N8 CIR Newsletter

Welcome

It's been a little while since we have published a newsletter.

In that period we have been the subject of a midway review. We would like to say a very big thank you to all of you who took the time to complete feedback surveys, participate in review meetings. Your time and feedback is greatly appreciated.

Work on Bede is continuing and we hope to have more updates soon. Finally, as we move into October there are some new online courses to explore.

Bede Handover

On 17 August the commissioning of N8 CIR's new HPC system reached a major milestone when the system was handed over to Advanced Research Computing at Durham University.

What would normally have been a two-week installation and commissioning process has been extended to more than two months because of restrictions imposed as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic.
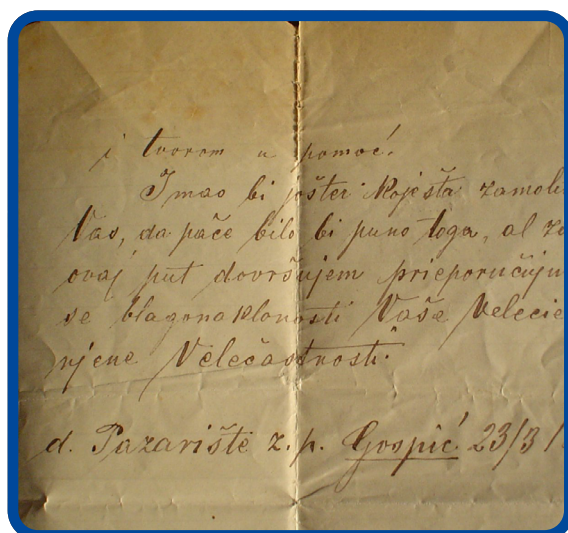
Read more about this milestone and some of the next steps here: https://n8cir.org.uk/news/bede-has-been-formally-handed-over/

Digital Humanities Reports

On 29 September the Software Sustainability Institute published *Sustaining the Digital Humanities in the UK*. The report identifies recommendations for the SSI to help them to advance their mission to create better and more sustainable research software in the humanities.

Also published was The Turing Institute's white paper on *The Challenges and prospects of the intersection of Humanities and Data Science*. This paper also reflects the growing importance of digital methods to the study of arts and humanities across the UK.

You can read more about both of these papers and find links to the full reports on the SSI's website at: https://www.software.ac.uk/news/sustaining-digital-humanities-important-developments-uk-landscape

Humanities and Data Science Discussion Group

On Wednesday 14 October, The Turing Institute's discussion group for Humanities and Data Science will meet to discuss the ethical implications of archiving the web and social media. The session will discuss the benefits and drawbacks of guaranteeing long-term access to such material as well as considering the conflict between consent and preservation.

You can read more about the session on the news pages of our website at: https://n8cir.org.uk/news/ you'll also find links to more information about the group, a suggested reading list ahead of the meeting and of course details of how to join.

Coding Club

The Software Sustainibilty Institute's well-regarded coding club moved online at the end of September.

The next session, covering GitHub and version control, will take place on Wednesday 7 October from 3-5pm. Sessions will continue weekly until December. Topics covered include efficient data manipulation in R, introduction to model design, introduction to Bayesian statistics and many more. The final session, Spatial analysis in R, takes place on Wednesday 2 December.

https://www.software.ac.uk/news/coding-club-moving-r-workshops-online

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