Reproducible Research: The R Ecosystem, Github, Etc.

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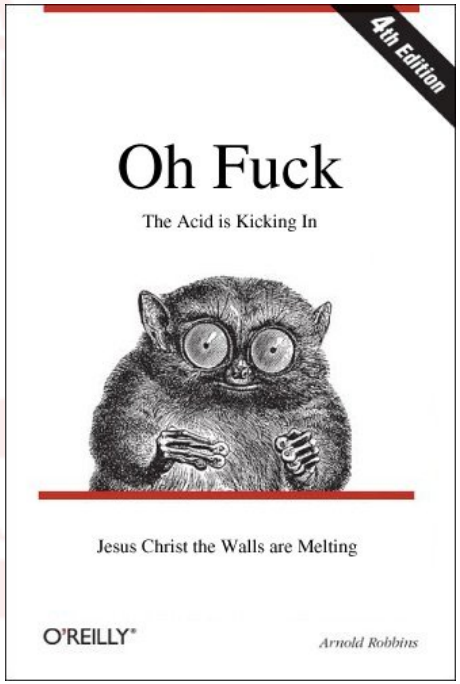

Introduction
The practice of research (II)

Even worse: Imagine you need to reproduce other's experiments

- Or any one else reproduce your experiments ... in teams

Need of many assets

- Experiment run
- Data analysis
- Experiment documentation
- Paper authoring
- On-line publication

Need of procedures and tools to handle this

Our objective

Formalize the whole publishing *collaborative* process

Introduction
Reproducible research

> "Reproducible research is the idea that data analyses, and more generally, scientific claims, are published with their data and software code so that others may verify the findings and build upon them."
> `http://reproducibleresearch.net/`

Reproducible research is a cornerstone of research

- Science **must** be reproducible

Introduction
Components of reproducible research

We can distinguish two types of experiments

- Repetible
- Reproducible

Reproducible research involves

- Collaborative code development (`Git`, `GitHub`)
- Experiment run (`Python`)
- Statistical analysis (`R`)
- Process documentation (`Markdown`)
- Results writting (`Bookdown`, `Knitr`, `Swave`)
- Assets publication (`GitHub`)

Literate Programming

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

- It has been around for many years...
- `https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Literate_programming`

Tex

TEX(= tau epsilon chi, and pronounced similar to "blecch", not to the state known for 'Tex-Mex' chili) is a computer language designed for use in typesetting; in particular, for typesetting math and other technical (from Greek "techne" = art/craft, the stem of 'technology') material.
`tug.org/whatis.html`

- It has been around for many years...
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Tex and Latex

LaTeX, which is pronounced «Lah-tech» or «Lay-tech» (to rhyme with «blech» or «Bertolt Brecht»), is a document preparation system for high-quality typesetting. It is most often used for medium-to-large technical or scientific documents but it can be used for almost any form of publishing.
`http://www.latex-project.org/about/`

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Markdown

Extremely easy to learn.

knitr

http://yihui.name/knitr/demo/minimal/

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knitr

knitr extracts R code in the input document, evaluates it and writes the results to the output document
http://yihui.name/knitr/
Rnw, Markdown, HTML and LaTeX

Git and GitHub

Git

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/R_(programming_language)

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`www.github.com`

Publish Websites, etc.

Conclusions

- Learn Bash and other tools for it: awk, make, sort,
- Learn Git, R or Python.
- If you use R/Python for your research automate as much as possible. It is much easier to modify.
- Try to stick to Open/libre software GNU/Linux, R, Python, etc.