13: Summary + Extras

bit.ly/SISBID3

The most important tool is the mindset, when starting, that the end product will be reproducible.

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Steps toward reproducible research

- Slow down
- Organize; document
- Everything with code
- Scripts → RMarkdown
- Code → functions → packages
- Version control with Git
- Automation with Make
- Choose a license
- ► Share your work with others

Challenges

- Daily maintenance
 - READMEs up to date?
 - Documentation match code?
- Cleaning up the junk
 - Move defunct stuff into an Old/ subdirectory?
- Start over from the beginning, nicely?

Sharing your work

- Why share?
 - Funding agency or journal requirement
 - Increased visibility
 - So that others can build on your work
- ▶ When?
 - Continuously and instantaneously
 - When you submit a paper
 - When your paper appears
- ► Risks?

What to share?

For sure

- Primary dataset
- Metadata
- Data cleaning scripts
- Analysis scripts

It could help

- Very-raw data
- Processed/clean data
- Intermediate results

No

- Confidential data (e.g. HIPAA data)
- Passwords, private keys

Where to share?

- Domain-specific repository
 - Genbank, dbGaP, etc.
 - See re3data.org
- Figshare, Dryad, Zenodo
- Institutional repository
- GitHub, BitBucket

Resources

- R Markdown
 - rmarkdown.rstudio.com
- R Packages
 - Releasing to CRAN: r-pkgs.had.co.nz/release.html
 - Leek group: github.com/jtleek/rpackages
 - When to trust an R package: bit.ly/trust_r_pkg
- Make
 - kbroman.org/minimal_make
- ▶ Git
 - Git branches: nicercode.github.io/git/branches.html
 - Hadley on Git/GitHub: r-pkgs.had.co.nz/git.html
 - Git subtrees: bit.ly/git_subtree

Some of the things we didn't cover

- Command-line, including 'R CMD BATCH'
- Software testing (and debugging)
- Code review / paired programming
- Capturing versions of dependent software (e.g. packrat)
- ► Containers (e.g. docker.com)
- ► Coding conventions, e.g. Hadley's adv-r.had.co.nz/Style.html and Google's google.github.io/styleguide/Rguide.xml
- ► Report templates, rmarkdown.rstudio.com/developer_document_templates.html