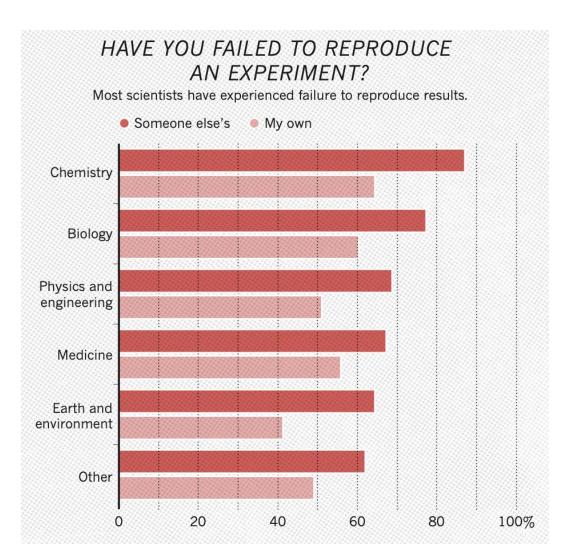
Reproducible Research and Version Control

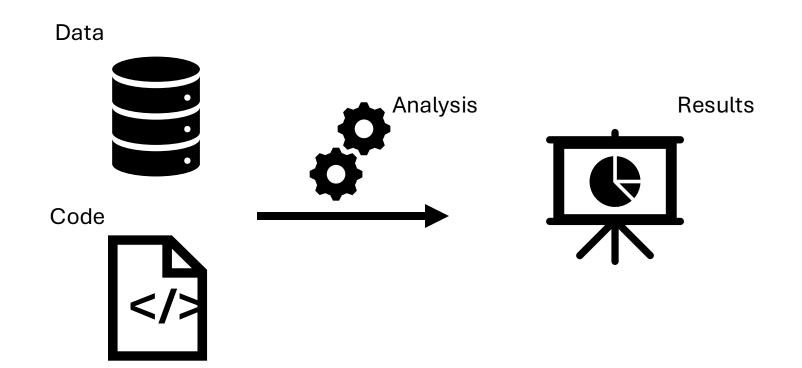
Introduction to Git and GitHub

Replication crisis



What is reproducible research?

 Someone else (or yourself) should be able to generate same results with same data and code



Reproducible research

- Raw data
 - Public repositories
 - Non-proprietary formats (e.g. .csv instead of .xls)
- Code
 - Documented
 - Instructions
- Environment
 - Programs and versions

Benefits

You are the primary beneficiary (future you will thank you!)

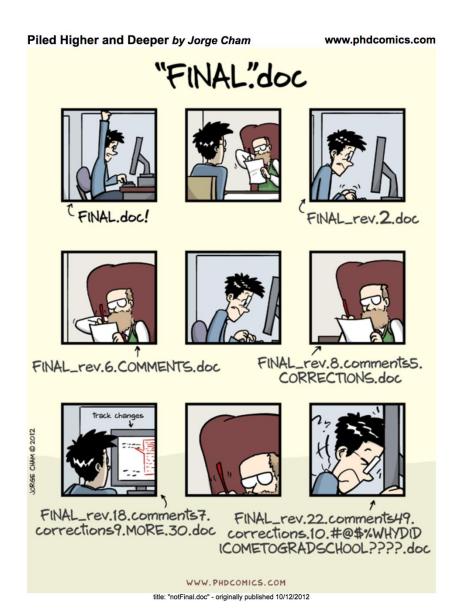
- Remember how and why analyses were performed
- Easier to rerun analyses with new data
- Tasks can be carried over into new projects
- Display of transparency and trustworthiness
- Increases paper citations

Benefits

For the research community

- Faster progress and development
 - New and learning scientists
 - Follow-up studies
 - Learn from mistakes
- Enhances transparency and trust in research

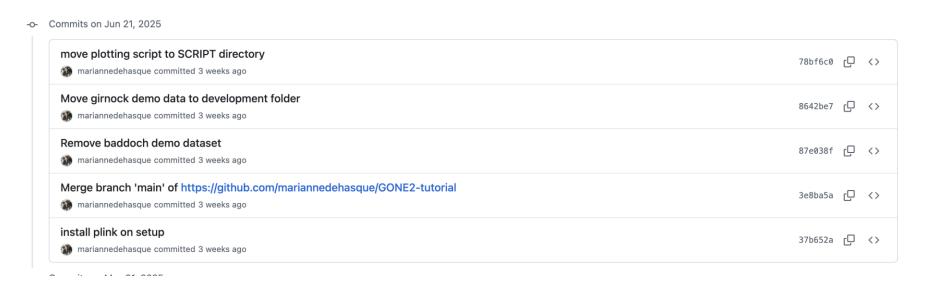
Reproducible research starts with good coding practices



Version control with git

- Keeps a complete history of changes to a file
- Allows to change between versions
- Keeps track of who contributed what
- Revisions must be explicitly created with a message

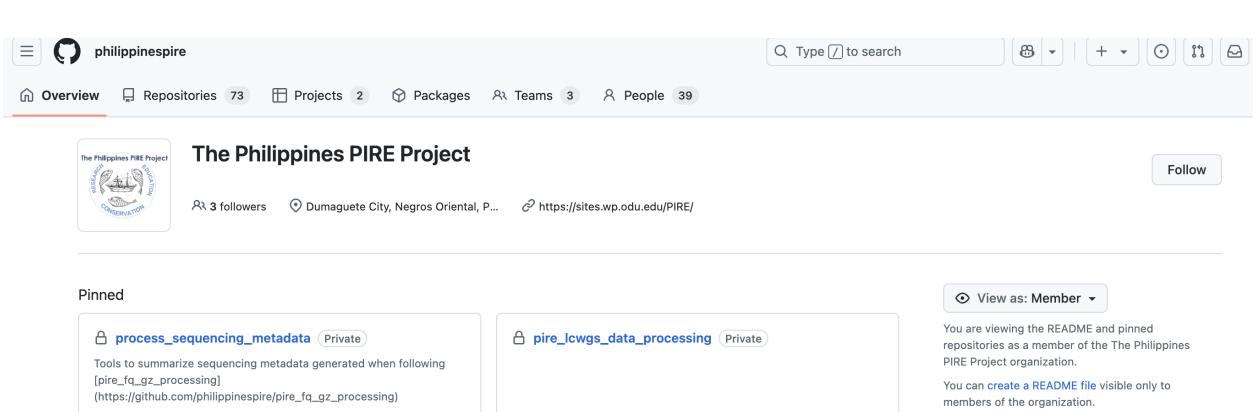


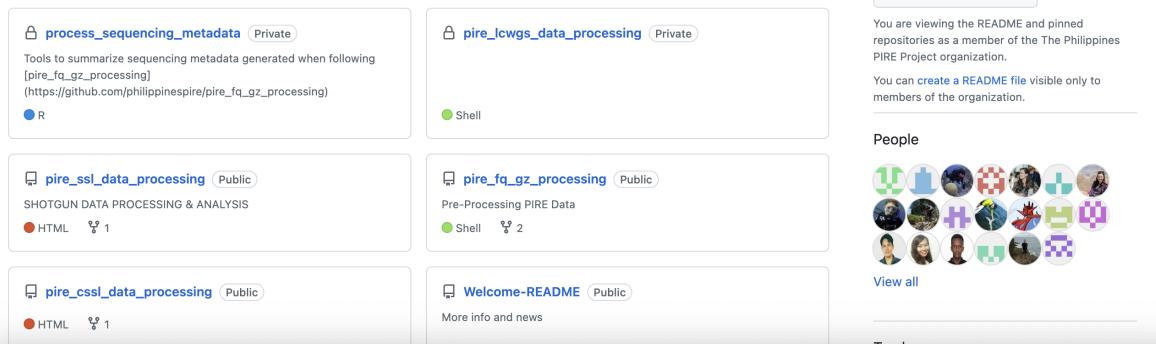


Version control with GitHub

- Cloud-based platform
- Hosts git repositories online
- Remote backup
- Facilitates development and collaboration
- Web interface can be used even without command line







GitHub – additional tools

Today

- Classroom: coding assignments
- Codespaces: cloud-based development

Other

- Actions: automate testing, building, and deploying code
- Pages: host website
- Copilot: Al code suggestions

Further reading

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