

Jug: Reproducible Research in Python

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A Processing Pipeline in Python

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    return . . .  
  
def compute(fs , param):  
    return . . .  
  
def write_output(results):  
    . . .  
  
intermediate = []  
for i in glob('*.txt'):  
    intermediate.append(preprocessing(i))  
results = []  
for pvalue in [0.5, 1.0, 2.0, 4.0]  
    results.append(compute(intermediate , pvalue))  
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Running jug...

```
$ jug execute &  
[1] 20332  
$ jug execute &  
[2] 20333  
$ █
```

Jug Enhances Reproducibility

Dark Side of Computational Analysis

- “What was the parameter that generated this result? I think it was $\frac{1}{2}$, right? Had to be.”
- “Deleted the intermediate results, reran; now everything is different.”
- “We cannot reproduce the table in our own paper.”

Advantages of Jug

- With jug, changing parameters **will trigger recomputation of all downstream results**.
- **jug invalidate** handles all dependencies
- Unlike **make**, you can use any Python function

Finding Out More About Jug...

- Talk to me **in person**
- `luis@luispedro.org`
- <http://github.com/luispedro/jug>
the code
- <http://jug.rtf.d.org>
read the fine documentation