ROS Community Metrics

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Source: Metrics categories borrowed from Dawn Foster of MeeGo:

http://wiki.meego.com/Metrics

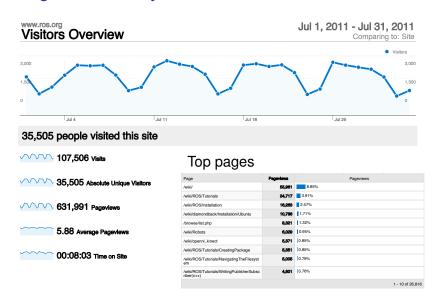


Awareness Metrics

Discovering the community, learning more about it (potential community members)

ros.org: visitors & page views

ros.org visitors: July 2011

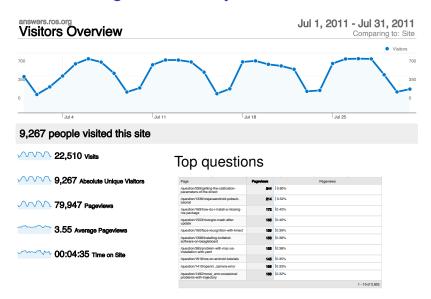


ros.org visitors: May-July 2011

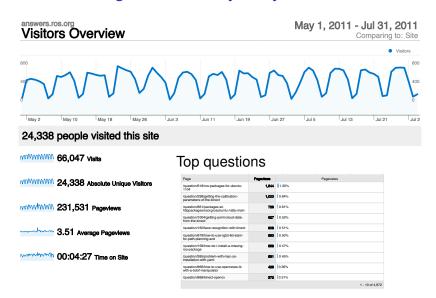


answers.ros.org: visitors

answers.ros.org visitors: July 2011



answers.ros.org visitors: May-July 2011



Membership Metrics

Taking the time to sign up and join the community (passive and active community members)

Site & list membership

- ros-users@ subscribers: 1,151 (sampled 2011-08-10)
- ros.org wiki users: 1,245 (sampled 2011-08-10)
- answers.ros.org users: 943 (sampled 2011-08-10)
- ▶ job postings that mention ROS: **5** (May-July 2011)

(we'll track these over time)

Source: MailMan, MoinMoin, askbot, ros-users@, robotics-worldwide@



Engagement Metrics

Interacting with other community members (active community members)

ros.org: activity

- wiki pages: 8,250 (sampled 2011-08-10)
- wiki page edits: 53.3 / day (averaged over 2011-06-24 2011-07-18)
- wiki page views: 18,640.7 / day (averaged over 2011-06-24 2011-07-18) (we'll track these over time)

Source: MoinMoin

answers.ros.org: activity

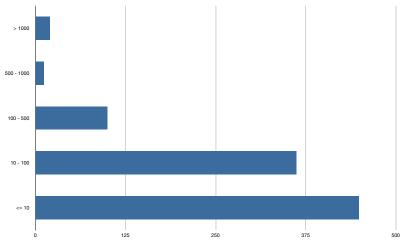
- ▶ total questions: 1,731 (sampled 2011-08-12)
- unanswered questions: 241 (≈14%) (sampled 2011-08-12)
- ► total answers: **3,057** (sampled 2011-08-12)

(we'll track these over time)

Source: askbot

answers.ros.org: karma

Users get karma points for having answers upvoted (+10) or accepted (+15) and for accepting someone else's answer (+2). Histogram of users by karma (sampled 2011-08-12):

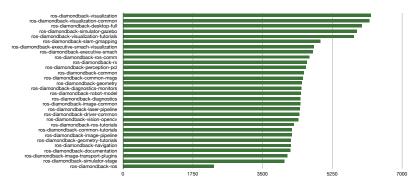


Code Metrics

Engaging with the ROS project at a code level (developers and users)

Binary downloads - July 2011

Total unique IP addresses of binary .deb downloaders: **4,517**Total downloads of binary .debs: **290,102**Top 30 most-downloaded binary .debs:

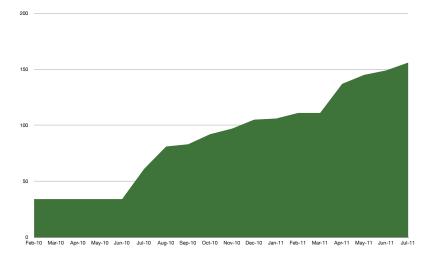


(counts GET requests to http://packages.ros.org/ros/, which may include aborted or failed downloads and does not include downloads from mirrors)

Source: Apache



Released stacks



Source: rosdistro

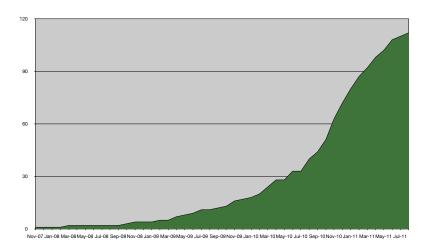
Research use

Number of papers citing "ROS: an open-source Robot Operating System" (Quigley et al., 2009): 125 (sampled 2011-08-11)

(TODO: What's a better way to count papers using ROS? What else should be measuring to assess impact in the research community?)

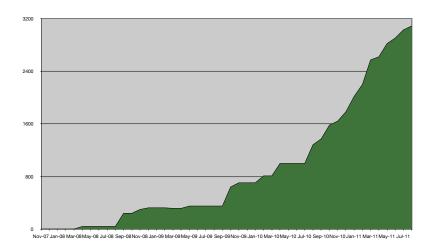
Source: Google Scholar

Known repositories



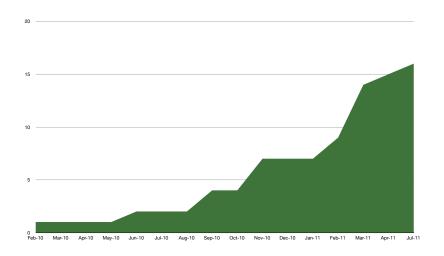
Source: rosbrowse

Known packages



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(non-custom) robots officially supporting ROS



Source: Ken Conley