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(1) Overview

Title

The title of the software paper should focus on the software, e.g. Text mining software from the X project. If the software is closely linked to a specific research paper, then Software from Paper Title is appropriate. The title should be factual, relating to the functionality of the software and the area it relates to rather than making claims about the software, e.g. Easy-to-use.

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Abstract

A short (ca. 100 word) summary of the software being described: what problem the software addresses, how it was implemented and architected, where it is stored, and its reuse potential.

Keywords

keyword 1; keyword 2; etc.

Keywords should make it easy to identify who and what the software will be useful for.

Introduction

An overview of the software, how it was produced, and the research for which it has been used, including references to relevant research articles. A short comparison with software which implements similar functionality should be included in this section.

Implementation and architecture

How the software was implemented, with details of the architecture where relevant. Use of relevant diagrams is appropriate. Please also describe any variants and associated implementation differences.

Quality control

Detail the level of testing that has been carried out on the code (e.g. unit, functional, load etc.), and in which environments. If not already included in the software documentation, provide details of how a user could quickly understand if the software is working (e.g. providing examples of running the software with sample input and output data).

(2) Availability

Operating system

Please include minimum version compatibility.

Programming language

Please include minimum version compatibility.

Additional system requirements

E.g. memory, disk space, processor, input devices, output devices.

Dependencies

E.g. libraries, frameworks, incl. minimum version compatibility.

List of contributors

Please list anyone who helped to create the software (who may also not be an author of this paper), including their roles and affiliations.

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Language

Language of repository, software and supporting files.

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