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Introduction to the tools of reproducibility in bioinformatics

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Literate programming

Introduction

What is literate programming ?

Definition

"Literate programming is a programming paradigm introduced by Donald Knuth in which a computer program is given an explanation of its logic in a natural language, such as English, interspersed with snippets of macros and traditional source code, from which compilable source code can be generated."

Wikipedia, 18/08/2020
(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Literate_programming#Workflow)

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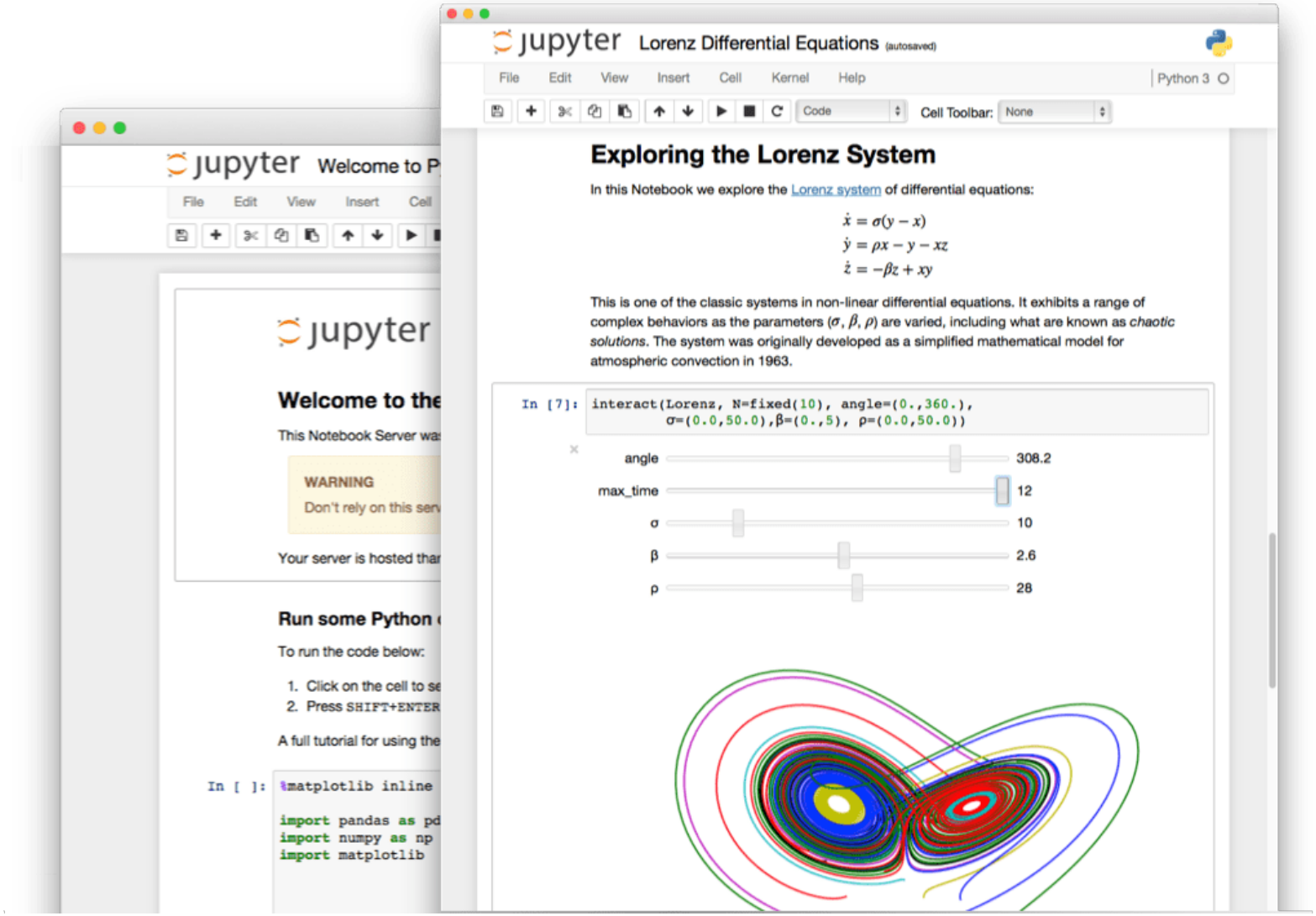
What does it look like ?



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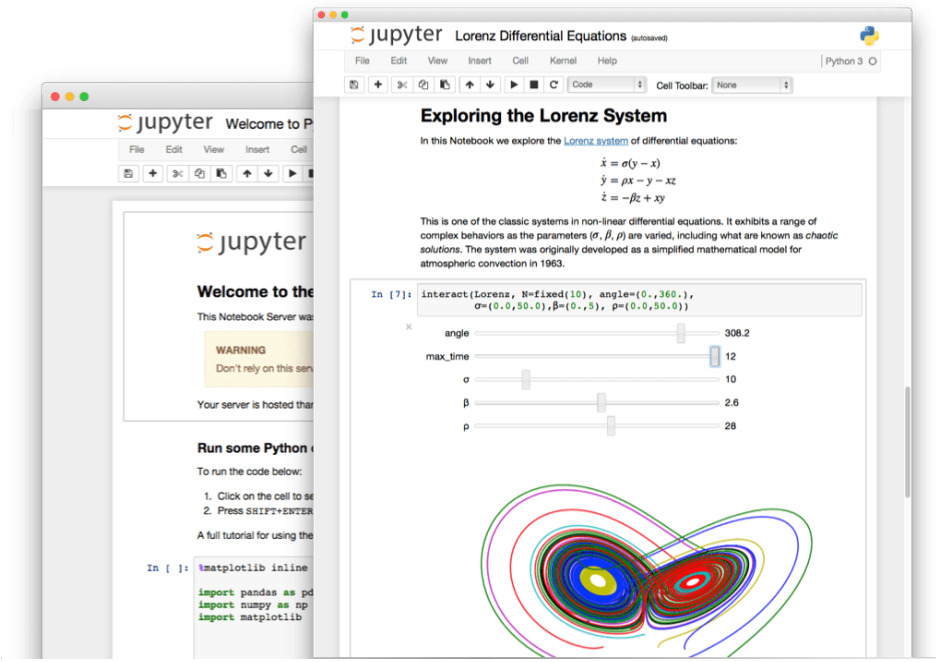

Interactive programming interface allowing to combine both natural and computer languages.

In one file:

- Explanations
- Code
- Results
- Graphs and plots

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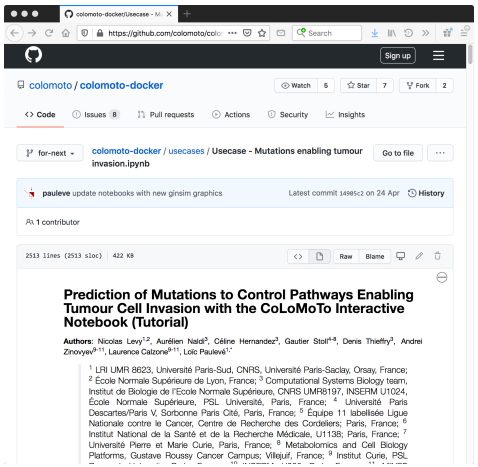
Why using literate programming frameworks ?

Use cases:

- Day to day analyses
- Analysis reports
- Writing scientific articles

Example of an article entirely written using a notebook

File (on a repository)



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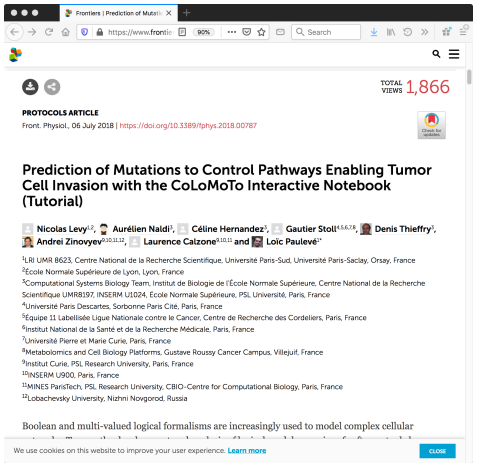

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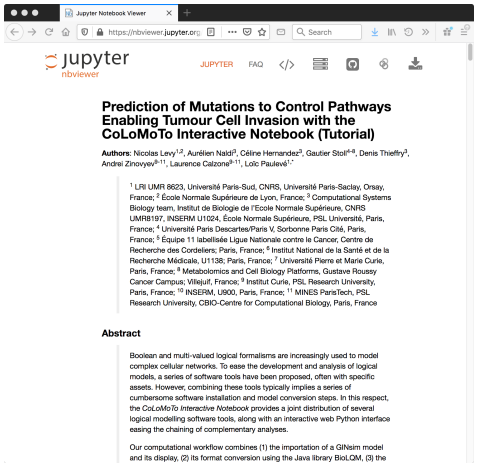

Literate programming

This session :

- Markdown
- Rmarkdown and RStudio
- Jupyter

Markup and markdown

Definition

A markup language uses tags to define elements within a document.

Three different types and usage :

- Presentational (used by traditional word-processing systems)
  - Markup is invisible
- Procedural, provides instructions to process the text (e.g. TeX, PostScript)
  - Markup is visible and can be directly manipulated by the author.
- Descriptive, to label documents parts (e.g. LaTeX, HTML, XML...)
  - Emphasizes the document structure.

Markdown language

Markdown is a Lightweight markup language.
Designed to be :

- easy to write using any generic text editor (plain-text-formatting syntax)
- easy to read in its raw form

Markdown language

You've probably see it already on GitHub (README), Wikipedia...

```
# Heading

## Sub-heading

### Another deeper heading

A [link](http://example.com).

Text attributes _italic_, *italic*, **bold**, `monospace`.

Bullet list:

  * apples
  * oranges
  * pears
```

Github guides : https://guides.github.com/features/mastering-markdown/

Markdown language

Une page de wiki est disponible sur FAIR_bioinfo
https://github.com/thomasdenecker/FAIR_Bioinfo/wiki/Markdown