

NFDI for and with Computer Science



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NFDIxCS Mission Statement

- Discussion and standardization of CS research data formats, metadata formats, and semantics
- Implementation of the related research data management infrastructure, tools and services:
 - to promote the implementation of the FAIR Data Principles in the CS community for research data as well as software artifacts,
 - \circ to simplify the citability of software and CS data
 - $\circ~$ to modernize the publication processes and culture in both CS and its applications
- Support all subdisciplines of the CS community in handling of their research data
- Invoke data sets from other disciplines to further develop genuine CS (research) methods
- Share experience and knowledge of CS (system architectures, processes, standards for interoperability, data-oriented scientific publishing, communication systems, etc.) with others



Die Digtalisierung hat unsere Kultur tief durchdrungen. Musik Videos, Fotos werden inzwischen bierwiegend digtal hergestellt und verbreitet, Böcher werden digtalisiert, kommunikation findet über Handys. E-Malis oder Chats statt. Manches wie z. 8. Computerspiele hat nicht einmal mehr eine Entsprechung in der analogen Welt. Wenn digtale Informationen nun nahezu von überall her und für jeden zugänglich sind, birgt dies zwar Chancen, stellt uns aber auch vor technische Herausforderungen: Wie lässt sich unsere digitale kultur dauerhaft bewahren? Wie können virtuelle Objeke te angemessen (Upräsentiert und zugänglich gemacht werden?

DIE GRAND CHALLEN DER INFORMATIK

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Gesellschaft für Informatik

Wir benötigen Konzepte, um Kulturgüter auch für künftige Generationen begreifbar und erlebbar zu machen. Und ohne nachhaltige Langzeitbewahrung ist unsere digitale Kultur unwiederbringlich verloren. Nur mit Strategien zur Langzeitarchivierung können wir unser digitales Kulturerbe erhalten und ein "Zeitalter ohne Gedächtnis" vermeiden.



Timetable

▷Incremental build up

▷Pattern of regular assessment and tuning



Consortium and Services

- balance of different interest groups:
 - research

(quick response to heterogenous and dynamic requirements)

- operations
 - (stable, safe, efficient and maintainable infrastructure)
- disciplinary expertise + powerful tools
 from different perspectives
- re-use, adaption and connection of existing services as far as possible
- high degree of automation for sustainable operation





Research Data in Computer Science





Examples for Computer Science Research Data





Data Category	Data Subcategory	Examples for technical specifications, protocols, formats, languages etc.
Data sets	strongly structured	SQL, RDF, SPARQL, GraphQL, JSON, XML
	semi-structured	CSV, TSV, NetCDF, HDF5, Apache Parquet
	unstructured	txt, mp3, mp4, jpg
Software	formal models	UML, BPMN, DMN, ArchiMate, ERM
	scripts	Python, R, MatLab, Visual Basic
	web/microservices	HTTP, REST, JSON, AMQP, MQTT
	complex systems	YAML
Context	operating systems	MS Windows, macOS, iOS, Android, various Unix versions and derivatives
	Programming models & runtimes	C, C++, Fortran, Java OpenMP, MPI, CUDA
	supporting services	CI, CD, container services, server virtualization
	hardware	Configuration files, specifications, emulators if available/necessary
	Physical location	GPS, Address, location in rack, room number

FAIR DO: Couple Data and Context

The persistent encapsulation of data and different types of metadata into such a knowledge unit should significantly **improve the level of trust** with which it can be understood across disciplines and modes of sharing. For such a transformation be achieved, it is essential to employ a set of robust conceptual and technological models that enable **sharing and reuse of data-in-context.**

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Stage 1: Prototype and implement Research Data Management Container

Data

Unstructured, Semi-Structure, Strongly Structured

Software

Formal Models, Scripts, Web/Microservices, ...

Context

Operating Systems, Programming models & runtime, hardware...





Research Data Management Container (RDMC)



- Encapsulating research data in a container/packaged format
- portable object that manages itself
 - access
 - specific workflow and all the data
 - Software
- "bring the data back to life"
- RDMCs will be hosted by trusted service providers
- Examples: Docker, ..., code ocean4, Fair Data Objects6, ...



Example of an RDMC



Example: Docker / Rancher Infrastructure







General Assembly and how all fits together

NFDIxCS Layers of Task Areas





Task Areas



For each Subject...

409-01 Theoretical Computer Science

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Characterization of the field

Theoretical computer science (TCS) primarily focuses on mathematical aspects of CS, historically emerging from a specialized sub-field of mathematics addressing basic notions of computability, algorithms and their computational complexity. Modern TCS is a well-established field of research in its own right with a large and broad spectrum of topics, including (but not limited to) data structures, computational geometry, cryptography, automata theory, formal methods, parallel and distributed computing and computational logic. Research in TCS is characterized by mathematical rigor, applications of formal mathematical proof techniques, and, usually, its foundational character. In particular, the sub-discipline of automated reasoning and theorem proving can be described in a broader sense as applied mathematical logic. It deals with the theory, implementation and application of software systems for automatic or interactive proofs of formal logical statements from mathematics and CS. The central goal is the automation of formal mathematical reasoning on the one hand and, on the other hand, the practical support of its application to concrete problems from mathematics and CS. The applications hereby range from basic theoretical results, e.g., the proof of Kepler's conjecture in mathematics, to applied academic and industrial applications, e.g., the verification of software and cyber-physical systems.



Examples for research data

theorem provers. Each repository is associated with a specific theorem prover {A2}. Repositories are directories of text files {11}. Current repository sizes are of the order of 1GB. Three widely used repositories {M3} are listed below.

Formal proofs for interactive Proofs are generated interactively by researchers with the help of a theorem prover. Proofs are checked by the theorem prover, archived {C2} and referenced {I2, A3} from other proofs and from publications. They can be updated continuously {D1}. Proofs are written in a formal language (specific to the theorem prover) {D2, A1}; the formal language may change from version to version {D1} and the libraries may change {A2}. The repositories are versioned {D1}, online and open access {C2, C4}.

Data for testing, evaluation and training of theorem provers. Proof problems in standardized syntax formats {C3} (e.g. for classical first- and higher-order logic) are used to test and evaluate automated theorem provers {D4, M2}. A prominent library is the TPTP library of proof problems; version v7.5.0 expands into 6.9GB (problems, axiom sets, documents, utilities). Such problem and repositories {I1} are increasingly

Proof problems are submitted by the community. They are assessed according to criteria such as novelty and difficulty (how many provers can solve them) {M2}. Only a portion of submissions is selected for inclusion in the TPTP library {C2}, which is the basis for benchmarking {D4} and yearly ATP competitions {M3}. The problems are analysed and formatted with additional tools from the TPTP infrastructure {A2}. TPTP is maintained and stored at Univ. of Miami, but a long-term solution is currently sought (one current option includes a move to Germany) {A1}. TPTP is online and open access {C2, C4}.

For each Subject...

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409-05 Visual Computing

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Characterization of the field

Visual computing is the key discipline to enable effective and efficient interaction between people or with their environment. The research also considers the impact of system and visual design as well as architectural decisions in the development of information and communication technology on the experience of people's use of technology. The field includes computer graphics, computer vision, interactive visualization, and human-computer interaction. It is concerned with questions of how information is presented for human users and also how computing systems can acquire knowledge about their context and the situation around them. Novel interaction and interface technologies are researched from a technical perspective (object recognition, 3D registration, efficient rendering) as well as from a user perspective (acceptability, efficiency of interaction, user experience). New knowledge and scientific progress are generated from research into algorithms, from experimental system research, and from empirical research. Systematic studies are used to validate and evaluate visual computing solutions. Such studies can be formative or summative and the approaches can be qualitative or quantitative. The results are new algorithms, methods, tools, and approaches that are experimentally and empirically validated, the development of new interaction techniques and technologies in software and hardware, and theories and models for visual computing.

Examples for research data

Datasets for image recognition or activity recognition. This media (e.g. images, sensor data, videos, audio recordings) itself, descriptions of the data set {D2} and the experimental context {A2} as well as labels for the media data {D3} (e.g. time codes).

In visual computing systems the recognition of the environment is one key challenge, like the classification includes, besides the multimodal of images (such as indoor vs. outdoor) or the description of what is shown in a video. Such datasets may also include further modalities {D3} such as sensor value (e.g. gyro, acceleration) or audio recordings. Typically, a research group creates a dataset and initial algorithm, and publishes it {C2} along with the recognition results {D4}. Based on this, other research groups publish superior algorithms {A3} using the same dataset {D4}.

Documentation of research systems and their use. This includes software (e.g. programs in different programming languages and interface descriptions) {D2}, hardware descriptions (e.g. boards, components, architectures) {A2}, descriptions of physical forms (e.g. and multimedia data (e.g. videos) that document the operation and usage. These data can depend on or relate to each other {A2, D3}.

Experimental systems are developed and functional prototypes are implemented. Besides algorithms, such implementations are often complex {A2} including specific hardware (e.g. power wall display, tangible interaction controller, GPU computing setup), newly developed or adapted system software (or firmware), as well as test applications {I3}. Such prototypes are set up and operated for the specific research project or for a CAD files, models for 3D printing) study and they are not permanent {C2}. Hence it is required to document and reproduce these setups {M2}. There are no standards yet {C3}, often researchers conserve this information as an add-on to publication {C2} in a ZIP-archive.

Mehr Informationen

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