

# **TEACHING REPRODUCIBLE DATA ANALYSIS IN R**

**SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY TEACHING TEAM**



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**It's not just about changing what you teach...**  
**it's about building a community**

## It's not just about R, it's about:

- building confidence and independence
- enabling more efficient data analysis workflows
- instilling values of reproducibility and transparency

# WHY, WHAT, AND HOW

- our backstory
- what flavor of R to teach
- how to teach it

WHY?



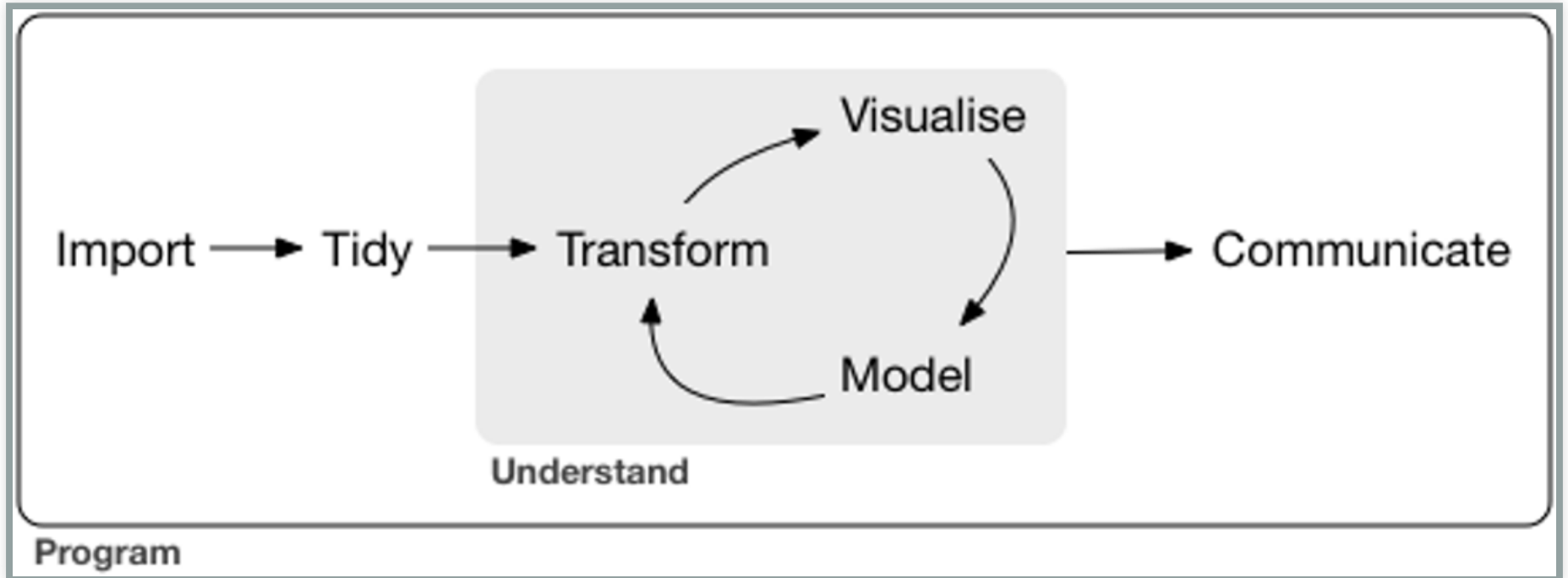
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22	6	Female	19	1
40	5	Male	39	1
45	5	Female	58	1
51	5	Female	20	1

[http://talklab.psy.gla.ac.uk/r\\_training/scoring\\_the\\_AQ/](http://talklab.psy.gla.ac.uk/r_training/scoring_the_AQ/)



# DATA COMPREHENSION



Grolemund & Wickham, [R for Data Science](#)

WHAT?

# WHAT FLAVOR OF R?



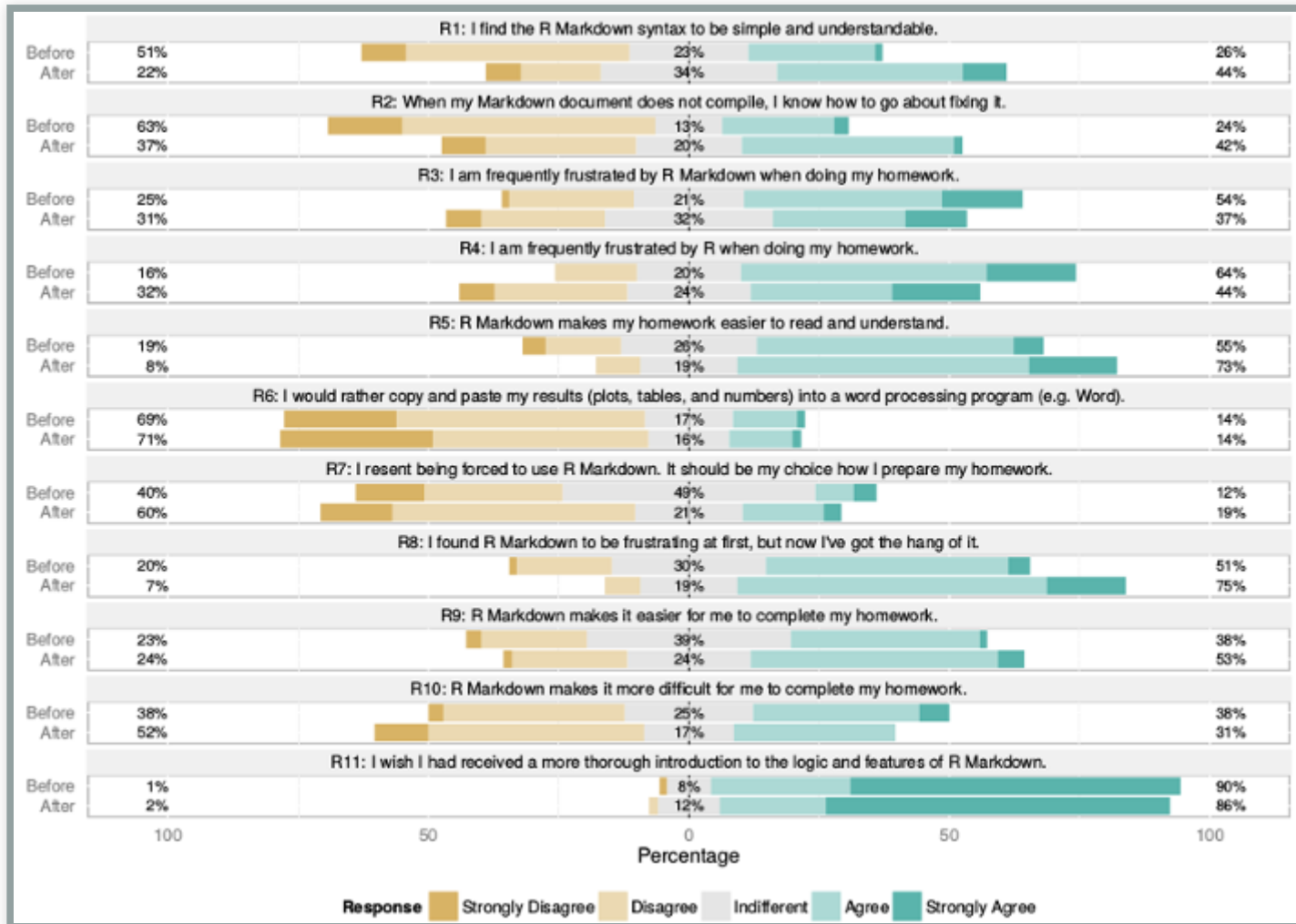
# REPRODUCIBLE REPORTS IN RMARKDOWN

The image shows a side-by-side comparison of an R Markdown document in its source code form (left) and its rendered output as a Shiny web application (right).

**Left Panel (Source Code):** The RStudio editor shows an R Markdown file named 'Untitled.Rmd'. The code includes a YAML header with title 'Untitled', author 'Garrett', date 'July 10, 2014', output 'html\_document', and runtime 'shiny'. The main body contains introductory text about interactive Shiny documents, a section header '## Inputs and Outputs', and a Shiny plot widget. The plot widget code is as follows:

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17- ```{r, echo=FALSE}
18- inputPanel(
19-   selectInput("n_breaks", label = "Number of bins:",
20-             choices = c(10, 20, 35, 50), selected = 20),
21-
22-   sliderInput("bw_adjust", label = "Bandwidth adjustment:",
23-             min = 0.2, max = 2, value = 1, step = 0.2)
24- )
25-
26- renderPlot({
```

**Right Panel (Rendered Output):** The rendered document is a web browser window titled 'Untitled'. It displays the author's name 'Garrett' and the date 'July 10, 2014'. The text explains that the document is interactive using Shiny. Below the text is a section titled 'Inputs and Outputs' which describes how Shiny inputs and outputs are embedded. The interactive plot, titled 'Geyser eruption duration', features two input controls: a dropdown menu for 'Number of bins' (set to 20) and a slider for 'Bandwidth adjustment' (set to 1). The plot itself is a histogram of eruption durations with a density curve overlaid.



Baumer, Cetinkaya-Rundel, Bray, Loi, & Horton (2014)

# TIDYVERSE FIRST!

- **Tidy Data**
  - Rows = observations
  - Columns = variables
  - Table = observation unit
- **Tidy Tools**
  - tidy input -> tidy output
- **Visualization with `ggplot2`**

<http://varianceexplained.org/r/teach-tidyverse/>

# THE “WICKHAM SIX” DPLYR VERBS

*Six verbs cover 90% of data tidying - Hadley Wickham*

<code>select()</code>	choose columns
<code>filter()</code>	choose rows
<code>mutate()</code>	create new columns
<code>arrange()</code>	sort the rows
<code>group_by()</code>	establish groups
<code>summarise()</code>	summarise data/groups

- also: combining data sources, restructuring data

# THE PROGRAMME

Y1	R/RStudio/RMarkdown, data import, tidying, viz, probability & descriptive stats
Y2	sampling distributions, GLM, correlation, regression, t-test, data simulation
Y3	mixed-model ANOVA, multilevel regression
Y4	advanced topics (factor analysis, psychometrics, etc)



HOW?

## MAKING THE TRANSITION

- *Ongoing*: stats journal club
- R/RStudio training sessions
- Phase in gradually
  - translate descriptive/inferential stats materials into R
  - introduce data wrangling labs at intro level
- Support staff and students using [slack.com](https://slack.com) messaging
  - separate workspaces for staff and students

HOW DO WE GET STAFF TO BUY IN TO USING R?

## SOLUTION: EMBED R INTO TEACHING

- generating academic web pages on github
- using R in marking
- tracking student engagement with Moodle logs
- make exams with the exams package
- generate self-guided web exercises with RMarkdown and webex
- semi-automated assessment/feedback on RMarkdown-based assignments with assessr

**WHEN? *ASAP!***  
**WHERE? *EVERYWHERE!***

# TODAY'S SCHEDULE

09:00 - 09:30	Coffee and chat (58 Hillhead Street)
09:30 - 10:00	Introduction and philosophy
10:00 - 10:30	Our approach
10:30 - 10:45	Coffee and chat
10:45 - 11:15	Practicalities
11:15 - 11:45	Staff skill development
11:45 - 12:15	Student engagement
12:15 - 13:00	Lunch (move to Boyd Orr)
13:00 - 14:00	Lab demo
14:00 - 14:30	Coffee and questions
14:30 - 15:00	Assessment with assessr
15:00 - 15:30	Web exercises with webex
15:30 - 16:30	Wine and discussion