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R and Python Package Collection and Filtering

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XALT: Outline



- ▶ XALT can record package usage by R and Python (optionally Matlab)
- ▶ This talk centers on Python with a little on others
- ▶ Special code is required to use allow for tracking

R tracking requires a special package to turn on tracking

- ▶ Package developed at IU by James McCombs and Michael Scott
- ▶ I need to get one of them on documentation on how to install it.

Python tracking

- ▶ I developed XALT's `xalt_sitecustomize.py` (installed as `sitecustomize.py`)
- ▶ This was with help from Riccardo Murri (with an intro from Kenneth Hoste!)
- ▶ To track python imports add `$XALT_DIR/site_packages` to `$PYTHONPATH`
- ▶ This puts XALT's `sitecustomize.py` which is ALWAYS read by every python execution

XALT package tracking interface

- ▶ All package tracking “hooks” calls the program `xalt_record_pkg` to interface with XALT
- ▶ It can be found in `$XALT_DIR/libexec`

```
../xalt_record_pkg program      <PROGRAM> \
                    xalt_run_uuid <UUID>      \
                    package_name  <NAME>       \
                    package_version <VERSION> \
                    package_path  <PATH>
```

Future Topics?

- ▶ How XALT “hijack” the link process to watermark user programs.
- ▶ This hijacking is not required for execution tracking
- ▶ Next Meeting will be on July 22, 2022 at 10:00 am U.S. Central (15:00 UTC)
- ▶ This talk will be given by my colleague: Amit Ruhela.