

## Online intro to elabFTW

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- This seminar is being recorded!
- Discussions after the talk
  - Use "raise hand" to discuss live
  - Use the question panel and ask me or the general audience
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  - ELN mailing list and
  - HHU Rocketchat (https://rocketchat.hhu.de/channel/elb\_eln)
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## The organizers

- Nina Knipprath, Bert Zulauf
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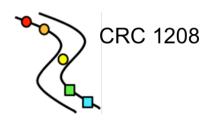
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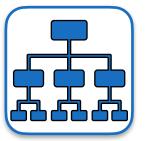
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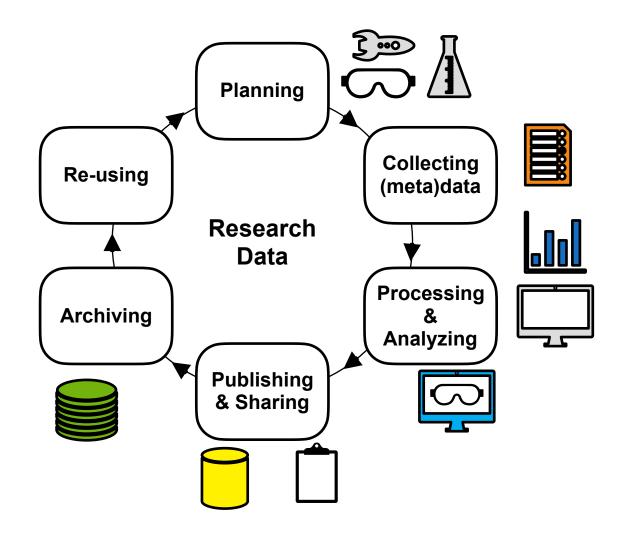
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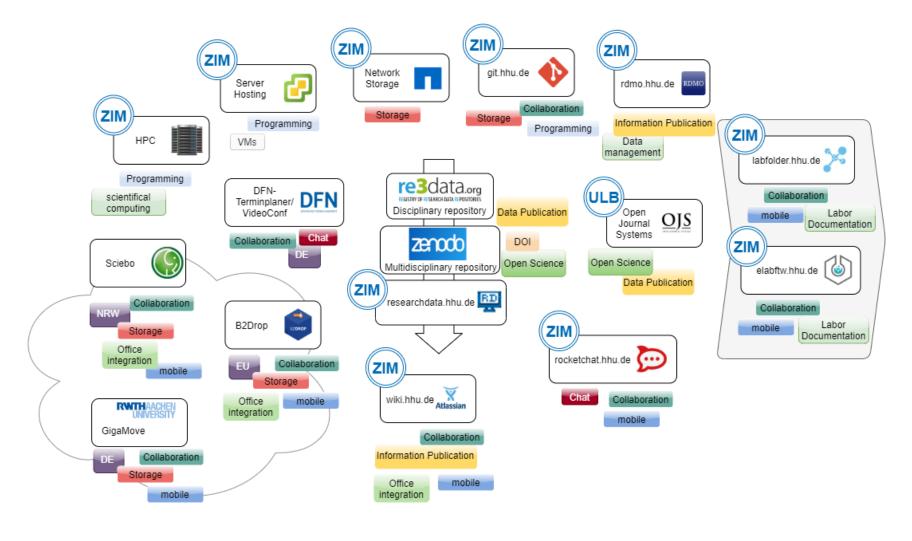
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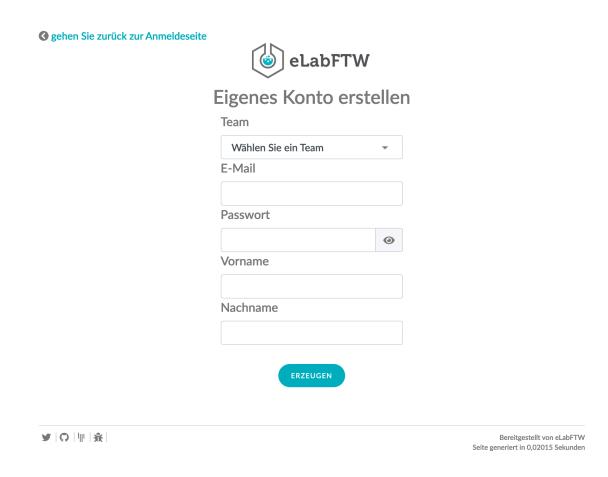
## Research data management tools

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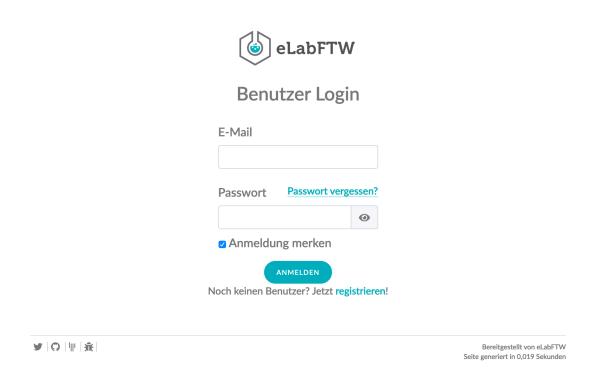
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- ZIM ticket system: elabftw@hhu.de
  - Starting a new team
  - Account and admin support

## ELN resources @ HHU

- ELN softwares: elabFTW, Labfolder
  - https://www.fdm.hhu.de/fdm-tools/elektronische-laborbuecher.html
- Tutorials
  - https://mediathek.hhu.de/playlist/410
- NRW ELN Wiki
  - https://wiki.hhu.de/display/ELB
- Rocketchat channel
  - https://rocketchat.hhu.de/channel/elb\_eln



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  - www.medicalphysics.hhu.de (Prof. C. Monzel)
- Jan Meyer
  - www.neurobiologie.hhu.de (Prof. C. Rose)



The Free and Open Source Electronic Lab Notebook



# Summary

- Why use an electronic lab notebook?
- Why use an open source solution?
- Why use eLabFTW?
- Why use Deltablot hosting?

# Why use an ELN?

#### Problem:

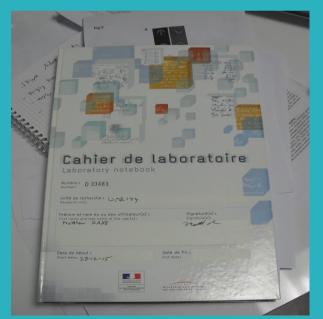
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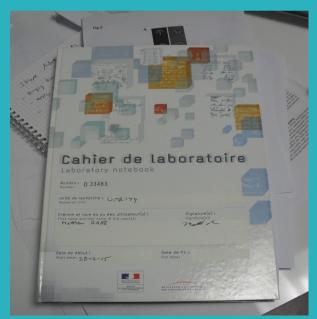


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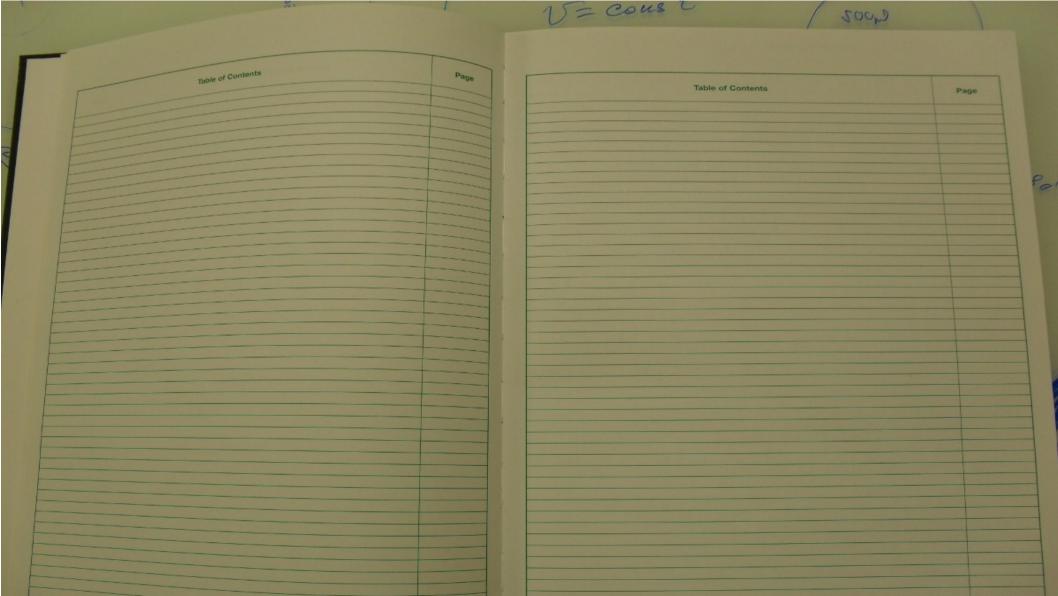
#### **Solution:**



#### **Limitations:**

- Can be lost or burned
- No backups
- Often empty
- Not readable by others easily
- Can't search for something

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# Now you want to use an ELN

#### **Problem:**

Which one?

"Should we use the free solutions out there?"

"But if it's free, it means we are the product, right?"

"Those privacy policies mention too many times the word "marketing" to my taste"

# Now you want to use an ELN

#### **Problem:**

Which one?

"But should I give all my research results to a foreign company on which I have no control?"

"What happens if that company gets bought by a Chinese consortium?" "What happens to my data if that company closes"

# Now you want to use a free and open source ELN

**Problem:** 

Which one?

Well, eLabFTW of course! It's the most popular one and the most flexible, modern and fast ELN out there!\*;)

\*source: me

## **eLabFTW**

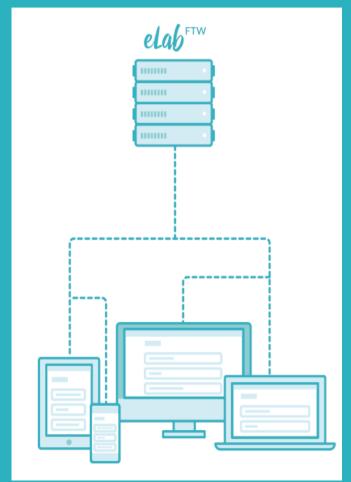
- Developed since 2012
- Free as in beer
- Free as in speech
- 350+ stars on GitHub
- Vibrant users community contributing to the software
- Modern
- Has great features
- Secure
- Popular all over the world

# eLabFTW: key features

Web based

No client to install

Responsive design (works with all screen sizes)

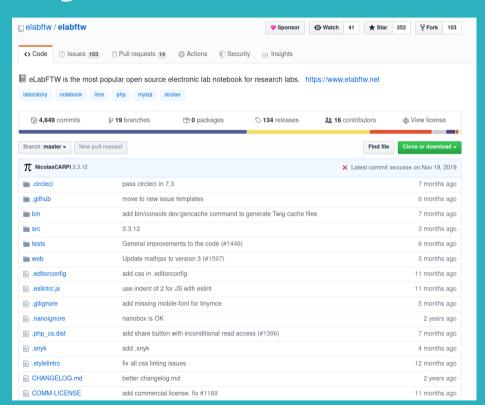


# eLabFTW: key features

Open source

Access to the source code is immediate

Users contributions are welcome



A good read: The closed source sustainability crisis

## eLabFTW: key features

- Trusted timestamping (RFC 3161)
- API access
- SAML authentication
- Templates
- Database for products/protocols
- Export in ZIP, PDF, CSV, JSON
- Molecule editor
- Todolist
- Tex rendering
- Very customizable
- Translated in 17 languages

## eLabFTW: community driven development

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•	Add backup in API seature request #1534 opened on Sep 30 by Nicolas CARPi	
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•	.json viewer / editor feature request #1467 opened on Aug 20 by christophys	<b>□</b> 1
(!)	Sharing templates across different teams feature request #1457 opened on Aug 15 by riefler	Г 3
(!)	Modification Scheduler   feature request   #1453 opened on Aug 13 by Benjamin218	
(!)	Show linked database items too in 'show related' link feature request #1432 opened on Jul 31 by Aveyron-RetD	Г 3

# eLabFTW: key features For research centers/universities

- Host it on your network
- Centralize your results on one server
  - No data gets lost if a laptop of a postdoc is stolen
  - Several teams can be hosted on the same instance

# eLabFTW: quality software

- Test suite (unit, acceptance, static analysis)
- Respects code standards
- Best practices followed
- Modern tooling used

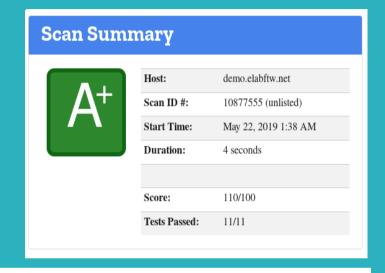


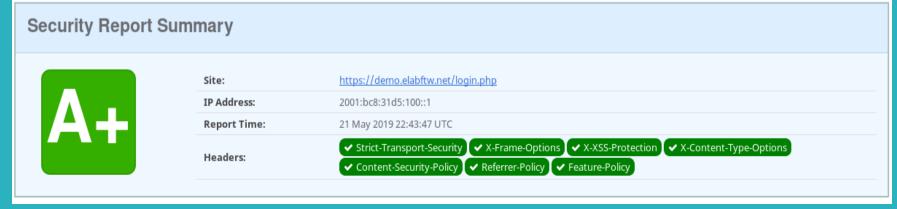
## eLabFTW: secure software

- Tight and secure configuration at different levels
- Vulnerability scans
- Signed releases
- Perfect score on Mozilla's Observatory

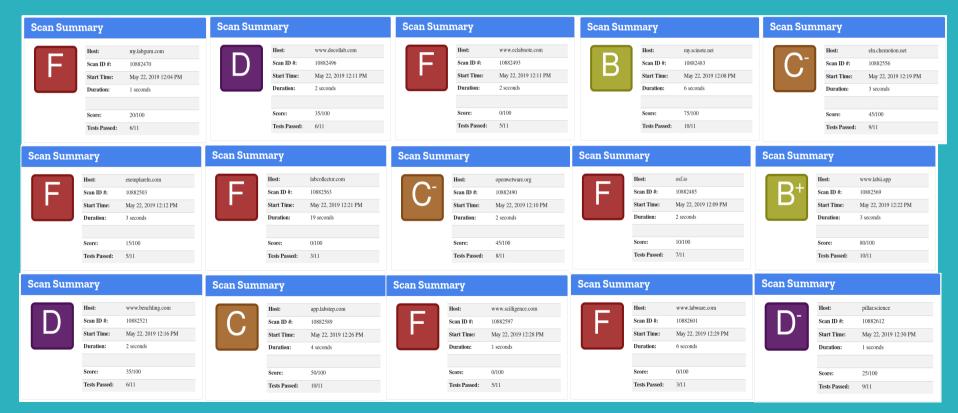
## eLabFTW: secure software







# eLabFTW: secure software .... not like others...



## eLabFTW: supported software

Free support on GitHub
PRO support available from Deltablot
Hosting available from Deltablot

https://www.deltablot.com

contact@deltablot.email



# eLabFTW: get hosted!



Hosting a web service can be tricky if you don't have the right knowledge.

HSTS, SSH, TLS, CSP, Docker, Nginx, etc...

Don't worry about all of that, and use Deltablot's hosting!

- PRO support included
- Daily backups
- Secure CentOS server (when I say secure I mean paranoid config)
- Free updates on new releases

Get in touch: contact@deltablot.email

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### eLabFTW Use Case

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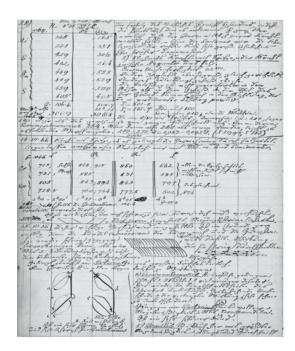
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### Introduction



#### **Objectives**

- Replace hand-written lab notebooks
  - Searchable
- Central repository
  - Protocols
  - Manuals
  - Lab inventory
- Harmonisation of entries by using templates





#### Introduction



#### **Current environment**

- Self-hosted instance (set up 2015)
  - Historical reasons
- 24 users (total since start of instance)
- > 300 experiments ( approx. 75 % timestamped)
- > 300 database items



# Organisation "Why aren't there any categories?"

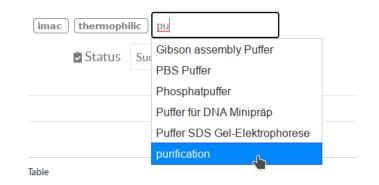


#### **Using Tags**

- Powerful and flexible if used correctly
- All users should stick to a agreedupon style (e.g. all lowercase, CamelCase, etc.)
- Use auto-completion to avoid fragmentation and duplicate tags!
- Use the admin panel to manage tags!

#### **Experiments**







#### Admin panel

TEAM GROUPS USERS STATUS TYPES OF ITEMS EXPERIMENTS TEMPLATE IMPORT TAG MANAGER

#### Manage tags of the team

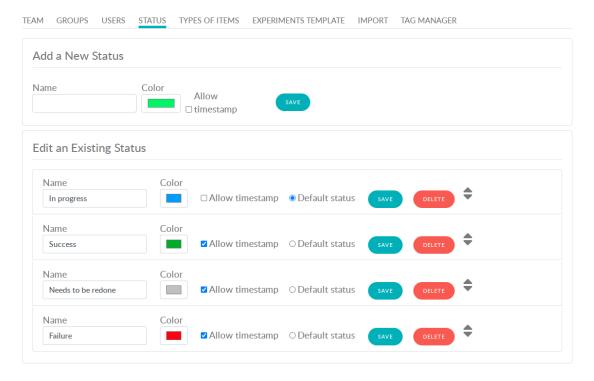
From here you can edit or delete the tags for your team. Click the tag to edit it. Then click the deduplicate button to merge similar tags.

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- activity



#### **Experiment status**

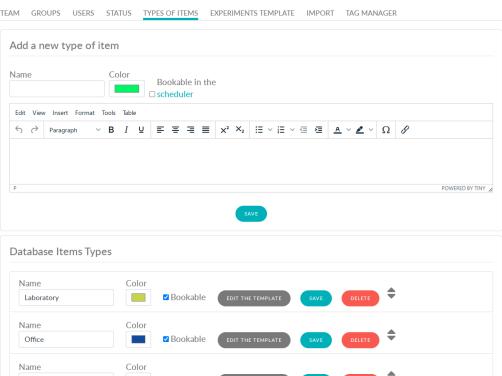
#### Admin panel





#### Database items

- From a programmer's point of view identical to experiments
- Categories (aka "item types") available
- Additional types via admin panel
- Items may be bookable via calendar (e.g. machines, rooms)



□ Bookable

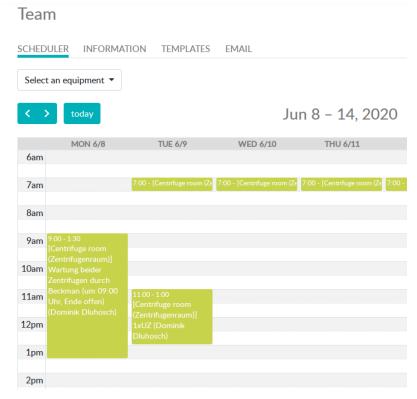
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Protocol



#### Database items

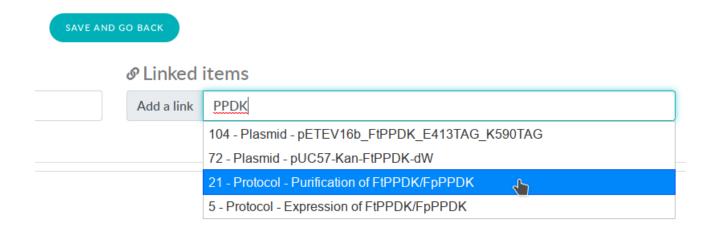
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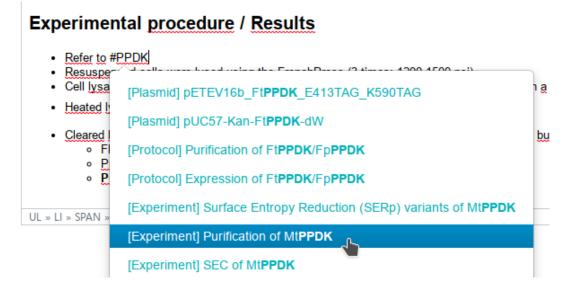
 Link to database items related to your experiment





#### Use internal links

- Link to other experiments or database items from within the text
- Enter "#" to bring up autocompletion
- Start typing to bring up a list of possible results







#### What are time stamps?

- Proof of defined status at a specific point in time
- Signed by time stamping authority (TSA) e.g. DFN
- Verification of data integrity by cryptopgraphic hash

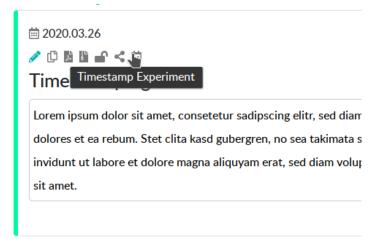
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Related experiments



#### How to time stamp?

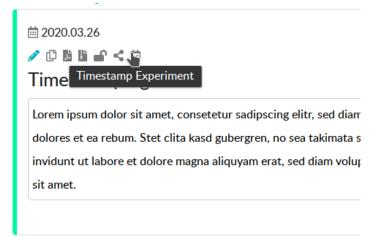
- Choose an experiment status that allows time stamping (e.g. "Success")
- Click the calendar button in the experiment view





#### Remember:

- Time stamping will irrevocably lock the experiment!
- Duplication is still possible
- Comments are allowed





#### Technical background

- PDF of experiment is sent to the TSA
- Attached files are **not** timestamped
  - Major shortcoming of current implementation
  - Difficult to solve (file size!)
- PDF and generated token can be downloaded for verification

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Related experiments

# **Concluding Remarks**



## State of adoption

- Used on a daily basis
- Stable and up to the task of replacing our analog notebooks
- Highlights:
  - Full text search
  - Easy download of complete entries as printer-friendly PDFs
  - Protocol exchange (lab inventory)

# **Concluding Remarks**



# Things to be improved

- Direct import from proprietary formats (e.g. MS Office)
- Support for experiment categories
- More complex privilege handling (possible with "Groups" in 3.x).
- Time stamping should include attachments
- Simple signature functionality (see Sneak Preview)



# Sneak preview

## **Sneak Preview**



# Signatures 2020-03-26 13:06:24 | Alexander Minges signed and approved revision 1 (current revision is 4). 2020-03-26 13:16:44 | Alexander Minges signed and approved revision 2 (current revision is 4). 2020-07-14 11:02:23 | Alexander Minges signed and approved the current revision.





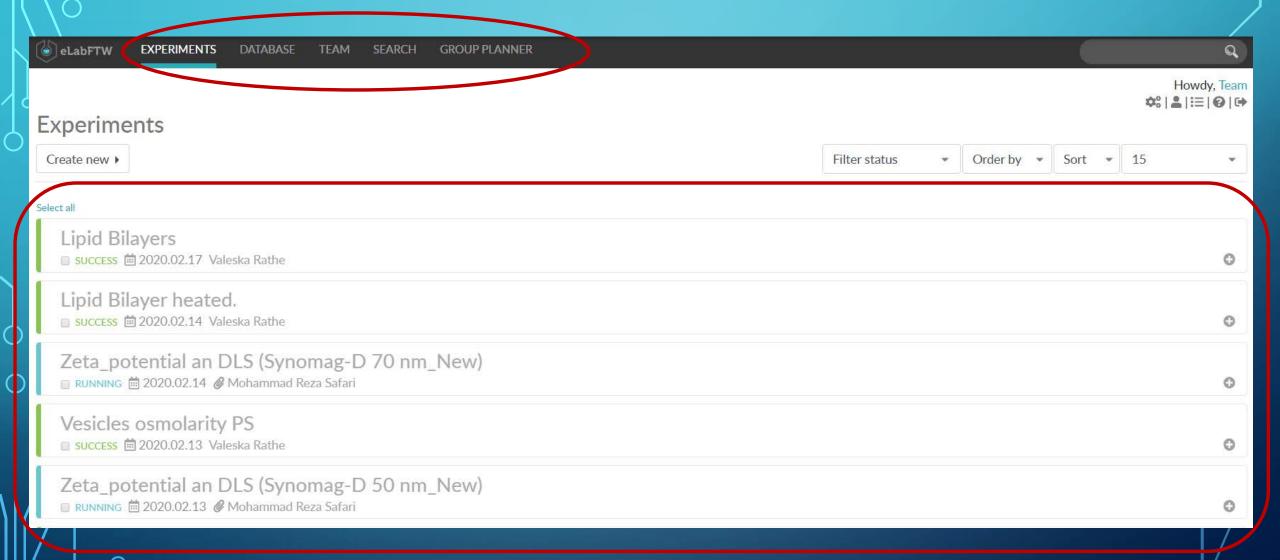
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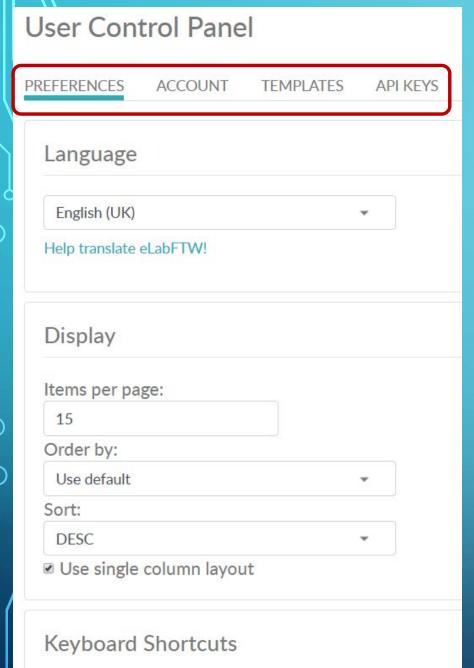


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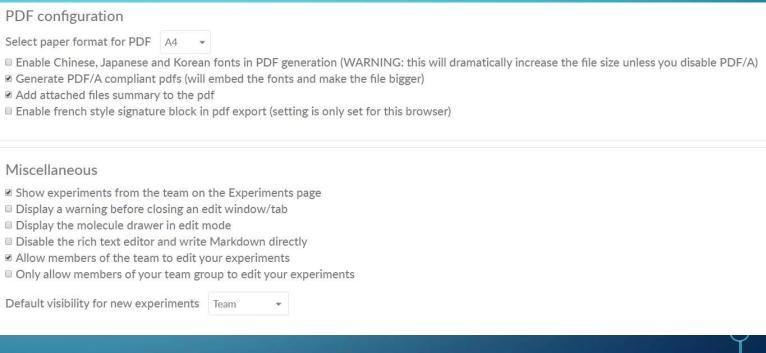
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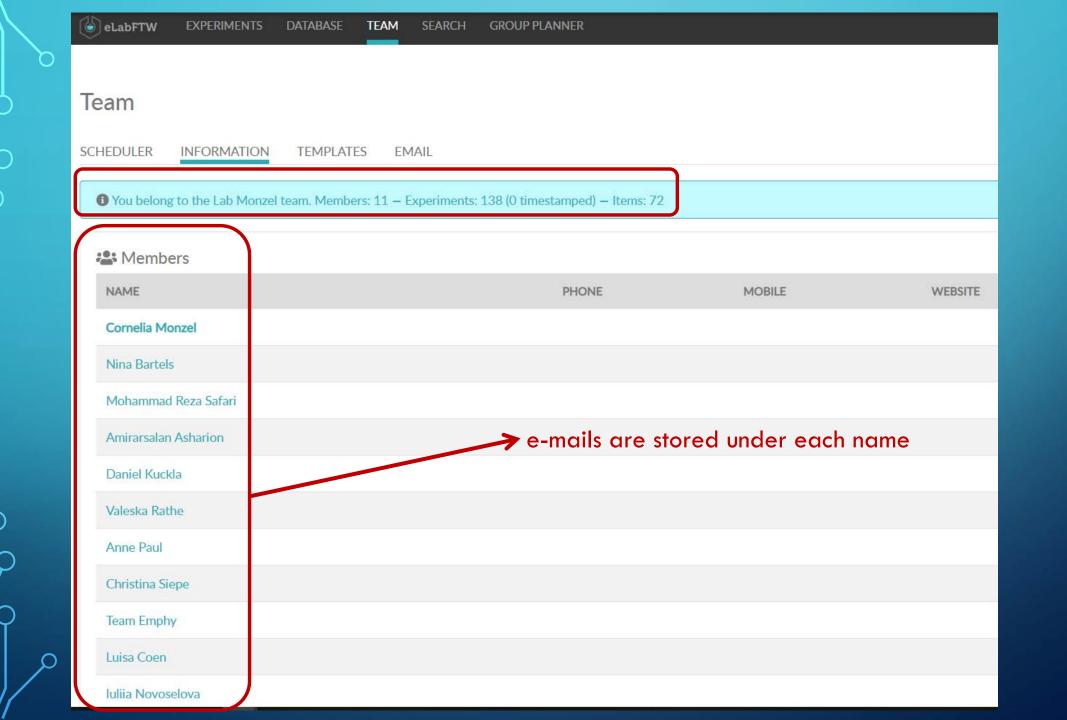
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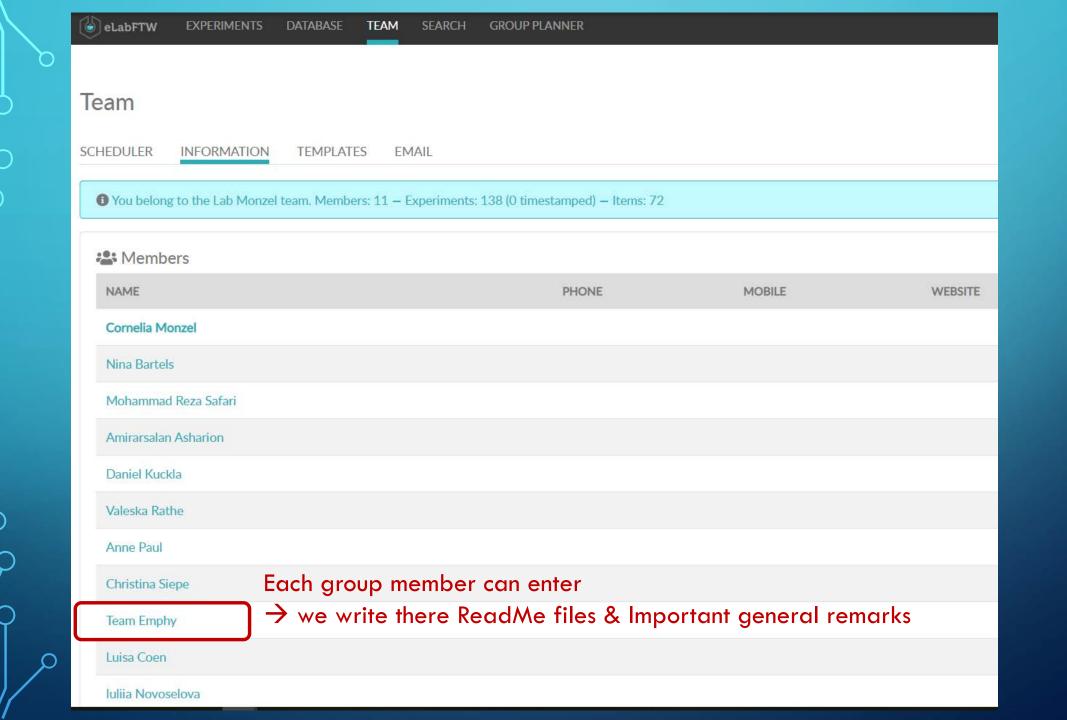




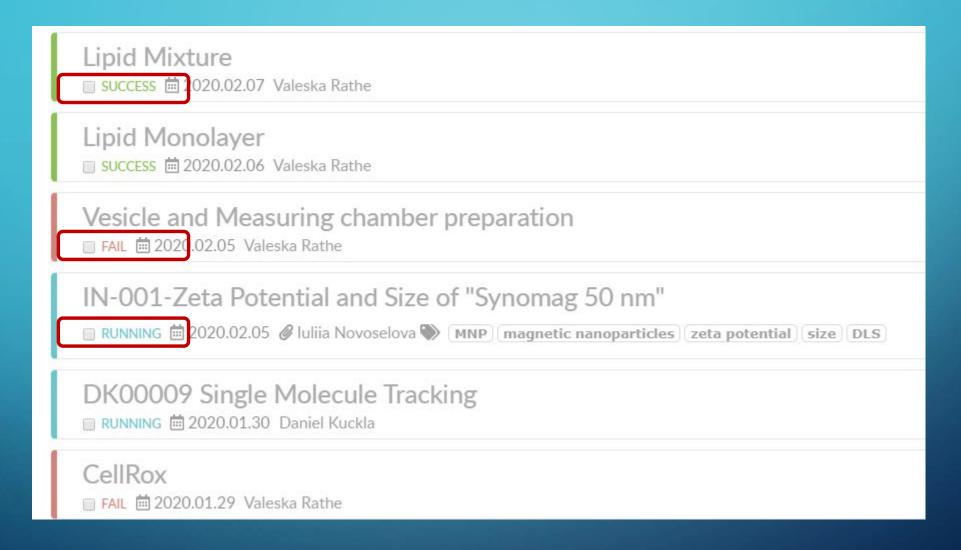
# You have a chance to set up you account in the way you prefer – some options



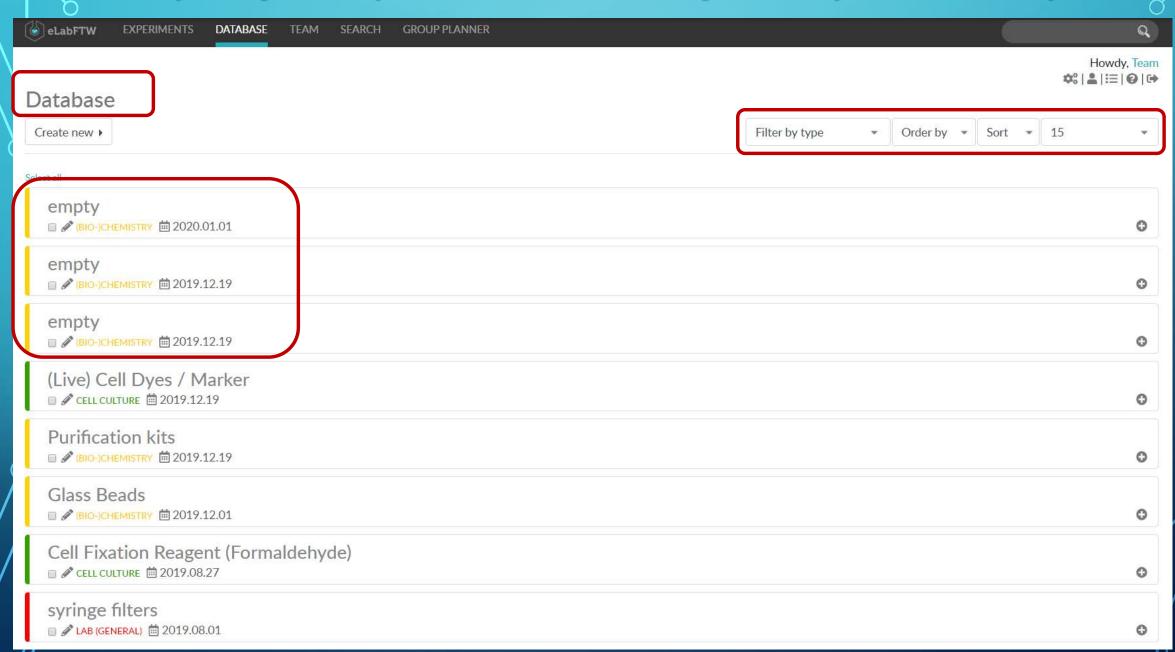




# You can mark your progress after you finish experiment



# EVERYTHING you input – stays! You cannot delete experiment you have already created



# In Database we create libraries of stuff we have and its location

#### Database

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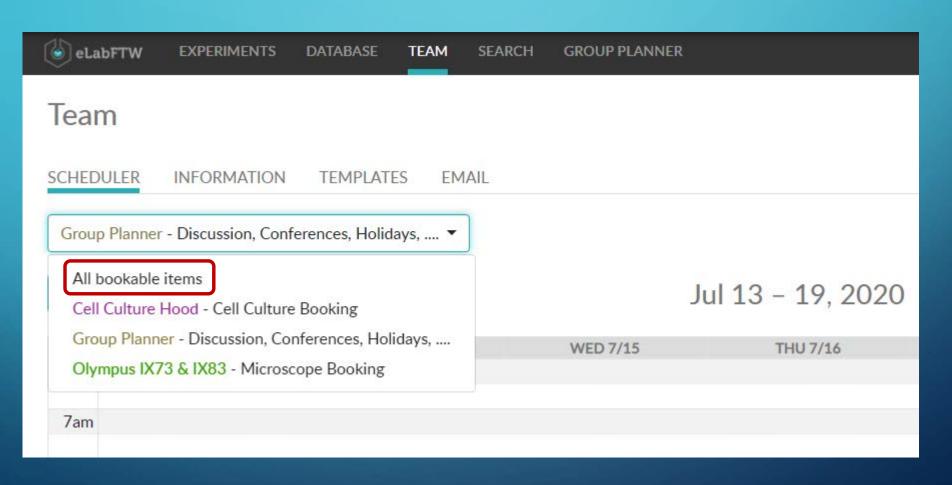
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LAUNCH SEARCH

Create items to book or to inform others about:

→ Holidays, Work Trips, Experimental Setups, Repair Page, etc.



Change item **Group Planner** Olympus IX73 & IX83 - Microscope Booking Sep 16 - 22, 2019 today week TUE 9/17 MON 9/16 SAT 9/21 SUN 9/22 WED 9/18 THU 9/19 FRI 9/20 6:00 - 10:00 6:00 - 10:00 6:00 - 9:00 6am Long-term measurement Corinna Transfection long-term (Nina Long-term measurement MNP (Nina Bartels) incubatn (Nina Bartels) Bartels) 7am 8:00 - 4:00 8am MNP clustering observation (Nina Bartels) 9am 10am 11:30 - 3:00 Incubation (Mohammad Test entry (Team Emphy) Safari) 11am 12pm 1:00 - 4:00 CellRox. IX73. 60x. (Valeska 1pm Rathe) 2pm 3pm 4:00 - 12:00 4pm Long-term measurement Corinna (Nina Bartels) 5pm incubatn (Nina Bartels) 6pm 7pm 8pm

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# **Experiment #1**



#### Zeta\_potential an DLS (Synomag-D 70 nm\_New)

#### Goal:

Measuring the surface charge (Zeta\_potential) and hydrodynamic size of the MNPs (DLS)

#### Procedure:

In this set of measurements, we want to figure out the concentration effect on the quality and reliability of our measured data. Then we decided to prepare a library of different concentrations as below:

- 1) 0.1 mg/ml
- 2) 0.25 mg/ml
- 3) 0.5 mg/ml
- 4) 0.75 mg/ml
- 5) 1.0 mg/ml

where  $C_1$  and  $V_2$  are initial (stock) concentration and volume and  $C_2$  and  $V_2$  are final concentration and volume.

Then we performed an ultrasound bath for 10 min (sample pretreatment), which imposes a positive effect on the possible particle aggregation breaking.

We need to switch on the zeta seizer setup at least 30 min before starting the experiment. It is really recomended to be sure that setup is warmed-up and it is valid for all laser-based instruments to prevent thermal fluctuations that may affect the measurement.

\* The setup's initial settings could be found in the following tables.

Usually, for the first measurement, we set the equilibrium temperature time for 300 s, and after that, for the further measurements, we change it to 10 s.

\* DLS scattering angle = 173 °

#### results:

Particle: Synomag-D 70 nm (new) \_USB 10

\* USB 10 (Sample pretreatment = Ultrasound Bath for 10 min)

	Date	Record	Data type	Wait time, s T, ° C	# measurements	#subruns	cuvette	Data (av. #subruns)	st. dev. (dist. error)	dispersant concentration (solution), mg / ml	mobility (μmcm / Vs) ± st. dev	Notes
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<sup>\*</sup> To calculate concentration, the following formula was applied:  $C_1V_1 = C_2V_2$ ,

# Your Creativity to make your Experiment be easily read:

In order to publish Reza's results in peer-reviewed manuscript opened to public, it is necessary to check reliability of data produced by the student.

→ Use different Fonts/Sizes/Tables/Colors

**1** 2020.02.05 Running Team User Tags to mark project/sample/method/etc MNP magnetic nanoparticles size DLS synomag 50 IN-001-Size of "Synomag 50 nm" Prehistory This experimental project is a continuation of the work done by Moahammad Reza Safari during his Master studies under the supervision of Jun. Prof. Cornelia Monzel in HHU. The project includes multiple days entries, since the data were collected within a certain time span. Days, when experiments were performed, are identified accordingly. Moahammad Reza Safari's Specialization Title: Characterization of Magnetic Field Generating Tips for Spatio-Temporally Controlled Manipulation of Magnetic Nanoparticles Moahammad Reza Safari's Master Thesis Title: Practical Guidelines for Hyperthermic Manipulation of Magnetic Nanoparticles in Nanomedicine Links in the text Within the thesis, several types of magnetic nanoparticles (MNPs) were studied by: • Direct light scattering to determine the size and the Zeta-potential; · AC susceptometry to measure frequency-dependent magnetic susceptibility; • Viability tests on HeLa cells incubated with MNPs. Within this project, the Zeta-potential and the size of all available MNPs dispersed in a solvent (usually, water) were studied by the Zeta-sizer from Malvern (AG Schmidt, HHU). Goal

In addition, such effects like material's aging or instability in a solvent play a crucial role and, therefore, should be clarified before data-set can be considered to be of a good quality for a publication.

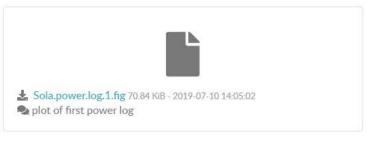
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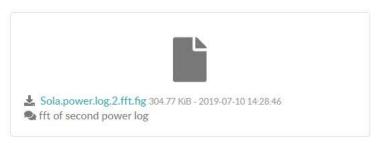
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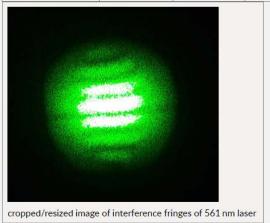








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After the whole setup was build the adjustment of the lasers through the microscope needed to be d At first all lenses are removed from the second part of the setup. Afterwards the Beam was at first aligned to the second part of the setup. All changes you make are tracked and can be seen by other group members



22 revisions available



- There is a manual available here.
- You can use a TODOlist by pressing 't'
- You can have experiments templates (Control Panel).
- You can make links inside the text by typing # and an autocomplete menu will spawn with a list of Experiments/Items.

I don't use, others may cover this point

May be covered by others

- The admin of a team can edit the status and the types of items available (Admin Panel).
- If you press Ctrl Shift D in the editor, the date will appear under the cursor.
- Custom shortcuts are available (Control Panel).
- You can duplicate experiments in one click.
- Click a tag to list all items with this tag.
- Once timestamped an experiment cannot be unlocked or modified. Only comments can be added.

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