Introduction to open and reproducible workflows in the public service

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Learning goals

- 1. Define reproducible research and open workflows
- 2. Discuss current issues surrounding reproducibility
- 3. Discuss solutions and important components of reproducibility
- 4. Tools used for reproducible and open research
- 5. Reproducible workflow demo

The problem

- Government is closed
- The public doesn't know how decisions are made
- Duplication of work within the government
- Types of reproducibility

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Open and reproducible workflows as a solution

Claerbout's Principle (1980s):

The scholarship does not only consist of theorems and proofs but also (and perhaps even more important) of data, computer code and a runtime environment which provides readers with the possibility to reproduce all tables and figures in an article.



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Open and reproducible workflows as a solution in government

- Openness and transparency in government
- Evidence based decision making
- Efficiency
- Enable others to use our methods or help improve ours

Barriers to open and reproducible workflows

- Directives
- Approval of management
- Data privacy

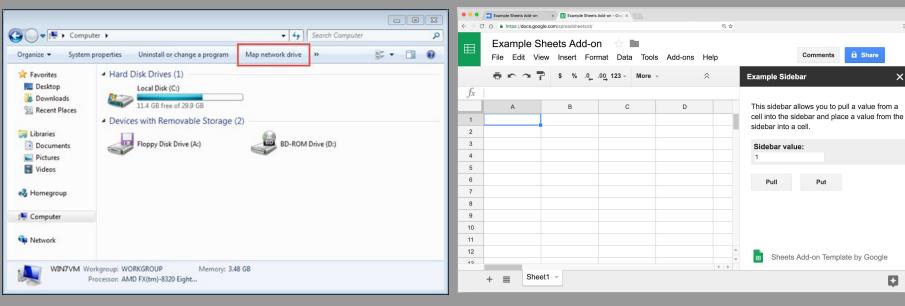
Tools Data Methods Results Products

Data

How can you make the data findable, accessible, interoperable, and reusable?

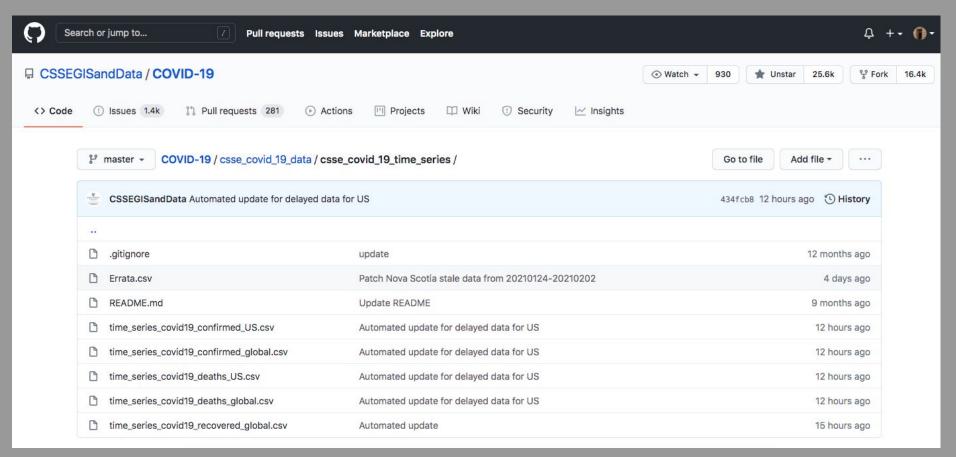
- Shared drive/LAN/Sharepoint
- Google sheets / OpenRefine
- Open government portal
- GitHub

Examples



Local area network

Google sheets



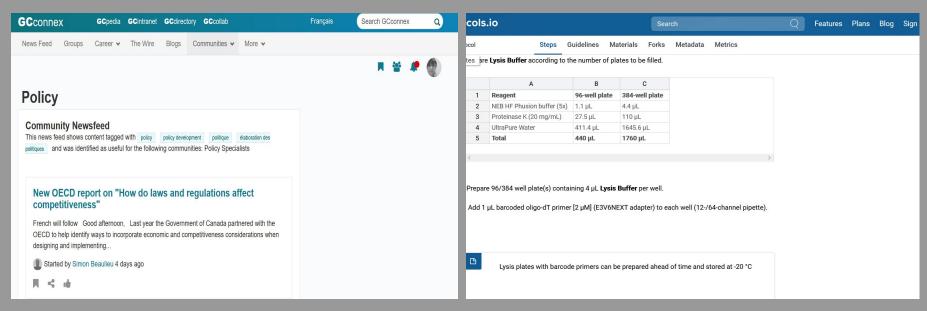
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Methods

How can you make the process by which you do your work more open and reproducible? How could others access this work?

- GCconnex
- Protocols.io
- GitHub

Examples



GCConnex Protocols.io

Results

How can we adequately share the results with team members and tweak the methods to answer new questions/test new hypotheses?

- 1. Shared drive/LAN/Sharepoint
- 2. Google docs
- 3. Github

Examples









Which Tools For Data Analytics / Data Science?



















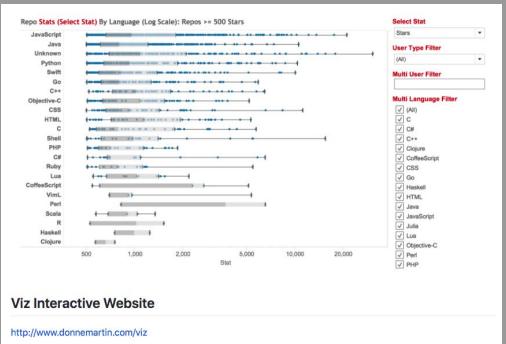
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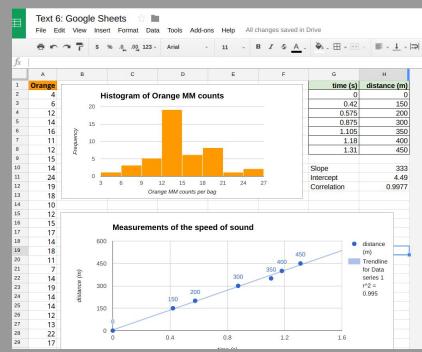
OneNote

Outlook

Pov

Examples





Github

Google sheets

Communications products

Once your work is done - how can you make it most accessible?

- Cochrane reports
- Open access publications
- Public talks
- Media
- Github

Giving and receiving credit

How do you make sure that others credit your work and you credit others?

- Code licences (MIT/Open Canada)
- Information licences (Creative Commons)
- Github





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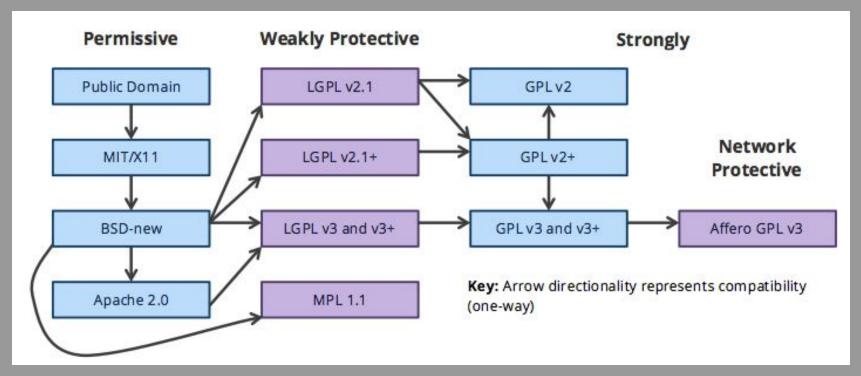
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Questions?

Break Time!

What does a end to end reproducible project look like?

Final quiz