Reproducibility and Peer Review

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About me

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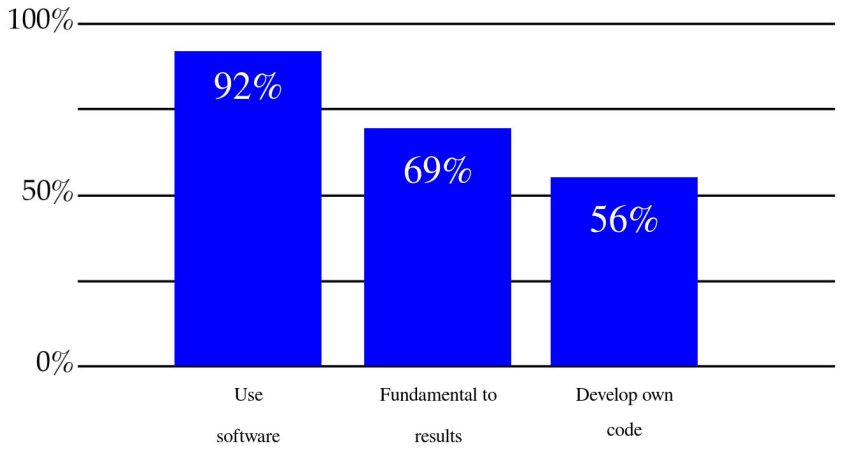
Open Science, #ReproducibleResearch, R, containerisation (Docker), Python, …

Ultimate Frisbee Endzone

Back to 2010 The Software Sustainability Institute (SSI, UK) run a study (1000 randomly chosen researchers) …

“It's impossible to conduct research without software, say 7 out of 10 UK researchers”



https://www.software.ac.uk/blog/2014-12-04-its-impossible-conduct-research-without-software-say-7-out-10-uk-researchers

A study of Nature papers from Jan-March 2016 reveals that

“32 of the 40 papers examined mention software, and the 32 papers contain 211 mentions of distinct pieces of software, for an average of 6.5 mentions per paper.”

Nangia, Udit; Katz, Daniel S. (2017): Understanding Software in Research: Initial Results from Examining Nature and a Call for Collaboration. doi:**10.1109/eScience.2017.78**

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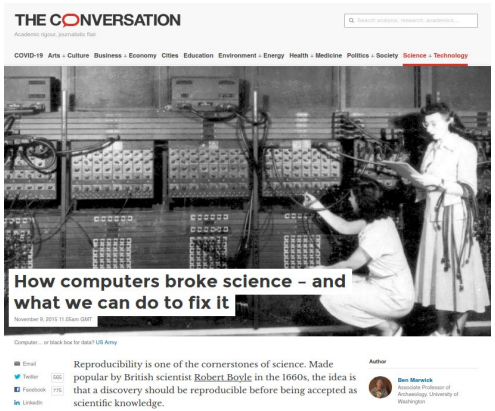

https://theconversation.com/how-computers-broke-science-and-what-we-can-do-to-fix-it-49938

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Crisis? Crisis of what?

Credibility crisis?

Replicability crisis?

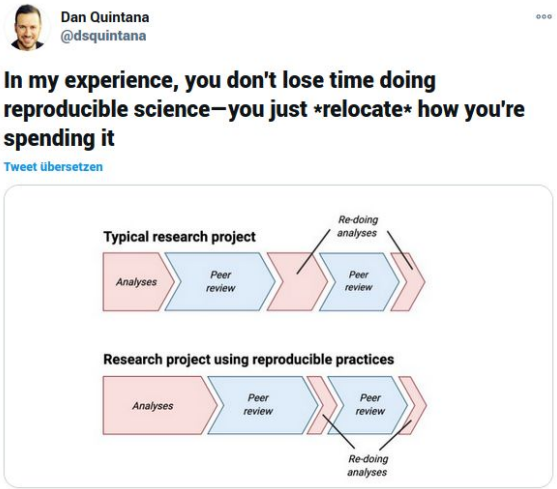
Reproducibility crisis?

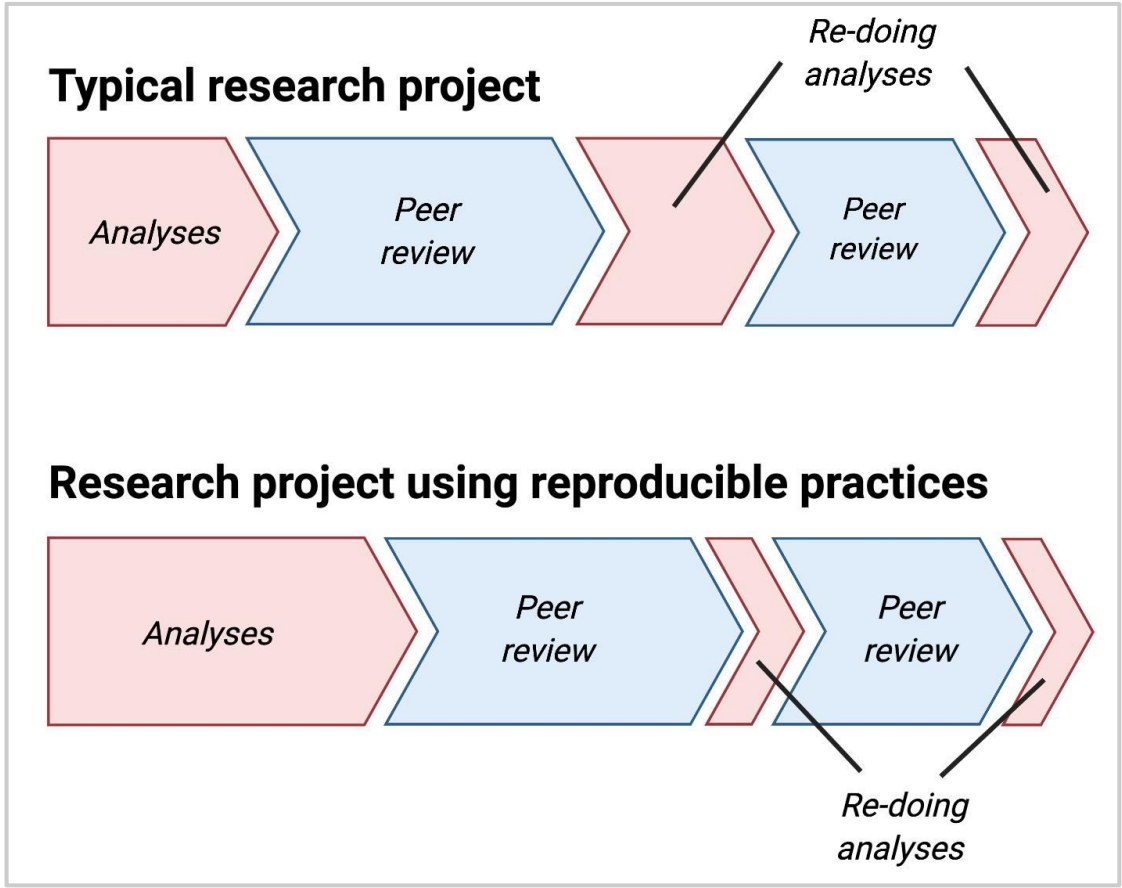
Robustness crisis?

Generalisability crisis?

		Data	
		Same	Different
Analysis	Same	Reproducible	Replicable
	Different	Robust	Generalisable

https://the-turing-way.netlify.app/reproducible-research/overview/overview-definitions.html





Quintana, D. S. (2020, November 28). Five things about open and reproducible science that every early career researcher should know. https://doi.org/10.17605/OSF.IO/DZTVQ

Comment | Open Access | Published: 08 December 2015

Five selfish reasons to work reproducibly

Florian Markowetz

Genome Biology 16, Article number: 274 (2015) | Cite this article

15k Accesses | 28 Citations | 443 Altmetric | Metrics

https://doi.org/10.1186/s13059-015-0850-7

1. reproducibility helps to avoid disaster
2. reproducibility makes it easier to write papers
3. **reproducibility helps reviewers see it your way**
4. reproducibility enables continuity of your work
5. reproducibility helps to build your reputation

Reproducible Research & research software

Peer Review

Reproducible research and peer review are cornerstones of science. But are they getting along?

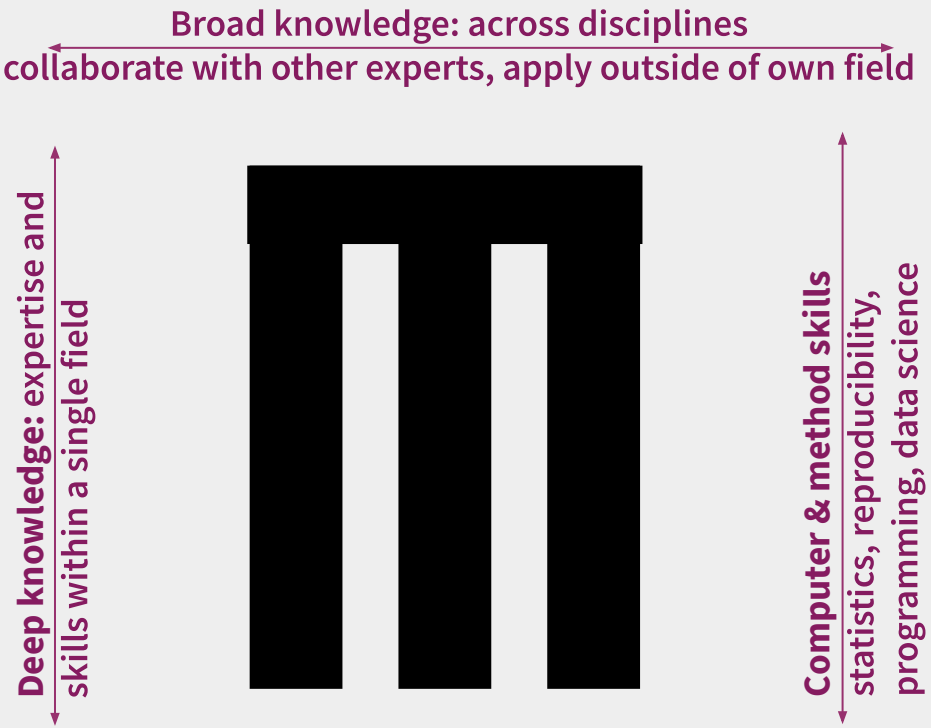
The many problems of science

Publish or perish
Broken metrics (citations, JIF)
Structural change not considering senior academics
Publication bias
Long-term funding for tools & infrastructure
HARKing
p-Hacking
Scholarly communication 1.0
Lack of reusability
Lack of transparency
Lack of reproducibility
Reinventing the wheel
Retraction practices
Not invented here syndrome
Fraud
Imposter syndrome
No “negative” citation
…

https://giphy.com/gifs/bbcamerica-cute-animals-lifestory-Ze3RpHue7qkwvcYOOf

Open Science (OER, OA, OS, OPR)
Registered reports/preregistration
Altmetrics
Preprints
Leiden Manifesto
DORA
Vienna Principles
Citing data and software
Software papers
Data and software as products of research
RSEng & RSEs (software sustainability)
CRediT
Research Compendia
Ten Hot Topics Around Scholarly Publishing
Code review (PyOpenSci, ROpenSci, JOSS)
…

Traditional and modern scientists



US RSE
US RESEARCH SOFTWARE ENGINEER ASSOCIATION

de RSE

RSE
RESEARCH SOFTWARE ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION

<ReSA>
Research Software Alliance

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/T-shaped_skills

https://doi.org/10.1007/s10816-015-9272-9

https://jakevdp.github.io/blog/2014/08/22/hacking-academia/
https://www.sciencemag.org/careers/2013/05/when-all-science-becomes-data-science
https://escience.washington.edu/community-level-data-science-and-its-spheres-of-influence-beyond-novelty-squared/

Code Review

Boettiger, C., Chamberlain, S., Hart, E., & Ram, K. (2015). Building Software, Building Community: Lessons from the rOpenSci Project. Journal of Open Research Software, 3(1), e8. doi:10.5334/jors.bu

Code Review Community Working Group

How to get reproducible research and peer review to get along?

Reproducible computational research in journals & conferences

ACM Transactions on Mathematical Software

Journal of Statistical Software

ReproZip

Biostatistics

SC19 PROGRAM

Reproducibility Initiative

NEURAL INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEMS

AGILE Reproducible Paper Guidelines

https://doi.org/10.17605/OSF.IO/CB7Z8

Created by AGILE Initiative in 2019, see report at https://osf.io/hupxr/

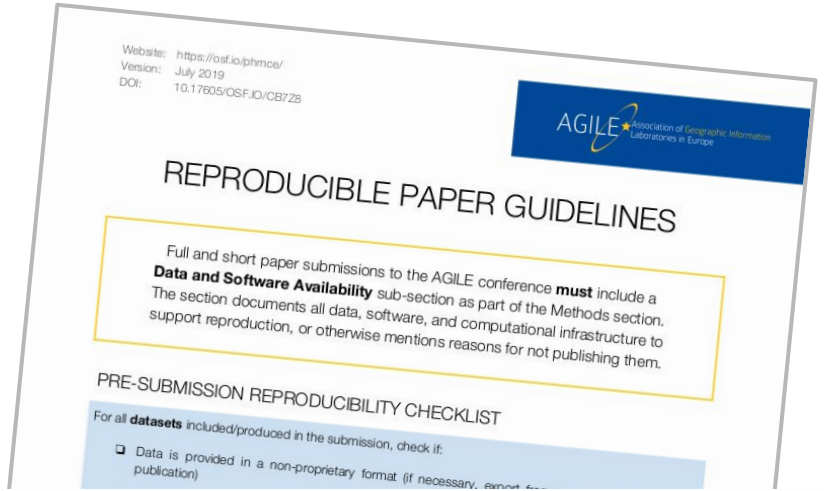
Transparency & Reproducibility

GIScience

https://osf.io/phmce/wiki/home/

Promotion

Acknowledge spectrum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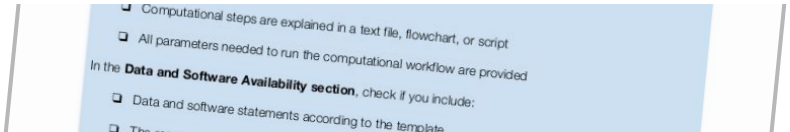
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❑ All parameters needed to run the computational workflow are provided

In the **Data and Software Availability section**, check if you include:

❑ Data and software statements according to the template

The guidelines

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Author guidelines

Data in Research Papers

Computational workflows in Research Papers

Pre-submission checklist

Writing DASA section

Rationale/Motivation/Vision

Reviewer guidelines

Reproducibility reviewer guidelines (WIP)

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- ❑ Data is documented (at least description of collection query and field or column names, ideally using complete metadata following established standards)
- ❑ Data is accessible in a public repository
- ❑ Data has a clear licence

For any **software tool/library/package** used or produced, check if:

- ❑ Computational environment (including hardware) is documented or provided in the most appropriate format given its complexity
- ❑ The versions of relevant software components (libraries, packages) are provided
- ❑ Software is available in a public repository
- ❑ Software has a clear license
- ❑ Computational steps are explained in a text file, flowchart, or script
- ❑ All parameters needed to run the computational workflow are provided

In the **Data and Software Availability section**, check if you include:

- ❑ Data and software statements according to the template
- ❑ The reasons, if any, for not being able to share (parts of) data or code.

For properly **acknowledging data and software** by both you and others check that:

- ❑ All datasets and code used or mentioned are cited throughout the paper and included in the references with DOIs.

AGILE conference review process

Proceedings:
https://www.agile-giscience-series.net/review_process.html

Process documentation:
https://osf.io/7rjpe/

Reproducibility review *after* accept/reject decisions, triggered by regular reviewer

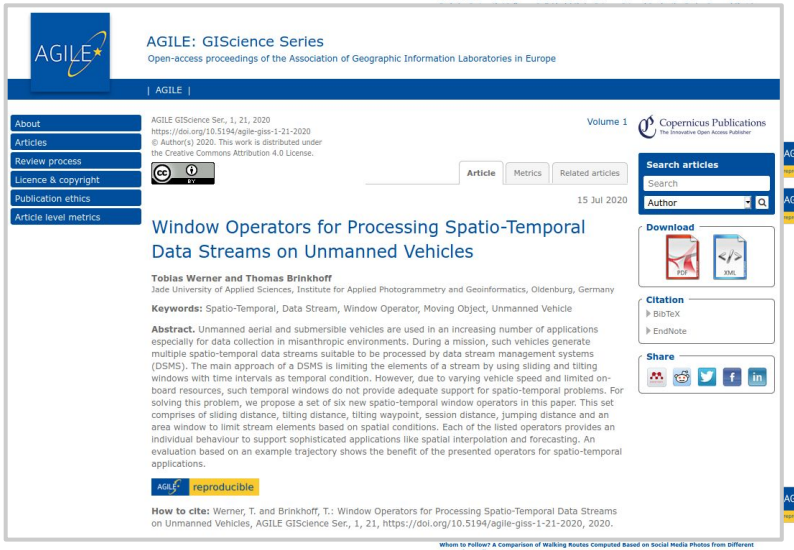
Reproducibility review & communication

Community conference & coronavirus

Badges on proceedings page

Presentation at conference

Read full report at https://osf.io/7rjpe/



Reproducibility review results

6 reproducibility reports published

16 not possible/not attempted

(5 of which after communication with authors):

- **no starting point** in the paper
- **documentation insufficient** for third party
- **sensitive/confidential/commercial data**
- **proprietary** software
- software paper
- (conceptual papers)

Reproducibility review of: Integrating cellular automata and discrete global grid systems: a case study into wildfire modelling
Nüst
Reproduction report and material.

Reproducibility review of: Extracting interrogative intents and concepts from geo-analytic questions
Nüst
Reproduction report and material.

Reproducibility review of: Tracking Hurricane Dorian in GDELT and Twitter
Ostermann & Nüst
Reproduction report and material.

Reproducibility Review of: Comparing supervised learning algorithms for Spatial Nominal Entity recognition
Ostermann & Nüst
Reproduction report and material.

Reproducibility review of: Window Operators for Processing Spatio-Temporal Data Streams on Unmanned Vehicles
Nüst & Ostermann
Reproduction report and material.

Reproducibility review of: What to do in the Meantime: A Service Coverage Analysis for Parked Autonomous Vehicles
Nüst & Granell
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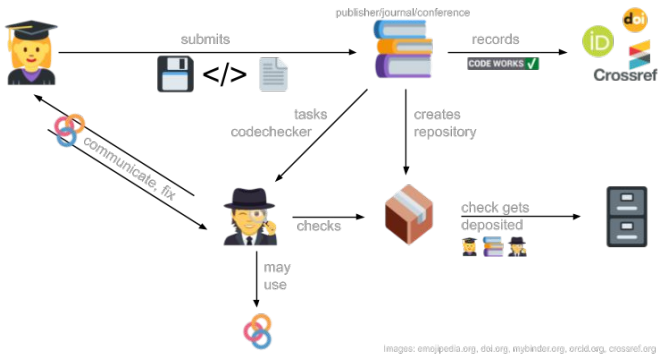


CODE CHECK ✓

https://codecheck.org.uk/

Independent execution of computations underlying research articles.

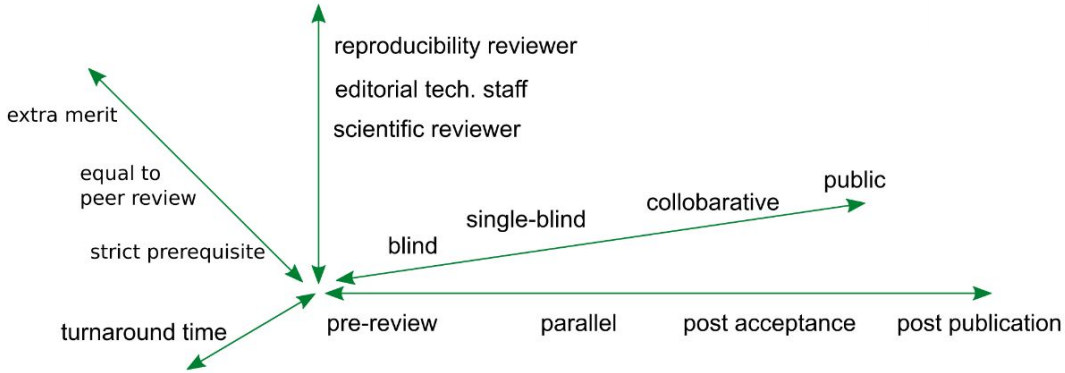
Codecheckers record but don't investigate or fix.

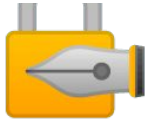
Communication between humans is key.

Credit is given to codecheckers.

Workflows must be auditable.

CODE WORKS ✓





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CODECHECK Register

Certificate	Repository	Type	Issue	Report
2020-001	codecheckers/Piccolo-2020	journal (GigaScience)	NA	http://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3674056
2020-002	codecheckers/Reproduction-Hancock	community	2	http://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3750741
2020-003	codecheckers/Hopfield-1982	community	1	https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3741797
2020-004	codecheckers/Barto-Sutton-Anderson-1983	community	4	https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3827371
2020-005	codecheckers/Larisch-reproduction	community	5	https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3959175
2020-006	codecheckers/Detorakis-reproduction	community	6	https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3948353

Reproducible AGILE and CODECHECK: Highlights of Lessons learned

Spectrum or layers of reproducibility

Effect of guidelines at AGILE: **improved reproducibility**

Reproducibility reports/CODECHECK certificates full of **recommendations** for improvement, well received by authors, even included in revision before publication

Good practices spread slowly, establishing a **process** is tedious

Challenges for reproducibility reviewer: Inconsistencies and disconnects (figures), lack of documentation, unknown runtimes vs. no subsets of data, lack of repro guidance

Reproductions are **rewarding** and educational, matching expertises tricky

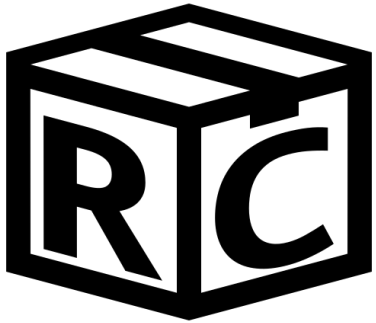
Safety net (👀), not **security**

What can you do today?

What can scientists do?

Do what Heidi tells you! [**slides**] One step at a time.

Create and publish **Research Compendia**
(**Your code is good enough**!):
https://research-compendium.science/



Become a **codechecker** or **reprohacker**.

Strive to be open science champion **especially**
if you're in a senior position in your field
(hiring, contributorship, funding & openness).
[**RIOT Science Club Talk by Gavin Buckinham**; **preprint by Sam Westwood**]

What can communities and institutions do?

Introduce reproducibility reviews - CODECHECK (or not)!

Workshops on RCR, ReproHacks

Provide support (**R2S2**, Anja)

Rewards and incentives

Awareness > Change

https://giphy.com/gifs/chicagodancecrash-KCqjrcPfL55q3MkgHZ

How does the future of reproducible research in peer review look like?

Reproducibility is **possible**, but disciplines/communities must agree what “peer review” entails and acknowledge the **efforts** (ECRs, RSEs) in a **positive** way.

Help each other! Move together as a community through disruptive changes.
Then reproducible research and peer review will get along just fine.

Thank you!

What are your questions?

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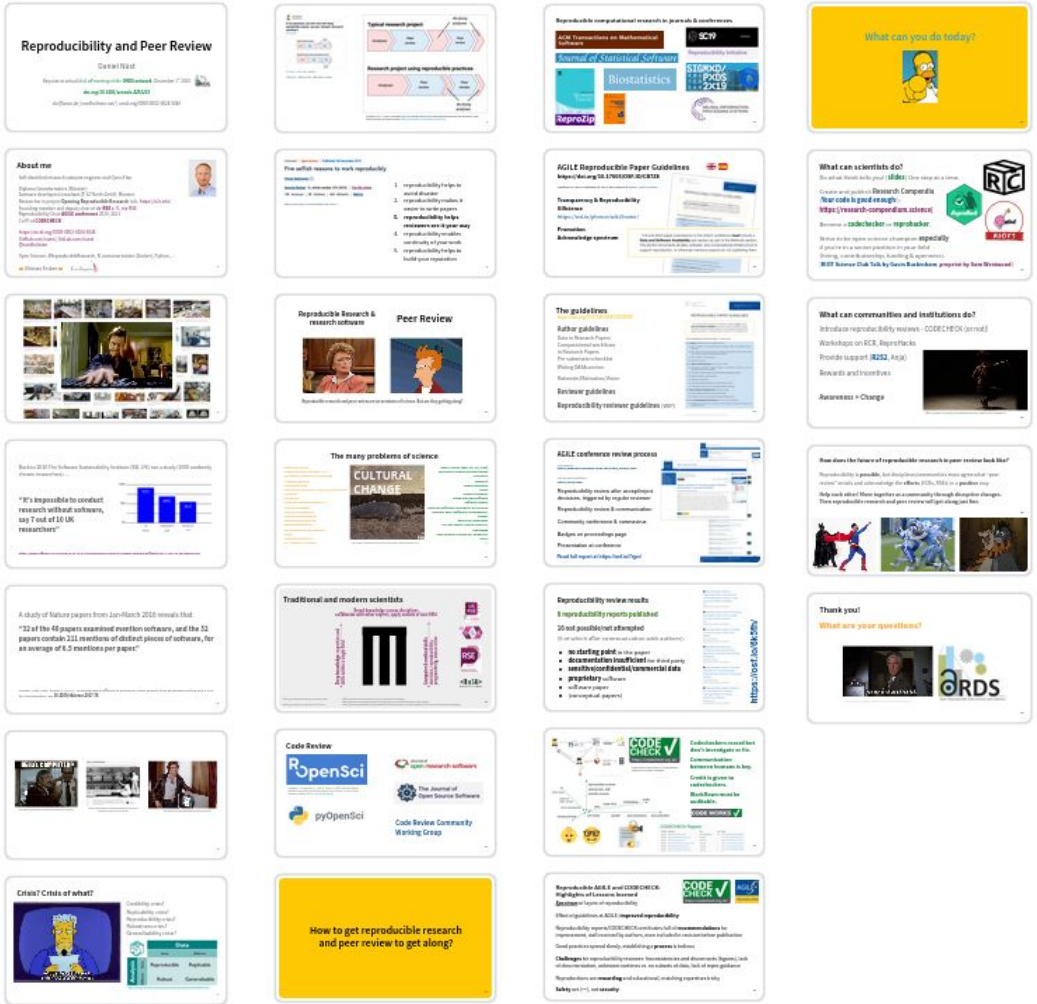
Open Reproducible Data Science and Statistics



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bonus slides

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Column: World view

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.

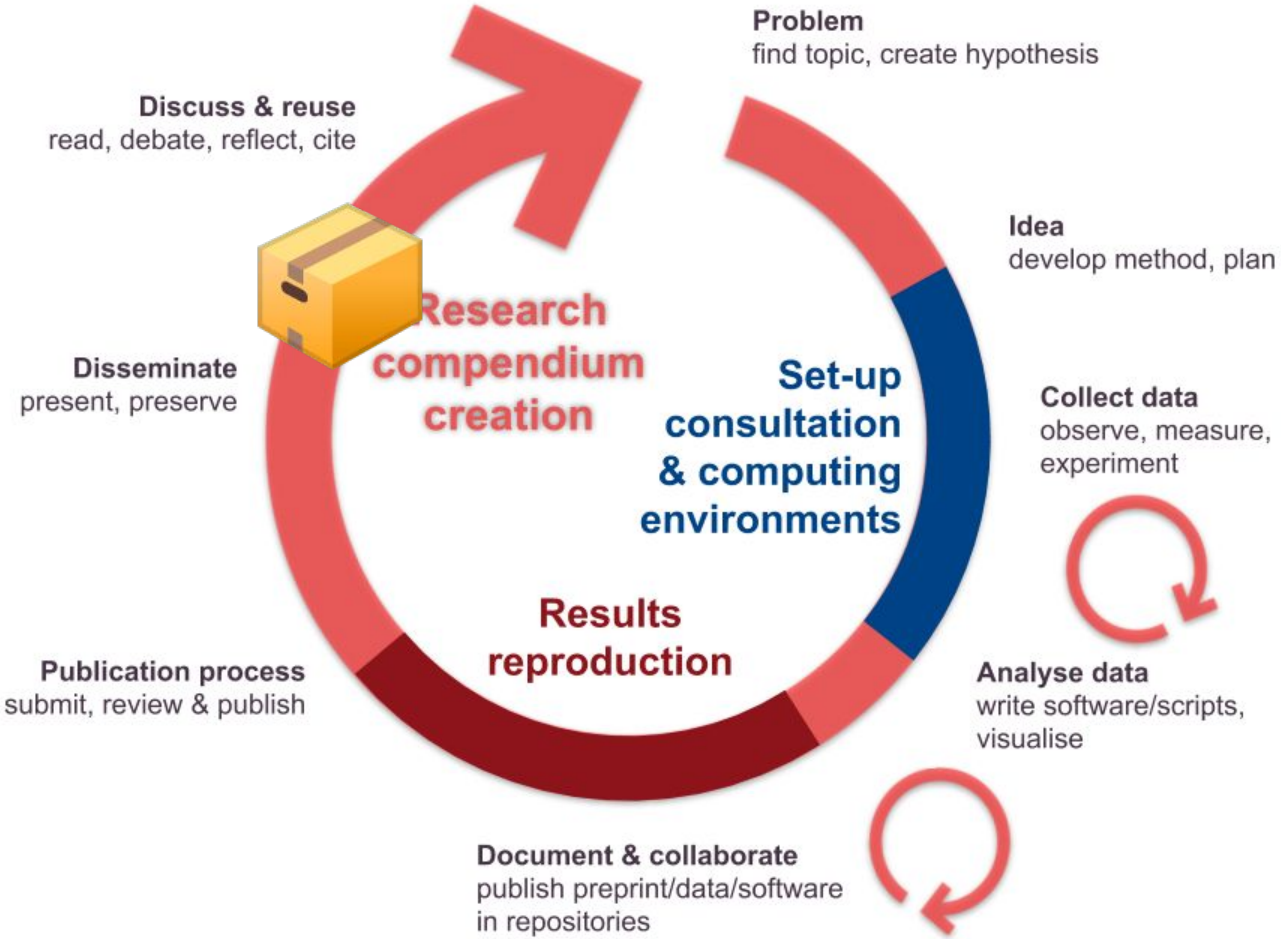
Nick Barnes

I am a professional software engineer and I want to share a trade secret with scientists: most professional computer software isn't very good. The code inside your laptop, television, phone or car is often badly documented, inconsistent and poorly tested.

Why does this matter to science? Because to turn raw data into published research papers often requires a little programming, which means that most scientists write software. And you scientists generally think the code you write is poor. It doesn't contain good comments, have sensible variable names or proper indentation. It breaks if you introduce badly formatted data, and you need to edit the output by hand to get the columns to line up. It includes a routine written by a graduate student which you never completely understood, and so on. Sound familiar? Well, those things don't matter.

https://doi.org/10.1038/467753a

Reproducible Research Support Services in the Research Lifecycle



R2S2

Reproducible **R**esearch
Support **S**ervice

https://go.wwu.de/r2s2


EDUCATION OF
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RESEARCHERS USING
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SOFTWARE
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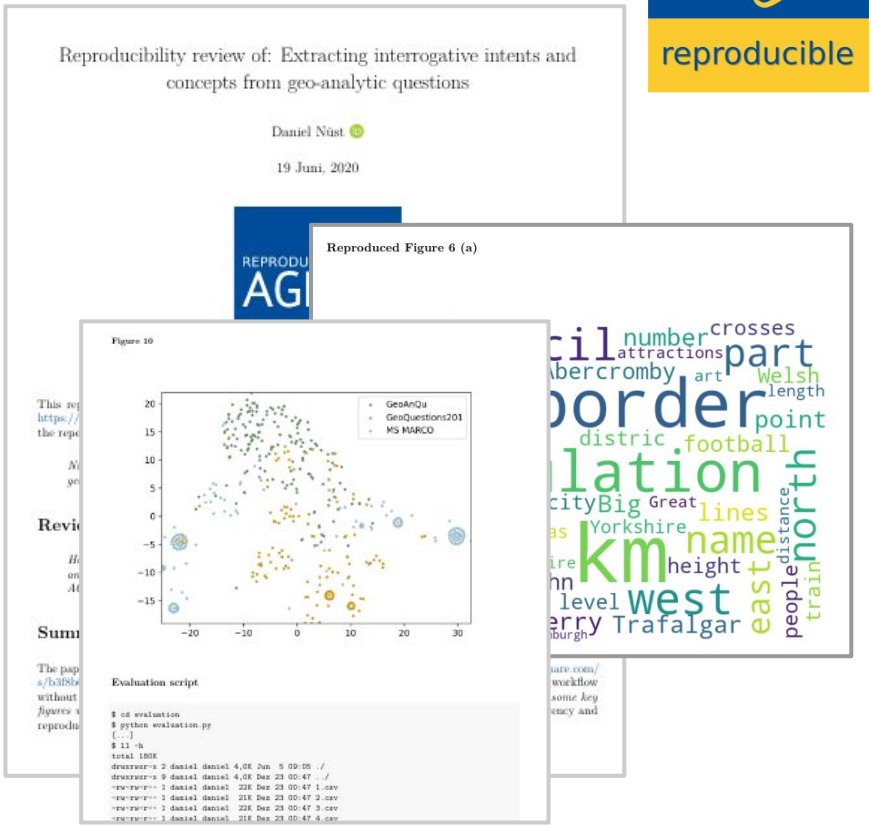
Reproducibility review reports



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Reproducibility review reports

Reproducibility review:
"Tracking Hurricane Dorian in GDELT and Twitter"

This report is part of the reproducibility review at the AGILE conference.

For more information see https://reproducible-agile.github.io/.

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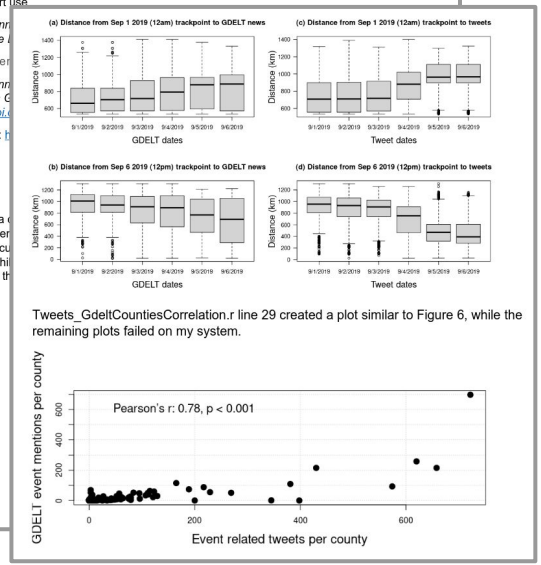

Tweets_GdeltCountiesCorrelation.r line 29 created a plot similar to Figure 6, while the remaining plots failed on my system.

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Reproducibility review:
"Comparing supervised learning algorithms for Spatial Nominal Entity recognition"

This report is part of the reproducibility review at the AG

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Reviewed paper

Amine Medad, Mauro Gaio, Ludovic Moncla, Sé
Comparing supervised learning algorithms for Sp
AGILE GiScience Ser., 1, 15. https://doi.org/10.5

Source code: https://github.com/MedadAmine/Spatial-n

Summary

The authors have done a commendable job at providing
documentation to run the analysis. The reproduction wa
computational environment required some initially undo
libraries used, which have now been documented. It sh
requires substantial downloads, disk space, and proces
reproduction was mostly successful.

Reproducibility reviewer notes

The materials on GitHub have an MIT license.

Data

Original hiking texts: not available, although there is a li

Lexicon: FastText freely available online

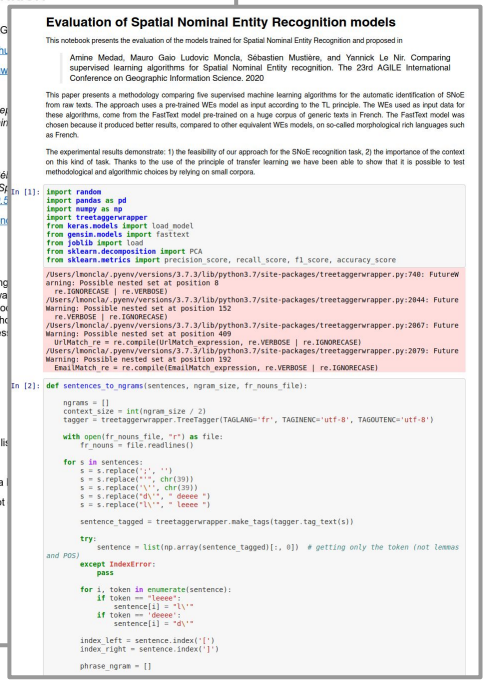
Corpus: entire corpus not available, although there is a

Samples for analysis available (named corpus), but not

Processing

- uses open source libraries

- Scripts and hyper-parameters are available



Evaluation of Spatial Nominal Entity Recognition models

This notebook presents the evaluation of the models trained for Spatial Nominal Entity Recognition and proposed in

> Amine Medad, Mauro Gaio Ludovic Moncla, Sébastien Mustière, and Yannick Le Nir. Comparing supervised learning algorithms for Spatial Nominal Entity recognition. The 23rd AGILE International Conference on Geographic Information Science. 2020

This paper presents a methodology comparing five supervised machine learning algorithms for the automatic identification of SNoE from raw texts. The approach uses a pre-trained WEs model as input according to the TL principle. The WEs used as input data for these algorithms, come from the FastText model pre-trained on a huge corpus of generic texts in French. The FastText model was chosen because it produced better results, compared to other equivalent WEs models, on so-called morphological rich languages such as French.

The experimental results demonstrate: 1) the feasibility of our approach for the SNoE recognition task, 2) the importance of the context on this kind of task. Thanks to the use of the principle of transfer learning we have been able to show that it is possible to test methodological and algorithmic choices by relying on small corpora.

```
In [1]: import random
        import pandas as pd
        import numpy as np
        import treetaggerwrapper
        from keras.models import load_model
        from gensim.models import fasttext
        from joblib import load
        from sklearn.decomposition import PCA
        from sklearn.metrics import precision_score, recall_score, f1_score, accuracy_score
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Warning: Possible nested set at position 152
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Warning: Possible nested set at position 409
  UrlMatch_re = re.compile(UrlMatch_expression, re.VERBOSE | re.IGNORECASE)
/Users/lmoncla/.pyenv/versions/3.7.3/lib/python3.7/site-packages/treetaggerwrapper.py:2079: Future
Warning: Possible nested set at position 192
  EmailMatch_re = re.compile(EmailMatch_expression, re.VERBOSE | re.IGNORECASE)
```

```
In [2]: def sentences_to_ngrams(sentences, ngram_size, fr_nouns_file):

            ngrams = []
            context_size = int(ngram_size / 2)
            tagger = treetaggerwrapper.TreeTagger(TAGLANG='fr', TAGINENC='utf-8', TAGOUTENC='utf-8')

            with open(fr_nouns_file, "r") as file:
                fr_nouns = file.readlines()

            for s in sentences:
                s = s.replace(';', '')
                s = s.replace('"', chr(39))
                s = s.replace('\'', chr(39))
                s = s.replace("d\'", " deeee ")
                s = s.replace("l\'", " leeee ")

                sentence_tagged = treetaggerwrapper.make_tags(tagger.tag_text(s))

                try:
                    sentence = list(np.array(sentence_tagged)[:, 0])  # getting only the token (not lemmas
and POS)
                except IndexError:
                    pass

                for i, token in enumerate(sentence):
                    if token == "leeee":
                        sentence[i] = "l\'"
                    if token == 'deeee':
                        sentence[i] = "d\'"

                index_left = sentence.index('[')
                index_right = sentence.index(']')

                phrase_ngram = []
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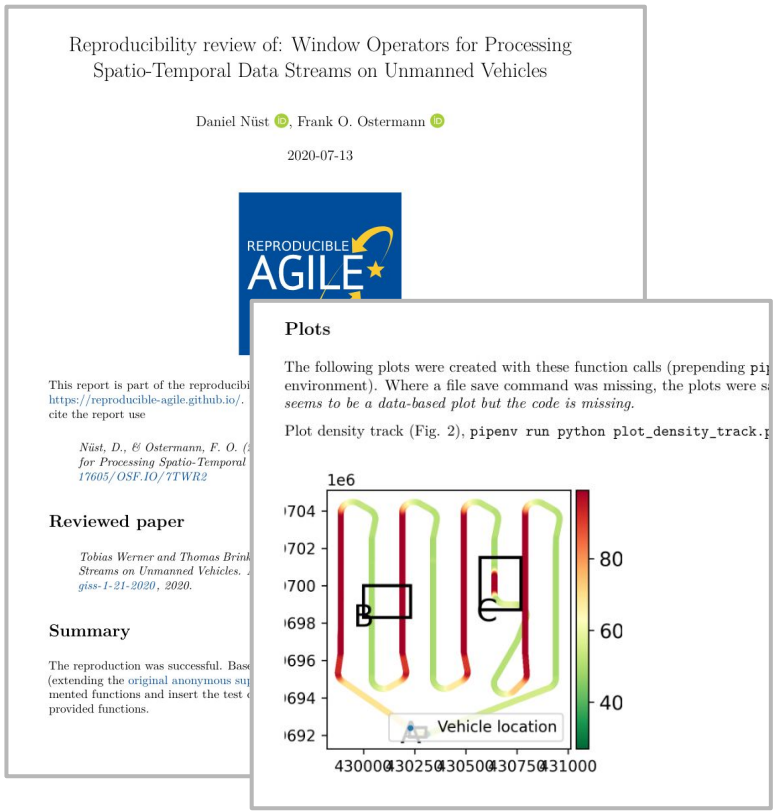
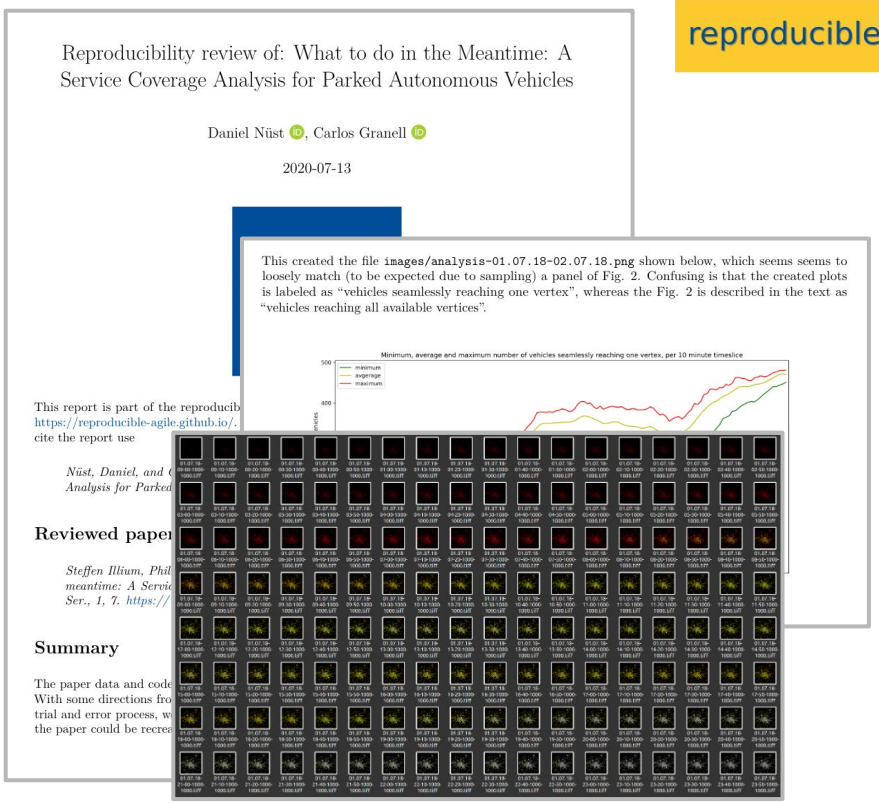
Reproducibility review reports





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Ideal vs. realistic

Role

Skills

Do's & dont's

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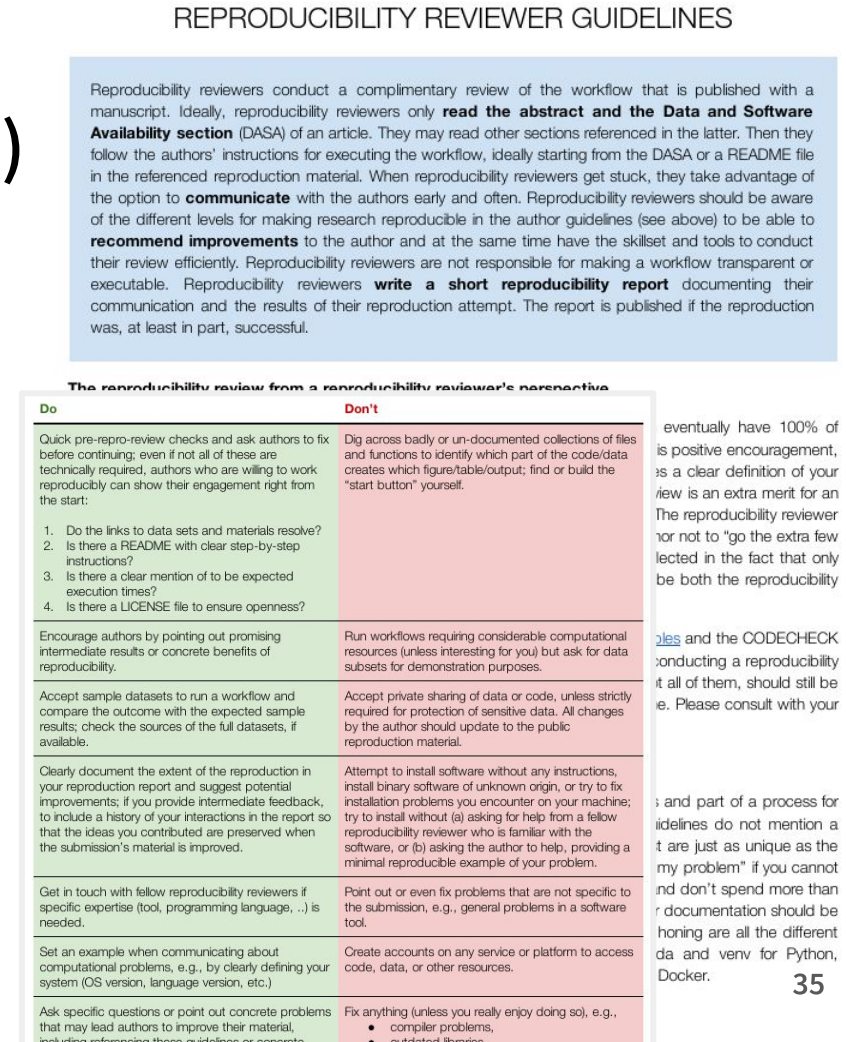

REPRODUCIBILITY REVIEWER GUIDELINES

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The reproducibility review from a reproducibility reviewer's perspective

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How to put your community on a path towards more reproducibility in 5 ~~easy~~ hard steps

1. Build a team of enthusiasts (workshop, social events)
2. Assess the current state and raise awareness (workshop, paper)
3. Institutional support (🙏 AGILE Council 🙏 + committee chairs)
4. Positive encouragement (no reproduction != bad science)
5. Keep at it!

Next steps

Do it again in 2021 🎉

Revise guidelines 🛠️ 🇮🇹 🇫🇷 🇨🇳

Grow reproducibility reviewer team

ECRs, credit @ ORCID, skills

Continue research 🕵️

Ostermann, F., Nüst, D., Granell, C., Hofer, B., & Konkol, M. (2020). *Reproducible Research and GIScience: an evaluation using GIScience conference papers.* EarthArXiv. https://doi.org/10.31223/x5zk5v

Continue community engagement towards opening scholarship

Scope
Requirements
Acceptance condition?

Open review if tenured
Format-free submission
CRediT
Phase out when standard practice...

The guidelines for data

DATA IN RESEARCH PAPERS

	Minimum	Ideal
What?	Publish all input data + data description / documentation	Publish all data and adhere to standardised, discipline-specific metadata[2] to describe your data
Where?	Use a data repository providing a DOI[3]	Use a discipline-specific repository[4] with a DOI
How?	Use open data formats + specify a license	Make your data FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Reusable) and as open as possible

"What if…" and Examples (not shown)

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The guidelines for workflows

Examples (not shown)

COMPUTATIONAL WORKFLOWS IN RESEARCH PAPERS

	Minimum	Intermediate	Ideal
What? Computational environment	Describe the environment and computational infrastructure, e.g. computer specs, operating system + software versions	Provide live documents (structured configuration files with dependency information, e.g. a Binder[9])	Provide the actual environment, e.g. a container created by a Dockerfile[10] or a Virtual Machine (VM, e.g. OSGeo-Live)
Computation steps	Document the detailed steps in a text file and/or flowchart (every action/click)	Provide scripts / models and a README file that explains their use	Provide a software package with structured metadata[11], tests/CI[12], and an automated workflow[13] + If applicable: Add link to running instance of software
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Examples for “Do’s and Don’ts”:

- Do shift burden to author
- Do encourage and s
- Do *not* accept private data sharing
- Document your work in report (impact)
- Be kind (career stage, knowledge, privileges)
- No rummaging

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