GETTING STARTED WITH RSTUDIO

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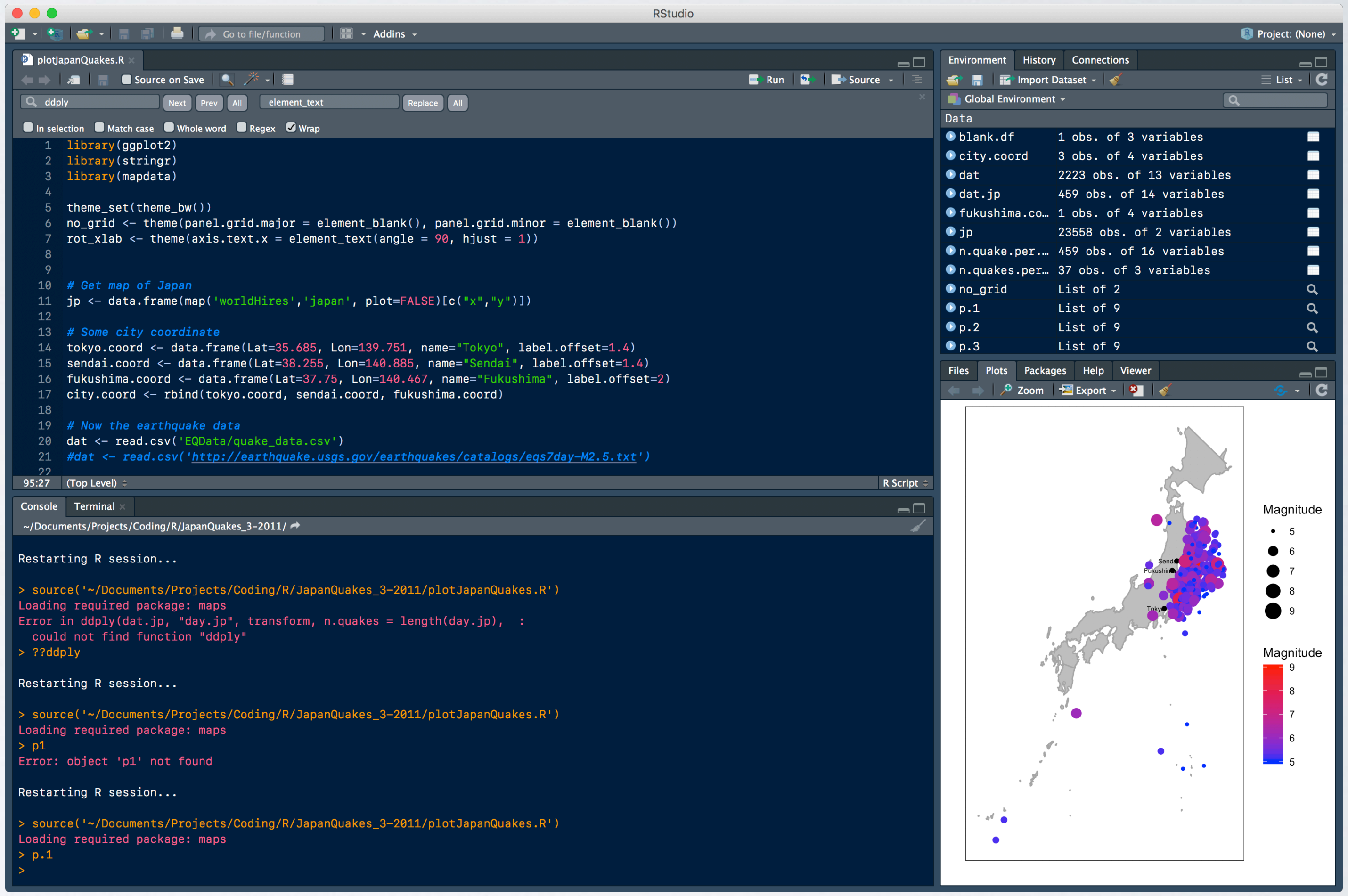
YOU'LL SPEND A LOT OF TIME IN RSTUDIO — MAKE IT PLEASANT TO USE!

- RStudio is like an artist's paint brush or musician's instrument
- Tune it to fit your needs and preferences
- Learn the basics, then dig into the details
- RStudio has a TON of features to make your life easier



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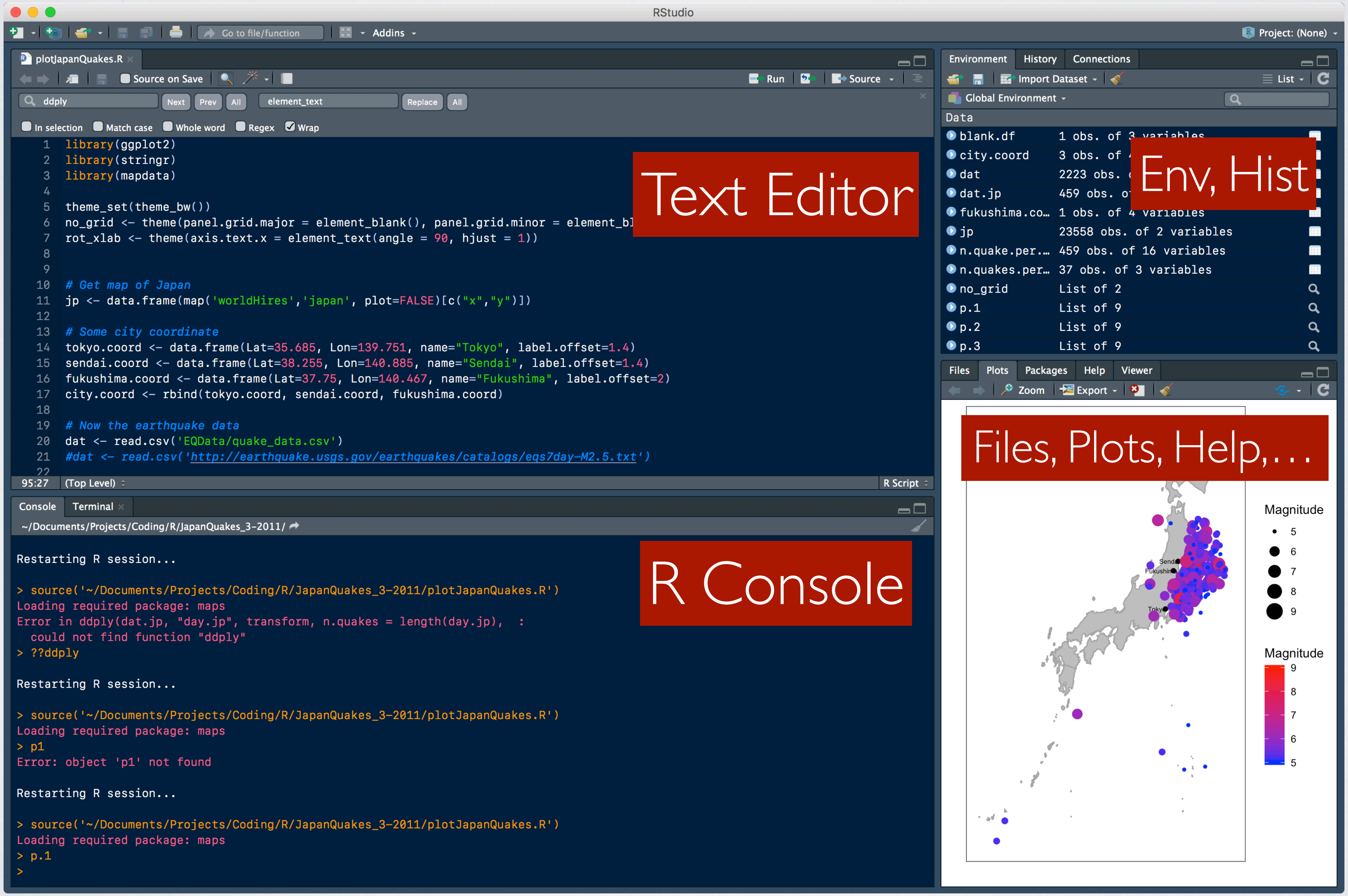
WHAT IS RSTUDIO?

- **RStudio**: an awesome **I**ntegrated **D**evelopment **E**nvironment (IDE) for doing “stuff” with R

- RStudio ≠ R (the language/environment)

- You don’t need to use RStudio to use R, but its features and power will probably make you want to

A QUICK TOUR



Text Editor

Env, Hist

Files, Plots, Help,…

R Console

🔍 ddply Next Prev All element_text Replace All

□ In selection □ Match case □ Whole word □ Regex ☑ Wrap

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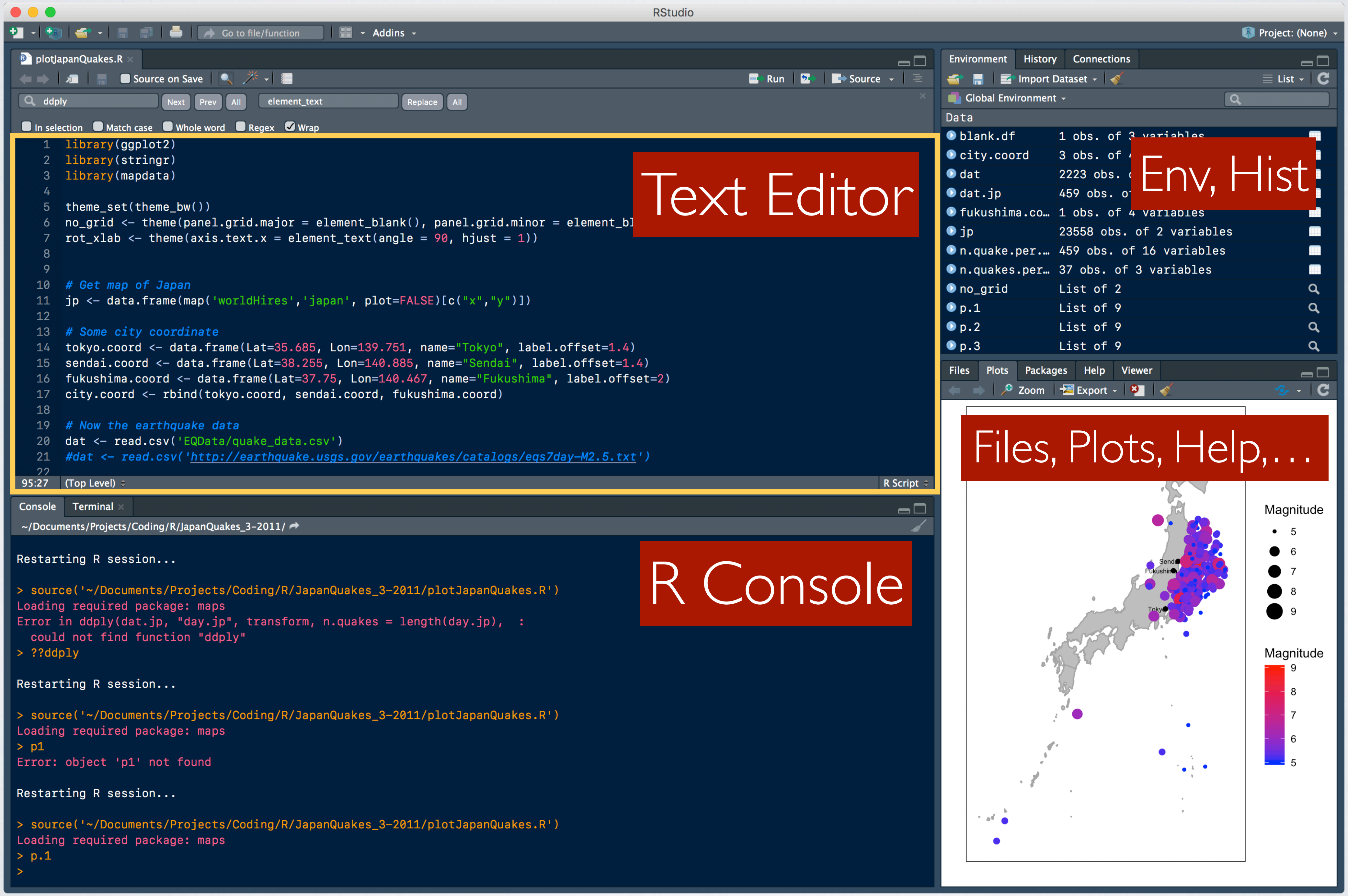
SUGGESTION: SPEND MOST OF YOUR TIME IN THE EDITOR



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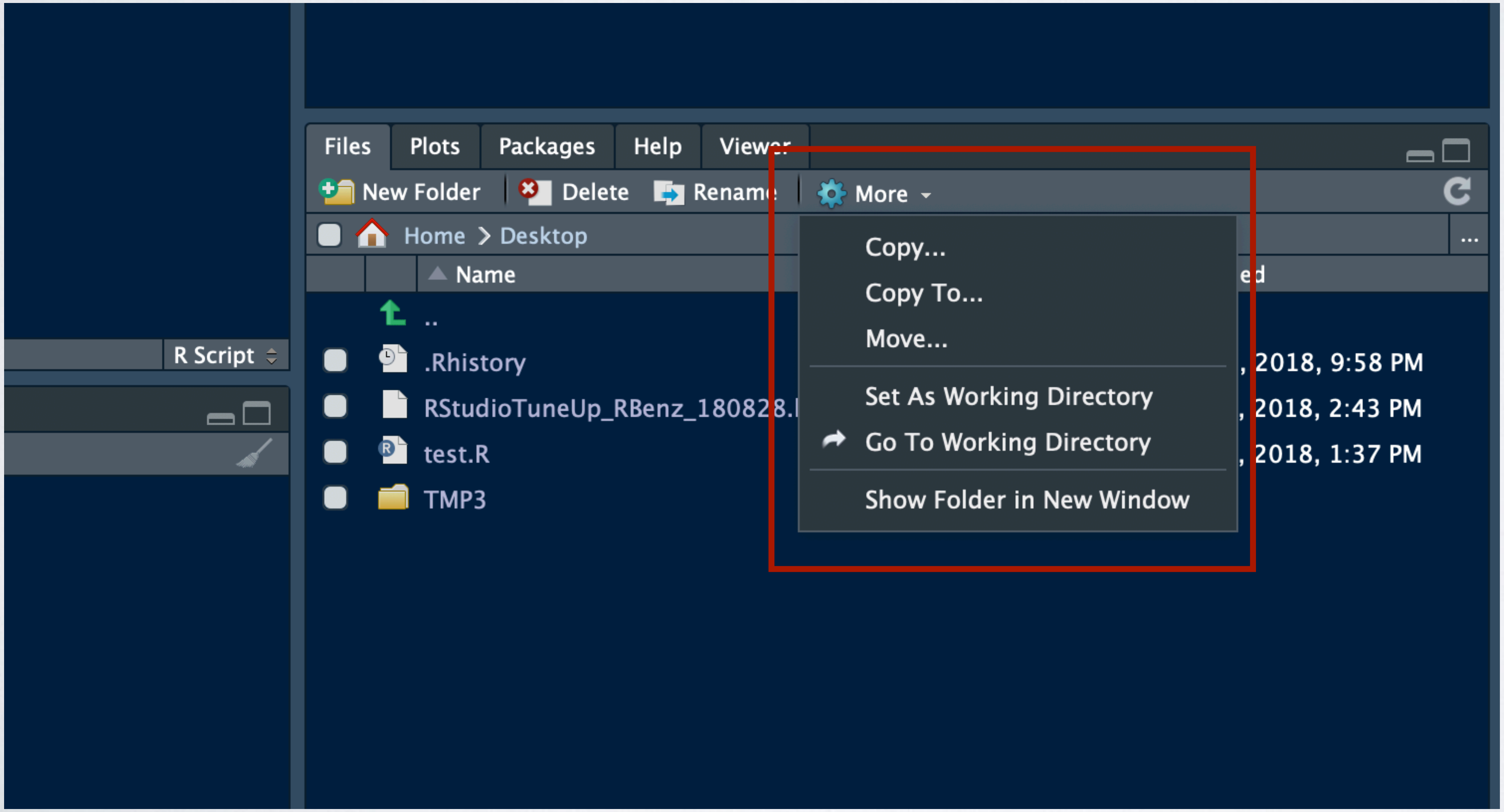
MIND THE PATH

Every R session has an associated *Working Directory*
This is the base directory where you'll read and write files
You'll get lost if you don't know your *Working Directory*



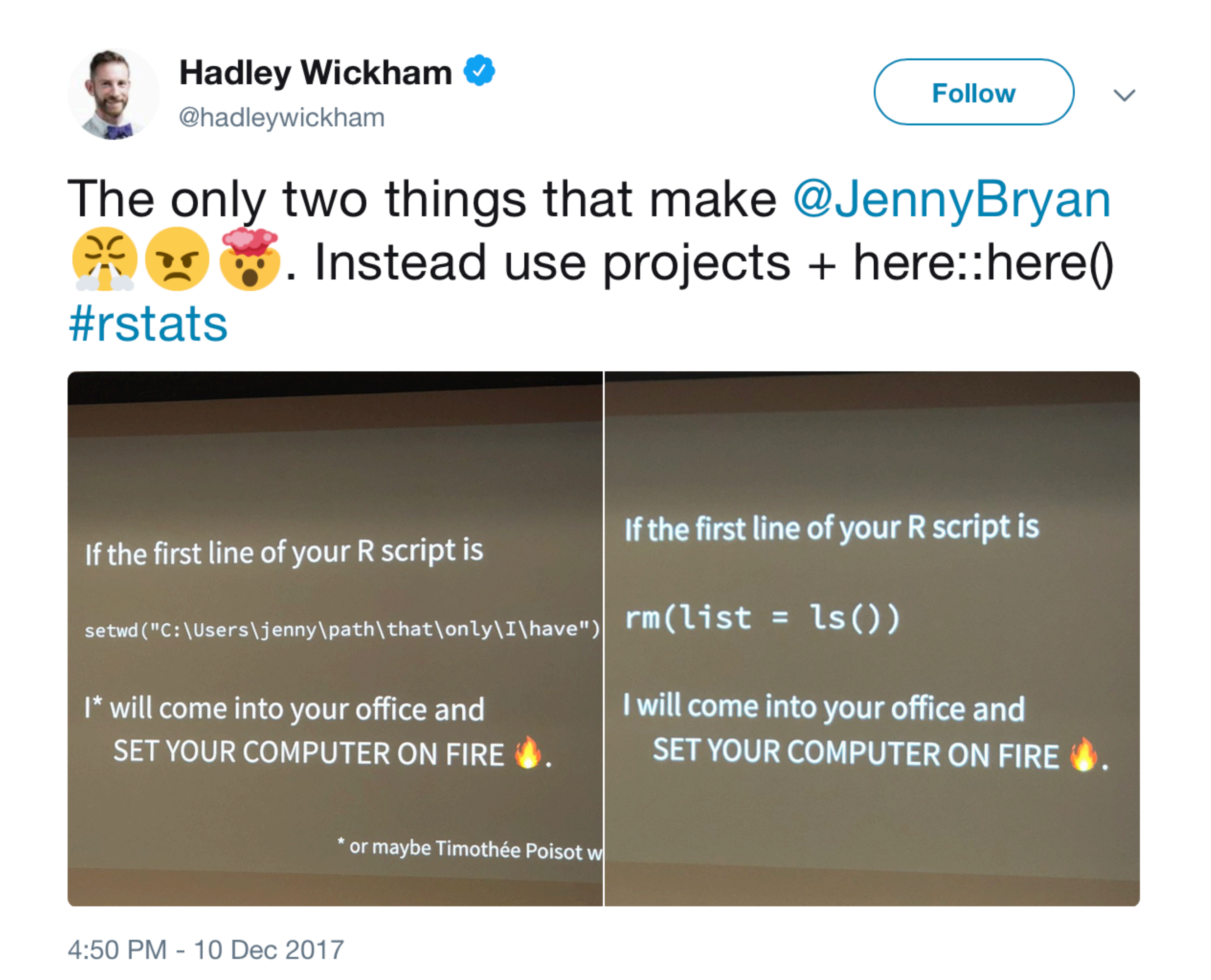
Manually set a path

Commands

getwd()
setwd()

*but don't use these in your scripts… see next slide

THINK ABOUT YOUR WORK IN TERMS OF PROJECTS



Hadley Wickham
@hadleywickham

The only two things that make @JennyBryan 😤😠🤯. Instead use projects + here::here() #rstats

If the first line of your R script is

```
setwd("C:\Users\jenny\path\that\only\I\have")
```

I* will come into your office and SET YOUR COMPUTER ON FIRE 🔥.

* or maybe Timothée Poisot w

If the first line of your R script is

```
rm(list = ls())
```

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4:50 PM - 10 Dec 2017

Please read Jenny Bryan's great post on project-oriented workflows

EXAMPLE WORKFLOW #1

1. Open RStudio

2. Create a new project

   File → New Project… → New Directory → …

3. Create R scripts, add source data, save files & plots

   within this project directory (or sub-directories)

4. Return to this project at a later time by launching the project’s .Rproj file

EXAMPLE WORKFLOW #2

1. Open a terminal and `mkdir` your project directory

2. Open RStudio in the terminal *from this directory*:

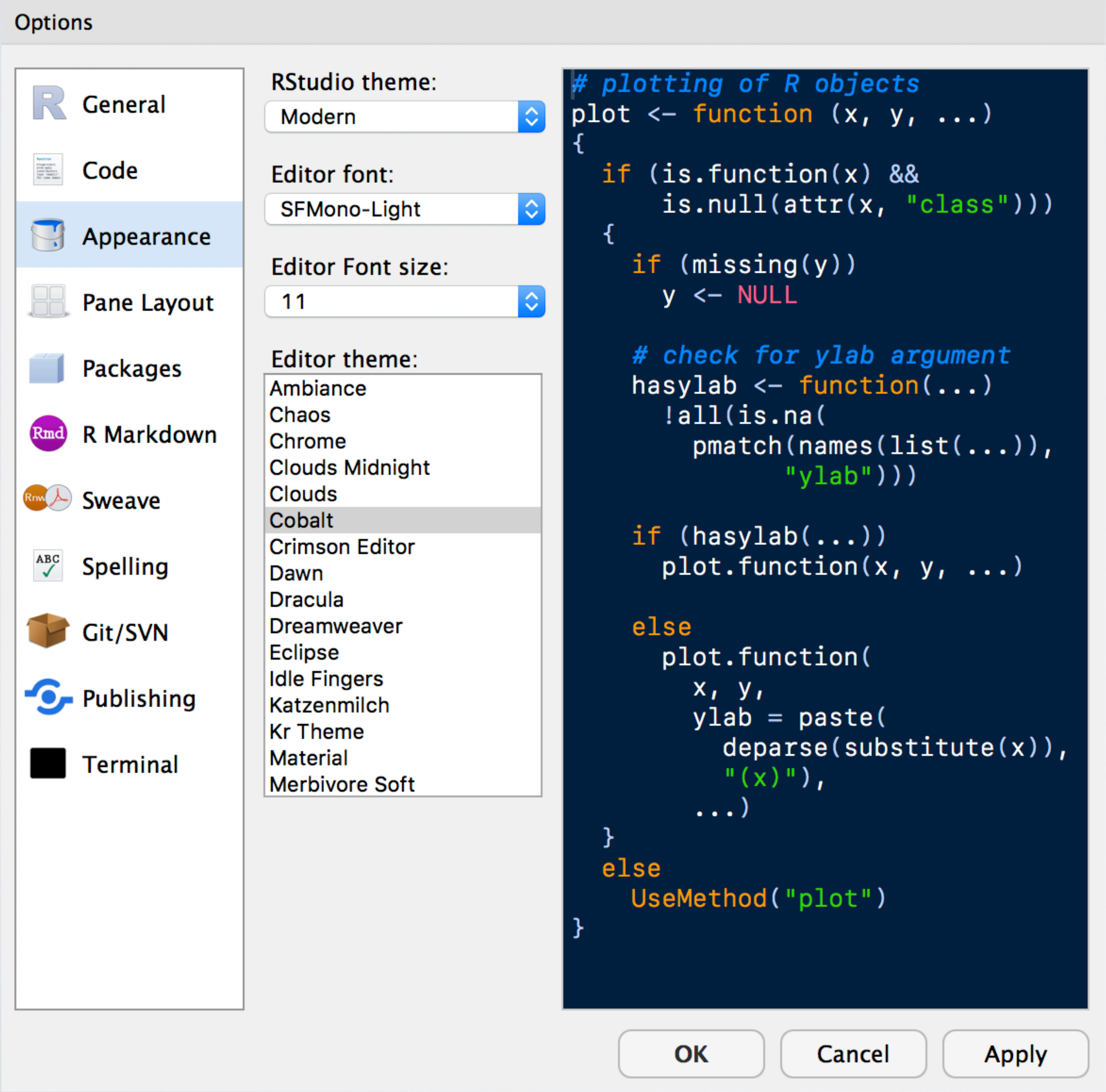
```
open -a RStudio .
```

3. Create R scripts, add source data, save files & plots *within this project directory (or sub-directories)*

4. Return to this project at a later time by `cd`'ing to this directory and launching RStudio (2. above)

CHOOSE A GREAT FONT AND THEME

Preferences → Appearance



RStudio theme: Modern

Editor font: SFMono-Light

Editor Font size: 11

Editor theme: Cobalt

```
# plotting of R objects
plot <- function (x, y, ...)
{
 if (is.function(x) &&
   is.null(attr(x, "class")))
 {
  if (missing(y))
   y <- NULL

  # check for ylab argument
  hasylab <- function(...)
   !all(is.na(
    pmatch(names(list(...)),
       "ylab")))

  if (hasylab(...))
   plot.function(x, y, ...)

  else
   plot.function(
    x, y,
    ylab = paste(
     deparse(substitute(x)),
     "(x)"),
    ...)
 }
 else
  UseMethod("plot")
}
```

These are some fonts I like

Inconsolata

SF Mono

IBM Plex Mono

These are some themes I like

Cobalt

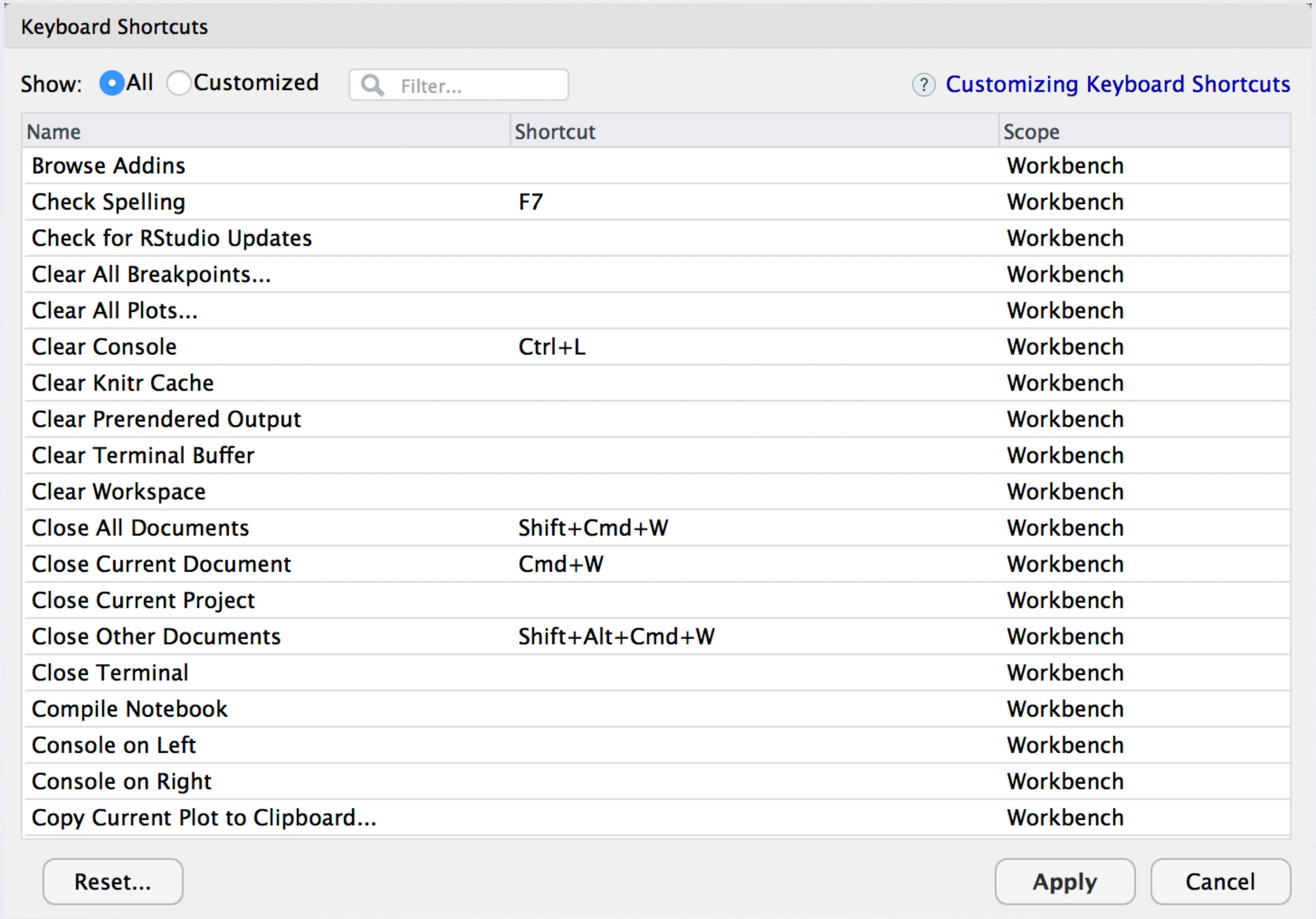
Idle Fingers

Material

LEARN KEYBOARD SHORTCUTS (AT LEAST A FEW…)

Tools → Keyboard Shortcuts Help

Tools → Modify Keyboard Shortcuts…



Name	Shortcut	Scope
Browse Addins		Workbench
Check Spelling	F7	Workbench
Check for RStudio Updates		Workbench
Clear All Breakpoints...		Workbench
Clear All Plots...		Workbench
Clear Console	Ctrl+L	Workbench
Clear Knitr Cache		Workbench
Clear Prerendered Output		Workbench
Clear Terminal Buffer		Workbench
Clear Workspace		Workbench
Close All Documents	Shift+Cmd+W	Workbench
Close Current Document	Cmd+W	Workbench
Close Current Project		Workbench
Close Other Documents	Shift+Alt+Cmd+W	Workbench
Close Terminal		Workbench
Compile Notebook		Workbench
Console on Left		Workbench
Console on Right		Workbench
Copy Current Plot to Clipboard...		Workbench

IF YOU ONLY LEARN ONE…
(WELL ACTUALLY TWO)

THE Drill

Step 1: Restart your R session

```
SHIFT + CMD + F10
```

might also need the fn key on a laptop

Step 2: (re) Run your script

```
SHIFT + CMD + S
```

Do this frequently as you write your code

- Reminds you to capture your code in the editor, not the console
- Prevents coding left-overs from messing up your work
- Helps you find coding problems more quickly
- Essential component of a reproducible workflow

OTHER KEYBOARD SHORTCUTS I LIKE

- Execute the current line of code

  `CMD + Return`

- Clean-up your code

  `CMD+A, CMD+I`

- Navigating your code

  `CMD+arrow keys` (use with `SHIFT` to select)

OTHER KEYBOARD SHORTCUTS I LIKE

- Comment / uncomment

  `CMD+SHIFT+C` (but I remapped to `CMD+/`)

- Switch to Editor & Console

  `CTRL+1` (Editor), `CTRL+2` (Console)

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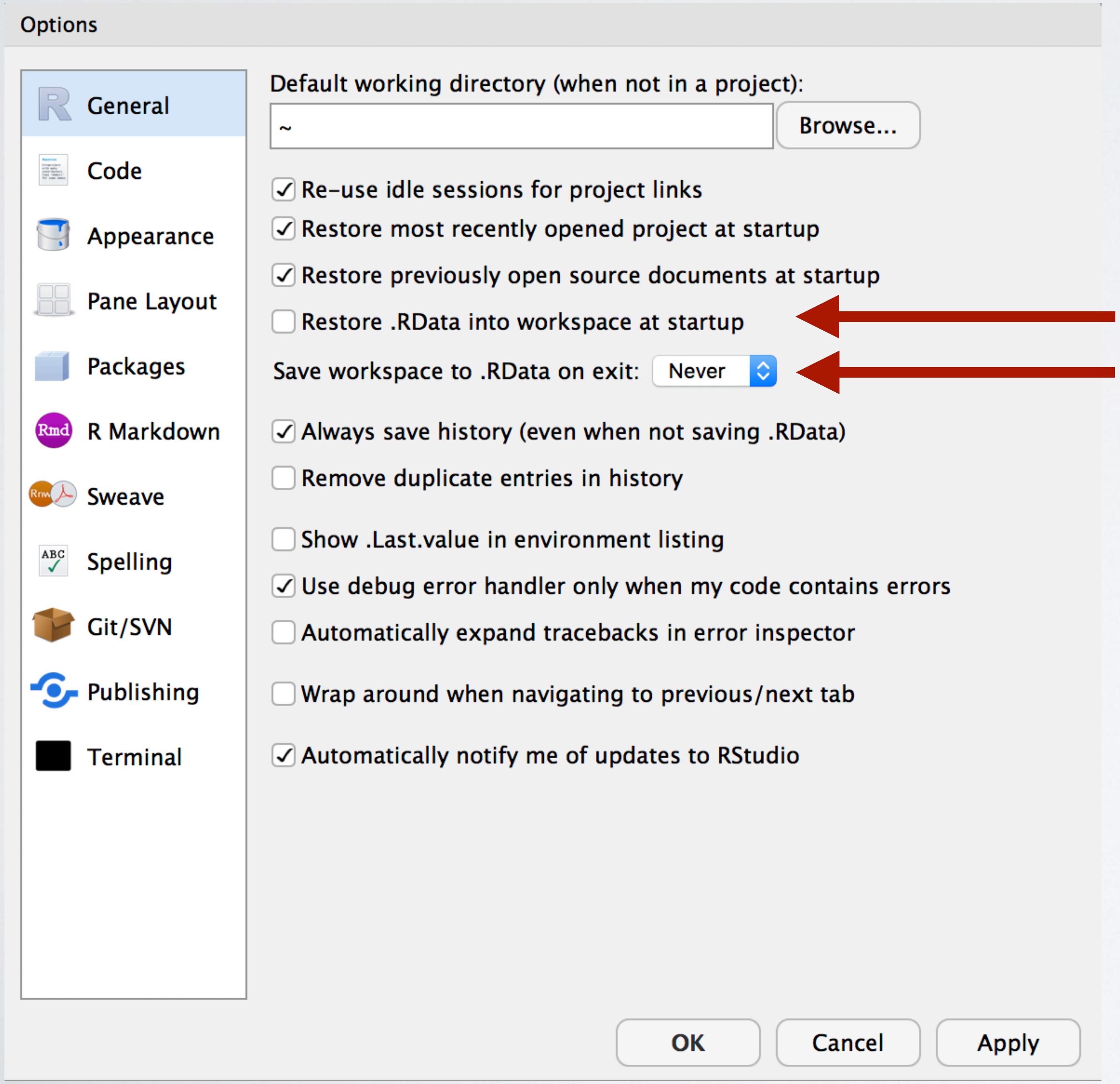

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□ Show .Last.value in environment listing

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The defaults are reproducibility nightmares

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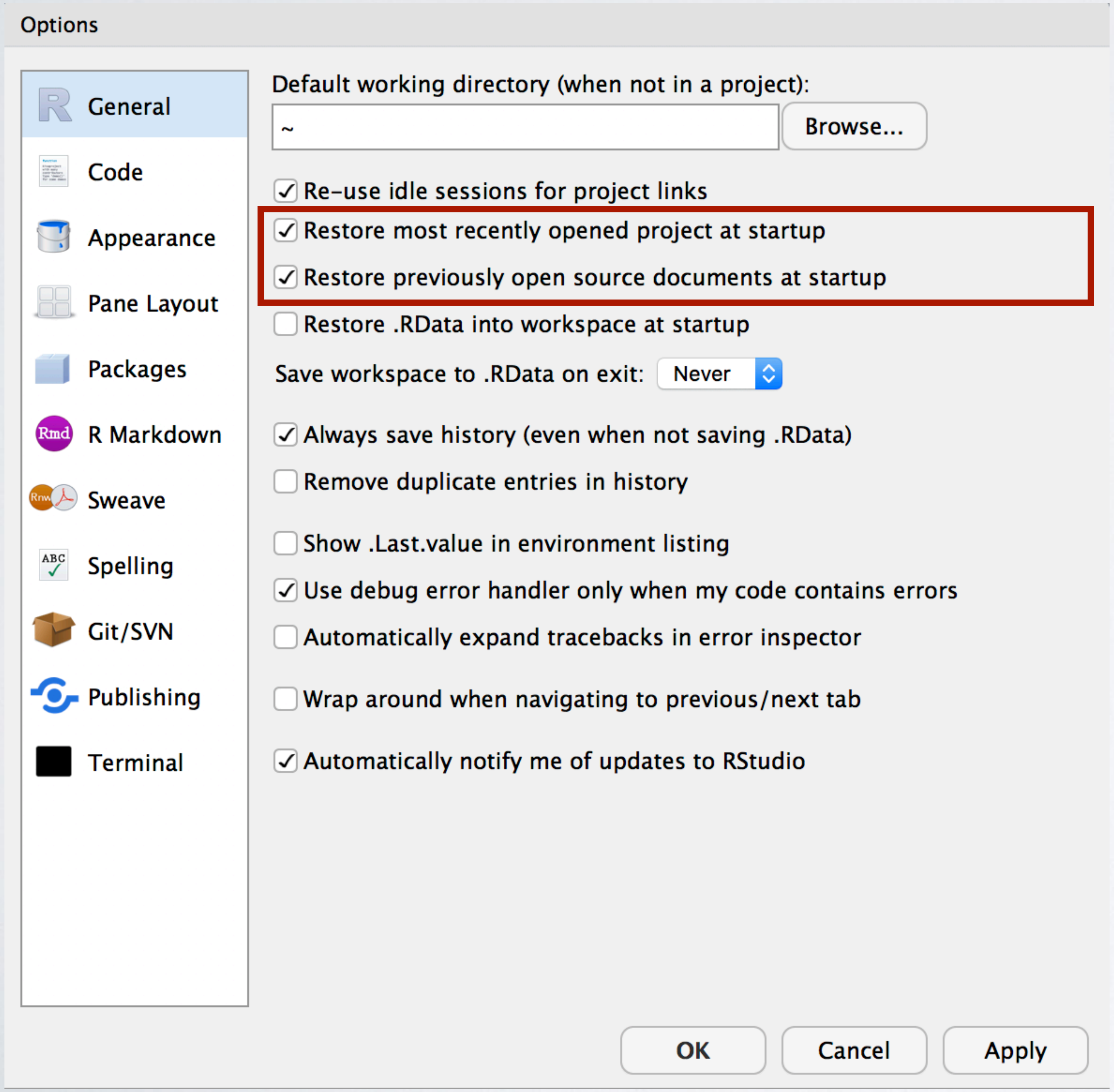

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Personal View

Starting to work on a project should be a deliberate action

FINAL THOUGHTS

- **Basic RStudio**
  use it as an editor to write code and a console to execute code

- **Advanced RStudio**
  learn keyboard shortcuts, tune it's settings, utilize it's power for writing packages, building Shiny apps, writing RMarkdown documents, using version control, …

- Think about your workflow — how can you streamline your work process?

- The little bit of time you spend tuning your set-up can save you lots of time in the long run