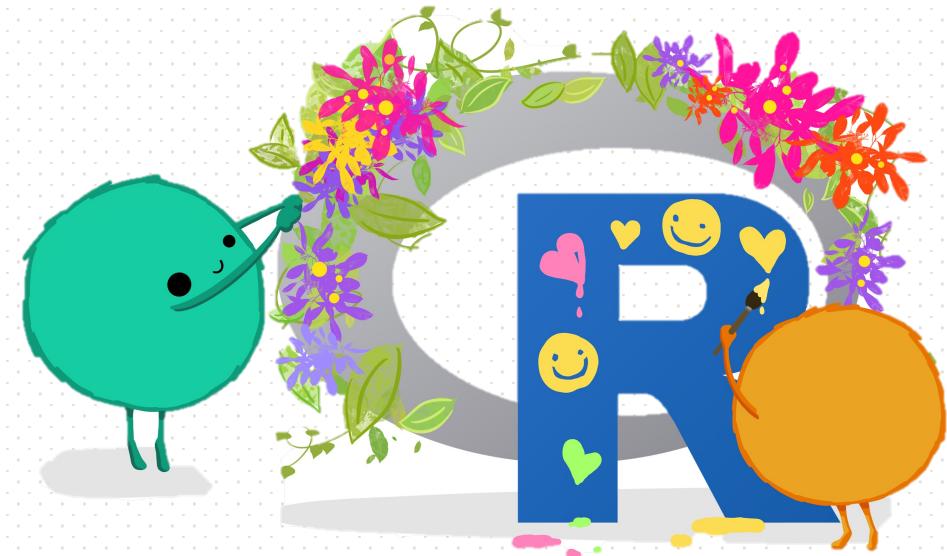


# why build silly things in R?

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two truths, one lie

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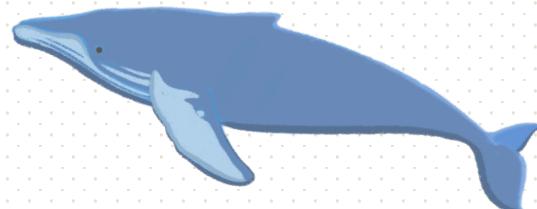


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reverse dependencies

vignettes

NAMESPACE

CRAN

continuous integration

object oriented programming

roxygen

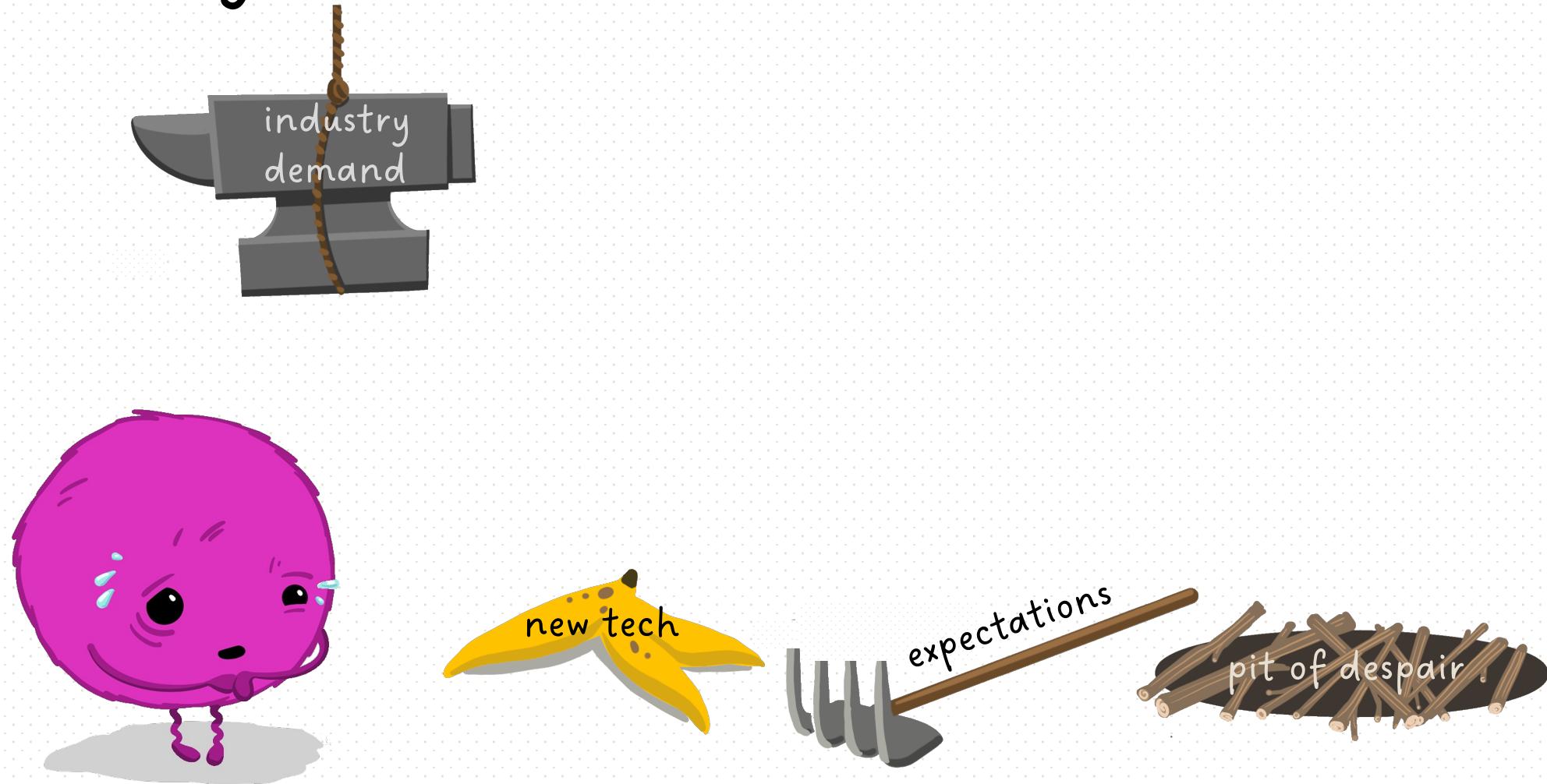
non-standard evaluation

unit tests

code coverage

continuous deployment

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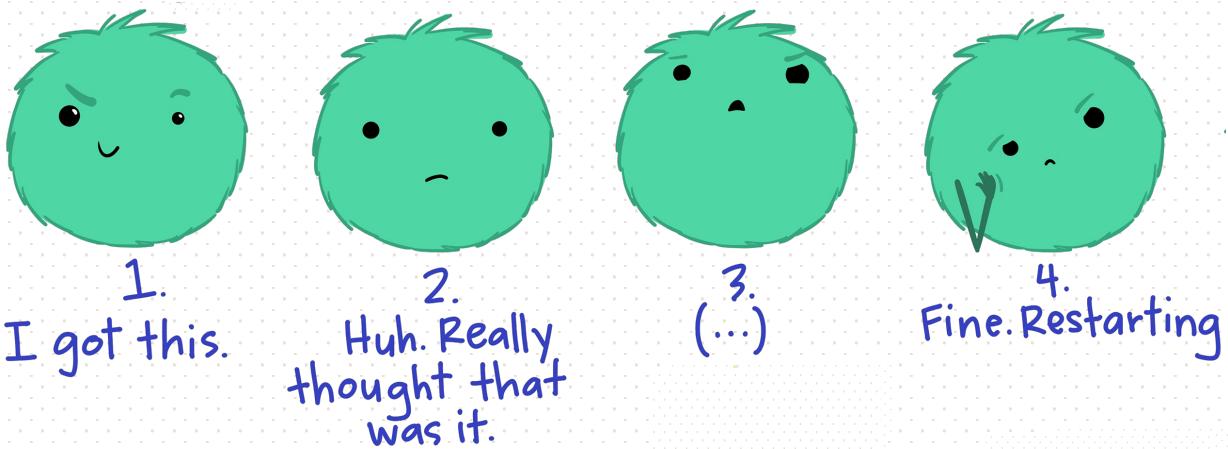


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1.  
I got this.

# learning new R skills is hard.



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a whale of inspiration



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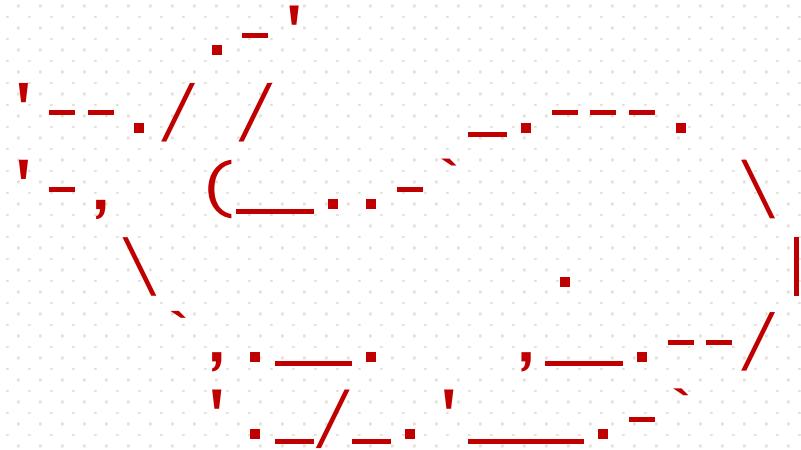


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I'm having a whale of a time!

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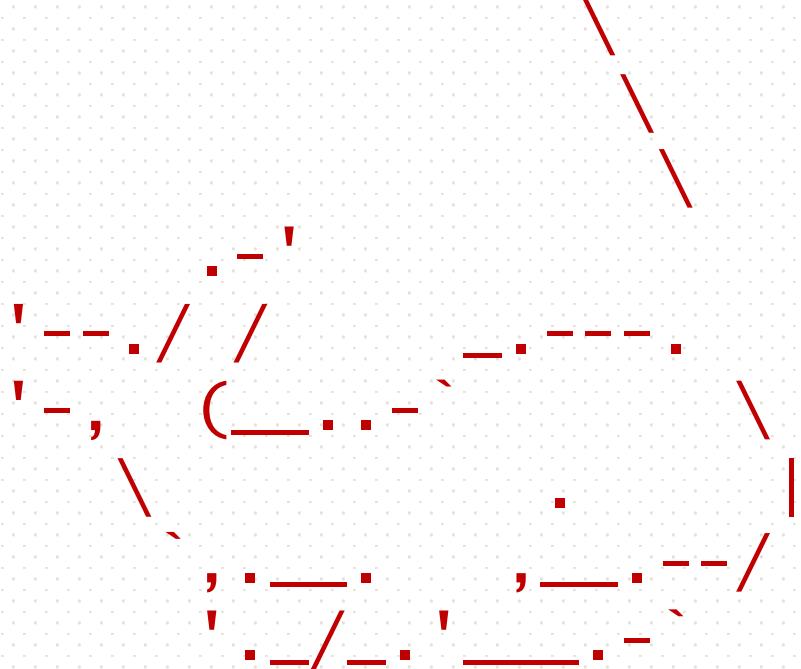


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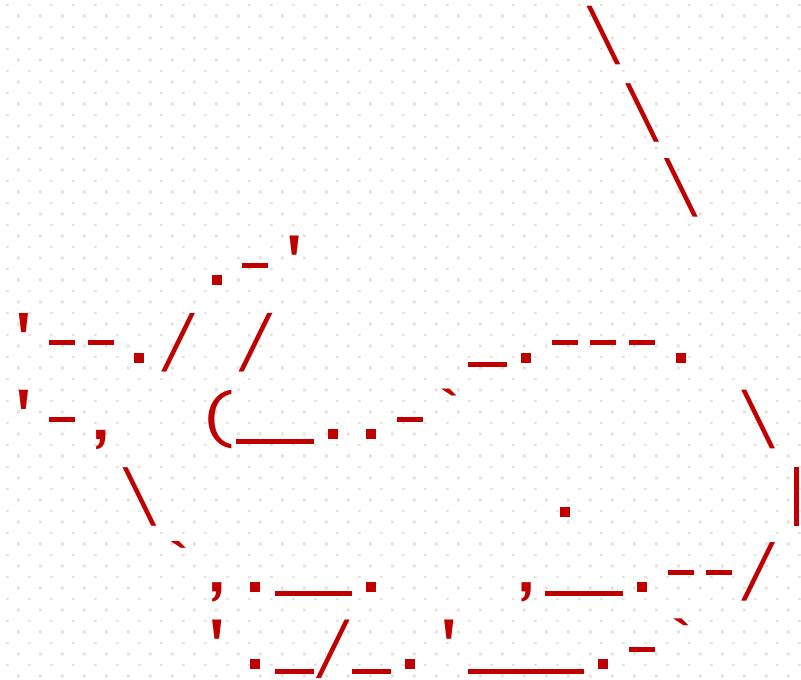
Gee...this is over-whalming!

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> say("I'm at useR!2024 weeeheeeee!")
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I'm at useR!2024 weeeheeeee!  
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be present

low-stakes



pressure-free

safe space

teaching tool



a whale of a time

- Create skeleton package
- Add meta-data of package
- Add a function
- Import a function
- Write documentation
- Write a unit test



a whale of a time



Dr. Hannah Munro @hannah\_tac · Jul 28, 2021  
This R package makes me smile.



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good vibes



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Will Cornwell  
@will\_cornwell

try [github.com/fontikar/ohwhaley](https://github.com/fontikar/ohwhaley)... whales help mental health, in my  
experience

# fontikar/ohwhaley

Messages With A Whale-esque Flair



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A cartoon illustration of a green brain with a smiling face, pink cheeks, and a wide black smile. It has two small brown antennae-like features on top. The brain is surrounded by a burst of colorful, wavy confetti in shades of yellow, orange, red, blue, and green, suggesting a festive or celebratory mood.

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# thank you!

Come say hi and get a hex sticker

[remotes::install\\_github\("fontikar/ohwhaley"\)](#)



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Whale video + photo: [@peterexplores](#)

Inspiration: [Simone Giertz](#) and [Bad UI competition](#)



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