# Week 1: Getting Started

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### Agenda

- 1. Introductions to one another and the class
- 2. A brief introduction to data science and R
- 3. Discussion of the syllabus

#### Introductions!

- Alex Lishinski, Ph.D. (they/them)
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- Primary areas of interest:
  - Computer Science education
  - Quantitative research methods
  - Data science in education
- Former philosopher

#### Introductions!

- 1. Stuff about you
- 2. Why are you interested in data science?
- 3. What tools/experiences do you have for doing data science?
- 4. What do you think you want to get out of this course?

(10 minutes)

#### Course FAQ

#### Q - What data science background does this course assume?

A - None.

#### Q - Is this an intro stat course?

A - While statistics  $\neq$  data science, they are very closely related and have tremendous of overlap. Hence, this course is a great way to get started with statistics. However this course is **not** your typical high school statistics course.

#### Q - Will we be doing computing?

A - Yes.

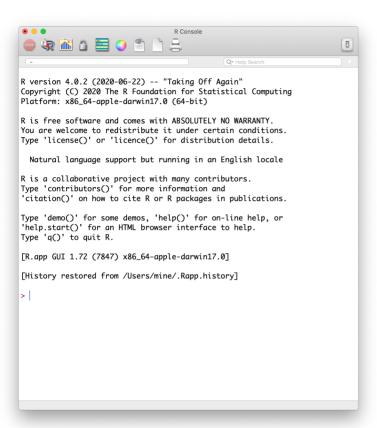
#### Q - Is this an intro CS course?

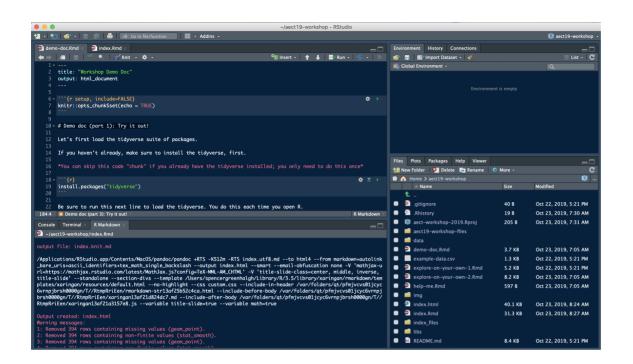
A - No, but many themes are shared.

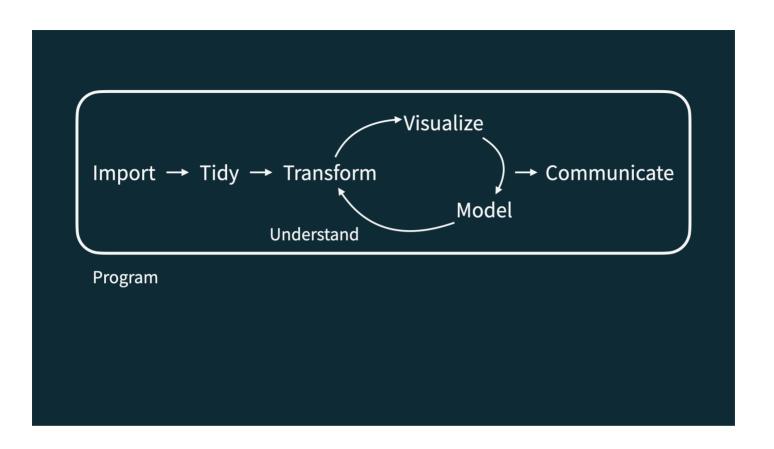
#### Q - What computing language will we learn?

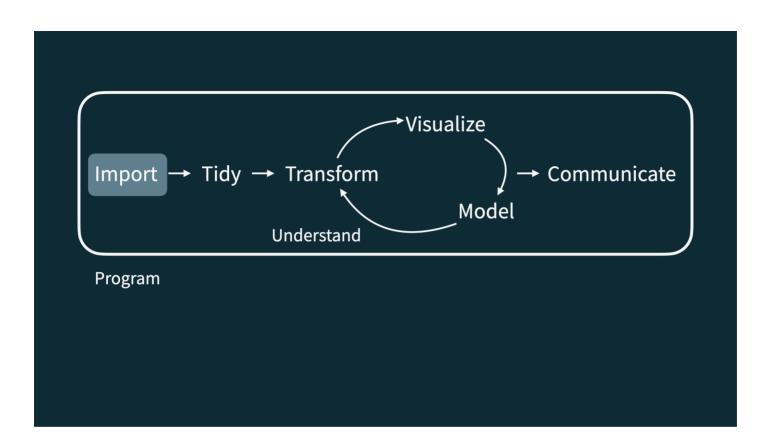
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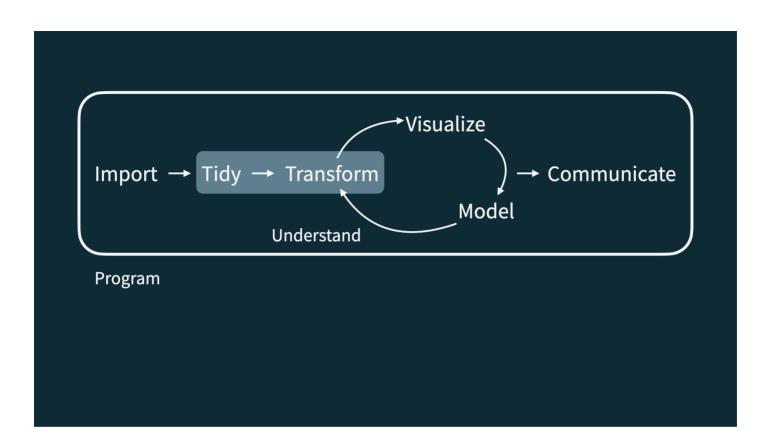
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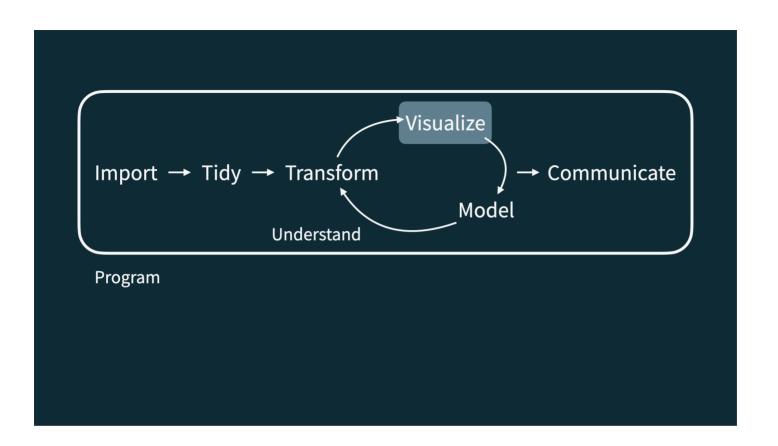


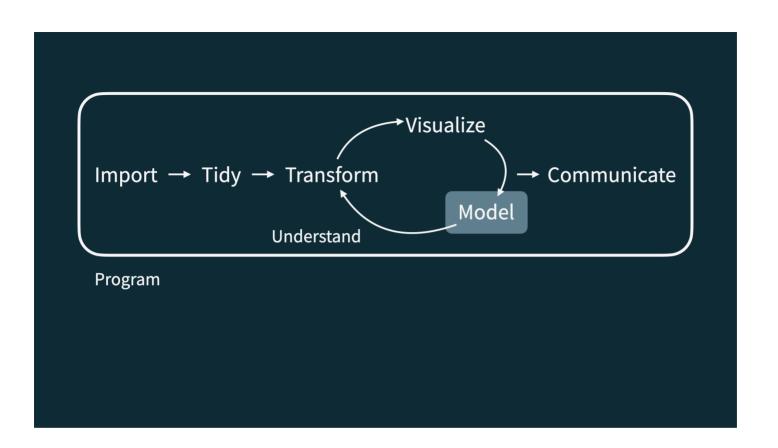


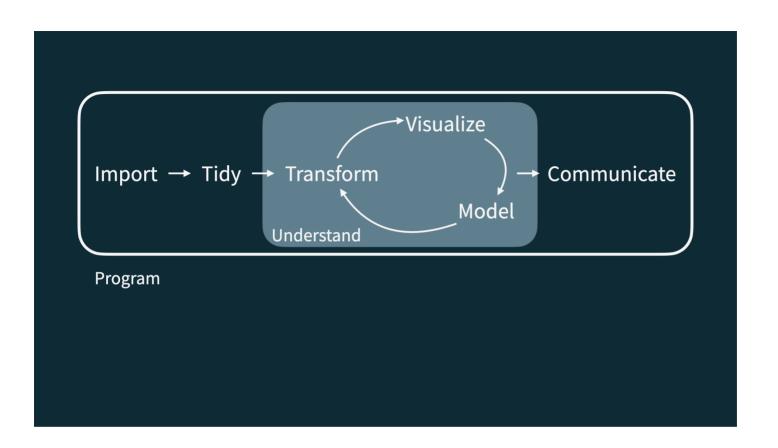


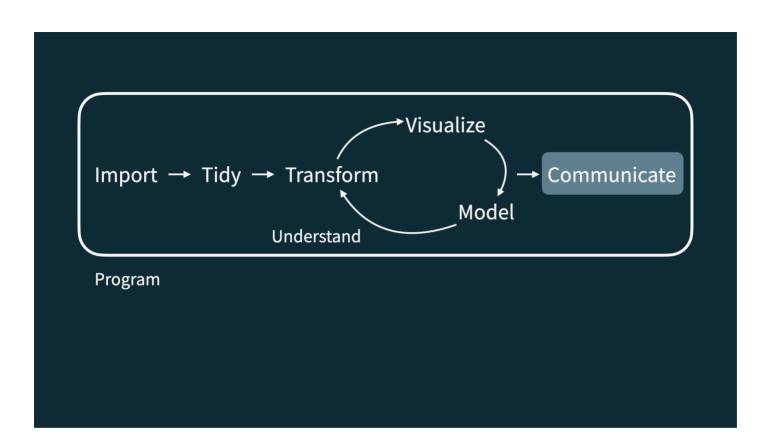


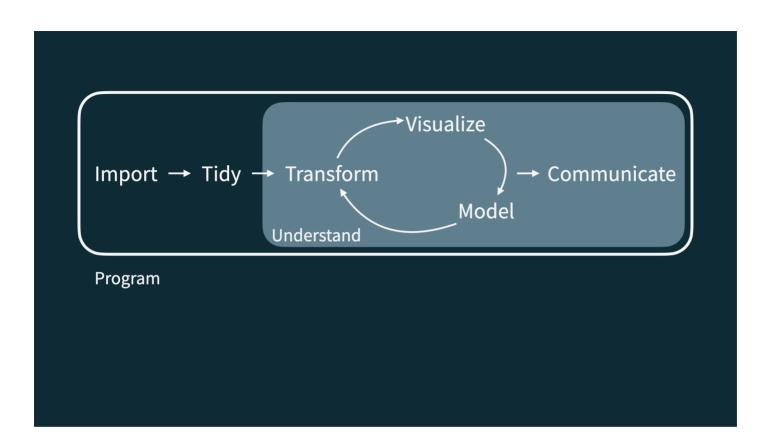


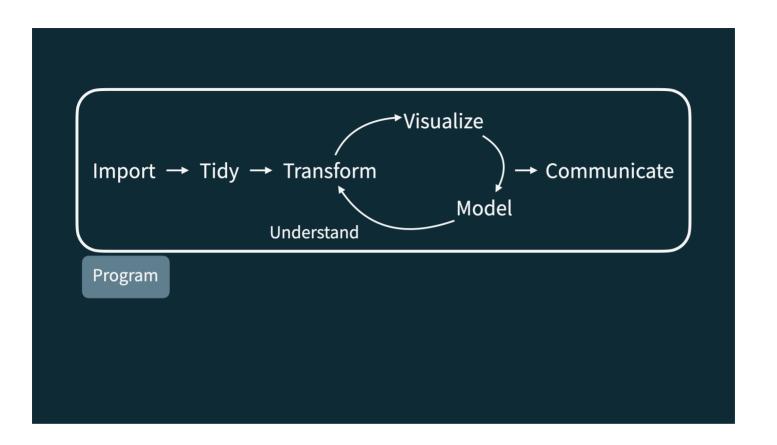












### Over-arching design

The pedagogical framework *plays out* in the following specific ways:

- 1. You'll first hear about the concepts underlying what you can do
- 2. You'll see examples of working out these ideas in practice
- 3. You'll try these ideas out on your own

#### An argument for this class

- This presentation will make the argument that you can use R and RStudio to solve problems that are important to you
- In doing so, you can participate in a cool community of data scientists in education

#### Why learn R?

- It is capable of carrying out basic and complex statistical analyses
- It is able to work with data small (n = 30) and large (n = 100,000+) efficiently
- It is a programming language and so is quite flexible
- There is a great, inclusive community of users and developers (and teachers)
- It is increasingly used in education
- It can help you to carry out your educational analyses in open and trustworthy ways
- It is cross-platform, open-source, and freely-available

#### **RMarkdown**

- RMarkdown is a data analysis "notebook" that combines text with code and output
- It is a great file type to use when beginning to use R and to create reproducible analyses
- It is fun to use because you can generate different types of output (Word, PDF, and even web-based)

What do you think this code will do?

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sci_mo_processed %>%
  filter(percentage_earned >= .60) %>%
  select(student_id, course_id, percentage_earned))
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sci mo processed %>%
  filter(percentage earned >= .60) %>%
  select(student id, course id, percentage earned)
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What do you think this code will do?

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sci_mo_processed %>%
filter(percentage_earned >= .60) %>%
arrange(desc(percentage_earned)) %>%
select(student_id, course_id, percentage_earned, TimeSpent)
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  filter(percentage_earned >= .60) %>%
  select(student id, course id, percentage earned, TimeSpent)
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### **Getting Started**

- Download R: <a href="https://www.r-project.org/">https://www.r-project.org/</a>
- Download Rstudio: <a href="https://www.rstudio.com/products/rstudio/download/">https://www.rstudio.com/products/rstudio/download/</a>
- Set up a working directory for your class projects

## Syllabus

#### Assignments

- Homework
- Exams
- Final Project
- Others (data ethics, data science resources)

### Organization of the class

- Tuesdays Homeworks due
- Tuesday class Slides and demo
- Thursday class Review HW and work through hands on activity

## Questions

What questions do you have?