

# NOWORKFLOW

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# Provenance for Python Scripts!

**Provenance:** all the data that aids the reproducibility of Python scripts

E.g.: input and output files, function definitions, function activation graph, etc.

# noWorkflow

***Transparently*** captures the provenance of a script

*Language-independent approach*

*Language-dependent solution (Python)*

***Non-intrusive***: no need for user-defined annotations,  
instrumented environment, or other requirements

Provides different methods for ***provenance analysis***

*History Graph*

*Diff Analysis*

*Querying (Prolog and SQL)*

*Visualization of Trials*

*Jupyter Notebook*

How does noWorkflow work?

Instead of running

```
$ python my_script.py
```

users run

```
$ now run my_script.py
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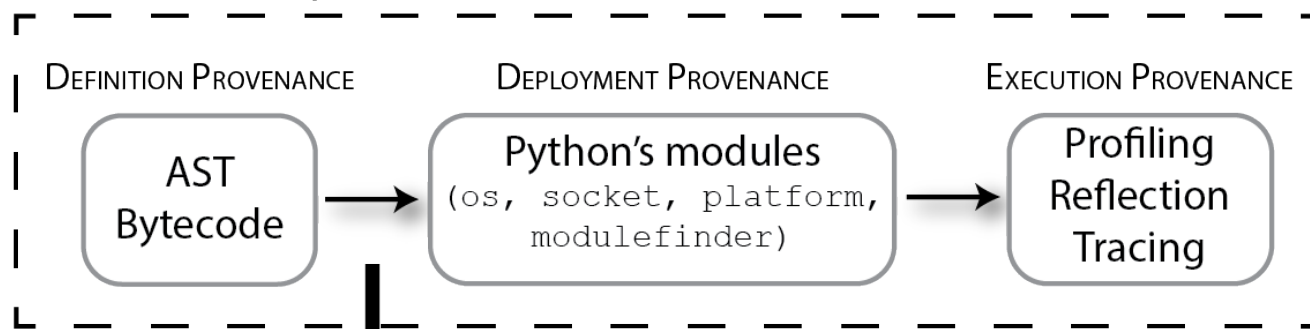
That's it.

# Reproducibility Modes

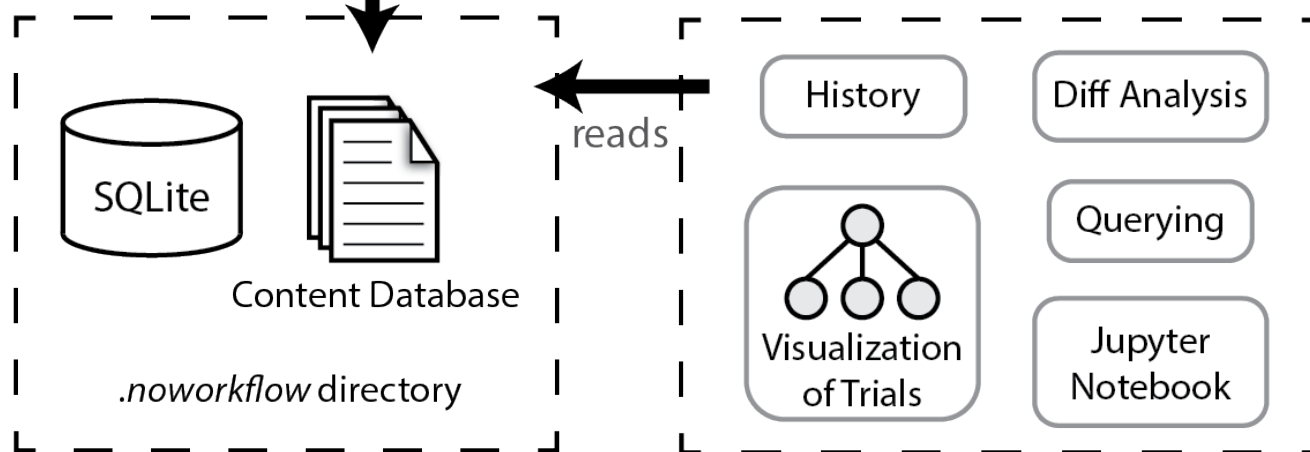
- Planning for reproducibility
  - Replace Python with noWorkflow
  - Use noWorkflow for the entire experiment's lifetime
- Reproducibility after the fact
  - Capture a run after the experiment is ready for publication

# Architecture

## Provenance Capture



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## Provenance Storage

## Provenance Analysis

# Try it!

Website: <https://github.com/gems-uff/noworkflow>

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Send your feedback and interesting use cases!



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