Assignment 1: Introduction

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OVERVIEW

This exercise accompanies the introductory material in Environmental Data Analytics.

Directions

1. Rename this file `<FirstLast>_A01_Introduction.Rmd` (replacing `<FirstLast>` with your first and last name).
2. Change "Student Name" on line 3 (above) with your name.
3. Work through the steps, **creating code and output** that fulfill each instruction.
4. Be sure to **answer the questions** in this assignment document.
5. When you have completed the assignment, **Knit** the text and code into a single PDF file.
6. After Knitting, submit the completed exercise (PDF file) to the appropriate assigment section on Sakai.

1) Finish setting up R Studio

Install TinyTex

Now, run this code cell the same way. This will install "tinytex" – a helper app that allows you to knit your markdown documents into professional quality PDFs.

Set your default knit directory

This setting will help deal with relative paths later on... - From the Tool menu, select `Global Options` - Select the RMarkdown section - In the "Evaluate chunks in directory", set the option to "Project"

2) Discussion Questions

Enter answers to the questions just below the >Answer: prompt.

1. What are your previous experiences with data analytics, R, and Git? Include both formal and informal training.

   Answer: I recently completed the Google Data Analytics Professional Certificate, which includes 8 courses on various topics related to data analytics. R comprised one of the 8 courses. GitHub was mentioned throughout the coursework, but we did not work at all with it.

2. Are there any components of the course about which you feel confident?

   Answer: I wouldn't go so far as to say I feel confident in RStudio, but since I've worked with it a good bit during the coursework I mentioned above, I do feel comfortable with the basics.

3. Are there any components of the course about which you feel apprehensive?

   Answer: Initially, Git is a little intimidating, along with the more advanced aspects of coding in R. I'm also anticipating the inevitable glitchy issues which will be difficult to resolve.

3) GitHub

Provide a link below to your forked course repository in GitHub. Make sure you have pulled all recent changes from the course repository and that you have updated your course README file, committed those changes, and pushed them to your GitHub account.

Answer: https://github.com/ae2845/EDA-Spring2023.git

4) Knitting

When you have completed this document, click the `knit` button.This should produce a PDF copy of your markdown document. Submit this PDF to Sakai.