Improving Software Sharing and Impact through Software Registries

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We provide in-kind funding for collaborative projects

- Projects driven by research challenges faced by project partners
- We provide Research Software Engineers (RSEs) to these projects
- These RSEs create and adapt research software to answer the research questions



~270 projects

(on many different topics)

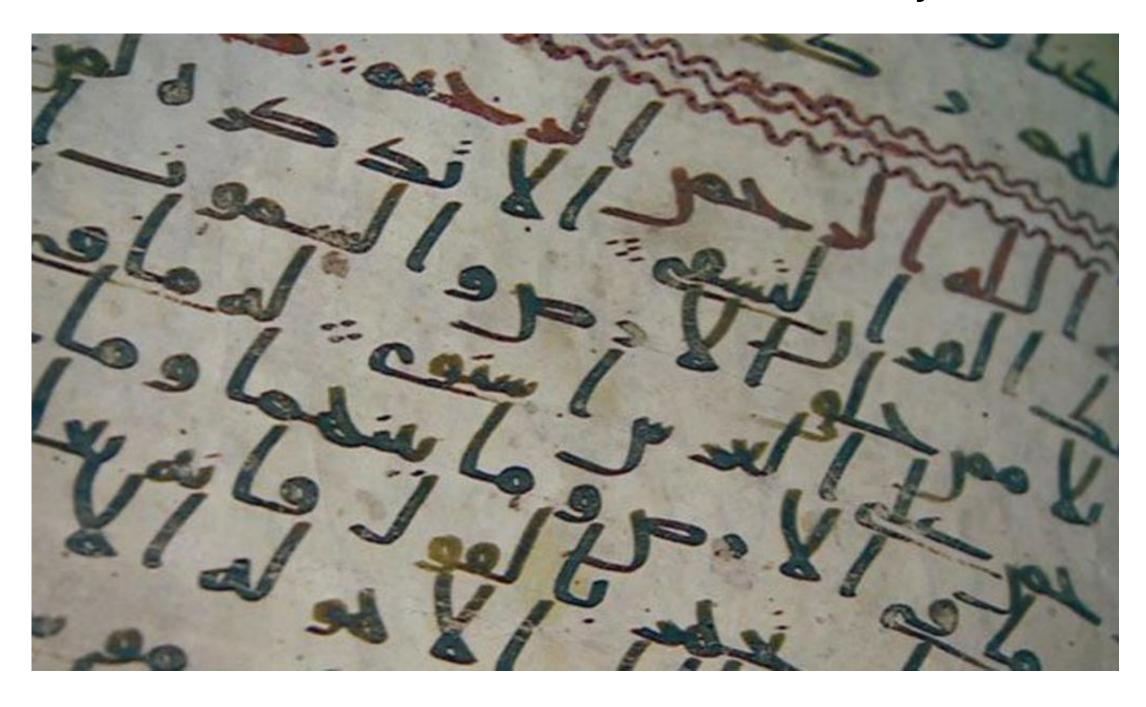
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In collaboration with ASTRON & UvA



Digital Humanities: Arabic-Islamic corpus

In collaboration with Utrecht University



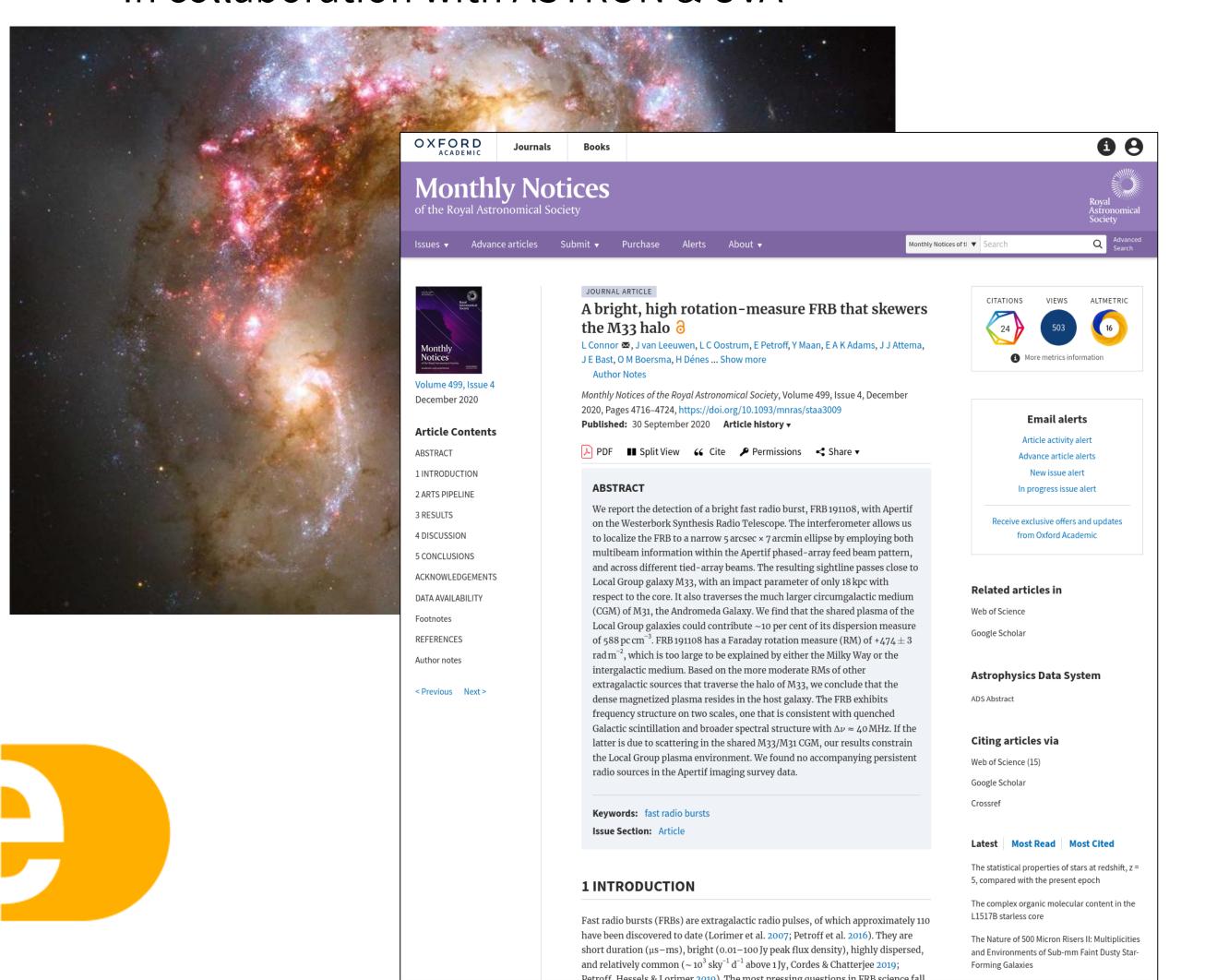


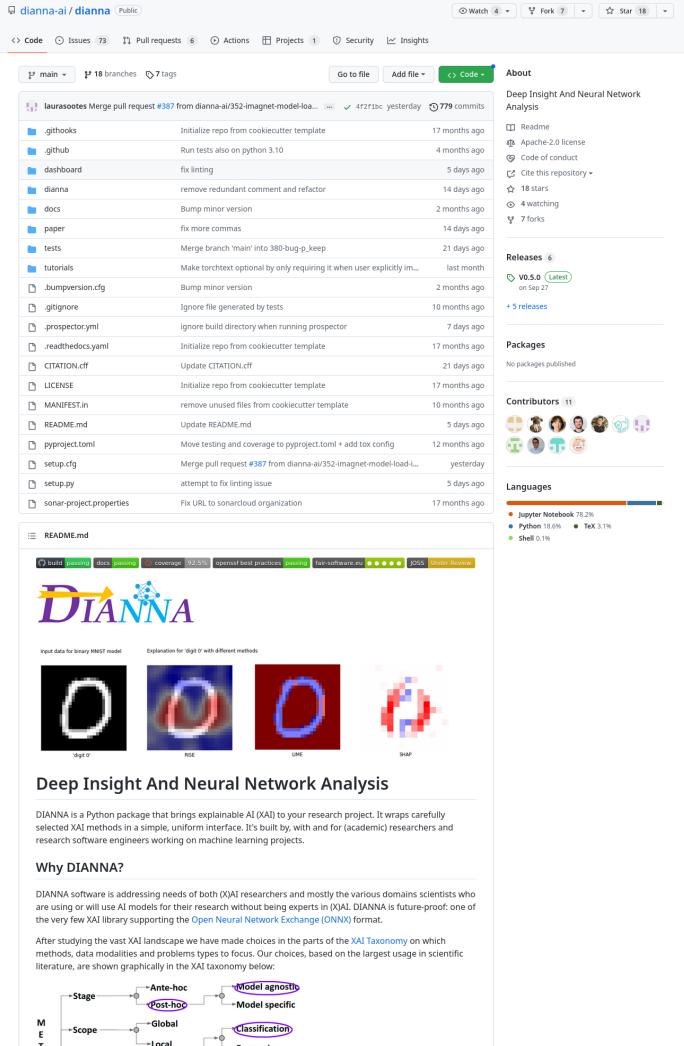
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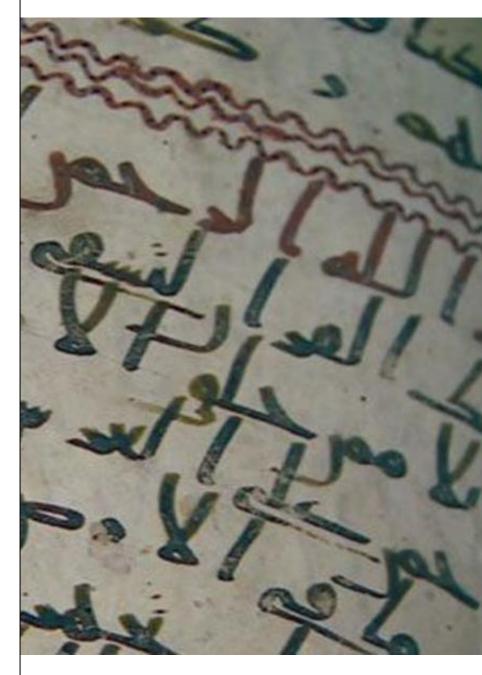
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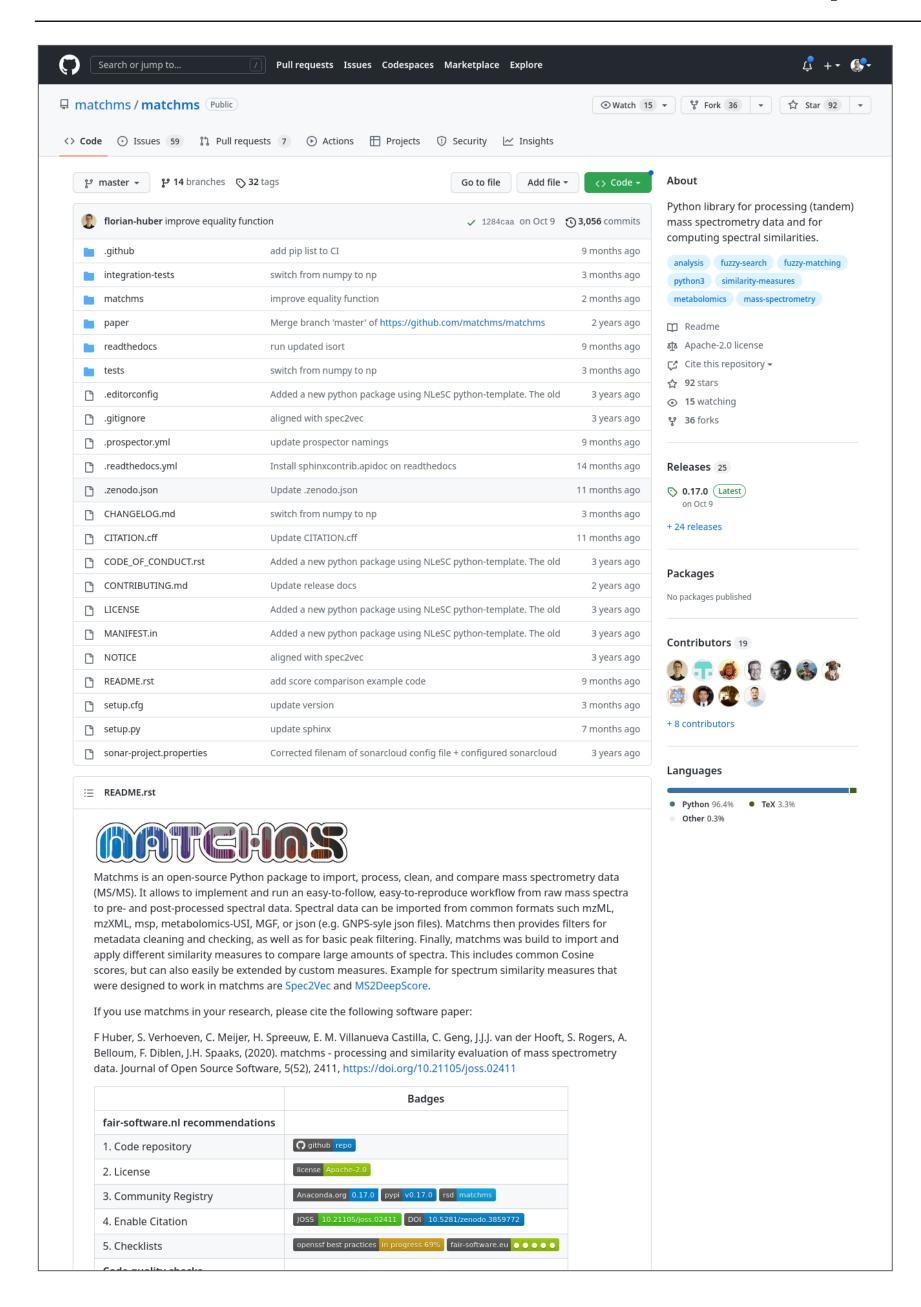


Pull requests Issues Codespaces Marketplace Explore

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Our role in the Research Software landscape



Our main contribution to research and main output as an institute is **research software**.

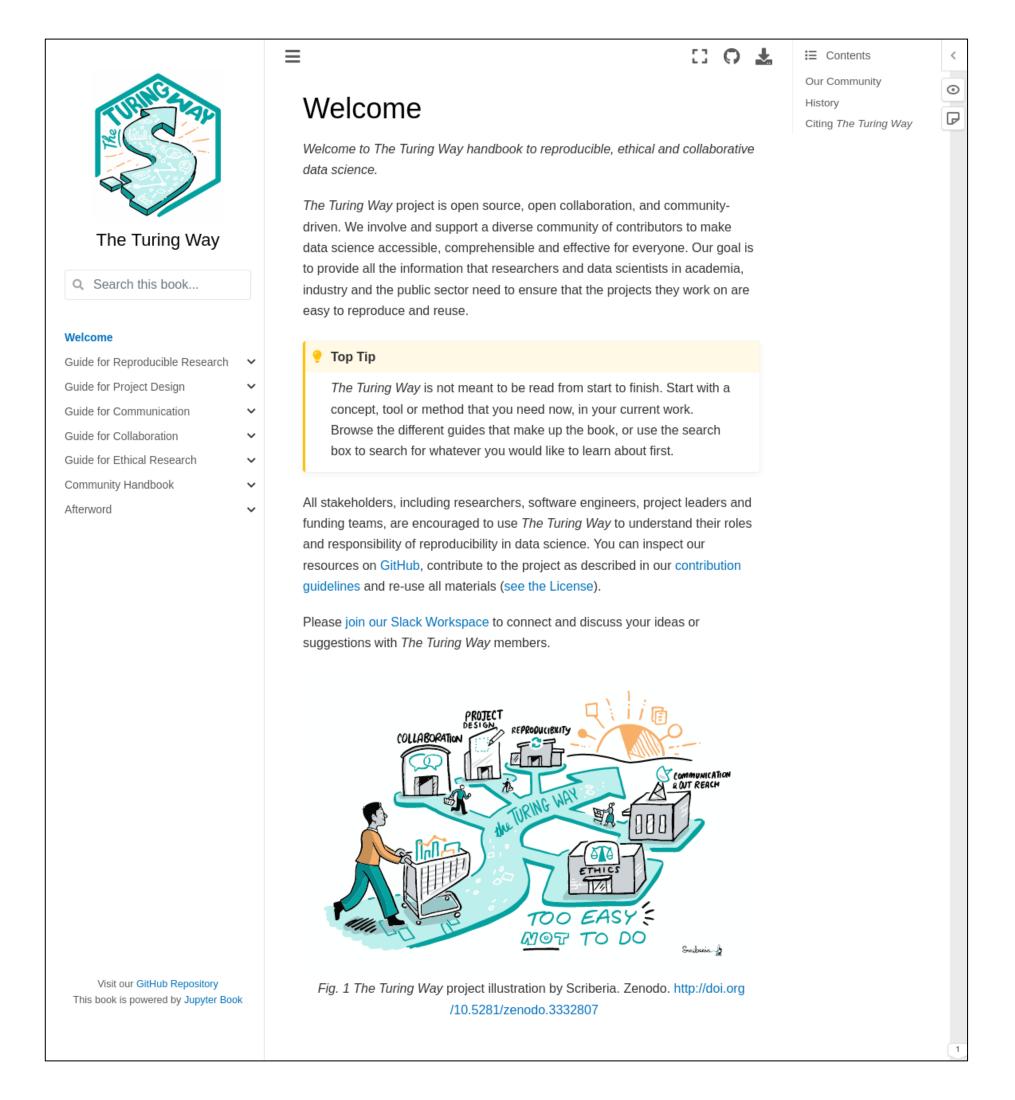
Quality, sustainability, re-use and broad impact are very important to us!

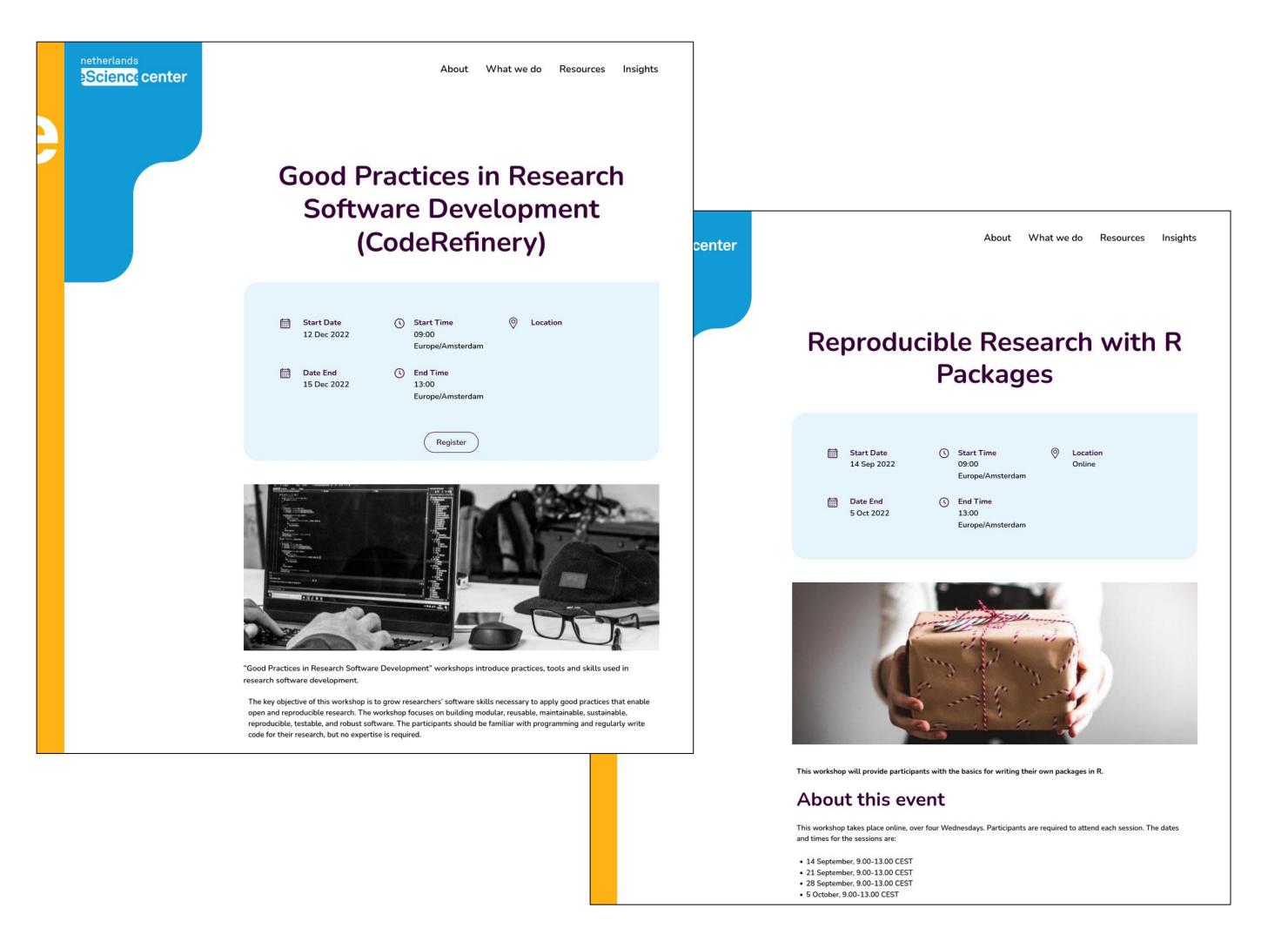
Open Science, Open Source, Open Data, Open Access, ...

We are actively involved in:

- Best practices guidelines
- Digital skills training
- FAIR software
- Software citation & metadata
- Software Management Plans
- Improving funding of research software
- Research Software Directory

Examples: Best Practices & Training





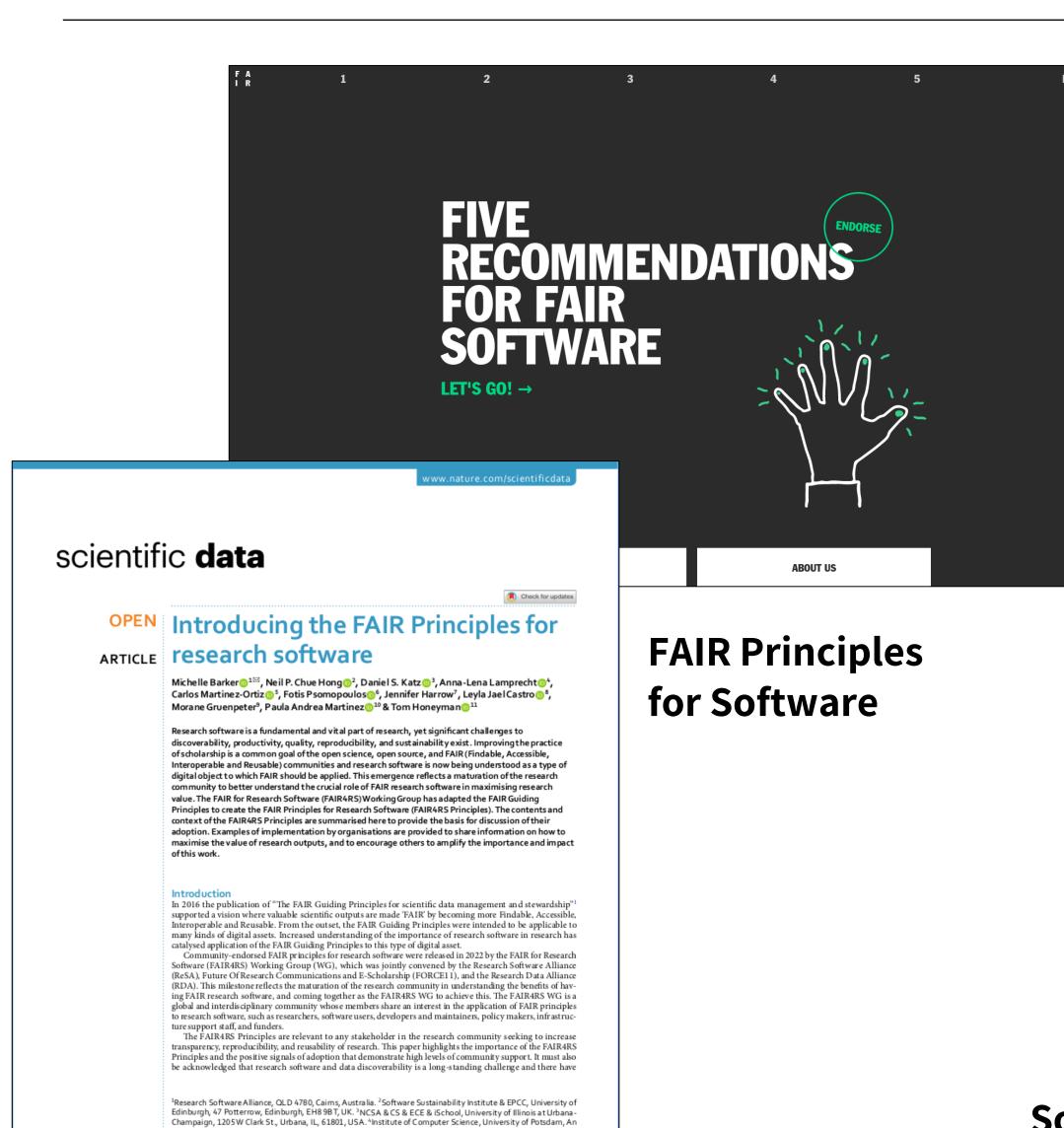
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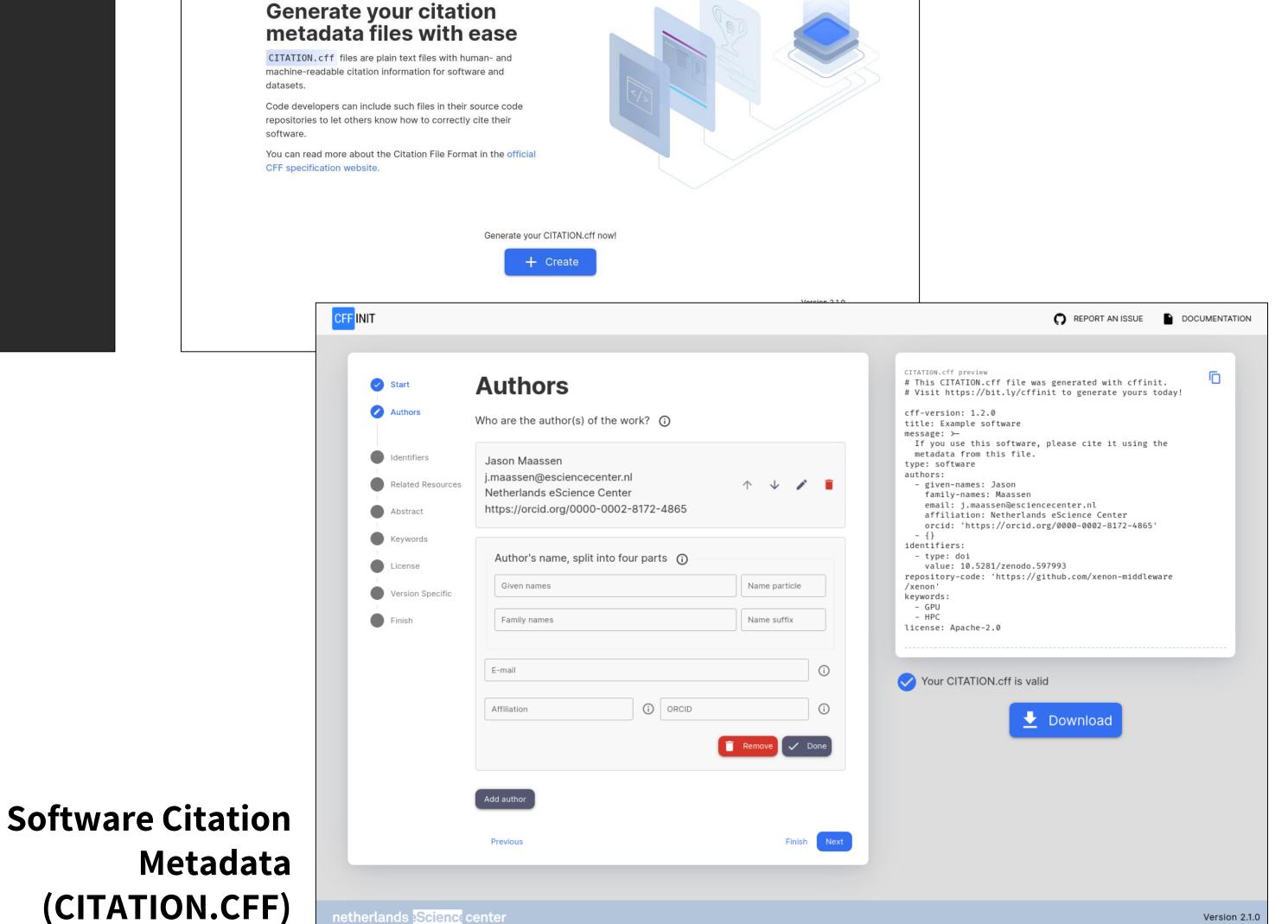
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Digital Skills Training

https://www.esciencecenter.nl/digital-skills

Examples: FAIR Software & Software Citation





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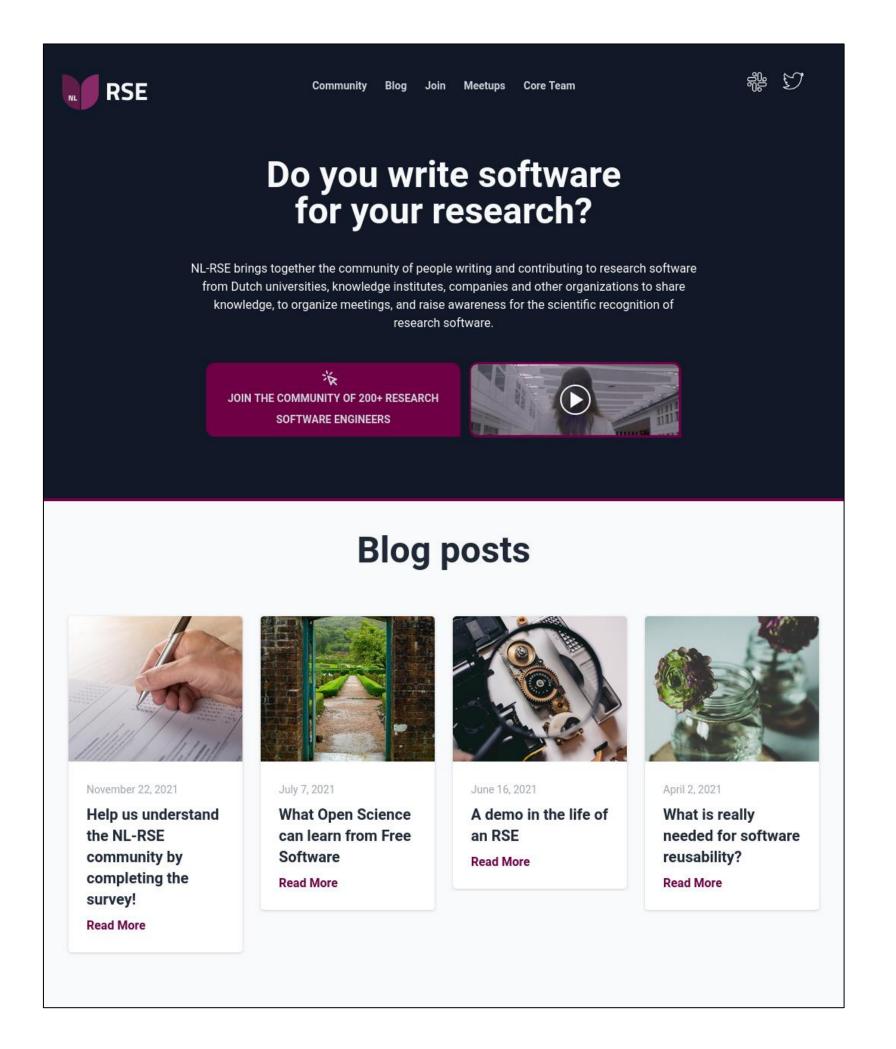
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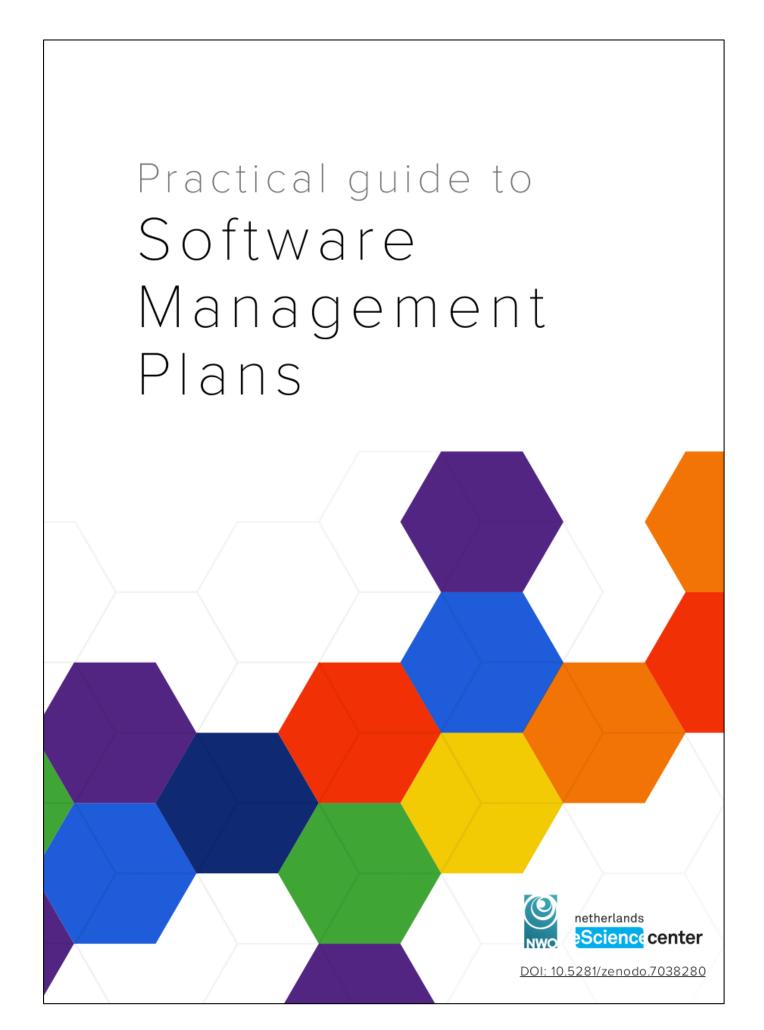
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Examples: Policy & Community



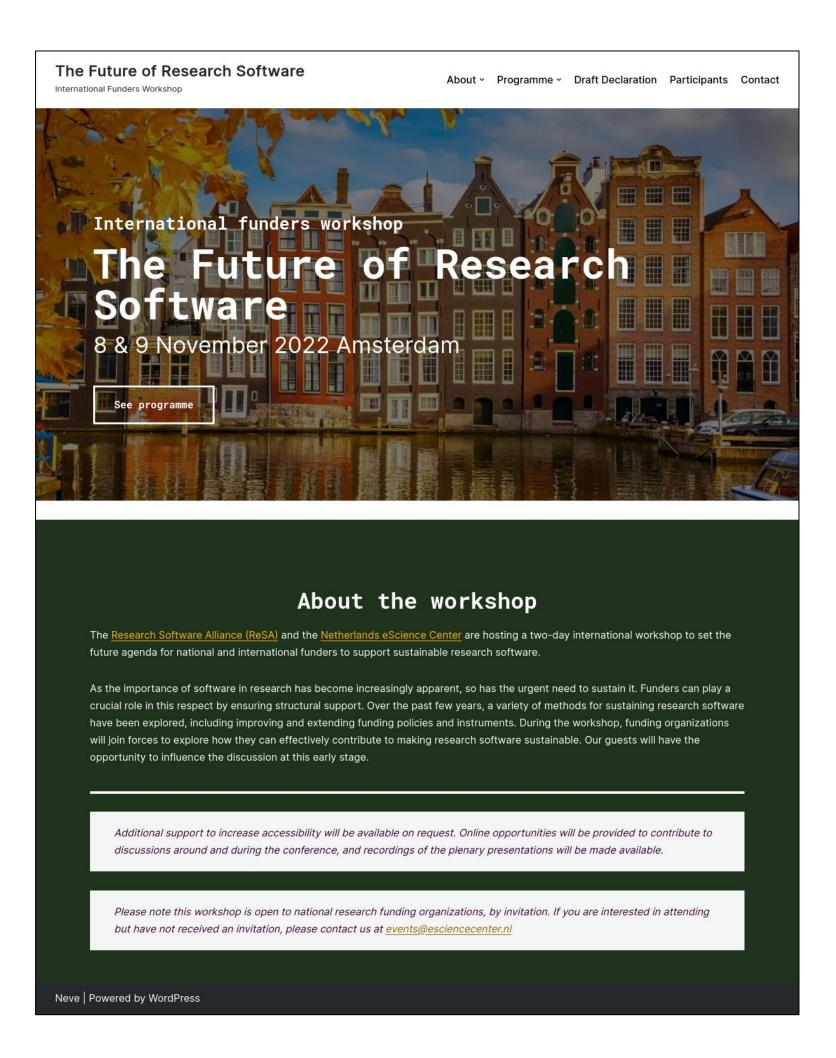


Dutch Research Software Engineer Community

with RSEs from different organizations

National Guidelines for Software Management Plans

with NWO & Dutch Universities

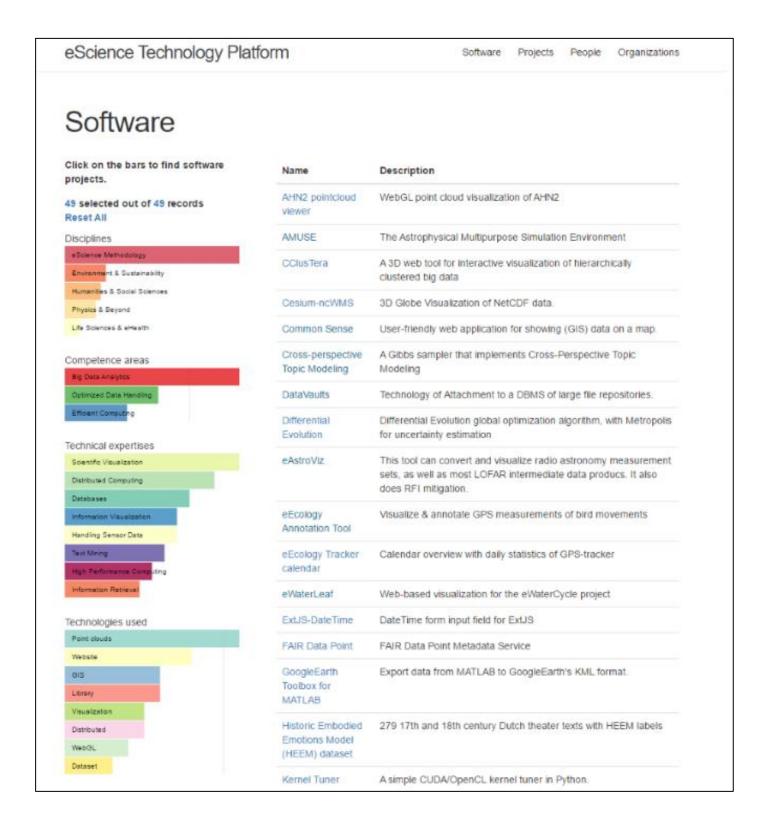


International Workshop on Research Software Funding

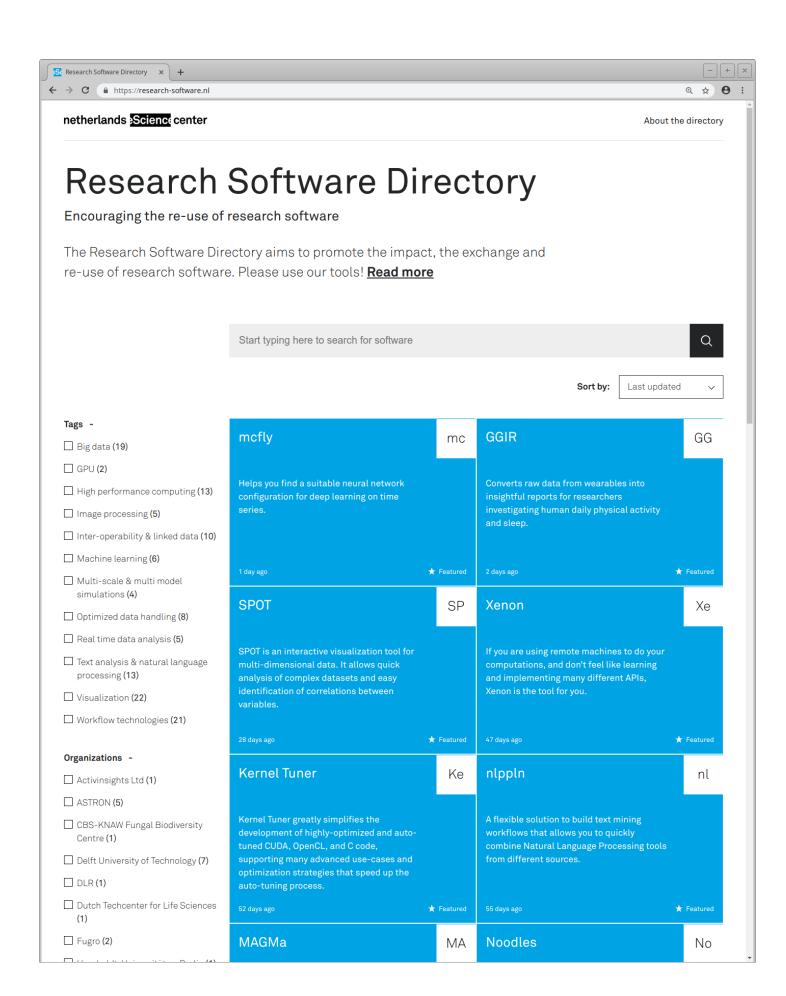
with ReSA

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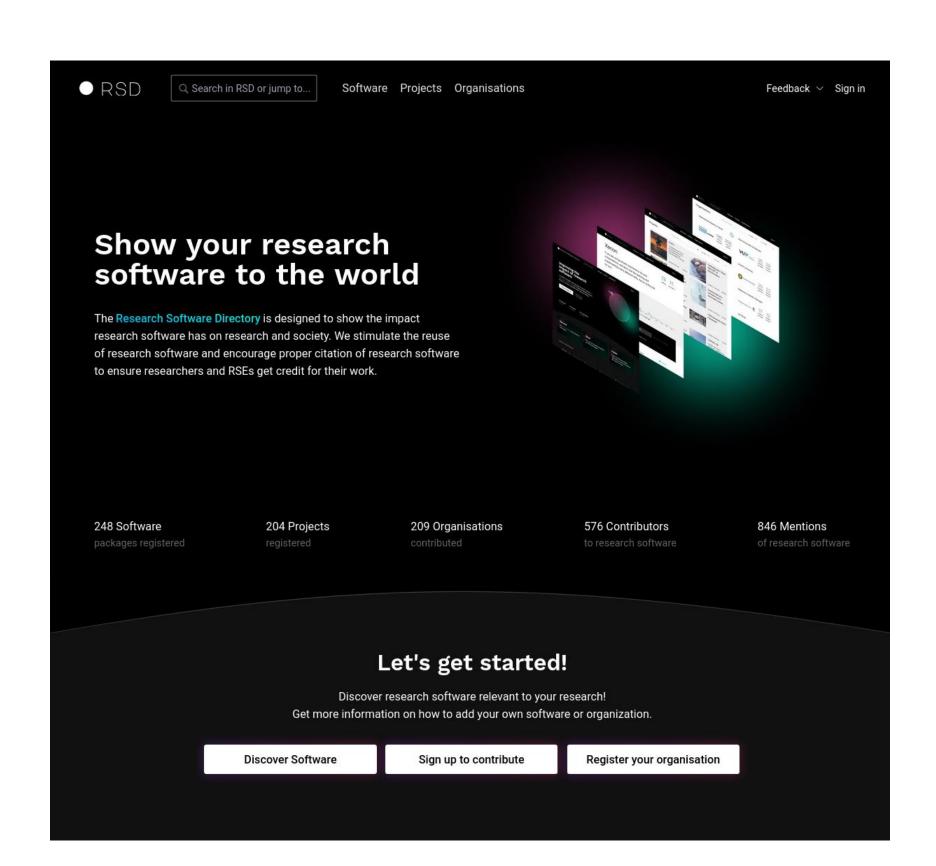
Example: Software Registries



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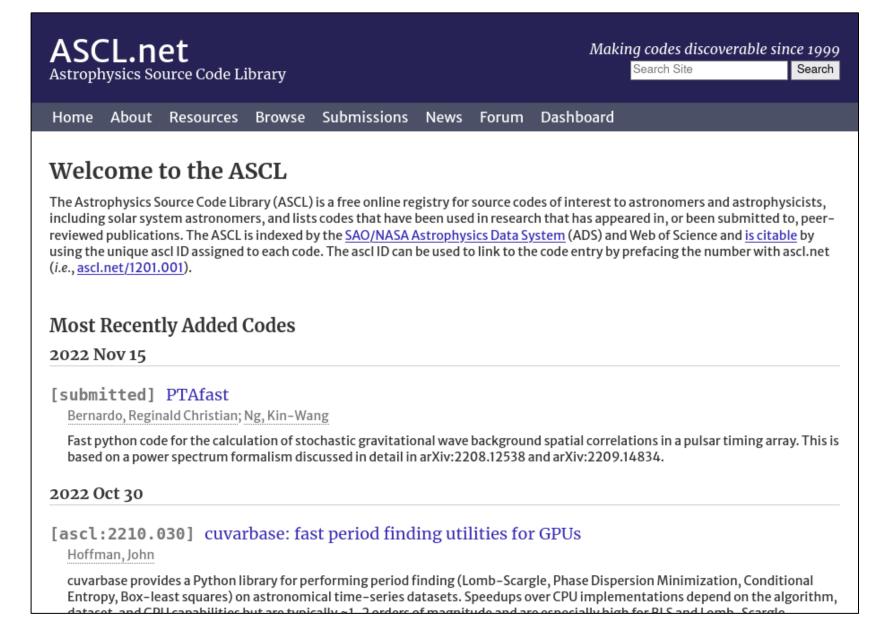
Research Software Directory (prototype) 2018-2022

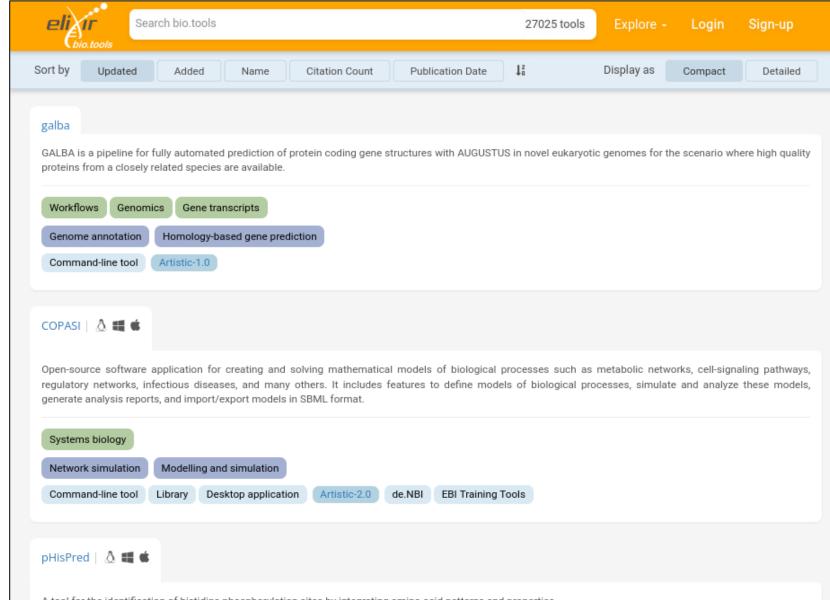


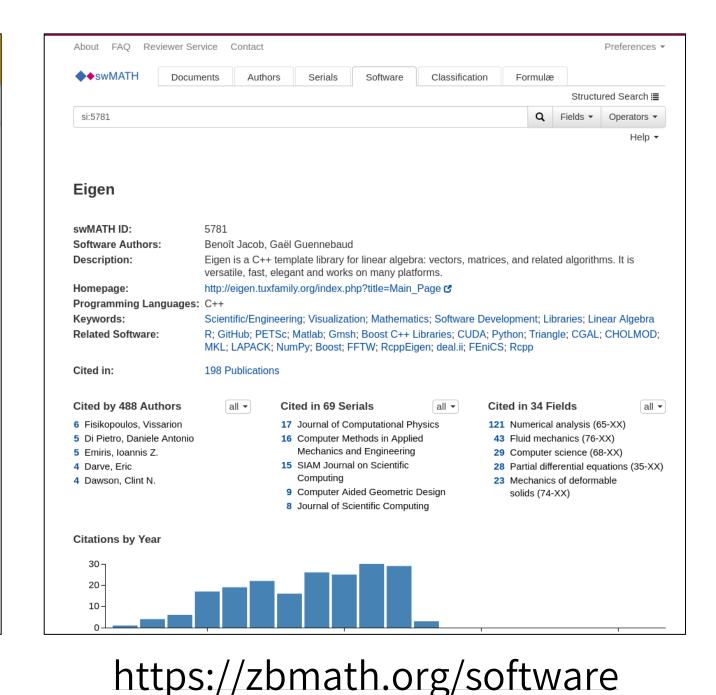
Research Software Directory (production) 2022-now

https://research-software-directory.org

Examples of existing registries







(swMath)

https://bio.tools

https://ACSL.net

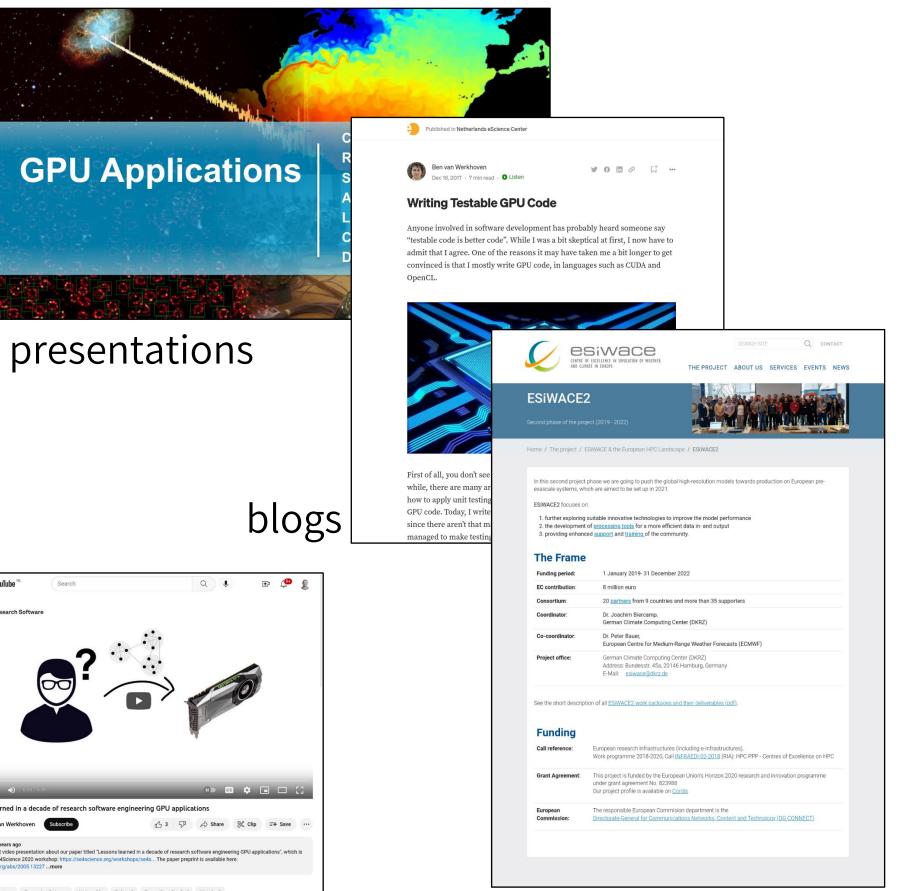
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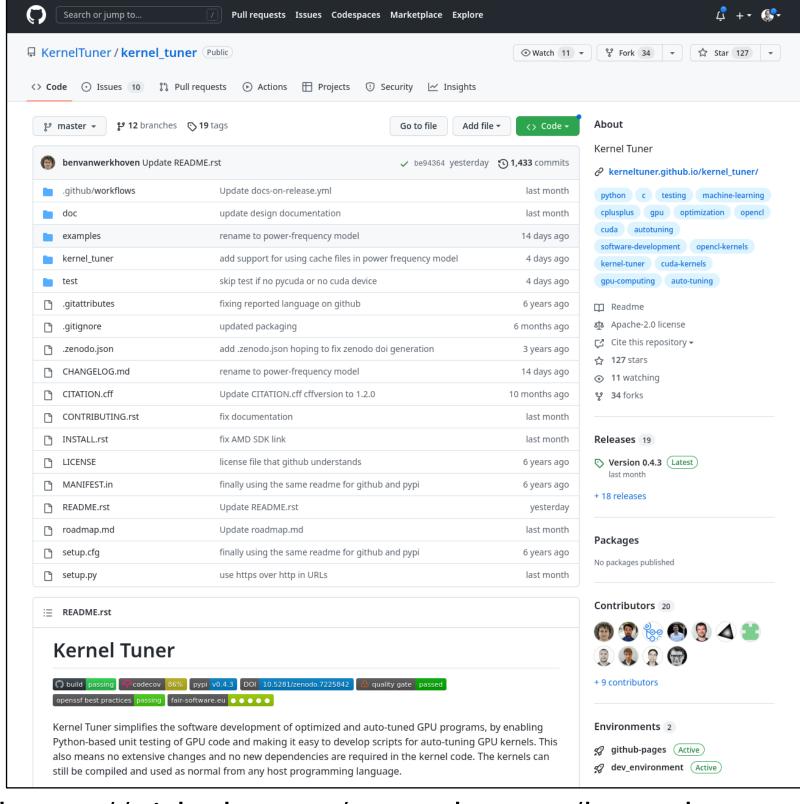
- they share software by publish metadata
- domain specific curated collections
- assign a unique ID
- (indirectly) collect citation metrics

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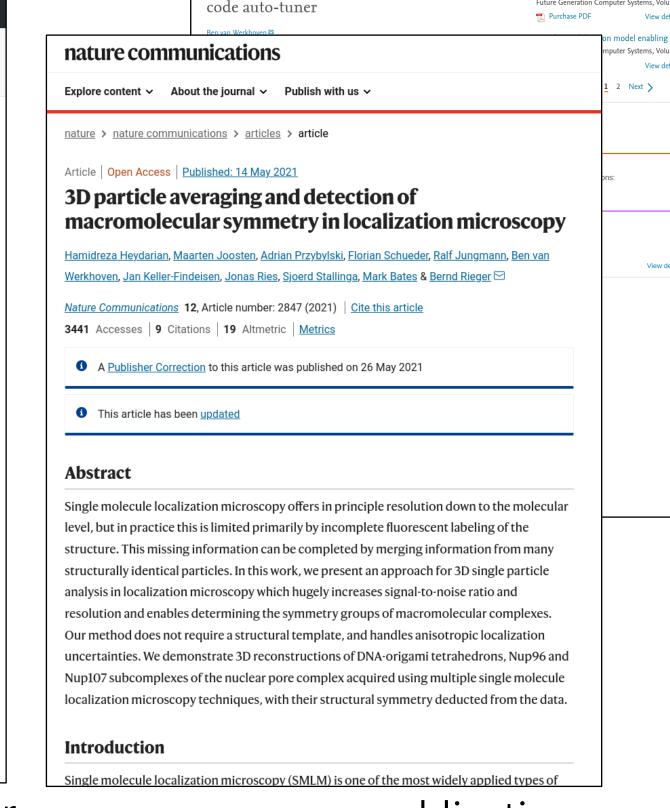
- Disadvantages of these registries (for us):
 domain specific & not all domains represented
- limited human-readable content
- limited ways to showcase role of software in research
- don't help an organization keep track of output and show overall impact

Our approach: show research context of research software





https://github.com/KernelTuner/kernel_tuner



Future Generation Computer Systems

Volume 90, January 2019, Pages 347-358

Kernel Tuner: A search-optimizing GPU

publications

videos

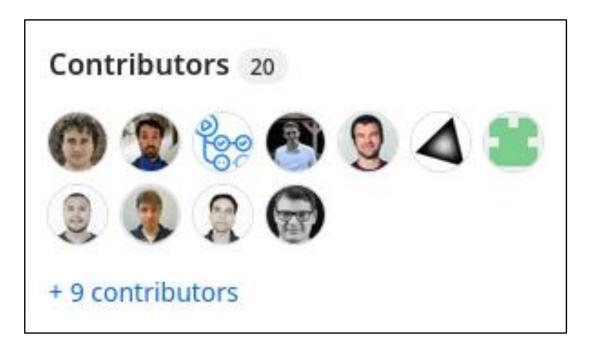


tutorials

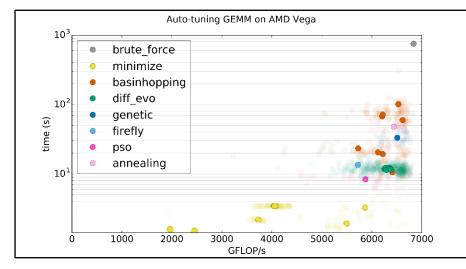
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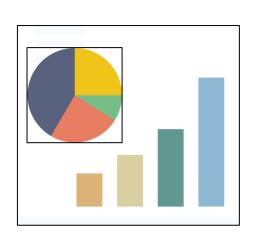
participating organizations



RSEs & other contributors



datasets



Recommended articles

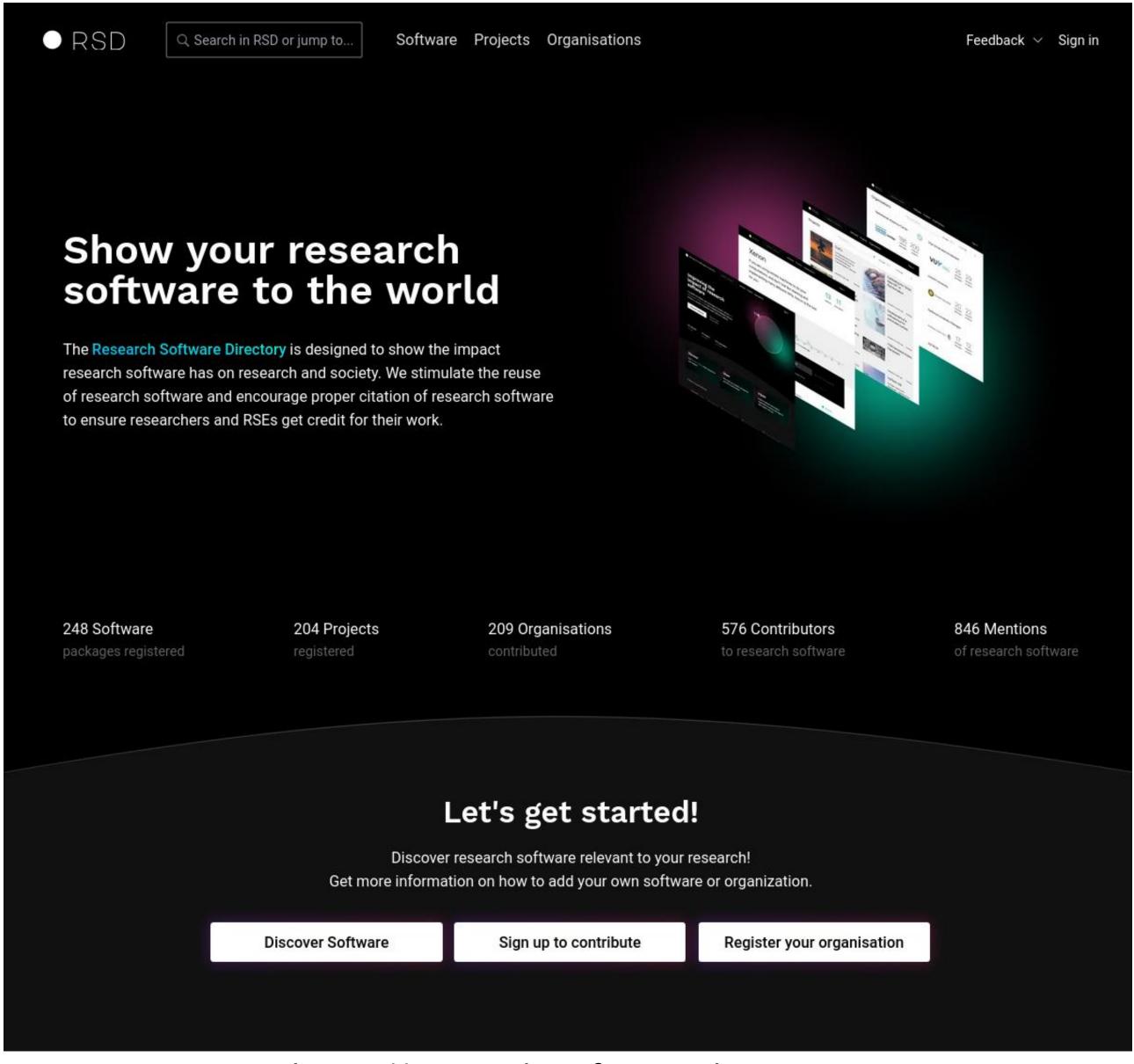
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impact metrics (todo)

The Research Software Directory



The Research Software Directory is an online service designed to **collect** and **present** this collection of "related research information" in a structured way. Our goals:

Enable RSEs to show the impact their software has in research and society

Help researchers to find research software they need to do their research

Allow organisations to collect information about the research software output they produce

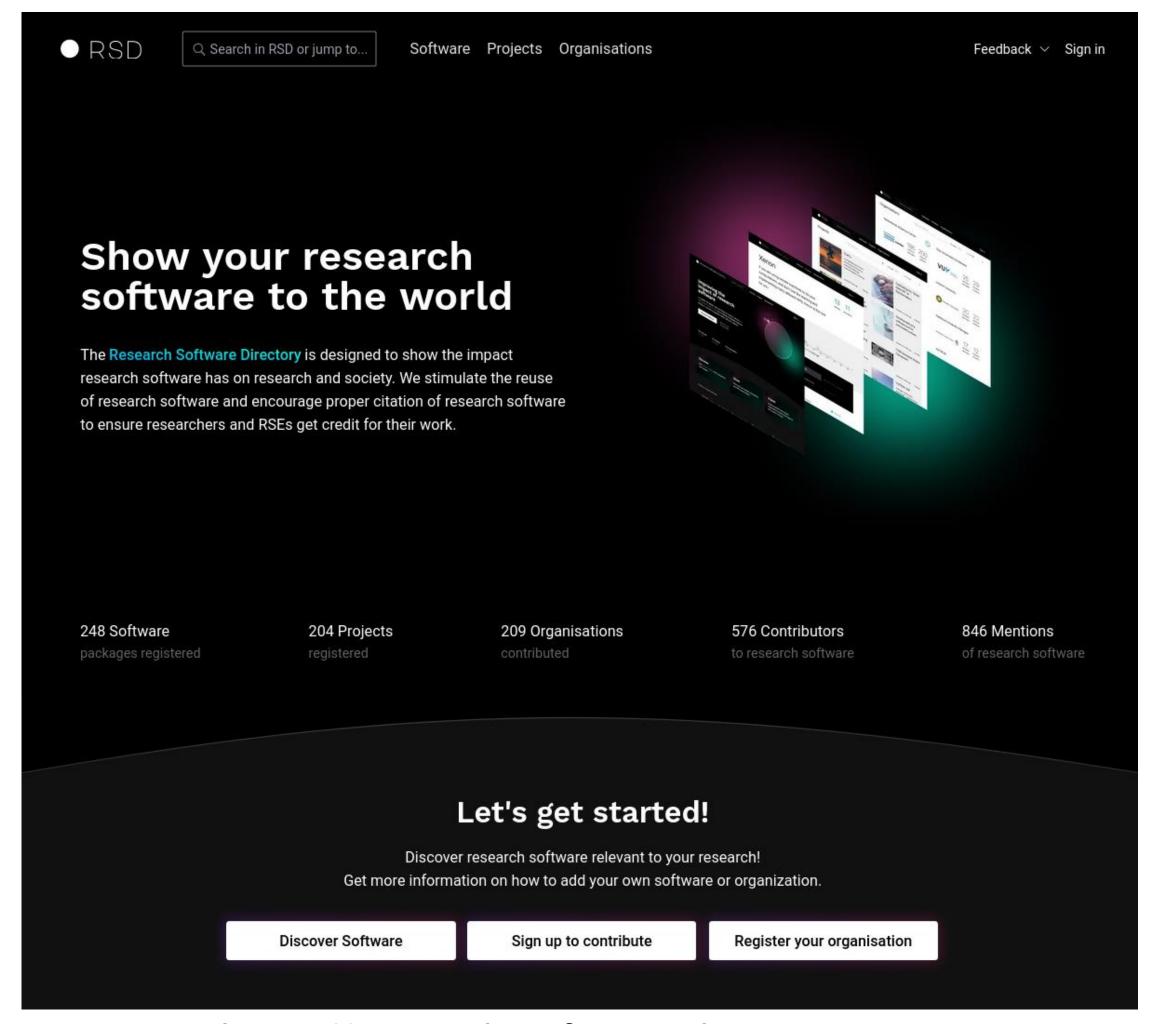
Encourage citation of research software in other research outputs.





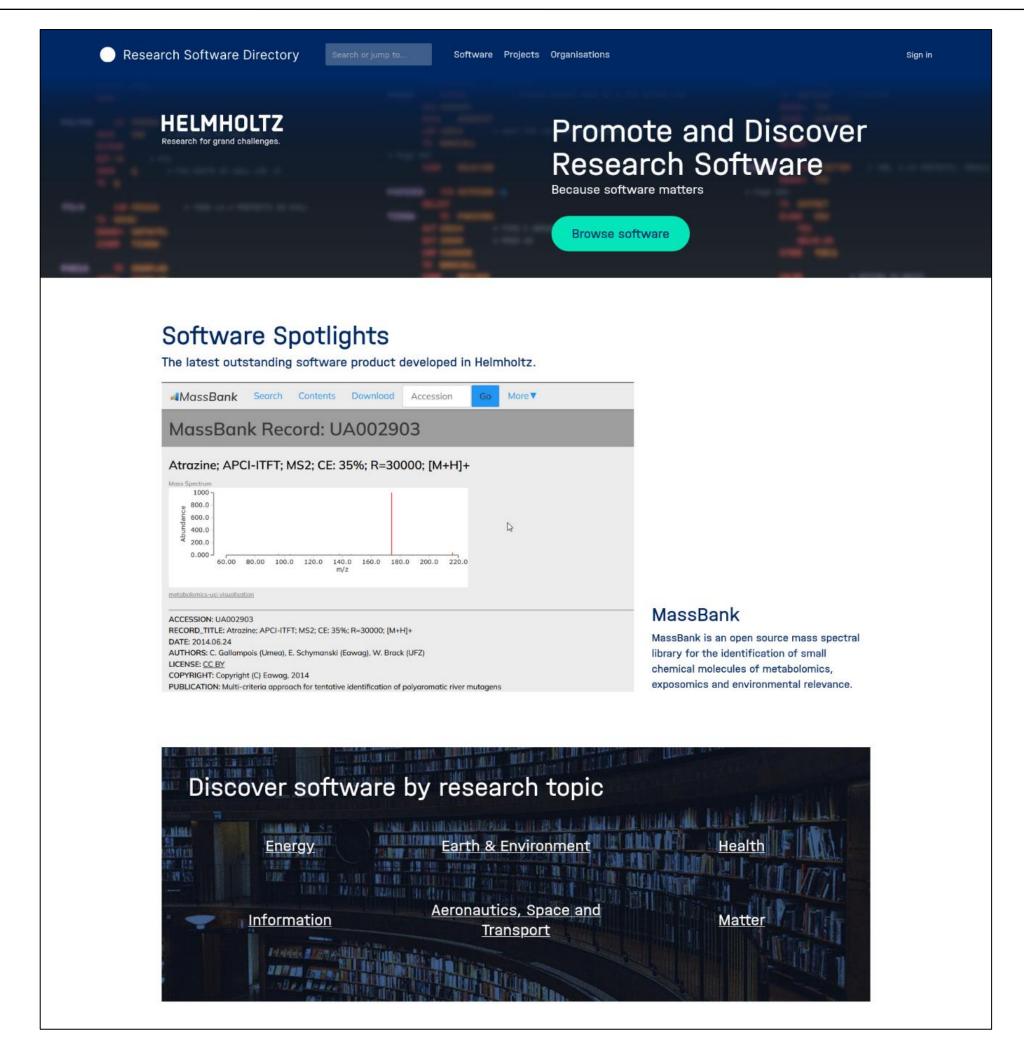
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Research Software Directory = Open Source



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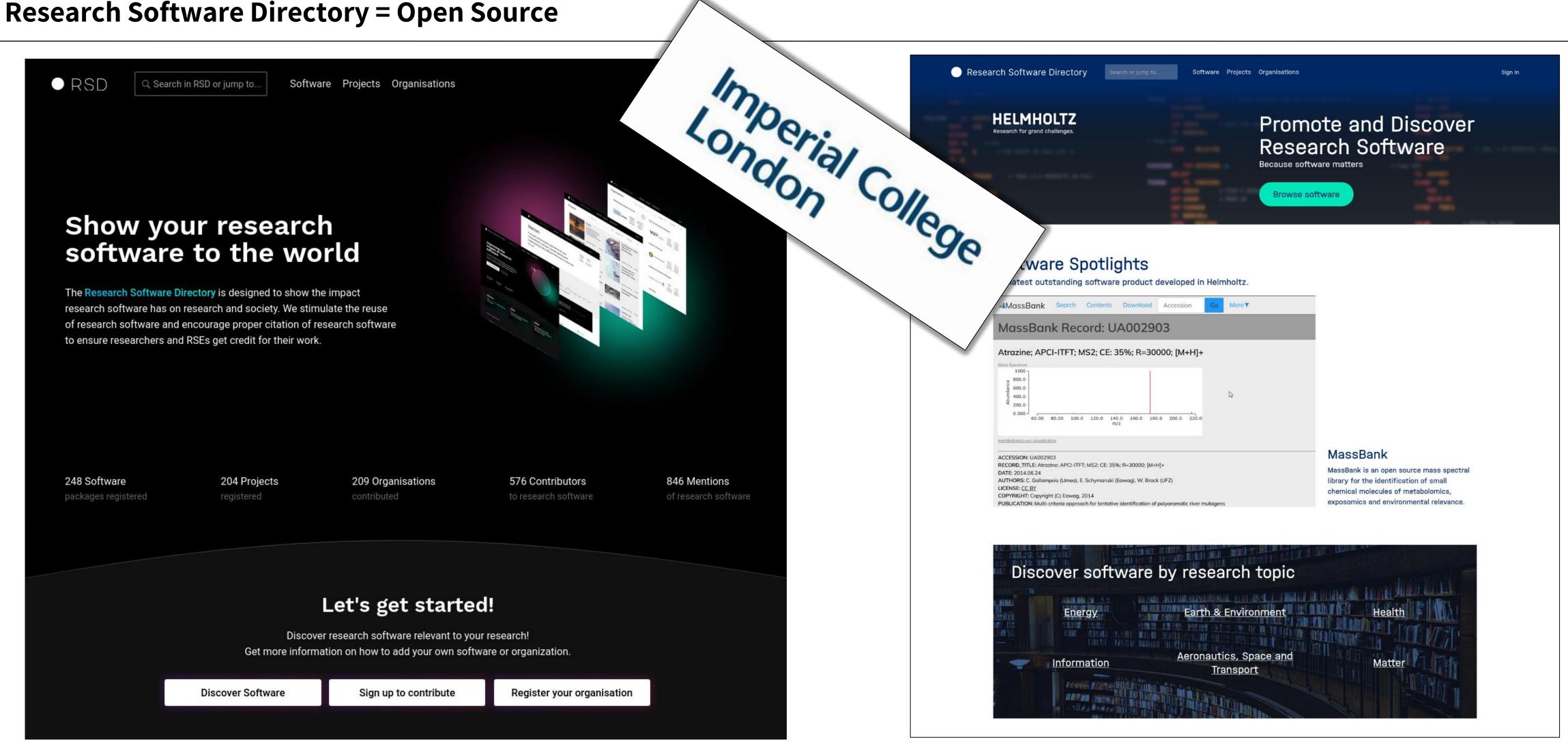
https://helmholtz.software

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open source and shared codebase at: https://github.com/research-software-directory/RSD-as-a-service





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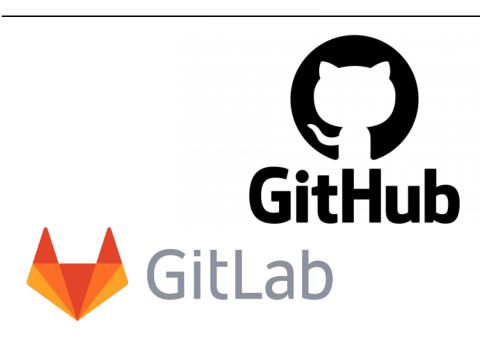
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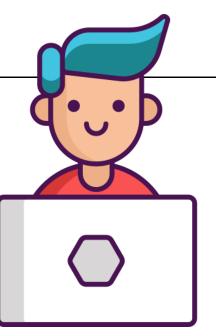
Many data sources + automatic harvesting



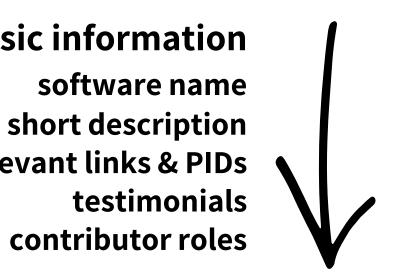
development info

programming languages license information commit activity README.md

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basic information software name short description relevant links & PIDs testimonials



organization info

organization name website URL role, address, etc.



Research Software Directory



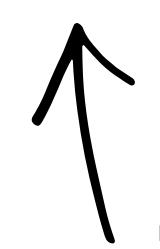
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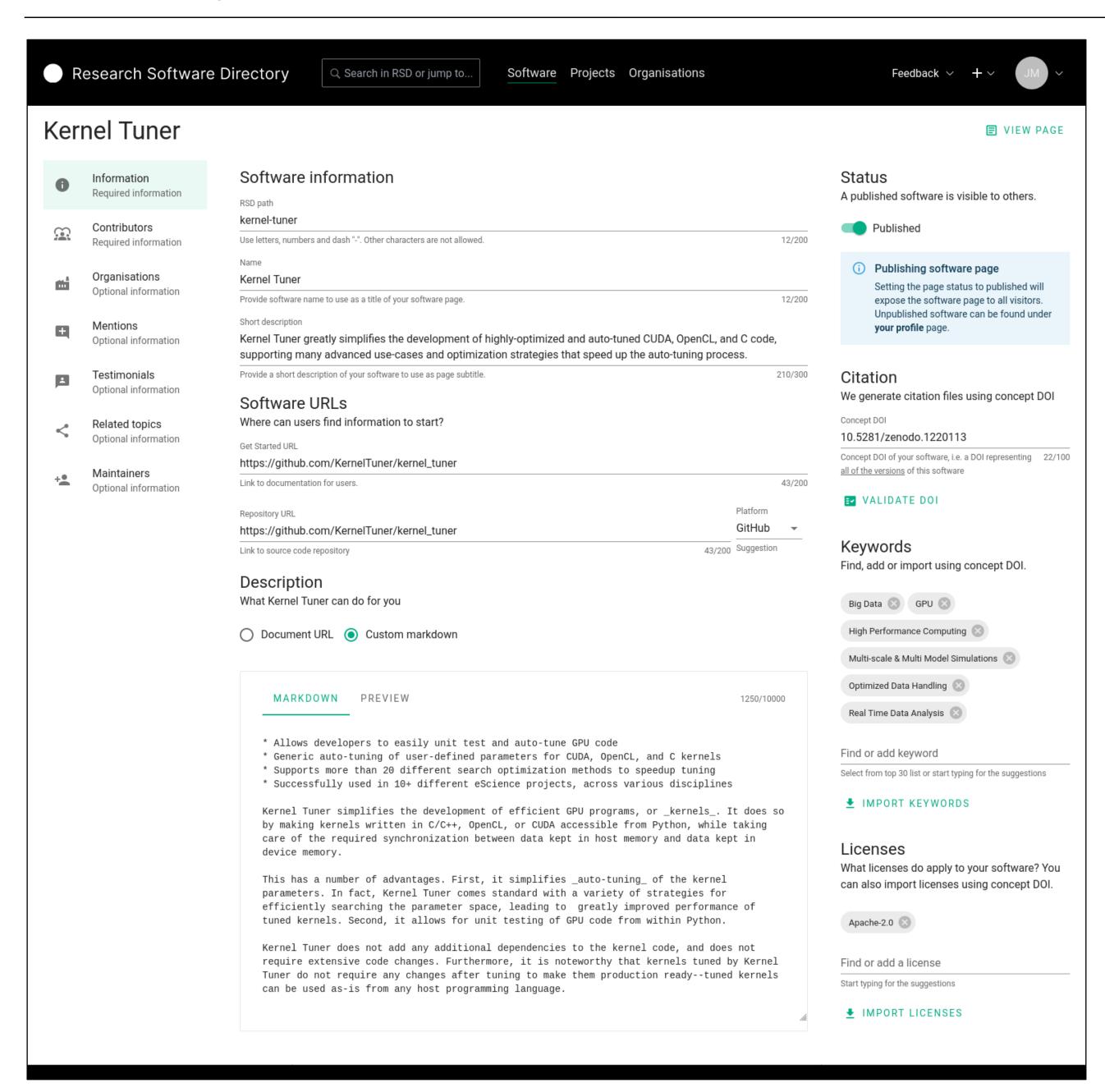
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Connecting Research and Researchers

User friendly data curation interface



Free to use for RSEs and researchers

• sign-in via SURFConext, ORCID or Helmholtz AAI

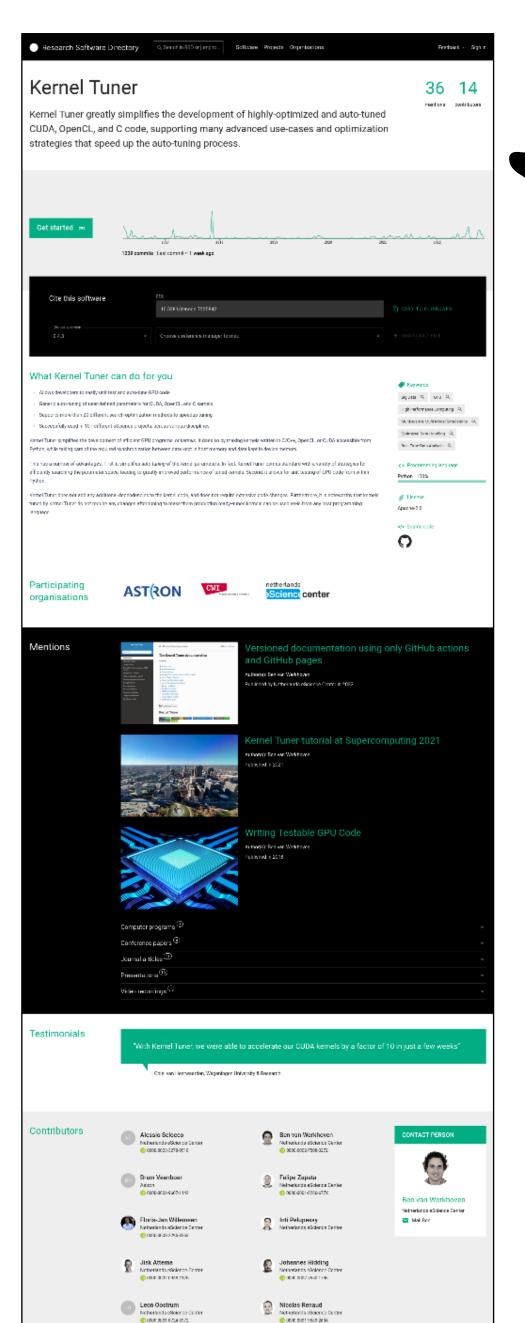
Collect all related information on software in one place

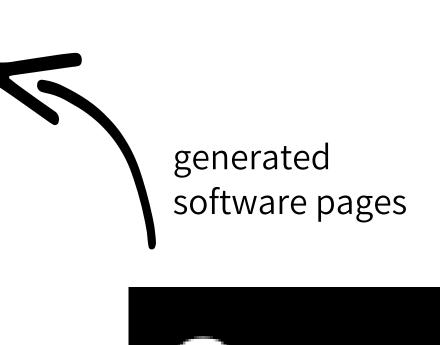
Easy to use without extensive technical knowledge

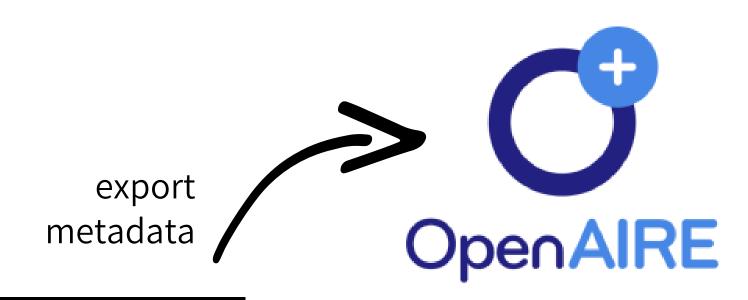
We automatically **harvest** data where possible

- Contributors via ORCID / DOI+CFF
- Organisations via ROR
- Keywords & licences from DOI
- Releases & mentions via DOI
- Descriptions via source repository in gitlab/github

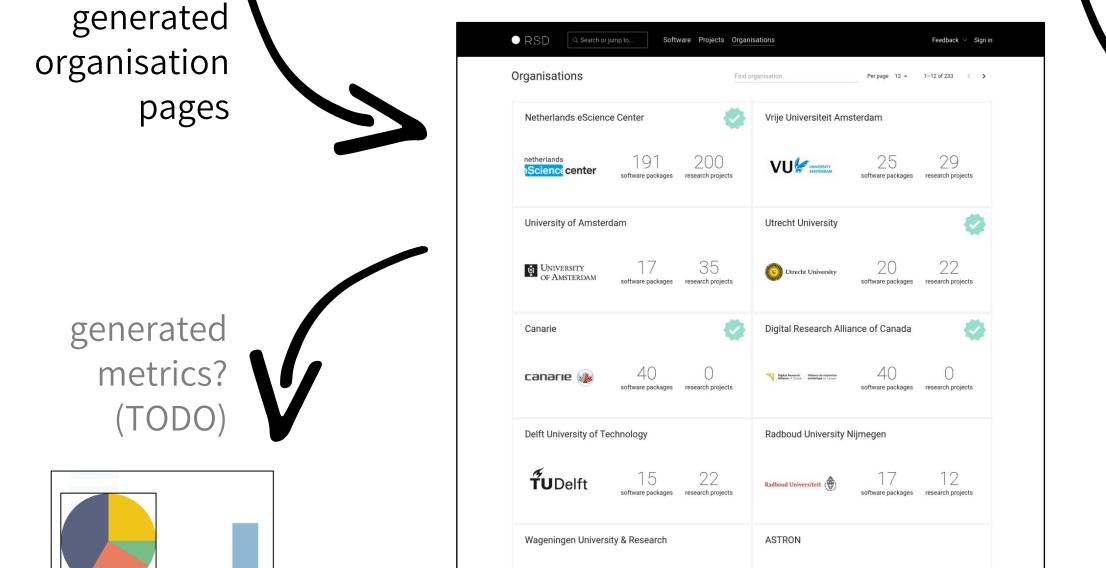
Generated software pages (& project pages)



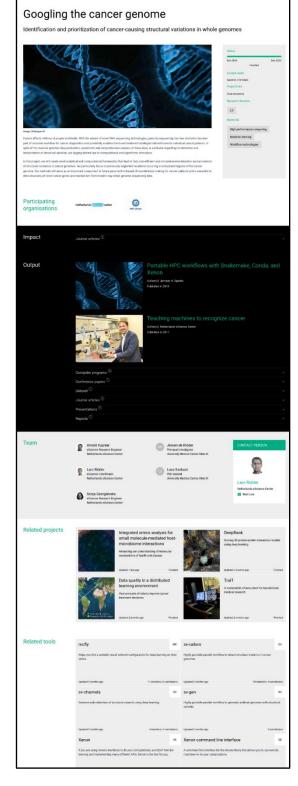




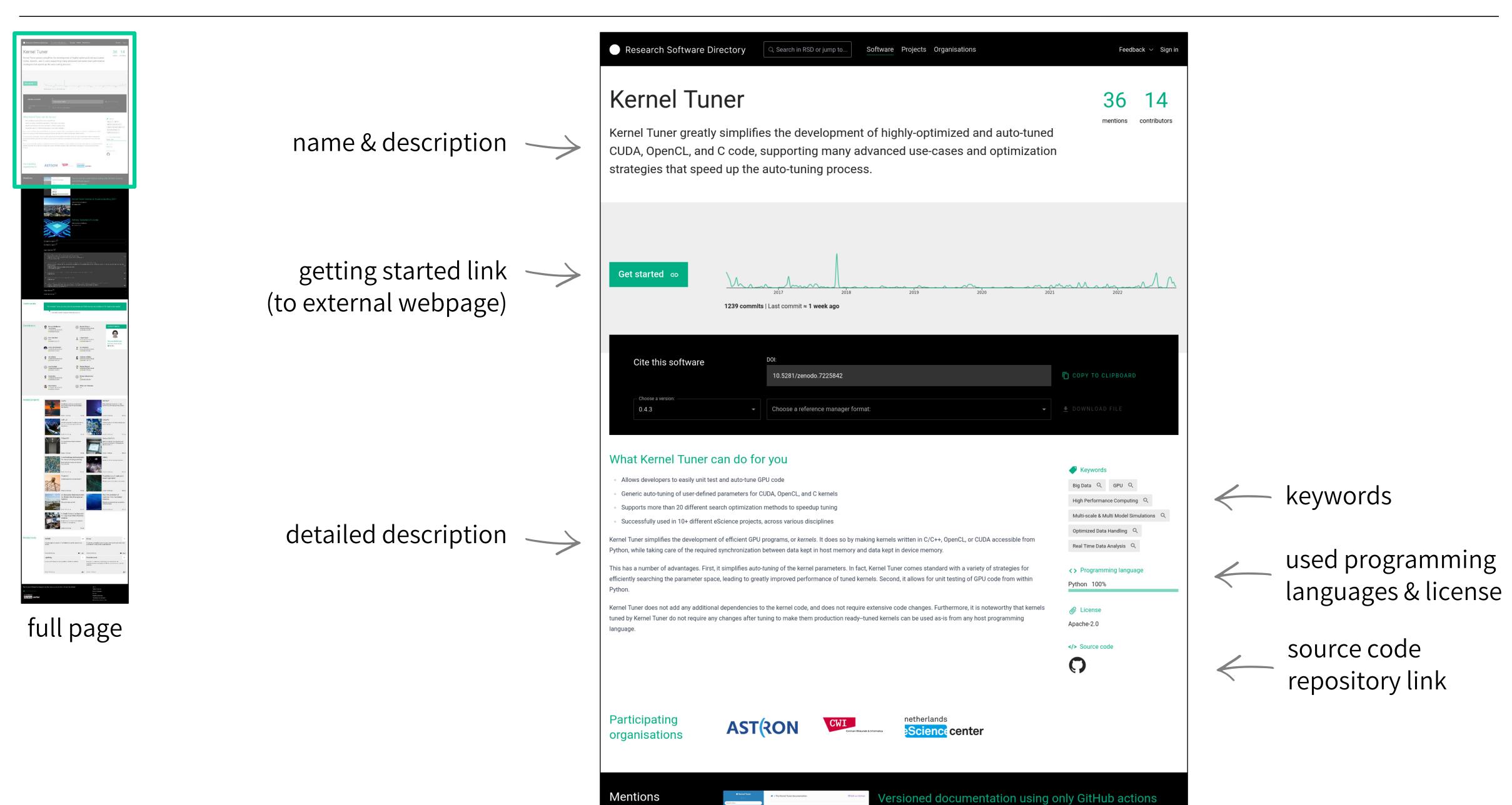




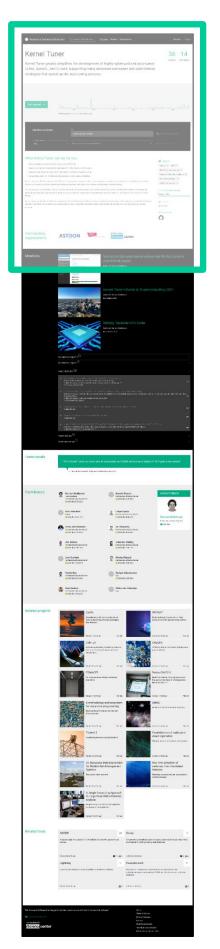
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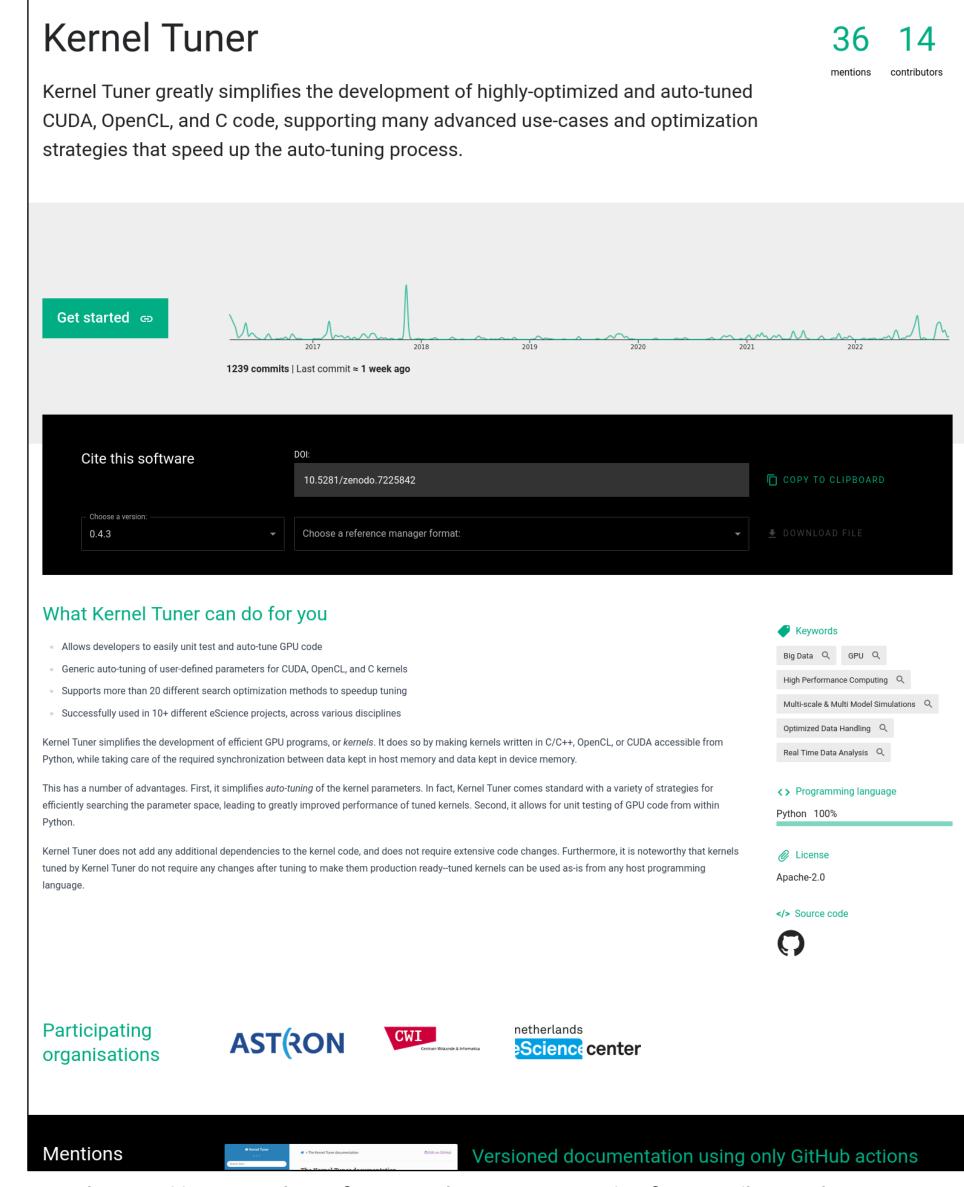
Basic information



Community, development activity



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Research Software Directory

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Software Projects Organisations

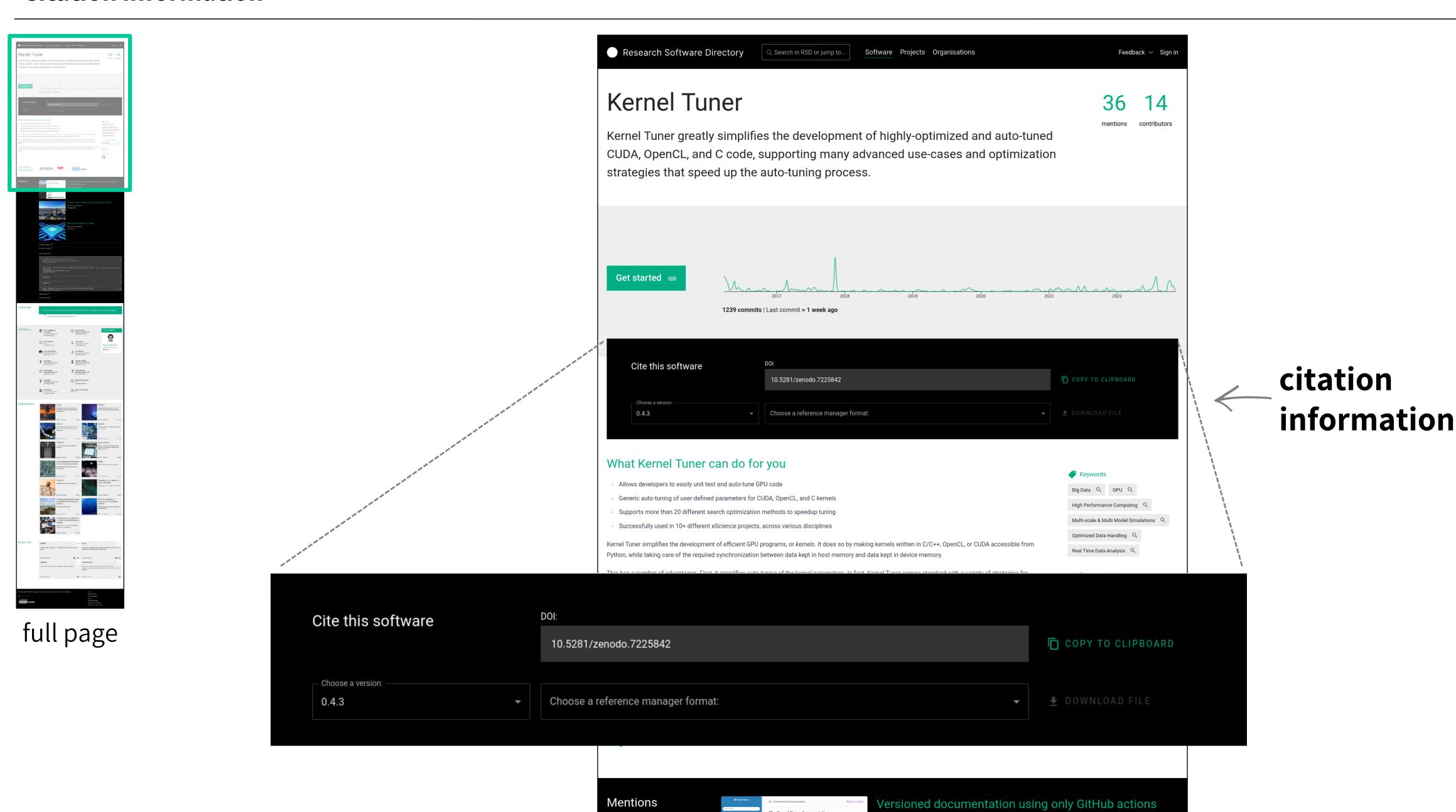


contributor and mention count

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participating organizations ———

Citation information



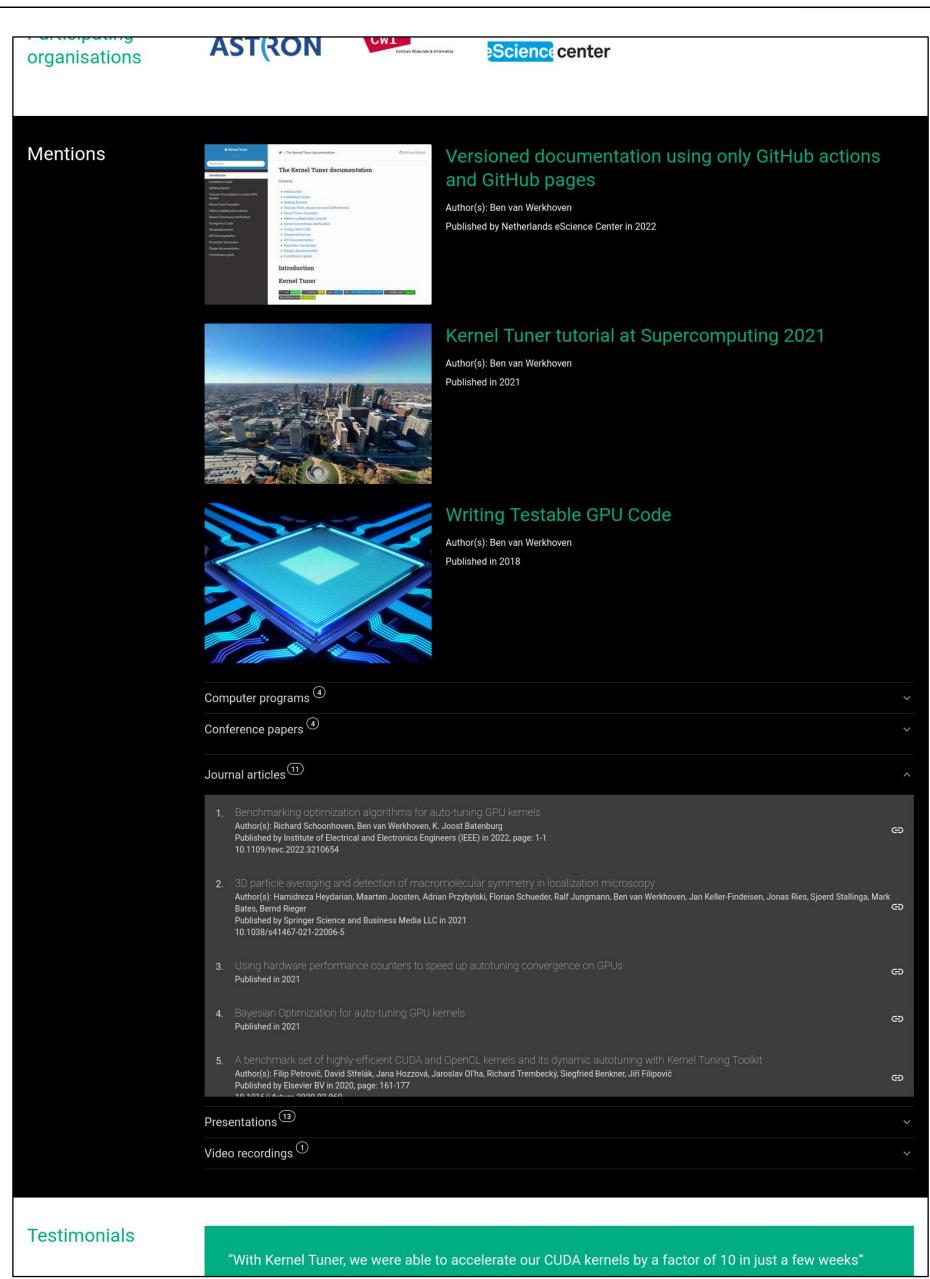
Mentions: related research output



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highlights ->

mentions grouped per type publications, presentations, blogs, videos, etc.



expanded list of
journal publications
(with links)

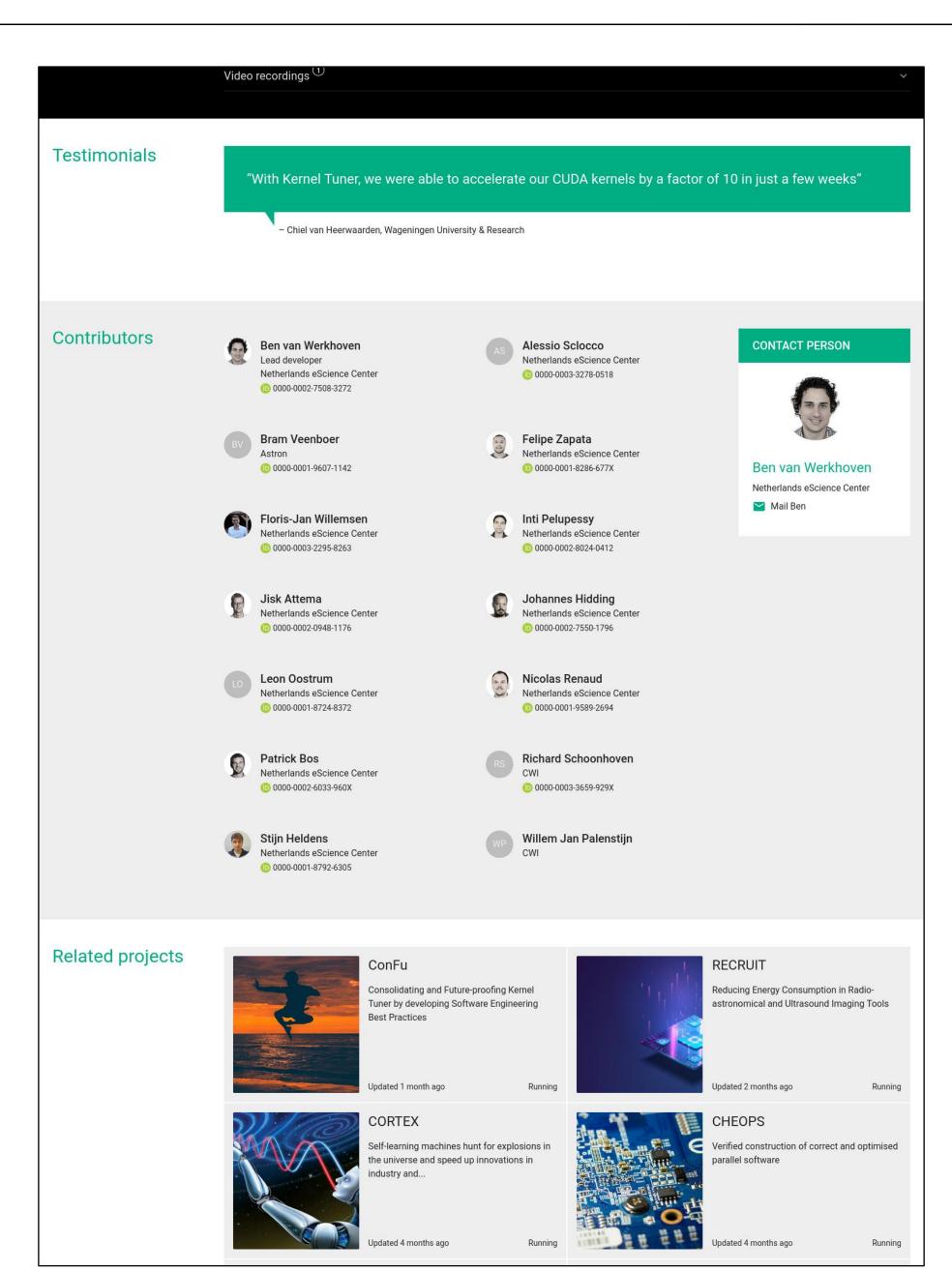
Contributors, testimonials, related projects



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user testimonials ->>

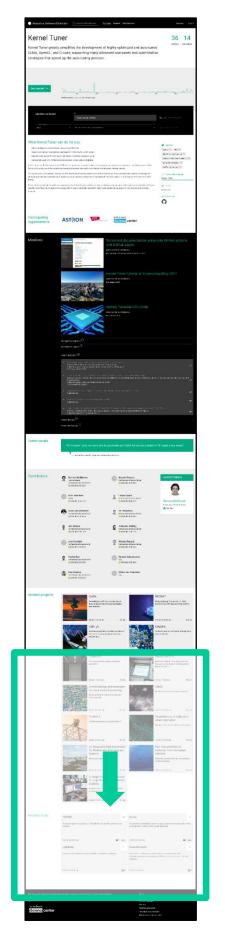
list of contributors with name, ORCID, image, **role**



contact person

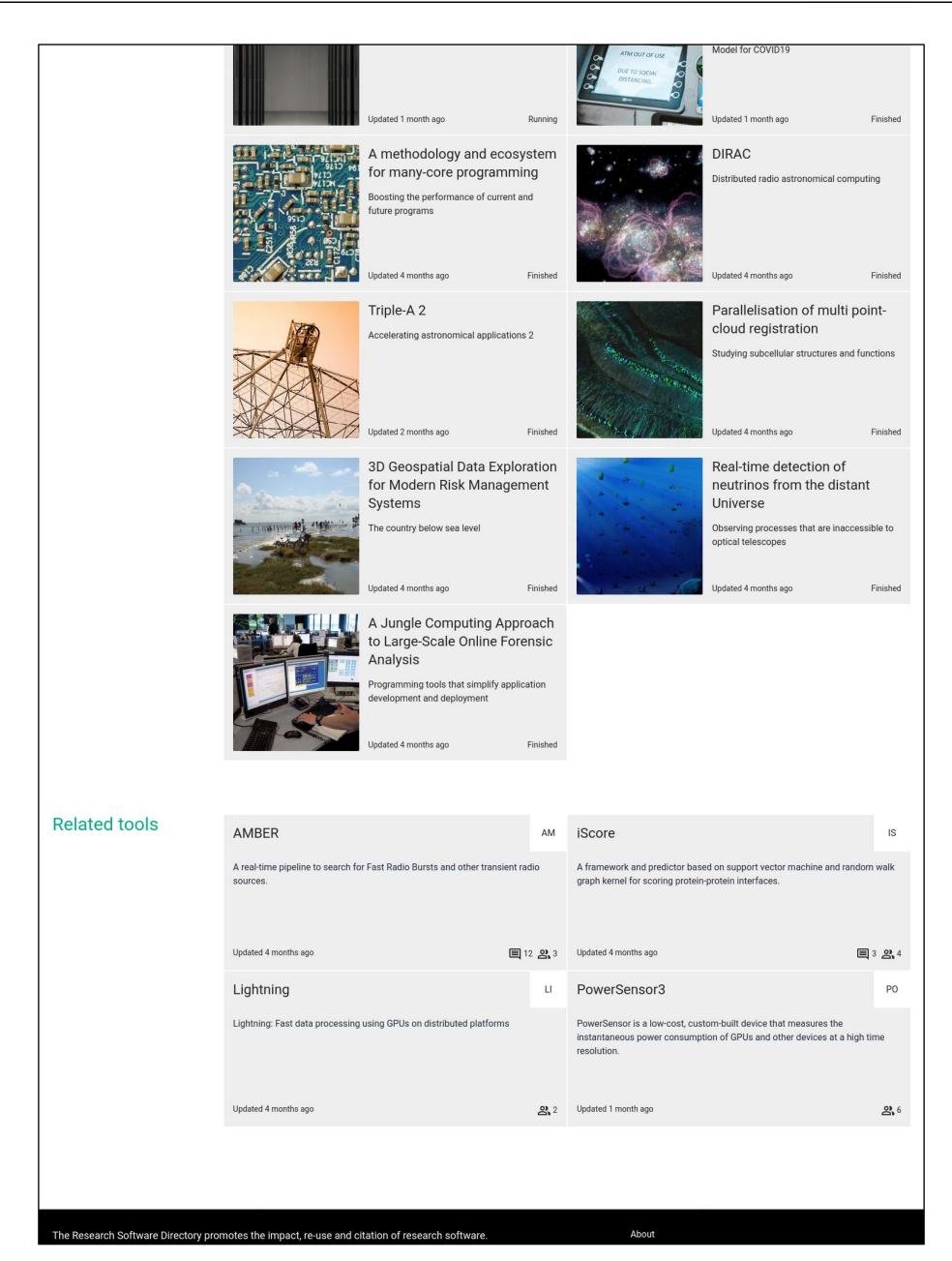
projects using
the software

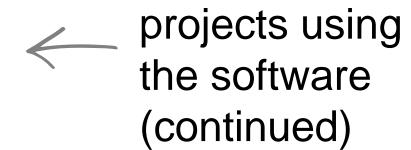
Related projects and software



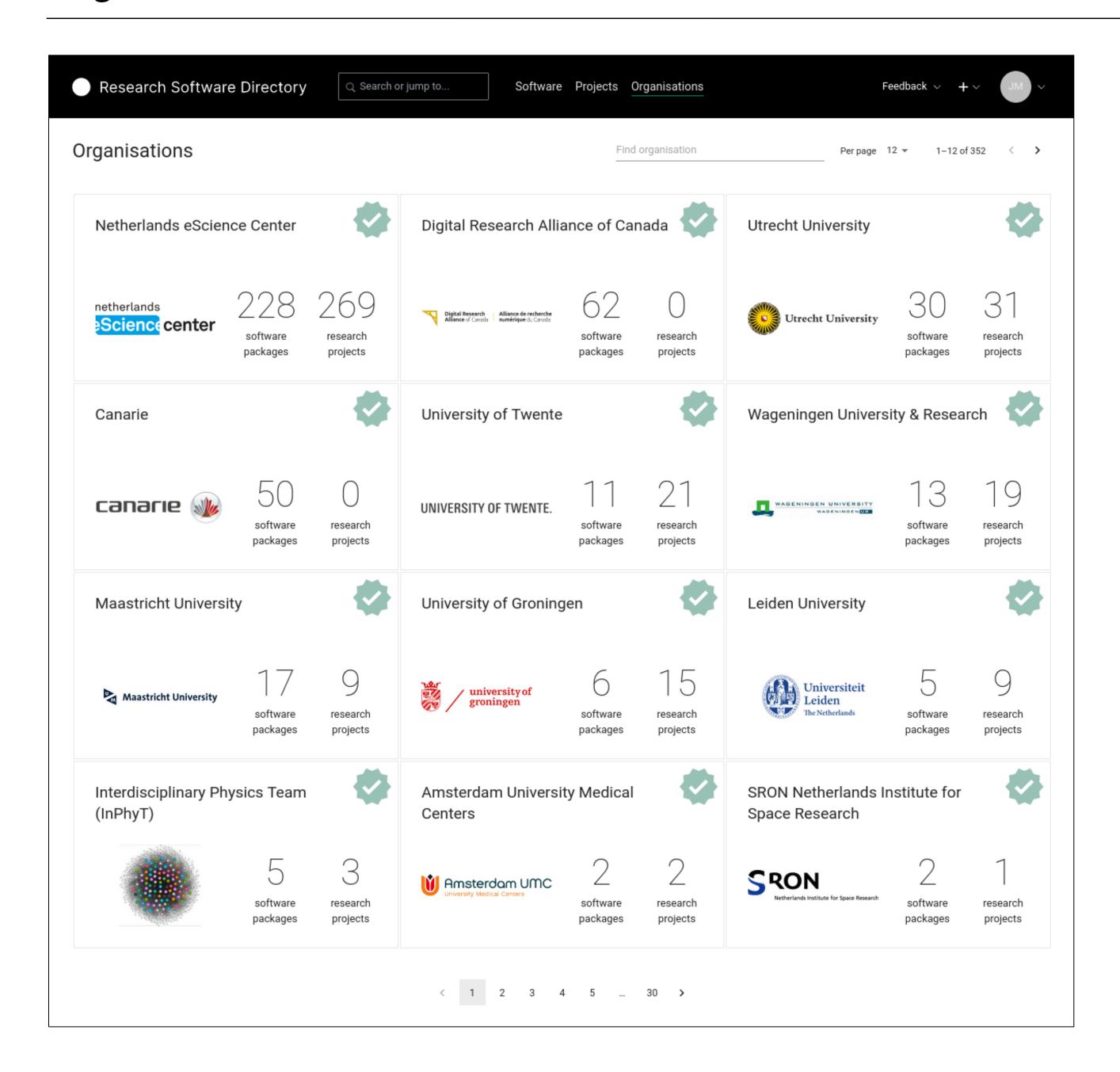
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list of related software in the RSD



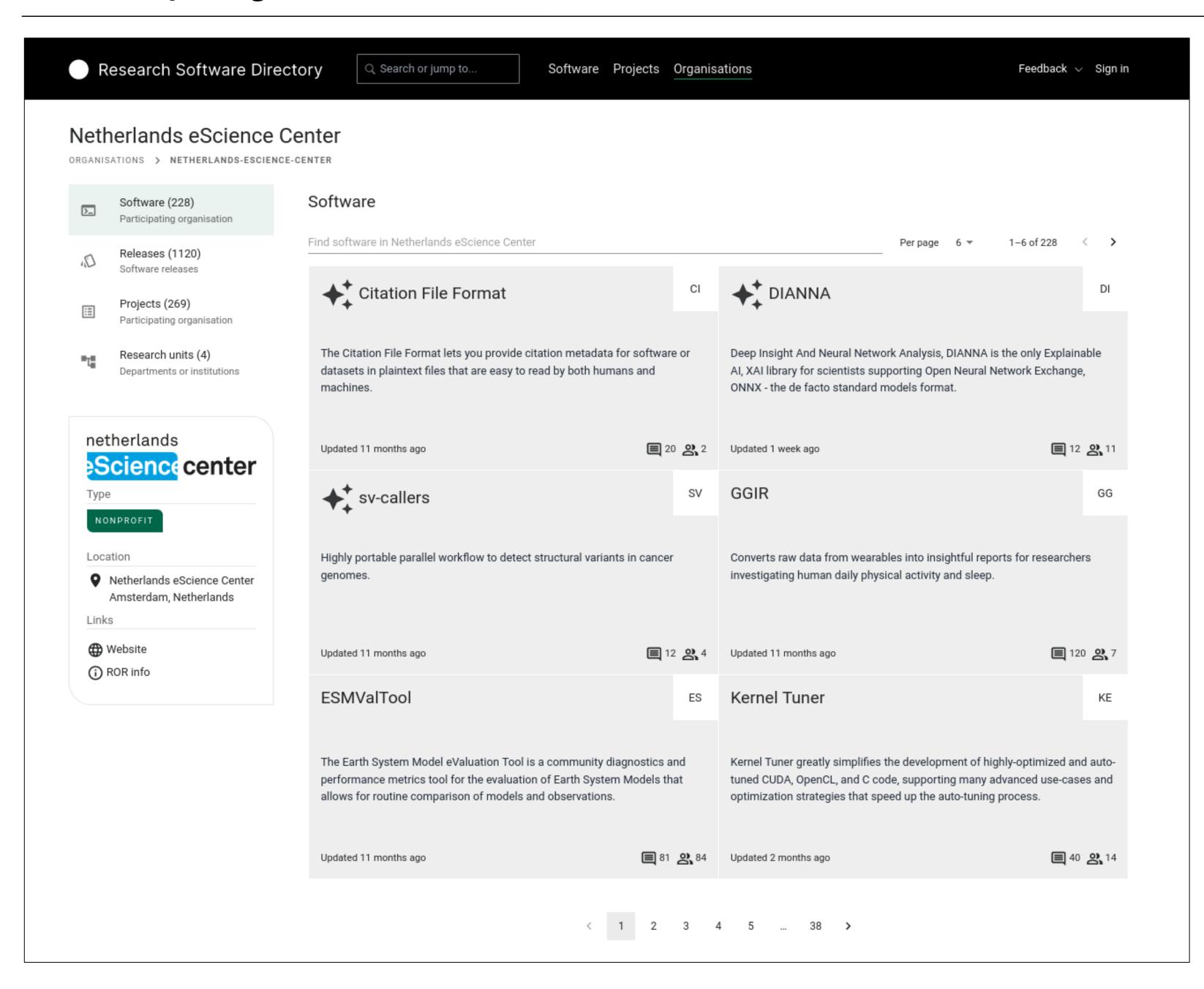


Organizations overview



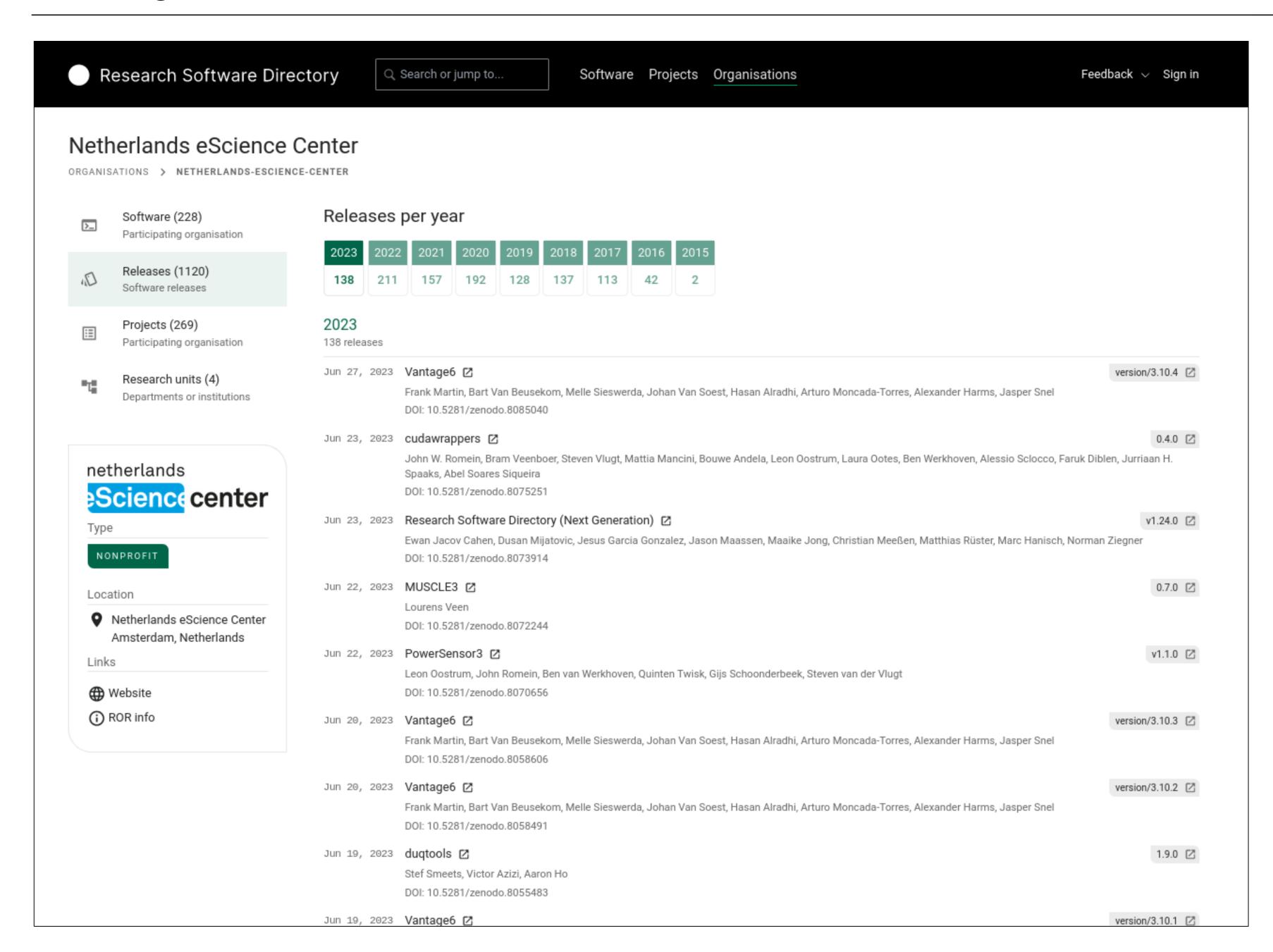
The organizational overview shows aggregated numbers of software (and projects) per organization.

Overview per organization



Each organization has its own page showing metadata and software....

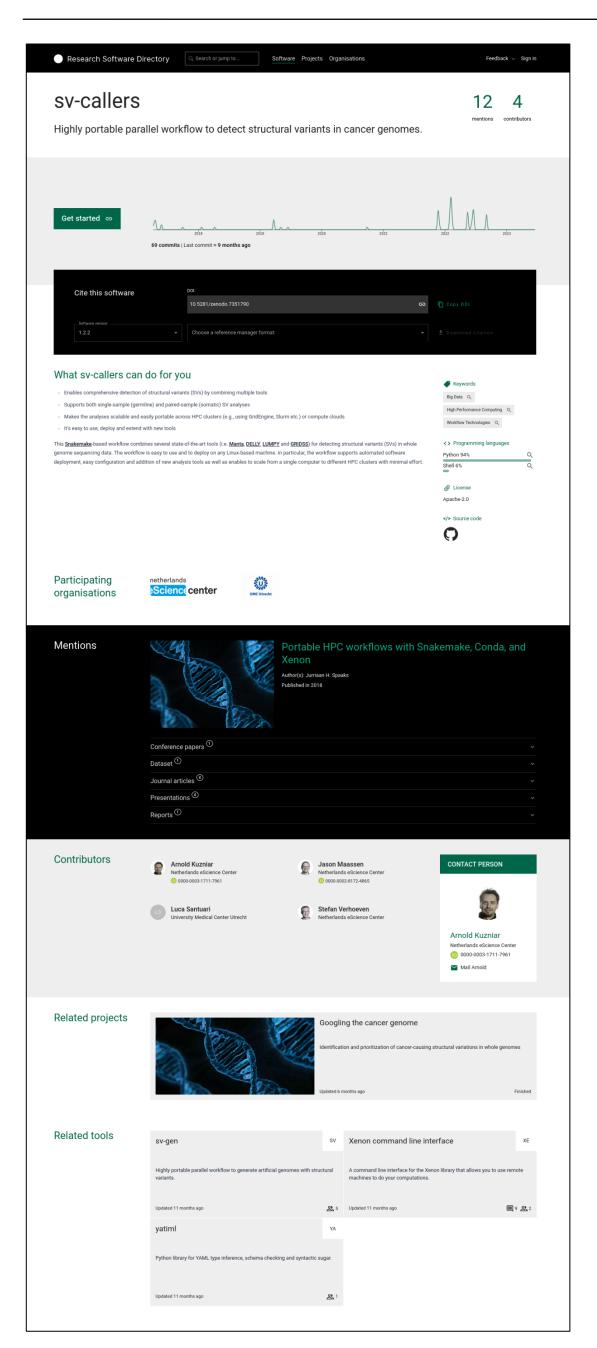
Initial organizational metrics

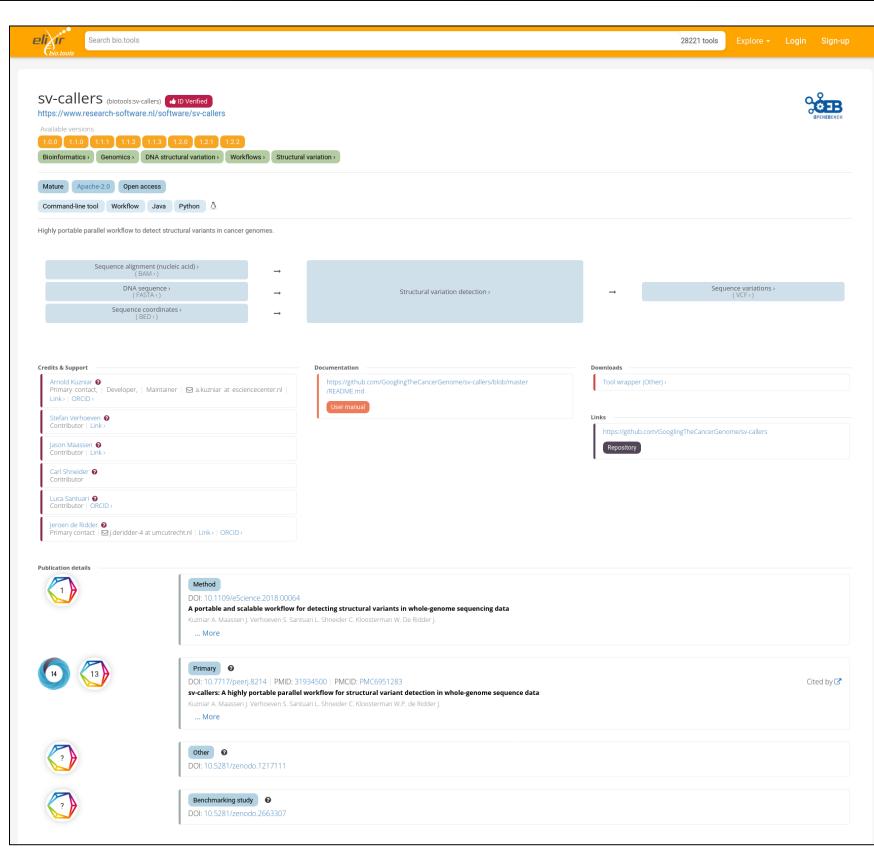


... as well as yearly overviews of software releases related to this organization.

Additional metrics are in development, as well as APIs that allow harvesting these metrics.

We are not competing





https://bio.tools/sv-callers

Software can be in multiple registries

- They may offer different metadata
- They may reach a different audience
- They may harvest different information from external sources

We should prevent duplication of effort

• synchronize this information automatically wherever possible

https://research-software-directory.org/software/sv-callers

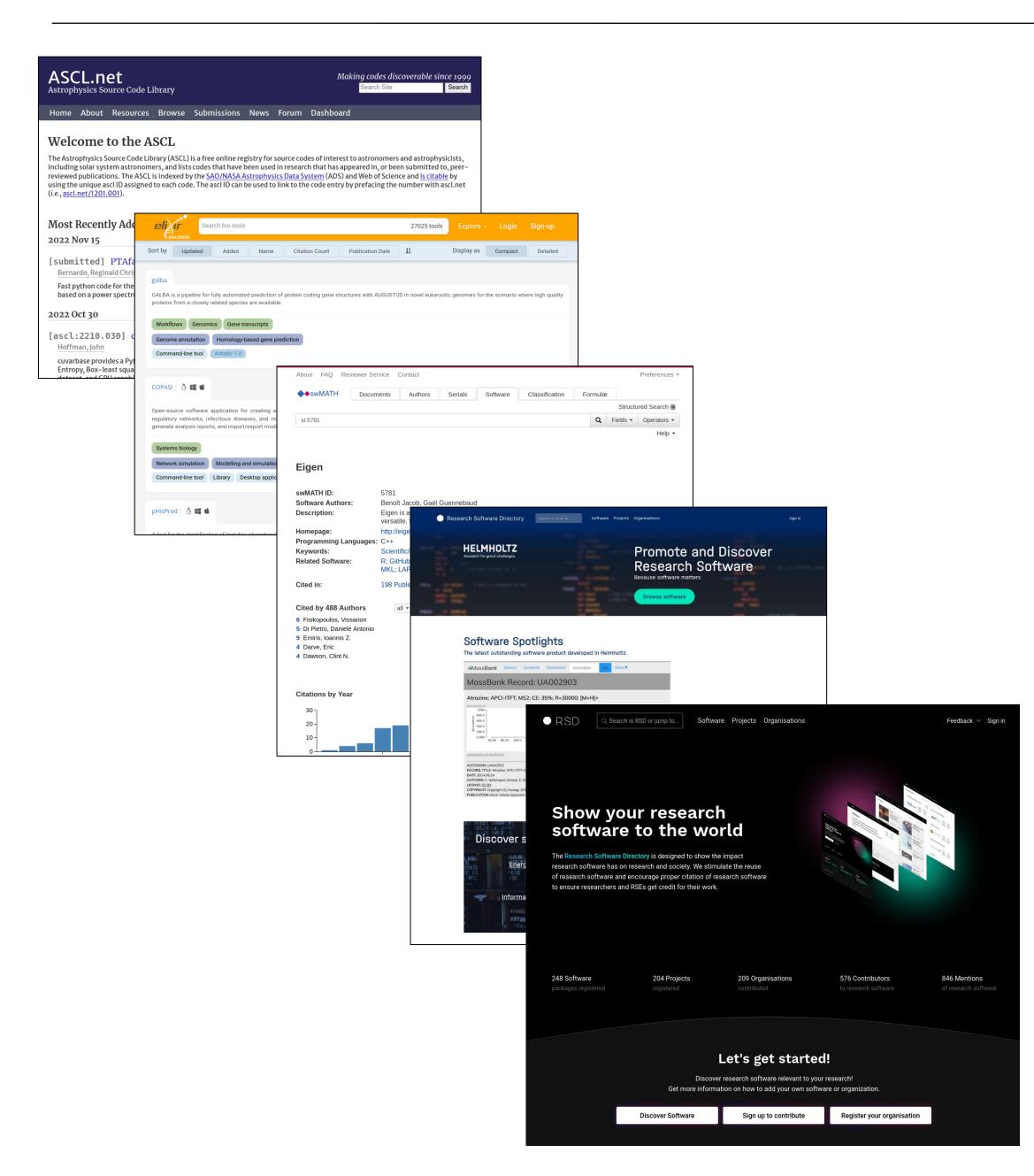
In operation & actively being developed



Research Software Directory is actively being used and developed. Our plans for the near future are:

- U Increase the user base, develop tutorials for organizations and end-users.
- U improve look and feel of all pages and improve search.
- b harvest various indicators on software impact and quality and figure out how to display them both per software and (aggregated) per organization.
- research community curated software collections (inspired by bio.tools)
- link to / harvest from other research software directories
- federated search between different directories

Conclusion



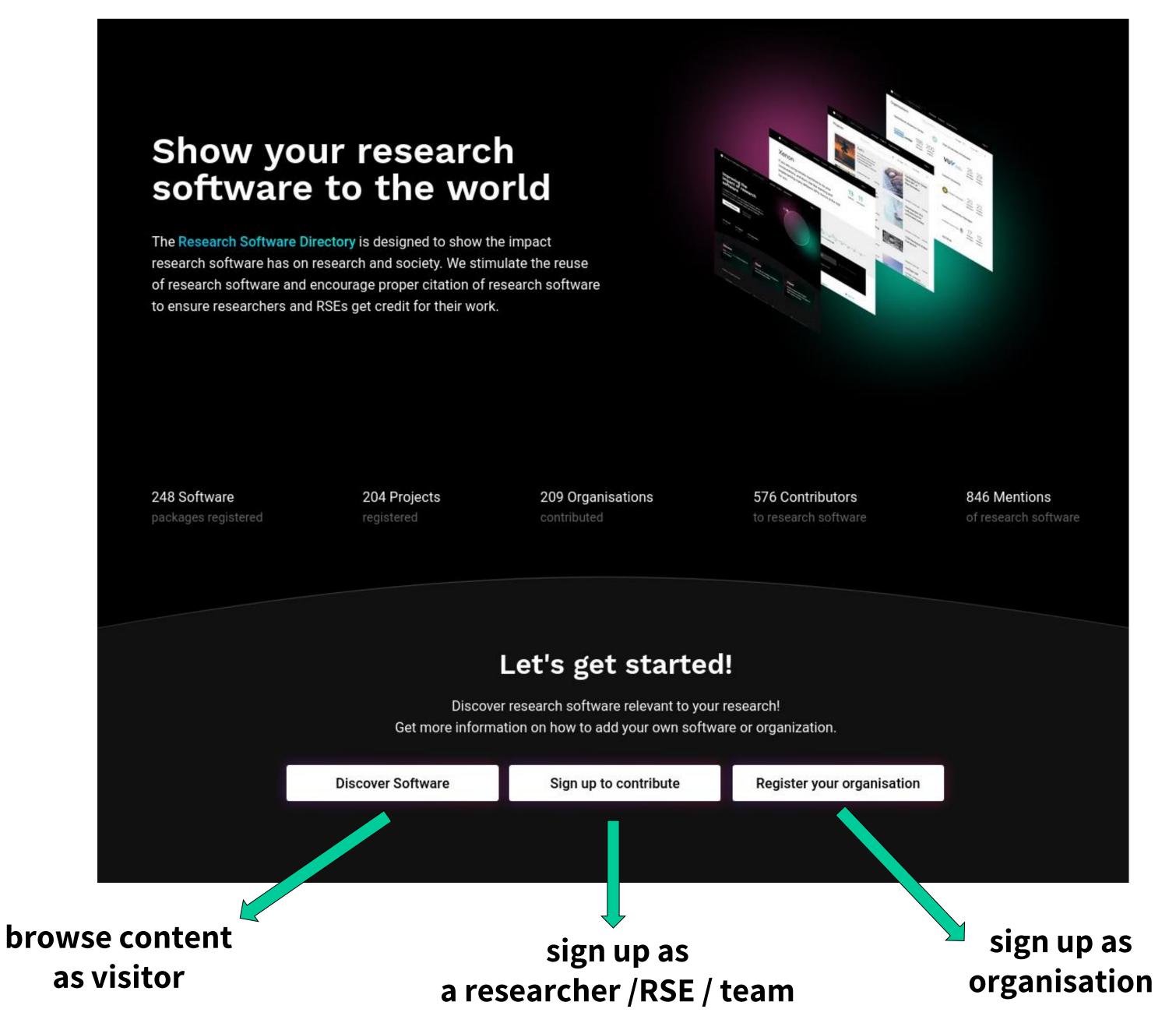
Software registries help improve the visibility of research software and show its impact

Different approaches:

- domain specific
- organization specific
- publication focus
- metadata focus
- impact focus

Metadata exchange can prevent duplication of effort

Please pick one (or more) suitable to your needs and register your software today!



You are welcome to:

- browse, search & harvest content
- sign up as an individual / team
- sign up as an organization
- join our the open source development

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