



Reproducible Research: Lessons from the MADAGASCAR Project

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Outline

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History of Madagascar

What is Science?



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Science is the systematic enterprise of gathering knowledge about the universe and organizing and condensing that knowledge into testable laws and theories. The success and credibility of science are anchored in the willingness of scientists to **independent testing and replication** by other scientists. This requires the **complete and open exchange of data, procedures and materials**.
American Physical Society, What is Science?

From Science to Open-Source Software

Abandoning the habit of secrecy in favor of process transparency and peer review was the crucial step by which alchemy became chemistry. In the same way, it is beginning to appear that open-source development may signal the long-awaited maturation of software development as a discipline.

Eric Raymond, TAUP, 2004

Communicating to a Skeptic



DIALOGO DI GALILEO GALILEI LINCEO MATEMATICO SOPRAORDINARIO DELLO STUDIO DI PISA. *E Filosofo, e Matematico primario del* SERENISSIMO GR.DVCA DI TOSCANA.

Due ne i congressi di quattro giornate si discorre
sopra i due

MASSIMI SISTEMI DEL MONDO
TOLEMAICO, E COPERNICANO;

*Proponendo indeterminatamente le ragioni Filosofiche, e Naturali
tanto per l'una, quanto per l'altra parte.*

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IN FIRENZA, Per Gio:Batista Landini MDCXXXII.

CON LICENZA DE' SUPERIORI.

What is Reproducible Research?

- ▶ Attaching software code and data to publications
- ▶ Communicating computational results to a skeptic

*An article about computational science in a scientific publication is not the scholarship itself, it is merely advertising of the scholarship. The actual scholarship is the complete software development environment and the complete set of instructions which generated the figures. **J. Buckheit and D. Donoho, WaveLab***

Reproducible Research Discussions



ICASSP 2007

Berlin-6 2008

CiSE 2009

- ▶ Donoho et al.
- ▶ LeVeque
- ▶ Ping & Eckel
- ▶ Stodden

IEEE Signal Processing Magazine 2009

- ▶ Vandewalle et al.

Yale Roundtable 2009

NSF Archive Workshop 2010

- ▶ <http://www.reproducibleresearch.net>

Reproducible Research Discussions

SIAM CS&E 2011

- ▶ **Verifiable, Reproducible Research and Computational Science**

SIAM GS 2011

- ▶ **Reproducible Science and Open-Source Software in the Geosciences**

AMP 2011

- ▶ **Reproducible Research: Tools and Strategies for Scientific Computing**
- ▶ http://www.mitacs.ca/goto/amp_reproducible

ICIAM 2011

- ▶ **Reproducible Research in Computational Science: What, Why and How**



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Reproducible Research

History of Madagascar

Jon Claerbout's Story



1987 Sunview experience

- ▶ Interactive programs are slavery

1992 $\text{L}^{\text{A}}\text{T}_{\text{E}}\text{X}$ + cake

- ▶ Building books by a single command

1990s Ph.D. students

- ▶ cake to make, CD-Rom to WWW

2001 Reproducible research paper in *CiSE*

- ▶ **The principal beneficiary is the author**

Lesson 1



The principal beneficiary is the author.



<http://reproducibility.org/>
<http://ahay.org/>



Ohloh.net about MADAGASCAR

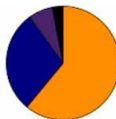
Ohloh Analysis Summary

- 1 [Mostly written in C](#)
- ✓ [Mature, well-established codebase](#)
- ✓ [Increasing year-over-year development activity](#)
- ✓ [Large, active development team](#)

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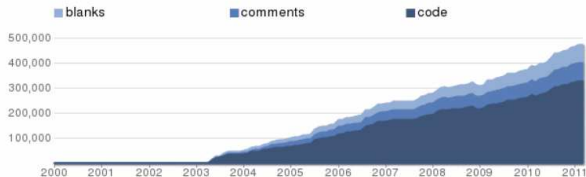
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New BSD License	13 files
GNU Library or "Lesser" GPL (LGPL)	3 files

C	61%
TeX/LaTeX	29%
Python	7%
Other	3%



Language	Code Lines	Comment Lines
C	199,855	51,414
TeX/LaTeX	94,806	8,573
Python	21,907	10,744
Fortran (Fixed-format)	4,002	8
C++	2,996	680
Matlab	1,366	709
Make	740	13
Java	704	31
Fortran (Free-format)	370	41

Lines of Code





Lesson 2

- ▶ http://www.ahay.org/wiki/Reproducible_Documents

Each computation is a test.



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School and Workshop: Vancouver 2006



School and Workshop: Houston 2010



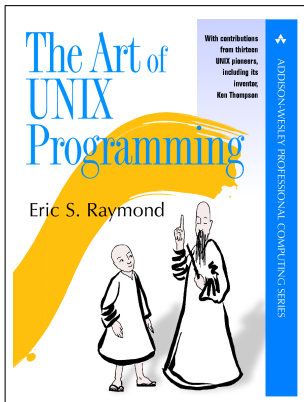
Lessons 3 and 4

Reproducibility requires maintenance.

Maintenance requires an open community.



MADAGASCAR Design



► Multidimensional arrays as files

Write programs that do one thing and do it well. Write programs to work together. Write programs to handle text streams, because that is a universal interface.

Doug McIlroy, Unix

MADAGASCAR filter in C

```

#include <rsf.h>

int main(int argc, char* argv[])
{
    int n1, n2, i1, i2;
    float clip, *trace;
    sf_file in, out;

    sf_init(argc,argv);
    in = sf_input("in");
    out = sf_output("out");

    sf_histint(in,"n1",&n1); /* trace length */
    n2 = sf_leftsize(in,1); /* number of traces */
    if (!sf_getfloat("clip",&clip)) sf_error("Need clip=");

    trace = sf_floatalloc (n1);
    for (i2=0; i2 < n2; i2++) {
        sf_floatread(trace,n1,in);
        for (i1=0; i1 < n1; i1++) {
            if (trace[i1] > clip) trace[i1]= clip;
            else if (trace[i1] < -clip) trace[i1]=-clip;
        }
        sf_floatwrite(trace,n1,out);
    }

    exit(0);
}

```

MADAGASCAR filter in Python

```
#!/usr/bin/env python

import numpy
import m8r

par = m8r.Par()
input  = m8r.Input()
output = m8r.Output()

n1 = input.int("n1") # trace length
n2 = input.size(1)  # number of traces

clip = par.float("clip")

trace = numpy.zeros(n1,'f')
for i2 in xrange(n2): # loop over traces
    input.read(trace)
    trace = numpy.clip(trace,-clip,clip)
    output.write(trace)
```

MADAGASCAR SConstruct script

```
from rsf.proj import Flow

Flow('spike',None,'spike n1=1000 n2=100 | bandpass fhi=10')
Flow('cliped', 'spike', 'clip clip=0.5')
```

```
bash$ scons
scons: Building targets ...
/usr/bin/sfspike n1=1000 n2=100 | /usr/bin/sfbandpass fhi=10 > spike.rsf
< spike.rsf /usr/bin/sfclip clip=0.5 > cliped.rsf
scons: Done building targets.
bash$ sed -i'' -e's/0.5/0.25/' SConstruct
bash$ scons -Q
< spike.rsf /usr/bin/sfclip clip=0.25 > cliped.rsf
```

► <http://www.scons.org/>



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- ▶ **MADAGASCAR LESSONS**
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