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# GEO 503: Spatial Data Science



# What is data science?

Course Structure



Data Science



Why R?



Coda



# What is Data Science?

Import

Tidy

Transform

Visualise

Model

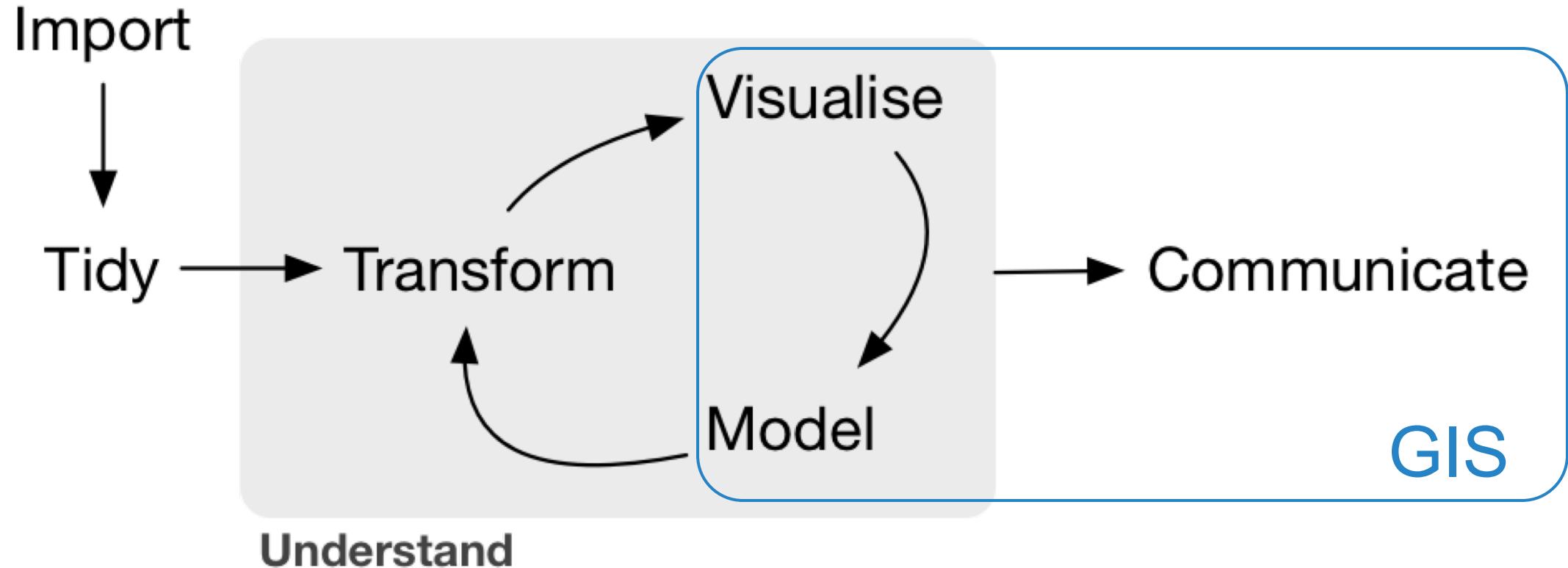
Understand

Communicate

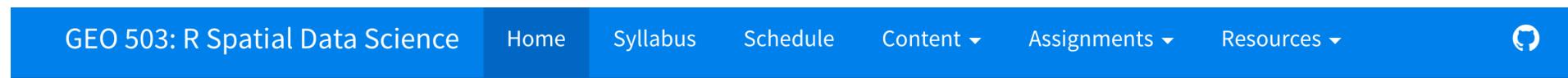
Spatial  
Dimension  
is Critical

# Spatial Data Science vs GIS

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# Course Website: [adamlwilson.us/SpatialDataScience](https://adamwilson.us/SpatialDataScience)



Description

## GEO503: R Data Science

### *Introduction to R for Data Science*

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### Description

The quantity and quality of data available for ecological and environmental research has exploded over the past few decades. These ‘big data’ now allow us to address important questions (both old and new) with unprecedented rigor and generality. Leveraging these new data streams requires new tools and increasingly sophisticated workflows. The free and open-source R programming language has become a lingua franca for ecological, epidemiological, and statistical research. The course will use a combination of lecture and hands-on exercises to provide a gentle introduction to programming in R with a focus on spatial data processing. The use of ‘literate programming’ (code embedded within text) to generate dynamic, reproducible research output (figures, manuscripts, websites, etc.) will also be addressed. The course includes an extensive project for students to conduct spatial analysis related to their research. Familiarity with basic GIS concepts (raster, vector,



# Course Structure

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Tuesdays/Thursdays 2:00-3:20

- Review/Questions
- ~30-45 Minute Presentation
- Guided interactive exercises on your laptops

# Course Objectives

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## 4 Learning Objectives

- Become familiar with R programming language
- Learn to code geospatial analyses
- Learn to develop custom data visualization (especially spatial)
- Learn to develop reproducible research workflows

## This course is NOT

- A statistics course (see GEO 505, etc.).
- We will focus on workflow and methods

# Course Logistics

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Course Participation	10%
Package Presentation	10%
Homeworks	30%
Final Project	50%

# Course Participation (10%)

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Variables  
Variable naming conventions  
Subsetting  
**Using Functions**  
Missing data: dealing with NA values  
Logical values  
Generating Data  
Matrices  
Data Frames  
Loading Packages

# Keep track of progress

## Using Functions

To calculate the mean, you could do it *manually* like this

```
(5+8+14+91+3+36+14+30) / 8
```

```
## [1] 25.125
```

Or use a function:

```
mean(x)
```

```
## [1] 25.125
```

Type `?functionname` to get the documentation (`?mean`) or `?"search parameters (??standard deviation")` to search the documentation. In RStudio, you can also search in the help panel. `mean` has other arguments too:

```
mean(x, trim = 0, na.rm = FALSE, ...)
```

In RStudio, if you press TAB after a function name (such as `mean()`), it will show function arguments.

```
> x =  
> ... =  
> trim =  
> na.rm =  
>  
>  
>  
> mean
```

An R object. Currently there are methods for numeric/logical vectors and date, [date-time](#) and time interval objects. Complex vectors are allowed for `trim = 0`, only.  
Press F1 for additional help

Autocomplete screenshot

Calculate the standard deviation of `c(3,6,12,89)`.

**SHOW SOLUTION**

Writing functions in R is pretty easy. Let's create one to calculate the mean of a vector by getting the sum and length. First think about how to break it down into parts:

```
x1= sum(x)  
x2=length(x)  
x1/x2
```

```
## [1] 25.125
```

Then put it all back together and create a new function called `mymean`:

The screenshot shows the RStudio interface. The top panel displays an R script named '01\_intro.R' with code demonstrating various R functions like `mean()`. A large red text overlay on the right side reads 'Open R Script in RStudio to follow along'. The bottom panel shows the 'Console' tab with a command-line history and an error message related to 'coord\_equal()'.

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72 #' #### Using Functions
73 #
74 #' To calculate the mean, you could do it _manually_
75 # like this
76 ## -----
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78 #
79 #
80 #' Or use a function:
81 ## -----
82 mean(x)
80:22 # (Untitled) R Script
```

Open R Script in RStudio to follow along

```
+ coord_equal()
+ )
Regions defined for each Polygons
Error in as.vector(x, mode) :
  cannot coerce type 'environment' to vector of type 'any'
> ggplot(fortify(sids_us),aes(x=long,y=lat,order=order,group=g
roup))+
+   geom_polygon(fill="white",col="black")+
+   coord_equal()
Regions defined for each Polygons
>
```

R Terminal

# Package Introduction (10%)

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Introduce R package in 5 min presentation

Objectives:

- Learn how to find/download/install a new package and use it
- Teach your peers about useful R packages

The presentation must include:

- What does the package do? (**1-2 slides, 1 minute**)
- Author introduction (**1 slide, 1 minute**)
- Simple demonstration (**2-3 slides, 3 minutes**)



# Homework (30%)

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```
#' ## Question 1  
#' Load the iris dataset by running  
## -----  
data(iris)  
  
#'  
#' > How many observations (rows) are there for the versicolor species?  
#'  
#' _____
```

# Homework submitted in UBlearns

## Begin: Homework #1

Cancel

Begin

### 1. Instructions

#### Description

These quizzes are designed to encourage you to work through the materials we discuss in class *prior* to class so you can come with questions.

#### Instructions

Please use the attached R script ([Homework\\_01.R](#)) as a template for you to find the answers to the questions. The last question will ask you to upload your updated script (with the code needed to answer the questions). This will not be graded, but will be taken into account if there are any questions about the correct answers later. I recommend that you complete all the questions in the .R file in RStudio before entering the answers into UBlearns.

#### Force Completion

This test can be saved and resumed later.

#### Due Date

This Test is due on September 14, 2015 5:00:00 PM EDT. Test cannot be started past this date.

Click **Begin** to start: Homework #1. Click **Cancel** to go back.

### 2. Submit

Click **Begin** to start. Click **Cancel** to quit.

Cancel

Begin

Working collaboratively is encouraged but you are responsible for developing your own code to answer the questions:

**Acceptable:** “which functions did you use to answer #4?”

**Unacceptable:** “please email me your code for #4.”

# Homework format

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Multiple Attempts Not allowed. This test can only be taken once.

Force Completion This test can be saved and resumed later.

### Question Completion Status:

[Save All Answers](#)

[Save and Submit](#)

#### Question 1

1 points [Save Answer](#)

Load the `iris` dataset by running `data(iris)`. How many observations (rows) are there for the versicolor species?

# Final Project (50%)

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1. Title (<25 words)
2. Introduction [~ 200 words, 10%]
3. Materials and methods [~ 200 words]
  1. Narrative (10%)
  2. Code (25%)
  3. Data (5%)
4. Results [~200 words, 25%]
5. Conclusions [~200 words, 5%]
6. References [5%]

Individual OR  
small group ( $\leq 3$ )  
project

*"It takes intelligence, even brilliance,  
to condense and focus information  
into a clear, simple presentation that  
will be read and remembered.*

*Ignorance and arrogance are shown  
in a crowded, complicated, hard-to-  
read poster."*

-- Mary Helen Briscoe

# 2017 Projects available to browse on website

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## 2017 Virtual Poster Session

This course uses a combination of lecture and hands-on exercises to provide a gentle introduction to spatial data processing. The final project in the course is the construction of a reproducible research website.

with a focus on spatial data processing. The figure below.

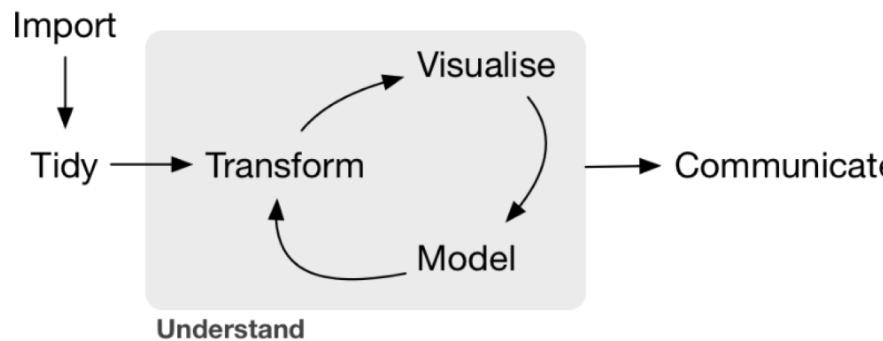


Figure from *R for Data Science* by Grolemund & Wickham (2017)

Each student wrote a script (using the R programming language) to perform these steps and generate a website showcasing their analysis. The focus of the course is on the design and implementation of the complete data processing research workflow itself (not any particular statistics/methods/models). The challenge is to string all the steps together in a *coherent, reproducible flow from raw data to final outputs*.

## Student Project Gallery

You are invited to explore the student projects below (click on a thumbnail to visit their website). The embedded code reveals their methodological details in addition to their narrative and graphical stories. If you find something interesting, you are free to download and re-run the script to reproduce the entire analysis (from acquiring the original data through generating the tables/figures and even the webpage itself).

Student	Title	Thumbnail
gsaugust	Visualizing Deforestation and Development in Indochina	



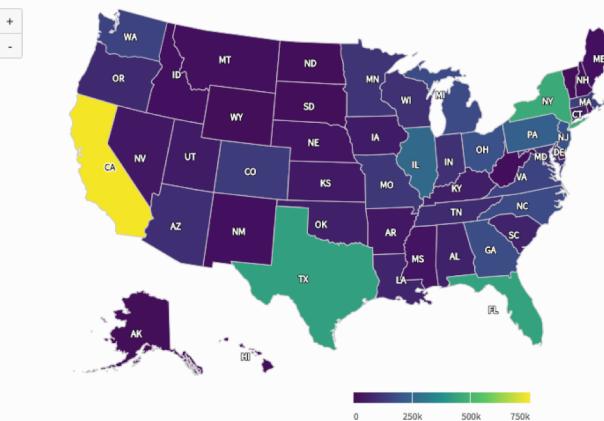
R Data Science Final Project Home

Introduction Materials and methods Results

Payroll and Employment Relationship between Payroll and Employment Payroll of interested industries Industries in New York State Spatial Autocorrelation of Information Industry Conclusions References

```
hc_chrome()
colors = c("#1a6ecc", "#434348", "#90ed7d"),
chart = list(
  backgroundColor = "transparent",
  style = list(fontFamily = "Source Sans Pro")
),
xAxis = list(
  gridLineWidth = 1
)
n <- 4
colstops <- data.frame(
  q = 0:n,
  c = substring(viridis(n + 1), 0, 7)) %>%
list_parse2()

highchart() %>%
  hc_add_series_map(usgeojson, subset, name = "Number of Firms",
    value = "NFirms", joinBy = c("woename", "Geo_Des"),
    dataLabels = list(enabled = TRUE,
      format = '{point.properties.postalcode}')) %>%
  hc_colorAxis(stops = colstops) %>%
  hc_legend(valueDecimals = 0, valueSuffix = "%") %>%
  hc_mapNavigation(enabled = TRUE) %>%
  hc_add_theme(thm)
```



# What is Data Science?

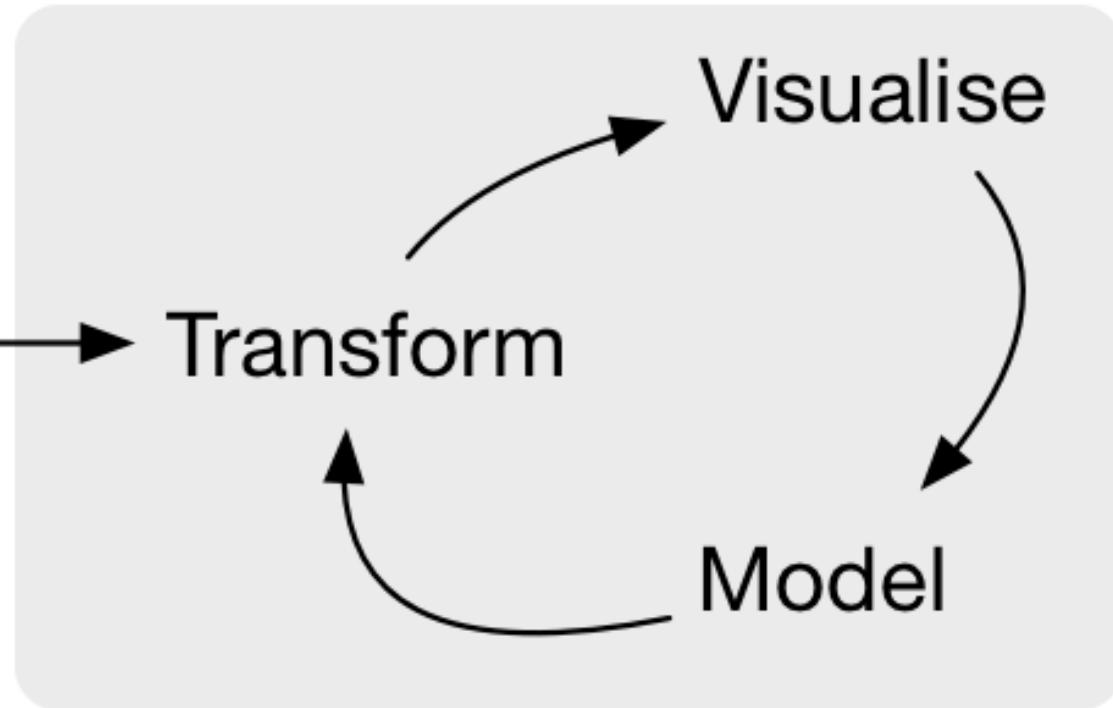
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# Workshop course

The screenshot shows the RStudio interface. The top bar indicates the session is running on port 8787. The left pane contains an R script named 'map.R' with the following code:

```
43
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45 map <- get_map(location='India',zoom=4)
46
47 ggmap(map) +
48   geom_point(data=kim.points,
49             aes(x=kim.points$longitude, y=kim.points$latitude), col="#ff000099",size=2)
50
51
52 # This has the disadvantage of not letting us as easily see which points are more significant.
52:95 | (Top Level) |
```

The console pane shows the execution of the script, including a warning message about missing values and a Google Maps API request:

```
cannot open: HTTP status was '0 (null)'
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Warning message:
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Map from URL : http://maps.googleapis.com/maps/api/staticmap?
center=India&zoom=4&size=%20640x640&scale=%202&maptype=terrain&sensor=false
Google Maps API Terms of Service : http://developers.google.com/maps/terms
Information from URL : http://maps.googleapis.com/maps/api/geocode/json?address=India&sensor=false
Google Maps API Terms of Service : http://developers.google.com/maps/terms
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>
```

The right pane displays a map of South Asia with red dots representing data points. The map includes labels for countries like Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, and China, and cities like Kabul, Islamabad, and New Delhi.

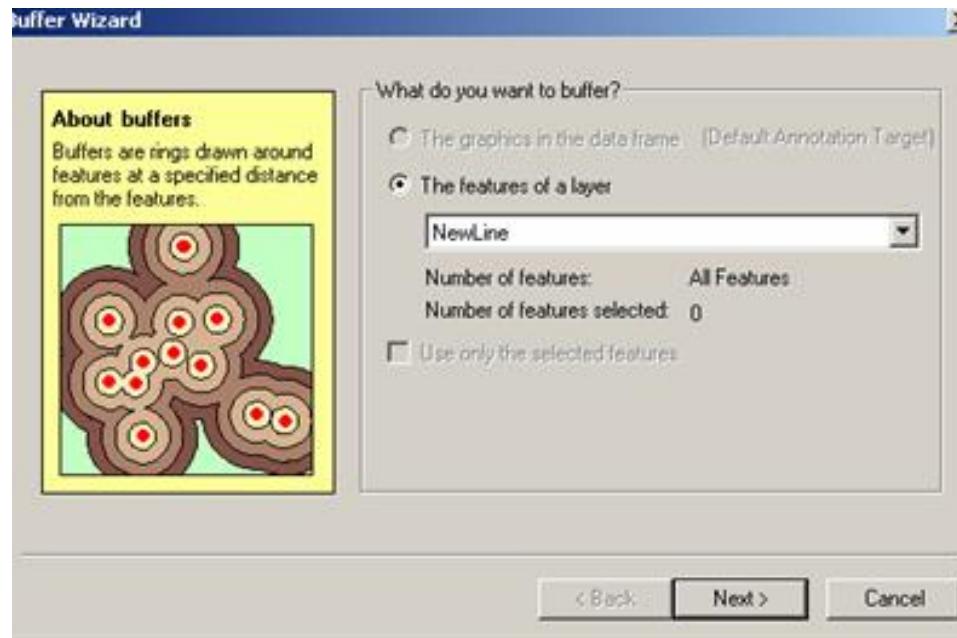
Most of our time will  
be spent thinking  
about, looking at,  
and writing code...

# Essentially a programming course...

```
AdamWilsonMac:~ adamw$ R  
  
R version 3.2.0 (2015-04-16) -- "Full of Ingredients"  
Copyright (C) 2015 The R Foundation for Statistical Computing  
Platform: x86_64-apple-darwin13.4.0 (64-bit)  
  
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'help.start()' for an HTML browser interface to help.  
Type 'q()' to quit R.  
  
> On the screen
```

# Why Code when you can Click?

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Graphical User Interfaces are useful,  
especially when you are learning...

# Reproducible Research

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The ability to reproduce results from an experiment or analysis conducted by another\*

Developed from literate programming:

- Logic of the analysis is represented in output
- Combines computer code with narrative

*Literate Programming (1992) D.E. Knuth*

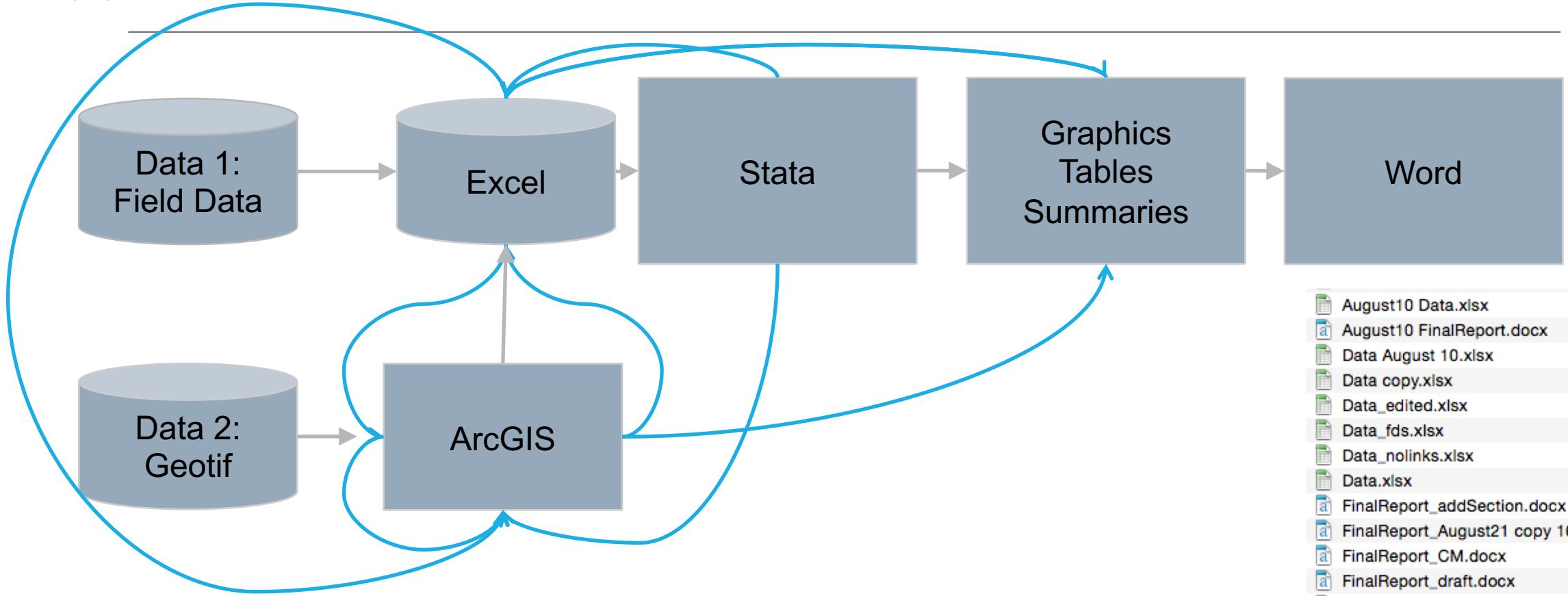


Learning a  
programming  
language can  
help you learn  
how to think  
logically.

A man who does not know  
foreign language is ignorant  
of his own.

-- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe  
(1749 - 1832)

# Typical GUI Workflow

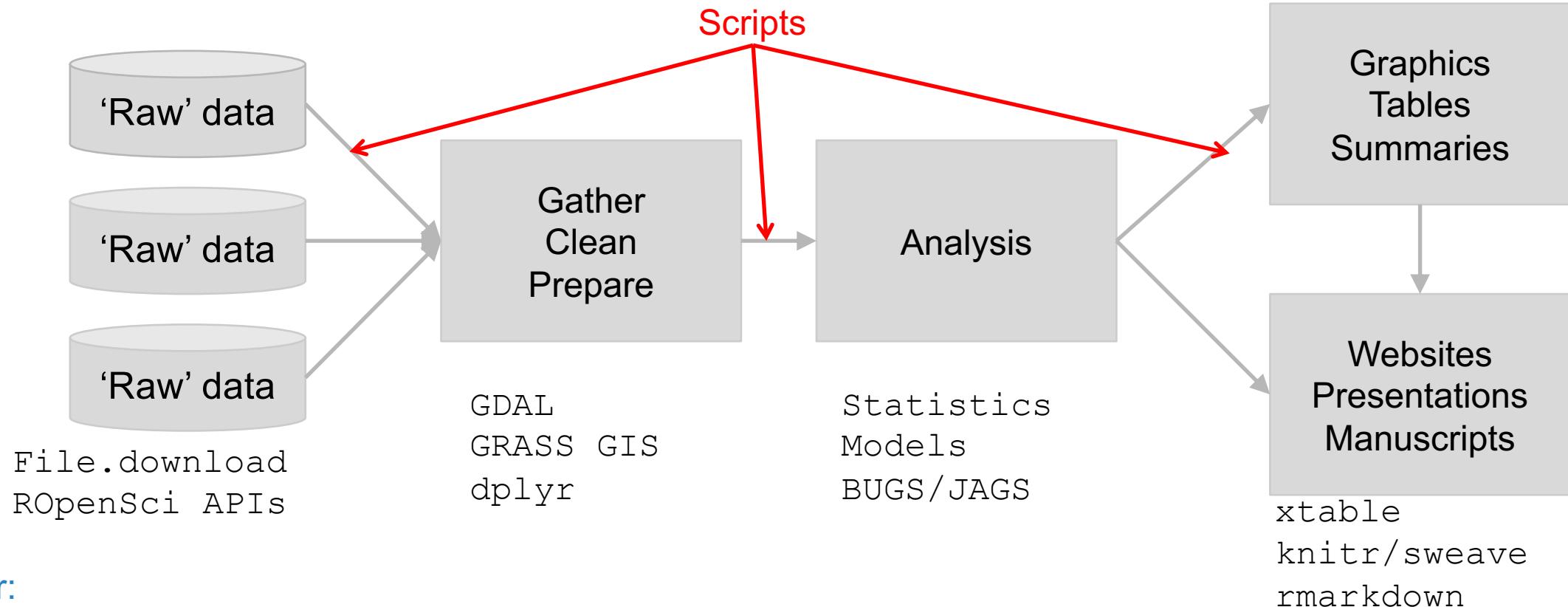


August10 Data.xlsx
August10 FinalReport.docx
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- I've updated the field data with a few more locations, please re-run that analysis...*
- New satellite data are available, can you update that figure?*

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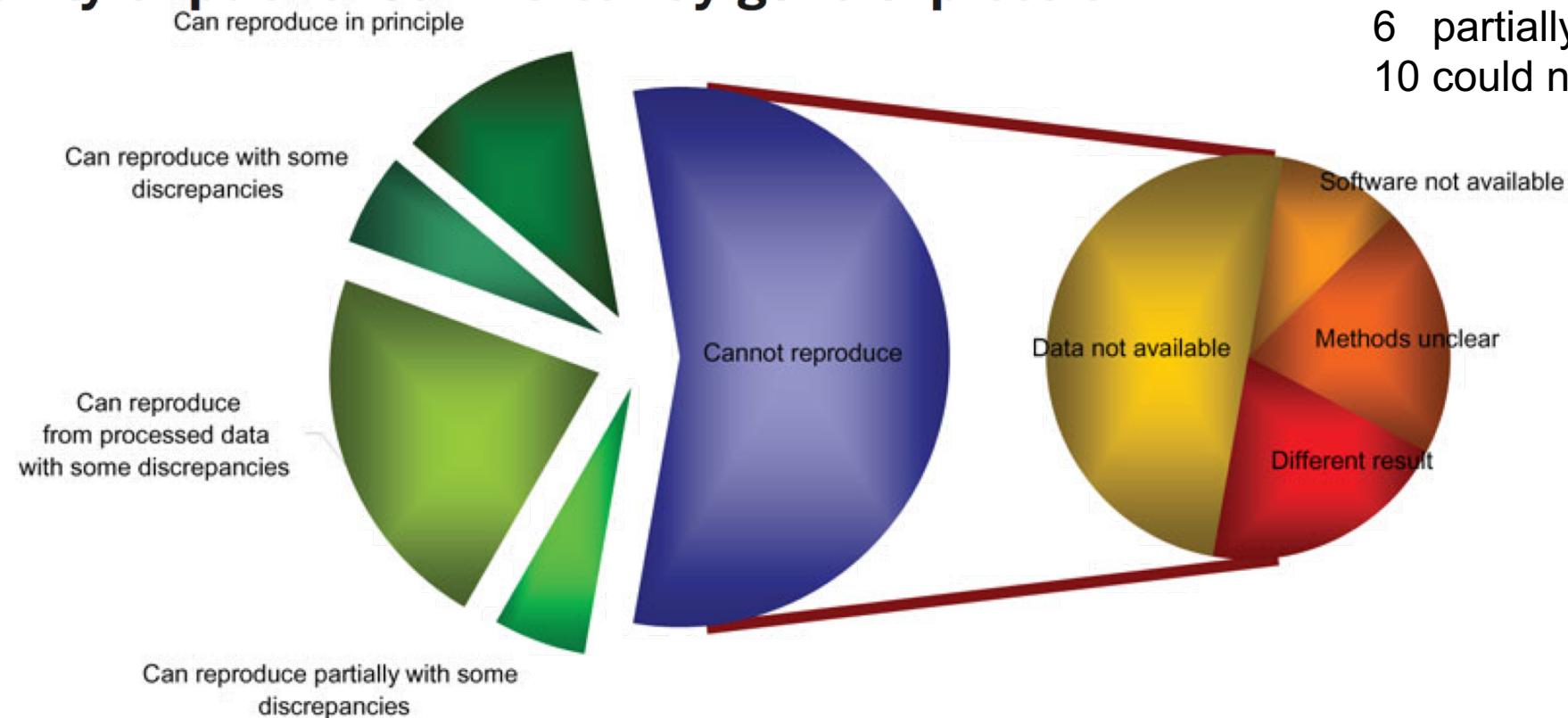
**Sure, I can do that this afternoon...**

Adapted from Gandrud (2014) *Reproducible Research with R and RStudio*.

# Reproducible Research

Repeatability of published microarray gene expression analyses. *Nature Genetics* 41(2):149

## Repeatability of published microarray gene expression analyses



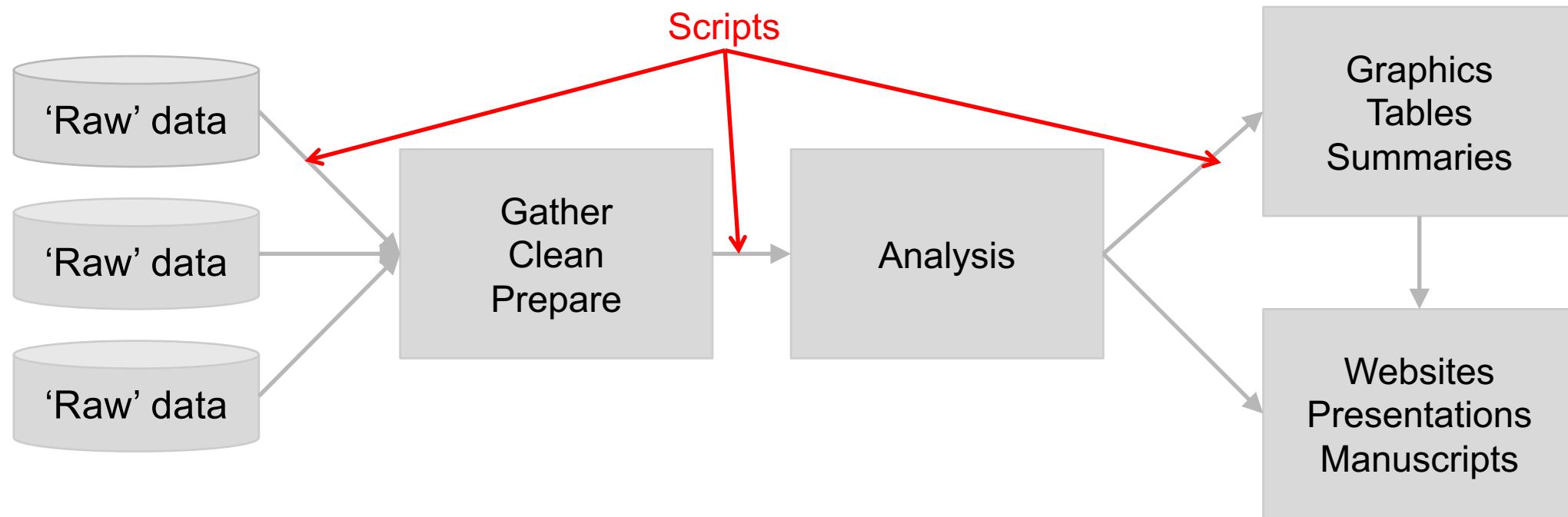
18 articles:  
2 reproducible  
6 partially  
10 could not be reproduced!

Programming  
gives you  
access to more  
computer  
power.

The computer is incredibly fast, accurate, and stupid. Man is unbelievably slow, inaccurate, and brilliant. The marriage of the two is a force beyond calculation.

-- Leo Cherne

# Organized and repeatable workflow (and some example commands)

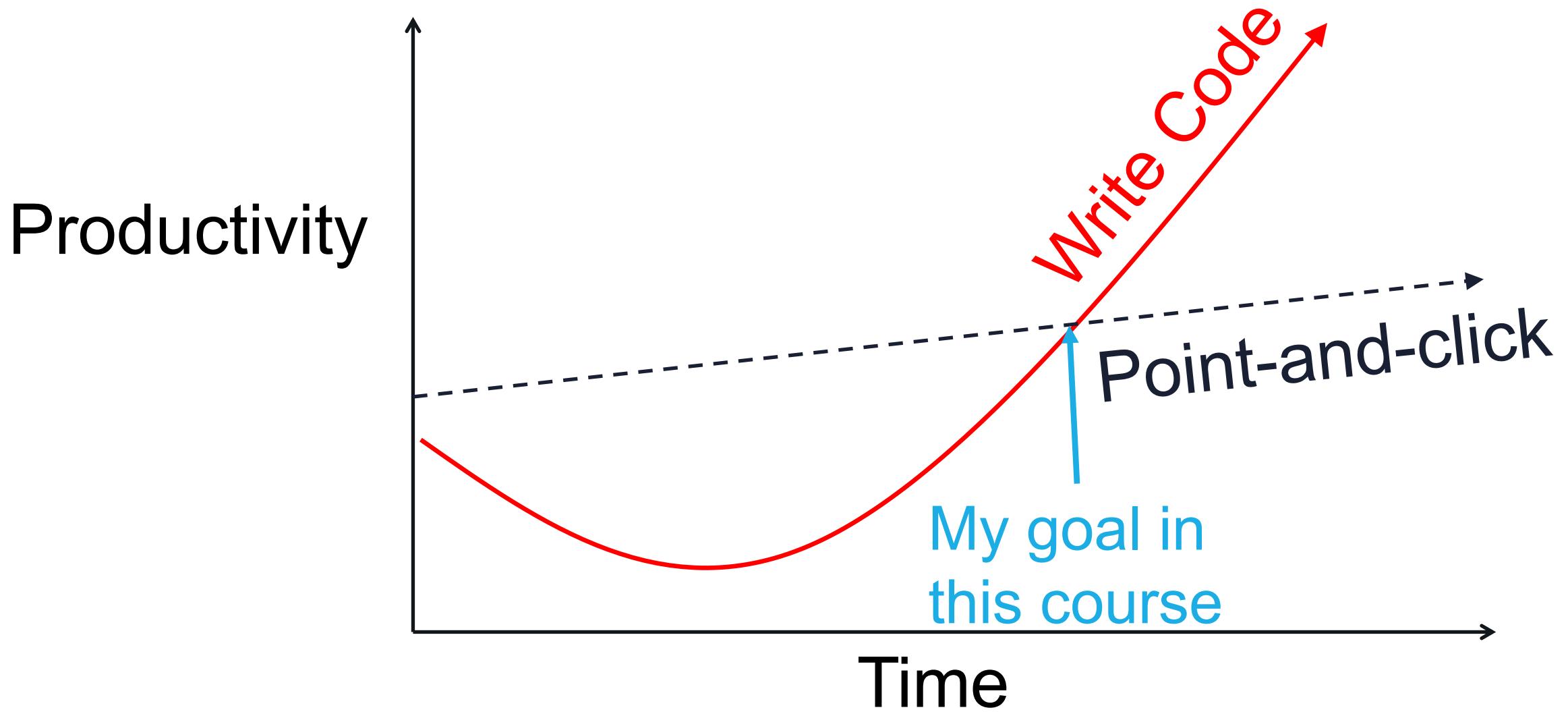


Advisor:

- I want you to take the analysis you developed for Buffalo and run it globally*

Sure, I can do that this afternoon...

# From Graphical User Interface (GUI) to scripting/programming



# Typical software use - GEO

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## Software

- ArcGIS 94%
- Python 29%
- R 29%
- SPSS 29%
- Google Earth Engine 24%
- Erdas Imagine 24%

## Scripting

- Yes 71%
- No 29%

## Used R?

- No 52%



# The R Project for Statistical Computing

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Free and Open source

Data manipulation

Data analysis tools

Great graphics

Programming language

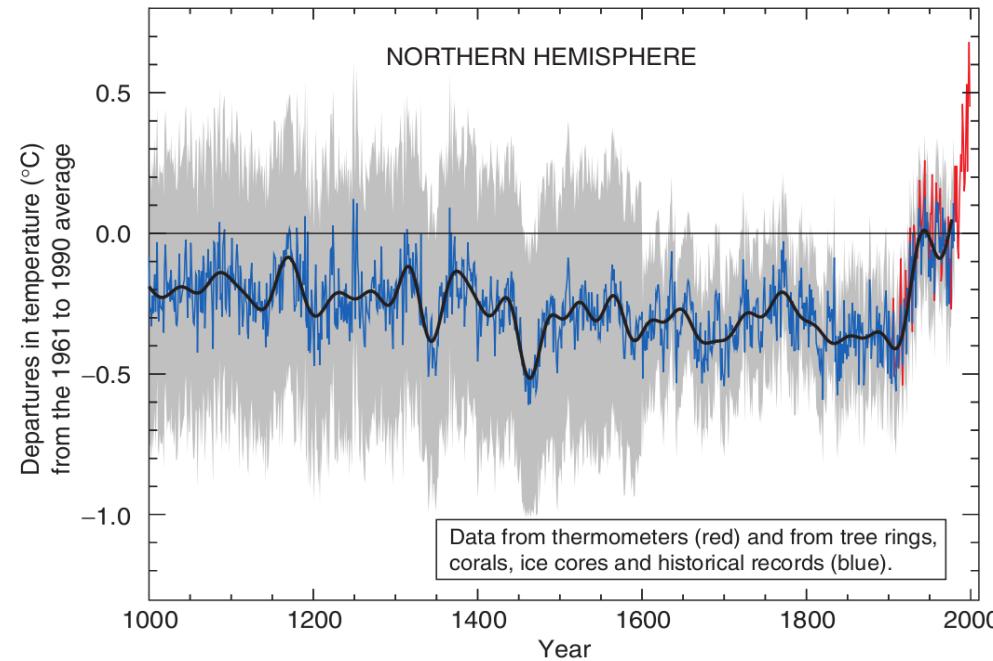
6,000+ free, community-contributed packages

A supportive and increasing user community

R is a dialect of the S language developed at Bell Laboratories (formerly AT&T) by John Chambers et. al. (same group developed C and UNIX©)

# Reproducible, Portable, & Transparent

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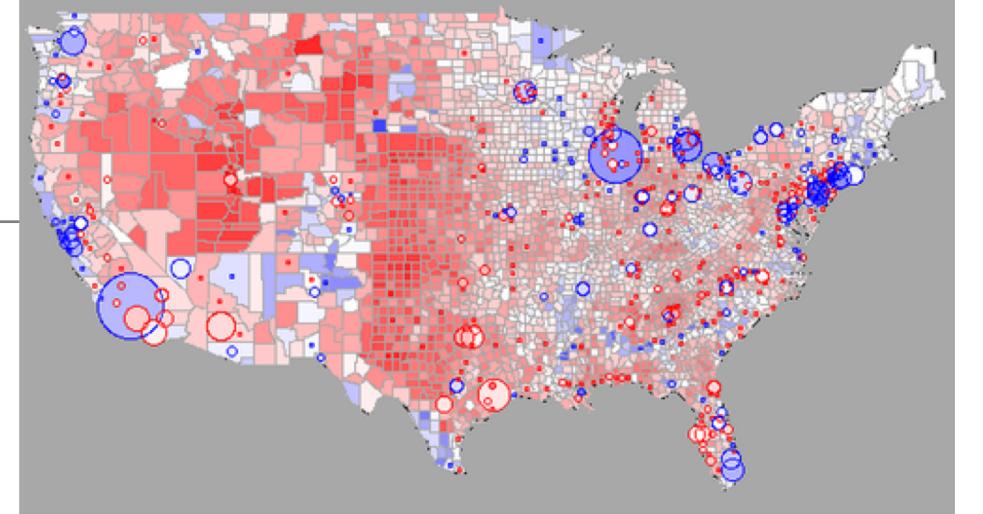
*... all the code and data used to recreate the Mann's original analysis has been made available to the public [...] Since the analysis is in R, anyone can replicate the results and examine the methods.*

(Matthew Pocernich, R news 6/4, 10/31/06)

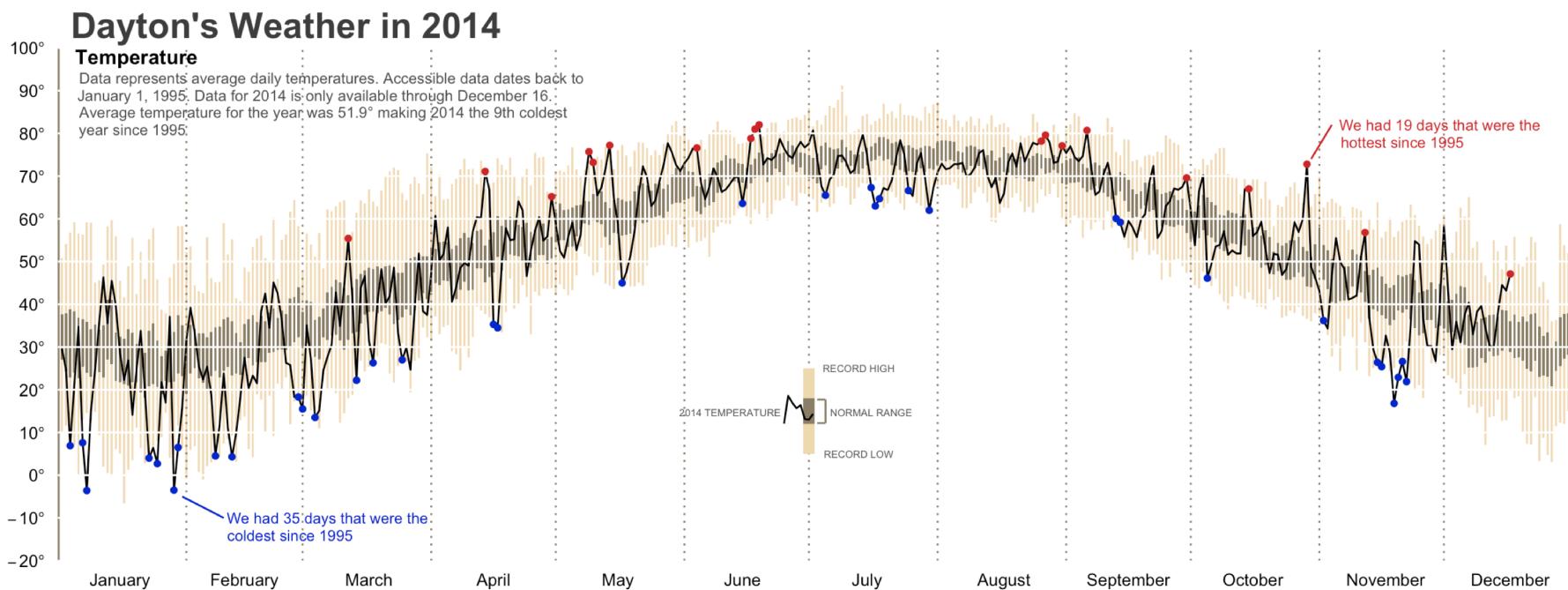
[http://www.cgd.ucar.edu/ccr/ammann/millennium/refs/WahlAmmann\\_ClimChange2006.html](http://www.cgd.ucar.edu/ccr/ammann/millennium/refs/WahlAmmann_ClimChange2006.html)

# R Graphics

If you can imagine it...



<http://blog.revolutionanalytics.com/2009/01/r-graph-gallery.html>



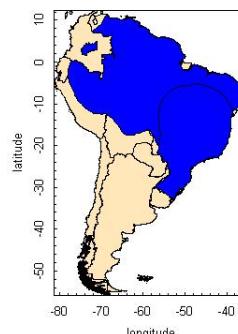
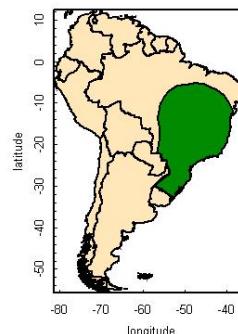
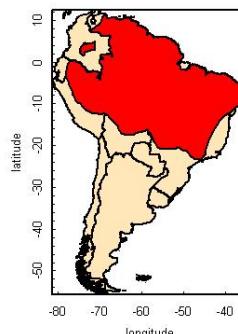
[http://rpubs.com/bradleyboehmke/weather\\_graphic](http://rpubs.com/bradleyboehmke/weather_graphic)

# Spatial data in R

Packages: sp, maptools, rgeos, raster, ggmap

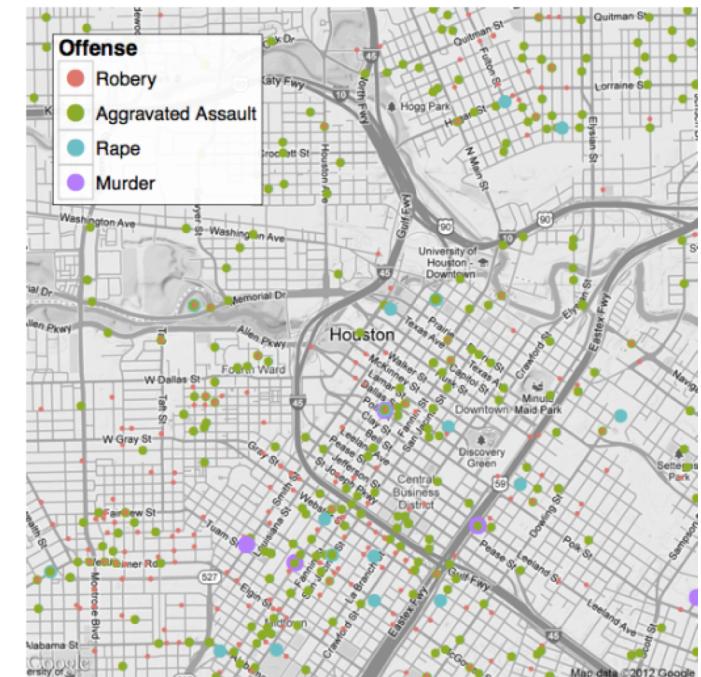
Examples:

- species range overlays



- Basemaps with ggmap

<http://www.nceas.ucsb.edu/>



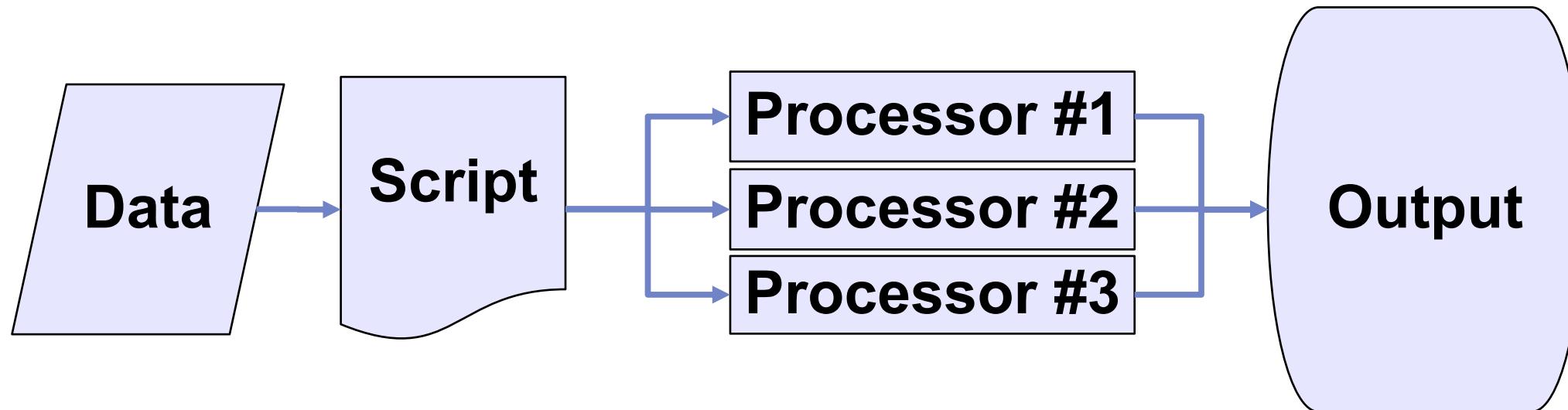
<http://journal.r-project.org/archive/2013-1/kahle-wickham.pdf>

# Parallel Processing

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For **BIG** jobs:

multi-core processors / high performance computing with foreach.



# Strengths & Limitations

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Just-in-time compilation:

- Slower than compiled languages (-)
- Faster to compose (+)
- Many available packages (+)

Most operations conducted in RAM

- RAM can be limiting and/or expensive (-)
  - “Error: cannot allocate vector of size X Mb”
- Various packages and clever programming can overcome this... (+)

Free like beer and speech! (+)



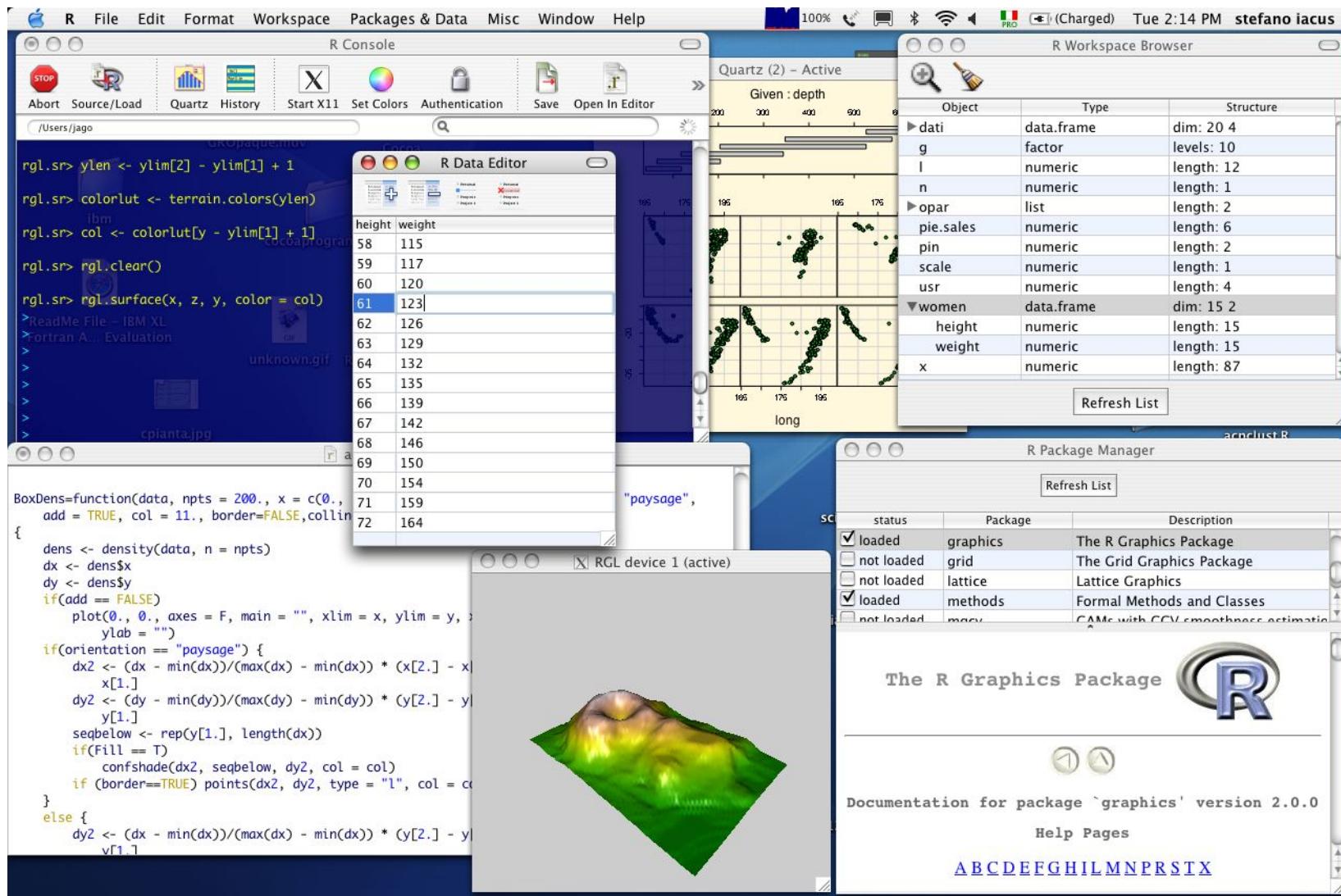
# R Interface

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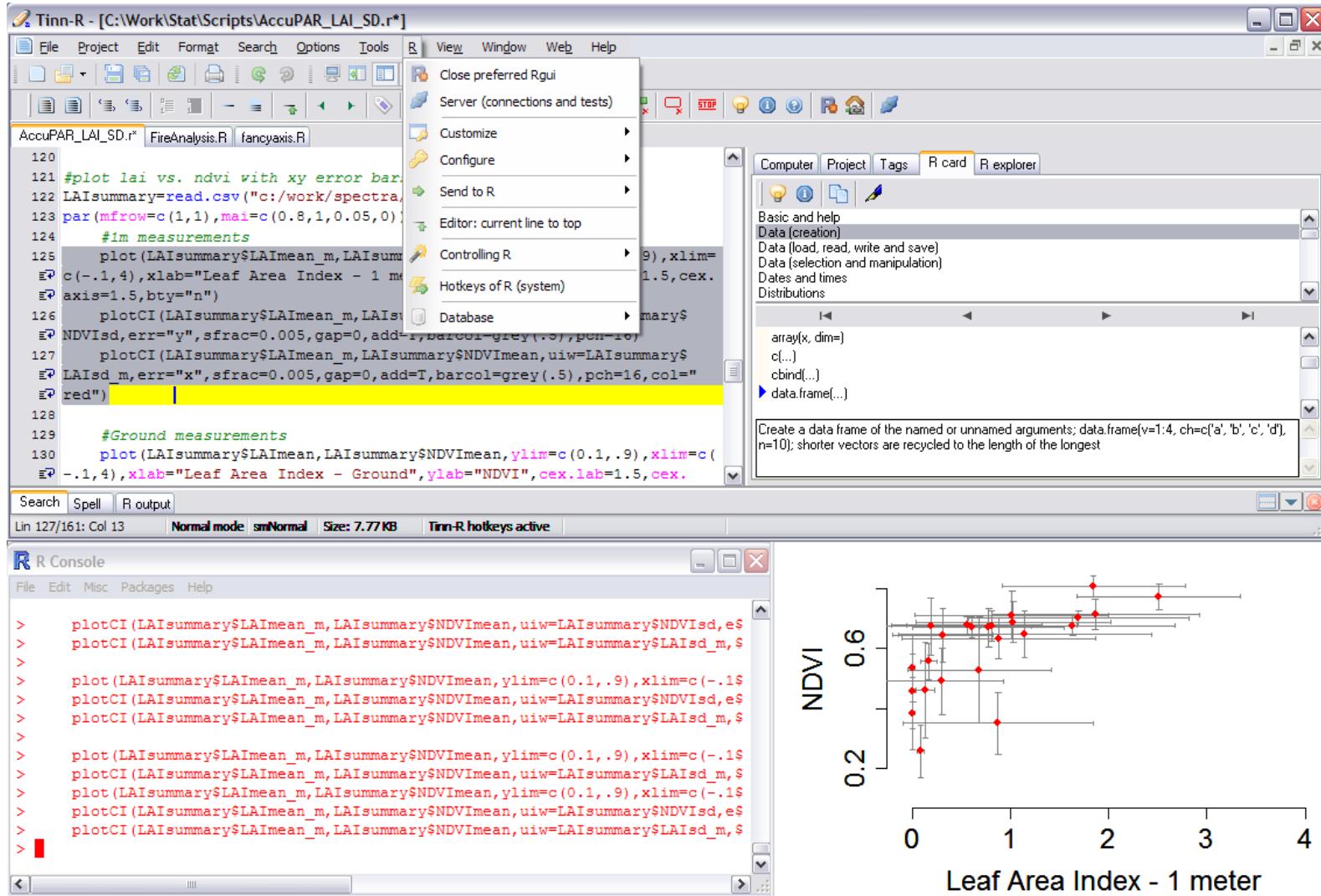
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>
```

But there are  
other options...

# R in Mac



# R in Windows





RStudio .8787

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R File Edit Code View Plots Session Project Build Tools Help

map.R\* mdat \*

Source on Save Run Source R Script

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>
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Google Maps API Terms of Service : http://developers.google.com/maps/terms
Information from URL : http://maps.googleapis.com/maps/api/geocode/json?address=India&sensor=false
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Workspace History Import Dataset

Data afghanistan 77 obs. of 6 variables  
india 363 obs. of 6 variables  
kim.points 38 obs. of 5 variables  
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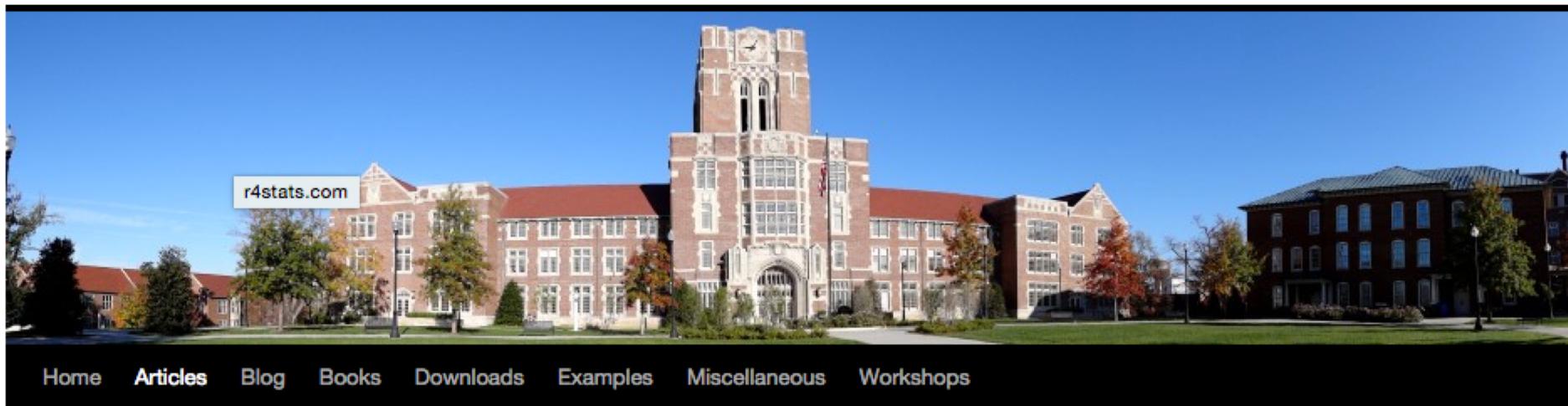
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# Who uses R?

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**r4stats.com**

*Analyzing the World of Analytics*



## The Popularity of Data Analysis Software

by Robert A. Muenchen

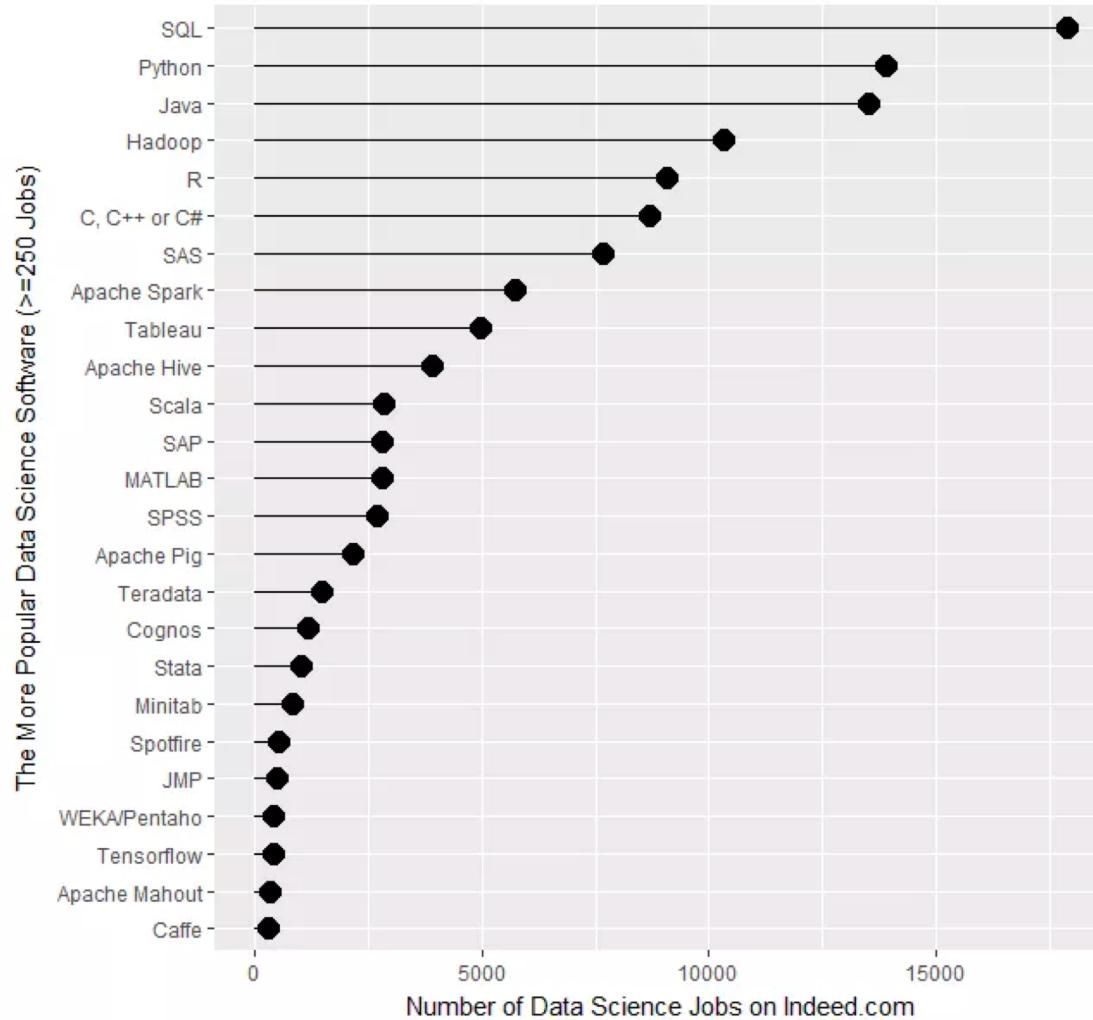
Search this site

<http://r4stats.com/articles/popularity/>



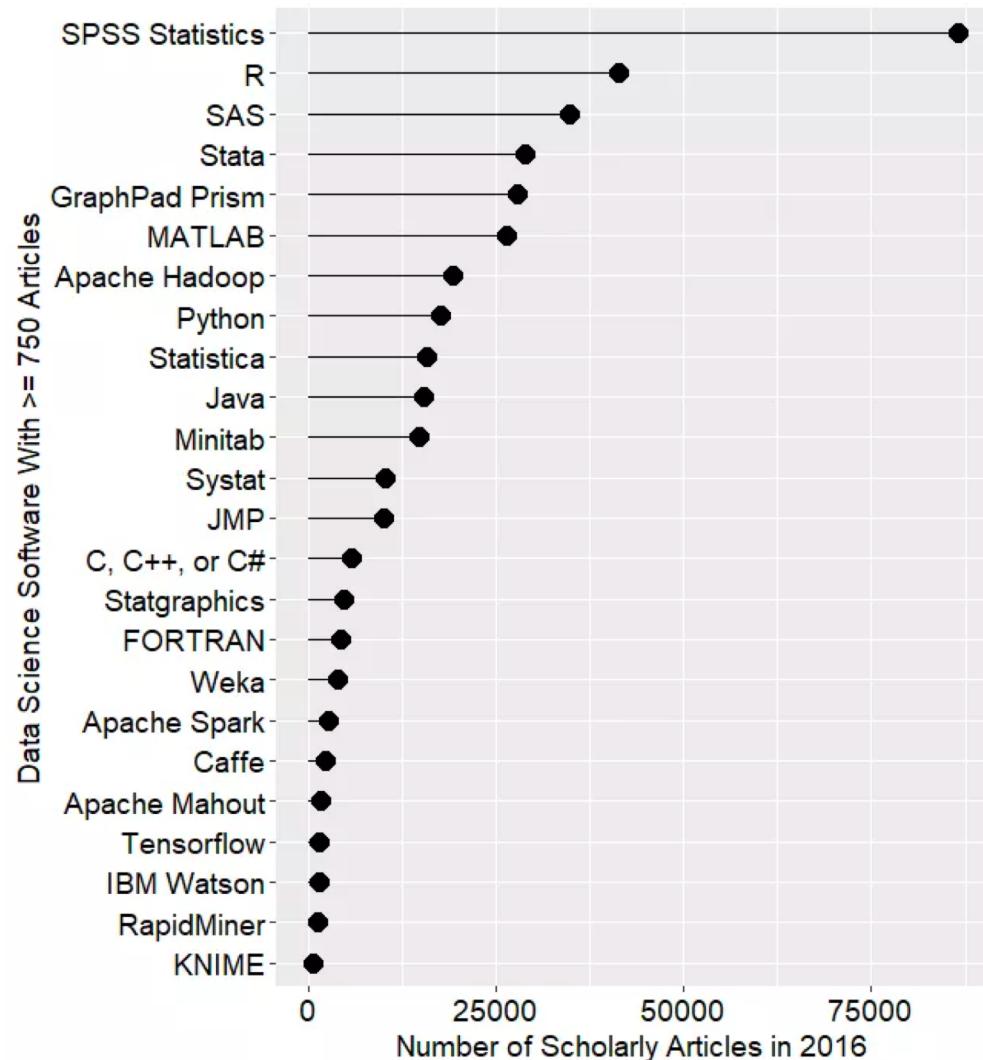
# “Data Science” Jobs on indeed.com



The number of data science jobs for the more popular software (those with 250 jobs or more, 2/2017).

Feb 2017: <http://r4stats.com/articles/popularity/>

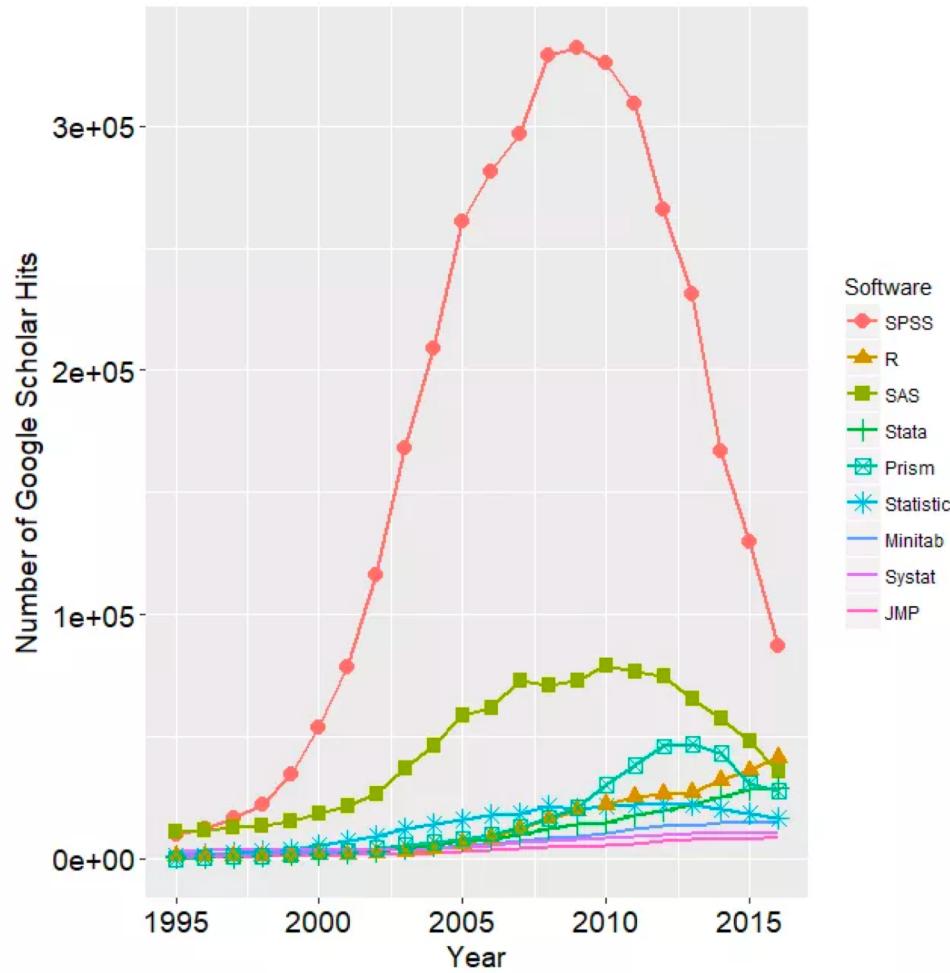
# Scholarly articles by software package



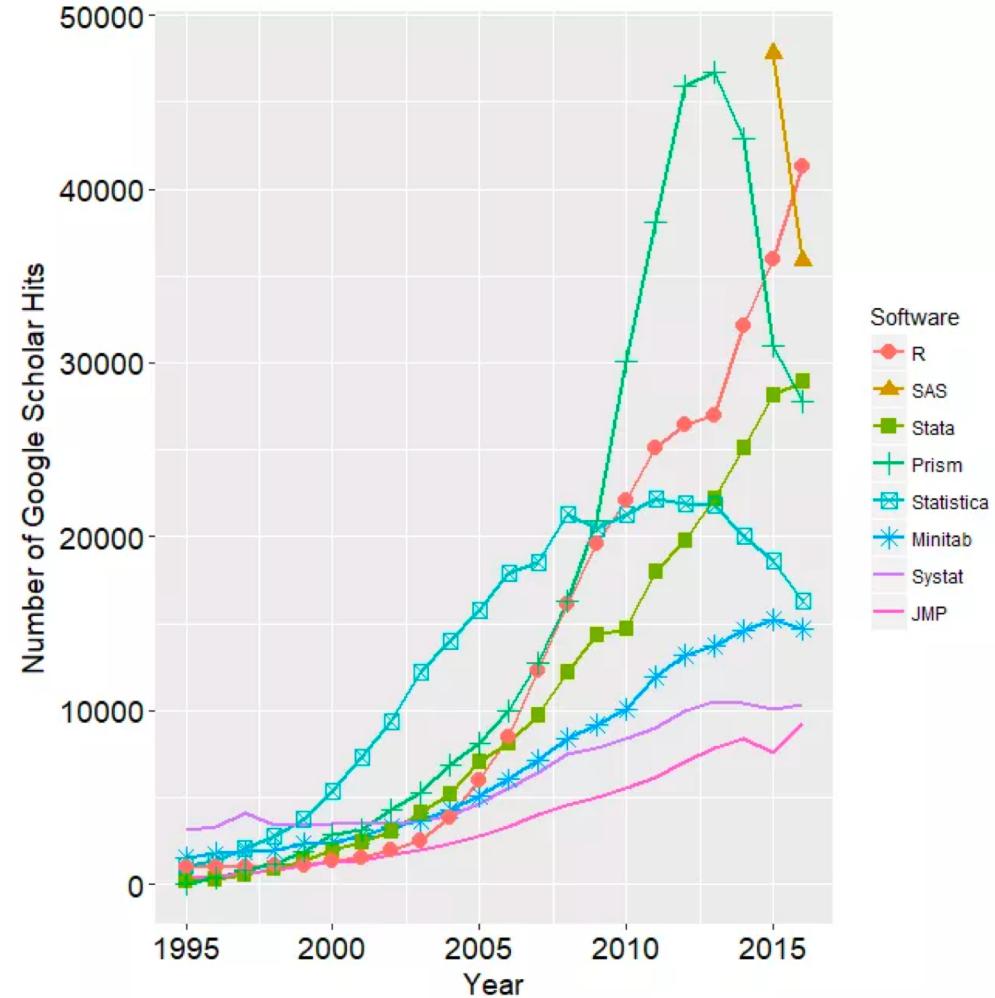
Number of scholarly articles found in the most recent complete year (2016) for each software package used as a topic or tool of analysis. For methods see [here](#).

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# Change in scholarly articles



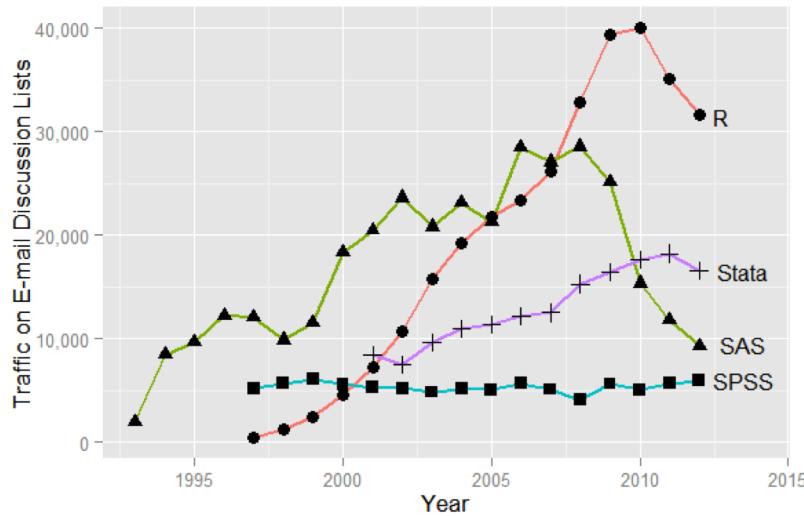
The number of scholarly articles found in each year by Google Scholar. Only the top six “classic” statistics packages are shown.



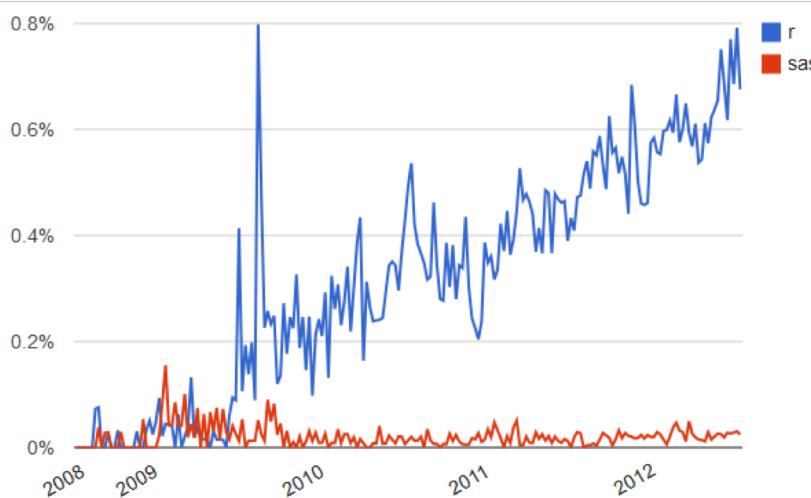
The number of scholarly articles found in each year by Google Scholar (excluding SAS and SPSS).

# Forum/discussion activity

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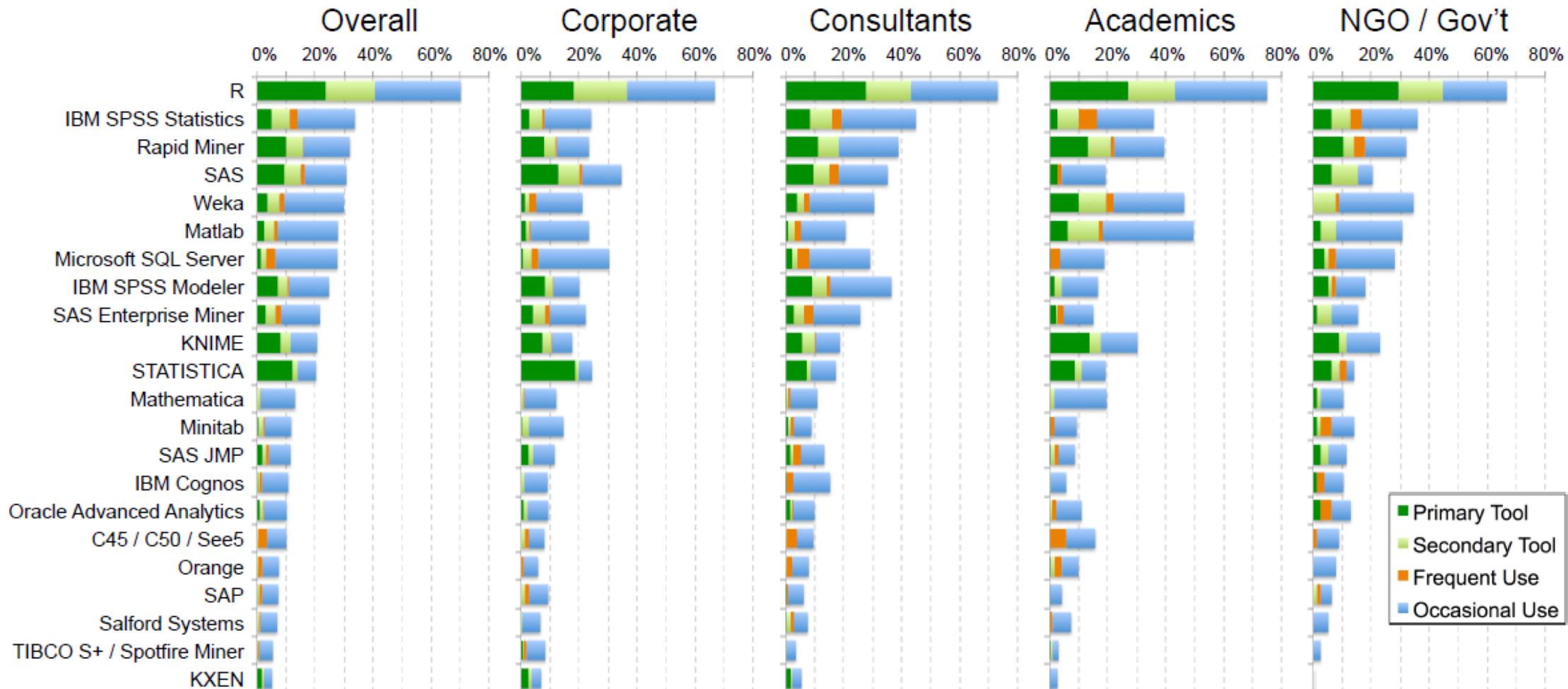
Sum of monthly email traffic on each software's main listserv discussion list.



Number of R- or SAS-related posts to Stack Overflow (programming and statistical topics) by week.

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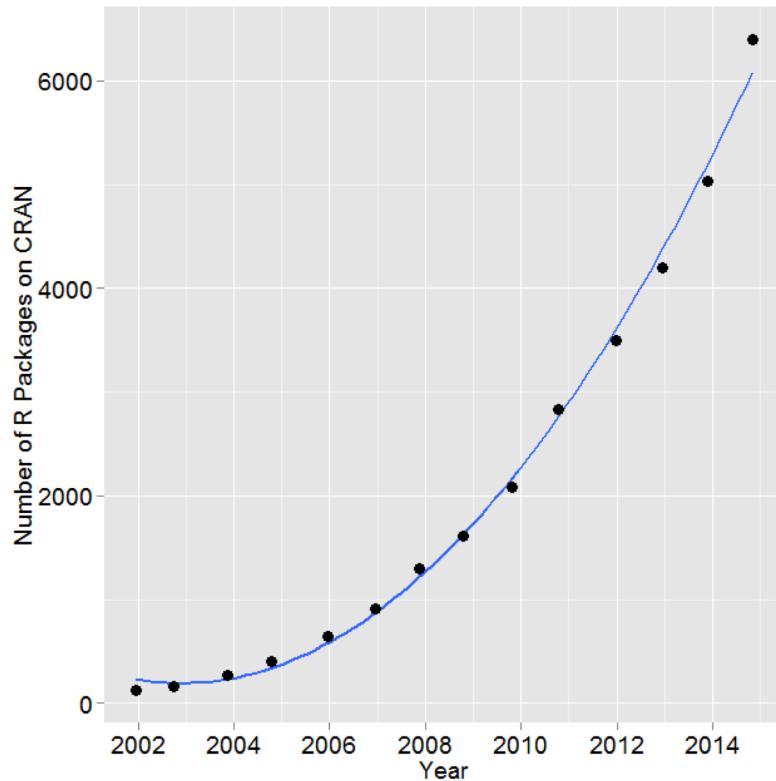
# Rexer Analytics Data Miner Survey (2013)



~1.2k respondents <http://r4stats.com/articles/popularity/>

# R Development

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Number of R packages available on its main distribution site for the last version released in each year.

SAS v9.3: 1.2k commands  
(in Base, Stat, ETS, HP Forecasting, Graph, IML, Macro, OR, QC.)

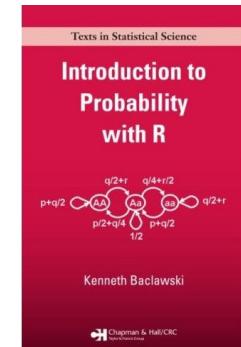
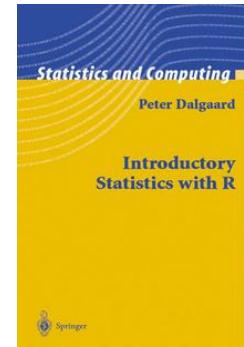
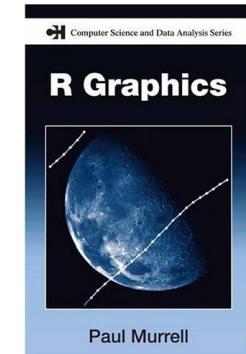
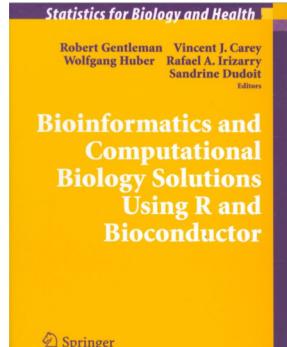
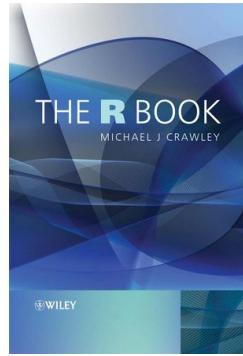
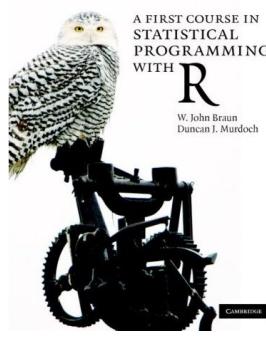
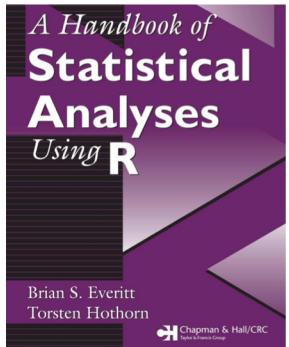
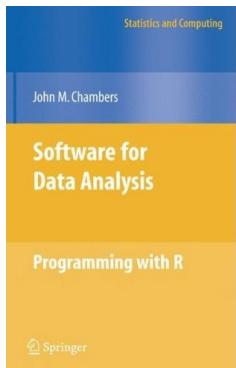
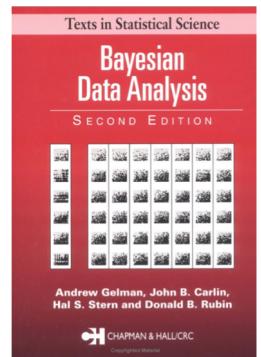
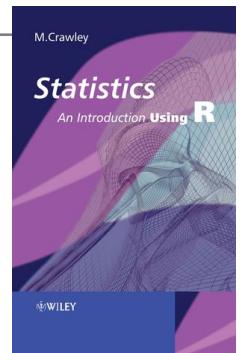
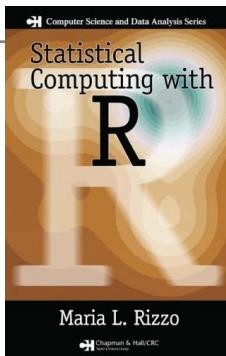
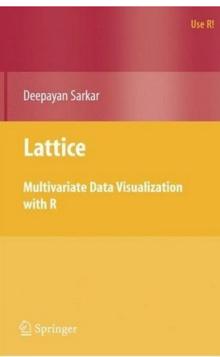
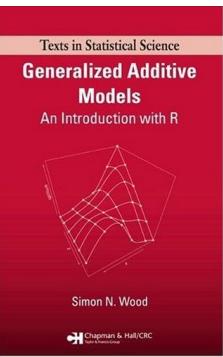
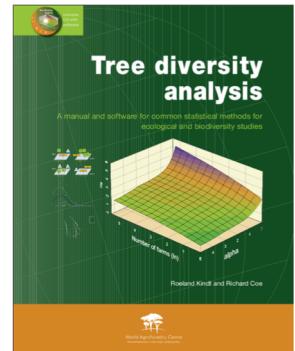
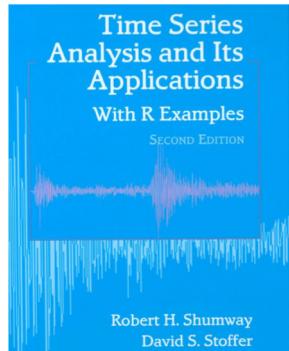
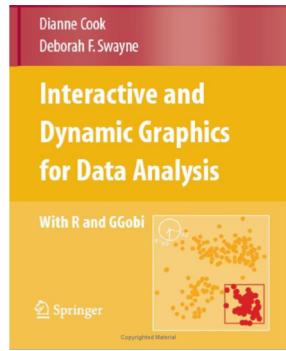
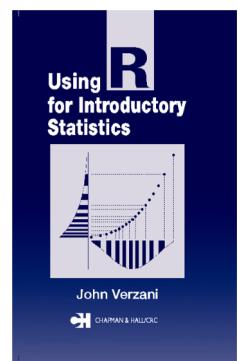
2014: R added 1.3k packages and ~27k functions.

Over 6k packages!

<http://r4stats.com/articles/popularity/>

Task Views organize packages by topic: <http://cran.r-project.org/web/views/>

# 240 Books on R since 2000



Course Structure

Data Science

Why R?

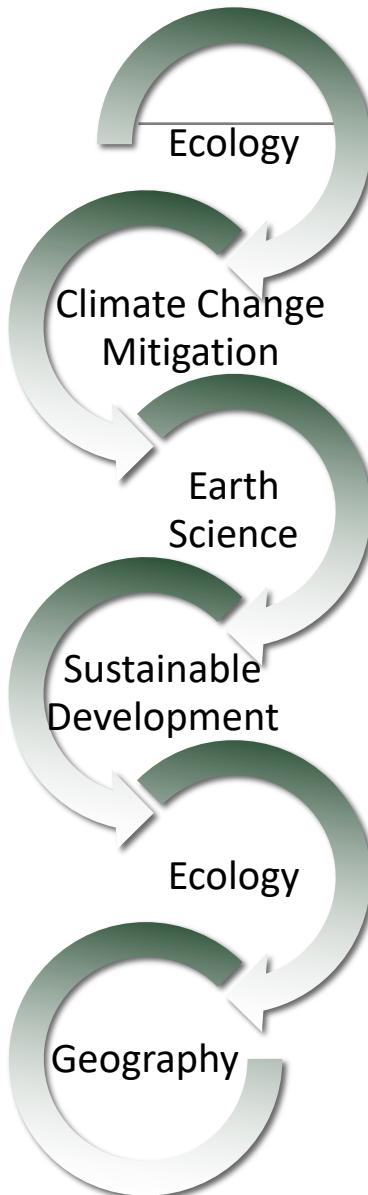
Coda

*R is a great language to learn and it  
can take you far...*

*But others (python, etc.) are useful  
too. Once you learn one, it is much  
faster to learn others*

# A little about me...

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# And who are you?

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1. Name
2. Where are you from (state and/or country)?
3. Department/Degree (e.g. MS GIS)
4. Research Interests
5. Motivation for taking this course (what do you want to learn?)

~1 minute each!



# Before next class

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1. Explore [adamwilson.us/SpatialDataScience](http://adamwilson.us/SpatialDataScience)
2. Install RStudio on your laptop from  
<https://www.rstudio.com>
3. Read and work through the first two chapters of *R For Data Science* (link on website)

# Installing R and RStudio

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## Install

- R <https://cran.revolutionanalytics.com/>
- RStudio <https://www.rstudio.com>

