



R

Welcome to R

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# Today

## Your profile

- Interest in learning R (or other ways to use it).

## Goals of today

- Identify the parts of RStudio
- Be able to load and download data
- Feel comfortable using R
- Hopefully we will cover all the topics

## Pauses and questions

- There will be several pauses
- You can stop me to ask questions or
- Questions can be made at this link too ↗



# References

- R for Data Science  
 R4DS
- Data Carpentries  
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- From Zero to Sher0 by RLadies  
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A teal-colored wooden door is shown from a three-quarter perspective, slightly ajar. A brass door handle and a small metal lock plate are visible on the left side. The background through the doorway is a bright, out-of-focus landscape of green and yellow. The overall composition suggests a transition or a moment of entry.

Lets begging!

# 1. Install R

## First time installing R

To install R and Rstudio you can visit the page [posit](#) ↗



DOWNLOAD

## RStudio Desktop

Used by millions of people weekly, the RStudio integrated development environment (IDE) is a set of tools built to help you be more productive with R and Python.

### 1: Install R

RStudio requires R 3.3.0+. Choose a version of R that matches your computer's operating system.

[DOWNLOAD AND INSTALL R](#)

### 2: Install RStudio

[DOWNLOAD RSTUDIO DESKTOP FOR WINDOWS](#)

Size: 208.08 MB | [SHA-256: 885432DB](#) | Version: 2023.03.0+386 |  
Released: 2023-03-16

# First time installing R

Once you click download and install R, you will find several links.

If you are the first time installing you likely need to choose the first link.

The screenshot shows the CRAN homepage with the title "The Comprehensive R Archive Network". On the left, there's a large blue "R" logo and a sidebar with various links like "CRAN", "Manuals", "What's new?", "Search", and "CRAN Team". The main content area has a heading "Download and Install R" and a sub-section "Precompiled binary distributions of the base system and contributed packages. Windows and Mac users most likely want one of these versions of R:". It lists three options: "Download R for Linux (Debian, Fedora Redhat, Ubuntu)", "Download R for macOS", and "Download R for Windows". Below this, there's a note about Linux package management systems and source code availability. Further down, there's a section titled "About R" with links to "R Homepage", "The R Journal", "Software", "R-Sources", "R-Binaries", "Packages", "Data-Veans", "Other", "Documentation", "Manuals", "FAQs", and "Contributed". At the bottom, there's a "Questions About R" section with a link to "Answers to frequently asked questions". The footer contains information about R being a GNU S language, CRAN mirrors, and submission guidelines, noting a summer break from July 21 to August 7, 2023.

# Update R

If you already have R and R-Studio

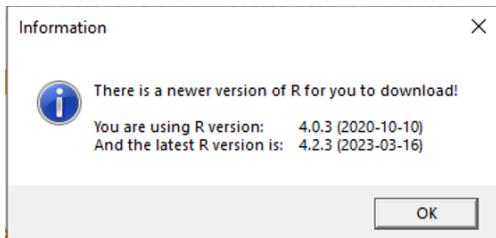
Check which version of R you are using:

```
sessionInfo()
```

To see if you need to update you can use:

```
install.packages("installr")
library(installr)
updateR()
```

Do you need an update?



# Update R

If you opt to update R, one way to do it is going to the installation page ↗

You will likely select >4.3 (in 2023)



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## The R Project for Statistical Computing

### Getting Started

R is a free software environment for statistical computing and graphics. It compiles and runs on a wide variety of UNIX platforms, Windows and MacOS. To [download R](#), please choose your preferred [CRAN mirror](#).

If you have questions about R like how to download and install the software, or what the license terms are, please read our [answers to frequently asked questions](#) before you send an email.

### News

- [R version 4.3.0 \(Already Tomorrow\) prerelease versions](#) will appear starting Tuesday 2023-03-21. Final release is scheduled for Friday 2023-04-21.
- [R version 4.2.3 \(Shortstop Beagle\)](#) has been released on 2023-03-15.
- [R version 4.1.3 \(One Push-Up\)](#) was released on 2022-03-10.
- Thanks to the organisers of useR! 2020 for a successful online conference. Recorded tutorials and talks from the conference are available on the [R Consortium YouTube channel](#).
- You can support the R Foundation with a renewable subscription as a [supporting member](#)

# Update R

If you decide to update your R, its better to do it in the Rgui and not R-Studio

Open Rgui

Pregunta

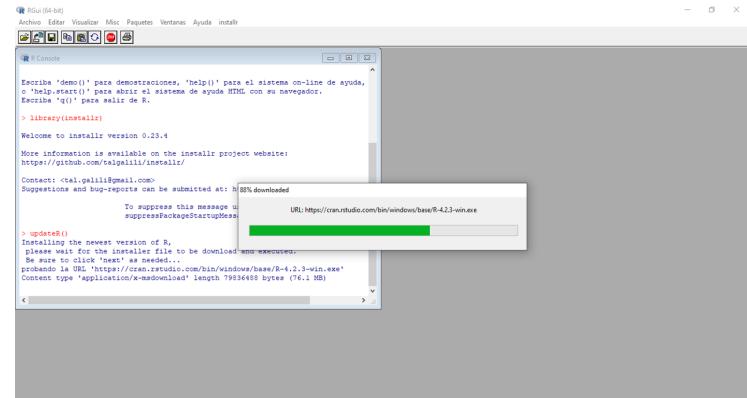


It is best to run 'updateR()' from Rgui and not from RStudio.  
Would you like to abort the installation and run it again from  
Rgui?

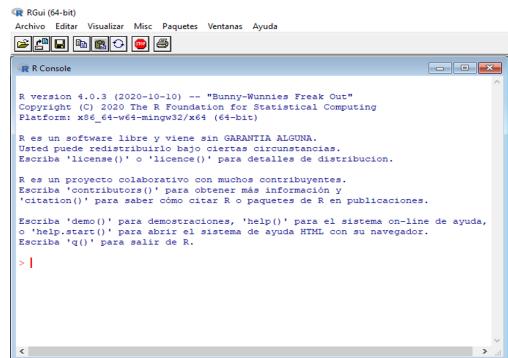
Yes

No

Give it some time

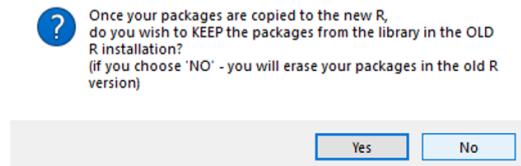


Once in the Rgui, write updateR()



# Update R

Select YES if you already had R packages installed in your previous version, and do not want to install each package one by one again.



By March 2023 4.2.3 was the newest version of R.

```
R version 4.2.3 (2023-03-15 ucrt) -- "shortstop Beagle"
Copyright (c) 2023 The R Foundation for Statistical Computing
Platform: x86_64-w64-mingw32/x64 (64-bit)
```

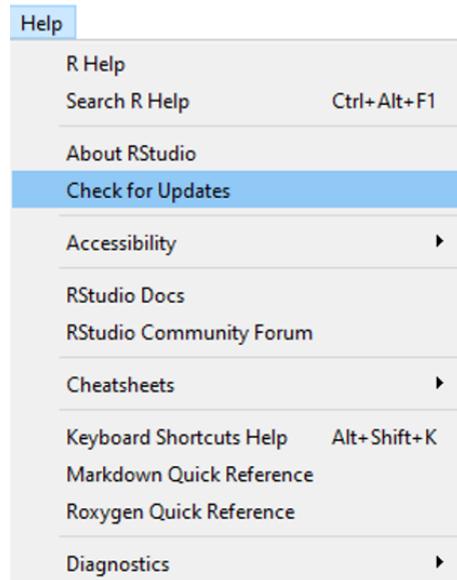
Did you notice the difference?

# Update R-Studio

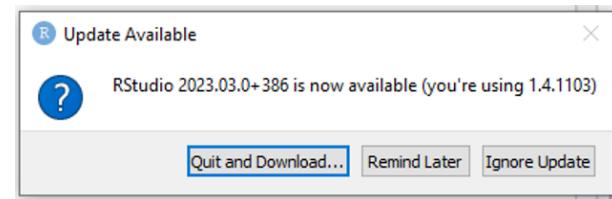
One thing is updating R and another one to update R-Studio

If you already have Rstudio and want to see if you need to update you can go to:

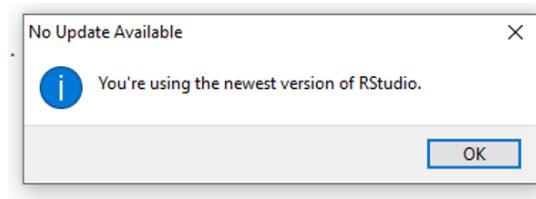
Help>Check for updates

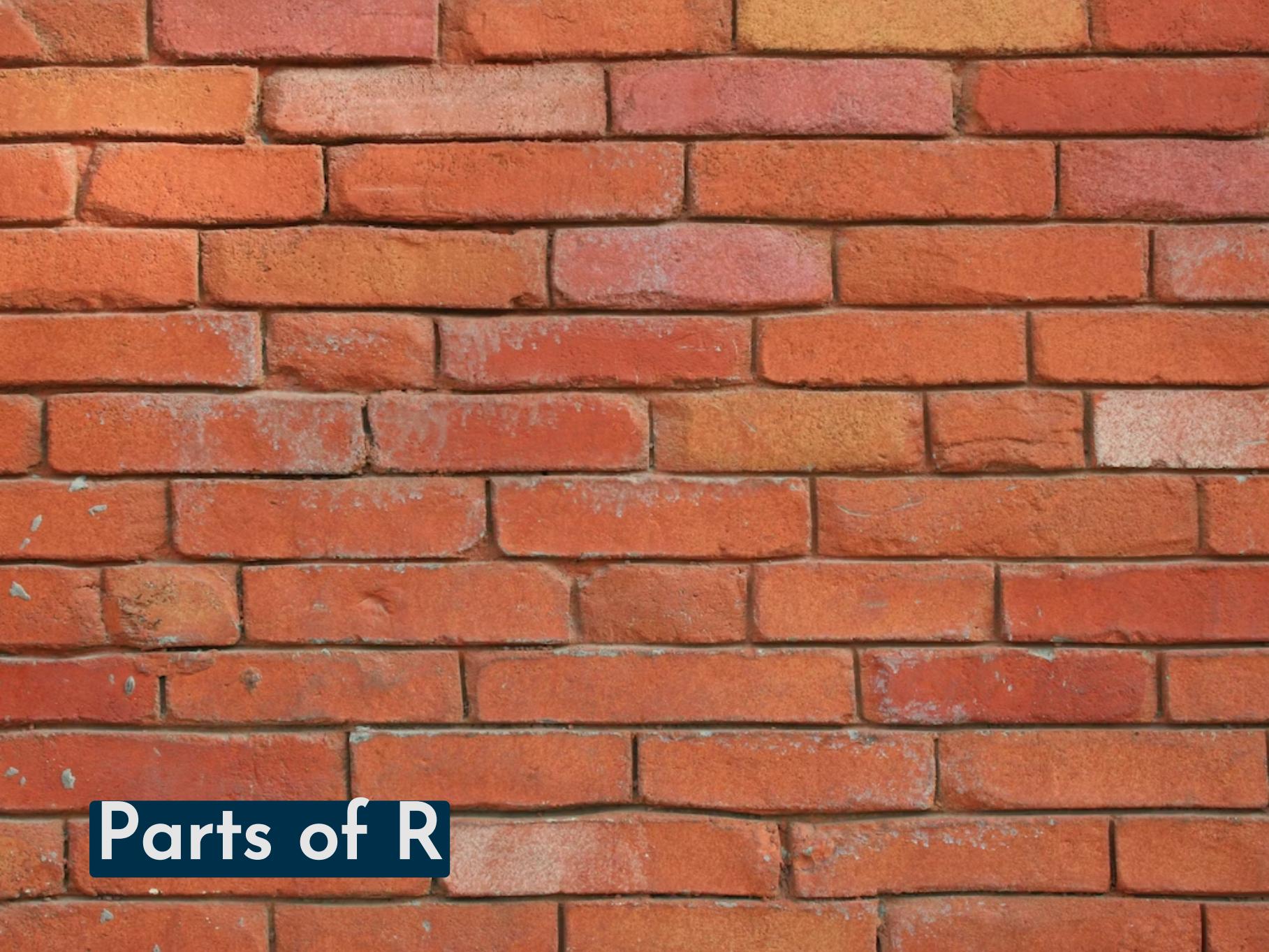


Outdated



Up to date

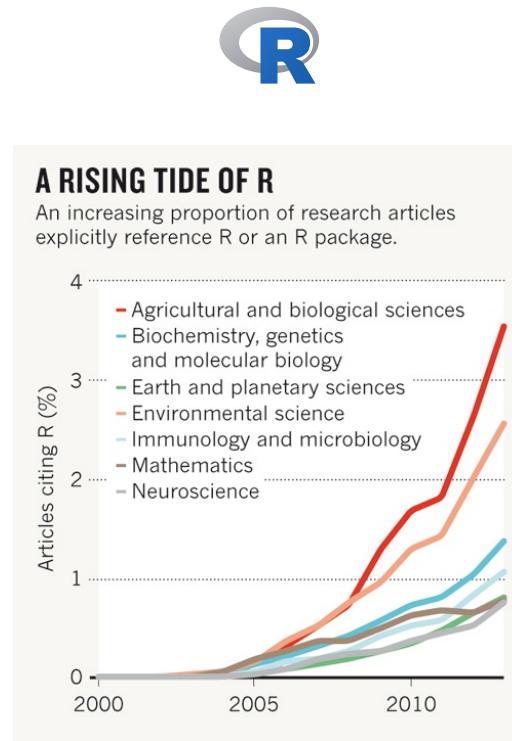


The background of the image is a close-up view of a red brick wall. The bricks are laid in a standard running bond pattern, with each row offset from the one above it. The color of the bricks varies slightly, ranging from a deep terracotta to a lighter orange-red. Some bricks show signs of wear and slight discoloration. The mortar between the bricks is visible as thin, light-colored lines.

**Parts of R**

## 2. What is R?

R is a programming language developed for statistical analyses by the Ross Ihaka and Robert Gentleman (New Zealand) in 1996.



Sylvia Tippmann

# 2.2 Why R?

## Advantages

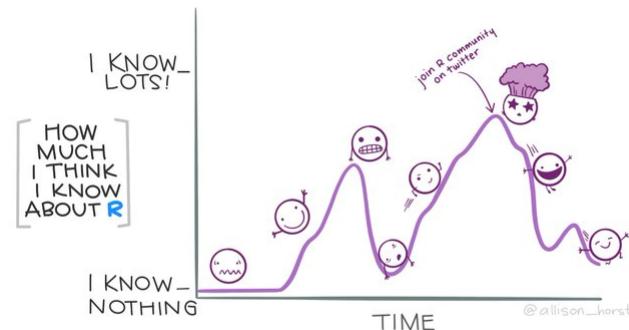
- Its free
- A lot of tools
- Flexible data visualization

## For science, is reproducible

- You can save all the steps you followed, making it verifiable
- Instead of clicking on buttons the instructions can be save in sequence, helping save time and reduce errors

## Disadvantages

- Has a learning curve
- It is like learning a new language



## 2.3. R vs RStudio.

What are the differences between R and RStudio?

R is the programming language.

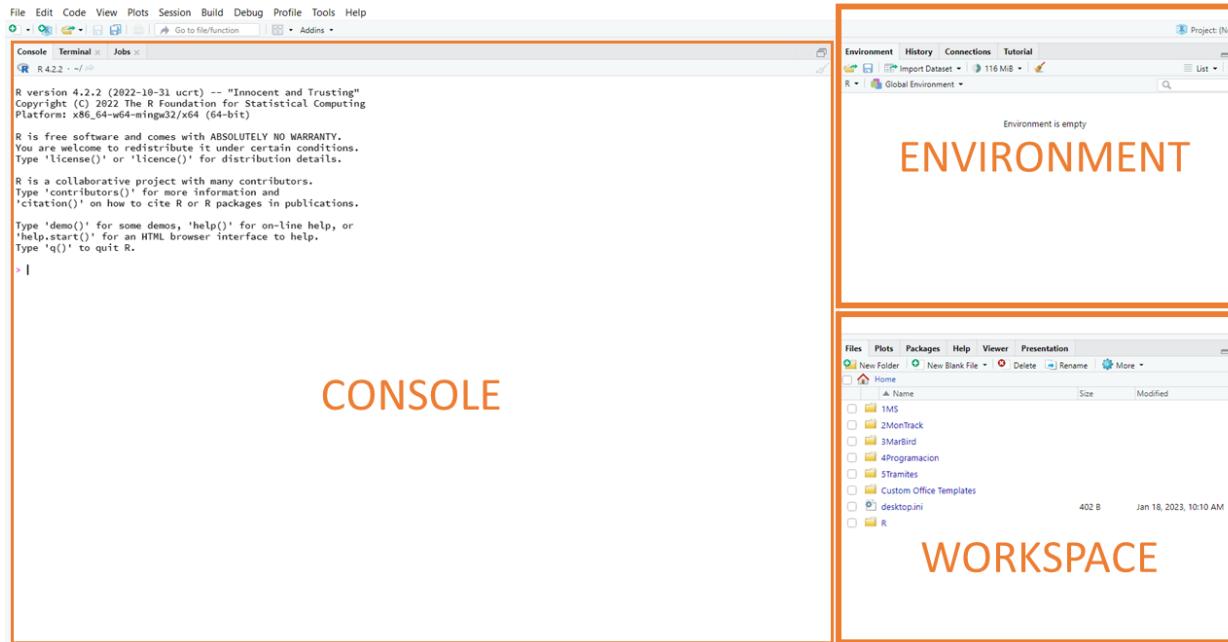
RStudio is an IDE: Integrated Development Environment.

R is the engine and RStudio is the steering wheel



# 2.4 Using R

First time opening RStudio looks like this:

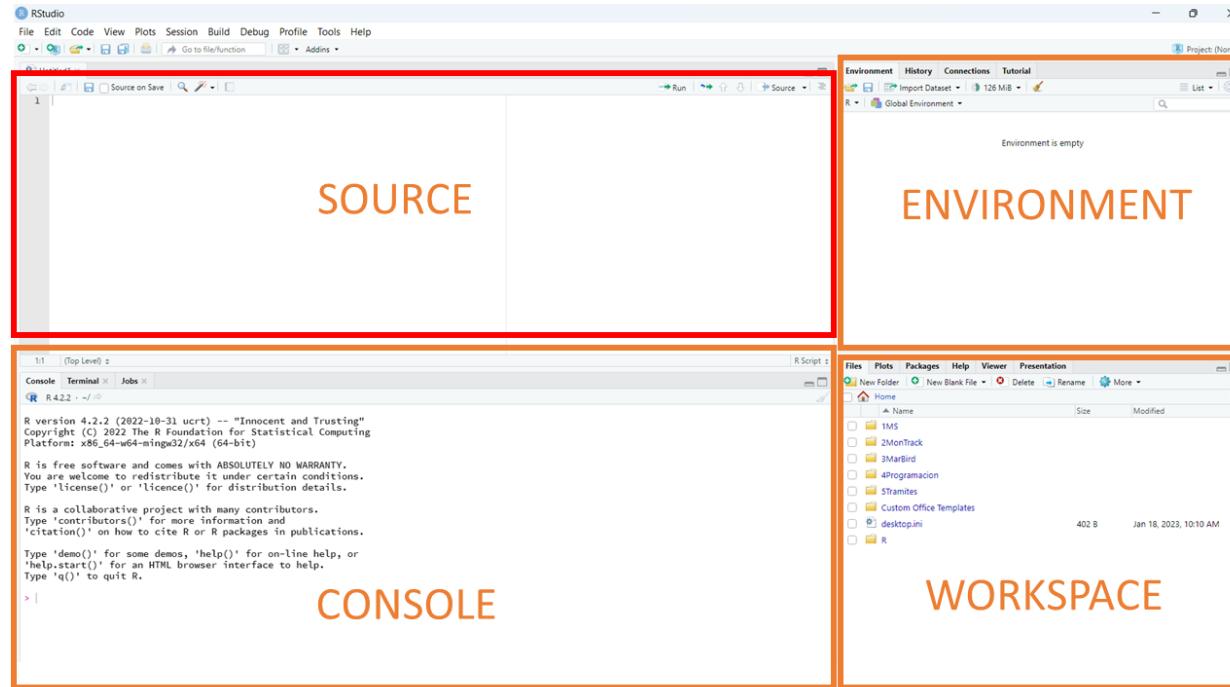


To have a code editor:

Open:  
File > New File > Rscript

# 2.4. Using RStudio.

In the **source** section the code can be edited and saved.



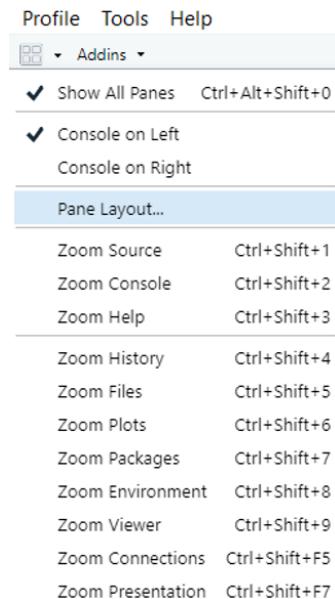
# 2.4. Using RStudio.

To change the order of the panes, you can change the pane layout

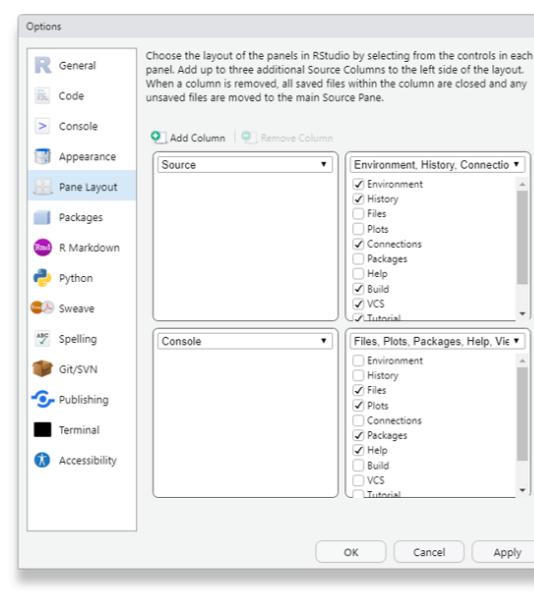
Click on the squares >

Or in Tools> Global Options

select Pane Layout



Select your preferred order



# 2.4 Using RStudio

Testing the console

R is like a calculator

- Write in the console

```
3*4
```

- Write in the editor

```
3*4
```

In the editor: ctrl + enter

- Now write in the editor, dont forget to click ctrl+enter

```
Result<-3*4
```

What happen in the environment?

## 2.5. Data types

Some data types:

- Numeric

```
class(1.4)
```

```
[1] "numeric"
```

- Characters

```
class("Miriam")
```

```
[1] "character"
```

## 2.5. Data types

Why if we use quotes ""?

```
class("1")
```

```
[1] "character"
```

- Logical

```
3 == 4
```

```
## [1] FALSE
```

```
3 < 5
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

There are many others, that would be relevant later on.

Source: Data structures by the Carpentries

# 2.6. Data frame

## Assign symbol

<-

This symbol is frequently used, and it is important that you find it in your keyboard as soon as possible.

- The equal = might behave differently than the assign symbol  
See here: [Assignment operators, R inferno, Why they are not the same](#)



## 2.6. Data frame

Lets use the arrow symbol.

```
Names<-c("Miriam", "Jette", "Kai", "Nele", "Jana", "Kristin", "Karena", "Nico",  
       class(Names))
```

```
## [1] "character"
```

```
Names<-as.data.frame(Names)  
class(Names)
```

```
## [1] "data.frame"
```

Now in the **environment** click twice and look at your data frame.

## 2.6. Data frame

Assign vectors to a column or check a column contents

The symbol \$ is in R

```
$
```

Lets create a new column

```
Names$LastName<-c("G", "A", "T", "D", "L", "S", "H", NA, "M", "L")
```

```
head(Names, 5)
```

	Names	LastName
1	Miriam	G
2	Jette	A
3	Kai	T
4	Nele	D
5	Jana	L

## 2.7. Force classes

Force column type

```
my_number<- '1'
```

```
class(my_number)
```

```
## [1] "character"
```

```
my_number<-as.numeric(my_number)
```

```
class(my_number)
```

```
## [1] "numeric"
```

## 2.7. Force classes

Our favorite class

```
my_timestamp<-'2015-06-12 05:00:00'  
  
class(my_timestamp)  
  
## [1] "character"  
  
my_timestamp <- as.POSIXct(strptime(my_timestamp, "%d/%m/%Y %H:%M:%S"))  
  
class(my_timestamp)  
  
## [1] "POSIXct" "POSIXt"
```

Timestamp should be a "POSIXct" "POSIXt" for R to understand the are date and time

## 2.8. Code editor

To add text in the **editor** we use the symbol **#** (hashtag)

```
#Here you created a data frame with names, but there is NA
```

R will ignore the text that has a # but these are very important for us to make annotations.

It is a **good practice** to write comments. Either for us to share the script, or for you to remember what you were doing.

This is specially important if you get corrections, or if you want to repeat the analyses.

# Errors



## 2.9. Type of errors

Errors are part of life.

R very often is trying to tell us how to solve the error.

- For example:

```
3 = 4
```

Error in 3 = 4 :left-hand side to assignment (do\_set)

Other messages that might be red or orange are:

- Warnings, I will do it, but Im not responsible of what you are doing.
- Messages, hey I just want to let you know this happen.

## 2.9. The most common errors

What's going on here

Remove the # and find the error.

```
#c("Miriam", "Bety", "Angel", "Denise" "Pamela")
```

- Missing a comma

```
#c("Alvaro", "Gabriela", "Juan", , "Lisset")
```

- Too many commas

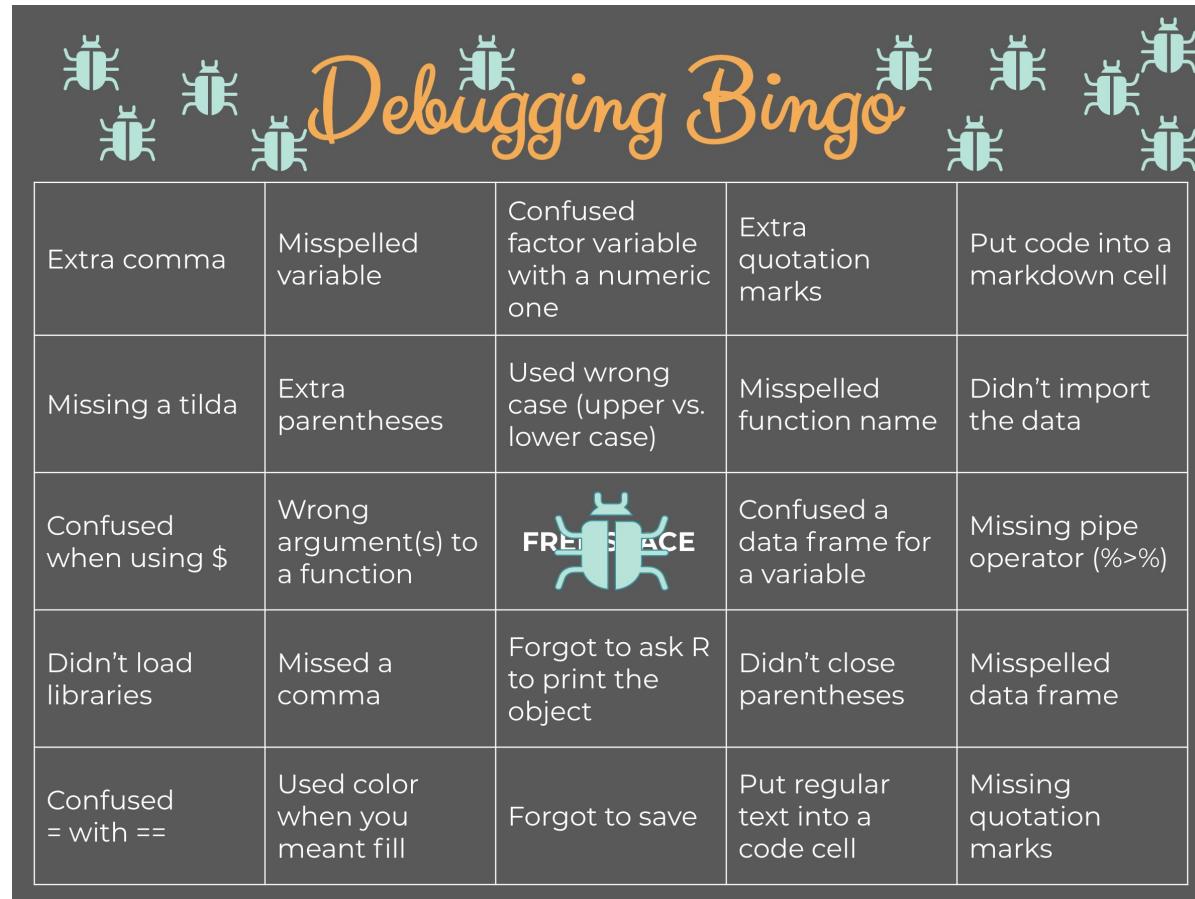
```
#c("Majo", "Irma", "Paulina"
```

- Missing a parenthesis

```
#c("Majo", "Irma, "Paulina")
```

- Missing a quote (")

# 2.9. Debugging bingo



The image shows a 5x5 bingo card with a dark grey background. The title "Debugging Bingo" is written in a large, orange, cursive font in the center. Around the title are ten small, light blue cartoon bugs. The bingo grid has five columns and five rows. Each cell contains a bug icon and a text description of a common coding mistake.

Extra comma	Misspelled variable	Confused factor variable with a numeric one	Extra quotation marks	Put code into a markdown cell
Missing a tilda	Extra parentheses	Used wrong case (upper vs. lower case)	Misspelled function name	Didn't import the data
Confused when using \$	Wrong argument(s) to a function	 FREE SPACE	Confused a data frame for a variable	Missing pipe operator (%>%)
Didn't load libraries	Missed a comma	Forgot to ask R to print the object	Didn't close parentheses	Misspelled data frame
Confused = with ==	Used color when you meant fill	Forgot to save	Put regular text into a code cell	Missing quotation marks

Source: Dr. Ji Son

## 2.10. Name consistency

Many errors are going to be marked by a red x in the **code editor**.

But many will not.

What is wrong with these?

```
#name
```

- If our goal is to use of data frame from the environment it needs to be written exactly the same **Names**.

To reduce this source of error, is important to be consistent on how we name the objects.

Some considerations are:

- R will not take objects that start with a number (Eg."1Names").
- But the number can be at the end of the name (Eg."Names1").
- Try to be consistent E.g. ("my\_names").  
E.g. ("my.names").

# Pause

- Open RStudio 🖊
- Write something in the console
- Create a data frame with characters and numbers

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# Packages



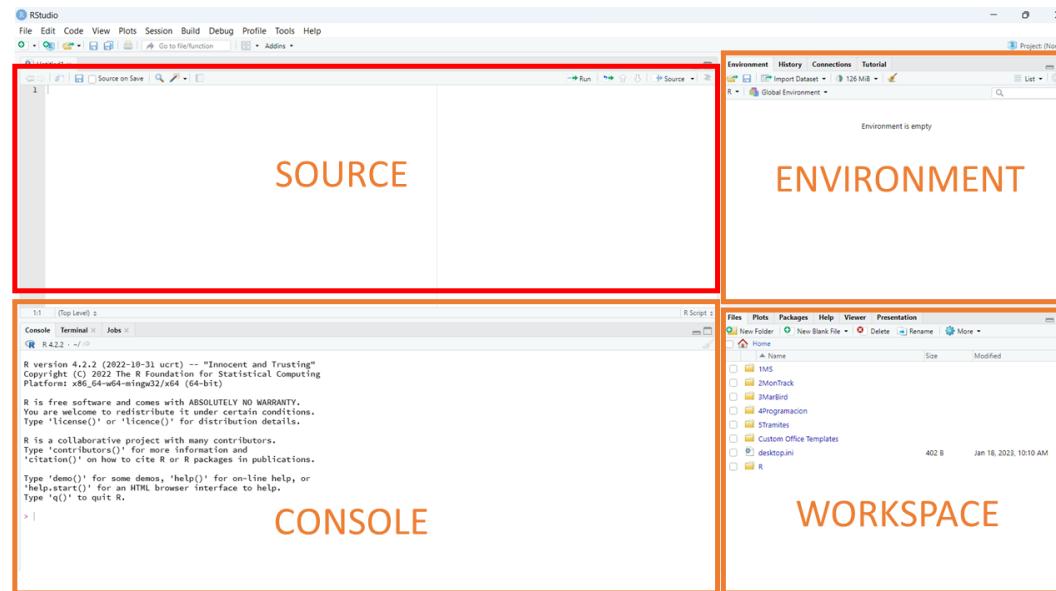
# 3.1. Packages

- Packages are a collection of functions
- Packages are installed one time, but need to be loaded every time you need them.

An analogy is that `install.packages()` is downloading an app, and `library()` is like opening the app every time you want to use it.

To install packages using the `workspace`

Go to `Packages>Install` and write the name of the package



# 3.1. Packages

- To install in the **console** write: `install.packages("")`.  
To load a package: `library("")`.

Some packages that we will use:

```
install.packages("cowsay")
install.packages("here")
install.packages("tidyverse")
```

ⓘ Tidyverse is a compilation of packages, this one might take some time.

Note: It probably will give us a warning, remember that a warning might be just information. In this case is telling us what the package contains.

## 3.1. Packages

```
say(what = "Now you can download packages!", by = "cat")
```

nothing happened? We should load the library first.

## 3.1. Packages

```
library("cowsay")
say(what = "Now you can download packages!", by = "cat")
```

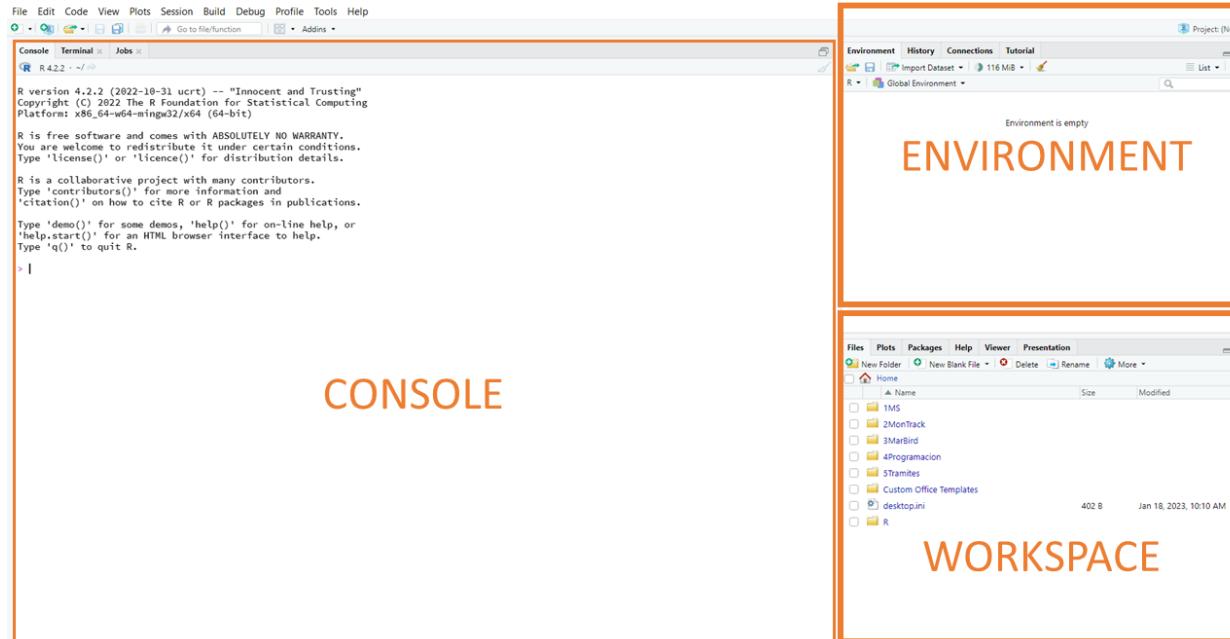
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Now you can download packages!  
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# 3.2. Directories

Where are my files?.

By hand: Click on the **workspace** > Files > More > Set As Working directory



This is practical, but needs to be done every time that we enter R and therefore be time consuming.

## 3.2. Directories

Where I am working?

```
getwd()
```

```
setwd("paste your directory name here")
```

Note, that you will need to copy and paste the directory.

If you share your script or are working in another computer, everyone will have different directories.

## 3.2. Directories

Where I am?

```
install.packages('here')
```

```
library(here)
```

```
here()
```

Advantages:

- **here** allows to use the folder where we saved the script
- You can share your script and your collaborators dont need to copy and paste their directory
- If the folder name is changed or the folder is change from place it would still work

# Pause

- Open RStudio 
- Install and load packages
- Check your directory

Make comments or suggestions [here](#) 

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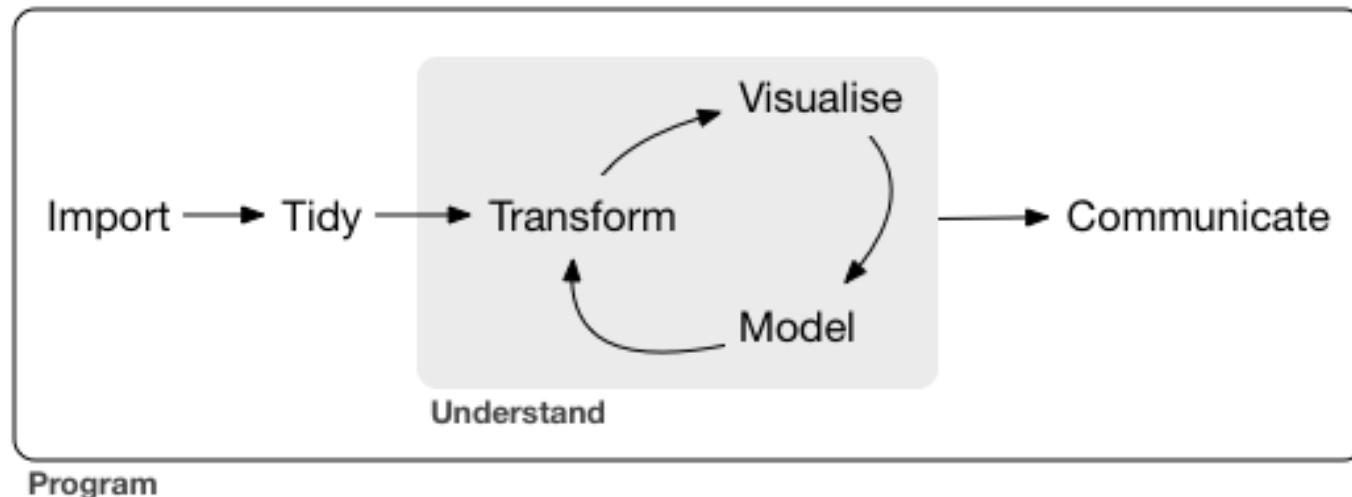
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# Read files

# 4.1. Read files

A typical R project looks like this:



Source: [R4DS](#)

# 4.1. Read files

To load data, we will use functions from the package tidyverse and the files:

- penguins1.csv
- penguins2.csv
- penguins3.txt
- penguins4.xlsx

[Download here](#)

Do you already have it installed?

```
library("tidyverse")
```

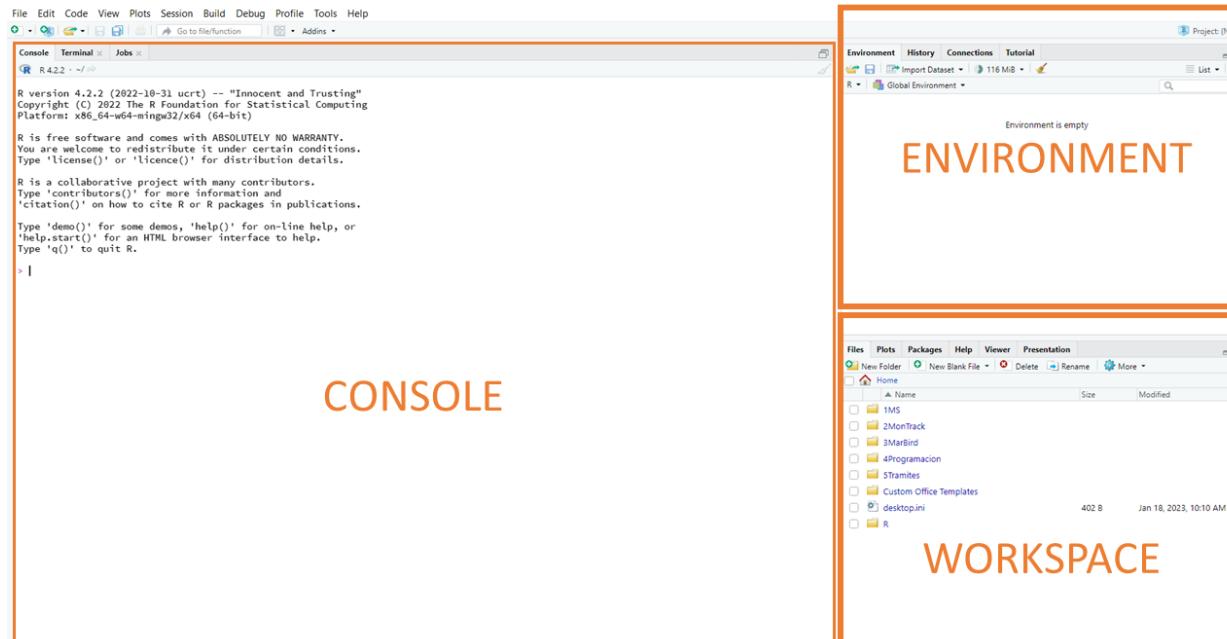
# 4.2. By hand

You can upload data by hand in your workspace

In the **environment** there is a part that says **Import Dataset**

Select the file **penguins1.csv**

Another option is to go to the **workspace** Files> Click on the file and **import data set**



## 4.2. csv format

Instead of clicks, we can write in the console or script:

```
penguins1<-read_csv("Downloads/penguins1.csv")
```

```
head(penguins1)
```

## 4.2. csv format

Now try opening **penguins2.csv**

This file instead of being separated by commas, its separated by colons ":"

Therefore, instead of using **read\_csv** we will need to use **read\_csv2**

To illustrate this issue, try loading the data using **read\_csv**.

```
penguins2<-read_csv("Downloads/penguins2.csv")
```

```
head(penguins2)
```

Lets try now with **read\_csv2**

```
penguins2<-read_csv2("Downloads/penguins2.csv")
```

```
head(penguins2)
```

## 4.3. Other formats

Click on the file **penguin3.txt**.

This one is separated by tabs.

`read_tsv` is for reading tab separated values.

```
penguins3<-read_tsv("Downloads/penguins3.txt")
```

```
head(penguins3)
```

## 4.4. Excel format

For loading excel data, there is a special package called **readxl**

```
library("readxl")
```

```
penguins4<- read_excel("Downloads/penguins4.xlsx")
```

```
head(penguins4)
```

## 4.5. From an url

Urls (Uniform Resource Locators) or links can also be source of data.

```
penguins5<- read_csv('https://github.com/MiriamLL/R_intro/blob/master/Data/penguins.csv')
```

Look at the first 5 rows of the data

```
head(penguins, 5)
```

## 4.6. movebank

There is a package called **move** that can be used to access data stored in movebank.

To install:

```
install.packages('move')
```

```
library(move)
```

```
movebankLogin()
```

Add your login, if you have one, at the console.

## 4.6 movebank

It is more convenient to store your login information, but you have to be careful to not share the script with your login information.

```
loginStored <- movebankLogin(username="MiriamLerma", password="*****"  
  
my_study<- 'FTZ UCN Kelp Gull Chile'  
  
MyGull<-getMovebankLocationData(study=my_study,  
                                     individual_local_identifier="KEGU-noband",  
                                     timestamp_start="202212010000000",  
                                     timestamp_end="20221205000000000",  
                                     sensorID="GPS")
```

It might give you a warning, but for now that is not important.

# 4.7. packages with data

Data can also be stored in packages.  
For example `palmerpenguins`

```
install.packages("palmerpenguins")
```

```
library(palmerpenguins)  
penguin6<-penguins
```

```
head(penguin6)
```

## 4.7. packages with data

Moreover, packages with data are not limited to data frames.

# 4.7. packages with data

For example, the package GermanNorthSea contains shapefiles

With 6 lines of code you can plot a map (Showing just for illustration purposes)

```
# install.packages("devtools")
devtools::install_github("MiriamL
```

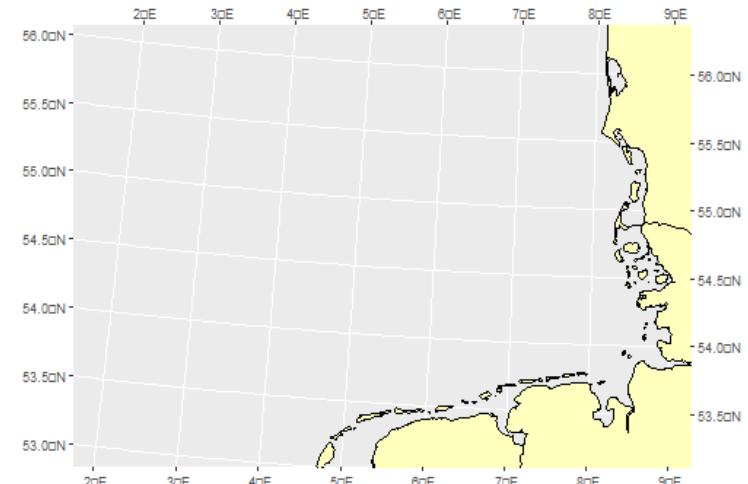
```
ggplot() + geom_sf(data = German_l
coord_sf(xlim = c(3790000, 42500
label_axes =
```

Now the package sf

```
#install.packages('sf')
library(sf)
library(ggplot2)
library(GermanNorthSea)
```

Load and plot some data

```
German_land<-GermanNorthSea::German
```



# Pause

Load penguin data 

- Using `read_csv`
- Using `read_csv2`
- Using `read_tsv`
- Using `read_excel`

There are many other options of files. Suggestions? [here](#) 

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