LCIO provides an experiment-independent hierarchical event data model and a persistence solution (I/O) for HEP. Developed collaboratively between SLAC & DESY beginning in 2002, it is being used by the international Lepton Collider community both for physics and detector response simulations and also in numerous detector R&D testbeam experiments. Standardizing on a simple, but performant, EDM and I/O has allowed event sharing and code reuse between regions, operating systems, and languages.