

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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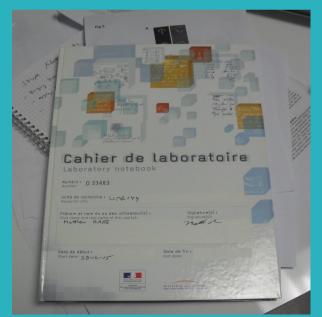
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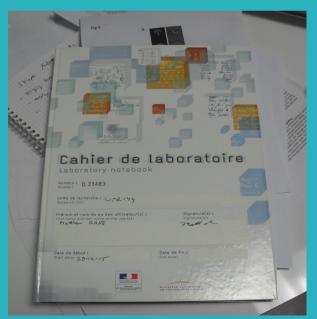


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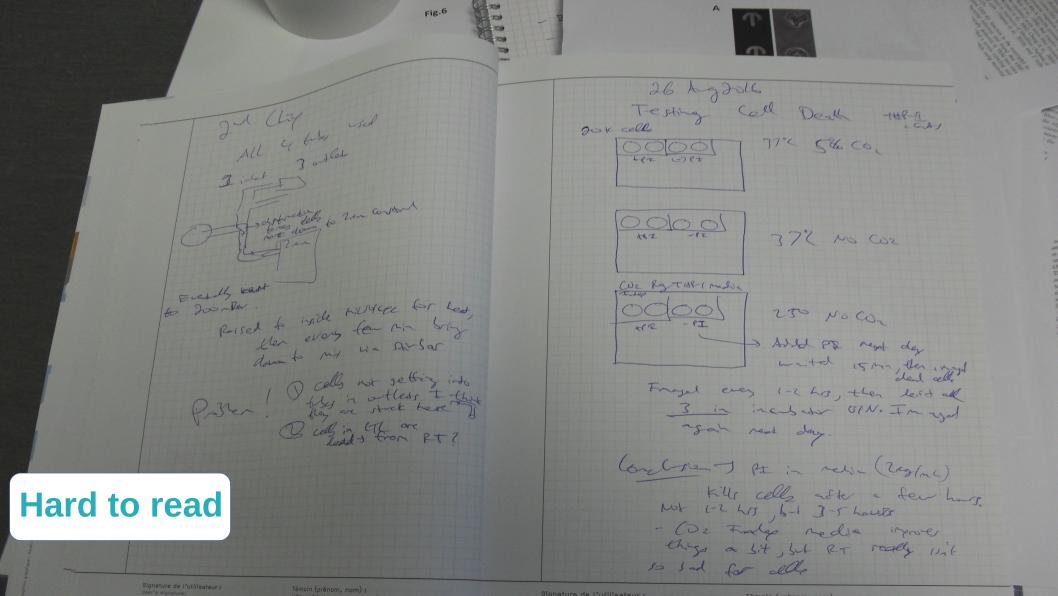
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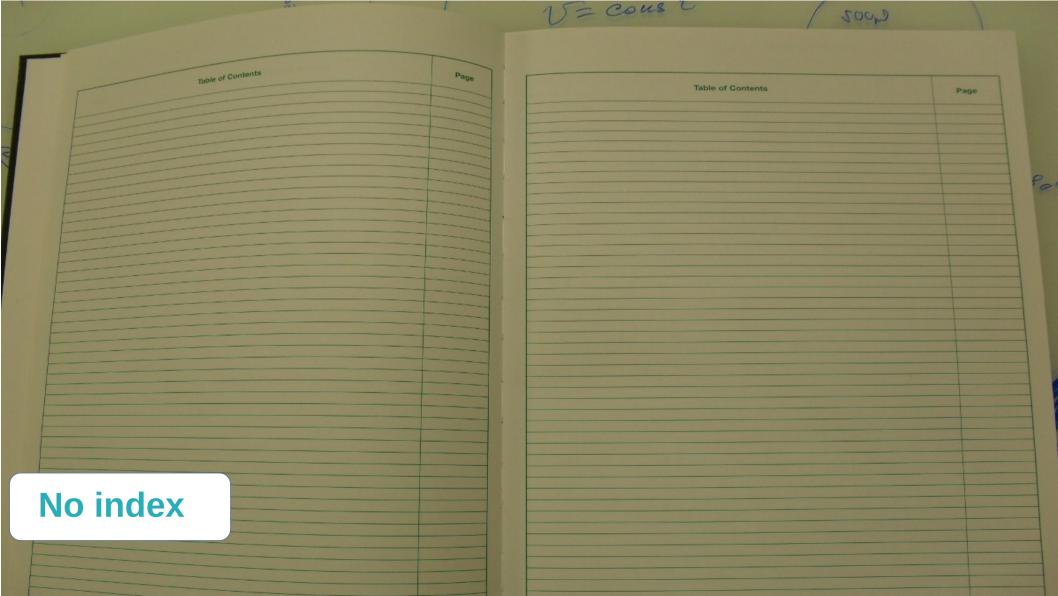
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Limitations:

- Can be lost or disappear in a flood/fire
- No backups possible
- Can't input digital data







eLabFTW solves all these issues

With eLabFTW:

- You can input digital data
- You can search easily
- No readability issues
- You can have backups
- You can legally timestamp results
- You can access it from anywhere in the world

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An ELN brings other issues

Things to consider:

- Where is the data stored?
- What is the privacy policy of the service?
- What happens on the (very) long term?
- Is it interoperable?

Where is the data stored?

On Premise installation:

• The data is stored on your network, on your servers

SaaS service:

- For European customers, the data is hosted in Paris, France, by Scaleway or 3DS Outscale for the SecNumCloud offer (both are french companies).
- For North Americans customers, the data is hosted in New-York, San Francisco or Toronto, by DigitalOcean, LLC (USA company), depending on your location.
- For customers in Asia, the data is hosted in Japan, Korea, India or Singapore, by Vultr, LLC (USA company), depending on your location.
- For Australians customers, the data is hosted in Melbourne, by Vultr, LLC (USA company).
- For South Americans customers, the data is hosted in Chile, Brasil or Mexico, by Vultr, LLC (USA company), depending on your location.

What about privacy?

Be careful about "free" ELN services

"If something is free, 'you' are the product"
Read the privacy policy of services you consider using!

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.



Would you like your unpublished results to be used in some obscure machine learning process and shared with third parties?

What happens in the (very) long term?

Problem with long term sustainability of proprietary solutions.

→ Only an open source solution can be trusted in the (very) long term!

eLabFTW is 100% Open Source!

eLabFTW









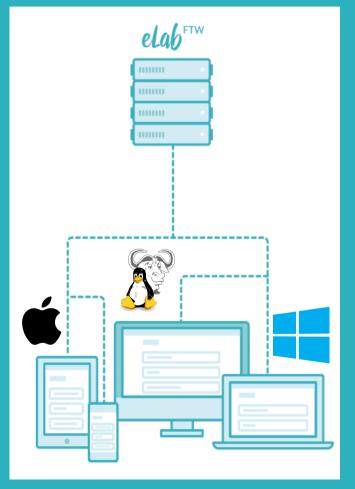
- Developed since 2012
- Vibrant users community
- Has all features you might expect and then some
- Modern codebase and interface
- Secure, audited software
- Popular all over the world
- Plebiscited by users
- Available in many languages
- Supported by big institutions (CNRS, IRD, ...)
- Made in France

- Trusted timestamping (RFC 3161)
- Blockchain timestamping
- API access
- SAML/LDAP authentication
- Templates for experiments
- Database for products/protocols (LIMS)
- Export in ZIP, PDF, CSV, JSON, ELN
- QR codes
- Molecule editor
- Todolist
- Tex rendering
- Very customizable
- Translated in 20+ languages

Web application: works across all operating systems

No client to install

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



Trusted timestamping



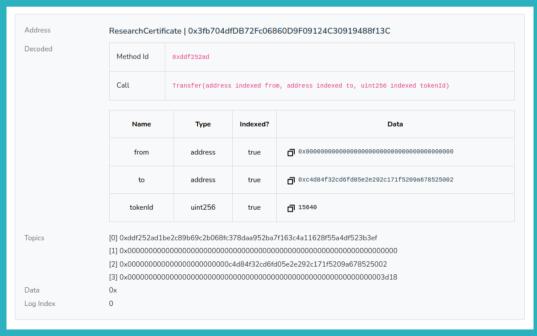
RFC 3161 timestamping for experimental data.

Compatible with European Regulation eIDAS 910/eu/2014 and qualified timestamping authorities.



Blockchain timestamping

Leverage the blockchain technology to timestamp and certify research data.



eLabFTW: quality software

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

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Run unit tests
        - Entity2Cest: Find a non existing item/ Entity2Cest: Find a non existing item(
        Unit Tests (388) ------
    63 - AuthTest: Try auth AuthTest: Try auth(0.05s)
    64 - CsrfTest: Get token CsrfTest: Get token(0.09s)
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        - ExtensionsTest: Get icon from extension/ ExtensionsTest: Get icon from extension(0.01s)
          MetadataTest: No metadata MetadataTest: No metadata(0.01s)
          MetadataTest: With extra fields/ MetadataTest: With extra fields(0.00s)
        - MetadataTest: Get display main text√ MetadataTest: Get display main text(0.00s)
     73 - MetadataTest: Blank value on duplicate MetadataTest: Blank value on duplicate (0.00s)
     74 - SamlTest: Testget settings/ SamlTest: Testget settings(0.02s)
        - SalTest: Exec file SalTest: Exec file(0.01s)
     76 - SqlTest: Exec non existing file SqlTest: Exec non existing file(0.00s)
    77 - SqlTest: Broken filesystem SqlTest: Broken filesystem (0.01s)
     78 - ToolsTest: Format bytes ToolsTest: Format bytes (0.00s)
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Scrutinizer 9.14 openssf best practices passing chat on gitter license AGPL release v4.5.11 tech stack

JOSS 10.21105/joss.00146

carbon offset 33.04 tonnes trees 2.1k trees plant more trees
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eLabFTW: quality software



openssf best practices silver

This project reached the Silver level for OpenSSF Best Practices https://bestpractices.coreinfrastructure.org/en/projects/2766?criteria_level=1

✓ Basics	17/17
✓ Change Control	1/1 😁
✓ Reporting	3/3
✓ Quality	19/19
✓ Security	13/13
✓ Analysis	2/2

eLabFTW: secure software

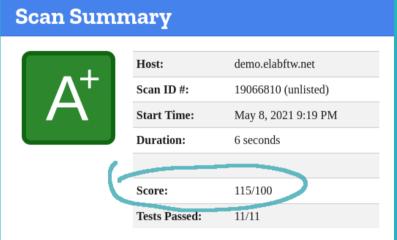


- Tight and secure configuration at different levels
- Vulnerability scans
- Signed releases
- Perfect score on Mozilla's Observatory
- Externally audited code

eLabFTW: secure software

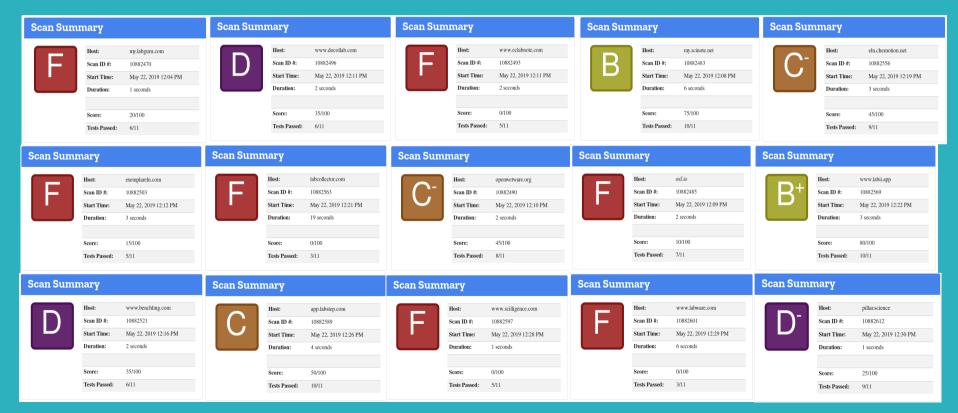


Source: Mozilla's Observatory





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: https://www.elabftw.net

Documentation: https://doc.elabftw.net

Live demo: https://demo.elabftw.net

Source code: https://github.com/elabftw/elabftw

Commercial website: https://www.deltablot.com/elabftw