Sustainable Software Engineering

Green principles for Software Engineering





Climate Change

Glocalization

Digitalization

Demographic Change

Urbanization

United Nations - Transforming our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development



https://sdgs.un.org/goals

We see a growing demand towards sustainable business for various stakeholders

Investor

requirements



Legal

requirements

requirements

Customer



BlackRock Voting bulletin

> Being a sustainability leader is relevant to attract young talents and retain current employees

Employee

requirements

Public opinion



Many new international sustainability legislations are currently under development EU Taxonomy, Value Reporting Foundation, CSRD, Green Deals

More and more of our customers require suppliers to comply with Ecovadis and NQC qualifications or individual surveys

Investors are focusing increasingly also on ESG criteria, incl. building own reports

Sustainability is a key topic in many societies and the public expects companies to do their part

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CSRD: Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive, NQC: provider of surveys on sustainability in supply chains for automotive industry

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"Sustainability is in our very DNA. It's not optional. It's a business imperative

Based on our successful track record, we're now setting ourselves even more ambitious targets. We'll accelerate our efforts and raise the bar to create considerably more value for all our stakeholders. Sustainable business growth goes hand in hand with the value we create for people and our planet."

Judith Wiese, Chief People and Sustainability Officer (CPSO), and Member of the Managing Board of Siemens AG

We need to take a comprehensive – 360-degree – view of sustainability from every angle. Our **DEGREE** framework sets clear priorities for Sustainability at Siemens



CCT Software Systems and Processes (SSP) Mastering the Digital Transformation at Scale



SCOPE

Research, pre-development and transfer of **innovative software technology and methodology** to **enable, speed up and scale digitalization** at Siemens.

OUT OF SCOPE

 Standard business consulting, not targeted at digital innovation

The CCT SSP module Sustainable SW Engineering and industrial-grade DevOps focuses on the "How" of Digitalization

Sustainable SW Engineering & industrial-grade DevOps*

scales development agility, speeds-up product delivery, and establishes a feedback cycle for product innovation

*DevOps is a culture, movement or practice that emphasizes the collaboration and communication of both software developers and IT.

Green digital offerings cover both effects of our Siemens solutions as well as our own Siemens solutions



Greening by IT:

Reduced carbon emissions at a customer's target system (building, factory, ...) realized by our digital offerings

Greening of IT:

the way we develop our digital offerings and its effect on the operation phase (e.g. the energy consumption of the digital offering itself)



CO2 Footprint numbers for Software are continuously growing and are a significant contributor to CO2 and need to be considered

Global trends in digital and energy indicators, 2015-2021			
	2015	2021	Change
Internet users	3 billion	4.9 billion	+60%
Internet traffic	0.6 ZB	3.4 ZB	+440%
Data centre workloads	180 million	650 million	+260%
Data centre energy use (excluding crypto)	200 TWh	220-320 TWh	+10-60%
Crypto mining energy use	4 TWh	100-140 TWh	+2 300-3 300%
Data transmission network energy use	220 TWh	260-340 TWh	+20-60%

Consumption	CO2e (lbs)		
Air travel, 1 passenger, NY↔SF	1984		
Human life, avg, 1 year	11,023		
American life, avg, 1 year	36,156		
Car, avg incl. fuel, 1 lifetime	126,000		
Training one model (GPU)			
NLP pipeline (parsing, SRL)	39		
w/ tuning & experimentation	78,468		
Transformer (big)	192		
w/ neural architecture search	626,155		

Table 1: Estimated CO₂ emissions from training common NLP models, compared to familiar consumption.¹

1) <u>https://www.iea.org/reports/data-centres-and-data-transmission-networks</u>

2) Strubell, Emma, Ananya Ganesh, and Andrew McCallum. "Energy and policy considerations for deep learning in NLP." arXiv preprint arXiv:1906.02243 (2019)



Urgency increases due to first standard released and missing approaches for calculating decarbonization effects for software and automation

ISO Certification process approved

Green Software Foundation

 -> development of an industry standard for calculating the Software Carbon Intensity

The Software Carbon Intensity (SCI) Specification v.1.0

Measuring software emissions is the biggest pain point for members of the Foundation. Last year, we announced the Alpha version of the SCI specification at COP26, a method for measuring software emissions built by software practitioners. Since then, COP26 members of the SCI team have further honed the specification to incorporate feedback. **During COP27**, we shared the 1.0 release of the SCI specification, which is fast becoming the industry standard for measuring software emissions.

<u>The latest advances in Green Software | GSF</u> <u>ISO/IEC DIS 21031 - Information technology — Software</u> <u>Carbon Intensity (SCI) specification</u>

US Senate introduces bill to

-> Request to measure environmental impact of AI

What obligations are provided under the bill?

The bill provides that within two years after its enactment, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) must, in collaboration with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), and the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), conduct a study on the environmental impact of artificial intelligence (AI).

The bill also requires NIST to convene a consortium of stakeholders to identify future measurements, methodologies, standards, and other appropriate needs, to measure and report the environmental impact of AI.

In addition, the bill provides for the establishment of a voluntary reporting system on the environmental impacts of AI by NIST, alongside guidelines for voluntary reporting entities on how to report under such system.

Finally, the bill outlines the plan for the submission of a report, four years after the enactment of the bill, by the EPA and NIST among others, with legislative recommendations to mitigate the negative or promote the positive impacts of AI.

USA: Bill on the environmental impacts of Al introduced to Senate | News post | DataGuidance

Sustainable Software Engineering Driven by T SSP in close collaboration with Siemens BUs and T TFs

Internal and External Drivers



Integrated framework addressing the complete software lifecycle



Elements of sustainable software engineering





Our Vision: Develop a Framework establishing Sustainability as core built-in quality of Software Engineering as well as of our Digitalization Offerings



Optimized Carbon Efficiency of Offering

How: Sustainable Operation starts with creating transparency for power consumption as prerequisite for identifying potential improvements



Green Software Foundation Siemens as steering committee member

A non-profit organization as part of the Linux Foundation with various international members (Thoughtworks, Accenture, Github, Microsoft, etc.) founded in 2021



https://greensoftware.foundation/

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Some highlights of the foundation's work

• Standardization efforts Software Carbon Intensity (SCI) Specification¹⁾

Calculating a rate of software emissions as alternative to the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) protocol's measurement of total emissions

- Green software patterns
 Open-source database for software patterns²⁾
 for AI, cloud applications and web applications
- Learning material for software practitioners related to green software³⁾





<u>https://github.com/Green-Software-Foundation/software_carbon_intensity</u>
 <u>https://learn.greensoftware.foundation/</u>
 <u>https://learn.greensoftware.foundation/</u>
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ECO DIGIT – BMWK-funded project

Goal:

Figures

Key

and

Facts

- Develop, validate, and provide an automated evaluation environment (test bed) that transparently discloses key figures and data on resource consumption, CO2e emissions, etc., for software applications available for testing at any time.
- The project considers various contemporary software applications in operation in the following deployment scenarios: cloud platforms, mobile networks, end devices, and edge computing.
- Funded project:
- Project phase:
- Consortium Partners:
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 - Open Source Business Alliance (OSBA)
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Lifecycle Assessment Method drives testbed setup and design





Design for inputs and outputs of the ECO:DIGIT test bench







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