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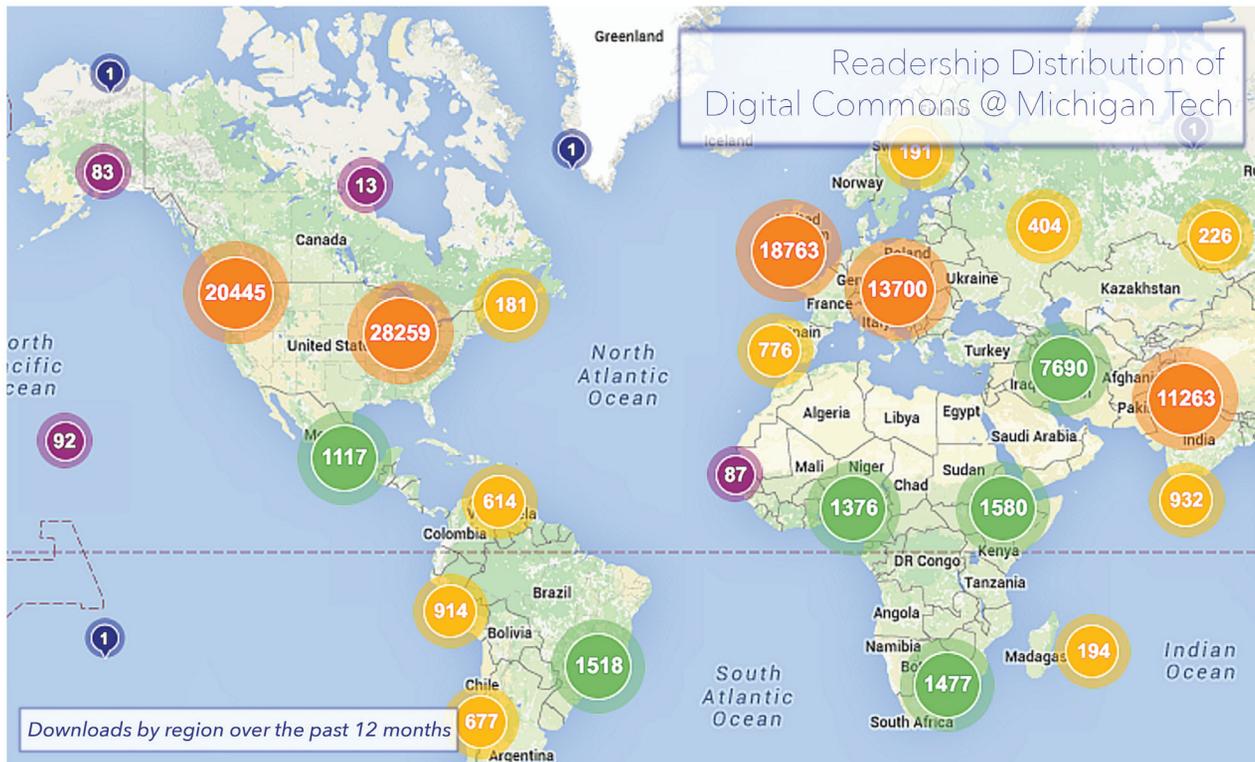
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—Joshua M Pearce  
Associate Professor, Materials Science and Engineering,  
Electrical and Computer Engineering  
Faculty Advisor, Open Source Hardware Enterprise



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