

BIOS-IN5410

Introduction to R programming

Learning goals

Introduce you to R and Rstudio

Basic R functionality

Find and install packages

Be able to read package manuals and find help

Read and write files

Plotting data

(Very rough) time plan

Friday Nov 17

13:15-14:00

- Introduction to R and RStudio
- Set up and get going
- Do Exercise 1

14:15 - 16:00

- Go through Exercise 1
- R packages and the Tidyverse
- Rectangular and tidy data
- Working with files
- Exercise 2
- Go through Exercise 2

Thursday Nov 23

09:15 - 10:30

- Manipulating data with dplyr
- Exercise 3

10:45 - 12:30

- Go through Exercise 3
- Basic plotting
- Exercise 4
- Go through exercise 4 together

13:00 - 17:00

- Programming basics
 - For loops + Ex 5 (13:00 - 14:15)
 - Ex 5 + If statements + Ex 6 (14:30 - 15:30)
 - Go through exercise 6 (15:45 - 16:15)
- Wrap-up

Friday Nov 24

09:15 – 12:00

- R scripts
 - Running R on the command line
 - Command line arguments
- Plotting with ggplot2 (not curriculum – brief demo + exercise)

R resources

Introduction to Data Science - free online book (most of the material in this course is taken from here): <https://rafalab.github.io/dsbook/>

R for Data Science - free online book: <https://r4ds.had.co.nz/>

Software Carpentry - <https://swcarpentry.github.io/r-novice-gapminder/>

The R project

Environment for statistical computing and graphics

It's free

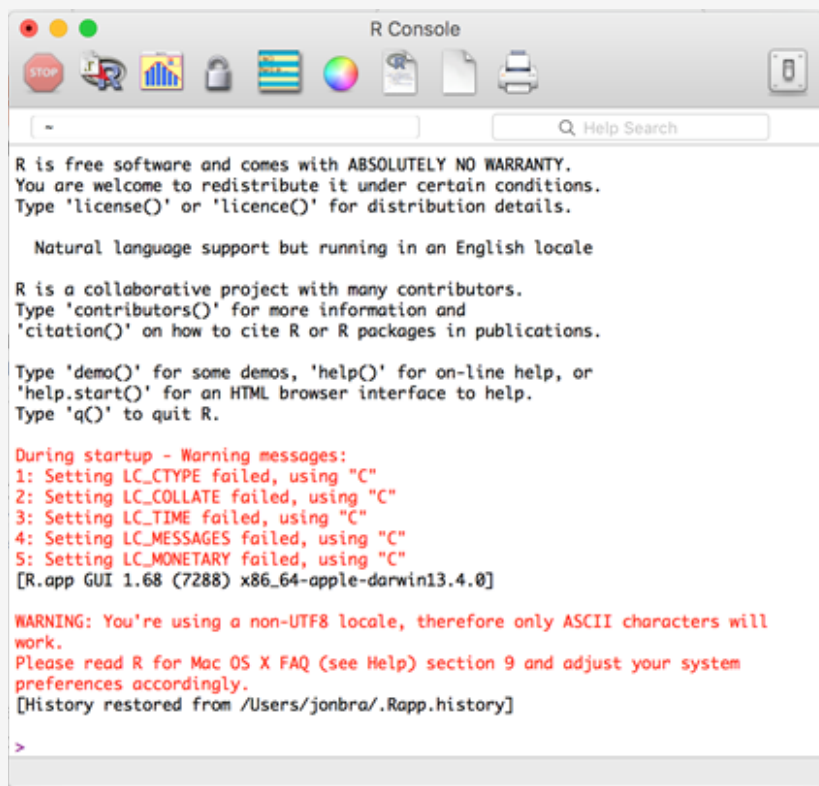
Can be run on Windows, Mac, Unix...

Extremely rich selection of packages

Very good for graphics and plotting



The R console



```
R Console

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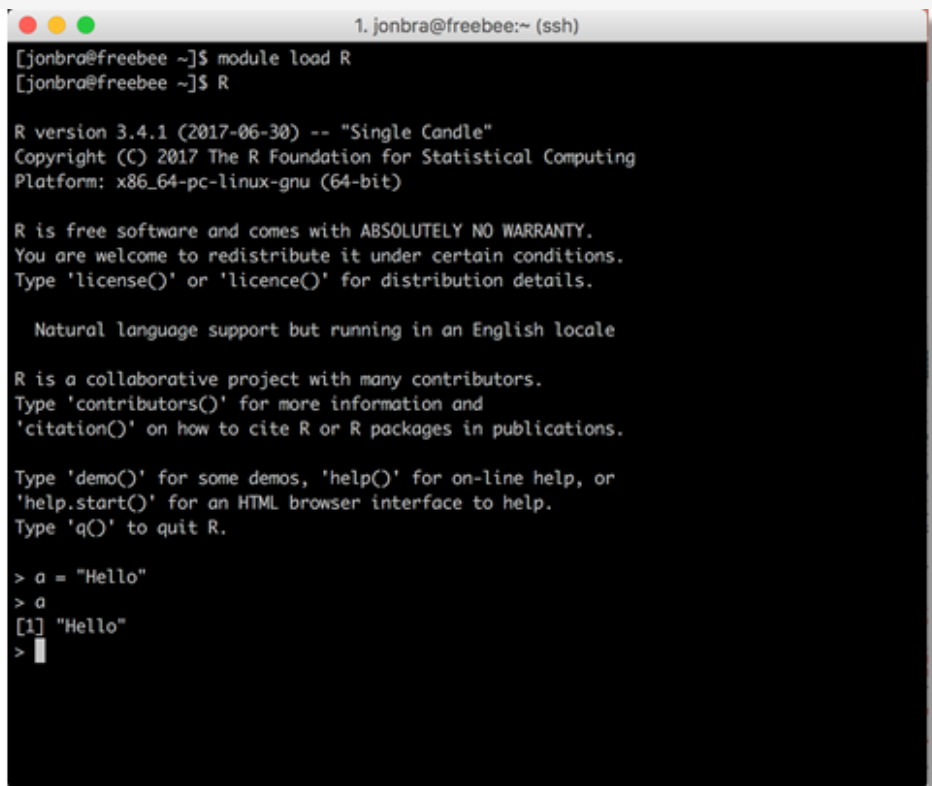
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'citation()' on how to cite R or R packages in publications.

Type 'demo()' for some demos, 'help()' for on-line help, or
'help.start()' for an HTML browser interface to help.
Type 'q()' to quit R.

During startup - Warning messages:
1: Setting LC_CTYPE failed, using "C"
2: Setting LC_COLLATE failed, using "C"
3: Setting LC_TIME failed, using "C"
4: Setting LC_MESSAGES failed, using "C"
5: Setting LC_MONETARY failed, using "C"
[R.app GUI 1.68 (7288) x86_64-apple-darwin13.4.0]

WARNING: You're using a non-UTF8 locale, therefore only ASCII characters will
work.
Please read R for Mac OS X FAQ (see Help) section 9 and adjust your system
preferences accordingly.
[History restored from /Users/jonbra/.Rapp.history]

>
```



```
1. jonbra@freebee:~ (ssh)

[jonbra@freebee ~]$ module load R
[jonbra@freebee ~]$ R

R version 3.4.1 (2017-06-30) -- "Single Candle"
Copyright (C) 2017 The R Foundation for Statistical Computing
Platform: x86_64-pc-linux-gnu (64-bit)

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> a
[1] "Hello"
> |
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RStudio - an R IDE

RStudio File Edit Code View Plots Session Build Debug Tools Window Help

Go to file/function Addins

Project: (None)

Environment History

Global Environment

Data

- df 132384 obs. of 4 variables
- Mnemiopsis_cou... Large matrix (132384 elements, 1.5 Mb)
- Mnemiopsis_col... 8 obs. of 3 variables
- pseudoCount Large matrix (132384 elements, 2 Mb)

Files Plots Packages Help Viewer

Zoom Export

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113 boxplot(pseudoCount)
114 ...
115
116 We can use the ggplot2 package to make nicer plots :-)
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126 ylab(expression(log[2](count + 1)))
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Console

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log₂(count + 1)

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RStudio - an R IDE

Text editor

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Environment window

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View plots, packages, files, help and more



RStudio - cheat sheet

Check out the [RStudio cheat sheet](#) in the GitHub repo - especially the shortcuts.

Keyboard Shortcuts

RUN CODE

Search command history
Interrupt current command
Clear console

Windows/Linux

Ctrl+↑
Esc
Ctrl+L

Mac

Cmd+↑
Esc
Ctrl+L

NAVIGATE CODE

Go to File/Function

Ctrl+.

Ctrl+.

WRITE CODE

Attempt completion

Tab or
Ctrl+Space

Tab or
Ctrl+Space

Insert <- (assignment operator)

Alt+-

Option+-

Insert %>% (pipe operator)

Ctrl+Shift+M

Cmd+Shift+M

(Un)Comment selection

Ctrl+Shift+C

Cmd+Shift+C

MAKE PACKAGES

Load All (devtools)

Windows/Linux

Ctrl+Shift+L
Ctrl+Shift+T
Ctrl+Shift+D

Mac

Cmd+Shift+L
Cmd+Shift+T
Cmd+Shift+D

DOCUMENTS AND APPS

Knit Document (knitr)

Ctrl+Shift+K

Cmd+Shift+K

Insert chunk (Sweave & Knitr)

Ctrl+Alt+I

Cmd+Option+I

Run from start to current line

Ctrl+Alt+B

Cmd+Option+B

MORE KEYBOARD SHORTCUTS

Keyboard Shortcuts Help

Alt+Shift+K

Option+Shift+K

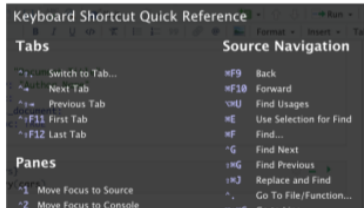
Show Command Palette

Ctrl+Shift+P

Cmd+Shift+P

View the Keyboard Shortcut Quick Reference with **Tools > Keyboard Shortcuts** or **Alt/Option + Shift + K**

Search for keyboard shortcuts with **Tools > Show Command Palette** or **Ctrl/Cmd + Shift + P**.



History Send Command to Console

Create a New R Script Ctrl Shift N

Create a new R Markdown document

A (super) short introduction to R functionality

(you don't need to remember all the details. Use the slides as
a reference)

Variable assignment

We assign values to variables with the assignment operator "<-" (can also use "="). Just typing the variable by itself at the prompt will print out the value.

```
> x <- 1
```

```
> x
```

```
[1] 1
```

```
> x = 1
```


```
> x
```

```
[1] 1
```

```
> y <- 2
```

```
> x + y
```

```
[1] 3
```



The prompt (like the \$ in the Unix terminal)

R is very good for mathematics

```
> 1+1 # Simple arithmetic
[1] 2
> 2 + 3 * 4 # Operator precedence
[1] 14
> 3 ^ 2 # Exponentiation
[1] 9
> exp(1) # Basic mathematical functions are available
[1] 2.718282
> sqrt(10)
[1] 3.162278
> pi # The constant pi is predefined
[1] 3.141593
> 2*pi*6378 # Circumference of earth at equator (in km)
[1] 40074.16
```

Functions

R functions are invoked by its name, then followed by the parenthesis, and zero or more arguments. The following apply the function `c()` to combine three numeric values into a vector.

```
> c(1, 2, 3)
[1] 1 2 3
```

Function name

Arguments (separated by comma)

Comments

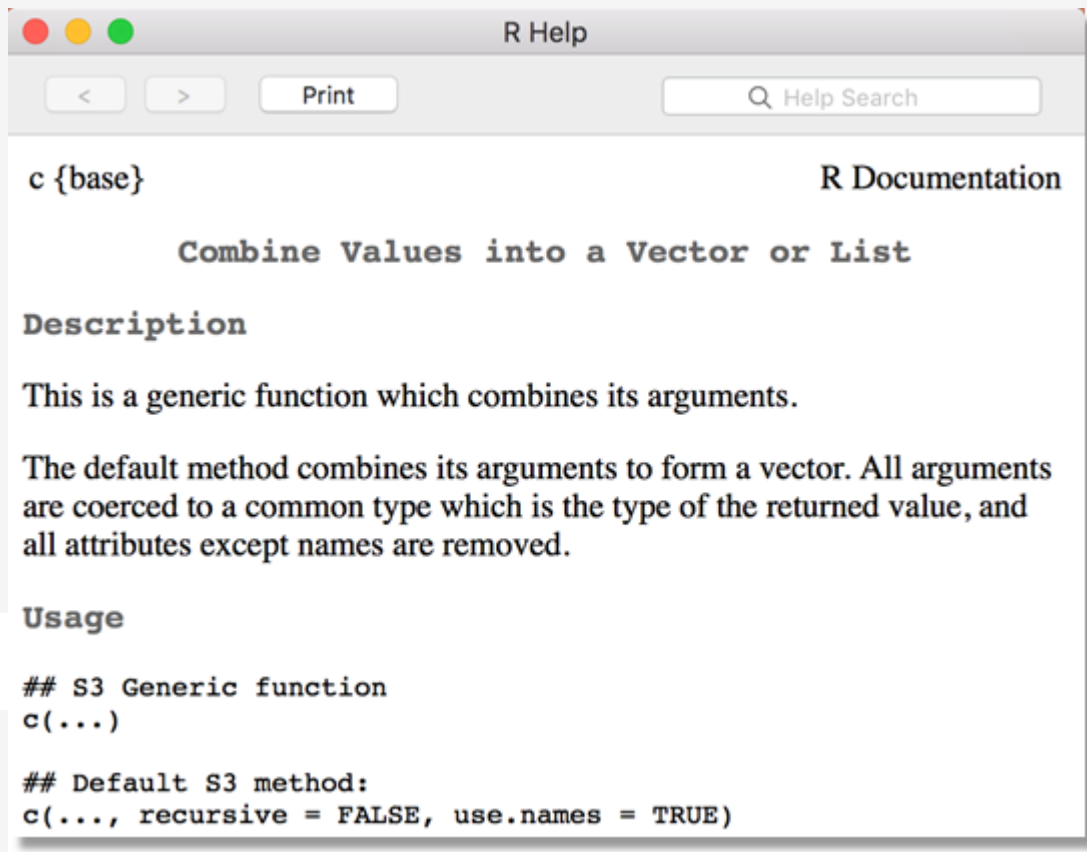
Just like in unix/bash, all text after the hash tag "#" within the same line is considered a comment.

```
> 1 + 1 # This is a comment  
[1] 2
```

Getting help

R provides extensive documentation. For example, entering `?c` or `help(c)` at the prompt gives documentation of the function `c` in R.

```
> help(c)
```



Get started with R

Install R (r-project.org)

cran.uib.no

Choose the right OS

Install RStudio ([rstudio.com](https://www.rstudio.com))

Choose the right OS

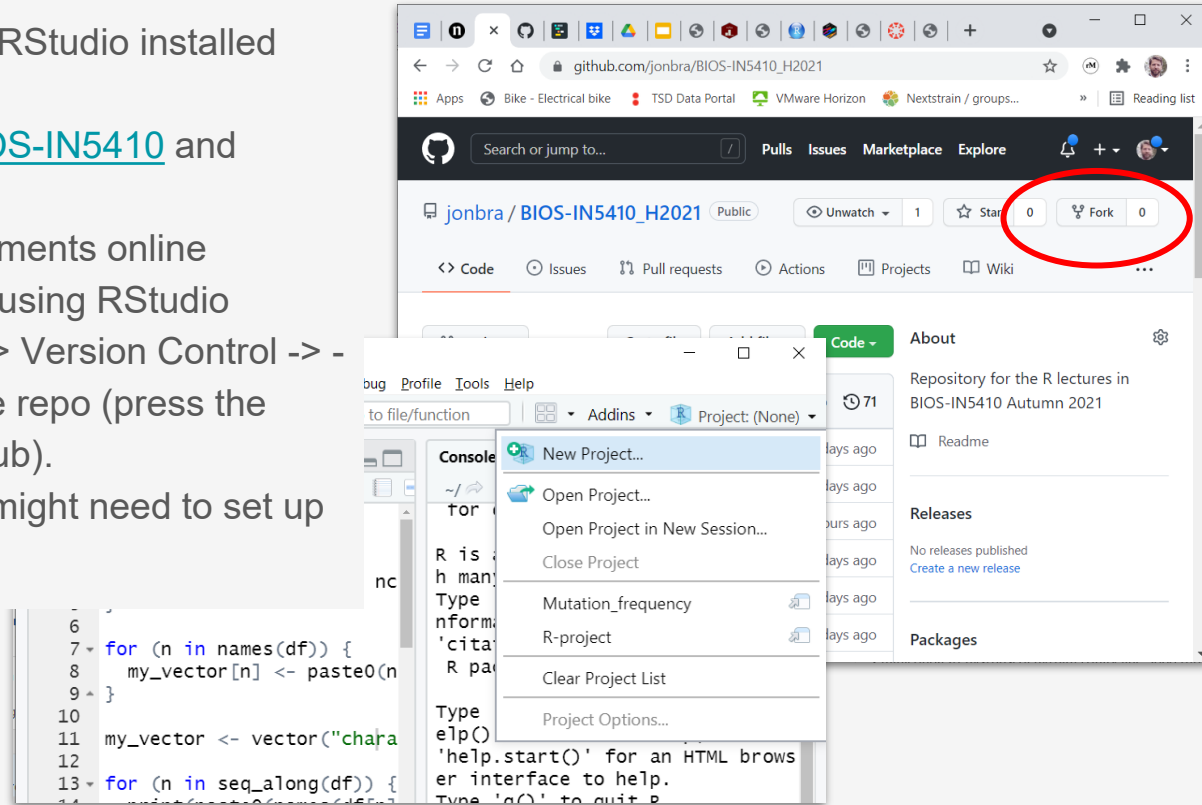
<https://www.rstudio.com/products/rstudio/download/#download>

The image shows a browser window displaying the R project website (cran.uib.no) and a separate window showing the RStudio download page. The R project website has a navigation menu on the left with links for CRAN, Mirrors, What's new?, Task Views, Search, About R, R Homepage, The R Journal, Software, R Sources, R Binaries, Packages, Other, Documentation, Manuals, FAQs, and Contributed. The main content area is titled 'The Comprehensive R Archive Network' and includes a section for 'Download and Install R' with links for Linux, macOS, and Windows. The RStudio download page is a table with two columns: 'OS' and 'Download'. It lists various operating systems and the corresponding RStudio installer files.

OS	Download
Windows 10	RStudio-2021.09.1-372.exe
macOS 10.14+	RStudio-2021.09.1-372.dmg
Ubuntu 18/Debian 10	rstudio-2021.09.1-372-amd64.deb
Fedora 19/Red Hat 7	rstudio-2021.09.1-372-x86_64.rpm
Fedora 28/Red Hat 8	rstudio-2021.09.1-372-x86_64.rpm
Debian 9	rstudio-2021.09.1-372-amd64.deb
OpenSUSE 15	rstudio-2021.09.1-372-x86_64.rpm

Time to try R for yourself

- First, make sure you have R and RStudio installed and working
- Then go to github.com/jonbra/BIOS-IN5410 and either:
 - Just read the different documents online
 - Or, fork and clone the repo using RStudio (Project -> New Project... -> Version Control -> -> Git -> Paste the link to the repo (press the green Code button on GitHub)).
 - NB! To clone the repo you might need to set up ssh keys – can be tricky!



Time to try R for yourself

- Make sure R and RStudio is installed and working.
- Test writing commands, both in the editor and the console.
- Try to assign some variables, change them, etc.
- Do [Exercise 1](#) in your repo (we will always go through the exercises together).
- And just play around in R and RStudio (e.g. check out the cheat sheet).
- *And help each other! I haven't given you all the details you need so you need to check the help menus and search the web.*

First break

R-packages

In addition to “base R”, there are thousands of so-called “packages” that gives additional functionality to R.

CRAN and Bioconductor are the main repositories for packages.

Packages needs to be installed, e.g. by typing

```
install.packages("package")
```

And activated before use by typing

```
library("package")
```

The image displays two web browser windows. The top window shows the CRAN (Comprehensive R Archive Network) website at cran.r-project.org. It features the R logo, a sidebar with links like 'CRAN Mirrors', 'What's new?', 'Task Views', and 'Search', and a main content area titled 'Contributed Packages' which lists 'Available Packages' (18424 total) and provides links to tables sorted by date and name. The bottom window shows the Bioconductor website at bioconductor.org. It has a blue header with navigation links (Home, Install, Help, Developers, About) and a search bar. The main content includes 'About Bioconductor' (describing it as open source software for bioinformatics), 'News' (listing recent releases like Bioconductor 3.14), and sections for 'Install', 'Learn', 'Use', and 'Develop' with various resource links.

Tidyverse

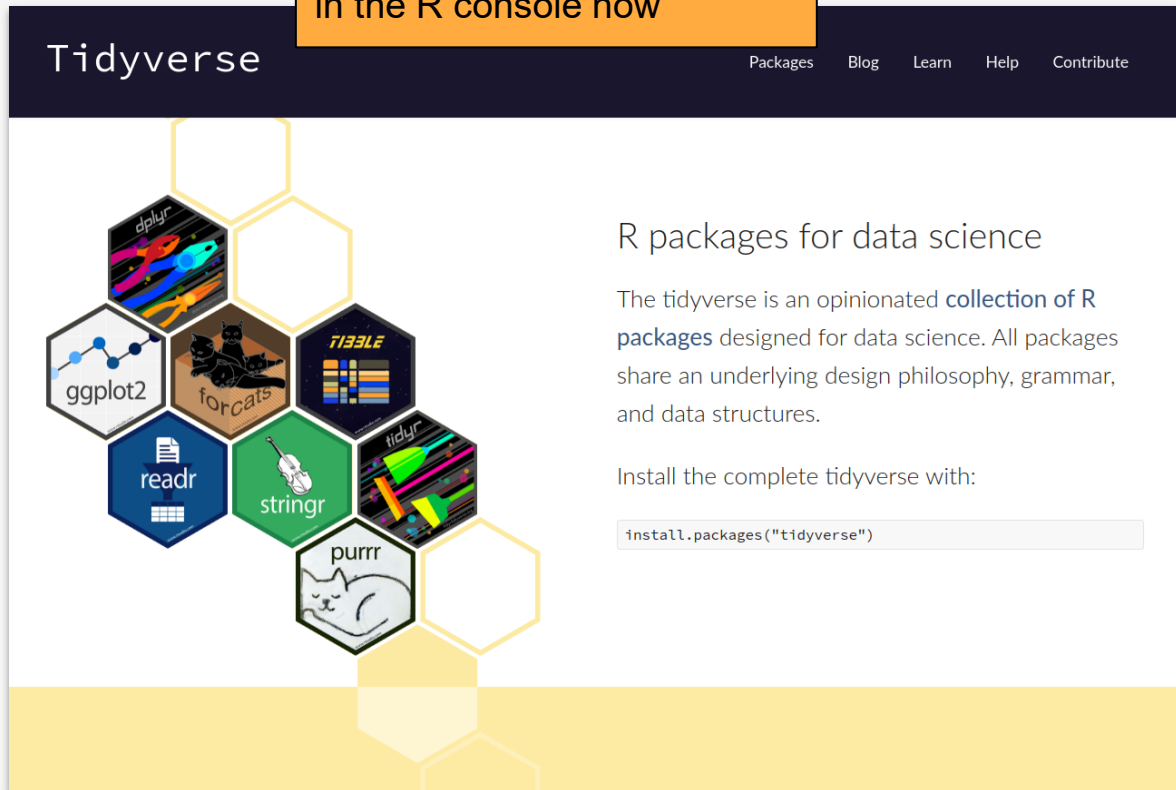
*“A system of packages for **data manipulation, exploration** and **visualization** that share a common design philosophy.”*

Centered around “Rectangular data structures” (e.g. data frames, matrices..)

tidyverse.org

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

Everyone should try to run
`install.packages("tidyverse")`
in the R console now



Free online book for learning R and the tidyverse: <https://r4ds.had.co.nz/>

The rectangular data type

A lot of the work you will do in R is centered around “rectangular data”, or data frames. Data frames are like tables with each row is a record and the columns are the different variables.

Columns						Header
	state	abb	region	population	total	
Rows	1	Alabama	AL	South	4779736	135
	2	Alaska	AK	West	710231	19
	3	Arizona	AZ	West	6392017	232
	4	Arkansas	AR	South	2915918	93
	5	California	CA	West	37253956	1257
	6	Colorado	CO	West	5029196	65

Tidy data

country	year	cases	population
Afghanistan	1999	745	19987071
Afghanistan	2000	2666	20095360
Brazil	1999	37737	172006362
Brazil	2000	80488	174504898
China	1999	212258	1272915272
China	2000	216766	128042583

variables

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observations

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values

Contain all *values* that measure the same underlying attribute (e.g., country, year...).

An *observation* contains all *values* measured on the same unit (e.g., country) across attributes (notice multiple observations on the same row).

Strings (text) or numbers. Belong to a *variable* and an *observation*.

"tidy datasets are all alike but every messy dataset is messy in its own way."

<https://www.jstatsoft.org/article/view/v059i10>

R for Data Science, Hadley Wickham

Tidy data

We say that a data table is in ***tidy format*** if each row represents *one observation* and columns represent the different *variables* available for each of these observations.

Each variable forms a column

One observation per row

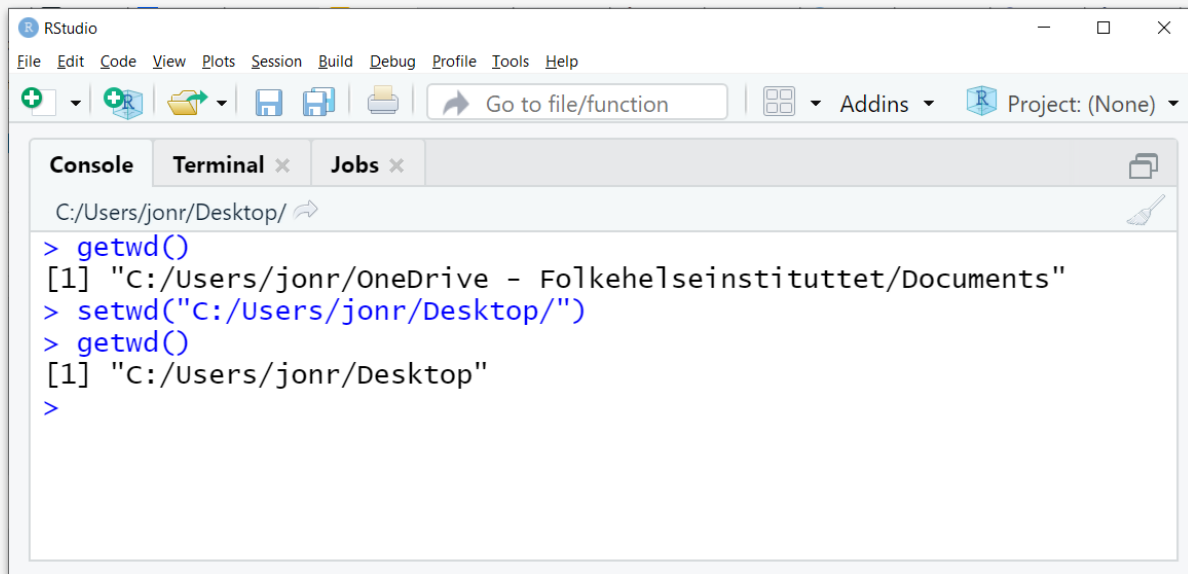
	country	year	fertility
1	Germany	1960	2.41
2	South Korea	1960	6.16
3	Germany	1961	2.44
4	South Korea	1961	5.99
5	Germany	1962	2.47
6	South Korea	1962	5.79

Multiple observations per row

	country	1960	1961	1962
1	Germany	2.41	2.44	2.47
2	South Korea	6.16	5.99	5.79

Working directory

The `getwd()` function let's you see where on your file system R is currently working. Change the working directory with `setwd()`.

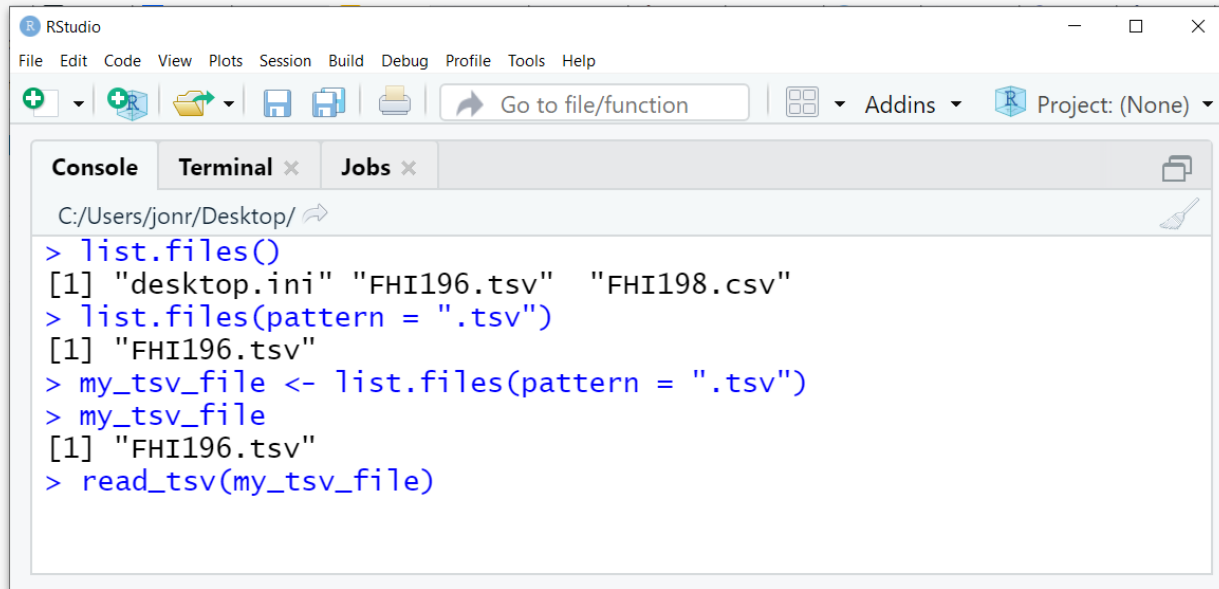


```
RStudio
File Edit Code View Plots Session Build Debug Profile Tools Help
+ [R] [Folder] [Save] [Save As] [Print] [Go to file/function] [Addins] [Project: (None)]

Console Terminal x Jobs x
C:/Users/jonr/Desktop/
> getwd()
[1] "C:/Users/jonr/OneDrive - Folkehelsetrustet/Documents"
> setwd("C:/Users/jonr/Desktop/")
> getwd()
[1] "C:/Users/jonr/Desktop"
>
```

File system - access files

list.files() and *list.dirs()* will show the files and the directories in the working directory. Use the *pattern* argument to filter what kind of files or directories to be listed.

A screenshot of the RStudio application window. The title bar says 'RStudio'. The menu bar includes 'File', 'Edit', 'Code', 'View', 'Plots', 'Session', 'Build', 'Debug', 'Profile', 'Tools', and 'Help'. The toolbar contains icons for file operations and a search bar labeled 'Go to file/function'. Below the toolbar, there are tabs for 'Console', 'Terminal', and 'Jobs'. The 'Console' tab is active, showing the current working directory as 'C:/Users/jonr/Desktop/'. The console contains the following R code and its output:

```
> list.files()
[1] "desktop.ini" "FHI196.tsv"  "FHI198.csv"
> list.files(pattern = ".tsv")
[1] "FHI196.tsv"
> my_tsv_file <- list.files(pattern = ".tsv")
> my_tsv_file
[1] "FHI196.tsv"
> read_tsv(my_tsv_file)
```

Getting data into R - the readr package

There are many ways of getting data from files into R. The [readr](#) package offers several functions for reading different data types.

`read_csv()`: comma separated (CSV) files

`read_tsv()`: tab separated files

`read_delim()`: general delimited files

`read_fwf()`: fixed width files

`read_table()`: tabular files where columns are separated by white-space.

`read_log()`: web log files

Getting data into R - the readr package

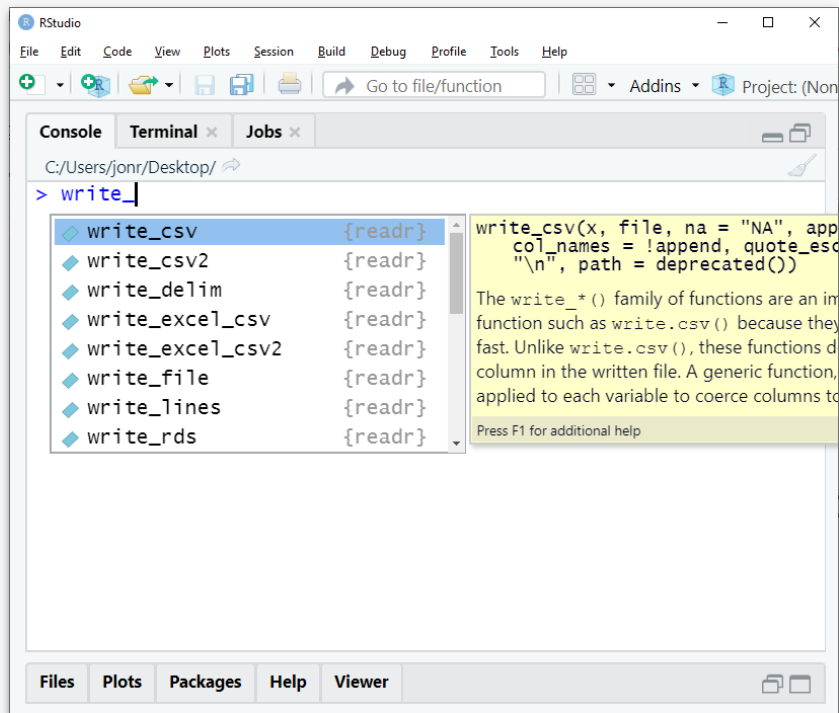
The functions have different arguments that can be used to further specify the structure of the file to be read. E.g., does the file have a header line? What type of symbol separates the columns? Are there any lines that should be skipped? Etc.



Notice the pop-up help menu. The different arguments are shown, with default values.

Getting data out of R

The readr package also comes with complementary write functions that can write files in different formats.



Tibbles

A tibble is a special kind of data frame. Tibbles are the preferred format in the tidyverse and most tidyverse operations result in a tibble. Tibbles also display better when printed in R.

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R 4.0.4 · C:/Users/jonr/Desktop/
> murders
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7	Connecticut	CT	Northeast	3574097	97
8	Delaware	DE	South	897934	38
9	District of Columbia	DC	South	601723	99
10	Florida	FL	South	19687653	669
11	Georgia	GA	South	9920000	376
12	Hawaii	HI	West	1360301	7
13	Idaho	ID	West	1567582	12
14	Illinois	IL	North Central	12830632	364

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

Console Terminal Jobs
C:/Users/jonr/Desktop/
> as_tibble(murders)
# A tibble: 51 x 5
  state      abb region      population total
  <chr>      <chr> <fct>      <dbl> <dbl>
1 Alabama    AL    South      4779736    135
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7 Connecticut CT    Northeast  3574097     97
8 Delaware   DE    South       897934     38
9 District of Columbia DC    South       601723     99
10 Florida    FL    South     19687653   669
# ... with 41 more rows
> |
```

Do Exercise 2

(we'll go through it together)