

RDA - Reproducibility Interest Group Case Statement

This interest group seeks to advance and enable reproducibility in research based on or producing datasets. Our goals are to provide community-based recommendations and infrastructure solutions, doing so in coordination with the other RDA Working and Interest Groups where appropriate. Our efforts are also intended to produce Working Groups that can pilot these recommendations and solutions, with an eye to building infrastructure.

Objectives

Our primary areas of focus regarding reproducibility are:

- 1) the persistent linking and availability of data and code (via repositories or other mechanisms) used in the generation of published research results, with the publication itself;
- 2) the development, encouragement, and adoption of meta-data standards for data and code, especially for those linked to publications;
- 3) the development, encouragement, and adoption of data and code publication, authorship, and citation practices, especially for those linked to publications;
- 4) the development and adoption of appropriate tools and infrastructure that enable: the sharing of workflows that permit replication of scientific findings; the persistent linking of all digital scholarly objects used to generate research findings such as datasets in repositories; and versioning of digital scholarly object to ensure persistent reproducibility.
- 5) developing a clear research agenda with two co-informed and mutually reinforcing tracks: the first track involves issues such as measuring the reliability of the scientific record; inherent limitations on reproducibility; operationalizing the definition of reproducibility in different research areas; understanding costs and appropriateness in different research settings; and policy design for reproducibility including privacy protection. The second track focuses on computational solutions to irreproducibility, including but not limited to software development (workflow tracking, provenance, and computational environments, as well as tools within traditional analytical software such as statistical packages); machine architecture for reproducibility computational science; cyberinfrastructure for supporting workflow tracking and linking data, code, and results, and enabling the execution of code, for verification and reuse.

Participation

The Reproducibility Interest Group is open to all RDA members to participate.

Outcomes

The Reproducibility Interest Group will be considered a success if it develops recommendation documents based on consensus amongst its members. In addition, the Interest Group will be considered a success if one or more Working Groups are created to pilot the recommendations.

Mechanism

The Reproducibility Interest Group will utilize capabilities provided by the RDA platform to communicate and collaborate. These include:

Monthly or bimonthly telecons/webex to with a planned agenda to discuss specific issues;
Asynchronous collaboration using online tools such as google docs/groups, wikis and email list servers;
RDA meetings to hold sessions for face to face interactions and to inform other RDA members of its ongoing activities.

All Reproducibility Interest Group documents will be made publicly available.

Timeline

A tentative timeline is given below, subject to change.

Kickoff meeting at 4th RDA Plenary (September 2014):

Discussing focus areas and use cases, identifying overlap with other RDA Interest and Working Groups;
Technology and Infrastructure Lists

By 5th Plenary:

Identifying focus area and science use cases;
Identifying gaps in reproducibility in use cases;
Planning recommendations and infrastructure solutions;
Preliminary Recommendation Document;
Preliminary new Working Group identification.

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