# Doing reproducible science: from your hard-won data to a publishable manuscript without going mad

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http://bit.ly/frod\_san

### A typical research workflow

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1	happiness_index	sunshine_h
2	10.5	978.4
3	6.6	660.9
4	11.3	1093.5
5	9.6	978.9
6	10.9	1135.5
7	9.1	907.0
8	10.6	990.4
9	12.4	1172.9
10	9.6	1025.6
11	10.1	1055.0
12	10.9	1093.7
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14	12.5	1196.6
15	10.0	995.8
16	11.0	1120.2
17	10.3	988.0
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19	9.3	970.4
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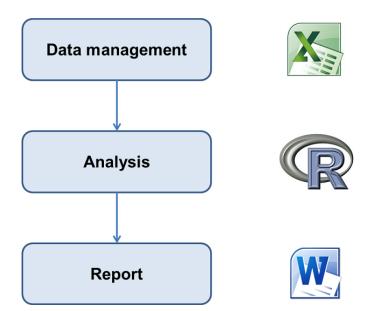


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- ▶ Oops, there is an error in the data. Can you repeat the analysis? And update figures/tables in Word!

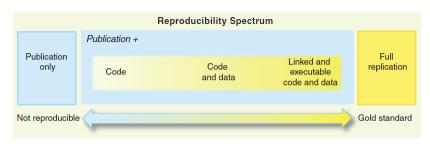
Every analysis you do on a dataset will have to be redone 10–15 times before publication. Plan accordingly. Trevor A. Branch

# WHAT is Reproducible Science?

A scientific article is **reproducible** if there is computer **code** that can **regenerate** all results and figures from the original data.

- ▶ Transparent
- ▶ Traceable
- Comprehensive
- Useful

### Most science is not reproducible



Peng (2011) Science

Even **you** will struggle to reproduce **your own results** from a few weeks/months ago.

You can't reproduce if you don't understand where a number came from.

You can't reproduce what you don't remember. And trust me: you won't.

You can't reproduce what you've lost. What if you need access to a file as it existed 1, 10, 100, or 1000 days ago?

Ben Bond-Lamberty

# WHY Reproducible Science?

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- ▶ Higher publication impact (citations, future collaborations, etc)

# HOW TO DO Reproducible Science?

- 1. File organisation.
- 2. Data management. Spreadsheet good practices.
- 3. Code-based data analysis. Rmarkdown
- 4. Software dependencies.
- 5. Version control & collaborative writing.

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### File organisation example

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myproject
I - README
             # general info about the project
|- data-raw/
             # original raw data
|- data/
             # clean data (produced w/ script)
|- R/
             # functions definitions
|- doc/
             # manuscript files
|- figs/
             # final figures
|- output/
             # other code output
```

# Data management

### Data management

- 1. Planification (e.g. DMPTool)
- 2. Collection
- 3. Metadata description (EML, Morpho)
- 4. Quality control
- 5. Storage

### Storage

Use the cloud: safe, persistent, easy to share

- Dropbox
- OSF
- ► Figshare, etc
- ► See all data repositories in www.re3data.org

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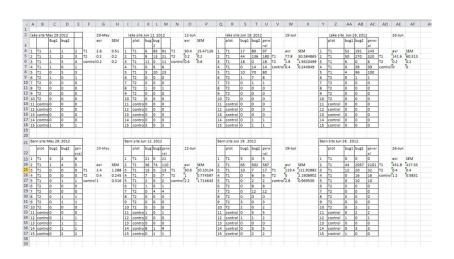
# More than one variable per column

Date collected	Plot	Species-Sex	Weight
1/9/78	1	DM-M	40
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1/9/78	1	DS-F	135
1/20/78	1	DM-F	39
1/20/78	2	DM-M	43
1/20/78	2	DS-F	144
3/13/78	2	DM-F	51
3/13/78	2	DM-F	44
3/13/78	2	DS-F	146

Source: Data Carpentry

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# Multiple tables



# Multiple tabs

Could you avoid new tab by adding a column to original spreadsheet?

# Using formatting, comments, etc to convey information

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1/8/14	NA			
1/8/14	DM	M	44	
1/8/14	DM	M	38	
1/8/14	OL			
1/8/14	PE	M	22	
1/8/14	DM	M	38	
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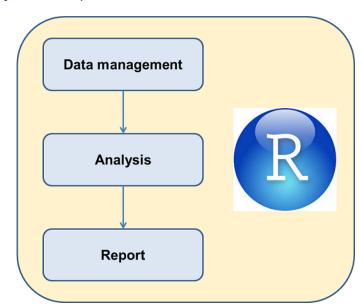
Your turn: tidy up this messy dataset https://ndownloader.figshare.com/files/2252083

# Data analysis

# Always use code

- ► Reproducible
- ► Reusable

# Dynamic reports



### Rmarkdown documents

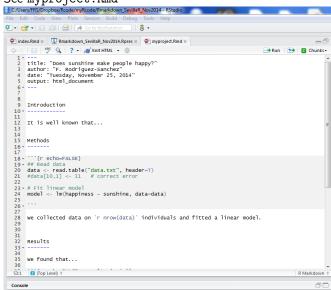
- ► Fully reproducible (trace all results inc. tables and plots)
- ▶ Dynamic (regenerate with 1 click)
- ► Suitable for
  - documents (Word, PDF, etc)
  - presentations
  - books
  - websites

## Let's see Rmarkdown in action

In Rstudio, create new Rmarkdown document and click on Knit HTML.

# Example: Does sunshine influence happiness?

See myproject.Rmd



# HTML output

### Does sunshine make people happy?

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Tuesday, November 25, 2014 Introduction

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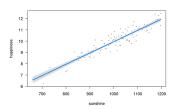
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### Discussion

These results confirm that sunshine is good for happiness (slope = 0.0100228)

### Acknowledgements

Y. Xie. J. MacFarlane. Rstudio...

# Spotted error in the data? No problem!

Make changes in Rmarkdown document, click knit and report will update automatically!

# Other formats: PDF, Word

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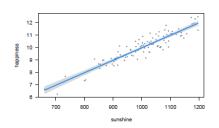
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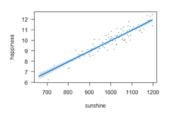
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# Adding citations

# bibliography: references.bib """{r cftations\_setup, include=FALSE} library(knitcitations) cfte\_options(cftation\_format = "pandoc") ... Introduction

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### See output

### References

Rehdanz, Katrin, and David Maddison. 2005. "Climate and Happiness." Ecological Economics 52 (1). Elsevier BV: 111–25. doi:10.1016/j.ecolecon.2004.06.015.

# Can write full thesis in Rmarkdown!

See thesis.Rmd. See thesis.pdf.

### Your turn:

- Download http://bit.ly/DEAD\_datasets
- ▶ With dataset trees.txt, analyse relationship between DBH and height.

# Steps

- Create Rstudio project (in Dropbox folder)
- ► Create folder structure
- Save original data in data-raw folder.
- Set up OSF
- Data quality control in R
- Write report in rmarkdown.

# Managing software dependencies

# Managing package dependencies in R

- sessionInfo (or session\_info)
- switchr
- rctrack
- checkpoint
- packrat
- docker

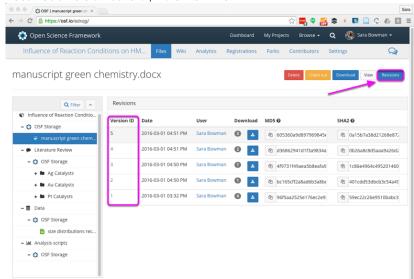
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# Dropbox

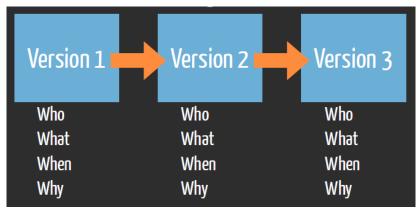
Dropbox keeps record of deleted/edited files for 30 days

# Open Science Framework

Automatic version control, no time limit.



### Git & GitHub



R. Fitzjohn (https://github.com/richfitz/reproducibility-2014)

# Collaborative writing

# Many alternatives

- ► Rmarkdown + GitHub
- ightharpoonup Word + Dropbox
- ▶ Google Docs
- Overleaf
- Authorea

 ${\sf Happy\ writing!}$