

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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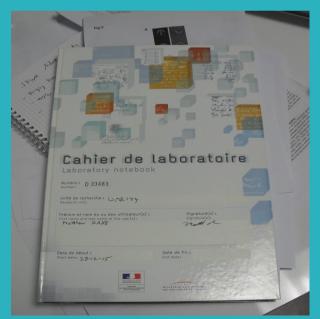


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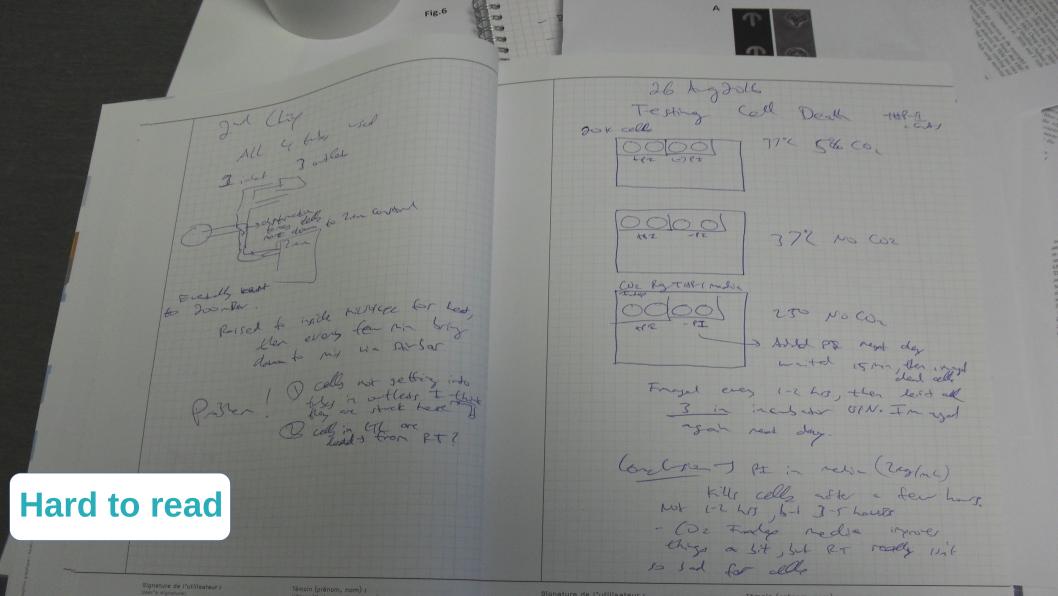
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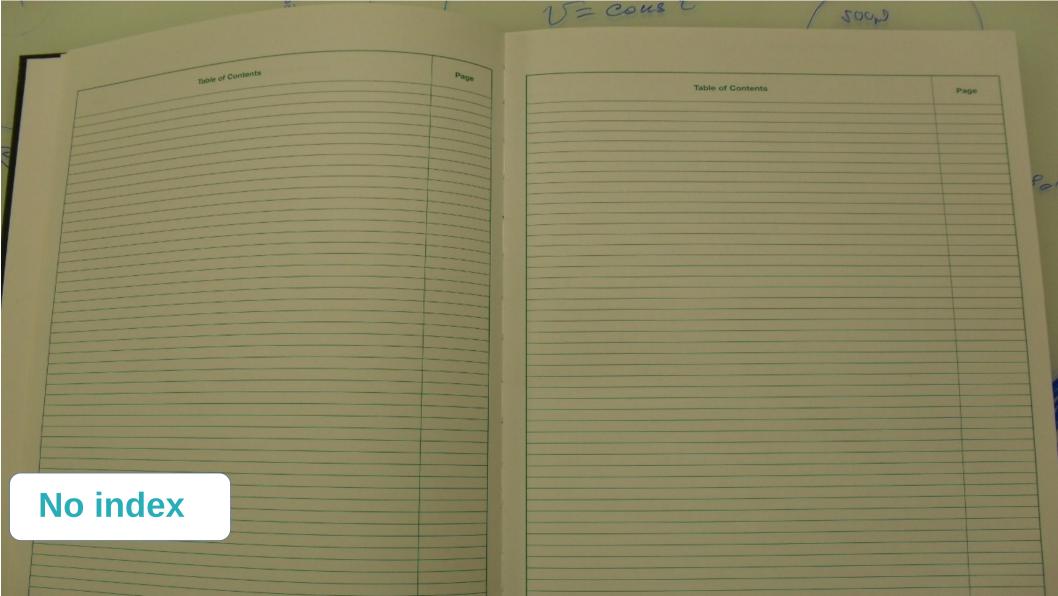
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#### **Limitations:**

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







# 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"

#### Real world example from a commercial ELN:

tracking email invitations you send; and otherwise supporting your use of the Site. We may use your personal data for target advertising toward you based on things such as region, gender, position, interests, goals, habits, etc. and in order to meet legal obligations.

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"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 foreign 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, versatile, modern, and secure ELN out there!\*;)

## **eLabFTW**



- Developed since 2012
- Free as in beer
- Free as in speech
- 600+ stars on GitHub
- Vibrant users community contributing to the software
- Modern codebase and interface
- Has all features you might expect and then some
- Secure
- Popular all over the world
- Made in France
- Recommended by CNRS





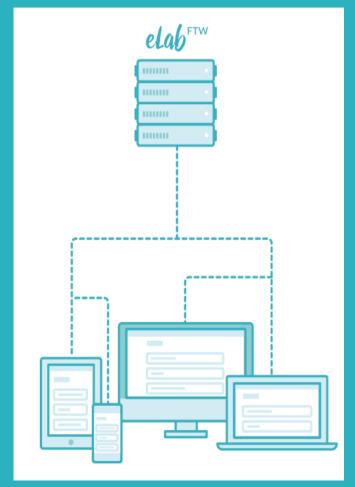


# eLabFTW: key features

Web based

No client to install

Responsive design: works with all screen sizes (no apps required)



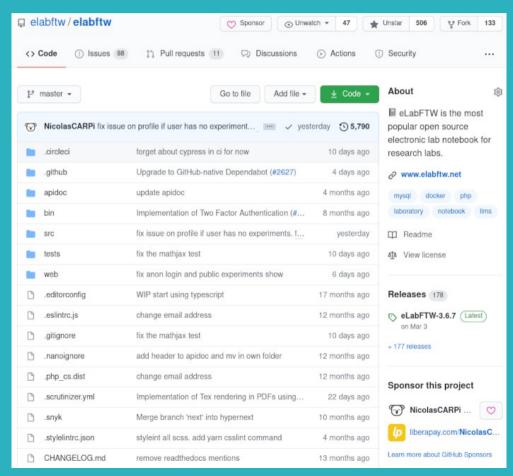
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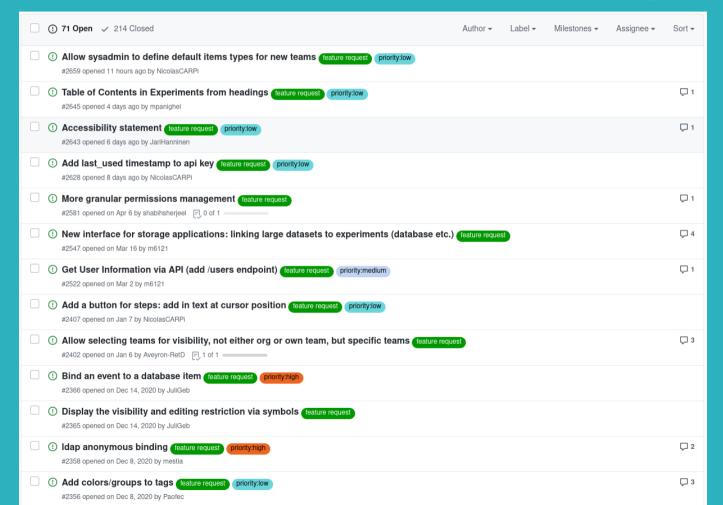
Access to the source code is immediate

Users contributions are welcome

Great community of users: ongoing discussions and contributions for the future of lab notebooks and eLabFTW



## eLabFTW: community driven development



## eLabFTW: key features

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

# 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
  - You stay in control of your data at all times

# eLabFTW: key features For startups/companies

- Strictly no data leaking to third parties
- Confidentiality is guaranteed
- You stay in control of your data at all times
- Highly customizable

## eLabFTW: quality software

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

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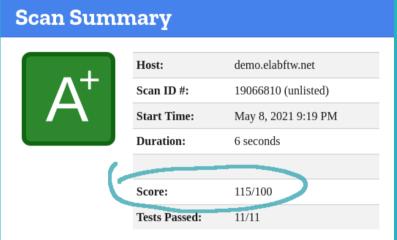


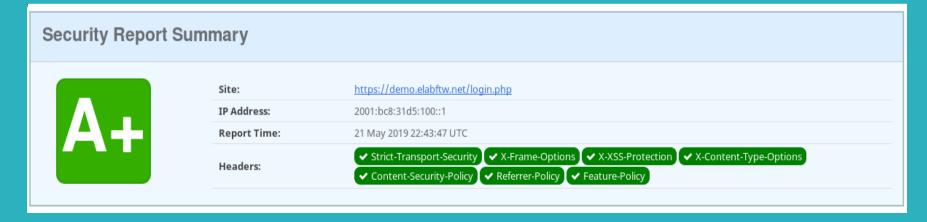
- Tight and secure configuration at different levels
- Vulnerability scans
- Signed releases
- Perfect score on Mozilla's Observatory

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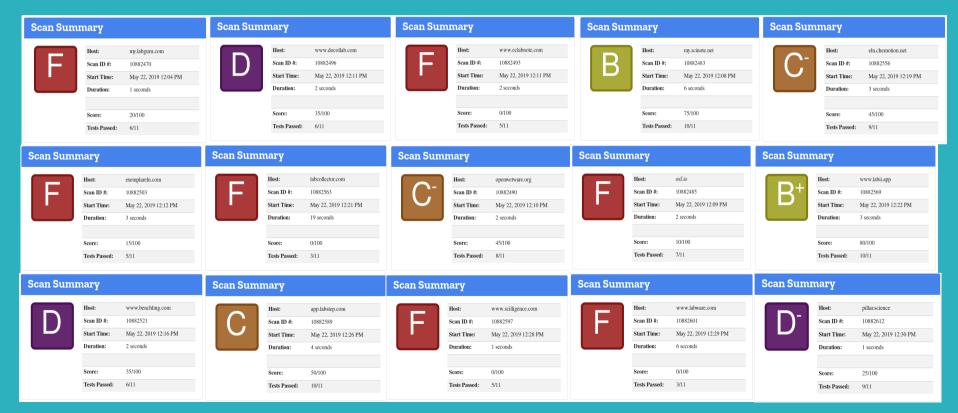


Source: Mozilla's Observatory





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



## eLabFTW: supported software

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

→ Best of both worlds: supported open source

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, Backups, updates, protecting against threat actors, staying online...

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

**See Deltablot hosting solution** 

Get in touch: contact@deltablot.email

## eLabFTW: links

Main website: <a href="https://www.elabftw.net">https://www.elabftw.net</a>

Documentation: <a href="https://doc.elabftw.net">https://doc.elabftw.net</a>

Live demo: <a href="https://demo.elabftw.net">https://demo.elabftw.net</a>

Source code: <a href="https://github.com/elabftw/elabftw">https://github.com/elabftw/elabftw</a>

Commercial website: <a href="https://www.deltablot.com/elabftw">https://www.deltablot.com/elabftw</a>