

# The importance of citing the software you use...

- At its simplest, you need to cite software - and the version of the software and associated packages and dependencies in order to do reproducible research - breaking changes can occur when software is updated - `lsmeans` became `emmeans` in R - also, when R changed how the `sample()` function worked.
- Researchers and RSEs are often measured by their citation count - you'd never re-use some else's research findings without citing the paper, so why would you re-use someone else's software without citing it?

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