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# Computational Skills Training

## HDR Induction for Supervisors and Students

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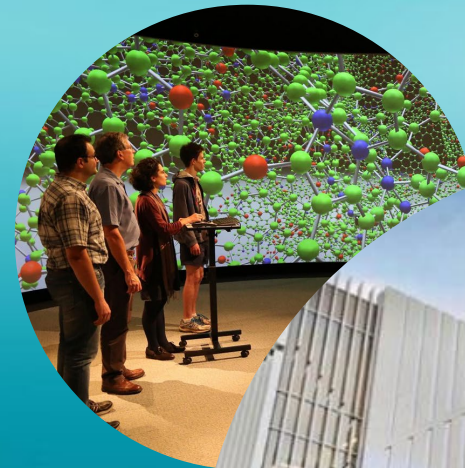


# Curtin Institute for Data Science Overview

Australia's largest university-based data science research institute.

The Curtin Institute for Data Science is an interdisciplinary knowledge accelerator providing innovative solutions in data to solve real-world challenges.

- Established in 2016
- Based at Curtin University, Bentley Campus, Western Australia
- Multi-disciplinary team of 40+ in-house technical specialists
- Network of 200+ virtual researchers across Curtin University
- Data projects across all domains







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**PROFESSOR MELANIE JOHNSTON-HOLLITT**  
Director, Curtin Institute for Data Science  
Director, Australian Space Data Analysis  
Facility







# Our Specialities

The Institute provides end-to-end data support across nine specialities:



Big Data Analytics



Machine Learning and  
Artificial Intelligence



High Performance  
Computing



Research Software  
Development



Data Engineering



Modelling and  
Optimisation



Visualisation and  
Simulation

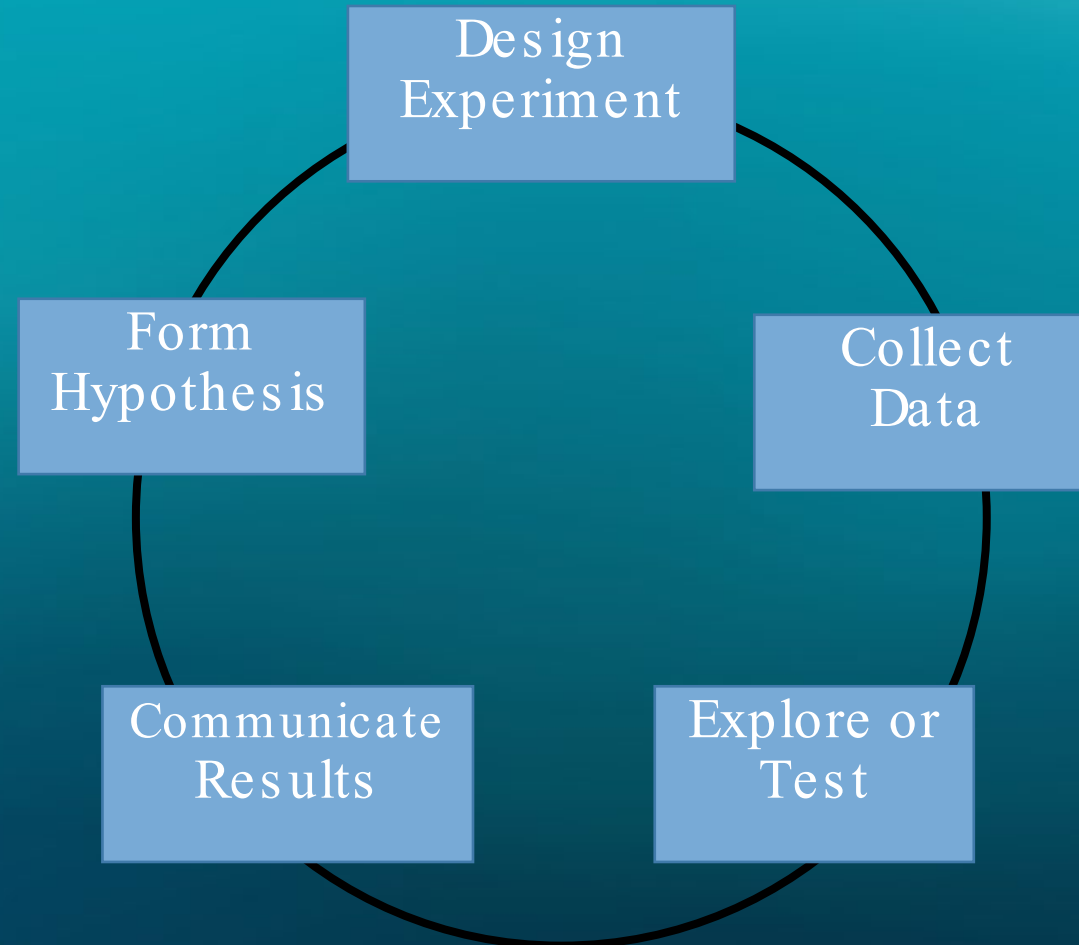


Education and  
Training



Project Scoping and Life  
Cycle Management

# The importance of software in research and academia



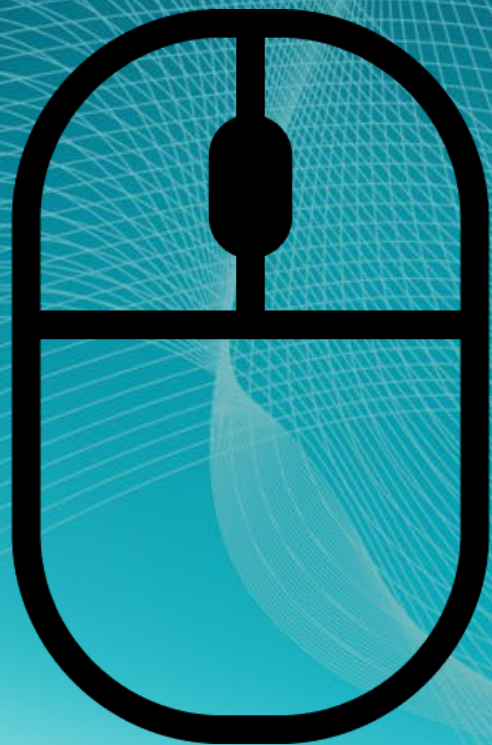
# The importance of software in research and academia







# What does your data analysis workflow look like?



Point and click?

Ok for simple tasks

One at a time...

Hard to automate or reproduce





# A computer language for scientists



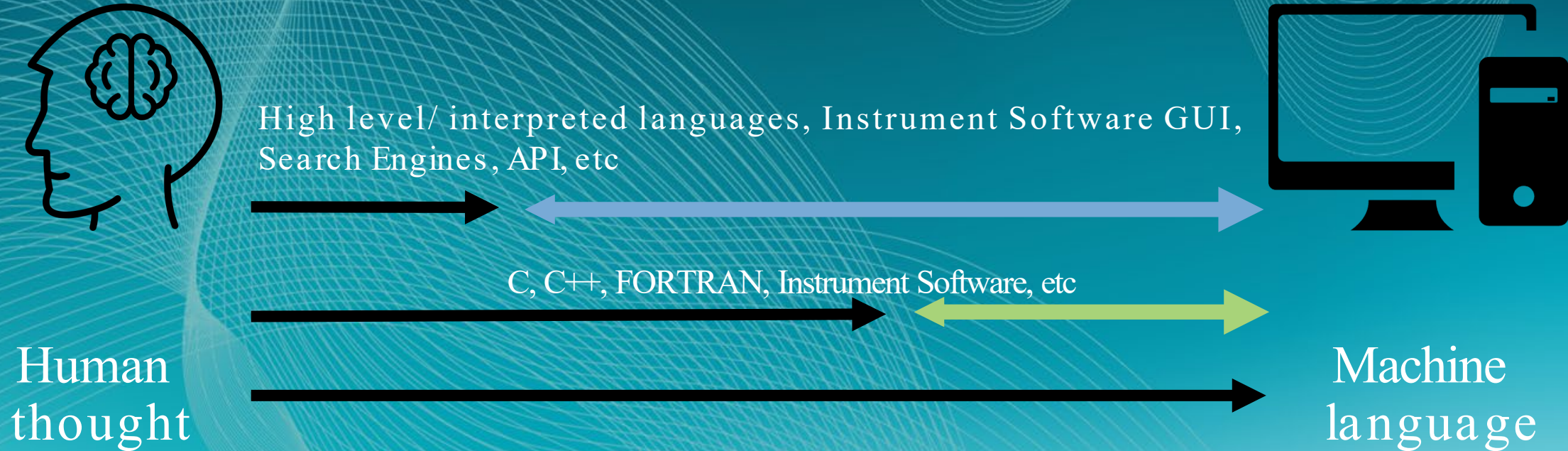
Human  
thought



Machine  
language



# A computer language for scientists







# Why use R and / or Python?

Python and R are supported by a large open source community







# Why use R and / or Python?

## Questions tagged [python]

Ask Question

Python is a multi-paradigm, dynamically typed, multi-purpose programming language. It is designed to be quick to learn, understand, and use, and enforces a clean and uniform syntax. Please note that Python 2 is officially out of support as of 2020-01-01. For version-specific Python questions, add the [python-2.7] or [python-3.x] tag. When using a Python variant (e.g. Jython, PyPy) or library (e.g. Pandas, NumPy), please include it in the tags.

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2,101,829 questions

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0 votes [Add note with attachments on Freshservice](#)

0 answers I am trying to add a note with an attachment to a Fresh working. Below is my code: # \* Construct the Freshser  
4 views

python python-requests multipartform-data fres

0 votes [saisonal period m in SARIMA for 15min-data](#)

0 answers I have data of the strength of the sun's rays every 15 m make some predictions with SARIMA / SARIMAX. Now I  
4 views

python arima sarimax

## Questions tagged [r]

Ask Question

R is a free, open-source programming language & software environment for statistical computing, bioinformatics, visualization & general computing. Please use minimal reproducible examples others can run using copy & paste. Show desired output entirely. Use dput() for data & specify all non-base packages with library(). Don't embed pictures for data or code, use indented code blocks instead. For statistics questions, use https://stats.stackexchange.com.

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480,105 questions

Newest Active Bountied 12

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1 answer I am trying to join common ID values in 2 dataframes to their I have a list with demographic data and another with blood san  
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r dplyr lubridate

0 votes [Ranking changes according to their frequency \(R](#)

0 answers enter image description here I am working on a school projec based on data from an Excel table and this is one of them D:  
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r rstudio

## Questions tagged [spss]

Ask Question

SPSS is a statistics package. Originally released in 1968, it is currently owned by IBM.

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2,031 questions

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0 votes [3-way ANOVA pairwise comparisons or t-tests? \(SPSS\)](#)

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16 views

spss anova t-test pairwise

bobi 1 asked Feb 1 at 12:04





# Why use R and / or Python?

Python and R are free and open source

No paywalls

No subscription costs

You can use your favourite OS

Open source software is free (as in freedom)

...everyone can afford their vegetables this week!





# Why use R and / or Python?

The code is readable

It is your record of your  
analysis!

...research becomes  
reproducible

## JAVA

```
public class Main {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        System.out.println("hello world");  
    }  
}
```

## PYTHON

```
print('hello world')
```



# Why use R and / or Python?

## Analysis is scalable

```
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(20, 30))
markersize = 1
markertype = ',' # pixel
markercolor = '#325CA9' # blue
markeralpha = .8 # a bit of transparency

m = Basemap(
    projection='mill', lon_0=bbox['lon'], lat_0=bbox['lat'],
    llcrnrlon=bbox['ll_lon'], llcrnrlat=bbox['ll_lat'],
    urcrnrlon=bbox['ur_lon'], urcrnrlat=bbox['ur_lat'])

# Avoid border around map.
m.drawmapboundary(fill_color='ffffff', linewidth=.0)

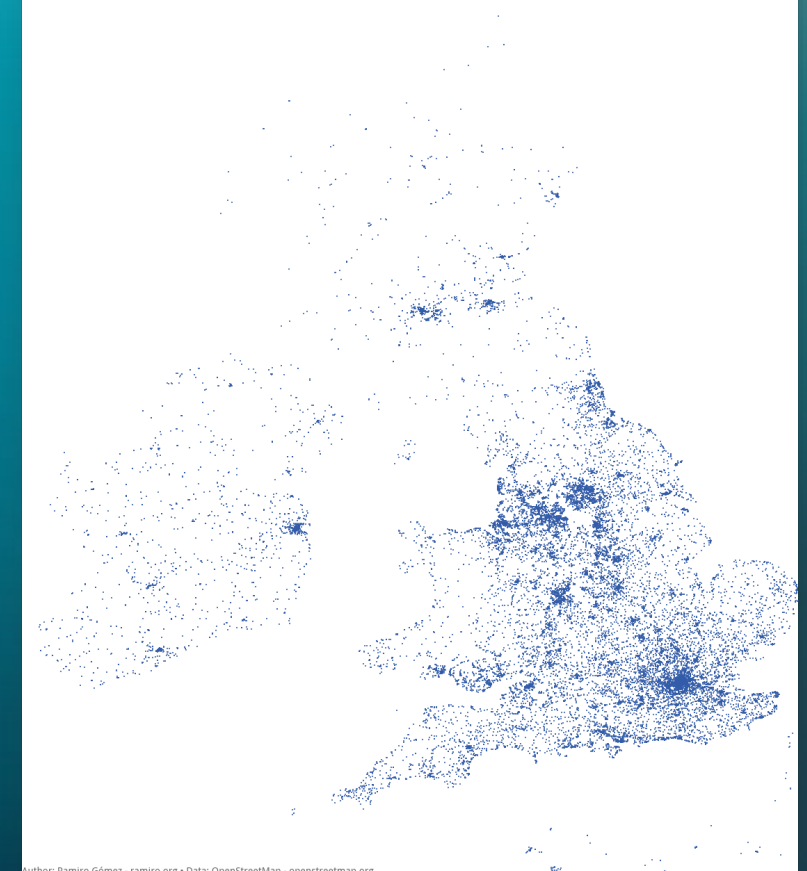
# Convert locations to x/y coordinates and plot them as dots.
lons, lats = zip(*locations)
x, y = m(lons, lats)
m.scatter(x, y, markersize, marker=markertype, color=markercolor, alpha=markeralpha)

# Set the map title.
plt.annotate('Britain & Ireland\ndrawn from pubs',
            xy=(0, .87),
            size=120,
            xycoords='axes fraction',
            color='#888888',
            family='Gloria')

# Set the map footer.
plt.annotate('Author: Ramiro Gómez - ramiro.org • Data: OpenStreetMap - openstreetmap.org',
            xy=(0, 0),
            size=14,
            xycoords='axes fraction',
            color='#666666',
            family='Droid Sans')

plt.savefig('img/britain-ireland-drawn-from-pubs.png', bbox_inches='tight')
```

### Britain & Ireland drawn from pubs



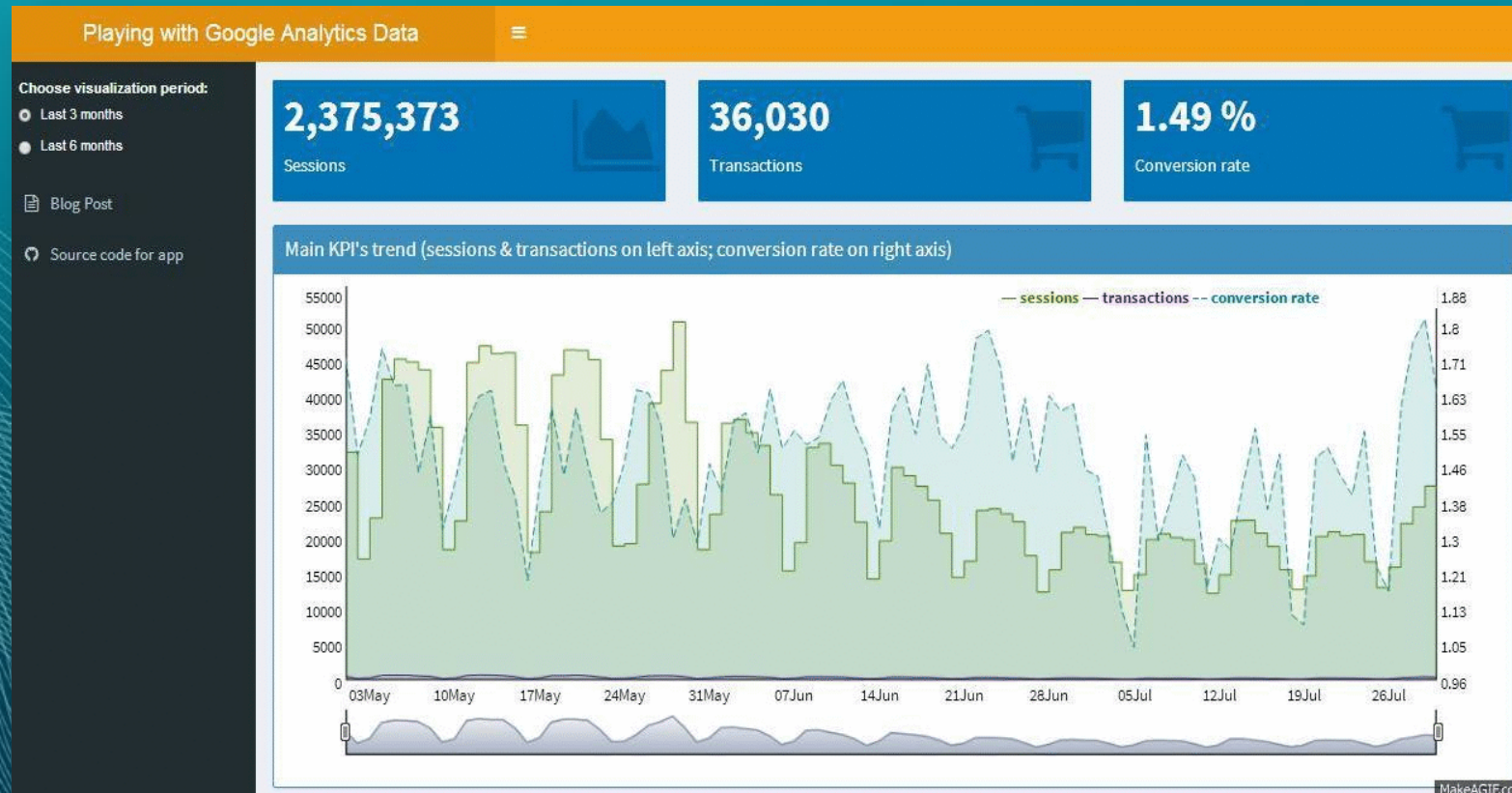
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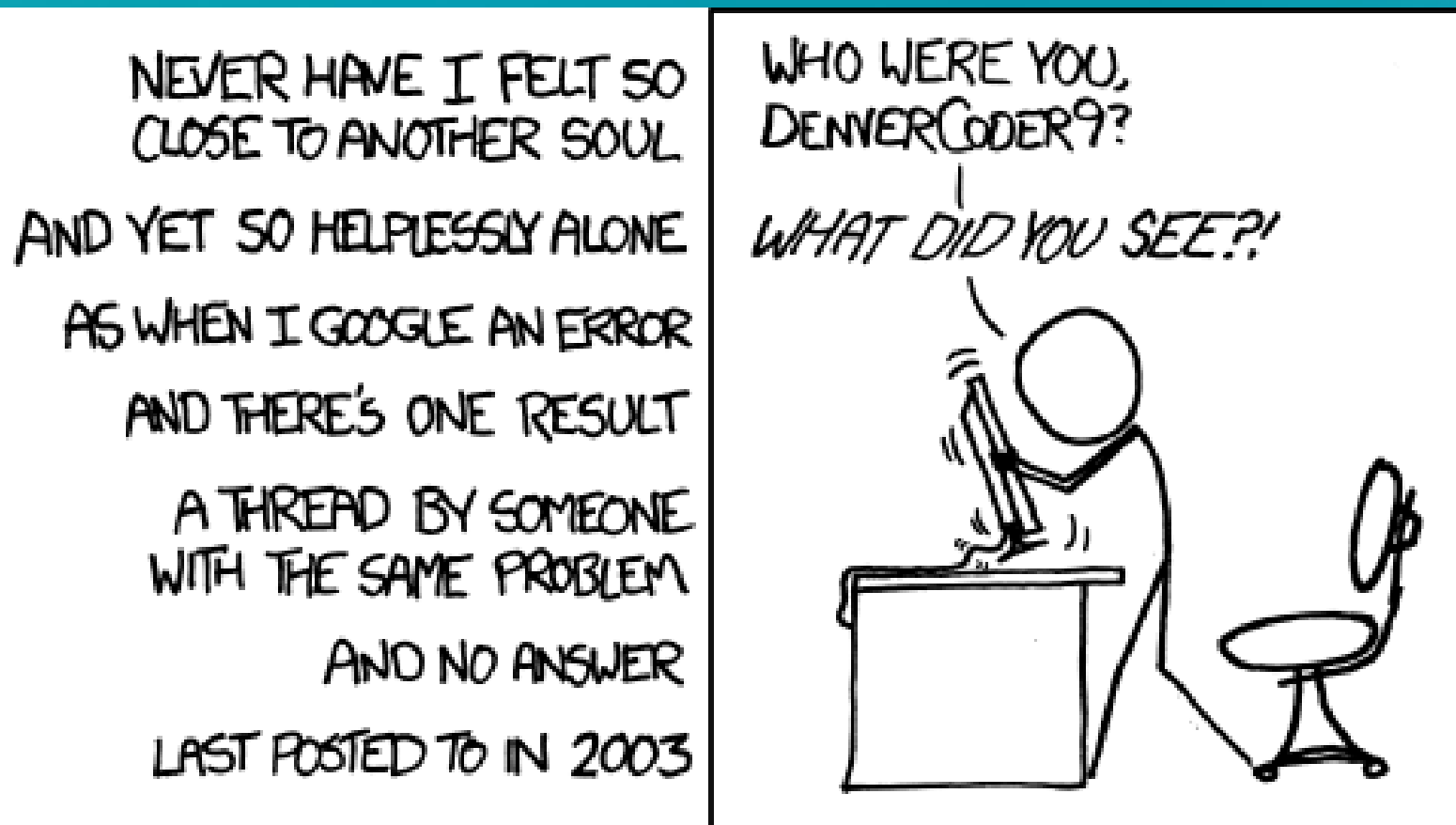
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## Results are shareable





# Learning to code on your own != trivial!







# Leveraging the community for skills training

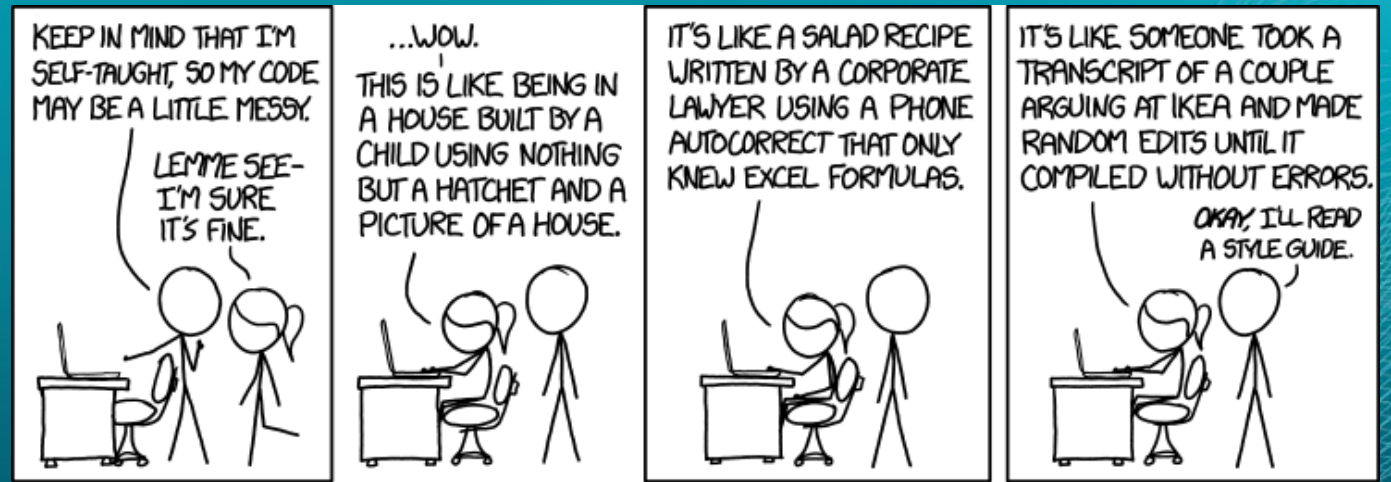
Teaching

Carpentries training

Ongoing support

CIDS Book a Technical Expert Sessions

Code review sessions in your area







# The Carpentries

Teach foundational computational, coding, and data science skills to researchers

Workshops are in-person events, generally two days long

Global community of volunteers

Carpentry certified instructors are trained in pedagogy

Lessons are freely available under the Creative Commons - Attribution License



THE  
CARPENTRIES







# Support from the Institute

## CIDS Book a Technical Expert Sessions

Held every Tuesday, 3pm-4pm at the CIDS office (B216:206/207)- email [curtinids@curtin.edu.au](mailto:curtinids@curtin.edu.au) to RSVP, [click here for more information.](#)



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## Computing Workshops

The Carpentries

- Python, R and Git workshops twice a year - Sept 4-6 2024 (python and Git)
- [Join our mailing list here](#) to be informed when registrations open- they fill out fast!



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