

# **CIML Summer Institute:** **Reproducibility in Science and Machine Learning**

**June 22, 2021**

**Peter Rose**

**SDSC**

**EXPANSE**  
COMPUTING WITHOUT BOUNDARIES

**SAN DIEGO SUPERCOMPUTER CENTER**



NSF Award 1928224

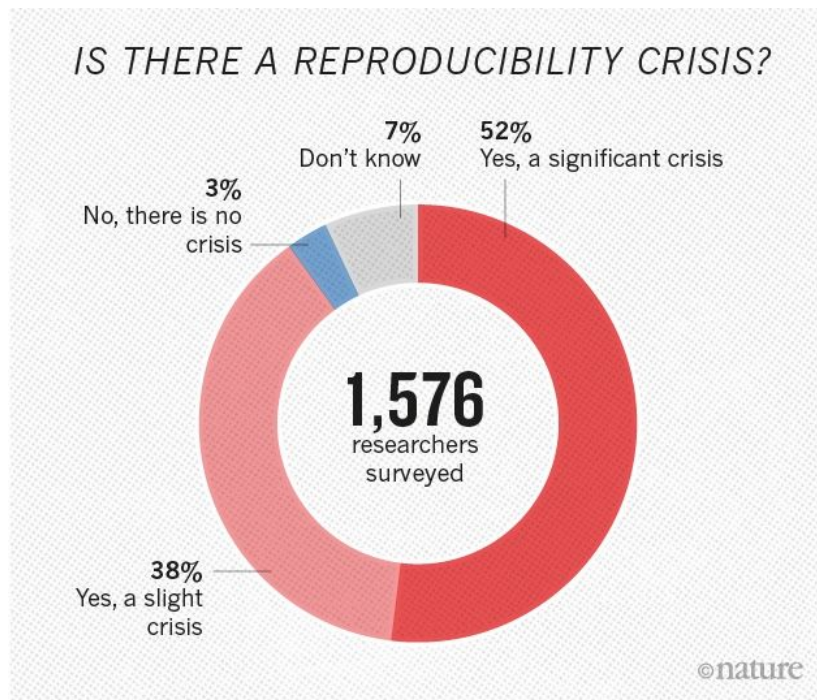
# Reproducibility Crisis?

“More than 70% of researchers have tried and failed to reproduce another scientist's experiments, and more than half have failed to reproduce their own experiments.”

*Nature, 2016, M. Baker, 1,500 scientists lift the lid on reproducibility*

“Nature journal editors ... will, on a case-by-case basis, ask reviewers to check how well the code works.”

*Nature, 2018, Does your code stand up to scrutiny?*



## Reproducibility\*

obtaining **consistent** results using

**same** input data or parameters

**same** computational steps, methods, and code

**same** analysis conditions

## Reusability

obtaining **new** results using

**different** input data or parameters

**same** computational steps, methods, and code

**same** analysis conditions

## Scalability

obtaining **new** results using

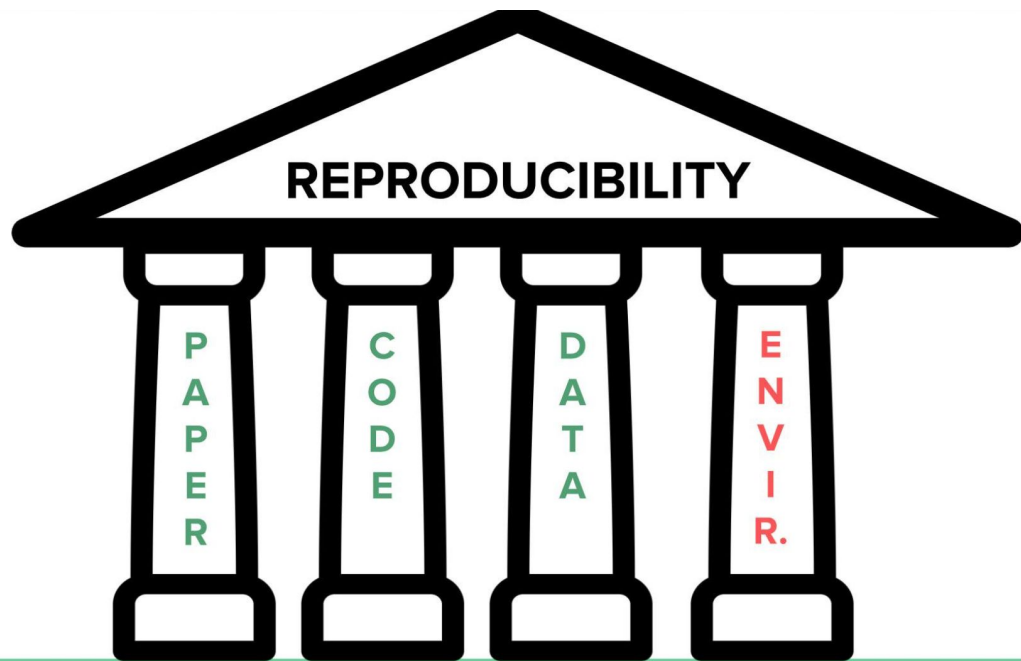
**large** input data or parameter sets

**same** computational steps, methods, and code

**same** analysis conditions

\* L. Barba, [https://figshare.com/articles/Next\\_in\\_Reproducibility\\_standards\\_policies\\_infrastructure\\_and\\_human\\_factors/8194328/1](https://figshare.com/articles/Next_in_Reproducibility_standards_policies_infrastructure_and_human_factors/8194328/1)

# Four Pillars of Reproducible Research

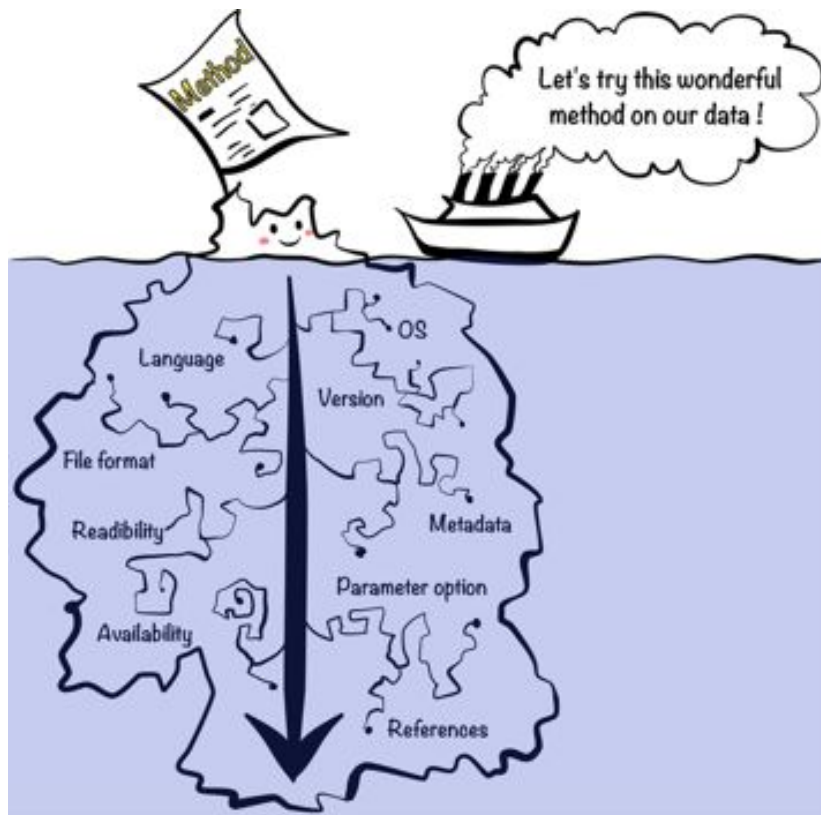


## Open Science

- Open access publications
- Open source code
- Open data
- Open execution environment



# Barriers to Reproducibility and Reusability



- Missing or incomplete documentation
- Distribution is missing files
- Missing third party package
- Dependencies failed to build
- Runtime error
- Internal compiler error
- My last week:
  - samtools: error while loading shared libraries: libbz2.so.1.0: cannot open shared object file
  - error while loading shared libraries: libz.so.1: failed to map segment from shared object: Operation not permitted
  - /lib64/libc.so.6: version `GLIBC\_2.14' not found

Today you'll learn techniques and tools to overcome these barriers and publish reproducible workflows and scale up your calculations on HPC!

# Tools and Infrastructure



Computational notebooks:  
combine documentation,  
code, and results



Scalable compute infrastructure



Open cloud environment  
to run computational  
notebooks



Open-source package  
and environment  
management system



Version-control system  
for tracking changes in  
source code

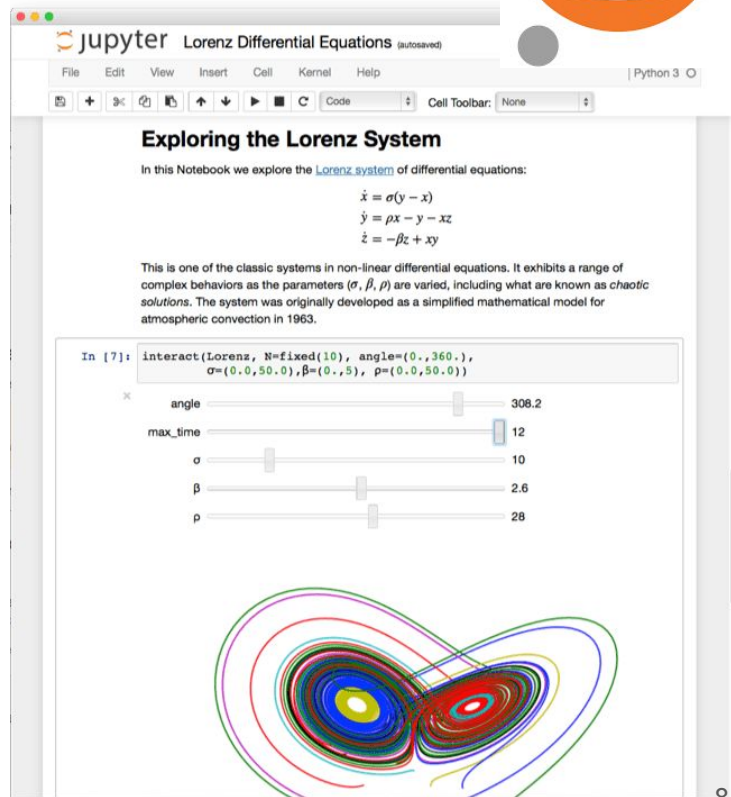


Source code  
repository

# Jupyter Notebook



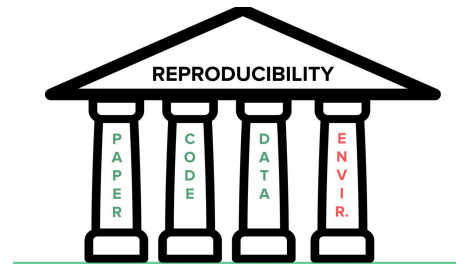
- An open-source web application to create and share documents
- Combines live code, equations, visualizations and narrative text
- Supports over 40 programming languages
- Important tool in support of reproducible workflows
- A document format to save and share computational narratives (.ipynb file)
- > 10 million Jupyter Notebooks on GitHub
- Jupyter Lab, next generation user interface





# Setting up your Environment for Reproducibility

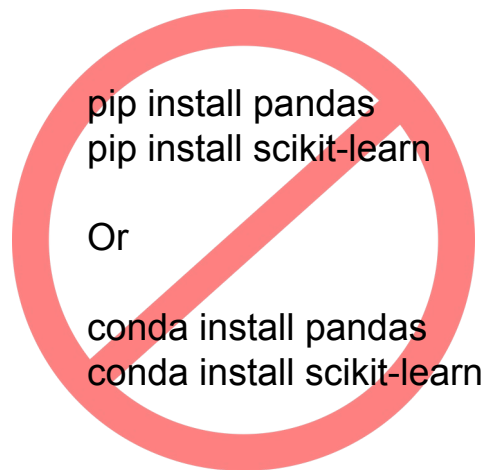
# Conda



- Package management system
  - Conda installs, runs, and updates open source packages (e.g., NumPy, Pandas) and their dependencies, while checking compatibility with all preexisting packages.
- Environment management system
  - Conda allow you to create, save, load and switch between multiple environments on your local computer, as well as share instructions for how to recreate that environment on a different computer.
- Multi-platform (Windows, MacOS, and Linux)
- Multi-language (Python, R, Ruby, Scala, Java, JavaScript, C/ C++, etc.)



# Why Conda Environments?



**Directly installing packages into your base environment will lead to version conflicts, errors, and non-reproducible results.**

environment\_1

python=3.7  
pandas=0.25.0  
scikit-learn=0.20.0

environment\_2

python=3.9  
pandas=1.2.4  
scikit-learn=0.24.2

**By creating conda environments, multiple versions of software packages can co-exists without interference.**

**Conda environment are portable and can be installed on multiple platforms.**

# Define a Conda Environments

Create an **environment.yml** file and place it into the top level of your Git Repository

```
name: notebooks-sharing
```

```
channels:
```

- conda-forge
- anaconda

```
dependencies:
```

- python=3.7
- jupyterlab=3
- pandas=1.2.4
- matplotlib=3.4.2
- joblib=1.0.1
- seaborn=0.11.0
- ipywidgets=7.6.2
- scikit-learn=0.23.2

Use the same name as your Git repository

Specify the channels where to look for packages.  
The order matters!  
The conda-forge channel has newer versions than anaconda channel.

To ensure reproducibility and compatibility of the software packages, specify (“**pin**”) the version number.

Try to use the newer or latest versions of software packages to ensure reusability in the future.

# Create a Conda Environment

Prerequisite: Miniconda3 (light-weight, preferred) or Anaconda3 installed

See instructions: [Expanse](#) (Linux distributions)      [Windows 10 or MacOS](#)

Create a conda environment (Expanse uses a network file system. Creating conda environments is **slow!**)

```
conda env create -f environment.yml
```

List your environments

```
conda env list
```

Activate a conda environment

```
conda activate <environment_name>
```

Deactivate conda environment

```
conda deactivate
```

Remove a conda environment

```
conda env remove -n <environment_name>
```



# Scaling up your Calculations

# Scaling up from a Laptop to Expanse

1. Create and test conda environment on a laptop or desktop
2. Test your code on a small sample
3. Check code into a Git repository
4. Login to Expanse
5. Clone the Git repository
6. Create and test the conda environment\*
7. To run Jupyter Notebook/Lab, specify your environment in:

a. **Conda Environment (Enter your own conda environment if any):**

notebooks-sharing

b. [galileo script](#)  
`galileo sh launch --account sds184 --partition 'shared' --cpus-per-task 1 --memory-per-node 4  
--time-limit 00:30:00 --jupyter 'lab' --notebook-dir "/home/${USER}" --conda-env 'notebooks-sharing'`

\* [https://github.com/ciml-org/ciml-summer-institute-2021/tree/main/1.4\\_installing\\_your\\_own\\_miniconda\\_creating\\_conda\\_environments#14\\_installing\\_your\\_own\\_miniconda\\_creating\\_conda\\_environments](https://github.com/ciml-org/ciml-summer-institute-2021/tree/main/1.4_installing_your_own_miniconda_creating_conda_environments#14_installing_your_own_miniconda_creating_conda_environments)


# Writing and Sharing Computational Analyses in Jupyter Notebooks



OPEN ACCESS

EDITORIAL

# Ten simple rules for writing and sharing computational analyses in Jupyter Notebooks

Adam Rule, Amanda Birmingham, Cristal Zuniga, Ilkay Altintas, Shih-Cheng Huang, Rob Knight, Niema Moshiri, Mai H. Nguyen, Sara Brin Rosenthal, Fernando Pérez, Peter W. Rose 

Published: July 25, 2019 • <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pcbi.1007007>

Paper: <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pcbi.1007007>

Git repo: <https://github.com/jupyter-guide/ten-rules-jupyter>

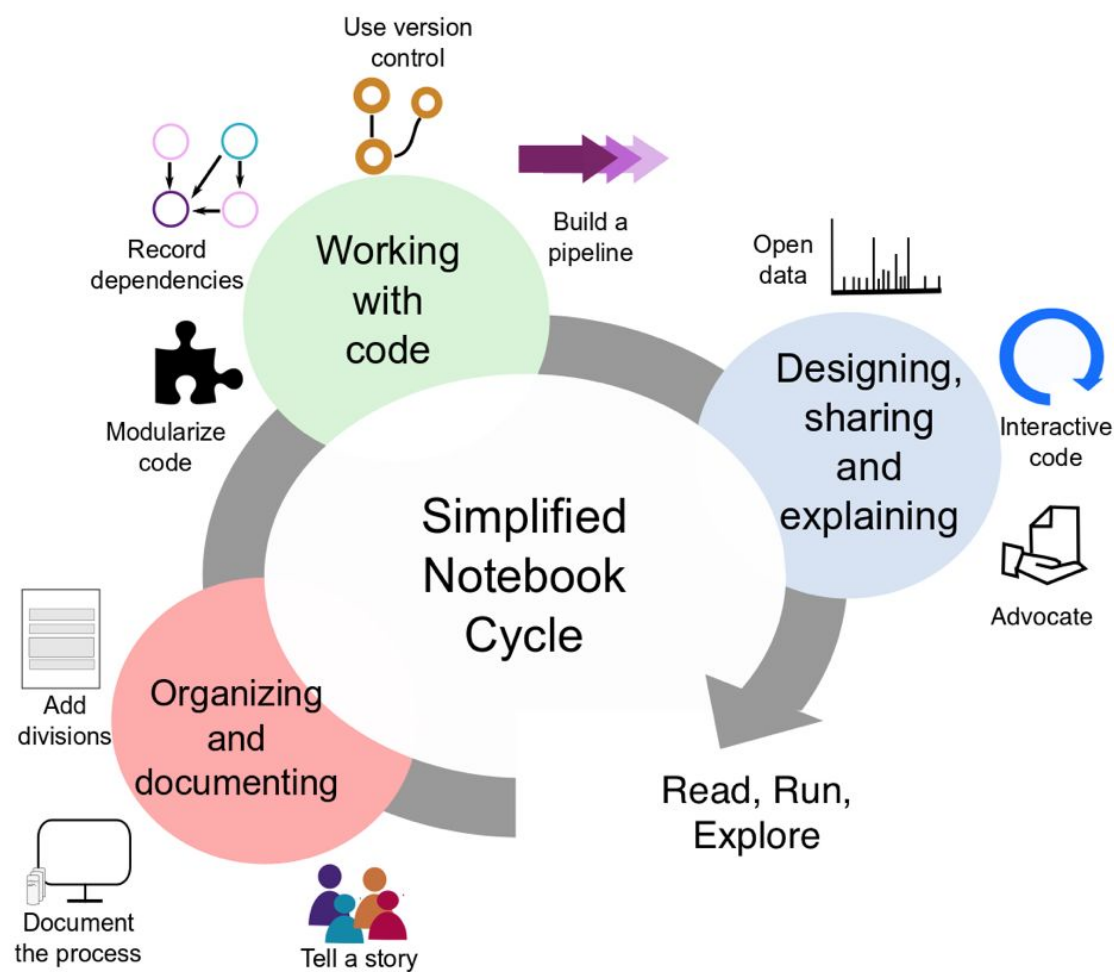
**229**  
Save

**34**  
Citation

**43,128**  
View

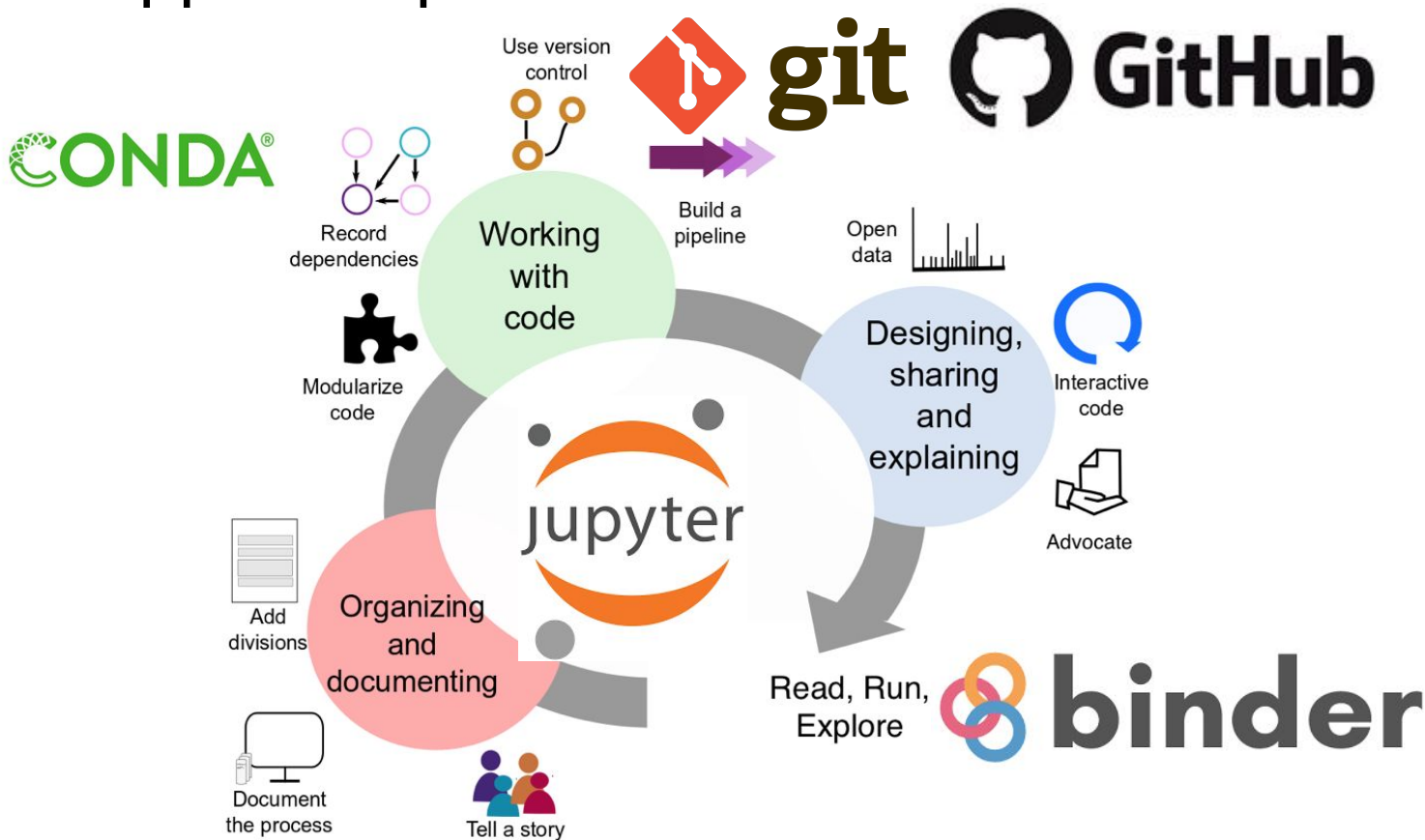
**1,051**  
Share

# Ten Simple Rules



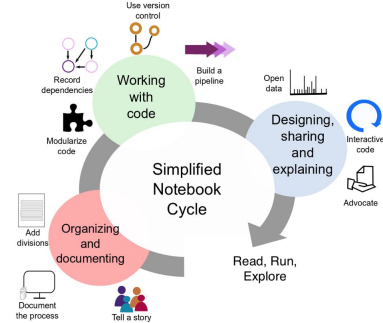


# Tools to Support Reproducible Workflows



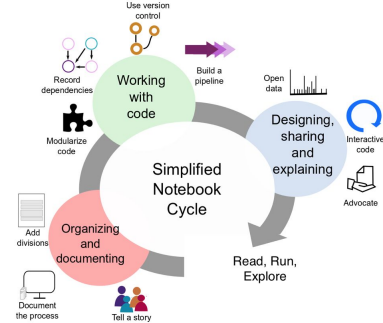
# Organizing and Documenting

- Rule 1: Tell a Story for an Audience
  - Beginning - introduce topic
  - Middle - describe steps
  - End - interprets results
  - Describe not just what you did, by why you did it, how the steps are connected, and what it all means.
  - Adjust your description depending on the intended audience
- Rule 2: Document the process, not just the results
  - Add descriptive notes, e.g., why a particular parameter was chosen
- Rule 3: Use cell divisions to make steps clear
  - Avoid long cells
  - Limit each cell to one meaningful step
  - Split long notebooks into a series of notebooks
  - Keep a top-level index notebook with links to the individual notebooks



# Working with Code

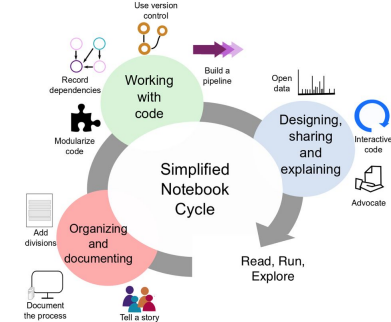
- Rule 4: Modularize Code
  - Use functions instead of duplicating code cells
- Rule 5: Record Dependencies
  - Manage your dependencies explicitly from the start using a tool such as
    - Conda's `environment.yml`
    - pip's `requirements.txt`
- Rule 6: Use Version Control
  - Consider using a public repository from the beginning of a project
  - Tie research results to specific software versions
- Rule 7: Build a Pipeline
  - Design notebooks with reuse in mind (different input data and parameters)
  - Define key input data and parameters at the top of each notebook
  - Break long notebooks into smaller notebooks that focus on one or a few analysis steps.



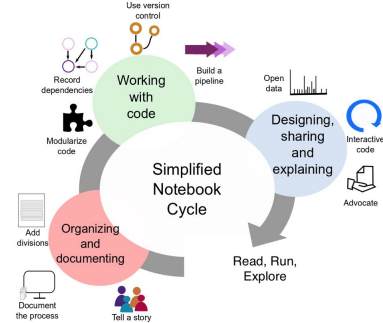
# Sharing, explaining

- Rule 8: Share and Explain Your Data

- Share your data in a repository with a persistent identifier, e.g., DOI or ARK
  - Bio repositories, e.g., NCBI, Ensemble, PDB
  - General repositories, e.g., Zenodo <https://zenodo.org/>
- Small datasets can be stored in GitHub with your source code (< 50MB)
  - E.g., in a /data folder
- Very large datasets
  - Consider using a sample of the data and a link to the original data
- Save intermediate data after data processing
  - E.g., in /intermediate\_data folder
  - Can be used to verify each step in a workflow



# Sharing, explaining cont.



- Rule 9: Design your notebooks to be read, run, and explored
  - Git repository
    - Add a descriptive README file
    - Add a LICENCE file (liberal licence, e.g., MIT, Apache 2)
    - Add a static HTML/PDF file of your notebooks for long-term preservation
    - Add Binder badge/link to launch notebooks in the cloud (<https://mybinder.org/>)
  - Consider using ipywidgets to add menus or sliders to enable interactive exploration of parameters



# Sharing, explaining cont.

- Rule 10: Advocate for open research
  - Apply what you learned in this tutorial in your own research and be an advocate for open and reproducible research in your lab or workplace
  - Publish a fully reproducible paper! Create all figures, data tables, and all other computational results using Jupyter Notebook and deposit in Github.



**Brad Voytek**  @bradleyvoytek · 20 Apr 2018

Our lab's moving to this model: publish "static PDF" papers as expected, but also a shadow, interactive [@ProjectJupyter](#) version alongside that has all code to process, analyze, and visualize data.

"The Scientific Paper Is Obsolete" featuring [@fperez\\_org](#)



**The Scientific Paper Is Obsolete**

Here's what's next.

[theatlantic.com](#)

# Enabling Reproducibility and Reusability

Hosting runnable Notebooks in the  
Public Cloud (for free)

# The binder Project

A community that builds free and open-source tools  
for **reproducible, sharable scientific environments**  
that are **workflow- and platform-agnostic**.





**<https://mybinder.org/>**

# Turn a Git repo into a collection of interactive notebooks

Have a repository full of Jupyter notebooks? With Binder, open those notebooks in an executable environment, making your code immediately reproducible by anyone, anywhere.

New to Binder? Get started with a Zero-to-Binder tutorial in [Julia](#), [Python](#) or [R](#).

## Build and launch a repository

GitHub repository name or URL

GitHub ▼

Git ref (branch, tag, or commit)



Path to a notebook file (optional)

File ▼

# Public Cloud Environments

Platform	URL	Memory	Cores	Use for	Comments	Account
<b>MyBinder</b>	<a href="https://mybinder.org/">https://mybinder.org/</a>	2GB	1	small examples	some ports are blocked	no
<b>Pangeo Binder</b>	<a href="https://binder.pangeo.io/">https://binder.pangeo.io/</a>	32GB (?)	6 (?)	when exceeding MyBinder limits	open ports, e.g., FTP	no
<b>Google Colab</b>	<a href="https://research.google.com/colaboratory/">https://research.google.com/colaboratory/</a>	variable	?	GPU/TPU	software installations using pip in Notebook, share notebooks on Google Drive	yes
<b>CyVerse</b>	<a href="https://cyverse.org/discovery-environment">https://cyverse.org/discovery-environment</a>	per request	per request	store notebooks, results, and data	100GB storage	yes



# Set up for Hands-on Session On Thur. June 24

- Sign up for a free personal GitHub account
  - <https://docs.github.com/en/get-started/signing-up-for-github/signing-up-for-a-new-github-account>
- Run the software installation and run example to test installation
  - [https://github.com/ciml-org/ciml-summer-institute-2021/tree/main/1.4\\_installing\\_your\\_own\\_miniconda\\_creating\\_conda\\_environments#14\\_installing\\_your\\_own\\_miniconda\\_creating\\_conda\\_environments](https://github.com/ciml-org/ciml-summer-institute-2021/tree/main/1.4_installing_your_own_miniconda_creating_conda_environments#14_installing_your_own_miniconda_creating_conda_environments)
- If you run into problems, describe your problem or put screen shot in the “conda-notebooks” Slack channel and mention your Expanse account name (xdtrXX)
- If you want run of you own projects, follow the same workflow (e.g., create an environment.yml file for you project)

Questions?