Problem Set 2

This problem set will provide an opportunity for you to practice accessing computing resources on the OSCER server here at OU.

As with the previous proble set, you will submit this problem set by pushing the document to *your* (private) fork of the class repository. You will put this and all other problem sets in the path /DScourseS18/ProblemSets/PS2/ and name the file PS2 LastName.pdf.

- 1. Using your SSH client and the username and temporary password I provided you with, log in to OSCER (see directions here). There are detailed step-by-step instructions at the link for how to set up your SSH configuration. If you are immediately prompted to change your password, please do so. Note that, when typing your new password, the cursor won't move even though your keystrokes are being logged. If you are not immediately prompted to change your password, please type psswd and then follow the prompts to change your password.
- 2. Clone your forked GitHub repository to your home directory on OSCER by following these steps:
 - 1. Make sure you are in your home directory by typing cd ~.
 - 2. Type git clone https://github.com/[your-github-username]/DScourseS18.git
 - 3. Check that everything works by typing 1s and hitting enter. You should see a directory called "DScourseS18" and if you change to that directory, you should see an identical directory and file structure to what is on your GitHub private fork of the course repo.
- 3. Go to www.sharelatex.com and create another .tex document, this time naming it PS2_LastName.tex. In it, write down a list (in a LaTeX itemize envrionment) that outlines the main tools of a data scientist (as discussed in class). Compile the PDF.
- 4. Compile your .tex file, download the PDF and .tex file, and transfer it to your cloned repository on OSCER using your SFTP client of choice. If you're using FileZilla, you can set up your connection by clicking File \rightarrow Site Manager \rightarrow and then clicking on "New Site" and entering in "OSCER" as the name (instead of "New Site"), "dtn2.oscer.ou.edu" as the Host, "SFTP" as the protocol, and your username as the user. It's not a good idea to store passwords on your machine, so leave that field blank and make sure that under "logon type" you click "ask for password." If you are using something else besides FileZilla, there should be a similar "site manager" type of interface for you to enter in your credentials. Consult the help resources for your specific software.

- 5. Make sure that your .tex and .pdf files have the correct naming convention (see top of this problem set for directions) and are located in the correct directory. If the directory does not exist, create it using the mkdir command.
- 6. Update your local git repository (in your OSCER home directory) by using the following commands:
 - cd ~
 - cd DScourseS18/ProblemSets
 - mkdir PS2
 - cd PS2
 - git add PS2_LastName.*
 - git commit -m 'Completed PS2'
 - git push origin master

Once you have done this, issue a git pull from the location of your other local git repository (e.g. on your personal computer). Verify that the PS2 directory appears in the appropriate place in your other local repository.

- 7. Now open R and install the xml2 package by typing install.packages('xml2') at the command prompt. Answer 'yes' to install it in your home directory. Enter the number of any of the server mirrors that come up (I usually choose Texas). Building the package may take a couple of minutes. Once that has finished, repeat the process, but substitute tidyverse for xml2. Building tidyverse may take as much as 10-15 minutes. You don't need to watch it build, but be sure not to close your SSH terminal window or otherwise disconnect your session. When you are done with the build, exit R and log off of OSCER.
- 8. Send an email to OSCER support (support@oscer.ou.edu) and request that OSCER change the email address associated with your account (you will need to tell them your username, which is the username you used to SSH into OSCER and which I provided you in class). The email address you should request them to change it to is your OU email address.
- 9. You may be wondering how you can update your fork of the class repository, since I've been continuously updating things (and as part of PS1, everyone in the class submitted pull requests). The command to do this is git fetch upstream. A step-by-step help for how to do this is located here.