

## CCPForge Closure – FAQs

Question	Response
Why do I have to move from CCPForge?	<p>CCPForge provided a service which was not available anywhere else when it started ten years ago. The software management tool environment has moved on and CCPForge has not kept pace with functional development and doesn't provide the functionality for current software best practice.</p> <p>Not all CCP projects use CCPForge, so it does not provide a central repository of CCP codes.</p> <p>The underpinning infrastructure needs updating and EPSRC have made the decision that in these restricted funding times that they will not replace this service with a more modern tool.</p> <p>This means that CCPForge will close at the end of 2018.</p>
How long do I have to move my project?	The service will close at the end of 2018 so if you want to keep your project you will have to move it before then.
What happens if I don't do anything?	<p>Your repository will be available until the CCPForge service closes at the end of 2018. It will then be deleted after service closure. It is your responsibility as it is your intellectual property.</p> <p>SESC are not able to deposit projects elsewhere as we do not own the contents of the project.</p> <p>We will send a copy of the repository to all the Project Administrators if the project has not been moved by the end of 2018.</p>
What will SESC do to help?	<p>We can provide a tool which enables you to move your project to GitHub (<i>working on adapting this for other services</i>).</p> <p>If you use CVS or SVN, we are able to convert these to Git repositories for you if you would like (or from CVS to SVN).</p>
What can't SESC do to help?	SESC are not able to deposit projects elsewhere on your behalf; as we do not own the contents of projects we do not have the right to do this. You as project administrator need to own the new repository/project.
Who else might be able to help?	<p>Alongside SESC staff you could contact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CoSeC staff if your project is supported by CoSeC</li> <li>• Your local institution's Research Software Engineering Group (if your institution has one)</li> </ul>
Will SESC keep a copy just in case?	<p>SESC are not able to hold projects in CCPForge indefinitely for Data Protection and FOI reasons as the business use for this information will have ceased and we do not own the information within the projects.</p> <p>We will keep a copy for six months after the end of the service as part of the service decommissioning process.</p>
I have referred to my code	CCPForge will provide a "holding page" for the service for 12

using the CCPForge URL – what will happen to that?	<p>months if the project has moved elsewhere, if it has been deleted at the project administrator’s request there will be no landing page as happens currently.</p> <p>We will monitor the redirection activity at the end of the 12 months.</p>
What is happening to the automated testing service SESC Build Service (Anvil)?	The SESC Build Service is about to be re-launched as Anvil and is not affected by the closure of CCPForge. The Anvil automated testing service will not require CCPForge credentials for authentication.
I use the SESC Build Service (Anvil). What is the impact on my project?	You will be able to use Anvil without using CCPForge. Please contact the Anvil support team if you need assistance in setting up access to the moved code repository.
<b>My CCPForge Project is active</b>	
I have a git repo – what next?	<p>If you have a Git repository within CCPForge then it will be straightforward to move to another server.</p> <p>Options for alternative hosts are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GitHub</li> <li>• GitLab</li> <li>• BitBucket</li> <li>• Your institution may have a software management service or subscription</li> </ul> <p>If your Git repo is public, then there are fewer restrictions on hosts.</p> <p>Instructions available here: <a href="http://www.softeng-support.ac.uk/documents/2018/04/09/transfer-git.html">http://www.softeng-support.ac.uk/documents/2018/04/09/transfer-git.html</a></p>
I have a SVN repo – what next?	<p>There are SVN hosting services available or you can choose to convert your SVN repository to Git.</p> <p>Instructions available here: <a href="http://www.softeng-support.ac.uk/documents/2018/04/09/transfer-svn.html">http://www.softeng-support.ac.uk/documents/2018/04/09/transfer-svn.html</a></p>
I have a Mercurial repo – what next?	There are Mercurial hosting services available such as BitBucket.
I have a CVS repo – what next?	<p>We recommend that you convert your CVS repository to SVN or Git and then use one of the hosting services described above.</p> <p>We are happy to migrate your CVS repository to SVN or Git for you.</p> <p>Instructions available here: <a href="http://www.softeng-support.ac.uk/documents/2018/04/09/transfer-cvs.html">http://www.softeng-support.ac.uk/documents/2018/04/09/transfer-cvs.html</a></p>
<b>My CCPForge project is not active</b>	
My code is no longer being developed, but I want to keep it	You could transfer your project to a code management service as described above, however if there are no plans for future

<p>– what are the options?</p>	<p>development you could consider one of the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Look to local research data management teams in your institution for local research output services</li> <li>• External repositories for the dissemination of research outputs such as <a href="https://zenodo.org/">https://zenodo.org/</a> or <a href="https://figshare.com/">https://figshare.com/</a> These will give you a DOI and make your code citeable. There is also a process to deposit in Zenodo from GitHub.</li> </ul>
<p>I don't want to keep the code – what should I do next?</p>	<p>Please contact <a href="mailto:help@ccpforge.cse.rl.ac.uk">help@ccpforge.cse.rl.ac.uk</a> with details of the project that is no longer needed. Please note we can only accept delete requests from the Project Administrator. If there are more than one project administrators, please copy them into the request.</p> <p>Once we receive the request we will mark it for deletion. It may not be deleted until the close of the service but will no longer be visible or accessible to the original project administrators.</p>
<p>I use CCPForge for activities other than software development</p>	
<p>I don't have code in CCPForge but I use the Wiki feature - what next?</p>	<p>There are a variety of paid for wiki services available or you could use the wiki feature available from GitHub, GitLab or Bitbucket.</p> <p>If you would like to transfer your wiki content to another service and contact <a href="mailto:help@ccpforge.cse.rl.ac.uk">help@ccpforge.cse.rl.ac.uk</a> as we may be able to provide assistance to automate the process.</p>
<p>I don't have code in CCPForge but I use the Tracker/issues feature - what next?</p>	<p>There are a variety of paid for bug tracker services available or you could use the issues features available from GitHub, GitLab or Bitbucket.</p> <p>If you would like to transfer your wiki content to another service and contact <a href="mailto:help@ccpforge.cse.rl.ac.uk">help@ccpforge.cse.rl.ac.uk</a> as we may be able to provide assistance to automate the process.</p>
<p>I don't have code in CCPForge but I use code releases - what next?</p>	<p>Investigate whether your development environment would provide this functionality. Explore other software development environments or look to local research data management teams in your institution for local research output services</p>