

Research software review as part of the publication process

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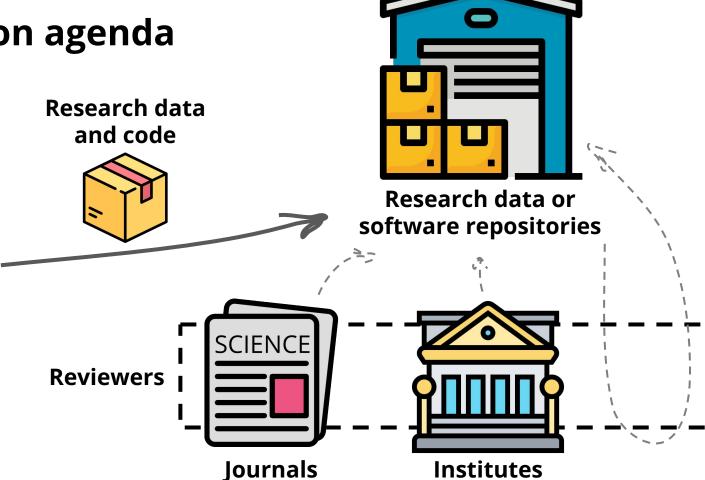
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Why review research code?

- Necessary for research verification
- Critical for reproducibility
- It can enhance transparency of research
- Facilitates reuse and building upon previous results

Presentation agenda



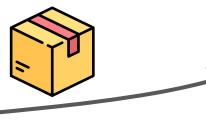


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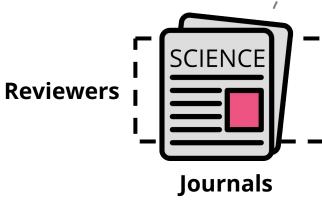


What can repositories do to facilitate the code review process?

Research data and code



Research data or software repositories





Institutes

Research code on Harvard Dataverse

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summary(model.A)
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#Generate new indicators and fill in values
data$gate<-NA
data$building<-NA
data$split<-NA
data$multi<-NA
data$country_1<-NA
data$country_2<-NA
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data$country2<-data$country_2
data$country_1<-NULL
data$country 2<-NULL
#1.2: Interpolating missing values
data<-arrange(data,borderid,coder,assignment,year)
for(jj in 41:44){
 for(ii in 2:nrow(data)){
    data[ii,jj]<-ifelse(is.na(data[ii,jj]) & !is.na(data[ii-1,jj]) &</pre>
                          data$borderid[ii]==data$borderid[ii-1] &
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no.isp.price<-mod1\$coef[1]+mod1\$coef[2]*mean(POLICYII\$rpsprop)+mod1\$coef[3]*0+mod1\$coef[4]*mean(POLICYII\$ipp)+mod1\$coef[6]*0+mod1\$coef[6]*no.isp.price

no.isp.eGDP<-mod3\$coef(1)+mod3\$coef(2)*0+mod3\$coef(3)*mean(POLICYII\$ipp)+mod3\$coef(4)*0+mod3\$coef(5)*no.isp.price+mod3\$coef(6)*mean(POLICYII\$qasPrice):no.isp.eGDP

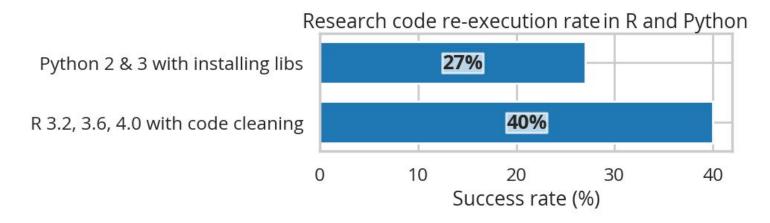
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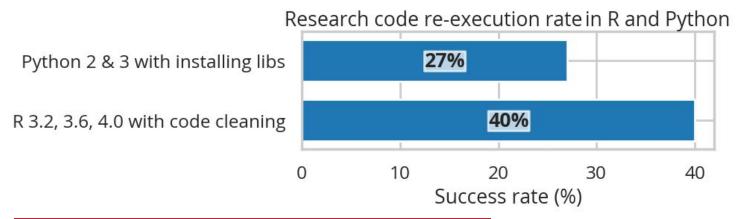
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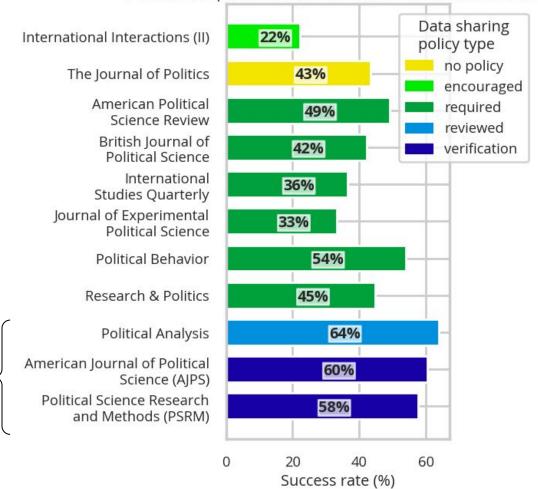


It is hard to re-execute "old" code, but many common errors can be avoided!

Portion of replication datasets with re-executable code files

Journals with stricter data policies have higher rate of executable code

Had some code review!



Can we learn from industry code review?

Research code vs. industry code

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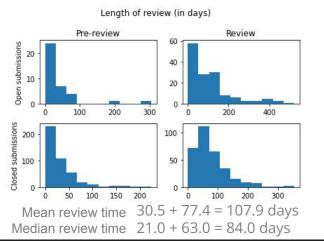
Volunteers review research code (seeing it for the first time), while development team members (who are already familiar with software) review new (small) code contributions

Lifetime of research code is less than industry code so there are less incentives to keep it clean

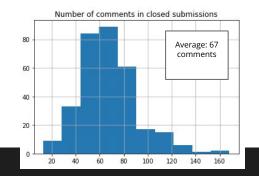
Publishing research software with the Journal of the Source Software () JOSS)

Software as a recognized output of research

 Retrieved 1000 closed and 182 open issues (paper submission and review) containing 25,382 comments.



Assigning reviewers and the review is happening in GitHub issue comments





Member (2)

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How reviewers feel about reviewing software?

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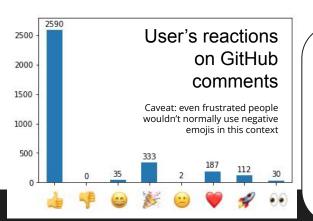
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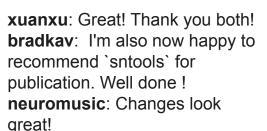
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Positive

- Basic NLP analysis of the content of JOSS issue comments in completed submissions.
 - Comments by the bot @whedon were excluded.
- The sentiment seems mostly positive!





Yurlungur: Perfect!

danielskatz: This may have just been very bad timing

Negative

SteveMacenski: Hi, just wanted to touch base on this - any progress?

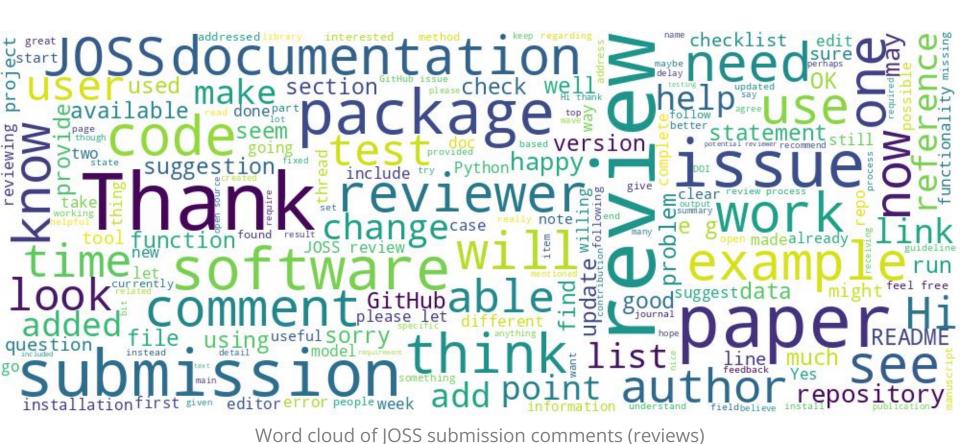
simonom: I have completed my review, but my invitation to review has expired so I can't check off the checklist:(

sgrieve: I'm afraid I don't have any capacity this month. Apologies!

Sentiment Analysis

Neutral

Comment sentiment



Ideas to make code review easy at research repositories

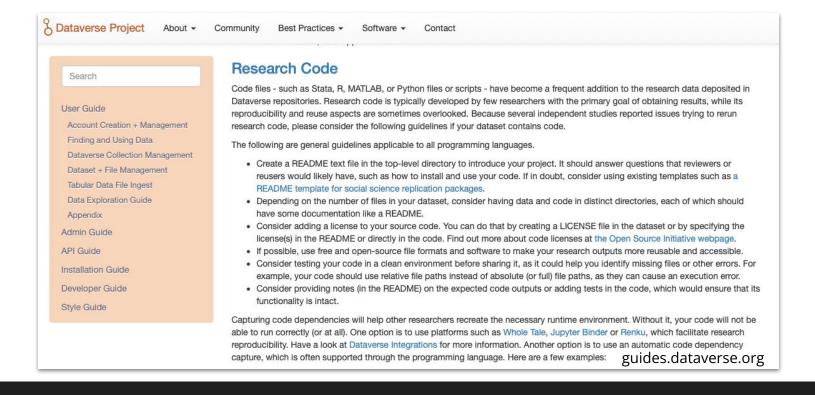
1) Checklist for code reviewers / data curators

citation syntax?

Review checklist
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Documentation A statement of need: Do the authors clearly state what problems the software is designed to solve and who the target audience is? Installation instructions: Is there a clearly-stated list of dependencies? Ideally these should be handled with an automated package management solution. Example usage: Do the authors include examples of how to use the software (ideally to solve real-world analysis problems). Functionality documentation: Is the core functionality of the software documented to a satisfactory level (e.g., API method documentation)? Automated tests: Are there automated tests or manual steps described so that the functionality of the software can be verified? Community guidelines: Are there clear guidelines for third parties wishing to 1) Contribute to the software 2) Report issues or problems with the software 3) Seek support Software paper Summary: Has a clear description of the high-level functionality and purpose of the software for a diverse, non-specialist audience been provided? A statement of need: Does the paper have a section titled 'Statement of Need' that clearly states what problems the software is designed to solve and who the target audience is? State of the field: Do the authors describe how this software compares to other commonlyused packages? Quality of writing: Is the paper well written (i.e., it does not require editing for structure. language, or writing quality)? References: Is the list of references complete, and is everything cited appropriately that should be cited (e.g., papers, datasets, software)? Do references in the text use the proper

2) Guidelines for code depositors



3) Automatic code style assessment

- Automatic code style assessment informs the depositors of the readability of their code.
- There are existing code formatting tools that can be encouraged or recommended (lintR, pycodestyle, even in-browser tools).

```
data <- read.csv("ButlerHomola_Excludability_Names.csv")</pre>
   resources <- prcomp(~ Income + Education + Housing1 + Turnout.
                                                                                                   Consider:
                        data=data, na.action = na.exclude)
25 data$resources <- -1*(resources$x[.1])</pre>

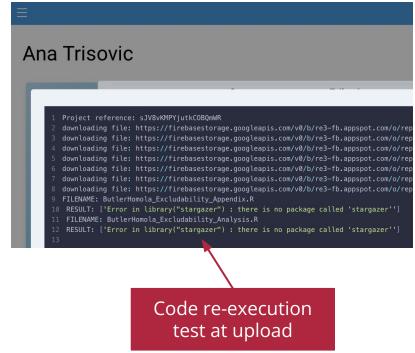
    breaking up your lines

                                                                                                   · removing any irrelevant
27 (resources$sdev^2*4/sum(resources$sdev^2))[1]
                                                                                                   parentheses in your lines
                                                                                                   · diminishing the periods in
                                                                                                   vour lines
31 cor(data$Income, data$resources, use="complete.obs")
32 cor(data$Education, data$resources, use="complete.obs"
33 cor(data$Housing1, data$resources, use="complete.obs"
34 cor(data$Turnout, data$resources, use="complete.obs")
   cor(cbind(data$resources, data$Income, data$Education, data$Housing1,
             data$Turnout), use="complete.obs", method="spearman")
                                   Upload File
                                                                            Code readability
```

test at upload

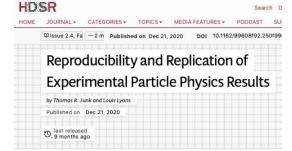
4) Automatic re-execution (for free software and small-scale studies)

- Enabling an automatic code re-execution test could fast identify missing files and other common errors.
- It could help with the documentation of analysis flow as the researchers would need to add re-execution commands.
- Code would run out-of-the-box for reviewers and future reusers.



5*) "Walk me through your code" video

- Media files as part of publication (video summaries of articles (i.e., HDSR))
- Creating a video presentation of code could take a few hours for its creator, but probably save twice as much time for each code reviewer and reuser
- Creating video presentations is easy with Zoom!



ABSTRACT

Recently, much attention has been focused on the replicability of scientific results, causing scientists, statisticians, and journal editors to examine closely their methodologies and publishing criteria. Experimental particle physicists have been aware of the precursors of nonreplicable research for many decades and have many safeguards to ensure that the published results are as reliable as possible. The experiments require large investments of time and effort to design, construct, and operate. Large collaborations produce and check the results, and many papers are signed by more than 3,000 authors. This article gives an introduction to what experimental particle physics is and to some of the tools that are used to analyze the data. It describes the procedures used to ensure that results can be computationally reproduced, both by collaborators and by noncollaborators. It describes the status of publicly available data sets and analysis tools that aid in reproduction and recasting of experimental results. It also describes methods particle physicists use to maximize the reliability of the results, which increases the probability that they can be replicated by other collaborations or even the same collaborations with more data and new personnel. Examples of results that were later found to be false are given, both with failed replication attempts and one with alarmingly successful replications. While some of the characteristics of particle physics experiments are unique, many of the procedures and techniques can be and are used in other fields.

Keywords: reliability, reproducibility, replication, particle physics



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Thank you! Questions?

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