


Business Continuity through Reproducible Research

**A practical workshop on building
knowledge trust and retention**



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**We write research papers
to contribute knowledge,
insights, or perspectives to
a field of study.**

By publishing research, we ask our audience
to believe in what we say

To accept that the knowledge we have
created is true.



**This is
where
Reproducible
Research comes in**

Reproducible research is the practice of documenting a study's methods, data, and code so that its results can be verified and reproduced by others using the same materials and procedures.

**In the reverse, when we're
reading papers, how do we
know we can trust the
outcomes?**

A workshop aims to take researchers further down your reproducibility path, by providing concepts and tools they can use in everyday workflows.

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Step 1 - Planning to be organised

Step 2 - Keeping your files Tidy and Organised

Step 3 - Methodology and Protocols

Step 4 - Documentation and writing it down

Step 5 - Testing and Controls

Step 6 - Automation


Step 7 - Publishing, Persistent Identifiers and Preparing for Reuse

This course was made for everyone



Not specific to
computational
research

What is your next step?

 INSTRUCTOR NOTE

Beginner Intermediate Advanced

A great place to start is:

Open a document and start a diary. You can write at the time of day, about anything you got stuck on, and any notes to yourself.

Can be at any maturity
level

Change can start....

With Ourselves

Some change can start with ourselves, and

As a Group

Change can come from a group leader or those with clear outcomes and goals offer incremental

As a Organisation

Some change comes from the organisation.

Focuses on what you
can do day to day



**We build trust
in our
knowledge**

**...showing people that they
can trust our outcomes**

**We retain our
knowledge**

**...and also build business
continuity into our research groups**



KEY POINTS

IN THIS LESSON, WE HAVE LEARNT:

- How to plan our research by considering Data Management Plans and implementing a folder structure
- To keep a copy of raw data safe and secure separate to our working data
- How to consistently name our files
- To consider and map the metadata of our files

We build trust in our knowledge by:

- Keeping our raw data safe and secure, so we can always come back to it and confirm our work
- Having consistent and standard operating procedures




We retain knowledge using:

- Having our files and folders organised, so nothing is lost
- Mapping the metadata of our files, so we know where they came from

We build business continuity by:


- Having our data and materials well organised, so others in our team can find data
- By being clear in our plans through Data Management Plans


Can be used as
a self paced
learning or as
an instructor

  Instructor View 

Learner View

Step 1 - Planning to be organised



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Data Management Plan

A data management plan (DMP) is a living document for a research project, which outlines data creation, data policies, access and ownership rules, management practices, management facilities and equipment, and who will be responsible for what.

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Does your institute have a Data Management policy, procedure or page that can be linked for your attendees?


This is a great place to put it!

[Link to your institutional Data Management Planning Page](#)

Contact your institute's library or research office to find out more about data management and data

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The following describes how to customise this workshop for your own institute.

Preparation - What do you need?

You do not need to download or install any special software (git or R) to customise this using this template. All of the steps can be done in your web browser.

How to copy the lessons

1. Make a new Github account.

You do need a Github account - <https://docs.github.com/en/get-started/start-your-journey/creating-an-account-on-github> should walk you through this. Please note, your username will form part of the URL for the workshop.

Now log in with your new details via <https://github.com/login>

2. Let's copy (clone) the repository.



Uptake

This has now been taught as a train-the-trainer across +100 trainers across Australia and the UK

**Take the
workshop
home with you**



<https://carpentries-incubator.github.io/ReproducibleResearch/>