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Can {drake} RAP?

Drake

`drake()`


drake
github.com/ropensci/drake

tl;dr

Scale the work you need.

Skip the work you don't.

See evidence of reproducibility.

Materials

This talk:

- a blog post
- code for the demo

For {drake}:

- visit the website
- read the full manual
- learn from a course
- use it in an app

Workflows

Inputs → ‘Stuff happens’ → Outputs

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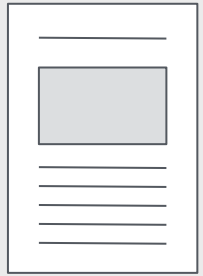

‘Stuff happens’

Inputs

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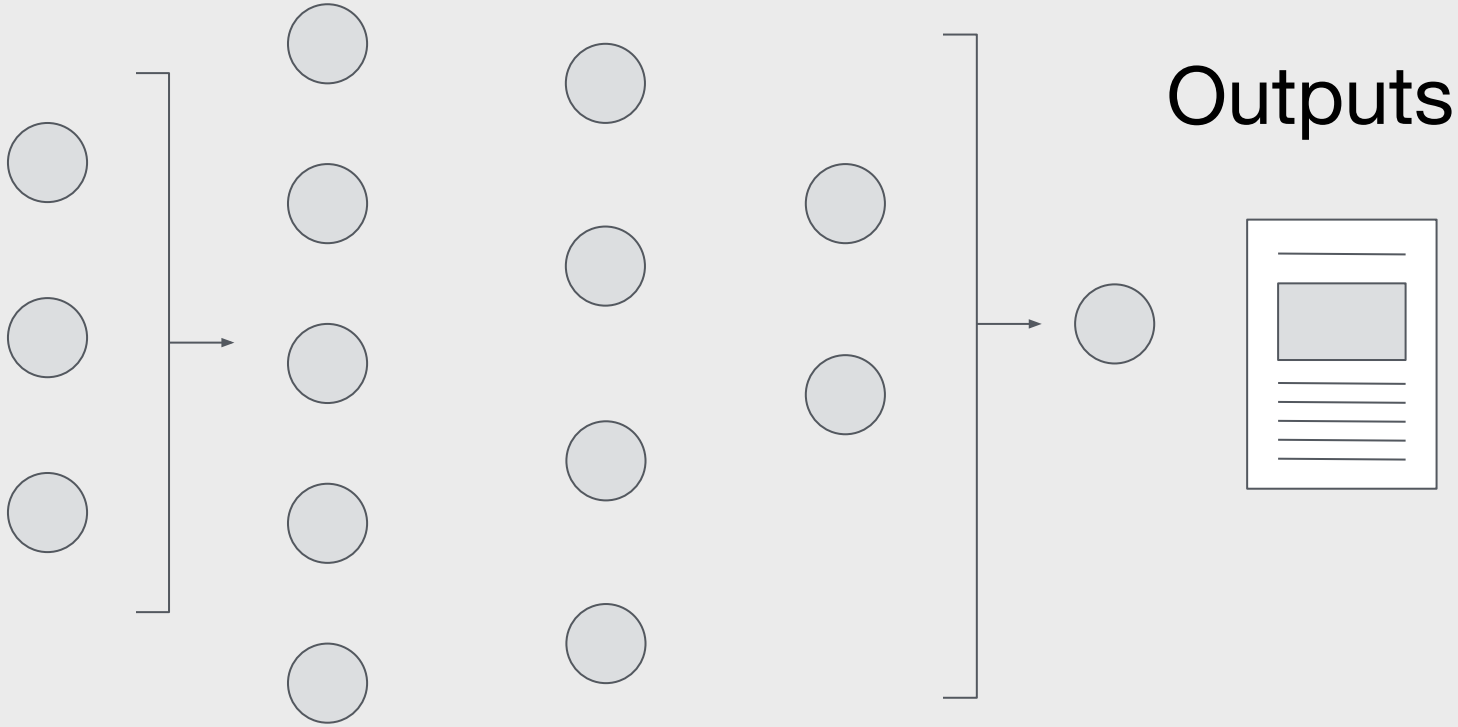
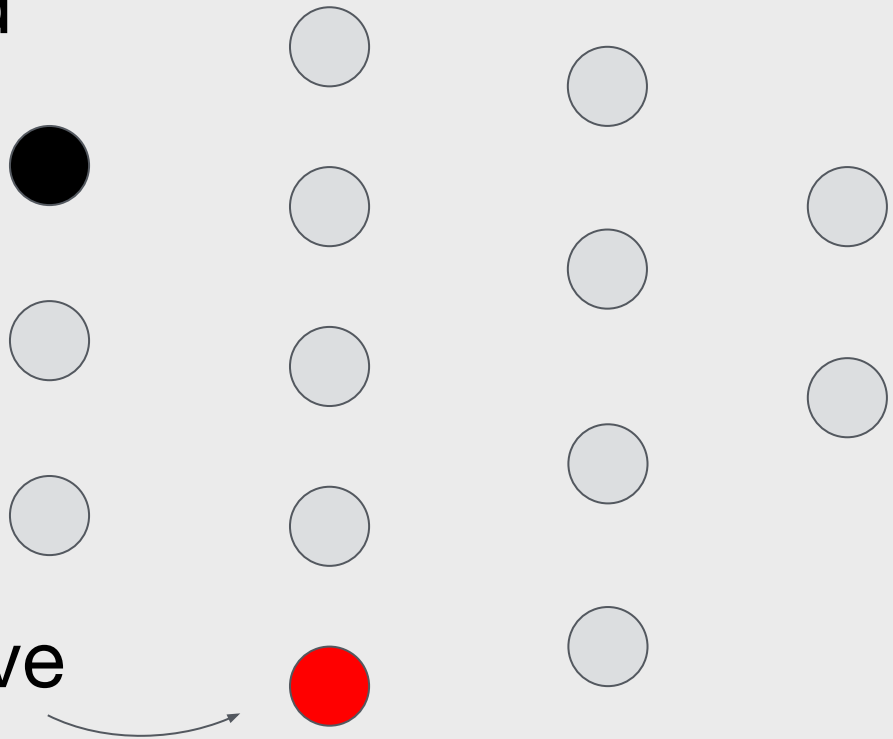


Outputs

Changed

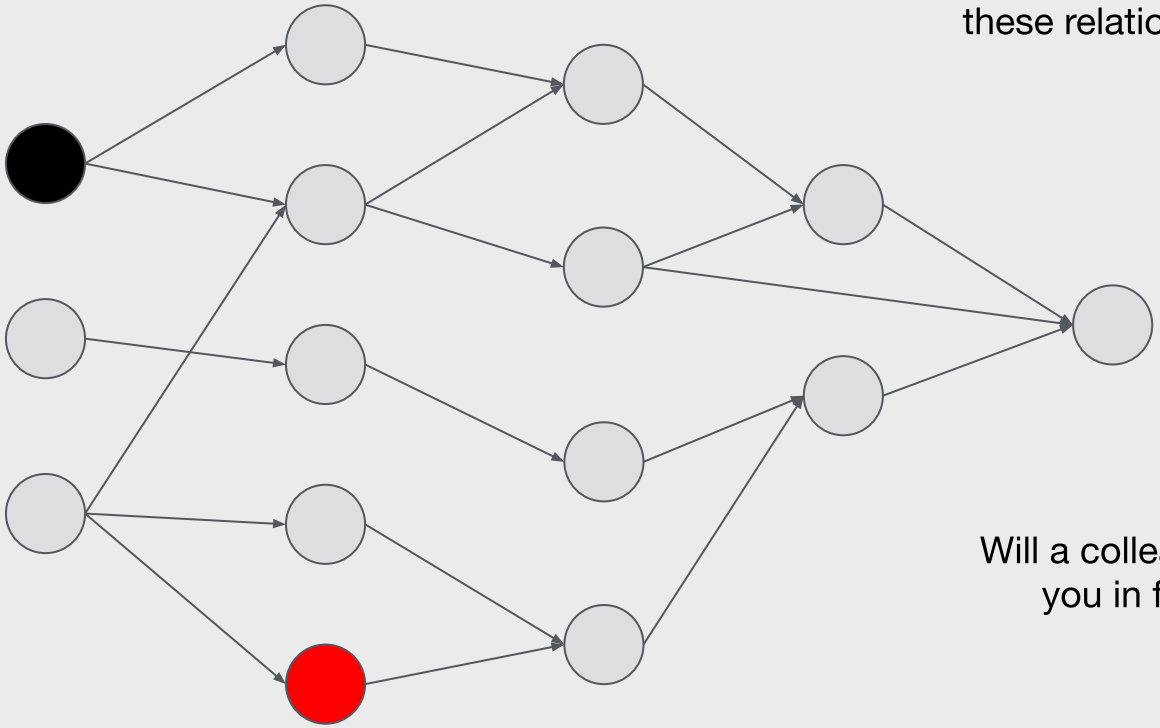


Expensive

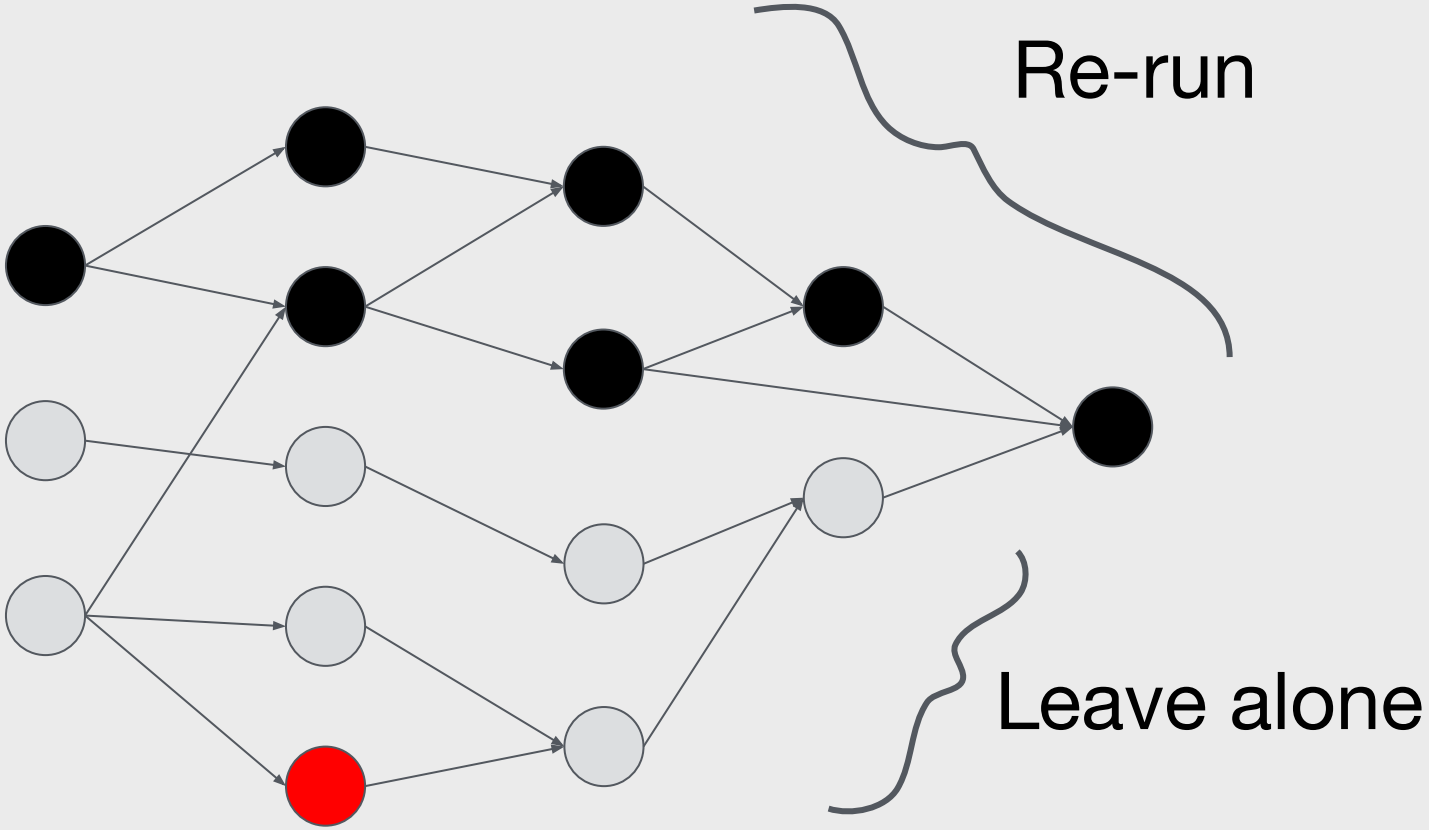
Do you know the relationship between all the components?

Uh-oh, do you have to run everything from scratch?

Can you remember these relationships?



Will a colleague? Will you in future?


Re-run
Leave alone

Solution: {drake}

- Time/computation saving
- Less for you to remember
- Better reproducibility
- Visualise dependencies
- Deals with parallelisation
- Entirely R-based

{drake} workflow overview

1. Create scripts and plan
2. Make the plan
3. Change stuff and re-make

When to {drake}?

```
01_read.R
02_import.R
03_tidy.R
04_clean.R
05_model.R
06_plot.R
07_report.Rmd
```

This is a good start

But why isn't it optimal?

BETA This is new – your feedback will help us to improve it.

RAP: Reproducible Analytical Pipelines

The Reproducible Analytical Pipeline (RAP) is a methodology for automating the bulk of steps involved in creating a statistical report.

RAP is also a community of people who work with data using methods adapted from software development. The RAP community promotes the use of programming languages, version control, automated testing, peer review, and other tools and methods.

This website is a place for the community to publish materials that it finds useful. In particular, materials that include code can be published on this website.

Other RAP websites

The RAP Champions network is coordinated by the Government Statistical Service, who maintain a list of people to contact for help, a list of examples of RAP projects, and links to blog posts, guides and courses.

Contribute to this website

Contribute to this website by discussing it in the Slack channel (#rap_collaboration), or by opening an issue on GitHub.

The website is built using the R package govdown. It supports code written in R, Python. and can support other languages that the knitr package supports, as long as Travis is able to run the code to build the website.

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RAP is for:

- reproducibility
- automation
- minimising error
- doing it faster
- building trust

Egg stats:

- publication
- my code
- my report

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UK egg statistics

Background

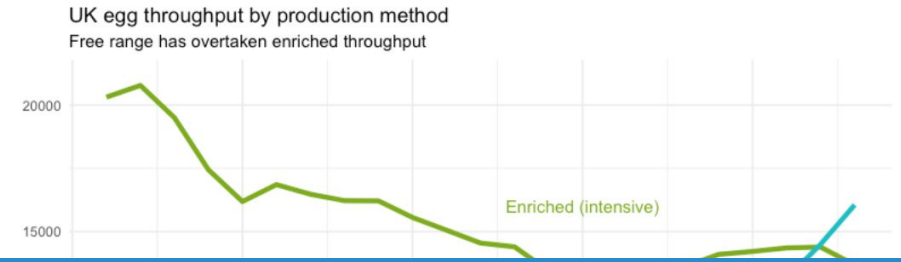
The 'latest UK egg statistics' publication contains the latest quarterly UK statistics about eggs.

It's published by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

This report is the output from a demo of using the {drake} package for R. It's not an official government publication.

Throughput

Below is a recreation of Figure 2 from the UK egg statistics notice document. It shows egg production over time, split by production methods.



Live demo

Access the demo code in RStudio in your browser:

Step-by-step

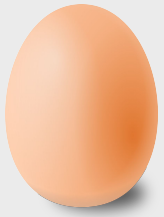
{drake} workflow overview

1. Create scripts and plan
2. Make the plan
3. Change stuff and re-make

{drake} workflow overview

1. Create scripts and plan
2. Make the plan
3. Visualise
4. Change stuff
5. Check changes
6. Re-make

1. Create scripts and plan



```
# packages.R

library(drake)
library(dplyr)
library(readODS)
library(ggplot2)
…

# functions.R

clean_data <- function(raw_data) { … }
create_plot <- function(data) { … }
```

‘Ingredients’

Files that set up your analysis

```
# plan.R

plan <- drake_plan(

  raw_data = read_ods("data.csv"),

  data = clean_data(raw_data),

  plot = create_plot(data),

  report = rmarkdown::render(
    knitr_in("report.Rmd"),
    output_file = file_out("report.html"),
  )

)
```

Write the ‘recipe’

Prepare steps into a dataframe

2. Make the plan

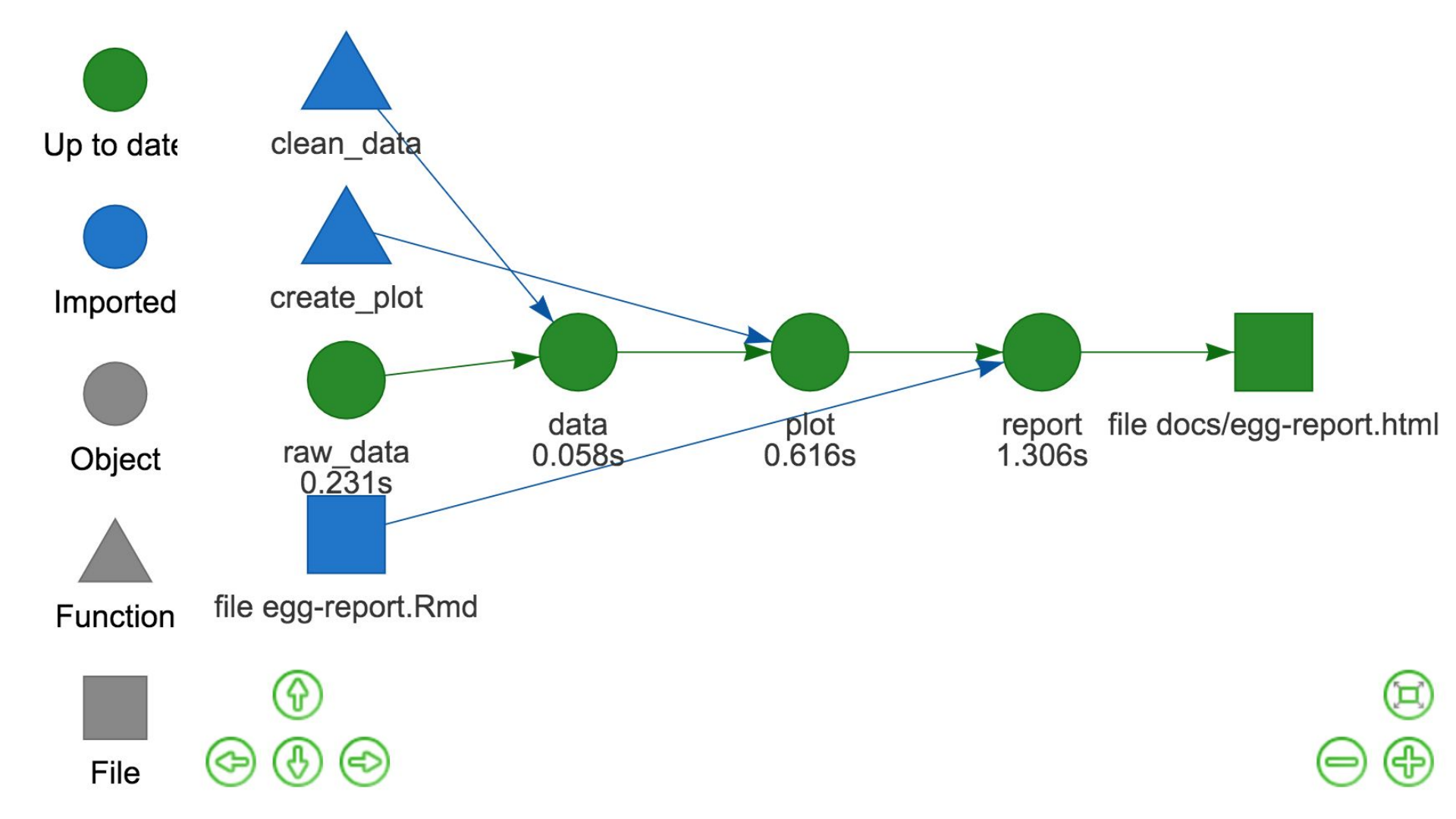
‘Bake the cake’

```
# make.R

source(packages.R)
source(functions.R)
source(plan.R)

make(plan)
```

Prepare ingredients, fetch recipe

Make the recipe

3. Visualise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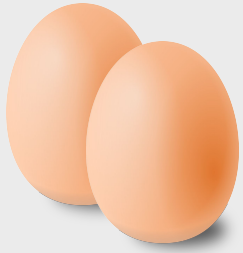
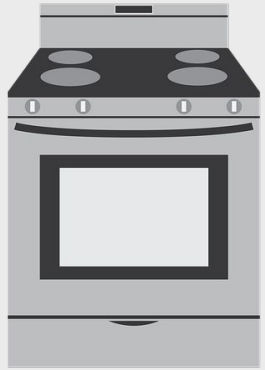
4. Change stuff
5. Check changes
6. Remake



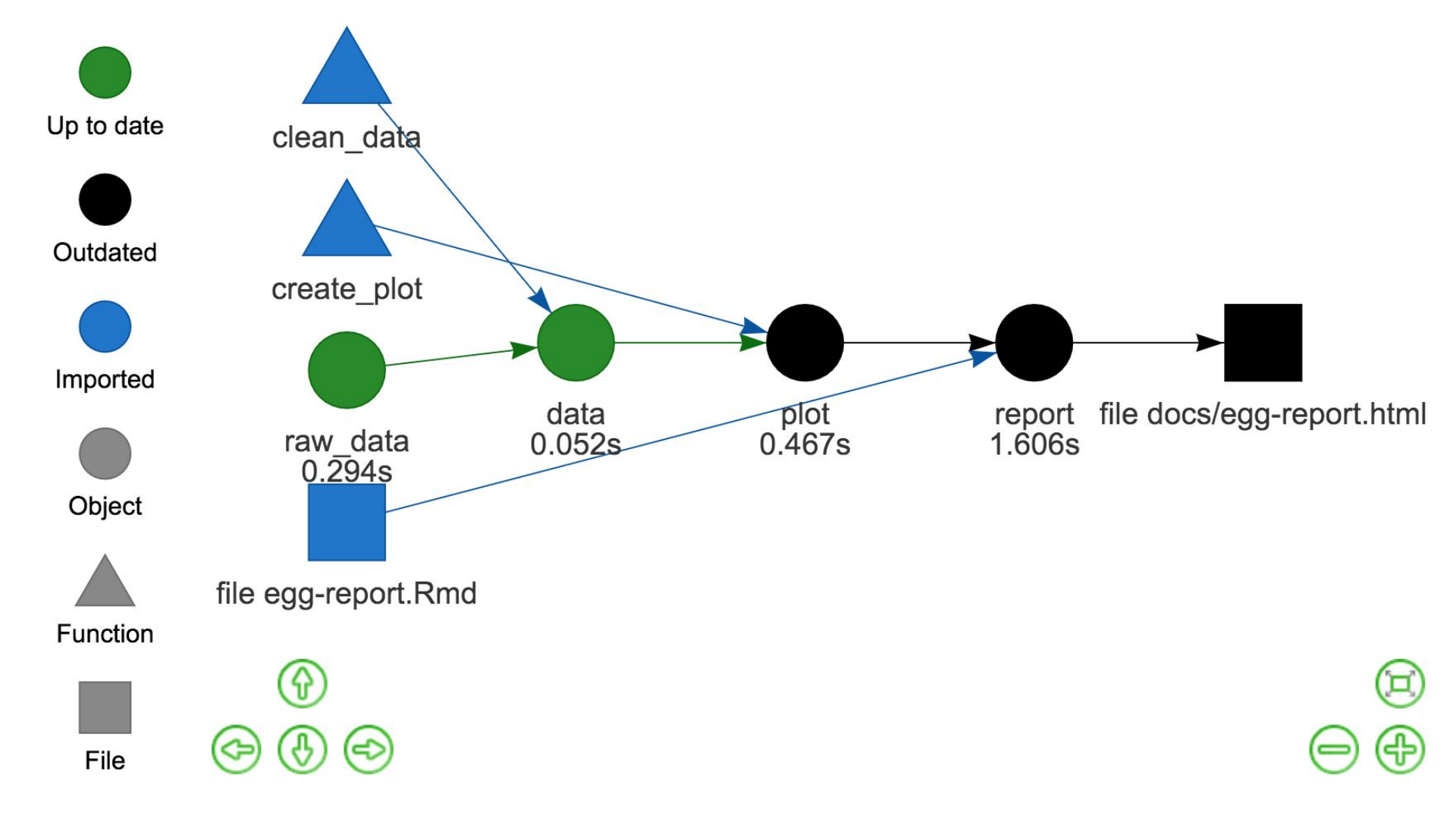


```
# change something, then:

source(functions.R)

outdated(config)

config <- drake_config(plan)
vis_drake_graph(egg_config)

make(plan.R)
```

Change your data/code

See what's out of date

Update!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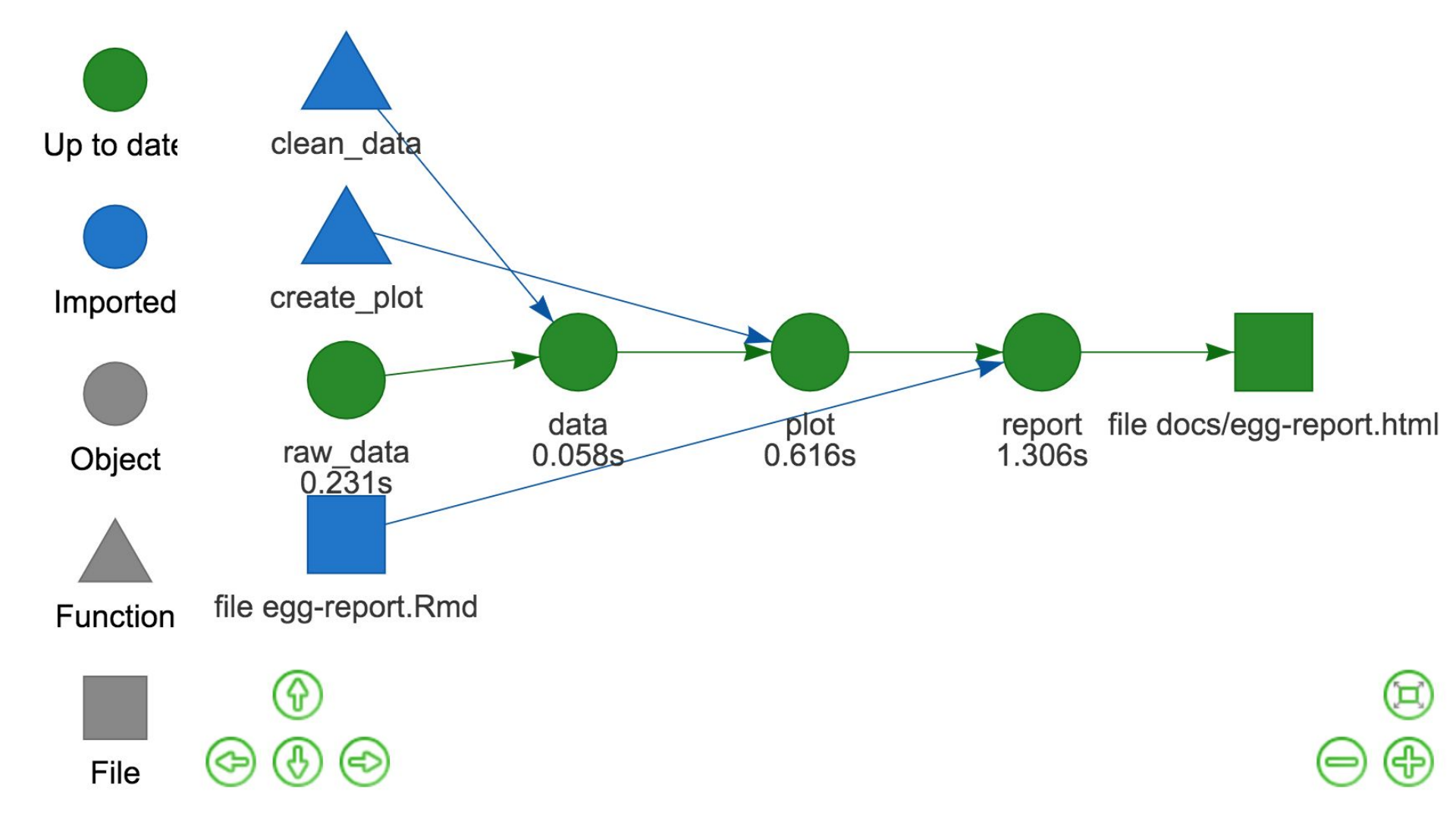
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Folder view

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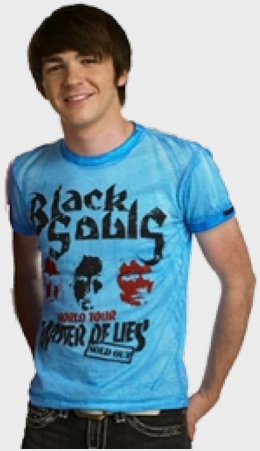
Hall of fame


Black Souls
WORLD TOUR
MASTER OF LIES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