

WEEK 2

# WORKFLOWS AND QUARTO

# TODAY'S TOPICS

- A few more R and RStudio tips (projects, style)
- Quarto: present and share your work in a report
- Intro to the “tidyverse”
- Pipes
- Paths and files

# EFFECTIVE USE OF



# RStudio<sup>®</sup>

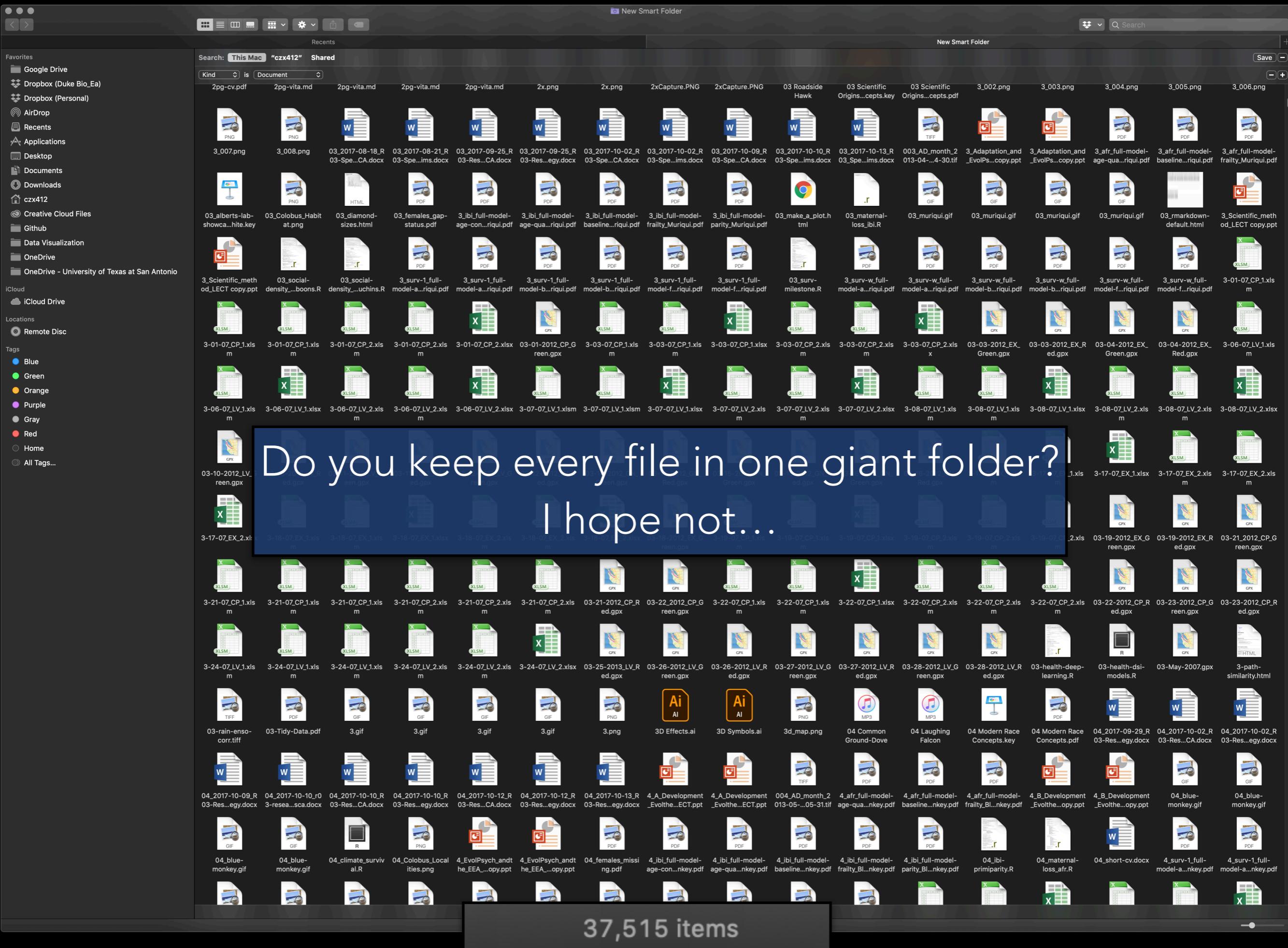
- Last time:
  - Work in the RStudio app, not the R app
  - Tab for autocompletion and helpful tips
  - Panes: Source, Console, Environment, Viewer

# EFFECTIVE USE OF



# RStudio<sup>®</sup>

- Use RStudio to divide your work into distinct **Projects**



# EFFECTIVE USE OF



- An RStudio Project is associated with one **folder** on your computer (called the “working directory”)
  - R will save files to and open files from this folder
  - Use a different project for any distinct “unit” of your work
    - Examples: analysis for one manuscript, thesis chapter, or class project
- Tip: for now, when creating a new Project always use a new empty folder

# YOUR TURN



- Create a new Project called “ANT 6973 Data Visualization”
- Create a new R script file called “hello.R”
- In hello.R, use the `print()` function to print the word "Hello!" to the console.  
`print("Hello!")`
- Save the file
- Source the file (i.e., run the entire script) using Cmd/Ctrl + Shift + S
- Close the Project
- Re-open the “Data Viz Activities” project.



# EFFECTIVE USE OF



- A project remembers the state of your “working environment” and keeps it separate from that of other projects.
  - Which objects you have created in R
  - Which files are open
  - A history of commands that you have used
- When you reopen a project, you can restore the workspace in same condition that you left it, but I don't recommend it.

# R Markdown & Quarto



# Quarto



- Basic idea behind it
- How to write in markdown
- Putting together a Quarto file



- Sometimes, you want narrative/explanation and outputs (e.g. visualizations) in the same document.
- You might even want to share or show the analysis steps and R code that you used.
- What are some situations where this would be useful?

# Quarto



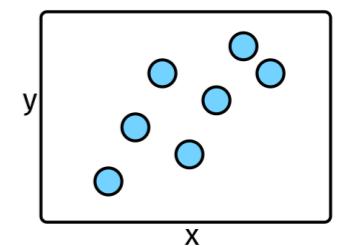
- R Markdown and Quarto are systems for “knitting together” these different things into a single high-quality document, report, or presentation.

# Report notes.Rmd  
We can see this *\*relationship\** in a scatterplot.

```
```{r my-code}
p <- ggplot(data, mapping)
p + geom_point()
...```
As you can see, this plot looks pretty nice.
```

knit in R

Report notes.pdf  
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# EXAMPLES



- But **why?** Why not do it all in Word?
  - Copying tables and code is annoying and error-prone.
  - Word is bad at keeping a consistent layout when there are figures.
  - If data or analysis changes, just re-knit and entire report is updated.

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using microsoft word

\*moves an image 1 mm to the left\*

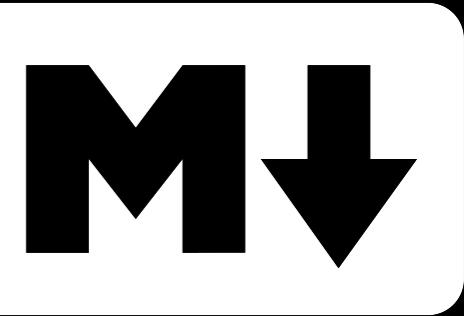
all text and images shift. 4 new pages appear.  
in the distance, sirens.

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# MARKDOWN



- The foundation is a method of formatting plain text called **Markdown**
- Philosophy: very easy to read and easy to write
- Widely used and can be converted to many output formats
- Simple formatting only
  - Paragraphs, headings, emphasis (bold/italic), numbered or bulleted lists, hyperlinks, images

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01\_markdown-basics.Rmd

Environment History Connections Addins

01\_markdown-basics.Rmd

ABC Knit Insert Run

```
1 # Top-level heading
2
3 ## Second-level heading
4
5 ### Third-level heading
6
7 This is an R Markdown document that contains no code. The purpose is
8 to show you how to write in markdown.
9
10 Use asterisks to show emphasis. For example, you can make *italicized*
11 or **bold text** by enclosing in one or two asterisks.
12
13 Force a line break
14 by adding two spaces
15 at the end.
```

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### Lists

If you forget, you can find a handy reference sheet in RStudio with  
*Help > Markdown Quick Reference*

```
22 - A nested item is indented 4 spaces
23
24 Create an ordered list by using numbers:
25
26 1. Item 1
27 2. Item 2
28 3. Item 3
29
30 Plain http addresses are automatically converted to links:
31 https://www.campos-lab.net/courses/ant6973-s2019/
32 Or you can use a linked phrase like this: [Course
Website](https://www.campos-lab.net/courses/ant6973-s2019/)
```

1. Item 1
2. Item 2
3. Item 3

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Or you can use a linked phrase like this: [Course Website](#)

# YOUR TURN

Create a basic CV by writing in markdown!

Follow the instructions on the course website for:

**Week 2, Lab 1: Markdown CV**

# Quarto



- What's in a Quarto file?

# Quarto



- What's in a Quarto file?
  - An optional short header

| At the top

```
---  
<Header stuff goes here>  
---
```



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- Plain text with markdown formatting

| Interspersed

- Optional chunks of R code

```
```{r}  
<R code goes here>  
```
```

# Quarto



- What's in a Quarto file?

- An optional short header

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<Header stuff goes here>

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```

- Plain text with markdown formatting
- Optional chunks of R code

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```
```

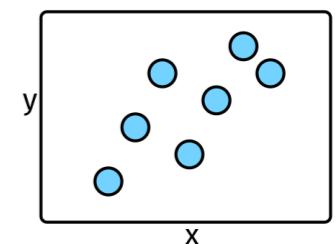
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# Quarto



```
```{r}
<R code goes here>
```
```



## CHUNK OPTIONS

```
```{r}
#| <options for chunk behavior>
<R code goes here>
```
```



## CHUNK OPTIONS: CODE BEHAVIOR

```
```{r}
#| echo: false
plot(rnorm(100), rnorm(100))
```
```

- **echo: false** prevents code, but not the results, from appearing in the finished file; useful for embedding figures without showing code.
- **warning: false** or **message: false** prevents warnings or messages generated by code from appearing in the finished document.
- **error: true** makes the render continue even if the code returns an error.
- **eval: false** prevents code from being evaluated; useful for displaying example code without actually running it.
- **include: false** runs the code, but hides both the code and results from the final document



## CHUNK OPTIONS: LABELING

```
```{r}
#| echo: false
#| label: fig-normal-distributions
#| fig-cap: "100 normally distributed points"
plot(rnorm(100), rnorm(100))
````
```

- **label**: optional name for the chunk
- **fig-cap**: adds a caption to graphical results.
- ... and many more.

# Quarto



- Let's experiment. In RStudio, create a new Quarto file by going to:
  - File > New File > Quarto Document...

RStudio  
Go to file/function | Addins | Project: (None)

Untitled1\* | Render on Save | Render | Run | Outline

Source Visual

```
1 ---  
2 title: "Quarto Practice"  
3 format: html  
4 ---  
5  
6 ## Quarto  
7  
8 Quarto enables you to weave together content and executable code  
Quarto see <https://quarto.org>.  
9  
10 ## Running Code  
11  
12 When you click the **Render** button a document will be generated that includes both content and the output of  
embedded code. You can embed code like this:  
13  
14 ```{r}  
15 1 + 1  
16 ````  
17  
18 You can add options to executable code like this  
19  
20 ```{r}  
21 #| echo: false  
22 2 * 2  
23 ````  
24  
25 The `echo: false` option disables the printing of code (only output is displayed).  
26
```

Process the whole document

Header with information about document

Notes & discussion with formatting instructions

Chunk of R code

Run this chunk

Chunk of R code

Run all chunks up to here

2:24 # Quarto Practice Quarto

# QUARTO



- That's the tip of the iceberg, but should be enough for creating a basic report.
- If you want to know how to do more, there's an entire (free!) guide on Quarto:
  - <https://quarto.org/docs/guide/>

# THE TIDYVERSE



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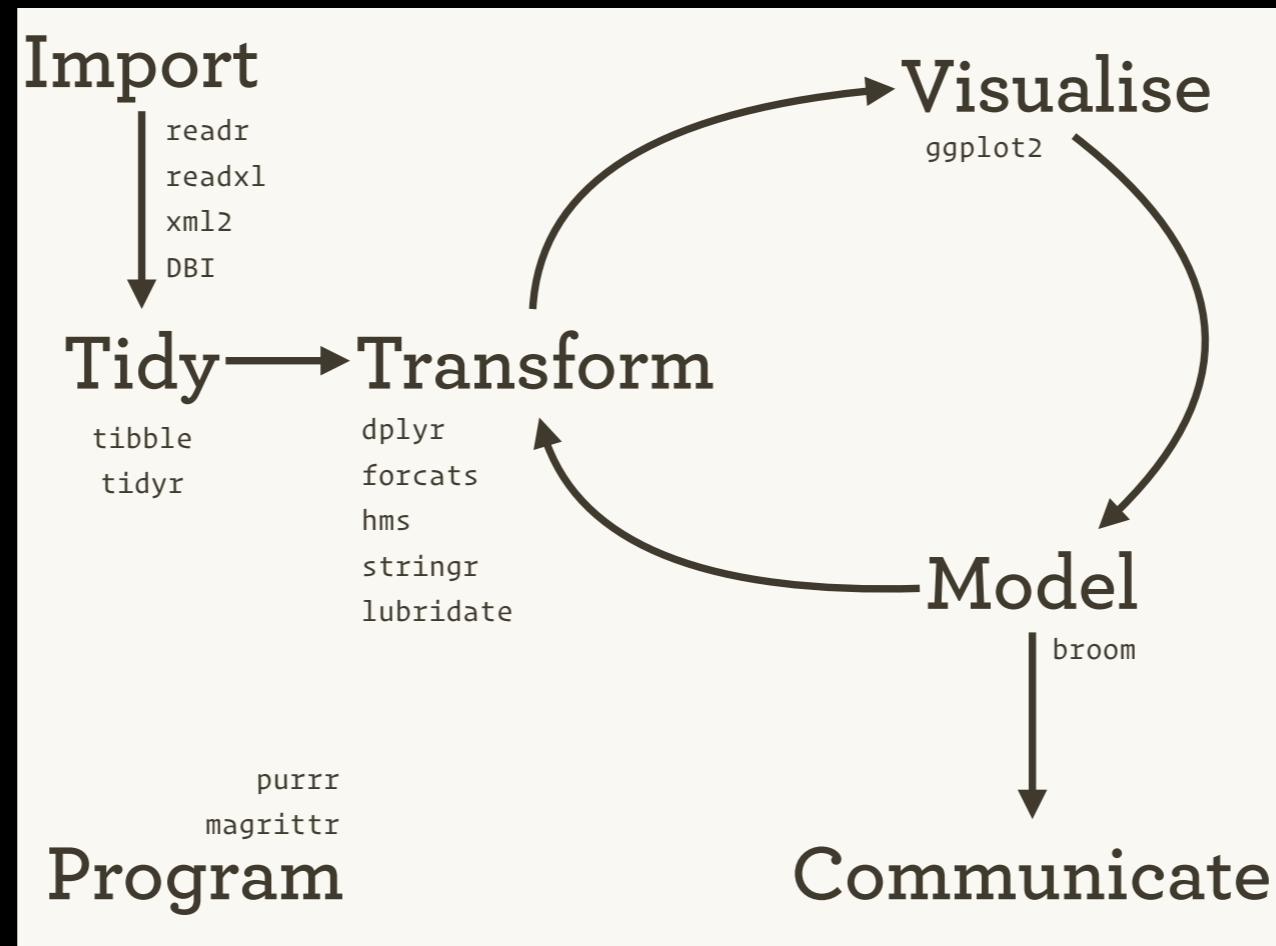


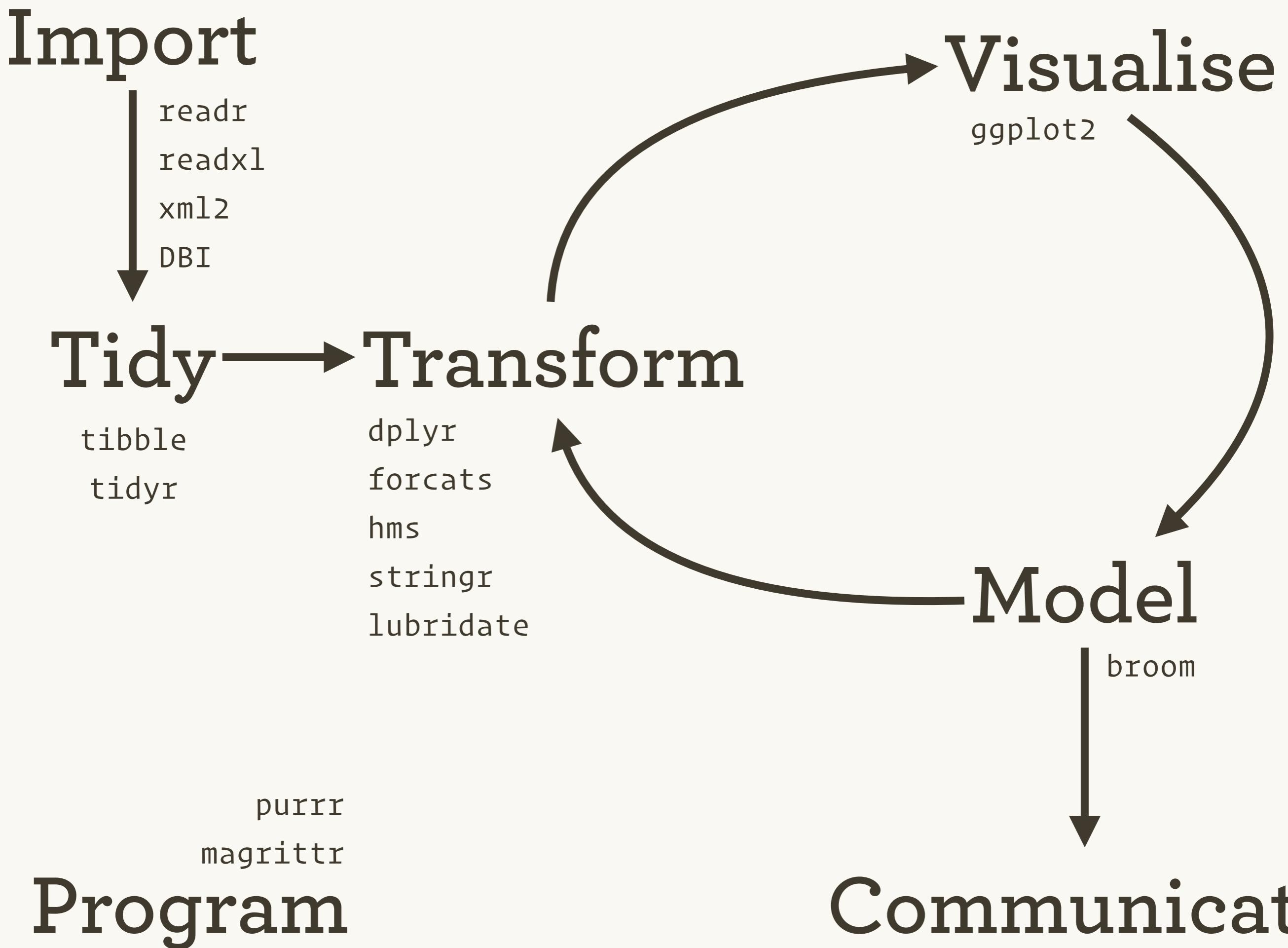
- A collection of R packages for working with and visualizing data that share an underlying philosophy and are designed to work together.

# THE TIDYVERSE



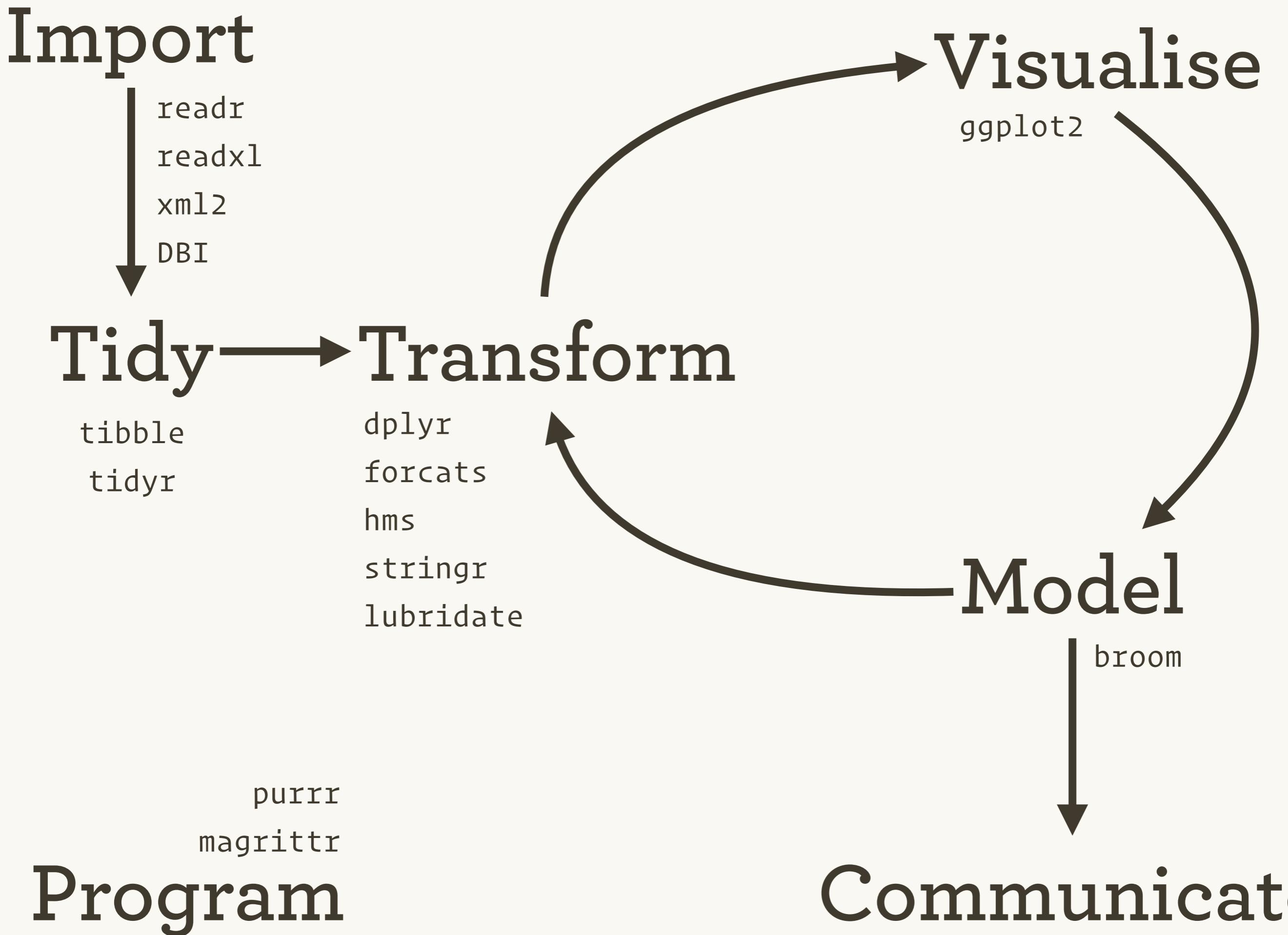
- Goal: solve complex problems by combining simple, uniform pieces.





No matter how complex and polished the individual operations are, it is often the quality of the glue that most directly determines the power of the system.

— *Hal Abelson*



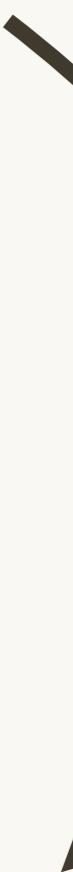
Import



Tidy → Transform



Visualise



Model



Communicate

# THE TIDYVERSE



- Advantages:
  - Consistency: it's a *dialect* of R that is more readable, with pieces designed to work together
  - Coverage: end-to-end support for most data analysis goals and workflows
  - Critical Mass: huge and rapidly growing community of users—it's quickly becoming a standard
- It's a path of least resistance for inexperienced users to become proficient in data visualization and exploration

# THE TIDYVERSE



Tidyverse

Packages    Blog    Learn    Help    Contribute

R packages for data science

The tidyverse is an opinionated **collection of R packages** designed for data science. All packages share an underlying design philosophy, grammar, and data structures.

Install the complete tidyverse with:

```
install.packages("tidyverse")
```

# THE TIDYVERSE



- For simplicity, there's an R package called "tidyverse" that's just a **short cut** for installing and loading this integrated system of packages that work together.
- Let's install the complete tidyverse by typing:

```
install.packages("tidyverse")
```

# THE TIDYVERSE



This:

```
install.packages("tidyverse")
```

Does the equivalent of:

```
install.packages("ggplot2")
install.packages("dplyr")
install.packages("tidyverse")
install.packages("readr")
install.packages("purrr")
install.packages("tibble")
install.packages("stringr")
install.packages("forcats")
install.packages("hms")
install.packages("lubridate")
install.packages("feather")
install.packages("haven")
install.packages("httr")
install.packages("jsonlite")
install.packages("readxl")
install.packages("rvest")
install.packages("xml2")
install.packages("DBI")
install.packages("modelr")
install.packages("broom")
install.packages("cli")
install.packages("crayon")
install.packages("dbplyr")
install.packages("magrittr")
install.packages("pillar")
```

# THE TIDYVERSE



But this:

```
library("tidyverse")
```

Only loads the core:

```
library("ggplot2")
library("dplyr")
library("tidyr")
library("readr")
library("purrr")
library("tibble")
library("stringr")
library("forcats")
```

- These are the most general (and useful) parts.
- We will use all except for the “purrr” package.

# PIPES

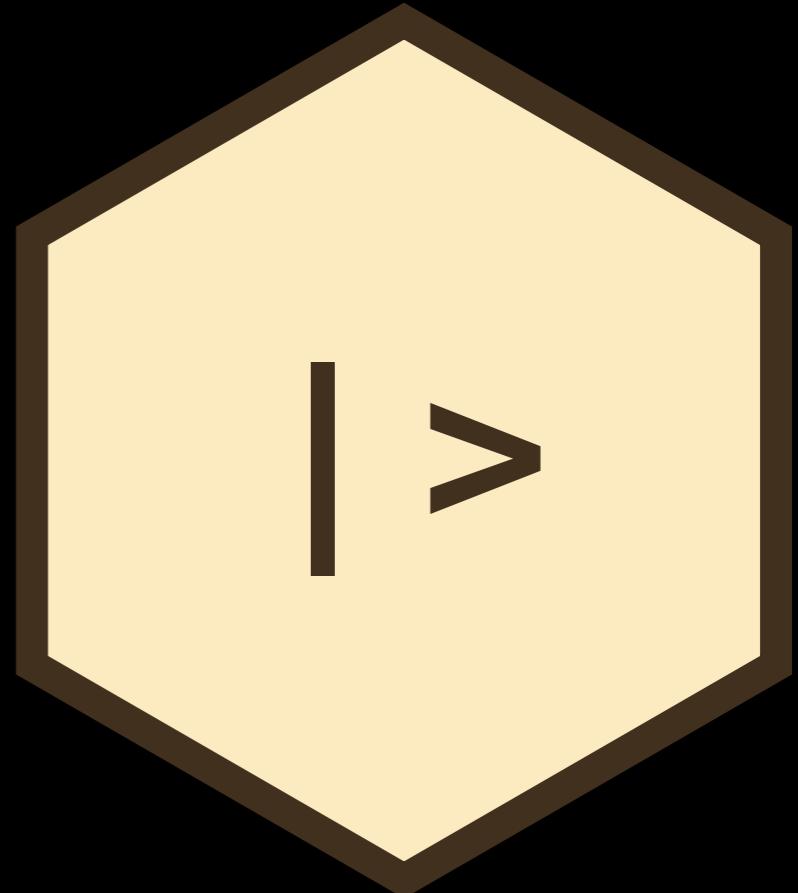


# PIPES

First popular R pipe



New native pipe

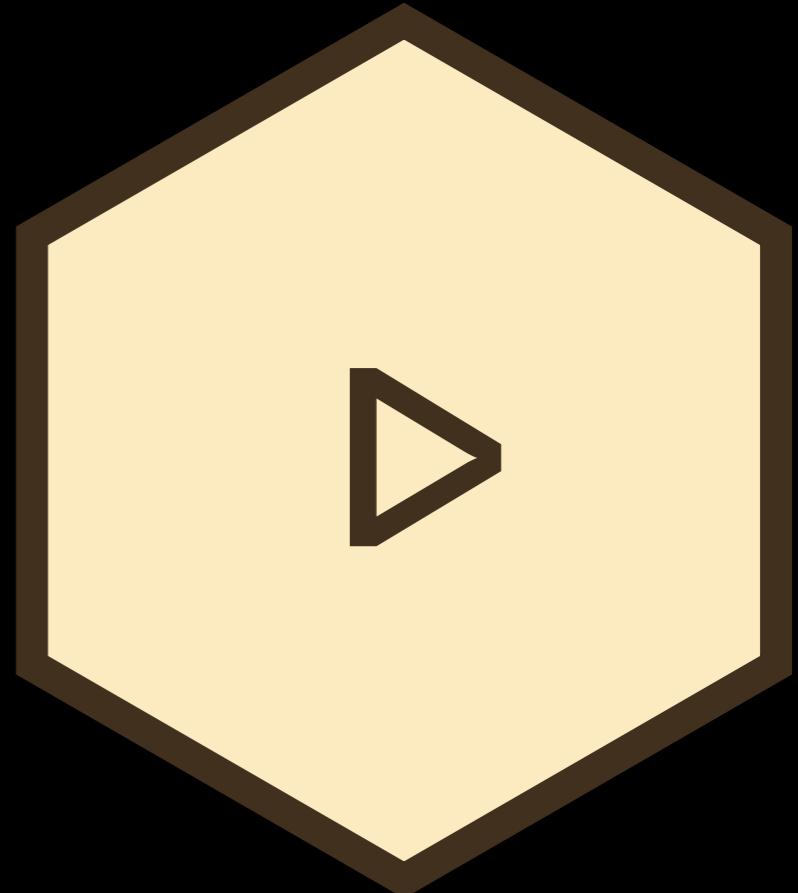


# PIPES

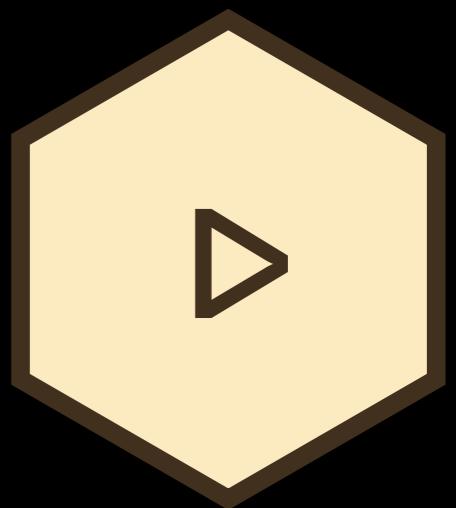
First popular R pipe



New native pipe  
(or using font with ligatures)



# PIPES

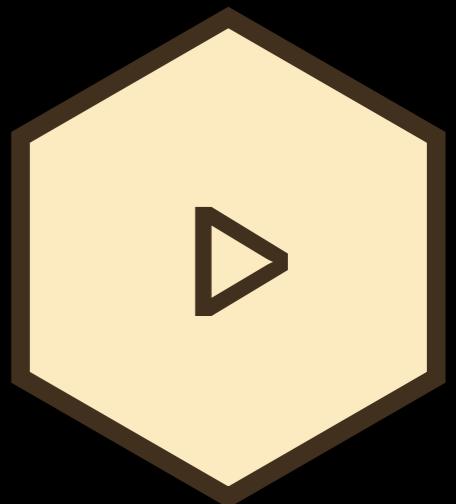


- Recall: in R, you do most things using functions

```
my_numbers <- -1:5
```

```
mean(my_numbers)
```

# PIPES

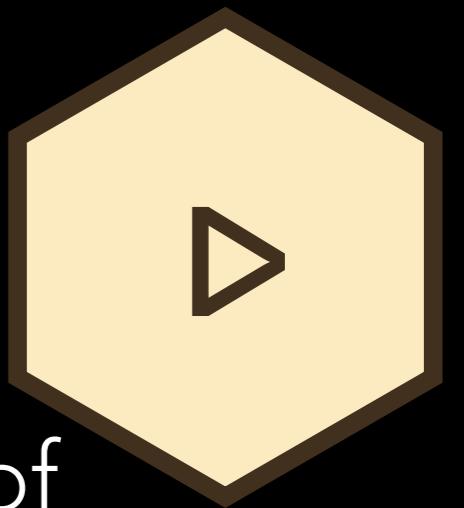


- Pass thing on left into function on the right (as the first argument)

`x > f()` becomes `f(x)`

`x > f(y)` becomes `f(x, y)`

# PIPES

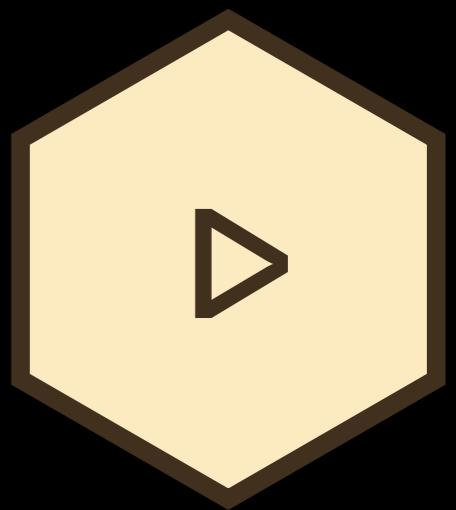


- Why use this? Suppose you have a *sequence* of operations to perform on your data.

```
my_numbers ← -1:5
```

- "Take the data, first take the square root of each number, then exponentiate each number, then take the mean."

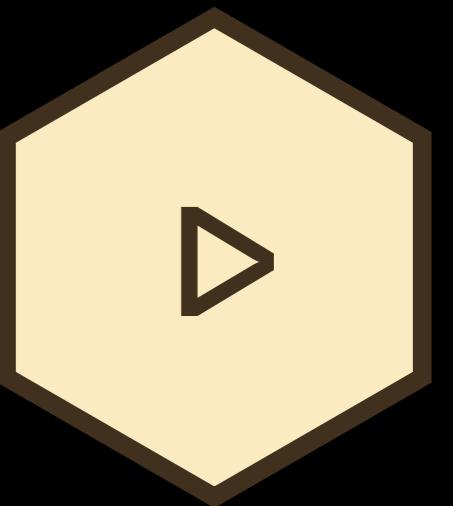
# PIPES



- Option 1: execute each function one by one, using the previous result in each subsequent function

```
result_1 ← sqrt(my_numbers)
result_2 ← exp(result_1)
result_final ← mean(result_2)
```

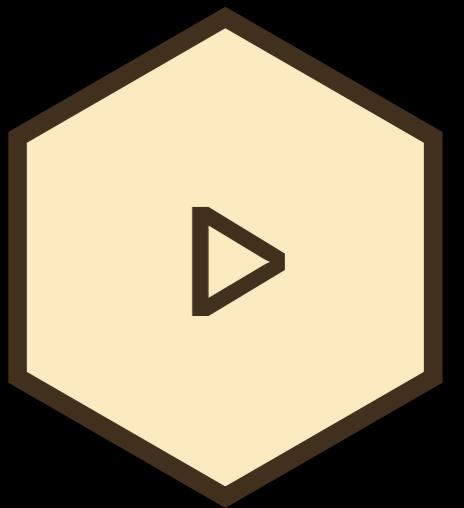
# PIPES



- Option 2: nest the functions; functions will be evaluated from inner-most to outer-most

```
result_final ← mean(exp(sqrt(my_numbers)))
```

# PIPES



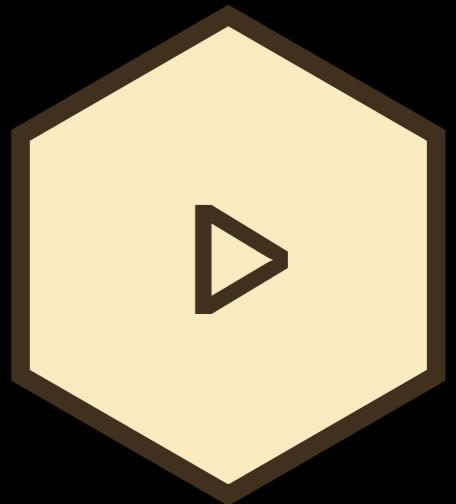
- Option 3: chain the functions together in their natural sequence using pipes

```
result_final ← my_numbers %>  
  sqrt() %>  
  exp() %>  
  mean()
```

- More human-readable:

*"Take the data, then take the square root of each number, then exponentiate each number, then take the mean."*

# A SHORTCUT TO THE PIPE



- Instead of typing out "▷" each time...

Cmd

+

Shift

+

M

(Mac)

Ctrl

+

Shift

+

M

(Windows)

# A SHORTCUT TO THE PIPE



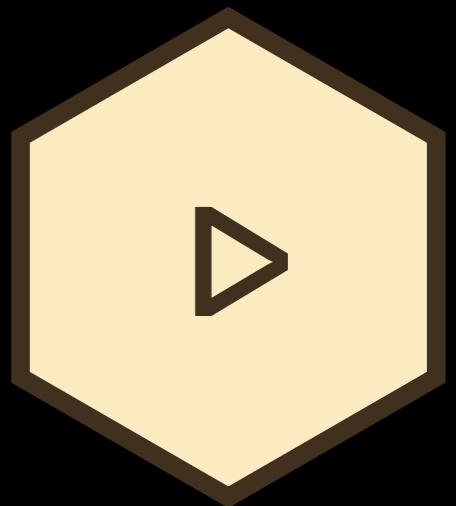
- Why M? The pipe comes from the **m**agrittr package.



"The Treachery of Images"

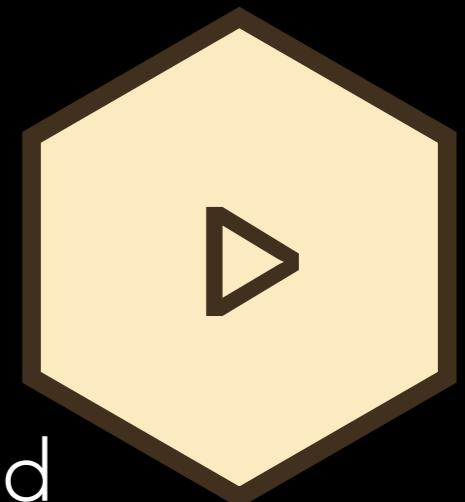
Famous 1929 painting by surrealist painter René **M**agritte

# WHEN TO USE PIPES



- Pipes are most useful for rewriting fairly short linear sequences of operations.
- If you have lots of steps (~10 or more), it's still a good idea to make an intermediate object to make code more readable.

# MORE USEFUL EXAMPLE



- gapminder package provides a data set on GDP and life expectancy over time, by country and continent

```
install.packages("gapminder")
library("gapminder")
View(gapminder)
```

| country     | continent | year | lifeExp | pop      | gdpPercap |
|-------------|-----------|------|---------|----------|-----------|
| Afghanistan | Asia      | 1952 | 28.801  | 8425333  | 779.4453  |
| Afghanistan | Asia      | 1957 | 30.332  | 9240934  | 820.8530  |
| Afghanistan | Asia      | 1962 | 31.997  | 10267083 | 853.1007  |
| Afghanistan | Asia      | 1967 | 34.020  | 11537966 | 836.1971  |
| Afghanistan | Asia      | 1972 | 36.088  | 13079460 | 739.9811  |
| Afghanistan | Asia      | 1977 | 38.438  | 14880372 | 786.1134  |
| Afghanistan | Asia      | 1982 | 39.854  | 12881816 | 978.0114  |
| Afghanistan | Asia      | 1987 | 40.822  | 13867957 | 852.3959  |
| Afghanistan | Asia      | 1992 | 41.674  | 16317921 | 649.3414  |
| Afghanistan | Asia      | 1997 | 41.763  | 22227415 | 635.3414  |

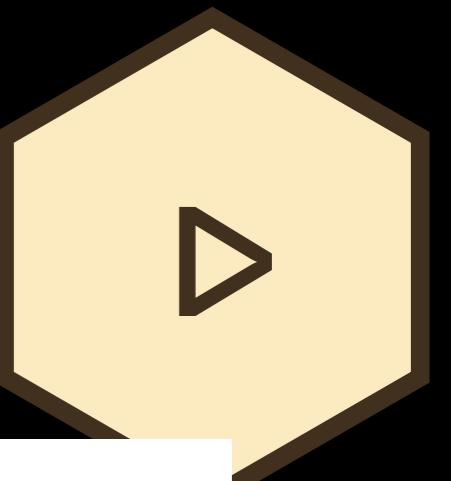
# PIPES



```
count(filter(gapminder, year = 2007), continent)
```

| continent | n  |
|-----------|----|
| Africa    | 52 |
| Americas  | 25 |
| Asia      | 33 |
| Europe    | 30 |
| Oceania   | 2  |

# PIPES



```
count(filter(gapminder, year = 2007), continent)
```

↑  
Data

## continent

n

Africa

52

Americas

25

Asia

33

Europe

30

Oceania

2

# PIPES

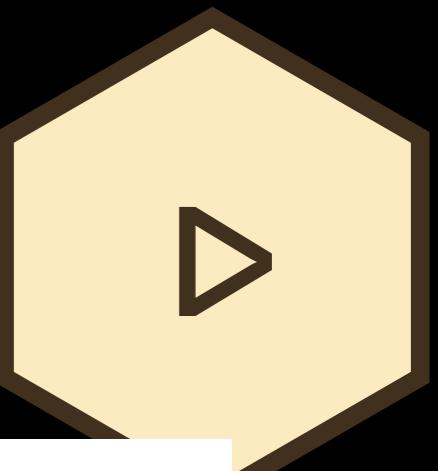


```
count(filter(gapminder, year == 2007), continent)
```

Step 1

| continent | n  |
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# PIPES



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← Step 2 →

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# REWRITE THIS USING PIPES



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```

**continent****n**

Africa

52

Americas

25

Asia

33

Europe

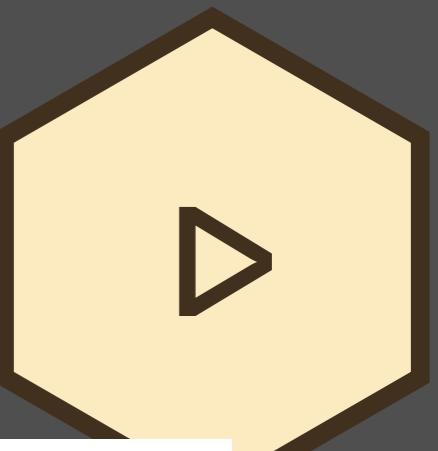
30

Oceania

2

**3:00**

# REWRITE THIS USING PIPES



```
gapminder >  
filter(year == 2007) >  
count(continent)
```

← Data  
← Step 1  
← Step 2

| continent | n  |
|-----------|----|
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# Files and Paths

# YOUR TURN

Let's learn more about using paths effectively!

Follow the instructions on the course website for:

**Week 2, Lab 2: Files and Paths**