Developing a Workflow to Maximize Reproducibility and Research Impact: Managing Data, Computer Code, and Projects for Success

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Why worry about reproducibility?

Working towards future reproducibility makes my code easier

for my collaborators (and me) to read, run, and debug today,

and that's why I think reproducibility is a

win-win for all researchers."

-Althea



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"[Reproducibility] provides security, saves time, and forces me to be more thoughtful about my workflow." - Ethan Young

- make your life easier!
- collaborations
- broader research impact
- increased citations
- transparency
- grant and journal requirements

Is my research reproducible?

- ▶ Are your research documents stored in these formats?
 - .CSV
 - ▶ .txt
 - ▶ .pdf
 - ▶ .html
 - ▶ .R
 - ► YES!
 - ▶ .doc/.docx
 - .sas
 - .xls/.xlsx
 - any other proprietary file format
 - ► NO!

Is my research reproducible?

- Are your files easily shared with others?
 - ▶ Solution 1: GitHub
 - Solution 2: Organized directory structure
- Are your files relatively linked?
 - Solution: RStudio projects
- Is your code well-documented/commented?
 - Solution: R-Markdown or R-Oxygen