

Debian Med

Integrated software environment for all medical purposes
based on Debian GNU/Linux

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- Focus on *medical subset* of those packages
- Packaging and integrating other medical software
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- Maintaining a general infrastructure for medical users
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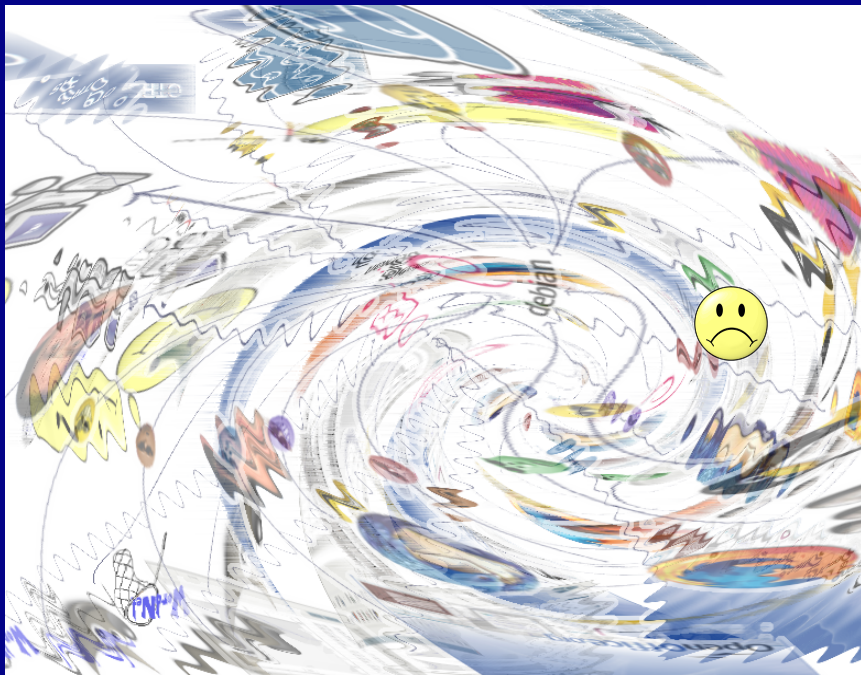
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- Flexible, not bound on commercial interest
- Strict rules (policy) glue all things together
- Common interest of each individual developer:
Get the best operating system for himself.
- Some developers work in the field of medicine
- In contrast to employees of companies every single
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[*BioPerl*](#) Collection of Perl modules featuring computational methods routinely used in bioinformatics

[*BioPython*](#) Python tools for development of applications for computational molecular biology which address the needs of current and future work in bioinformatics.

[*BioSQUID*](#) Library of C code functions for sequence analysis including a number of small utility programs to convert, show statistics, manipulate and do other functions on sequence files.

[*BLAST2*](#) Official NCBI version #2 of this standard program for nucleotide and protein sequence alignment.

more than 60 other packages

CTN *Central Test Node*: DICOM implementation which was designed to be used at the RSNA (Radiological Society of North America) annual meetings to foster cooperative demonstrations.

CTSim Interactive computed tomography simulator. CTSim has very educational trace modes for viewing the data collection simulation as well as the reconstruction.

DCMTK DICOM-toolkit: collection of libraries and applications implementing large parts the DICOM standard for medical image communication. It includes software for examining, constructing and converting DICOM image files, ...

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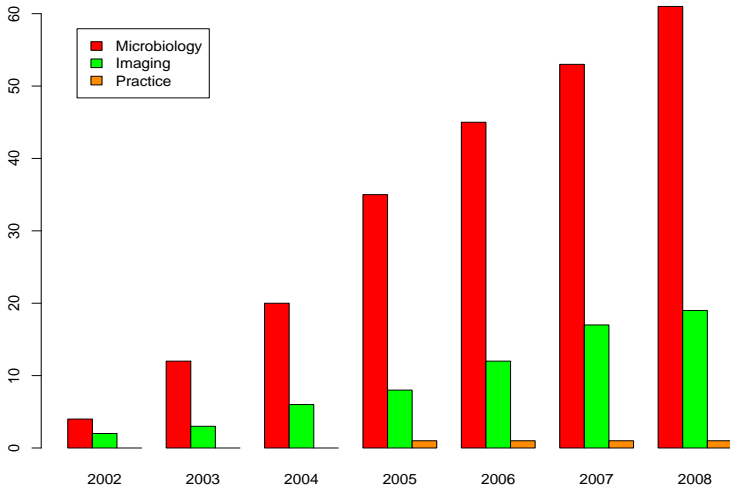
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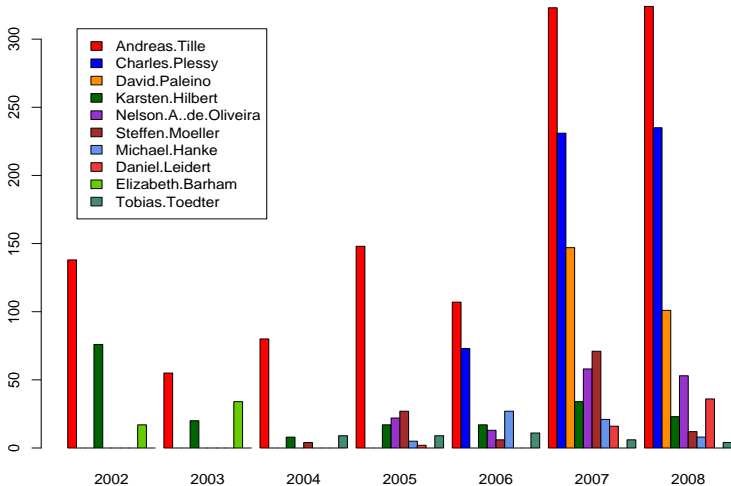
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Number of dependencies of selected Debian Med metapackages





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