Organizing and Visualizing Data in R Workshop

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Today's workshop

- Workshop will focus on:
  - RStudio projects
  - Organizing and visualizing data in R[1]
  - Organizing and documenting code[2]
- After this workshop, you will be able to:
  - Organize data projects
  - Manipulate and visualize data in R
  - Organize, document, and review code

1. With content adapted from Seok et al. 2023
2. With content adapted from Ivimey-Cook et al. 2023

Today's workshop

- Workshop files: https://github.com/FCE-LTER/organizing_and_visualizing_data_in_r_spring_2024_workshop

Schedule

Time	Topic	Content
4:00 – 4:10	Introduction and setup	Why organize data? Why organize and document code?
4:10 – 4:15	Best practices in using RStudio projects	What are RStudio projects, and how can we utilize them?
4:15 – 4:35	Manipulating imported data	Manipulate, analyze, and export data with tidyverse.
4:35 – 4:50	Visualizing data	Plot and customize visualizations with ggplot.
4:50 – 5:20	Code organization and commenting	The 4Rs of code review, organizing code, reviewing code
5:20 – 6:00	Personal project and code development	Work on improving project and code

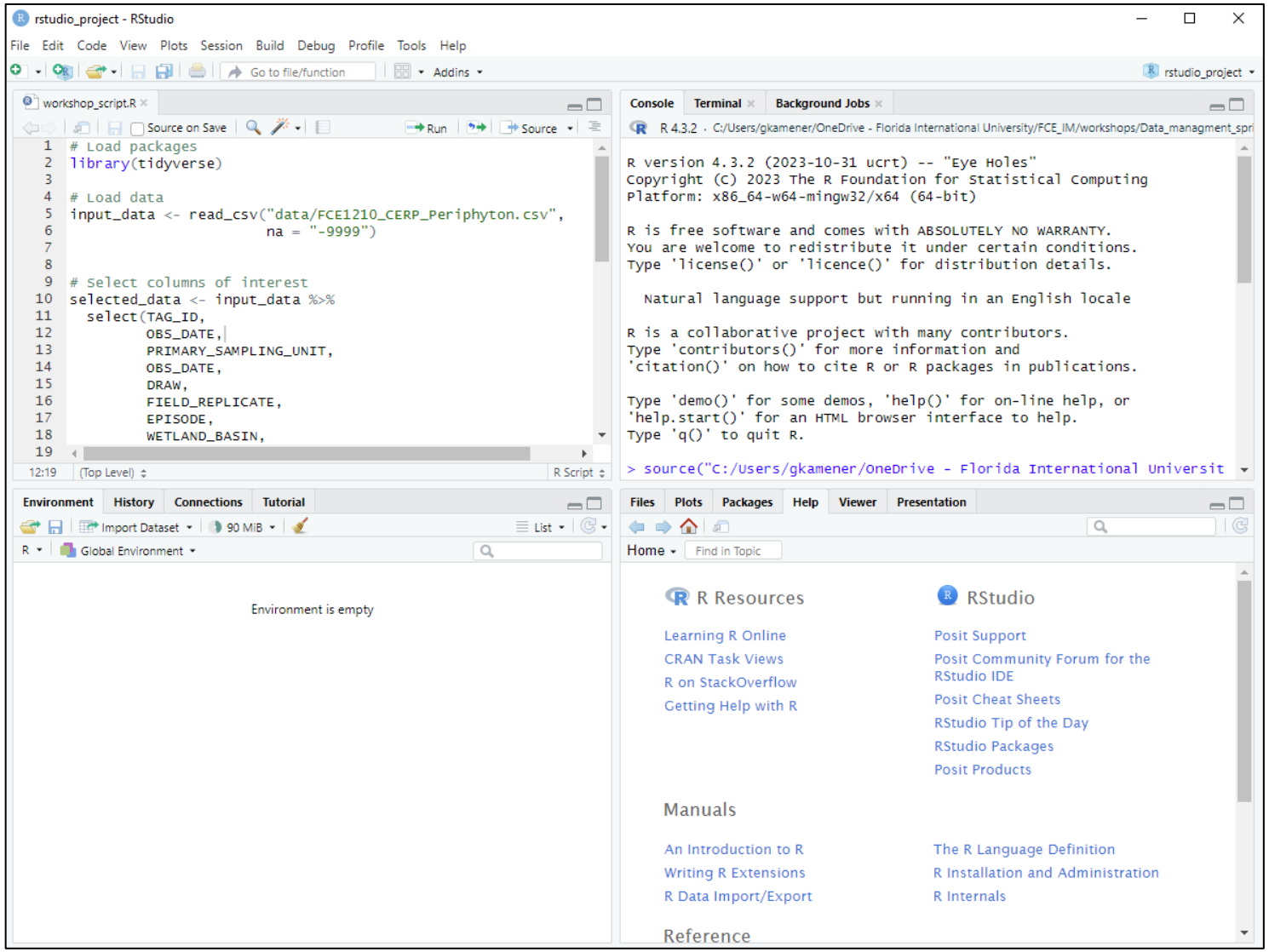
Introduction

- Why organize data projects?
- Why organize and document code?

My initial R experience

After some organization

RStudio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1 # Load packages
2 library(tidyverse)
3
4 # Load data
5 input_data <- read_csv("data/FCE1210_CERP_Periphyton.csv",
6 na = "-9999")
7
8
9 # Select columns of interest
10 selected_data <- input_data %>%
11 select(TAG_ID,
12 OBS_DATE,
13 PRIMARY_SAMPLING_UNIT,
14 OBS_DATE,
15 DRAW,
16 FIELD_REPLICATE,
17 EPISODE,
18 WETLAND_BASIN,
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RStudio Projects

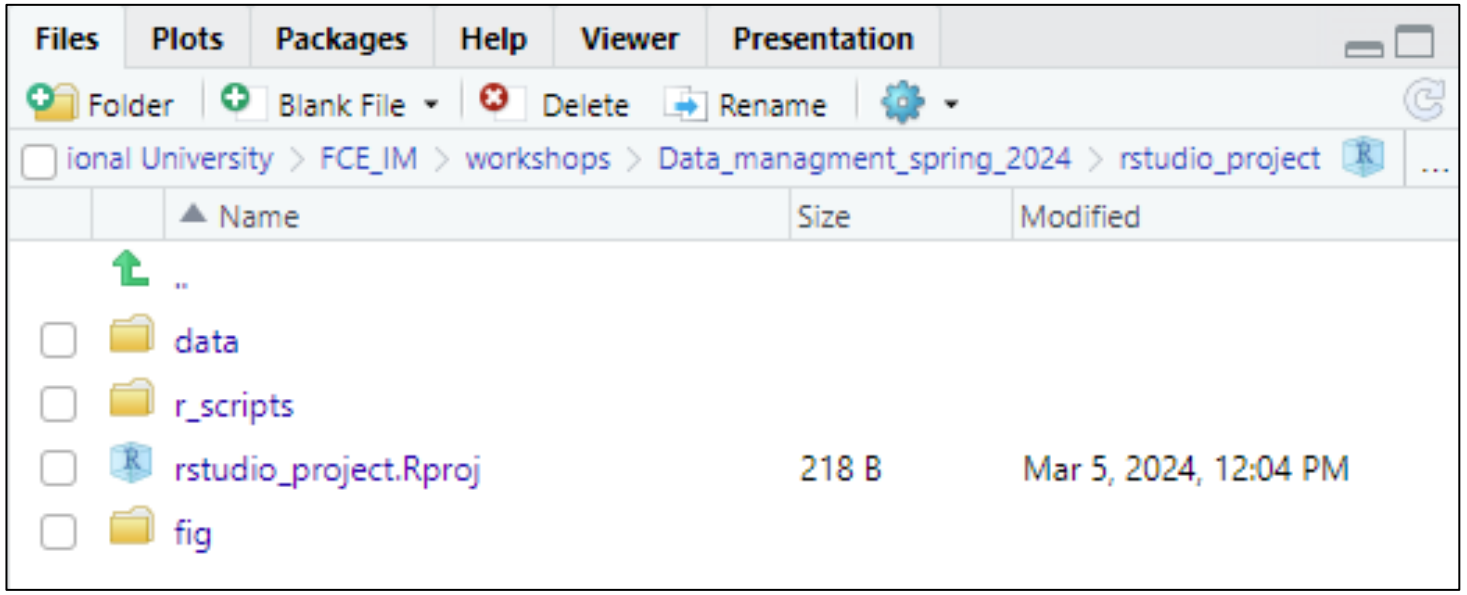
Advantages of RStudio Projects:

- Automatically set working directory
- Portable
- Share friendly
- Can integrate with Git/GitHub
- Can aid reproducibility with renv package

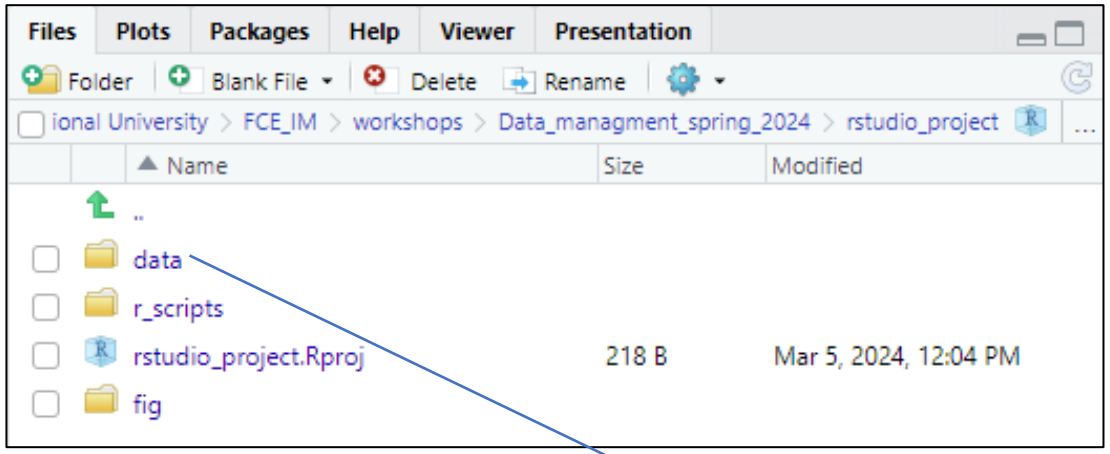
Setup an RStudio Project

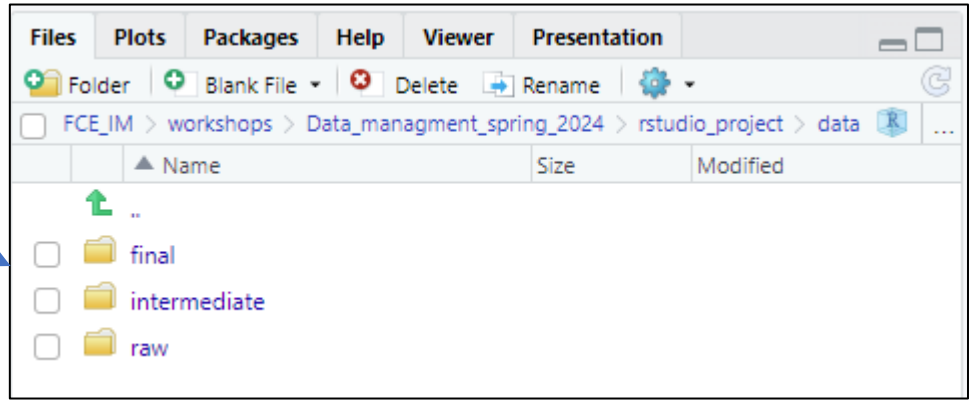
1. Start RStudio.
2. Under the File menu, click on New Project. Choose New Directory, then New Project.
3. Enter a name for this new folder (or “directory”), and choose a convenient location for it. This will be your working directory for the rest of the day (e.g., ~/fce_data_workshop).
4. Click on Create Project.
5. Create folders for data (with “raw”, “intermediate”, and “final” subfolders), r scripts, and figures in your working directory.
6. Download code handout + data files and place into folders.
7. (Optional) Set Preferences to ‘Never’ save workspace in RStudio.

Organizing your working directory



Organizing your working directory





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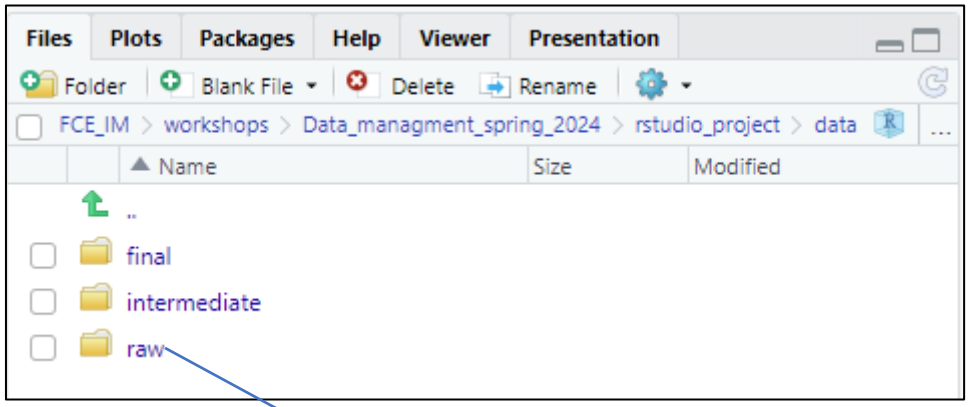
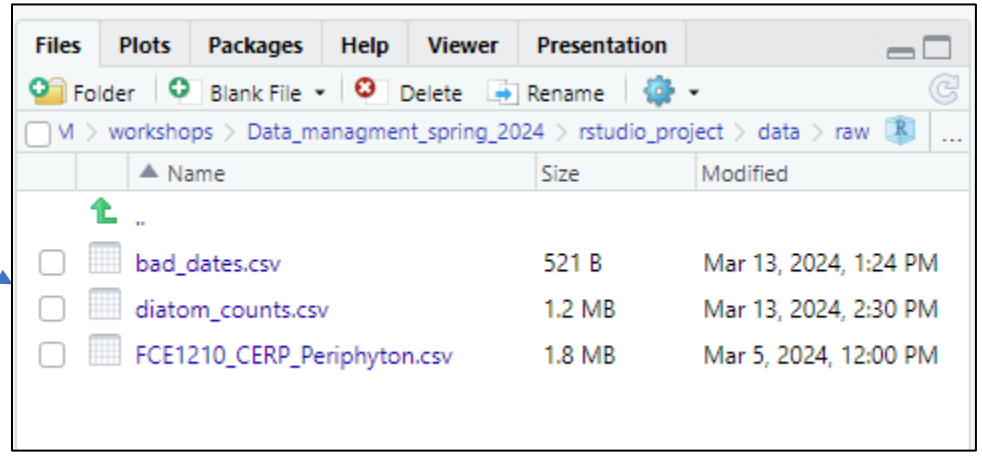




The data we are using today

Home / Data / Core / **Metadata**

Metadata

Periphyton and Associated Environmental Data Relative from Samples Collected from the Greater Everglades, Florida, USA from September 2005 to November 2014

At a Glance

Download data

Authors: Evelyn Gaiser
Time period: 2005-09-14 to 2014-11-14
Package id: knb-lter-fce.1210.5
Dataset id: FCE1210_CERP_PeriphytonEnv

How to cite:
Gaiser, E.. 2022. Periphyton and Associated Environmental Data Relative from Samples Collected from the Greater Everglades, Florida, USA from September 2005 to November 2014. Environmental Data Initiative. https://doi.org/10.6073/pasta/eadd93a36c2d935c069f3b0a4c98775b. Dataset accessed 2024-03-13.

Geographic Coverage

View detailed metadata as: **HTML** **Text** **XML**

https://fce-lter.fiu.edu/data/core/metadata/?packageid=knb-lter-fce.1210.5

Starting with data

- Open code handout file
- library(tidyverse)

```
peri_df <- read_csv("data/raw/FCE1210_CERP_Periphyton.csv",
                    na = "-9999")

diatoms_df <- read_csv("data/raw/diatom_counts.csv",
                       na = "NA")

bad_dates_df <- read_csv("data/raw/bad_dates.csv",
                         na = "-9999")
```

Indexing and subsetting data frames

- Indexed by row, column
- Can subset as data_frame[row_index, column_index]
- Subset data frame
  - peri_df[1, 1]
  - peri_df[1,]
  - peri_df[, 1]

Indexing and subsetting data frames

- Subset multiple rows/columns
  - peri_df[c(1, 2, 3), c(5, 6)]
  - peri_df[1:3, 5:6]
- Return vector instead with “[[ ]]”
  - peri_df[[1, 1]]

Indexing and subsetting data frames

- Subset by column name
  - peri_df[1, "WATER_DEPTH_CM"]

- Heads and tails
  - first_ten_rows <- head(peri_df, 10)
  - first_ten_rows
  - last_ten_rows <- tail(peri_df, 10)
  - view(last_ten_rows)

Factors

- Useful for categorical variables
  - peri_df$FLOATING_SP1 <- factor(peri_df$FLOATING_SP1)
  - nlevels(peri_df$FLOATING_SP1)
  - levels(peri_df$FLOATING_SP1)

Formatting dates

- my_date <- ymd("2015-01-01")
- str(my_date)

- my_date <- ymd(paste("2015", "1", "1", sep = "-"))
- str(my_date)

Formatting dates

- paste(bad_dates_df$YEAR, bad_dates_df$MONTH, bad_dates_df$DAY, sep = "-")
- ymd(paste(bad_dates_df$YEAR, bad_dates_df$MONTH, bad_dates_df$DAY, sep = "-"))

Formatting dates

- bad_dates_df$DATE <- ymd(paste(bad_dates_df$YEAR, bad_dates_df$MONTH, bad_dates_df$DAY, sep = "-"))
- str(bad_dates_df)
- summary(bad_dates_df$DATE)
- missing_dates <- bad_dates_df[is.na(bad_dates_df$DATE), c("YEAR", "MONTH", "DAY")]
- head(missing_dates)

Manipulating data

- Select
- Filter
- Mutate
- Pivot wider and longer
- Group and summarize
- Count
- Exporting data

Select

```
selected_peri <- peri_df %>%
  dplyr::select(TAG_ID,
                OBS_DATE,
                PRIMARY_SAMPLING_UNIT,
                FIELD_REPLICATE,
                EPISODE,
                WETLAND_BASIN,
                WATER_DEPTH_CM,
                FLOATING_SP1,
                PERI_AFDM_G_PER_M2,
                PERI_TP_UG_PER_G_DRY_MASS,
                PERI_PROP_ORGANIC
   )
```

Filter

```
filtered_peri <- selected_peri %>%
        filter(month(OBS_DATE) > 8)

filter_missing_peri_tp <- selected_peri %>%
        filter(!is.na(PERI_TP_UG_PER_G_DRY_MASS))
```

Mutate

```
mutated_peri <- filtered_peri %>%  mutate(peri_percent_organic
= PERI_PROP_ORGANIC*100)


mutated_peri %>%
        select(PERI_PROP_ORGANIC,
               peri_percent_organic)
```

Pivot wider and longer

```
diatoms_counts_long <- diatoms_df %>%
        pivot_longer(-c(TAG_ID:LSU_NAME),
                     values_to = "SPECIMENS_COUNTED",
                     names_to = "TAXON_CODE")

diatom_counts_wide <- diatoms_counts_long %>%
        pivot_wider(names_from = "TAXON_CODE",
                    values_from = "SPECIMENS_COUNTED",
                    names_sort = TRUE,
                    values_fill = 0)
```

Group and summarize

```
summarized_water_depths <- filtered_peri %>%
        group_by(WETLAND_BASIN,
                 YEAR = year(OBS_DATE)) %>%
        summarize(mean_water_depth_cm = mean(WATER_DEPTH_CM))

summarized_water_depths

summarized_water_depths_wide <- summarized_water_depths %>%
        pivot_wider(names_from = WETLAND_BASIN,
                    values_from = mean_water_depth_cm)

summarized_water_depths_wide
```

Group and summarize

```
diatoms_counts_filtered <- diatoms_counts_long %>%
        filter(!is.na(SPECIMENS_COUNTED)
               & SPECIMENS_COUNTED != 0)

total_diatoms <- diatoms_counts_long %>%
        group_by(TAG_ID) %>%
        summarize(TOTAL_COUNT = sum(SPECIMENS_COUNTED))

total_diatoms
```

Group and summarize

```
rel_abund <- diatoms_counts_filtered %>%
        # Using dplyr's left_join function to join with the total_diatoms data frame
        left_join(., total_diatoms, by = "TAG_ID") %>%
        mutate(RELATIVE_PCT_ABUND = SPECIMENS_COUNTED/TOTAL_COUNT*100) %>%
        select(TAG_ID,
               OBS_DATE,
               PRIMARY_SAMPLING_UNIT,
              WETLAND_BASIN,
              TAXON_CODE,
              RELATIVE_PCT_ABUND
)

rel_abund
```

Count

```
filtered_peri %>%
        count(FLOATING_SP1, sort = TRUE)

diatoms_counts_filtered %>%
        count(TAXON_CODE, sort = TRUE)
```

Exporting data

write_csv(filtered_peri, "data/**intermediate**/filtered_peri.csv")

write_csv(summarized_water_depths_wide, "data/**final**/summarized_water_depths_wide.csv")

Activity: make your own variable

- Organize your data
- Mutate a new variable
- Share that variable
  (including how you made it)
  with your neighbor

Visualizing data with ggplot

#ggplot(data = <DATA>, mapping = aes(<MAPPINGS>)) + <GEOM_FUNCTION>()

ggplot(data = filtered_peri)

ggplot(data = filtered_peri, mapping = aes(x = WATER_DEPTH_CM, y = PERI_AFDM_G_PER_M2))

Scatter plots

```
ggplot(data = filtered_peri, mapping = aes(x = WATER_DEPTH_CM, y = PERI_AFDM_G_PER_M2)) +
        geom_point()
```

Boxplots

```
ggplot(data = filtered_peri, mapping = aes(x = WETLAND_BASIN, y = WATER_DEPTH_CM)) +
        geom_boxplot()
```

Trend lines

```
ggplot(data = filtered_peri, mapping = aes(x = year(OBS_DATE), y = WATER_DEPTH_CM)) +
        geom_line()

ggplot(data = summarized_water_depths, mapping = aes(x = YEAR, y = mean_water_depth_cm, color = WETLAND_BASIN)) +
        geom_line() +
        scale_x_continuous(breaks = c(2005:2014))
```

Stacked bar

```
rel_abund_2014_W3B <- rel_abund %>%
        filter(year(OBS_DATE) == 2014
               & WETLAND_BASIN == "W3B")

ggplot(rel_abund_2014_W3B,
        aes(fill = TAXON_CODE,
              y = RELATIVE_PCT_ABUND,
              x = PRIMARY_SAMPLING_UNIT)) +
        geom_bar(position="stack", stat="identity")
```

Customizing plots

```
ggplot(rel_abund_2014_W3B,
        aes(fill = TAXON_CODE,
        y = RELATIVE_PCT_ABUND,
        x = PRIMARY_SAMPLING_UNIT)) +
        geom_bar(position="stack", stat="identity") +
        labs(title = "Relative % abundance at W3B sites in 2014",
                x = "Primary Sampling Unit",
                y = "Relative Percent Abundance",
                fill = "Diatom taxon code") +
      theme(axis.title.x = element_text(size = 11),
                axis.title.y = element_text(size = 15))
```

Customizing plots

```
rel_abund_2014_w3b_cut <- rel_abund %>%
        filter(year(OBS_DATE) == 2014
        & WETLAND_BASIN == "W3B") %>%
        mutate(TAXON_CODE = if_else(RELATIVE_PCT_ABUND < 2,
                                                "OTHER",
                                                 TAXON_CODE)) %>%
        group_by(PRIMARY_SAMPLING_UNIT,
                        TAXON_CODE) %>%
        summarize(RELATIVE_PCT_ABUND = sum(RELATIVE_PCT_ABUND))
```

Customizing plots

```
plot_2014_w3b_cut <- ggplot(rel_abund_2014_w3b_cut,
                            aes(fill = TAXON_CODE,
                                y = RELATIVE_PCT_ABUND,
                                x = PRIMARY_SAMPLING_UNIT)) +
    geom_bar(position="stack", stat="identity") +
    labs(title = "Relative % abundance at W3B sites in 2014",
         x = "Primary Sampling Unit",
         y = "Relative Percent Abundance",
         fill = "Diatom taxon code") +
    theme(plot.title = element_text(size = 15),
          axis.title.x = element_text(size = 12),
          axis.title.y = element_text(size = 12))
```

Customizing plots

plot_2014_w3b_cut

Saving plots

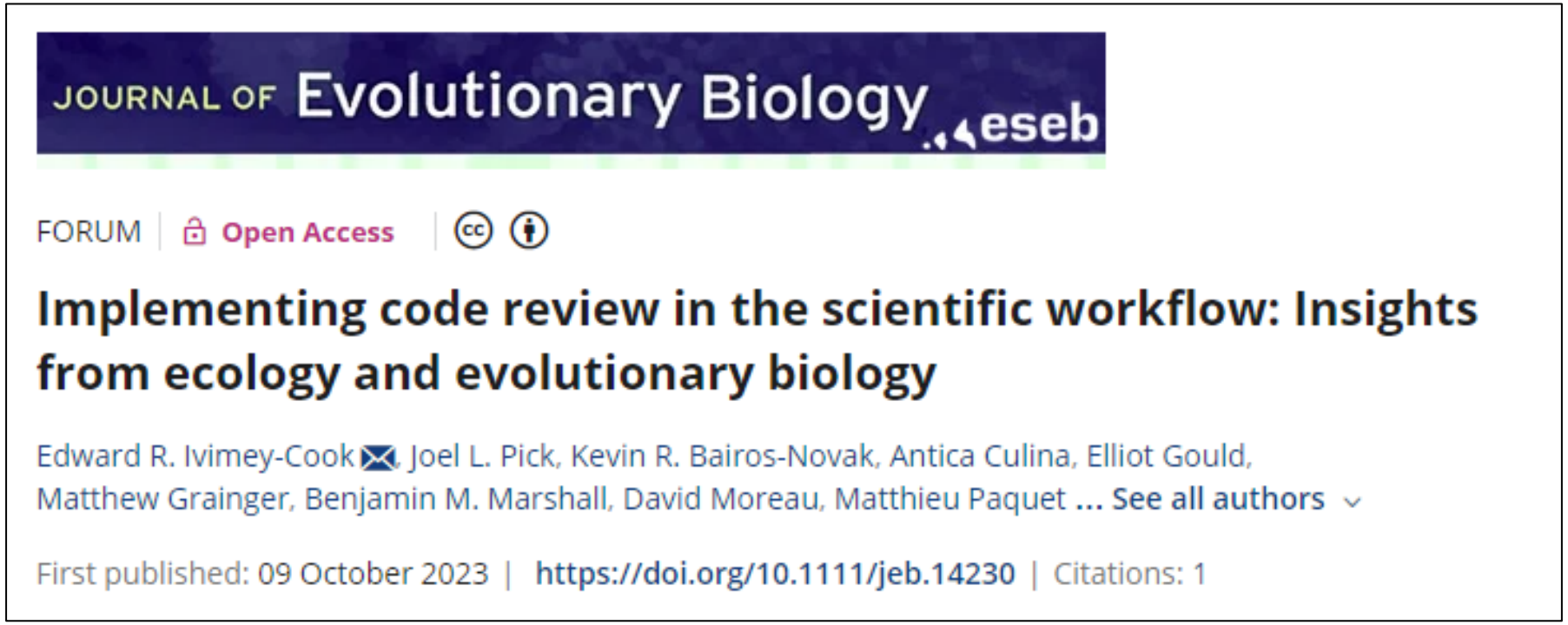
```
ggsave("fig/W3B_2014_relative_abundance.png",
       plot = plot_2014_w3b_cut)

ggsave("fig/W3B_2014_relative_abundance_custom_size.png",
       plot = plot_2014_w3b_cut,
       width = 46,
       height = 26,
       units = "cm",
       limitsize = FALSE)
```

Make your own plot

- Make your own plot
- Share it with your neighbor (including how you made it)

Code organization and review



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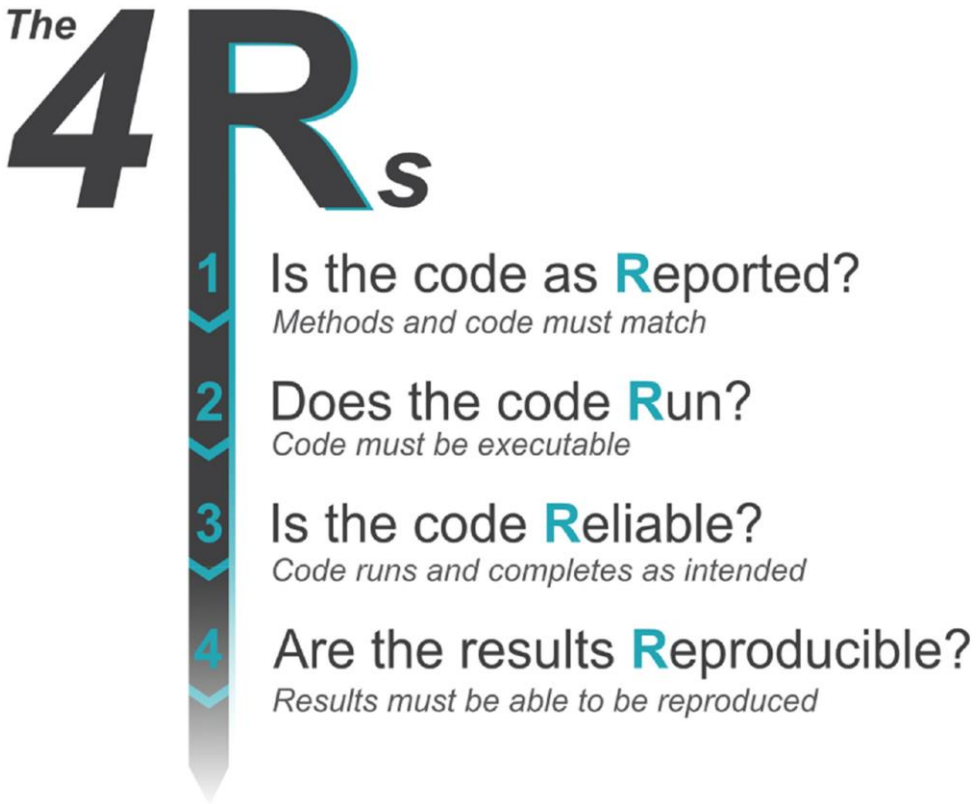
Potential code issues

- Reading in data files with paths outside project
- Order of workflow is unclear
- Comments say “go right” but code goes left
- Code fails to run on another computer
- Code fails or outputs change after updating R or packages
- Results not reproducible for manuscript reviewer

The four ‘Rs’ of code review



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Is the code as Reported?

- Are analyses as described in manuscript?
- Are relevant packages (with version numbers) documented in manuscript?

Does the code Run?

- library(tidyverse)
  Error in library(tidyverse): there is no package called ‘tidyverse’.
- install.packages("tRophicPosition")
  Warning in install.packages :
  package ‘tRophicPosition’ is not available for this version of R
- Misspelled code

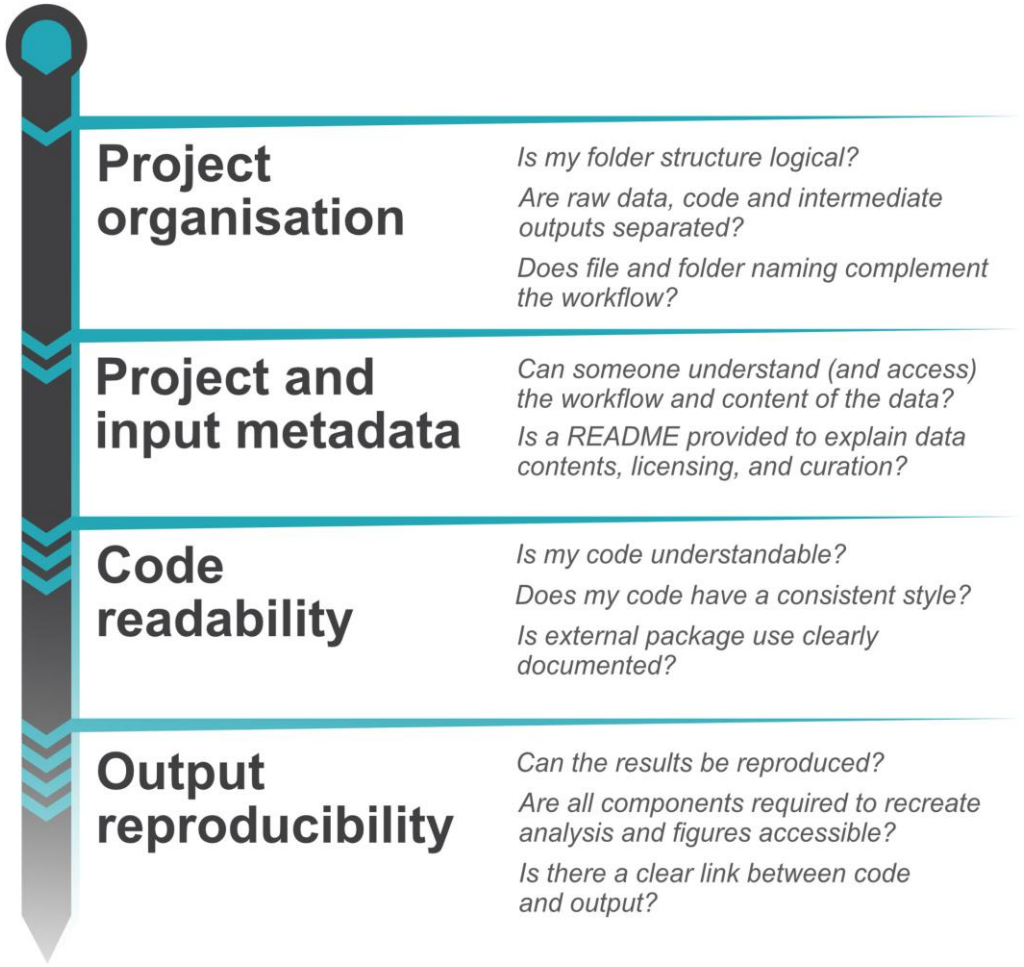
Is the code Reliable?

- #remove MC28 duplicate empty stomach
  stomachs.raw <- stomachs.raw[-c(4),]
  - May run but removes different row than described

Are the results Reproducible?

- Do reproduced results match those reported?
- If they differ, by how much?
- Is an observed difference reasonable to expect?

Where code fits into the workflow



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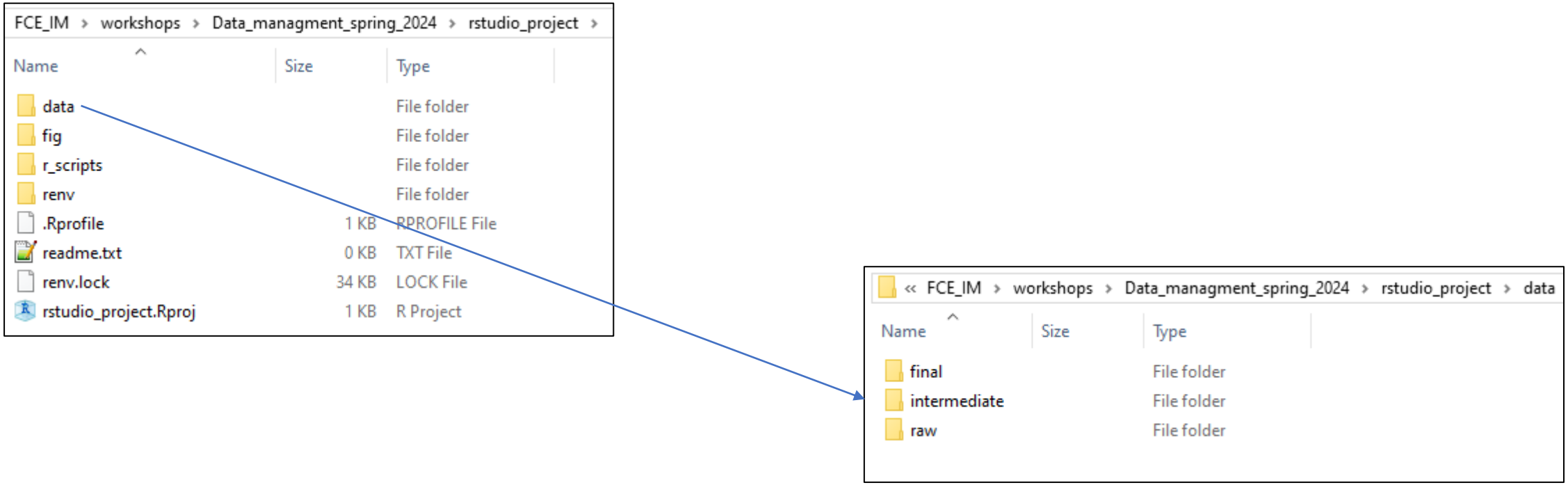
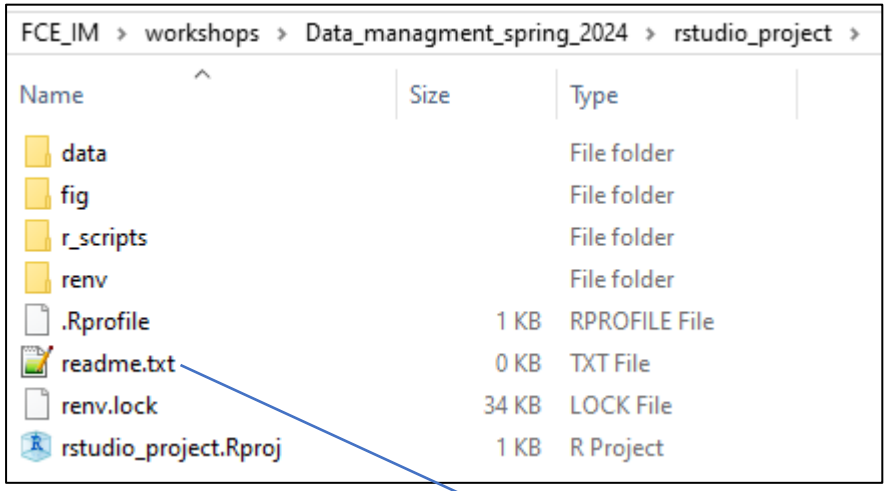
Project organization: data



Project and input metadata: README

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Date: 2024-03-14
Author: Gabriel Kamener

This is an RStudio project for the FCE LTER "Organizing and Visualizing Data in R"
spring 2024 workshop.

Steps to run code in this project:
    1: Open included .ppt or .pdf presentation file
    2: Open .Rproj file to start an RStudio session
    3: Load the "code_handout" R script from the /r_scripts folder
    4: Follow the presentation, copy the code chunks into the R script, and run them

Resources for the code review portion of the workshop can be found in the
presentation file and in the /code_review folder.
```

Project and input metadata: README

- Can scale in complexity

README

JRN_grass_climate_correlation

Code and data for project investigating cycles of high and low grass cover on the Jornada for the past 100 years.

Folders

data - Contains raw data files and R scripts for handling data

Figures - Contains final figures for paper

other data sets - Contains data and scripts analyzing data from other locations

supplement - Analyses for supplement of paper

Workflow

Prepare data

Run scripts in 'data' folder to prepare quadrat grass data and climate variable data for analyses.

- **data/process_raw_plant_data.R**
- **data/get_climate_data.R**
- **data/determine_enso_categories.R**

Run GAMs to smooth timeseries

A GAM is used to model the long-term trends in the grass timeseries. GAMs are also used to smooth each of the climate variables. Creates *smoothed_grass_gam.csv* and *smoothed_climate_variables.csv*.

- Run **GAMs_grass_pdo.R**

Main model scripts

The main models correlating grass with climate variables are run in **grass_pdo_model_selection.Rmd**. This script depends on intermediate csv files created in the first two steps. Creates *results_aic_table.csv*.

The figure of grass functional groups is created by **plot_grass_func_groups_timeseries.R**.

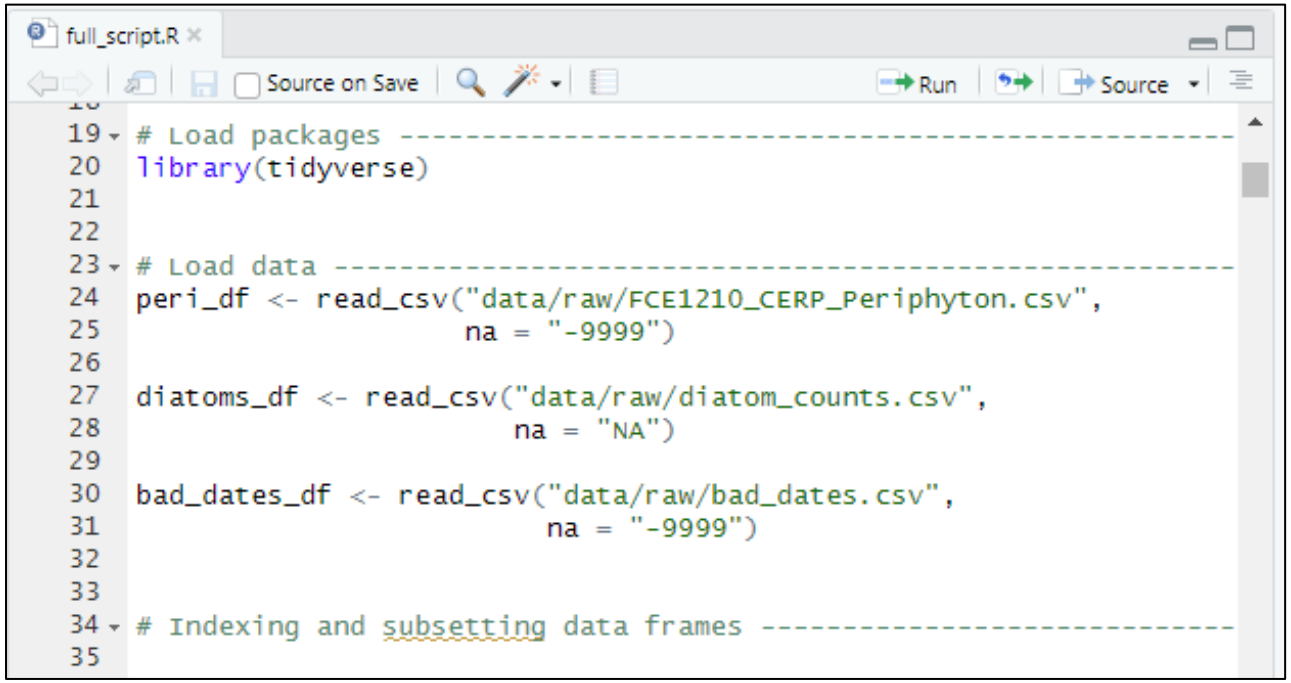
Christensen, E. 2023. https://github.com/emchristensen/JRN_grass_climate_correlation

Code readability

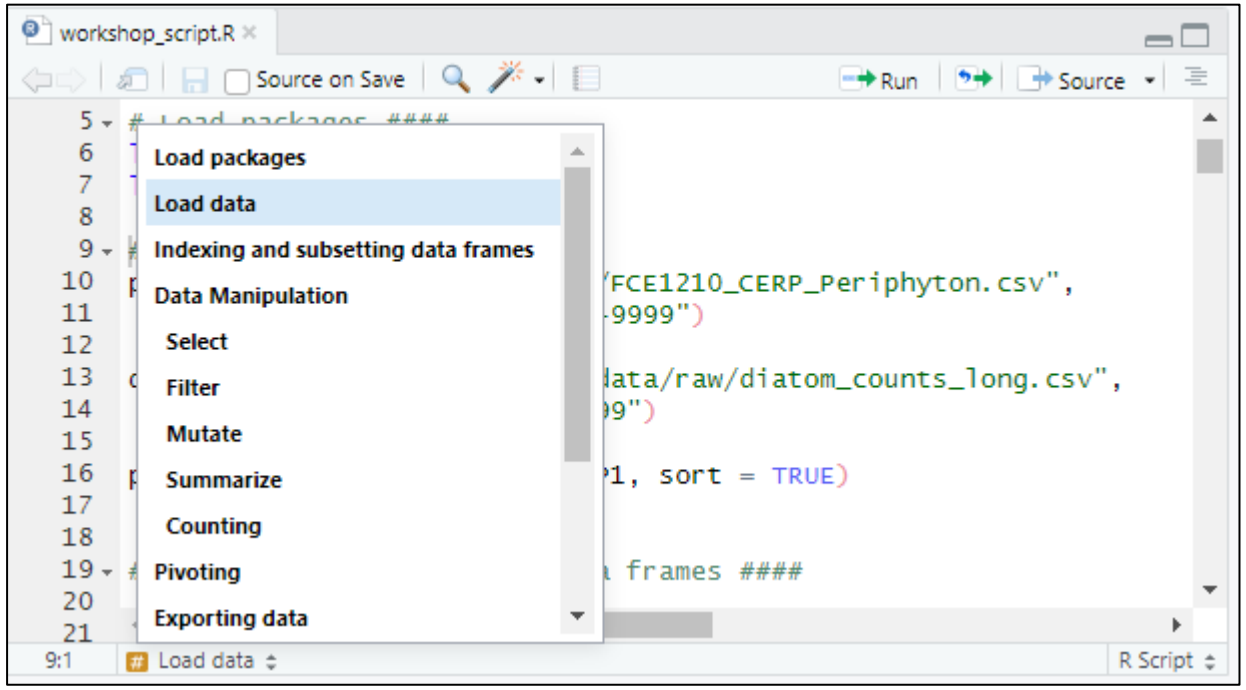
1. Explicitly calling package namespace (e.g. dplyr::select())
2. Using relative file paths
3. Removing redundant packages
4. Writing code with
    a) Clear subheadings
    b) Intuitive comments
    c) Easy-to-understand object names

Code readability: code sections

- Break code down by region
- Comment line with at least 4 trailing “-”, “=“, or “#”
- Code -> Insert Section
- Crtl+Shift+R



Code readability: navigating sections



Output reproducibility

- Link between code sections and published outputs should be clear
- Use set.seed() before running simulations
- Increase reproducibility of environment with renv package

Generating citations

- R version citation: citation()
- Package version: citation("dplyr")
- RStudio.Version()

Other suggestions

- Keep primary R scripts for yourself
  - Include all analyses and comments
- Distill down code for manuscript submission
  - Only relevant analyses and comments
- Use version control (e.g. Git/GitHub) to track changes
- Code sections to cover each dependent variable
- Form code review group in your lab or with other students

Project code checklist

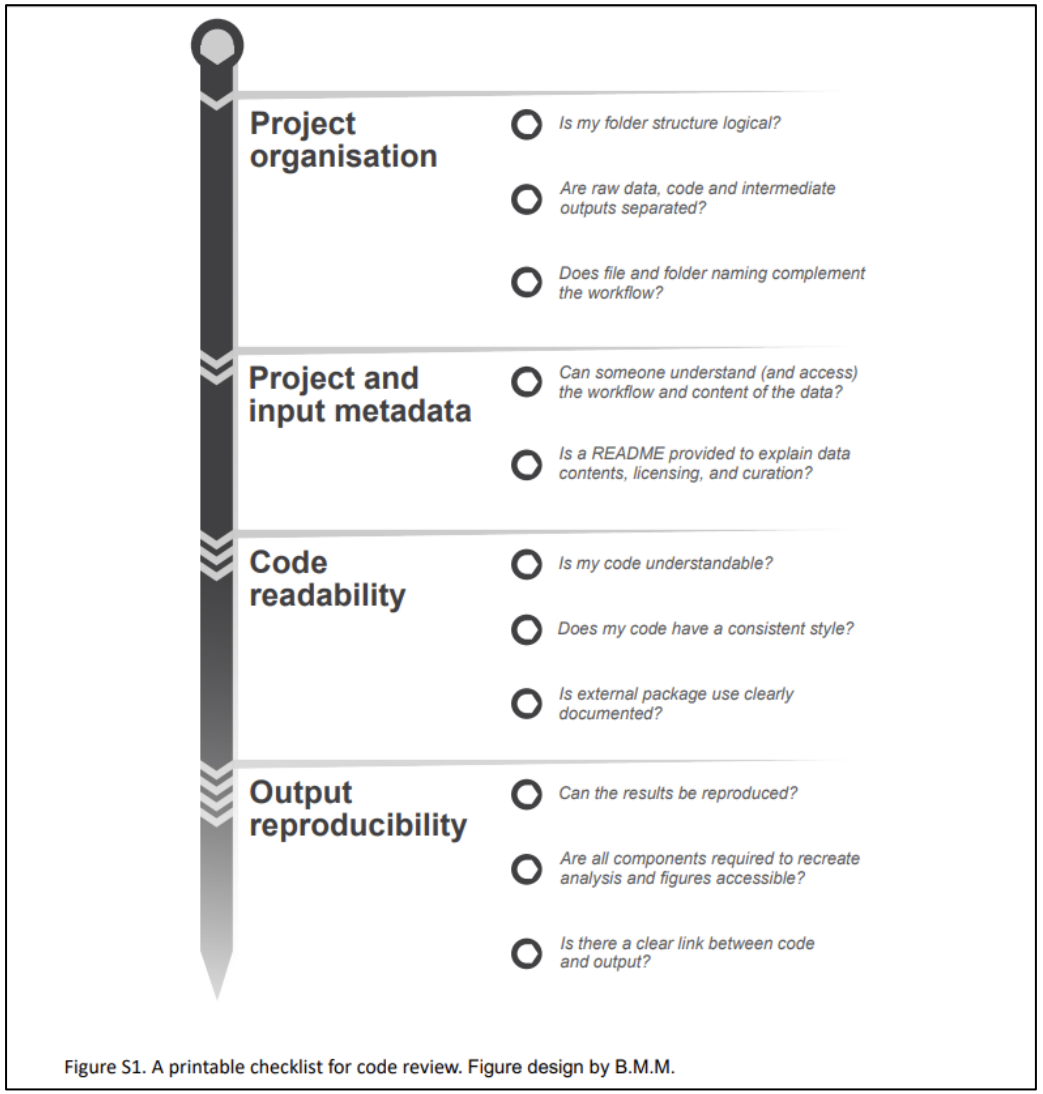


Figure S1. A printable checklist for code review. Figure design by B.M.M.

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Activity: Project and Code Development

- Use the checklist to review your own project and code
- Work with your neighbor to review each other’s code or the provided example code

Constructive feedback

- How much of this did you know?
- How much did you not know?
- What would you like us to include or exclude in the future?

References and resources

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