

SoundSoftware Code Site - Feature #1546

Link to downloads for a project directly from the project's home page

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Description

Dan notes that it's not obvious how to get from a project's home page to a download of its source code, particularly for projects that have a repository (and thus a .zip file download link on the repo tab) but that have not made source releases.

An additional box on the front page might do it:

<dan4dm> if a naive person wants some code, but is not au-fait with VCS browsing, they aren't gonna know to click on a word "Repository" then hunt in there for a not v prominent zip link

<dan4dm> Yes, also it's visually quite hard to find the ZIP link even if you expect there to be one

<cannam> of course it is **possible** to put a link straight to the repo zip in the overview text on a project...

<dan4dm> :|

<dan4dm> how about an extra box on the right-hand column like: "SOURCE CODE: [Download zip] [View the repository]"

<dan4dm> I know it's repeating functionality. Depends on how much you want to prioritise it

<cannam> then what if there are other downloads available in the Downloads tab, you don't want to make it more obvious than those...

<cannam> I guess one could have a Download box

<cannam> with

<cannam> [File Downloads] -> links to Downloads tab

<cannam> [Source Code Repository] -> links to repo tab?

<cannam> [Download Source Code] -> links to zip?

<dan4dm> oh I see. or how about: if there's a populated downloads tab, it links to that; else it links to the repo download?