R-tistic

Introduction to R and RStudio

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Overview

1. Introduction to R and RStudio
    - basics of data visualisation
    - basics of reproducible research
2. Basics of data manipulation
3. Basics of using R for statistical analyses
4. Basics of Git, GitHub and collaborative programming
5. Advanced classes of the above

Why use R?

- R is able to perform every type data analyses.
- R is free and open source.
- R is a language and is interactive.
- R produces amazing graphics.
- R has a fast growing user network.
- ...and many more reasons.

Why use R?

Data Analyses

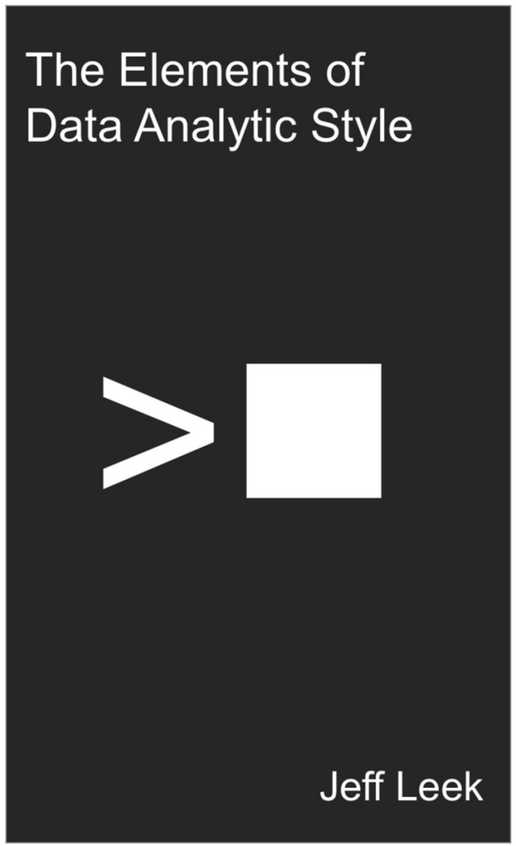
- why do we analyse data?
  - to summarise data in tables and graphs.
  - to explore relationships in data by using statistical analysis.
  - to visualise data for publications.
  - to get answers for our questions.

Why use R?

Data Analyses

- what types of data analyses do you know?
  - descriptive
  - exploratory
  - inferential
  - predictive
  - causal
  - mechanistic
- nothing that's not possible in R

- read...



Why use R?

Data Visualisation

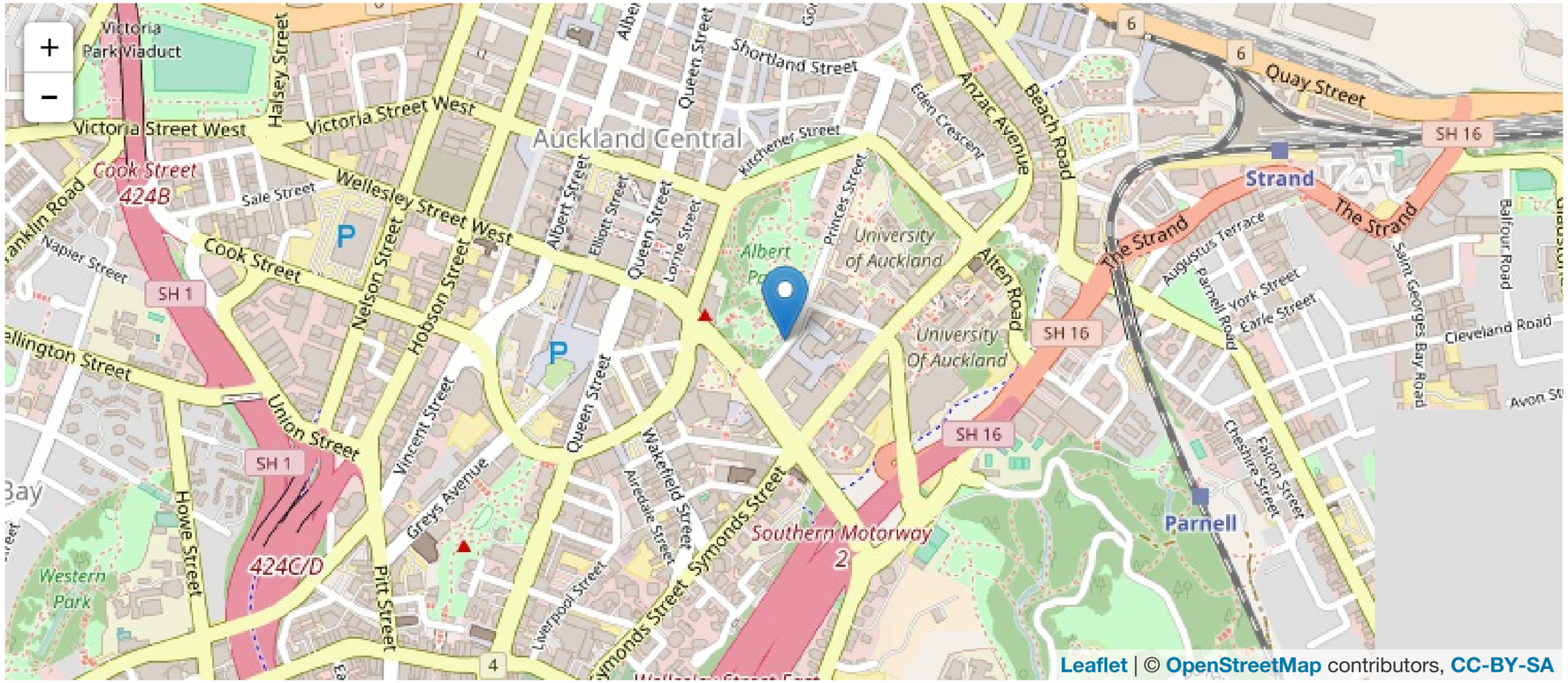
Talk:
Stefanie Posavec on Data Visualization at Awwwards Conference London

Great resource:
Data visualisation catalogue

Another great resource:
R Graph Gallery

Why use R?

Maps with leaflet package.



Click here to learn more!

Why use R?

Interactive plots with plotly package

Learn more about plotly

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Learn more about htmlwidgets in R

Why use R?

More than 10'000 other packages

Nice curated list of R packages here:
Awesome R

Why use R?

Because R Markdown!

- fully reproducible documents in all formats
  - HTML
  - PDF
  - MS Word
  - HTML5 slides
  - Tufte-style handouts
  - books
  - dashboards
  - shiny applications
  - scientific articles
  - websites
  - ...

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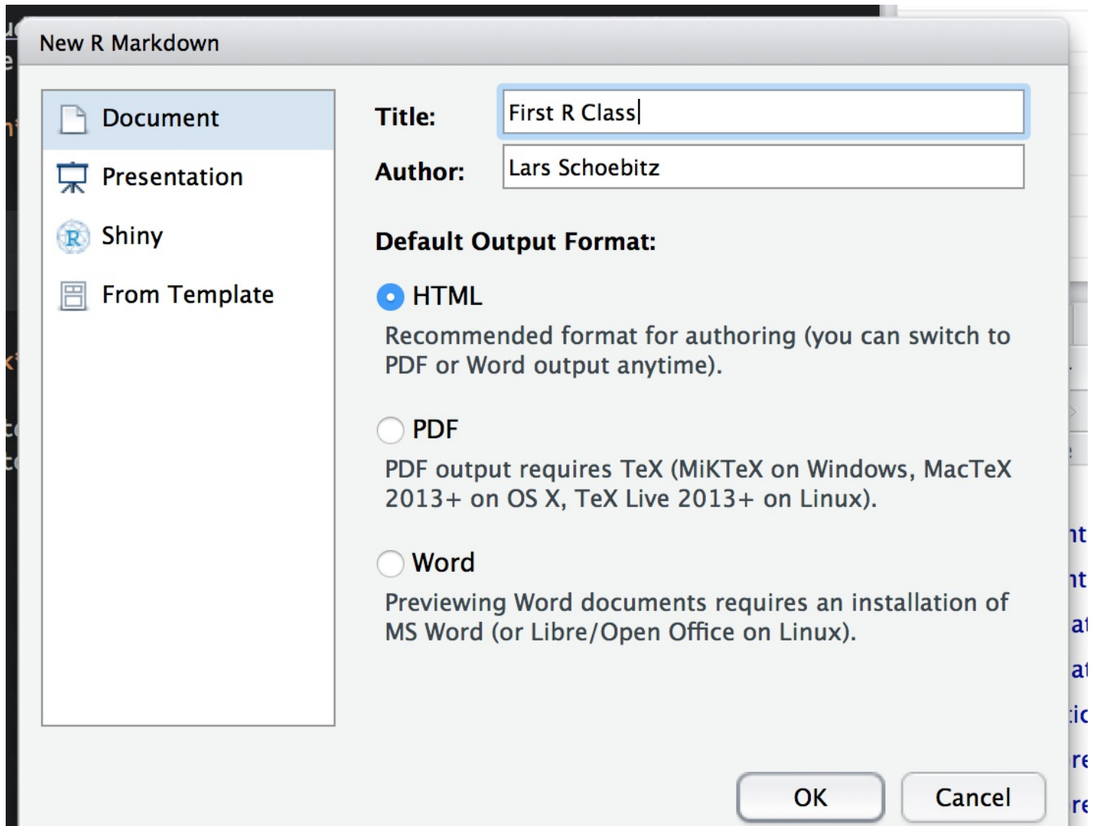

RMarkdown

Live Tutorial

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- open education
- open source
- open everywhere

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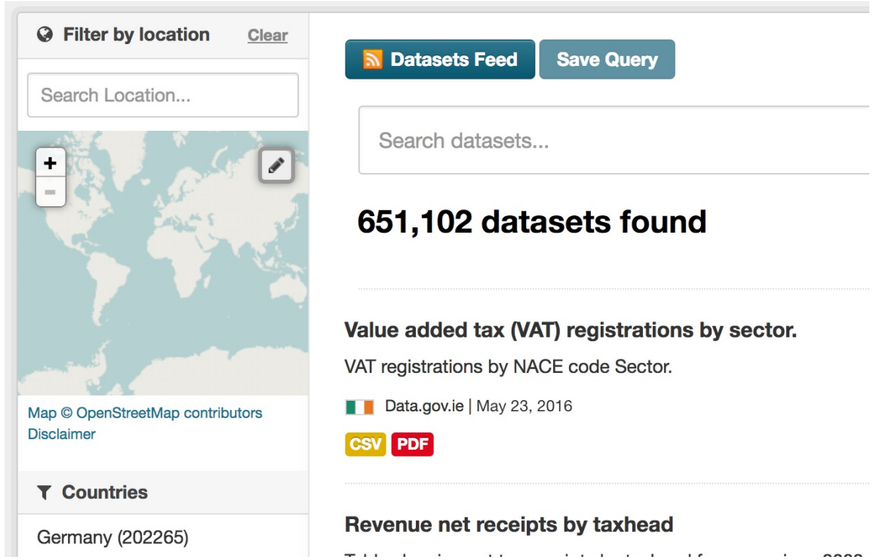

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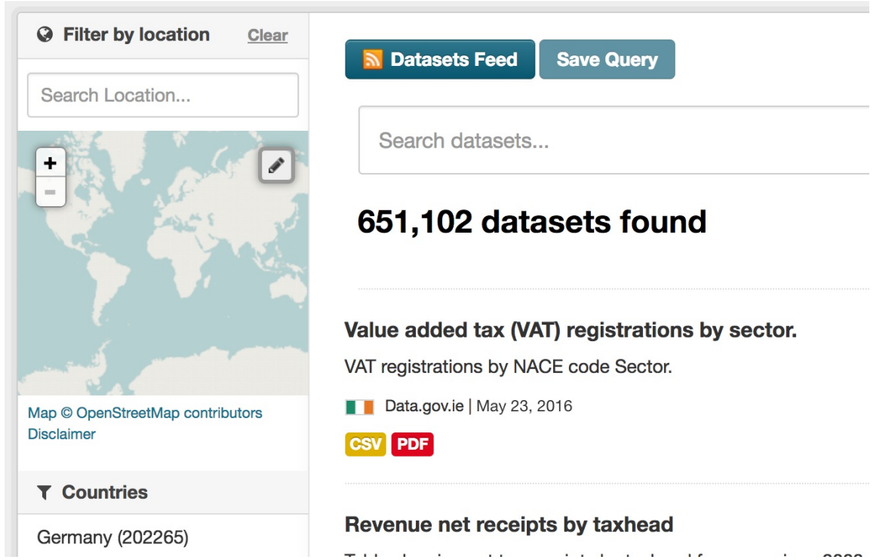

But, what to do with all of this?

Data

Fuel Economy Data

- type `?mpg` into the Console

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What is this dataset about?

```
## # A tibble: 6 <U+00D7> 11
##   manufacturer model displ  year   cyl      trans   drv
##          <chr> <chr> <dbl> <int> <int>      <chr> <chr>
## 1         audi    a4   1.8  1999     4   auto(l5)     f
## 2         audi    a4   1.8  1999     4 manual(m5)     f
## 3         audi    a4   2.0  2008     4 manual(m6)     f
## 4         audi    a4   2.0  2008     4   auto(av)     f
## 5         audi    a4   2.8  1999     6   auto(l5)     f
## 6         audi    a4   2.8  1999     6 manual(m5)     f
## # ... with 1 more variables: class <chr>
```

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```
## Classes 'tbl_df', 'tbl' and 'data.frame':    1704 obs. o
##  $ country  : Factor w/ 142 levels "Afghanistan",..: 1 1
##  $ continent: Factor w/ 5 levels "Africa","Americas",..:
##  $ year     : int  1952 1957 1962 1967 1972 1977 1982 19
##  $ lifeExp  : num  28.8 30.3 32 34 36.1 ...
##  $ pop      : int  8425333 9240934 10267083 11537966 130
##  $ gdpPercap: num  779 821 853 836 740 ...
```

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```

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## # A tibble: 53,940 <U+00D7> 10
##    carat       cut color clarity depth table price     x
##    <dbl>     <ord> <ord>   <ord> <dbl> <dbl> <int> <dbl>
## 1   0.23     Ideal     E     SI2  61.5    55   326  3.95
## 2   0.21   Premium     E     SI1  59.8    61   326  3.89
## 3   0.23      Good     E     VS1  56.9    65   327  4.05
## 4   0.29   Premium     I     VS2  62.4    58   334  4.20
## 5   0.31      Good     J     SI2  63.3    58   335  4.34
## 6   0.24 Very Good     J    VVS2  62.8    57   336  3.94
## 7   0.24 Very Good     I    VVS1  62.3    57   336  3.95
## 8   0.26 Very Good     H     SI1  61.9    55   337  4.07
```

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First steps with Software Carpentry

Please go to the following website and follow through the instructions until you reach the challenges at the bottom of the page.

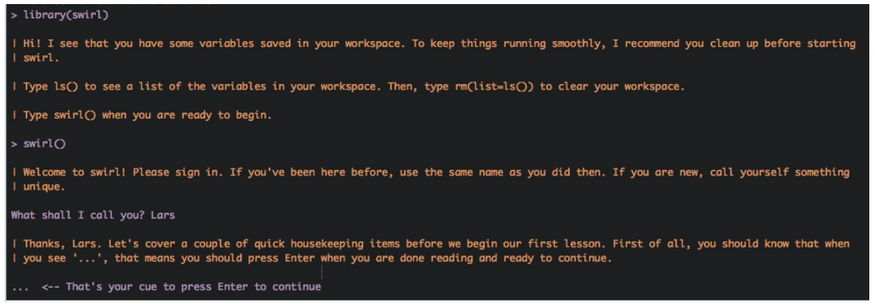
Software Carpentry

R and RStudio

First steps with swirl package

Learn R, in R.

- open the **swirl website**
- click on learn
  - Step 1: Done that
  - Step 2: Done that too
  - Step 3: Install swirl
  - Step 4: Start swirl
  - Step 5: ...



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First steps with R Codeschool

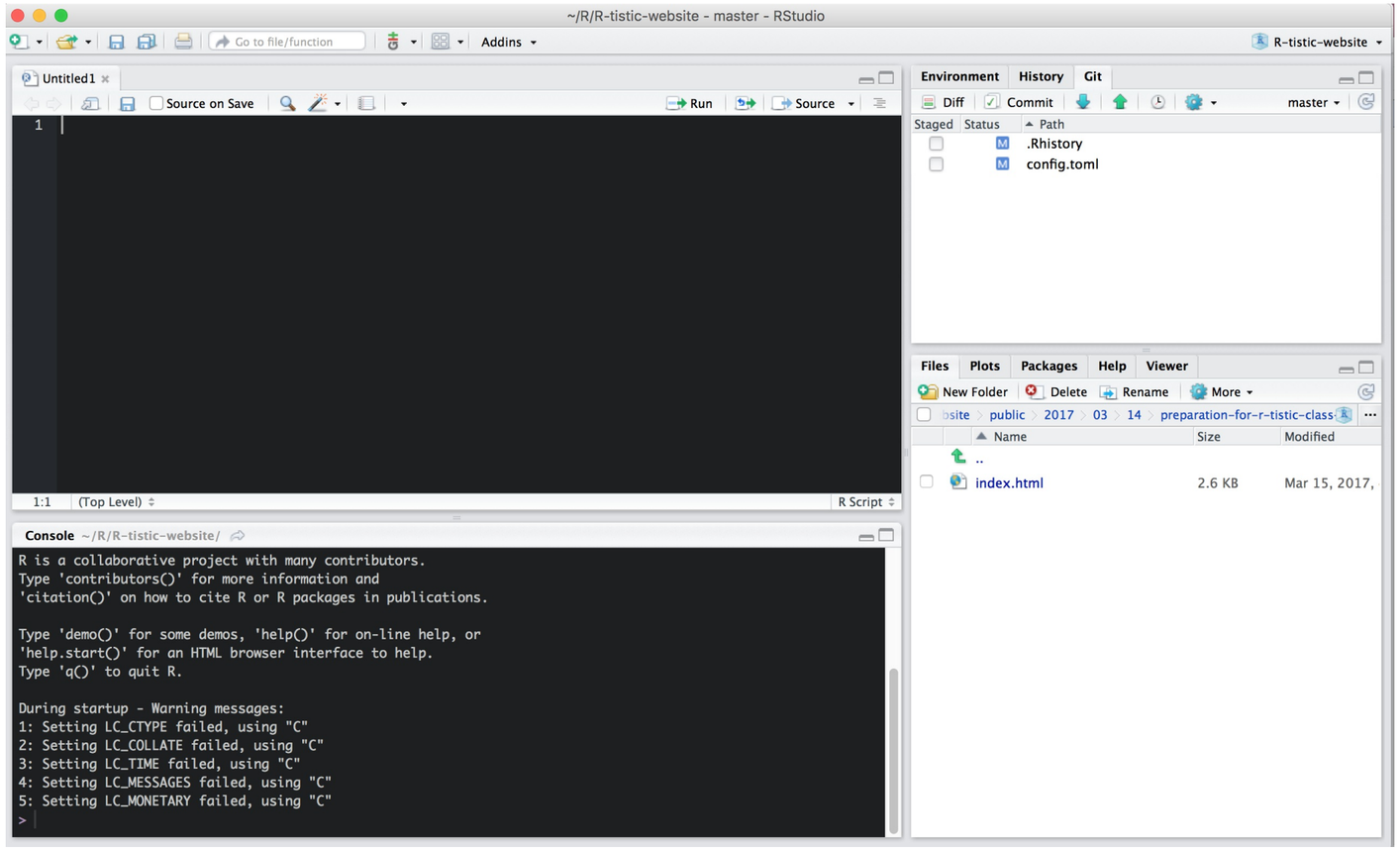
Great way to learn R:

http://tryr.codeschool.com

RStudio

Start your first script

- go to `File -> New File -> R Script...`



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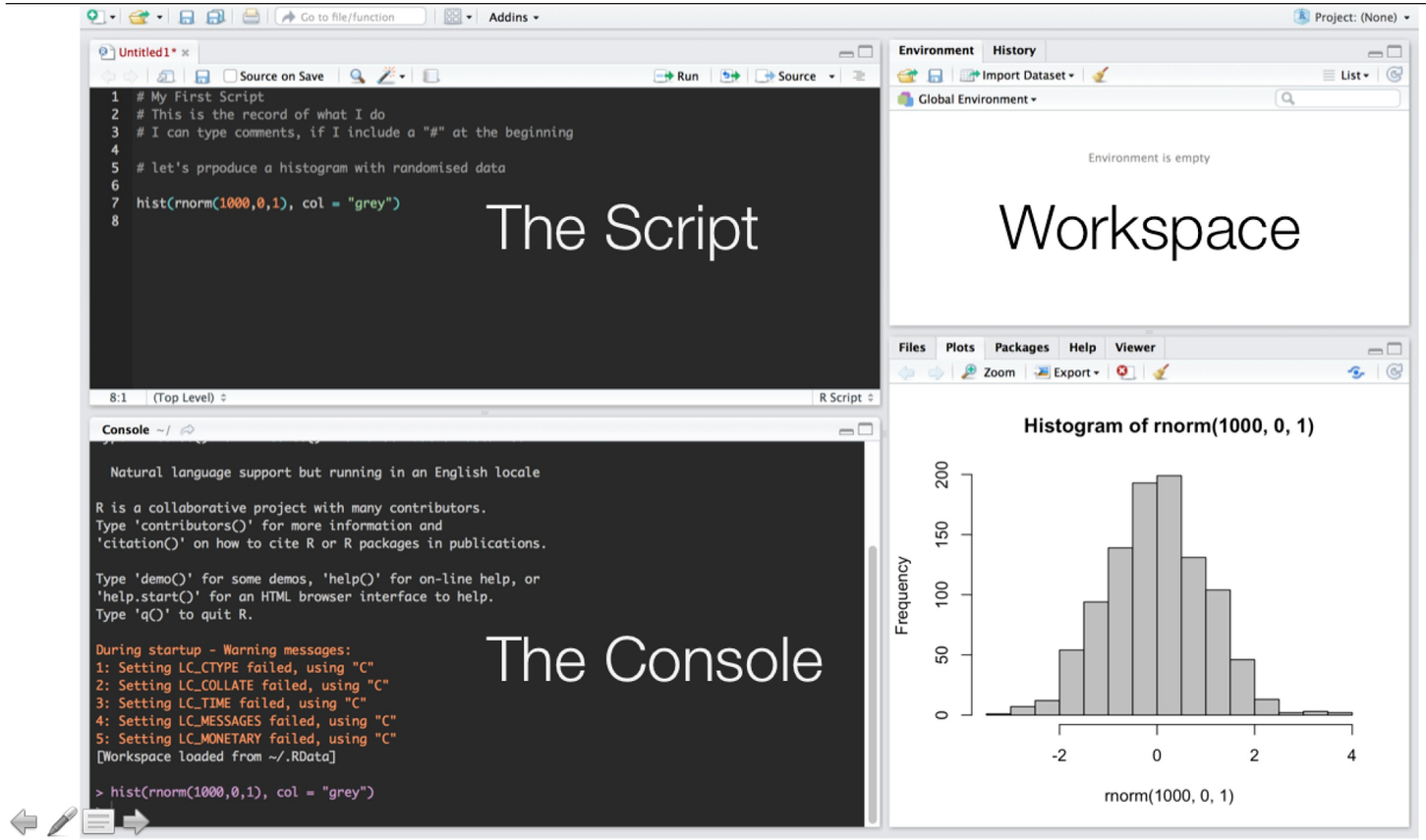

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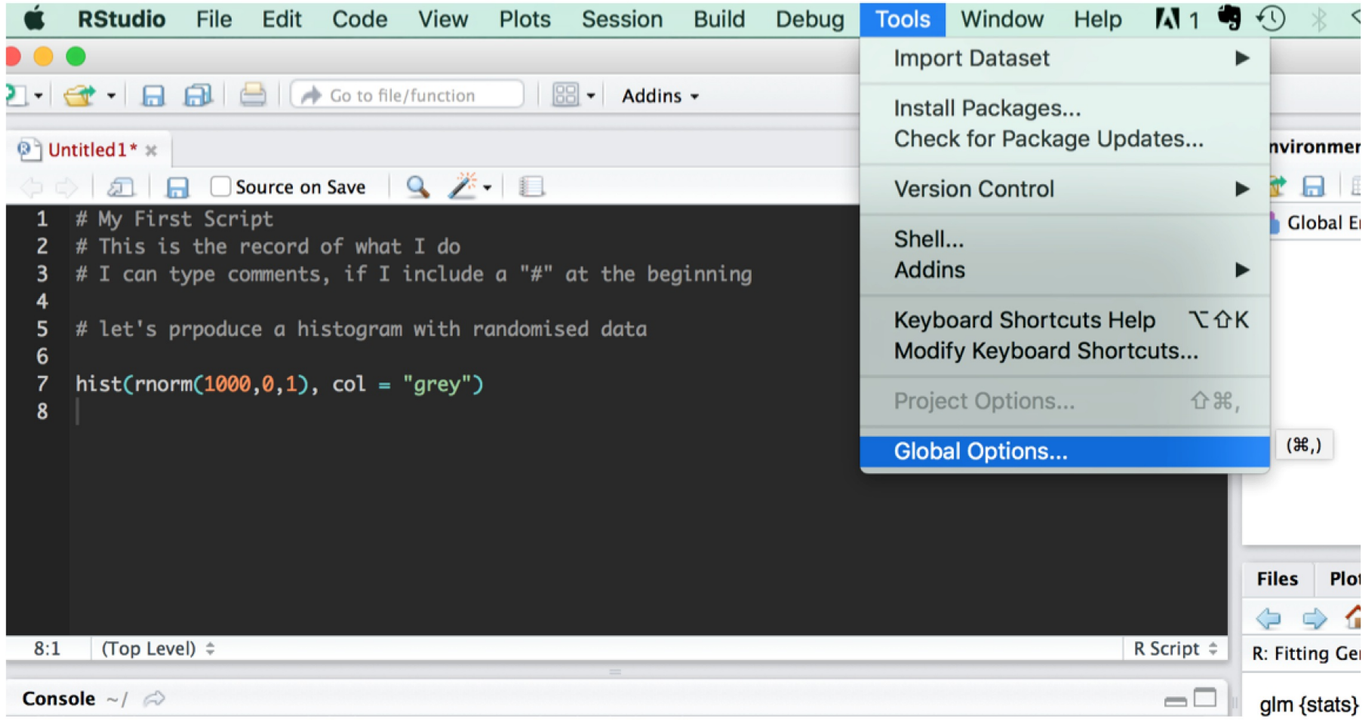

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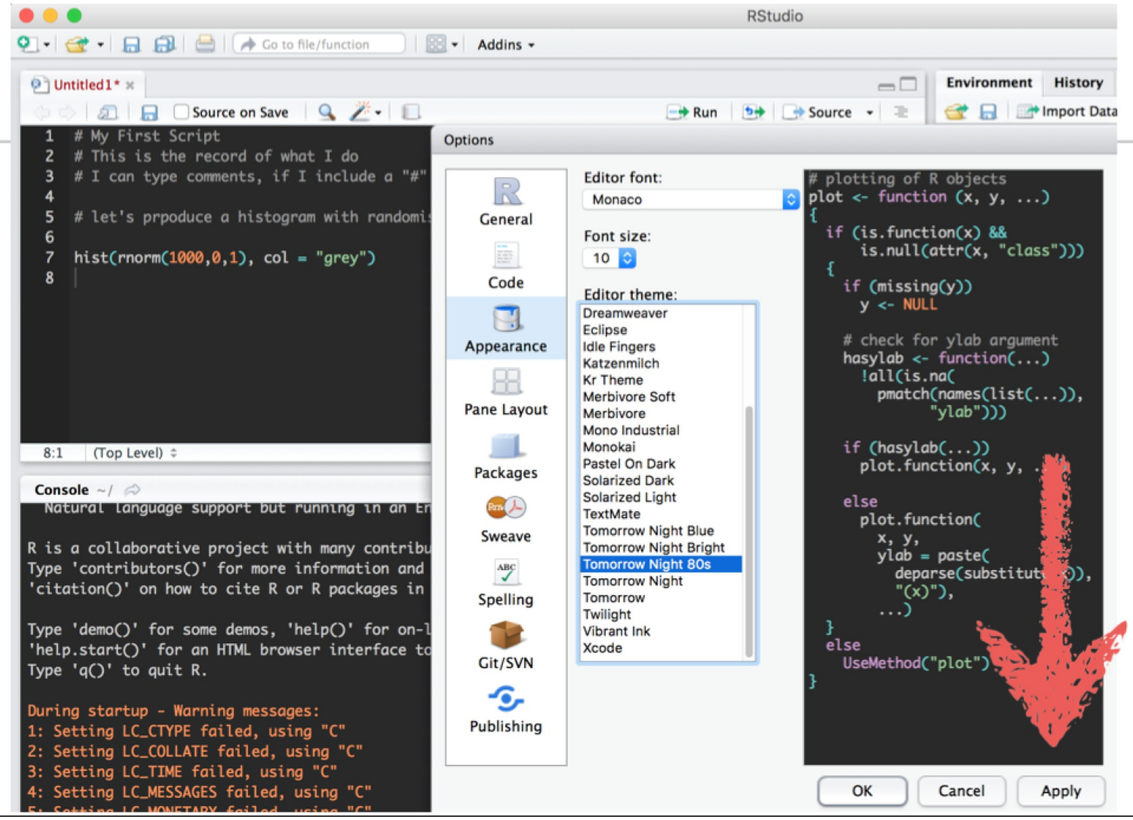

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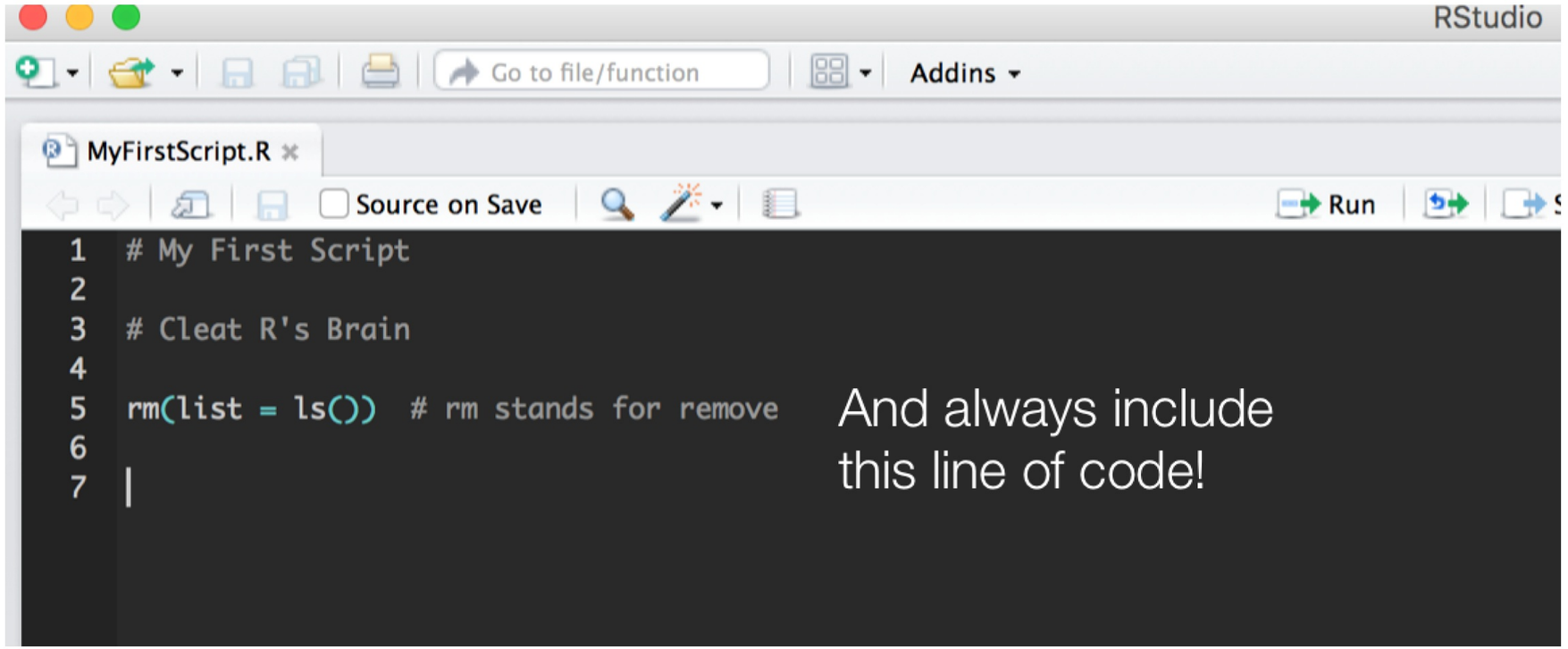
The # key and rm(list = ls())



R Scripts

Why using scripts?

- we could do everything in the console, so why bother using a script?
- record of what you did and why (includes comments after #)
- allows you to quickly repeat the analysis and make changes
- the code in the console will not be saved, but you can save the script

R Scripts

Workflow

- type code into the Script
- add notes after # to remember what you are doing
- run the code (select it and then Ctrl + R or cmd + enter)
- if it’s not working, edit the Script and run it again
- save the final Script including comments
- the script can be reused at any time

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- save your script file
- make sure you remember where and the name
- close RStudio (do not save the workspace)
- find and open your Script
- remember keyboard shortcuts:
- ctrl + A / cmd + A
- ctrl + R / cmd + enter