Reproducibility in Scientific Research

We're doing it wrong

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What are we talking about?

(According to ACM)

- Repeatability: same team, same setting
- Reproducibility: different team, same setting
- Replicability: different team, different setting

What reproducibility can do for the others

- Colleagues/students
- Reviewers
- The research community
- The world!

What reproducibility can do for you

- Better control over your workflow
- Higher confidence in your results
- Quicker prototyping
- Reproducible research gains more attention
- Think of yourself in five years' time as a different person

Tricks of the trade

- Git: Commit before experiments and tag the results
- Build a "script cascade" (using configuration files)
 - One "root" run.sh script
 - Several child scripts (figure1.sh, exp1.sh, ...)
- Provide a container image (please!)
- TELL ME YOUR RANDOM SEED(s)
- And infinitely many others
 - o pip / conda / maven
 - notebooks
 - Automatic LaTeX report generation

Conclusions

- *Design* your workflow to be reproducible
- Don't be lazy
- YOU FORGOT THE RANDOM SEEDS

One more thing...



