

# Introduction to R

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# Consulting

- Experimental design help
- RNA-seq analysis: bulk, single cell, small RNA
- ChIP-seq and ATAC-seq analysis
- Genome-wide methylation
- WGS, resequencing, exome-seq and CNV studies
- QC & analysis of gene expression arrays
- Functional enrichment analysis
- Grant support

<http://bioinformatics.sph.harvard.edu/>



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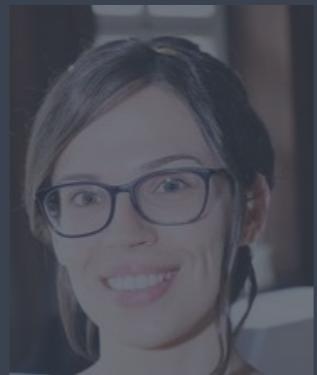
# Introductions!



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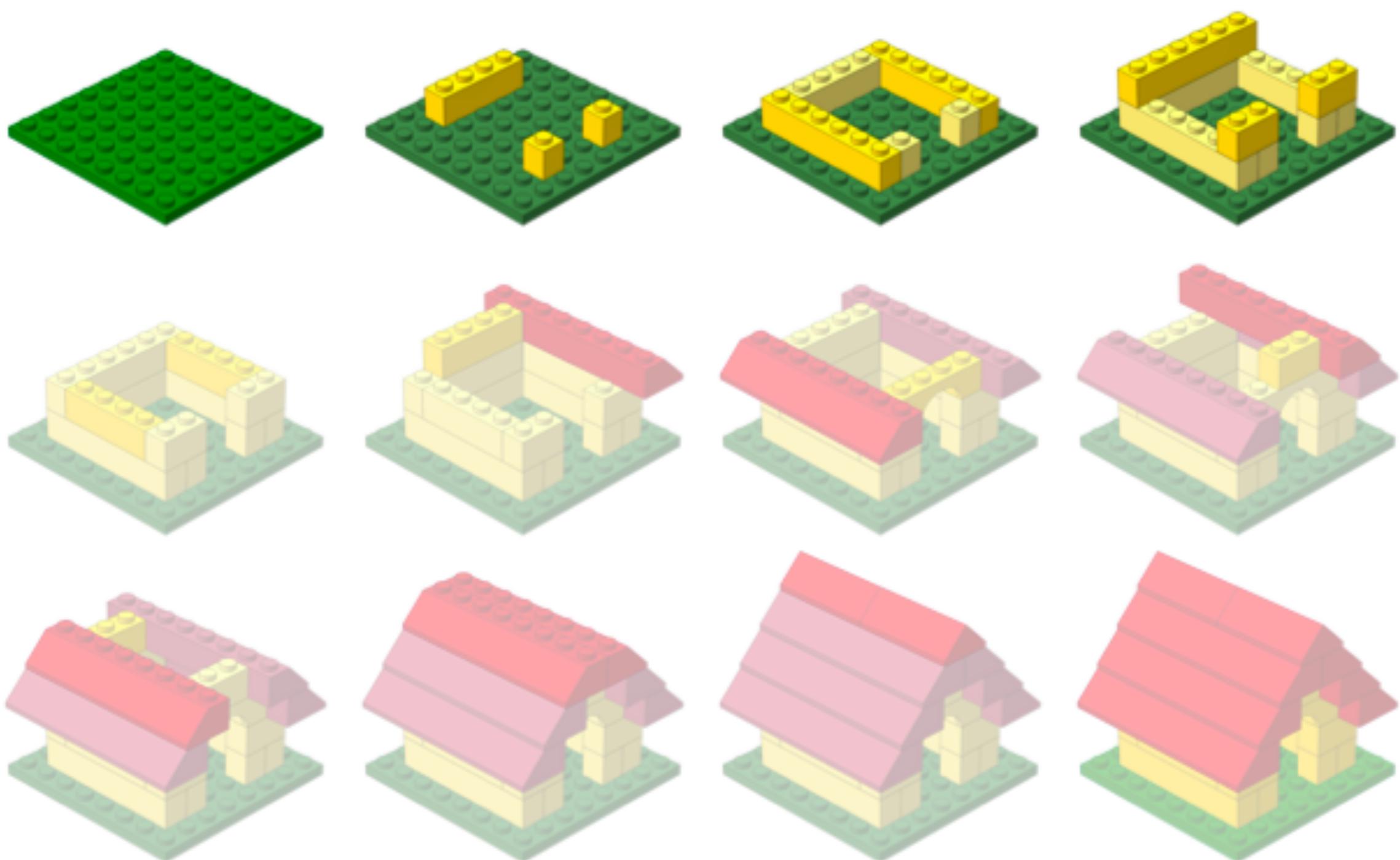


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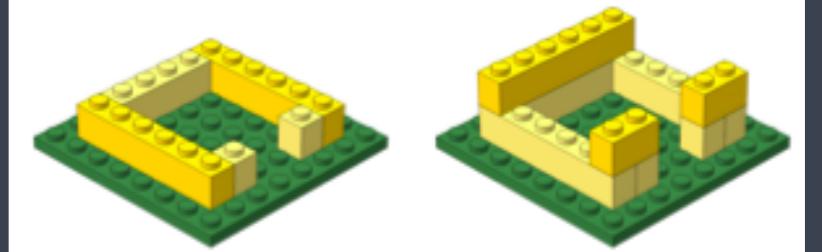
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# Learning R

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- ✓ Inspect and manipulate data structures
- ✓ Install packages and use functions in R

# CRAN

## (Comprehensive R Archive Network)



**Available CRAN Packages By Name**

[A](#) [B](#) [C](#) [D](#) [E](#) [F](#) [G](#) [H](#) [I](#) [J](#) [K](#) [L](#) [M](#) [N](#) [O](#) [P](#) [Q](#) [R](#) [S](#) [T](#) [U](#) [V](#) [W](#) [X](#) [Y](#) [Z](#)

<a href="#">A3</a>	Accurate, Adaptable, and Accessible Error Metrics for Predictive Models
<a href="#">abbyyR</a>	Access to Abbyy Optical Character Recognition (OCR) API
<a href="#">abc</a>	Tools for Approximate Bayesian Computation (ABC)
<a href="#">ABCanalysis</a>	Computed ABC Analysis
<a href="#">abc.data</a>	Data Only: Tools for Approximate Bayesian Computation (ABC)
<a href="#">abcdeFBA</a>	ABCDE_FBA: A-Biologist-Can-Do-Everything of Flux Balance Analysis with this package
<a href="#">ABCOptim</a>	Implementation of Artificial Bee Colony (ABC) Optimization
<a href="#">ABCp2</a>	Approximate Bayesian Computational Model for Estimating P2
<a href="#">abcrf</a>	Approximate Bayesian Computation via Random Forests

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- The main repository for R packages
- Easy to install

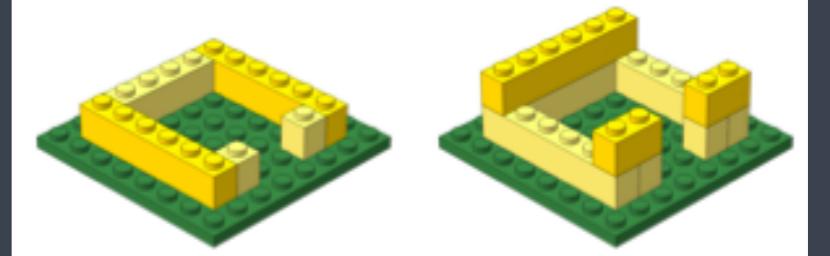
<https://cran.r-project.org/>



- An alternative package repository; “..provides tools for the analysis and comprehension of *high-throughput genomic data*.”
- Includes (but is not limited to) tools for:
  - performing statistical analysis
  - accessing public datasets
- Open source and open development
- Free

[www.bioconductor.org](http://www.bioconductor.org)

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- ✓ Visualize data using *ggplot2*
- ✓ Utilize pipes, tibbles and functions from the Tidyverse package suite

# Logistics

# Course webpage

<https://tinyurl.com/hbc-r-online>

# Course schedule online

## Workshop Schedule

### Day 1

Time	Topic	Instructor
10:00 - 10:30	Workshop Introduction	Jihe
10:30 - 11:45	Introduction to R and RStudio	Radhika
11:45 - 12:00	Overview of self-learning materials and homework submission	Mary

### Before the next class:

1. Please **study the contents** and **work through all the code** within the following lessons:
  - o [R Syntax and Data Structure](#)
  - o [Functions and Arguments](#)
  - o [Reading in and inspecting data](#)
2. **Complete the exercises:**
  - o Each lesson above contain exercises; please go through each of them.
  - o **Copy over** your code from the exercises into a text file.
  - o **Upload the saved text file** to [Dropbox](#) the **day before the next class**.

# Course materials online



## Introduction to R

[View on GitHub](#)

Approximate time: 70 min

### Learning Objectives

- Employ variables in R.
- Describe the various data types used in R.
- Construct data structures to store data.

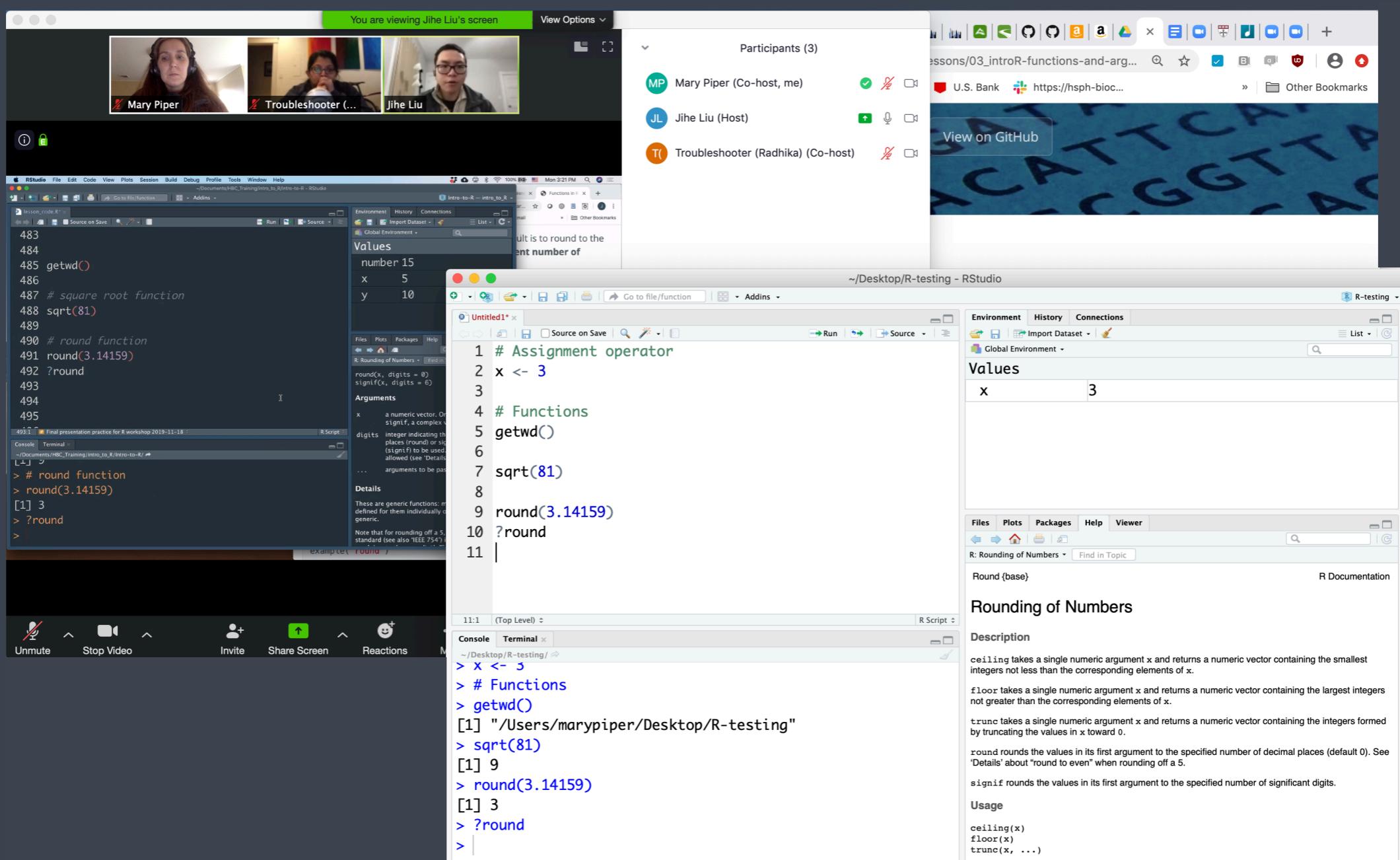
### The R syntax

Now that we know how to talk with R via the script editor or the console, we want to use R for something more than adding numbers. To do this, we need to know more about the R syntax.

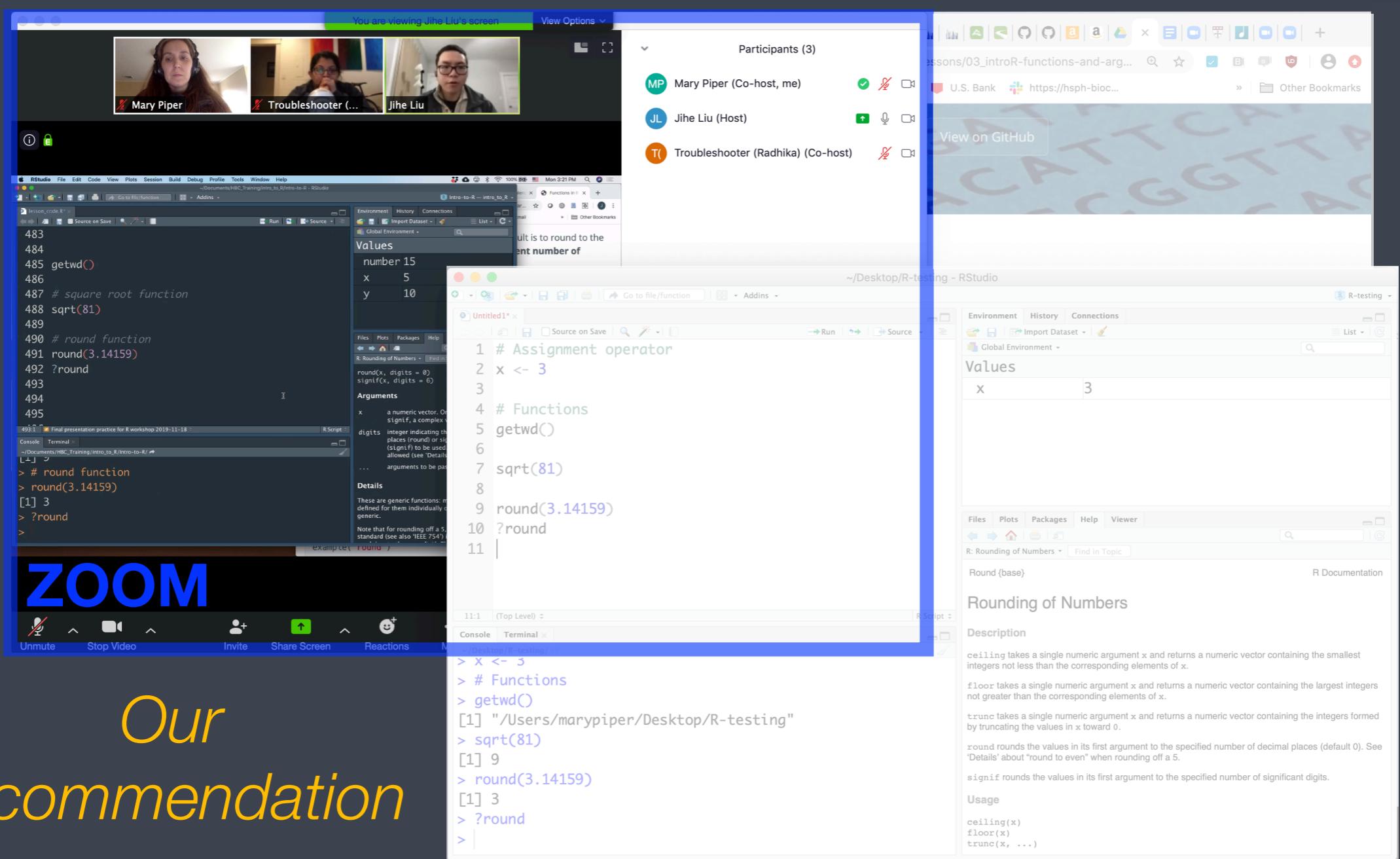
Below is an example script highlighting the many different “parts of speech” for R (syntax):

- the **comments** `#` and how they are used to document function and its content
- **variables and functions**
- the **assignment operator** `<-`

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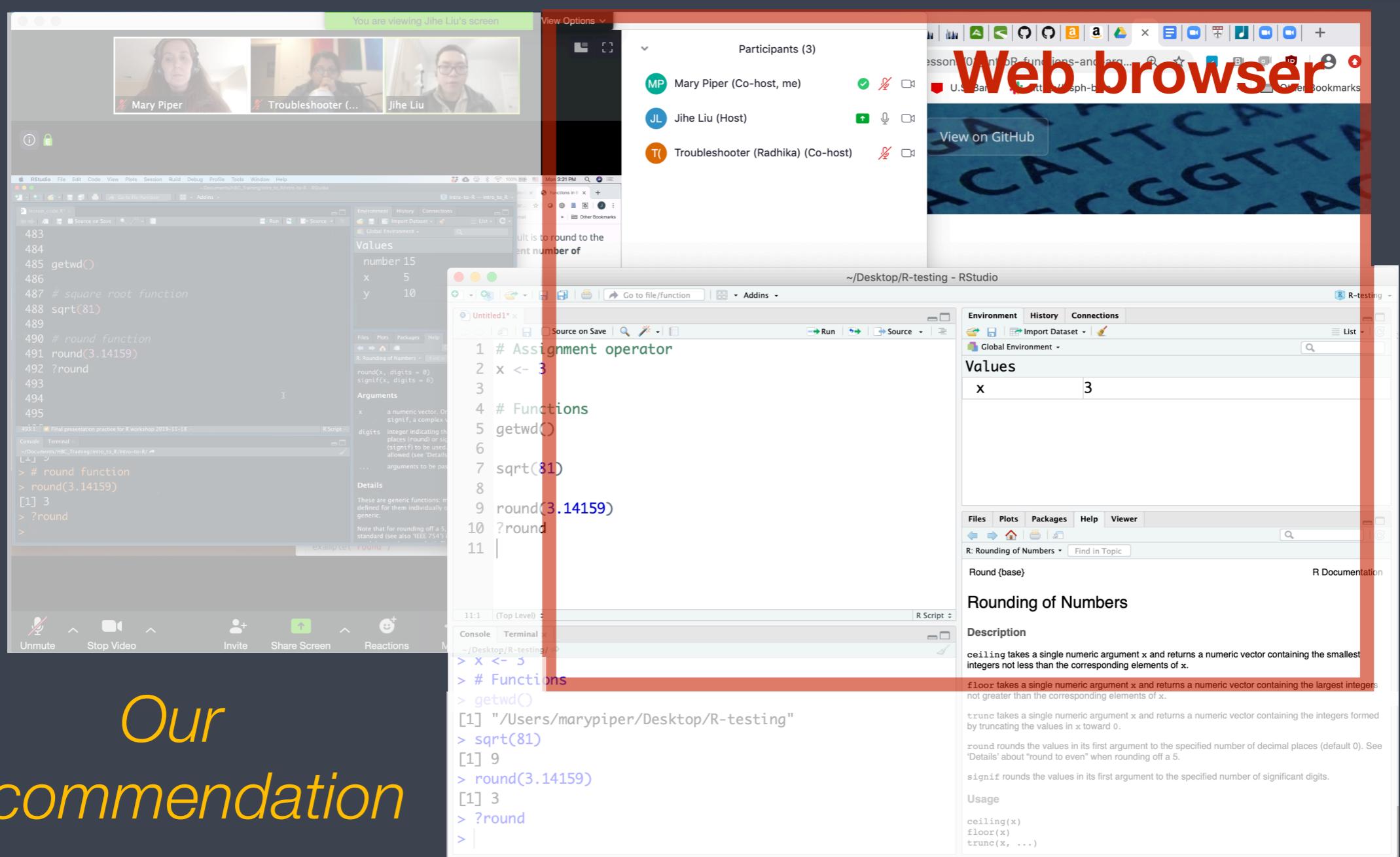


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The screenshot shows a video conference interface with three windows:

- Top Left Window:** A video feed showing three participants: Mary Piper, Troubleshooter (Radhika), and Jihe Liu.
- Middle Left Window:** An RStudio session titled "intro\_to\_R -- intro\_to\_R.R" containing the following R code:

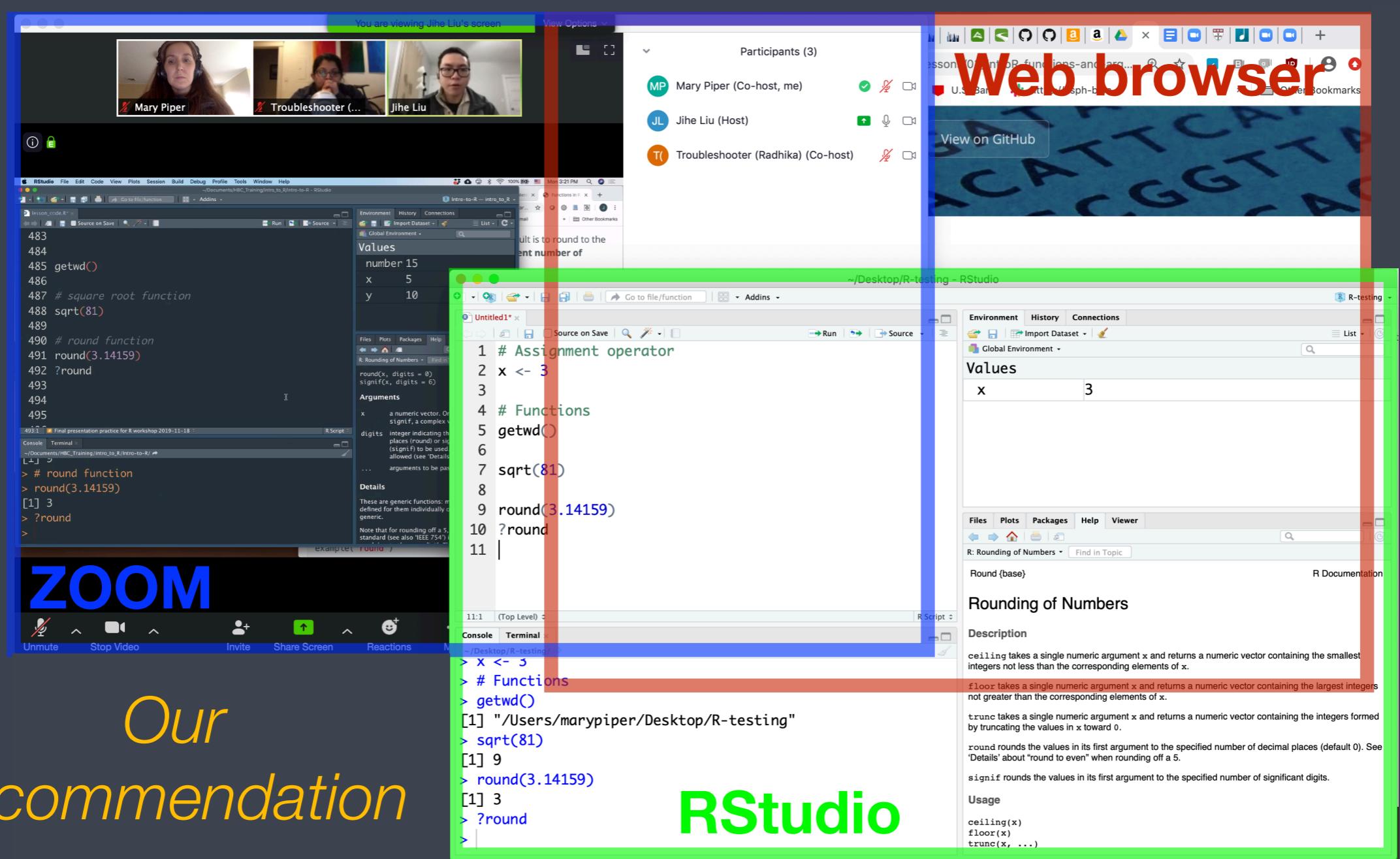
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488 sqrt(81)  
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490 # round function  
491 round(3.14159)  
492 ?round  
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- Bottom Left Window:** An RStudio session titled "Untitled1\*" containing the following R code:

```
1 # Assignment operator  
2 x <- 3  
3  
4 # Functions  
5 getwd()  
6  
7 sqrt(81)  
8  
9 round(3.14159)  
10 ?round  
11
```
- Top Right Window:** A web browser window showing a presentation slide with the title "R: Rounding of Numbers". The slide includes sections for "Description", "Details", and "Usage". It also features a "View on GitHub" button.

**Bottom Left Text:** Our recommendation

**Bottom Right Text:** RStudio

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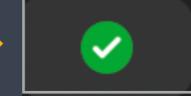


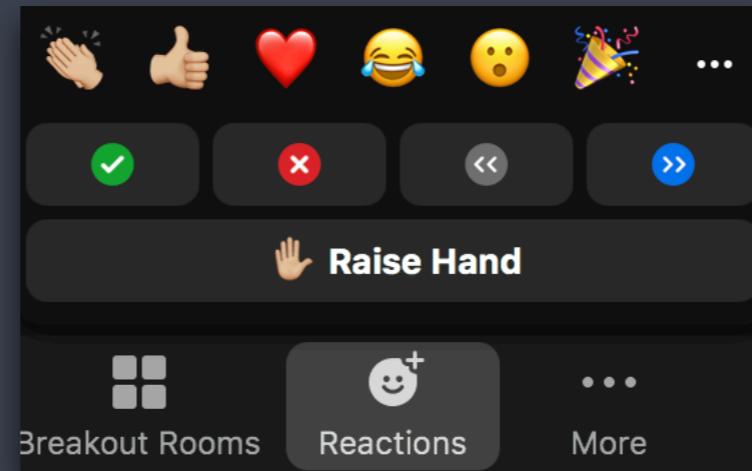
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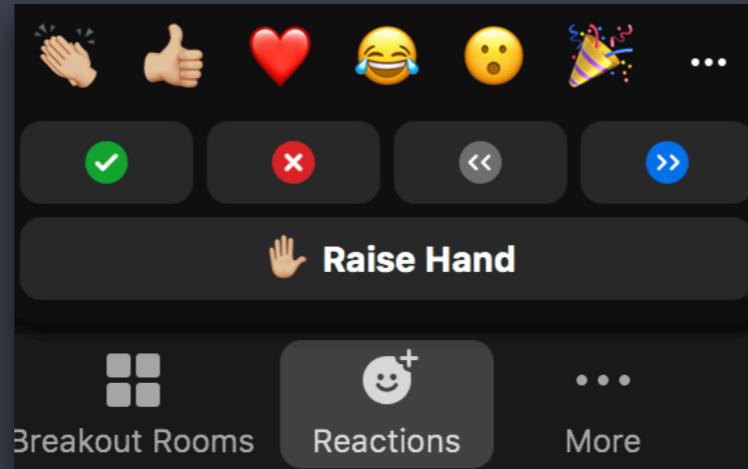
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- ❖ Are you all set?
  - ▶  = "agree", "I'm all set" (equivalent to a **green post-it**)
  - ▶  = "disagree", "I need help" (equivalent to a **red post-it**)



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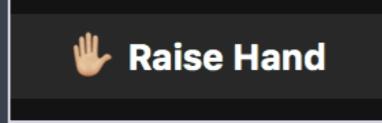
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- ❖ Technical difficulties with RStudio or R?

- Start a private chat with the Troubleshooter with a description of the problem.

# Contact us!

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