The Carpentries: Benefits of a collaborative approach to RS skills training

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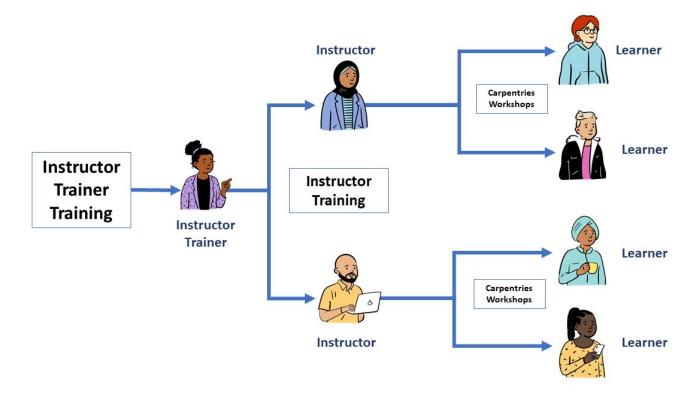
Non-profit organization that:

- Trains people in software development and data science skills for more effective work and career development
- Builds community and local capacity for teaching and learning these skills and perspectives



Most workshops are taught by volunteer Instructors. All lessons are online, free to access, and open source.

Our Model for Training



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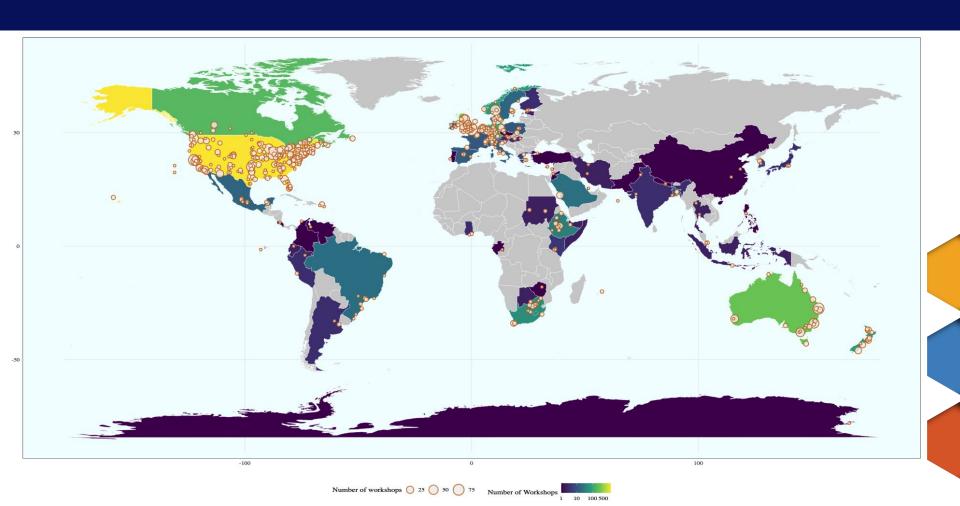
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Software Carpentry

Audience: researchers who need to program more effectively

Domain independent

Modular curriculum: three distinct sections, one optional

Modular curriculum Researchfocused computational skills

Novice-level training
Two day workshops*

Volunteer instructors applying carpentries teaching practices

Address gaps in computational skills

Data Carpentry

Audience: researchers who are dealing with significant

Domain specific (ecology, genomics, GIS, others...)

Full, two day curriculum centered around a single dataset

Domain targeted

Library Carpentry

Audience: People in library and information related roles

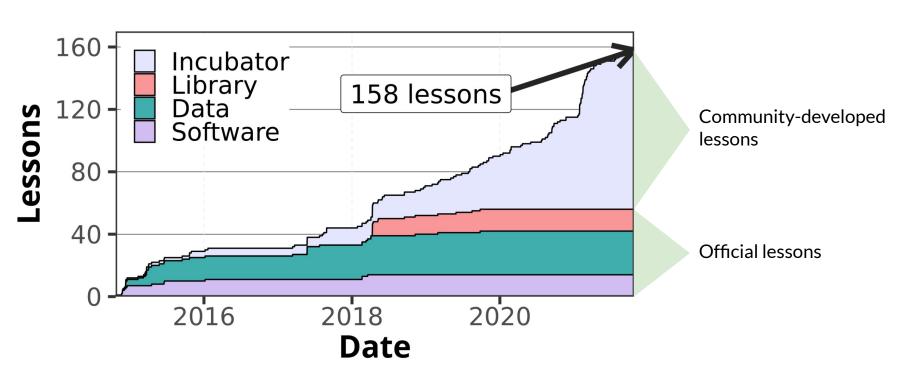
Domain focus: Collections & information support (e.g.: museums & archives), LIS

Modular curriculum centered around core objectives and lessons

*flexible scheduling



The Carpentries Curriculum Community



Collaborative Lesson Development





Open peer review in The Carpentries Lab

Lesson Taught for the first time Taugh

Taught by other instructors

Lesson release

pre-alpha beta stable

pilot workshops

https://github.com/carpentries-incubator/proposals

https://github.com/carpentries-lab/reviews

Benefits of collaborating on lessons

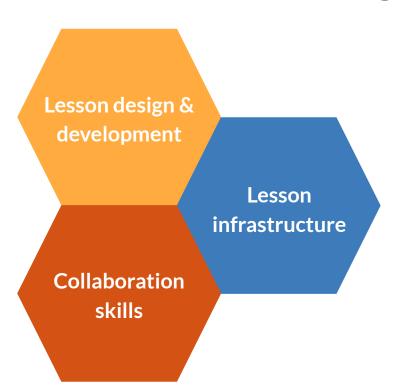


- Gather more perspectives
- Increase sustainability& maintainability
- Reduce duplication of effort
- Learn from collaborators
- Have more fun!

Collaborative Lesson Development Training

- New training program
- Help participants
 collaborate on new lessons
- First pilot June+July 2022





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