



RStudio + Git (+ GitHub) for Collaboration and Reproducibility

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Let's Git R-ganized!

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What this workshop is not

- R or RStudio for beginners



Agenda

- Motivation
- Hands-on Workshop
- Additional topics















Thoughts on current workflows

DIY Version Control and Collaboration



-  Analysis_15Nov2019.R
-  Analysis-Old.R
-  Analysis.R
-  Analysis2.R
-  AnalysisDK.R
-  AnalysisFINAL_FINAL.R
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-  AnalysisFINAL2.R
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-  AnalysisUSE_THIS_INSTEAD.R

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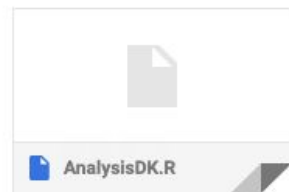


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to Adam ▾

Hi Adam,

I've attached my updates to the R code. Are you going to that seminar on Friday?

Dan





Hands-On Workshop

Prerequisite: Create Github account

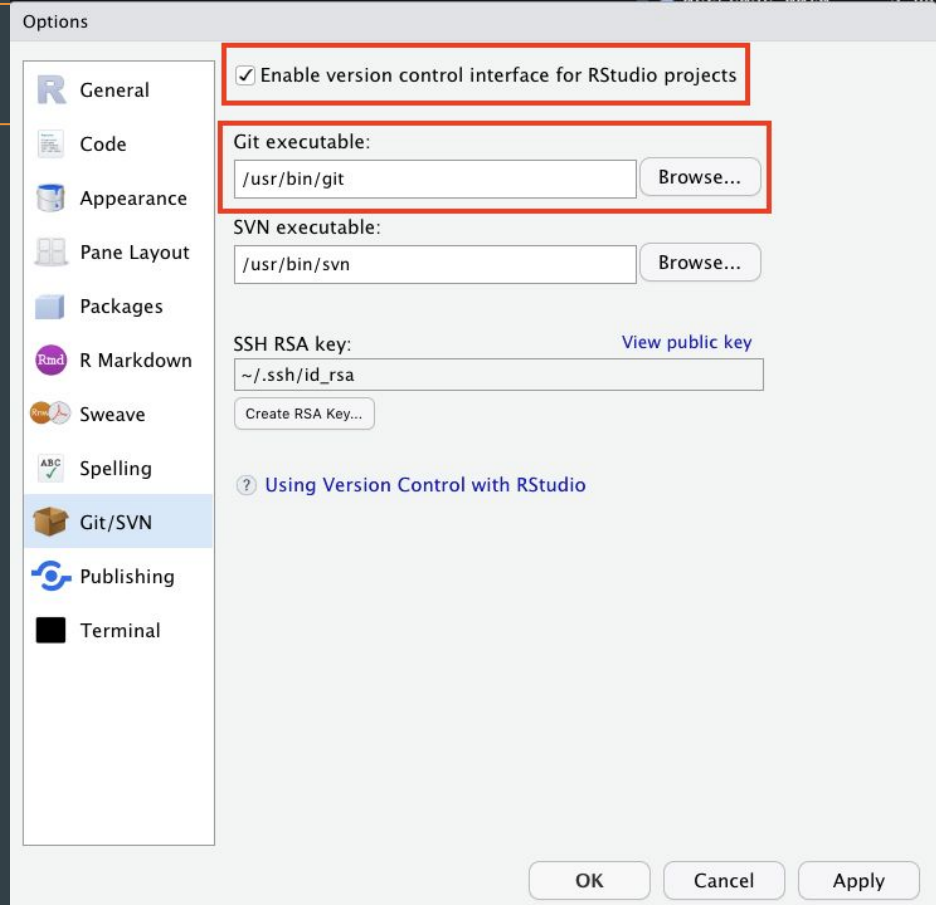


To do later:

Go to education.github.com and sign up for extra free benefits!

Step 0. Verify Setup

Tools → Options → Git/SVN



Set git configurations:



In the RStudio "Terminal" tab (next to Console)

(These should match your Github account)

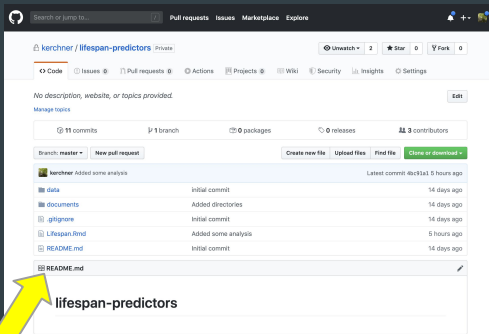
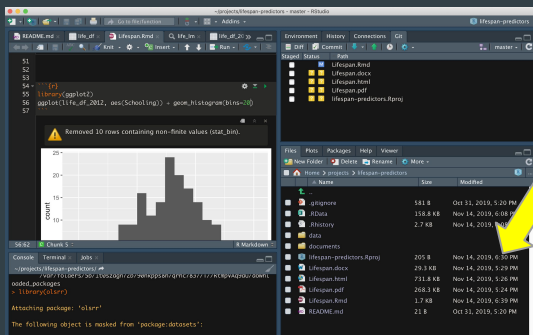
```
git config --global user.email "you@youremail.com"  
git config --global user.name "Your Name"
```

Mental Model: One-person* project

github.com/you/yourproject




Your Computer



Workflow: One person



1. Github - create empty repository. Copy the URL from 
2. RStudio - clone: *File*→*New Project*→*Version Control*→*Git*
Note the new "Git" controls in RStudio.
3. RStudio - Make changes to R files (e.g. create an R script)
4. RStudio - Stage, Commit, Push to Github



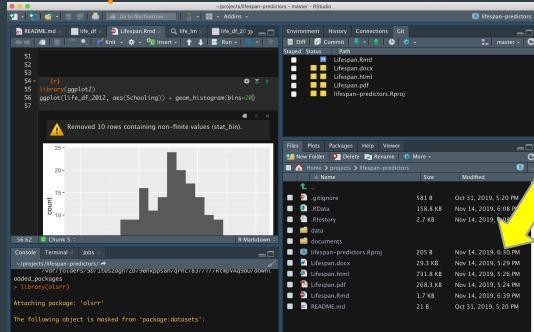
Collaboration

Mental model: Collaboration

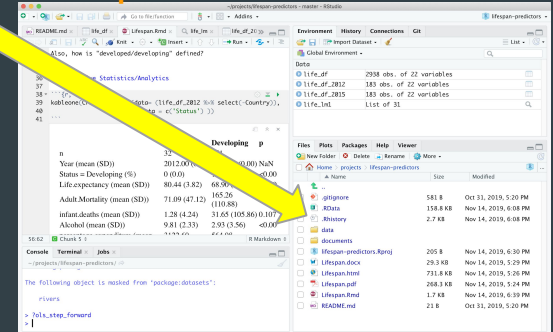
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Your
Computer



Your Collaborator's
Computer



The problem



"master copy"

```
1 # some code
2 alpha <- 0.05
3 # some more code
```

```
1 # some code
2 alpha <- 0.01
3 # some more code
```

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copy

```
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2 alpha <- 0.05
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change

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2 alpha <- 0.05
3 # some more code
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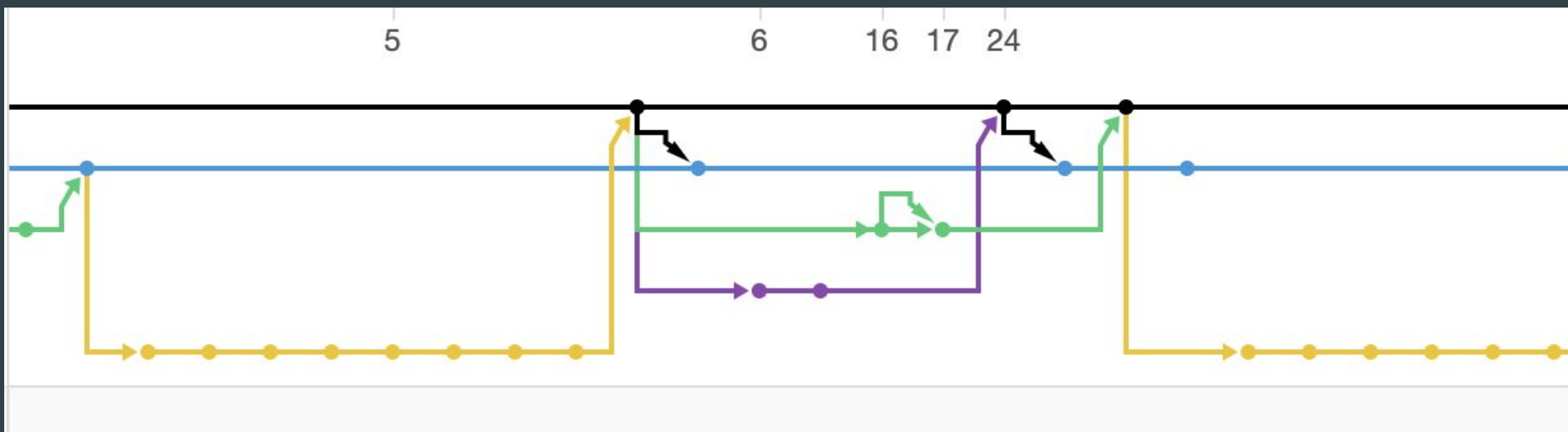
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1 # some code
2 alpha <- 0.15
3 beta <- 1.2
4 # some more code
```

Branches



 Insights

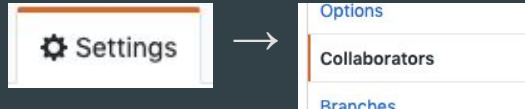
(see Insights → Network)

Workflow: Collaboration



Repository Owner:

1. Github - Add collaborator(s)



Collaborator(s):

2. RStudio - Clone repository

3. Create a new branch

4. Make changes

5. Stage+commit changes

6.  Push branch to Github

7. Github - Create pull request

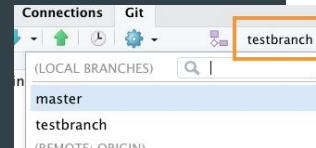
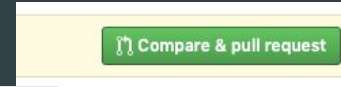
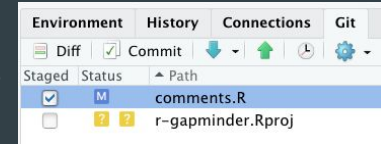
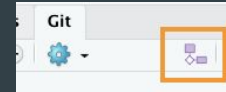
8. RStudio - Pull branches

9. RStudio - Switch to the new branch; Test the code

10. Github - Merge pull request



11. RStudio - Switch to master branch. Pull branches.



Git terminology



Stage - put changes in a staging area (to be committed)

Commit - commit staged changes to the [local] repository

Push - push local repository changes to the remote repository

Pull - pull remote repository changes to the local repository

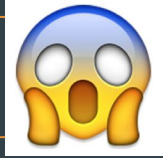
More



- History
- Diff
- .gitignore
- Reverting
- Code releases ← needed for Zenodo
- Rebasing/Merging
- Forking
- Merge conflicts...



Merge conflicts



RStudio: Review Changes

Changes History master

Your branch is ahead of 'origin/master'

Staged Status Path

Analysis.R

rstudio-test

Git Pull

```
>>> git pull
Auto-merging Analysis.R
CONFLICT (content): Merge conflict in Analysis.R
Automatic merge failed; fix conflicts and then commit the result.
```

Close

Pull Push

Show Staged Unstaged

@@@ -1,1 +1,1

```
1 alpha <- 0.10
<----- HEAD
alpha <- 0.10
=====
1 alpha <- 0.01
>>>>>> 3a1a72a0f0774b46ecbc8fcbd5f197f4990a26f9
```

Analysis.R

```
1 alpha <- 0.06
2 <----- add-beta
3 beta <- 1.2
4 =====
5 beta <- 2.4
6 >>>>>> master
7
```

Add more commits by pushing to the **add-beta** branch on **kerchner/rstudio-test**.



This branch has conflicts that must be resolved

Use the [web editor](#) or the [command line](#) to resolve conflicts.

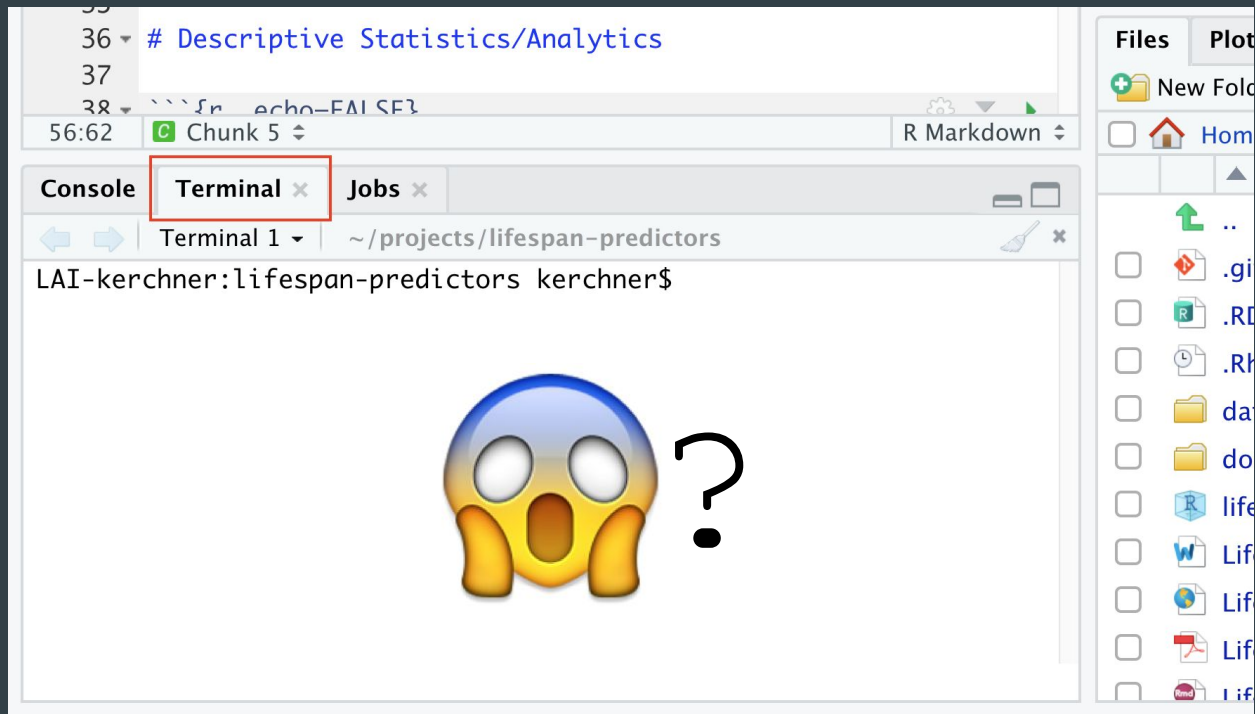
Resolve conflicts

Conflicting files

Breathe :-) Follow the instructions in the message.

Manually merge/fix the file. Re-stage, commit, push.

Let's talk about the Terminal



Project organization

- Github Issues & Milestones
- Github visualizations

The logo for GitHub Insights, featuring a small bar chart icon to the left of the word "Insights".

Insights



Tour of a Repository: About your code

- **README.md** ← showcase your work, this is your home page
- **LICENSE** file ← Important! choosealicense.com
- (Optional) Wiki pages

These use [Markdown](#) - lightweight formatting

Tour of a Repository - The Code

- Code
 - history of commits on a branch
 - history of commits on a file
- Branches
 - Master branch vs. others
 - Visually represented with the Insights → Network graph

Tour of a Repository - Code as a Project

- Issues - tags, assignment, releases, comments
- Milestones and Releases
- Pull requests
- Comment threads - on issues, commits, etc.
- Insights (graphs)

Your code, a "publication"

gwu-libraries / vopd

<> Code ⓘ Issues 5 🔄 Pull requests 0 ▶ Actions 📁 Projects 0 📖 Wiki

Code supporting the Monitoring Hate Speech in the US Media project

Manage topics

📄 32 commits 🌿 5 branches 📦 0 packages 📦 4 releases

Tag: 1.0 ▾ New pull request Create new repository

kerchner Updated project title, added description of recycling keywords

- test_transcripts Parses file naming scheme
- .gitignore Added additional submodules
- README.md Updated project title

zenodo

Search Upload Communities

There is a **newer version** of this record available.

November 11, 2018

Software Open Access

gwu-libraries/vopd: 1.0

Dan Kerchner, Justin Littman

Initial release used for research supporting analysis of June data.

Preview

vopd-1.0.zip

gwu-libraries-vopd-11dea03

- gitignore 1.3 kB
- README.md 2.3 kB
- keywords.csv 89.6 kB
- normalize_terms.csv 2.0 kB
- recycle_keywords.py 3.8 kB
- requirements.txt 33 Bytes
- subjects.csv 2.2 kB

30 views

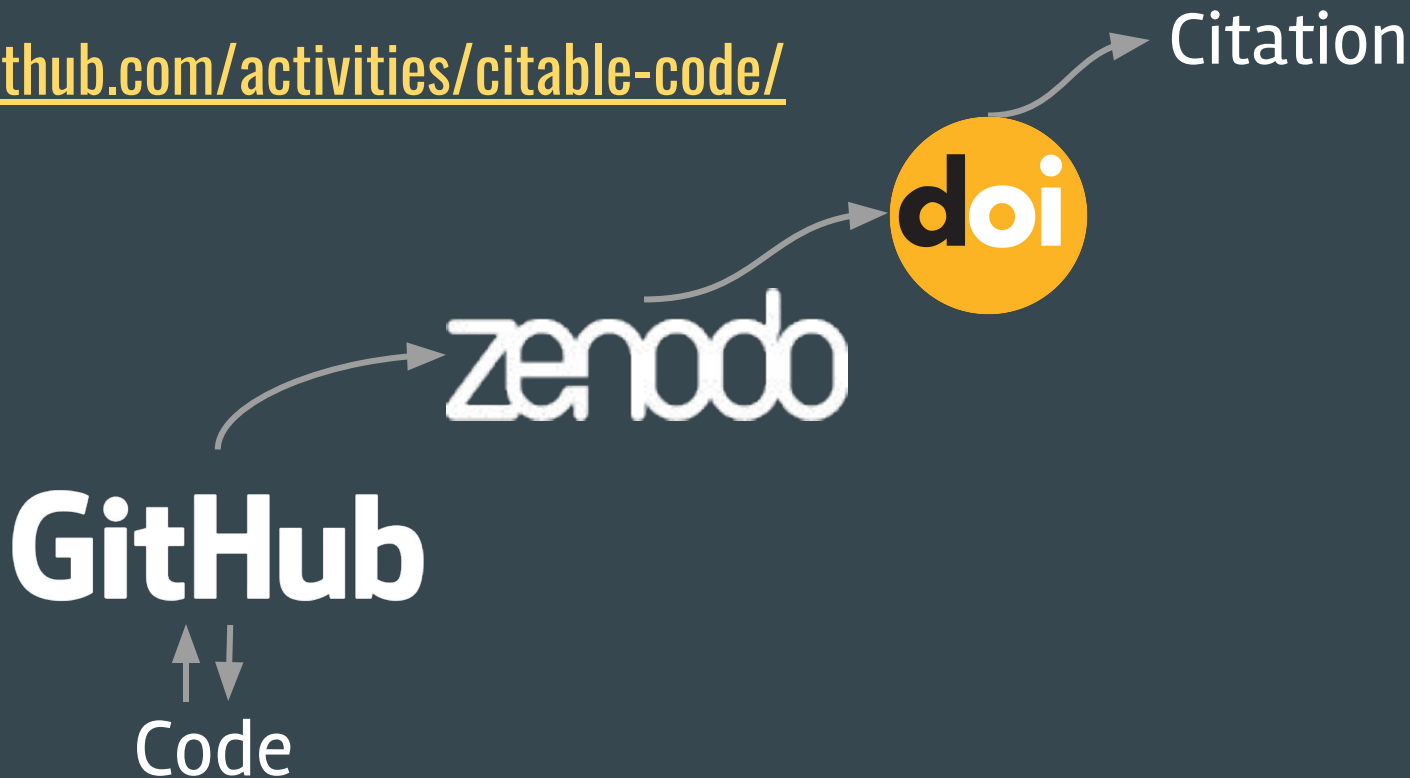
Available in

research shows that public sentiment towards a country by mentioning them in a negative way is building negative public sentiment. It is important to have data when the country or its people (Russia, Russia's leadership was mentioned (e.g. Russian government).² While the data on daily viewers/listeners is more difficult to know exact daily viewers for YouTube shows, we left (The Young Turks) and right (Alex Jones' channel) study, but removed from YouTube on August 1, 2017.³ The authors wish to attribute credit to Justin Littman of the code, including much of the core logic used in the study.⁴ <https://github.com/pdfminer/pdfminer.six>⁵ DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.1482912](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.1482912)



Your code as: citable, durable, publishable

guides.github.com/activities/citable-code/

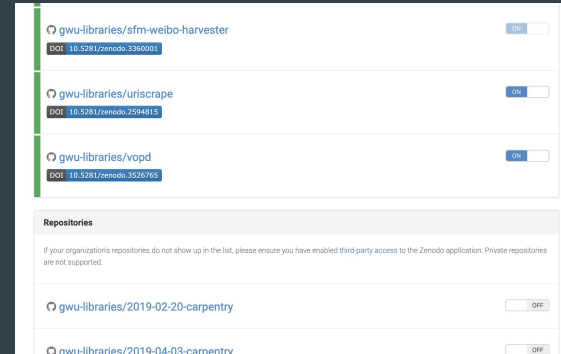


How to make your code citable via Zenodo

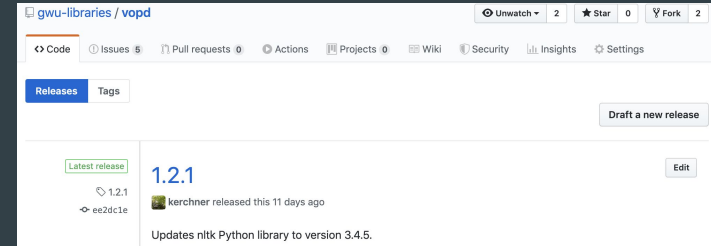


1. Link your Github account to Zenodo

2. Enable your Github project in Zenodo



3. Create releases (tags) in Github
(e.g. 1.0, 1.1..., 1.2.5, etc.)



What makes software a publication?



- Accessible
 - Available
- Citable
 - Title; Author(s); Version; Unique Persistent Identifier;
- Usable
 - Documented
 - Commented; Openly Licensed; Dependencies Outlined



Parting Thoughts

Advice



- Create your repository on Github first. Then clone it to RStudio. Then add files.
- Try RStudio+Git on your next coding project -- even if you're working alone. You might like it.
- Set up a Github organization for your team/department/school, to host many projects
- If you're stuck or just want feedback on your R/Git workflow:
 - Don't hesitate to reach out to me or my colleagues

Beyond RStudio



- Python user? ✓ Python + Git
- There are Git desktop apps
- There are other code versioning protocols: SVN
- There are other Git repositories: BitBucket, GitLab
- Consider learning to use the Terminal (bash shell)

Retrospective: Motivation

- Code versioning
- Collaboration
- Code Cite-ability
- Reproducibility*

* Same code + Same data = Same results
(prerequisites: code + data are accessible)



Resources & Recommended Reading



- git-scm.com - heavy on command-line
- [Using version control with RStudio](https://rstudio.com) - rstudio.com
- [Happy Git and Github for the useR](#) - Jenny Bryan, UBC, author of [Excuse me, do you have a moment to talk about version control?](#) (2017)
- [Good Enough Practices in Scientific Computing](#) (2017)
(sequel to [Best Practices in Scientific Computing](#) (2014))



Questions / Discussion

Need help with git, coding, feedback... ?



Contact us!

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STG team consultations → calendly.com/gwul-coding



Thanks!