

Library Carpentry group evaluation and assessment

- Intro to data for librarians
 - Modules went from very abstract to very specific too quickly
 - First part “Foundations”
 - Mention jargon terms and come up with definitions
 - REGEX tutorial
 - Slightly more structured session
 - Provide examples of data types, sets
 - More guided explanation of foundational topics
 - A lot hung on group discussion
 - Library-specific data sets
 - Work backwards from data to concepts
 - Within each section of the module it was well-paced
- Intro to data redux
 - Scrolling between key and questions
 - Links out to tutorials that don't open in new tab
 - WRONG solutions (pipes in square brackets)
 - Language-specific flavors of regex not discussed
 - Examples and data sets that line up
 - Misnamed module
- Tidy data & intro to data
 - Better web design for navigation
 - Including numbers for each example so that users can coordinate better.
 - Looked more like a manual
 - Jargon busting could use more specific examples
 - Introduction to talking about data in specific character terms
 - Keyboard shortcuts could be expanded
 - More explanation of WHY regex
 - More of a tutorial, less of a manual
 - More hands-on
 - Something more like code academy
 - N.B.: combination of academic librarians and public librarians
 - Context for evaluation: doing on work, training coworkers, training library patrons
 - Having better use cases for specifics
 - Tidy data
 - Good to build in time for set up
 - More interactivity in examples
 - I.e. do this, what do you see?
 - More info on data types
 - What happens when you format columns in excel
 - Formatting of dates (context, usable information for specific use cases)

- Could have been a lot more conversation on why using plain text files (csv, tsv)
 - How to handle them
 - Why you would use them
 - Clippy for coding
 - Some interactive feature that walks through with you
 - Cody :)
- Web scraping module
 - Conceptual intro
 - Xpath for scraping
 - Chrome plugin
 - Scrapr
 - Python library scraping
 - Different experiences & satisfaction
 - Debate on usefulness of library-centric data
 - Something from LC?
 - But we are called to help non-librarian users
 - Looking at Canadian members of parliament
 - NOT under control of Library Carpentry
 - Good example of moving, changing data
 - Bad for new users when lesson doesn't match up
 - Value in learning from these errors
 - Windows setup is time consuming
 - Do installs in advance
 - Would be useful for use scenarios
 - Why do you want to learn this
 - Real world scenarios
 - Scraping metadata from youtube
 - Scraping ebook vendor data
 - Finding actor info from IMDB
 - Refresher on Xpath was useful for many folx
 - In introduction, too big a block of text
 - Don't have too many objectives in a single episode
 - Apparently, known error of python library that breaks an entire section of a tutorial
 - Important to know the impact of python and library version
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