CHOP Analytics: R Standards

Making sustainability and collaboration easy

Overview

- Querying philosophy
- Organization with R Projects
- Code Structure
- Code Style
- Publishing to R Studio Connect

Querying Philosophy

Netezza will remain the standard tool for querying data because it is the fastest querying tool available. R is meant to manipulate, analyze, and visualize SQL-based datasets

Querying Philosophy Advantages

- There is no need to learn a new tool to query the CDW
- Minimizes the opportunity for overly complex metric building within R
- Data mart philosophy and standards will remain in tact

Organization with R Project

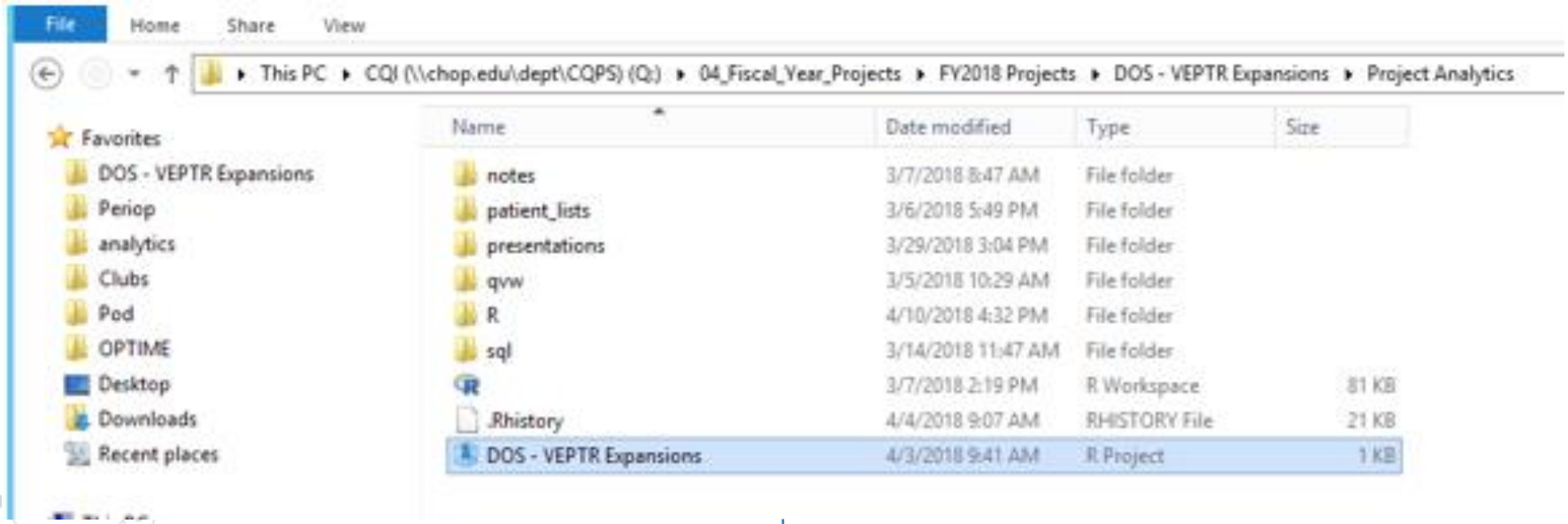
All project-based R scripts will be organized into R projects in order to make code review, project handoff, and project sustainability more efficient

R Project Advantages

- R projects store all code and outputs in a single location and eliminates the need to set a working directory
- R projects store relative file paths for better reproducibility
- They also create a clean R environment so you do not need to remove objects prior to analysis
- All of the above allow R to be more easily integrated in analysts workflow

R Project Set-Up

- In order to set-up an R project, you will need to create a directory for your project work and save an R project file at the ***top level*** of the directory




```
read.csv('patient_lists/example.csv')
```

R Project Exercise

- Create a directory and R project on your H drive that you will use throughout the chopr sessions
- Create a folder in that directory called ‘data’
- Copy and paste the blood culture dataset from the chopR repo to your ‘data’ folder

Code Structure

All R scripts must adhere to CHOP Analytics code structure in order to make code review, project handoff, and project sustainability more efficient

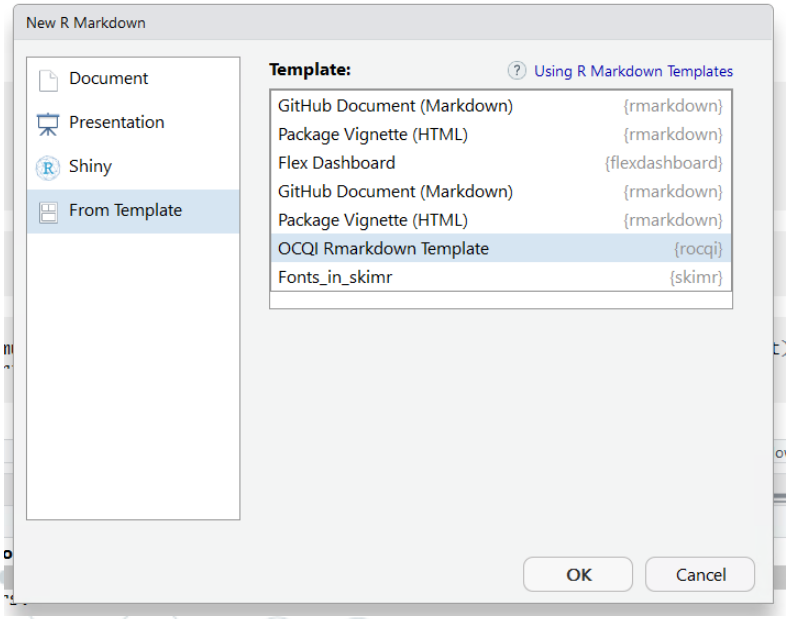
Code Structure Overview

- All scripts should be organized into chunks and each chunk should be named logically
- First chunk should load all packages and set connection strings
- Second chunk should pull in all data
- Third chunk should format all data
- Subsequent chunks should be used for analyses

Code Structure is Easy with the rocqi Template

- File → New File →

  R Markdown → From Template




````
---
title: "Your Analysis Title"
author: "`r Sys.getenv('USERNAME')`"
date: "`r format(Sys.time(), '%d %B, %Y')`"
output: html_document
---

```{r setup, include=FALSE}
library(rocqi)
library(tidyverse)

# Prevent code chunks from printing text, useful f
#knitr::opts_chunk$set(echo = FALSE, warning = FAL

conn <- cdwprd()
```

```{sql test_sql_chunk, connection=conn, output.va

```

```{r clean-data}
odbc::dbDisconnect(conn)
```

```{r visualize-data}

```
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Code Structure Exercise

- Open your R project (if it is closed)
- Open up the rocqi template and save it in your directory
- Outside of your SQL chunk, pull in the blood culture csv into the .Rmd

```
blood_culture<-read.csv('data/blood_culture.csv')
```

Code Style

All R scripts must adhere to CHOP Analytics style in order to make code review, project handoff, and project sustainability more efficient

Code Style Overview

- Consistent with tidyverse R style for coding
- Standards are focused on naming, alignment, spacing, and commenting (details found on kernel)
- A list of standard packages should be used for the majority of our analyses
  - Process for adding new packages to the list of standard packages can also be found on kernel
- It is all made easy with `lintr`!

Code Style Highlights

- All function calls must be preceded with package name followed by "::"
  - reshape2::melt()

- When assigning values to new objects, '<-' should be used instead of "="

- Each function you pipe should be on its own line

```
ed_num <- metrics %>%
  dplyr::filter(ED_IND == 1) %>%
  dplyr::group_by(M_ADM_MONTHYEAR_DATE) %>%
  dplyr::summarize(number_visits = length(unique(VISIT_KEY)))
```

Code Style Exercise

- Instructor will demonstrate how to use the lintr packages to point out stylistic errors

Publishing with R Studio Connect

All deliverables on R Studio Connect should be sourced from a data mart in order to improve server efficiency