Reproducible science through versioning of data and analysis

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Reproducible Science

- How to make science reproducible?
 - Work on practices:
 - no HARKing, don't keep testing until significant, preregister(?), etc.

Trust me, it checks out!

- Teach people Statistical/Reasoning literacy
- Make everything check-able, meaning: **Open**:
 - Don't keep data/methods/papers to yourselves
 - Teach people Open Science skills and ways of thinking

The end result: Open publishing

- Publish "Open":
 - Open access: you pay so that anyone can access
- Publish 2.0:
 - Creative Commons license: You maintain copyright
 - Wrest control over publication from the publishing corporations
 - Preprint servers: speed up dissemination, and make publication more fluid
 - Perhaps start experimenting with *new ways of doing peer review*, etc: eLife, PLoS, Frontiers, *Twitter* (?), etc.

The start: Open data

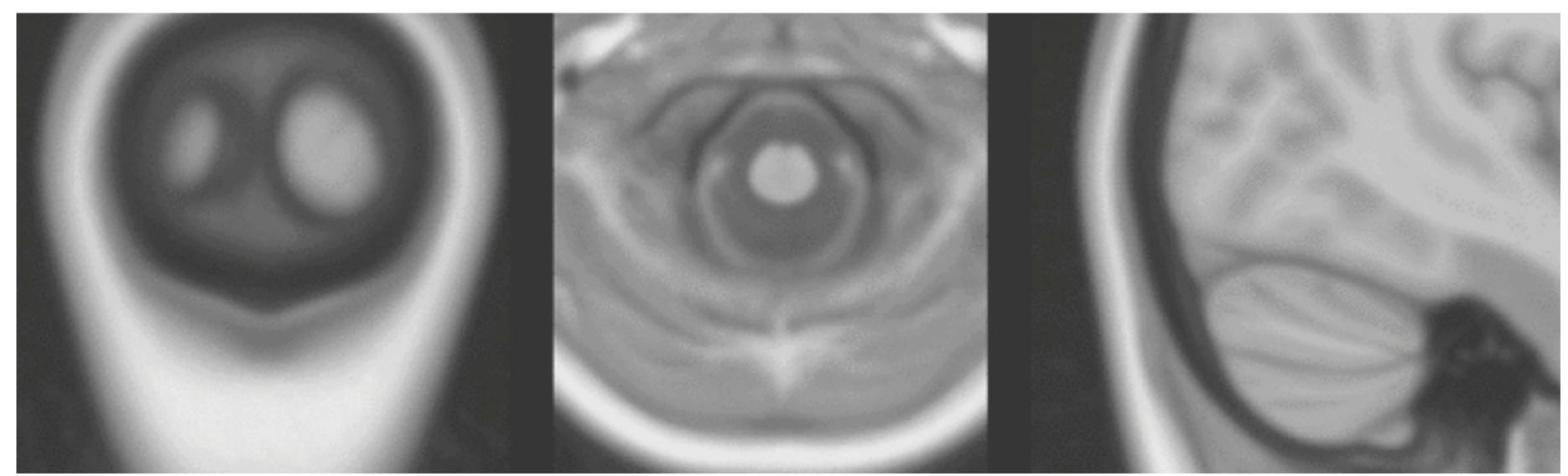
• Data are the bedrock of scientific results, of course.

Save your data in a common format (not your own!), extra work!
 Many people see it as a chore

- Many people feel ownership of their data:
 I'm not giving that away!
- But it's not all bad:
 - It's becoming more common to share data.
 - With soo much data at your fingertips, you become science Superman/Woman!

An example use of open data

- Human Connectome Project:
 - 1200 participants scanned multiple times:
 - Tasks, Resting State, Movie Watching, Retinotopy, Anatomy, DTI
 - All data freely available



- We discovered 5 retinotopic maps of visual space in the cerebellum.
- Only possible by averaging 181 subjects, otherwise too hard to find: need multiple hours of data for single subject results...



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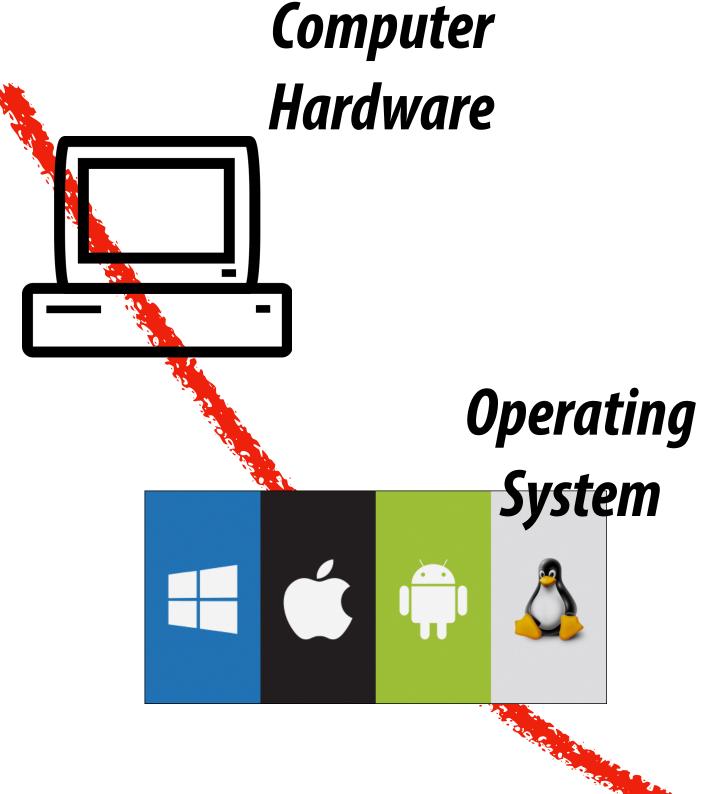
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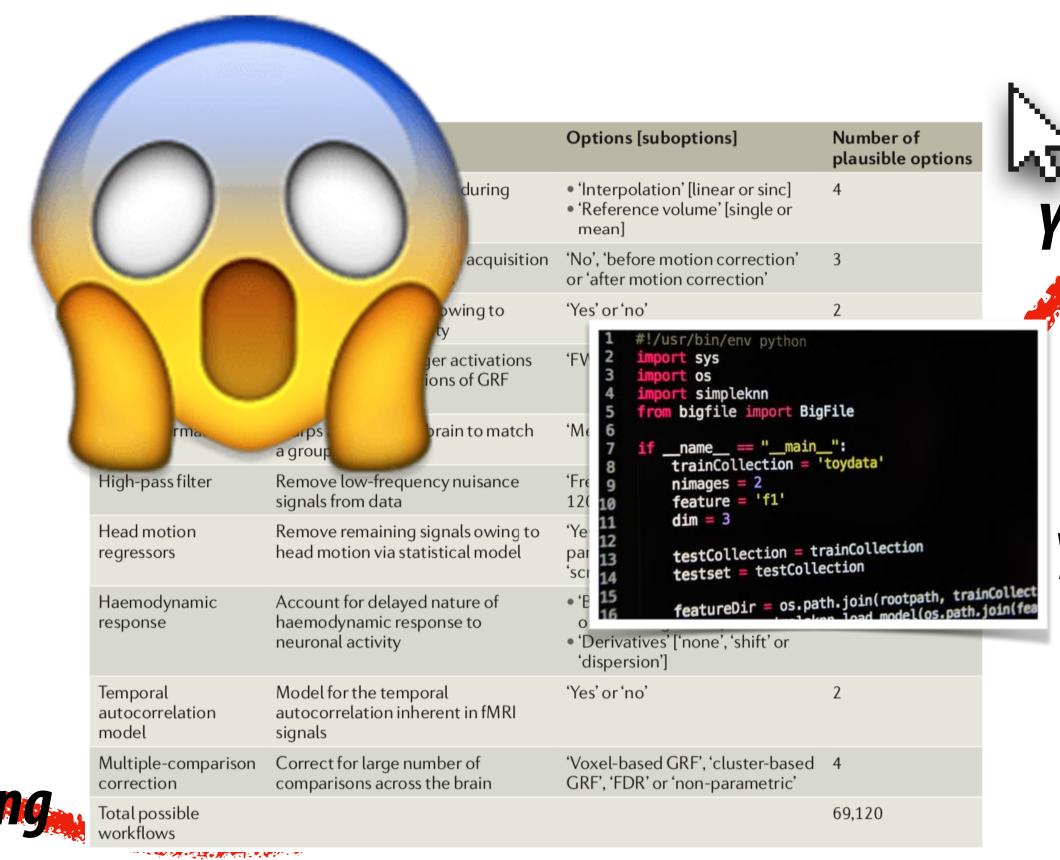
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All steps between data and publication present opportunities for non-reproducible outcomes







Your own manual data analysis

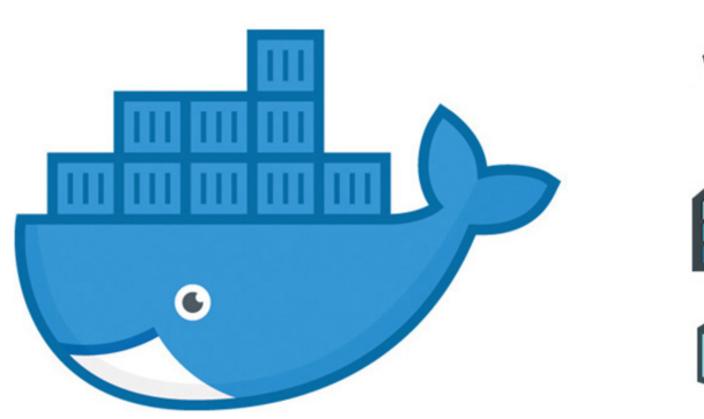
Your own automated data analysis

Tools for open science

- Make computing environments reproducible: **Docker**

- Make our own workflow reproducible: Version Control, Git and derivatives









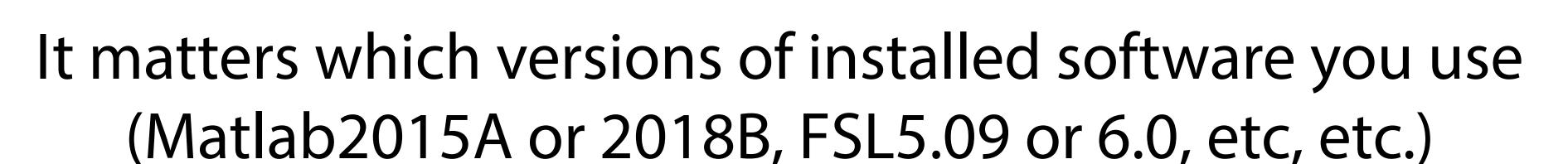




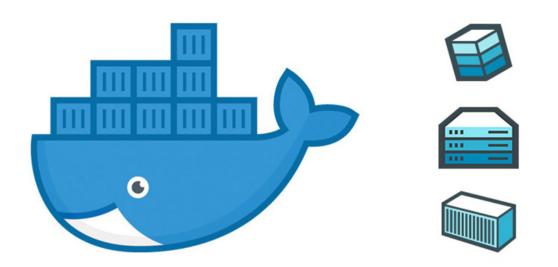
Docker in science

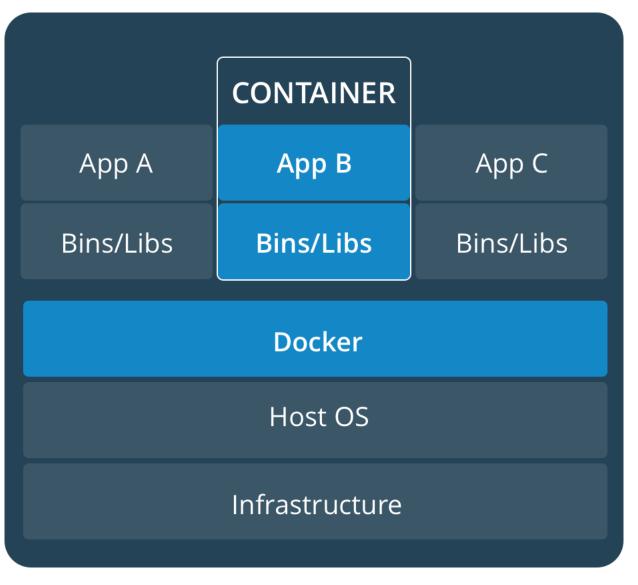
For reproducibility:

It matters which operating system you use



Docker uses a "container" architecture, where a container encapsulates an entire operating system and its installed software.





Docker in science

This makes it easy to **share the entire software environment** that ran your analysis: **Reproducibility!**

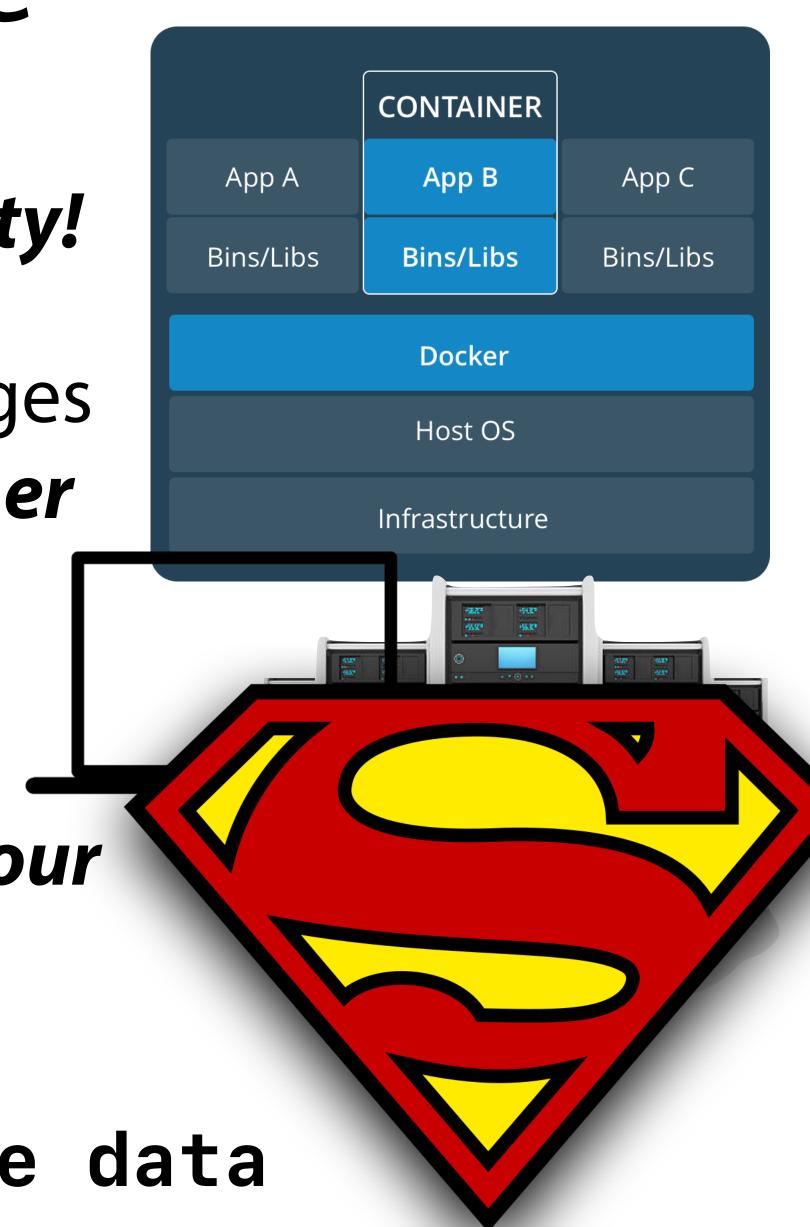
You don't have to install all of your different packages on different computers: just *run the same container everywhere*: on your laptop, desktop, or cluster!

Different docker images for different analyses:

Run standardised (pre-)processing pipelines on your

As easy as:

\$docker run container-image data



Docker in science

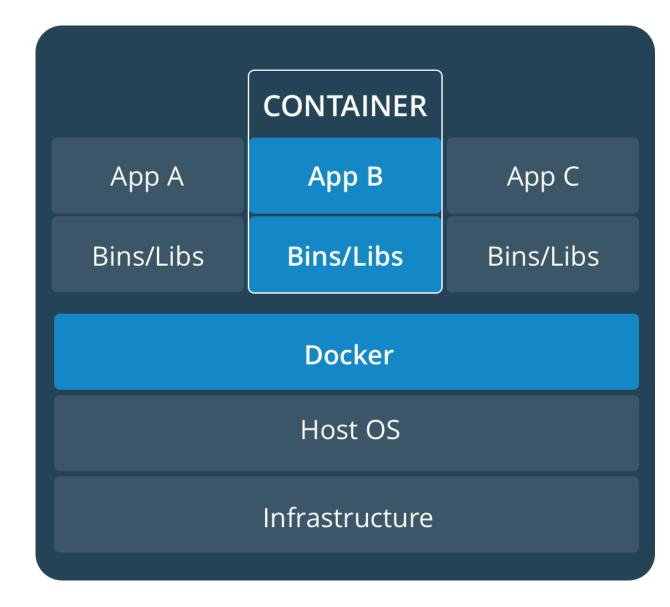
Docker containers are based on an image, which you can create using a recipe, called a *Dockerfile*

It prescribes exactly which operating system and software should be installed in the image:

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FROM ubuntu:18.04
RUN apt-get install —y R
CMD ["echo","Image created, R installed"]
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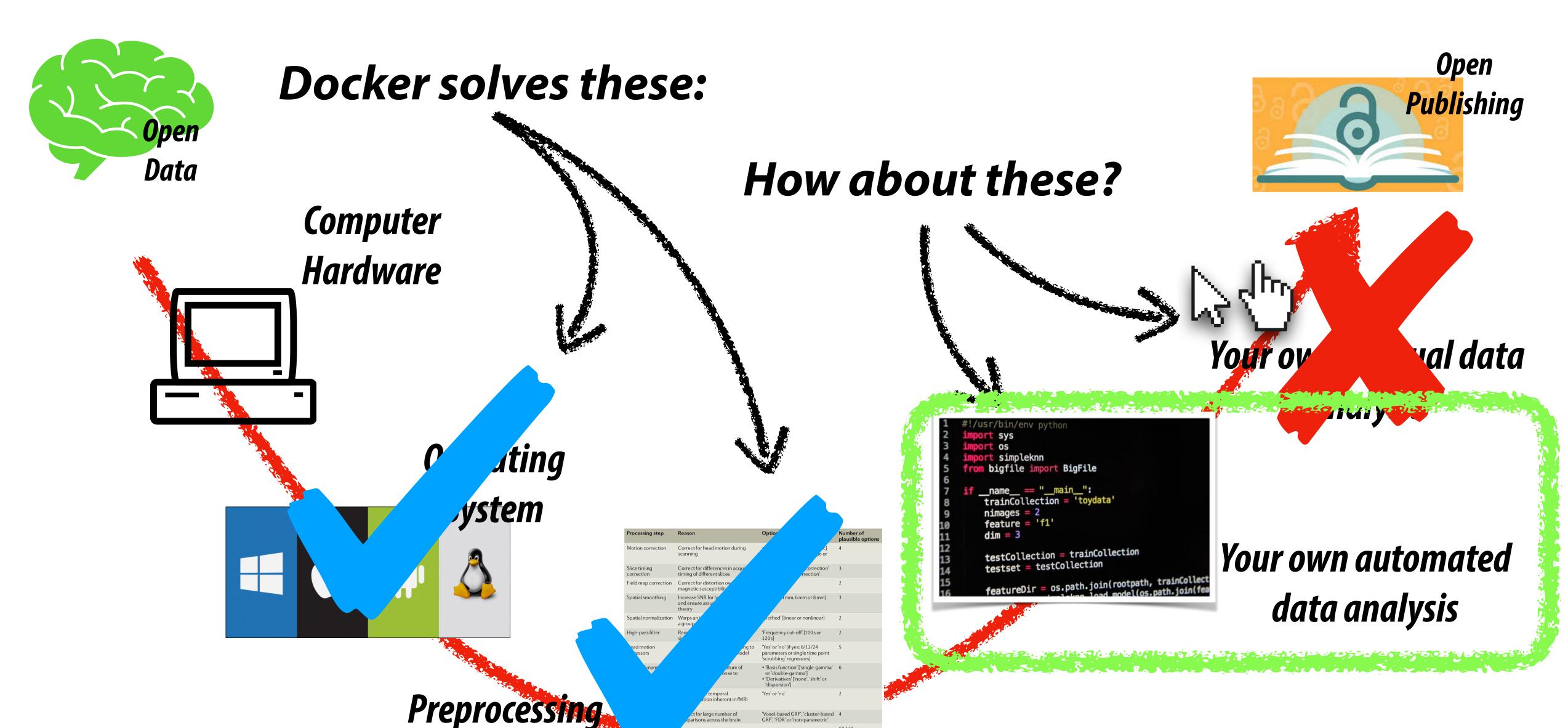
This creates a new ubuntu image, and installs R in there, ready to use.

Much more to docker, but this is just to make you aware of the possibilities.....





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How do we keep track of these different steps?

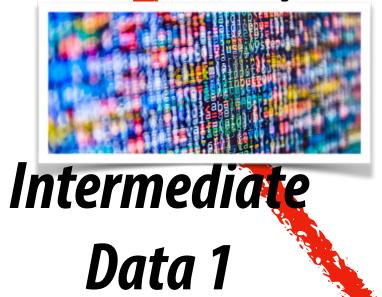






Final Data

Analysis Step 3



Analysis Step 1

Data 2

Intermediate
Data 3

Keeping track of your work

work of art!

analysis_version__backup_9.py

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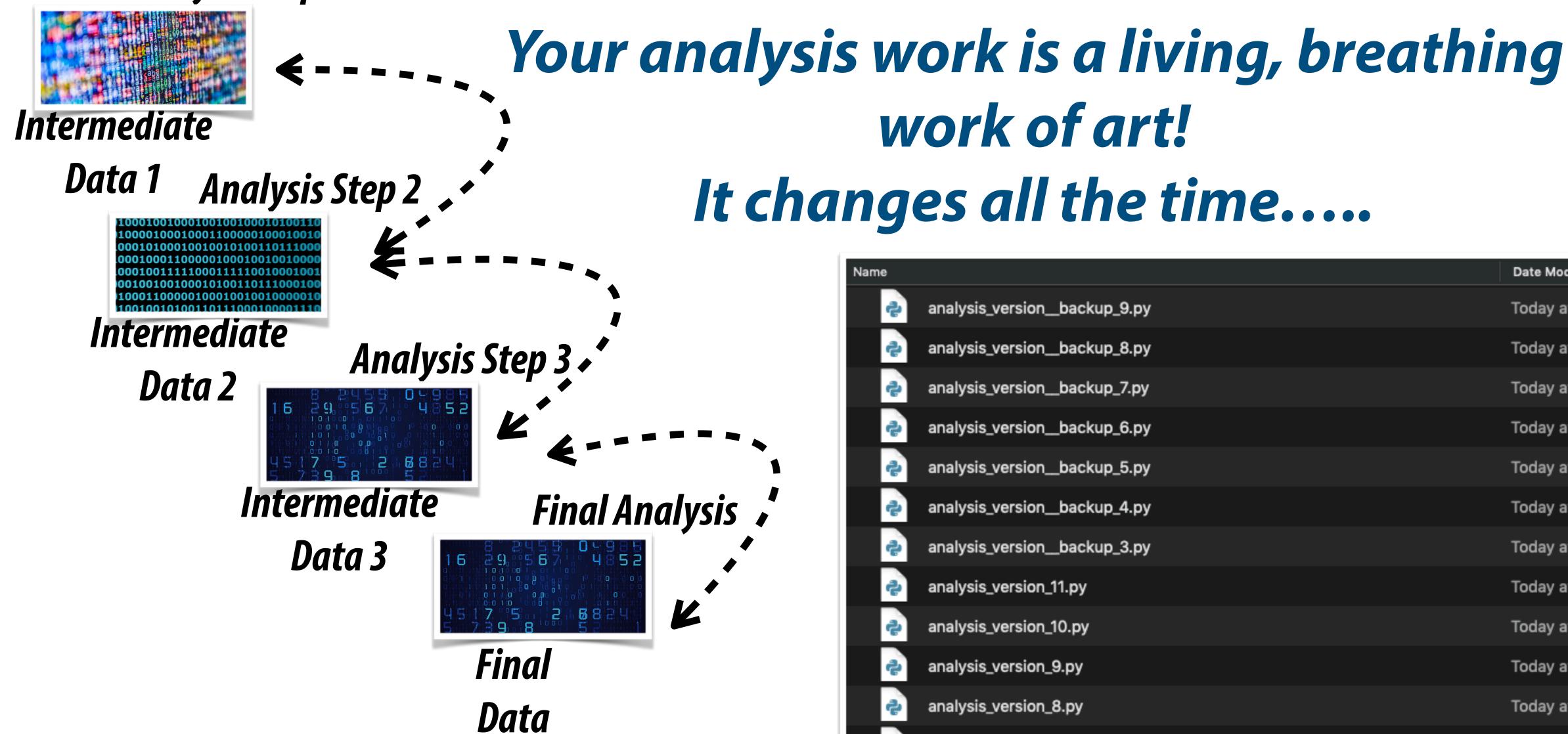
analysis_version_8.py

analysis_version_7.py

Date Modified

Today at 17:26

Analysis Step 1



Keeping track of your work

But: which version does what?

And, if I need to go back to an older version, which one?

And, what else will have changed when I go back?

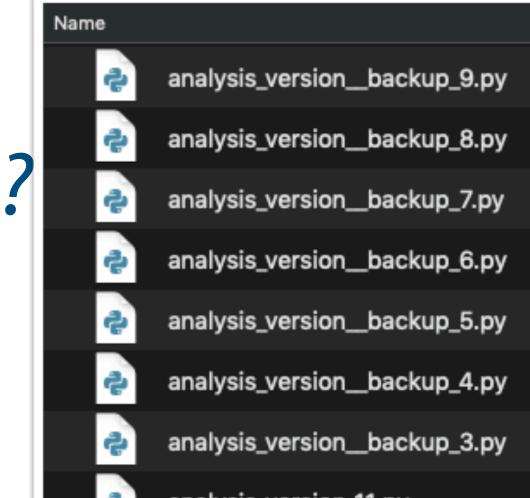
And, which version do I send to my colleagues?

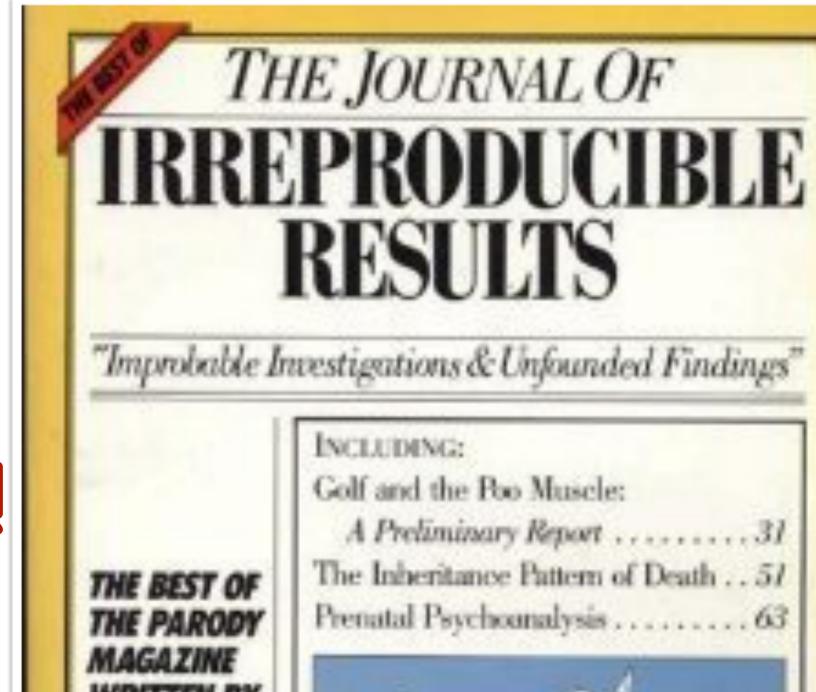


This is NOT the way to go, quick and dirty is DIRTY

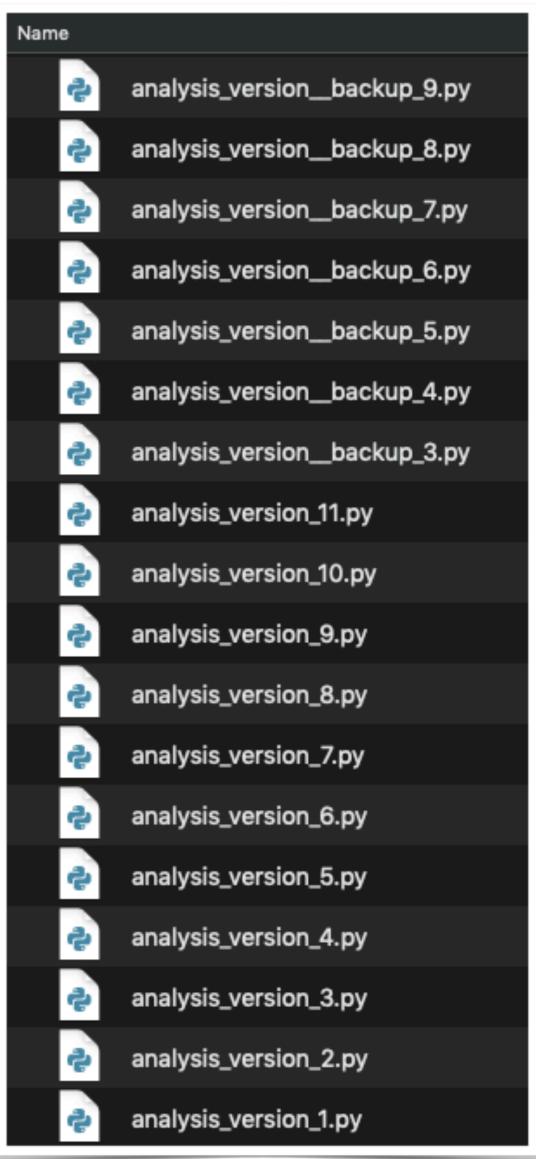
You will always have to go back

Have mercy on your future self!





Getting out of the mess



If only we could:

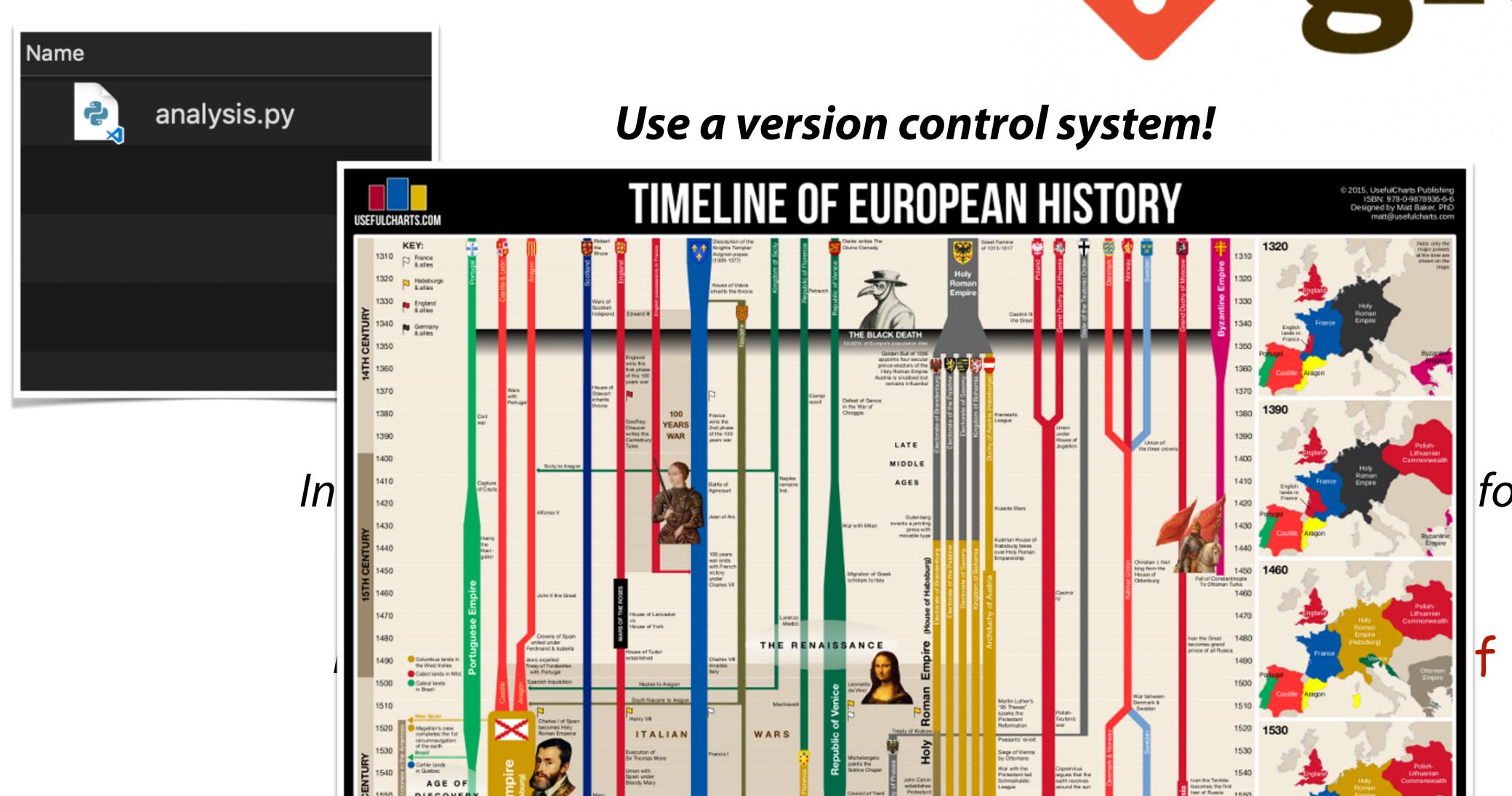
- Keep our working directory clean
- While having a clear history at the same time
- Make our analysis easily share-able

We can!



Version control



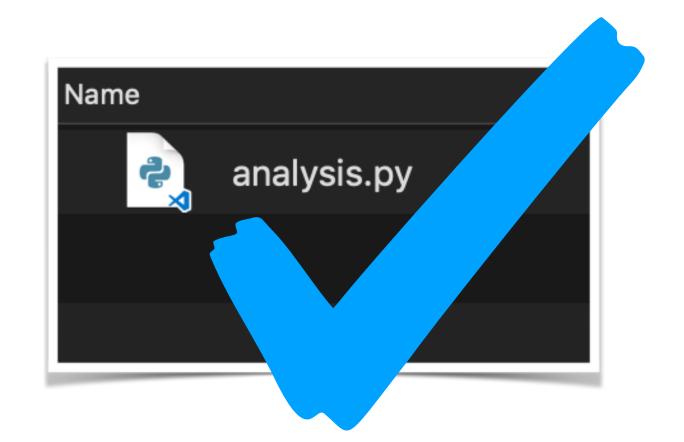


Versions

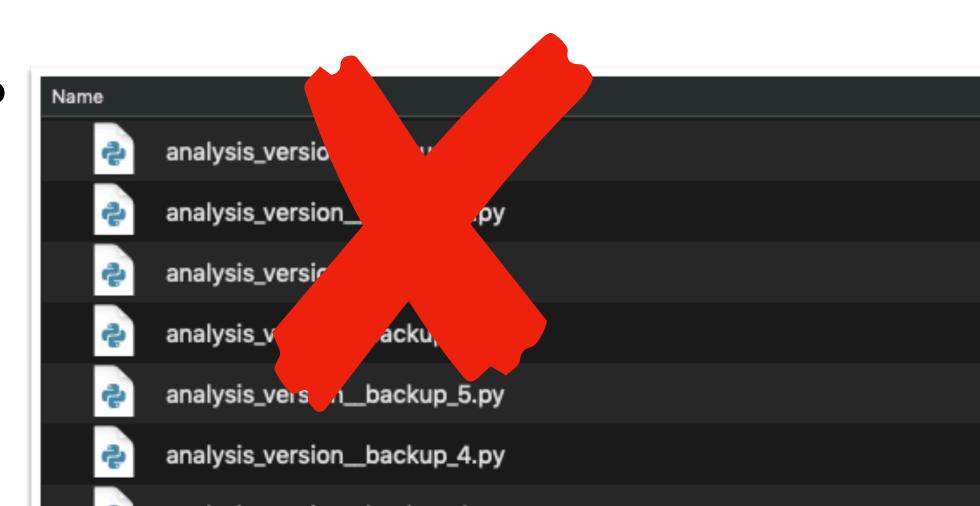
Version control works in the background, making it easy for you to keep track of changes in your work.

You only see one version of a file/folder, which can make you nervous, but:

Git keeps track of the changes



Implicit timeline



Basic Git

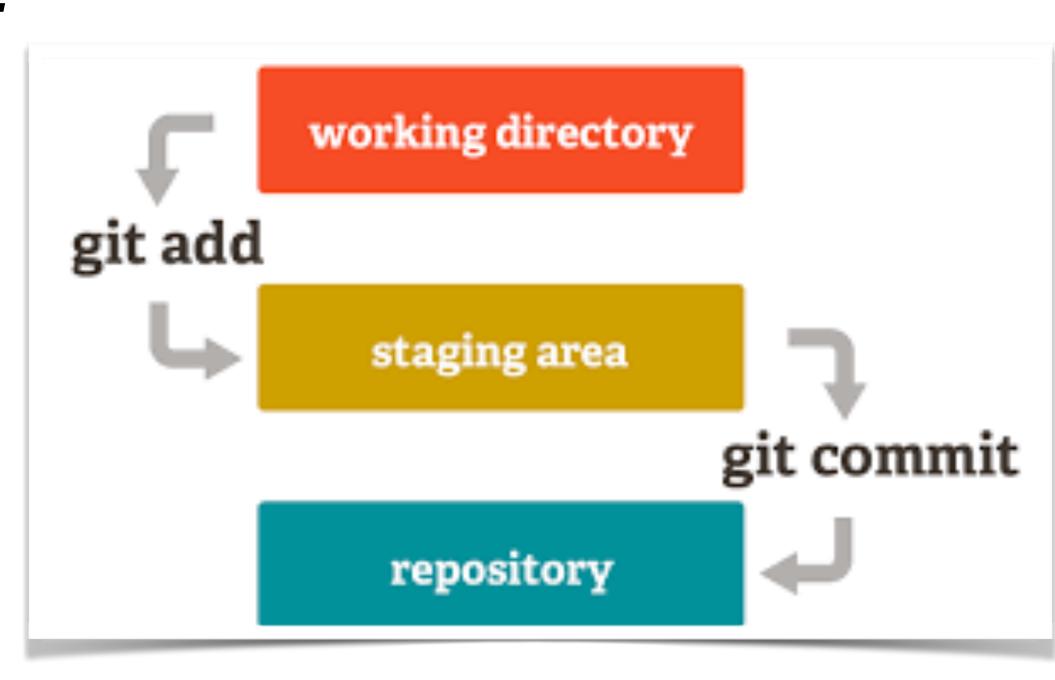
Start a repository in a folder:

git init

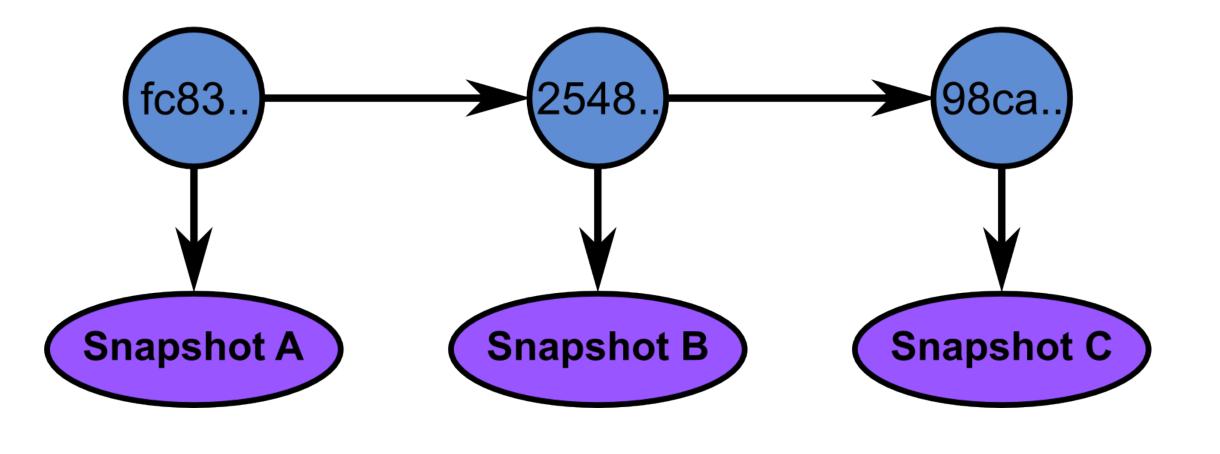
When you add a file to your work, you have to add it to the repository git add myfile

When you've changed files, and want to be able to go back to this point, you commit your changes, to create a *snapshot*git commit

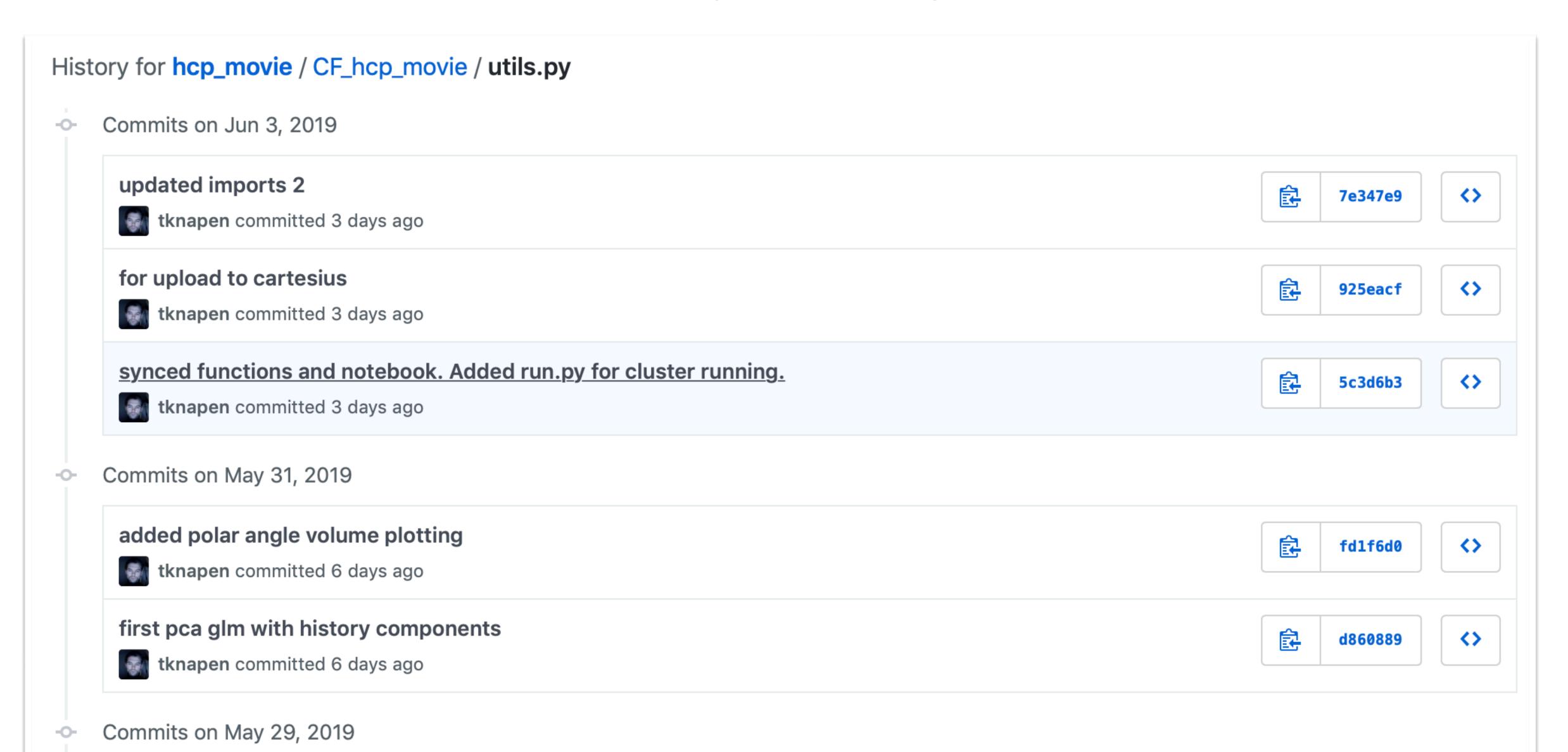
The part you see



The whole history



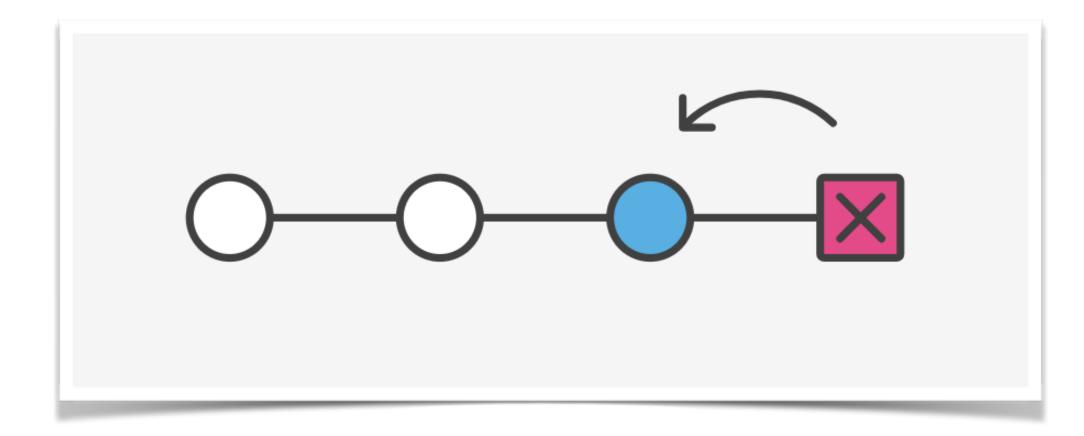
Basic Git



Implicit, automatic backup

Why do this extra work?

You can always go back to a previous version of your code!



But, this is all still local, on your own computer

GitHub





Github is a huge online database of repositories. It contains 57 million repositories of code, in all manner of programming languages.

You can make an account, and start uploading your repositories to GitHub, either open to the world - or private.

Easy way for visualising your repository's history in the browser or a GUI program - no need for command line terror!

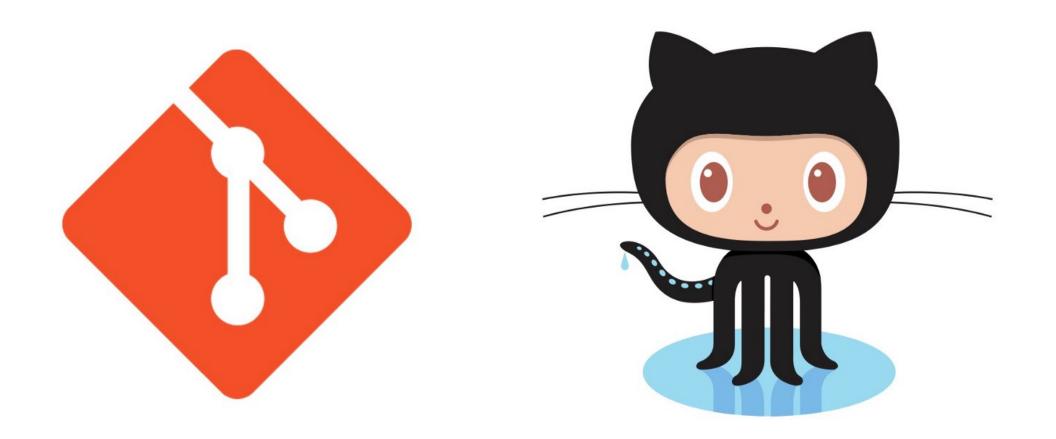
Git/GitHub Demo





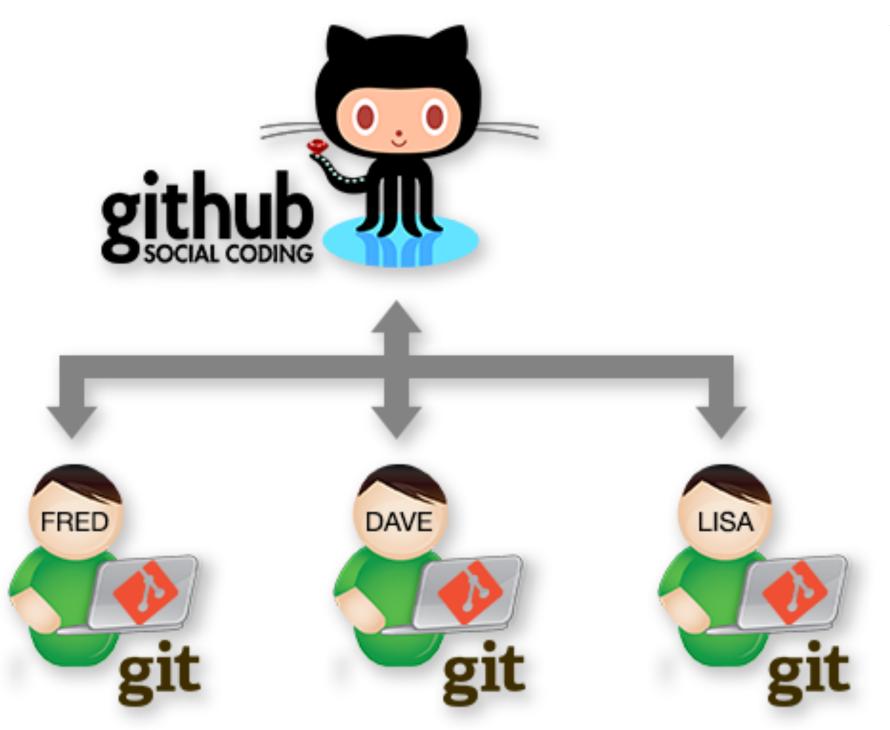
Collaboration & GitHub

git push origin master



Code is backed up online

Awesome way of sharing code!



You become a better coder by reading other people's code

Access to other people's code makes you



GitHub & Further





With a bit of extra work you get a lot for free!

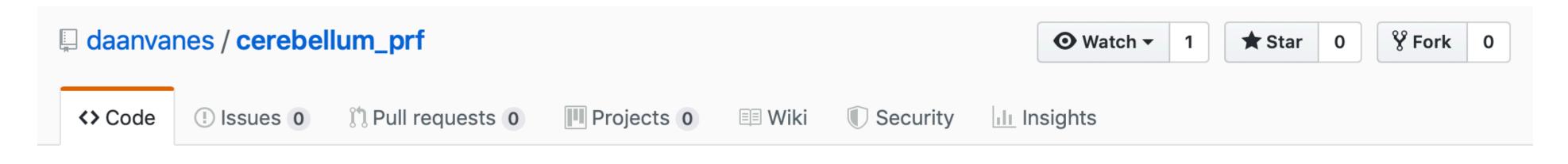
Getting the hang of this will make it easier for you to make your methods **open**

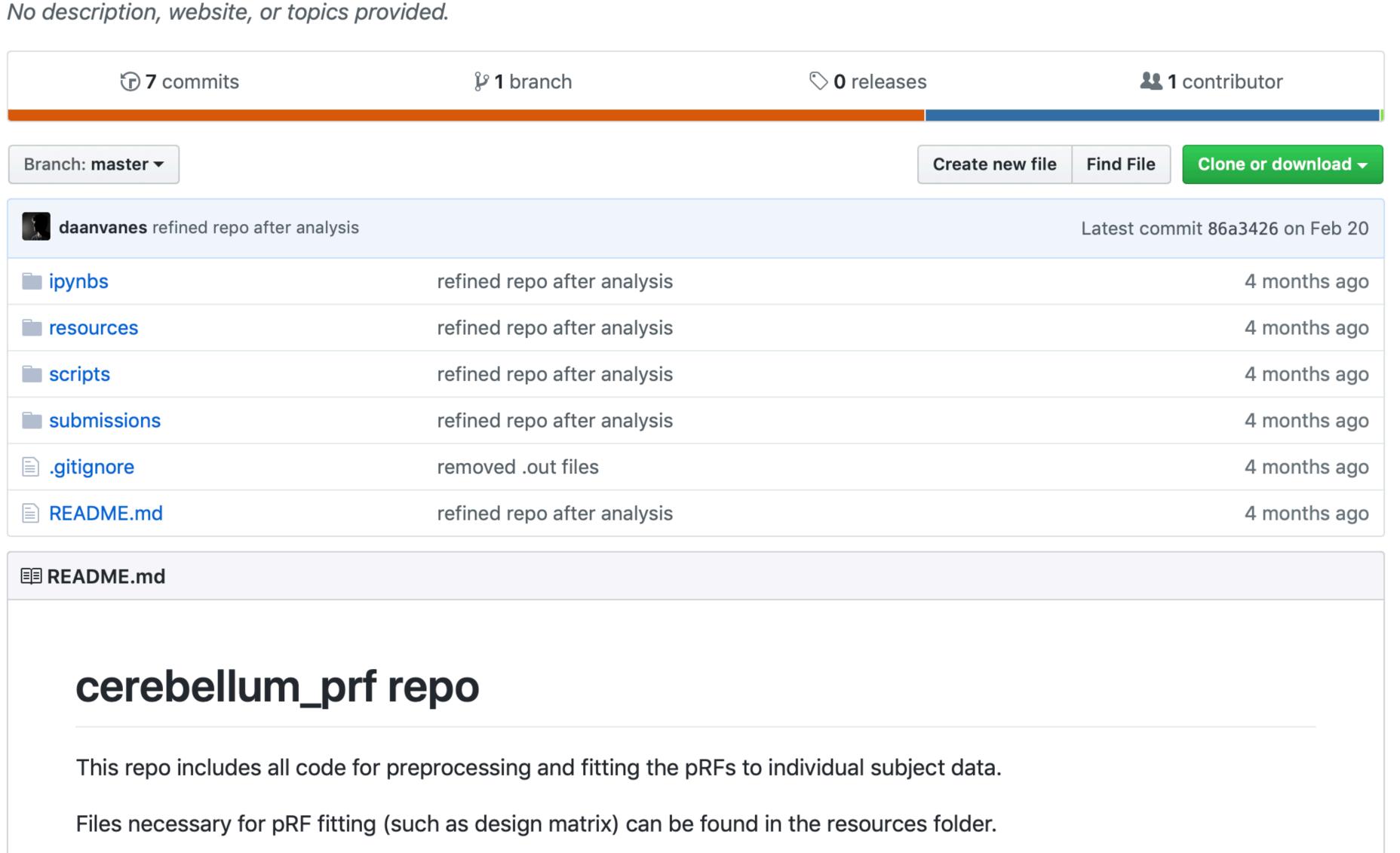
Similar paradigms are available for data, too

Datalad is built on top of git to track versions of data.

Take away







The data have been preprocessed through fmriprep. This includes motion correction and spatial alignment to MNI space.