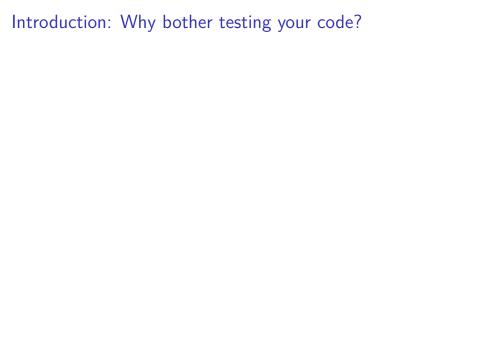
Introduction to testing R code

https://stirlingcodingclub.github.io/code_testing

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- Gratifying to watch code pass multiple automated tests (it looks cool).

Testing all of your code at once is satisfying

```
==> devtools::test()
Loading GMSE
Testing GMSE
    OK F W S I
                Context
               gmse apply tests [2.6 s]
               Agent initialisation
              | Cost array initialisation
              Main gmse function[1] "Initialising simulations ...
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              | Main gmse function [4.5 s]
              | Interaction array and table initialisation
              | Landscape initialisation
              | Resource initialisation
               Action array initialisation
               Manager model
               Observation model
               Resource model
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    11
               User model
               Action and cost layer initialisation
Results =
Duration: 10.3 s
OK:
          143
Failed:
Warnings: 0
Skipped: 0
```

Getting started: install the testthat package

Can install testthat from CRAN.

```
install.packages("testthat")
```

Or install from GitHub with the devtools R package.

```
devtools::install_github("r-lib/testthat");
```

Load testthat into Rstudio just like any other R package.

```
library(testthat);
```

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Function 2: converts from Celsius to Fahrenheit.

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C_to_F <- function(C_temp){
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How the test_that function works

```
Example of a testthat R script, < test-temp_conversion.R >
library(testthat);
context("Temperature function testing");
source("temp conversion.R"); # Functions to test
test that ("Fahrenheit to Celsius", {
  temp C \leftarrow F to C(50);
  # Test that the result is numeric
  expect_that( is.numeric(temp_C), equals(TRUE) );
  # Test that the result is the correct value
  expect_that( temp_C, equals(10) );
})
```

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Test output looks like this:

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Additional resources

- Example of unit testing R code with testthat (John D. Cook)
- Testing R packages (Hadley Wickam)