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Using Emacs Org-mode to Create Reproducible Research

[Demo]*

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ABSTRACT

One important aspect of open science is the ability to reproduce results using the published data set. For this purpose it is crucial to use similar methods and tools as the original author producing the same result set. Reproducible research is a movement that tries to bridge this gap: within one single set of data one can not only find the raw data but also the methods and tools to process the data. The ultimate discipline is to complete this cycle from the raw data up to the presentation in the derived paper. This paper demonstrates using a simple example how to combine raw data, scripts of various languages, and the describing text of a paper in one single file.

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1.1 Formal Experiment

In [5] the authors describe a formal experiment conducted with 18 test persons in the field of information retrieval. The original data set is available online¹. This paper here

1.1.1 Reading in refinding tagstore values

Reading in raw data related to seconds per task from CSV file:

The following shell commands reads in a CSV file, removes all values before the character ";" (thus removing all values related to number of mouse clicks), removes all incomplete lines (containing the string "TC"), and removes the header line as well (using the tail command):

^{*}The full source code of this paper is available on github https://github.com/novoid/orgmode-iKNOW2012 †

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 $^{^1 \}rm https://github.com/novoid/2011-01-tagstore-formal-experiment$

1.1.2 Generating mean values

In the next step, the mean values per test person will be calculated using the programming language Python:

```
import numpy
return [round(numpy.average(row),2) for row in mytable]
```

This time, the (long) output list of mean values is being suppressed for layout purposes.

1.1.3 Sorting values

```
echo ${myvalues} | sed 's/ /\n/g' | sort -nr
```

#+RESULTS: TS-sort-mean-values

1.1.4 Process folder values

```
sed 's/.*;//' refinding_folders.csv | \
  grep -v "TC" | \
   tail -n +2
```

#+RESULTS: F-time-per-task

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```

import numpy

return [round(numpy.average(row),2) for row in mytable]

```
echo ${myvalues} | sed 's/ /\n/g' | sort -nr
```

#+RESULTS: F-sort-mean-values

1.1.5 Plotting data

```
png('my_boxplot_data.png')
mTSdata=c(3.95, 4.25, 5.22, 6.2, 5.27, 10.27, 4.63, 5.97, 3.27, 4.55, 4.55, 6.92, 7.48, 6.57, 7.25)
\#par(mai=c(0.8,0.8,0,0), omd=c(0,0.5,0,1))
# bot, lef, top, rig
boxplot( list(mTSdata, mFdata),
```

names=c("tagstore", "folders"), xlab="Task Times", ylab="Seconds", pars = list(boxwex = 0.3, staplewex = 0.5, boxfill="lightblue"))

#+RESULTS: draw-histogram

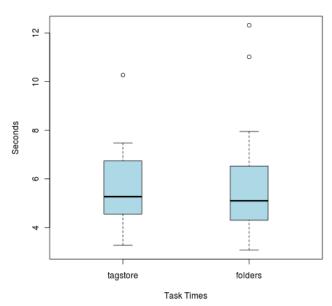


Figure 1: Comparison of the two task conditions for re-finding: tagstore and folders. There is no significant difference between the two conditions.

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
#n, bins, patches = plt.hist(myvalues, histtype="bar")
plt.xlabel('Sorted Average Task Times')
plt.ylabel('Seconds')
plt.bar(range(1,len(myvalues)+1), myvalues)
plt.savefig("my_hist.png", format="png")
```

1.2 boxplot-test

```
png('my_boxplot_test.png')
#lmts <- range(x1,x2,y1,y2)
par(mfrow = c(1, 2))
boxplot(mydata, mydata, xlab="x")
```

#+RESULTS: boxplot-test

1.3 Overview

Table 1: Overview of the input values, execution mFdata=c(4.3, 3.72, 5.1, 4.03, 5.7, 6.97, 5.68, 11.02, 4latiguiages, and Bouttout, values. 5.72, 4.77, 3.65, 6.53)

Input	Language	Output
refinding_tagstore.csv	shell	task time values
task time values	Python	average time values
average time values	shell	sorted numbers
average time values	R	boxplot of times

1.4 End

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