

Metadata Report

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ABSTRACT

This report describes the current state of entity data in the Wikidata knowledge base for the domain of computing as compared to January, 2018.

1 Data Curation

I have been curating data in the domain of computing. I wrote SPARQL queries to return data about sets of resources we reuse in EaaS.

Items	Jan 18	Apr 18	net change
Software Items	64,925	77,827	12,902
File Format Items	2,834	3,143	309
File Format Items with PUIDs	777	1,042	265
File Format Signatures	167	175	8
Emulators	106	107	1
File Systems	146	145	-1
Device Drivers	17	26	9
Plugins	155	158	3
Config Emulated Env	0	0	0

1.1 Software Items

The Wikidata community added nearly 13,000 software items to the knowledge base this quarter. This is a very encouraging number that reflects the strength of interest in this area. Many of these are video game titles (many video game properties created in the last year)

1.2 File Format Items

PRONOM is the a metadata registry about file formats and software created by the National Archives of the UK. Many of these were new items I created for file formats in PRONOM that were not previously in Wikidata.

1.3 File Format Items with PUIDs

The data curation work I prioritized for this quarter was to create new items for file formats described in PRONOM. There are 15,000 resources in PRONOM, a certain number of PUIDs have been deprecated, I am on course to have all of PRONOM mapped to Wikidata by December, 2018.

1.4 File Format Signatures

File format signatures are strings of text that can be used for format identification. The majority of file format signatures stored in PRONOM remain to be added to Wikidata.

1.5 Emulators

Due to the focus of our grant work on emulation, I am prioritizing getting emulators described as extensively as we need for our work.

1.6 File Systems

Having accurate metadata about file systems in Wikidata will have broad appeal among people who are reusing data from Wikidata. I am prioritizing contributing accurate information with references in this area. The reduction in count is likely due to a merging of two item stubs that were discovered to describe the same file system.

1.7 Device Drivers

Drivers are not yet well documented across repositories. We will add drivers as we create additional configured environments that require drivers.

1.8 Plugins

This is not a current priority, but I am interested in watching strategies people use to describe these resources. The Wikidata community added 3 plugins to the knowledge base this quarter.

1.9 Configured Emulated Environments

We have not yet added any configured emulated environment items to Wikidata.