We stated that [unpack](https://winvector.github.io/wrapr/reference/unpack.html) is a good tool for load R RDS files into your working environment. Here is the idea expanded into a worked example.

# remotes::install\_github("WinVector/wrapr")

library(wrapr)

a <- 5

b <- 7

do\_not\_want <- 13

# save the elements of our workspace we want

saveRDS(as\_named\_list(a, b), 'example\_data.RDS')

# clear values out of our workspace for the example

rm(list = ls())

ls()

#> character(0)

# notice workspace environemnt now empty

# read back while documenting what we expect to

# read in

unpack[a, b] <- readRDS('example\_data.RDS')

# confirm what we have, the extra unpack is a side

# effect of the []<- notation. To avoid this instead

# use one of:

# unpack(readRDS('example\_data.RDS'), a, b)

# readRDS('example\_data.RDS') %.>% unpack(., a, b)

# readRDS('example\_data.RDS') %.>% unpack[a, b]

ls()

#> [1] "a" "b" "unpack"

# notice do\_not\_want is not present

print(a)

#> [1] 5

print(b)

#> [1] 7