

# Working with R Code in RStudio

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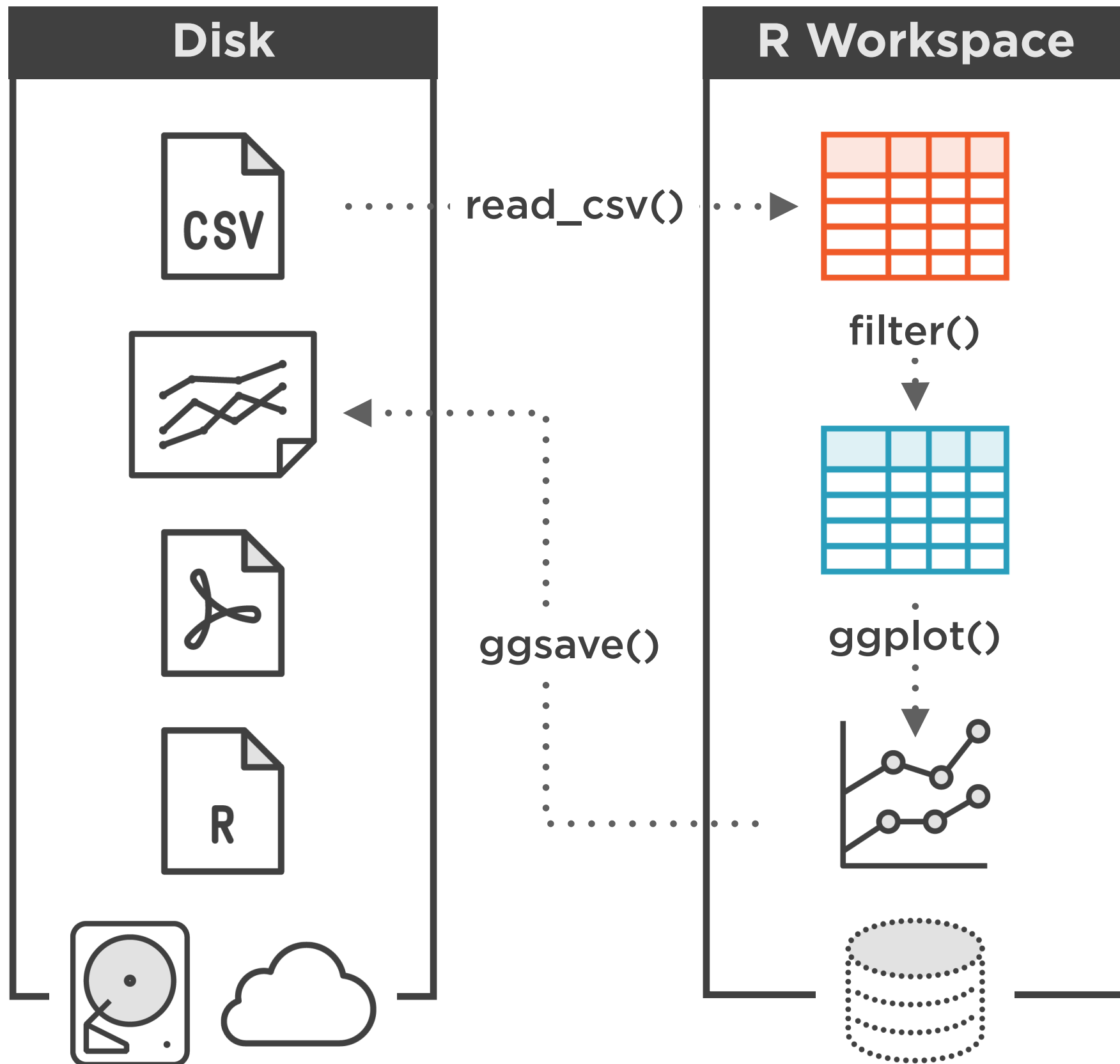
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# Overview

**Understanding the structure of R code**

**Writing new code**

**Writing reproducible scripts**



## Files on disk

- Save, backup and share

## Objects in R workspace

- Temporary
- Instructions to create in R script

# Calling R Functions

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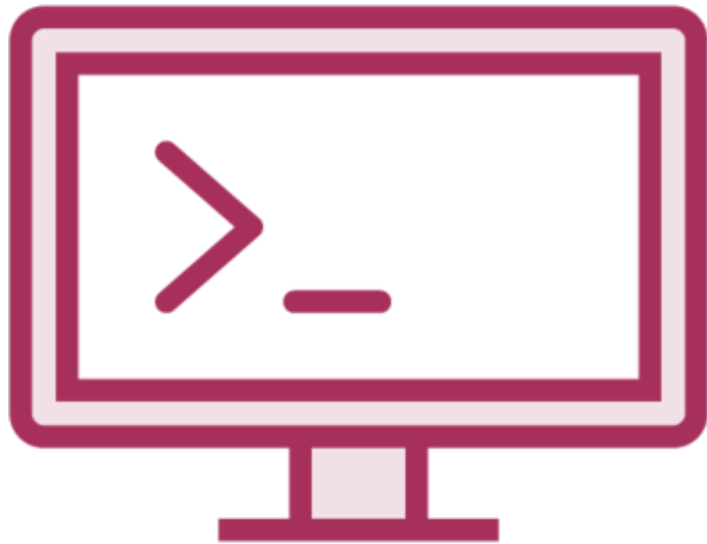
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Inside parentheses: **inputs**

# Documentation on a Function



## Console

`?function_name`



## Source Editor

Cursor in function name: F1



# Passing Arguments to Functions

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Function Syntax

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Arguments are separated by **commas**

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Pass an argument without a naming it: **value**

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## Function Syntax

Pass an argument by name: **argument name** = **value**

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Understanding New R Code

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# Assigning Results to Objects

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total_sales <- nrow(sales)
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To Create an Object

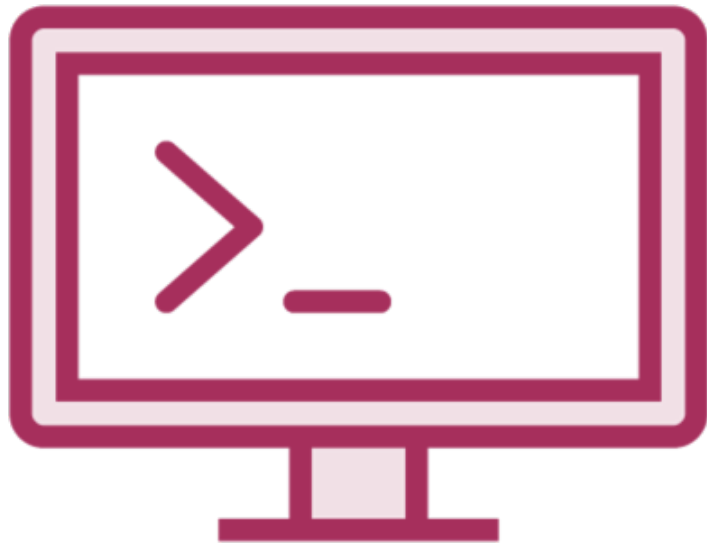
Use the **assignment operator**

total\_sales

# To Use an Object

Refer to it by its **name**, case sensitive

# Examining an Object



## Console

Type the object name



## Environment

Click on object name

# Understanding the Structure of an R Script

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## summarize\_sales.R

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```

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```

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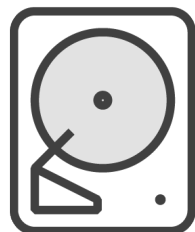
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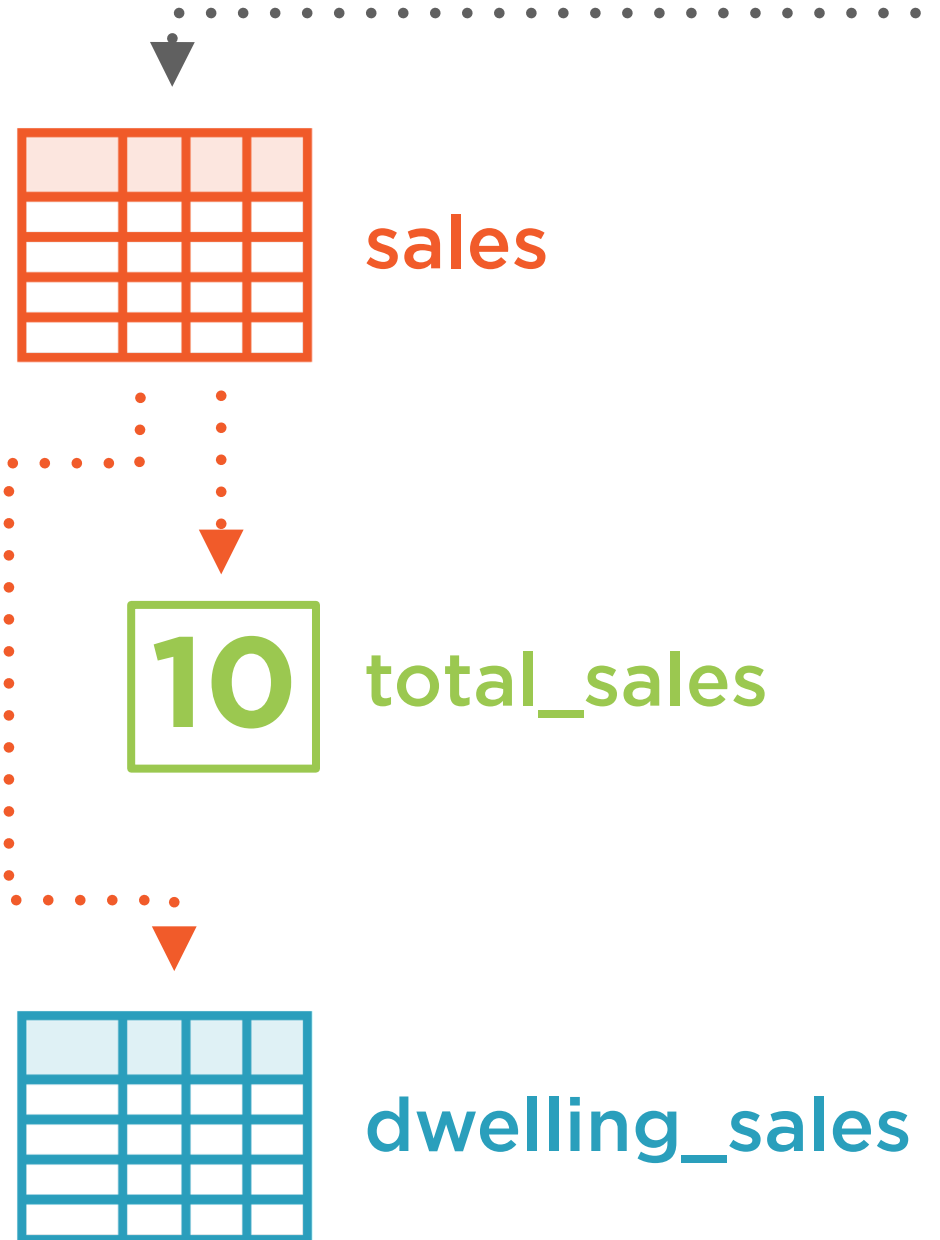
## Disk



summarize\_sales.R

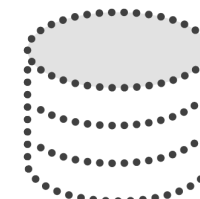


## R Workspace



### Unassigned objects

- "Peaceful Glen", "Peaceful Glen"...
- "Dwelling", "Dwelling", ...
- 229900, 349900, 235000, ...



```
summarize_sales.R
```

```
...
```

```
# average price by neighborhood
```

```
dwelling_sales %>%
```

```
  group_by(neighborhood) %>%
```

```
  summarize(
```

```
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```

```
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```

```
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group_by(dwelling_sales, neighborhood)
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summarize\_sales.R

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# plot all sale prices by neighborhood

dwelling\_sales %>%

ggplot(aes(sales\_price)) +

geom\_histogram() +

scale\_x\_log10(labels = scales::label\_dollar()) +

facet\_wrap(~ neighborhood, scale = "free\_y") +

labs(

x = "Sales price",

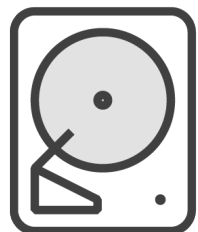
y = "Number of sales"

)

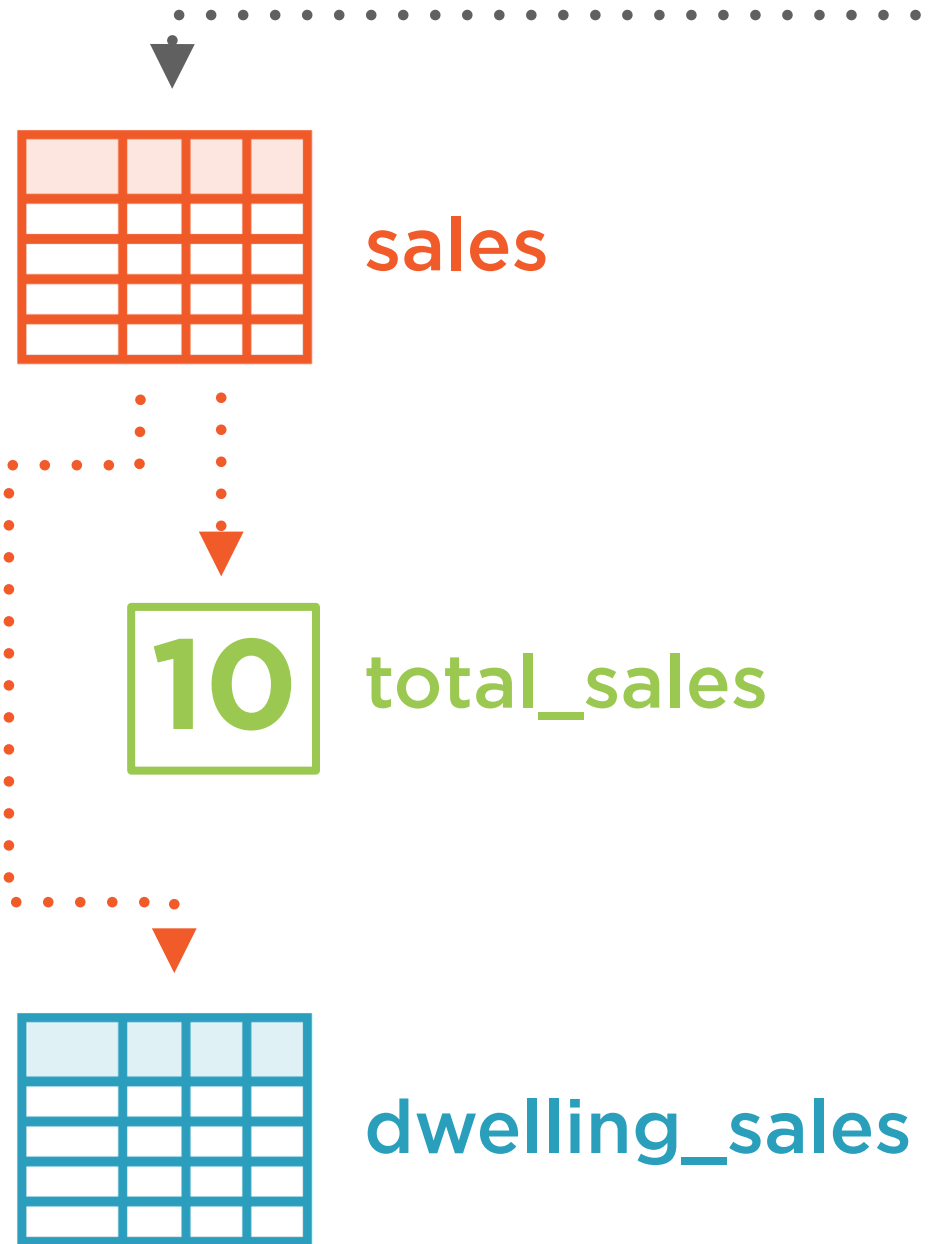
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summarize\_sales.R



## R Workspace



sales

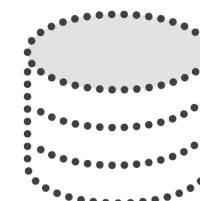
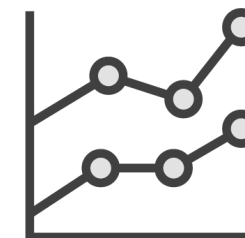
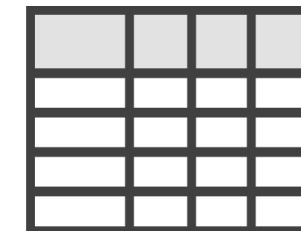
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total\_sales

dwelling\_sales

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# Writing R Code

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# Writing Reproducible R Scripts

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# Goal: Reproducible R Scripts



**Scripts should be complete and self-contained**

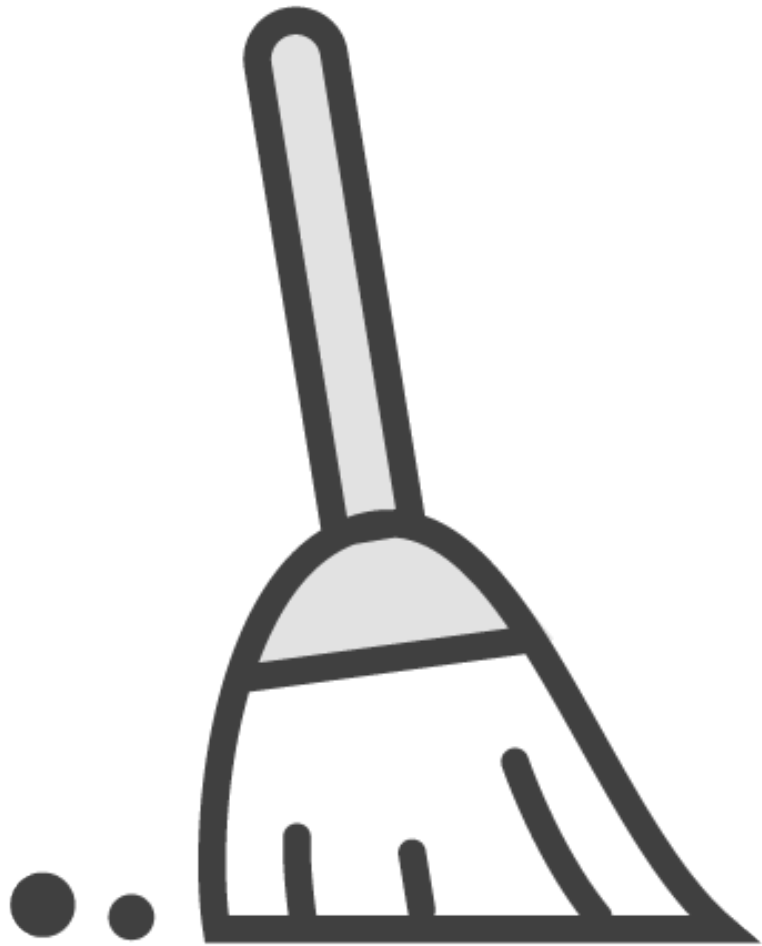


**You can reproduce your work, and others can reproduce your work**



**Check by restarting R and rerunning your script**

# Starting with a Fresh R Session

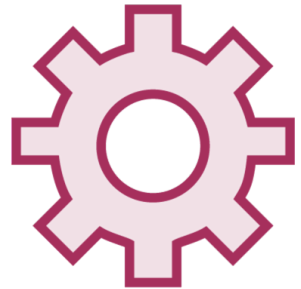


**No code has been run**

**No packages loaded**

**No objects in the workspace**

# Ensuring Reproducible Scripts



**Set RStudio to not save or load workspace**



**Restart R often**



**Source your script and check for errors**



# Summary

## **R syntax**

- Calling functions
- Assigning objects

## **Accessing function documentation**

## **Examining objects**

## **Workflow**

- Writing new code
- Ensuring reproducible scripts

## **Up next:**

## **Organizing Your Work with RStudio Projects**