

Bonus Lecture 3.1 – Version Control

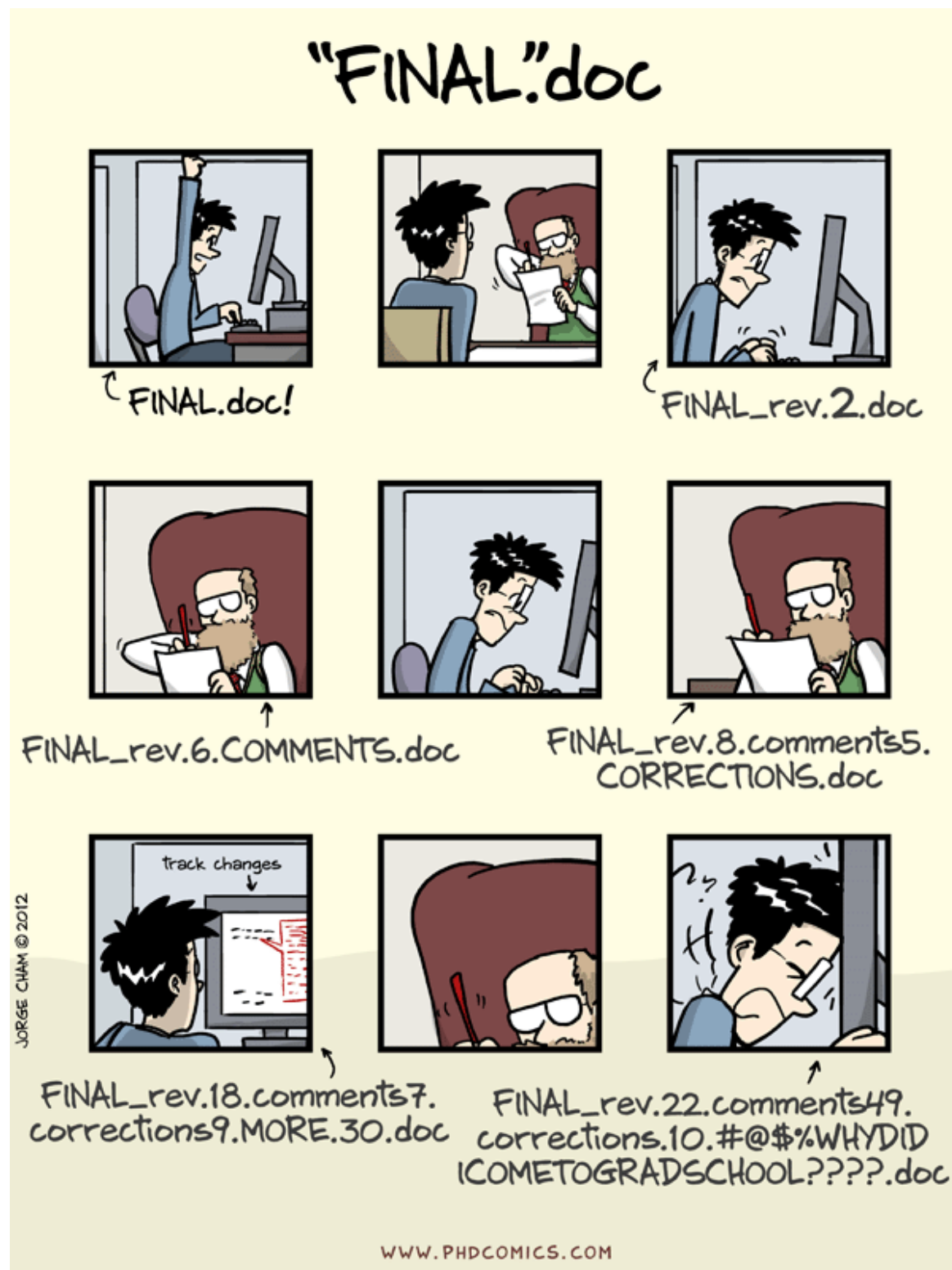
- **Download and Install git:**

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<https://git-scm.com/downloads>

Put it in default directory

Why Bother with Version Control?



If you “break” your code, how do you get it back working?

If your computer crashes, how do you get back your code?

What if you are on a group project and people need to work on the same code at once?

<https://swcarpentry.github.io/git-novice/01-basics/index.html>

What is Automated Version Control?

- **Automated version control (VC)** is the process by which someone uses specialized software to keep track of changes made to a digital document.
 - Several different types of VC software, with a long history. (Classic example is track changes!)
 - For code, software like SVN and git are often used to track line-by-line changes.
 - VC is like the ultimate undo button: you can undo or revert any change to a document that you've tracked.
 - VC also allows multiple users to work on documents simultaneously, keeping only the best edits in the main document!

How Does Automated Version Control Work?

- VC works by keeping a record of changes to individual lines of a document.
- Changes are made by one user to an original document, and *how the document has changed* is recorded.



- Note: this does not mean it makes a full copy of the original (like you might if you had two separate versions saved on your computer). **It only tracks what has changed!**

How Does Automated Version Control Work?

- If two people are working on the same document, VC will keep track of these changes separately.



- Later, VC allows the user to combine the changes back into the original document.

How Does Automated Version Control Work?

- Why not use Track Changes or Google Docs for doing code?
- MS Word (and other word-processing programs) are complex editors that introduce many “hidden” characters into files, as well as formatting/typesetting code (again, hidden).
- This extra, hidden code often messes up code meant to run in a different language. Scripts need to be edited in a script editor (to prevent these sorts of issues).

**I heavily advise against trying to edit/copy code
from any word processing documents!
USE R STUDIO!!!**

About git

- git is a popular VC software for coding that supports nearly all document types.
 - It has a simple interface through RStudio we can use to track our code.
 - git easily integrates with Github, a website for collective management of software projects.



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Online Code Repositories



– Why put your code online?

- Backs up your code in case of computer crash. (private & public)
- Makes collaborations easier. (private & public)
- Makes code available to others who wish to replicate your work or use your code. (public)
- Shows off your projects and skills to future employers! (public)

– Sign up for Github:

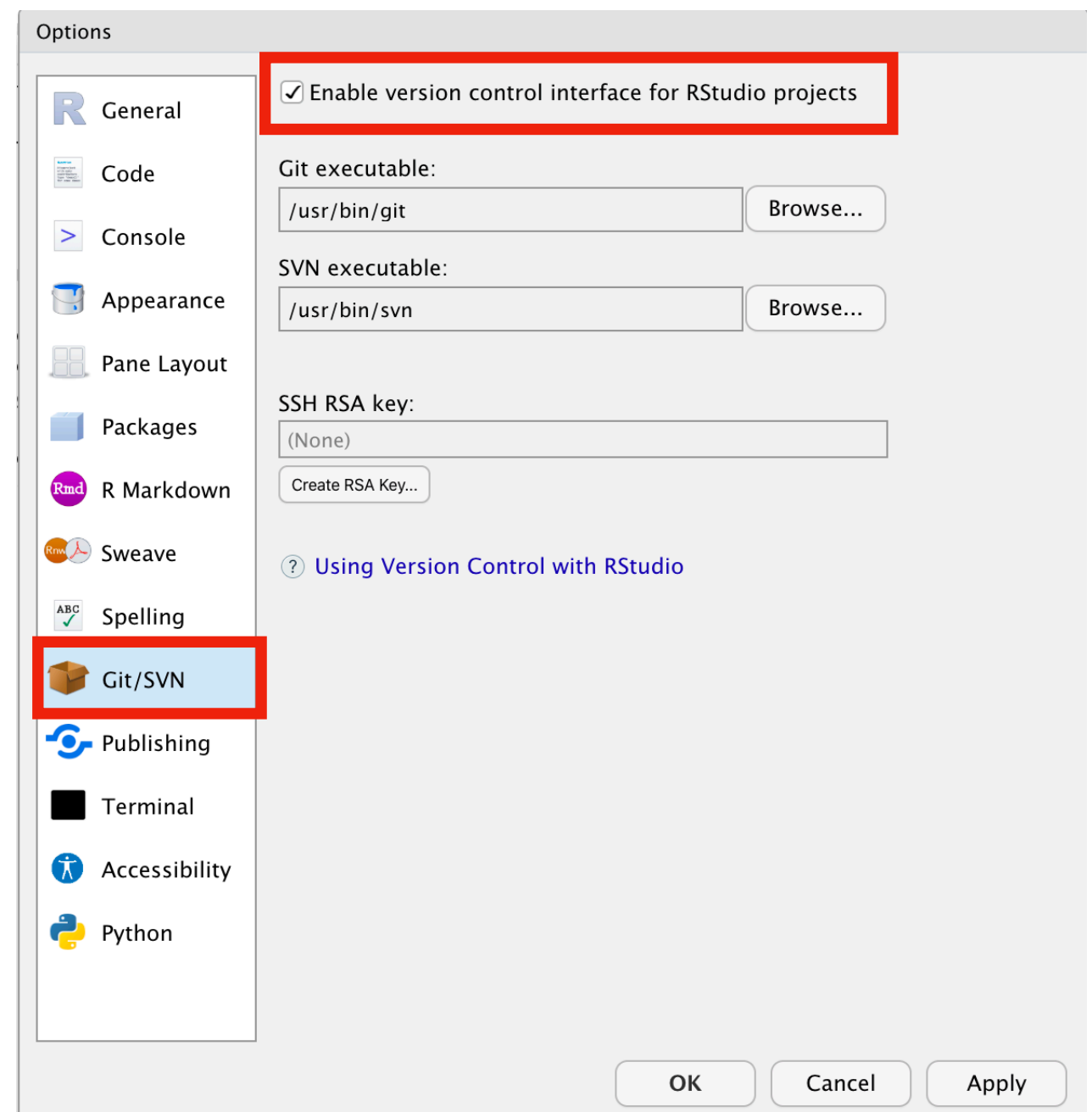
Github: <https://github.com>

Use your Chapman email address!

Send username to Dr. Waldrop

Version Control in RStudio

- RStudio has built-in support for git when using RProjects!
 - Activate VC by going to “Preferences...”
 - Select “Git/SVN”
 - Check box that says “Enable version control interface”



Obtaining a Personal Access Token



- Personal Access Tokens (PATs) are like passwords but more secure. You can select specific administrative rights and access for each PAT you generate.
- Generate a PAT:
 - ▶ Install **usethis** package in RStudio
 - ▶ Run the line: **usethis::create_github_token()**
 - ▶ Click “generate token” and WRITE IT DOWN!
- Save the PAT in RStudio:
 - ▶ Install **gitcreds** package in RStudio
 - ▶ Run the line: **gitcreds::gitcreds_set()**
 - ▶ Respond to the prompt by entering your PAT.

Start a New Project in RStudio

Go to Github and in “Repositories” click the green “New Repository” button.

Pick a unique repository name (this will also be a folder name on your computer).

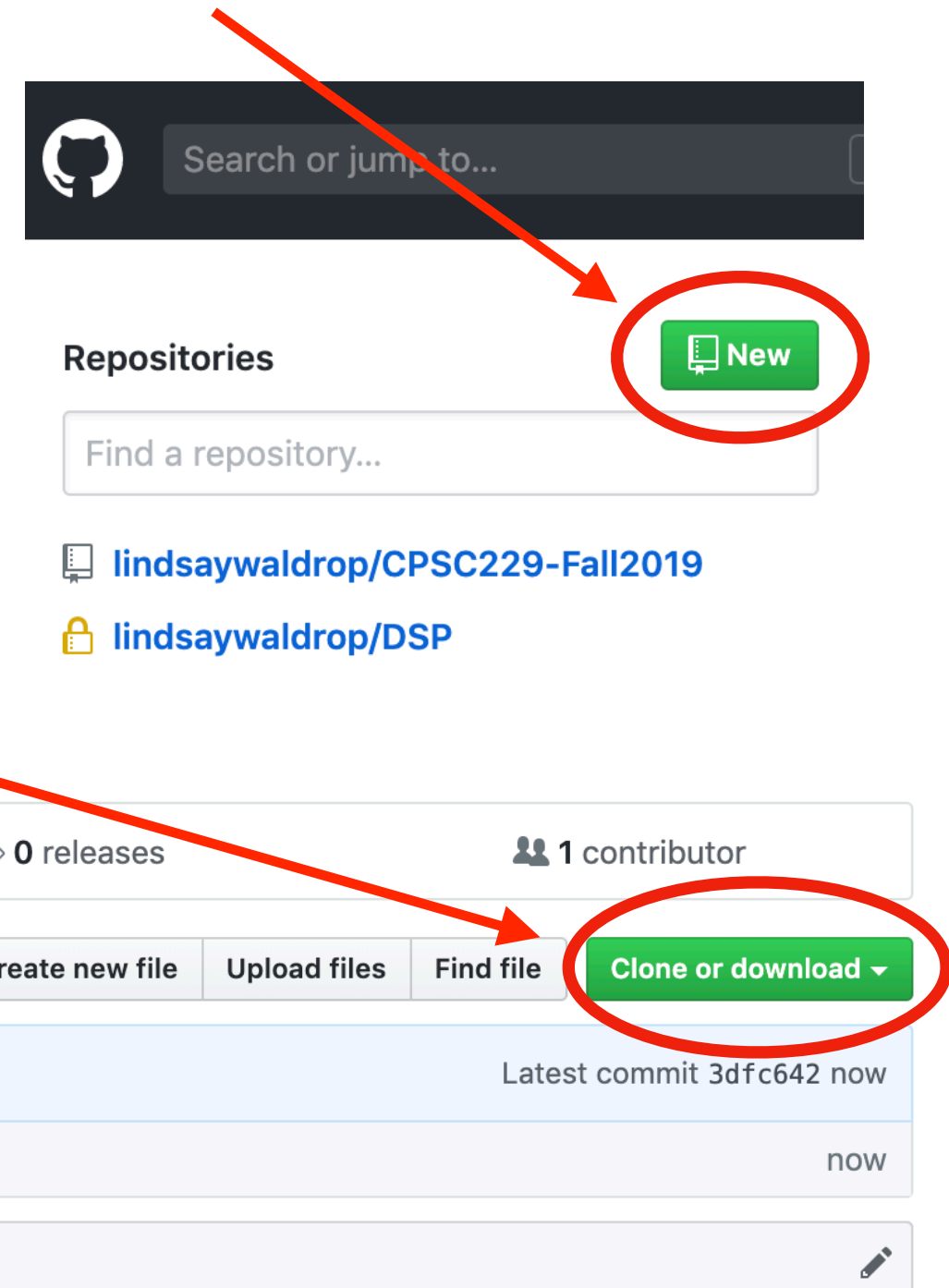
Click “Initialize this repository with a README file” then “Create Repository”

Click the “Clone or download” button and copy the URL to your clipboard.

Return to RStudio and from Files select “New Project...”

Select “Version Control” option and then “git”

Copy the URL from Github into the repository URL box and then click through to create a new project!



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Staged changes added to
history



Basics of Operating git in RStudio

1. Save files to your project.

The screenshot shows the RStudio IDE with a project named "MyPracticeDir". The script editor on the left contains a short R script:

```
1 # My practice script
2
3 print("Hello world!")
```

An arrow points from the text "Write a short script and save it in a new 'src' folder!" to the script editor. The Git tab in the top right pane is highlighted with a red box and an arrow pointing to it from the text "Look at the Git tab!". The Files pane on the right shows the project structure:

Name	Size	Modified
..		
.gitignore	40 B	Aug 5, 2021, 10:21 AM
MyPracticeDir.Rproj	205 B	Aug 5, 2021, 10:21 AM
src		

The Console pane at the bottom shows the R version and license information:

```
R version 4.1.0 (2021-05-18) -- "Camp Pontanezen"
Copyright (C) 2021 The R Foundation for Statistical Computing
Platform: x86_64-apple-darwin17.0 (64-bit)

R is free software and comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY.
You are welcome to redistribute it under certain conditions.
Type 'license()' or 'licence()' for distribution details.

Natural language support but running in an English locale

R is a collaborative project with many contributors.
Type 'contributors()' for more information and
'citation()' on how to cite R or R packages in publications.

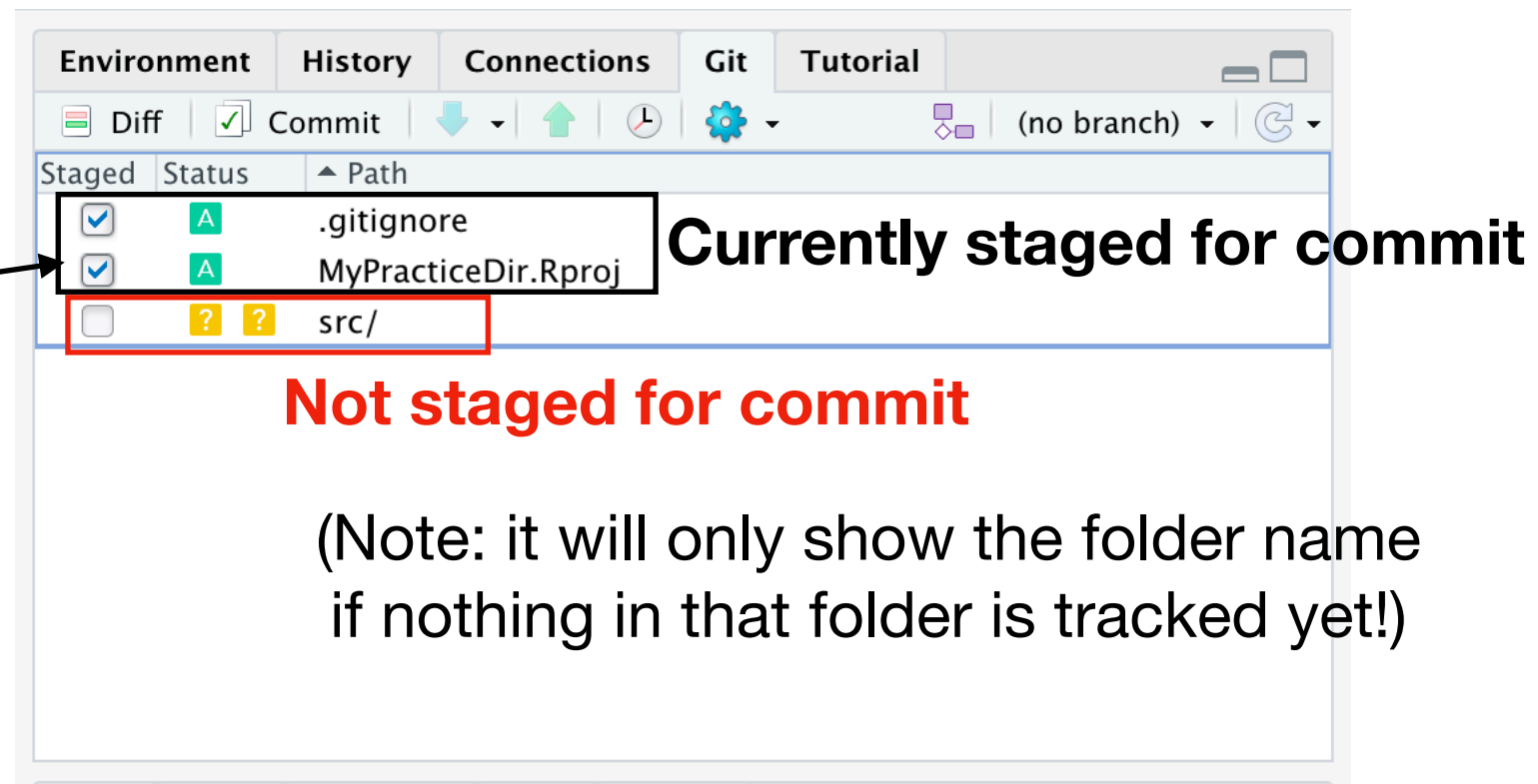
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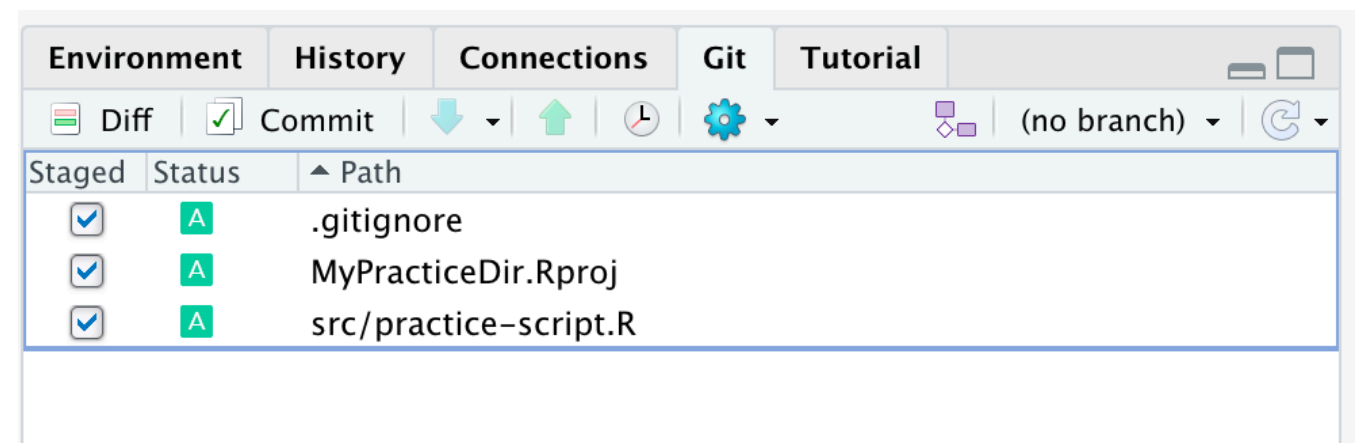
2. Stage files for commit by adding.

All new files will have the ?? icons.

Add files by clicking
the “Staged”
checkbox!



Now everything is staged!

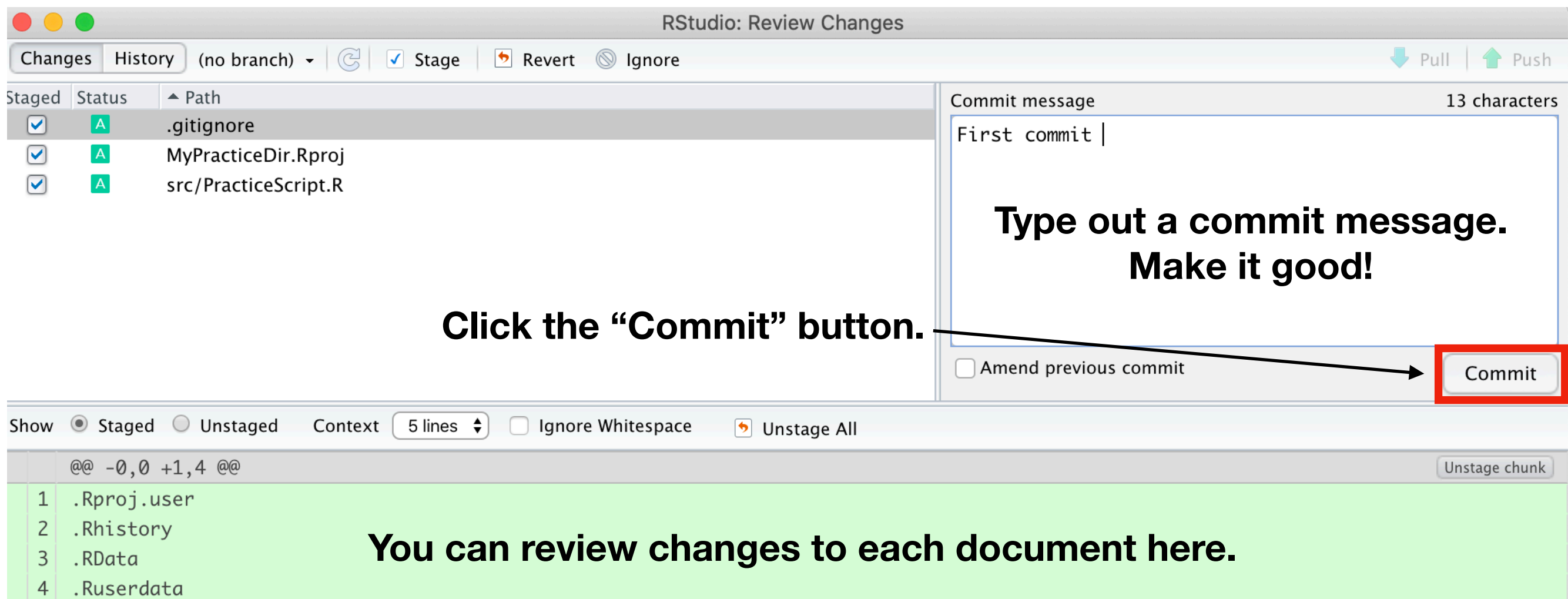
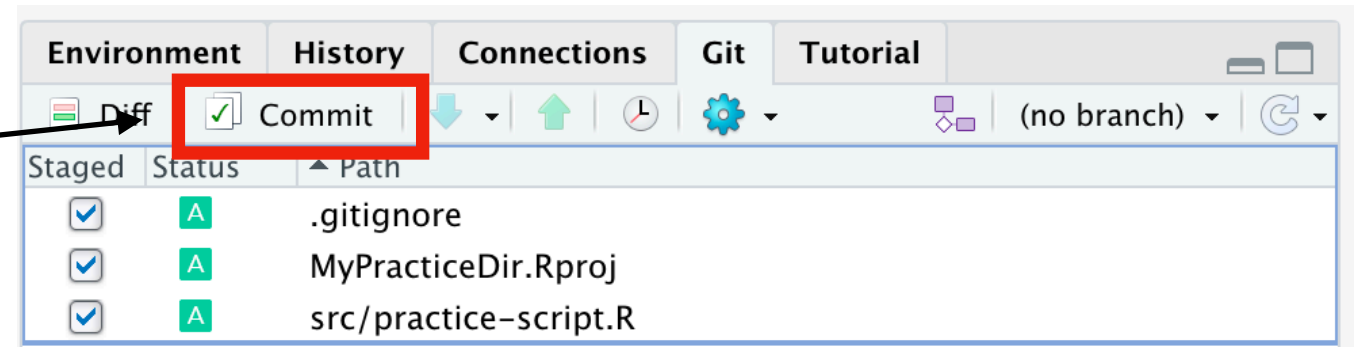


(Now it shows the specific script!)

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3. Commit your changes.

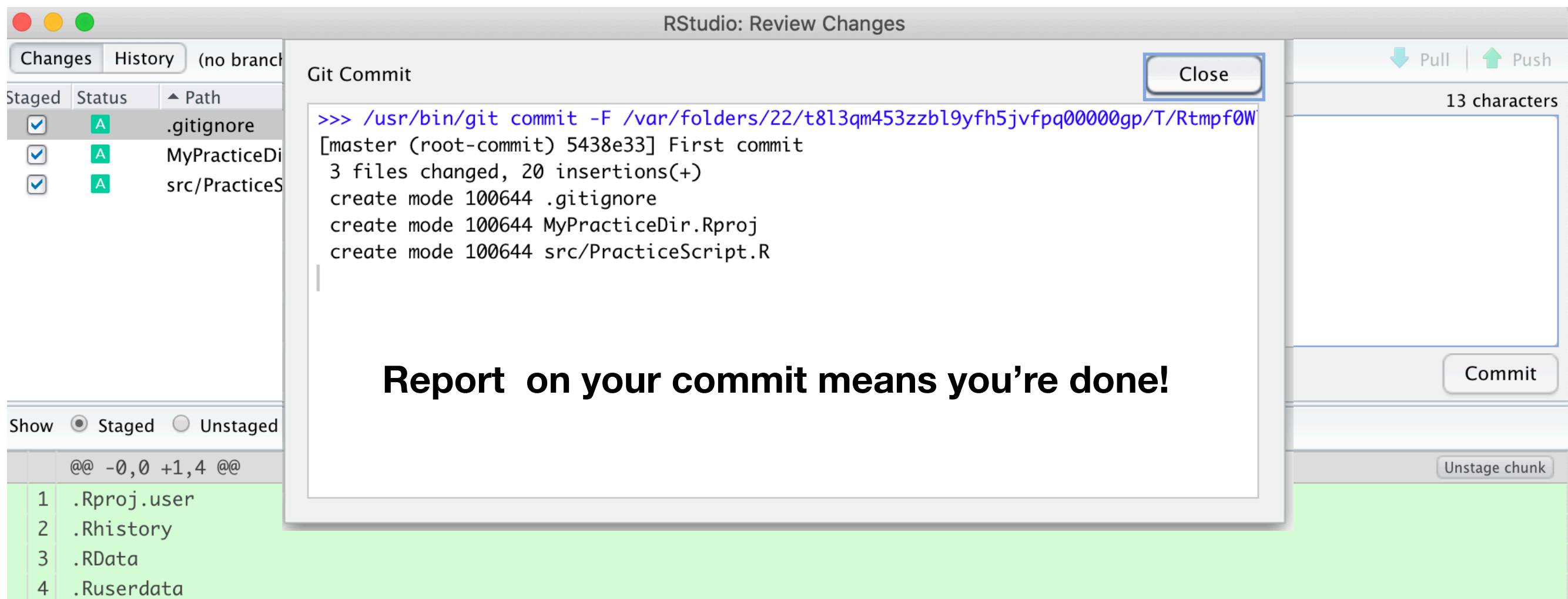
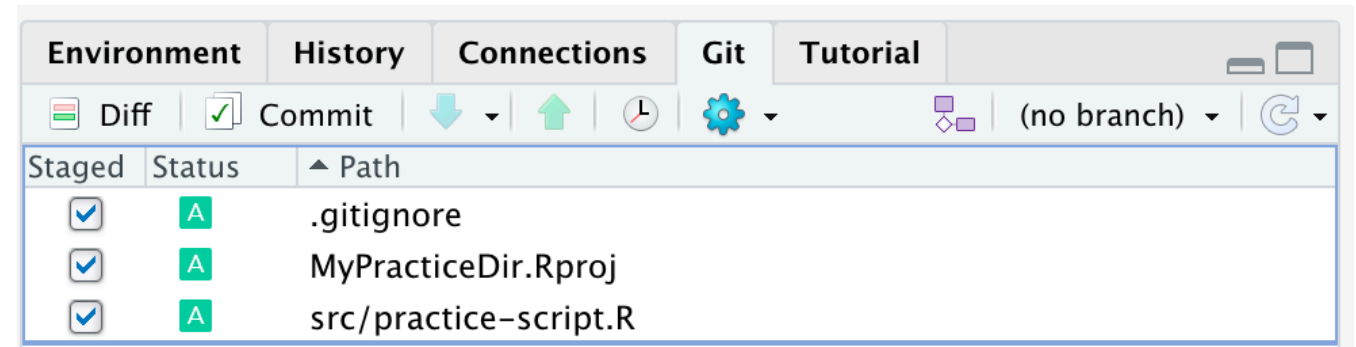
Click the “Commit” button.



You can review changes to each document here.

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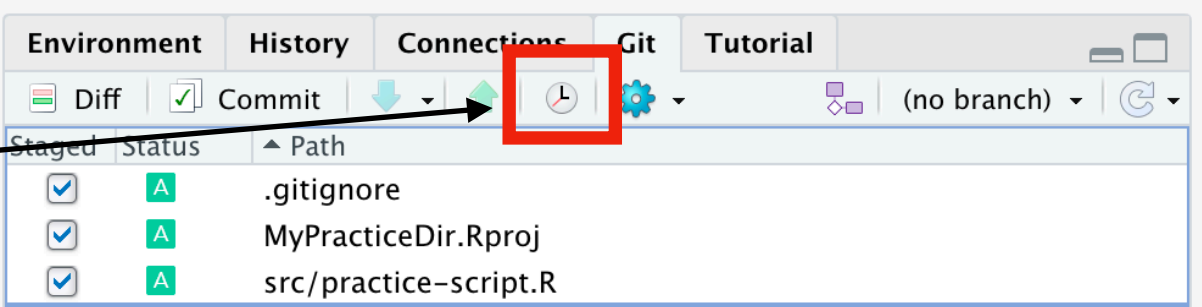


Check Your Understanding

Create a few more files, and make at least two more commits to your repository!

Examining Your Commit History

- Access your commit history by clicking the clock.



RStudio: Review Changes

Changes History master (all commits) Search Pull

Subject	Author	Date	SHA
HEAD -> refs/heads/master Performing some calculations	lindsaywaldrop <waldrop@chapman.edu>	2021-08-05	609af447
Creating a matrix	lindsaywaldrop <waldrop@chapman.edu>	2021-08-05	bf4de8fa
Adding a README file, limpetfxns, some more to practice script.	lindsaywaldrop <waldrop@chapman.edu>	2021-08-05	2051da26
First commit	lindsaywaldrop <waldrop@chapman.edu>	2021-08-05	5438e335

Click on different commits to view history.

Commits 1-4 of 4

Subject Creating a matrix
Parent 2051da2607878a7b210e67c9e966aa9d5989ac05

MD README.md
R src/PracticeScript.R

Filename → README.md [View file @ bf4de8fa](#)

Removals → 3 This is where you would document more about the project, how to run the code, and what sorts of things you need to install first before the code will work.
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Additions → 3 This is where you would document more about the project, how to run the code, and what sorts of things you need to install first before the code will work.
4 Adding a bit more text here because it's important to document things!
5 No newline at end of file

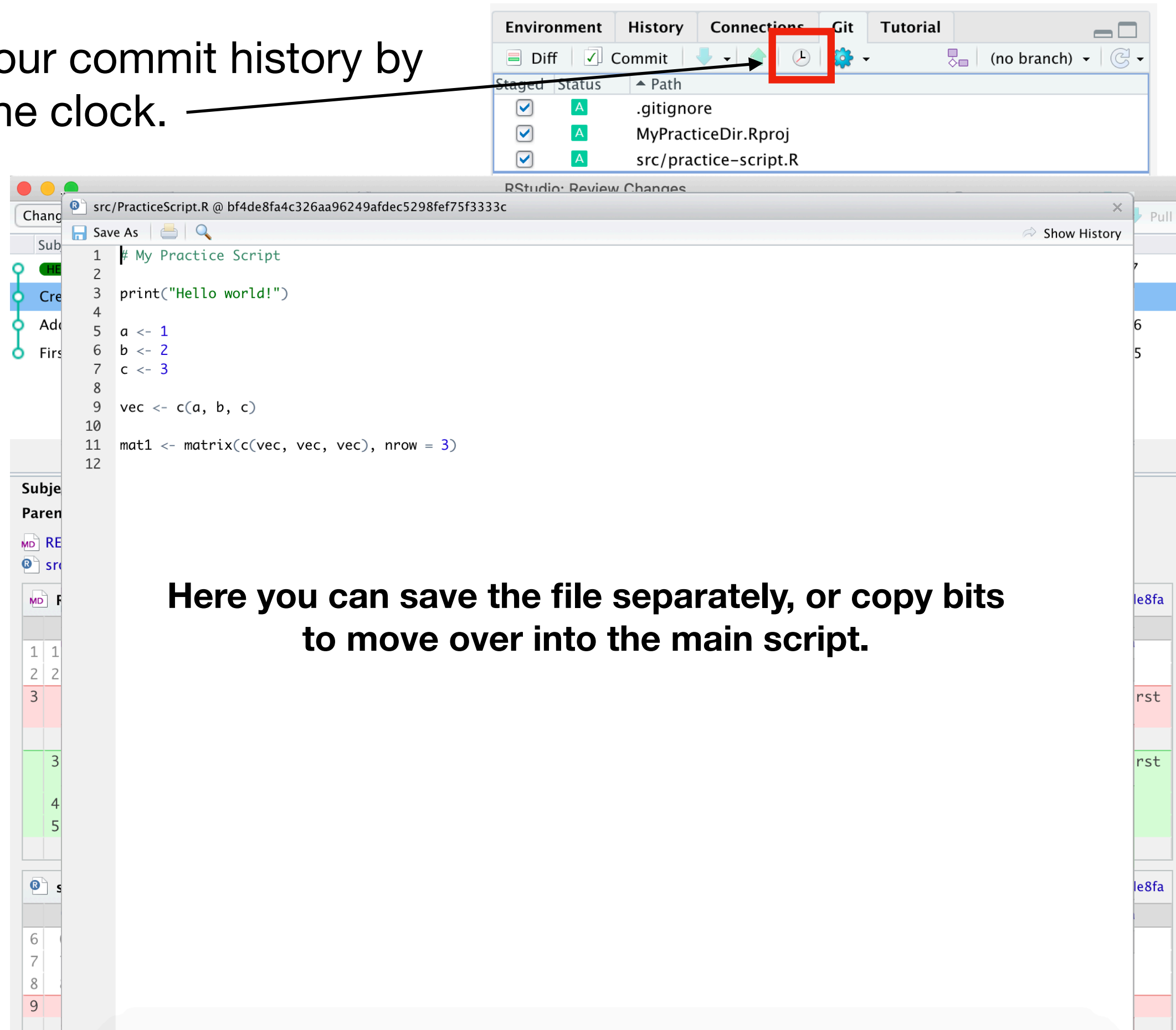
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src/PracticeScript.R [View file @ bf4de8fa](#)

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@@ -6,4 +6,6 @@ a <- 1
6 6 b <- 2
7 7 c <- 3
8 8
9 vdc <- c(a, b, c)
No newline at end of file
```

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Here you can save the file separately, or copy bits to move over into the main script.

Check Your Understanding

Can you access the first version of your practice script through history?

Basics of git and Github Online Repositories

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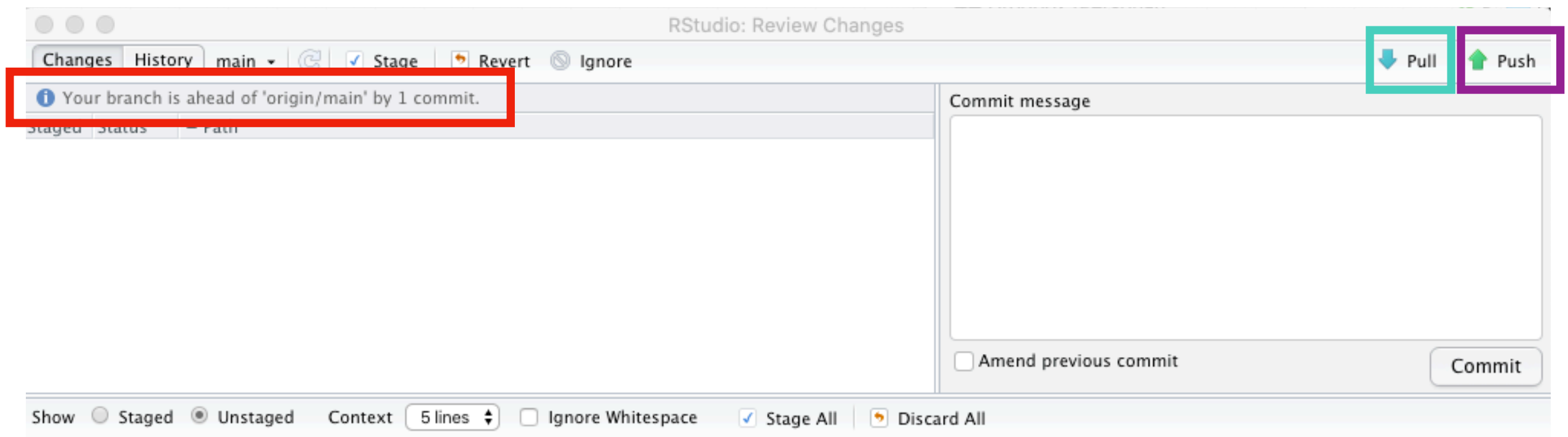
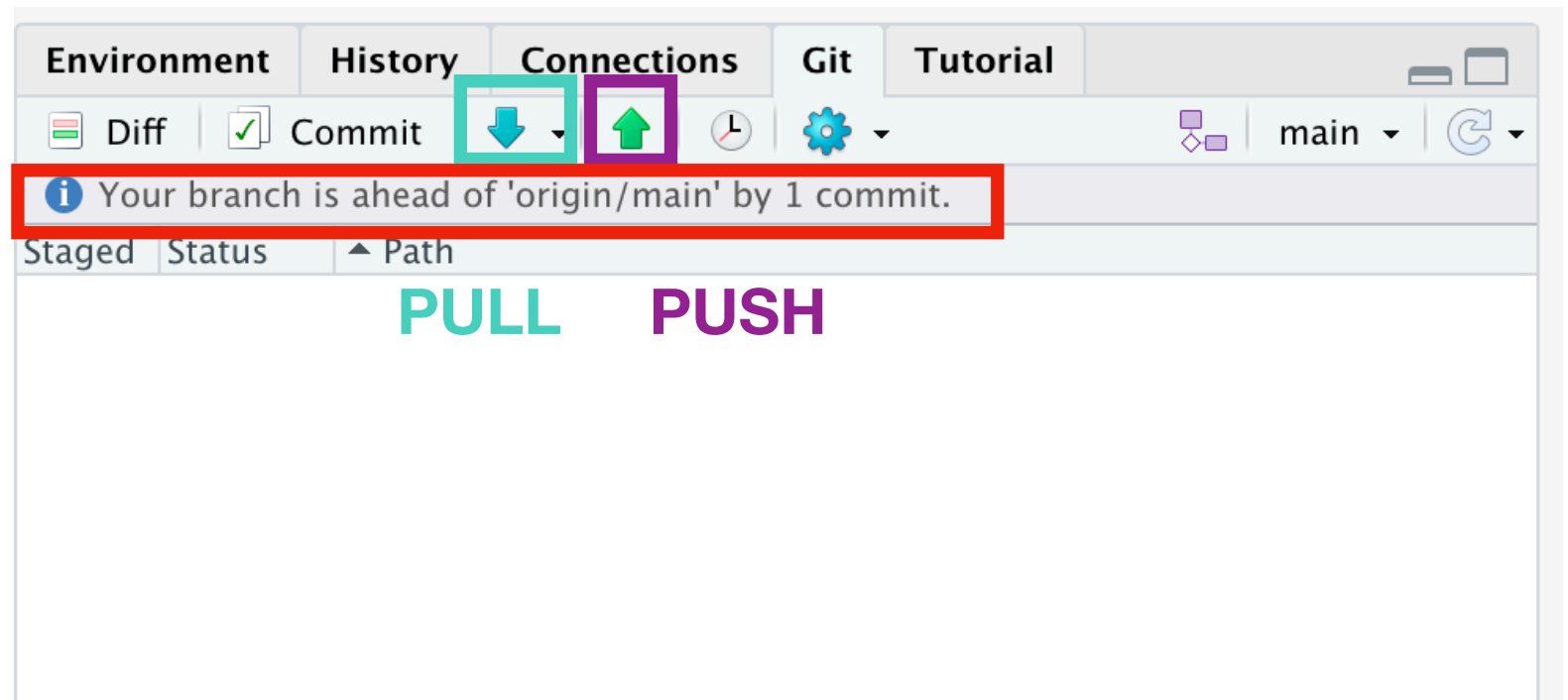


Someone else's PUSH

- Commits on Sep 1, 2020
- Updating link to Github in syllabus
lindsaywaldrop committed 27 minutes ago
 - Adding Lecture 02 Bash files
lindsaywaldrop committed 1 hour ago
- Commits on Aug 31, 2020
- Adding 01-Intro lecture slides
lindsaywaldrop committed yesterday

Push Changes to Github through RStudio

- RStudio will warn you that your branch is not the same as origin/master (Github).
- Look for the push/pull icons in the git window or review changes window!
- Click the Push button to put your local changes onto Github!



Action Items

- 1. Complete Bonus Assignment 1 for 1 assignment bonus point!**