#### **Debian Med**

A service for scientists in medicine and biomedical research

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## What is Debian Med?

practice management system

Debian Pure Blend for medical care and microbiological research

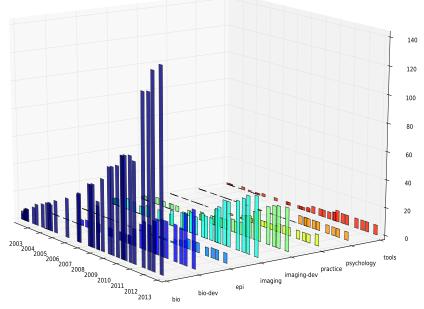
#### What is a Debian Pure Blend

- Debian Pure Blend (in short Blend): a subset of Debian that is configured to support a particular target group out-of-the-box.
- Making a certain topic "hot"
- Teach users & developers how to work together with Debian (via Blend team)

Turn Debian into the distribution of choice for a specific target group

Advertise this fact to the world to attract users and developers

# Number of Packages in selected tasks of Dehian Med



## Motivation

- Create software environment fitting needs of medicine and bioinformatics
- There is some pool of free medical + bioinformatics software
- Assemble this straight into Debian
- Keep contact to developers (frequently scientists) to
  - better understand the code to enable proper packaging
  - advertise their code via Debian to more users
  - provide preconditions for their software via apt-get
- Completely integrated into Debian no fork

## Medical Software sustains inside Debian

- Making Free medical Software a part of Debian
- Some code is upstream dead and only available in Debian
- Several projects with goal to collect medical FLOSS are orphaned
- Debian Med will survive inside Debian even if early protagonists might stop working on it
  - → <u>Debian Med</u> is a sustainable way to distribute medical FLOSS to the user

## Basic ideas

Do not make a separate distribution but make Debian fit for medical care and bioinformatics

No development of software - just smooth integration of third-party software

Debian-Developer = missing link between upstream author and user

#### Citations

- About 50% of packages of Debian Med connected to scientific publications
- Citation information maintained in debian/upstream files
- Draft for standardisation (DEP12) was born out of the Debian Med project
- Current usage of these data (more to come)
  - General Debian BIBT<sub>E</sub>X file
  - Web Sentinel
- Usage also in Debian Science and DebiChem

# Demonstration: Tasks pages

All packages of the Debian Med project are summarised in the so called *Tasks pages* 

#### Relevant talks in this track

Orthanc Just included into Debian by Debian Med team

AMEBA potential candidate: "Advanced MEtabolic

Branchpoint Analysis"

Packaging mass spectrometry software in Debian 

The Open Chemistry Project Debian Med has close connection to DebiChem

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This talk is available at