

Software Heritage

key infrastructure for Open Science and Software Science

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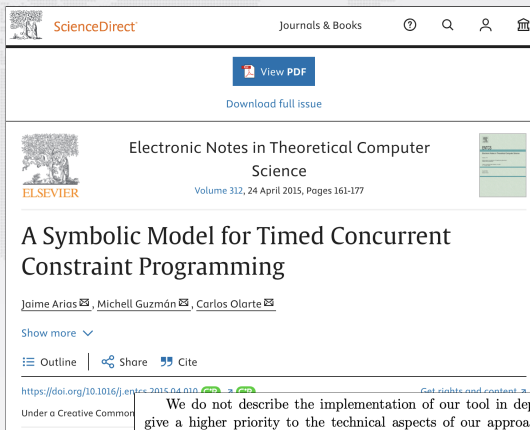
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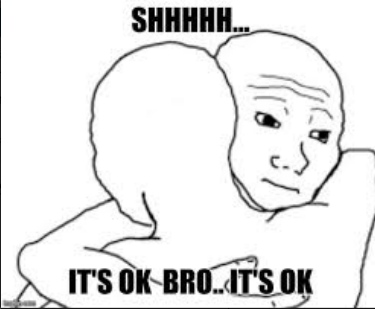
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float Q_rsqrt( float number )
{
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    float x2, y;
    const float threehalfs = 1.5F;

    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 ) ); // 1st iteration
    // y = y * ( threehalfs - ( x2 * y * y ) ); // 2nd iteration, this
    // can be removed

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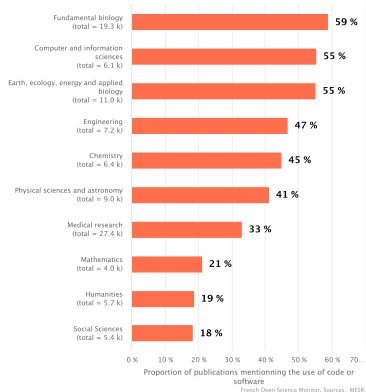
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Software powers modern research

Proportion of publications in France published in 2022 that mention the use of code or software by discipline



Over 20% of articles using software across all disciplines share it
2024 French Open Science Monitor

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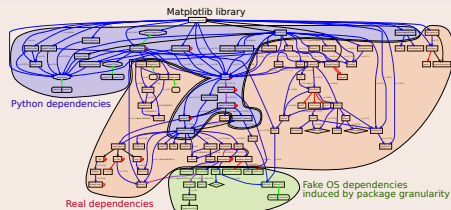
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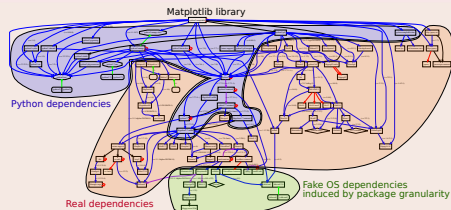
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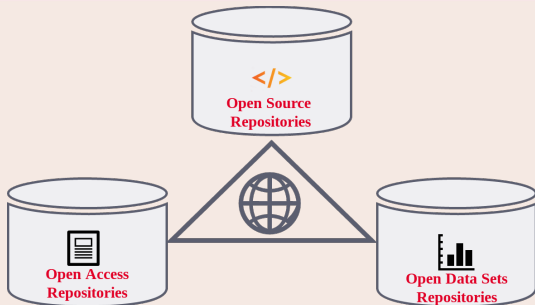
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design, algorithm, code, test, documentation, community, funding

and so many more facets ...

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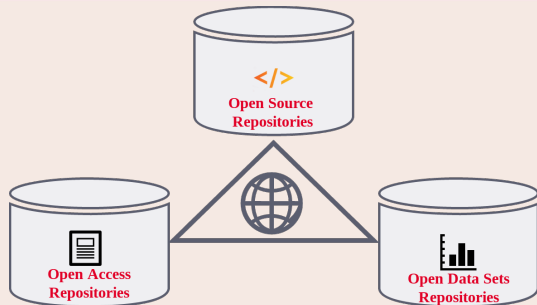
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- example: [archived version of biblatex-software](#)

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- A *Poor user experience*
- B *No preservation guarantee*
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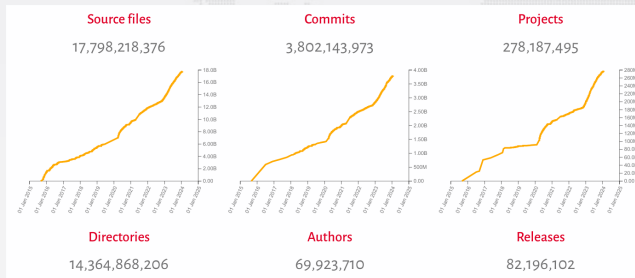


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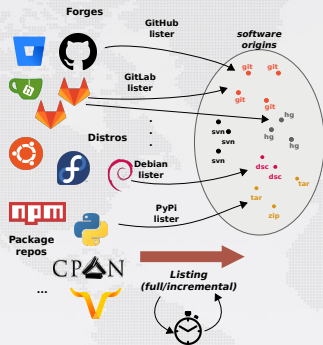


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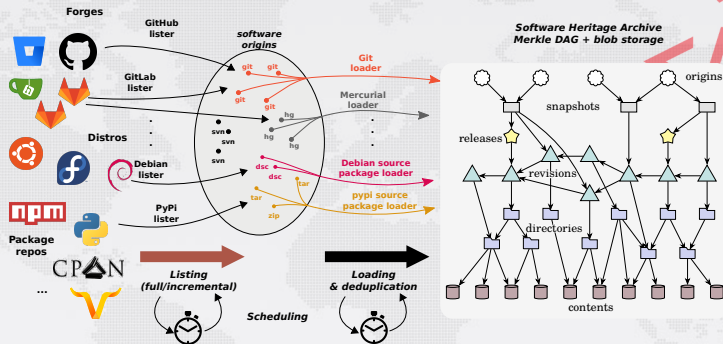


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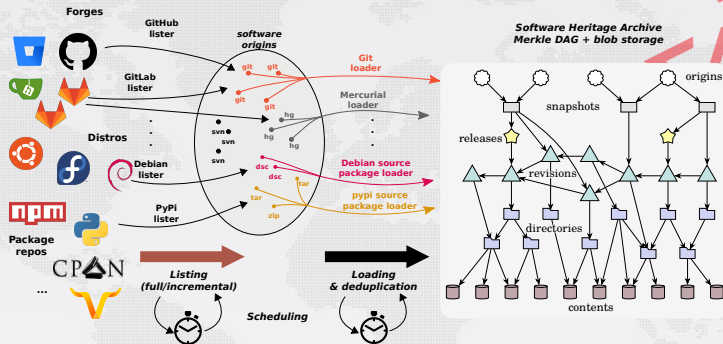
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Global development history **permanently archived** in a **uniform data model**

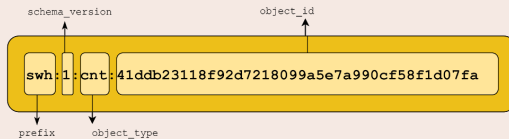
- over **20 billion** unique source files from over **300 million** software projects
- **~2PB** (compressed) blobs, **~50 B** nodes, **~700 B** edges

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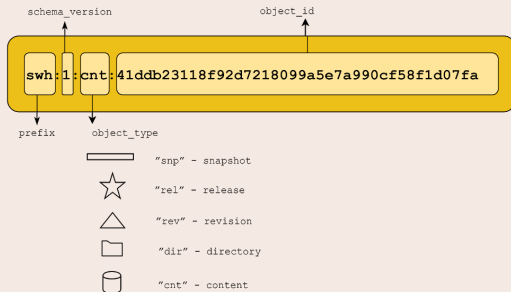


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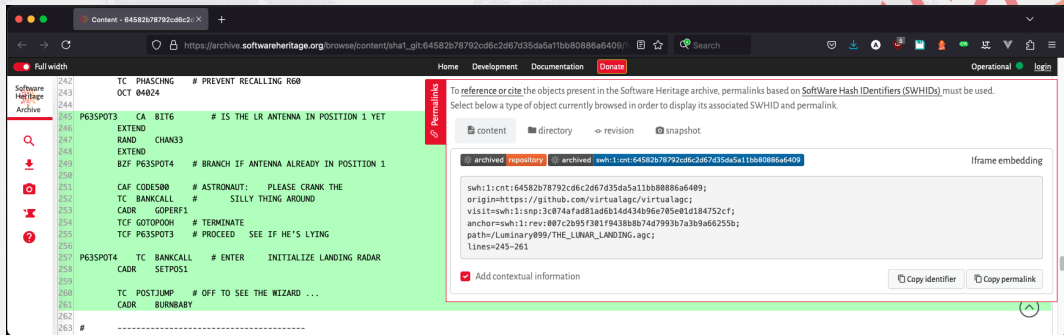
Full fledged *source code references* for traceability, integrity and reproducibility

Examples: [Apollo 11 AGC](#), [Quake III rsqrt](#); Guidelines available: [HOWTO](#) and [ICMS 2020](#)

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A quick tour as a user

- designed for source code: Browse (e.g. Apollo 11 excerpt) like on a developer platform, not a document archive!



The screenshot shows a web browser displaying a source code excerpt from the Apollo 11 mission. The code is presented in a monospaced font with line numbers on the left. A modal window titled "Permalinks" is open over the code, providing instructions on how to reference or cite objects in the archive. The modal includes a "Permalinks" sidebar, a "To reference or cite" section, a "Select below a type of object" dropdown menu, and a text area containing the SWHID and permalink for the selected code. The SWHID is `swh:1:cnt:64582b78792cd6c2d67d35da5a11bb80886a6409` and the permalink is `https://archive.softwareheritage.org/browse/content/sha1_git-64582b78792cd6c2d67d35da5a11bb80886a6409/`. The modal also includes a "Copy identifier" button, a "Copy permalink" button, and a checkbox for "Add contextual information".

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To reference or cite the objects present in the Software Heritage archive, permalinks based on SoftWare Hash Identifiers (SWHIDs) must be used. Select below a type of object currently browsed in order to display its associated SWHID and permalink.

content directory revision snapshot

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Add contextual information

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A quick tour as a user

- **reference source code:** all granularities, using SWHIDs (**full specification available online**)
 - SWHIDs *guarantee integrity* like in *blockchains*

```
1 let simplemapper ncores compute op =
2   (* init task parameters *)
3   let ln = Array.length al in
4   let chunksize = ln/ncores in
5   (* create descriptors to mmap *)
6   let fdarr = Array.init ncores (fun
7     (* spawn child *)
8     for i = 0 to i
9     match Unix.
10    0 -> (* c
11      (let
12        let
13          let
14            let
15              mar
16              exit
17            | -1 -> fail
18              | pid -> ()
19          done;
20          (* wait for a
21            for i = 0 to
22            (* read in all
23            let res = ref
24            (* accumulate
25            for i = 0 to
26            res = (un
27            done;
28            (* combine all
29            combine !res;
```

6. Conclusions

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Figure 1: Single implementation of the distribution, fork, and recollection phases in Parmap (slightly simplified from the actual code in the version of Parmap used for this article)

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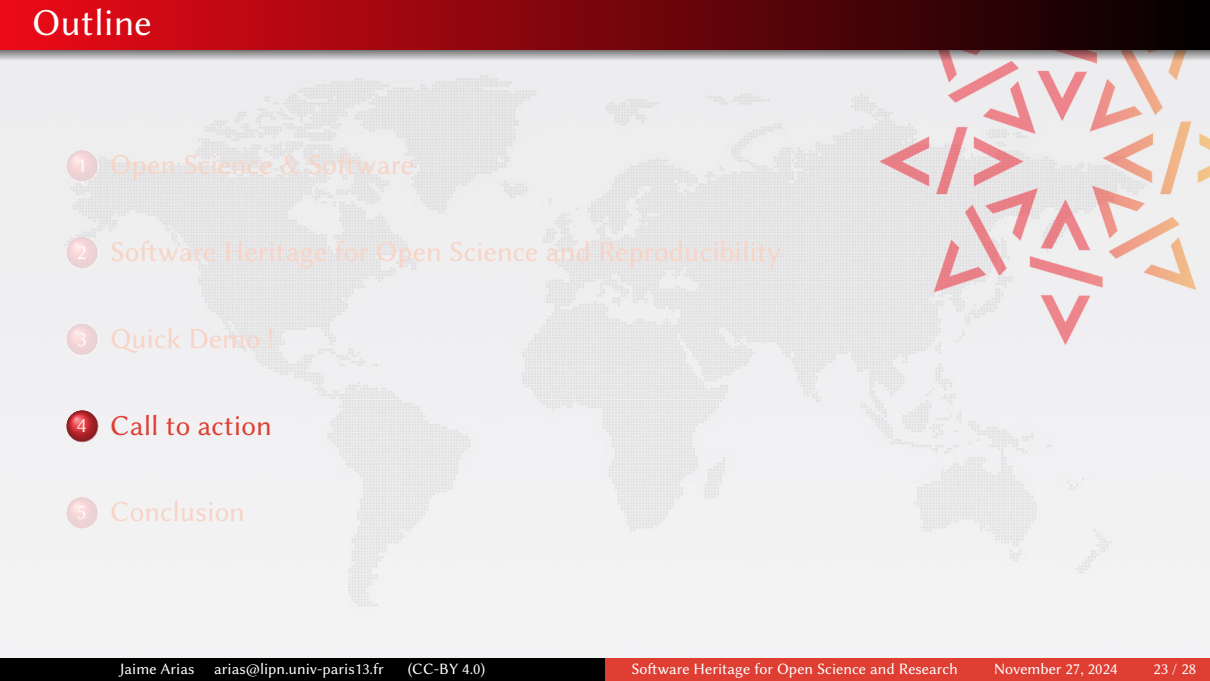
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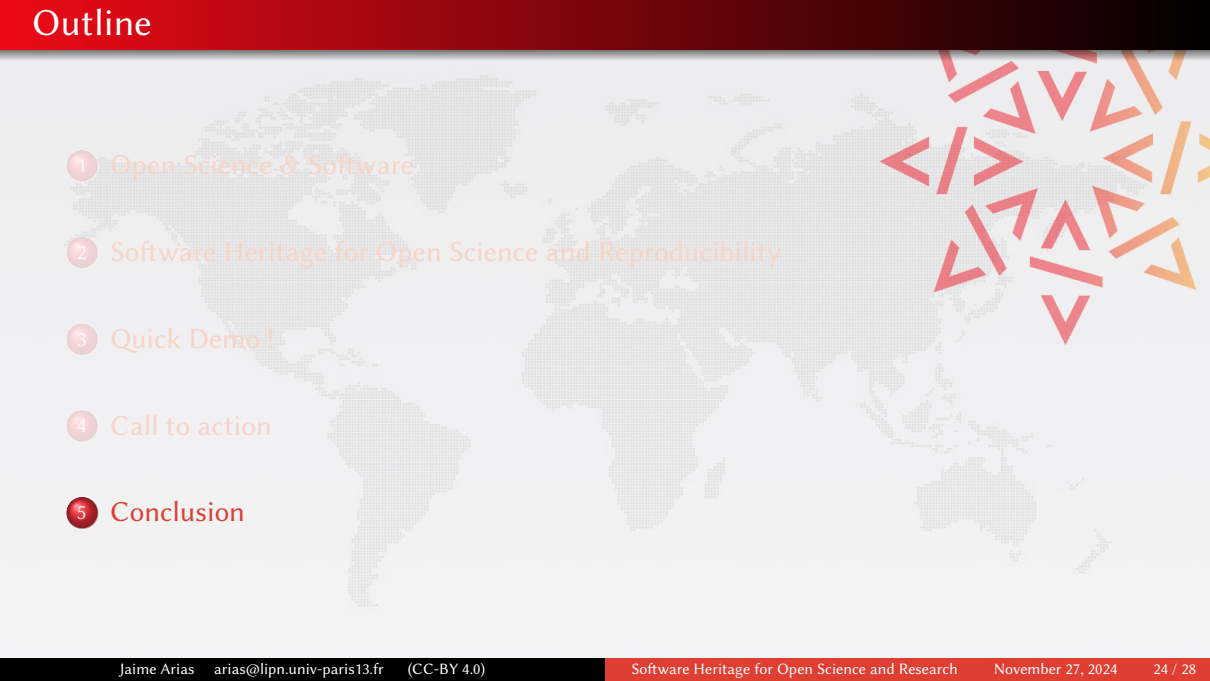
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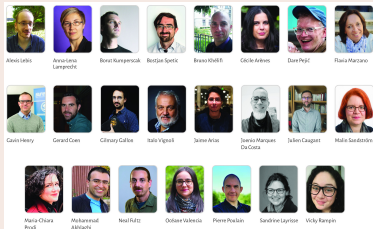


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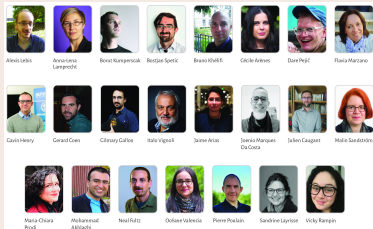
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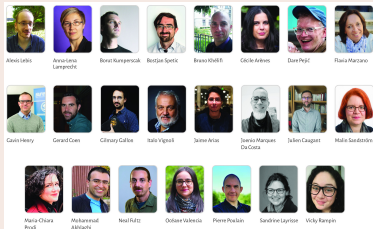


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