## Dickinson

# HFOSS Learning Projects: FarmData & AnimalData

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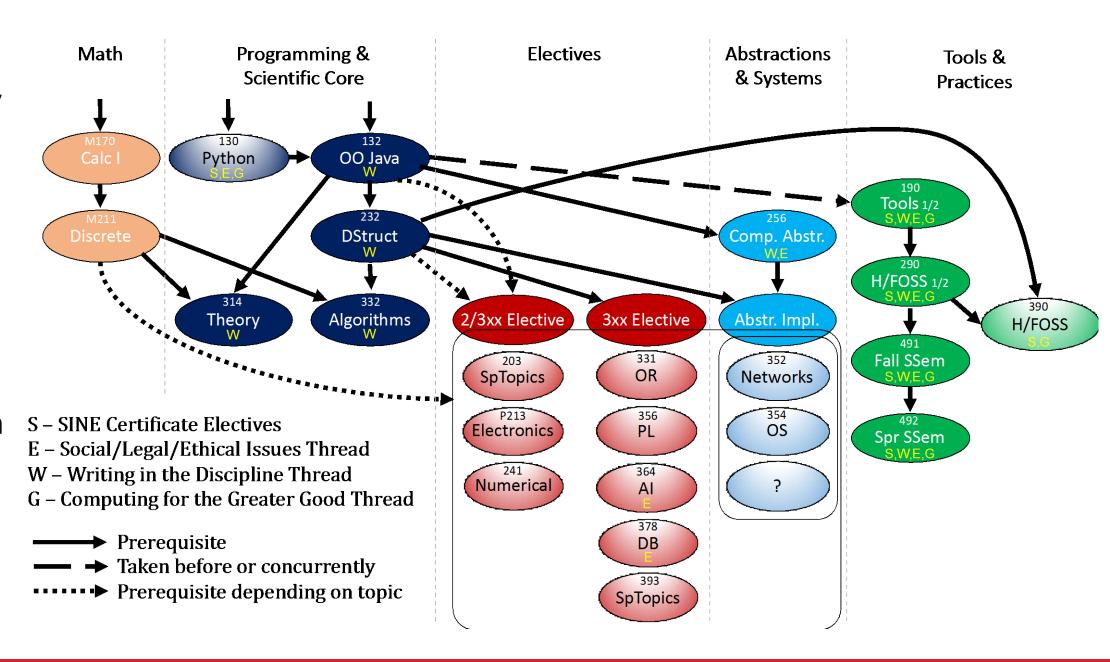
#### **Dickinson Context**

- Dickinson College was chartered in 1783, just days after the conclusion of the American Revolution, explicitly to prepare young people, by means of a useful education in the liberal arts and sciences, for engaged lives of citizenship and leadership in the service of society.
  - Nationally recognized, highly selective, private liberal arts college
  - Located in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.
  - 2345 full-time students
  - 9:1 student-faculty ratio



### Computer Science & HFOSS at Dickinson

- 4 permanent CS faculty
  - All POSSE Alumni
- ~10-20 graduates/year
- ~60 majors total
  - ~30% Female
  - ~50% International
- Firm course caps of 24
- SINE: Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship Connection

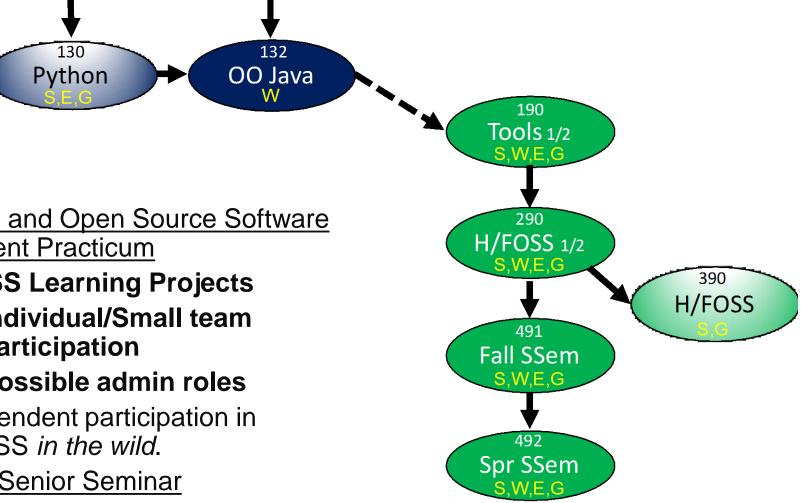


## **Scaffolding HFOSS Participation**

- <u>130 Introduction to Computing</u>
  - FOSS vs Proprietary (Licensing)
  - **Humanitarian FOSS**
  - Computing for the greater good
- 190 Tools and Techniques for Software Development
  - **HFOSS Kits** 
    - Unix / git
    - Issue trackers
    - debuggers
- 290 Large Scale and Open Source Software Development
  - HFOSS Learning Projects
    - Git workflow w/ Upstream
    - **Bug fixes / feature addition**



- **HFOSS Learning Projects** 
  - Individual/Small team participation
  - Possible admin roles
- Independent participation in H/FOSS in the wild.
- 491/492 Senior Seminar
  - Team participation in student selecte H/FOSS projects in the wild.

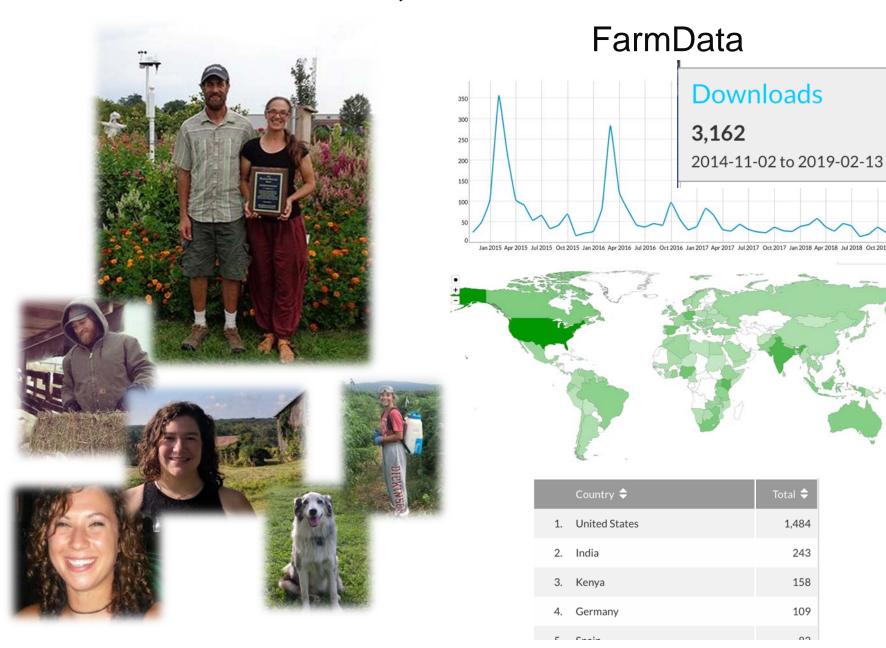


## **The HFOSS Learning Projects**

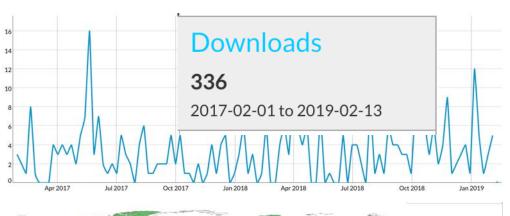
- Dickinson's College Farm is a 80-acre, USDA-certified organic farm and a living laboratory where students can gain distinctive, hands-on learning experiences.
- Web-Based Mobile Database Applications to Support Organic Farming
  - **FarmData:** for entering and reporting crop production records, including seeding, transplanting, harvest, cover crop, compost, fertilization, irrigation, pest scouting, spray activities, packing and distribution records and customer invoicing.
  - AnimalData: for keeping livestock production records, from birth to slaughter or sale. Other data captured by the system includes pasture moves, periodic and veterinary care and logging of egg production.



#### **Local Clients, Global Communities**



#### AnimalData





	Country 🗢	Total 🔷
1.	India	35
2.	United States	31
3.	Kenya	21
4.	Turkey	21
5	Rwanda	16

#### **Implementations**

Web-Based Mobile Database
 Applications to Support Organic Farming

GitHub

**MySQL** 

HTML

- Small and Fast
- Technologies
  - GPL3.0
  - Apache
  - PHP
  - Shell Scripts
  - ???



Comments

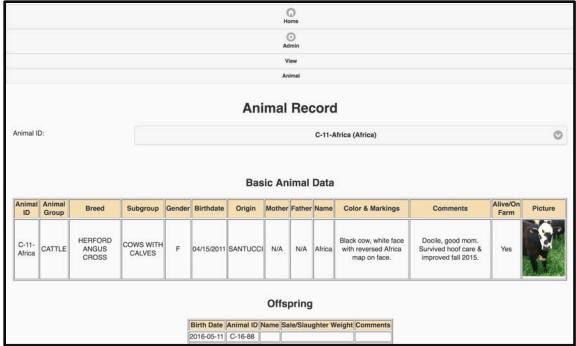
Tray Seeding

Direct Seeding

Labor

Order

Transplanting



#### **Questions?**

- o For you:
  - Are there more modern frameworks/technologies we should consider?
  - Are there testing frameworks you would recommend (or not recommend)?
  - How could the code be better organized/structured?
  - Would these projects be an appropriate fit for any of your courses?
  - What on-boarding materials would be helpful for your students?
- o For me:
  - Ask away!