R, Rstudio, git, github and you

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I kept the title short for this note to you.

You may also be dealing with Markdown, Latex, knitr, notebooks, . . .

This is a note about getting started with git. As I said in class this afternoon, starting now and doing a few basic things will keep the learning curve under control.

In the syllabus, I point you to the standard reference book for git, Pro Git by Scott Chacon and Ben Straub.

Pro Git

To get started, make sure you have read Chapers 1 and 2 in Pro Git. In chapter 1, make sure you have completed the setup described in section 1.6.

You will also find information in Hadley Wickham's R Packages book, R Packages and a webinar that is available at RStudio Git Webinar.

Xiaoyi Zhang's notes do a good job of condensing a lot of this information into a practical example.

We will be using git throughout the semester. Start now. Keep it simple and gain some experience so that the next steps are easy.