



# Fundamentals of Package Development

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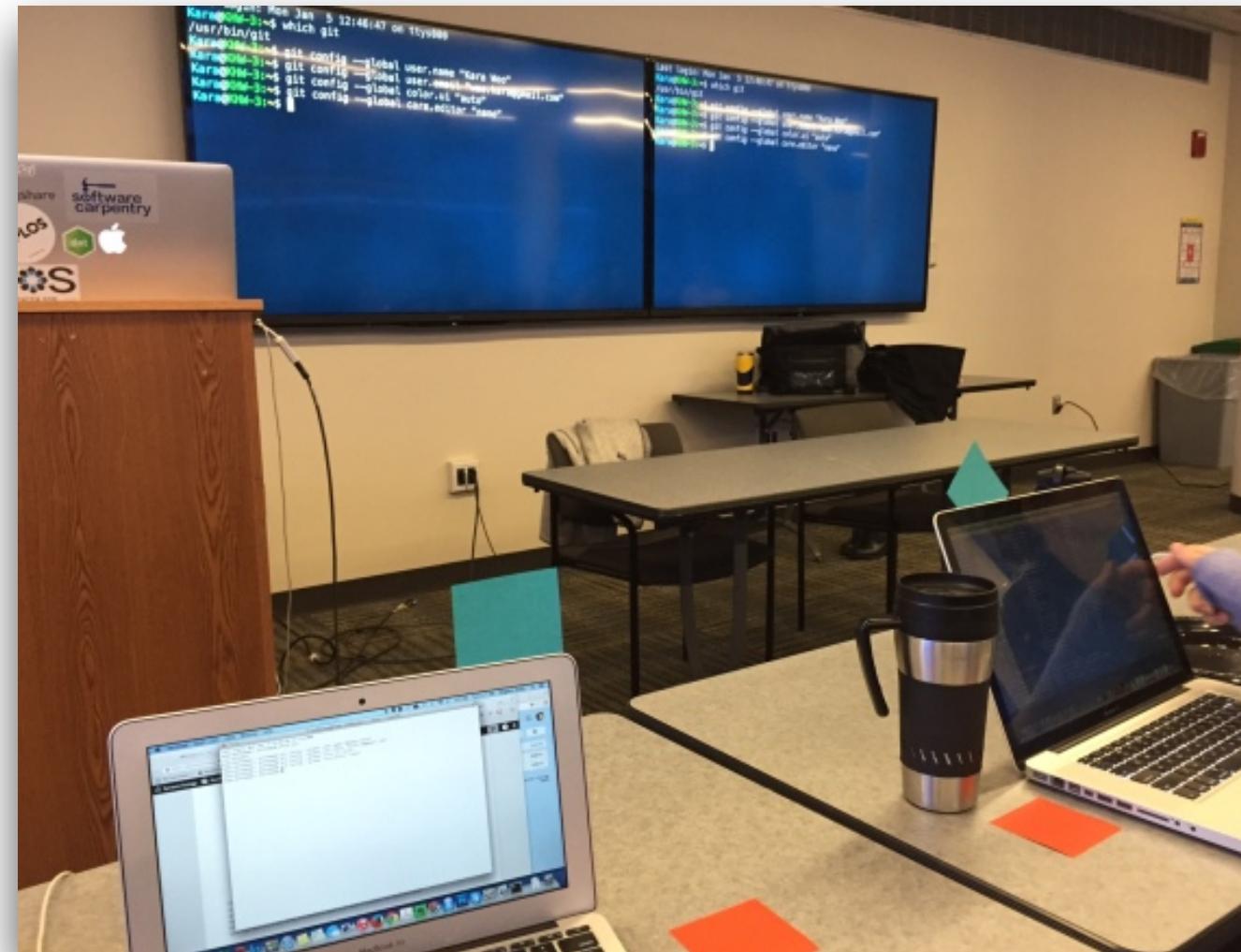
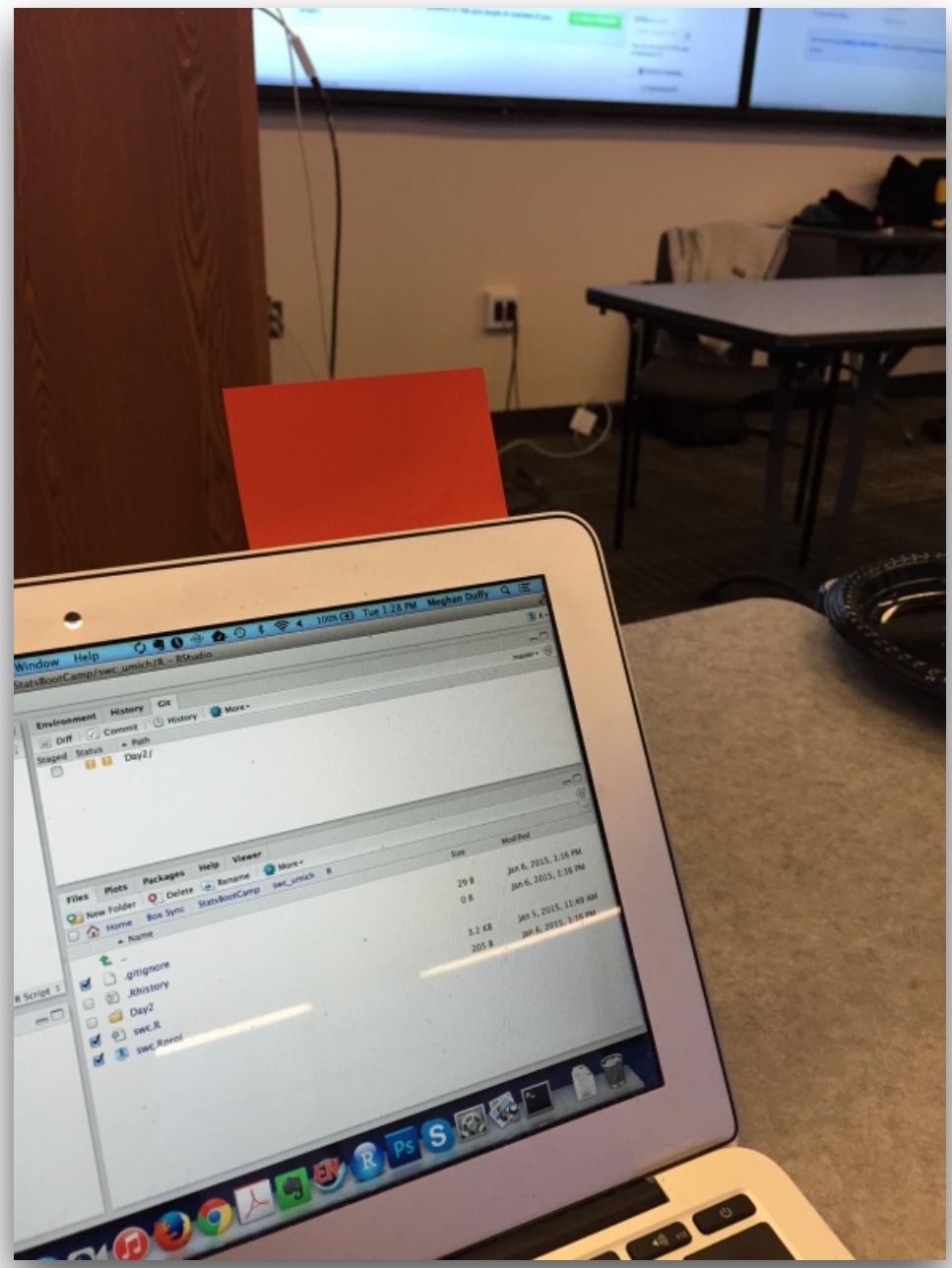
# Welcome!

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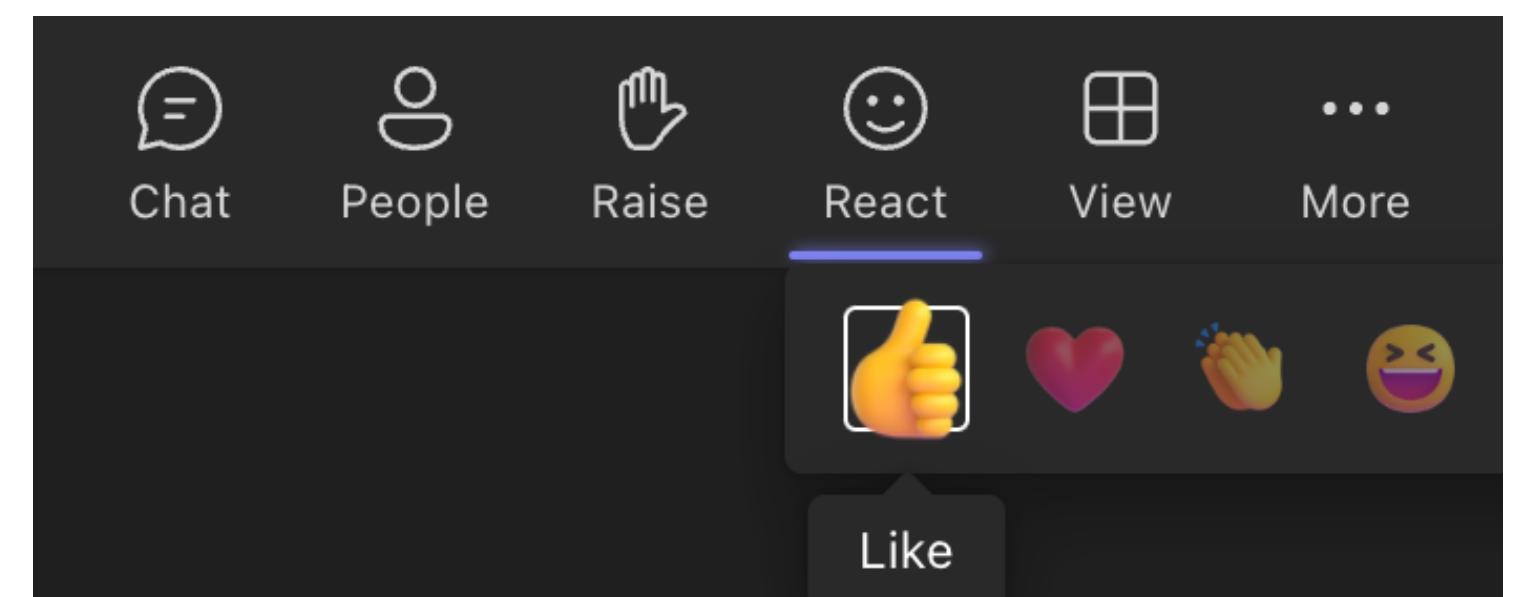
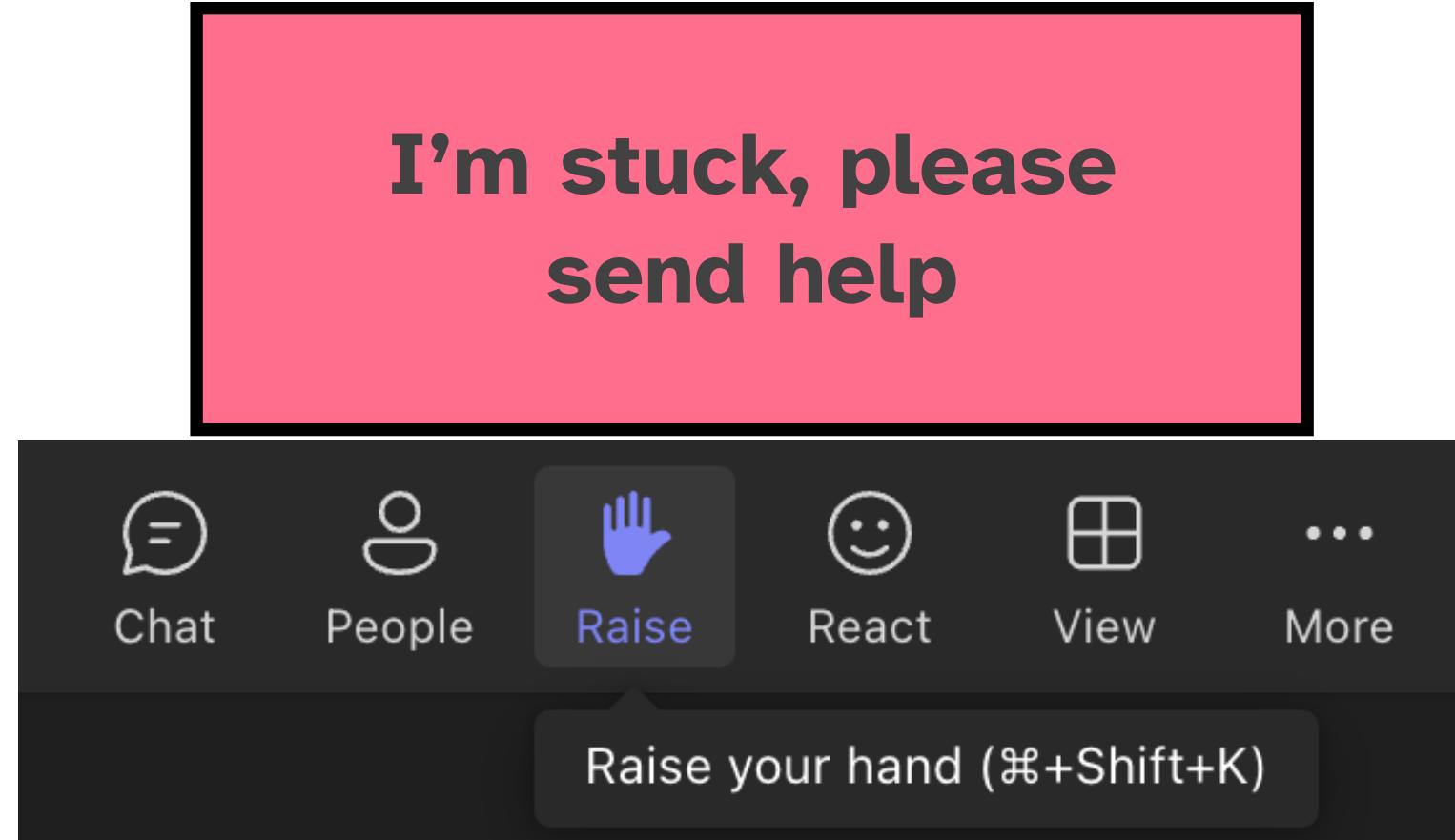
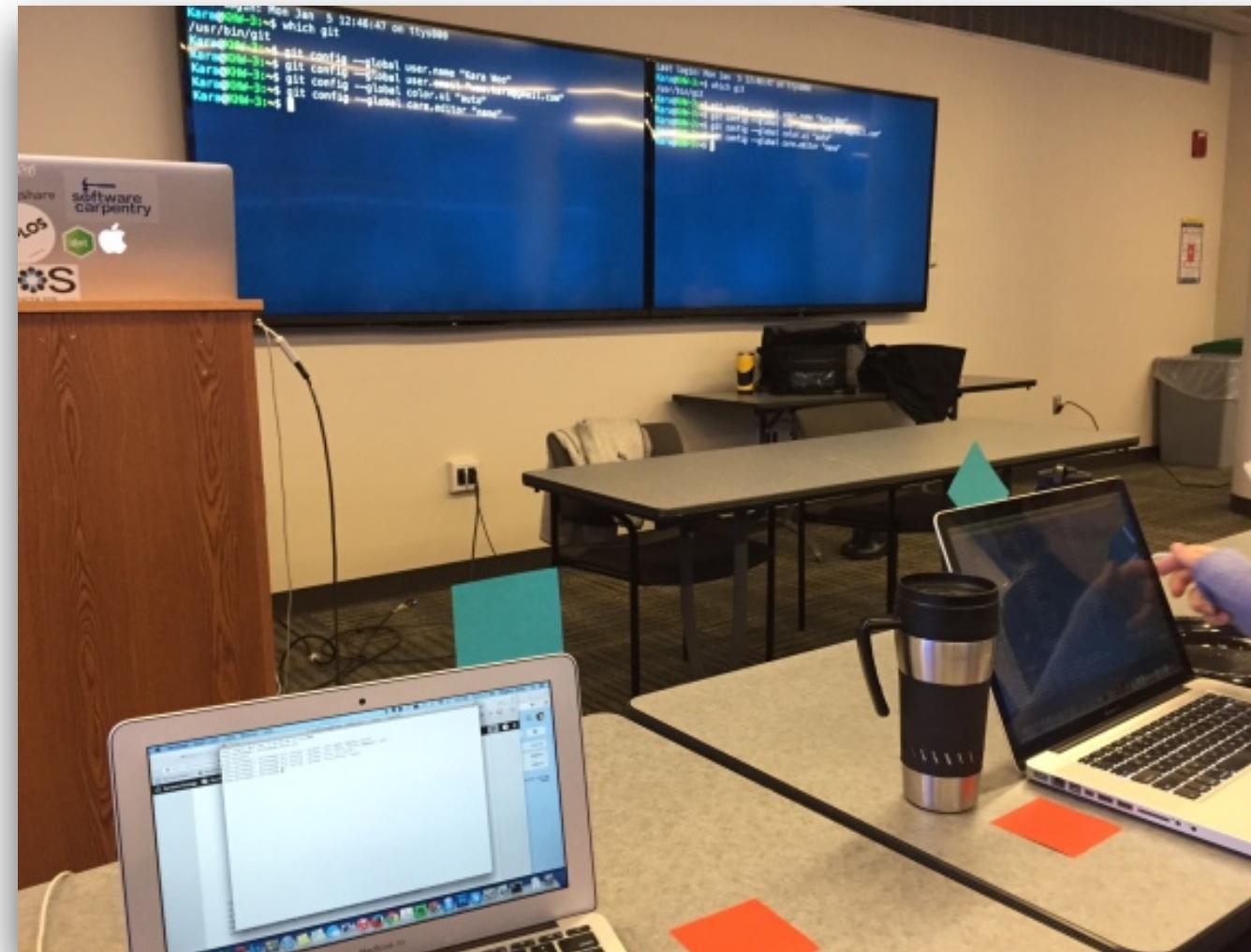
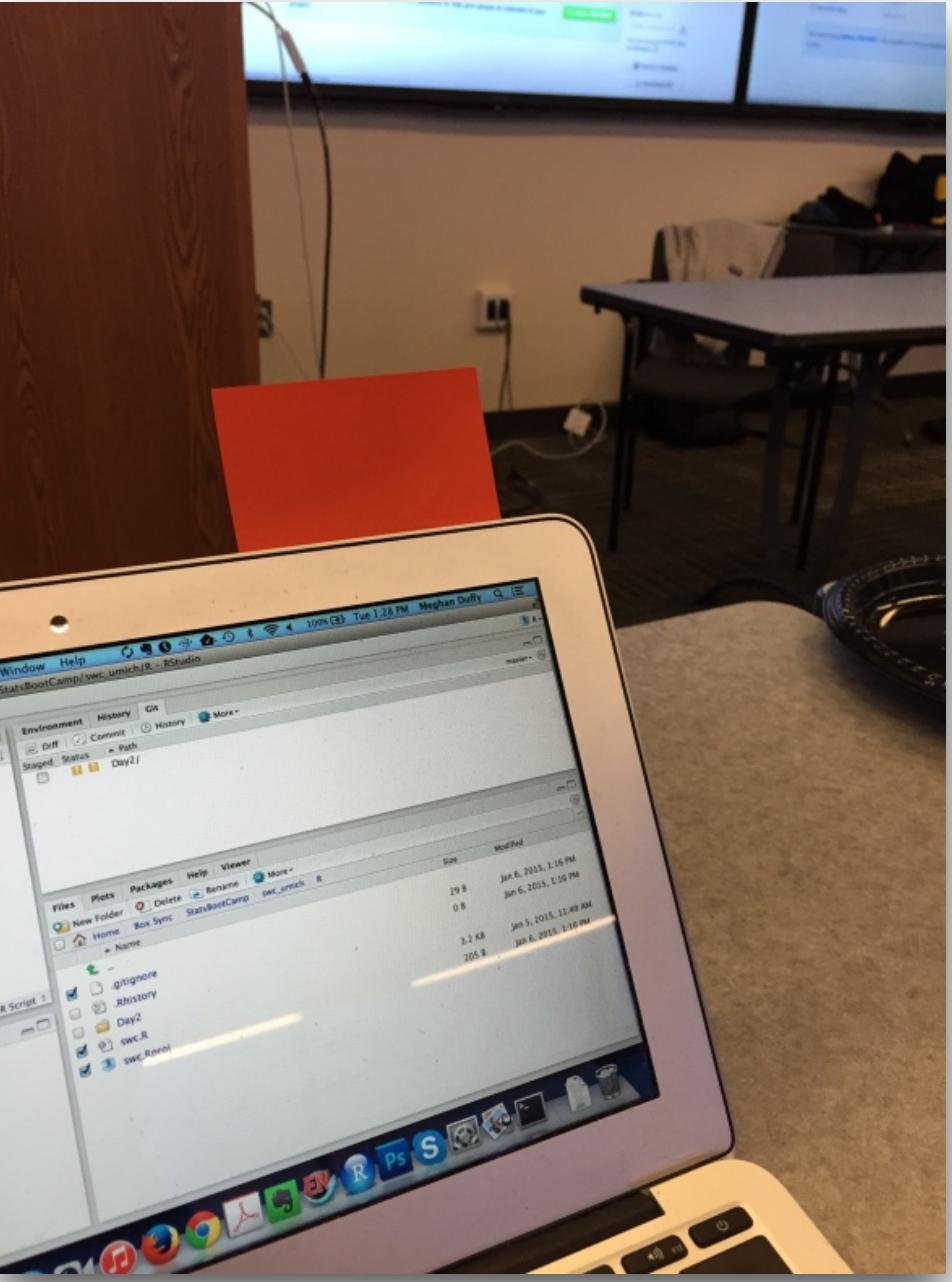
# Welcome!

- This is a one-day course for people looking to learn how to build R packages in an efficient way, make them easy to maintain, and easy for users to use.
- Introductions
- Code of Conduct:
  - [https://github.com/ateucher/pkg-dev-psc-2024-04-29/blob/main/  
CODE\\_OF\\_CONDUCT.md](https://github.com/ateucher/pkg-dev-psc-2024-04-29/blob/main/CODE_OF_CONDUCT.md)
  - ❤️ Treat everyone with respect
  - ❤️ Everyone should feel welcome

# Sticky Notes



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# Resources

- Workshop website:

<https://andyteucher.ca/pkg-dev-psc-2024-04-29/>

- Cheatsheet:

<https://rstudio.github.io/cheatsheets/html/package-development.html>

# Schedule and Learning Objectives

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- What is a package and why should you make one? START: 9:00
- Package Structure and State - where do they come from, where do they live?

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- Package Creation and Metadata BREAK: 10:30 - 11:00
- Documentation

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- Testing LUNCH: 12:30 - 1:30
- Package Dependencies

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- Continuous Integration BREAK: 3:00 - 3:30
- Vignettes
- Package Distribution

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END: 5:00

# R Packages (2e)

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<https://r-pkgs.org>

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Second  
Edition

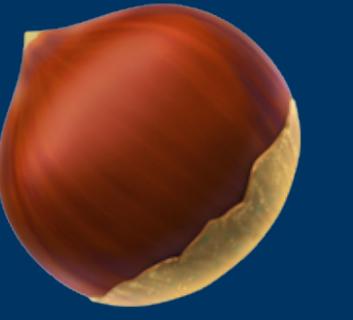
# R Packages

Organize, Test, Document, and Share Your Code



Hadley Wickham  
& Jennifer Bryan

# Packages in a nutshell



# Why make a package?



- Easier to reuse functions you write
- A consistent framework which encourages you to better organize, document, and test your code
- This framework means you can use many standardized tools
- Easiest way to distribute code (and data)
  - To your team
  - To the world

# Script vs Package

<https://r-pkgs.org/package-within.html>

## Script

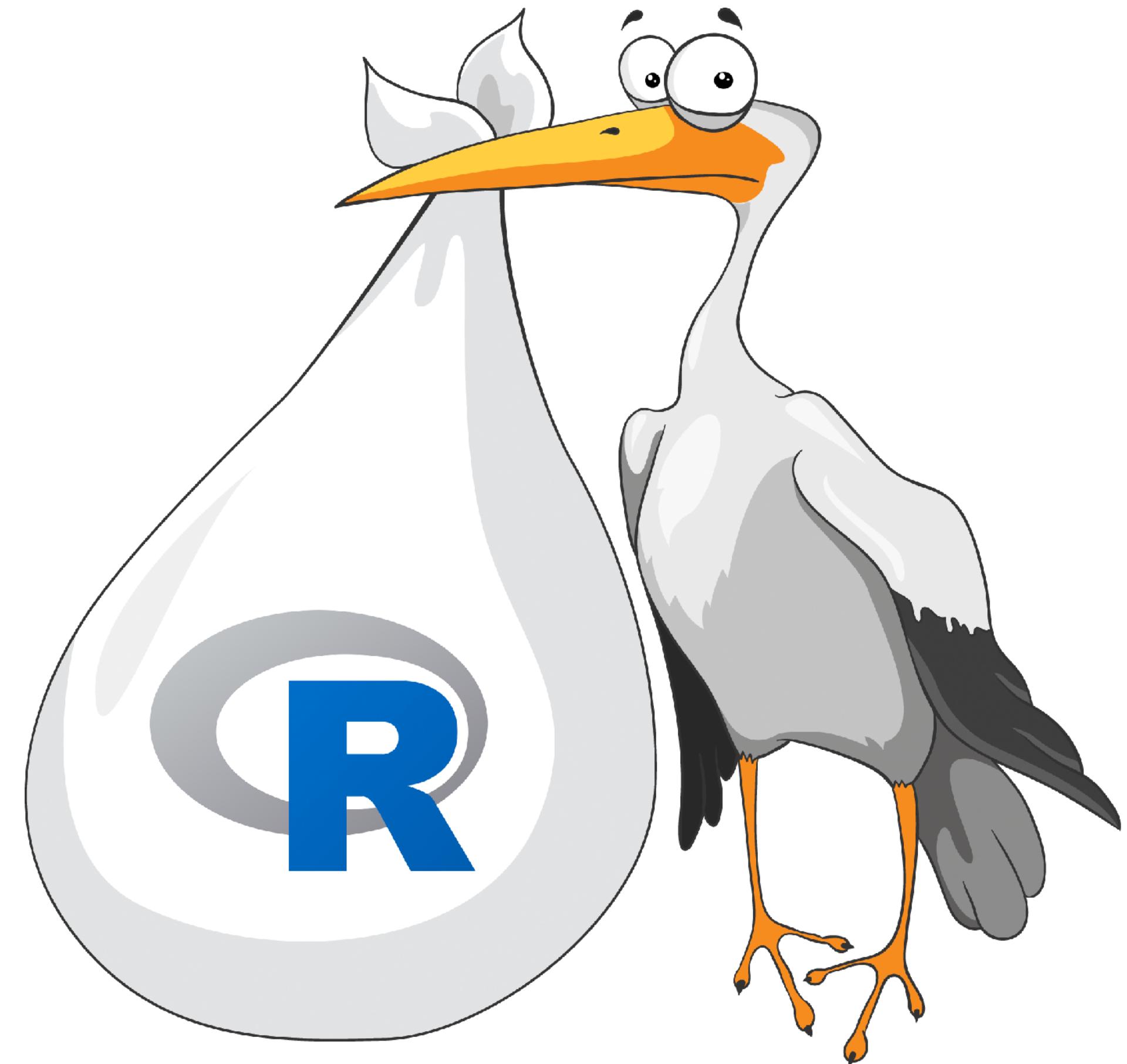
- Performs data analysis
- Collection of one or more `.R` files
- `library()` calls
- Documentation in `#` comments
- Run with `source()` or `select+run`

## Package

- Reusable functions to use in analyses
- Defined by particular file organization
- Required packages in `DESCRIPTION`
- Documentation in `Roxygen` comments and “man” files
- Functions available when package attached

# Where do packages come from?

- Discuss with your neighbour and put up a green sticky when you have:
  - Your favourite package
  - **2 places** from which you install packages
  - **2 functions** you can use to install packages
- Write them in the Chat



# R Libraries - where do packages live?

- A **library** is a directory containing installed **packages**
- You have at least one library on your computer
- Common (and recommended) to have two libraries:
  1. A **system** library with **base** (14) and **recommended** (15) packages; installed with R.
  2. A **user** library with user-installed packages
- We use **library(pkg)** function to **attach** a package
- 7 base packages are always attached (**base**, **methods**, **utils**, **stats**, **grDevices**, **datasets**, **graphics**)

# Your turn

Type `.libPaths()` to see your libraries

- How many libraries do you have?
- What are they? (Put them in the Chat)

# Package Structure and State

## Five forms

### Source

- Directory of files with specific structure
  - What you interact with as you build a package
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### Bundle

- Package compressed into a single file (tar.gz) via `devtools::build()` -> `R CMD build`
  - Vignettes are built and files listed in `.Rbuildignore` are left behind
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### Binary

- Platform-specific compressed file (.tgz, .zip)
  - Made with `devtools::build(binary = TRUE)` -> `R CMD INSTALL --build`
- 

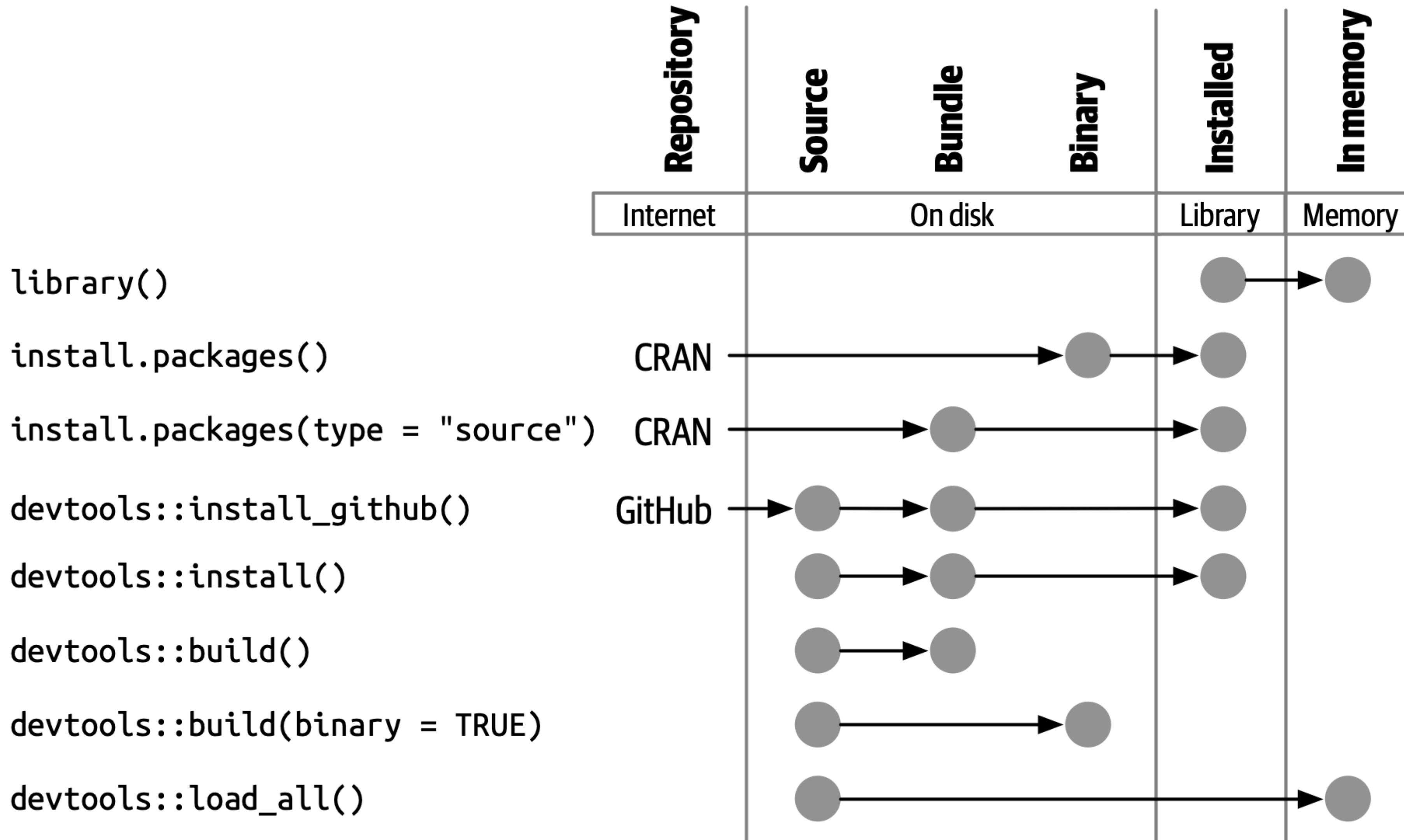
### Installed

- Binary package decompressed into a user's library
  - `install.packages()`
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### In Memory

- Loaded and ready for use in an R session
- `library()`

# Package Structure and State



# Let's make a package together

## We will:

- Create a simple package
- Use git to track our changes
- Push the code to a repository on GitLab
- Create tests for our functions
- Create documentation for our functions
- Create a package website (if we have time)
- Focus on workflows

## We won't:

- Talk (much) about function writing and design
- Talk about how to include data in your package (even though it's possible and often helpful)

# libminer

**Sneak peak of our end goal on GitLab**

- <https://gitlab.com/ateucher/libminer-main>
- A package to explore our local R package libraries

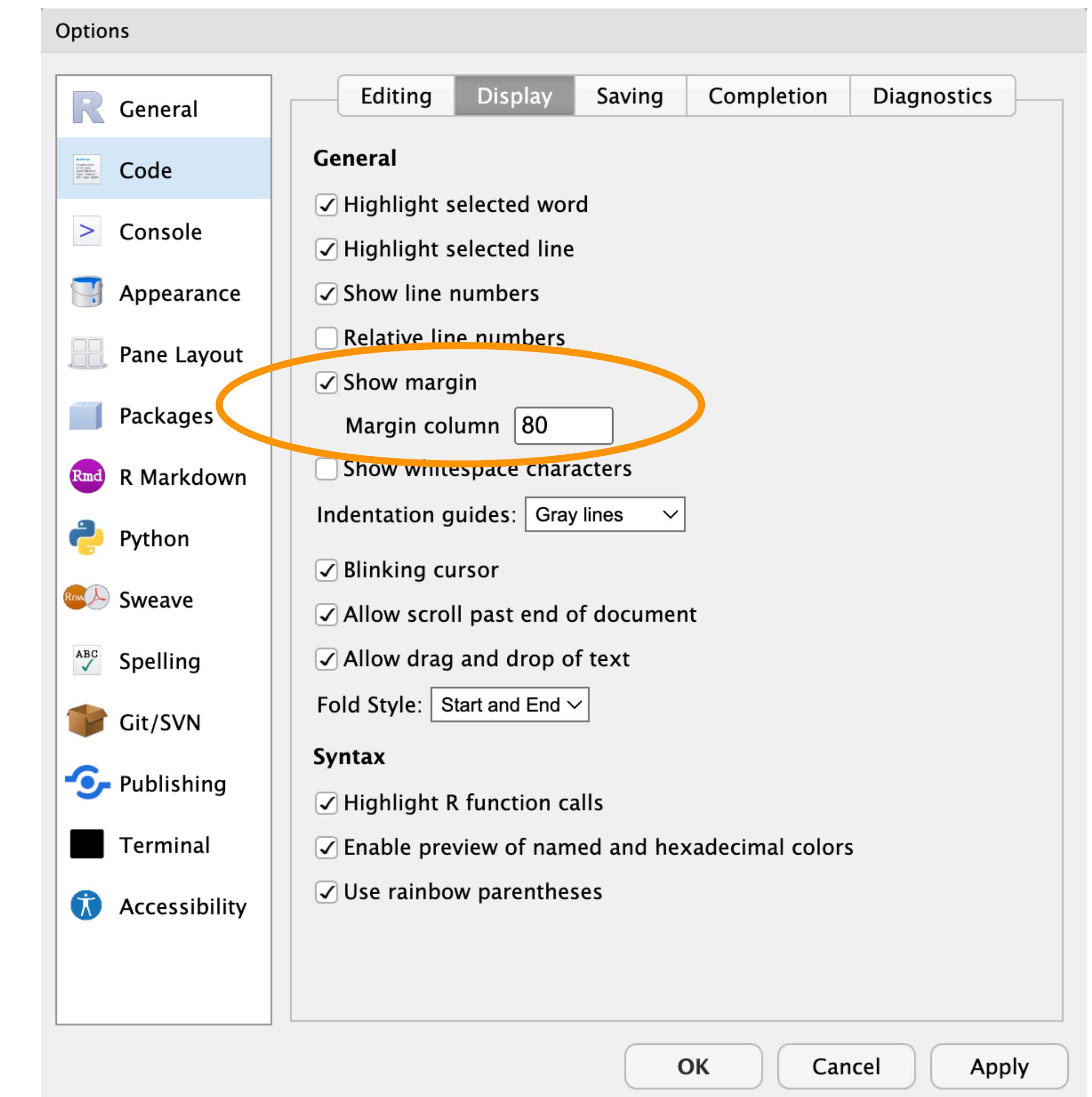
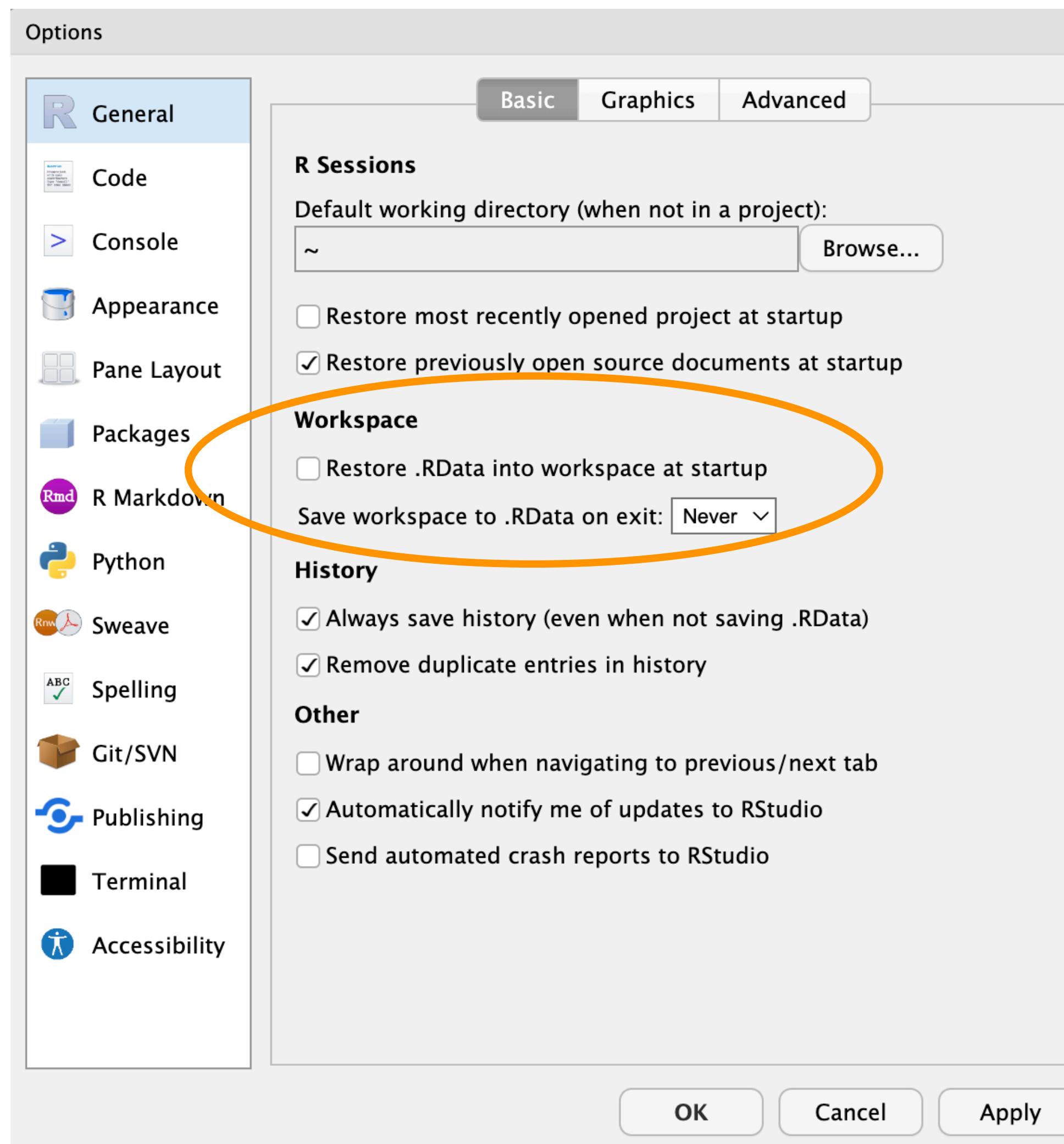


# Get Ready



# Configure RStudio

## Tools > Global Options

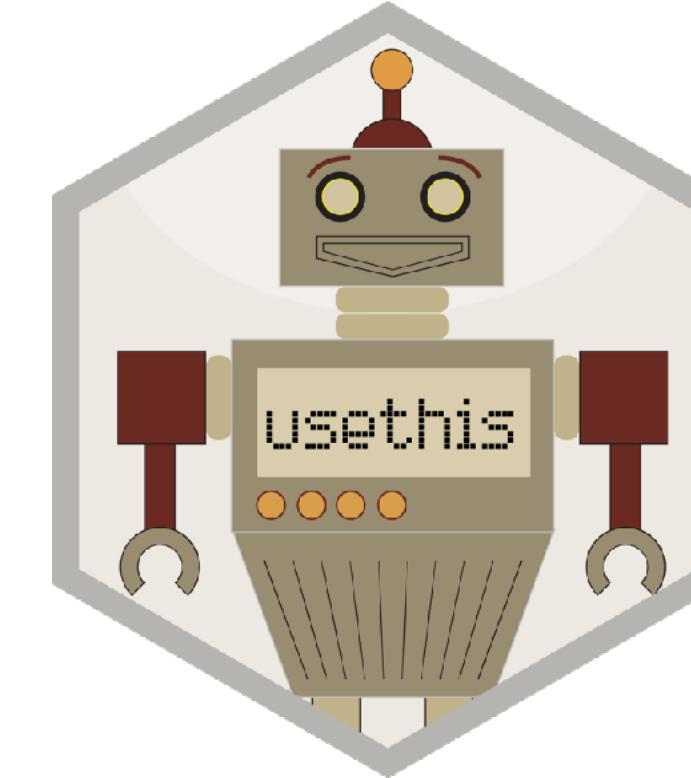
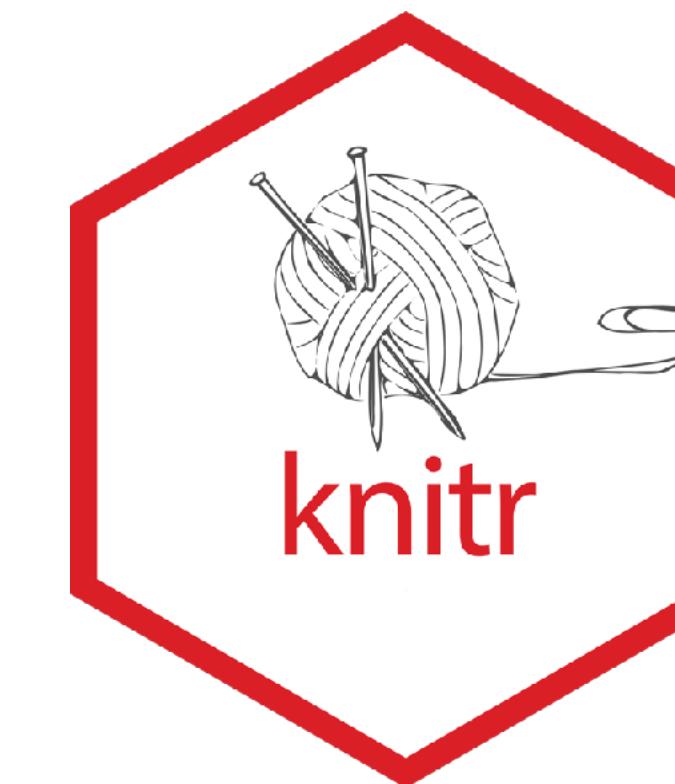


# Tools



- R >= 4.3.0
- R Studio® (<https://posit.co/download/rstudio-desktop/>)
- Packages:

```
install.packages(  
  c("devtools", "roxygen2", "testthat", "knitr", "pkgdown")  
)
```



# Create a package



# Load devtools



```
library(devtools)
#> Loading required package: usethis
```

```
packageVersion("devtools")
#> [1] '2.4.5'
```

- Update if necessary!
- Provides a suite of functions to aid package development
- Loads **usethis**, the source of most functions we will be using

# create\_package()



```
create_package("~/Desktop/mypackage")
```

```
└── .Rbuildignore  
└── .Rproj.user  
└── .gitignore  
└── DESCRIPTION  
└── NAMESPACE  
└── R  
└── mypackage.Rproj
```

- Creates directory
  - Final part of path will be the package name
- Sets up basic package skeleton
- Opens a new RStudio project
- Activates "build" pane in RStudio

# create\_package()



```
create_package("~/Desktop/mypackage")
#> ✓ Creating '/Users/jane/Desktop/mypackage/'
#> ✓ Setting active project to '/Users/jane/Desktop/mypackage'
#> ✓ Creating 'R/'
#> ✓ Writing 'DESCRIPTION'
#> Package: mypackage
#> Title: What the Package Does (One Line, Title Case)
#> Version: 0.0.0.9000
#> Authors@R (parsed):
#>     * First Last <first.last@example.com> [aut, cre] (YOUR-ORCID-ID)
#> Description: What the package does (one paragraph).
#> License: `use_mit_license()`, `use_gpl3_license()` or friends to pick a
license
#> Encoding: UTF-8
#> Roxygen: list(markdown = TRUE)
#> RoxygenNote: 7.2.3
#> ✓ Writing 'NAMESPACE'
#> ✓ Writing 'mypackage.Rproj'
#> ✓ Adding '^mypackage\\\\.Rproj$' to '.Rbuildignore'
#> ✓ Adding '.Rproj.user' to '.gitignore'
#> ✓ Adding '^\\\\.Rproj\\\\.user$' to '.Rbuildignore'
#> ✓ Setting active project to '<no active project>'
```

➡ Your Turn

# Break Time!

I NEED A  
BREAK!



# use\_git()

- `use_git_config(  
 user.name = "Jane Doe",  
 user.email = "jane@example.org")`
- `use_git()`
- Turns package directory into a git repository
- Commits your files (with a prompt)
- Restarts RStudio (with a prompt)
  - Activates "git" pane in RStudio

```
use_git()  
  
#> ✓ Setting active project to  
#>   '/Users/Jane/rrr/mypackage'  
#> ✓ Adding '.Rhistory', '.Rdata',  
#>   '.httr-oauth', '.DS_Store',  
#>   '.quarto' to '.gitignore'  
#> There are 5 uncommitted files:  
#> * '.gitignore'  
#> * '.Rbuildignore'  
#> * 'DESCRIPTION'  
#> * 'metrify.Rproj'  
#> * 'NAMESPACE'  
#> Is it ok to commit?  
#> 1: Abort  
#> 2: No  
#> 3: Yes
```

→ Your Turn

# usethis::use\_devtools()

## Automatically load devtools when R starts

- Opens .Rprofile file
- Copies code to your clipboard
- Paste into .Rprofile
- Restart R

```
if (interactive()) {  
  # Load package dev packages:  
  suppressMessages(require("devtools"))  
}
```

⌨️ Ctrl+Shift+F10 (Windows & Linux)  
⌨️ Cmd+Shift+Ø (macOS)

➡️ Your Turn

# use\_r()

## Write your first function

- R code goes in **R/**
- Name the file after the function it defines

```
use_r("my-fun")
```

```
#> ✓ Setting active project to '/Users/jane/rrr/mypackage'  
#> • Edit 'R/my-fun.R'
```

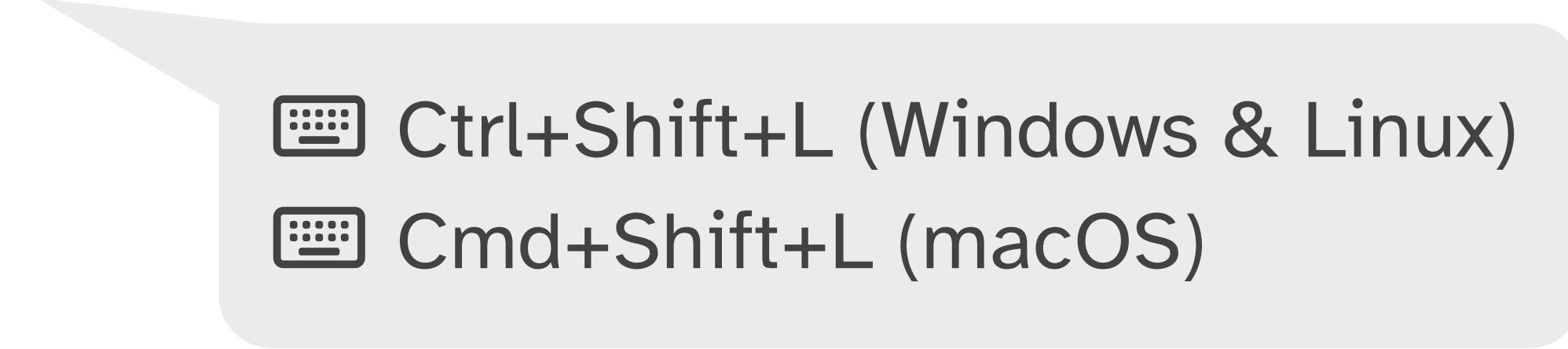
- Put the definition of your function (and only the defin

→ Your Turn

# Test your function in the new package

But how?

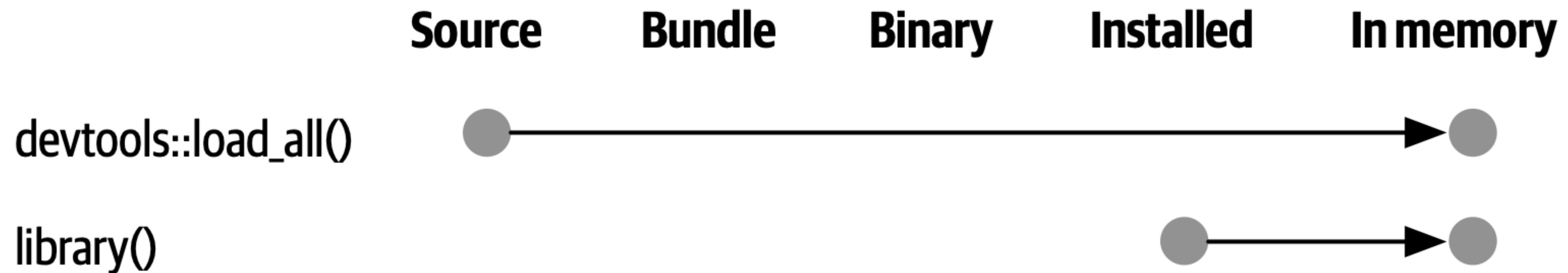
- ~~source("R/my-fun.R")~~
- ~~Send function to console using RStudio (Ctrl/CMD+Return)~~
- ~~devtools::load\_all()~~



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# `load_all()`

**~= `install.packages() + library()`**

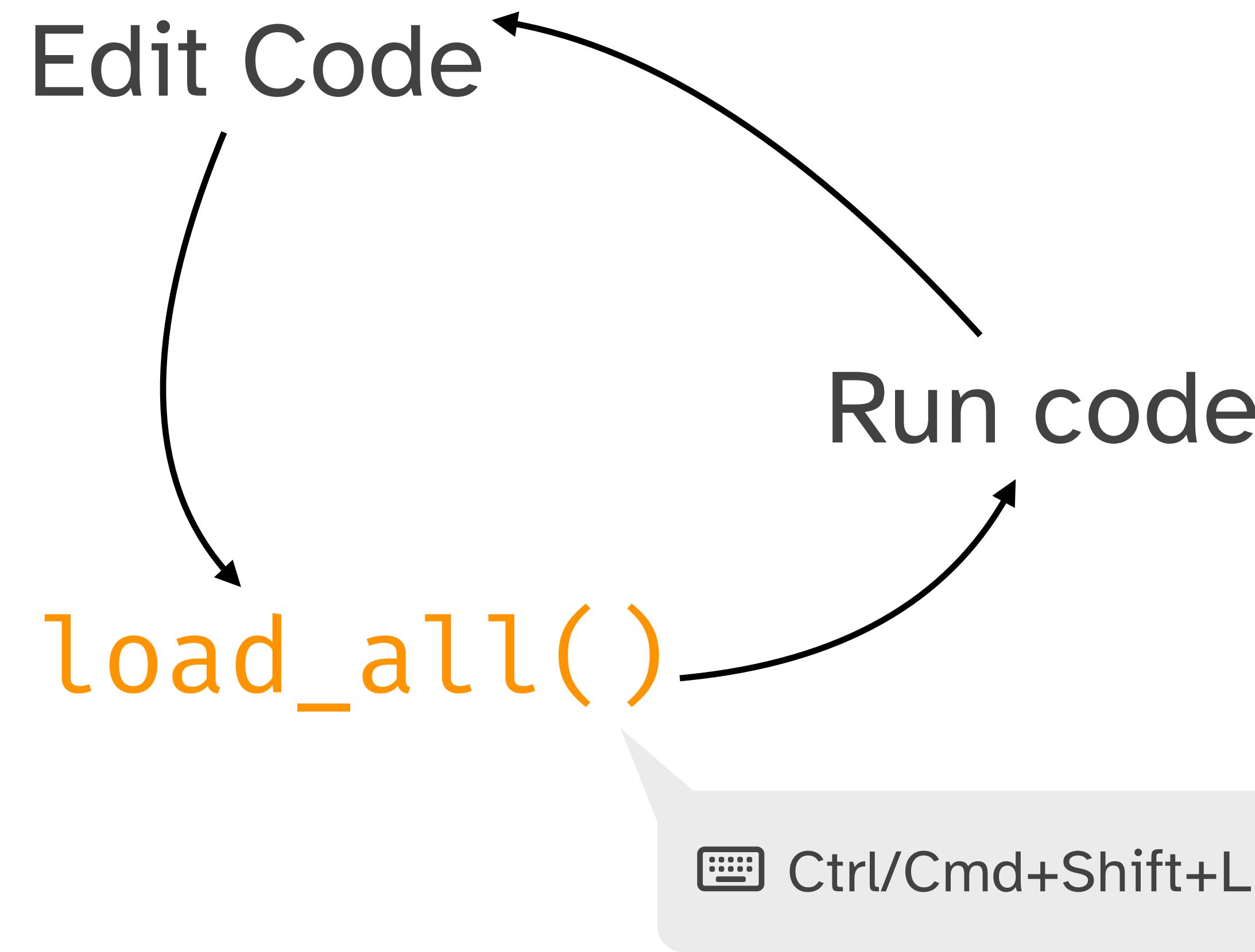


- Simulates building, installing, and attaching your package
- Makes all of the functions from your package immediately available to use
- Allows fast iteration of editing and test-driving your functions
- Good reflection of how users will interact with your package\*

Try it out, and commit your  
changes



# Workflow



# check()

## Run R CMD check from within R

```
check()
```

```
#> — R CMD check results —  
#> Duration: 3.1s  
#>  
#> ✓ checking DESCRIPTION meta-information ... WARNING  
#> Invalid license file pointers: LICENSE  
#>  
#> 0 errors ✓ | 1 warning ✘ | 0 notes ✓
```

- **check()** early and often
- Reduce future pain by catching problems early\*

→ Your Turn

# R CMD check

## 3 types of messages

- **ERRORs:** Severe problems - always fix.
- **WARNINGs:** Problems that you should fix, and must fix if you're planning to submit to CRAN.
- **NOTEs:** Mild problems or, in a few cases, just an observation.
  - When submitting to CRAN, try to eliminate all NOTEs.

# Licenses

## `use_*_license()`

- Permissive:
  - **MIT**: simple and permissive.
  - **Apache 2.0**: MIT + provides patent protection.
- Copyleft:
  - Requires sharing of improvements.
  - **GPL (v2 or v3)**
  - **AGPL, LGPL** (v2.1 or v3)
- Creative commons licenses:
  - Appropriate for data packages.
  - **CC0**: dedicated to public domain.
  - **CC-BY**: Free to share and adapt, must give appropriate credit.

# use\_mit\_license()

- ✓ Adding 'MIT + file LICENSE' to License
- ✓ Writing 'LICENSE'
- ✓ Writing 'LICENSE.md'
- ✓ Adding '^LICENSE\\\\.md\$' to '.Rbuildignore'

➡ Your Turn

# The DESCRIPTION file

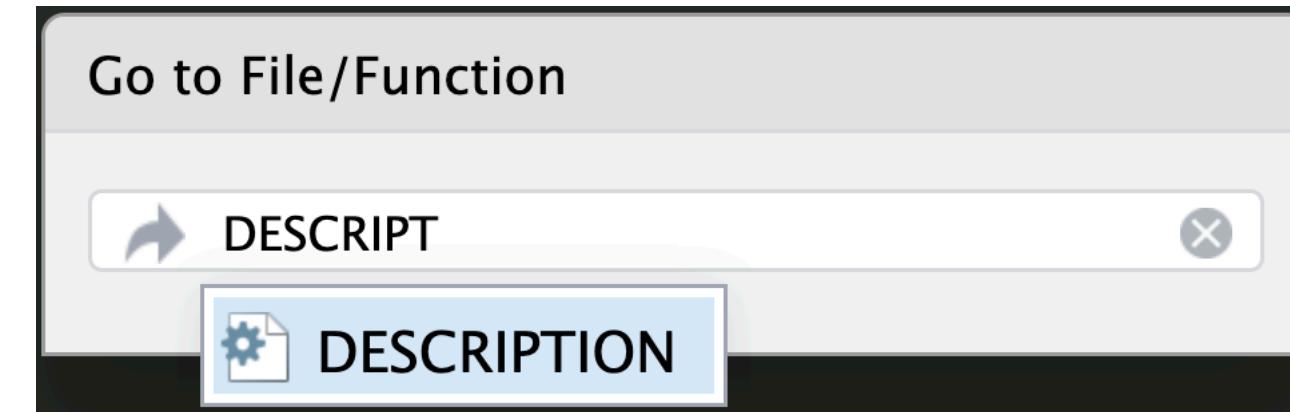
## Package metadata

- Make yourself the author

- Name & Email
- Role
- ORCID (optional)

- Write descriptive

- Title:
- Description:



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start typing DESCRIPTION

```
Package: mypackage
Title: What the Package Does (One Line, Title Case)
Version: 0.0.0.9000
Authors@R: person(
  "First", "Last", ,
  "first.last@example.com",
  role = c("aut", "cre"),
  comment = c(ORCID = "YOUR-ORCID-ID"))
)
Description: What the packa
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Encoding: UTF-8
Roxygen: list(markdown = T
RoxygenNote: 7.2.3
```

➡️ Your Turn

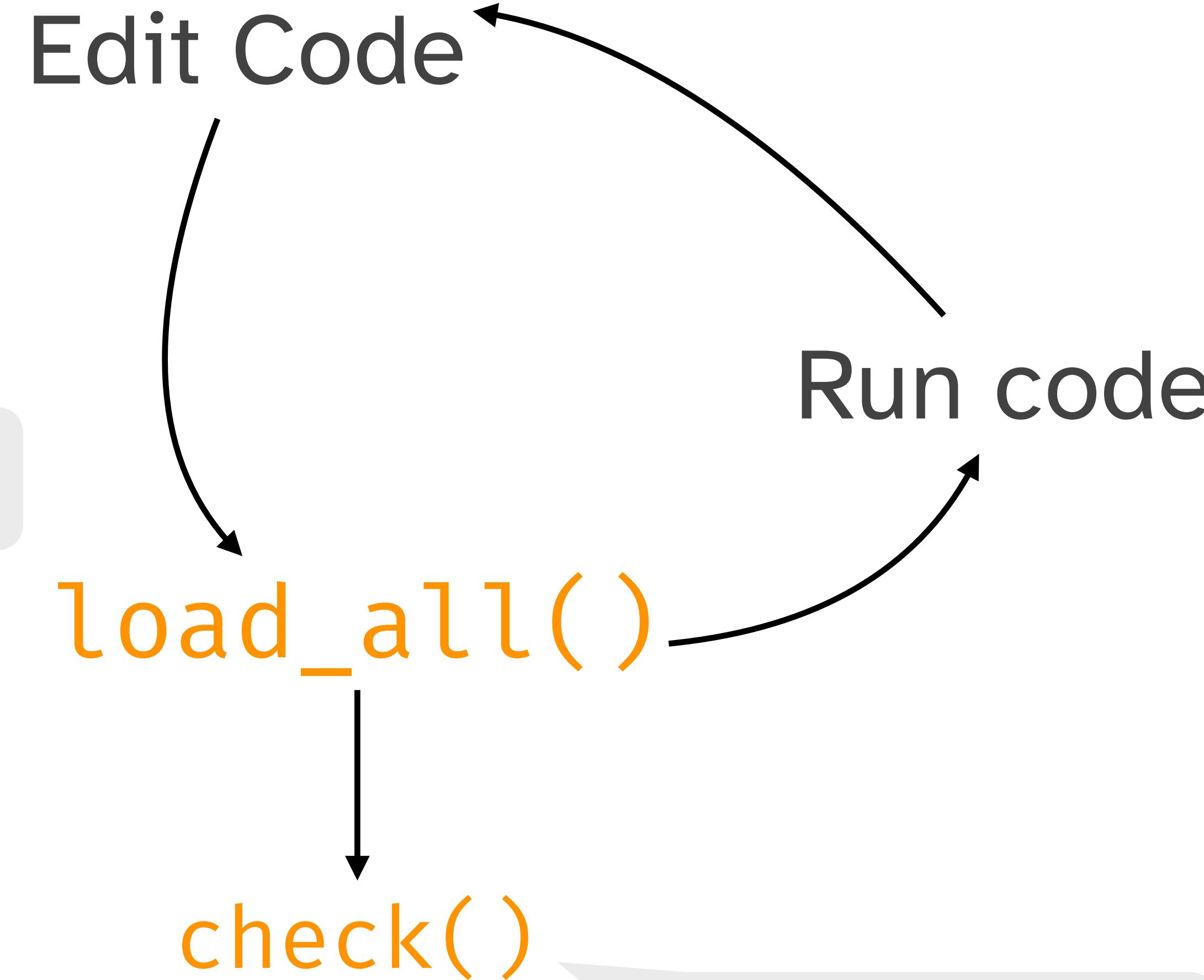
# The DESCRIPTION file

## Package metadata

- Take a look at the DESCRIPTION for ggplot2.
  - CRAN Package page
  - DESCRIPTION on GitHub
    - Note other Author roles:
      - ‘cph’ (copyright holder, often your employer)
      - ‘fnd’ (funder)

# Workflow

**Code + check**



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⌨️ Ctrl/Cmd+Shift+E

# check() again

```
check()
```

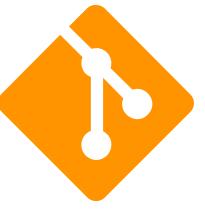
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#> == Building ==
...
#> == Checking ==
...
#> — R CMD check results —
#> Duration: 3.1s
#>
#> 0 errors ✅ | 0 warnings ✅ | 0 notes ✅
```





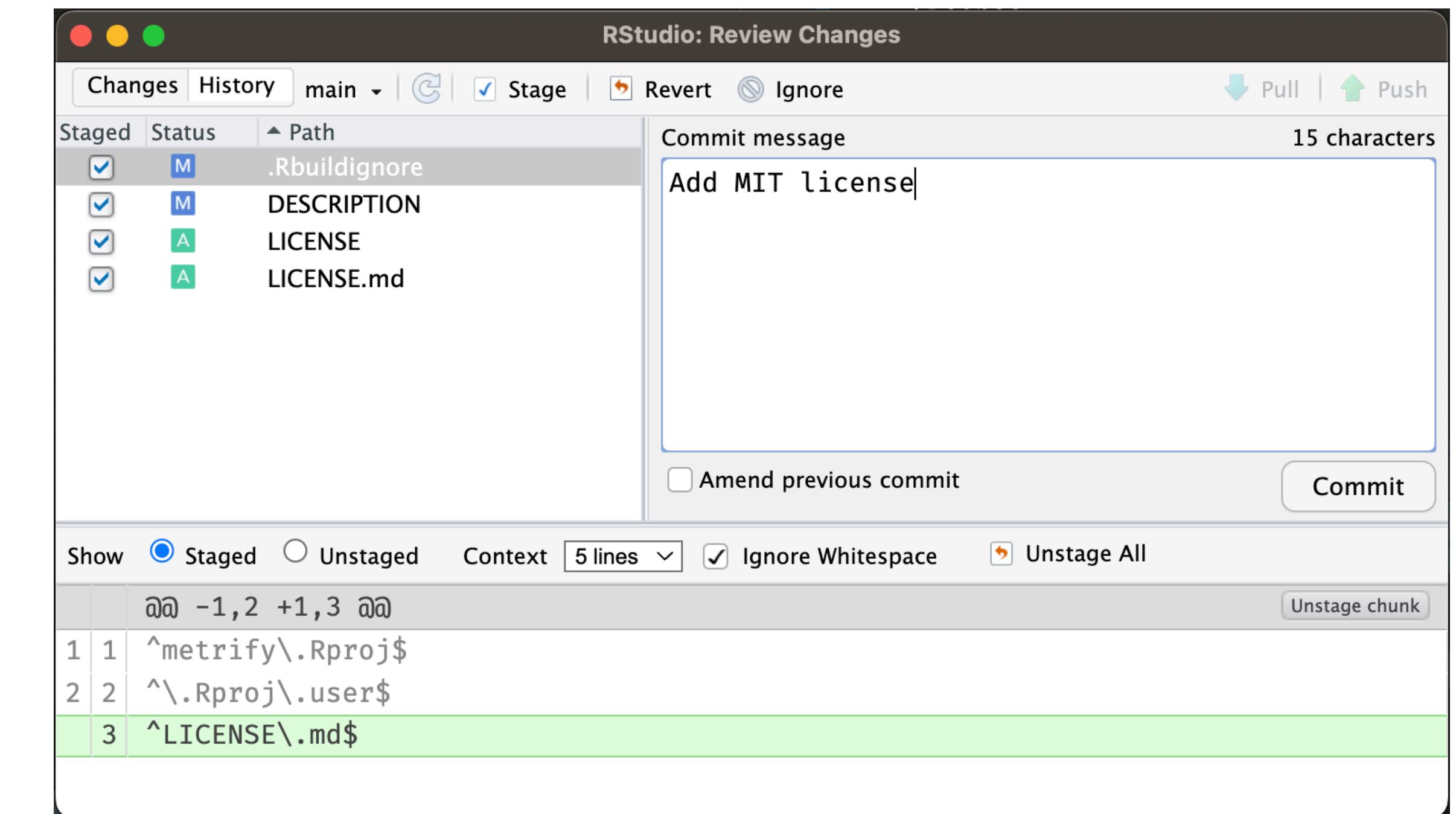
**TED  
LASSO**

# Commit changes to git



```
$ git add DESCRIPTION \
LICENSE \
LICENSE.md \
.Rbuildignore
```

```
$ git commit -m "Add MIT license"
```



# Gitlab

**Put your package code on GitLab**

- Prerequisites:
  - GitLab account
  - follow instructions to get GitLab PAT
  - `gitcreds::gitcreds_set()` - paste PAT
  - `git_sitrep()` - verify
- Set your remote

 Your Turn

# Avoid some pain of package setup: `edit_r_profile()`

**And set default `DESCRIPTION` values**

```
# Set usethis options:  
options(  
  usethis.description = list(  
    "Authors@R" = utils::person(  
      "Jane", "Doe",  
      email = "jane@example.com",  
      role = c("aut", "cre"),  
      comment = c(ORCID = "0000-1111-2222-3333"))  
  ))
```

\*<https://usethis.r-lib.org/articles/usethis-setup.html>

# While you're in there...

## Set some other helpful defaults

```
options(  
  warnPartialMatchArgs = TRUE,  
  warnPartialMatchDollar = TRUE,  
  warnPartialMatchAttr = TRUE  
)
```

# Documentation



# Documentation

man/\* .Rd

```
% Generated by roxygen2: do not edit by hand
% Please edit documentation in R/git.R
\name{use_git}
\alias{use_git}
\title{Initialise a git repository}
\usage{
use_git(message = "Initial commit")
}
\arguments{
\item{message}{Character string specifying message to use for first commit.}
}
\description{
}
\code{use_git()}
\code{.gitignore}
}
\examples{
}
\dontrun{
use_git()
}
\seealso{
}
Other git helpers
\code{\link{use_git_config()}}
\code{\link{use_git_hook()}}
\code{\link{use_git_ignore()}}
}
\concept{git helpers}
```

The image shows a scene from the TV show Schitt's Creek. David Rose, played by Eugene Levy, is looking directly at the camera with a confused expression. He has dark hair and is wearing a black t-shirt. In the background, there's a window showing a room with some furniture and a red bookshelf. The overall tone is humorous, suggesting that the documentation process can be confusing.

Function documentation

```
> ?use_git
use_git          package:usethis
Initialise a git repository
Description:
  'use_git()' initialises a Git repository and adds important files
  to '.gitignore'. If user consents, it also makes an initial
  commit.
Usage:
  use_git(message = "Initial commit")
Arguments:
  message: Message to use for first commit.
See Also:
  Other git helpers: 'use_git_config()', 'use_git_hook()',
  'use_git_ignore()'
Examples:
  ## Not run:
  use_git()
  ## End(Not run)
```

An orange arrow points from the 'man/\* .Rd' section to the 'Function documentation' section, indicating the transformation or relationship between the two types of documentation.

# roxygen2



- RStudio: *Code > Insert Roxygen Skeleton*
- Special comments (#') above function definition in `R/*.R`
  - Title
  - Description
  - Parameters (`@param`)
  - Return value (`@return`)
  - Export tag (`@export`)
  - Example usage (`@examples`)
  - ...
- Markdown-like syntax
- Keep documentation with code!

Cmd/Ctrl+Alt+Shift+R

```
#' Title  
#' A longer description of what the function  
#' is used for  
#'  
#' @param x  
#' @param y  
#'  
#' @return  
#' @export  
#'  
#' @examples  
add <- function(x, y) {  
  x+y  
}
```

# document()

R/use-git.R

```
#' Initialise a git repository
#'
#' `use_git()` initialises a Git
#' repository and adds important
#' files to `.gitignore`. If user
#' consents, it also makes an
#' initial commit.
#'
#' @param message Message to use
#'   for first commit.
#' @export
#' @examples
#' \dontrun{
#'   use_git()
#' }
use_git <- function(message = "Initial
commit") {
  . . .
}
```

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document()  
→

man/\*.Rd

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important files to \code{.gitignore}. If user consents,
it also makes an initial commit.
}
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}
}
```

# Create roxygen comments

- Go to function definition
- Cursor in function definition
- Insert roxygen skeleton
- Complete the roxygen fields
- `document()`
- `?myfunction`
- 🎉

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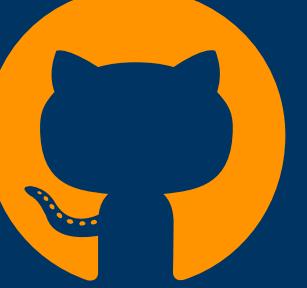
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Your Turn

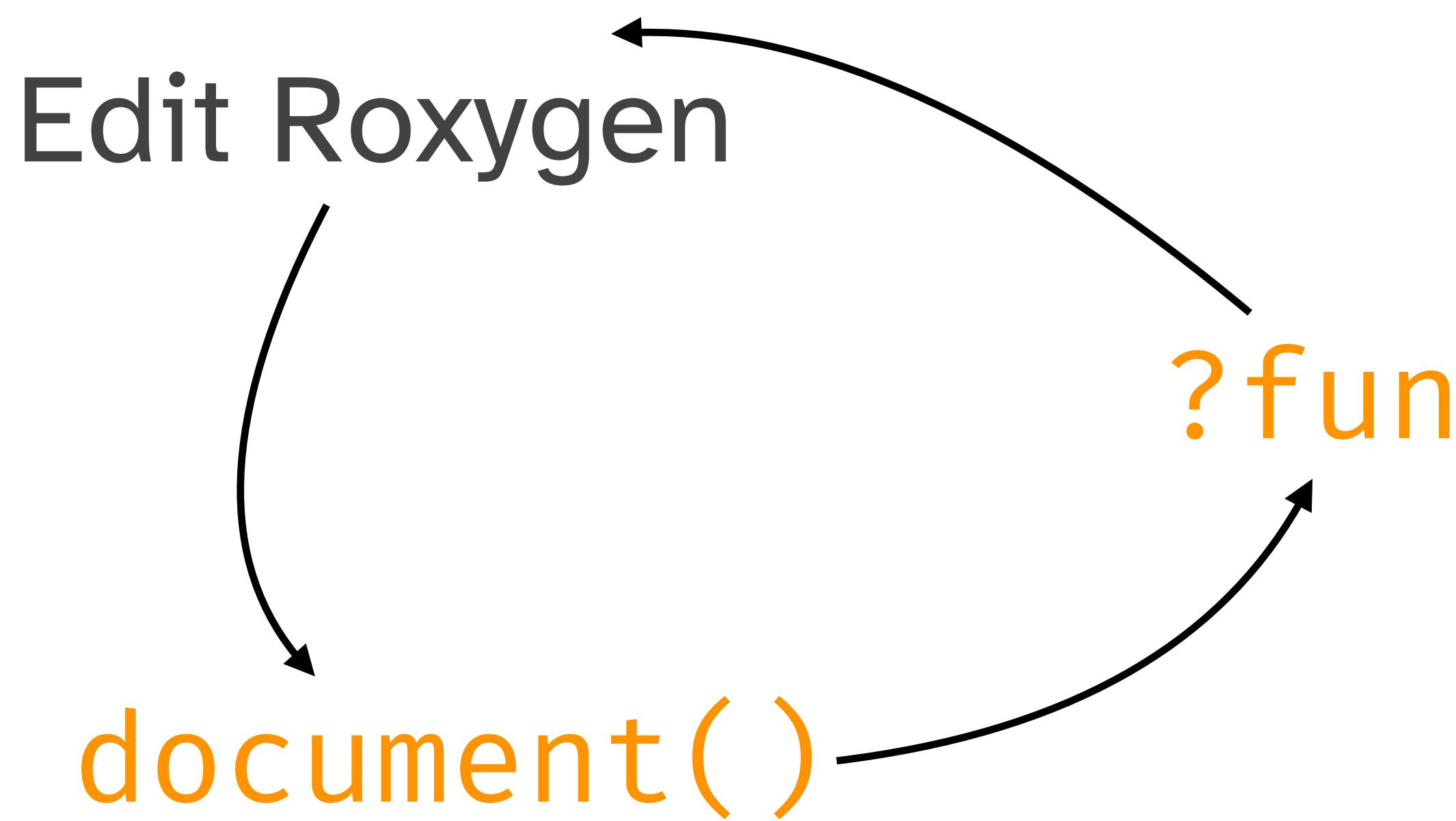
check()   
Commit your changes   
Push to GitLab 

# NAMESPACE

## An introduction

- Lists R objects that are:
  - **Exported** from your package to be used by package users
    - `export()`, `S3method()`, ...
  - **Imported** from another package to be used internally by your package
    - `import()`, `importFrom()`, ...
- `document()` updates the NAMESPACE file with directives from Roxygen comments in your R code.

# Documentation workflow



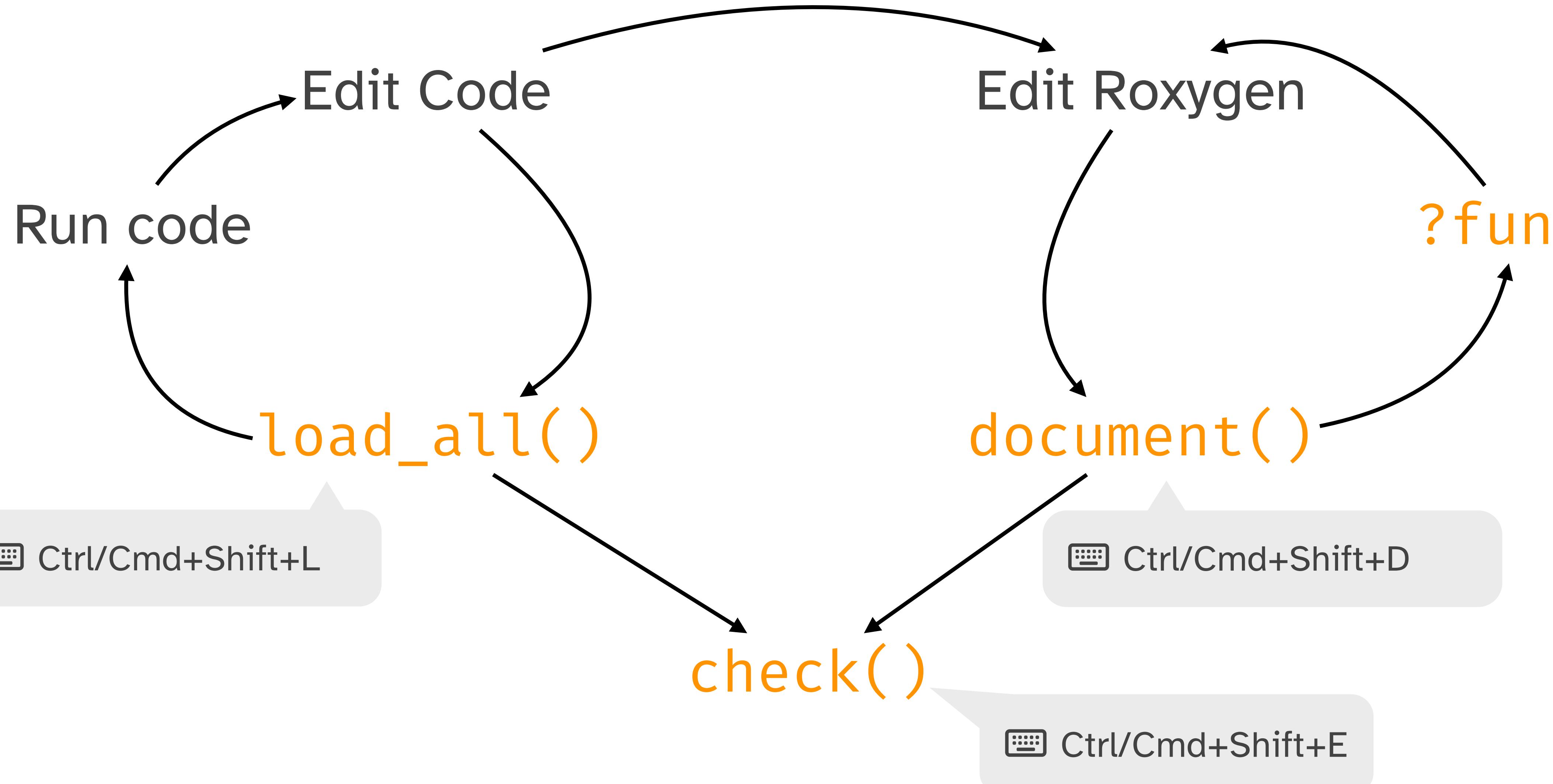
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# Workflow

**Code + documentation + check**



# Package-level documentation

## use\_package\_doc()

```
use_package_doc()  
  
#> ✓ Writing 'R/mypackage-package.R'  
#> • Modify 'R/mypackage-package.R'  
  
document()
```

- Package-level help available via `?mypackage`
- Creates relevant `.Rd` file from `DESCRIPTION`
- A good place for roxygen dependency directives

→ Your Turn

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# install()

## Install package to your library

- R CMD INSTALL

⌨️ Ctrl+Shift+B (Windows & Linux)  
⌨️ Cmd+Shift+B (macOS)

- Restart R

⌨️ Ctrl+Shift+F10 (Windows & Linux)  
⌨️ Cmd+Shift+Ø (macOS)

- Attach package with `library()` like any other package

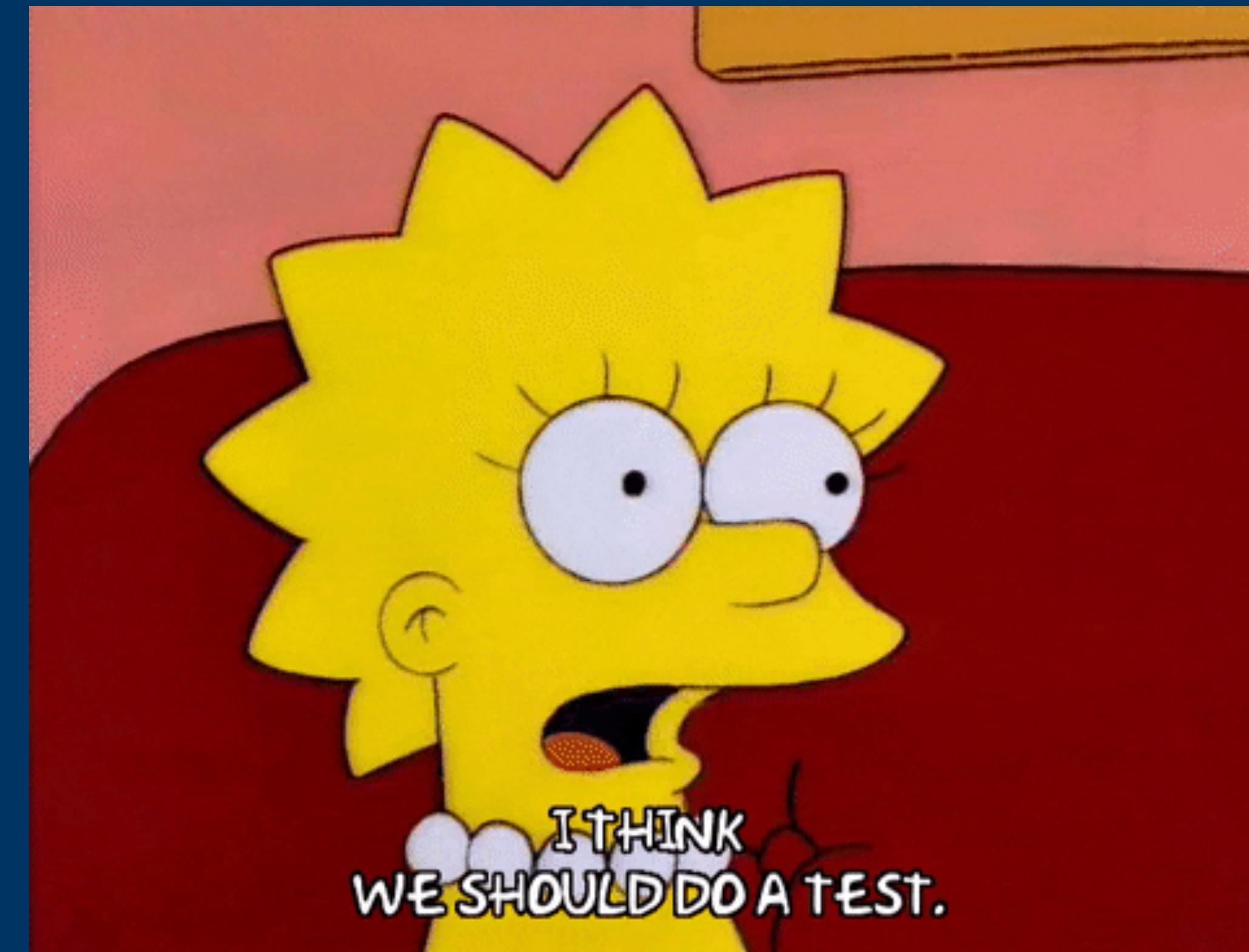
➡ Your Turn

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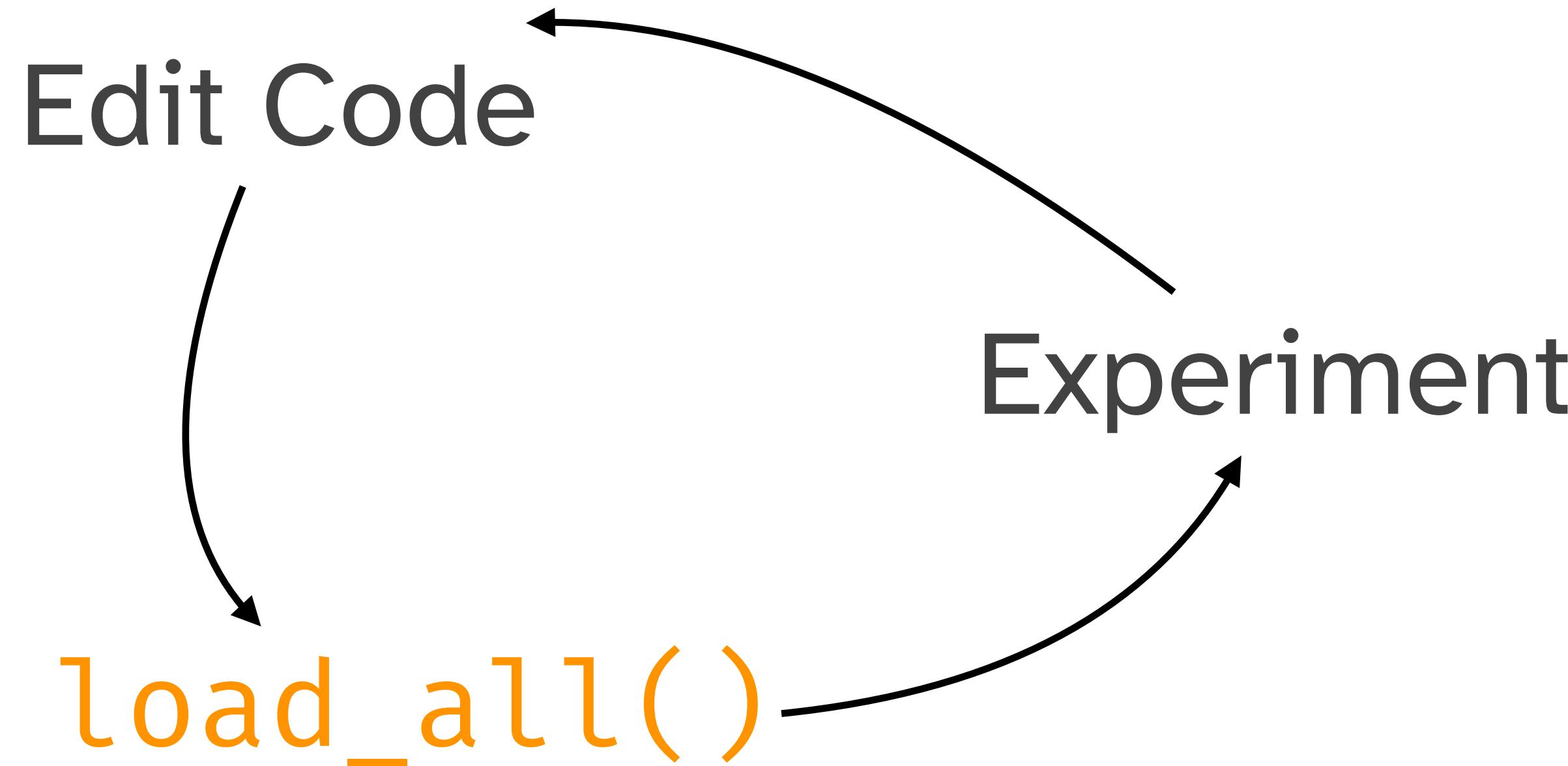
# Lunch Time!

# Testing



# Testing

## Current workflow



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Cmd+Shift+L (macOS)

# Automated Testing

## Benefits

- Fewer bugs
- Better code structure
- Call to action when fixing bugs
- Robust (future-proof) code



# use\_testthat()

**Set up formal testing of your package\***

```
use_testthat()
```

```
#> ✓ Adding 'testthat' to Suggests field in DESCRIPTION
#> ✓ Adding '3' to Config/testthat.edition
#> ✓ Creating 'tests/testthat/'
#> ✓ Writing 'tests/testthat.R'
#> • Call `use_test()` to initialize a basic test file and
open it for editing.
```

\*Sorry, you still have to write the tests

# use\_test()

```
use_test('my-fun.R')*
```

```
#> ✓ Writing 'tests/testthat/test-my-fun.R'  
#> • Edit 'tests/testthat/test-my-fun.R'
```

\*Omit file name when '**R/my-fun.R**' is active file

# File structure

```
libminer
├── DESCRIPTION
├── LICENSE
├── LICENSE.md
├── NAMESPACE
├── R
│   └── lib_summary.R
│   └── libminer-package.R
└── libminer.Rproj
man
└── lib_summary.Rd
└── libminer-package.Rd
tests
└── testthat
    └── test-lib_summary.R
    └── testthat.R
```

# Test structure

```
testthat("description of what you're testing", {  
  expect_equal([function output], [expected output])  
})
```

- **File:** one or more related tests
- **Test:** `test_that("...")`
  - Tests a unit of functionality (hence unit tests)
  - Contains one or more expectations
- **Expectation:** `expect_``that`(...)
  - Tests a specific computation and compares it to an expected value

# test()

- Runs all tests in your test suite

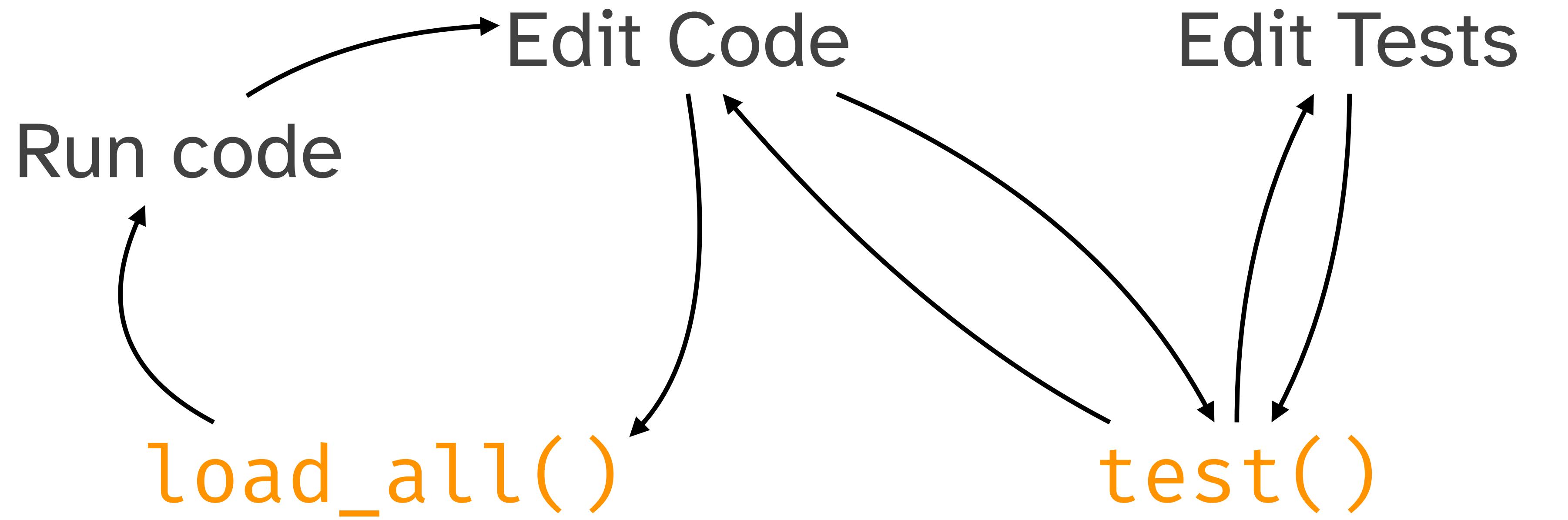
```
test()  
#> i Testing  
#> ✓ | F W S  OK | Context  
#>  
#> :: | 0 |  
#> ✓ | 1 |  
#>  
#> == Results ==  
#> [ FAIL 0 | WARN 0 | SKIP 0 | PASS 1 ]
```

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➡ Your Turn

# Updated workflow

## Code + testing

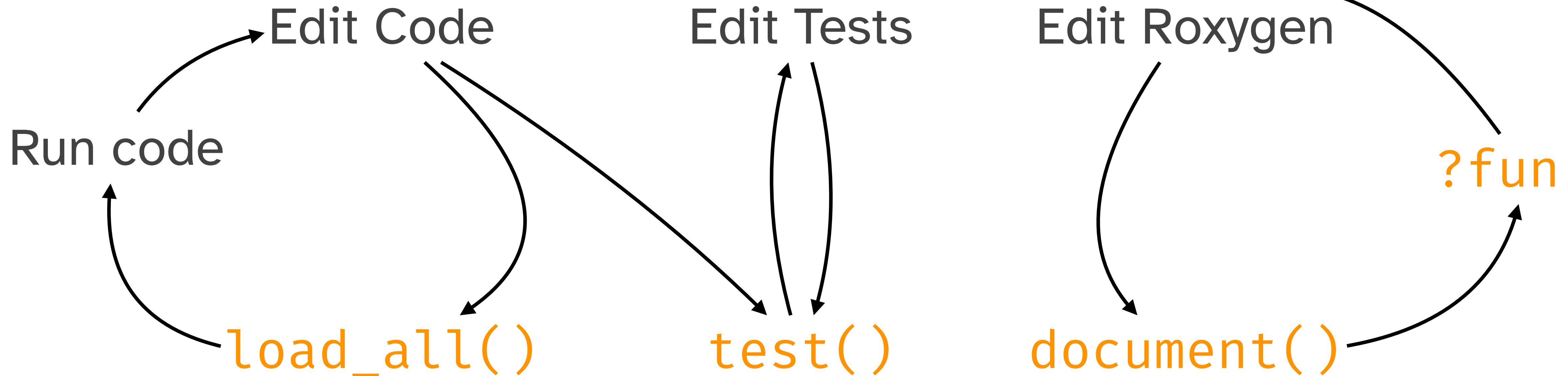


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# Workflow

**Code + testing + documentation**



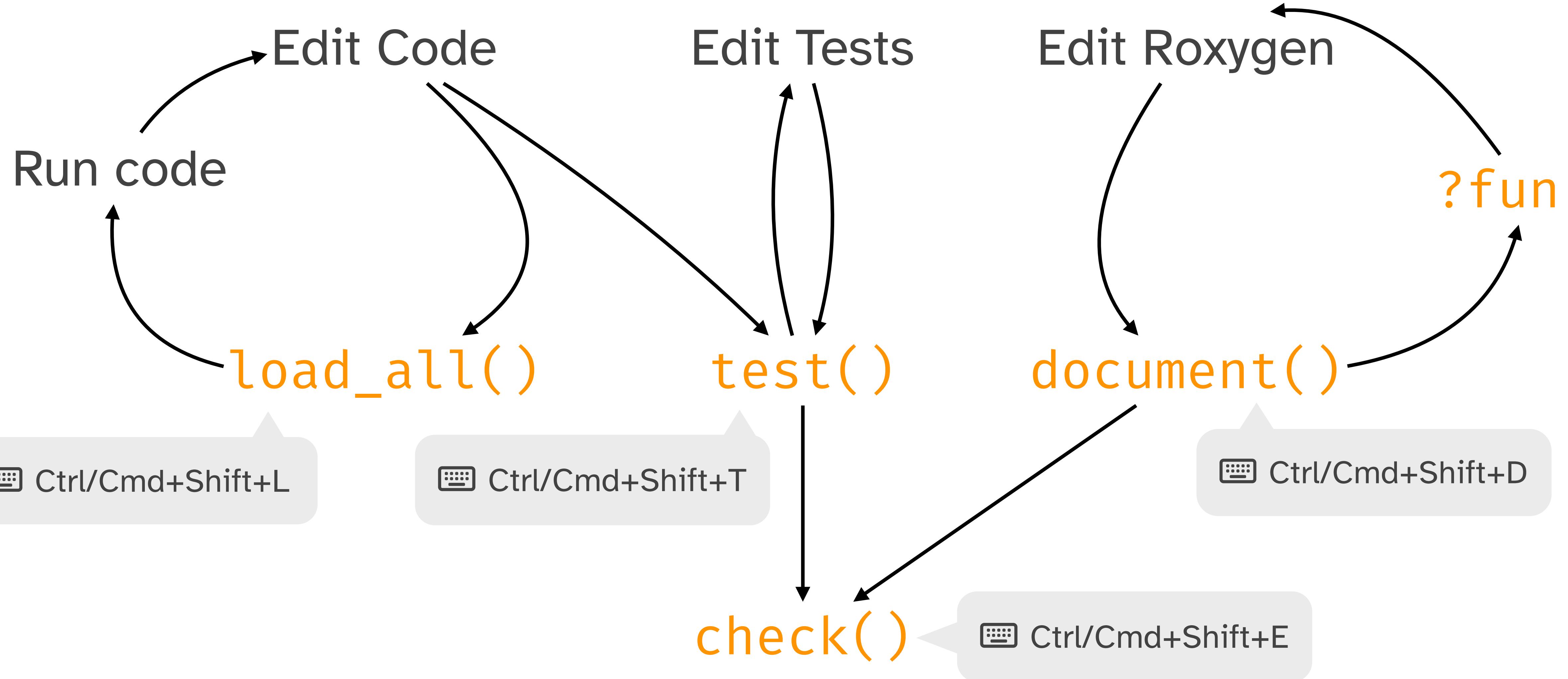
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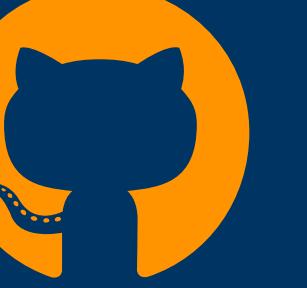
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# Workflow

**Code + testing + documentation + check**



check()   
Commit your changes   
Push to GitLab 

# Dependencies



# Use functions from another package inside your package

```
library("fs")  
# use fun...
```

...kage...

# use\_package()

## Add a dependency

- Use functions from another package inside your package
- Dependencies must be declared
  - Even from included packages (`stats::sd()`, `tools::file_ext()` etc.)
- Never call `library(pkg)` in code below R/!

```
use_package("fs")
#> ✓ Adding 'fs' to Imports field in DESCRIPTION
#> • Refer to functions with `fs::fun()`
```

# Listing dependencies in DESCRIPTION

## Three options

- Depends:
  - Ensures the package is installed with your package
  - *Attaches the package when yours is attached*
  - Rarely needed or recommended
- Imports:
  - Ensures the package is installed with your package
  - Most common location for dependencies
- Suggests:
  - Does not ensure installation automatically
  - Packages required for development (running tests, building vignettes, etc).
  - Rarely used functionality (especially if the dependency is difficult to install)

**devtools DESCRIPTION file:**

[https://github.com/r-lib/devtools/blob/main/  
DESCRIPTION](https://github.com/r-lib/devtools/blob/main/DESCRIPTION)

# Imports: DESCRIPTION vs NAMESPACE

## DESCRIPTION

- Lists packages that your package requires
- Ensures required packages are **installed** during package installation
- **Does not** import that package into your package's namespace
- Add via `use_package()` (or manually)

## NAMESPACE

- **Imports** R objects from another package into your package's namespace
- **import ==** Available to be used internally by your package
- Don't edit manually - use roxygen tags:

```
#' @importFrom pkg fun
#' @import pkg
```

# 3 ways to use functions from another package

## 1 - Call function with namespace qualifier

1. Add package to DESCRIPTION file in Imports
2. Call function like package::fun()

Most common and recommended pattern

DESCRIPTION

```
Imports:  
  purrr
```

R/my-fun.R

```
#' @export  
myfun <- function(x) {  
  purrr::map(x, mean)  
}
```

NAMESPACE

```
export(myfun)
```

document()



# 3 ways to use functions from another package

## 2 - Import just the functions you want to use via `@importFrom` tag:

1. Add package to `DESCRIPTION` file in `Imports`
2. Use `@importFrom` roxygen tags
3. Call function like `fun()`

DESCRIPTION

Imports:  
purrr

R/my-fun.R

```
#' @importFrom purrr map
#' @export
myfun <- function(x) {
  map(x, mean)
}
```

NAMESPACE

```
importFrom(purrr, map)
export(myfun)
```

document()



# 3 ways to use functions from another package

## 3 - Import the entire package via `@import roxygen` tag:

1. Add package to `DESCRIPTION` file in `Imports`
2. Use `@import roxygen` tag
3. Call functions like `fun()`

`DESCRIPTION`

Imports:  
purrr

`R/my-fun.R`

```
#' @import purrr
#' @export
myfun <- function(x) {
  y <- map(x, mean)
  reduce(y, `+`)
}
```

`NAMESPACE`

`import(purrr)`  
`export(myfun)`

`document()`



# 3 ways to use functions from another package

1. `package::fun()`
2. Import just the functions you want to use via `@importFrom` roxygen tag:

```
#' @importFrom pkg fun1 fun2
```

Adds to `NAMESPACE`:

```
importFrom(pkg, fun1)
importFrom(pkg, fun2)
```

\*Shortcut: `usethis::use_import_from("pkg", "function")`

3. Import the entire package with `@import`:

```
#' @import pkg
```

Adds to `NAMESPACE`:

```
import(pkg)
```



# Use your new dependency

**Write a function using a function from the dependent package**

- `use_package("fs")`
- Write/edit function using dependency: `pkg::fn()`
- Edit roxygen comments
- `document()`
  - Writes `man/*.Rd` files & regenerates `NAMESPACE`
- Update tests

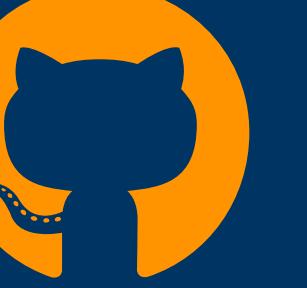
 Your Turn

# Let's add one more

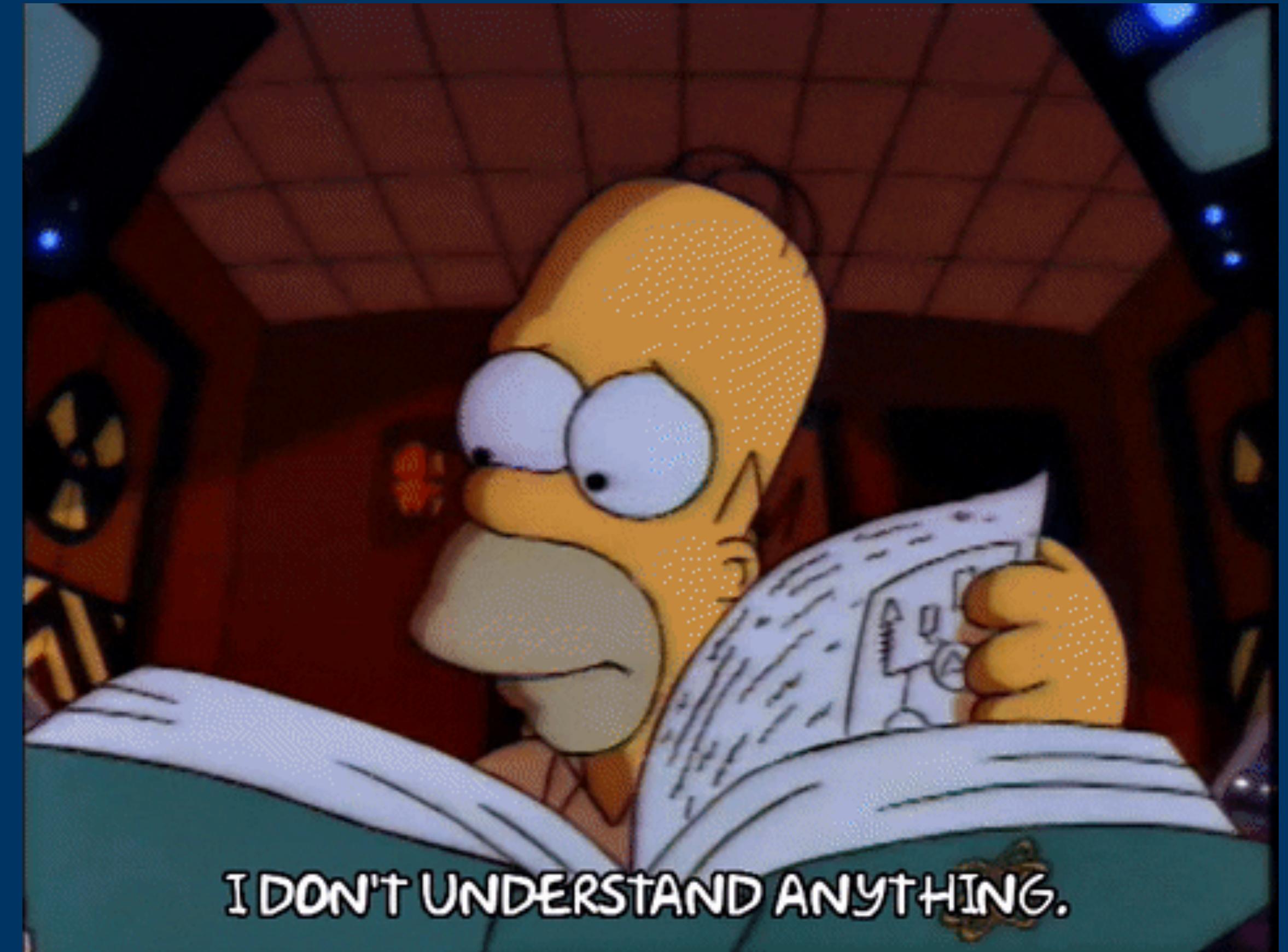
```
use_import_from("pkg", "function")
```

- See:
  - DESCRIPTION
  - R/mypackage-package.R (remember use\_package\_doc()?)
  - NAMESPACE
- Write/edit function using dependency: fn()
- \*test()

→ Your Turn

check()   
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# README



I DON'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING.

# use\_readme\_rmd()

**Generates README.md, your package's home page on GitLab**

- The purpose of the package
- Installation instructions
- Example usage
- Contributing guide

```
use_readme_rmd()
```

```
#> ✓ Writing 'README.Rmd'  
#> ✓ Adding '^README\\\\.Rmd$' to '.Rbuildignore'  
#> • Update 'README.Rmd' to include installation instructions.  
#> ✓ Writing '.git/hooks/pre-commit'
```

# build\_readme()

**README.Rmd -> README.md**

- Installs package to a temporary directory before rendering
- README.md renders on the front page of your GitHub repo

 Your Turn

# Final check() and install()

You did it!

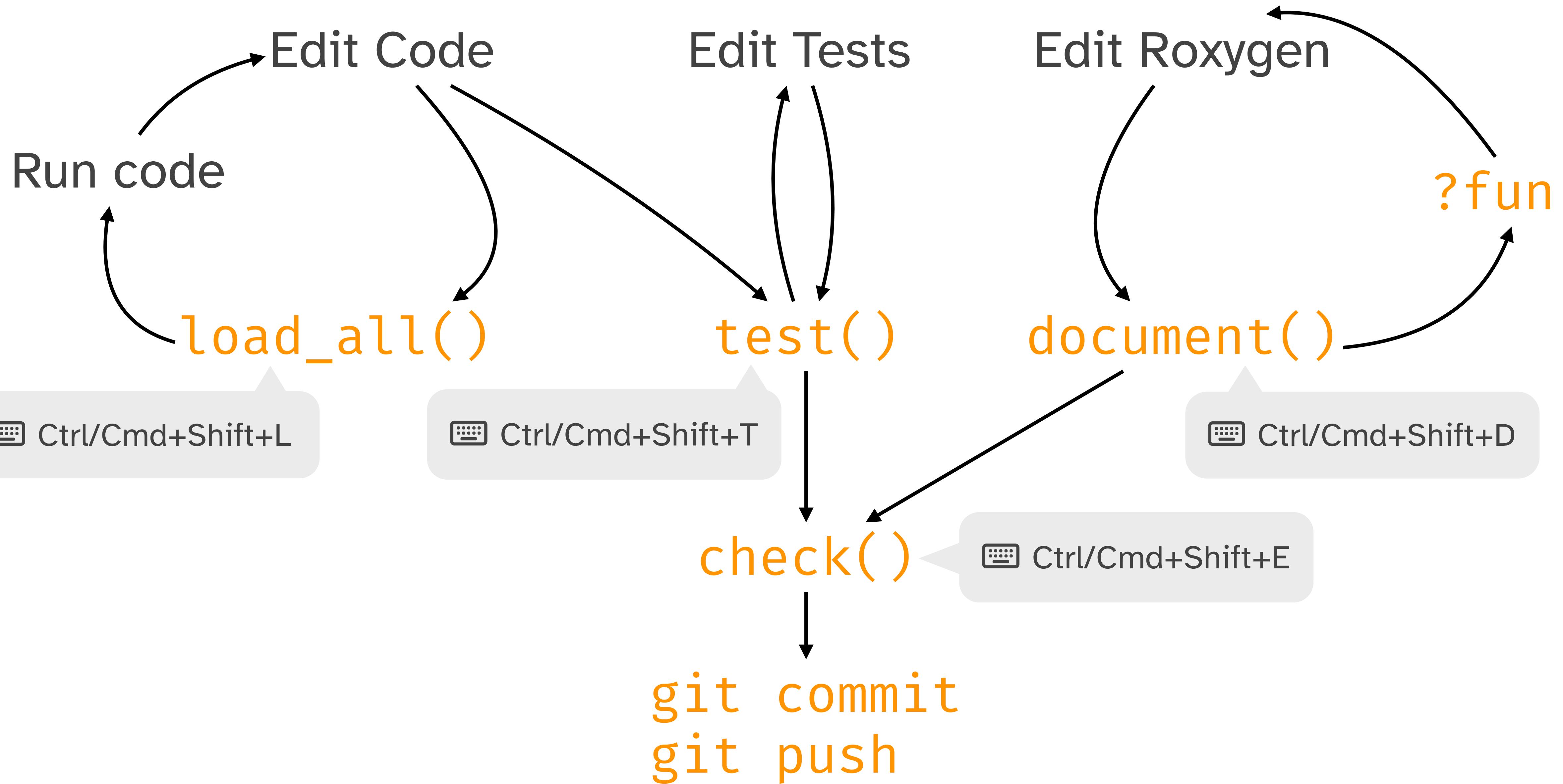
```
check()
```

```
#> — R CMD check results —————  
#> Duration: 3.1s  
#>  
#> 0 errors ✓ | 0 warnings ✓ | 0 notes
```

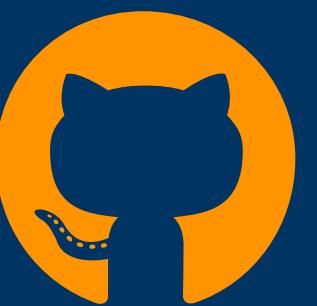
```
install()
```

```
#> — R CMD build —————  
#> checking for file '/Users/jane/rrr/mypackage/DESCRIPTION' ... ✓  
#> preparing 'mypackage':  
#> checking DESCRIPTION meta-information ... ✓  
#> checking for LF line-endings in source and make files and shell  
scripts  
#> checking for empty or unneeded directories  
#> building 'mypackage_0.0.0.9000.tar.gz'  
#> Running /usr/local/bin/R CMD INSTALL \  
#>   /tmp/RtmpK6WnOX/mypackage_0.0.0.9000.tar.gz --install-tests  
#> * installing to library '/Users/jane/Library/R/arm64/4.3/library'  
#> * installing *source* package 'mypackage' ...  
#> ** using staged installation  
#> ** help  
#> *** installing help indices  
#> ** building package indices  
#> ** testing if installed package can be loaded from temporary  
location  
#> ** testing if installed package can be loaded from final location  
#> ** testing if installed package keeps a record of temporary  
installation path  
#> * DONE (mypackage)
```

# Review: Workflow



Commit your changes  
Push to GitLab



# Review: functions

## Run once

- `create_package()`
- `use_git()`
- `use_mit_license()`
- `use_testthat()`
- `use_readme_rmd()`

## Run periodically

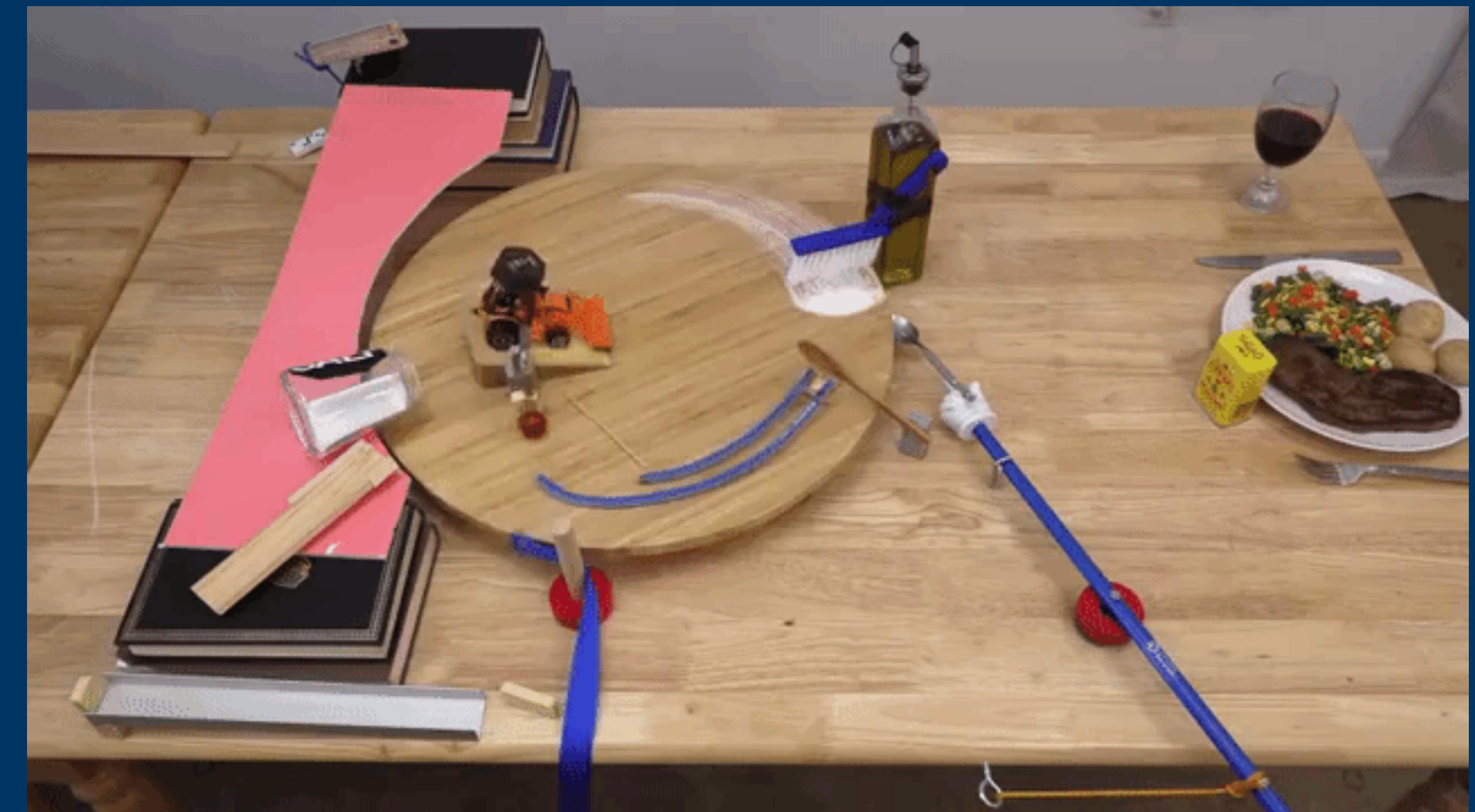
- `use_r()`
- `use_test()`
- `use_package()`
- `rename_files()`

## Run frequently

- `load_all()`  
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- `document()`  
⌨️ Ctrl/Cmd+Shift+D
- `test()`  
⌨️ Ctrl/Cmd+Shift+T
- `check()`  
⌨️ Ctrl/Cmd+Shift+E

# Break Time!

# Continuous Integration



# use\_gitlab\_ci()

- Runs R CMD check on Linux when you push
  - "test-coverage": Compute test coverage and report at [codecov.io](https://codecov.io)
- \* *If you use GitHub instead of GitLab, run*  
`use_github_action("check-standard")`

 Your Turn

# Vignettes

## Long-form documentation

- “Article” format
- Demonstrate a common use case or problem your package is designed to solve.
- `use_vignette("short-name", "Longer Title")`

# Review: functions

## Run once

- `create_package()`
- `use_git()`
- `use_mit_license()`
- `use_testthat()`
- `use_readme_rmd()`

## Run periodically

- `use_r()`
- `use_test()`
- `use_package()`
- `rename_files()`
- `use_gitlab_ci()`
- `use_vignette()`

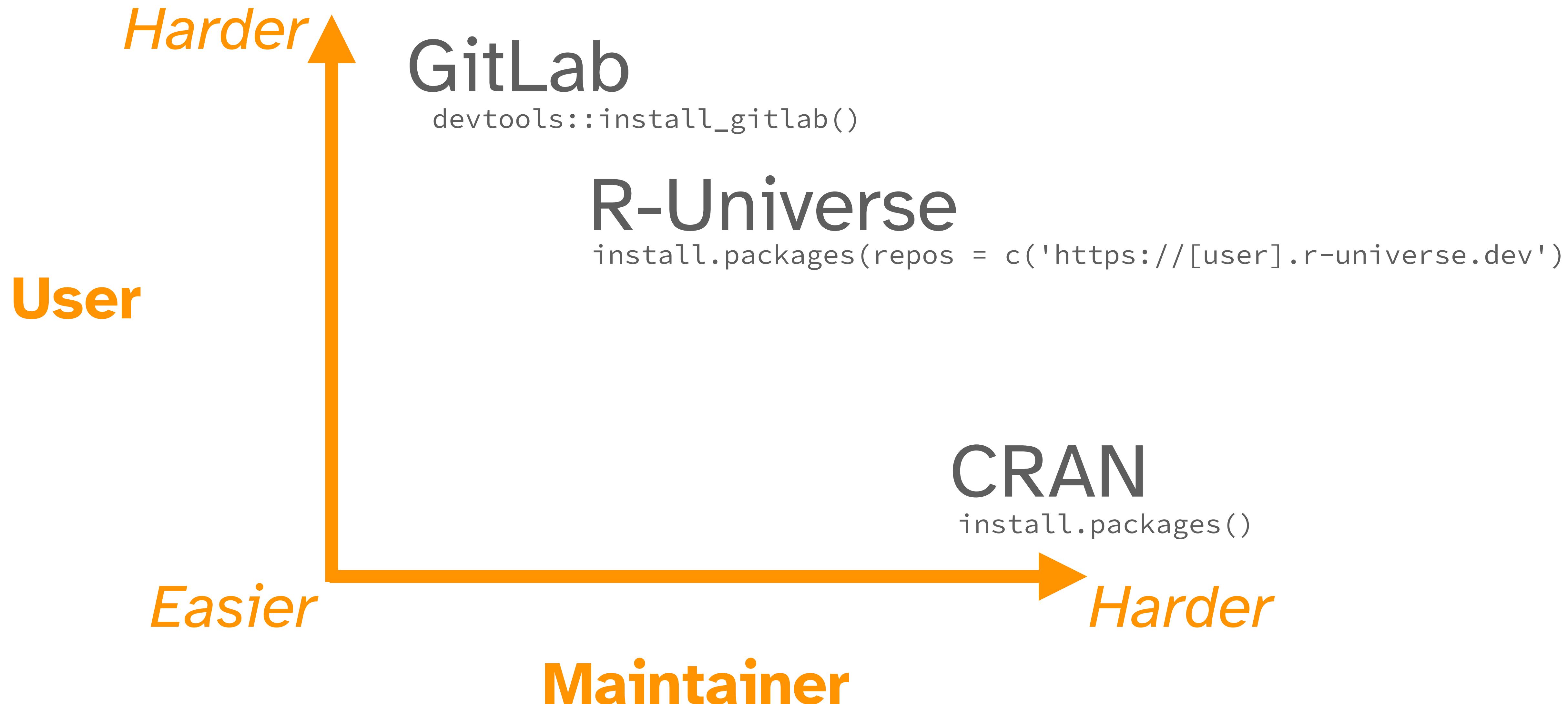
## Run frequently

- `load_all()`  
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⌨️ Ctrl/Cmd+Shift+E

# Sharing your Package



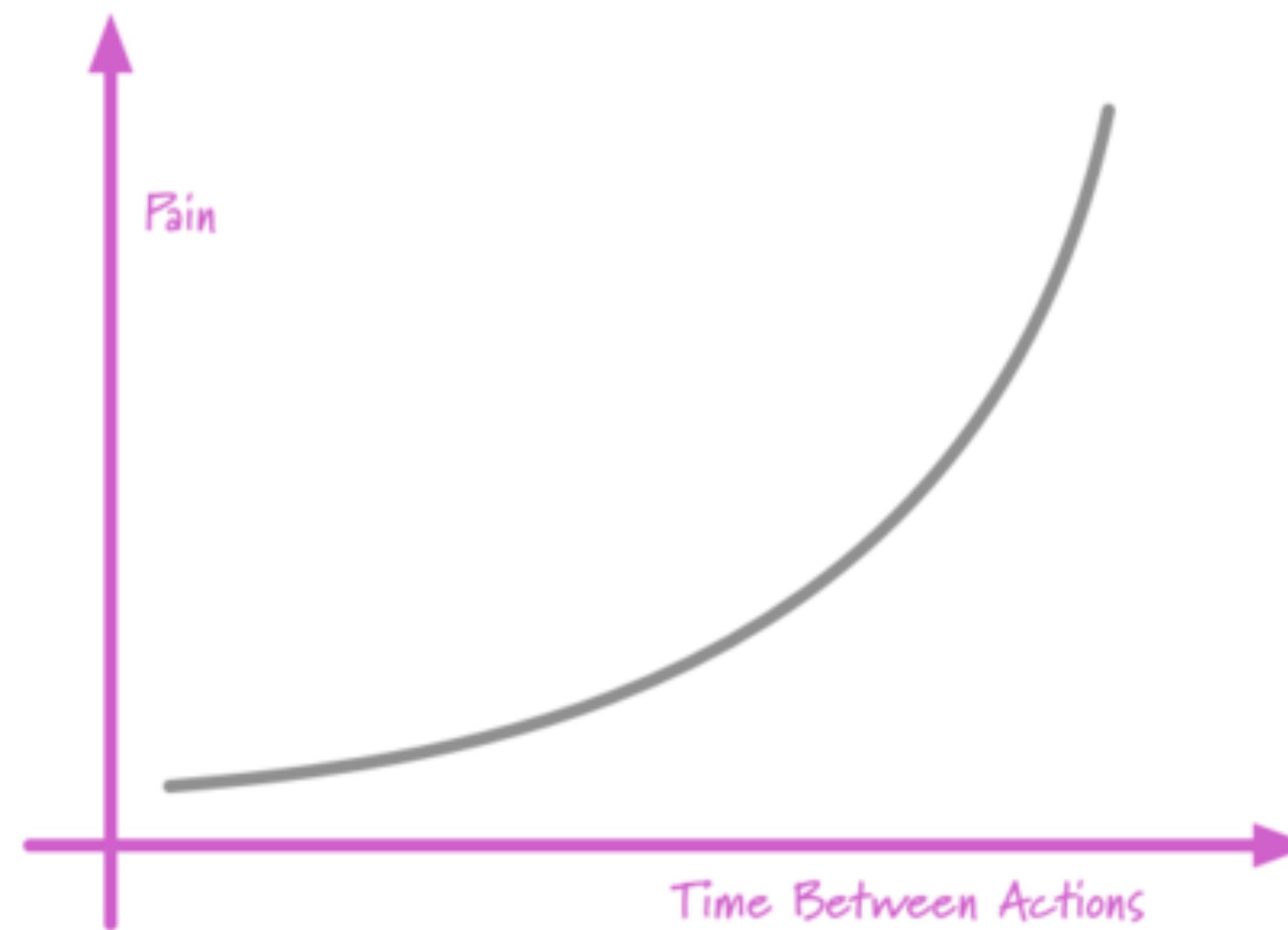
# Package Distribution



# Releasing your package to CRAN



# “If it hurts, do it more often”



# Releasing to CRAN

## TLDR:

- `release()`
  - Runs through an additional list of checks
  - Builds package bundle and submits to CRAN

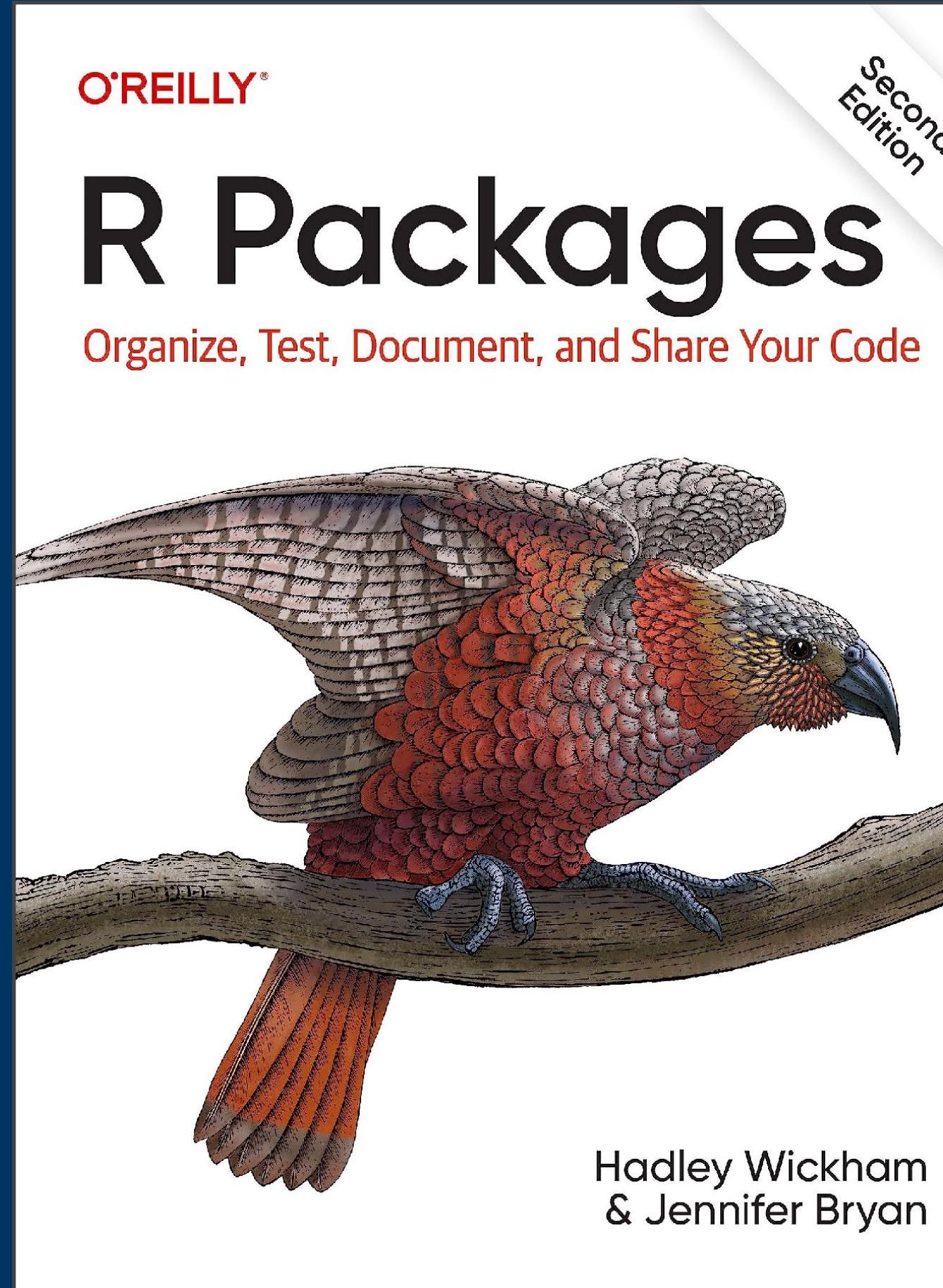
# use\_news\_md()

**Adds a NEWS.md file to your package**

- Tracks version numbers
- Tracks user-facing changes between versions

# Thank You!

# Resources



r-pkgs.org

<https://community.rstudio.com/c/package-development>

happygitwithr.com

posit.co/resources/cheatsheets/

**Tidy design principles**

**Welcome**

The goal of this book is to help you write better R code. It has four main components:

- Identifying design **challenges** that often lead to suboptimal outcomes.
- Introducing useful **patterns** that help solve common problems.
- Defining key **principles** that help you balance conflicting patterns.
- Discussing **case studies** that help you see how all the pieces fit together with real code.

While I've called these principles "tidy" and they're used extensively by the tidyverse team to promote consistency across our packages, they're not exclusive to the tidyverse. Think tidy in the sense of tidy data (broadly useful regardless of what tool you're using) not tidyverse (a collection of functions designed with a singular point of view in order to facilitate learning and use).

This book will be under heavy development for quite some time; currently we are loosely aiming for completion in 2025. You'll find many chapters contain disjointed text that mostly serve as placeholders for the authors, and I do not recommend attempting to systematically read the book at this time. If you'd like to follow along with my journey writing this book, and learn which chapters are ready to read, please sign up for my [tidy design substack mailing list](#).

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# Course Materials

<https://andyteucher.ca/pkg-dev-psc-2024-04-29/>

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