FOSS for Scientists devroom

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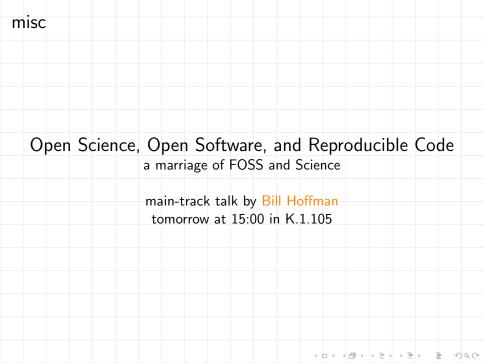[b]Añel, 2011: "The importance of reviewing the code". doi: 10.1145/1941487.1941502

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agenda (1/2 - before lunch)

agenda (2/2 - after lunch)

15 min – talk

4 min – questions

1 min – seat occupancy optimisation

misc

Open Science, Open Software, and Reproducible Code
a marriage of FOSS and Science

main-track talk by Bill Hoffman
tomorrow at 15:00 in K.1.105

Thanks! and let's start