# SoiIR History and lessons learned

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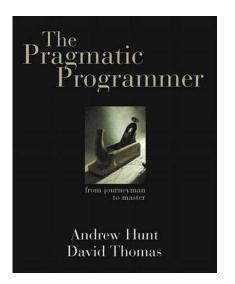
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#### SoilR

- R package, (A stable version on cran a development version SoilR-exp on github)
- collections of soil models with
  - Implementing function
  - Examples
  - ► (Extensive) Tests
- Documentation

## The DRY principle ( D on't R epeat Y ourself)

We feel that the *only* way to develop software *reliably*, and to make our developments easier to understand and maintain, is to follow what we call the DRY principle: Every piece of knowledge must have a single, unambiguous, authoritative representation within a system.



### copy and paste programming

The alternative is to have the same thing expressed in two or more places. If you change one, you have to remember to change the others, ... or your program will be brought to its knees by a contradiction. It isn't a question of whether you'll remember: it's a question of when you'll forget.

# Refactoring (how to DRY code

#### Definition:

Restructure (the source code of an application or piece of software) so as to improve operation without altering functionality.

#### Impacts:

- ▶ Generalization → Reduction of Duplication → Removal of Contradictions → Consistency, Predictability for users
- ► Formalization of the Generalization  $\rightarrow$  feedback on scientific understanding

#### Preconditions:

test coverage (automated unit tests that run after every minor check in and cover most of the functionality)

