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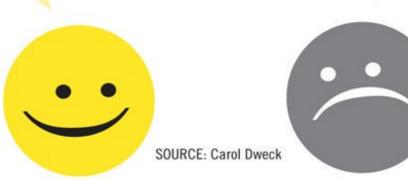
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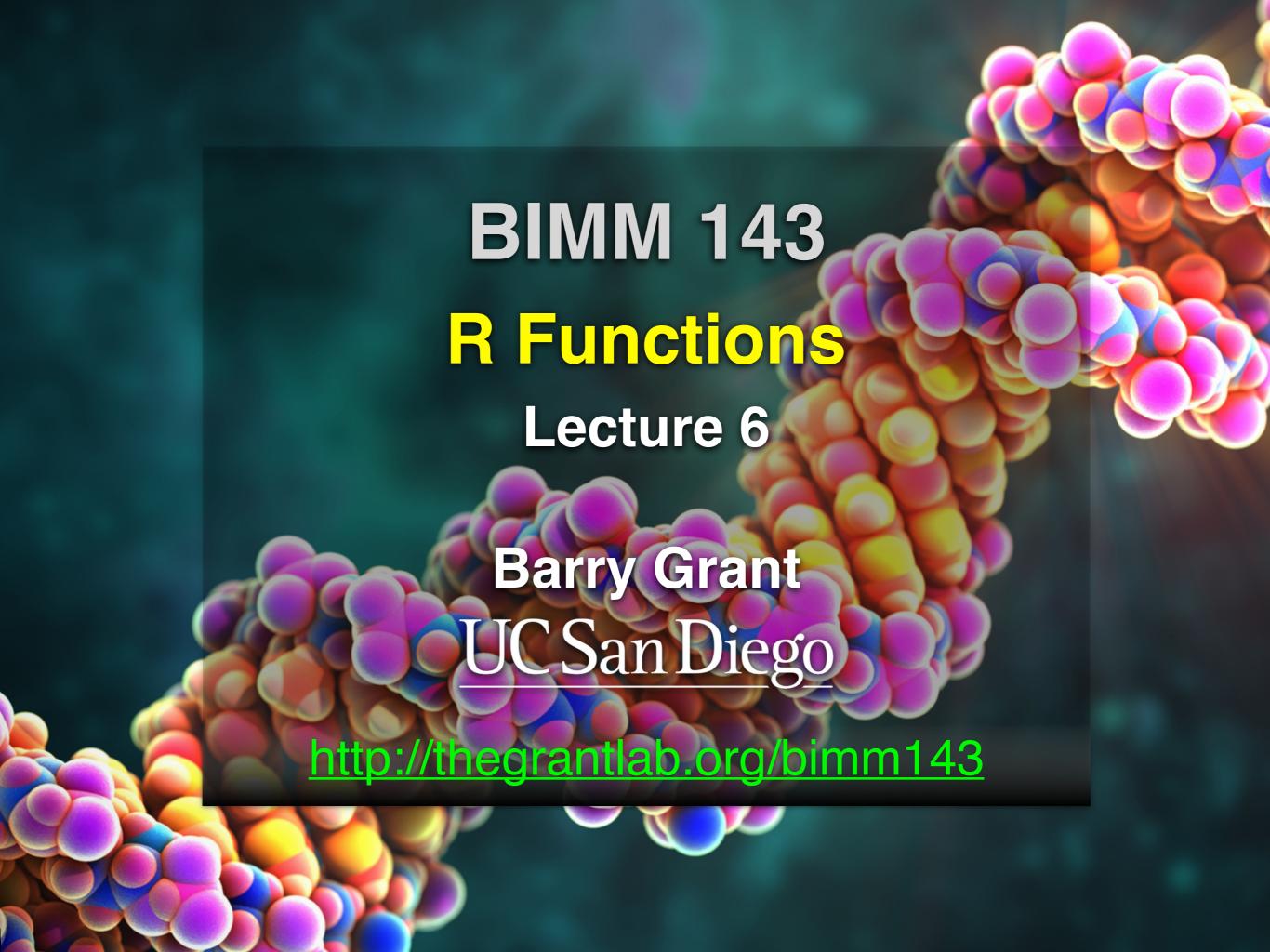
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Side-Note:

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Recap From Last Time:

- Why it is important to visualize data during exploratory data analysis.
- Discussed data visualization best practices and how good visualizations optimize for the human visual system.
- Introduced the extensive graphical capabilities of base R with a focus on generating and customizing scatterplots, histograms, bar graphs, boxplots, (dendrograms and heatmaps).
- Use the par() function to control fine grained details of the afore mentioned plot types.
- Used (and SAVED!) an R script with all our work!

[MPA Link]

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Class 5 Revisited

- Open your previous class05 RStudio project (and your saved R script)
- Can you source this class05.R file to re-generate all your plots without error?



 If so you can now generate a nice HTML report of your work to date...

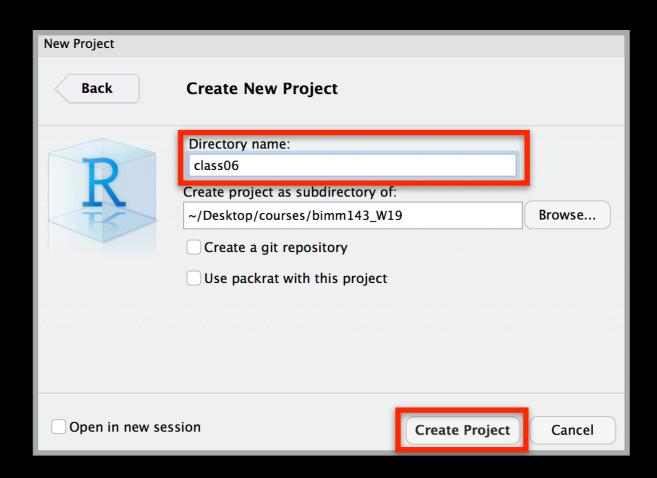
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Inspect the file

- Move the input file into your project directory
- Open it from the RStudio Files tab.
- Does it have a header line or comments to be included, ignored or removed?
- Avoid file (or field names) with spaces or special characters such as ?, \$,%, ^, &, *, } etc.
- Short names are preferred over longer names.
- Does the file end with a blank line or a RTN?

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```
read.delim("filename.txt", sep="\t")
read.csv("filename.txt", sep=",")
read.csv2("filename.txt", sep=";")
read.table("filename.txt", sep="")

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- MS EXCEL file import options include:
 - Export (i.e. "Save As...") your excel data to plain text CSV format.
 - Or if you must, use readxl::read_excel() to read specified parts of your sheets.
- For fast and convenient reading of very large flat files files
 - Try data.table::fread() use is similar to read.table() but it automatically finds field separators and header rows. It is also much faster!
- Saving and loading .RData files...
 - Use the functions save() and load() for saving and loading multiple objects to space efficient binary format files.

TOUTS OFF

Your turn!

https://bioboot.github.io/bimm143_S19/class-material/test1.txt https://bioboot.github.io/bimm143_S19/class-material/test2.txt https://bioboot.github.io/bimm143_S19/class-material/test3.txt

- Make sure you are in a new RStudio Project for this class session (i.e. class06)
- Open a new Rmarkdown document and give it a name and descriptive text.
- Download each of the above files and move them into your *Project*
- Experiment with read.table() to get their data successfully input into your R session.

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What is a function

```
name.of.function <- function(arg1, arg2) {
    statements
    return(something)
}</pre>
```

- Name (can be almost anything you want)
- 2 Arguments (i.e. input to your function)
- Body (where the work gets done)

What is a function

- Name (in this case "add")
- 2 Arguments (here "x" and "y")
- **Body** (will return the result of the last statement)

Your function is treated just like any other function...

```
add \leftarrow function(x, y=1) {
    # Sum the input x and y
   x + y
add(x=1, y=4)
add(1, 4)
add(1)
add( c(1, 2, 3) )
add( c(1, 2, 3), 4)
add(1, 2, 2)
add(x=1, y="b")
```

Why would you write a function

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```
## What does this code do?

df$a <- (df$a - min(df$a)) / (max(df$a) - min(df$a))

df$b <- (df$b - min(df$a)) / (max(df$b) - min(df$b))

df$c <- (df$c - min(df$c)) / (max(df$c) - min(df$c))

df$d <- (df$d - min(df$d)) / (max(df$a) - min(df$d))</pre>
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```
## Here the intent is far more clear
df$a <- rescale(df$a)</pre>
```

- Makes the purpose of the code more clear
- Reduce mistakes from copy/paste
- Makes updating your code easer
- Reduce duplication and facilitate re-use.

```
## First consider the original code:

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```
## Simplify to work with a generic vector named "x"

x <- (x - min(x)) / (max(x) - min(x))</pre>
```

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## Note that we call the min() function twice...
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xmin <- min(x)
x <- (x - xmin) / (max(x) - xmin)</pre>
```

```
## Further optimization to use the range() function...
rng <- range(x)
x <- (x - rng[1]) / (rng[2] - rng[1])</pre>
```

Start with a working code snippet, simplify, reduce calculation duplication, finally turn it into a function

```
## You need a "name", "arguments" and "body"...

rescale <- function(x) {
   rng <-range(x)
   (x - rng[1]) / (rng[2] - rng[1])
}

# Test on a small example where you know the answer rescale(1:10)</pre>
```

Test, Fail, Change, Test again,...

```
# Test on a small example where you know the answer
rescale(1:10)

# How would you get your function to work here...
rescale( c(1,2,NA,3,10) )

# What should your function do here?
rescale( c(1,10,"string") )
```

Side-Note: Seeing and using your function in RStudio

- An easy way to visualize the code of a function is to type its name without the parentheses ().
- If you have your new function saved to a separate file then you can load and execute it using the source() function. E.g. source("MyUtils.R")
- The return() statement is not required in a function but it is advisable to use it when the function performs several computations. It has the effect of ending the function execution and returning control to the code which called it.

```
rescale <- function(x, na.rm=TRUE, plot=FALSE) {
    rng <-range(x, na.rm=na.rm)</pre>
    print("Hello")
   answer <- (x - rng[1]) / (rng[2] - rng[1])
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Hands-on Session

Concentrate on **Section 1B** and questions 1 to 6. Other sections are there for your benefit.

[Also aim to generate a HTML report from your R script]

```
Do lit tourself.
# Can you improve this analysis code?
library(bio3d)
s1 <- read.pdb("4AKE") # kinase with drug
s2 <- read.pdb("1AKE") # kinase no drug
s3 <- read.pdb("1E4Y") # kinase with drug
s1.chainA <- trim.pdb(s1, chain="A", elety="CA")
s2.chainA <- trim.pdb(s2, chain="A", elety="CA")
s3.chainA <- trim.pdb(s1, chain="A", elety="CA")
s1.b <- s1.chainA$atom$b</pre>
s2.b <- s2.chainA$atom$b
s3.b <- s3.chainA$atom$b
plotb3(s1.b, sse=s1.chainA, typ="1", ylab="Bfactor")
plotb3(s2.b, sse=s2.chainA, typ="1", ylab="Bfactor")
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Homework!

New **DataCamp** Assignments

- Introduction to R Markdown
- Functions
- Loops
- Your lecture6 function homework

Muddy Point Assessment Form Link

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