

Exercise 11.1: Experimenting with FOSSology

The FOSSology project offers easy to understand options for learning the basics of how to use the tools

The easiest way is to use the project's online testing facility. To do this:

- 1. Point your browser to https://fossology.osuosl.org/repo/
- 2. Login with username=fossy and password=fossy.
- 3. You can choose from a number of examples already enumerated; most of these are archives in zipped or tarball form. To keep things simple, choose at first a simple file.
- 4. In the select action box, click on Copyright/Email/Url in the drop down menu. You see the copyright, license and url information highlighted in appropriate colors.
- 5. Try clicking on some of the other fields in the top ribbon banner to see more useful information.

Two possible variations are:

- 1. Look at one of the archives on the test site and learn how to browse through its files.
- 2. Even better, upload one of your files or source archives and analyze its contents.

