A Walk on the R Side

an introduction to R for data analysis

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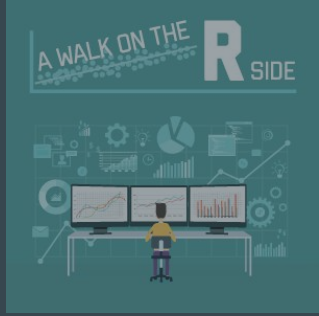
Goals



Agenda

- About R and RStudio
- Hands-on:
  - variables
  - logical expressions
  - values, vectors, and data frames
  - R Studio projects
  - reading in data
  - exploring data
  - data wrangling: cleaning and reshaping
  - data visualization
  - data analysis
  - functions
  - reports
- Resources for further learning

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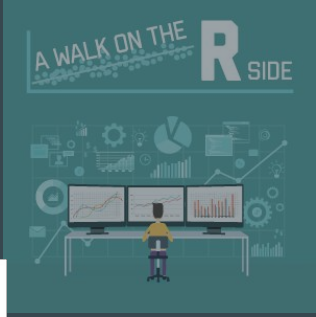

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Teaching basic lab skills for research computing

DATA CARPENTRY

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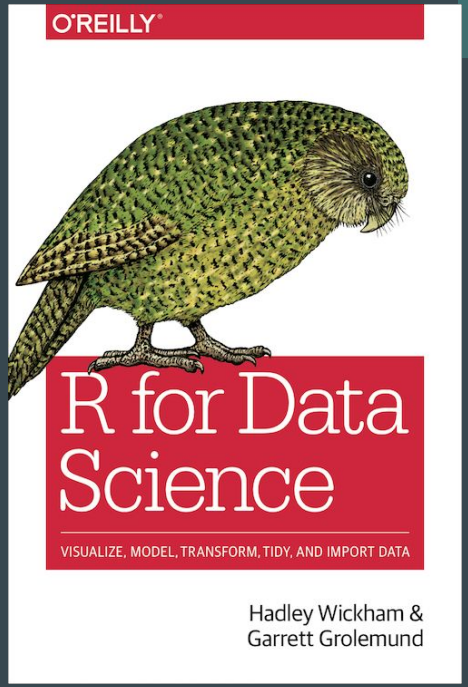
R Tutorial

An R Introduction to Statistics



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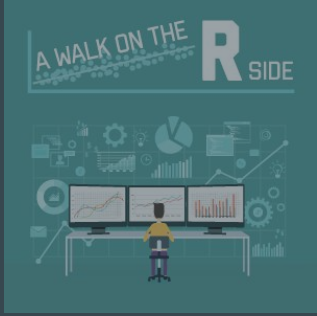


Ask questions!

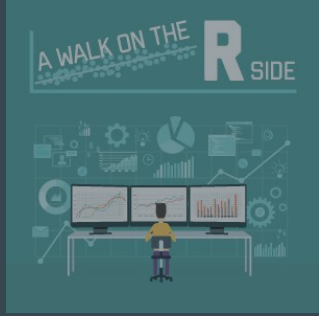
Respect every question and person asking the question

Help each other out!

If something is confusing in the workshop,
it probably needs improvement; let us know.

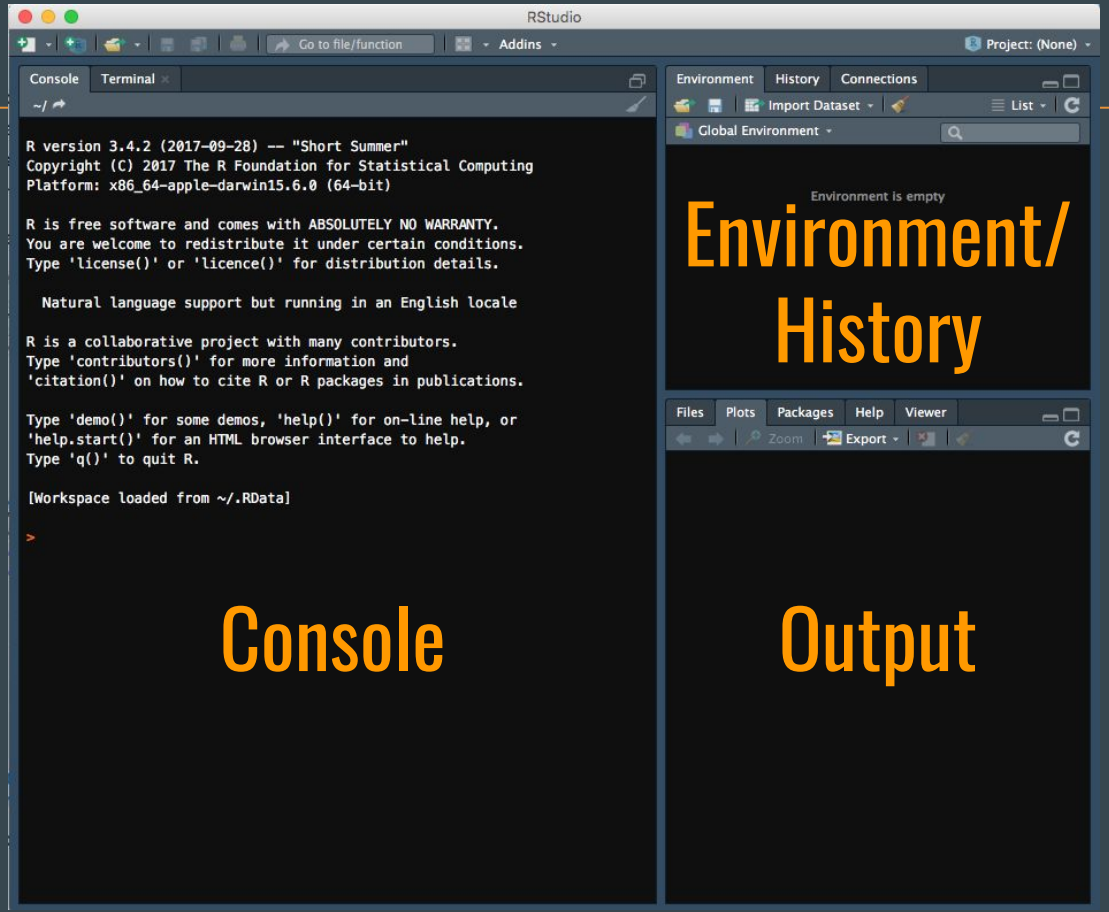
Stay as long as you like

About R



- Free/Open source
- For statistical computing and graphics
- CRAN - r-project.org
  - R packages
  - R journal
  - ...

R Studio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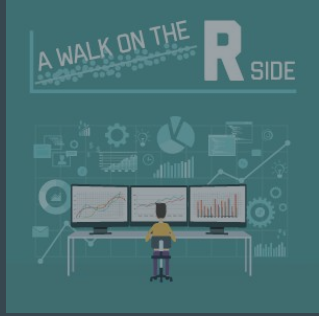
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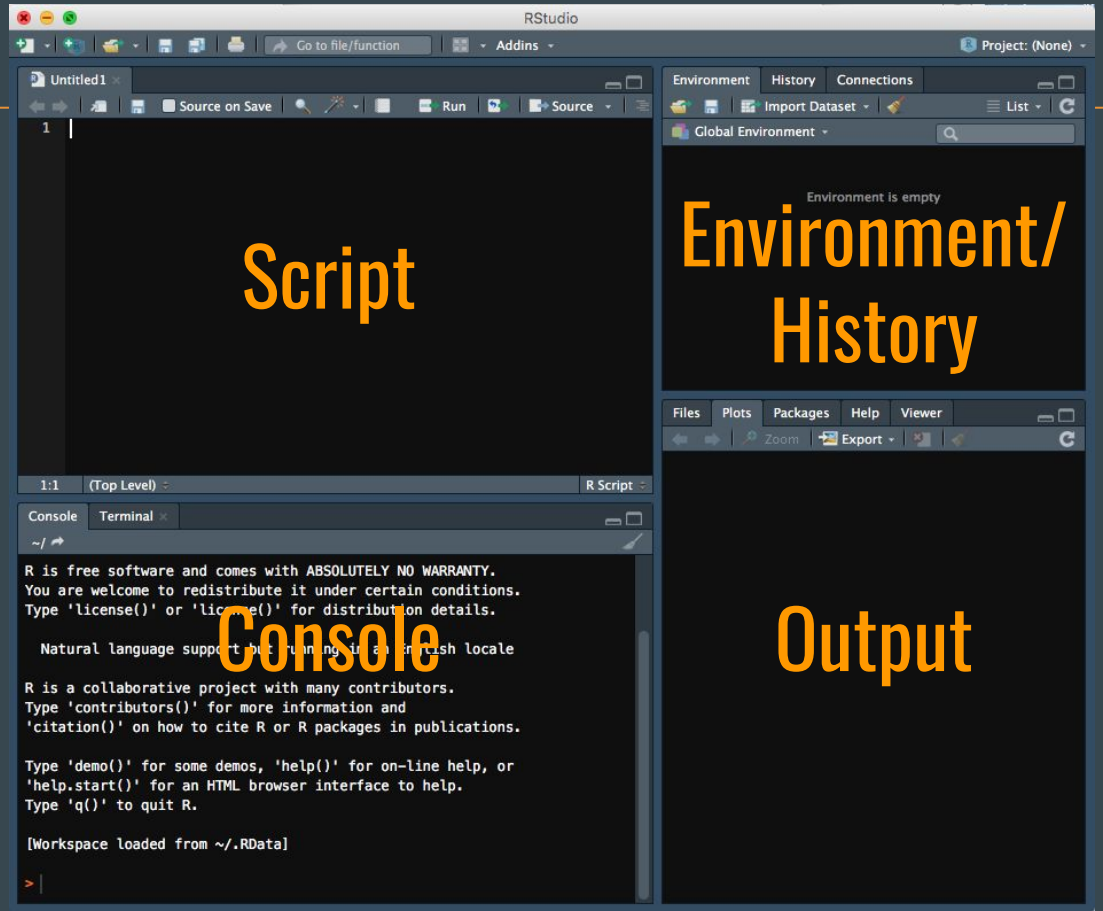
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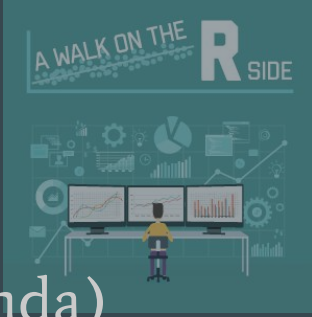
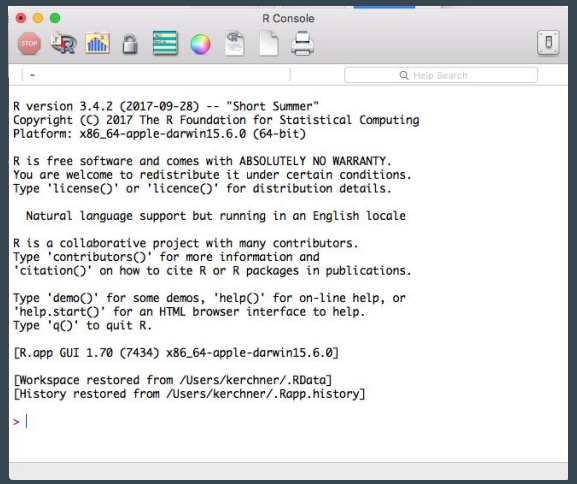
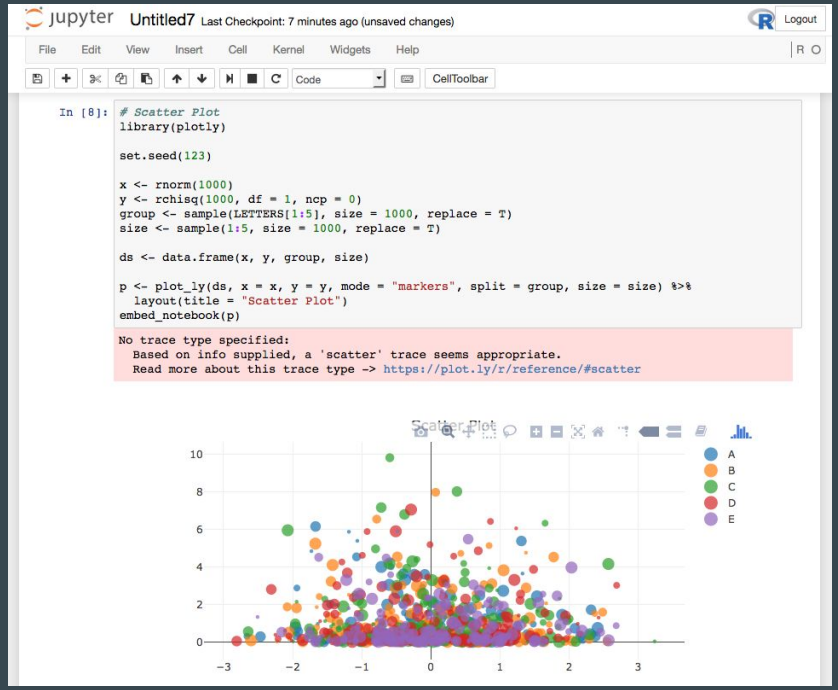
Other Ways To Use R

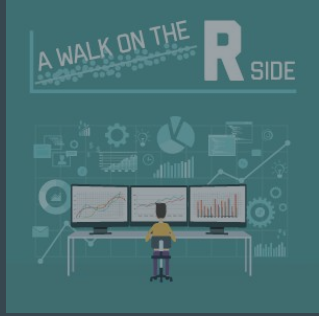


Plain R console



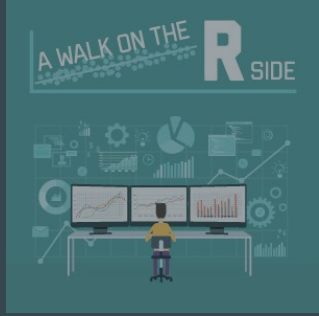
Jupyter Notebook (e.g. in Anaconda)





Let's tRy it!

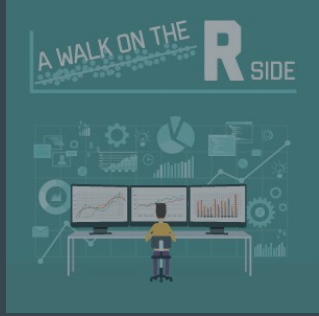
Variables

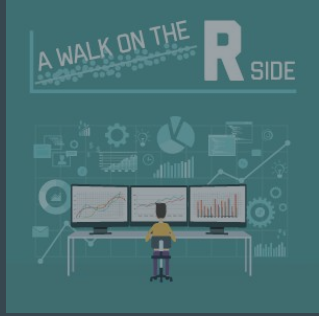


- Try using R as a "calculator" in the Console
  - Try some mathematical functions, too
- Create some variables
  - variable naming
  - `<-` for assigning values to variables (Option - on Mac, Alt - on Win)
  - numeric, character, logical
  - Watch the Environment pane!
  - `class()`
  - Coercion w/ `as.integer, as.character, as.logical, as...`

Logical Expressions

- Operators include:
  ==, <, >, ! (not), & (and), | (or), etc.





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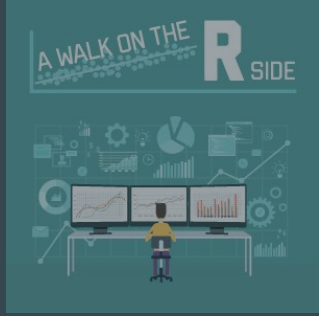
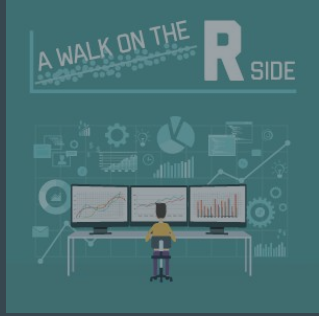


Vectors

- A vector is
  - A sequence of data elements (components) all of the same type.
- Create vectors with c() (short for "combine")

Let's pause to explore some useful tabs in RStudio



Data Frames

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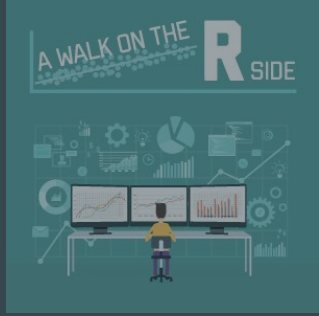
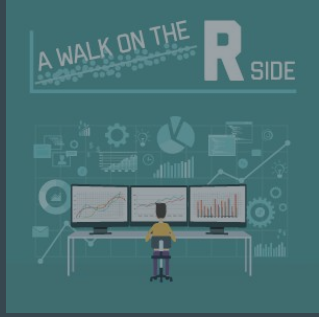


- A data.frame stores a data table
- Comprised of vectors of equal length. Vectors become columns.
- Columns and rows can have names.
- `tibble` (from the tibble package) has some advantages over `data.frame`



To summarize...

Value

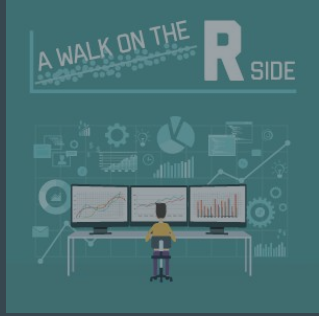
10.2

Vector

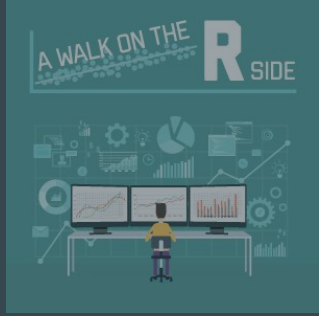
1	10.2
2	11.3
3	11.5
4	12.0

Data Frame

	time	temp	boiling
1	51	10.2	FALSE
2	58	11.3	FALSE
3	63	11.5	FALSE
4	70	12.0	TRUE



A brief word on `list` and `matrix`



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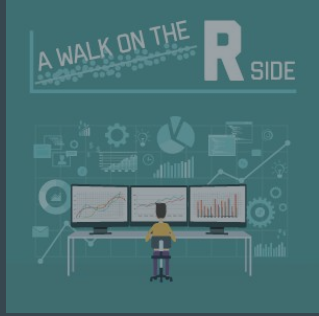
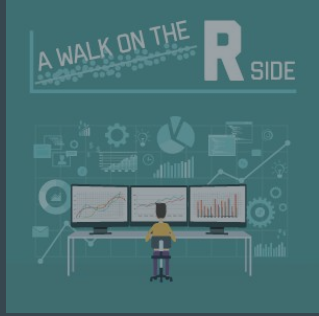
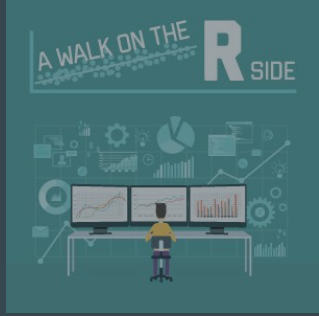


Recommendations:

- Use [Github for] **version control**!
- Create folders to keep things organized



It's time to import some data!



Data Importing

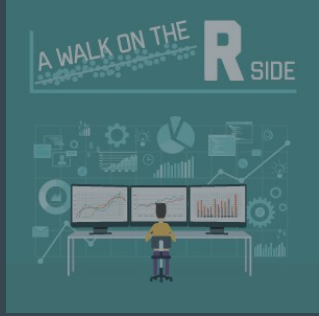
- Prepare data as "tidy"
  - rectangular
  - one table per file
  - rows are observations, columns are variables

- Formats: CSV, TSV, Excel, Fixed-Width, JSON... and with the right packages: Stata, SPSS, SAS... (using **`rio`** or **`haven`**)

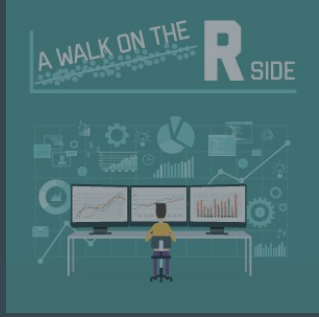
- A word about "big data" (consider **`data.table`**)

R Packages

Installing and loading R packages



- install.packages('mypackage') - or press the Install button on the Packages tab in RStudio
- library('mypackage') -- or check the box on the Packages tab in RStudio

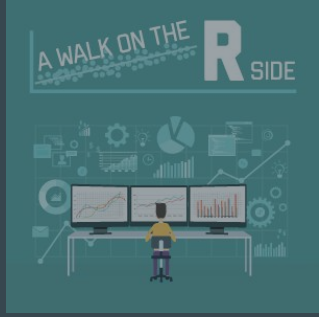


Tidyverse Core Packages

tidyverse.org

- ggplot2 - graphics
- dplyr - data manipulation
- tidyr - tidying data
- readr - reading in data
- tibble - modern data frame
- purrr - functional programming

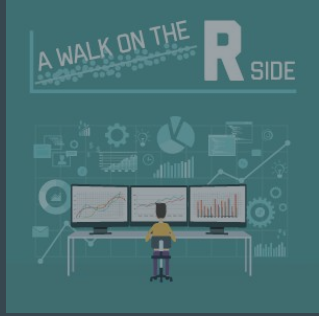
Other often-used R packages



Basic stats functions, like ANOVA	MASS
Mapping	tmap, tmaptools, leaflet
Analyzing 2D and 3D shapes	geomorph
Genomic data	bioconductor
Cluster analyses	cluster
Time series data	forecast
Text mining	qdap, sentimentr, tidytext
graph/network analysis	igraph, sna
Interactive web visualizations	shiny

Exploring Data

- head, tail
- subsetting
- slicing and dicing



Data Wrangling

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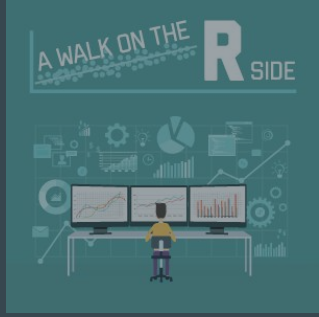


Data Transformation using the dplyr package

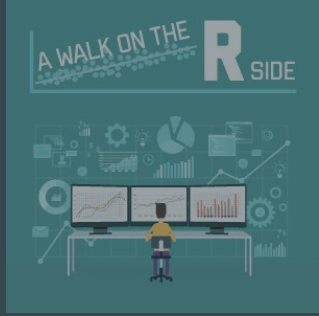
- filter()
- arrange()
- select()
- mutate()
- summarize()
- group_by()
- ...

You will want to use a "pipe": %>%

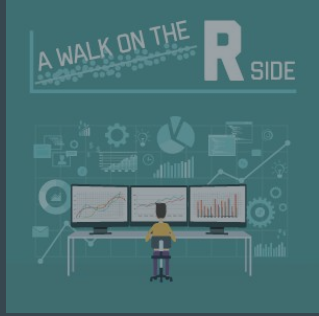
(shortcut: control-shift-M)

Data Tidying with dplyr

- gather()
- spread()
- separate()
- unite()

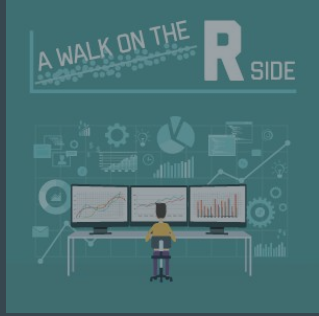


Joining with dplyr



"Merges" tables together

- left_join()
- right_join()
- ...



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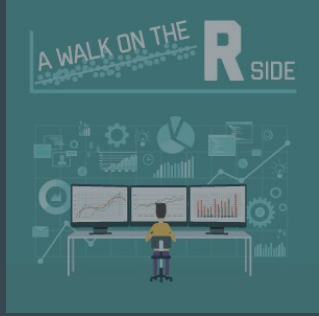
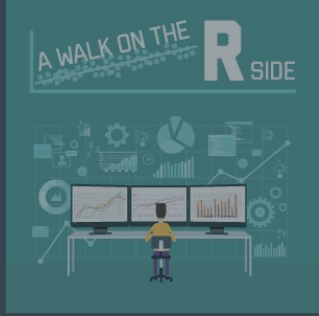


3 main packages:

- "base R"
- lattice
- ggplot2



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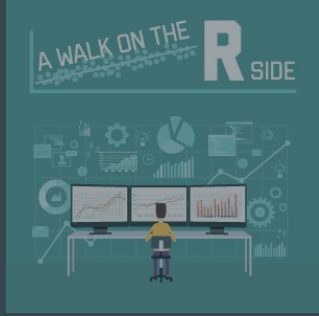

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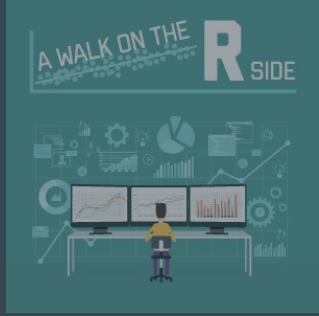

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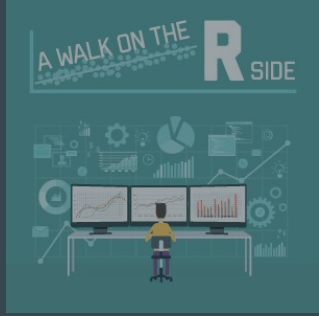
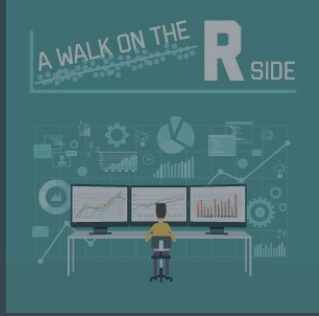


R Markdown

- A format for writing reproducible, dynamic reports with R (as HTML, PDF, MS Word, and more)
- rmarkdown.rstudio.com
- # Header 1
  ## Header 2
  Italic ****bold****
- Insert R code directly into your document

  ```
  ```{r setup}
  # your R code goes here
  ```
  ```

- Include LaTeX code with $ or $$



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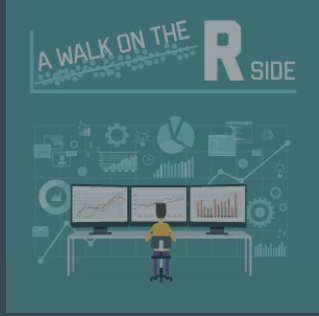

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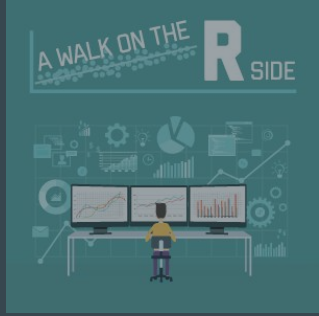


Tutorials

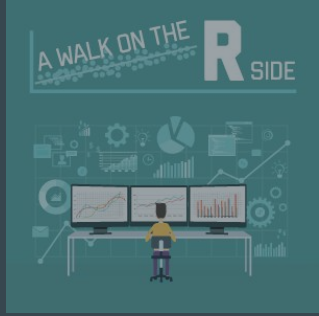
- Software Carpentry:
  - http://swcarpentry.github.io/r-novice-inflammation
  - http://swcarpentry.github.io/r-novice-gapminder
- Data Carpentry:
  - http://datacarpentry.github.io/R-ecology-lesson/
  - http://www.datacarpentry.org/R-genomics/
- Lynda.com lynda.it.gwu.edu - 3 video courses (~12 hours)
- r-tutor.com/r-introduction
  r-tutor.com/elementary-statistics
- R for Data Science http://r4ds.had.co.nz

Classes at GW that teach or use R

Aside from the Data Science and Business Analytics programs:

- PSC 2102 - Fall 2018 (and possibly Summer II, 2018)
  Visualizing and Modeling Politics
  Prof. Eric Lawrence
- PPPA 6085 - Data Visualization
- TBD - Public Health, Prof. Helmchen - Fall 2018

Reference Links



- r-project.org
- R search engine: rseek.org
- rstudio.com
  - Cheat Sheets
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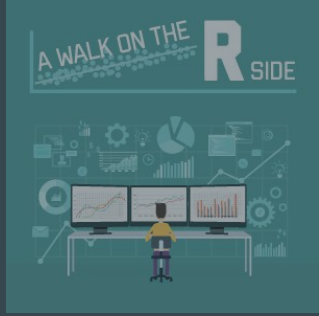

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