Computational Bootcamp 3: Datasets in R

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What We'll Be Covering Overall

- Software installation, file management
 - Basics of R: writing code, creating objects, thinking in matrices
- More R: working with datasets
- 4 Stata: pros & cons vs. R, working with datasets
- 5 LaTex: producing documents with Markdown and Overleaf

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Common Packages in R

- tidyverse : collection of R packages designed for data science
 - dplyr: "A Grammar of Data Manipulation"
 - ggplot2: "The Grammar of Graphics"
 - tidyr : Tools to create "tidy" data
- foreign / haven / readr / readxl: packages to allow importing datasets from file formats other than text
- stargazer : formatted regression tables
- rmarkdown / tinytex : "Dynamic Documents for R"

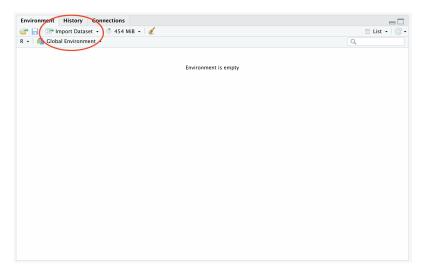
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install.packages("package_name")
library(package_name)
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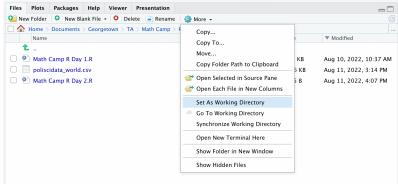
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- Install packages once. Don't include install.packages() in Scripts
- Run library() each new session of R. Do include library() in Scripts

Loading Datasets into R: Point-and-Click



Setting a Working Directory in R: Point-and-Click



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- You will still need to install and library packages like haven to import certain data types, even if you use point-and-click