

N8 CIR Newsletter

Welcome

Welcome to the slightly delayed newsletter from N8 CIR. We were putting the finishing touches to some new resources and wanted to include them here.

Although Christmas isn't too far away there's plenty of activity taking place in December, including two events.

Read on to find out more...

HPC Community Day

Join us in Durham for our first in-person event since March 2020. The event will celebrate the work and achievements of N8 CIR over the last year including:

- The launch of Bede, our new HPC platform
- Our successful application to become a chapter of Women in HPC
- The launch of our new Machine Learning theme

The day will be a mixture of keynotes, presentations and lightning talks. We will also be hosting posters, if you're interested in submitting a poster you can include details as part of the registration process.

You can see full details of the programme and register at: <https://n8cir.org.uk/events/high-performance-community/>

ReproHack - Train the Trainer



Reprohacks are one day hackathons providing a sandbox environment for practicing reproducible research. Authors submit paper with associated code and data for review. During events, participants attempt to reproduce submitted papers in teams, and feed back their experiences to authors by completing a review form. They are a great way to promote open science and reproducibility.

ReproHack recently launched an online hub that contains all of the information and resources you need to host your own ReproHack. This free event will act as an introduction to the hub and give you all of the tools and skills you will need to host your own ReproHacks.

Find out more and register at: <https://n8cir.org.uk/events/reprohack-train-trainer/>

Ethics in Computational Research

In October we hosted a series of workshops exploring ethics in computational research. We are pleased to share the first video from these sessions.

This session was led by David Carpenter, Chair of the HRA South Central-Berkshire NHS Research Ethics Committee and a trainer in research ethics. The session explores the ethical issues of working with health (and social care) data. Most people assume their medical records to be absolutely confidential and any suggestion of wider sharing is met with a degree of hostility. The real landscape includes several shades of grey.



Find out more at: <https://n8cir.org.uk/events/event-resource/comp-ethics/>

Bede Update

We continue to see new and exciting requests for access to Bede. You can find out how to access the system at: https://n8cir.org.uk/supporting-research/facilities/bede/docs/bede_registrations/

If you're not sure that Bede is suitable for your needs then you can speak to a research software engineer who can offer advice about the system. Full details of how to contact your local Bede support can be found at: <https://n8cir.org.uk/supporting-research/facilities/bede/rse-support-bede/>

Bede's documentation, including general information about the system, hardware specifications, software environments and job submission scripts can be found at: <https://bede-documentation.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>

As a Bede user you can also join the Bede User Group where you can discuss issues and network with other users. Details of how to do this can be found at: <https://n8cir.org.uk/contact/>



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