

# Practical Steps Towards Reproducible Research

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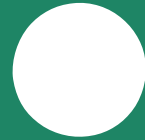
WORKSHOP

**LOVE YOUR DATA? MAKE IT  
REPRODUCIBLE!**

📅 Tuesday, 14.02.2023 · 09:30 am - 01:00 pm 📍 online



Please ask questions in Miro



# Why are you here?

→ Breakout room (5 minutes)



The Economist

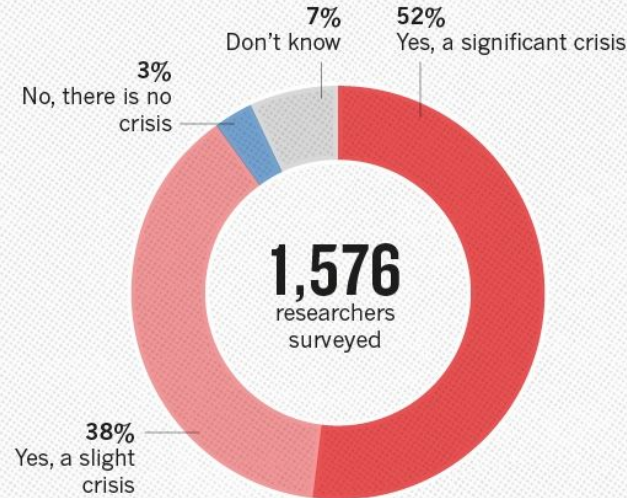
Washington's lawyer surplus  
How to do a nuclear deal with Iran  
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Junk bonds are back  
The meaning of Sachin Tendulkar

OCTOBER 19TH 2014 2014 2013 [economist.com](http://economist.com)

HOW  
SCIENCE  
GOES  
WRONG

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Einsteinium

## IS THERE A REPRODUCIBILITY CRISIS?



## Why Most Published Research Findings Are False

John P. A. Ioannidis

[DOI: 10.1371/journal.pmed.0020124](https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pmed.0020124)

A computational reproducibility study featuring longitudinal data analyses

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Is this what we want?

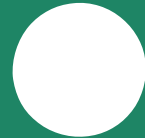
**How to  
become a  
science  
champion?**





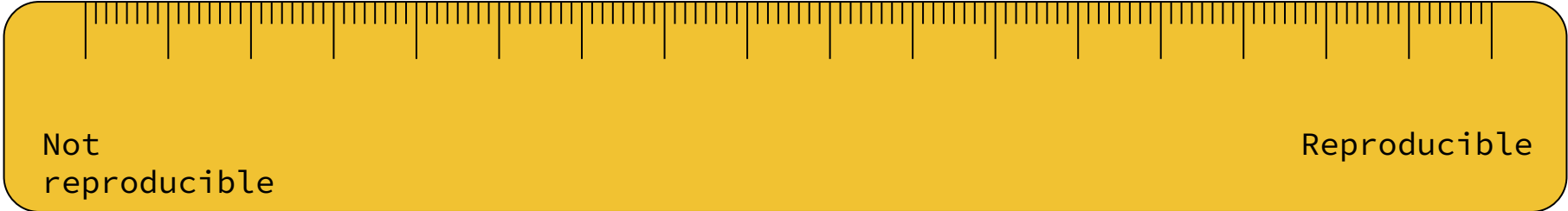
# What makes a science champion?

→ Answer in Miro



		Data	
		Same	Different
Analysis	Same	Reproducible	Replicable
	Different	Robust	Generalisable

From [The Turing Way](#)



Not  
reproducible

Reproducible

# Practical steps towards computational reproducibility



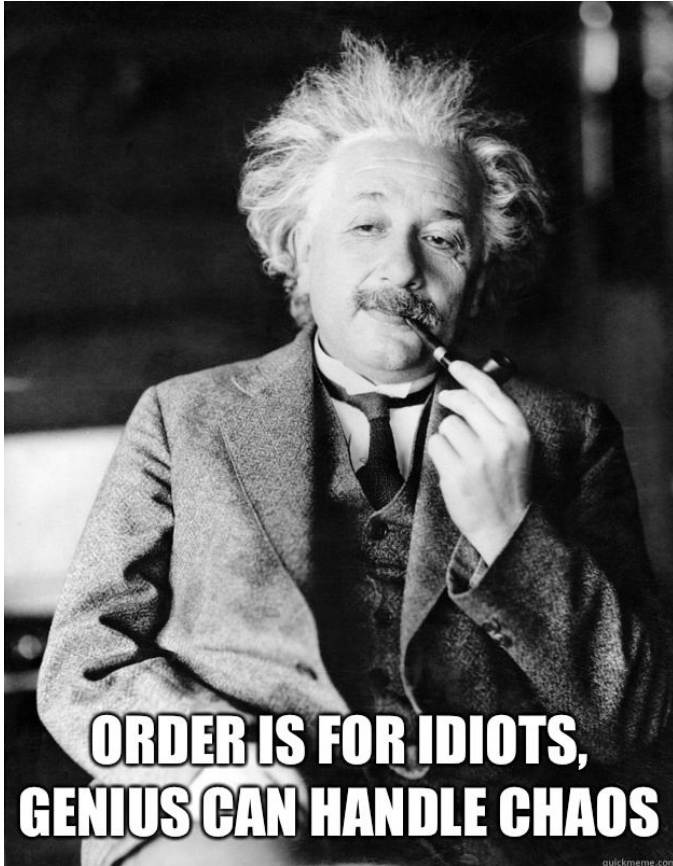
# Practical steps towards reproducible research

- Get organized!
- Use code
- Use version control
- Make your work available online

**Get organized!**



# Good organisation



**ORDER IS FOR IDIOTS,  
GENIUS CAN HANDLE CHAOS**

<http://www.quickmeme.com/meme/3r98zx>



*I'm an extremely stable genius.*

Let's not pretend: we're not geniuses ;P

# Good organisation

## ... starts simple

- No sending emails with files
- Nice file organisation
- Good naming

Dear colleagues,

attached you find the first public version of the [REDACTED] protocol. Please have a look and do comment. We can also meet to aggregate our reviews.

▶ 📎 1 attachment: StudyProposa[REDACTED]\_Validation\_V1\_250918docx.docx

```
— Makefile
— references_topic.bib
— manuscript_topic.Rnw
— abstract.tex
— introduction.tex
— methods.tex
— application.Rnw
— simulation.Rnw
— discussion.tex
— journal_correspondence
  — journal2
    — response1.txt
    — p2p_1.tex
  — journal1
    — response.txt
— analysis
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  — try_stuff.Rmd
  — simulation.Rnw
  — simulation.R
  — analysis_study1.R
  — analysis_study2.R
  — data
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    — data_study2.csv
    — data_study1.csv
    — simulation_results.RData
  — data_original
    — data_study1_original.csv
    — data_study2_original.csv
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    — functions_simulation.R
    — functions_analyses.R
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# Naming

NO

- Myabstract.docx
- Joe's Filenames Use Spaces and Punctuation.xlsx
- figure 1.png
- fig 2.png
- JW7d^(2sl@deletethisandyourcareerisoverWx2\*.txt

YES

- 2014-06-08\_abstract-for-sla.docx
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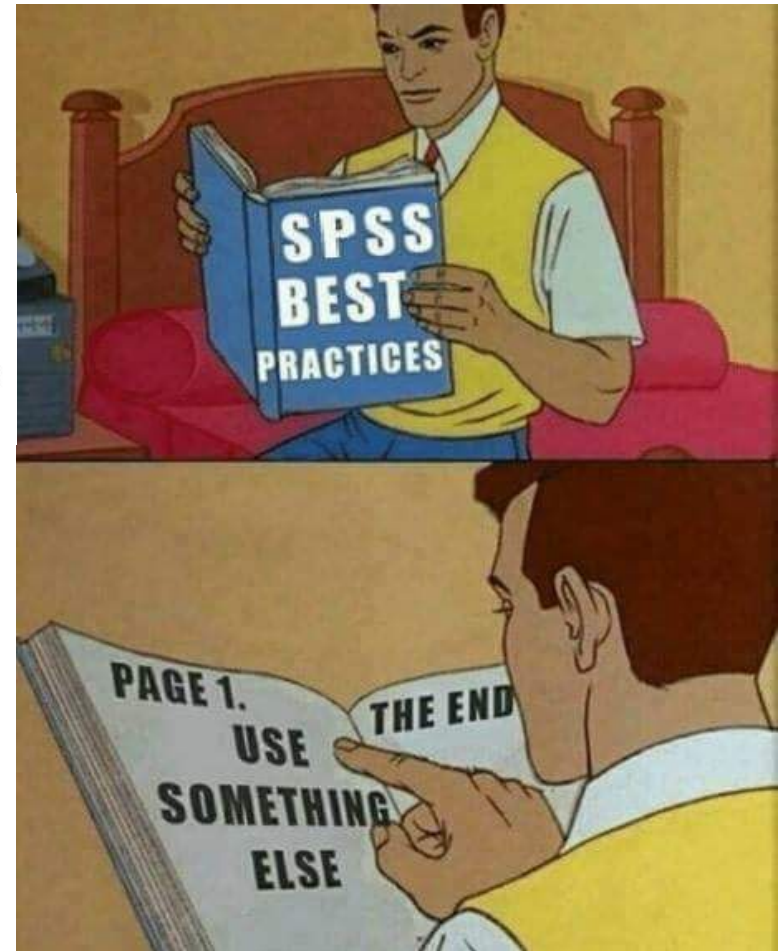
Use Code



<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-021-02211-4>

# Autocorrect errors in Excel still creating genomics headache

Despite geneticists being warned about spreadsheet problems, 30% of published papers contain mangled gene names in supplementary data.

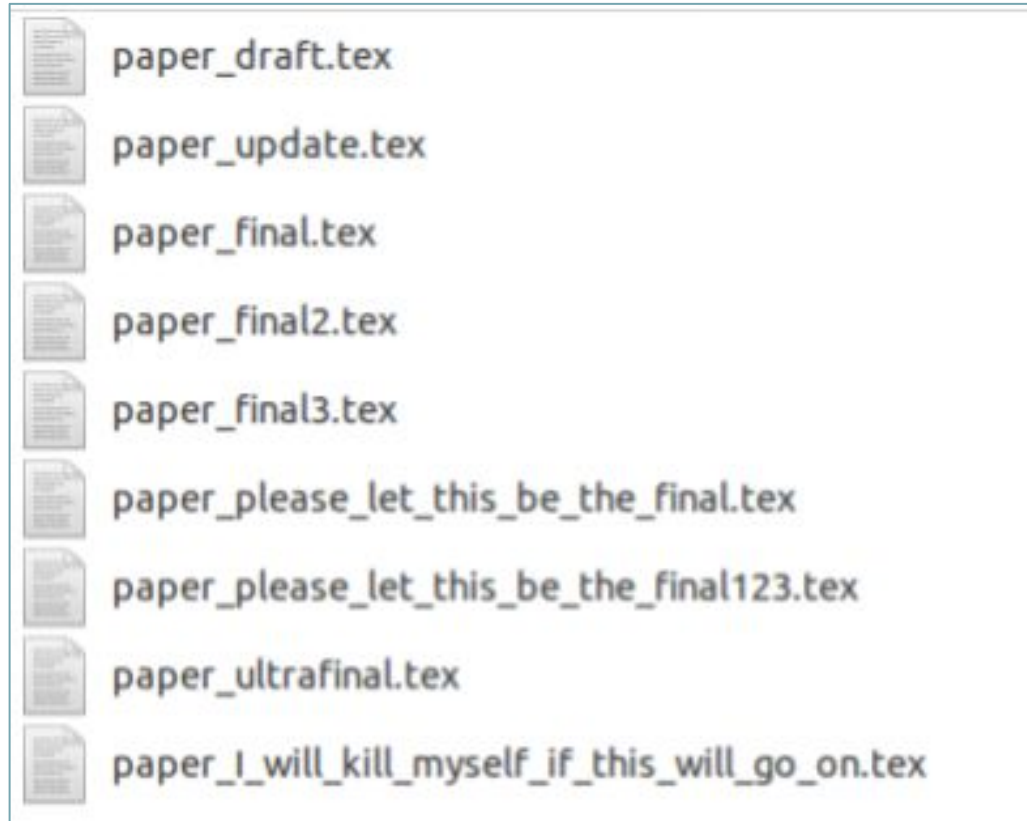


<https://devrant.com/rants/686860/spss-101>

**Use Version Control**



# Version Control in the olden days



# Real Version Control

(Including Backup)

Commit `fe6b5538` authored 10 months ago by  HeidiSeibold

Browse files

Options ▾

## fix typos

parent `e8a0da8a`  master

 No related merge requests found

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Hide whitespace changes

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Side-by-side

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View file @ fe6b5538

...	...	@@ -56,8 +56,8 @@ In my research I develop algorithms that detect which patient characteristics
56	56	lead to a positive or negative reaction to a therapy. The algorithms can also
57	57	detect and predict which patients are likely to have side effects from a
58	58	therapy. It is important to acknowledge, that <code>\textbf{personalised medicine does not</code>
59		- necessarily mean, that each patient receives a personalised treatment, but it
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# Prerequisites for Version Control

- **Text**

- Documents/Papers: LaTeX, Markdown
- Analyses: R, Python

- **Willingness to learn something new: Git**

**Make your work available  
online**



# FAIR Data



Data and supplementary materials have sufficiently rich metadata and a unique and persistent identifier.

**FINDABLE**



Metadata and data are understandable to humans and machines. Data is deposited in a trusted repository.

**ACCESSIBLE**



Metadata use a formal, accessible, shared, and broadly applicable language for knowledge representation.

**INTEROPERABLE**



Data and collections have a clear usage licenses and provide accurate information on provenance.

**REUSABLE**

# Open Code

# Steps

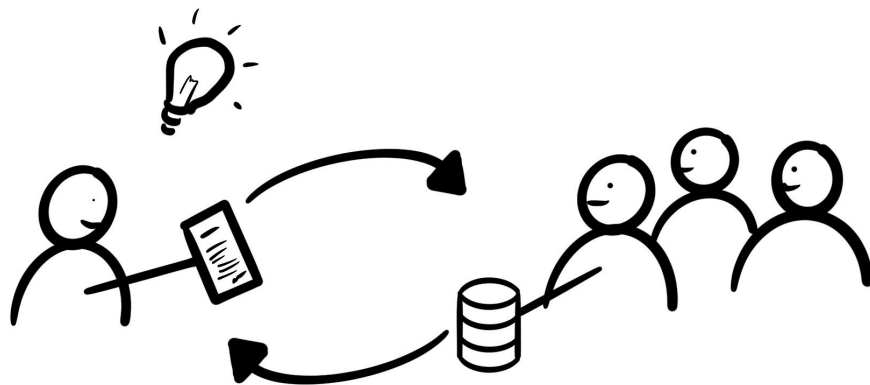
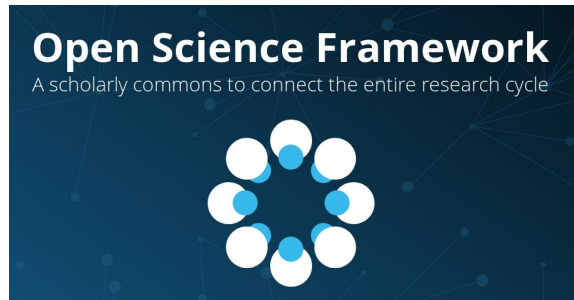
s1 <- "Use scripts (no clicking!)"

s2 <- "Publish code online"

# Pro tip

s3 <- "Use version control"

# Open Materials



GitLab

**Break time**



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# How hard can it be?

1. Draw an animal on a piece of paper
2. Write instructions on how to draw what you drew (add them to Miro)
3. Go to breakout room → draw according to the instructions of the other person
4. Check your result: did you succeed?
5. If you want: upload the original and the reproduced drawing to the Miro
6. Come back to the main room

# How hard can it be?

- What can we learn from that exercise?
- Is it easier or more difficult in your work?

# Be a science champion + be selfish



Avoid disaster



Write papers more easily



Convince reviewers



Facilitate continuity of work

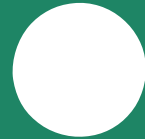


Build your reputation

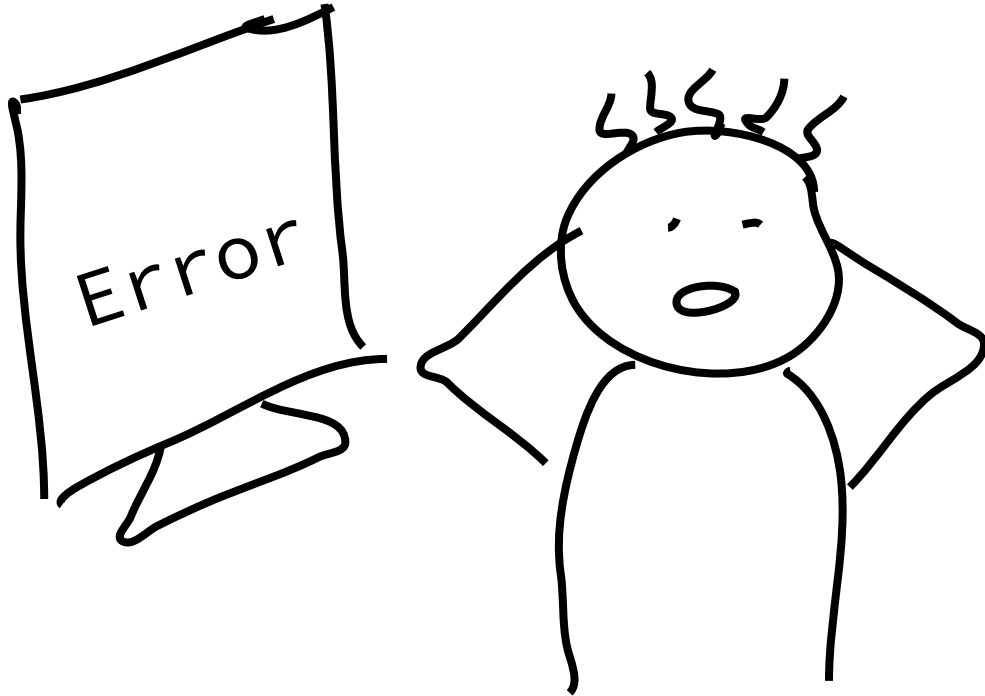


**What is stopping you / others?**

→ Answer in Miro

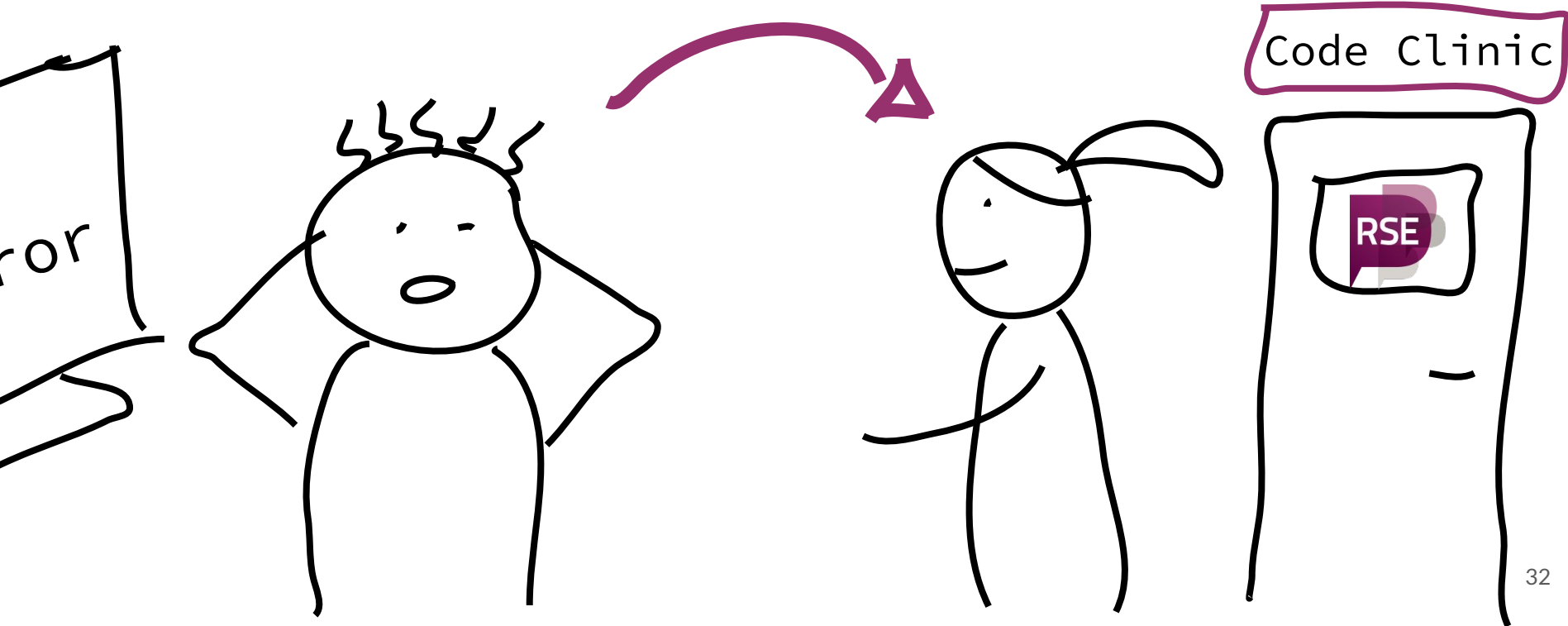


# Overwhelmed?



Reproducible  
Research  
requires  
**Software Skills**

# Research Software Engineers can help



# Help us help you



**BETTER  
SOFTWARE  
BETTER  
RESEARCH**

# Summary time

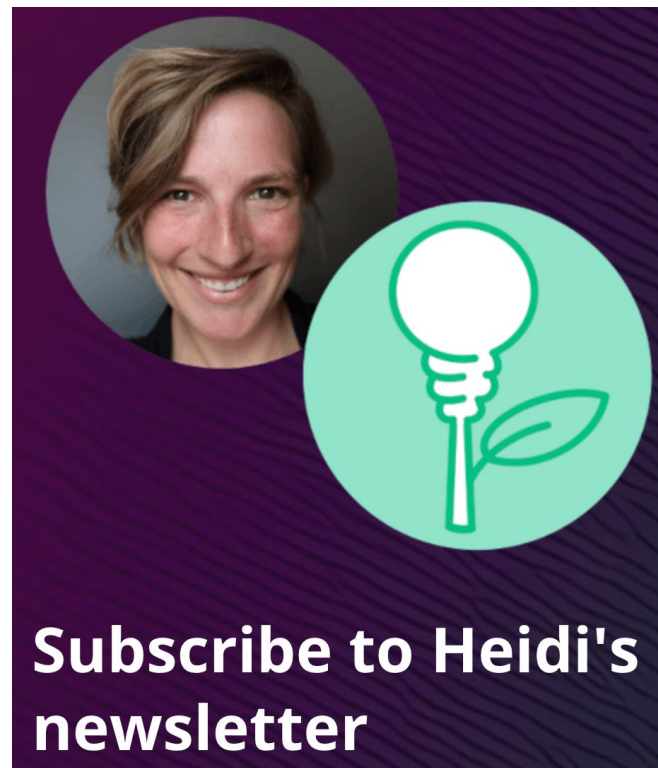
Sum up what you've learned,  
write down your next step

(creativity welcome 😊)

# Further reading



[the-turing-way.netlify.app](https://the-turing-way.netlify.app)



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ASK ME ANYTHING

# AMA: open & reproducible data science

You send in questions and I will answer them as truthfully and helpfully as possible.

You can ask about anything revolving around open and reproducible data science: open data, open source, good coding practices, licenses, fears, social dilemmas, ...

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📅 February 16, 2023

🕒 4:00pm Central European Time

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