

Learn to teach,  
for goodness sake.

*How RStudio certification is  
changing my teaching methods.*

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What does  
RStudio certification  
*mean?*

An analogy: learning R and teaching others R is a bit like training for and running a marathon



I can DO this!  
(first 100 yards)



OMG, why is  
it SO HARD??  
(miles 8 - 26)

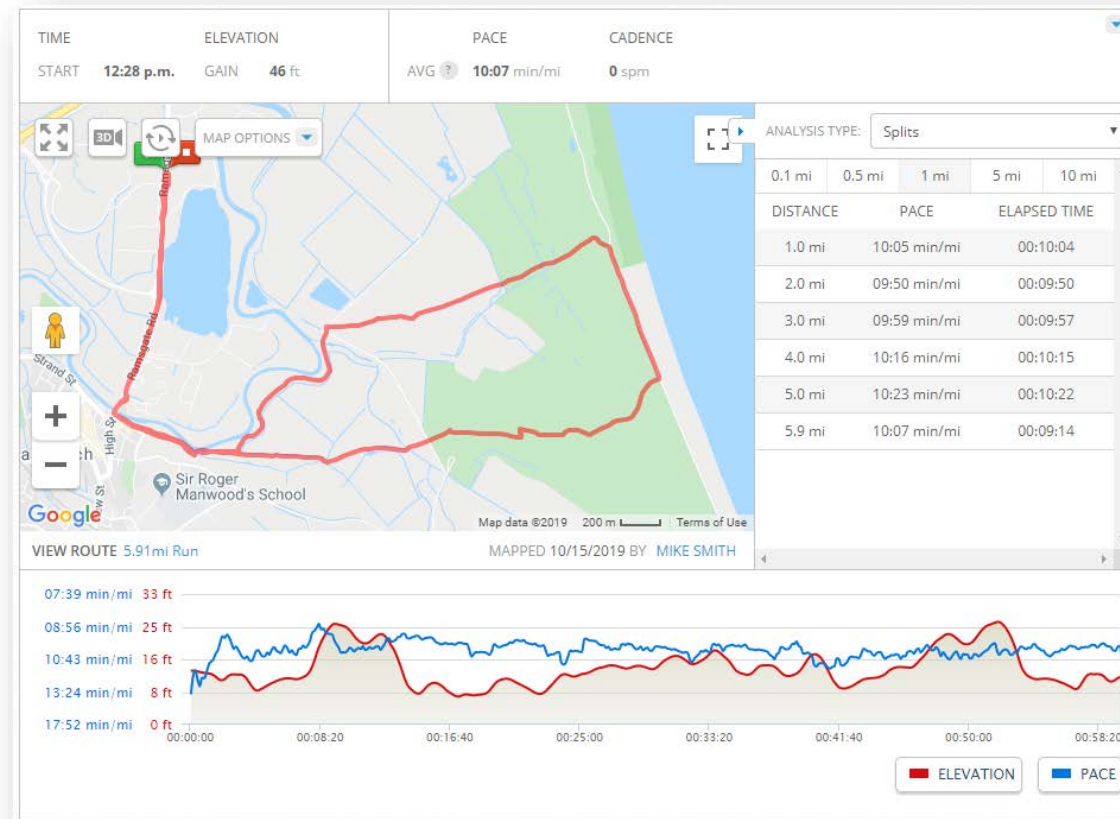


I DID IT!!  
(last 100 yards)

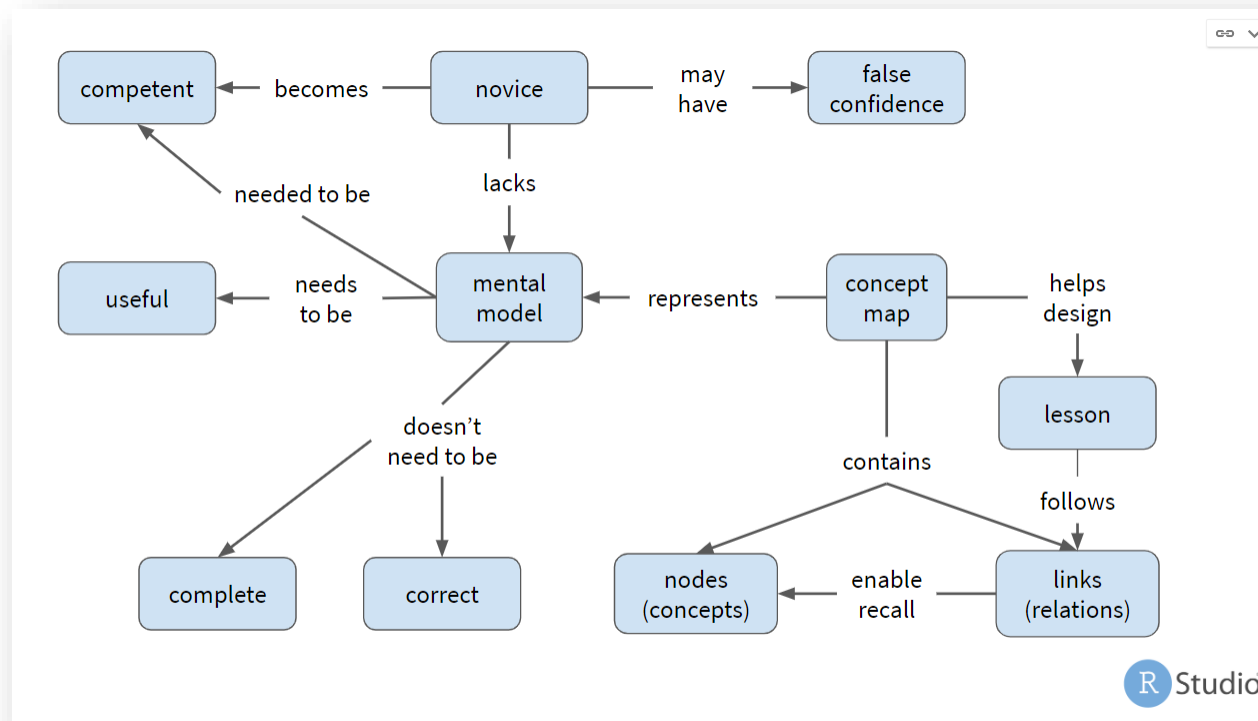
There's more to teaching R than  
“simply” telling others how *YOU*  
do R...

Certification training has changed  
how I approach training others...

# Plan your route: how far you are going, how long it will take.



# Plan your training: how many topics are you covering, how concepts relate to each other.



# Structure training to build on earlier training sessions...

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<b>Week 5</b>	20-min run	Rest	<b>50 mins</b> jogging	Rest	Rest	Timed run over a 2M course	90-min ramble, or run in a 10K road race



Allow learners time to assimilate what you've taught and prepare for the next topic ...

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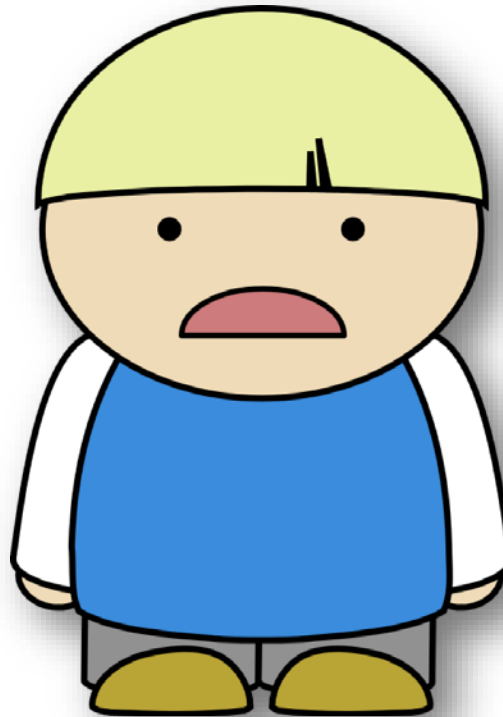
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Each training session should help individuals attending towards achieving *their* goal.



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Exton Excel



Nang Newbie

<https://github.com/rstudio-education/learner-personas>

The first time you run a  
mile is a BIG deal.

It's easy to forget what it  
feels like to be a complete  
novice at R.

But by the time you can  
run for 6 miles, 3 miles is  
an “easy session”.

Things that seem "trivial"  
to some are likely to seem  
"impossible" to others.

# The journey - IDEAL



I can DO this!

Achieve THEIR goals

As quickly as possible



I DID IT!!



# Find out more

- Find a certified trainer near you:
  - <https://education.rstudio.com/trainers#people>
- Become a certified trainer:
  - <https://education.rstudio.com/trainers#info>
  - Instructor training in February 2020. Contact Greg Wilson or Carl Howe at RStudio.
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