

# 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?

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- 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?

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## 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?

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## Data Analyses

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

The Elements of  
Data Analytic Style



Jeff Leek

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## Data Visualisation

Talk:

**Stefanie Posavec on Data Visualization at Awwwards Conference London**

Great resource:

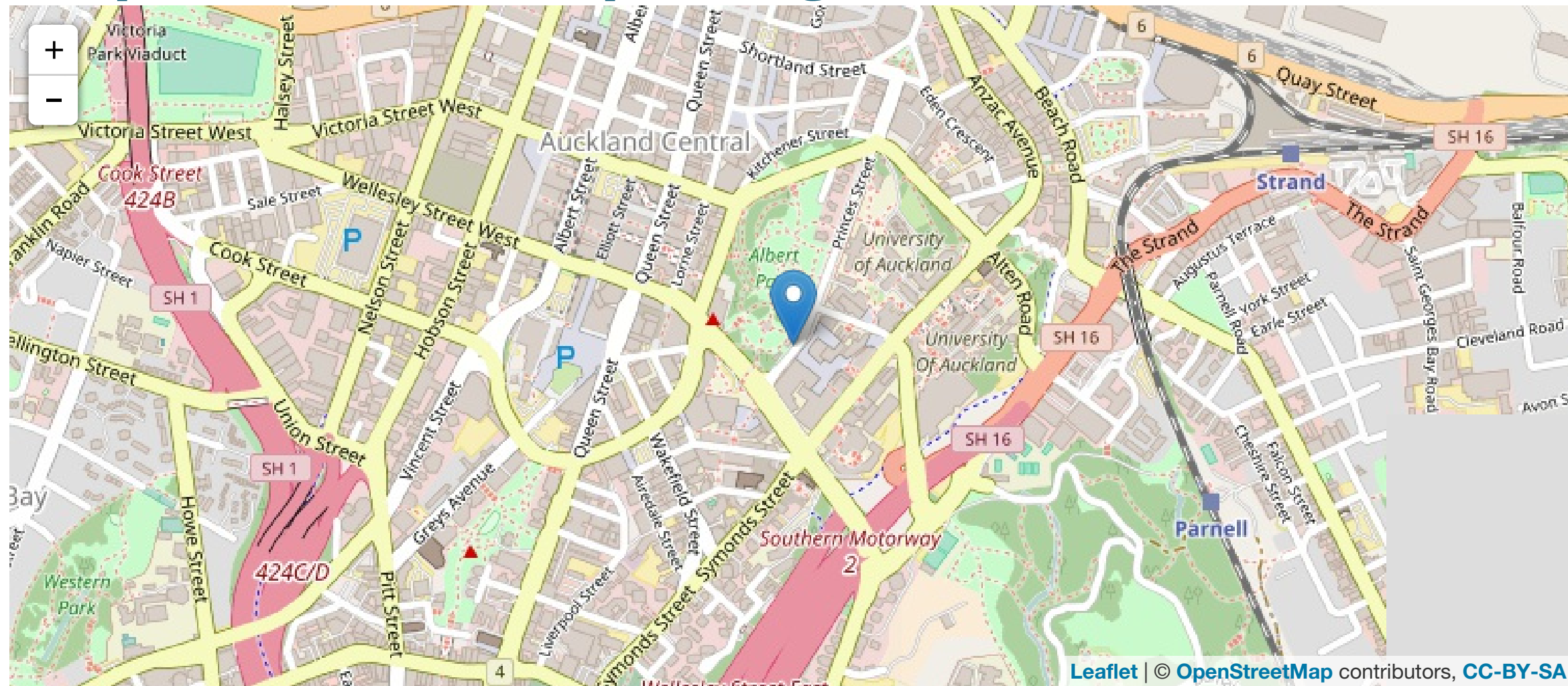
**Data visualisation catalogue**

Another great resource:

**R Graph Gallery**

# Why use R?

## Maps with leaflet package.



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## Interactive plots with plotly package



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**More than 10'000 other packages**

Nice curated list of R packages here:

**Awesome R**

# Why use R?

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## 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
  - ...

# R Markdown

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## Install R Markdown

- type `install.packages("rmarkdown")` into the Console and hit ↵

# R Markdown

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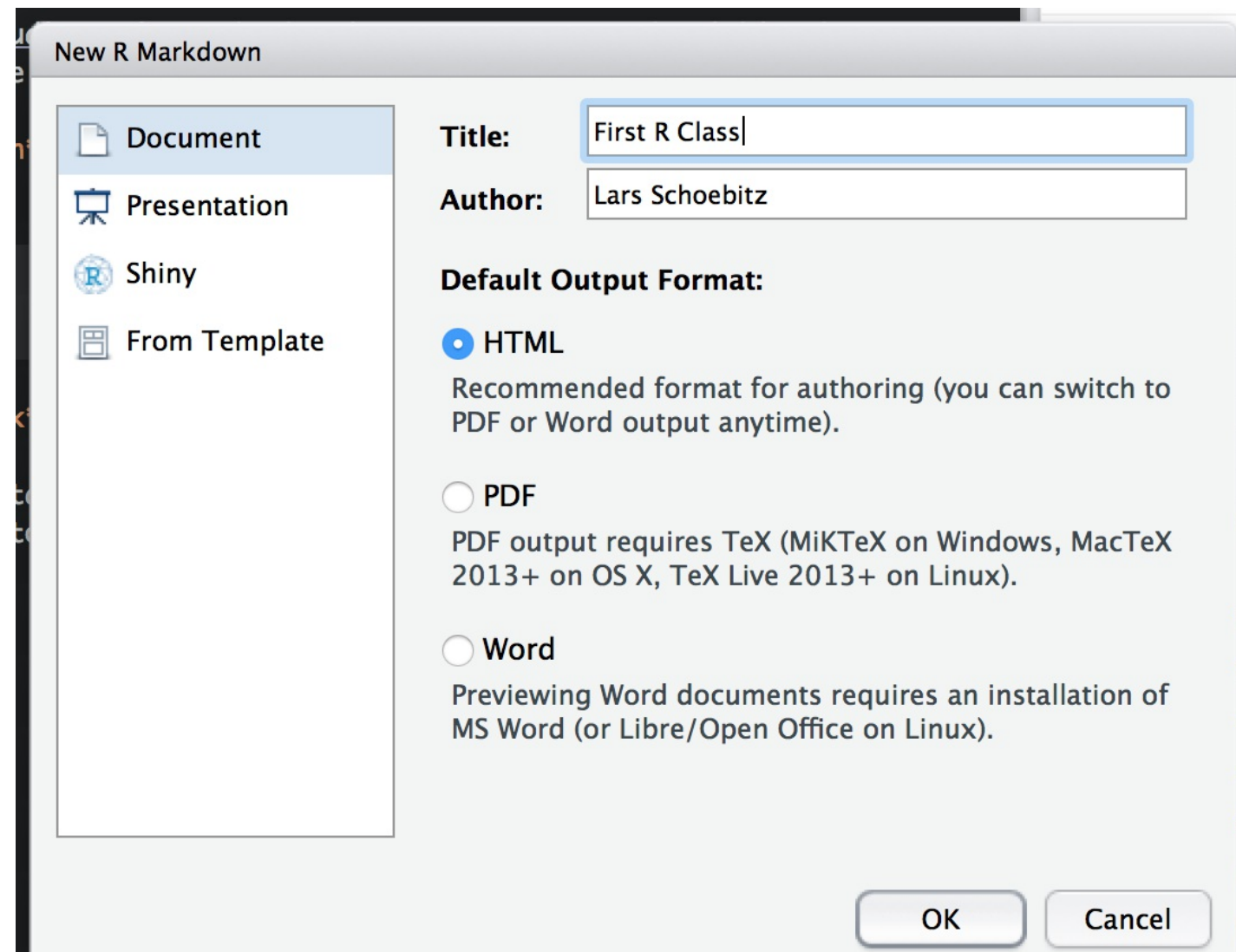
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# RMarkdown

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## Live Tutorial

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# Why use R?

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- open access
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- open government
- open university
- open learning
- open education
- open source
- open everywhere

# Open Data

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## Everywhere

- European Data Portal
- Open Data Zurich
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- World Bank Microdata Library
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- Stats South Africa
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- Open Knowledge International
- Gapminder

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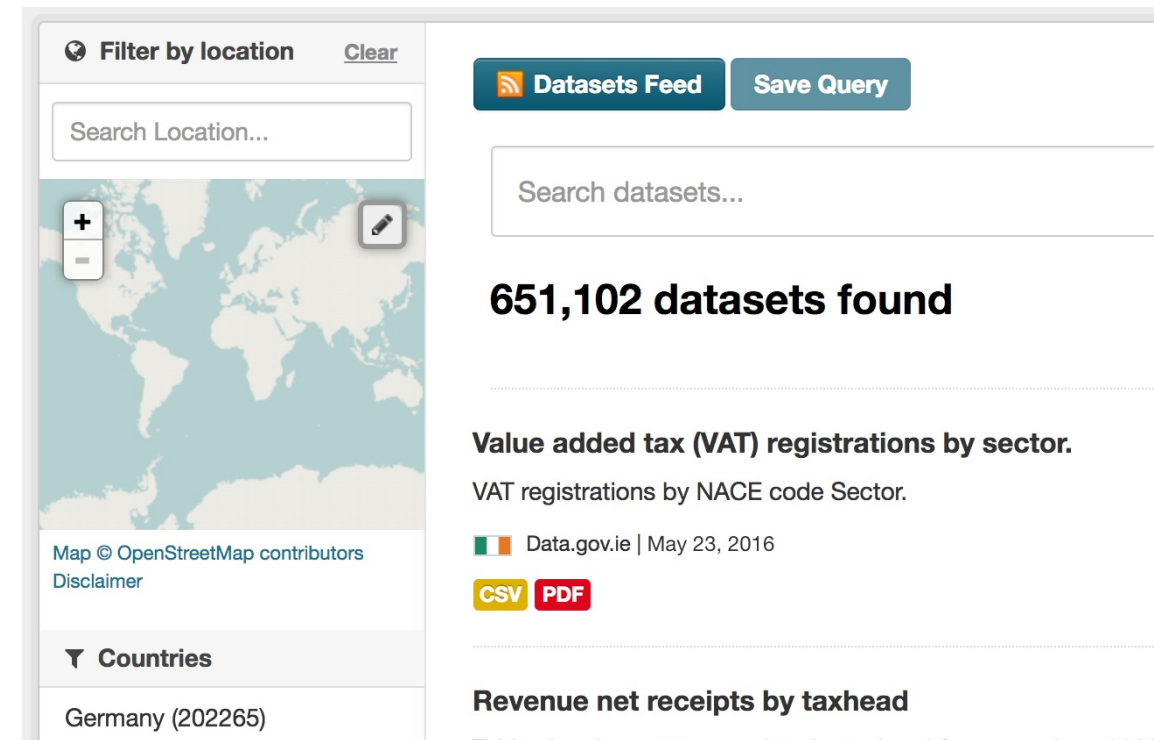
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The screenshot displays the Data.gov.ie website interface. On the left, there is a sidebar with a 'Filter by location' section containing a 'Search Location...' input field and a world map. Below the map, it says 'Map © OpenStreetMap contributors' and 'Disclaimer'. A 'Countries' dropdown menu is visible, showing 'Germany (202265)'. The main content area has a 'Datasets Feed' button and a 'Save Query' button. Below these is a 'Search datasets...' input field. The search results show '651,102 datasets found'. The first result is 'Value added tax (VAT) registrations by sector', with a subtitle 'VAT registrations by NACE code Sector'. It includes the Data.gov.ie logo, the date 'May 23, 2016', and download options for 'CSV' and 'PDF'. Below this, there is a section for 'Revenue net receipts by taxhead'.

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But, what to do with all of this?

# Data

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## Fuel Economy Data

- type `?mpg` into the Console

# Data

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- type ?mpg into the Console

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(15) 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(15) f
## 6 audi a4 2.8 1999 6 manual(m5) f
## # ... with 1 more variables: class <chr>
```

# Data

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## Gapminder

- type `?gapminder` into the Console

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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 ...
```

# Data

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## Diamonds

- type ?diamonds into the Console

# Data

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- what is the dataset about?

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diamonds

```
## # 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
```

# R and RStudio

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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

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## 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: ...

```
> library(swirl)

| Hi! I see that you have some variables saved in your workspace. To keep things running smoothly, I recommend you clean up before starting
| swirl.

| Type ls() to see a list of the variables in your workspace. Then, type rm(list=ls()) to clear your workspace.

| Type swirl() when you are ready to begin.

> swirl()

| Welcome to swirl! Please sign in. If you've been here before, use the same name as you did then. If you are new, call yourself something
| unique.

What shall I call you? Lars

| Thanks, Lars. Let's cover a couple of quick housekeeping items before we begin our first lesson. First of all, you should know that when
| you see '...', that means you should press Enter when you are done reading and ready to continue.

... <-- That's your cue to press Enter to continue
```

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## First steps with R Codeschool

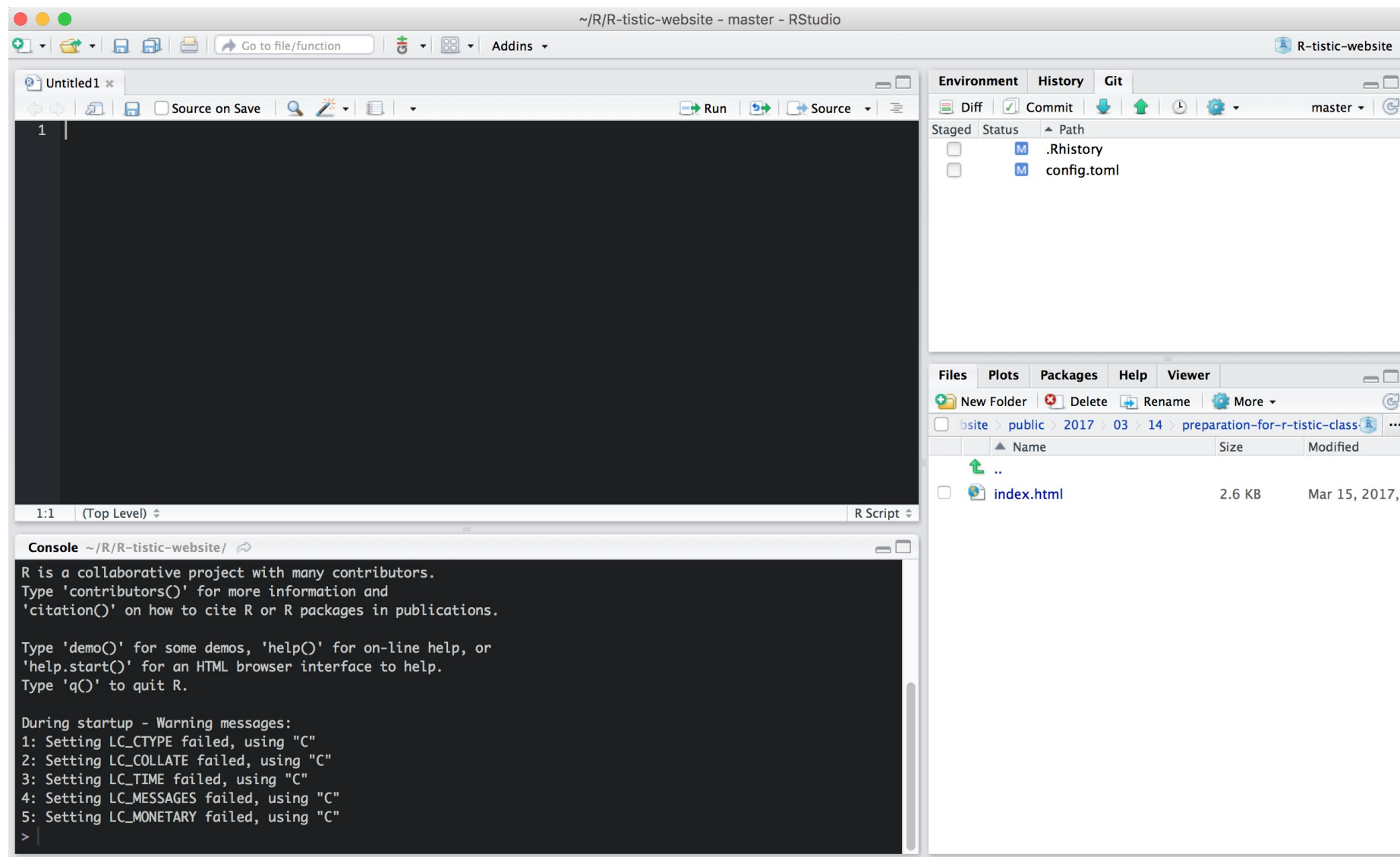
Great way to learn R:

<http://tryr.codeschool.com>

# RStudio

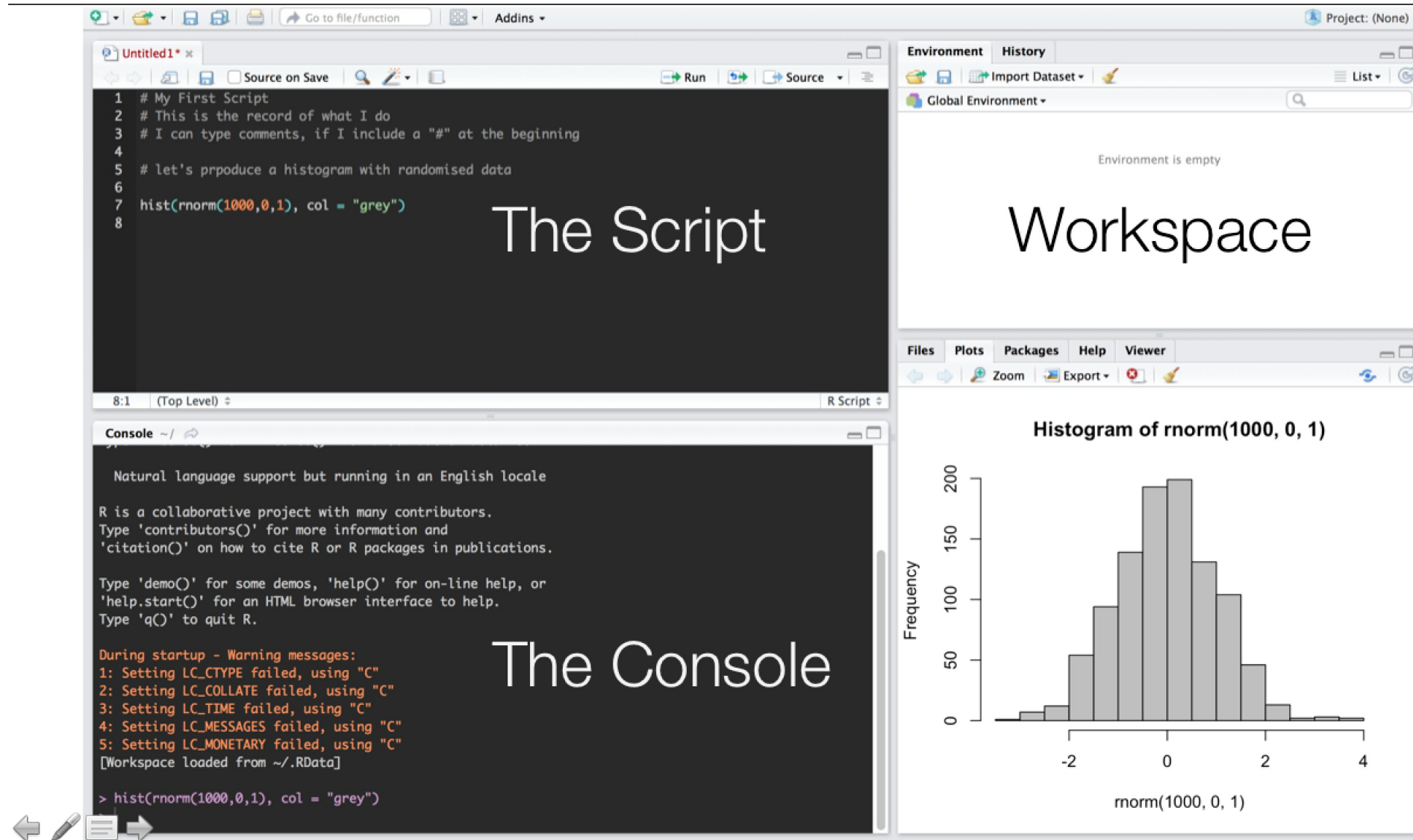
## Start your first script

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



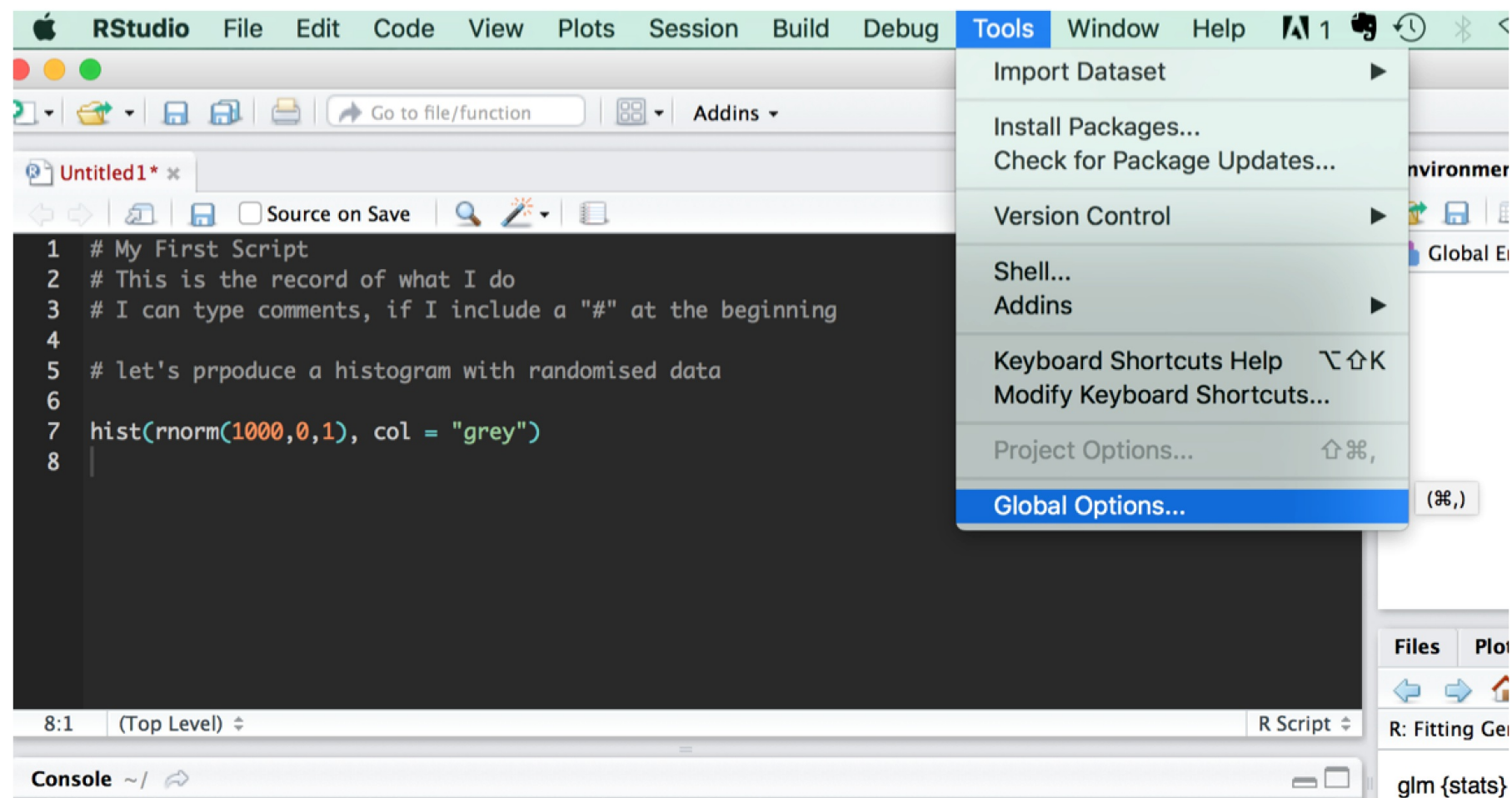
# RStudio

## Overview



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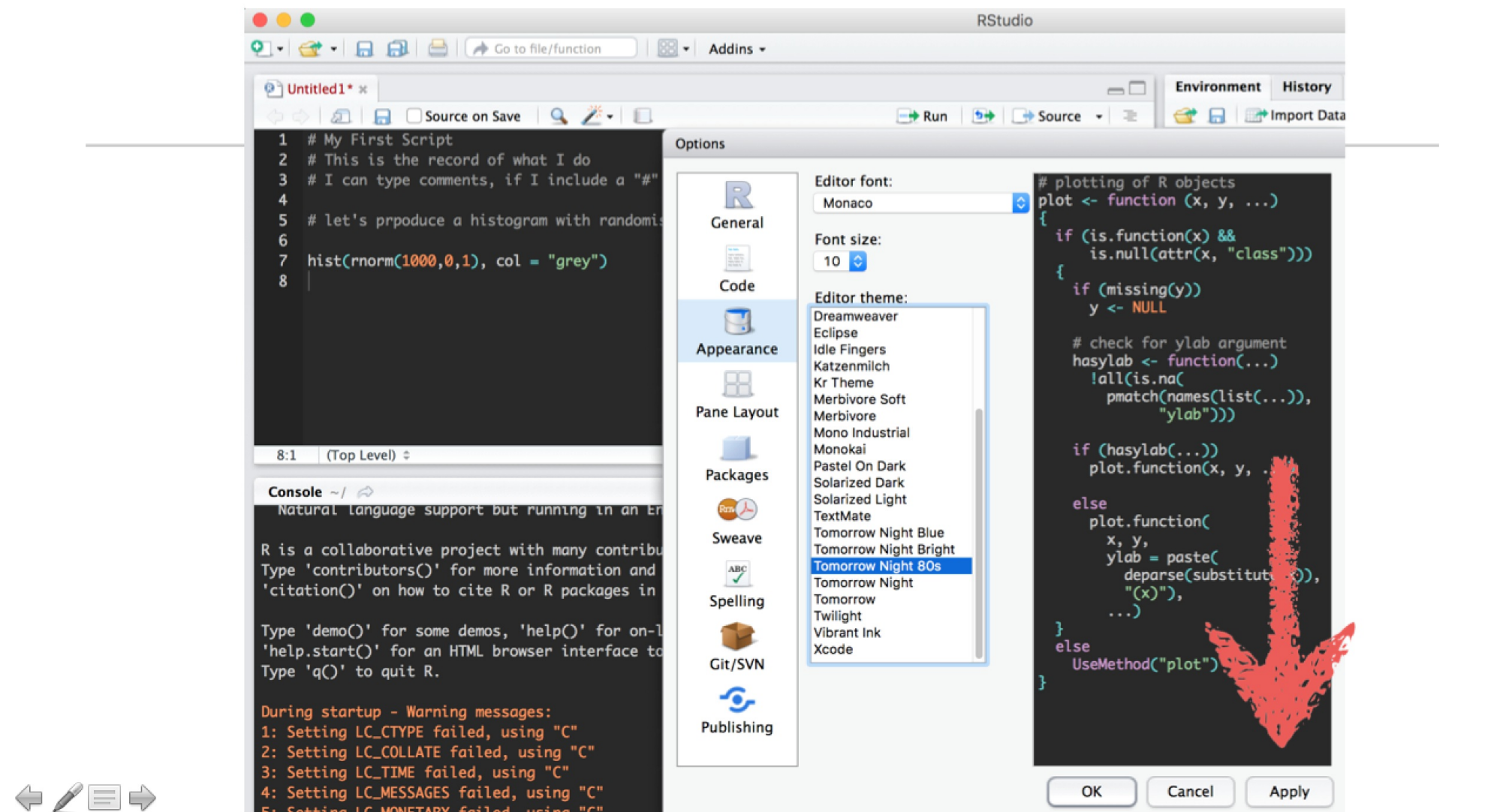
## Themes





# RStudio

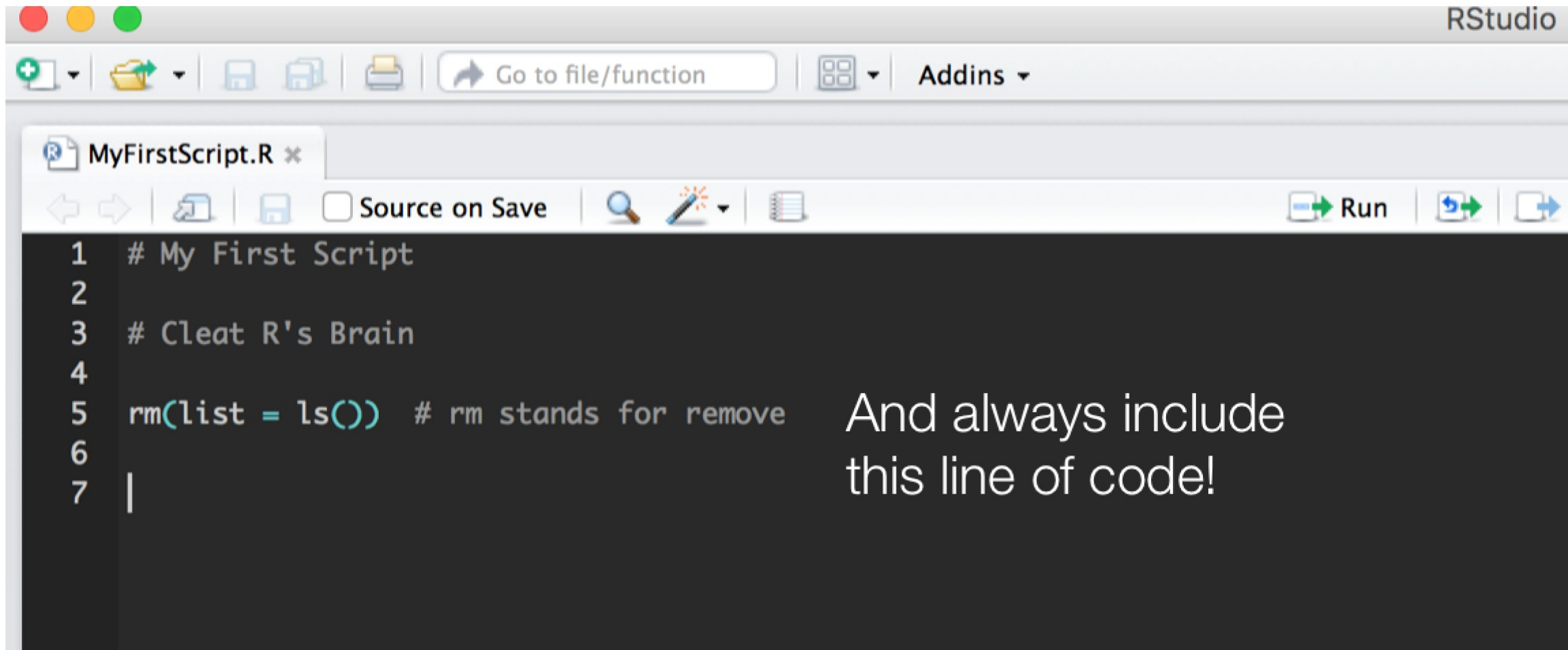
## Themes





# RStudio

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



The screenshot shows the RStudio interface. The top toolbar includes icons for file operations and a search bar. The script editor window, titled 'MyFirstScript.R', contains the following R code:

```
1 # My First Script
2
3 # Cleave R's Brain
4
5 rm(list = ls()) # rm stands for remove
6
7 |
```

Overlaid on the right side of the script editor is the text: "And always include this line of code!"

# R Scripts

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## 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

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## 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

# R Scripts

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## Write your first script

- write the preparation code into a script

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keep in mind:

- make comments
- load necessary libraries

# R Scripts

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## Write your first script

- write the preparation code into a script

keep in mind:

- make comments
- load necessary libraries
- 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