Develop Bioconductor packages with docker container

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Readings

links to read:

- https://www.bioconductor.org/developers/package-guidelines/#rcode (https://www.bioconductor.org/developers/package-guidelines/#rcode)
- https://github.com/Bioconductor/Contributions (https://github.com/Bioconductor/Contributions)
- use container https://github.com/Bioconductor/bioconductor_full (https://github.com/Bioconductor/bioconductor_full)

I am following the last link.

pull the container

<pre>docker pull bioconductor/bioconductor_full:devel docker images</pre>			
REPOSITORY	TAG	IMAGE ID	CREATED
bioconductor/bioconductor_full	devel	ae3ec2be7376	3 hours aç
seuratv3	latest	9b358ab1fd63	2 days ago

It is 5.7G in size.

start the Rstuido from the image. I have another Rstudio instance using port 8787, let me use a different one (e.g. 8080). docker Rstudio default port is 8787, change the host port to 8080.

NOTE: The path ~/R/host-site-library is mapped to .libPaths() in R. So, when R is started, all the libraries in the host directory host-site-library are available to R. It is stored on your machine mounted from the volume you fill in place of host-site-library.

The mounted path must be an **absolute path**.

I also mounted the github_repo folder in my host machine to the docker home directory. Because every time you exit a container and start it again, the modification you did to the container will be gone (unless you make an modified image and use that for the next time). I will save the R package in my ~/github repo folder in the host machine.

type localhost:8080, you should see the Rstudio login page. username is rstudio, password is xyz in this dummy example.

In Rstudio:

```
> .libPaths()
[1] "/usr/local/lib/R/host-site-library" "/usr/local/lib/R/site-library"
[3] "/usr/local/lib/R/library"
```

you will see <code>/usr/local/lib/R/host-site-library</code> is in the <code>libpath</code>, that corresponds to the <code>~/R/host-site-library</code> in the host machine, if you do package installation, it will be installed in the <code>~/R/host-site-library</code> .

start an R package use usethis

follow these two blog posts and R packages book (http://r-pkgs.had.co.nz/) by Hadley Wickham:

- https://blog.methodsconsultants.com/posts/developing-r-packages-using-gitlab-ci-part-i/ (https://blog.methodsconsultants.com/posts/developing-r-packages-using-gitlab-ci-part-i/)
- https://www.hvitfeldt.me/blog/usethis-workflow-for-package-development/ (https://www.hvitfeldt.me/blog/usethis-workflow-for-package-development/)

```
install.packages(c("devtools", "roxygen2", "usethis", "available", "rmarkdown"))
## check if the package name is avaiable (not used by others)
library(available)
available("myawesomepackage")

library(usethis)
usethis::create_package("~/myawesomepackage")

use_git()
use_github()
use_mit_license("Ming Tang")
usethis::use_pipe()
```

Add a function

```
usethis::use_r("myawesomefunc")
```

On mac:

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command + option + shift + R for inserting roxygen comment.
command + shift + D for documentation.
command + shfit + B for building package.
```

add more functions, repeat.

Next

Next is to add test and setup some continuous integration. Read this Automate testing of your R package using Travis CI, Codecov, and testthat (https://jef.works/blog/2019/02/17/automate-testing-of-your-R-package/) by Jean Fan.

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