Meet the Toolkit

K Arnold, based on IntroDS.org

Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.

James 1:19-20

What disagreements have you had recently?

So far...

- Hands on practice with R, RStudio, Git, GitHub
- First look at visualizing and summarizing data in R
- Why summary statistics alone are not sufficient for data exploration

Logistics

- Discussion 1 due tomorrow (responses due next week)
- Moodle activity completion checklist
- Try a different technology for lab on Friday
- Log your daily temperature?

Any questions?

Reproducible data analysis

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What does it mean for a data analysis to be "reproducible"? Near-term goals:

- Can you re-make all tables and figures easily?
- Does the code actually do what you think it does?
- Is it clear **why** decisions were made? (e.g., how were parameter settings chosen?)

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

Toolkit overview

The whole game



R can be used as a calculator.

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8738787213 / 1653
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[1] 5286623

Most common data type: "data frames". Each row = one *observation*. Each *column* = one *variable*.

mtcars

| | mpg | cyl | disp | hp | drat | wt | qsec | VS | am | gear | carb |
|---------------|------|-----|-------|-----|------|-------|-------|----|----|------|------|
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• We use the \$ operator to access a variable within a data frame.

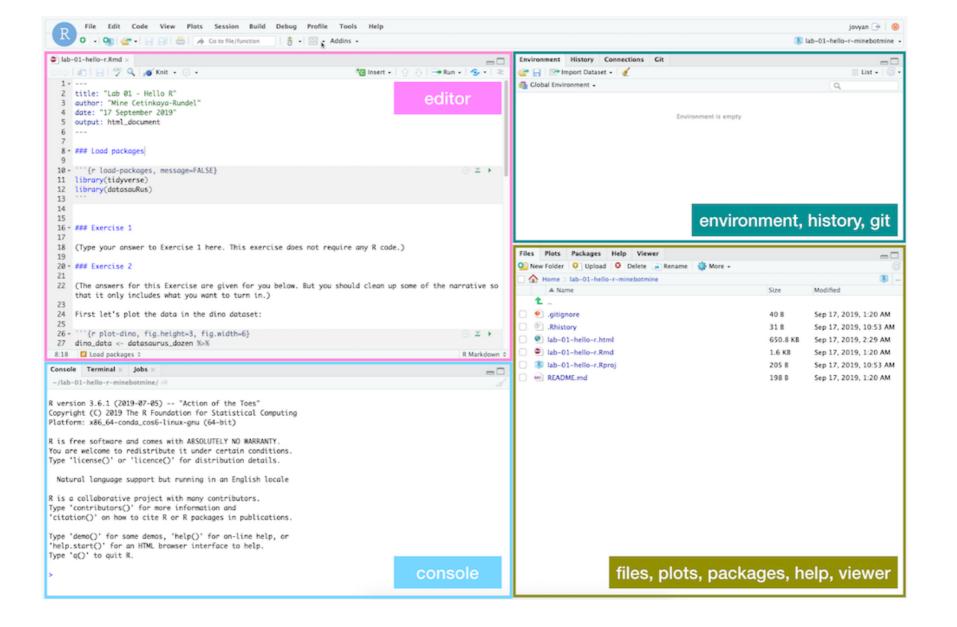
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mtcars$mpg
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• Functions are (often) verbs, followed by what they will be applied to in parentheses.

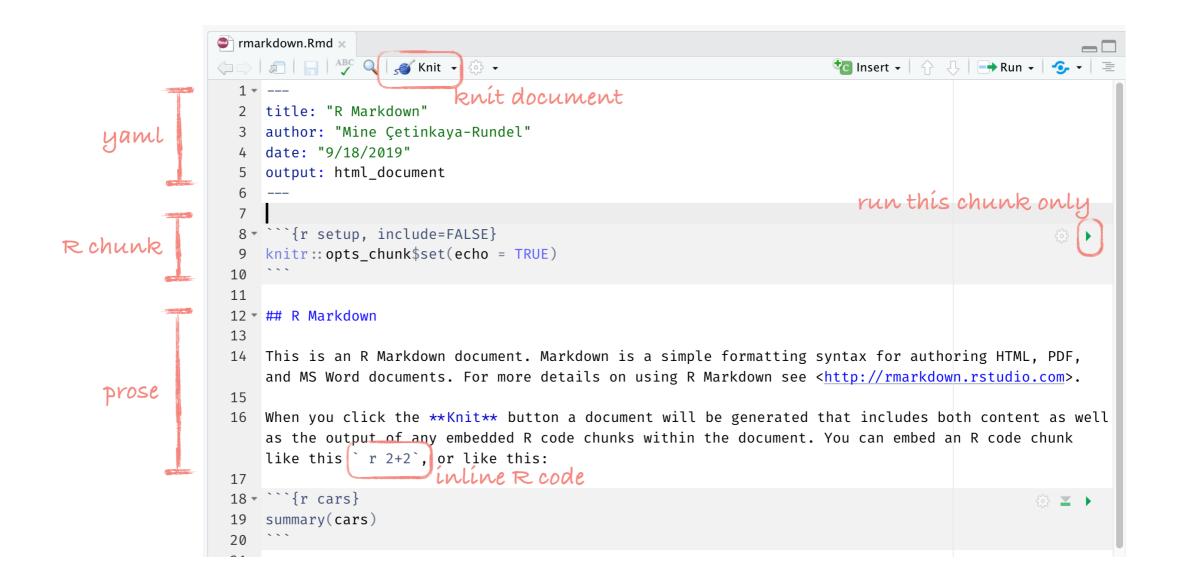
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do_this(to_this)
do_that(to_this, to_that, with_those)
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- "Package" = shareable code (aka *library* in other languages)
- Over 16k packages on CRAN (Comprehensive R Archive Network)
 - Good chance someone already solved a problem that you're working on, and you can benefit from their work by downloading their package.
- Using R packages:
 - Install them from CRAN with install.packages("x")
 - Use them in R with library(x)
 - Get help on them by clicking on their name in the Packages list in RStudio

RStudio



R Markdown



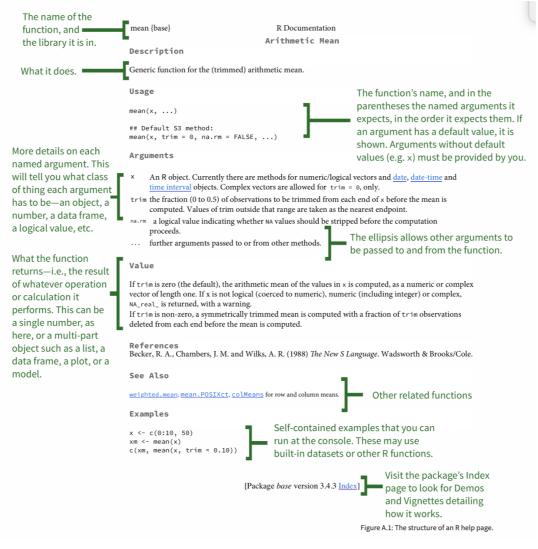
R Markdown tips

- Most importantly: environment of your R Markdown document is separate from that of the Console
- Help:
 - R Markdown cheat sheet
 - 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



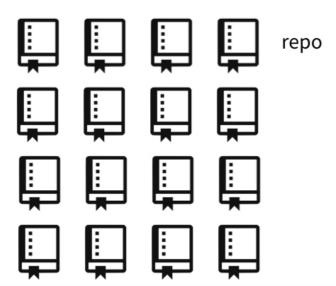
Source: http://socviz.co/appendix.html#a-little-more-about-r





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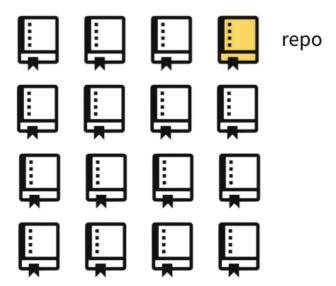
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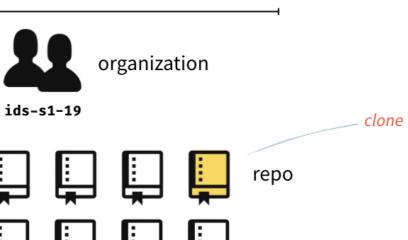
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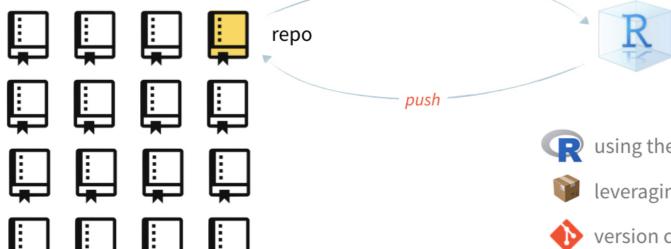






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clone / pull

project commit

- R using the R programming language
- leveraging functionality provided by R packages
- version controlling files with Git

Asking good questions

- Always include your code and the error
- Create a minimum working example (we'll keep working on this throughout the semester)
- Use code formatting