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The UK Software Sustainability Institute is a national facility for cultivating world-class research through software. As part of its aims, the Institute wants researchers who use scientific software to be confident that the software they use today will be available - and continue to be improved and supported - in the future. In addition, we strongly believe that reproducible research is a key tenet of doing science properly in the digital age.

This presentation will describe the work that the Institute is doing in the area of identifiers to promote software sustainability and reproducible research. In particular, it will describe the work being done on the JISC-funded SoftwareHub project, as well as the Journal of Open Research Software. It will also provide other examples from third-parties in the same space.

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