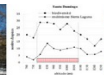




BIO 401-01 / BIO 598-02: GIS for Bio & Enviro Sciences

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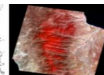
Learning objectives

With continuous practice through the weeks, students will become familiar with command lines and cover numerous topics, including:

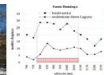
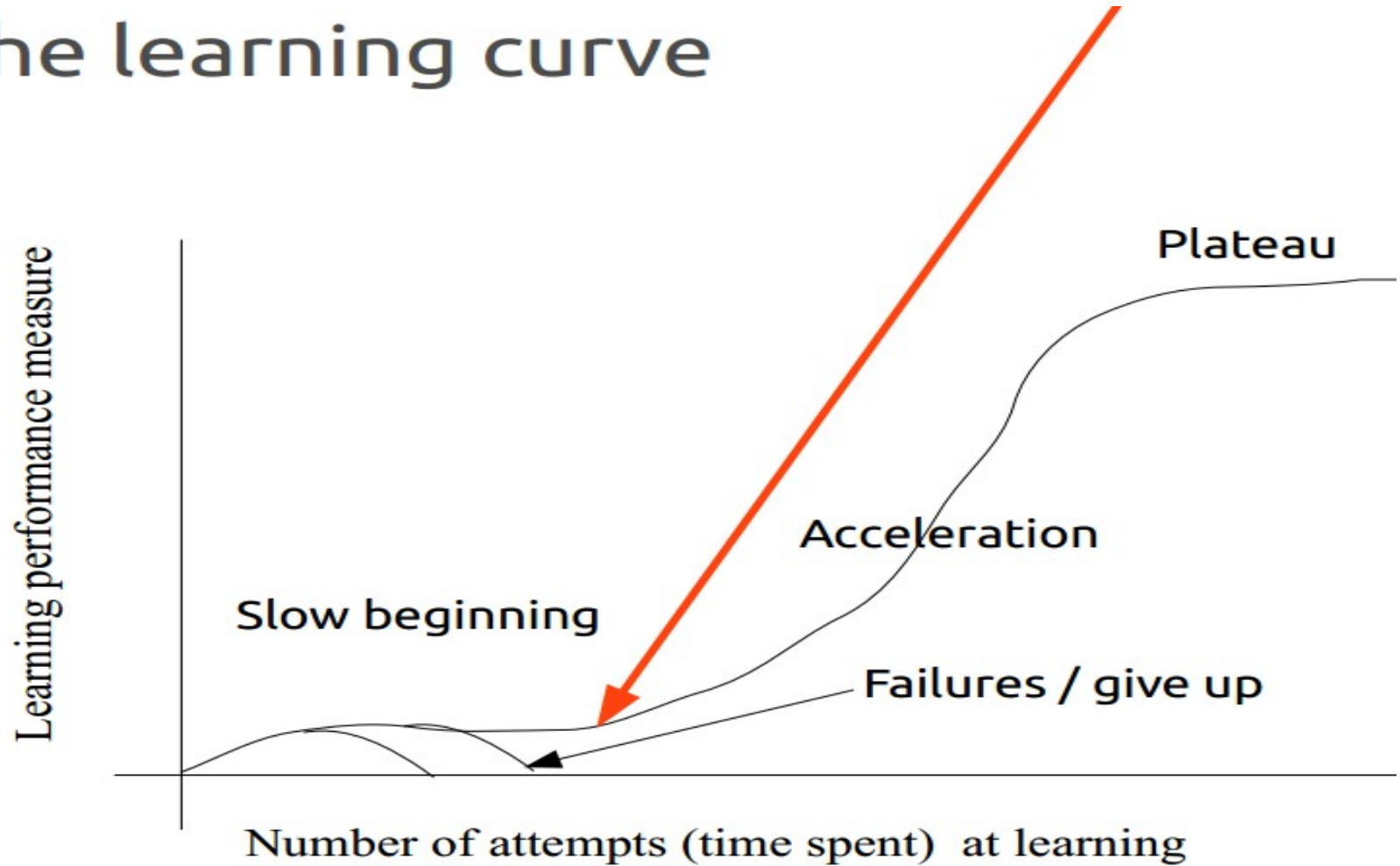
- **Learning open source tools for GIS and RS applications.**
- **Acquiring command line utilities for spatial/temporal data under Linux OS.**
- **Developing data processing skills.**
- **Independent learning, critical thinking, problem solving.**

Upon completion of the course, you should be able to:

- **Apply the process of science, by conducting, analyzing, and interpreting findings related to GIS & RS project.**
- **Use quantitative reasoning for statistical/spatial analysis**
- **Convey your understanding of environmental phenomenons**

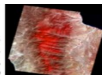
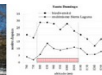


The learning curve



Scientific knowledge

- **Spatio/temporal analysis**
- **Spatio/temporal data integration**
- **Spatio/temporal modeling**
- **Geostatistic**
- **Machine Learning**



Tools

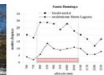
Grass & Qgis Geographic Information Systems

Python: GIS, statistic, modeling, text manipulation

LINUX Bash shell programming

AWK for processing text-based data

GDAL/OGR/PKTOOLS geotools library for the manipulation of geospatial data



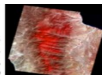
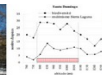
Knowing each other (3 min)

- **Name, where are you coming from....**
- **What is your background and personal interest?**
- **Final project / PhD thesis objectives / keywords?**
 - **What data are you going to analyses?**
 - **Not sure yet... no problem**
- **Do you have an experience on Linux OS or other open source software?**
- **Do you currently use any programming language?**
- **What are your interests and expectations on this training?**



Syllabus clarification

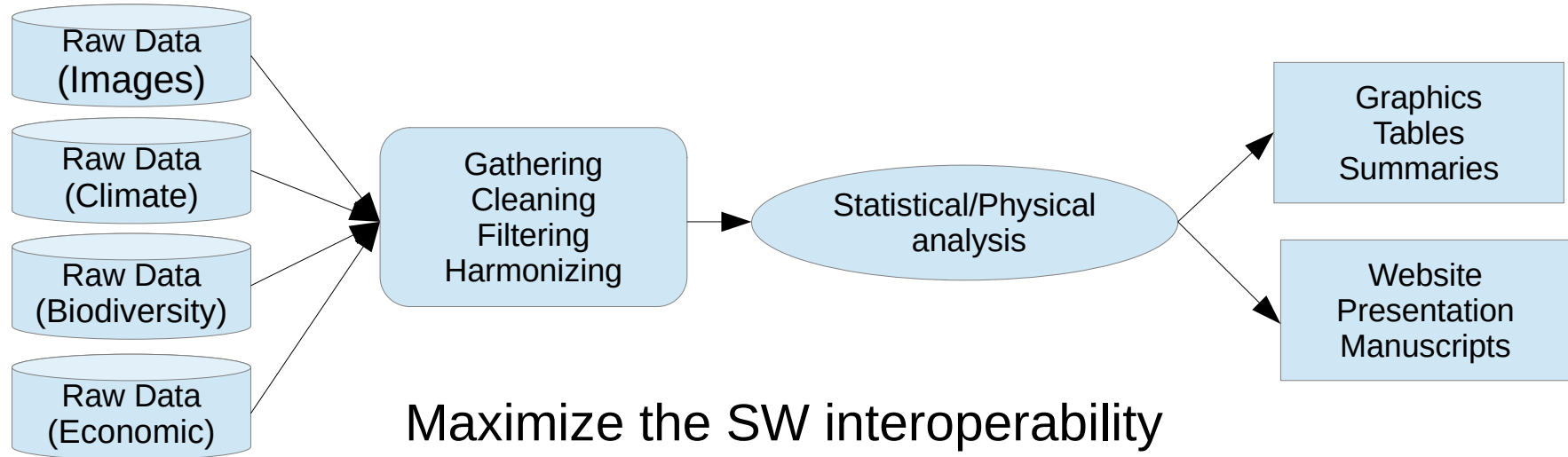
- Material <http://spatial-ecology.net/docs/build/html/index.html>
- Online recording video lecture later shared in blackboard
- Handling assignment via blackboard (pdf) and github (code) (due on Monday)
- On-campus IT support for Linux Virtual Machine Installation
- Office hours Tuesday/Thursday at 4-5pm.
 - open office hours drop-in
 - one-by-one office hours via appointment
- Community support via slack among students/teachers (setup an account)



Reproducible research & “big data” processing

Codes that are easily published > no license constraints

Complex work-flows > integrate different data analysis methods



Maximize the SW interoperability
in a stable Operating System



Why use Linux/OpenSource?

Security: extremely stable and reliable, no viruses,
interoperable: Unix, Windows, Mac, Android, ...

Applications: thousands of free programs,
programming languages, server services

Versatility: minimum HW requirements,
extremely portable, very fast performance

Freedom: free to download/test/install/modify/
configure/develop/distribute/... it's fun!



Freedom? and why it's fun?

Code:

- Understating the code beyond a process
- Be able to modify the code
- Build up your own algorithm.
- Use all the SW that I want without license constraints

Help:

- Get help from mailing list
- Keep in touch with the developers for code adjustment and improvement

Process:

- Job priority processing
- Job scheduling
- RAM management

Remote server:

- Automatic connection to remote servers
- Overpassing quota issues in remote servers, by creating a folder linked to your PC

Hardware resources:

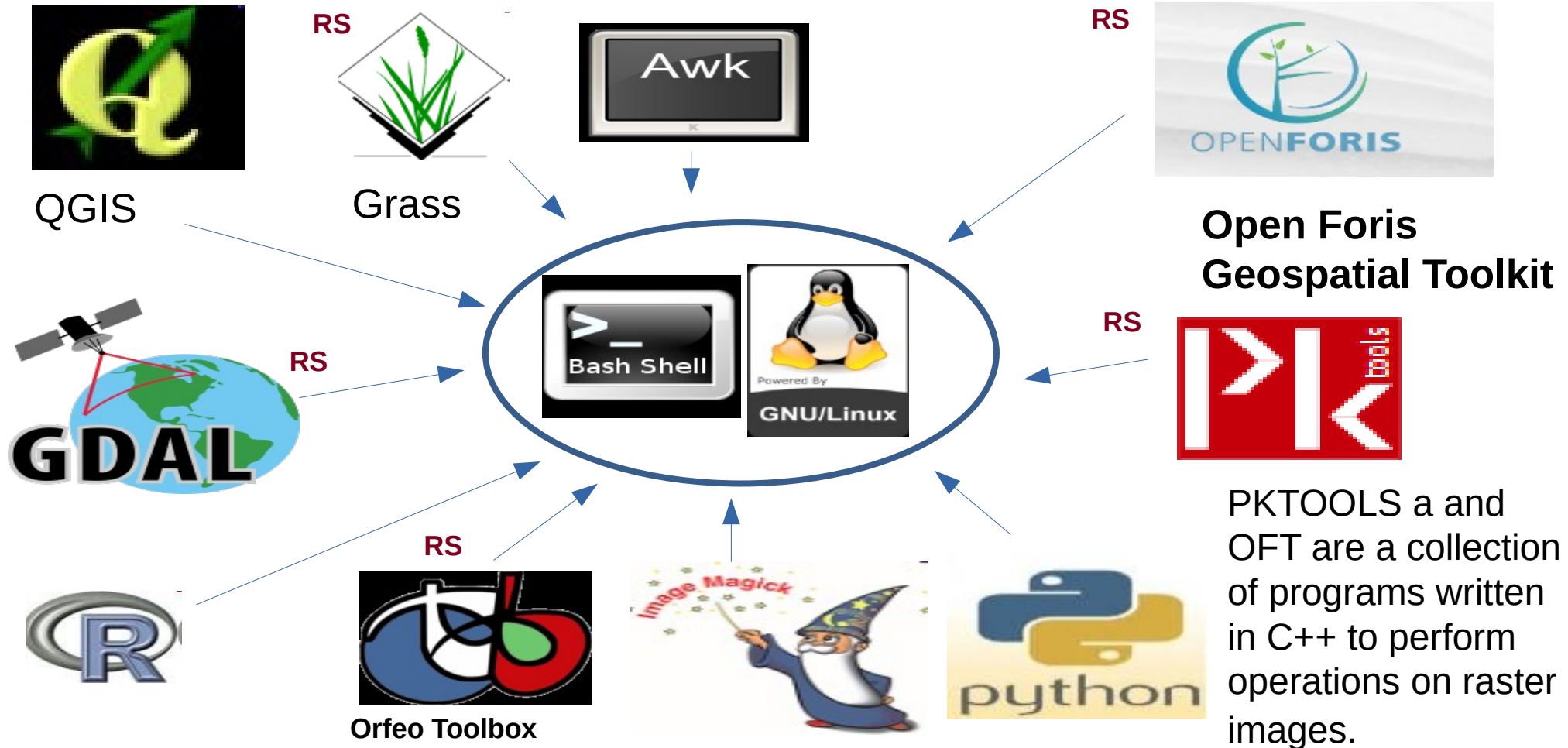
- Storing temporal file in ram rather in the hard-disk, by creating a folder in the ram
- Get the best of different programming languages and create a unique work flow.

Last but not least:

- Enjoy the life in the meantime the PC is working for you!

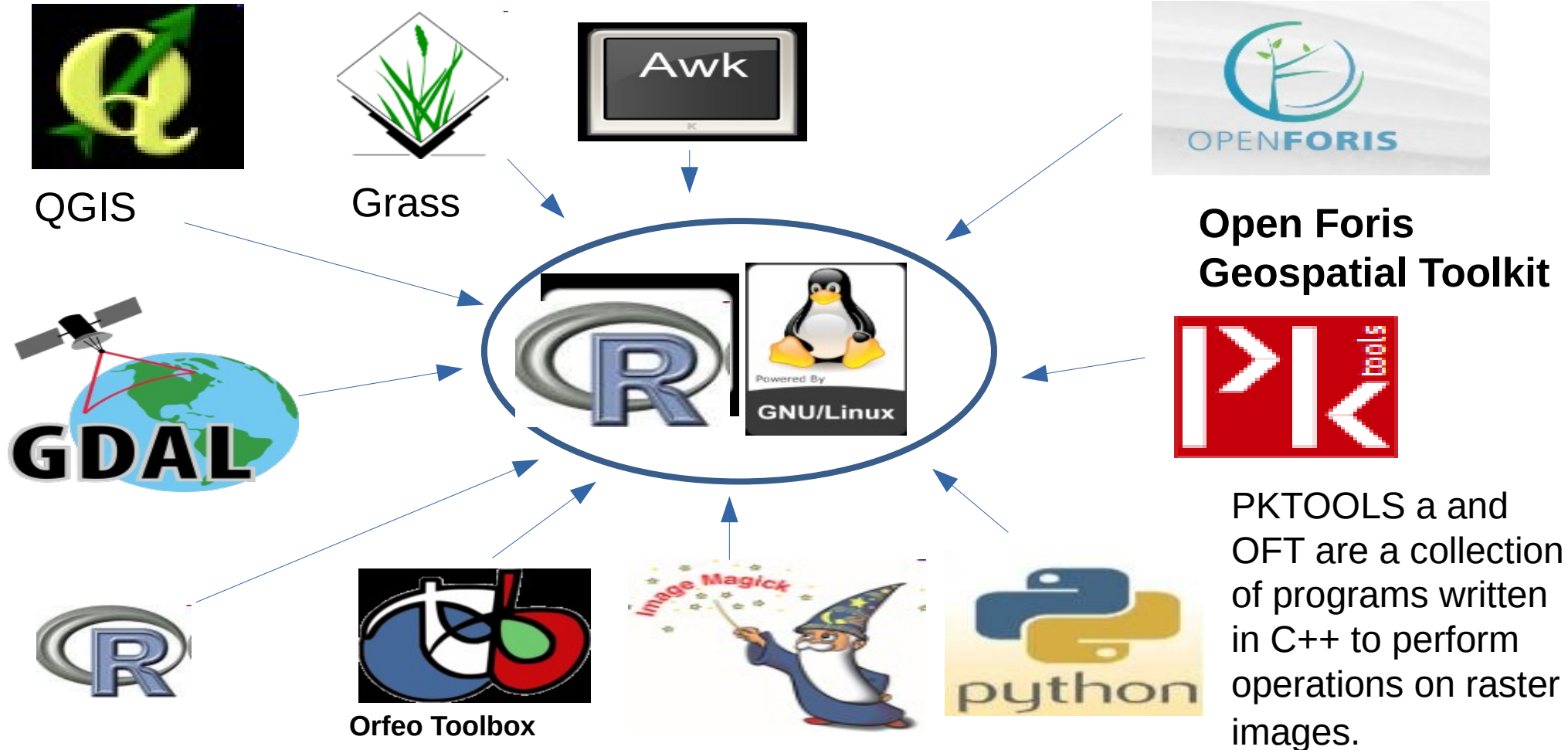
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