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SATRE: Standardised Architecture for Trusted Research Environments

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What Are Trusted Research Environments (TREs)?

- In different areas may be called: Data Safe Havens, Secure Data Environments or similar
- A computing service provided by a trusted organisation encapsulating the Five Safes

LANDSCAPE – What's the current context?

TREs are the future for sensitive/health data research in the UK

LANDSCAPE – What's the current context?

There are currently a large number of TRE implementations in the UK, with many different approaches

Infrastructure choices

Cloud

On-prem

Development models

Community-driven

Commercial

Governance & Accreditation

Regulatory requirements

ISO27001, CE+, DSPT...

Risk appetites

Example production TREs: ONS, NHS England, Public Health Scotland, Scottish Safe Haven Network, SAIL Databank, Turing Data Safe Haven, Azure TRE... and many more...

DESIGN WORK - SATRE

Using a **community-driven approach** to build a **reference TRE architecture** and **accompanying implementation**

Learn & Explore

Simplify & Specify

Guide & Sustain

Transparency and Openness – Core Principle

Open Code/Resources:

- https://github.com/sa-tre
- https://github.com/sa-tre/satre-specification

Open Documentation:

- https://satre-specification.readthedocs.io

Open Communication:

- https://medium.com/satre
- satre-contact@dundee.ac.uk

The Specification - A guide on how to build and run a TRE

Four Architectural Principles

- Usability
- Maintaining Public Trust
- Observability
- Standardisation

Four Pillars

- Information Governance
- Computing Technology
- Data Management
- Supporting Capabilities

- 29 Capabilities
  - 160 statements
  - 75 mandatory
- Creates a uniform landscape for TREs to exist in
  - Evaluation of capabilities

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Public Inclusion & Impact on Specification

- Embedded public voices within the project with lay representatives
- Six workshops held with members of the public
  - Two at start of project
  - Four to report on project progress

- Inclusion of public engagement statements on transparency and involving the right people in the right way
- Support for inclusion of a statement on near misses and incidents and the actions required by TREs
- Upgrading of the public engagement statements
  - Optional -> Mandatory* (required for personal data)
- Continuous focus on communicating SATRE's work in an accessible way

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Stakeholder Activity: a truly community led specification

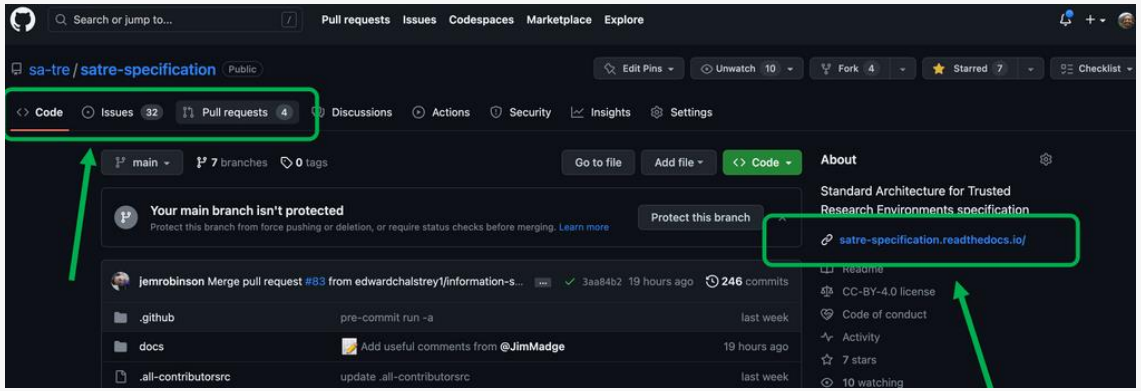
- A project based on conversation, compromise and review with the whole community
- Content, direction and delivery shaped by the community. For example:
  - Inclusion of IG as a pillar
  - SATRE principles
  - Why SATRE
- Two kick-off sessions in March
- Feature Survey
- 14 Collaboration Cafés
- 25 contributors making direct changes to the content

✨ Contributing to the SATRE Specification

We're excited that you want to contribute 🚀

Some ways to immediately get involved are:

- **Join a Collaboration Cafe**: These are online events where we discuss the specification and other TRE topics. They are a great way to meet other members of the community, find out more about the project, and are open to everyone.
- **Sign-up for email updates** from the SATRE project
- **Read the current SATRE specification**
- **Provide feedback and suggestions** on the specification:
  - If you are a GitHub user please open or comment on an issue
  - Alternatively, you can fill in this form (no login needed)



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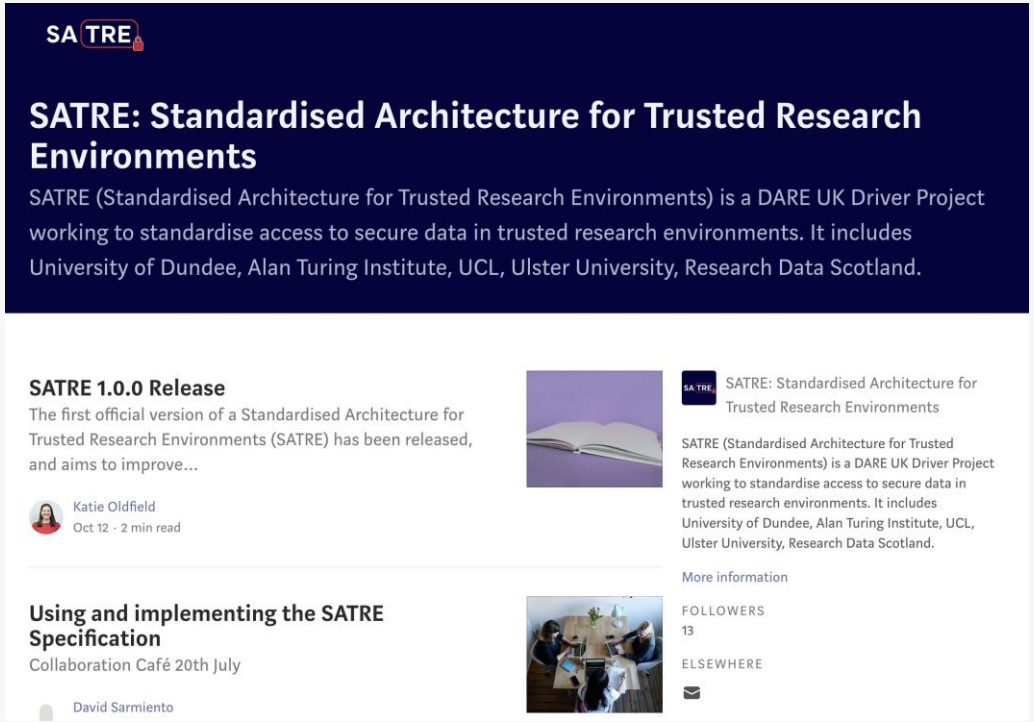
YouTube @HealthInformaticsCentre

Medium Blog: medium.com/satre



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