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# HERMES: Automated software publication with rich metadata

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### **Overview**

# of this presentation

- Software publication
  - Why publish software?
  - What is the state of the art?
- HERMES
  - Where can HERMES help?
  - How does HERMES aim to help?
  - Software metadata
  - Target publication platforms
  - Project outputs
- Conclusion



The good news

- Software is an important research output
- Ergo: RSEs do important work
- Publishing research software supports
  - Sustainability
  - Reproducibility
  - academic credit for RSEs



The less good news

### To be FAIR:

1. It's a lot of work

### 2. It's a lot of manual work

- Identifers (DOIs)
- Rich metadata
- Accessibility
- Machine-readable metadata
- Documenting dependencies
- Licenses
- Provenance
- ...
- Versions!





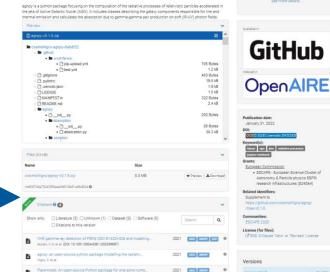




#### What does it look like?

- State-of-the-art satisfaction of FAIR principles: metadata (+ software) in a publication repository
- We have: metadata, publication repositories

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### Where can HERMES help?

#### We have:

- Publication repositories with metadata input forms/pull-based workflows
- Metadata from different sources, in different formats/modes

#### We want:

- As little to do with forms as possible
- Control over what goes into the publication (push-based workflows)
- A collated set of rich metadata for publication

### **HERMES**

### Automated software publication with rich metadata

- HElmholtz Rich MEtadata Software publication
- Aim: Support RSEs in automatedly publishing their software with rich metadata
- Helmholtz Metadata Collaboration Project: 07/2021-06/2023 ZT-I-PF-3-006
- 3 Helmholtz centres:
  - German Aerospace Center (DLR)
  - Forschungszentrum Jülich
  - Helmholtz-Zentrum Dresden-Rossendorf
- Concept paper: Software publications with rich metadata: state of the art, automated workflows and HERMES concept [arXiv:2201.09015 | PubPeer]
- Website: software-metadata.pub



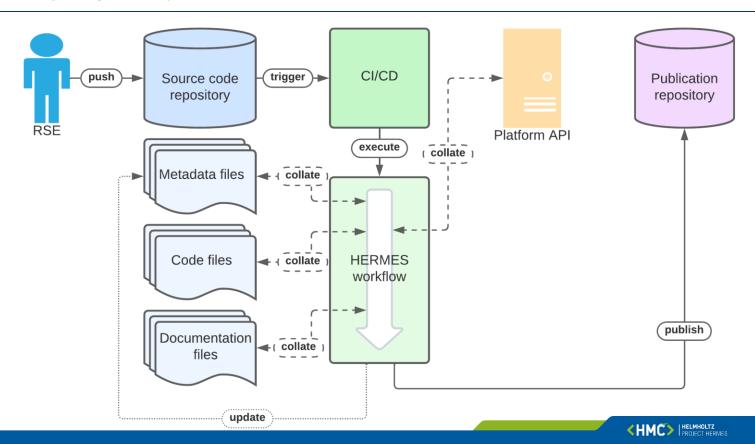
# Scope

The user receives assistance in depositing software in an automated fashion. This may be used to create publications purely with rich metadata (to be at least FAIR [5], even for closed source software) or with attached artifacts like source code, executables, etc. (to be more easily reusable). To achieve this, HERMES provides

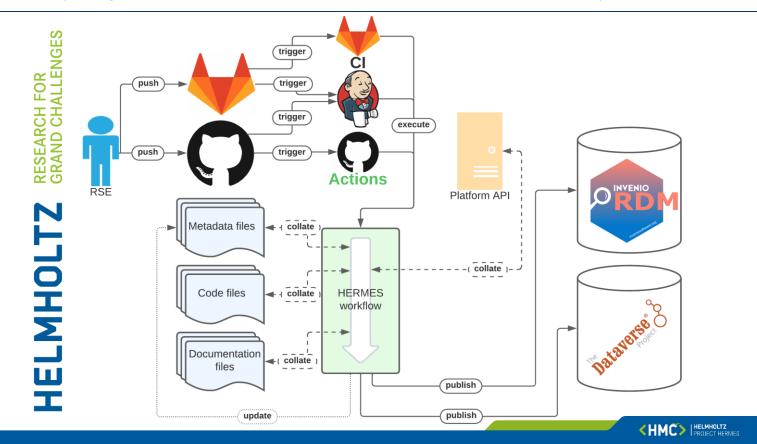
- an extensible, configurable and automatable toolchain with capability to be executed for 15
  - N software publications in
  - M target publication repositories
  - from the same origin
  - as configured by the user,
- initially harvesting and collating statically available metadata from formerly described metadata sources and
- initially targeting
  - InvenioRDM and
  - Dataverse project
- for deposits of metadata and artifacts according to curator-defined requirements
- and output of the respective metadata in a structured format (e.g., CodeMeta files) for further reuse.

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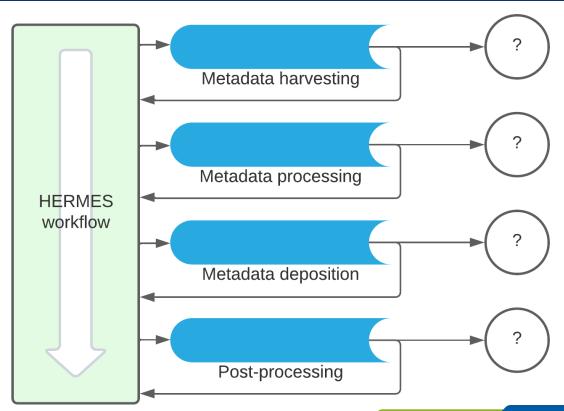
Overview (simplified)



Overview (simplified and concretized for HERMES Mk. I)



# Workflow pipelines



### Metadata: types, formats, sources for HERMES

#### Metadata

- Differences in generation, scope, mode, aspects
- Generic software metadata vs. software-specific metadata

#### Metadata formats

- Metadata files, snippets, third-party systems, API responses
- Structured vs. unstructured

#### Sources

- Collectable structured metadata
- 2. (Metadata from minable structured data)
- (Metadata from minable unstructured data)



# Depositing on target publication platforms

- Preparation of repository software
  - Prepare Dataverse project & InvenioRDM
- Curator-defined requirements
  - Query requirements for deposition
  - Feedback loop

# What will HERMES give you?

### Project outputs

- Software
  - Software for software publication workflow automation
- Cl templates
  - GitLab CI, GitHub Action, Jenkins, Travis CI
- Training materials
  - Adaption of HIFIS training materials to include workflow usage
- Project website
  - One-stop shop for information and documentation
- Policy proposals
  - Proposals for updates to policies/ guidelines at Helmholtz and Allianzinitiative



# **Conclusion: what problem does HERMES solve?**

Advancing the state of the art in software publication

- Enable automated publication of research software according to the FAIR principles (even for non-open source software)
- Automate collation of metadata from different sources
- Automated synchronization of software metadata between publication and repository
- Differentiated treatment of repositories containing >1 package
- Differentiated treatment of software, documentation and data components

# Thank you!

# Where to learn more about project HERMES?



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### Dealing with different source code repository layouts

#### 1. Ideal state

Repository contains 1 software package with integrated software documentation

### 2. god repositories

Repository contains >1 software package with integrated software documentation

### 3. Mixed repositories

 Repository contains >=1 software package with integrated software documentation, >=1 dataset, >=1 manuscript

HERMES lets users specify which repository parts to include for publication



Metadata: tooling

- Tooling
  - Software Metadata Extraction Framework (<u>SoMEF</u>)
  - CaltechDATA Automated Metadata Service (<u>AMES</u>)
  - codemeta2cff GitHub Action
  - CodeMeta Crosswalks
  - Citation File Format Converter and GitHub Action
    - Other <u>CFF tooling</u>
  - Citation File Format Initializer

Workflows: potential building blocks

- Tooling
  - Depositioning on Zenodo (<u>zenodraft</u> and <u>GitHub Action</u>)
  - Software Heritage Save <u>GitHub Action</u>
  - Software Heritage Deposit Command Line Tool
  - Dataverse Uploader <u>GitHub Action</u>