

TagFS - File Labeling System with Rust

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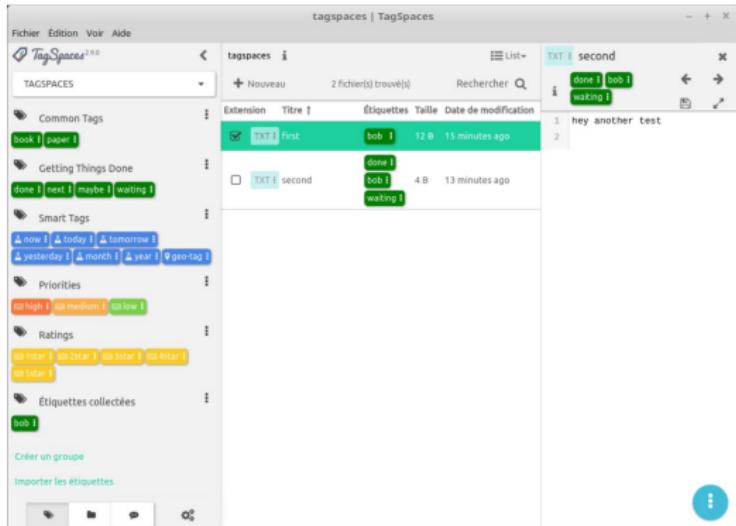


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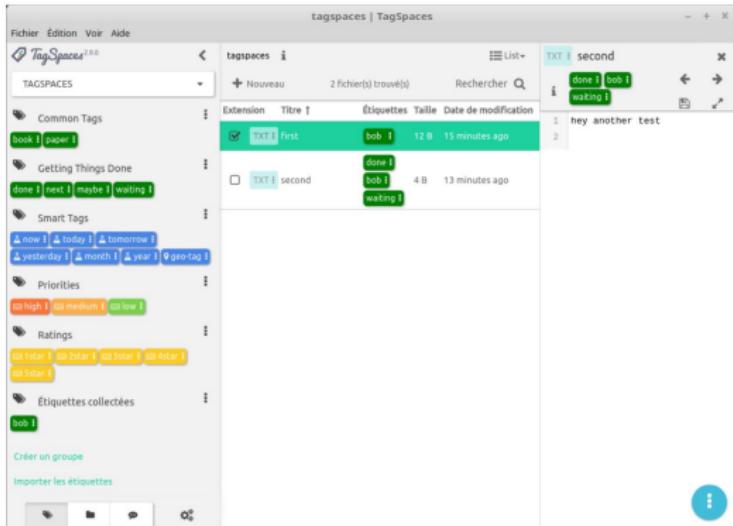


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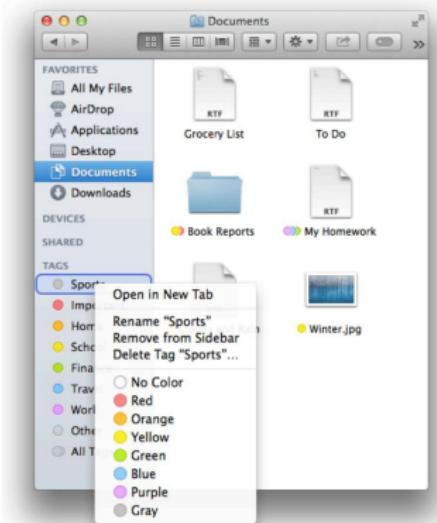
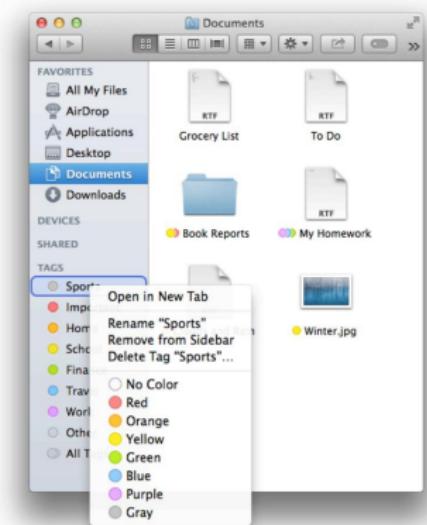


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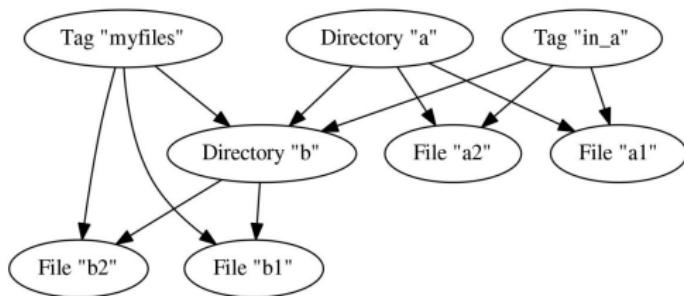


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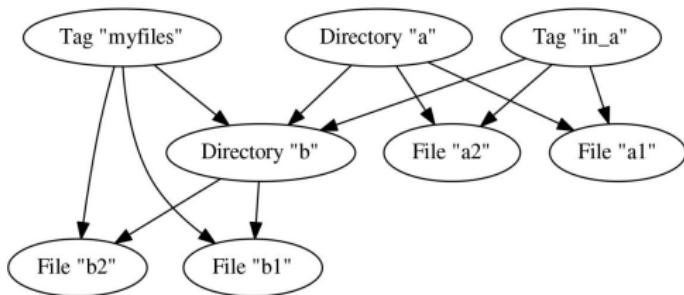


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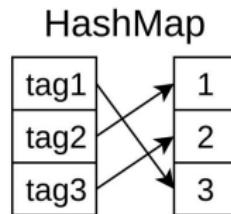


Figure – HashMap associating the name of the tag to its node

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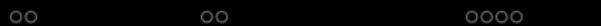
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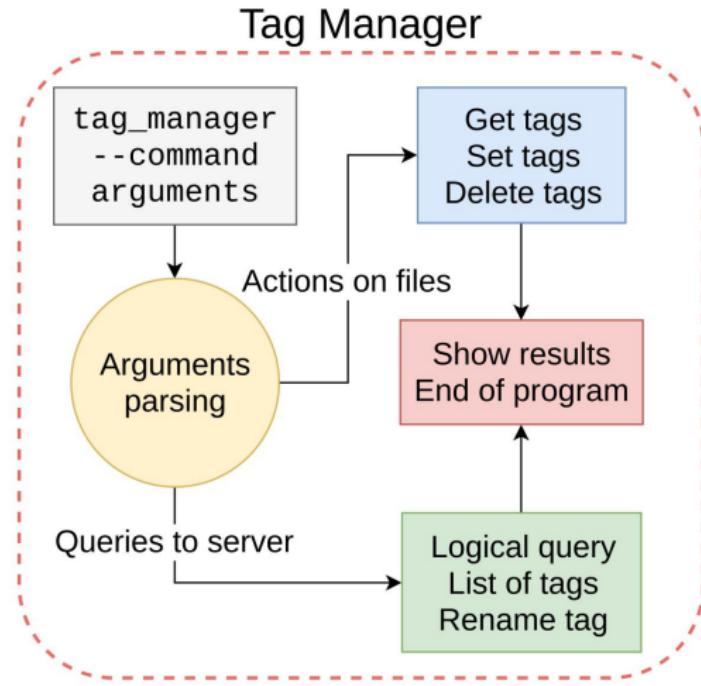


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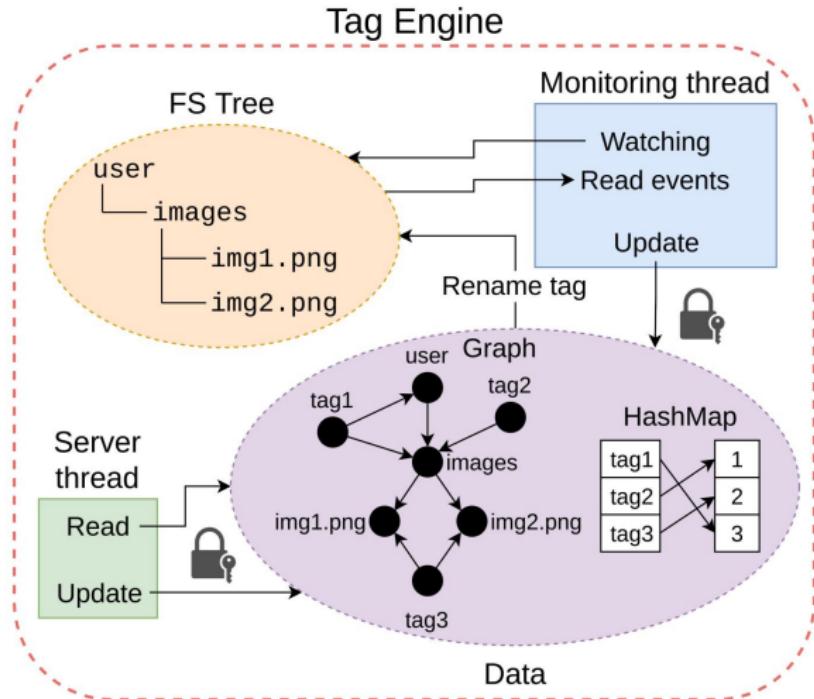


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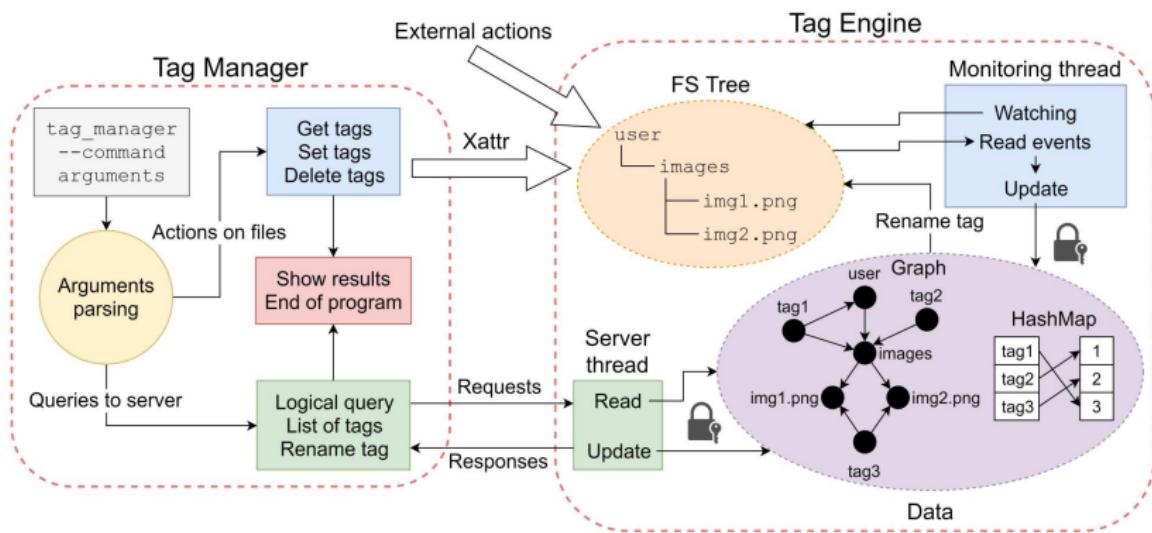


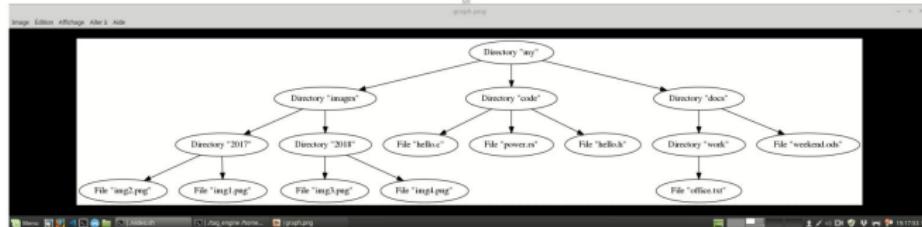
Figure – TagFS Global System

Demo

```
$ tree my
my
├── code
│   ├── hello.c
│   ├── hello.h
│   └── power.rs
├── doc
│   └── weekend.odt
└── images
    ├── 2017
    │   ├── img1.png
    │   └── img2.png
    └── 2018
        ├── img3.png
        └── img4.png

6 directories, 9 files
```

node weights: {
0: Directory "my",
1: Directory "images",
2: File "2017",
3: File "img2.png",
4: File "img1.png",
5: Directory "2018",
6: File "img3.png",
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12: Directory "doc",
13: Directory "work",
14: File "office.txt",
15: File "weekend.odt"
},
free_node: NodeIndex(4294967295),
free_edge: EdgeIndex(4294967295)
}, tags index ()



Video

Performance Metrics

Répertoire	Sous-répertoires	Fichiers
Android	15'172	112'046
Documents	15'442	64'486
android-studio	3'331	13'287
bin	553	9'306
Dropbox	2'377	8'659
Musique	135	1'352
Images	5	863

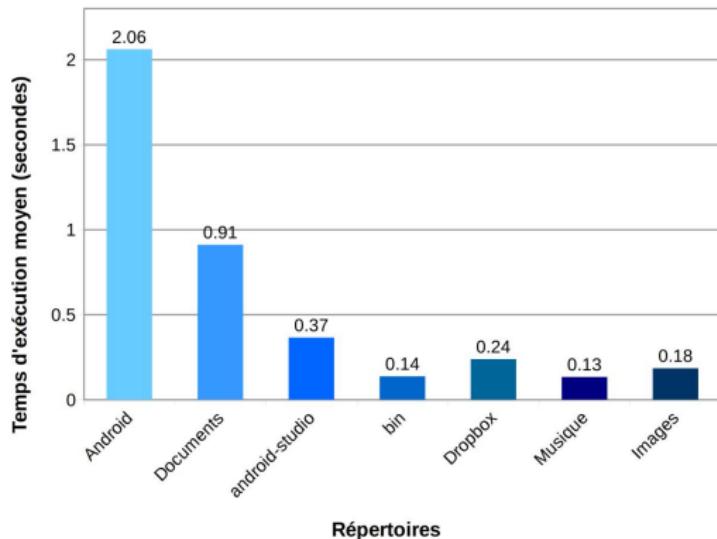


Figure – Tag Engine runtime based on directories



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- Personal progress: new technologies and best practices.

Thanks

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