Data Schools

Planning: Teaching

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We'll look at:

- Choosing the curriculum
- Instructors and helpers
- Computer setup
- Venue
- Stickies and printouts
- How to teach
- Expert Awareness Gap
- Resources: How to Teach





Choosing the Curriculum



Data Science	Data Stewardship
Introduction to Unix Shell	
Git for Version Control	
Programming for Analysis (R/Python)	
Research Data Management	
Open and Responsible Authorship	
Information Security	
Machine Learning	Advanced RDM:
Neural Networks	Metadata, Persistent Identifiers, Data Discovery, Automated DMPs, Repositories, and Ontologies
Computational Infrastructure	



Instructors and Helpers



- Familiar with tools they teach
- Some experience in teaching will be helpful
- Co-instructors
- Make material available to learners
- Approachable



Computer Setup

- Connect to projector
- Layout, font size, color, etc.
- Notes: paper / phone / ipad





Venue

- Arrangement of tables/chairs
- Sound system (microphone or not)
- Screen and whiteboard





Stickies and Printouts



- Use anything to enhance your teaching
- Stickies regular feedback
- Printouts cheat sheets / command summaries / exercises



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How to Teach

- How do students learn?
 - Supportive environment Code of Conduct
 - Reference to what they already know (prior knowledge)
 - Transfer information from working memory to long-term memory
 - Practice, practice, practice!
 - Feedback
 - Motivation beliefs about intelligence; learning vs performance goals; value and relevance
 - Show the "big picture" help with knowledge organizations

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Expert Awareness Gap



- "Expert blind spot" when instructor doesn't notice learning needs of novice learners
- Teach complex skills systematically without missing pieces
- Allow focused practice, then whole-task practice
- Be careful not to exceed people's cognitive load
- Aim for far transfer (i.e. beyond the classroom)
- Develop trust in your own style while being open to improvement



Resources: How to Teach



- [PDF: Deans for Impact] The Science of Learning: <u>https://deansforimpact.org/wp-</u> <u>content/uploads/2016/12/The_Science_of_Learning.pdf</u>
- [Book: Ambrose et al.] How Learning Works: 7 Research-Based Principles for Smart Teaching: <u>https://www.pdf-archive.com/2017/04/20/how-learning-works-ambrose-bridges.pdf</u>
- [Webinar: Greg Wilson] What Every Data Scientist Should Know About Education: <u>https://rstudio.com/resources/webinars/what-every-data-scientist-should-know-about-education/</u>



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Thank you!

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