Lecture 3.1 – Best Practices in Computing

Specific Learning Objectives:

- 2.1.1 Understand how file systems are structured and organized.
- 2.1.4 Use standard organization to organize an R project.
- 2.2.1 Create reproducible scripts in R.
- 2.2.2 Include effective documentation in scripts and projects.
- 2.2.3 Understand the Open Science movement and the role of data repositories in research.

Why care about Open Science?

1. What are good reasons to make science open, transparent, and reproducible?

2. What are some tools that Stewart et al. suggest might be helpful to make science more open?

What are 'good enough' practices?

1. What are the 'good-enough' practices suggested by Wilson et al. 2017?

2. What are the good-enough practices that would be reasonable to implement *during this course*?

In groups of 4 (equally split between two papers)

Summarize each paper for the group

Write down answers to the following questions:

- 1. What are some tools that Stewart et al. suggest might be helpful to make science more open?
- 2. What are the good-enough practices that would be reasonable to implement *during this course*?

Action Items

1. Watch Lecture 3.2 for next time.