

Putting everything out there as a researcher

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Plan for today

Why care about an internet presence?

Tell people you exist

Show people who you are

Show people what you do

**Why care about
an internet presence?**

It's nice to be known

Reputation is crucial in academia

Hiring

Promotion

Networking

Citations

**Control the narrative
about yourself!**

It's nice to have friends

Research is lonely and full of failure

Grants

Journal articles

Disappointing results

No/slow feedback

Luck

Work in public and build a community

Tell people you exist

Search engine rankings

Algorithms determine your rankings in search engines

Make profiles on standard websites to borrow those sites' reputations

Use other peoples' websites

Google Scholar

ORCID

Institutional directory

LinkedIn

Link your profiles

List your different profiles on each site to help the algorithm link them together

Show people who you are

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Your own website

Social media

Use your own website

Have a central place that is all about you and what you do

Control the narrative about you

Point everything else here

How and where?

A website is (typically) a set of HTML files that lives on a computer somewhere in the world

Use someone else's server or your own

Site creation + hosting

Google Sites

(free; limited design choices)

WordPress

(free/paid; more design options)

Wix

(free/paid; ad-supported)

Weebly

(free/paid; ad-supported)

Your institution

(free; unknown process for editing)

Squarespace

(free/paid; ad-supported)

More technical + more control

Netlify

(free; supply your own HTML)

GitHub Pages

(free; supply your own HTML)

Self-hosted (like Digital Ocean)

(cheap; total control; more complicated!)

Domain name

**A domain name is an address
that points at a server**

sites.google.com/yourname vs. yourname.com

**You can point a domain name at
pretty much any hosting option**

iwantmyname.com

What should be there?

At minimum

About

CV

Research

Teaching

Other stuff

Blog

/uses & /now

Social media

**Have a presence on
social media**

Twitter, Instagram, TikTok, etc.

What should I post?

**Strictly
professional**

**Only advertise
your research**

**Personal +
professional**

**Show the world
who you are
(part of that is research)**

Why?

Boost your own work

Why?

Build and participate in a community

#acwri

#rstats

#EpiTwitter

#poliscicooks

#poliscibakes

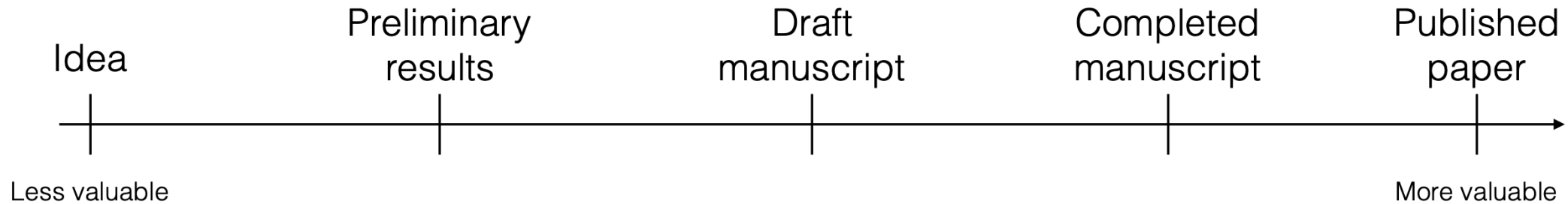
Show people what you do

Show people what you do

Your in-progress work

Your finished work

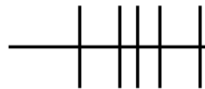
How we normally think of our work and goals



How we *should* think of our work and goals

Anything still
on your computer

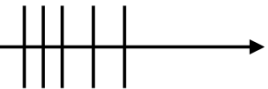
(Data, code, results,
draft, finished paper)



Less valuable

Anything out
in the world

(Paper, preprint, product,
blog post, open source,
tweet)



More valuable

Make your work available

**Most journals allow you to
post preprints online**

(pre-typeset and pre-edited versions)

**Consider posting
working papers too!**

Where?

~~Academia.edu & ResearchGate~~

Make it as easy as possible
to access your stuff!

Your own website

Institutional repository

SocArXiv

Dropbox

Google Drive

Radical transparency and public work

Go beyond just posting your research!

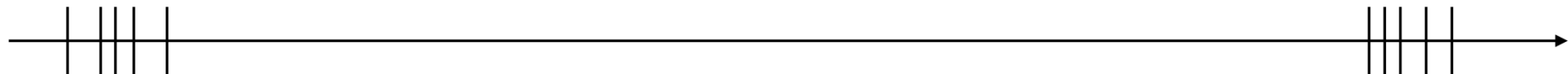
Work in public

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(Easy-ish) ways to work in public

Play with (and blog about) data

Example Example

Play with (and blog about) methods

Example Example Example

Teach concepts (to yourself, mostly!)

Example Example Example

Consequences of working in public

**Get quick feedback
(and corrections) from smarter people**

Find coauthors and publishing opportunities

Create a reference for yourself

Build your reputation as an expert

Control your internet presence!

Tell people you exist

List yourself on existing websites

Show people who you are

Make your own website and use social media

Show people what you do

Show your in-progress and finished work