

EBE Coding Club

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Agenda

- Introduction (mainly for Master's students) (20 mins)
- Quick example of running through code (10 mins)
- Introduction to the Google Sheet (5 mins)
(https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1XllqjvRFsqNQNIqvZIBernd_pKca1xUAxY15ILO0d8A/edit?usp=sharing)
- Informal discussion about what to do with the club (20 mins)



Introduction



We all like animals...



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Masters courses

- [Animal Behaviour MRes](#)
- [Conservation Biology MRes](#)
- [Evolutionary Biology MRes](#)
- [Global Biodiversity Conservation MSc](#)

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We all like animals...so why coding?



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- Arguably the most important skill to learn for your career.
- “Importantly, the **demand for programming skills has doubled in 2018 compared to that of 2006**. There is no indication that the increase in need for programming and data skills has slowed or will slow anytime soon. The doubled demand in programming skills in the job market not only deserves broad attention, but also provides the foundations for actions to address this increasing need. **Early career ecologists should be aware of the shifted expectations in skill sets and the form of work. The training of the desired skillsets should be implemented in the education system of colleges and universities.**”

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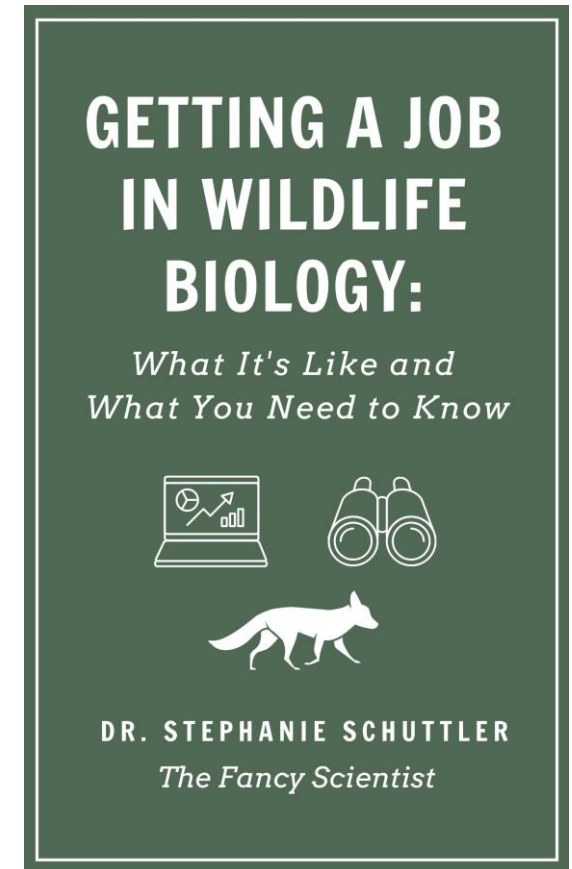
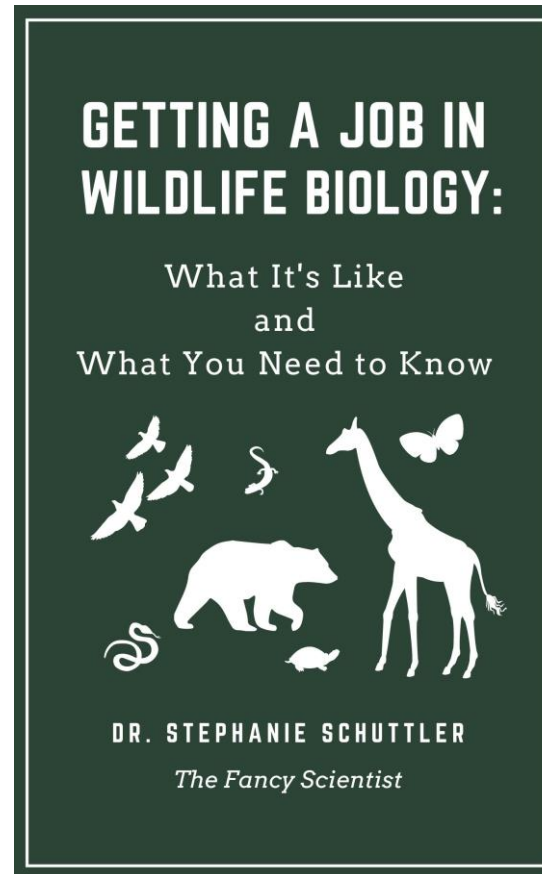
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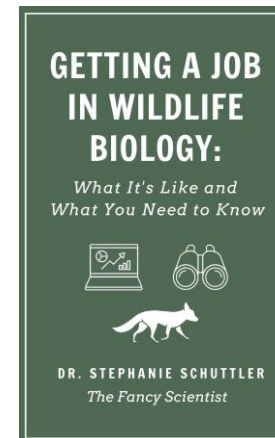
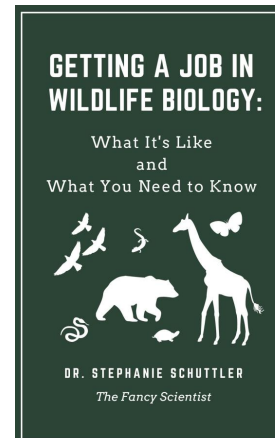
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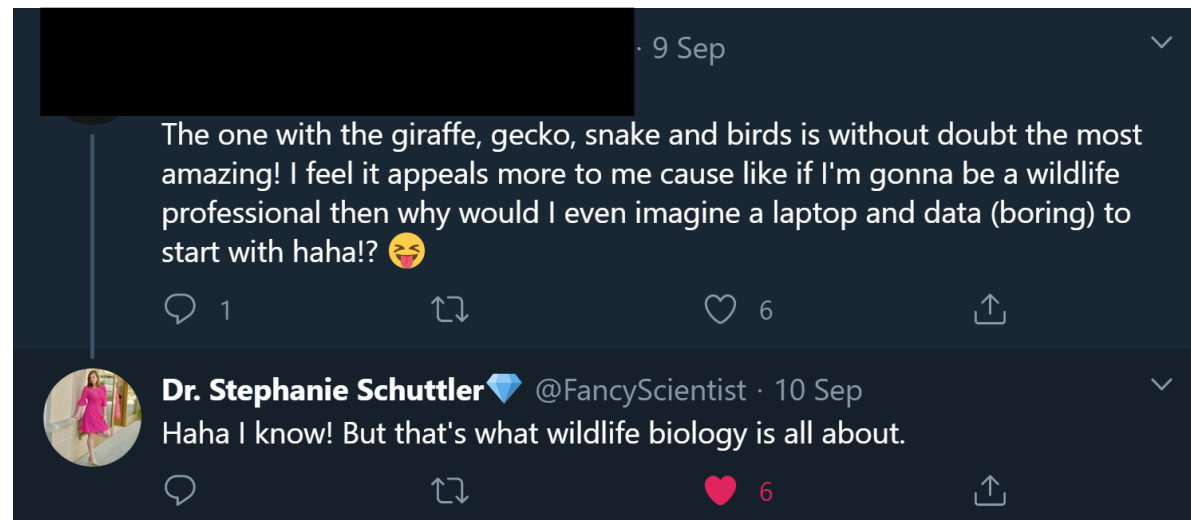
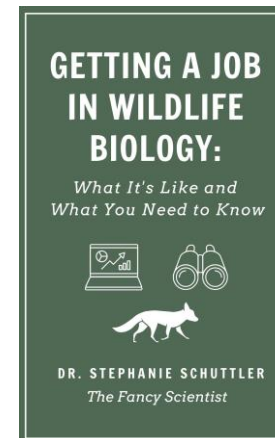
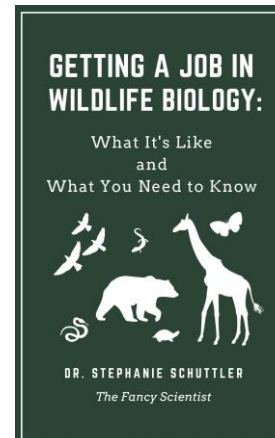
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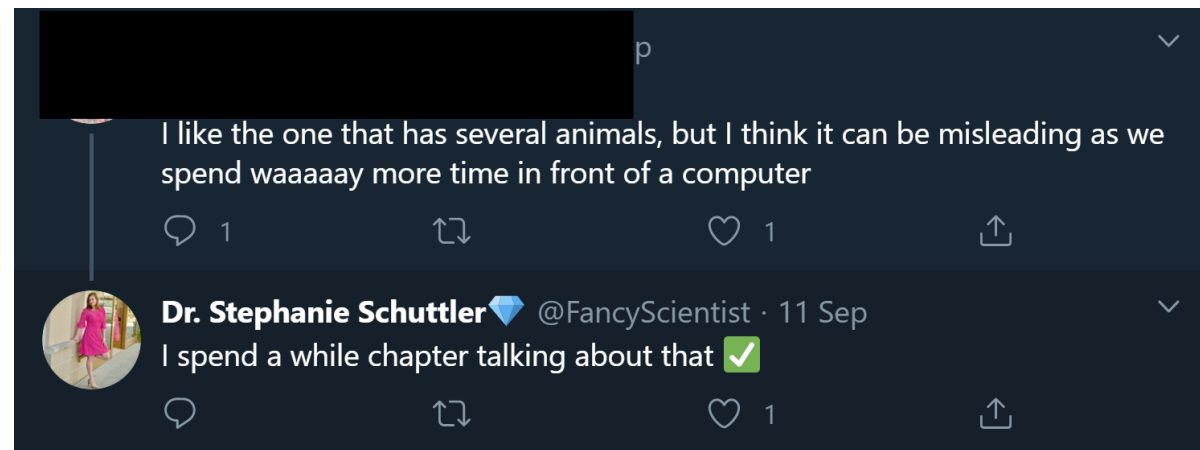
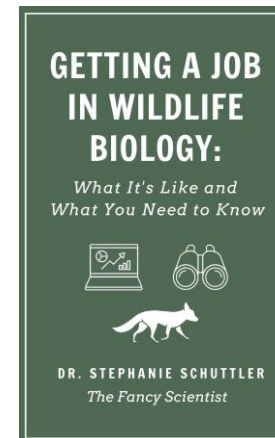
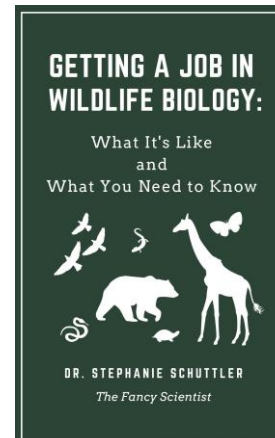
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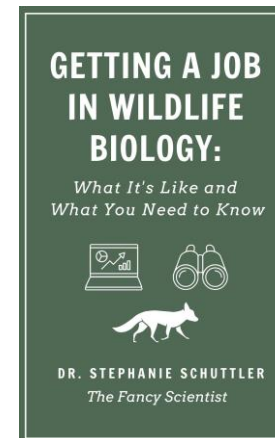
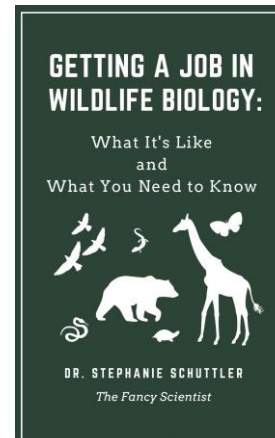
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9 Sep

Hm... Where's the 70% of the animal reign (marine) ?!

Hopefully somebody has said this already, but a few plants would be nice (and also accurate if you are focussing on wildlife in the IUCN definition of the word). Maybe some fungi too. Unless you do actually mean animal biology, in which case I would change the title.

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Dr. Stephanie Schuttler @FancyScientist · 10 Sep

I do talk about how plants, etc are considered wildlife, but I differentiate that when it comes to jobs, most people are referring to terrestrial vertebrates. I also explain that many of these jobs do not involve wildlife directly, but rather habitat. I do not want to use...

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1 more reply

What can we get from coding?


- Data analysis
- Data visualisation
- Reproducibility
- Huge, supportive community

Data analysis

- Many forms of ecological analyses...

- Distance sampling 

- Network analysis  NetDraw

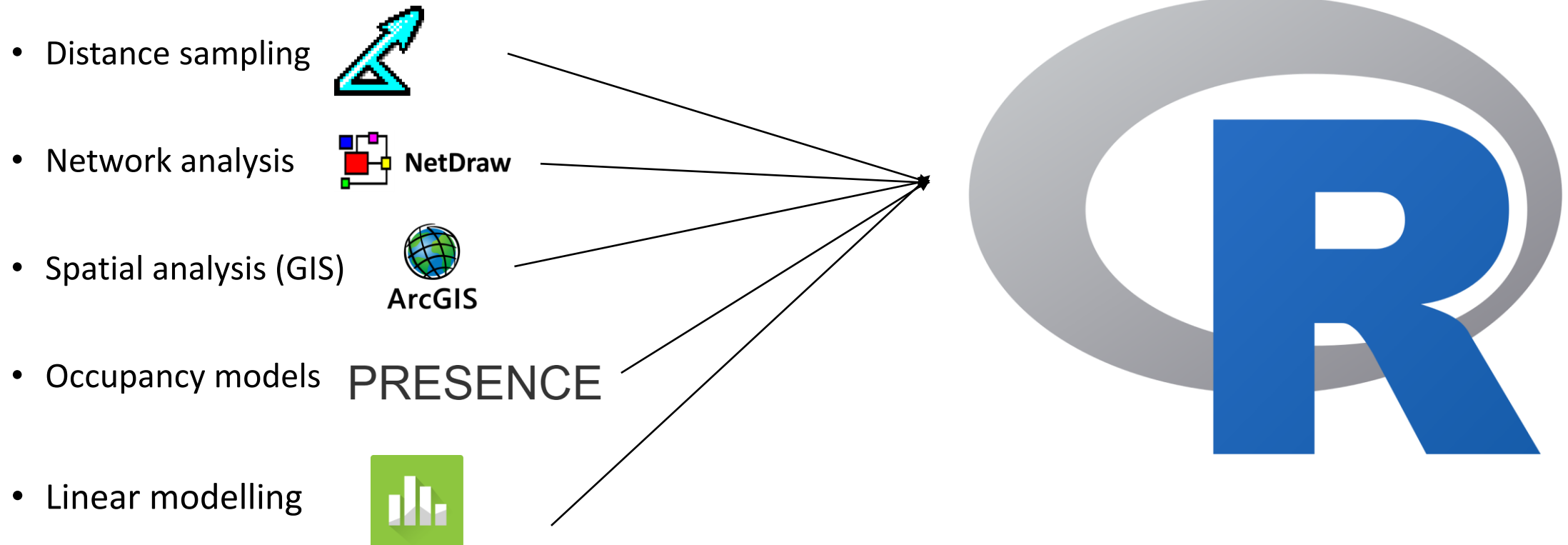
- Spatial analysis (GIS) 
ArcGIS

- Occupancy models PRESENCE

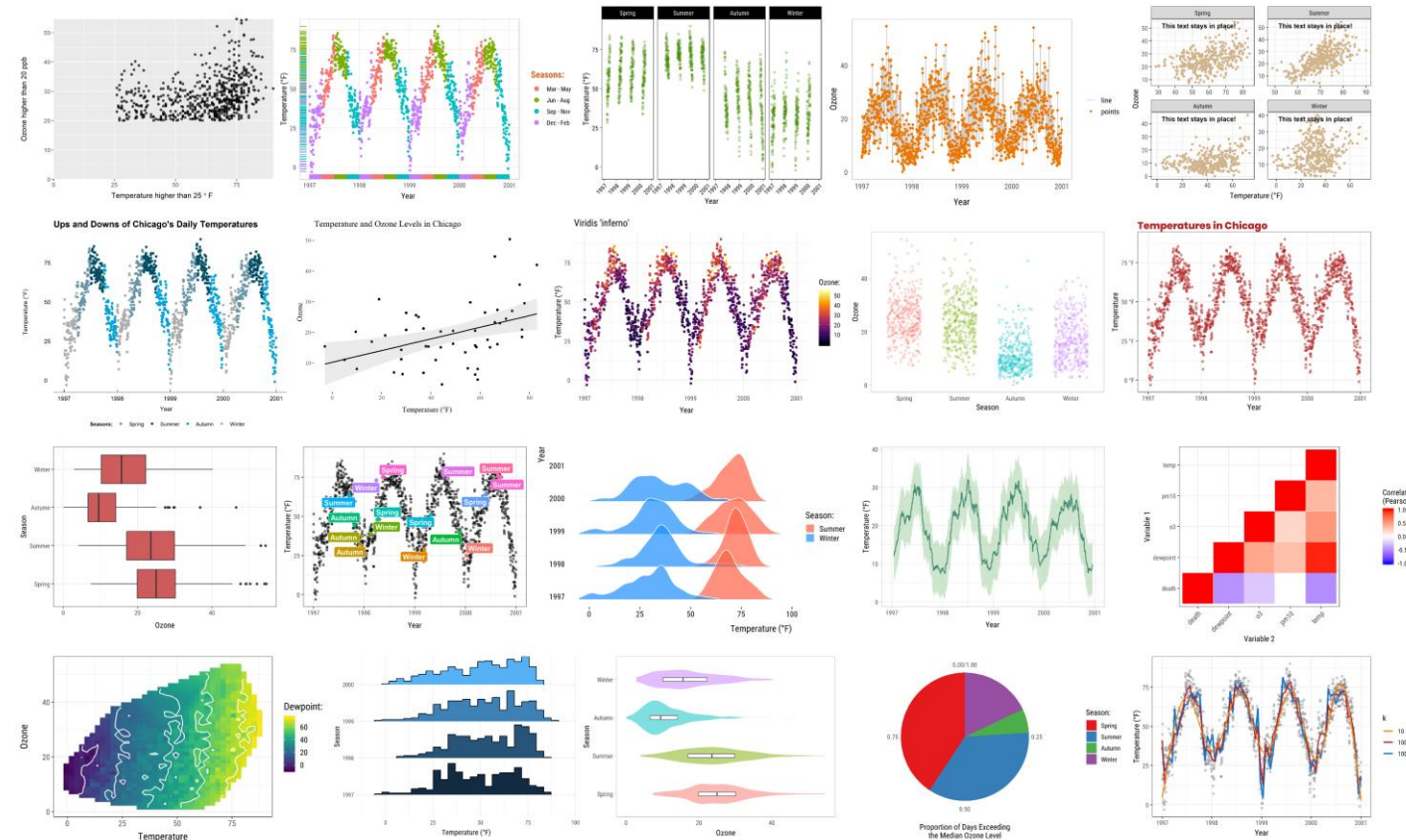
- Linear modelling 

Data analysis

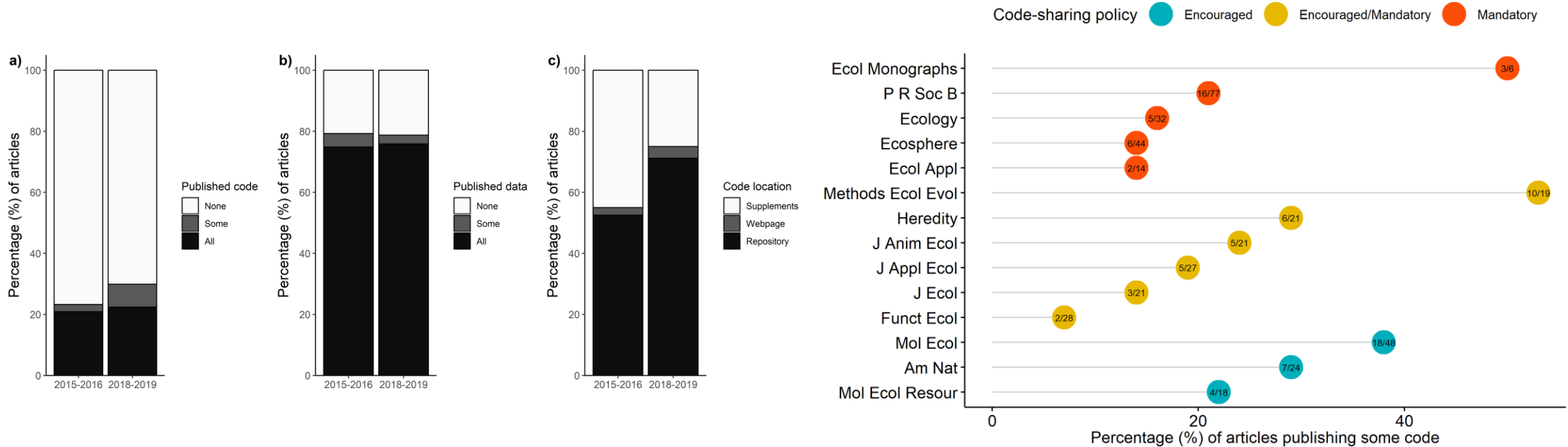
- Many forms of ecological analyses...using just one software/language.



- https://twitter.com/Diego_EllisSo/to/status/1288851798661488641

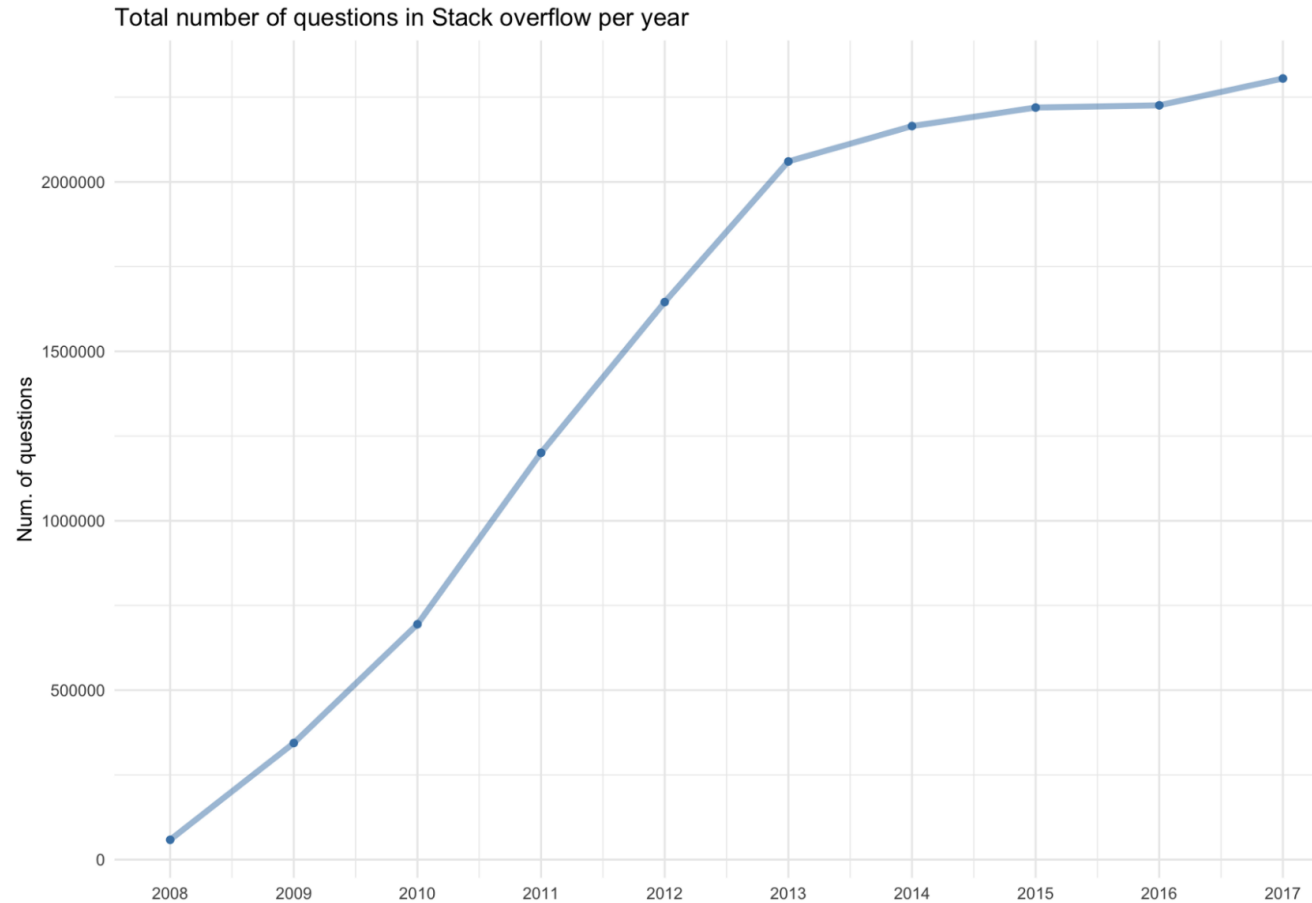


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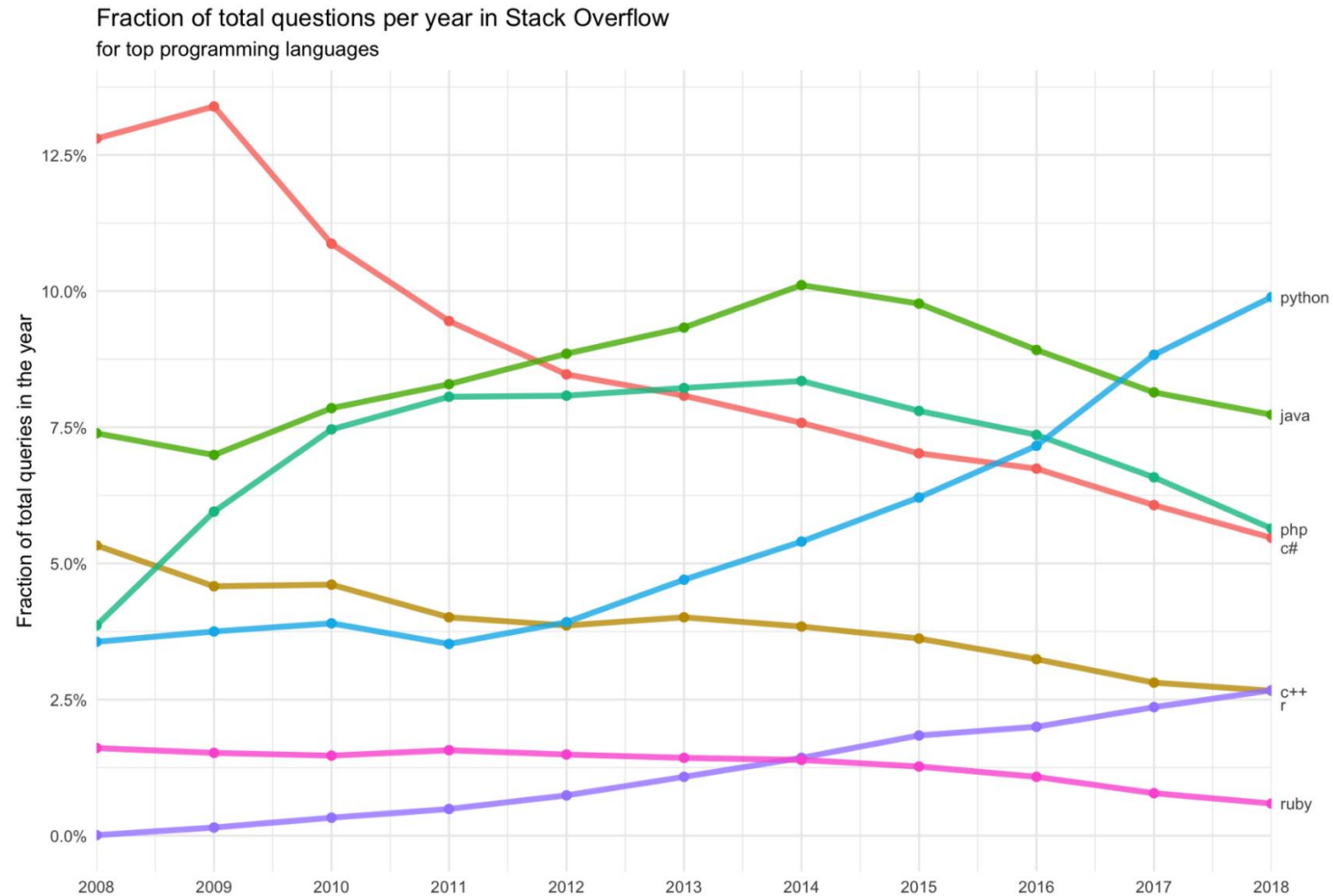


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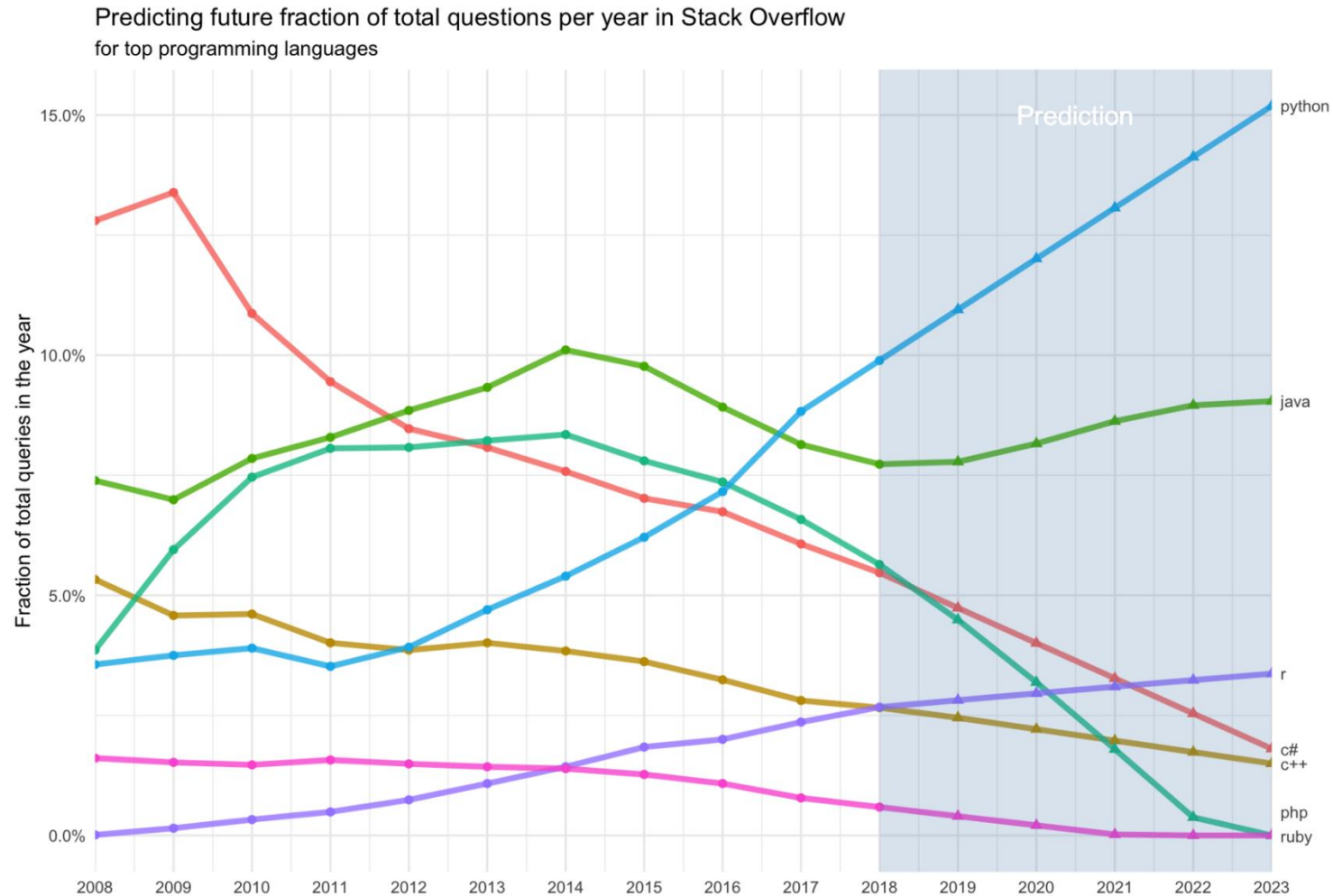
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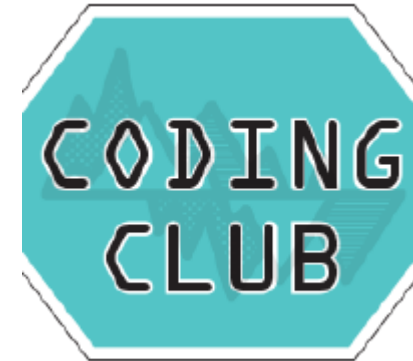
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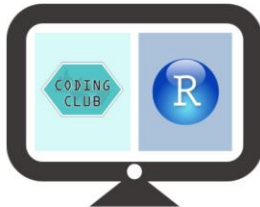
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R basics

Data manipulation

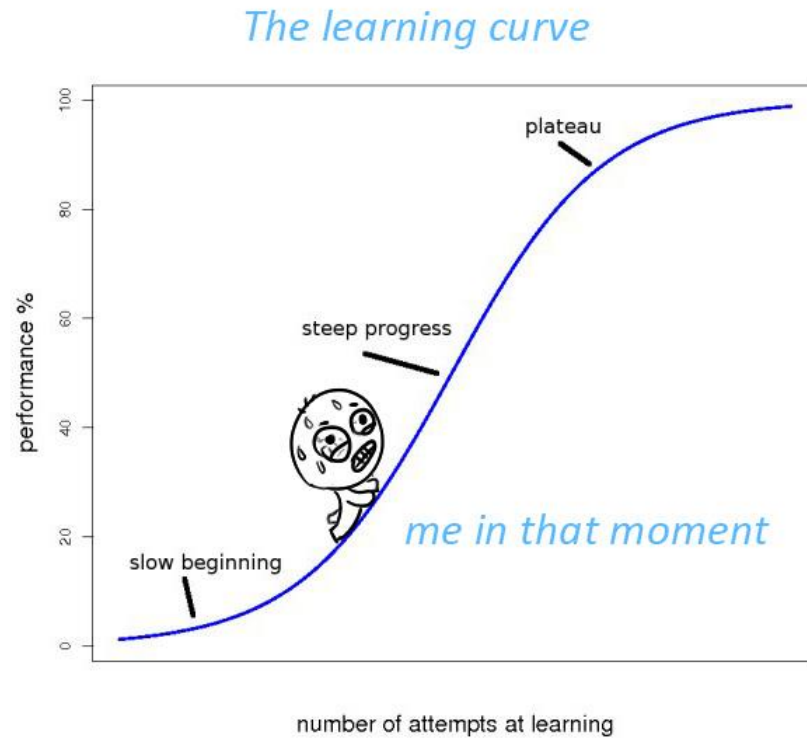
Data visualisation

Modelling

Spatial data

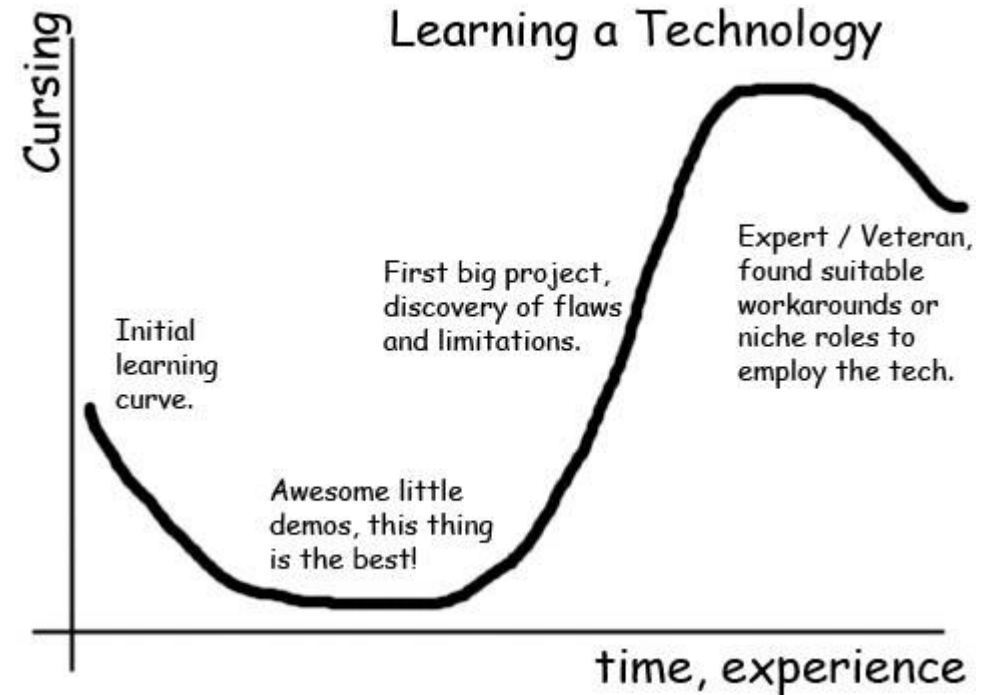
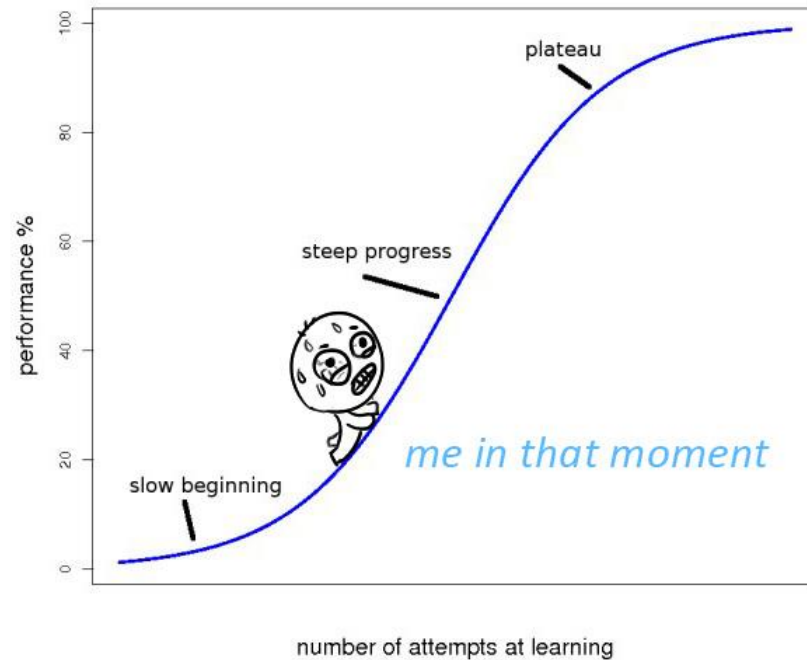
Reproducible research

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The learning curve




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Rule 1: Begin with the end in mind

Rule 2: Baby steps are steps

Rule 3: Immersion is the best learning tool

Rule 4: Phone a friend

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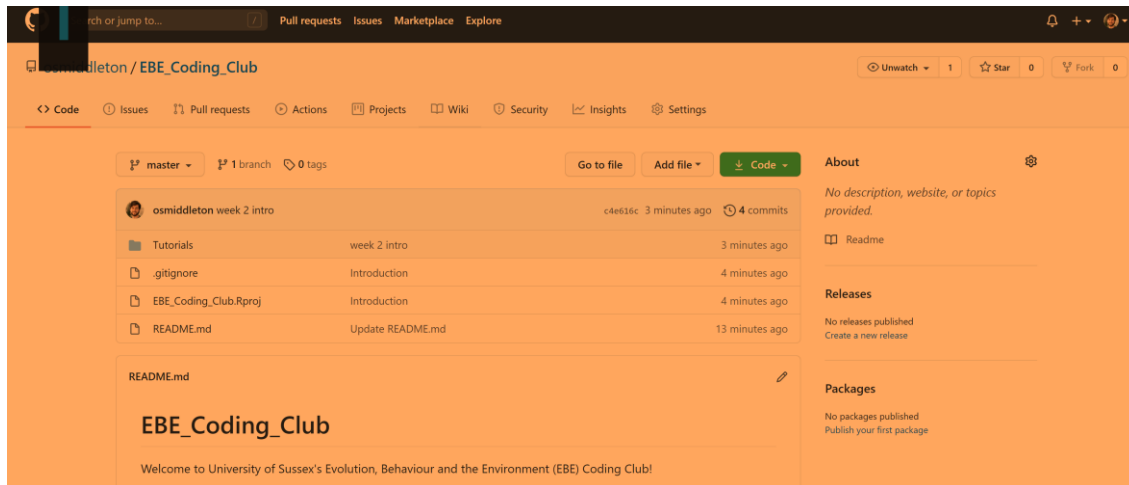
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What we will be doing in Coding Club

- Our own supportive coding community:
 - Sharing
 - Advice
 - Brainstorming
 - De-bugging
- Year-long support for UG/Masters students.
- **Short** tutorial each week on some code of interest.
- All material will be hosted on Owen Middleton's GitHub.

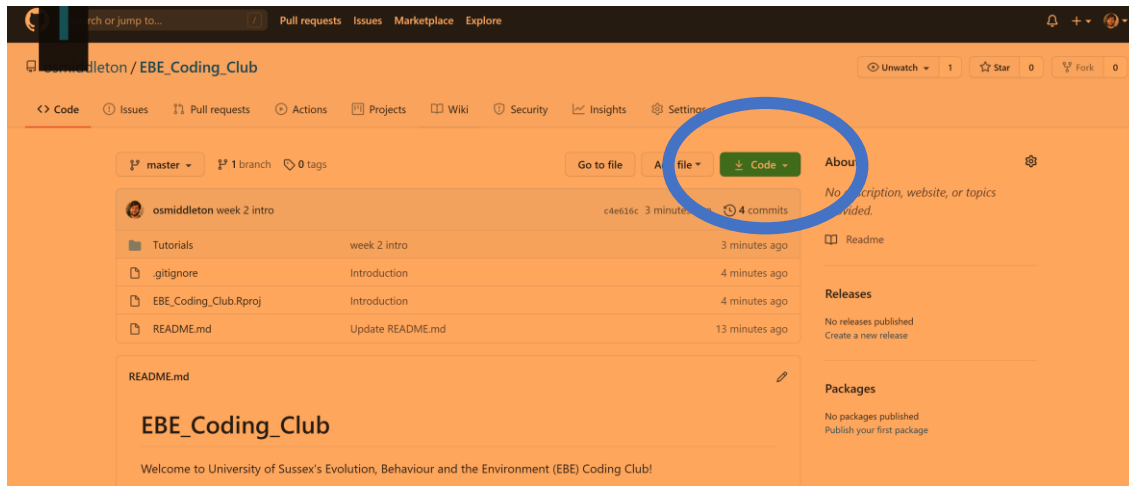


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- Useful for storing files for individual projects.
- Fundamental for complicated collaborative projects (more experienced).



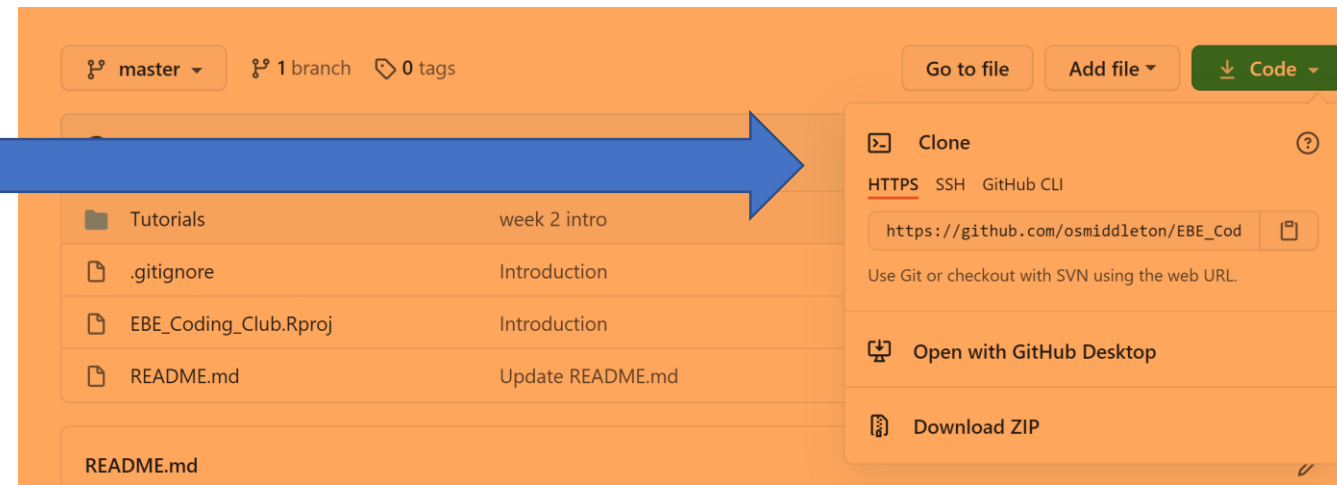
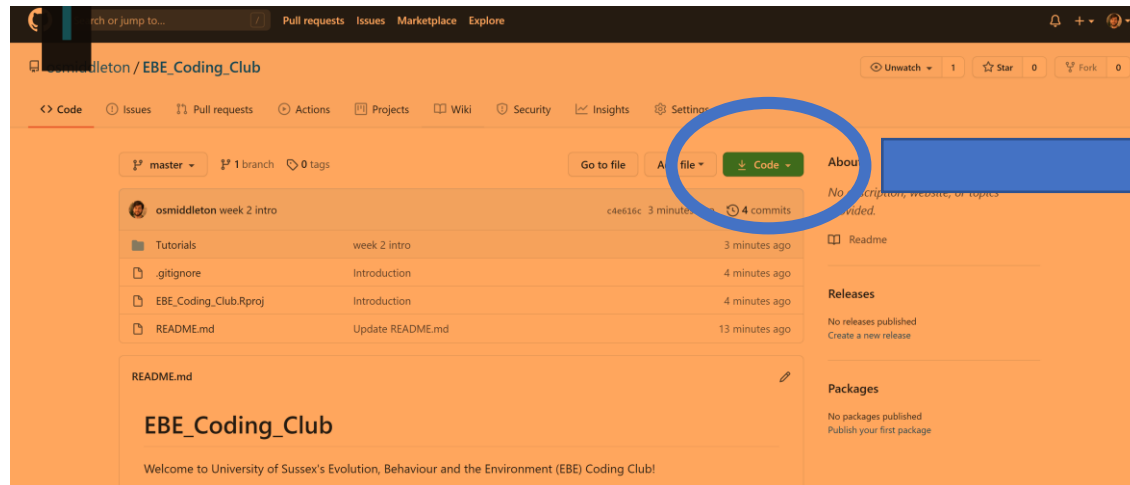


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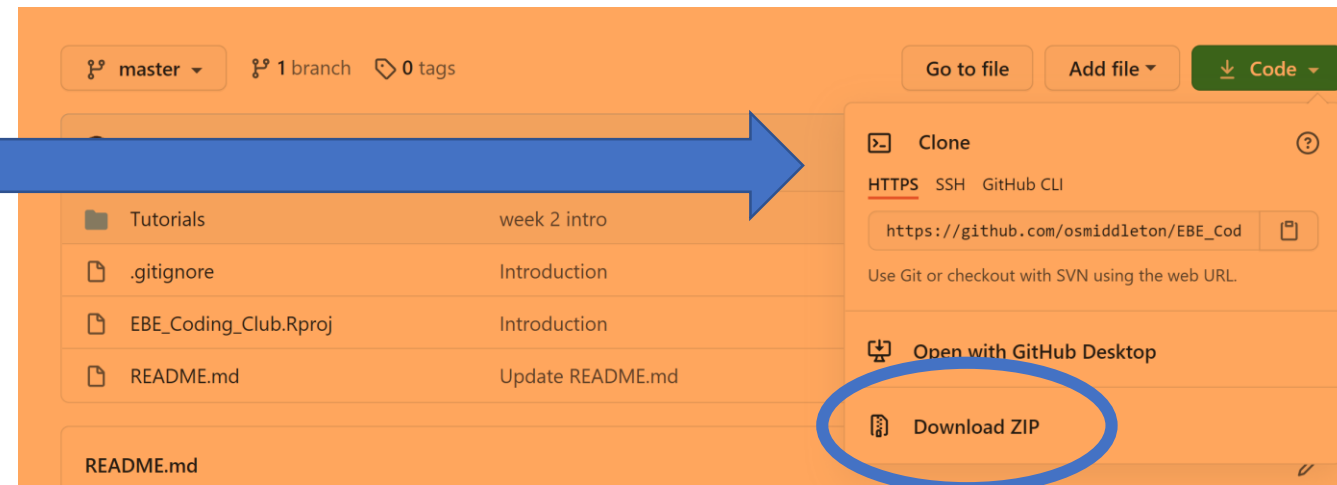
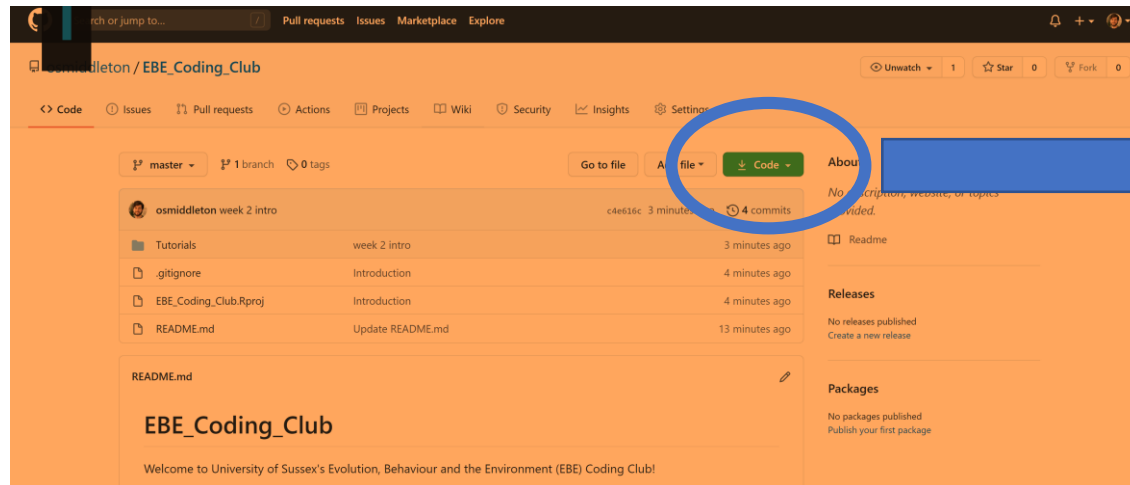


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