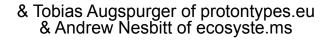
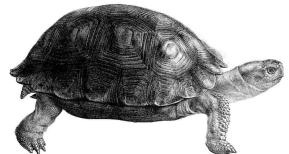
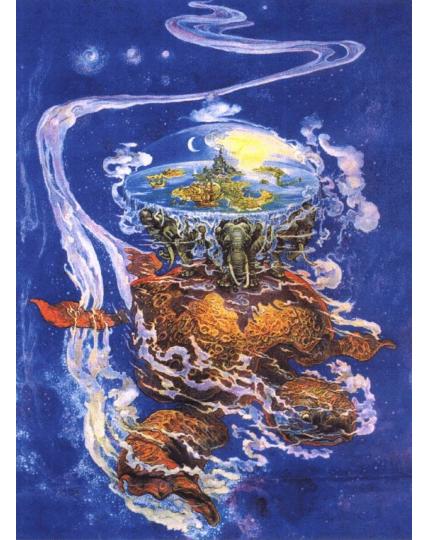
From Core to A'Tuin: Citing Software All The Way Down The Stack

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A'Tuin?



A'Tuin?



Citing software is important!

- Recognizes contributions to science
- Enables reproducibility
- Facilitates knowledge transfer of the whole process
- Incentivizes code sharing
- Enables RSEs to use citations for funding narratives
- Developers don't know their impact. At all.
- Cheap
- Easy

So, is it that hard?

- Not really!
- Let's look at a paper.

Perceived heterospecific vocal mimicry in *Perisoreus jays*, sourced from community scientist observations

- Actual paper in prep.
- Has some spectrograms showing bird calls
- Involved some data science.

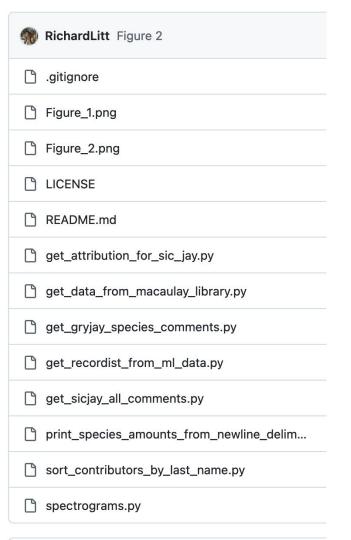


Is there any data shared?

- eBird Basic Dataset. (2024) Version: EBD_relJul-2024. Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Ithaca, New York. Jul 2024.
- Sullivan, B.L., C.L. Wood, M.J. Iliff, R.E. Bonney, D. Fink, and S. Kelling. 2009. eBird: a citizen-based bird observation network in the biological sciences. Biological Conservation 142: 2282-2292.
- & dozens of individual observations from eBird, iNaturalist, and Xeno-Canto

Is there any code shared?

- https://github.com/RichardLitt/perisoreus
- Not on Zenodo yet (pending article review)
- No manifest



Let's make a manifest

- `pip install pipreqs && pipreqs`
- `cat requirements.txt`:

```
ebird_api==3.0.6
matplotlib==3.8.4
numpy==2.1.2
pandas==2.2.3
scipy==1.14.1
```

Cite those!

From their websites:

- Harris, C.R., Millman, K.J., van der Walt, S.J. et al. (2020) Array programming with NumPy. Nature 585, 357–362. DOI: 10.1038/s41586-020-2649-2.
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ebird_api?

- Not the same as eBird.
- https://pypi.org/project/ebird-api/
- https://github.com/ProjectBabbler/ebird-api

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ebird_api?

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Citing in the text

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Citing in the text

[In text]. We used Python scripts (Python Software Foundation 2024) with native libraries, and the pandas library (Pandas development team 2020) for further analyses of checklists.

All done!

- Cited five dependencies in our GitHub.
- (Sorta) got author information for contributors.



But what about...?

Python? - Pip? pipreqs? - Cat? - Or: import os import sys 3 import re import pandas as pd 4

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Them too!

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 Accessed https://github.com/bndr/pipreqs on October 17, 2024.

All done!

- Cited eight dependencies.
- Go team!



Open source is all about turtles.

"Open source, in general, is this collective of projects that are built on top of projects that are built on top of projects that are built on top of projects."

Nicholas Zakas

https://podcast.sustainoss.org/142

https://humanwhocodes.com/blog/2022/06/sponsoring-dependencies-open-so-urce-sustainability/

Open source privileges a few

- Charismatic projects get more mind-share
- More funding
- More bug-fixes
- Leaving the rest in the lurch.

This is a problem.

- Maintainers who aren't thanked aren't incentivized.
- Funds don't trickle down.
- Vulnerabilities trickle up.
- Citations are the currency of academia.

Citation.cff?

- Plain text files
- With human- and machine-readable citation information
- Meant for software (and datasets).
- Need to be manually included.



Can we find those automatically?

- Yes!
- Let's start with ebird-api.
- `gem* install pbom`

```
pbom git:(main) ./exe/pbom generate --input ../ebird-api --output ../test/.
Generating a new PBOM...
Looking up pkg:pypi/black@24.10.0...
Downloading CITATION.cff from psf/black...
Looking up pkg:pypi/build@1.2.2.post1...
Looking up pkg:pypi/bump2version@1.0.1...
Looking up pkg:pypi/cachetools@5.5.0...
Looking up pkg:pypi/certifi@2024.8.30...
Looking up pkg:pypi/cffi@1.17.1...
Looking up pkg:pypi/chardet@5.2.0...
Looking up pkg:pypi/charset-normalizer@3.3.2...
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Looking up pkg:pypi/colorama@0.4.6...
Looking up pkg:pypi/coverage@7.6.1...
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Looking up pkg:pypi/cryptography@43.0.1...
Looking up pkg:pypi/distlib@0.3.8...
Looking up pkg:pypi/docutils@0.21.2...
Looking up pkg:pypi/filelock@3.16.1...
Looking up pkg:pypi/flake8@7.1.1...
```

Black the Uncompromising.cff

```
cff-version: 1.2.0
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      message: >-
        If you use this software, please cite it using the metadata from this file.
      type: software
       authors:
        - family-names: Langa
          given-names: Łukasz
        - name: "contributors to Black"
       repository-code: "https://github.com/psf/black"
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11
      url: "https://black.readthedocs.io/en/stable/"
      abstract: >-
12
        Black is the uncompromising Python code formatter. By using it, you agree to cede
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        control over minutiae of hand-formatting. In return, Black gives you speed,
14
        determinism, and freedom from pycodestyle nagging about formatting. You will save time
15
16
        and mental energy for more important matters.
17
        Blackened code looks the same regardless of the project you're reading. Formatting
18
        becomes transparent after a while and you can focus on the content instead.
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        Black makes code review faster by producing the smallest diffs possible.
22
       license: MIT
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Black the Uncompromising.bib

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@software{Langa_Black_The_uncompromising,
author = {Langa, Łukasz and {contributors to Black}},
license = {MIT},
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url = {https://github.com/psf/black}
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The rest

PBOM generated at ../test/.

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- 56 unique packages found
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  - references.bib
To cite all packages in your research, add the following to your LaTeX document:
\cite{pypi:black}, \cite{pypi:build}, \cite{pypi:bump2version}, \cite{pypi:cachetools}, \cite{pypi:certifi}, \cite{pypi:
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Publish?

Abstract—Citing software is important for research, as ft5] benediktschmitt, "filelock (3.16.1)," Published on https://pypi.org, 04 2024. improves reproducibility, reuse, and incentivizes software de- [Online]. Available: https://github.com/tox-dev/py-filelock velopment in the sciences. Current best practices encourage [6] g. asottile, "flake8 (7.1.1)," Published on https://pypi.org, 01 2024. [Online]. citing major software used in the development of research, uploading code to a data repository, and licensing software [7] kjd, "idna (3.10)," Published on https://pypi.org, 04 2024. [Online]. Available: https://github.com/pyp.org, 04 2024. [Online]. Available: https://github.com/pyp.org, 04 2024. [Online]. Available: https://github.com/pyp.org, 04 2024. [Online]. in the literature, disincentivizes work on low-level modules, lished on https://pypi.org, 03 2024. [Online]. Available: and ignores the transitive nature of most software. Here, we https://github.com/python/importlib_metadata discuss alternatives, by citing all software used in an open source | h. ronny, "iniconfig (2.0.0)," Published on https://pypi.org, 01 2023. [Online]. software project, including dependencies. We point out issues Available: https://github.com/pytest-dev/iniconfig with software citation, and suggest best practices for the field[0] s. timothycrosley, "isort (5.13.2)," Published on https://pypi.org. 12 2023. going forward.

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Ok! All done.

- But this was just for ebird-api...
- What about the other projects?



Dependencies

- Tough in Python
- This uses `poetry`
- But it's not perfect.

```
perisoreus git:(main) x poetry show --tree
ebird-api 3.0.7 Wrapper for accessing the eBird API
matplotlib 3.8.4 Python plotting package
    contourpy >=1.0.1
    \sim numpy >=1.23
    cycler >=0.10
    fonttools >=4.22.0
    kiwisolver >=1.3.1
    numpy >= 1.21
    packaging >=20.0
    pillow >=8
    pyparsing >=2.3.1
    python-dateutil >=2.7
     -\sin x >= 1.5
numpy 2.1.2 Fundamental package for array computing in Python
pandas 2.2.3 Powerful data structures for data analysis, time series, and statistics
    numpy >= 1.26.0
    python-dateutil >=2.8.2
      - six >= 1.5
    pytz >=2020.1
    tzdata >=2022.7
pip 24.2 The PyPA recommended tool for installing Python packages.
scipy 1.14.1 Fundamental algorithms for scientific computing in Python
  - \text{ numpy } >= 1.23.5, < 2.3
```

How about JavaScript?



jsPsych: Enabling an Open-Source Collaborative Ecosystem of Behavioral Experiments

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Software

- Review ௴
- Archive ♂

Summary

It is common practice to research human behavior using experiments that participants can complete online. Researchers use a variety of methodological approaches to conduct these

Jspsych

- Only 9 devDependencies.
- `cat package-lock.json | jq .packages | jq 'keys | length'` shows 1677 transitive deps

Citing All the Software Dependencies, from Core to Amin.			

Further problems:

- What about getting code contributors?
- Can we automatically get ORCID? DOIs?
- What about citing dependencies of FreeBSD and Python, too? What does that look like?
- How about Firefox, Google Docs, and OSX?

Where does it end?

- Right now nowhere.
- Journals limit citations. You'll need editors to be on board with you citing all of these.
- Citations aren't all equal. Not every dependency is always used.
- Transitive dependencies aren't easy to get.

SBOMs

- A manifest of all of your work
- Include it with your data
- Or include it as an appendix
- Cite all citation.cff files in it.

Saying "Use an SBOM" isn't enough.

- How do we incentivize it?
- 1. Fund open source by funding science.
- 2. Count SBOM inclusion as altmetrics.
- 3. ???
- 4. Draw the owl turtle.

Cite what you can.

- If people have included Citation.cff files, they have explicitly asked you to cite them.

- Find and cite every one.

Thank you.

https://github.com/andrew/PBOM/

http://richard.social.