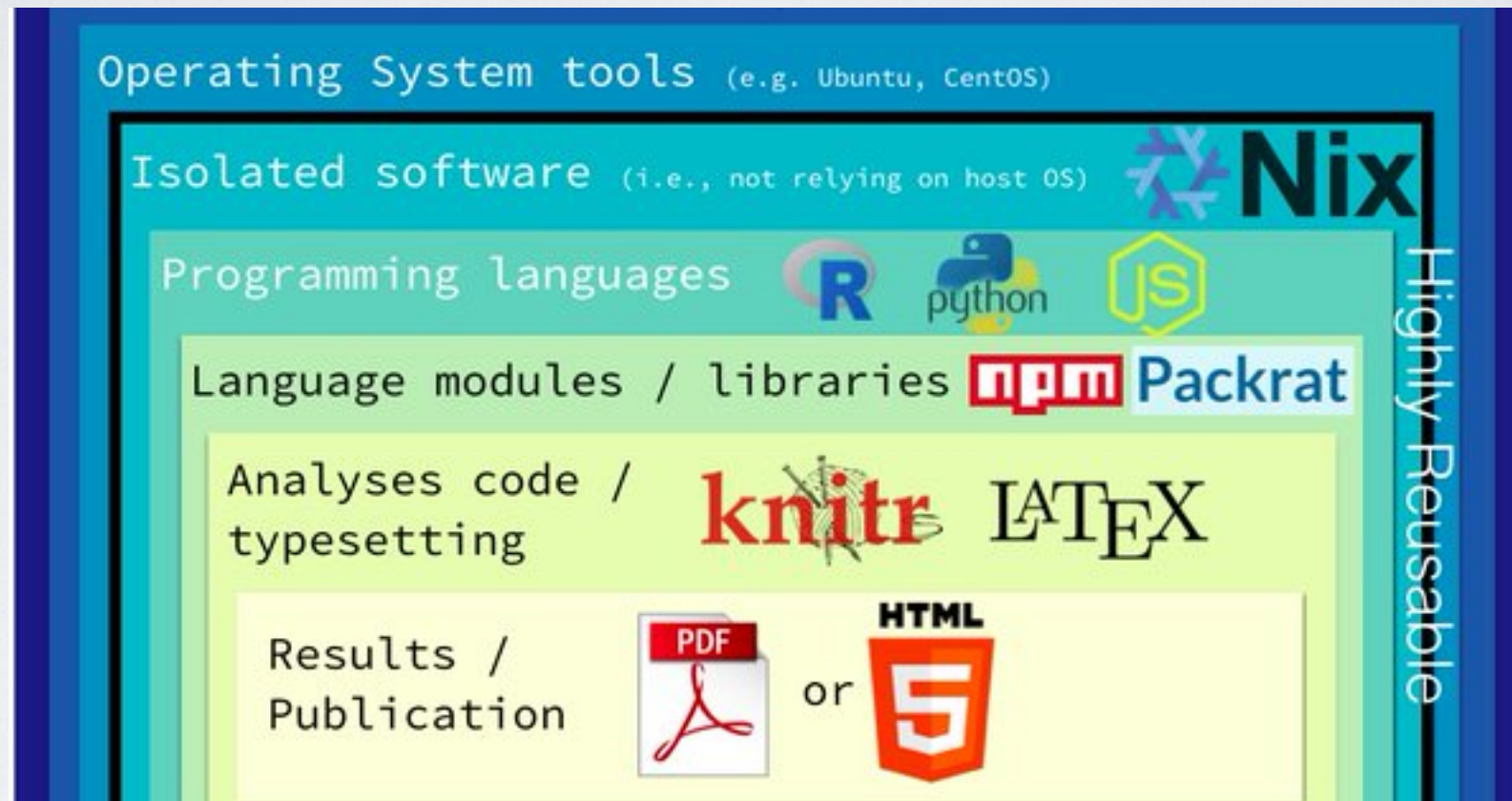


A TRULY REPRODUCIBLE PAPER?



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SCIENCE

should be

REPRODUCIBLE

and

REUSABLE

CONTROLLING ALL VARIABLES IS HARD!!

Field work



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Zoobentos_sampling_Krippenbach.jpg

Lab work



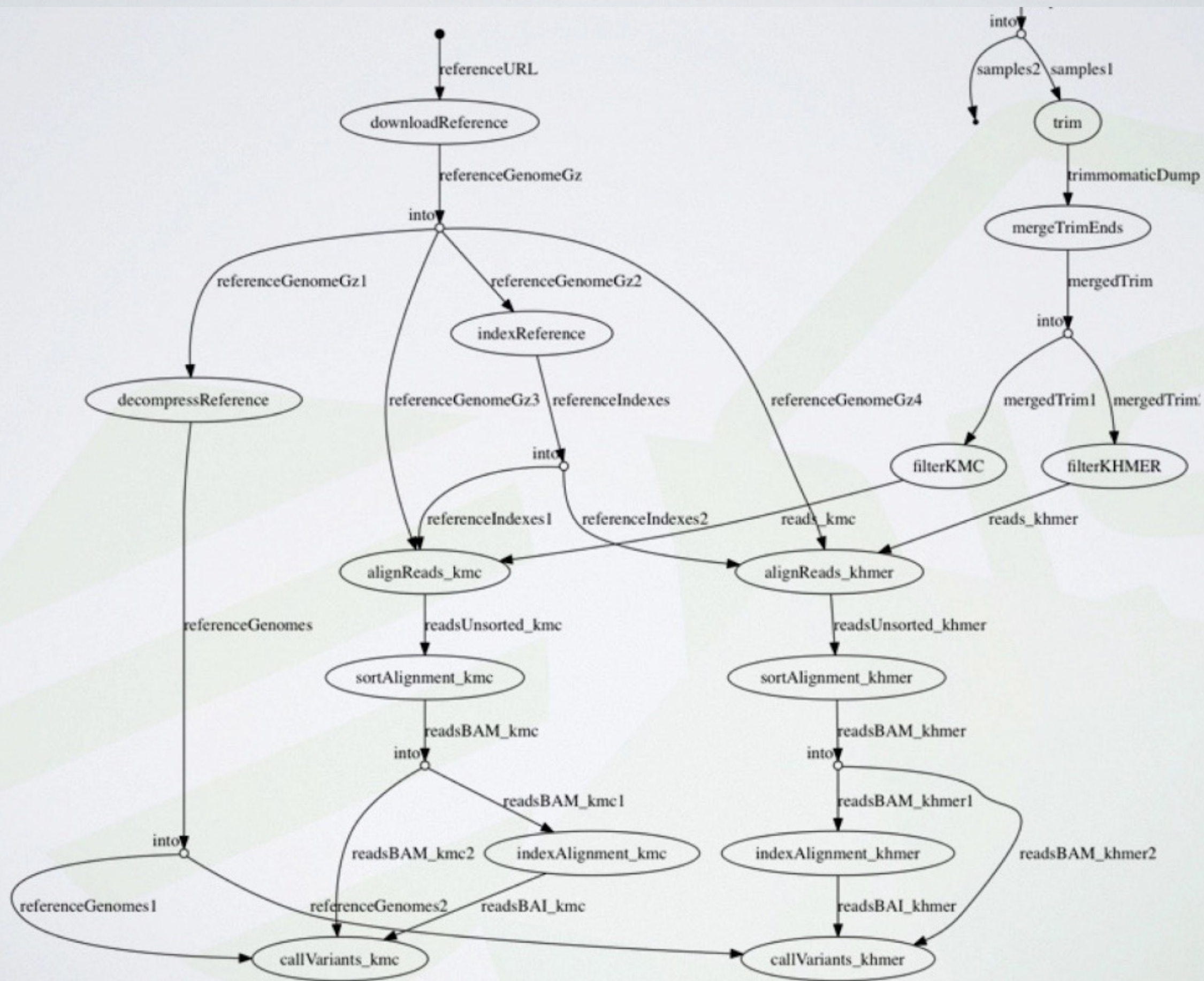
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EASIER FOR COMPUTING? NO!!



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The future: interactive notebooks (Jupyter, Beaker, nteract)

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REPRODUCIBLE CODE

Use whatever is necessary to manage language level dependencies

Python: pip; **Node.JS:** npm; **R:** Packrat





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REPRODUCIBLE CODE

```
npm install libmycodedepends --save  
npm shrinkwrap
```

```
pip freeze > requirements.txt
```

Language modules / libraries  

Analyses code /
typesetting



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REPRODUCIBLE CODE

```
install.packages('libmycodedepends')  
packrat::snapshot()
```

Language modules / libraries  Packrat

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REPRODUCIBLE ENVIRONMENT

Keep track of languages versions and install/compile options



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REPRODUCIBLE ENVIRONMENT

Python 2 or 3? Which R or Node version? Compile flags?



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/bin/python? /usr/bin/python? /bin/env python?



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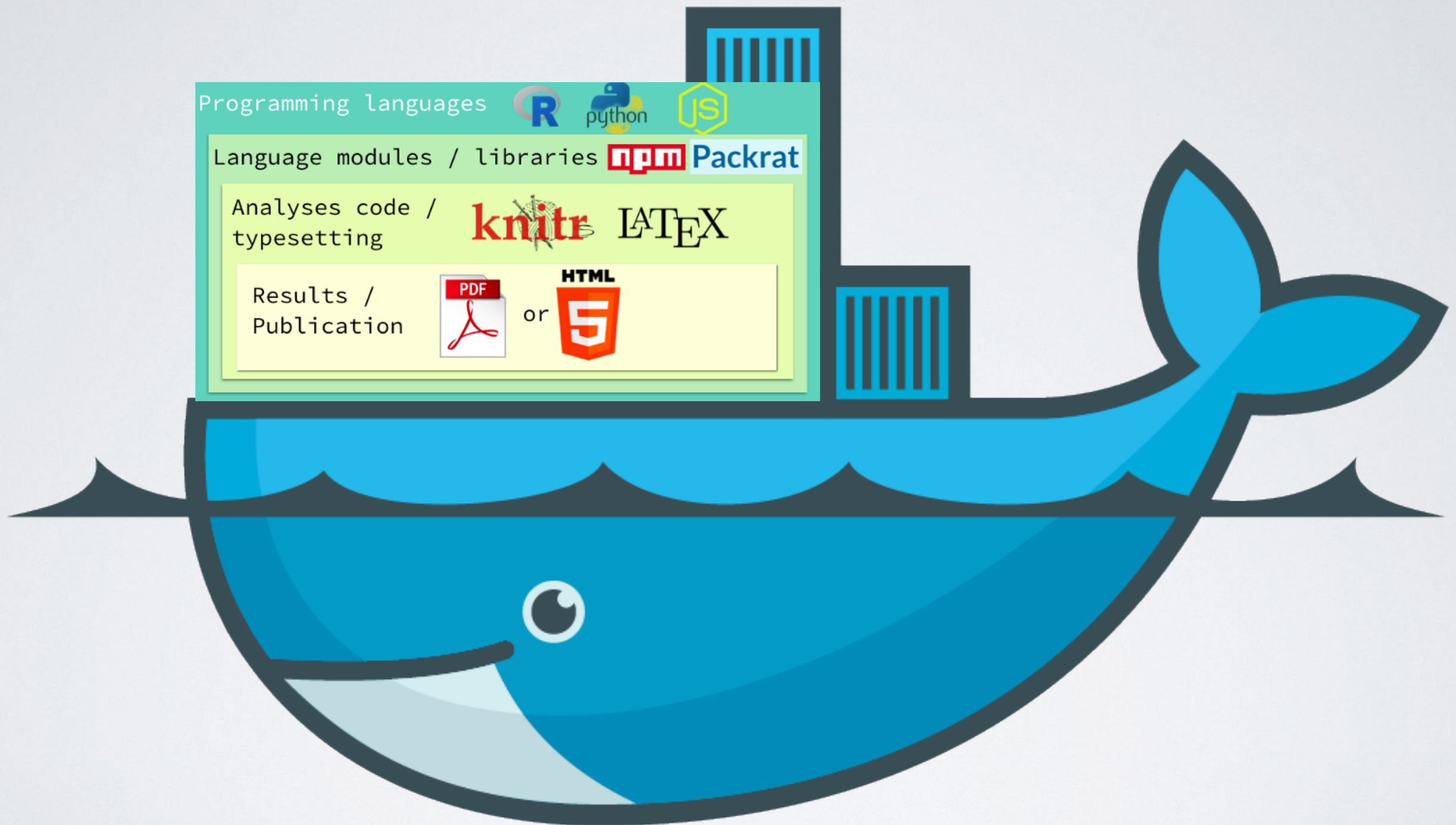
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Ubuntu 16.04 or 17.10? CentOS?



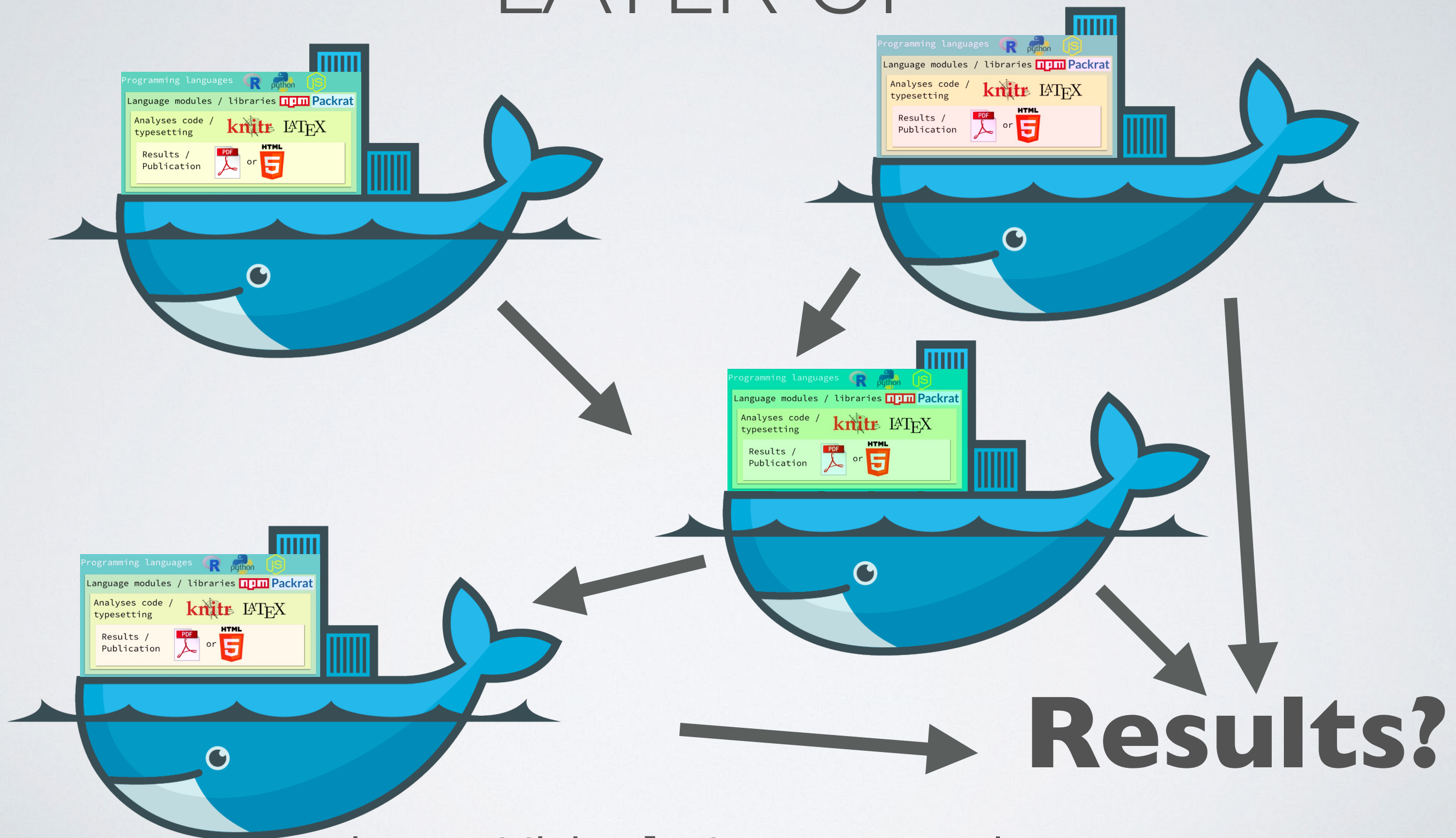
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CONTAINERS AND VM



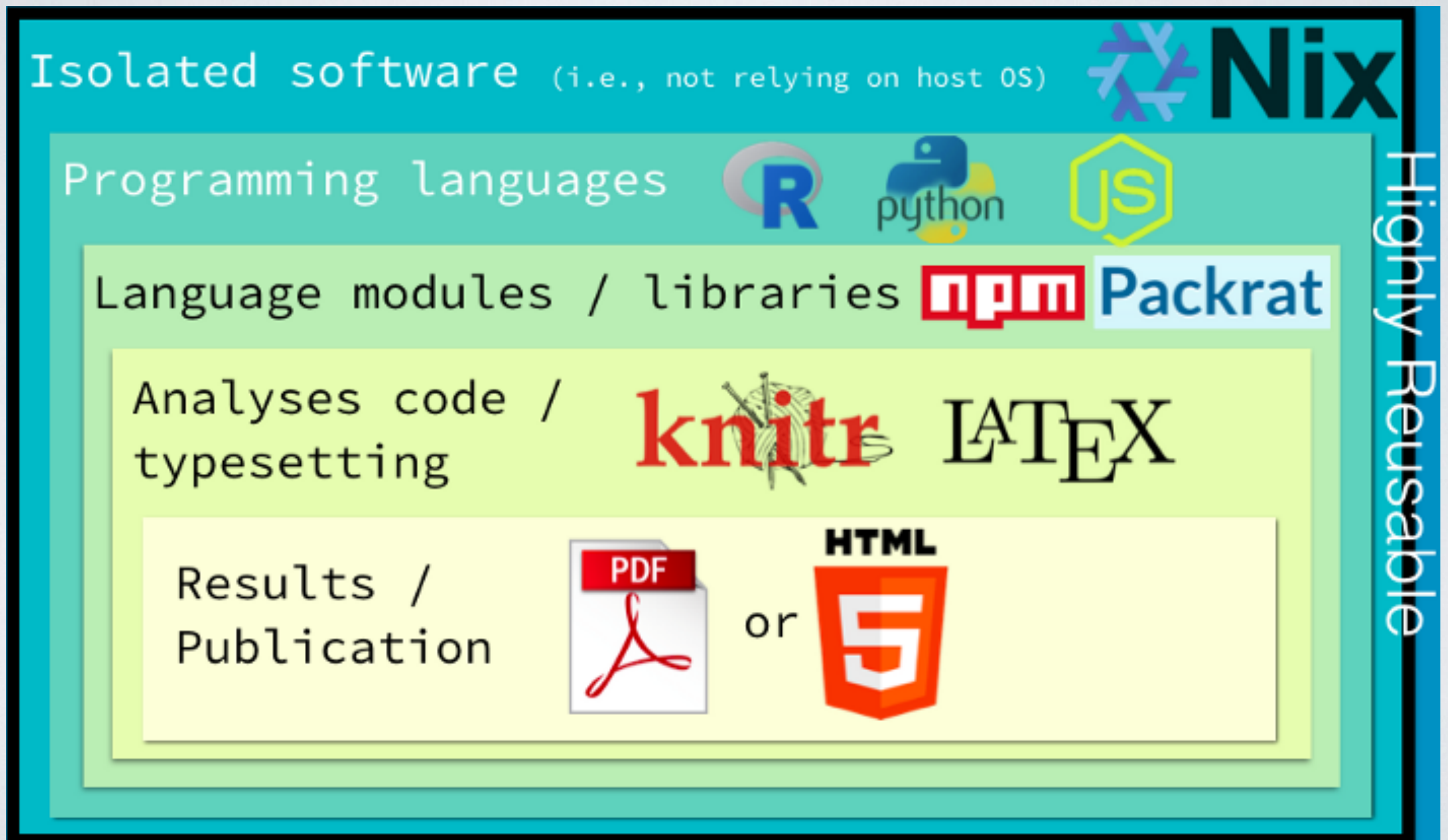
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JUST MOVE THE PROBLEM ONE LAYER UP



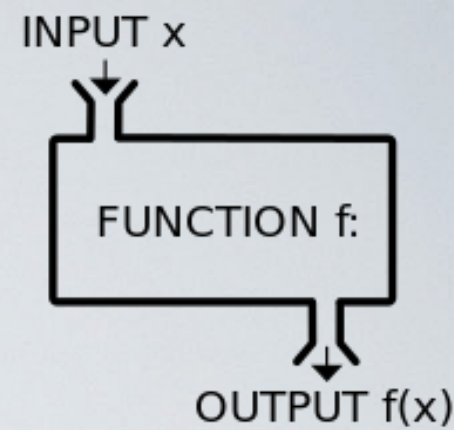
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MORE REUSABLE SOLUTION



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Functional and deterministic package manager



Nix

The Purely Functional Package Manager

Nix is a powerful package manager for Linux and other Unix systems that makes package management reliable and reproducible. It provides atomic upgrades and rollbacks, side-by-side installation of multiple versions of a package, multi-user package management and easy setup of build environments. [Read more...](#)

 Get Nix

Reliable

Nix's purely functional approach ensures that installing or upgrading one package cannot break other packages. This is because it won't overwrite dependencies with newer versions that might cause breakage elsewhere. It allows you to roll back to previous versions, and ensures that no package is in an inconsistent state during an upgrade.

Reproducible

Nix builds packages in isolation from each other. This ensures that they are reproducible and don't have undeclared dependencies, so if a package works on one machine, it will also work on another.

Great for developers

Nix makes it trivial to set up and share build environments for your projects, regardless of what programming languages and tools you're using. For instance, running the command `nix-shell '<nixpkgs>' -A firefox` gives you a Bash shell in which all of Firefox's build-time dependencies are present and all necessary environment variables are set.

Multi-user, multi-version

Nix supports multi-user package management: multiple users can share a common Nix store securely, don't need to have root privileges to install software, and can install and use different versions of a package.

Source/binary model

Conceptually, Nix builds packages from source, but can transparently use binaries from a *binary cache* if available. This combines the flexibility of source package management with the convenience of binary package management.

Portable

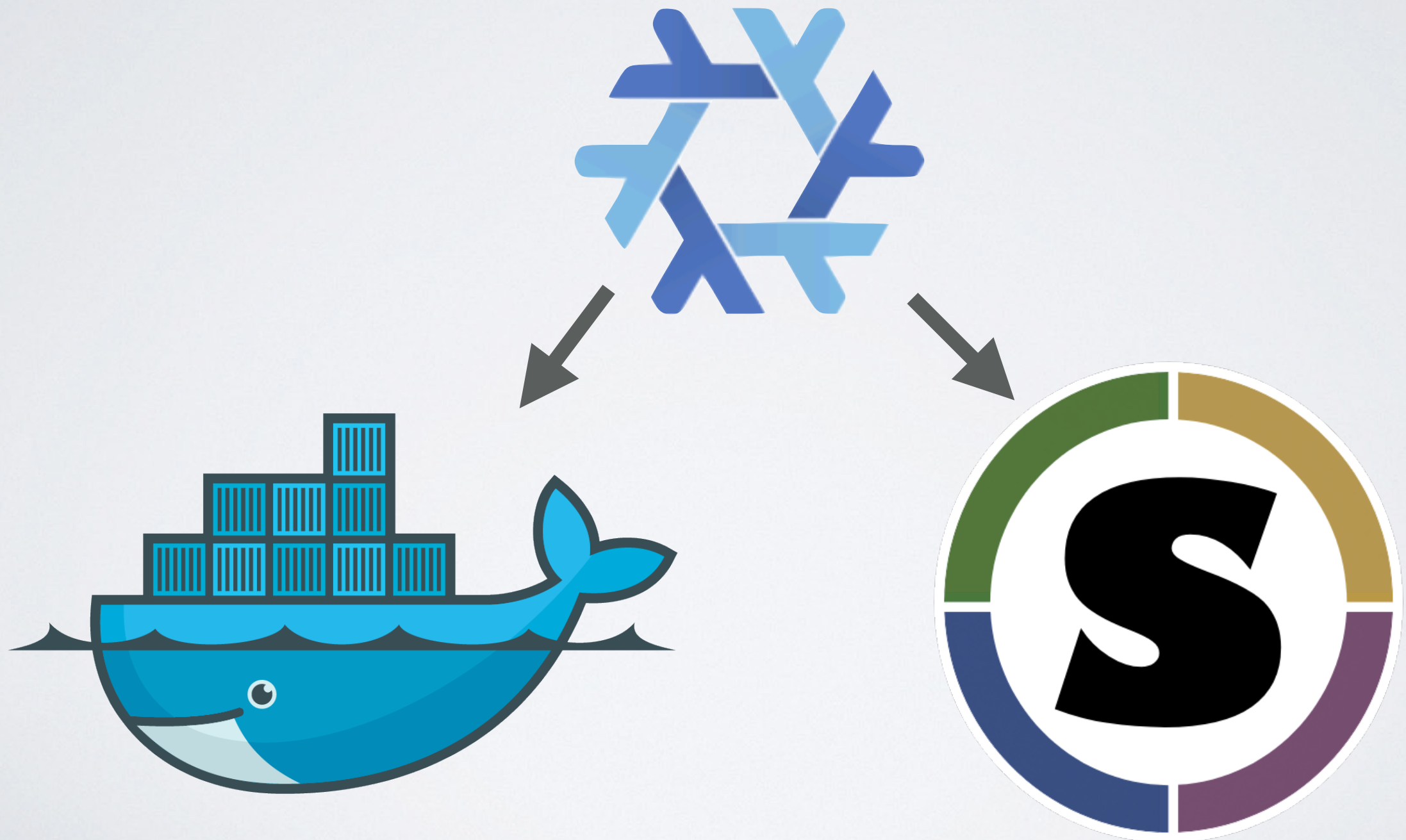
Nix runs on Linux, Mac OS X and other systems. [Nixpkgs](#), the Nix Packages collection, contains thousands of packages, many pre-compiled.

How? Each folder is a hash of the package dependencies and configurations

```
> ls /nix/store/ | grep python | head -n 5  
1723sa96bsp9cxzpn0l2c7fafxvwk2n-python2.7-docutils-0.12.drv  
1h31h196ap5qvnbz6jbzn6f4afn67yz7-python2.7-unittest2-1.1.0.drv  
33y24q9lcgnxmz9hkwiw8iy13xcssxd1-python2.7-Pygments-2.1.3.drv  
396zfq6rpvy83mlkgsk1hfnc70xsmvk-python2.7-pytest-2.9.2.drv  
412fz04cap48p6m2wsvg9fs4x8ym7h85-python2.7-numpy-1.11.2.drv
```

Easily add them automatically to your PATH
or use in isolated environments per project

Easily generate lightweight containers with Nix
to run on current HPC infrastructures



Powerful tool for advanced users

<https://nixos.org/nix/manual>

<https://nixos.org/nixpkgs/manual/>

Beginners blog post coming soon

<https://medium.com/@bmpvieira>

HOW TO START USING IT
RIGHT NOW!!!

INSTALL NIX

```
> curl https://nixos.org/nix/install | sh
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Or if you worry about security and installing things from the web...

```
$ curl -o install-nix-1.11.15 https://nixos.org/nix/install
$ curl -o install-nix-1.11.15.sig https://nixos.org/nix/install.sig
$ gpg2 --recv-keys B541D55301270E0BCF15CA5D8170B4726D7198DE
$ gpg2 --verify ./install-nix-1.11.15.sig
$ sh ./install-nix-1.11.15
```

SHEBANG

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```

```
2  echo Hello world!
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1  #! /usr/bin/env Rscript
```


<https://nixos.org/nix/manual/#use-as-a-interpreter>

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2  #! nix-shell -i bash -p python3 rPackages.ggplot2
```

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