Reproducible Workflows for Better Science and Efficient Collaboration

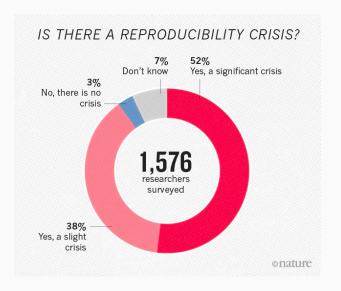
Francisco Rodriguez-Sanchez

https://frodriguezsanchez.net

Outline

- WHAT is (computational) reproducibility?
- WHY is it important?
- · HOW can we do reproducible research?

The Reproducibility Crisis/Revolution



The reproducibility crisis in mass media

≡ EL PAÍS Materia

La ciencia vive una epidemia de estudios inservibles

Científicos de EE UU, Reino Unido y Holanda denuncian que la investigación está perdiendo parte de su credibilidad



NEWS 09 December 2021

Half of top cancer studies fail highprofile reproducibility effort

· Goal: Replicate 193 experiments from 53 papers

NEWS 09 December 2021

- · Goal: Replicate 193 experiments from 53 papers
- · Finally: 50 experiments from 23 papers

NEWS 09 December 2021

- · Goal: Replicate 193 experiments from 53 papers
- · Finally: 50 experiments from 23 papers
- ~Half didn't replicate (much smaller effect sizes)

NEWS 09 December 2021

- · Goal: Replicate 193 experiments from 53 papers
- · Finally: 50 experiments from 23 papers
- ~Half didn't replicate (much smaller effect sizes)
- No paper reported all required data

NEWS 09 December 2021

- · Goal: Replicate 193 experiments from 53 papers
- · Finally: 50 experiments from 23 papers
- ~Half didn't replicate (much smaller effect sizes)
- No paper reported all required data
- Impossible to repeat experiments w/o contacting authors

NEWS 09 December 2021

- · Goal: Replicate 193 experiments from 53 papers
- · Finally: 50 experiments from 23 papers
- ~Half didn't replicate (much smaller effect sizes)
- No paper reported all required data
- Impossible to repeat experiments w/o contacting authors
- · 1/3 authors didn't respond or help



Trying to reproduce the results of a paper using only what's in the Methods section



Most scientific articles

are NOT reproducible

Reproducibility

crisis -> REVOLUTION

What is reproducibility?

Reproducibility vs Replicability

		Data	
		Same	Different
Analysis	Same	Reproducible	Replicable
	Different	Robust	Generalisable

The Turing Way

We can't guarantee that our results are **REPLICABLE**.

But at least they should be **REPRODUCIBLE**.

Most scientific articles

are NOT reproducible

The prevalence of statistical reporting errors in psychology (1985-2013)

Michèle B. Nuijten 1 · Chris H. J. Hartgerink 1 · Marcel A. L. M. van Assen 1 · Sacha Epskamp2 · Jelte M. Wicherts1



This computer algorithm scans papers for statistical tests, uses reported results to recompute the P value and flags up inconsistencies.

Type of test

Test statistic

Compares observed values with those expected under the null hypothesis.

$$t(37) = 4.93, P < 0.01$$

Degrees of freedom Accounts for size of sample.

P value

The likelihood of observing differences as extreme, or more so, if Behav Res (2016) 48:1205-1226 DOI 10.3758/s13428-015-0664-2

The prevalence of statistical reporting errors in psychology (1985–2013)

Michèle B. Nuijten 1 · Chris H. J. Hartgerink 1 · Marcel A. L. M. van Assen 1 · Sacha Epskamp 2 · Jelte M. Wicherts 1

1/2 articles: inconsistencies in p-values

1/8 articles: **grossly inconsistent** p-values

(affecting conclusions -> significance)

In ecology

< 20% articles are reproducible

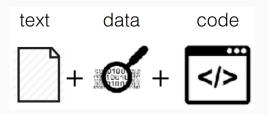
Culina et al 2020

We can't even reproduce our own work

Data/Code lost or unusable

qualitative_data.csv	04/07/2016 15:50
cleandata.xisx	25/06/2015 01:14
cleandata_YC.xlsx	30/06/2015 16:22
COORDENADAS PACO_20-05-2016 CON REVIEWS.xlsx	20/05/2016 16:23
OORDENADAS PACO_20-05-2016 CON REVIEWS_FRS.xlsx	27/05/2016 19:41
COORDENADAS_paper195(Girella_elevata).xlsx	08/06/2016 13:09
Coordenadas_raw_2016-06-08.xlsx	09/06/2016 15:53
coordenadas_raw_2016-06-08_old.xlsx	08/05/2016 16:00
(iii) coordenadas_raw_2016-06-21.xlsx	21/06/2016 16:12
(ii) coords_2015-09-09_modif.xlsx	05/11/2015 15:23
Coords_2015-10-11_modif_YC.xlsx	17/11/2015 13:37
coords_2015-10-11_modif_YC_PACO.xlsx	17/11/2015 17:06
D coords_2015-10-18_modif_YC.xlsx	18/11/2015 17:24
Coords_2015-12-26_modif_YC.xlsx	30/03/2016 19:38
Si coords_2016-04-02.xlsx	06/04/2016 17:46
Si coords_2016-04-02_YC.xlsx	06/04/2016 18:03
© coords_2016-04-08_YC.xlsx	11/04/2016 13:51
dataset_y_coords_09_09_15.xlsx	23/09/2015 17:18
Datos metaanalisis_18-04-2016.xlsx	19/04/2016 16:24
FINAL METAANALISYS_14-6-2016_WITH REVIEWS.xlsx	21/06/2016 16:15
FINAL METAANALISYS_16-6-2016_WITH REVIEWS.xlsx	21/06/2016 16:13
INAL METAANALISYS_2016-04-27_WITH REVIEWS.xlsx	25/05/2016 18:05
INAL METAANALISYS_2016-04-27_WITH REVIEWS_FRS.xlsx	27/05/2016 18:44
FINAL METAANALISYS_2016-04-29_EXCLUDING REVIEWS.xlsx	08/06/2016 13:06
FINAL VOTECOUNTING_1-7-2016.xlsx	04/07/2016 15:46
fitnessdata_2016-06-22.xlsx	22/06/2016 21:00
IFs for Bastien_19-3-2016_YC.xlsx	28/03/2016 19:26
Metaanalysis final_01-05-2015 with coordinates.xlsx	18/05/2015 19:20
Metaanalysis final_22-05-2015 coords.xlsx	24/06/2015 15:50
Metaanalysis final_25-06-2015.xlsx	30/06/2015 16:55
Metaanalysis y coords revisadas_06-08-2015_AH_JE.xlsx	23/09/2015 12:57

What's a reproducible manuscript?



DATA + CODE

- · analysis fully traceable
- · results can be regenerated

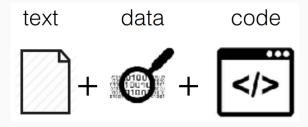
A scientific article is advertising, not scholarship.

The actual scholarship is the full software environment,

code and data, that produced the result.

Claerbout & Karrenback 1992

Reproducible article: text + data + code



Are we sharing the data?

Are we sharing data?

PERSPECTIVE

Public Data Archiving in Ecology and Evolution: How Well Are We Doing?

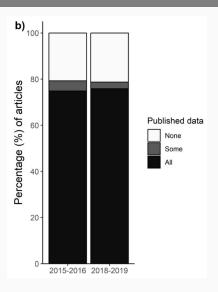
Dominique G. Roche^{1,2}*, Loeske E. B. Kruuk^{1,3}, Robert Lanfear^{1,4}, Sandra A. Binning^{1,2}

- 1 Division of Evolution, Ecology and Genetics, Research School of Biology, The Australian National University, Camberra, Australian Capital Territory, Australia, 2 Éco-Éthologie, Institut de Biologie, Université de Neuchâtel, Neuchâtel, Switzerland, 3 Institute of Evolutionary Biology, School of Biological Sciences, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, United Kingdom, 4 Department of Biological Sciences, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia
- * dominique.roche@mail.mcgill.ca

Abstract

Policies that mandate public data archiving (PDA) successfully increase accessibility to data underlying scientific publications. However, is the data quality sufficient to allow reuse and reanalysis? We surveyed 100 datasets associated with nonmolecular studies in journals that commonly publish ecological and evolutionary research and have a strong PDA policy. Out of these datasets, 56% were incomplete, and 64% were archived in a way that partially or entirely prevented reuse. We suggest that cultural shifts facilitating clearer benefits to authors are necessary to achieve high-quality PDA and highlight key guidelines to help authors increase their data's reuse potential and compliance with journal data policies.

Are we sharing data?



Are we sharing data?

Quickly getting better

Scientific Life

Early Career Researchers Embrace Data Sharing

Hamish A. Campbell, 1,* Mariana A. Micheli-Campbell, 1 and Vinay Udyawer²

Campbell et al. 2019

Are we sharing the code?

Code exists but rarely shared

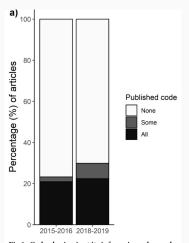


Fig 1. Code-sharing is at its infancy in ecology, when

Culina et al. 2020

WHY?

Poor incentives



O'Dea et al 2021

Doing reproducible research can be costly

The Costs of Reproducibility

Russell A. Poldrack1,*

¹Department of Psychology, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, USA

*Correspondence: poldrack@stanford.edu

https://doi.org/10.1016/j.neuron.2018.11.030

PERSPECTIVE

Open science challenges, benefits and tips in early career and beyond

Christopher Alleno10 *, David M. A. Mehlero1,20 *

Credit data generators for data reuse

To promote effective sharing, we must create an enduring link between the people who generate data and its future uses, urge **Heather H. Pierce** and colleagues.

Pierce et al 2019

Publish your computer code: it is good enough

Freely provided working code — whatever its quality — improves programming and enables others to engage with your research, says **Nick Barnes**.

Barnes 2010

- · Improve training
- · Code review, preprints...
- · Avoid shaming -> constructive critique
- · Ugly code better than no code

Why doing reproducible research?

Reproducibility: good for you, good for everyone

Automation (good code) saves time



My rule of thumb: every analysis you do on a dataset will have to be redone 10–15 times before publication. Plan accordingly. #Rstats

Code = fully traceable, reproducible analysis



Code advantages:

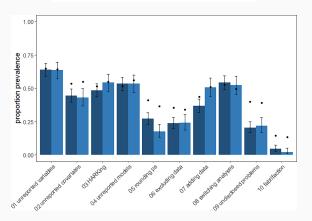
- · Easier writing
- · Easier, deeper review
- · Reusable

Transparency prevents bad practices

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Questionable research practices in ecology and evolution

Hannah Fraser¹*, Tim Parker², Shinichi Nakagawa³, Ashley Barnett¹, Fiona Fidler^{1,4}



p-hacking, HARKing, data fabrication...

Transparency avoids unnecessary disputes

DOI:10.1063/PT.6.1.20180822a

22 Aug 2018 in Research & Technology

The war over supercooled water

How a hidden coding error fueled a seven-year dispute between two of condensed matter's top theorists.

Ashley C. Smart

Over the next seven years, the perplexing discrepancy would ignite a bitter conflict, with junior scientists caught in the crossfire. At stake were not only the reputations of the two groups but also a peculiar theory that sought to explain some of water's deepest and most enduring mysteries. Earlier this year, the dispute was finally settled. And as it turns out, the entire ordeal was the result of botched code.

Transparency brings better science



I'm co-author on a study currently published only as a publicly available discussion paper. My code was on GitHub.

A colleague read the paper, thought the results looked weird, checked my code, found a bug and emailed me about it.

This is how science should work. #openscience

Many journals (and funders) value/require reproducibility

As a condition for publication in ESA journals, all underlying data and statistical code pertinent to the results presented in the publication must be made available in a permanent, publicly accessible data archive or repository, with rare exceptions (see



Many journals value reproducibility

'Papers with exemplary data and code archiving are more valuable for future research and [...] will be given higher priority for publication'

(Molecular Ecology)

Many journals require reproducibility

Letters



'We require the **data and code** for reproducing statistical results and generating figures and tables'

'This material will need to be supplied at the time of submission'

Higher impact: cites, reuse, reputation

RESEARCH ARTICLE

The citation advantage of linking publications to research data

Giovanni Colavizza 12, lain Hrynaszkiewicz 34, Isla Staden 5, Kirstie Whitaker 16, Barbara McGillivra 5, Kirstie Whitaker 16, Kirstie W

Colavizza et al 2020

ACADEMIC PRACTICE IN ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTION

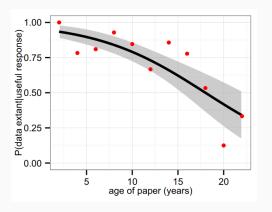
Ecology and Evolution WILEY

Code sharing in ecology and evolution increases citation rates but remains uncommon **9**°

Maitner et al 2024

Let's stop losing data & code

The Availability of Research Data Declines Rapidly with Article Age

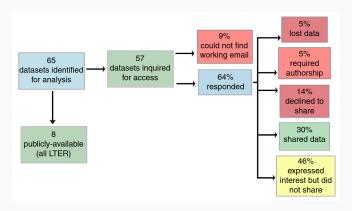


Open data & code enable synthesis

REVIEW

Advances in global change research require open science by individual researchers

ELIZABETH M. WOLKOVICH*†, JAMES REGETZ‡ and MARY I. O'CONNOR†



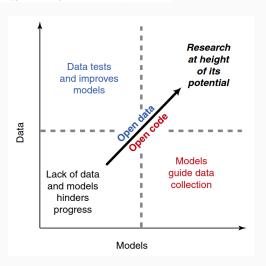
Wolkovich et al 2012

Open data & code enable synthesis

REVIEW

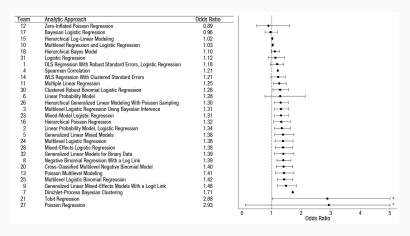
Advances in global change research require open science by individual researchers

ELIZABETH M. WOLKOVICH*+, IAMES REGETZ: and MARY I. O'CONNOR+



Same data -> different results

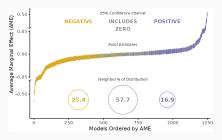
Do soccer referees give more red cards to dark-skin players?



29 teams: 2/3 found significant effect

73 teams testing the same hypothesis with the same data



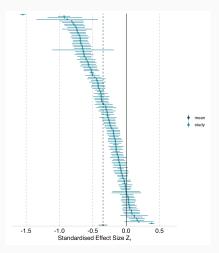


'This reveals a **universe of uncertainty** that remains hidden when considering a single study in isolation'

'These results call for greater **epistemic humility** and **clarity in reporting** scientific findings'

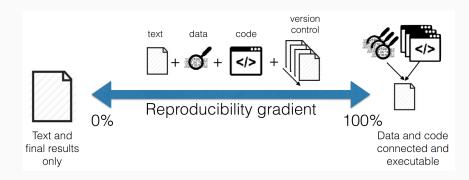
132 teams asking same question with same data

How does sibling competition affect nestling growth in blue tits?



How to do reproducible research

Reproducibility is a gradient



Rodríguez-Sánchez et al. 2016 (modif. Peng 2011)

Basic reproducibility

Basic reproducibility

- · MANUSCRIPT (Text + Tables + Figures)
- DATA in permanent archive (see Tierney & Ram 2021)
- · CODE in permanent archive (see Eglen et al 2016)

Permanent archive:

- · Zenodo, Dryad, OSF, Figshare, Data Paper...
- · NOT GitHub, website...

How to share data

- · Open format (csv, txt...)
- · README (who, what, when, where, why, how)
- · Describe variables
- · Licence (CC0, CC-BY, ODbL)
- · Citation (DOI)
- · Metadata standardised (JSON, XML)

Tierney & Ram 2021

```
library('dataspice')
create_spice() # create CSV templates for metadata
edit creators() # open Shiny apps to edit the CSVs
prep_access()
edit_access()
prep_attributes()
edit attributes()
edit biblio()
write spice() # write machine-readable metadata
build site() # build human-readable metadata report
```

How to share code

- · Scripts: plain text (.R)
- · Permanent archive (eg. Zenodo) with DOI (citable)
- Licence
- · README
- · Computational **environment** (session info)

Eglen et al 2016

sessionInfo records OS & used packages

```
## R version 4.4.2 (2024-10-31)
## Platform: x86 64-pc-linux-gnu
## Running under: Ubuntu 20.04.6 LTS
##
## Matrix products: default
## BLAS: /usr/lib/x86 64-linux-gnu/openblas-pthread/libblas.so.3
## LAPACK: /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/openblas-pthread/liblapack.so.3; LAPACK version 3.9.0
##
## locale:
  [3] LC_TIME=es_ES.UTF-8 LC_COLLATE=en_GB.UTF-8
  [5] LC MONETARY=es ES.UTF-8 LC MESSAGES=en GB.UTF-8
  [7] LC PAPER=es ES.UTF-8
                          LC_NAME=C
## [9] LC ADDRESS=C
                              LC TELEPHONE=C
## [11] LC MEASUREMENT=es ES.UTF-8 LC IDENTIFICATION=C
##
## time zone: Europe/Madrid
## tzcode source: system (glibc)
##
## attached base packages:
               graphics grDevices utils datasets methods
## [1] stats
                                                              base
##
## other attached packages:
## [1] knitr_1.49
##
## loaded via a namespace (and not attached):
  [1] compiler_4.4.2 fastmap_1.2.0
                                    cli 3.6.3
                                                         htmltools_0.5.8.1
## [5] tools 4.4.2
                       rstudioapi 0.17.1 yaml 2.3.10
                                                         codetools 0.2-20
## [9] rmarkdown 2.29
                        binb 0.0.7
                                        xfun 0.50
                                                         digest 0.6.37
```

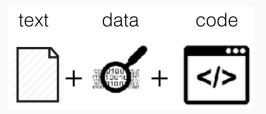
renv also records packages used

renv::snapshot()

creates renv.lock file recording dependencies.

Can use **renv::restore()** to restore packages later or in different computer.

Basic reproducibility



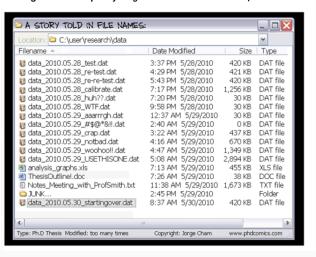
DATA + CODE

- · analysis fully traceable
- · results can be regenerated

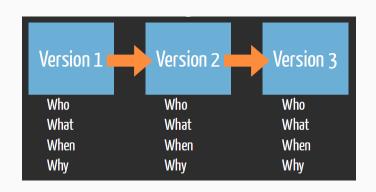
Version control

Piled Higher and Deeper by Jorge Cham

www.phdcomics.com



Version control with git

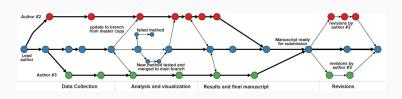


R. Fitzjohn

Much to learn from software engineering

Git can facilitate greater reproducibility and increased transparency in science

Karthik Ram

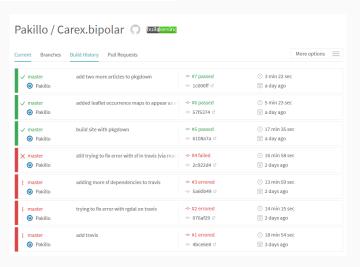


Ram 2013

Automatic checks with Continuous Integration

Reproducibility of computational workflows is automated using continuous analysis

Brett K Beaulieu-Jones1 & Casey S Greene2



Structuring projects

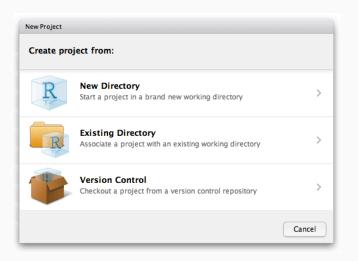
One Project = One Folder

```
myproject
  |- data
  - code
  |- output (figures etc)
  |- manuscript
```

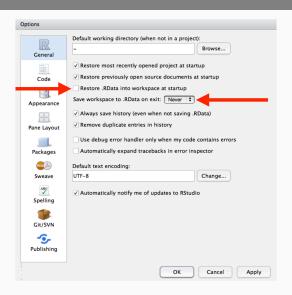
Project-Oriented Workflow: advantages

- · Self-contained
- Easy to navigate (file paths)
- Easy to share

Rstudio projects

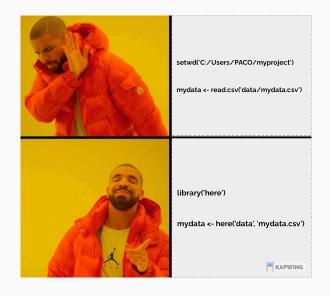


Avoid saving workspace



https://rstats.wtf

Use here for file paths



fertile package: real-time feedback on reproducibility

```
library('fertile')
setwd("C:/Users/FRS")
```

Error: setwd() is likely to break reproducibility. Use here::here() instead.

https://github.com/baumer-lab/fertile

Structuring projects: guidelines

· All files in same directory

- · All files in same directory
- · Raw data separate from clean data

- · All files in same directory
- · Raw data separate from clean data
- Modular code (functions)

- All files in same directory
- · Raw data separate from clean data
- Modular code (functions)
- · Output disposable & separate from code

- All files in same directory
- · Raw data separate from clean data
- Modular code (functions)
- · Output disposable & separate from code
- · makefile runs analyses in appropriate order

- All files in same directory
- · Raw data separate from clean data
- Modular code (functions)
- · Output disposable & separate from code
- makefile runs analyses in appropriate order
- · Software dependencies under control

- All files in same directory
- · Raw data separate from clean data
- Modular code (functions)
- · Output disposable & separate from code
- · makefile runs analyses in appropriate order
- · Software dependencies under control
- README

- All files in same directory
- · Raw data separate from clean data
- Modular code (functions)
- · Output disposable & separate from code
- · makefile runs analyses in appropriate order
- · Software dependencies under control
- README
- License

Noble 2009, Rodriguez-Sanchez et al 2016, Wilson et al 2017

Project organisation example

- data
 - data-raw
 - data-clean
- code
- output (figures etc)
- manuscript
- README
- License
- Makefile

README file

- What.
- Who
- How
- Licence
- · Citation
- etc

README.md

pandanusisotopes



This repository contains the data and code for our paper:

Florin, A. et al. (2020). Palaeoprecipitation data from Madjedbebe, northern Australia: A novel proxy from ancient pandanus.

How to cite

Please cite this compendium as:

Marwick, B., A. Florin et al., (2020). Compendium of R code and data for Palaeoprecipitation data from Madjedbebe, northern Australia: A novel proxy from ancient pandanus. Accessed 16 Oct 2020. Online at https://doi.org/xxx/xxxxx

How to download

You can download the compendium as a zip from from this URL: https://github.com/benmarwick/pandanusisotopes/archive/master.zip

Licenses

Text and figures : CC-BY-4.0

Code: See the DESCRIPTION file

Data: CC-0 attribution requested in reuse

Document your data

```
library("dataspice")
create_spice() # create CSV templates for metadata
edit creators() # open Shiny apps to edit the CSVs
prep access()
edit_access()
prep_attributes()
edit attributes()
edit biblio()
write spice() # write machine-readable metadata
build_site() # build human-readable metadata report
```

Write modular code

Break up scripts

prepare_data.R

run_analysis.R

make_figures.R

(and makefile will run them in the right order)

makefile runs code in appropriate order

```
makefile.R
```

```
source("prepare_data.R")
source("run_analysis.R")
source("make_figures.R")
```

```
dataset |>
 filter(species == "Laurus nobilis") |>
 ggplot() +
 geom_point(aes(x, y))
dataset |>
 filter(species == "Laurus azorica") |>
 ggplot() +
 geom point(aes(x, y))
```

Write functions (documented + tested)

```
plot_species <- function(sp, data) {
  data |>
   filter(species == sp) |>
   ggplot() +
   geom_point(aes(x, y))
}
```

Use functions

```
plot_species(sp = "Laurus nobilis", dataset)
plot_species(sp = "Laurus azorica", dataset)
```

Use for loops

```
for (i in species) {
  plot_species(sp = i, dataset)
}
```

Good ol' lapply

```
lapply(species, plot_species, data = dataset)
```

```
library("purrr")
map(species, plot_species, data = dataset)
```

Comment your code

Why rather than What

```
## Response is not linear, so fit gam rather than lm
model.height <- gam(height ~ s(diameter), data = trees)</pre>
```

Use meaningful names for objects

```
m1 <- lm(height ~ diameter, data = trees)
m2 <- gam(height ~ s(diameter), data = trees)</pre>
```

Use meaningful names for objects

```
m1 <- lm(height ~ diameter, data = trees)
m2 <- gam(height ~ s(diameter), data = trees)</pre>
```

```
model.linear <- lm(height ~ diameter, data = trees)
model.gam <- gam(height ~ s(diameter), data = trees)
```

Project templates

Research compendia: projects as packages

· Standard structure

- · Standard structure
- · Promotes modular code, documented and tested

- · Standard structure
- · Promotes modular code, documented and tested
- · Easy to share and run

- · Standard structure
- · Promotes modular code, documented and tested
- · Easy to share and run
- · Automatic checks (Continuous Integration)

- · Standard structure
- · Promotes modular code, documented and tested
- · Easy to share and run
- · Automatic checks (Continuous Integration)
- Automatic code review (goodpractice)

- · Standard structure
- · Promotes modular code, documented and tested
- · Easy to share and run
- · Automatic checks (Continuous Integration)
- Automatic code review (goodpractice)
- · Easily create website with pkgdown

Rodríguez-Sánchez et al. 2016, Marwick et al 2018, but see McBain 2020

Creating package structure with template



rrtools

rrtools creates research compendia

```
library('rrtools')
use_compendium('~/myproject/')
```

Rstudio addin: https://github.com/nevrome/rrtools.addin



rrtools: project structure

```
- README
- LICENSE
- DESCRIPTION
- renv/
- Dockerfile
- analysis/
  |- paper/
      |- paper.qmd
      |- references.bib
  |- figures/
  |- data/
      |- raw_data/
      |- derived data/
```



rcompendium

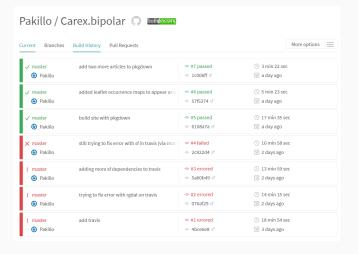
rcompendium creates new project with all scaffolding

```
library('rcompendium')
new_compendium()
```

- R package structure
- · GitHub repository
- · Automatic testing & website update

Continuous Integration (GitHub Actions, GitLab Cl...)

Automatic testing with every commit!

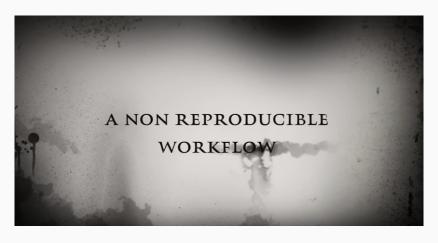


Minimalistic compendium

https://github.com/cboettig/compendium

- · DESCRIPTION (dependencies)
- Manuscript (Rmd)
- · GitHub Actions

Reproducible dynamic documents with Rmarkdown



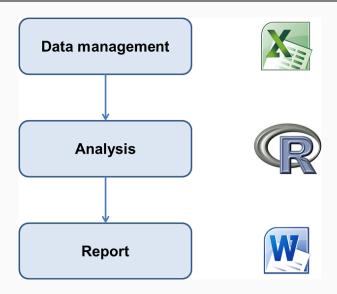
https://youtu.be/s3JldKoA0zw

A typical research workflow

- 1. Prepare data (spreadsheet)
- 2. Analyse data (R)
- 3. Write report/paper (Word)
- 4. Start the email attachments nightmare...



This workflow is broken



Problems of a broken workflow

- How did you do this? What analysis is behind this figure? Did you account for ...?
- What dataset was used? Which individuals were left out? Where is the clean dataset?
- Oops, there is an error in the data. Can you repeat the analysis? And update figures/tables in Word!

Manual copy-paste is tedious & problematic

```
Coefficients:

Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) -0.0651657 0.4264970 -0.153 0.879
sunshine 0.0100228 0.0004232 23.683 <2e-16
```

'Transcribing numbers from stats software by hand was the largest source of errors'

(Eubank 2016)





My rule of thumb: every analysis you do on a dataset will have to be redone 10–15 times before publication. Plan accordingly. #Rstats

Your **closest collaborator** is you 6 months ago, and you don't respond to emails.

(P. Wilson)

Even you will struggle to reproduce
your own results from a few weeks/months ago.

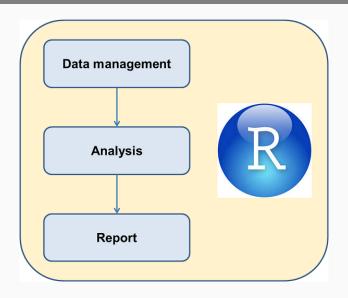
Writing reproducible manuscripts is hard

Revising non-reproducible manuscripts is even harder

.

Also, please note that because rev#1 asked to re-calculate effect sizes (...) we need to change every single number in the main text.

Dynamic reports

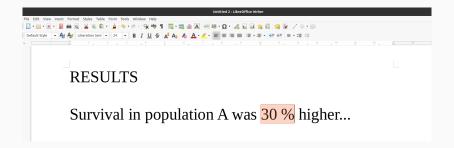


Rmarkdown documents

- Fully reproducible (trace all results inc. tables and plots)
- · Dynamic (regenerate with 1 click)
- · Multiple outputs:
 - · documents (HTML, Word, PDF)
 - presentations (HTML, PDF, PowerPoint)
 - books
 - · websites...



Where does this value come from?



Dynamic documents with Rmarkdown

Rmarkdown:

Survival in population A was `r surv.diff` % higher

Output:

Survival in population A was 30 % higher

Dynamic documents with Rmarkdown

mydata <- read.csv('data.txt')</pre>

Rmarkdown:

We measured `r nrow(mydata)` individuals

Output:

We measured 100 individuals

Much better than copy-paste!

Rmarkdown: code (R, Python, etc) + text (Markdown)

```
Metadata
title: "Does sunshine make people happy?"
author: "FRS"
                                                                                       (YAML)
output: word document
## Introduction
                                                                                         Text
It is well known that individual well-being can be influenced by climatic conditions.
                                                                                      (Markdown)
## Methods
```{r echo=FALSE}
Read data
 Code
data <- read.table("data.txt", header = TRUE)</pre>
 (R, Python...)
Fit linear model
model <- lm(happiness ~ sunshine, data = data)
We collected data on `r nrow(data)` individuals and fitted a linear model.
```

## Code chunk options

```
'''{r echo=FALSE, eval=TRUE, fig.height=3}
plot(iris)
'''
https://yihui.org/knitr/options/
```

# Code chunk options

```
'''{r}
#| echo = FALSE
#| eval = TRUE
#| fig.cap = 'My figure caption'
plot(iris)
'''
```

# Naming chunks helps debugging

```
processing file: test.Rmd
 1.........
 14%
 ordinary text without R code
 1......
 29%
label: setup (with options)
List of 1
$ include: logi FALSE
 |-----
 43%
 ordinary text without R code
 1.....
 57%
label: read.data
 71%
 ordinary text without R code
 |-----
 86%
label: plot (with options)
List of 1
$ echo: logi FALSE
Ouitting from lines 28-29 (test.Rmd)
Error in eval(predvars, data, env) : object 'specie' not found
Calls: <Anonymous> ... plot.formula -> eval -> eval -> <Anonymous> -> eval -> eval
Execution halted
```

# Naming chunks helps navigating long docs

```
title: "My Analysis"
 3 author: "FRS"
 output: html document
 5 - - -
 6
 7 '``{r setup, include=FALSE}
 £ }
 knitr::opts chunk$set(echo = TRUE)
 9 -
 10
 11
 This is an R Markdown document. Markdown is a simple
 My Analysis
 for authoring HTML, PDF, and MS Word
 Chunk 1: setup
 re details on using R Markdown see
 Chunk 2: read.data
 .rstudio.com>.
 Chunk 3: plot
 12
11:60
 (Top Level) $
 R Markdown 3
```

# Naming chunks: figure files take chunk name

- unnamed-chunk-1-1.png
- unnamed-chunk-1-2.png
- unnamed-chunk-1-3.png
- unnamed-chunk-1-4.png

#### knitr engines:

```
[1] "asis"
 "asy"
 "awk"
 "bash"
 "block"
 "block2"
[7] "bslib"
 "cat"
 "cc"
 "coffee"
 "comment"
[13] "css"
 "ditaa"
 "dot"
 "embed"
 "eviews"
 "exec"
[19] "fortran"
 "fortran95" "gawk"
 "go"
 "groovy"
 "haskell"
 "julia"
 "mysql"
 "node"
[25] "highlight"
 "js"
 "lein"
[31] "octave"
 "perl"
 "php"
 "psql"
 "python"
 "R"
[37] "Rcpp"
 "ruby"
 "sass"
 "scala"
 "Rscript"
 "sas"
[43] "scss" "sed"
 "sh"
 "sql"
 "stata"
 "stan"
[49] "targets"
 "tikz"
 "verbatim"
 "zsh"
```

# Markdown: easy text formatting

```
Header
Subheader
italic
bold
[a link](https://example.com)
Handy: https://thinkr-open.github.io/remedy/
Or use Visual Markdown Editor
```

#### Regenerate Word/PDF/HTML with one click

```
а
title: "Does sunshine make people happy?"
output: pdf document
bibliography: refs.bib
Introduction
Climate influences individual well-being [@Rehdanz_2005].
However, ...
Methods
'''{r echo=FALSE}
read data
data <- read.table("data.txt", header=T)
data[10,1] <- 11 # correct error
fit linear model
model <- lm(happiness ~ sunshine, data=data)
We collected data on 'r nrow(data)' individuals and fitted a
linear model.
Results
We found that...
"" {r echo=FALSE, results='asis'}
make table with model output
print(xtable::xtable(model), comment = FALSE)
""{r echo=FALSE, fig.height=3, fig.width=3, fig.align='center'}
visreq::visreq(model) # plot
Discussion
Our results confirm that happiness is related to
sunshine (slope = 'r coef(model)[2]').
References
```

#### Does sunshine make people happy?

h

#### Introduction

Climate influences individual well-being (Rehdanz and Maddison 2005). However,  $\dots$ 

#### Methods

We collected data on 100 individuals and fitted a linear model.

#### Results

We found that...

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
(Intercept)	-0.0986	0.4271	-0.23	0.8180
aunchino	0.0101	0.0004	93.75	0.0000



#### Discussion

Our results confirm that happiness is related to sunshine (slope = 0.0100652).

#### References

Rehdanz, Katrin, and David Maddison. 2005. "Climate and Happiness." Ecological Economics 52 (1). Elsevier BV: 111–25. doi:10.1016/j.ecolecon.2004.06.015.

## Spotted error in the data? No problem!

- · Make changes in Rmarkdown document
- · Click **Knit** in Rstudio
- Report will update automatically!

#### Why Rmarkdown?



#### ■ Convince me to start using R Markdown

R Markdown

rmarkdown



Darren\_Dahly

- Start using R Markdown to generate reports of your data analyses.
- 2. If the data changes, rerun the report with a click of the mouse.
- 3. Take 3 days off of work.
- On the 4th day, tell your collaborators that the re-analysis is complete.
- 5. Be hailed as a hero.

https://community.rstudio.com/t/convince-me-to-startusing-r-markdown/1636/12

# Your turn

# Create, edit and share Rmarkdown document

File > New File > Rmarkdown

Write text

Insert code chunks

Change chunk options (echo, eval, etc)

HTML/Word/PDF output

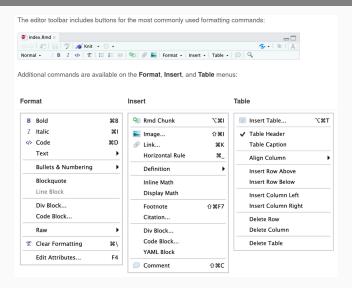
### PDF generation requires LaTeX

```
library('tinytex')
```

install\_tinytex()

# Rmarkdown bells and whistles

#### 'Visual Rmarkdown': Rmd as in word processor



https://rstudio.github.io/visual-markdown-editing

# Automatic table generation

model <- lm(happiness ~ sunshine, data = mydata)
xtable(model)</pre>

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
(Intercept)	-0.0652	0.4265	-0.15	0.8789
sunshine	0.0100	0.0004	23.68	0.0000

Many alternatives: gtsummary, modelsummary, huxtable, etc

### equatiomatic describes model structure

We fitted a linear model:

```
library('equatiomatic')
model <- lm(happiness ~ sunshine, data = mydata)
extract_eq(model)</pre>
```

happiness = 
$$\alpha + \beta_1(\text{sunshine}) + \epsilon$$
 (1)

#### Models that describe themselves!

```
library('report')
model <- lm(happiness ~ sunshine, data = mydata)
report(model)</pre>
```

We fitted a linear model (estimated using OLS) to predict happiness with sunshine (formula: happiness  $\sim$  sunshine). The model explains a statistically significant and substantial proportion of variance (R2 = 0.85, F(1, 98) = 560.90, p < .001, adj. R2 = 0.85). The model's intercept, corresponding to sunshine = 0, is at -0.07 (95% CI [-0.91, 0.78], t(98) = -0.15, p = 0.879). Within this model:

The effect of sunshine is statistically significant and positive (beta = 0.01, 95% CI [918e-03, 0.01], t(98) = 23.68, p < .001; Std. beta = 0.92, 95% CI [0.85, 1.00])</li>

Standardized parameters were obtained by fitting the model on a standardized version of the dataset. 95% Confidence Intervals (CIs) and p-values were computed using a Wald t-distribution approximation.

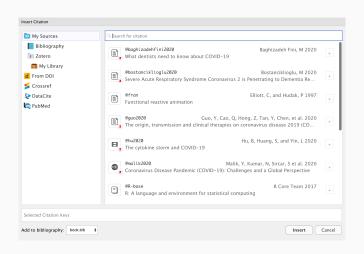
### Insert equations with LaTeX

Using LaTeX:

$$y \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

Mathpix: https://github.com/jonocarroll/mathpix

### Citing bibliography



https://rstudio.github.io/visual-markdown-editing/#/citations

## Using BibTeX file with references

```
title: "My awesome Rmd"
output: html_document
bibliography: references.bib

```

### Format bibliography for any journal

```
title: "Does sunshine make people happy?"
author: "FRS"
output: word_document
bibliography: myrefs.bib
csl: ecology-letters.csl
```

Thousands of Citation Styles:

```
https://www.zotero.org/styles
https://github.com/citation-style-language/styles
```

#### Rmarkdown templates

- rticles
- papaja
- rrtools
- pinp
- rmdTemplates
- · pagedreport
- GitHub!

#### My cool paper written in Rmarkdown

F. Rodriguez-Sanchez\*\*\* and And Friends\*\*

"Some institute of Secterology, Department, Street, City, State, Zip; "Another University Department, Street, City, State, Zip This managing was complied on September 19, 2018

Please provide an absuracy of no more than SSI words in a single paragraph. Abstraces should explain to the general reader the major

in full within the abstract lead and cleed in the east. one | we | optional | optional | optional

This PNAS journal template is provided to help you write your work in the correct journal format. Instructions for use Note: please start your introduction without including the

word "Introduction" as a section heading (except for math articles in the Physical Sciences section); this heading is implied in the first paragraphs.

#### Guide to using this template Please note that whilet this template provides a previor of the

it will not necessarily be the final publication layout. For more detailed information please see the PNAS Information Author Affiliations, builde desartment, institution, and com-

plete address, with the ZIP/postal code, for each author. Use lower case letters to match authors with institutions, as shown in the seasuals. Authors with an OECID ID may supply this Data Archivel. PNAS must be able to archive the data operated information at submission.

clos at PNAScentral. If you are using Overleaf to write your article, you can use the "Submit to PNAS" option in the top in the Information for Authors, is acceptable.

Formet, Many authors find it useful to organize their manuscripts with the following order of sections; Title, Author ing are encouraged to use a language-ofiting service (see list at Affiliation, Keywords, Abstract, Significance Statement, Re-Affiliation, Keywords, Attended, Sugarmance Susanness, ne-sults, Discussion, Materials and methods, Acknowledgments, and References. Other orders and headings are permitted. Manuscript Length, PNAS generally uses a two-column for-

and assessing 67 characters including account on East The pages and a PNAS PLUS research article is ten pages including all test, spaces, and the number of characters displaced by figures, tables, and equations. When submitting tables, function, and/or opuntions in addition to text, lessy the text for your manuscript under 20,000 characters (including spaces) for Direct Submissions and 72,000 characters (including spaces)

Returences, References should be cited in numerical order as they arrows in text: this will be done automatically via biliter. e.g. (1) and (2, 3). All references, including for the SI, should led in the main manuscript file. References appear ing in both sections should not be duplicated. SI references

NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE OWNER, WHEN PARTY AND AD



Rg. 1. Phothelian image of a long with a long-comple caption to show justification written.

included in tables should be included with the main reference

to a published article. Where such archiving is not possible, Submitting Manuscripts. All authors must submit their arts. deposition of data in public databases, such as Gerlfank, ArrayExpress, Protein Data Bank, Unidata, and others extined

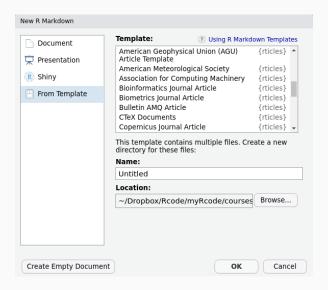
> Language Editing Services, Prior to submission, authors who believe their manuscripts would benefit from professional edit their use has no Dearing on acceptance of a manuscript for

#### Significance Statement Authors must submit a 120-word maximum statement about

The craft district safer problem in Per deber er erfel distantion

PMS | Sementer S. 200 | vol. 200 | vol. 201 | vol. 201 |

#### Accessing Rmd templates



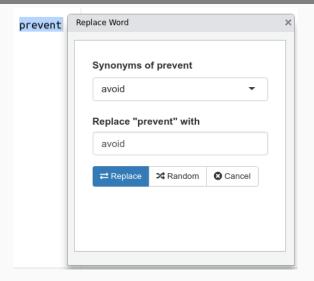
## Revise writing style: gramr



https://github.com/ropenscilabs/gramr

https://github.com/nevrome/wellspell.addin

## Find synonyms



https://github.com/gadenbuie/synamyn

## Word count and readability

Method	koRpus	stringi
:	- :	- :
Word count	107	104
Character count	604	603
Sentence count	10	Not available
Reading time	0.5 minutes	0.5 minutes

https://github.com/benmarwick/wordcountaddin

#### Automated reproducibility checks

#### https://github.com/brandmaier/reproducibleRchunks

```
Here is a computation:

my_num <- x + 1

Code Chunk Reproduction Report

■ my_sum: REPRODUCTION SUCCESSFUL

Here is a computation:

my_num <- x + 1
```

• X my sum; REPRODUCTION FAILED Fingerprints are not identical.

Code Chunk Reproduction Report

162

#### **BOOKDOWN**

#### Write HTML, PDF, ePub, and Kindle books with R Markdown

The **bookdown** package is an <u>open-source R package</u> that facilitates writing books and long-form articles/reports with R Markdown. Features include:

- Generate printer-ready books and ebooks from R Markdown documents.
- A markup language easier to learn than LaTeX, and to write elements such as section headers, lists, quotes, figures, tables, and citations.
- . Multiple choices of output formats: PDF, LaTeX, HTML, EPUB, and Word.
- · Possibility of including dynamic graphics and interactive applications (HTML widgets and Shiny apps).
- . Support a wide range of languages: R, C/C++, Python, Fortran, Julia, Shell scripts, and SQL, etc.
- · LaTeX equations, theorems, and proofs work for all output formats.
- · Can be published to GitHub, bookdown.org, and any web servers.
- · Integrated with the RStudio IDE.
- · One-click publishing to https://bookdown.org.



https://bookdown.org/



https://slides.yihui.org/xaringan/

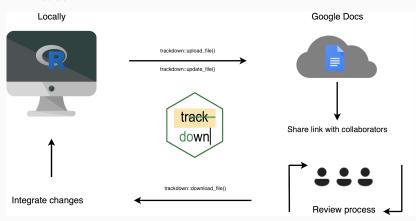
#### Parameterised reports

```
title: "My template report"
output: html_document
params:
 sp: Adelie
 ∅ ¥ ▶
library(palmerpenguins)
data("penguins")
mydata <- subset(penguins, species == params$sp)</pre>
plot(mydata$bill_length_mm, mydata$bill_depth_mm,
 main = paste0("Species: ", params$sp))
 Species: Adelie
 mydata$bill_depth_mm
 0
 32
 34
 mydata$bill_length_mm
```

### Render thousands of individual reports from Rmd template

## Collaborative writing

- · GitHub, GitLab, etc
- Google Docs (trackdown)
- redoc



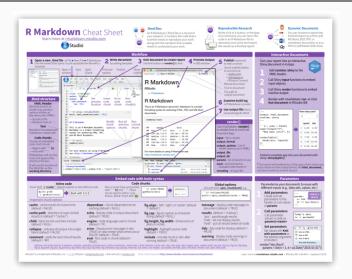
## Rmarkdown resources

#### Rmarkdown website

#### http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com/

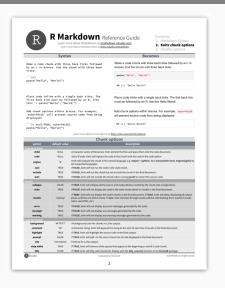


#### Rmarkdown cheat sheet



https://www.rstudio.org/links/r\_markdown\_cheat\_sheet

#### Rmarkdown reference guide

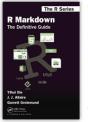


https://github.com/rstudio/cheatsheets/blob/main/old/pdfs/rmarkdown-reference.pdf

#### R Markdown: The Definitive Guide

by Yihui Xie, J. J. Allaire, Garrett Grolemund

2018-09-11



The first official book authored by the core R Markdown developers that provides a comprehensive and accurate reference to the R Markdown ecosystem. With R Markdown, you can easily create reproducible data analysis reports, presentations, dashboards, interactive applications, books, dissertations, websites, and journal articles, while enjoying the

C) Star

simplicity of Markdown and the great power of R and other languages. Read more  $\rightarrow$ 

https://bookdown.org/yihui/rmarkdown/

https://bookdown.org/yihui/rmarkdown-cookbook/

# Quarto

#### Quarto: 2nd generation Rmarkdown

### Welcome to Quarto

#### An open-source scientific and technical publishing system

- Author using Jupyter notebooks or with plain text markdown in your favorite editor.
- · Create dynamic content with Python, R, Julia, and Observable.
- Publish reproducible, production quality articles, presentations, dashboards, websites, blogs, and books in HTML, PDF, MS Word, ePub, and more.
- Share knowledge and insights organization-wide by publishing to Posit Connect, Confluence, or other publishing systems.
- Write using Pandoc markdown, including equations, citations, crossrefs, figure panels, callouts, advanced layout, and more.

Analyze. Share. Reproduce. You have a story to tell with data—tell it with Quarto.



https://quarto.org/

#### Quarto manuscripts

#### AUTHORS OTHER FORMATS Steve Purves 🖂 🚳 Curvenote MS Word Rowan Cockett (1) A PDF (agu) MECA Bundle February 23, 2024 ABSTRACT In September 2021, a significant jump in seismic activity on the island of La Palma (Canary Islands, Spain) signaled the start of a volcanic crisis that still continues at the time of writing. Earthquake data is continually collected and published by the Instituto Geographico Nacional (IGN). . . . KEYWORDS La Palma, Earthquakes Table of contents 1 Introduction 1 Introduction 2 Data & Methods 3 Conclusion References Notehooks 1500 1900 Article Notebook Figure 1: Timeline of recent earthquakes on La Palma Data Screening FI Source: Article Notebook Based on data up to and including 1971, eruptions on La Palma happen every 79.8 years on average. Studies of the magma systems feeding the volcano, such as Marrero et al. (2019), have proposed that there are two main magma reservoirs feeding the Cumbre Vieia volcano; one in the mantle (30-40km depth) which charges and in turn feeds a shallower crustal reservoir (10-20km depth). Eight eruptions have been recorded since the late 1400s (Figure 1). Data and methods are discussed in Section 2.

La Palma Earthquakes

https://quarto-ext.github.io/manuscript-template-jupyter/

#### **Hundreds of Quarto extensions**

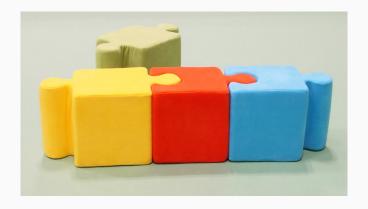
```
https://m.canouil.dev/quarto-extensions/
Journal templates:
https://quarto.org/docs/extensions/listing-
journals.html
```

# Your turn

- · Try visual markdown editor
- · Add bibliography
- Try templates (rticles, rmdTemplates)
- Parameterised reports (e.g. different iris or penguin species)
- Quarto manuscript

# Workflow management

## In complex projects we must keep pieces organised

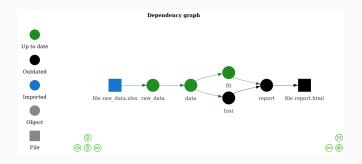


## makefile runs all code in right order

makefile.R

```
source('clean_data.R')
source('fit_model.R')
render('report.Rmd')
```

### targets: advanced workflow management



https://docs.ropensci.org/targets/

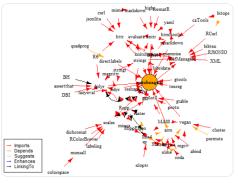
## Your turn

- · Write makefile.R for your project
- · Try targets minimal example
- https://github.com/wlandau/targets-minimal

# Controlling software dependencies



Our last project depends on complex ecosystem of 67 co-evolving #rstats pkgs. Ensuring #reproducibility not trivial



5:39 pm · 27 Jan 2016 · Twitter Web Client

Updating R packages broke your script?

Need to run an old script from you, or someone else?

How to reproduce your analysis in a year,
or different computer?

## sessionInfo records OS & used packages

sessionInfo()

#### R version 4.4.2 (2024-10-31) Platform: x86\_64-pc-linux-gnu Running under: Ubuntu 20.04.6 LTS Matrix products: default BLAS: /usr/lib/x86\_64-linux-gnu/openblas-pthread/libblas.so.3 LAPACK: /usr/lib/x86 64-linux-gnu/openblas-pthread/liblapack.so.3; LAPACK version 3.9.0 locale: [1] LC CTYPE=en GB.UTF-8 LC NUMERIC=C [3] LC TIME=es ES.UTF-8 LC COLLATE=en GB.UTF-8 [5] LC MONETARY=es ES.UTF-8 LC MESSAGES=en GB.UTF-8 [7] LC PAPER=es ES.UTF-8 LC NAME=C [9] LC ADDRESS=C LC TELEPHONE=C [11] LC MEASUREMENT=es ES.UTF-8 LC IDENTIFICATION=C time zone: Europe/Madrid tzcode source: system (glibc) attached base packages: [1] stats graphics grDevices utils datasets methods base other attached packages: [1] report 0.5.9 equatiomatic 0.3.3 xtable 1.8-4 knitr 1.49 loaded via a namespace (and not attached): [1] sandwich 3.1-1 generics 0.1.3 tidyr 1.3.1 lattice 0.22-6

# checkpoint recreates R packages in given date

```
library('checkpoint')

options(checkpoint.mranUrl="https://packagemanager.posit.co/")

checkpoint('2024-10-08')

source('analysis.R')
```

- 1. Detects packages used
- 2. Installs version from given date (only CRAN)
- 3. Independent install (not messing w/ main library)

# automagic records & install packages (CRAN + GitHub)

```
automagic::make_deps_file()
```

File deps.yaml records dependencies:

```
- Package: equatiomatic
Repository: CRAN
Version: 0.1.0

- Package: report
GithubUsername: easystats
GithubRefo: report
GithubRef: HEAD
GithubSHA1: c48a4bb9a4bdf7116bc502aa3ce2cbbc9d70b7e2
```

To install all those dependencies:

```
automagic()
```

# groundhog loads packages as available on given date

```
https://groundhogr.com/
```

### renv: recommended way to control dependencies

```
renv::init()
Create private package library for project

renv::snapshot()
Capture dependencies in lockfile

renv::restore()
Regenerate dependencies from lockfile
```

https://rstudio.github.io/renv/

To ensure reproducibility,
besides R packages
we also need to control
computational environment

Docker recreates virtual systems
from a Dockerfile

### rang recreates environment (pkgs + external software)

#### https://gesistsa.github.io/rang/

GA1: Get the dependency graph of several R packages on CRAN or Github at a specific snapshot date(time)

```
\texttt{graph} \leftarrow \underline{\texttt{resolve}}(\underline{\texttt{c}}(\texttt{"crsh/papaja"}, \texttt{"rio"}), \texttt{snapshot_date} = \texttt{"2019-07-21"})
```

Dockerize the dependency graph to a directory

```
dockerize(graph, output_dir = "rangtest")
```

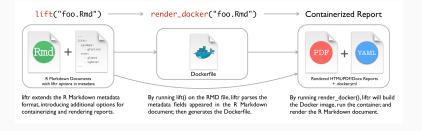
You can build the Docker image either by the R package **stevedore** or Docker CLI client. We use the CLI client.

```
docker build -t rangimg ./rangtest ## might need sudo
```

Launch the container with the built image

```
docker run --rm --name "rangcontainer" -ti rangimg
```

#### liftr: process Rmd in Docker container



https://liftr.me/

#### containerit creates Dockerfile

```
library('containerit')

dockfile <- dockerfile(from = 'mypaper.Rmd')</pre>
```

https://o2r.info/containerit

#### tugboat creates Dockerfile w/ entire software environment

# tugboat

A simple R package to generate a Dockerfile and corresponding Docker image from an analysis directory, tugboat uses the reny package to automatically detect all the packages necessary to replicate your analysis and will generate a Dockerfile that contains an exact copy of your entire directory with all the packages installed.

tugboat transforms an unstructured analysis folder into a renv.lock file and constructs a Docker image that includes all your essential R packages based on this lockfile.

tugboat may be of use, for example, when preparing a replication package for research. With tugboat, you can take a directory on your local computer and quickly generate a Dockerfile and Docker image that contains all the code and the necessary software to reproduce your findings.

```
library(tugboat)
create()
build()
```

https://www.dmolitor.com/tugboat/

# rix: reproducible environments with Nix

### https://docs.ropensci.org/rix/

<u>rix</u> is an R package that leverages <u>Nix</u>, a package manager focused on reproducible builds. With Nix, you can create project-specific environments with a custom version of R, its packages, and all system dependencies (e.g., <u>GDAL</u>). Nix ensures full reproducibility, which is crucial for research and development projects.

#### https://pakillo.github.io/grateful/

library('grateful')
cite\_packages()

## grateful citation report

#### R packages used

Package	Version	Citation
base	4.2.3	R Core Team (2023)
lme4	1.1.32	Bates et al. (2015)
tidyverse	2.0.0	Wickham et al. (2019)
vegan	2.6.4	Oksanen et al. (2022)

#### You can paste this paragraph directly in your report:

We used R version 4.2.3 (R Core Team 2023) and the following R packages: Ime4 v. 1.1.32 (Bates et al. 2015), tidyverse v. 2.0.0 (Wickham et al. 2019), vegan v. 2.6.4 (Oksanen et al. 2022).

#### Package citations

Bates, Douglas, Martin M\u00e4cher, Ben Bolker, and Steve Walker. 2015. "Fitting Linear Mixed-Effects Models Using Ime4." Journal of Statistical Software 67 (1): 1–48. https://doi.org/10.18637/jss.v067.i01.

Oksanen, Jari, Gavin L. Simpson, F. Guillaume Blanchet, Roeland Kindt, Pierre Legendre, Peter R. Minchin, R. B. O'Hara, et al. 2022. vegan: Community Ecology Package. https://github.com/vegandevs/vegan.

R Core Team. 2023. R: A Language and Environment for Statistical Computing. Vienna, Austria: R Foundation for Statistical Computing. https://www.R-project.org/.

Wickham, Hadley, Mara Averick, Jennifer Bryan, Winston Chang, Lucy D'Agostino McGowan, Romain François, Garrett Grolemund, et al. 2019. "Welcome to the tidyverse." Journal of Open Source Software 4 (43): 1686. https://doi.org/10.21105/ioss.01686.

# Your turn

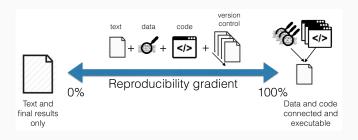
- Create script/Rmd using different packages
- · Call checkpoint on former date
- · Record dependencies:
  - · renv::snapshot
- Recreate packages
  - · restore()

# How to write more reproducible code

- · Building reproducible analytical pipelines with R
- · BES guide to reproducible code
- · Turing Way
- Good enough practices in scientific computing
- · Ciencia reproducible: qué, por qué, cómo
- https://rstats.wtf
- fertile package
- CodeCheck

## Reproducibility

- · Good for you, good for science
- · Requires systemic changes
- · Reproducibility gradient: step by step



# Happy collaboration!



