



gcamdata GCAM's Data System

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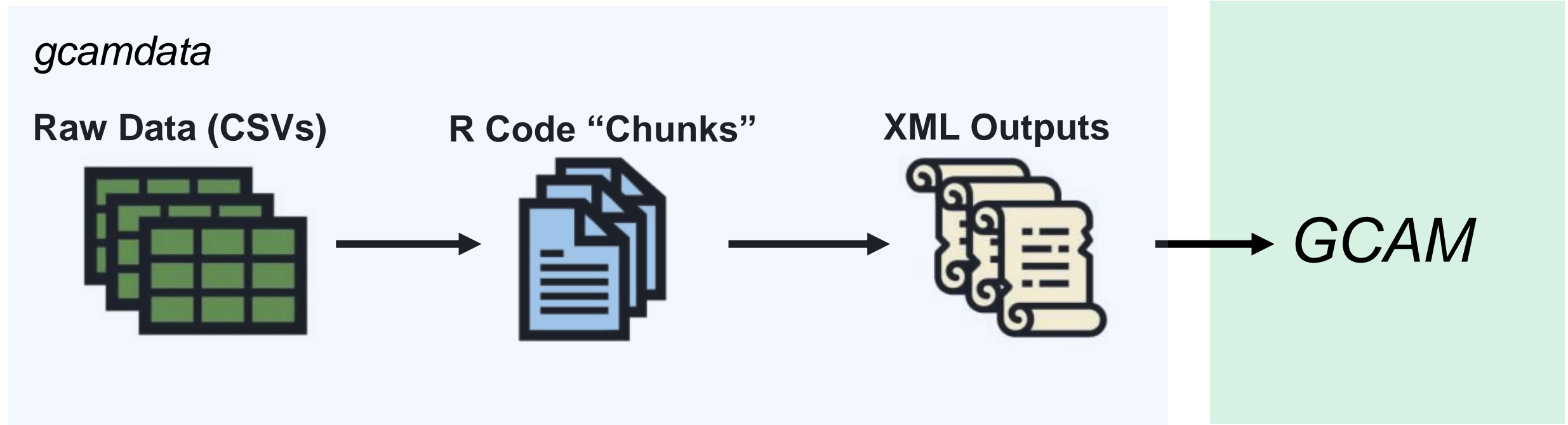
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What is *gcamdata*?

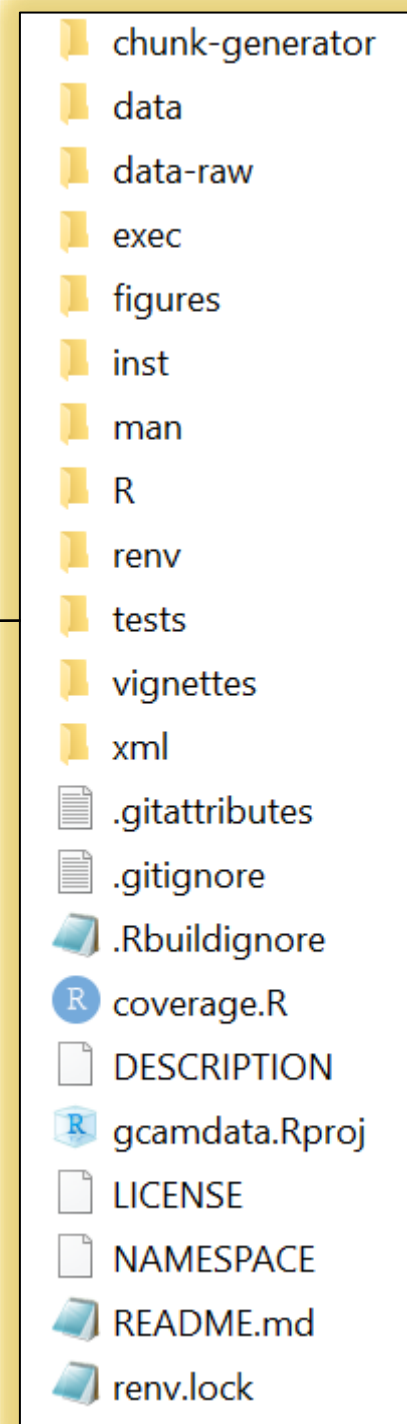
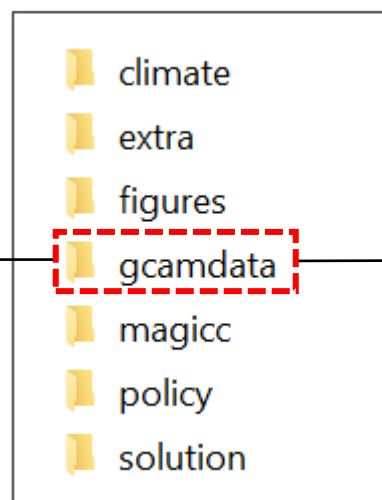
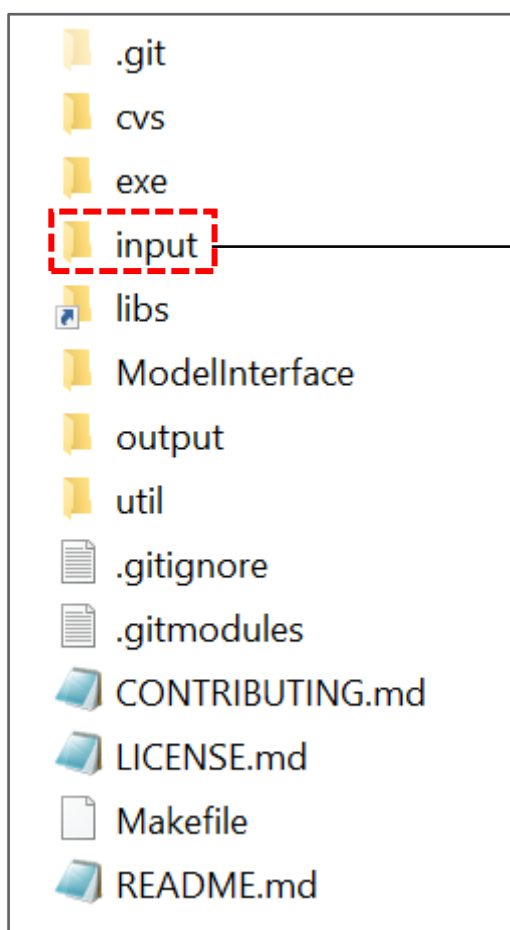
- R package that processes raw inputs to produce the hundreds of XML files needed by GCAM
- GCAM requires a lot of input data (energy, emissions, land-use, water, etc.)
 - Data System History: Spreadsheets → Collection of R scripts → Contained R package
- Developed in response to needs to handle more and more data, better documentation, updated coding practices, reproducibility, framework for new development
- Repository: <https://github.com/JGCRI/gcamdata>

What is *gcamdata*?



File Structure

./gcam-core



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./gcam-core/input/gcamdata

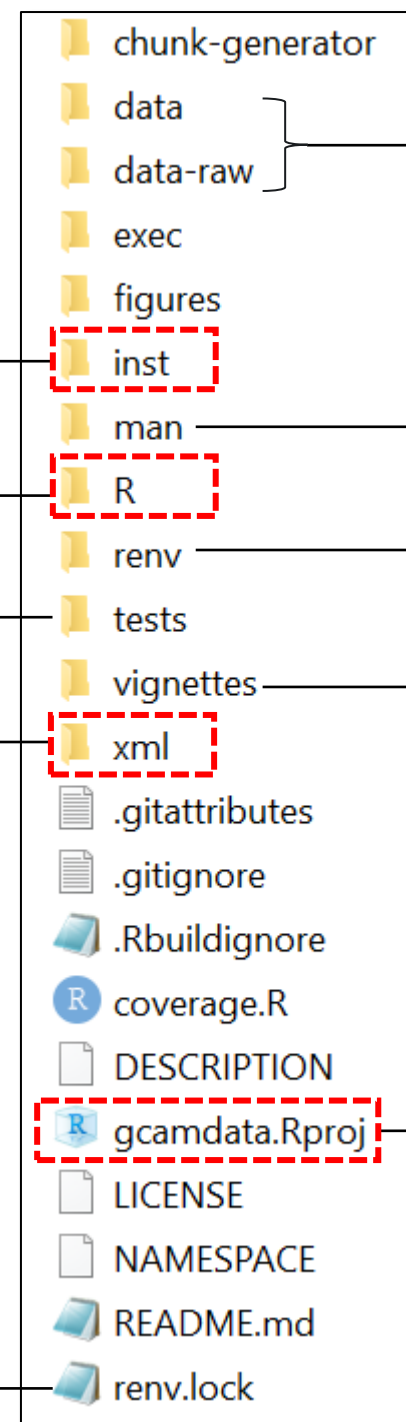
Raw input files

Processing code

Package tests

XML outputs/
GCAM inputs

Record of required
R packages



R data files and script
that creates them

Documentation files

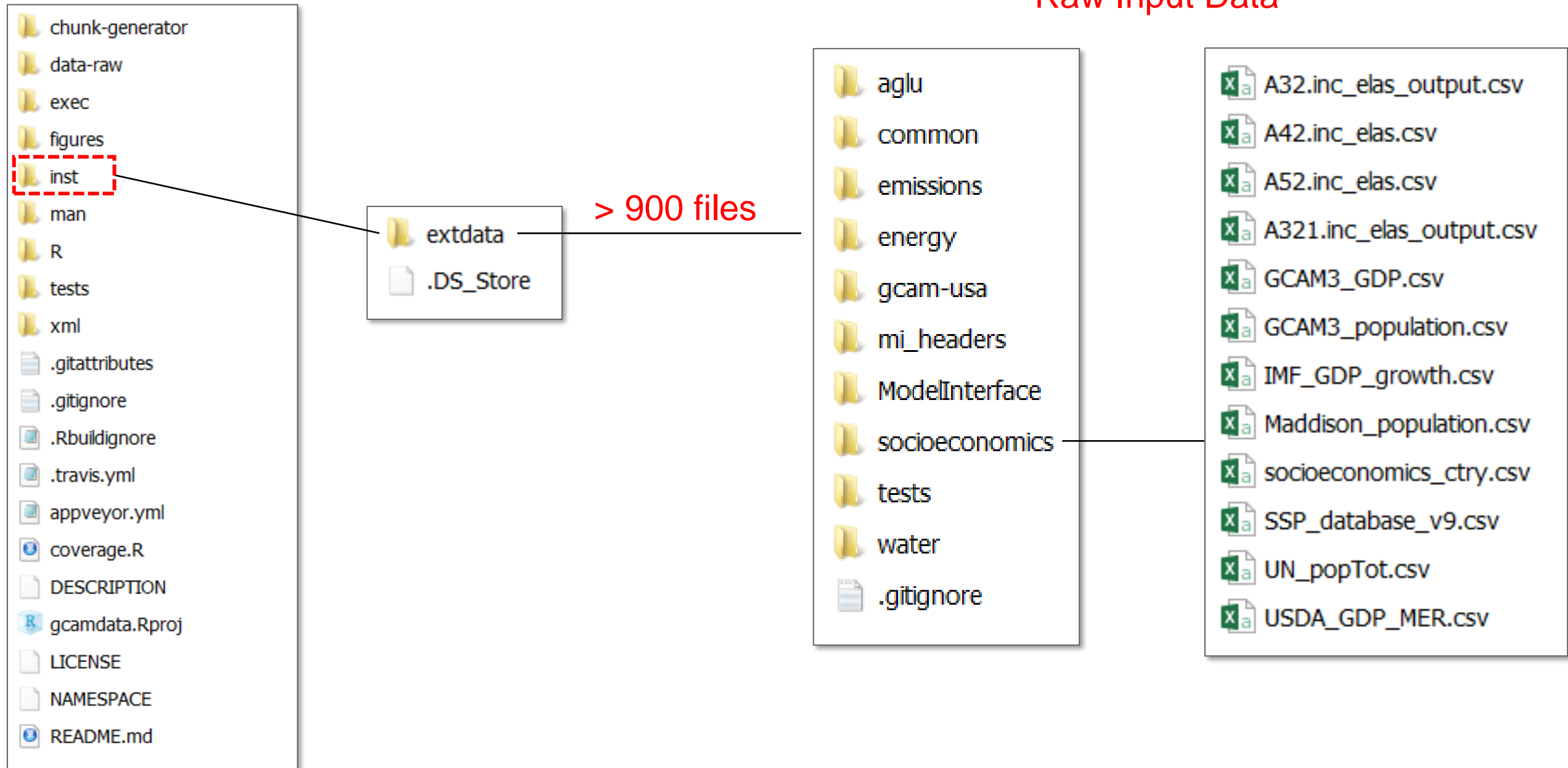
Symlinks to R packages

Guides to useful features

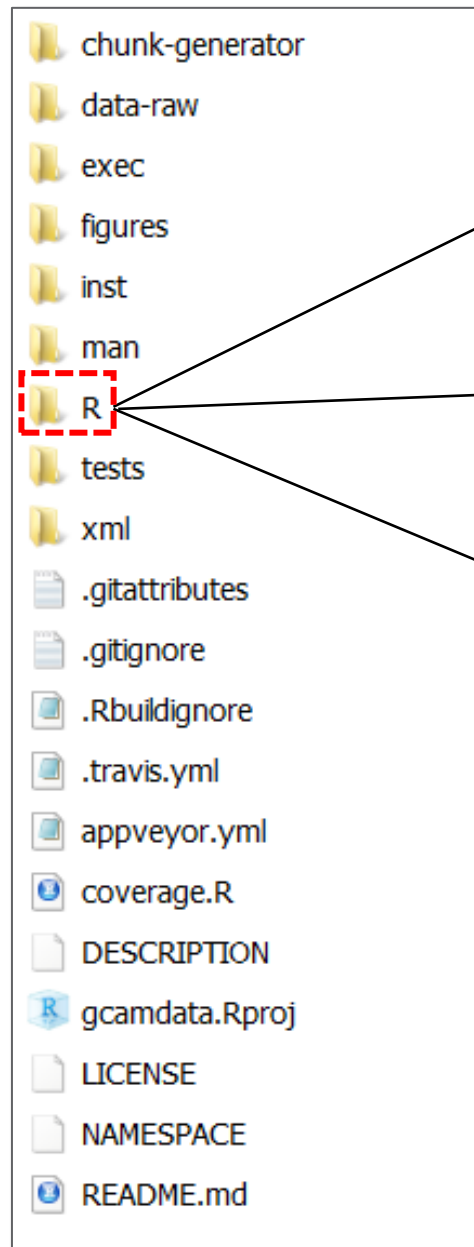
R project file

File Structure

Raw Input Data



Types of R Scripts



1. Processing Scripts

- Processes the raw input CSVs and outputs of other chunks.
zsocio_L101.Population.R
zenergy_L261.Cstorage.R

2. XML Creation Scripts

- Processes data frames from (1) into XMLs
zwater_xml_electricity_water.R
zgcamusa_xml_en_prices.R

3. Other

- Contains constants, functions, information needed for the data system to function, etc.
constants.R
module_helpers.R

Module Name Structure

File: zenergy_L261.Cstorage.R

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Chunks prefixed
w/ “z” for ordering



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Module name (aglu,
climate, emissions, energy,
gcamusa, socio, water)

File: **zenergy**_L261.Cstorage.R

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Numeric identifier,
or “xml” indicating
XML creation file

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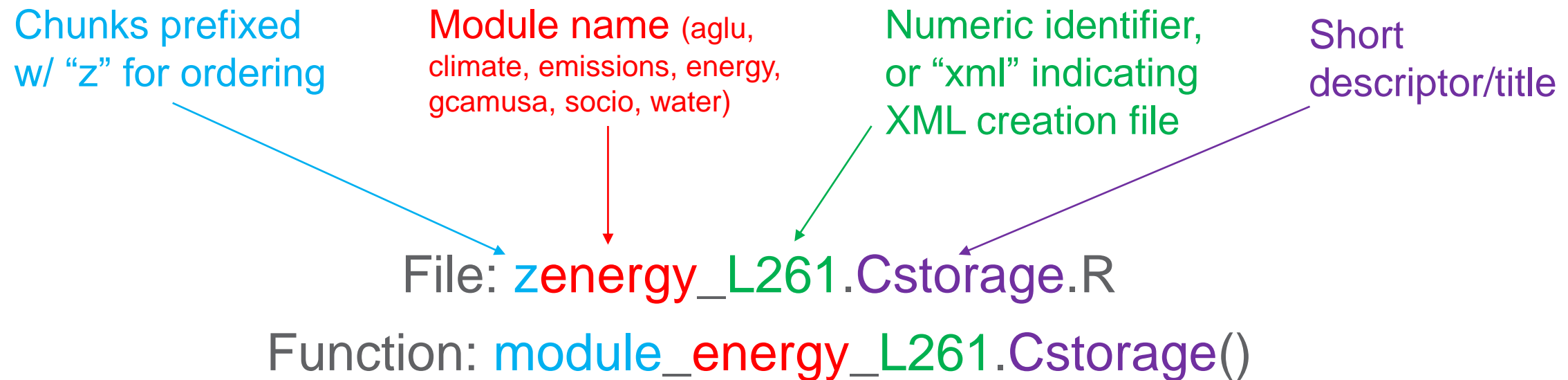
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"xml" indicating XML
creation file

Short
descriptor/title

File: **z**energy_**L261**.**Cstorage**.R

Module Name Structure



Examples:

- **z**aglu_xml_ag_trade.R / **module**_aglu_an_input_xml()
- **z**gcamusa_L1321.cement / **module**_gcamusa_L1321.cement()

How to run *gcamdata*

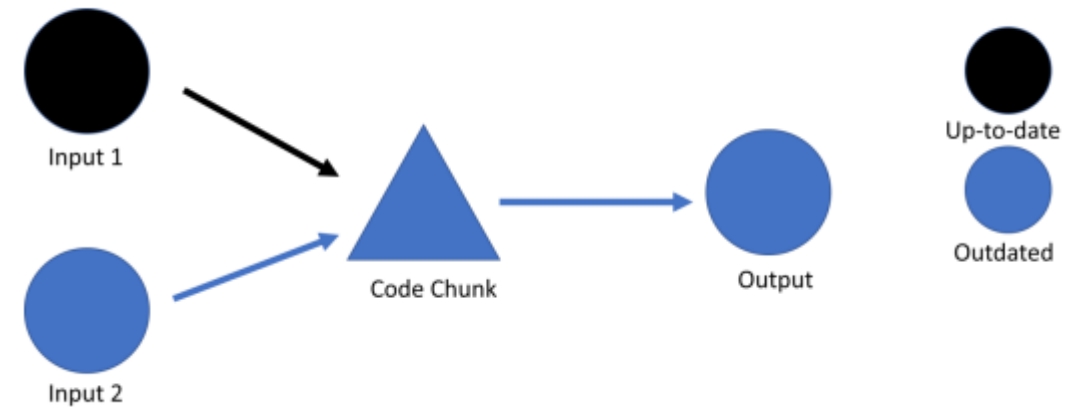
How to run *gcamdata*

- Step 1: Install R and RStudio
 - R: <https://cran.r-project.org/>
 - R v4.1.0 has been tested and works with GCAM v7.0
 - RStudio: <https://posit.co/download/rstudio-desktop/>
- Step 2: Download or clone GCAM: <https://github.com/JGCRI/gcam-core>
- Step 3: Install R packages – use *renv* (details later)
- Step 4: Open *input/gcamdata/gcamdata.Rproj*
- Step 5: Load gcamdata: `devtools::load_all()`
- Step 6: Run the driver: `driver_drake()`

Note: You DO NOT need to do this if you just want to run the release version, since the release version comes with the XMLs pre-built.

driver_drake()

- Function that runs the data system
- Stores data and functions in cache
- Only runs what is out-of-date
- Major timesaver because it prevents repeated building of identical outputs



```
> driver_drake()  
Loading required namespace: drake  
GCAM Data System v5.1  
Found 431 chunks  
Found 4364 chunk data requirements  
Found 2442 chunk data products  
1482 chunk data input(s) not accounted for  
v All targets are already up to date.  
All done.
```

Common Issue: Package Issues

```
[1] "module_energy_LA100.IEA_downscale_ctry"  
Error: Input 4 must be a vector of column names, not an integer vector.
```

```
[1] "module_aglu_LA100.FAO_downscale_ctry"  
Error in stop_vctrs() :  
! Can't convert replace$element to match type of data$element .
```

```
1] "module_aglu_LA100.0_LDS_preprocessing"  
Error: L100.Land_type_area_ha is being returned grouped. This is not allowed; please ungroup()
```

Common Issue: Package Issues

```
[1] "module_aglu_LB141.ag_Fert_IFA_ctry_crop"  
Error in left_join() :  
! ... must be empty.
```

```
[1] "module_energy_L225.hydrogen"  
Error: Assigned data `min(MODEL_BASE_YEARS)` must be compatible with  
existing data.
```

```
"module_aglu_LB162.ag_prodchange_R_C_Y_GLU_irr"  
Error in left_join_error_no_match(., L162.defaultYieldRate, by = c("year", :  
left_join_no_match: NA values in new data columns
```

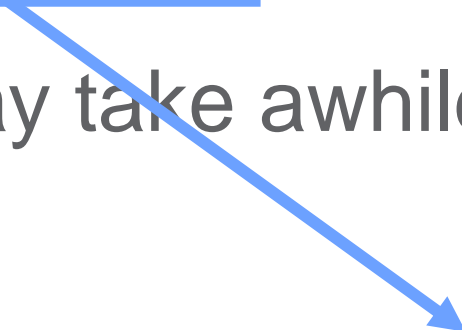
```
[1] "module_gcam.usa_L254.transportation_USA"  
Error: Can't create call to non-callable object
```

Solution: *renv* – R package management

- “renv” = Reproducible Environment
- Gives each project its own package library
- Key files:
 - Renv directory: holds symbolic links to the package cache
 - Renv lock file: specifies which R packages and versions are used
- Renv automates *R package* version control, not R version control
 - R version specified in lock file, but not enforced
 - *gcamdata* in GCAM 7.0 works with R 4.1.0

How to active *renv* in gcamdata workspace

- Open gcamdata project file: input/R/gcamdata.Rproj
- Load renv: `library(renv)`
 - If renv hasn't been installed yet, run `install.packages("renv")`
- Initialize the local R library with
 - `renv::activate()` → activates use of renv
 - `renv::restore()` → synchronizes library with lockfile
- Note, this may take awhile on initial set-up



Only have to be executed ONCE
per gcamdata workspace

How to active *renv* in gcamdata workspace

- After initial set-up, a message from *renv* will be printed to the console when the *gcamdata.Rproj* is opened
- Proceed to load package and run *driver_drake*

```
* Project 'C:/GCAM/GCIMS/gcamdata' loaded. [renv 0.12.5]
> devtools::load_all(".")
Loading gcamdata
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Adding to/Modifying the Data System

Anatomy of a *gcamdata* chunk

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includes sector

List of chunk
outputs

Process data

Return data
back to driver

```
module_aglu_sample <- function(command, ...) {  
  if(command == driver.DECLARE_INPUTS) {  
    return(c(FILE = "common/iso_GCAM_regID",  
             "L200.ModelTime"))  
  } else if(command == driver.DECLARE_OUTPUTS) {  
    return(c("first_output"))  
  } else if(command == driver.MAKE) {  
  
    all_data <- list(...)[[1]]  
  
    # Load data  
    input1 <- get_data(all_data, "common/iso_GCAM_regID")  
    input2 <- get_data(all_data, "L200.ModelTime")  
  
    # Process...  
  
    # Produce outputs, add appropriate flags and comments  
    tibble() %>%  
      add_title("First output") %>%  
      add_units("None") %>%  
      add_precursors("common/iso_GCAM_regID", "L200.ModelTime") %>%  
      add_flags(FLAG_NO_TEST, FLAG_NO_OUTPUT) %>%  
      add_legacy_name("<none>") %>%  
      add_comments("Sample chunk output") ->  
      first_output  
  
    return_data(first_output)  
  } else {  
    stop("Unknown command")  
  }  
}
```

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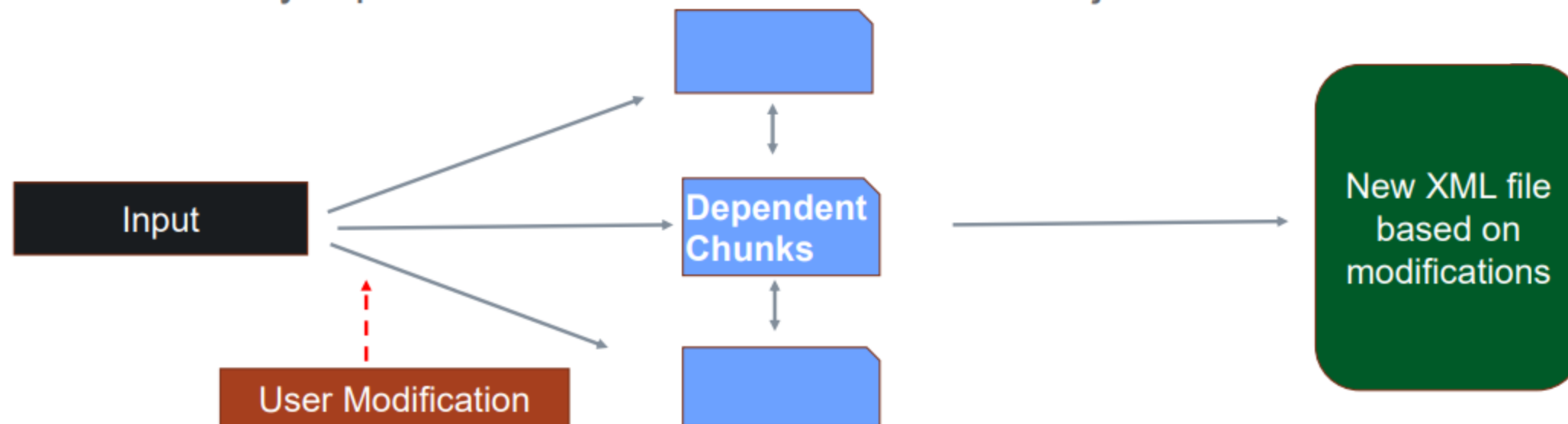
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Produce
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**An example (R/sample-chunk.R) is included
in the data system to help get you started**

User-Modification Functions (Preview)

- Chunk that can be “plugged” into *gcamdata*
- New chunk can modify any objects that are used or created in *gcamdata* and pass the modified object to all dependent chunks.



Go to “*Creating XMLs and using user-modification functions*” in the next session to learn more!

XML Creation (Preview)

create_xml: Sets up the creation of the XML object

```
# Produce outputs
create_xml("modeltime.xml") %>%
  add_xml_data(L200.ModelTime, "ModelTime") %>%
  add_xml_data(L200.ModelTimeInterYears, "ModelTimeInterYears") %>%
  add_precursors("L200.ModelTime", "L200.ModelTimeInterYears") ->
  modeltime.xml
```

add_precursors: All inputs used to create the XML

add_xml_data: Tells which data frames to include in the XML

“ModelTime” is a header

- Headers tell the XML how to format the table columns.

From ModelInterface_headers.txt (in inst/extdata/mi_headers)

```
ModelTime, modeltime/>{time-step}start-year, modeltime/+start-year,
modeltime/+final-calibration-year, modeltime/+end-year, modeltime/
+carbon-model-start-year, scenario, scenario/modeltime
```

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Debugging/Useful Functions

Debugging a Chunk

To run a chunk line by line:

```
> devtools::load_all()
```

```
> load_from_cache(inputs_of("module_socio_L101.Population")) -> all_data
```

OR

```
> driver_drake(stop_before = " module_socio_L101.Population ") -> all_data
```

- “stop_before” returns chunk inputs
- “stop_after” returns chunk outputs

```
> devtools::load_all(".")  
i Loading gcamdata  
> load_from_cache(inputs_of("module_socio_L101.Population")) -> all_data  
> iso_GCAM_regID <- get_data(all_data, "common/iso_GCAM_regID")
```

Useful Functions: `load_from_cache()`

Loads objects from drake cache

← Only works if you've
previously run *driver_drake*

1. Load gcamdata object:
`load_from_cache("common/GCAM_region_names")`
2. Load all *inputs* from chunk:
`load_from_cache(inputs_of("module_energy_L1323.iron_steel"))`
3. Load all *outputs* from chunk:
`load_from_cache(outputs_of("module_energy_L1323.iron_steel"))`

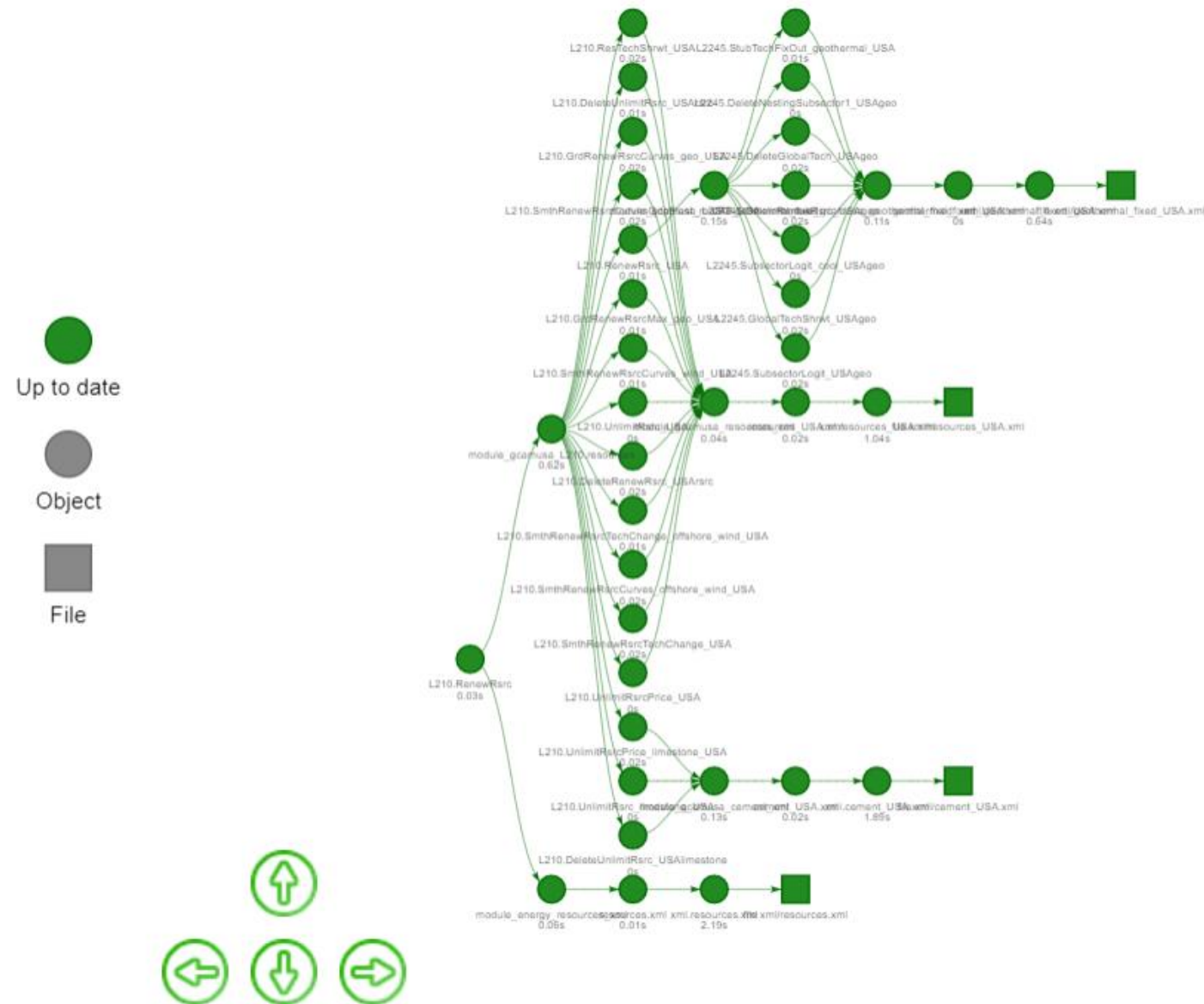
Useful Functions: Tracing

vis_drake_graph()

- Visualize targets and dependency relationships
- Need visNetwork package installed
- Get the plan
 - `plan <- driver_drake(return_plan_only = TRUE)`
- Display the dependency graph downstream from L210.RenewRsrc
 - `vis_drake_graph(plan, from = make.names("L210.RenewRsrc"))`

Useful Functions: Tracing

Dependency graph



Useful Functions: Tracing

dstrace()

- Function to trace data files through the data system
- Tells you what data objects feed into other data objects
- Utilizes GCAM_DATA_MAP, an R data file that stores the information of all input files and R chunks
- `dstrace(object_name, direction = "upstream", graph = FALSE, gcam_data_map = GCAM_DATA_MAP, previous_tracelist = NULL, recurse = TRUE, ...)`

```
> dstrace("L200.ModelTime")
1 - L200.ModelTime - produced by module_modeltime_L200.modeltime
    GCAM time information (years)
    GCAM time information generated from constants
    No precursors
```

Common Issues

1. Package issues – Use renv!

1. Error in `left_join_error_no_match(df_left, df_right)` :
`left_join_no_match: NA values in new data columns`

ID	X1		ID	X2	=	ID	X1	X2
1	A1	↔	2	B1		1	A1	NA
2	A2		3	B2		2	A2	B1

↑ **FAILS**

2. When running `driver_drake ...`

Error in `file.rename(tmp, filename)` : expanded 'to' name too long

1. Windows imposes a maximum file path length that is relatively small
2. Solution: Shorten path to workspace

Resources

- GitHub Repository: <https://github.com/JGCRI/gcamdata>
- Wiki: <https://github.com/JGCRI/gcamdata/wiki>
- Issues? Use GitHub Issues: <https://github.com/JGCRI/gcamdata/issues>
- Questions/Ideas? Use GitHub Discussions!
<https://github.com/JGCRI/gcamdata/discussions>

Thank you