

Introduction to R and Data Science

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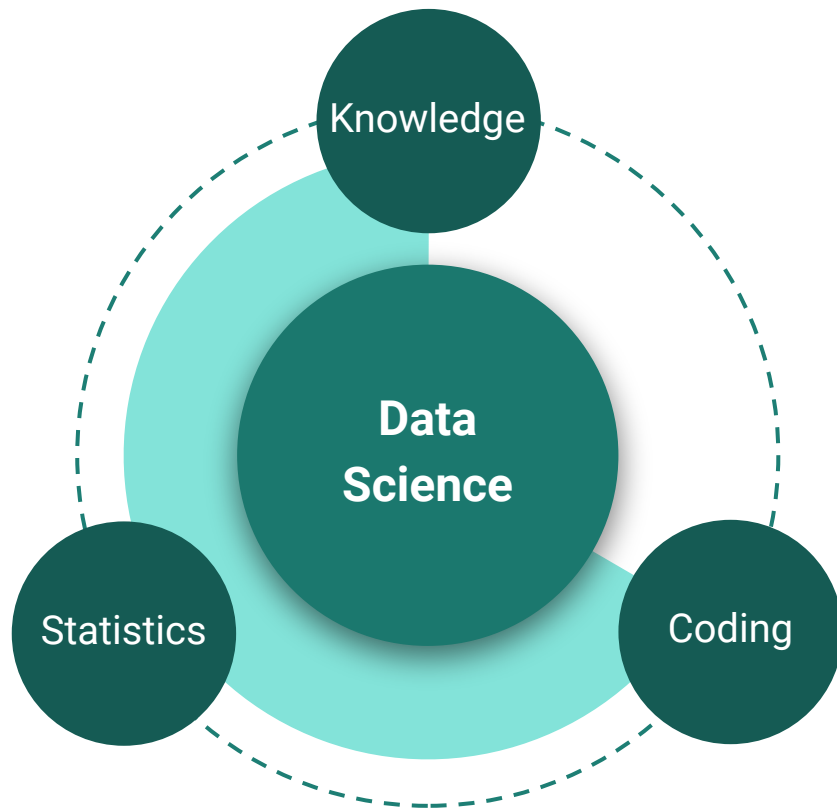
Data science

Breakthroughs in technology, computing and algorithms

And lots and lots of data...

New kid on the block?

Or just research using a computer?



Why code?

Let's try to answer a different question:

If you have (managed to find) flour and eggs,
would you rather have...



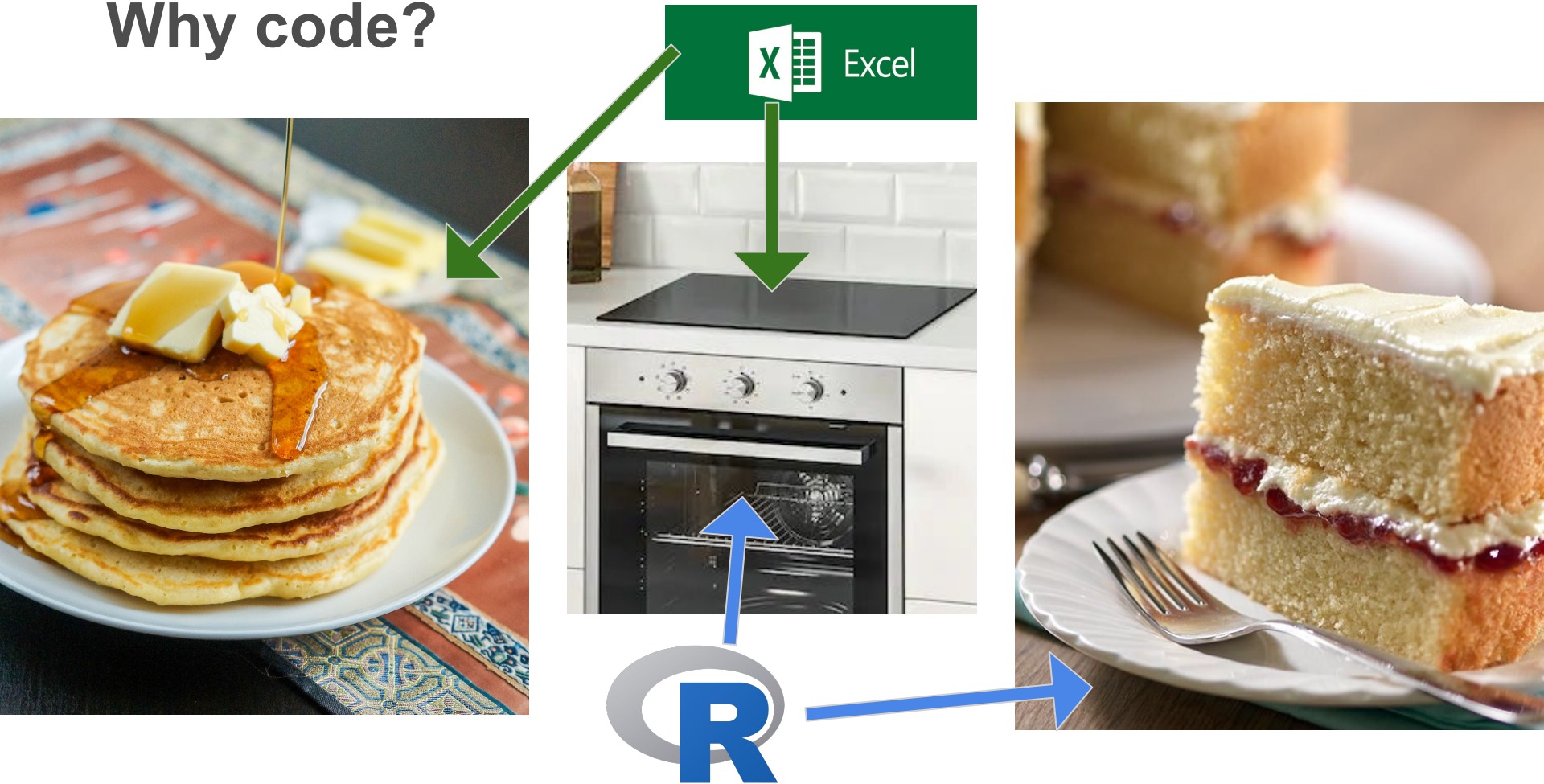
Why code?



Pancake
or
cake?



Why code?



Coding

- 1) You write the recipes (code) and prepare the ingredients (data)
- 2) R does the baking - you cross your fingers
- 3) Add the finishing touches - and serve!



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Don't panic!

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The data ingredients

Understanding data is the most important concept:

- Data types
- Data structures
- Data grammar
- How data interacts
- Volume, Veracity, Variety



Understanding the ingredients

Alphabet - the building blocks

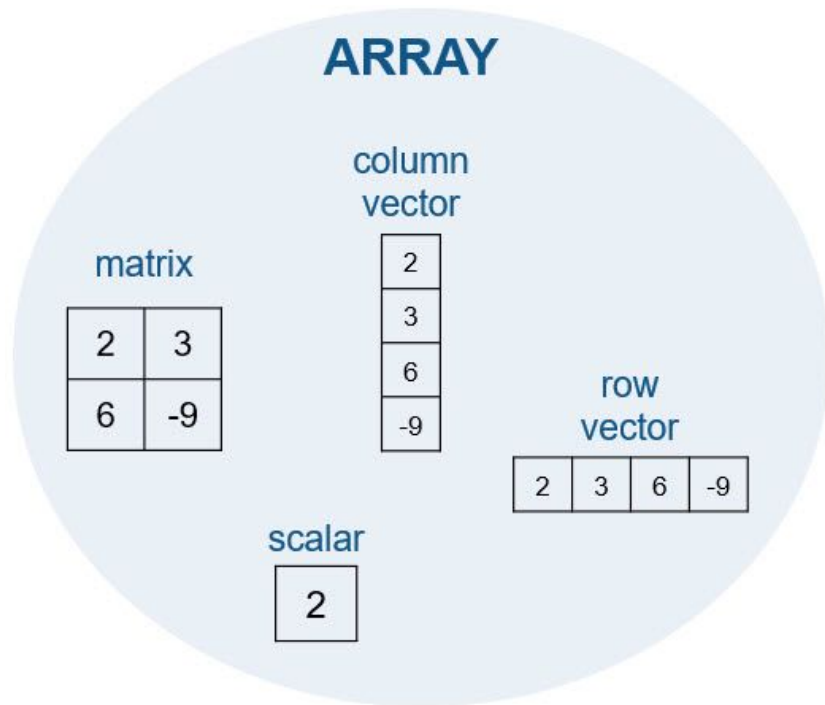
Nouns - also known as 'objects'

Verbs - the 'recipes' and the bits you code

Alphabet - numbers, characters, dates,
missing, logical,

Sentences - vectors, matrices, arrays, lists,
data frames

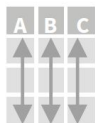
Spelling and grammar - are important



Preparing the ingredients

“Happy families are all alike; every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way.” – Leo Tolstoy

“Tidy datasets are all alike, but every messy dataset is messy in its own way.” – Hadley Wickham



Each **variable** is in its own **column**

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Each **observation**, or **case**, is in its own **row**

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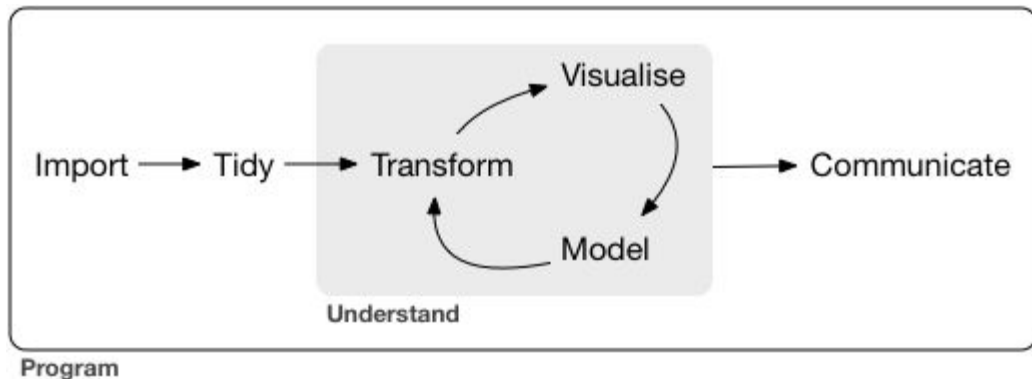
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Writing recipes

Decide what you want to do, who is your audience (your client) and work backwards

Be flexible and adaptive - as you'll likely end up somewhere else



Icing on the cake

Final pun

Modelling

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Graphing

Reporting

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Statistics

Known data
Explanatory power

Machine learning

Unseen data
Predictive power

Report



THE R GRAPH
GALLERY

V&A Environmental Report

April 2019 – Winter conditions

South Kensington

Temperature (15-25°C, winter)

Relative Humidity (35-65%rh, annual)

Red: out of specification >30% of the time

Green: in spec ≥70% of the time

Grey: N/A (no objects or FuturePlan)

-* is <30%rh

++ is >70%rh

*** is >70%rh sustained for over 3 days, potentially leading to a risk of mould growth



Pros and cons

Free

Community support

10,000 packages

Development

Transferable and high demand skill (and it pays)

The future

Hard

Need to keep learning

Coding 'rage'

Tips

Give yourself plenty of time

Think of your future self - Comment as you go along

Seek help before code rage!

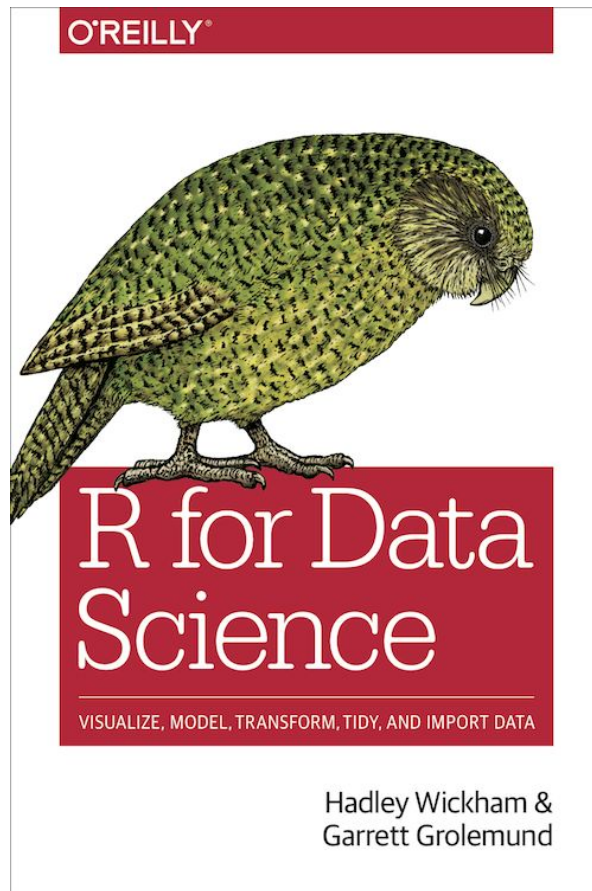
StackOverflow, Blogs, Twitter, Meetups, Cheat Sheets,

YouTube, Kids coding books

-these are your friends

Good place to start: <https://r4ds.had.co.nz/>

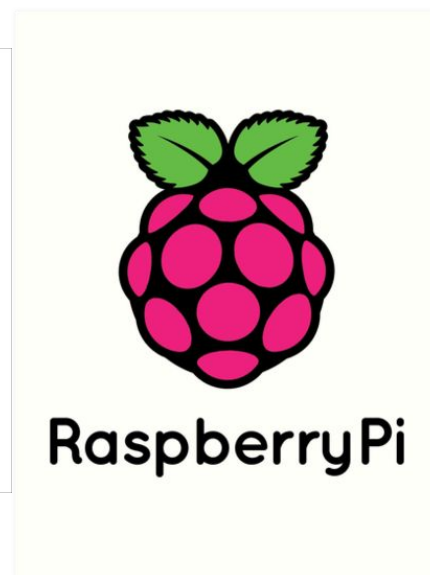
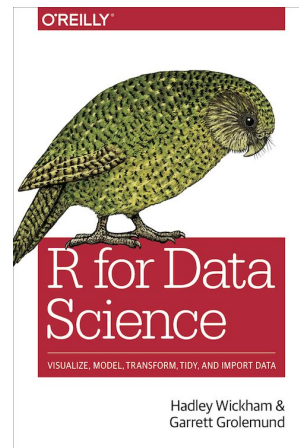
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Follow instructions at RStudio for
how to download and get started:



<https://www.vam.ac.uk/blog/author/bhaves-shah>



Thankyou

<https://github.com/BhavShah01/Training>

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