

Workflow: Projects

Paths and Directories

- these are a little complicated because there are two basic styles of paths: MAC / LINUX or WINDOWS.

- the most important difference is how you separate the components of the path. Mac and Linux use slashes (e.g., plots/diamonds.pdf) and Windows uses backslashes (e.g., plots\diamonds.pdf). R can work with any, but backslash is something special to R.

- Absolute paths: you should never use absolute paths in your scripts, because they hinder sharing: no one else will have exactly the same directory configuration as you.

- the last minor difference is the place that "~" points to.