

# Assignment 1: Introduction

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## OVERVIEW

This exercise accompanies the introductory material in Environmental Data Analytics.

## Directions

1. Rename this file `<FirstLast>_A01_Introduction.Rmd` (replacing `<FirstLast>` with your first and last name).
2. Change “Student Name” on line 3 (above) with your name.
3. Work through the steps, **creating code and output** that fulfill each instruction.
4. Be sure to **answer the questions** in this assignment document.
5. When you have completed the assignment, **Knit** the text and code into a single PDF file.
6. After Knitting, submit the completed exercise (PDF file) to the appropriate assignment section on Sakai.

## 1) Finish setting up R Studio

### Install TinyTex

Now, run this code cell the same way. This will install “tinytex” – a helper app that allows you to knit your markdown documents into professional quality PDFs.

### Set your default knit directory

This setting will help deal with relative paths later on... - From the Tool menu, select **Global Options** - Select the RMarkdown section - In the “Evaluate chunks in directory”, set the option to “Project” (If you don’t see this option, try restarting RStudio.)

## 2) Discussion Questions

Enter answers to the questions just below the `>Answer:` prompt.

1. What are your previous experiences with data analytics, R, and Git? Include both formal and informal training.

Answer: I have no previous experience with Git or GitHub. I have taken a biometry course, which required us to use RStudio for data analysis. We used R to run different types of statistical analysis such as t-tests, ANOVA tests, etc. I also used R to plot graphs for my undergraduate honors thesis.

2. Are there any components of the course about which you feel confident?

Answer: The parts of the course I feel confident about is running codes for different analyses. I am also confident in my ability to do independent research to find errors in my code and fix them from there.

3. Are there any components of the course about which you feel apprehensive?

Answer: I am apprehensive about using Git and GitHub. I have no previous experience in Git, and found linking R studio to Git and the download process hard to understand.

### **3) GitHub**

Provide a link below to your forked course repository in GitHub. Make sure you have pulled all recent changes from the course repository and that you have updated your course README file, committed those changes, and pushed them to your GitHub account.

Answer: [https://github.com/dmliddle/EDE\\_Fall2023.git](https://github.com/dmliddle/EDE_Fall2023.git)

### **4) Knitting**

When you have completed this document, click the `knit` button. This should produce a PDF copy of your markdown document. Submit this PDF to Sakai.