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# Best practices for research reproducibility

part I: Introduction to the FAIR principles for software and data management

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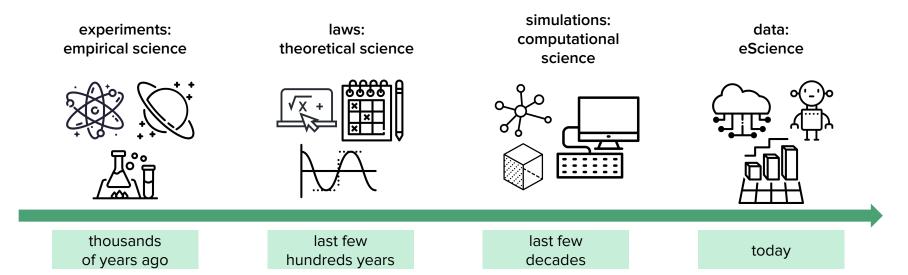
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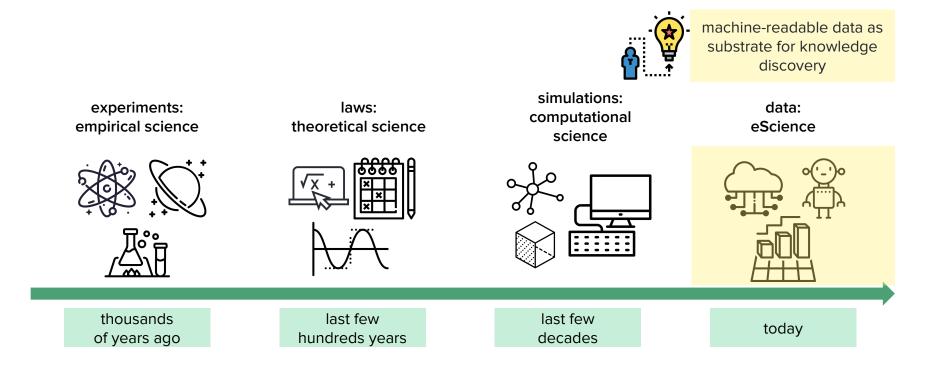
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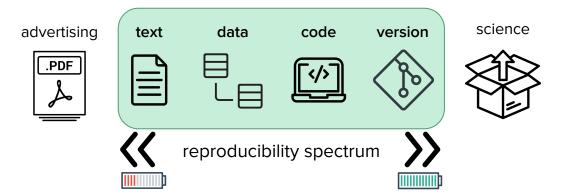
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reproducibility is the minimum standard for research validity



#### the FAIR principles: guidance for data stewardship



#### assist discovery and reuse through the web

**Findable**: sufficiently rich metadata + unique and persistent identifiers

**Accessible**: metadata and data are understandable to humans and machines and deposited in a trusted repository

**Interoperable**: metadata use a formal language for knowledge representation

**Reusable**: data have clear usage licenses and provide accurate information on provenance

FAIR != OPEN

FAIR comes in degrees

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 the DOI is a common identifier used for academic, professional, and governmental information such as articles, datasets, reports, and other supplemental information



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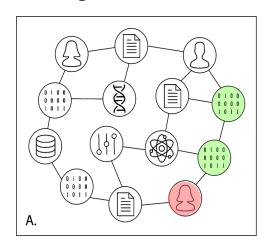
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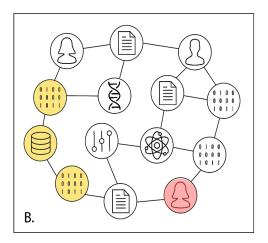
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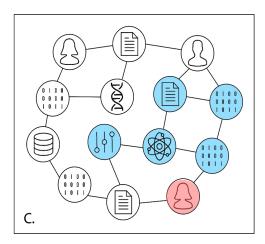
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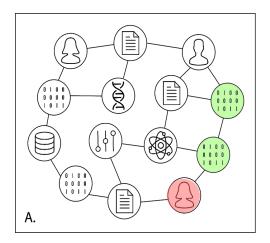
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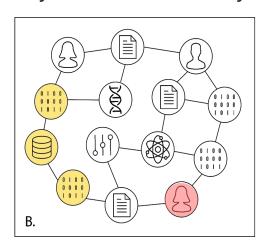
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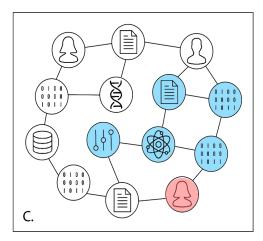
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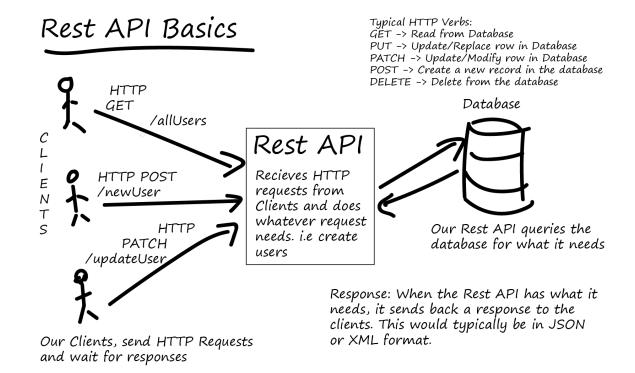




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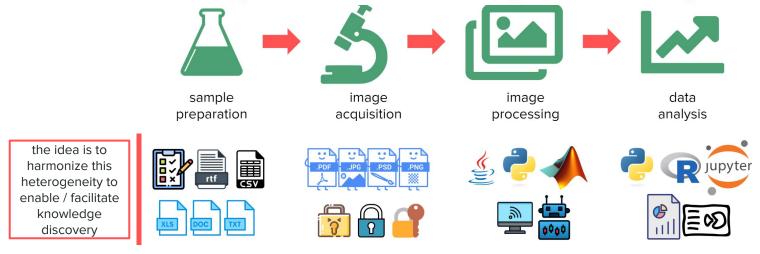
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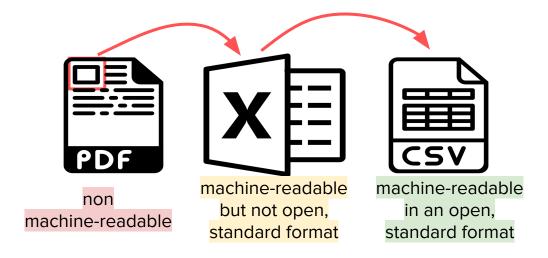
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- the <u>BioSchemas</u>: extends Schema.org (semantic markup for the web) to allow specifically for the description of life science resources
  - e.g. specification for the type BioSample:
     <a href="https://bioschemas.org/types/BioSample/0.1-RELEASE-2019\_06\_19/">https://bioschemas.org/types/BioSample/0.1-RELEASE-2019\_06\_19/</a>



#### R for reusable: human- and machine-readable

- data and metadata come with clear license usage
- human-readable (PDF OK) is not the same as machine-readable (PDF not OK, CSV, JSON, XML OK)
- both need to be ensured



#### best practices: file formats

- text
  - **README files** should be in plain text format (ASCII, UTF-8)
    - (see here for a ref on how to best write a README file)
  - o Comma-separated values (CSV) for tabular data
  - Semi-structured plain text formats for non-tabular data (e.g., protein sequences)
  - Structured plain text (XML, JSON)
- images: PDF, JPEG, PNG, TIFF, SVG
- audio: FLAC, AIFF, WAV, MP3, OG
- video: AVI, MPEG, MP4
- compressed file archive: TAR.GZ, 7Z, ZIP







#### best practices: file naming

- the Stanford Libraries <u>quidance on file naming</u> is a great place to start
- general rule: know what a file is before you double-click on it
- avoid spaces and special characters



- use <u>common letter case patterns</u> such as *kebab-case*, *camelCase*, or *snake\_case*
- include author name, project name, type of data, type of analysis, date, and file extension
  - o some examples from **Dryad**:
    - 1900-2000\_sasquatch\_migration\_coordinates.csv
    - Smith-fMRI-neural-response-to-cupcakes-vs-vegetables.nii.gz
    - 2015-SimulationOfTropicalFrogEvolution.R

#### best practices: data directories



- A) Organized by File type
- B) Organized by Analysis

# Dataset.A |- Code | |- Step.1 | |- Step.2 |- Data | |- Processed | |- Raw |- Results/ | |- Figure.1

|- Figure.2

- Models

readme.txt

```
Dataset.B
 - Figure.1
   - Code
    - Data
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#### Data licenses □

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BSD (33)
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CC0 (171)
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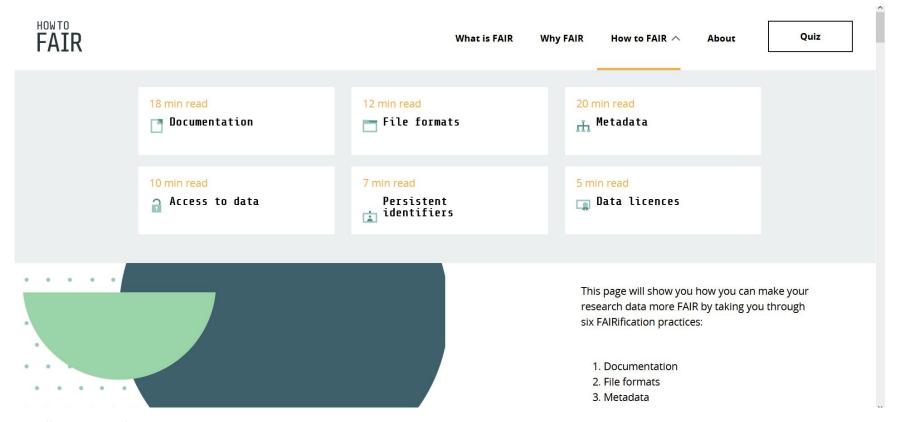




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- look for conformant licenses <u>here</u> (and next slide)

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#### how to FAIR



# Best practices for research reproducibility

part II: Working with data in a robust, reliable and replicable manner

# https://tinyurl.com/reproducible2

#### version control

use Git to enhance your research reproducibility

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#### Benefits of using version control

- collaboration → define formalized ways to work together and share writing and code
- versioning → robust and rigorous log of changes to a file, without renaming files (v1, v2, final\_copy)
- rolling back → quickly undo a set of changes; this can be useful when new writing or new additions to code introduce problems
- understanding → understand how the code or writing came to be, who wrote or contributed particular parts, and who you might ask to help understand it better
- backup → while not meant to be a backup solution, using version control systems mean that your code and writing can be stored on multiple other computers



#### version control: what we are going to do

setting things up





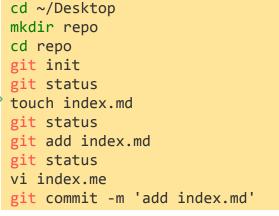
install git on your machine



create a

remote

repository



git remote add origin https://github.com/youruser/repo.git
git remote -v
git push -u origin master

#### git and GitHub



- <u>git</u> is the most used version control system
- <u>GitHub</u> is a popular website for hosting and sharing Git repositories remotely

#### setting up git + GitHub

if you do not have it on your machine yet, download git from <a href="https://qit-scm.com/downloads">https://qit-scm.com/downloads</a>



if you do not have one yet, create a GitHub account at <a href="https://github.com/">https://github.com/</a>



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git status
git add index.md → add the index file to the tracked files
git status
vi index.me → write some text to the index file (press i, type # Hello, world!, press esc, type :wq)
git commit -m 'add index.md' → commit our changes to git
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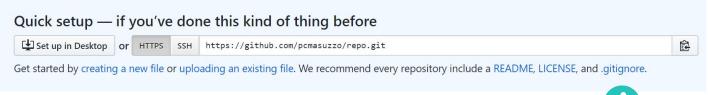


#### git: create a remote repository on GitHub

create a new repository on GitHub

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- o use this resource to choose an open source license: <a href="https://choosealicense.com/">https://choosealicense.com/</a>
- connect your local repository with the remote repository





push an existing repository from the command line



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git remote add origin <a href="https://github.com/pcmasuzzo/repo.git">https://github.com/pcmasuzzo/repo.git</a>
git remote -v
git push -u origin master → pushes our local changes to the remote repository
git status
modify the index file and then run:
git diff
```



## git: pull changes from the remote repository

- when working with others, or when we are making our own changes from different machines, we need a way of pulling those remote changes back into our local copy
- let's go to our repository in GitHub and add there a README file
- we then have to pull the remote changes we made to keep our local repository in sync



git pull → pulls changes from the remote repository to the local one

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additional resources

<u>Git Cheatsheets for Quick Reference by The Carpentries</u> <u>GitHub Help Documentation</u>



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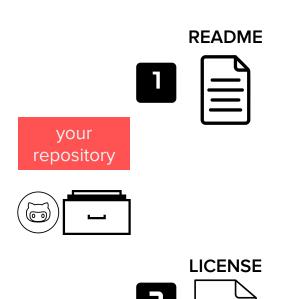


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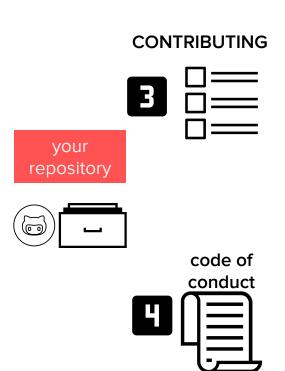
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- a CONTRIBUTING file serves as a guide to potential contributors on how to engage with your project (and community)
- a CONTRIBUTING file can include: which protocol to use to suggest features/raise issues (e.g. via pull requests), which type of contributions are welcome/prioritized, link to additional external documentations, how to contact you...
  - resource → How to write CONTRIBUTING files
- a code of conduct is important for setting the ground rules for expected behaviour and participation for project contributors
- it is a critical element for creating and maintaining a healthy community that engages in a constructive and productive manner within a positive social atmosphere
- it is important not only to have a CoC, but, should violation of it occur, to also enforce this (never an easy task...)
   resource → The Contributor Covenant

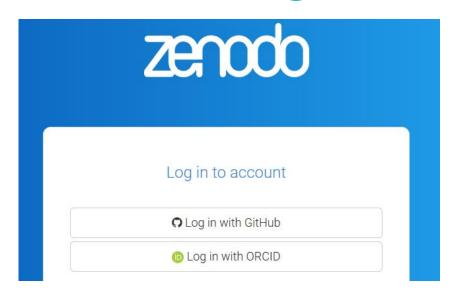


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choose a repository
important → at this stage, you should tell people how they can reuse your work
by including a license in your repository!

login into Zenodo 🕏



link GitHub and Zenodo (authorize Zenodo to connect with GitHub) 😘







4. on the Zenodo website navigate to the <u>GitHub repository listing page</u> and simply click the 'ON' button next to the repository you want to archive



- 5. make a new release of your code
  - a. if this is your first formal release, call it v1.0.0 or v1.0



 get a DOI: go to the Upload tab in Zenodo, select your uploaded repository, fill in some additional info and get a DOI

April 19, 2019 (v1.0) Software Open Access

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#### best practices to make your code citable

FI README.md

#### Ten hot topics around scholarly publishing

A repo to host data and code to reproduce Figures 3 and 4 from: https://doi.org/10.7287/peerj.preprints.27580v1

#### Figure 3

Data are from: Lariviere et al. 2016.

Citations data have been extracted from the MS Excel file in Supplementary Information and saved as csv.

#### Figure 4

Data are DOAJ metadata extra date version of the file to your

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#### add a human-readable citation

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#### get a nice DOI badge

copy the URL for the DOI into the README file of your GitHub repo: the DOI badge will be automatically added and users will know how to cite your code (you only need to do this for your first release, the GitHub/Zenodo integration will assign a DOI to each version/release of your project repository)

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## OpenRefine

working with (messy) data in a reproducible way





## OpenRefine: working with messy data



powerful tool for working

with messy data

<u>https://openrefine.org/</u> → download & install OpenRefine



(this might take a couple of minutes)

note → a Java Runtime Environment is needed, if you do not have one installed, get it here: <a href="https://www.java.com/en/">https://www.java.com/en/</a>

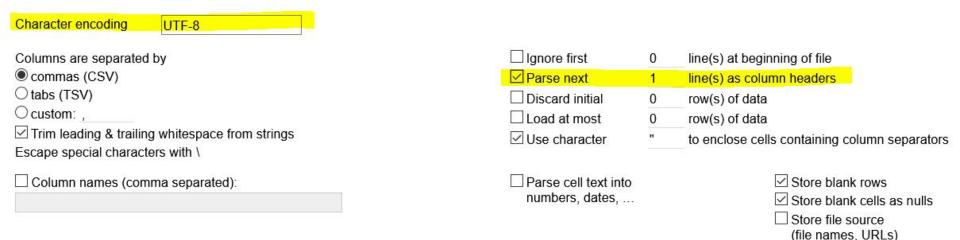
- OpenRefine is 'a tool for working with messy data'
- it uses your web browser as a graphical interface
- it works best with data in a simple tabular format and is ideal to fix inconsistencies in a data set (e.g., standardizing date formatting)
- it can help you accomplish several tasks, such as split data up into more granular parts, match local data up to other data sets, enhance a data set with data from other sources



## OpenRefine: create a project



- OpenRefine interface runs at: <a href="http://127.0.0.1:3333/">http://127.0.0.1:3333/</a>
- create a project by importing a file (for our exercises, download the DOAJ journals metadata csv file → <a href="https://doaj.org/csv">https://doaj.org/csv</a>)

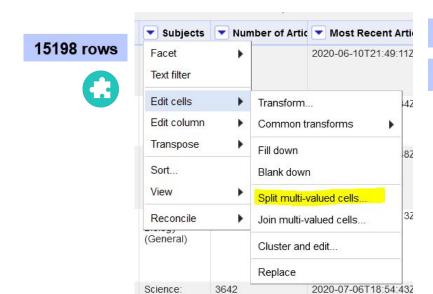




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#### OpenRefine: split & merge

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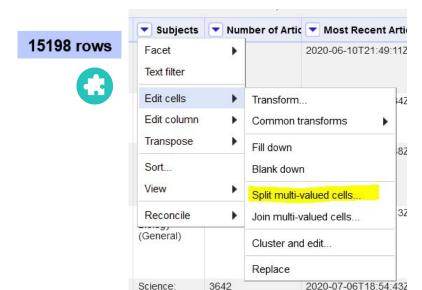
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best practice → when creating a spreadsheet with multi-valued cells, it is important to choose a separator that will never appear in the cell values themselves; this is why the pipe character ( | ) is often a good choice, while commas, colons and semi-colons should be avoided as separators

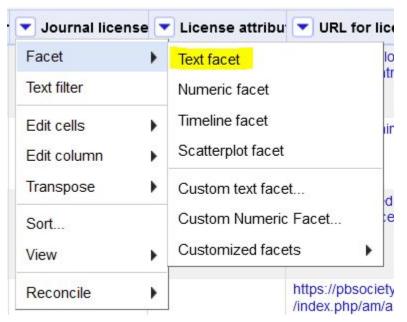


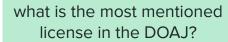
#### OpenRefine: facets

- facets are one of the most useful features of OpenRefine and can help in both getting an overview of the data and to improve the consistency of the data
- a facet groups all the values that appear in a column, and then allows you to filter the data by these values and edit values across many records at the same time
- the simplest type of facet is a text facet: it groups all the text values in a column and lists each value with the number of records it appears in
- the facet information always appears in the left hand panel in the OpenRefine interface

#### OpenRefine: facets











## OpenRefine: filters & transformations

- filter journals which charge an APC (text filter = Yes)
- use a text facet on APC currency and include only EUR
- use a customized facet facet by blank to see how many of these journals have/have not reported the APC amount (this is very useful to look for missing data)

Facet by blank (null or empty string)





## OpenRefine: filters & transformations

- filter journals which charge an APC (text filter = Yes)
- use a text facet on APC currency and include only EUR
- use a customized facet facet by blank to see how many of these journals have/have not reported the APC amount (this is very useful to look for missing data)
- common transformations

transform column to date → value.toDate("dd/MM/yyyy")



- edit column → add column based on this column →
- value.toString("dd MMMM yyyy")



Added on Date	date string
2004-04- 23T21:31:00Z	23 April 2004
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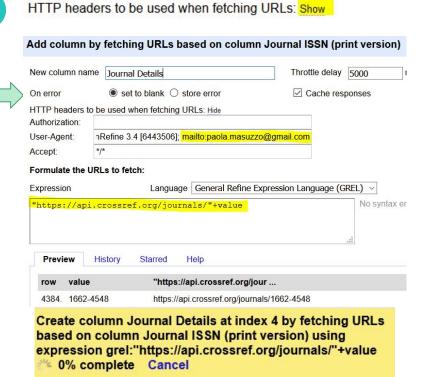
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#### OpenRefine: advanced functions

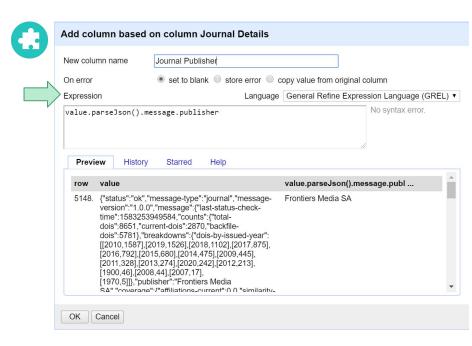
- text filter Journal Title on Frontiers in Neuroscience (might need to reset other filters)
  - on the ISSN column → edit column → add
     column by fetching URLs
  - we're going to use the CrossRef REST API https://github.com/CrossRef/rest-api-doc
- expression →"https://api.crossref.org/journals/"+value
- this will generate a new column named Journal
   Details → this column will be a JSON object
- we will then use this object to get the Publisher Name (amongst other details)





#### OpenRefine: advanced functions

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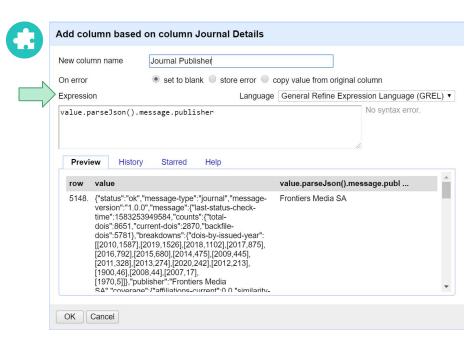


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\* VIB plugins → <a href="https://www.bits.vib.be/index.php/software-overview/o">https://www.bits.vib.be/index.php/software-overview/o</a> <a href="penception">penrefine</a> (history tools, pivot tool, cross function gui, and scatterplot tool using D3)

\* more resources/tutorial → <a href="https://libjohn.github.io/openrefine/preamble.html">https://libjohn.github.io/openrefine/preamble.html</a>





<sup>\*</sup> plugins available for OpenRefine → <a href="http://openrefine.org/download.html">http://openrefine.org/download.html</a> (e.g. <a href="#FAIR metadata">FAIR metadata</a>)

# literate programming

and reproducible research

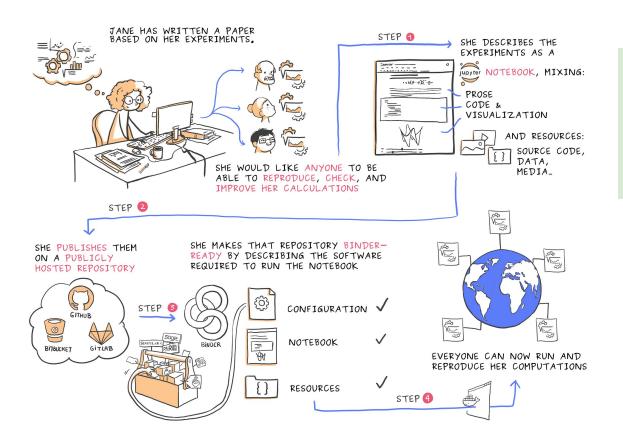
Donald Knuth. "Literate Programming (1984)" in Literate Programming. CSLI, 1992, pg. 99.

believe that the time is ripe for significantly better documentation of programs, and that we can best achieve this by considering programs to be works of literature. Hence, my title: "Literate Programming."

Let us change our traditional attitude to the construction of programs: Instead of imagining that our main task is to instruct a computer what to do, let us concentrate rather on explaining to human beings what we want a computer to do.

The practitioner of literate programming can be regarded as an essayist, whose main concern is with exposition and excellence of style. Such an author, with thesaurus in hand, chooses the names of variables carefully and explains what each variable means. He or she strives for a program that is comprehensible because its concepts have been introduced in an order that is best for human understanding, using a mixture of formal and informal methods that reinforce each other.





literate
programming =
human-readable
(text) +
machine-readable
(code)

#### literate programming and Binder

- literate programming is a paradigm in which a computer program is given an
  explanation of its logic in a natural language (e.g. English), together with snippets of
  source code. The approach is used in scientific computing and in data science
  routinely for reproducible research and open access purposes
- Binder is an open-source, free service that hosts fully functional Jupyter
   Notebooks, which you can open in an executable environment, making the code immediately reproducible by anyone, anywhere





Reproducible, sharable, interactive computing environments

#### why do we need all of this?

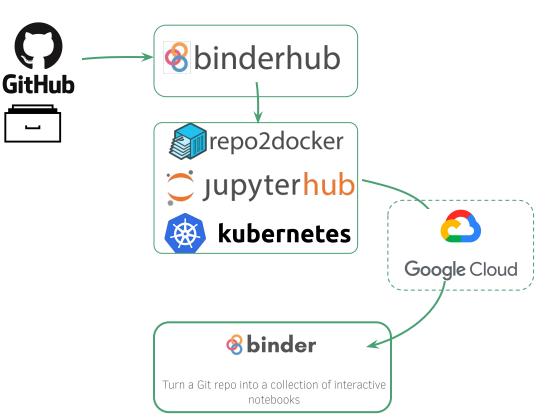
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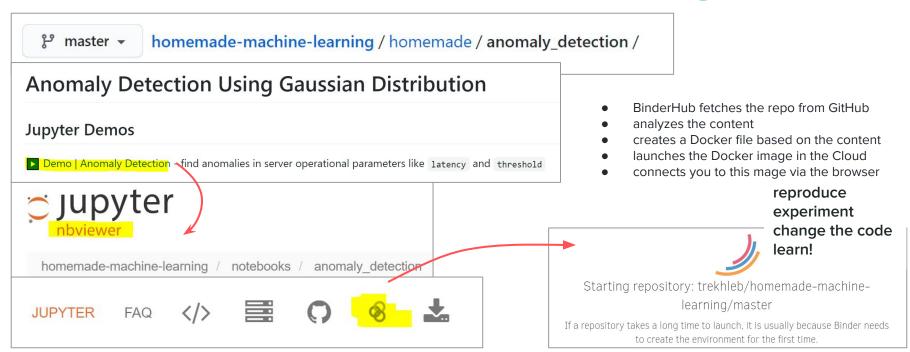




#### an example

GitHub repo: <a href="https://github.com/trekhleb/homemade-machine-learning">https://github.com/trekhleb/homemade-machine-learning</a>





## let's binderize a repository



- go to <a href="https://mybinder.org">https://mybinder.org</a> and type the URL of your repo into the "GitHub repo or URL" box it should look like this:
  - <a href="https://github.com/your-username/my-first-binder">https://github.com/your-username/my-first-binder</a> (I'll use this repo of mine: <a href="https://github.com/pcmasuzzo/modelli\_epidemiologici">https://github.com/pcmasuzzo/modelli\_epidemiologici</a>)
- as you type, the webpage generates a link in the "Copy the URL below..." box;
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- copy it, open a new browser tab and visit that URL;
   you will see a "spinner" as Binder launches the repo;
   if everything ran smoothly, you'll see a Jupyter Notebook interface
   note: pushing changes back to the GitHub repo through the container is not possible with Binder
  - show a binder badge via the README file



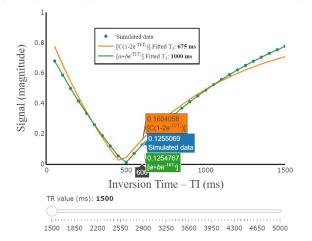


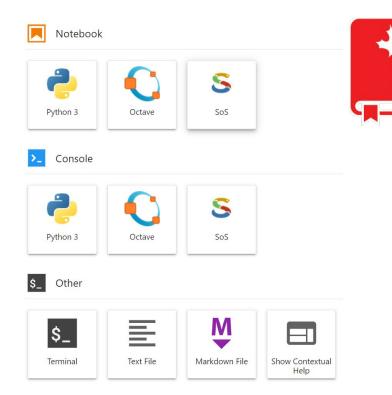
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#### Quantitative T<sub>1</sub> Mapping

This Jupyter Book is a series of interactive tutorials about quantitative  $T_1$  mapping, powered by qMRLab. Most figures are generated with Plot.ly – you can play with them by hovering your mouse over the data, zooming in (click and drag) and out (double click), moving the sliders, and changing the drop-down options. To view the code that was used to generate the figures in this blog post, hover your cursor in the top left corner of the frame that contains the tutorial and click the checkbox "All







#### towards reproducible publishing



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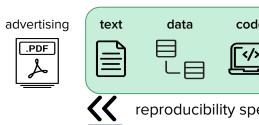


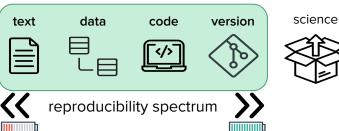
#### re-execute, validate, reproduce... learn!

Figure 7E

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    out.pca.x g1 5 <- all.pca.x %>%
      gather("component", "value", 1:5)
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      pc1to5 plot <-
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        facet wrap(\sim component, ncol = 5) +
        scale_x_continuous("DV location (mm)", c(0, 1, 2)) +
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        PCA_theme +
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        theme(legend.position = "bottom")
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#### reproducible? not without people





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It is irresponsible to support research but not data stewardship, says Barend Mons.



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## Thank you



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