## Meet the Toolkit

K Arnold, based on IntroDS.org

#### Q&A

Will we use databases / SQL? Yes, in the later part of the class.

Will everything be on Moodle? Moodle Calendar will have all dates, and direct links to anything outside of Moodle that you'll need.

# Do you remember your take-away point from Monday?

## Logistics

- "Check off" all Moodle activities under "Introduction"
  - Prep 1
  - ∘ Lec 1.1
  - Discussion 1
  - Quiz 1
  - Lab 1.2
  - Lec 1.3
- Start Prep 2 for Wednesday (no class Monday)
- Homework 1 posted soon
- Piazza: keep it up!

#### So far...

- Monday: Overall objectives: projects, topics, dispositions
- Wednesday:
  - Hands on practice with R, RStudio, Git, GitHub
  - First look at summarizing data in R
- Today:
  - Review Wednesday's activity
  - Overview of the toolkit we're using

#### Questions so far?

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#### Near-term goals:

- Can you re-make all tables and figures easily?
- Does the code actually do what you think it does?
- In addition to what was done, is it clear why it was done?

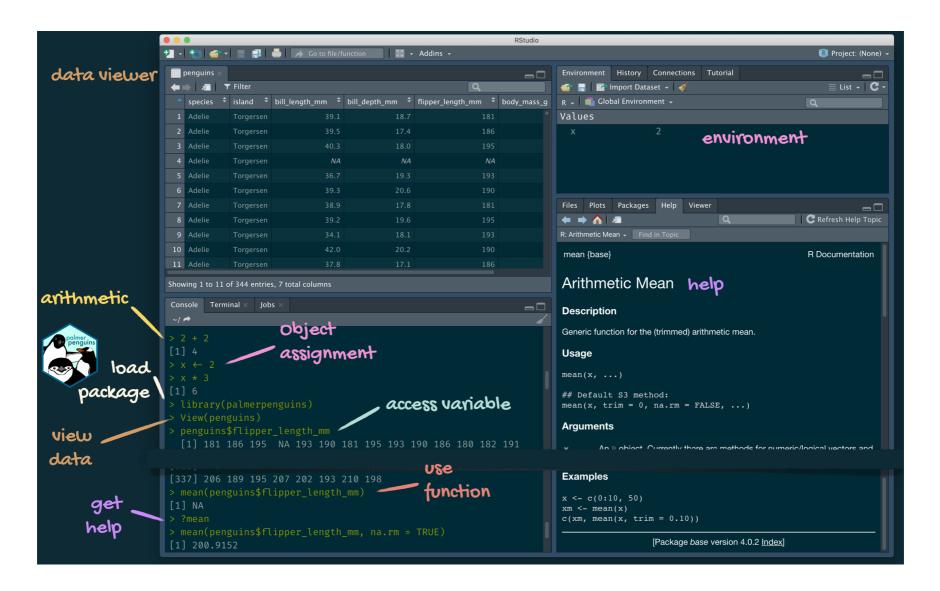
#### Long-term goals:

- Can the code be used for other data?
- Can you extend the code to do other things?

#### **Toolkit**

- Scriptability  $\rightarrow$  R
- Literate programming (code, narrative, output in one place)  $\rightarrow$  R Markdown
- Version control → Git / GitHub

#### Tour: R and RStudio



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• Packages are loaded with the library function:

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library(package_name)
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## R essentials (continued)

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Object documentation can be accessed with ?

?mean

## tidyverse



#### tidyverse.org

- The tidyverse is an opinionated collection of R packages designed for data science
- All packages share an underlying philosophy and a common grammar

## rmarkdown

#### rmarkdown.rstudio.com

 write code and prose in reproducible computational documents

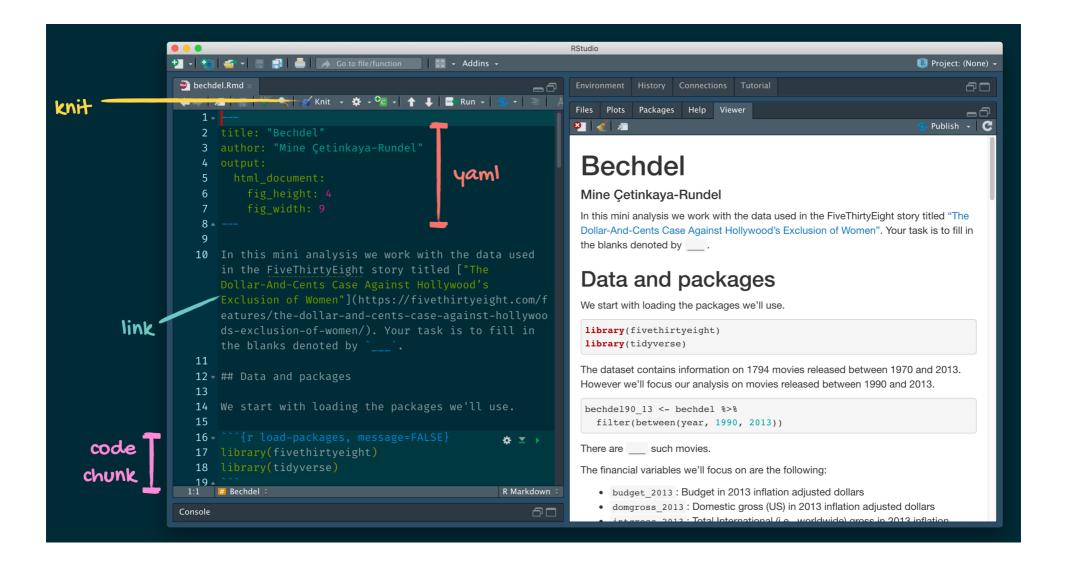


## R Markdown

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- Fully reproducible reports -- each time you knit the analysis is ran from the beginning
- Simple markdown syntax for text
- Code goes in chunks, defined by three backticks, narrative goes outside of chunks

#### Tour: R Markdown



#### **Environments**

The environment of your R Markdown document is separate from the Console!

Remember this, and expect it to bite you a few times as you're learning to work with R Markdown!

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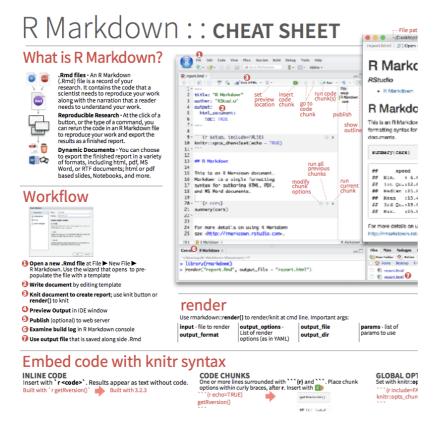
Then, add the following in an R chunk in your R Markdown document

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What happens? Why the error?

## R Markdown help

R Markdown Cheat Sheet Help -> Cheatsheets



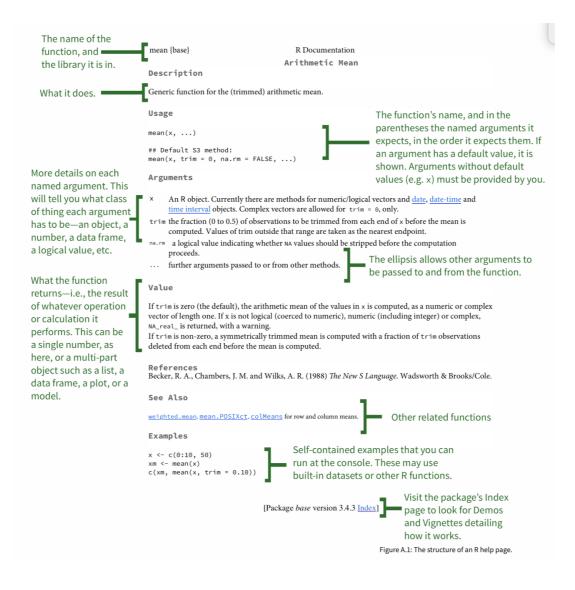
#### Markdown Quick Reference Help -> Markdown Quick Reference



#### How will we use R Markdown?

- Every assignment / report / project / etc. is an R Markdown document
- You'll always have a template R Markdown document to start with
- The amount of scaffolding in the template will decrease over the semester

# Getting help in R



Source: http://socviz.co/appendix.html#a-little-more-about-r

## **Version Control**

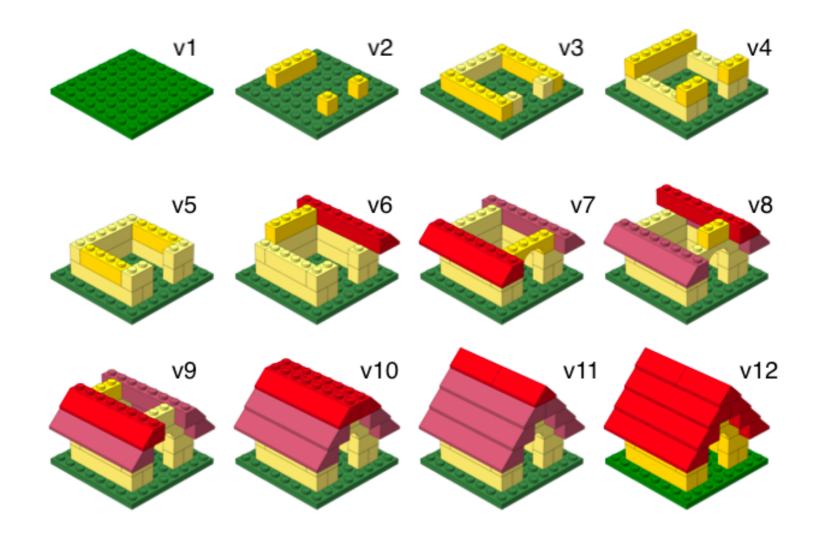
#### Git and GitHub



- Git is a version control system -like "Track Changes" features from Microsoft Word, on steroids
- It's not the only version control system, but it's a very popular one

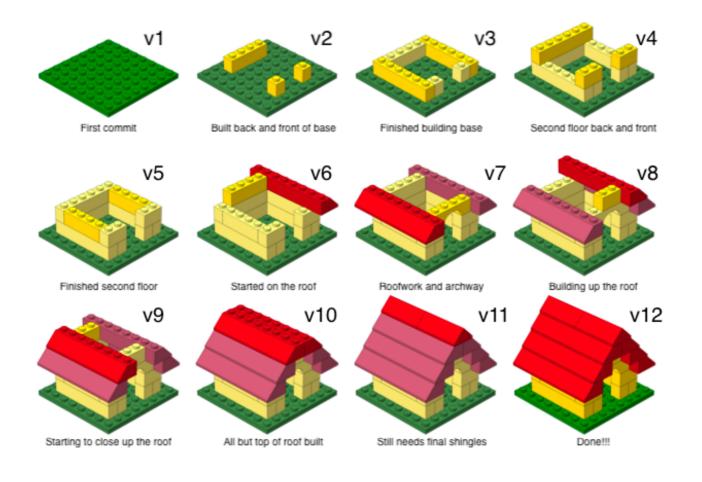
- GitHub is the home for your Gitbased projects on the internet
- We will use GitHub as a platform for web hosting and collaboration

## Versioning



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#### with human readable messages



## Why do we need version control?



