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Workshop Website

uw-madison-aci.github.io/2017-08-30-uwmadison-swc

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Check your setup!

Open Terminal or GitBash (Windows) and type the following:

```
python --version
```

Raise your hand if you DON'T have version 3.5.x (where x can vary).

```
python -c "import pandas"
```

Raise your hand if you get an error.

```
git --version
```

Raise your hand if you get an error.

```
nano --version
```

Raise your hand if you get an error.



Welcome to Software Carpentry!

August 30-31, 2017

Instructors:

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Patrick Shriwise
Christina Koch

Host:

UW–Madison
Advanced
Computing
Initiative



What is *Software Carpentry*?

- Non-profit, international organization
- Teaches workshops to help researchers adopt reproducible computational practices
- Instructors are all volunteers
- Materials developed by open science community
- Code-along learning model



Code of Conduct

- <http://software-carpentry.org/conduct/>
- Harassment includes offensive verbal comments related to gender, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, religion, sexual images in public spaces, deliberate intimidation, stalking, following, harassing photography or recording, sustained disruption of talks or other events, inappropriate physical contact, and unwelcome sexual attention.
- All communication should be appropriate for a professional audience including people of many different backgrounds. Sexual language and imagery is not appropriate for any event.
- Be kind to others. Do not insult or put down other attendees.
- Behave professionally. Remember that harassment and sexist, racist, or exclusionary jokes are not appropriate.



Workshop Logistics: Where Stuff Is

Restrooms

Across the hall

Beverages

Drinking fountain: across the hall

Coffee/tea: front of room, all day

Lunch

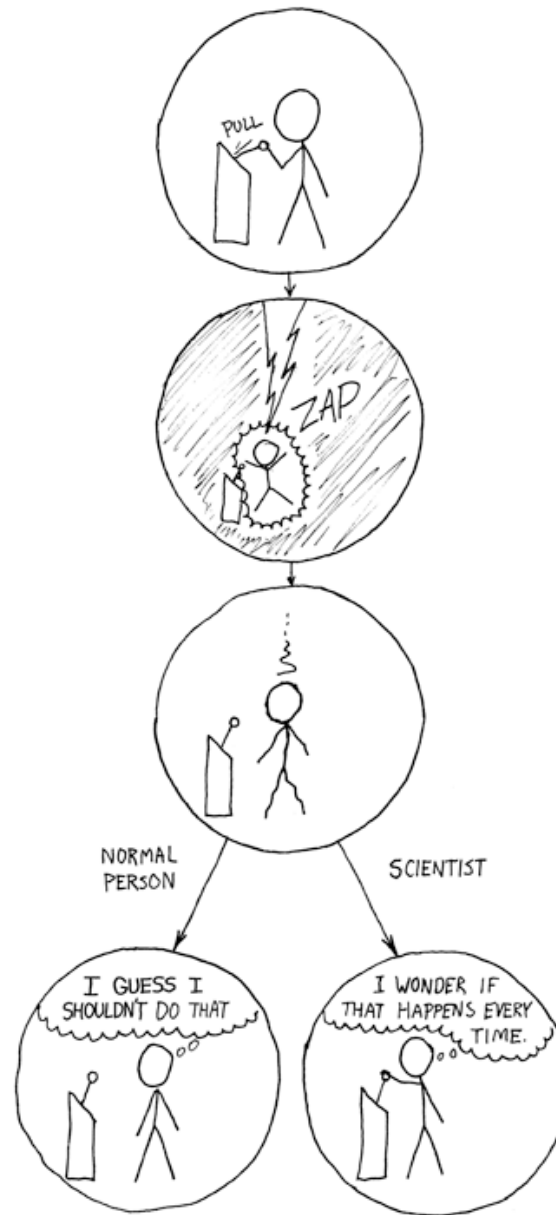
On your own.

Need a fridge or a microwave? Let us know.



If You Can't Reproduce It,
Is It Still Science?
And how long will it take?

Inspired by Greg Wilson,
Software Carpentry





Reality of Research Computing

- Many scientists spend most of their time developing, maintaining, or running software
 - Most don't consider themselves software engineers
 - Few have ever been taught how



So what?

- Most results take longer to produce than they need to
- Difficult to assess quality



Software Carpentry to the Rescue

- Best practices used by the best software engineers whose business is development of quality software
 - They don't always have formal training
 - They don't always follow all the practices
 - Growing evidence supported by empirical studies



Software Carpentry Practices

- Write software for people, not computers
- Automate repetitive tasks
- Use the computer to record history
- Make incremental changes
- Use version control
- Don't repeat yourself
- Plan for mistakes
- First make it correct, then make it fast
- Document design & purpose, not just mechanics
- Conduct code reviews

Wilson et al. (2014) Best practices for scientific computing. PLoS Biology 12: e1001745



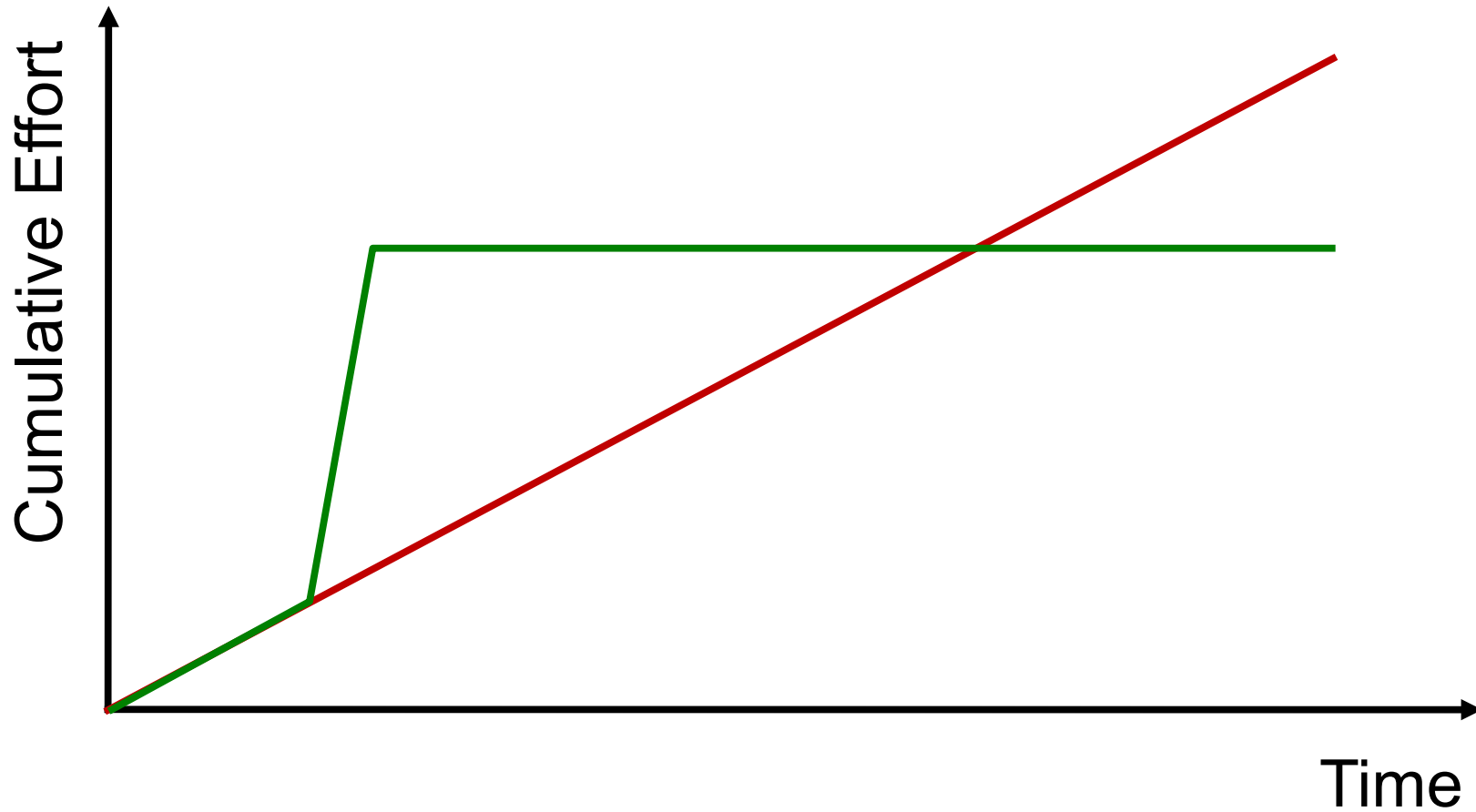
Good Enough Practices

- **Data management** - saving both raw and intermediate forms, documenting all steps, creating tidy data amenable to analysis
- **Software** - writing, organizing, and sharing scripts and programs used in an analysis
- **Collaboration** - making it easy for existing and new collaborators to understand and contribute to a project
- **Project organization** - organizing the digital artifacts of a project to ease discovery and understanding
- **Tracking changes** - recording how various components of your project change over time
- **Manuscripts** - writing manuscripts in a way that leaves an audit trail and minimizes manual merging of conflicts

Wilson et al. (2017) Good enough practices in scientific computing. PLoS Comput Biol 13(6): e1005510



Thoughts on Productivity and Automation





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HOW LONG CAN YOU WORK ON MAKING A ROUTINE TASK MORE EFFICIENT BEFORE YOU'RE SPENDING MORE TIME THAN YOU SAVE?
(ACROSS FIVE YEARS)

HOW OFTEN YOU DO THE TASK

	50/DAY	5/DAY	DAILY	WEEKLY	MONTHLY	YEARLY
1 SECOND	1 DAY	2 HOURS	30 MINUTES	4 MINUTES	1 MINUTE	5 SECONDS
5 SECONDS	5 DAYS	12 HOURS	2 HOURS	21 MINUTES	5 MINUTES	25 SECONDS
30 SECONDS	4 WEEKS	3 DAYS	12 HOURS	2 HOURS	30 MINUTES	2 MINUTES
1 MINUTE	8 WEEKS	6 DAYS	1 DAY	4 HOURS	1 HOUR	5 MINUTES
5 MINUTES	9 MONTHS	4 WEEKS	6 DAYS	21 HOURS	5 HOURS	25 MINUTES
30 MINUTES		6 MONTHS	5 WEEKS	5 DAYS	1 DAY	2 HOURS
1 HOUR		10 MONTHS	2 MONTHS	10 DAYS	2 DAYS	5 HOURS
6 HOURS				2 MONTHS	2 WEEKS	1 DAY
1 DAY					8 WEEKS	5 DAYS

HOW MUCH TIME YOU SHAVE OFF



Karen Cranston

@kcranstn

 Follow

@mtholder motivating git: You mostly collaborate with yourself, and me-from-two-months-ago never responds to email. @swcarpentry

RETWEETS

25

LIKES

15



7:23 AM - 23 Aug 2013



25



15



http://bit.ly/motivate_git



Make Incremental Changes Redux

- Choose one practice
 - Implement it in your work
 - Share it with your lab group
 - Allow it to sink in
- Repeat



Where to Start?

- Depends on the nature of your work
- Consider the purpose:
 - Improve productivity
 - Improve quality
- Need help after the workshop?
 - Follow up meeting
 - Email our local Software Carpentry Community: swc-dc-help@lists.wisc.edu



Workshop Logistics: Continuous Feedback

Nametags

green side up – exercise completed

red side up – exercise in progress; HELP!

nametag down – all is okay

Post-Its

At each break, indicate something that was good and something that could be better.

Post-Workshop Survey (1/2 of your entry fee!)

You'll receive a link from us after the workshop.



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