

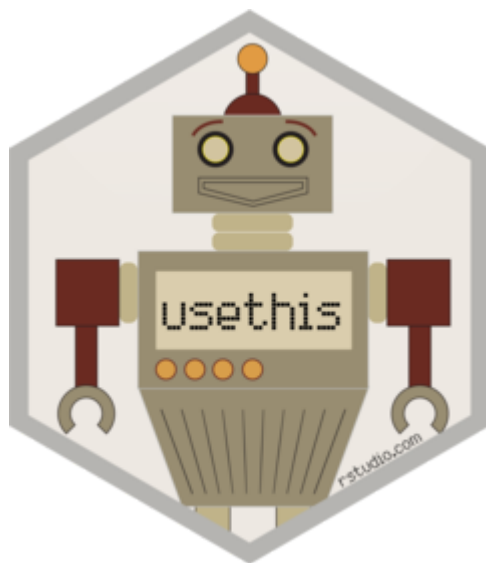
Writing R Packages

with Rstudio, {usethis}, and {roxygen2}

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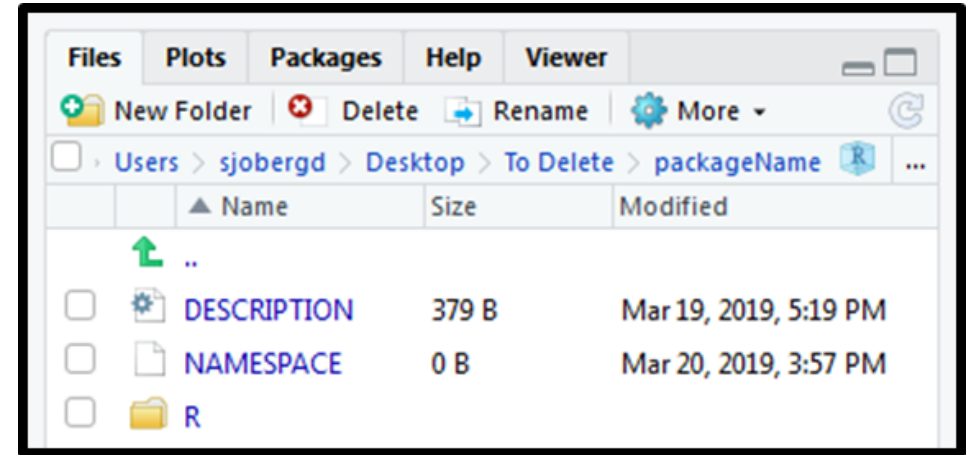
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```
Package: mypackage
Title: What The Package Does (one line)
Version: 0.1
Authors@R: person("First", "Last",
                  email = "first.last@example.com",
                  role = c("aut", "cre"))
Description: What the package does (one paragraph)
Depends: R (>= 3.5)
Imports: dplyr
License: What license is it under?
LazyData: true
```

- store metadata about the package
- list dependencies and versions
- specify version number of package

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```
# Generated by roxygen2: do not edit by hand  
  
export(tbl_regression)  
export(tbl_summary)  
export(tbl_uvregression)  
importFrom(glue,glue)  
importFrom(knitr,knit_print)  
importFrom(magrittr,"%>%")
```

- {roxygen2} will take care of this for you!
- lists functions that will be exported by your package
- lists functions imported from other packages

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3. *R code folder*

- R folder contains R code for each function in your package
 - typically, one code file for each exported function (although not required)
 - e.g. `myfirstfunction.R`
- also contains code for helper or utility functions
 - these functions are not exported, that is, not available to users of the package
 - utility function files begin with `utils-` prefix
 - e.g. `utils-myfirstfunction.R`

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The {usethis} package has functions that create the package structure for you

After any function in {usethis} is run, it prints additional information into the console

- lists files created
- lists files modified
- lists user instructions

{usethis} makes package development a breeze

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- > `usethis::create_package("~/myPackage")`
 - ✓ Setting active project to `'~/myPackage'`
 - ✓ Creating `'R/'`
 - ✓ Creating `'man/'`
 - ✓ Writing `'DESCRIPTION'`
 - ✓ Writing `'NAMESPACE'`
 - ✓ Writing `'myPackage.Rproj'`
 - ✓ Adding `'.Rproj.user'` to `'.gitignore'`
 - ✓ Adding `'^myPackage\\.Rproj$', '^\\.Rproj\\.user$'` to `'.Rbuildignore'`
 - ✓ Opening new project `'myPackage'` in RStudio
- Create package folder and a skeleton of the folder structure

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> usethis::use_package_doc()  
✓ Writing 'R/myPackage-package.R'
```

'R/myPackage-package.R' contents

```
#' @keywords internal  
"_PACKAGE"
```

- writes a basic documentation file for you package
- we will add more to this later

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```
> usethis::use_git()
✓ Initialising Git repo
✓ Adding '.Rhistory', '.RData' to '.gitignore'
OK to make an initial commit of 6 files?
1: Negative
2: Not now
3: Yeah
```

Selection: 3

```
✓ Adding files and committing
```

- create a git repository
- commit existing files to the repo

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> usethis::use_github()
• Check title and description
  Name:          myPackage
  Description: What the Package Does (One Line)
Are title and description ok?
1: No
2: Nope
3: Yeah

Selection: 3
✓ Creating GitHub repository
✓ Adding GitHub remote
✓ Adding GitHub links to DESCRIPTION
✓ Setting URL field in DESCRIPTION to
  'https://github.com/ddsjoberg/myPackage'
✓ Setting BugReports field in DESCRIPTION to
  'https://github.com/ddsjoberg/myPackage/issues'
✓ Pushing to GitHub and setting
  remote tracking branch
```

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- THIS ONLY WORKS IF YOU'VE PREVIOUSLY CONFIGURED THE `use_github()` FUNCTION
- recommend you setup Rstudio to play nicely with GitHub. Read *Happy Git and GitHub for the useR* for details (<https://happygitwithr.com/>)
- you can create your GitHub repo manually and add the package contents if you haven't yet configured RStudio and GitHub
 - remember to update the url and bug reports url in the DESCRIPTION file to match the GitHub repo location

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Adding Functions

```
usethis::use_r()
```

- creates a new code file for you write your function
- places file correctly in the R folder
- the new file is entirely blank

```
> usethis::use_r("myfirstfunction")
```

- Modify 'R/myfirstfunction.R'

Adding Functions

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For EVERY non-base R function you need to either *import* the function, or use `::` to reference the function

```
my_mean <- function(x) {  
  mean(stats::na.omit(x))  
}
```

We will now use {roxygen2} comments in our code to document our new function (aka write the help file)!

Adding Functions: Documentation

- R function help files (*.Rd) are saved in the *man* folder
- the *man* folder already exists courtesy of `usethis::create_package()`
- R processes the *.Rd files to create plain text, PDF, and HTML versions of the help files
- the code in *.Rd files looks somewhat like LaTeX: it's verbose and cumbersome to write
- we will automate the creation of these files with `{roxygen2}` comments
- by automating, we link the function code to the documentation
- this helps keep the documentation up to date

```
> usethis::use_roxygen_md()
```

- Run the following code, then rerun ``devtools::document()``

Copying code to clipboard:

```
roxygen2md::roxygen2md("~/myPackage")
```

Adding Functions: Documentation

- roxygen comments appear above a function
- roxygen comment lines always begins with #'
- two common roxygen tags
 - @param used to document a function argument
 - @export tells roxygen to export the function when the package is built

```
#' The first line is the title  
  
#' The second section is a longer description of the function.  
#' This can go on for multiple lines.  
#'   
#' @param x numeric vector  
#' @export  
my_mean <- function(x) {  
  mean(stats::na.omit(x))  
}
```

Adding Functions: Documentation

- other notable roxygen tags
 - `@seealso` list related references (typically used to reference related functions)
 - `@examples` add examples to function help file
 - `@author` list author(s) of the function
 - `@return` specify the returned object
- link to other functions in help file
 - function in the same package `\code{\link{my_mean}}`
 - function in another package `\code{\link[base]{mean}}`
- Blog post with more details
 - http://kbroman.org/pkg_primer/pages/docs.html

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#' @export
#' @seealso \code{\link[base]{mean}}
#' @author Daniel D. Sjoberg
#' @examples
#' my_mean(1:5)
my_mean <- function(x) {
  mean(stats::na.omit(x))
}
```

my_mean {myPackage}

R Documentation

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Description

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Usage

`my_mean(x)`

Arguments

x numeric vector

Author(s)

Daniel D. Sjoberg

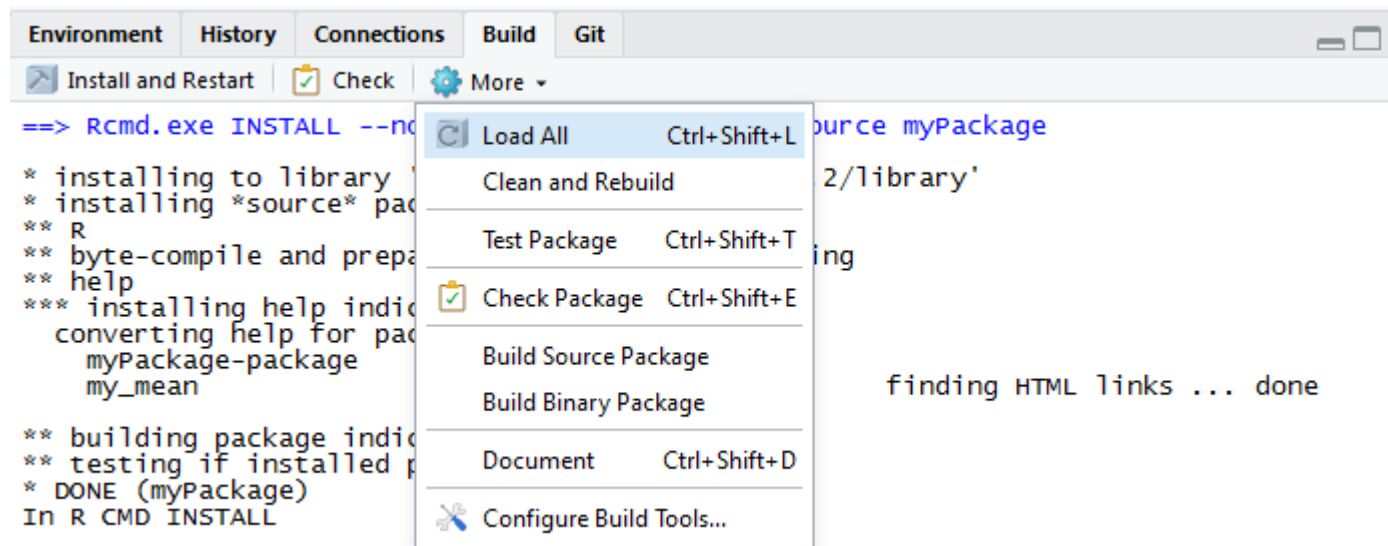
See Also

[mean](#)

Examples

`my_mean(1:5)`

Adding Functions: Rstudio Build Tab



Document each time you update roxygen comments

Adding Functions

- new function calculates mean of every column in a data frame
 - use the `map()` function in the `{purrr}` package
 - we need to use `::` to refer to the `map()` function: `purrr::map()`
 - we need to document that our package now depends on `{purrr}`
 - `usethis::use_package("purrr")`
- ```
> usethis::use_package("purrr")
```
- ✓ Setting active project to `'~/myPackage'`
  - ✓ Adding `'purrr'` to Imports field in DESCRIPTION
  - Refer to functions with ``purrr::fun()``

```
df_mean <- function(data) {
 purrr::map(
 data,
 ~mean(stats::na.omit(.x))
)
}
```

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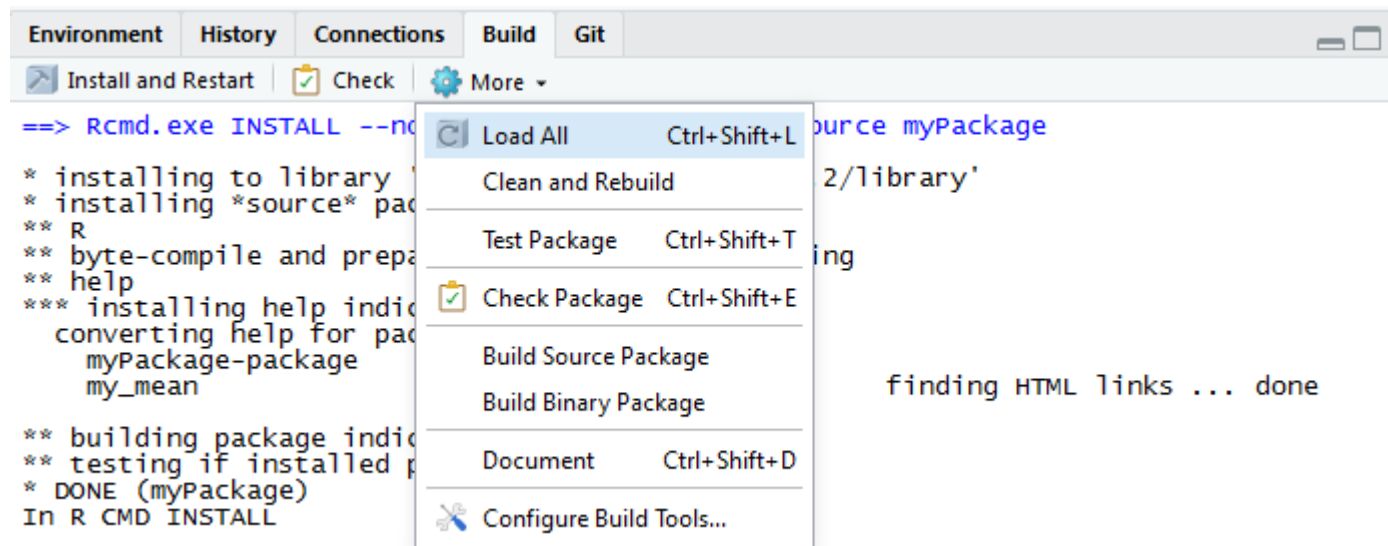
DESCRIPTION (truncated)

```
...
Imports:
 purrr
...
```

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# Build your Package: Rstudio Build Tab



- **Document** each time you update roxygen comments
- **Install and Restart** each time you update R code
- **Check**

# Build your Package

What is checked?

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What is checked?

So much! Here's a very abbreviated list

- package structure
  - hidden files/folders
  - portable file names
  - executable files
  - package subdirectories
  - left-over files
- DESCRIPTION/NAMESPACE file
  - package dependencies
  - files exist
  - NAMESPACE parses properly
- R code
  - non-ASCII characters
  - syntax errors
  - dependencies in R code
  - S3 generic/method consistency
- documentation
  - Rd/help files
  - Rd file metadata
  - examples
  - undocumented function arguments

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```
> usethis::use_testthat()
✓ Setting active project to '~/myPackage'
✓ Adding 'testthat' to
 Suggests field in DESCRIPTION
✓ Creating 'tests/testthat/'
✓ Writing 'tests/testthat.R'

> usethis::use_test("df_mean")
✓ Writing 'tests/testthat/test-df_mean.R'
• Modify 'tests/testthat/test-df_mean.R'
```

## **tests/testthat/test-df\_mean.R**

```
context("test-df_mean")

test_that("multiplication works", {
 expect_equal(2 * 2, 4)
})
```

# Unit Tests

There are many types of checks that can be included

- `expect_lte()`
- `expect_gte()`
- `expect_equal()`
- `expect_setequal()`
- `expect_equivalent()`
- `expect_identical()`
- `expect_length()`
- `expect_null()`
- `expect_error()`
- `expect_warning()`
- `expect_true()`

Each test should have an informative name and cover a single unit of functionality. The idea is that when a test fails, you'll know what's wrong and where in your code to look for the problem.

Hadley Wickham's book on writing R packages provides a thorough review on writing unit tests. <http://r-pkgs.had.co.nz/tests.html>

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- *software license*
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- `usethis::use_spell_check()`
- continuous integration
- `usethis::use_coverage()`

Specify the license you want associated with your package.

- `usethis::use_mit_license()`
- `usethis::use_gpl3_license()`
- `usethis::use_lgpl_license()`
- `usethis::use_apl2_license()`
- `usethis::use_cc0_license()`

```
> usethis::use_mit_license("Daniel D. Sjoberg")
✓ Setting License field in DESCRIPTION
 to 'MIT + file LICENSE'
✓ Writing 'LICENSE.md'
✓ Adding '^LICENSE\\.md$' to '.Rbuildignore'
✓ Writing 'LICENSE'
```

# Advanced Setup

- software license
  - ***usethis::use\_news\_md()***
  - `usethis::use_spell_check()`
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  - `usethis::use_coverage()`
  - creates a basic `NEWS.md` in the root directory
  - keep track of updates and versions
  - communicate changes to API to users (also future you)
- ```
> usethis::use_news_md()
```
- ✓ Writing 'NEWS.md'
- Modify 'NEWS.md'

Advanced Setup

- software license
 - `usethis::use_news_md()`
 - **`usethis::use_spell_check()`**
 - continuous integration
 - `usethis::use_coverage()`
 - adds a unit test to automatically run a spell check on documentation and vignettes
 - adds a WORDLIST file to the package, which is a dictionary of white-listed words
 - runs when the package checks are run
 - suggest including `error = TRUE` option so spelling errors fail package checks
- ```
> usethis::use_spell_check(error = TRUE)
Updated ~/myPackage/tests/spelling.R
```
- Run ``devtools::check()`` to trigger spell check

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- get cool badges
- others more confident in your package
- `usethis::use_travis()` tests build on Linux: <http://travis-ci.org>
- `usethis::use_appveyor()` tests build on Windows: <https://www.appveyor.com/>
- tests are triggered each time package is pushed to GitHub
- blog post about using CI  
<https://juliasilge.com/blog/beginners-guide-to-travis/>
- requires public GitHub repo

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Be sure to follow all directions!

```
> usethis::use_travis()
✓ Writing '.travis.yml'
✓ Adding '^\\.travis\\.yml$' to '.Rbuildignore'
• Turn on travis for your repo at
 https://travis-ci.org/profile/ddsjoberg
• Add a Travis build status badge by adding
 the following line to your README:
Copying code to clipboard:
[![Travis build status](https://travis-ci.org/ddsjo
```

```
> usethis::use_appveyor()
✓ Writing 'appveyor.yml'
✓ Adding '^appveyor\\.yml$' to '.Rbuildignore'
• Turn on AppVeyor for this repo at
 https://ci.appveyor.com/projects/new
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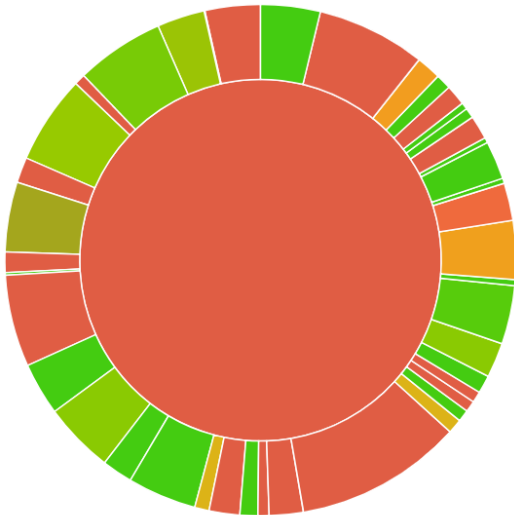
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- `usethis::use_spell_check()`
- continuous integration
- **`usethis::use_coverage()`**
- more cool badges
- adds test coverage reports to a package that is already using Travis CI
- reports the proportion of code covered by unit tests
- provides reports of coverage of every file, line-by-line
- <https://codecov.io/>



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/R/utils-table1\_input\_checks.R

`{usethis}` prints directions into the console...be sure to follow them!

```
> usethis::use_coverage()
```

✓ Adding 'covr' to Suggests field in DESCRIPTION

✓ Writing 'codecov.yml'

✓ Adding '^codecov\\.yml\$' to '.Rbuildignore'

- Add a Coverage status badge by adding the following line to your README:

Copying code to clipboard:

```
[![Coverage status](https://codecov.io/gh/ddsjoberg)
```

- Add to '.travis.yml':

Copying code to clipboard:

```
after_success:
```

```
- Rscript -e 'covr::codecov()'
```

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# Advanced Documentation: README

- GitHub renders the README file and is often the first thing users will see about your package
- rather than use a basic README.md, use an R markdown README.rmd
- `usethis::use_readme_rmd()`
  - > `usethis::use_readme_rmd()`
  - ✓ Writing 'README.Rmd'
  - ✓ Adding '^README\\.Rmd\$' to '.Rbuildignore'
  - Modify 'README.Rmd'
  - ✓ Writing '.git/hooks/pre-commit'
- update and knit README.rmd, and it'll create README.md
  - README.md now has this header:

```
<!-- README.md is generated from
README.Rmd. Please edit that file
-->
```
- be sure to knit README.rmd after you modify the file OR update functions highlighted in the README file

# Advanced Documentation: Vignettes

- a vignette is a long-form guide to your package
- describes the problem your package is designed to solve, then shows the reader how to solve it

```
> usethis::use_vignette("my first vignette")
#> ✓ Adding 'knitr' to Suggests field in DESCRIPTION
#> ✓ Setting VignetteBuilder field in
#> DESCRIPTION to 'knitr'
#> ✓ Adding 'rmarkdown' to Suggests field
#> in DESCRIPTION
#> ✓ Creating 'vignettes/'
#> ✓ Adding '*.html', '*.R' to 'vignettes/.gitignore'
#> ✓ Adding 'inst/doc' to '.gitignore'
#> ✓ Creating 'vignettes/my-first-vignette.Rmd'
#> • Modify 'vignettes/my-first-vignette.Rmd'
```

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#> ✓ Creating 'vignettes/my-first-vignette.Rmd'
#> • Modify 'vignettes/my-first-vignette.Rmd'
```

- a vignette is an R markdown document with HTML output
- be sure to change the title in BOTH `title:` and `VignetteIndexEntry{}` in the vignette yaml

```
title: "Vignette Title"
author: "Vignette Author"
date: "2019-03-28"
output: rmarkdown::html_vignette
vignette: >
%\VignetteIndexEntry{Vignette Title}
%\VignetteEngine{knitr::rmarkdown}
\usepackage[utf8]{inputenc}
```

- R packages, Vignettes Chapter: <http://r-pkgs.had.co.nz/vignettes.html>

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- including datasets in an R package is easy with `use_data_raw()` and `use_data()`
- we'll go over an example where we simulate a dataset and save it in the package

```
> usethis::use_data_raw()
#> ✓ Creating 'data-raw/'
#> ✓ Adding '^data-raw$' to '.Rbuildignore'
#> Next:
#> • Add data creation scripts
#> in 'data-raw/'
#> • Use `usethis::use_data()` to
#> add data to package
```



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- simulate dataset, and `use_data()` will save it with the package

```
set.seed(8976) # remeber to set your seed!
my_data <-
 tibble::tibble(
 x = runif(100),
 y = runif(100)
)

usethis::use_data(my_data, overwrite = TRUE)
#> ✓ Creating 'data/'
#> ✓ Saving 'my_data' to 'data/my_data.rda'
```

- done! it's that easy!

# Include Datasets

- we do need to document the dataset, however
- we use {roxygen2} comments again for documentation
- add a file to the R folder to begin documenting
- I call mine `data.R`
  - > `usethis::use_r("data")`
  - Modify 'R/data.R'

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```
- Modify `'R/data.R'`

R/data.R

```
#' My simulated data
#'
#' A simulated dataset that I am saving in my package
#'
#' @format A data frame with 100 rows
#' \describe{
#'   \item{x}{Random Uniform Variable}
#'   \item{y}{Random Uniform Variable}
#' }
"my_data"
```

- after you write the `{roxygen2}` comments, document the package
- the help file will be accessible with `?my_data` after the package has been loaded

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Other Tips

- `{roxygen2}` tags `@import` and `@importFrom`
- `use_pipe()` to import and export `{magrittr}` pipe operator
- helper functions for tidy development

Other Tips: Import

- there are a few functions from the tidyverse we use frequently
- referring to them with `::` quickly becomes cumbersome
- we can import functions and even entire packages to avoid the `::` notation
- `{roxygen2}` tags `@import` and `@importFrom`

Other Tips: Import

- remember that boring package-level documentation file we made with `use_package_doc()`? let's use this file to import commonly used functions

```
#' @import dplyr
#' @import purrr
#' @importFrom tidyr nest unnest
  spread gather complete
#' @importFrom tibble tibble as_tibble
#' @importFrom rlang .data %||% set_names sym
  expr enexpr quo enquo parse_expr
#' @importFrom glue glue
#' @keywords internal
"_PACKAGE"

# allowing for the use of the dot when piping
utils::globalVariables(".")
```

- when adding entire package imports, be sure to run the package checks. you may experience warnings from conflicting function names
 - this is common with tidyverse packages as many of them contain the same functions
- `@import` and `@importFrom` can be placed in any R code file
 - can import same function in multiple files. `{roxygen2}` will sort out duplicates when the package is documented
- use the package-level documentation file for imports that apply to all functions in your package

Other Tips: the pipe

- the {magrittr} pipe operator is so useful, you may want to both import and export it to make it available to users of your package

```
> usethis::use_pipe()
```

```
✓ Adding 'magrittr' to Imports  
  field in DESCRIPTION
```

```
✓ Writing 'R/utils-pipe.R'
```

- Run ``devtools::document()``

```
R/utils-pipe.R
```

```
#' Pipe operator  
#'  
#' See \code{magrittr::\link[magrittr]{\%>\%}}  
#' for details.  
#'  
#' @name %>%  
#' @rdname pipe  
#' @keywords internal  
#' @export  
#' @importFrom magrittr %>%  
#' @usage lhs \%>\% rhs  
NULL
```


Other Tips: tidy helpers

the {usethis} package contains helper functions to develop tidy packages

these are my favorites

- `use_tidy_description()`
 - puts fields in standard order and alphabetizes dependencies in DESCRIPTION file
- `use_tidy_versions(overwrite = FALSE)`
 - pins all dependencies to require at least the currently installed version
 - helps ensure your package will work on all systems
- `use_tidy_style(strict = TRUE)`
 - uses the {styler} package to style all code according to the tidyverse style guide
 - keeps your code easy to read, looking good, and collaborative

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Non-Standard Evaluation

- tidyverse code is quick to write, but as a result it is ambiguous
 - these equivalent mutate statements return different results
 - the code in your package must be precise

```
y = 10
tibble(
  x = 1:4
) %>%
  mutate(
    xy = x + y
  )
```

```
## # A tibble: 4 x 2
##       x     xy
##   <int> <dbl>
## 1     1    11
## 2     2    12
## 3     3    13
## 4     4    14
```

```
tibble(
  y = 4:1,
  x = 1:4
) %>%
  mutate(
    xy = x + y
  )
```

```
## # A tibble: 4 x 3
##       y     x     xy
##   <int> <int> <int>
## 1     4     1     5
## 2     3     2     5
## 3     2     3     5
## 4     1     4     5
```

Non-Standard Evaluation

- how to make the code precise?
 - import the `.data` function from `{rlang}`
 - use `.data$<varname>` EVERY time you reference a column within a `mutate` statement
 - if you don't use `.data`, the package check will return a warning

```
y = 10
tibble(
  x = 1:4
) %>%
  mutate(
    xy = .data$x + y
  )
```

```
## # A tibble: 4 x 2
##       x     xy
##   <int> <dbl>
## 1     1    11
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## 3     3    13
## 4     4    14
```

```
tibble(
  y = 4:1,
  x = 1:4
) %>%
  mutate(
    xy = .data$x + .data$y
  )
```

```
## # A tibble: 4 x 3
##       y     x     xy
##   <int> <int> <int>
## 1     4     1     5
## 2     3     2     5
## 3     2     3     5
## 4     1     4     5
```

Non-Standard Evaluation

- other tidyverse functions take bare column names as inputs
 - e.g. `mtcars %>% select(mpg, hp)`
 - the reference to the `mpg` and `hp` columns is not standard, and the package check will return warnings if this code is found
- many tidyverse functions will allow you to simply replace the bare references with quoted strings

```
mtcars %>% select(mpg, hp)

mtcars %>% pull(mpg)

mtcars %>% group_by(cyl) %>%
  nest(mpg, hp)
```

```
mtcars %>% select(c("mpg", "hp"))

mtcars %>% pull("mpg")

mtcars %>% group_by(cyl) %>%
  nest(c("mpg", "hp"))
```

Non-Standard Evaluation

- for functions that do not allow you to simply add a string, use `!!` and `rlang::sym()`
- when you have multiple variables, use `!!!` and `rlang::syms()` instead of `!!` and `rlang::sym()`

```
mtcars %>% group_by(cyl)
```

```
mtcars %>% group_by(cyl, am)
```

```
mtcars %>% group_by(!!sym("cyl"))
```

```
mtcars %>% group_by(.data$cyl)
```

```
by_vars <- c("cyl", "am")
```

```
mtcars %>% group_by(!!!syms(by_vars))
```

```
mtcars %>% group_by(.data$cyl, .data$am)
```

Non-Standard Evaluation

- entire expressions can be stored as string and evaluated
- this is particularly powerful when combined with the {glue} package

```
mtcars %>% filter(cyl == 4)
```

```
mtcars %>% filter(!parse_expr("cyl == 4"))  
mtcars %>% filter(.data$cyl == 4)
```

- can also create functions with NSE inputs
- briefly, you replace `sym()` with `enquo()`, more on that in the additional reading
- additional resources
 - *Programming with dplyr*
<https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/dplyr/vignettes/programming.html>
 - *Tidy evaluation, most common actions*
<https://edwinth.github.io/blog/dplyr-recipes/>
 - this resource is excellent!

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Collaborate with GitHub

- create a development branch (e.g. *dev*) and do 100% of your initial package building directly on this branch
- once package is standing on its own legs (not necessarily done), make all updates via forks or feature branches
- protect your *master* and *dev* branches
 - from the GitHub repo, select *Settings*, select *Branches*, and add rules for each branch
 - for the *dev* and *master* branches, I recommend
 - "Require pull request reviews before merging"
 - "Require status checks to pass before merging"
 - "Include administrators"

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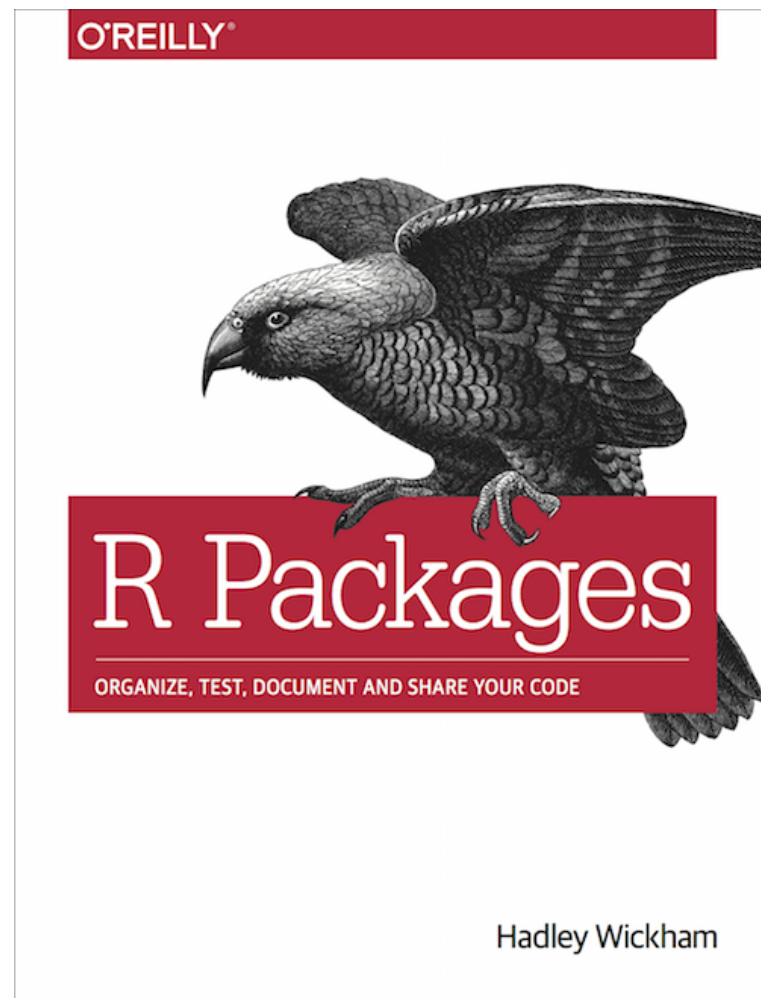
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Create Package Website

- lastly, it's easy to create a website for your package
- easier for a user to navigate, find functions, and
- from the GitHub repo, select *Settings*, scroll down to *GitHub Pages*, from the *Source* menu select *master branch/docs folder*
- the location of the published site is listed under *GitHub Pages*
- run `pkgdown::build_site()`
- done! can take a few minutes to be available online
- more details at <https://pkgdown.r-lib.org/>

Resources

- {roxygen2}
 - http://kbroman.org/pkg_primer/pages/docs.html
 - <https://blog.rstudio.com/2017/02/01/roxygen2-6-0-0/>
- continuous integration
 - <https://juliasilge.com/blog/beginners-guide-to-travis/>
- *R Packages*, by Hadley Wickham
 - touches on most of the topics covered here (package structures, unit tests, documentation)
 - does not include {usethis} setup
 - <http://r-pkgs.had.co.nz/>
- Git and GitHub
 - <https://happygitwithr.com/>





Thank you

▶ slides at danieldsjoberg.com/writing-R-packages

🔄 source code at github.com/ddsjoberg/writing-R-packages