Code Review During Research: A Community Effort Towards Guidelines

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Code reviews at the time of publication

- What about code quality?

Code review *during* research

Code Review benefits researchers themselves

- Learning and knowledge transfer
  - Dissemination of good practices.
  - Continuous peer learning.
- Collaboration
  - Group awareness, cohesion and trust
  - Makes it easier for people to join a team... and leave it.

Code Review is common software practice...

... in the software industry and open source communities.

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Code review is very rare in academia

- Lack of awareness
- Lack of guidance
- Lack of incentives
- Lack of confidence

Research Code Review Community Group 2 (Code Review During Research)

Guidelines as a website

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Code review guidelines

Principles

- Suited for "lone coder"
- Short, and predictable time commitment
- Informal and low stakes
- Accessible to beginner programmers

Code review guidelines

The four steps

1. Find a reviewer

2. Meet and agree on objectives

3. Perform code review

4. Finalise