Software discovery characterisation

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User-driven problem statement

A user in a Science Gateway wants to execute software on data. They want to search for software based on its properties.

Science software needs to be described in a way that makes it findable and usable.

Software distribution in SRCNet













How is the software characterised

- But how to find software?
 - What does it do?
 - What does it run on?
 - \circ How to execute it?
 - Who is responsible, is it supported, ...?
 - wrap this in a vocabulary.
- Some properties have already been defined in the EESSI definitions

codemeta.json

- It is an existing standard, which seems widely used.
 - Provides some basic metadata
 - Authors, licens, support status (with vocabulary), provenance, keywords, ...
 - Provides interfaces to several repositories
- The "functional" parameters are missing.
- Afaik no controlled vocabulary for keywords

Can we extend it?

• Sure, it's JSON.



"@context": ["https://raw.githubusercontent.com/codemeta/codemeta/2.0-rc/codemeta.jsonId", "schema": "http://schema.org/", "codemetaforscience": "https://codemetaforscience.github.io/terms/", "researchDomain": { "@id": "codemetaforscience:researchDomain", "@type": "schema:DefinedTerm" }, "researchSubdomain": { "@id": "codemetaforscience:researchSubdomain", "@type": "schema:DefinedTerm", "@container": "@list" "methodology": { "@id": "codemetaforscience:methodology", "@type": "schema:Text" }, "tags": { "@id": "http://schema.org/keywords", "@container": "@set" https://raw.githubusercontent.com/t1mk1k/codemeta-test/main/schema/codemeta-extended.jsonId

Discussion points

- Extending codemeta makes the metadata go with the code. How to best index it so it is findable?
 - Do we need a standard for this so that we can expose it as a table?
- Need to define a (few) vocabulary(/-ies)
 - hardware types (optional, required, boundary conditions?)
 - operations
 - file types?

(e.g. "a tool that generates a FITS image, based on calibrated MS input for the radio domain. Requires 64 GB of memory, for data sets larger than 20GB, a GPU is adviced")