

TagFS - File Labeling System with Rust

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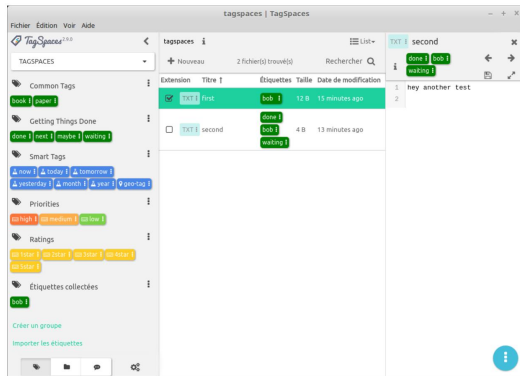


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Fast and efficient hunt	outer
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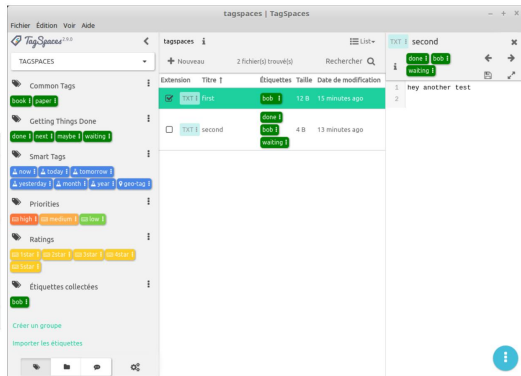


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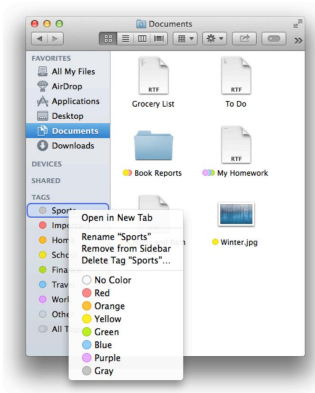
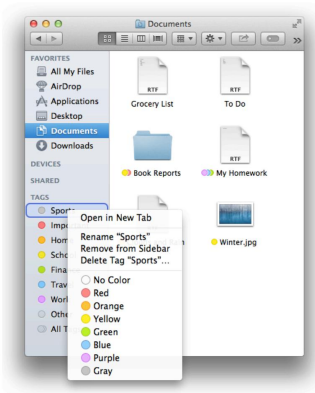


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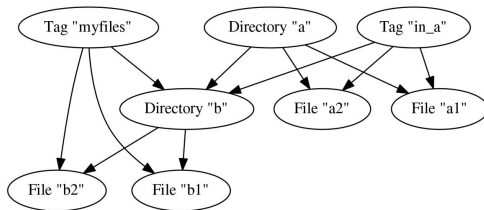


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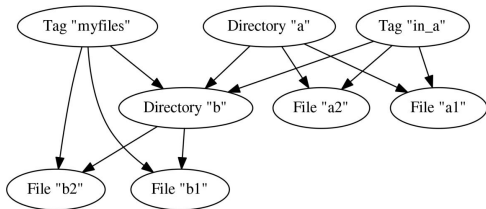


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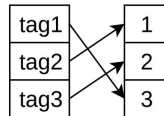


Figure – HashMap associating the name of the tag to its node

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- Ownership, Borrowing (references).



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- Reading an event with read().

Tag Manager

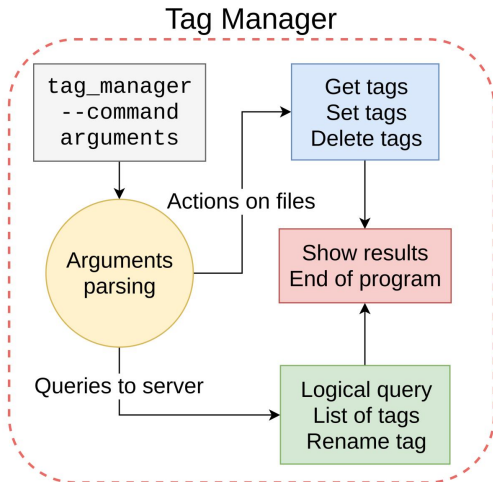
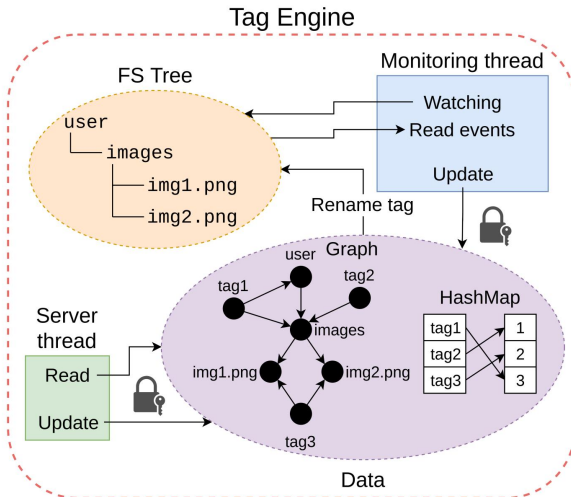


Figure – How Tag Manager works

Tag Engine



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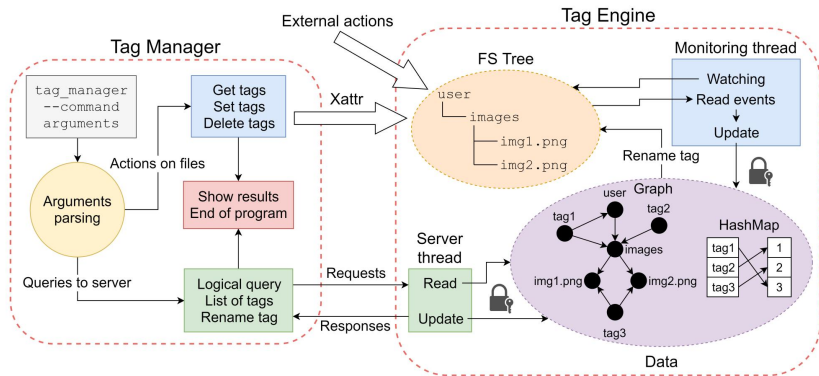


Figure – TagFS Global System

Demo

The screenshot shows a terminal window with the following content:

```
$ tree my
my
├── code
│   ├── hello.c
│   ├── hello.h
│   └── power.rs
├── docs
│   ├── weekend.ods
│   └── work
│       └── office.txt
├── images
│   ├── 2017
│   │   ├── img1.png
│   │   └── img2.png
│   ├── 2018
│   │   ├── img3.png
│   │   └── img4.png
└── 6 directories, 9 files
```

Next to it is a JSON object representing node weights:

```
node weights: {
  0: Directory "my",
  1: Directory "images",
  2: Directory "2017",
  3: File "img2.png",
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  15: File "weekend.ods"
},
free_node: NodeIndex(4294967295),
free_edge: EdgeIndex(4294967295)
},
tags_index {}
```

Below the terminal is a graphical tree diagram with nodes in ovals:

```
graph TD
    my[Directory "my"] --> images[Directory "images"]
    my --> docs[Directory "docs"]
    my --> work[Directory "work"]
    images --> 2017[Directory "2017"]
    images --> 2018[Directory "2018"]
    2017 --> img2[File "img2.png"]
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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

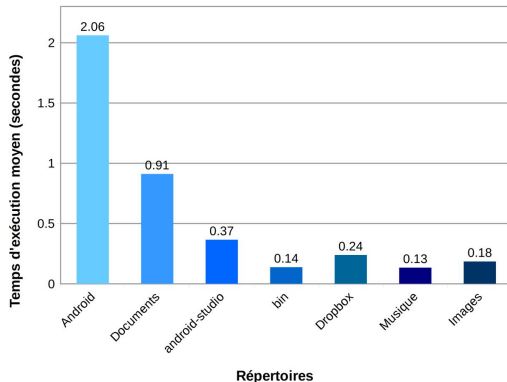


Figure – Tag Engine runtime based on directories

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Thank you for your attention ! Issues ?