

Resource type S3 Bucket

Amazon Resource Name (ARN) arn:aws:s3:::softwareheritage

AWS Region

AWS CLI Access (No AWS account required) aws s3 ls --no-sign-request s3://softwareheritage/

#### Description

S3 Inventory files

Resource type S3 Bucket

Amazon Resource Name (ARN) arn:aws:s3:::softwareheritage-inventory

AWS Region

AWS CLI Access (No AWS account required)

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#### Accessing graph leaves (a.k.a. contents)

File contents can be accessed using their SHA1 checksum

```
 s3 \ cp \ --no-sign-request \ s3://softwareheritage/content/8624bcdae55baeef00cd11d5dfcfa60f68710a02 .
```

Notice that file contents are compressed:

\$ zcat 8624bcdae55baeef00cd11d5dfcfa60f68710a02 | head GNU GENERAL PUBLIC LICENSE Version 3, 29 June 2007

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### A peek at the dataset, cont'd

### Annual dumps of (inner nodes of) the full graph

\$ aws s3 ls --no-sign-request s3://softwareheritage/graph/

```
2018-09-25/
2019-01-28-popular-3k-python/
2019-01-28-popular-4k/
2020-05-20/
2020-12-15/
```

```
2021-03-23-cpython-3-5/
2021-03-23-popular-3k-python/
2021-03-23/
2022-04-25/
```

#### How to use

- online full documentation
- Antoine Pietri's PhD Thesis

#### How to cite

Antoine Pietri, Diomidis Spinellis, Stefano Zacchiroli. *The Software Heritage Graph Dataset: Public software development under one roof.* MSR 2019. (bibtex)

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### Example: most popular commit verbs (stemmed)

#### Query using Amazon Athena

SELECT COUNT(\*) AS C, word FROM (
 SELECT word\_stem(lower(split\_part(
 trim(from\_utf8(message)), ' , 1)))
 AS word FROM revision
 WHERE length(message) < 1000000)
WHERE word != ''
GROUP BY word
ORDER BY C
DESC LIMIT 20;</pre>

Total cost: approximately .5 euros

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8	45609622	creat		
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0	32230842	chang		
1	23110410	delet		
2	20734745	new		
3	16644508	commit		
4	15651821	test		

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# Going beyond SQL

### State-of-the-art graph compression from social networks

Paolo Boldi, Antoine Pietri, Sebastiano Vigna, Stefano Zacchiroli

Ultra-Large-Scale Repository Analysis via Graph Compression

SANER 2020, 27th Intl. Conf. on Software Analysis, Evolution and Reengineering. IEEE

#### Results

Full graph structure (35 B nodes, 500 B edges) in 300 GiB RAM

- traversal time is tens of ns per edge
- bidirectional traversals implemented
- beware: metadata access is still off RAM

#### Java and gRPC APIs available ... Rust is coming next!

docs.softwareheritage.org/devel/swh-graph/grpc-api.html

# assume graph service on localhost:50091

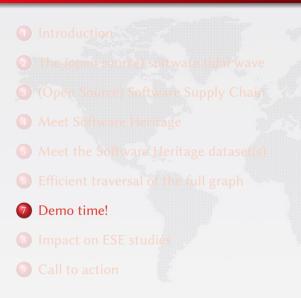
#### Find all origins containing a given content

grpc\_cli call localhost:50091 swh.graph.TraversalService.Traverse "\
src: 'swh:1:cnt:8722d84d658e5e11519b807abb5c05bfbfc531f0', direction: BACKWARD,
mask: {paths: ['swhid', 'ori.url']}, return\_nodes: {types: 'ori'}"

Gives a list of origins including "https://github.com/rdicosmo/parmap", encoded as "swh:1:ori:8903a90cff8f07159be7aed69f19d66d33db3f86" (beware: this is not a SWHID!)

### Shortest provenance path of a content in a given origin

```
grpc_cli call localhost:50091 swh.graph.TraversalService.FindPathBetween "\
src: 'swh:1:ori:8903a90cff8f07159be7aed69f19d66d33db3f86', \
dst: 'swh:1:cnt:8722d84d658e5e11519b807abb5c05bfbfc531f0', \
mask: {paths: ['swhid']}" | egrep 'swhid'
connecting to localhost:50091
swhid: "swh:1:ori:8903a90cff8f07159be7aed69f19d66d33db3f86"
swhid: "swh:1:snp:1527a93b039d70f6a781b05d76b77c6209912887"
swhid: "swh:1:rev:82df563aecf86b9164eee7d10d40f2d8cbd1c78d"
swhid: "swh:1:dir:484db39bb2825886191837bb0960b7450f9099bb"
swhid: "swh:1:dir:415e44b378fe39dd23817abee756cd47ad14575"
swhid: "swh:1:cnt:8722d84d658e5e11519b807abb5c05bfbfc531f0"
Rpc succeeded with OK status
```



### CVE-2014-0160

### Get SWHID of compromised openssl files

\$ for f in openssl-1.0.1\*/ssl/d1\_both.c; do swh-identify \$f; done swh:1:cnt:0a84f957118afa9804451add380eca4719a9765e openssl-1.0.1 swh:1:cnt:7a5596a6b373aeabbd6d8d674f0e20b1618c5012 openssl-1.0.1 swh:1:cnt:2e8cf681ed0976e2b16460170fda27c77cfec6cc openssl-1.0.1 swh:1:cnt:04aa23107ec53c184505e98091306c7391091bb5 openssl-1.0.1 swh:1:cnt:de8bab873f2cf114d0d1b3e49acfa09bb9d0e4f7 openssl-1.0.1

openssl-1.0.1-beta1/ssl/d1\_both openssl-1.0.1f/ssl/d1\_both.c openssl-1.0.1g/ssl/d1\_both.c openssl-1.0.1h/ssl/d1\_both.c openssl-1.0.1/ssl/d1\_both.c

#### Look up one origin that contains it using the graph

\$ swh-graph-lookup.py -c swh:1:cnt:de8bab873f2cf114d0d1b3e49acfa09bb9d0e4f7 swh:1:cnt:de8bab873f2cf114d0d1b3e49acfa09bb9d0e4f7; path=ssl/d1\_both.c; anchor=swh:1:rev:86628df45f9eec5b2d46aeb77644ae8f544d1291; visit=swh:1:snp:6163a539c30011303b5162931fdafd84af8d1c09; origin=https://github.com/taptipalit/openssl

let's check this occurrence

### ... more closely

### Find all origins...

```
$ swh-graph-lookup.py --all-origins \
   -c swh:1:cnt:de8bab873f2cf114d0d1b3e49acfa09bb9d0e4f7 \
    | cut -d ; -f 3 | sort -u | grep swh | sed 's/anchor=//' > allrevs
$ head -3 allrevs
swh:1:rev:005b61176f3f72c6c31a2c9431dbc8b5730023ed
swh:1:rev:01b47383d76f8b9653c6418b0fe1c36043b83ea1
swh:1:rev:03487116266297d1611556910515f7a3cd7f5fcd
```

### One of them is pretty late!

#### Let's see where it comes from

\$ grep "swh:1:rev:03487116266297d1611556910515f7a3cd7f5fcd" allrevs swh:1:cnt:de8bab873f2cf114d0d1b3e49acfa09bb9d0e4f7;path=ssl/d1\_both.c; anchor=swh:1:rev:03487116266297d1611556910515f7a3cd7f5fcd; visit=swh:1:snp:7104ce60b2fa0650fe993195396a68f17dce5220; origin=https://github.com/Harrison0984/openssl-android

# ... more closely, cont'd

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Impact on ESE studies

# Selected research works using Software Heritage

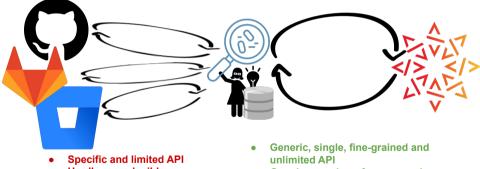
- Thibault Allançon, Antoine Pietri, Stefano Zacchiroli
  - The Software Heritage Filesystem (SwhFS): Integrating Source Code Archival with Development. ICSE 2021: The 43rd International Conference on Software Engineering https://arxiv.org/abs/2102.06390
  - Stefano Zacchiroli

Gender Differences in Public Code Contributions: a 50-year Perspective IEEE Softw. 38(2): 45-50 (2021)

- Antoine Pietri, Guillaume Rousseau, Stefano Zacchiroli Forking Without Clicking: on How to Identify Software Repository Forks MSR 2020: 17th Intl. Conf. on Mining Software Repositories. IEEE
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# Mining Android Applications on Software Heritage

RQ: how to build a specific dataset for a given research question?



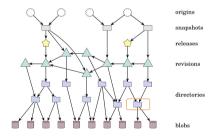
Hardly reproducible

- Growing number of source codes
- Easy to update the dataset

(from the Inria/IRISA DiverSE team)

## Using the SWH merkle dag to identify android repositories

Identify android application repositories = Find the AndroidManifest.xml among the sources

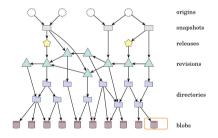


SWH Merkle DAG, Antoine Pietri

1) Iterate over the graph nodes until you find a directory node containing a file named "AndroidManifest.xml".

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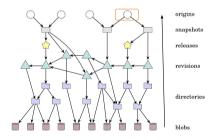
SWH Merkle DAG, Antoine Pietri

2) Extract the SWH identifier of the blob corresponding to the AndroidManifest.xml and download the corresponding file through the SWH Web API



## Using the SWH merkle dag to identify android repositories

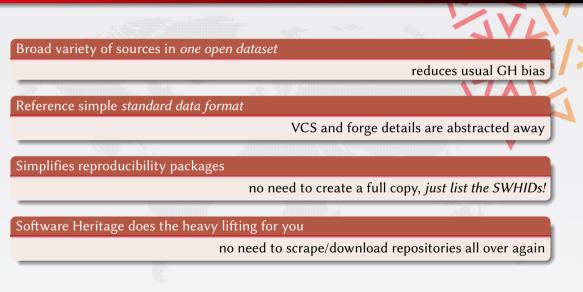
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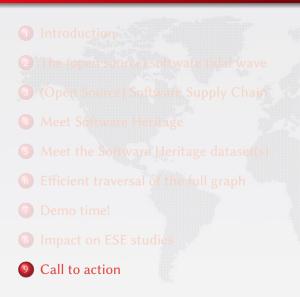
SWH Merkle DAG, Antoine Pietri

3) Traverse the graph in backward direction to the origin node and get the repository url

## Bottomline



### Outline



## Join a growing, active community

#### Core Team



### The first five years in just five minutes



#### All together, 2023 UNESCO Symposium



### Ambassadors, news, blog, media

- meet the ambassadors
- subscribe to the newsletter
- read the blog
- follow @swheritage

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# Adopt and share best practices for ARDC

### Archiving and referencing

For all source code used in research (yes, even small scripts!)

• archive and reference in Software Heritage (see detailed HOWTO)

### Describing and Citing/Crediting

For software one wants to put forward, add these extra steps:

- add codemeta.json with description (see the codemeta generator)
- (french partners) reference in the HAL portal (see online HAL documentation)
- cite software using the **biblatex-software** package (in CTAN and TeXLive)

#### We can (and must)

- train students and colleagues
- engage journals, conferences, learned societies

## Policy remarks on the road ahead

#### Infrastructures for Software: avoid balkanisation, mutualise cost

- build on common, shared, open, non profit infrastructures
- join Software Heritage

development member/sponsor, mirror, contributor adoption ambassador, learned societies, policy research address the many scientific challenges

### Walking the talk in Europe

ongoing full workpackage in FAIRCORE4EOSC interconnects infrastructures with Software Heritage

open now CHIST-ERA joint ORD call

#### deadline: 14/12/2022

Belgium, Czech Republic, France, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Poland, Slovakia, Switzerland, Turkey

"Processes and tools to describe, share, reference and archive software [...] that leverage existing initiatives, such as Software Heritage"

# A rally flag for a grand vision

Bring together academia, industry, governments, communities

"to build a reference, global infrastructure for open and better software"

### Software Heritage is the first brick ...

- vendor neutral
- open source
- a worldwide initiative
- a long term initiative

#### ... that will enable

- archival, reference, integrity
- qualification, sharing and reuse
- a global software knowledge base
- test and deploy world class tooling

#### A lot more is needed

Software Heritage can be the *catalyser* of a way bigger undertaking

#### You can help!

### use, disseminate, contribute, build&adapt research tools, ...

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### Let's work together!

**Questions?** 

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