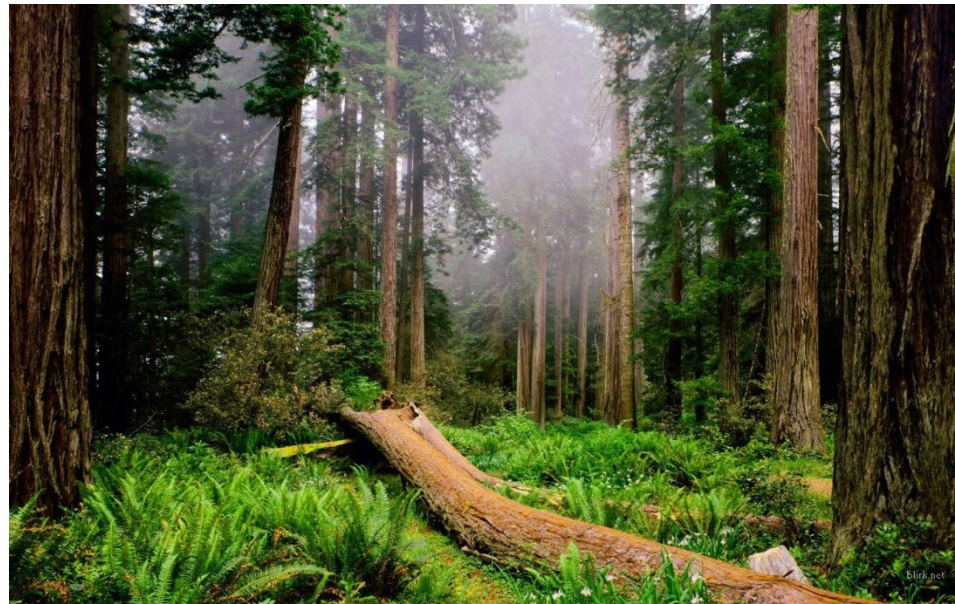


Good Papers and Good Research

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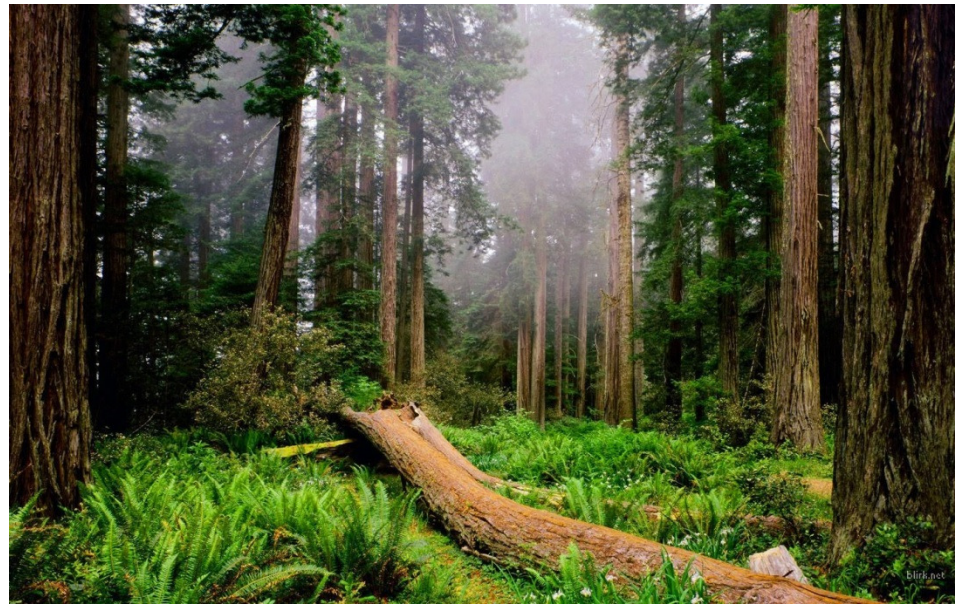
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Relationship Between Research & Papers



- ◆ If a tree falls in a forest and no one is around to hear it, does it make a sound? -- George Berkeley (1710)

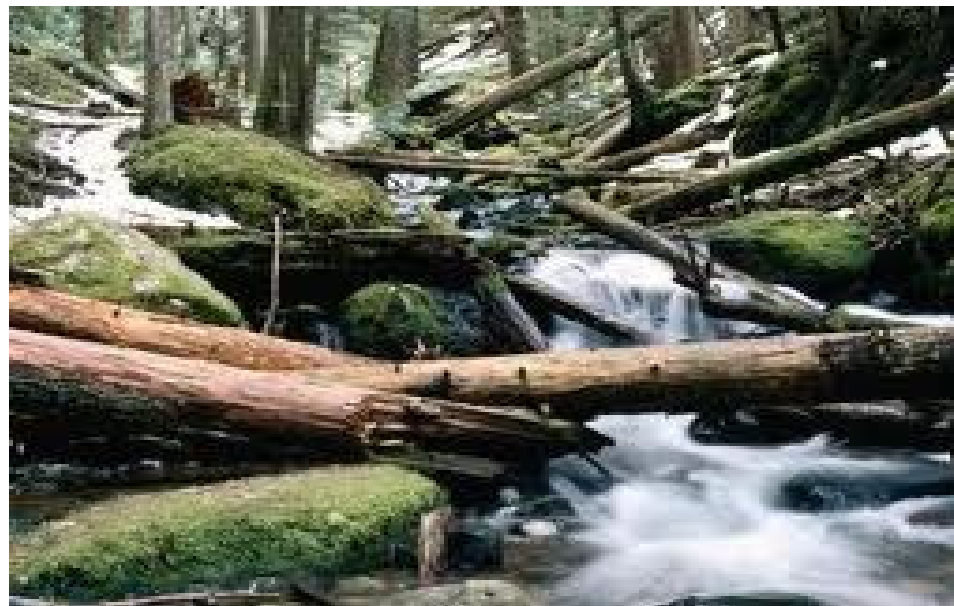
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- ◆ If you do research and no one knows about it, does it matter?
 - Good papers make research “matter”
 - Replace “papers” by “systems”, “presentations” ...

Relationship Between Research & Papers

- ◆ Papers, systems, presentations spur new thinking, new research
 - In others as well as in ourselves
- ◆ Soon enough trees would fall to make a very loud sound



Ideas, Creativity and Research Papers



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- ◆ Last minute panic is why deadlines are important to write papers

0-Year versus 10-Year Best Paper Awards



- ◆ Prediction is very difficult, especially if it's about the future
-- Niels Bohr, sometimes attributed to Yogi Berra

0-Year versus 10-Year Best Paper Awards



- ◆ Best paper award committees are trying to predict the future
 - What will be the impact of a paper?
 - The contexts differ for 0-year and 10-year committees

What Mattered in 2003?



- ◆ Best paper @ PODS 2003: M. Arenas, L. Libkin: An Information-Theoretic Approach to Normal Forms for Relational and XML Data

What Matters Now?



- ◆ PODS 2013 Test of Time Award: I. Dinur, K. Nissim: Revealing Information while Preserving Privacy

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