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Summary report on the development of content in the BD Tracker system

The Biodiversity Service & Application Tracker (BD tracker) is a collection of links to software, tools and resources useful to taxonomists (see also: M5.20a BD Tracker launched). The BD tracker was setup in the first project year and is now a Drupal based website: http://www.bdtracker.net. The links are categorised to types of software (application, data, link collection, tutorial) on one hand and to software categories (bibliography, collection management, descriptions, fieldwork, geospatial, keys, maps, nomenclature, taxonomy) on the other hand. Combined search options, e.g. search for results in 'tutorials' in all categories of software or search for 'applications' and 'field data', help to specify the request.
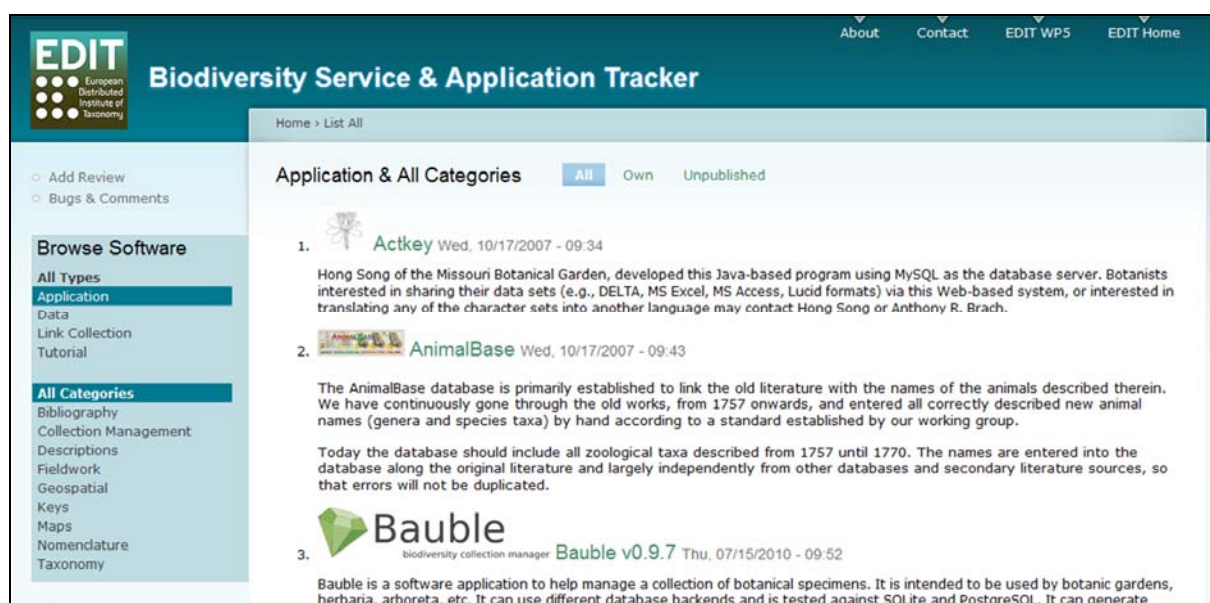

Fig. 1: BD tracker site detail

Users can register and contribute to the BD tracker writing comments or reviews on taxonomic software assigning to the categories, writing a review, and entering further details such as information about version of software, homepage URL, licence type or system requirements. The contributions are to be released for publication by the EDIT site administrator.
In total a number of 140 software reviews are listed now in the BD tracker site.
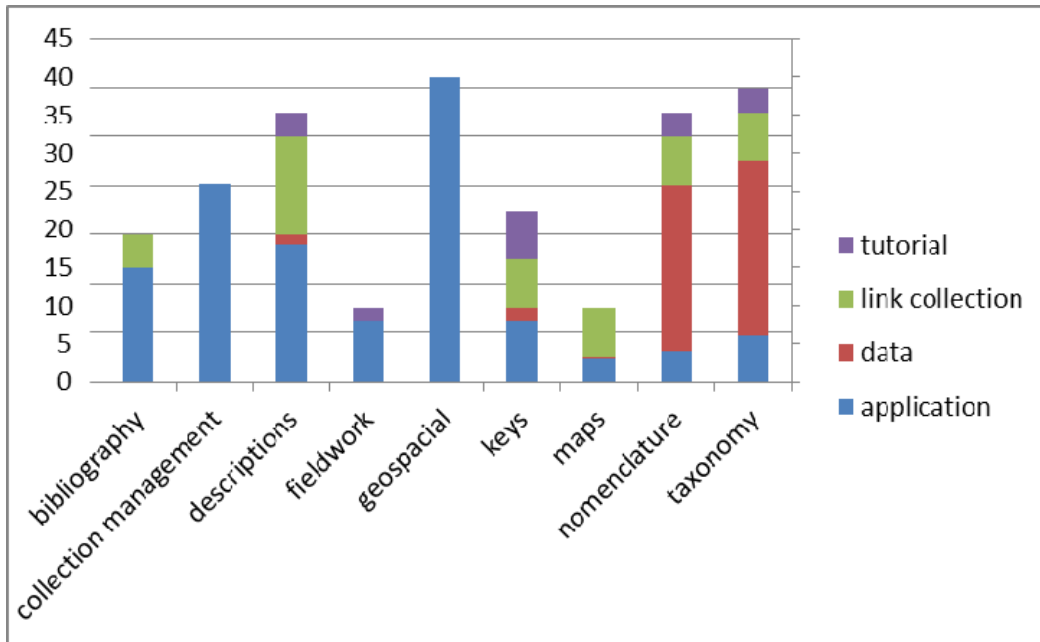The entries split as follows to the categories (multiple entries are possible):

Fig. 2: number of entries per category

Analysing the logfile for the period of 17.04.2009 – 24.07.2010 there were entered: 37 reviews, 53 reviews modified, 22 comments
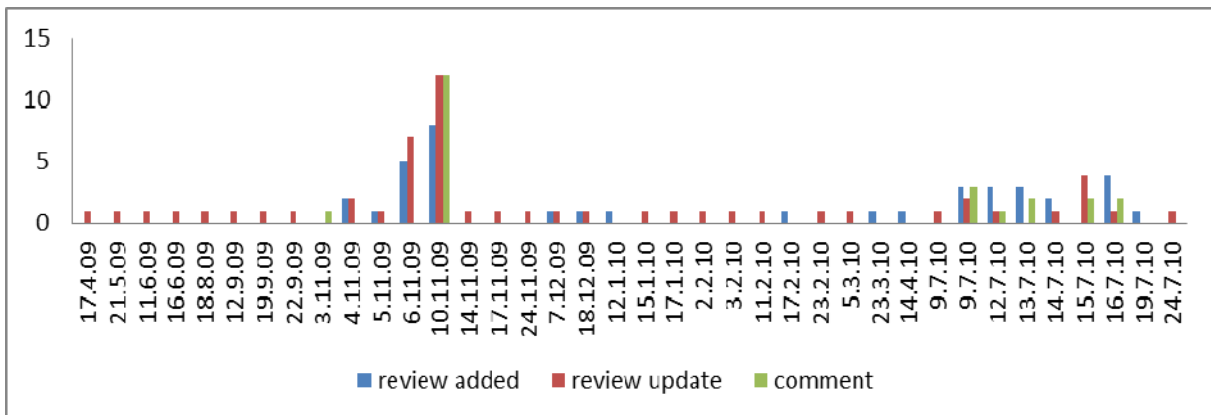

Fig. 3: logfile diagram of the BD tracker (17.04.2009 – 24.07.2010)

There has been a constant contribution to the BD tracker sites since its setup and it turned out to be a useful tool supported by an active community.