Lecture 2: Learning Open Science

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High reliability organizations (HROs)

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Keywords: high-reliability organisations (HROs) high-reliability organising system safety accident prevention resilience Academic and professional disciplines, such as organisation and management theory, psychology, sociology and engineering, have, for years, grappled with the multidisciplinary issues of safety and accident prevention. However, these ideas are just beginning to enrich research on safety in medicine. This article examines a domain of research on system safety – the High Reliability Organization (HRO) paradigm. HROs operate in hazardous conditions, but have fewer than their fair share of adverse events. HROs are committed to safety at the highest level and adont a special

- Aviation
- Acute Medical Care
- Nuclear Power Plants

(Four properties we are going to use)

- 1. Sensitivity to Operations
- 2. Preoccupation With Failure/Mistakes
- **3.** Resilience In The Face of Failure/Mistakes
- **4.** Deference to Expertise

- What do these four properties mean?
- How are they translated into a lab environment
- Application of Properties Is A Process
- Process Guides Organization-Specific Policy
- Not guidelines; ways or developing your guidelines

Property 1: Sensitivity to Operations

- We are in the knowledge production business
- We focus on the knowledge we produce.
- Sensitivity means putting emphasis on the mechanics of how we produce it.

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- How can we insure the integrity and authenticity of our knowledge
- Example, how do we know we reported the right values in table.
- How do we know who did what where?
- How can we curate these processes or show provenence of knowledge

Property 2: Preoccupation With Mistakes

- Small mistakes must be taken as seriously as large ones
- Constantly quering systems with stress tests
- Anticipation of human failure in meticulousness

Property 3: Resilience In The Face of Mistakes

- Mistakes will happen; we must learn from them
- Mistakes will happen; we must deal with them transparently
- Mistakes result from complex causes, must not just call it "operator error."

Property 4: Deference to Expertise

- Undergrads are on the front lines
- Grads and Post-Docs are closer to the production of data
- Pls have long-term vision and experience
- We can better improve our operation together

No Concrete Recommendations

- You practice high reliability theory
- The outcomes (policies, procedures) reflect your experiences, skills, problems, context.
- The following are things we have discovered by going through the process





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- We did not catch trials that were too quick
- This has been going on for quite a while





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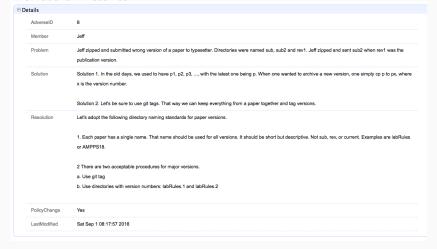


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- Done!

We record mistakes!



2. Audit Trails

- Audit trails refer to the easy ability to reconstruct who did what when.
- What are some ideas?

2. Audit Trails

- Standardized filenames and directories help
- Versioning
- Automatization
- Databasing
- Coded Analysis
- Expanded Documents

Care to share how you name directories and files?

Which is the final copy?

- final.docx
- reallyFinal.docx
- myFinal.docx
- thisIsTheFinalVersion.docx

Experiments

- Organized in series of related experiments, "baserate" might contain "br1", "br2", . . .
- data files are br1.dat.001, br1.dat.002,...
- Session information files are br1.ses.001, br2.ses.002,.... -Also br1.ins.txt, br1.debrief.txt,br1.info.txt (or br1.txt), and br1.all (all data in one file)
- No cleaning allowed. Only raw data.
- No other files

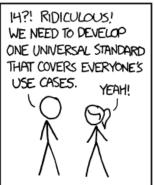
Projects:

- A self-contained collection of files on a common idea.
- Must be stored on approved site.
- Project titles have an organizing prefix, e.g.,
 bf-,ctx-,irt-,stat-,wm- and more. "bf-aovlite" contains Rouder et al., 2017, Psych. Methods.
- Projects have zero, one, or more outputs: Papers,
 Presentations, Grants.
- Directories in a project are "dev", "papers", "presentations", "grants", "share"

2a. Standarization (With Care)

HOW STANDARDS PROLIFERATE: (SEE: A/C CHARGERS, CHARACTER ENCODINGS, INSTANT MESSAGING, ETC.)

SITUATION: THERE ARE 14 COMPETING STANDARDS.



SOON: SITUATION: THERE ARE 15 COMPETING STANDARDS.

2b. Versioning and Logs

- I am not a fan of manual version control
- SKILL: git
- Has a log function that helps with audit trail.

2c. Computer Automation

- Computers Do Everything That They Can
- SKILL: shell scripting

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- Experimenter and Participant log in
- Computer scans directory, determines filename,
- Computer queries database to see if this participant is there
- Computer runs mini-survey for demographics if needed
- Computer records all trial level information in one file
- Computer records all session level information in two files (identified, not identified)
- Computer updates lab database
- Computer uploads data to the cloud nightly (trial-level + deidentified)

2d. Databasing

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- Friendly choices include Microsoft Access, Apple Filemaker Pro, Open Office Base



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SKILLS: mysql

■ HELPER: phpmyadmin

2e. Coded Analysis

- Menu driven vs. text-driven (coded)
- Coded inherently contains its audit trail
- Rule 1: Must be coded in a computer language (R, Matlab, SAS,
- Rule 2: Must download data from URL (web), URL coded too
- Resultant: Code is sufficient to replicate the analysis.
- SKILL: R

2f. Expanded Documents

- We tend to think of the document as a thing
 - An output
 - A file
 - Describes knowledge production process

2f. Expanded Documents

- Expand the document to include the knowledge production process itself!
- Execute a document:
 - downloads data
 - does analysis
 - typesets figures, tables, equations
 - organizes bibliography
 - launches webapps
 - surrounds these elements with your words

2f. Expanded Documents

• SKILL: Rmarkdown

Highly Reliable vs. Open Science

- High Reliability should be uncontroversial
- High Reliability is a precursor to Open Science
- Open Science is far more scary

We Are Born Open on the Data Side

• If we collect it, the you can see it immediately.

"Jeff, should I delete it before it uploads?"

- Our data have warts: machines crash, people quit early, bad settings, etc.
- Data that should not be used in a proper analysis will be uploaded
- Let it upload. We will exclude it in the analysis code.
- We may be vulnerable to critique, but we did our best, so have self compassion

"Jeff, there are so many long RTs"

- Because it is open, the discussion has come up quickly.
- We may document our explorations in the analysis code
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"Jeff, the stimulus durations were too short. We need to rerun the experiment with longer durations. Should we just delete this experiment from the server?"

- No.
- We may be vulnerable to critique, but we did our best, so have self compassion

Vulnerability and Self Compassion

- Open Science requires some vulnerability and self compassion
- Vulnerability and self compassion are needed to write
- Vulnerability and self compassion are life skills