

The Free and Open Source Electronic Lab Notebook



## Summary

- Why use an electronic lab notebook?
- Why use an open source solution?
- Why use eLabFTW?
- Why use Deltablot hosting?

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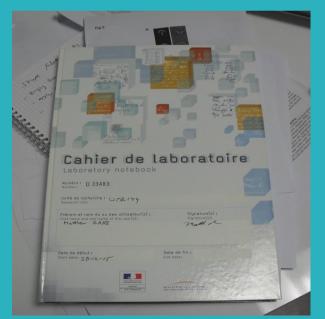
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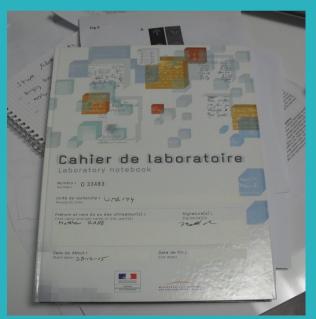


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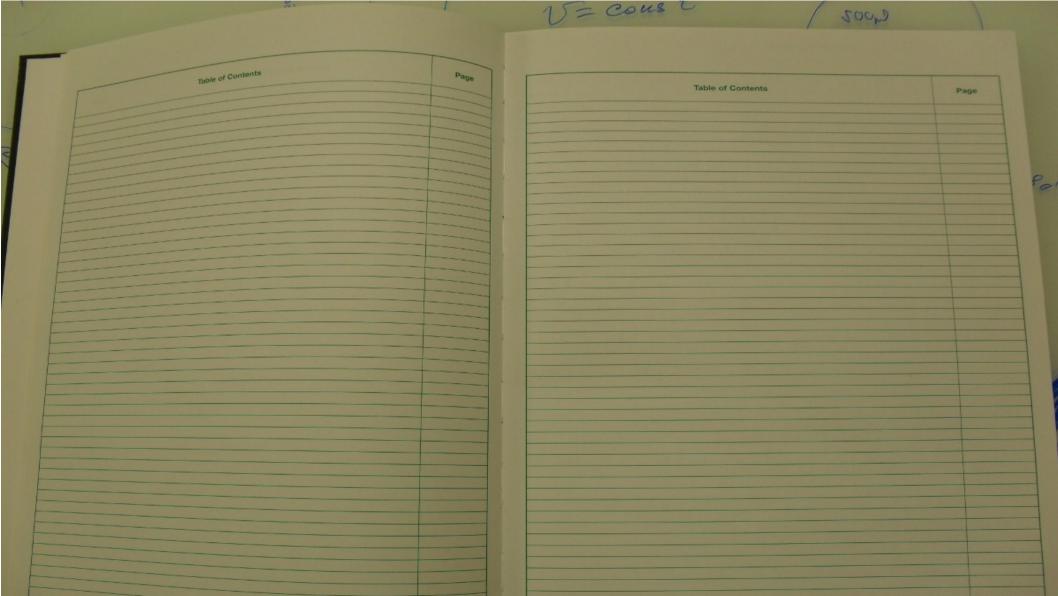
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### **Limitations:**

- Can be lost or burned
- No backups
- Often empty
- Not readable by others easily
- Can't search for something

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# Now you want to use an ELN

### **Problem:**

Which one?

"Should we use the free solutions out there?"

"But if it's free, it means we are the product, right?"

"Those privacy policies mention too many times the word "marketing" to my taste"

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### **Problem:**

Which one?

"But should I give all my research results to a foreign company on which I have no control?"

"What happens if that company gets bought by a Chinese consortium?" "What happens to my data if that company closes"

# Now you want to use a free and open source ELN

**Problem:** 

Which one?

Well, eLabFTW of course! It's the most popular one and the most flexible, modern and fast ELN out there!\*;)

\*source: me

### **eLabFTW**

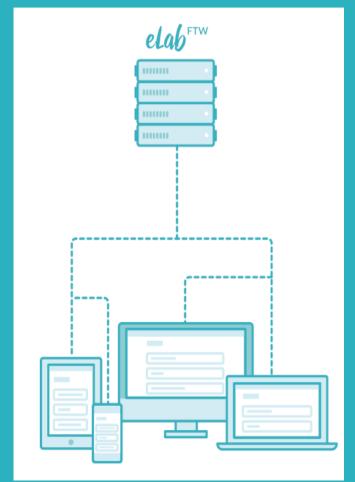
- Developed since 2012
- Free as in beer
- Free as in speech
- 350+ stars on GitHub
- Vibrant users community contributing to the software
- Modern
- Has great features
- Secure
- Popular all over the world

## eLabFTW: key features

Web based

No client to install

Responsive design (works with all screen sizes)

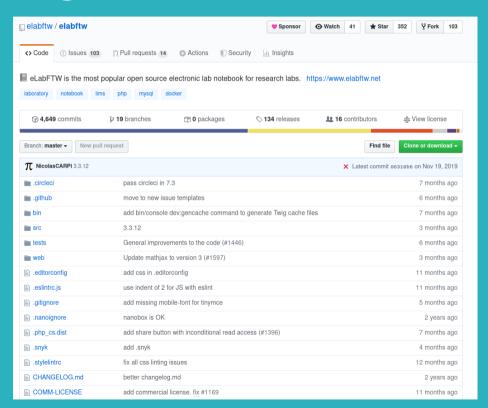


## eLabFTW: key features

Open source

Access to the source code is immediate

Users contributions are welcome



A good read: The closed source sustainability crisis

### eLabFTW: key features

- Trusted timestamping (RFC 3161)
- API access
- SAML authentication
- Templates
- Database for products/protocols
- Export in ZIP, PDF, CSV, JSON
- Molecule editor
- Todolist
- Tex rendering
- Very customizable
- Translated in 17 languages

### eLabFTW: community driven development

Auto logout afer x min of inactivity	□ 1
Keyboard shortcuts in TinyMCE editor feature request #1556 opened 23 days ago by squirrel198	□ 1
Add status select on zip import feature request #1538 opened on Oct 2 by NicolasCARPi	
Add backup in API feature request #1534 opened on Sep 30 by NicolasCARPi	
① Add mysql port config and tls with path to cert feature request #1498 opened on Sep 5 by NicolasCARPi	□ 1
① Integration of a "follow this experiment" button feature request #1496 opened on Sep 4 by AlfredoCampari	□ 1
① In the model items categories allow steps to be prefilled feature request #1495 opened on Sep 3 by Aveyron-RetD	□ 1
(1) keep the filter enabled when navigating to and back from an experience or database item   feature request   #1494 opened on Sep 3 by Aveyron-RetD	₽ 5
Suggestion: add folder hierarchy feature request #1471 opened on Aug 22 by andrewjho	₽7
① .json viewer / editor feature request #1467 opened on Aug 20 by christophys	□ 1
① Sharing templates across different teams feature request #1457 opened on Aug 15 by riefler	Ç⊐ 3
Modification Scheduler feature request  #1453 opened on Aug 13 by Benjamin218	
① Show linked database items too in 'show related' link feature request #1432 opened on Jul 31 by Aveyron-RetD	<b>□</b> 3

## eLabFTW: key features For research centers/universities

- Host it on your network
- Centralize your results on one server
  - No data gets lost if a laptop of a postdoc is stolen
  - Several teams can be hosted on the same instance

## eLabFTW: quality software

- Test suite (unit, acceptance, static analysis)
- Respects code standards
- Best practices followed
- Modern tooling used

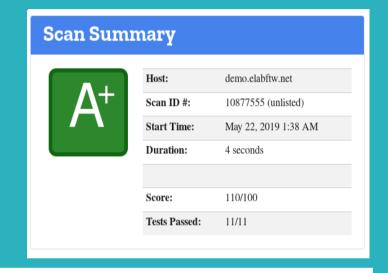


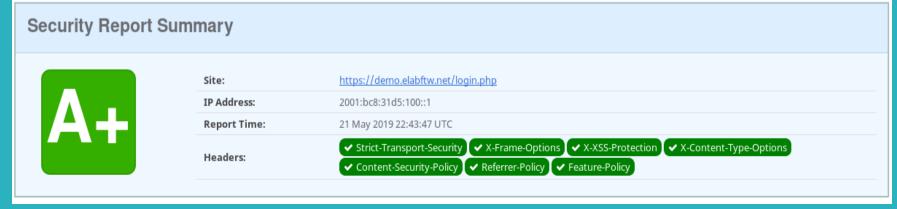
### eLabFTW: secure software

- Tight and secure configuration at different levels
- Vulnerability scans
- Signed releases
- Perfect score on Mozilla's Observatory

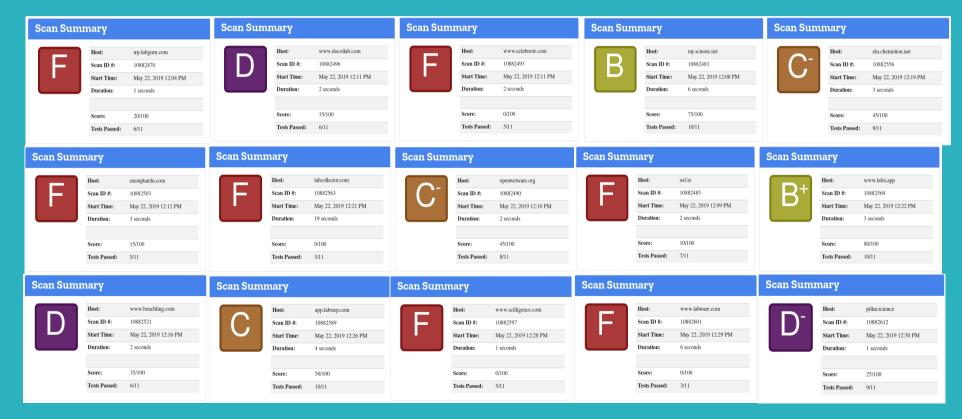
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## eLabFTW: secure software .... not like others...



### eLabFTW: supported software

Free support on GitHub
PRO support available from Deltablot
Hosting available from Deltablot

https://www.deltablot.com

contact@deltablot.email



## eLabFTW: get hosted!



Hosting a web service can be tricky if you don't have the right knowledge.

HSTS, SSH, TLS, CSP, Docker, Nginx, etc...

Don't worry about all of that, and use Deltablot's hosting!

- PRO support included
- Daily backups
- Secure CentOS server (when I say secure I mean paranoid config)
- Free updates on new releases

Get in touch: contact@deltablot.email