# Current status and perspectives of the OSSelot Project

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- The OSSelot project provides a publicly available database with curated compliance information for frequently used FOSS components (and related tooling → see second lecture).
- The database contains license and copyright analysis results:
  - README (and *info.json*) with metadata of the package, *e.g.* download location, purl, creator, reviews, comments
  - SPDX Tag:Value, JSON, YAML, RDF reports with concluded licenses, copyright notices, and comments on decisions per file
  - Disclosure document with aggregated license texts, copyright notices and acknowledgments per package









 Some manual input and review of the data is still indispensable, but:

The reuse of curated licensing and copyright information can tremendously reduce the time required to clear a software package!





## Some dates and numbers

- The OSSelot project was publicly launched in the COOL lecture in December 2022.
- By now, there is a total of **842 packages** (516 unique) and 3,501,617 files analyzed.
- These packages are 84.07 % consistent (→ all dependencies are also curated).
- Some of the big ones: gcc, llvm, e2fsprogs, 4 versions of the Linux kernel and 8 versions of zephyr are already curated.
- There are 17 contributors.
- Several **external tools** (e.g. FOSSology, SCANOSS, Yocto) already integrate OSSelot material.





# Side benefits (1): File licensing

Manual curation and quality checks can reveal licensing issues of single source code files, e.g.:

- The library libaudit is predominantly licensed under LGPL-2.1 (weak copyleft) and several permissive licenses.
- Only one file was licensed under GPL-2.0-or-later (**strong copyleft**) up to version 3.0.9, requiring the entire library to be licensed under GPL.
- The OSSelot project contacted the maintainer about this issue to clarify that older versions can also be used under LGPL.





# Side benefits (2): Dependency licensing

Building packages and analyzing their dependencies can reveal even more, e.g.:

- WebKitGTK introduced changes between version 4.1 and 6.0 that include a dependency on liblzo and libjbig.
- Both libraries are licensed under GPL-2.0, i.e. requiring all **linked programs** to also be licensed under the GPL-2.0.
- The OSSelot project makes such problematic dependencies visible.





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## How to use OSSelot data

to clear a software package with a different version using FOSSology

#### **General process**

- Upload the OSSelot version of the package into FOSSology and import the OSSelot data.
  - → This clears the entire package automatically!
- Run a license scan on the required version of the package.
- Reuse the result from the cleared OSSelot package on the required version.
- Only **new or modified** files remain to be cleared manually.





## How to use OSSelot data

### to clear a software package with a different version using FOSSology

#### Manually via GUI

- Find the closest available version of the required package in OSSelot, and upload the source code into FOSSology without scanning, but with Reuse from OSSelot referencing the given version. This clears the package automatically!
- Upload the source code of the required version into FOSSology with scanner runs and Reuse from local referencing the cleared OSSelot package.
- Clear the remaining files.

#### **Automatable via REST APIs**

- Use the OSSelot REST API to find out for which package versions OSSelot data are available.
- Upload the source code of the available OSSelot package into FOSSology (without scanning) via the FOSSology REST API.
- Download the curated SPDX RDF reports from OSSelot and import them into the respective FOSSology upload. This clears the package automatically!
- Upload the source package of the required version into FOSSology, run **scanners** and **reuse**, referencing the corresponding OSSelot upload.
- Clear the remaining files (via GUI).







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## How to use OSSelot data

#### to clear a software package with a different version using FOSSology

#### Manually via GUI

- Find the closest available version of the required package in OSSelot, and upload the source code into FOSSology without scanning, but with Reuse from OSSelot referencing the given version. This clears the package automatically!
- Upload the source code of the required version into FOSSology with scanner runs and Reuse from local referencing the cleared OSSelot package.
- Clear the remaining files.

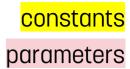
#### **Automatable via REST APIs**

- Use the OSSelot REST API to find out for which package versions OSSelot data are available.
- Upload the source code of the available OSSelot package into FOSSology (without scanning) via the FOSSology REST API.
- Download the curated SPDX RDF report from OSSelot and import it into the respective FOSSology upload. This clears the package automatically!
- Upload the source package of the required version into FOSSology, run scanners and reuse, referencing the corresponding OSSelot upload.
- Clear the remaining files (via GUI).





## List available OSSelot data



• List available versions:

```
$ wget -q0 - https://www.osselot.org/curated.php?bash
bash/version-5.1.16
bash/version-5.2.15
bash/version-5.2.32
bash/version-5.2.37
```

And use the OSSelot REST API (https://raw.githubusercontent.com/Open-Source-Compliance/package-analysis/refs/heads/main/openapi.yaml) to download the curated SPDX RDF report:





# Upload OSSelot source code into FOSSology

```
$ curl -L -X POST \
  "https://fossology-server.com/repo/api/v1/uploads" \
  -H 'folderId: [parent folder id]' \
  -H 'uploadDescription: OSSelot Baseline' \
  -H 'uploadType: url' \
  -H 'Authorization: Bearer [token]' \
  -H 'Content-Type: application/json' \
  --data-raw '{"location": { \
    "url": "https://ftp.gnu.org/gnu/bash/bash-5.2.37.tar.gz", \
    "name": "bash-5.2.37" \
                                       upload id
}}'
{"code":201, "message":9, "type": "INFO"}
```





## Import curated SPDX report into OSSelot upload

```
upload id
$ curl -L -X POST \
  "https://fossology-server.com/repo/api/v1/report/import?upload=9
                                                     &reportFormat=spdxrdf" \
  -H 'Authorization: Bearer [token]' \
  -H 'Content-Type: multipart/form-data' \
    'report=@bash-5.2.37.rdf' \
    'addLicenseInfoFromInfoInFile=false' \
  -F 'addLicenseInfoFromConcluded=true' \
    'addConcludedAsDecisionsTBD=false'
```





# Get clearing status of OSSelot package

```
$ curl -L -X GET \
"https://fossology-server.com/repo/api/v1/uploads/9/summary" \
-H 'Authorization: Bearer [token]' | json_pp | grep filesToBeCleared
"filesToBeCleared": 0,
```





# Upload required source package into FOSSology

```
$ curl -L -X POST \
  "https://fossology-server.com/repo/api/v1/uploads" \
  -H 'folderId: [partent folder id]' \
  -H 'uploadDescription: my required package' \
  -H 'uploadType: file' \
  -H 'Authorization: Bearer [token]' \
  -H 'Content-Type: multipart/form-data' \
  -F 'fileInput=@bash-5.3.tar.gz; type=application/octet-stream'
{"code":201, "message": 10, "type": "INFO"}
                              upload id
```





# Run scans and reuse on required source package

```
$ curl -L -X POST \
  "https://fossology-server.com/repo/api/v1/jobs" \
  -H 'Authorization: Bearer [token]' \
  -H 'Content-Type: application/json' \
  -H 'folderId: [folder id]' \
  -H 'uploadId: 10'
                             upload id
  --data-raw '{ \
    "analysis": {"copyright_email_author": true, "monk": true, "nomos": true,
                                                                    "ojo": true}, \
                                           reuse upload id
    "reuse": {"reuse_upload": 9, \
      "reuse_group": "[reuse group name]", "reuse_enhanced": true, \
      "reuse_main": true, "reuse_report": true, "reuse_copyright": true} \
```





## Get clearing status of required source package

```
$ curl -L -X GET \
   "https://fossology-server.com/repo/api/v1/uploads/10/clearing-progress" \
   -H 'Authorization: Bearer [token]' | json_pp

{
    "totalFilesCleared" : 479,
    "totalFilesOfInterest" : 1151
```





## An average embedded Linux system ...

• ... is covered by OSSelot to around 50 %:

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acpid, adduser, apache2, apparmor, apt, audispd-plugins, base-files, base-passwd, bash, bsdutils, ca-certificates, conmon, containernetworking-plugins, coreutils, cpio, cron, crun, cryptsetup, dash, dbus, debconf, debianarchive-keyring, debianutils, diffutils, dirmnar, dmidecode, dmsetup, dpka, e2fsproas, findutils, firewalld, fuseoverlayfs, fuse3, gcc-12-base, gir1.2-glib-2.0, gir1.2-nm-1.0, golang-github-containers-common, golang-githubcontainers-image, grep, gzip, hostname, ifupdown, init, iproute2, iptables, iputils-ping, isc-dhcp-client, klibc-utils, kmod, less, libacl1, libapr1, libaprutil1, libarchive13, libargon2-1, libassuan0, libattr1, libb2-1, libbluetooth3, libbpf1, libbrotli1, libbsd0, libbz2-1.0, libc-bin, libcap-ng0, libcap2, libconfig9, libcrypt1, libcurl3-anutls, libdb5.3, libdebconfclient0, libduktape207, libedit2, libelf1, libexpat1, libffi8, libgcrypt20, libgdbm-compat4, libglib2.0-0, libamp10, libanutls30, libapa-error0, libapame11, libapiod2, libassapi-krb5-2, libhoaweed6, libicu72, libidn2-0, libjansson4, libjson-c5, libkeyutils1, libldap-2.5-0, liblocale-gettext-perl, liblua5.3-0, liblz4-1, liblzma5, libmd0, libmmglibO, libmnIO, libncursesw6, libndpO, libnetfilter-conntrack3, libnewt0.52, libnfnetlink0, libnftables1, libnftnl11, libnahttp2-14<mark>, l</mark>ibnpth0<mark>, libnsl2, libp11-kit0, libpam-modules, libpam-systemd, libpcre2-8-0, libperl5.36, libpolkit-</mark> agent-1-0<mark>, libpopt0, libproc2-0, libpsl5, libpython3-stdlib, l</mark>ibpython3.11-minimal, <mark>libreadline8, librsync2, librtmp</mark>1, libsasl2-2<mark>, libseccomp2, libselinux1, libsemanage2, libsepol2, libslang2, libslirp0, libsqlite3-0, libssh2-1, libssl3,</mark> libsubid4, libswupdate0.1, libtasn1-6, libteamdctl0, libtext-charwidth-perl, libtext-iconv-perl, libtext-wrapi18n-perl, libtirpc-common, libtss2-esys-3.0.2-0, libunistring2, liburiparser1, libwebsockets17, libwrap0, libxml2, libxxhash0, libyajl2, libyaml-0-2, libzck1, libzstd1, linux-image-6.12.11, logrotate, mawk, media-types, minicoredumper, nano, nettools, ntpsec, pinentry-curses, podman, python3, sed, sensible-utils, skopeo, swupdate, sysuser-helper, sysvinitutils, tar, tzdata, usr-is-merged, vim-common, watchdog, xml-core, zlib

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