

Introduction to R

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- 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

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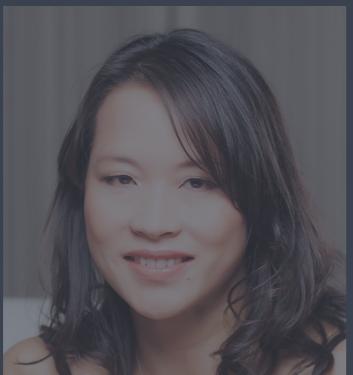
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Introductions!



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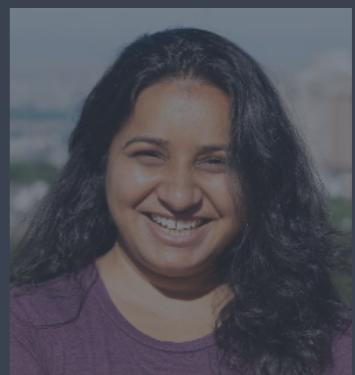
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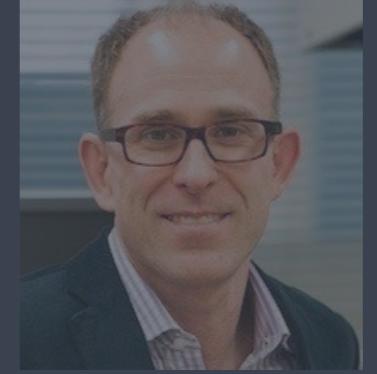
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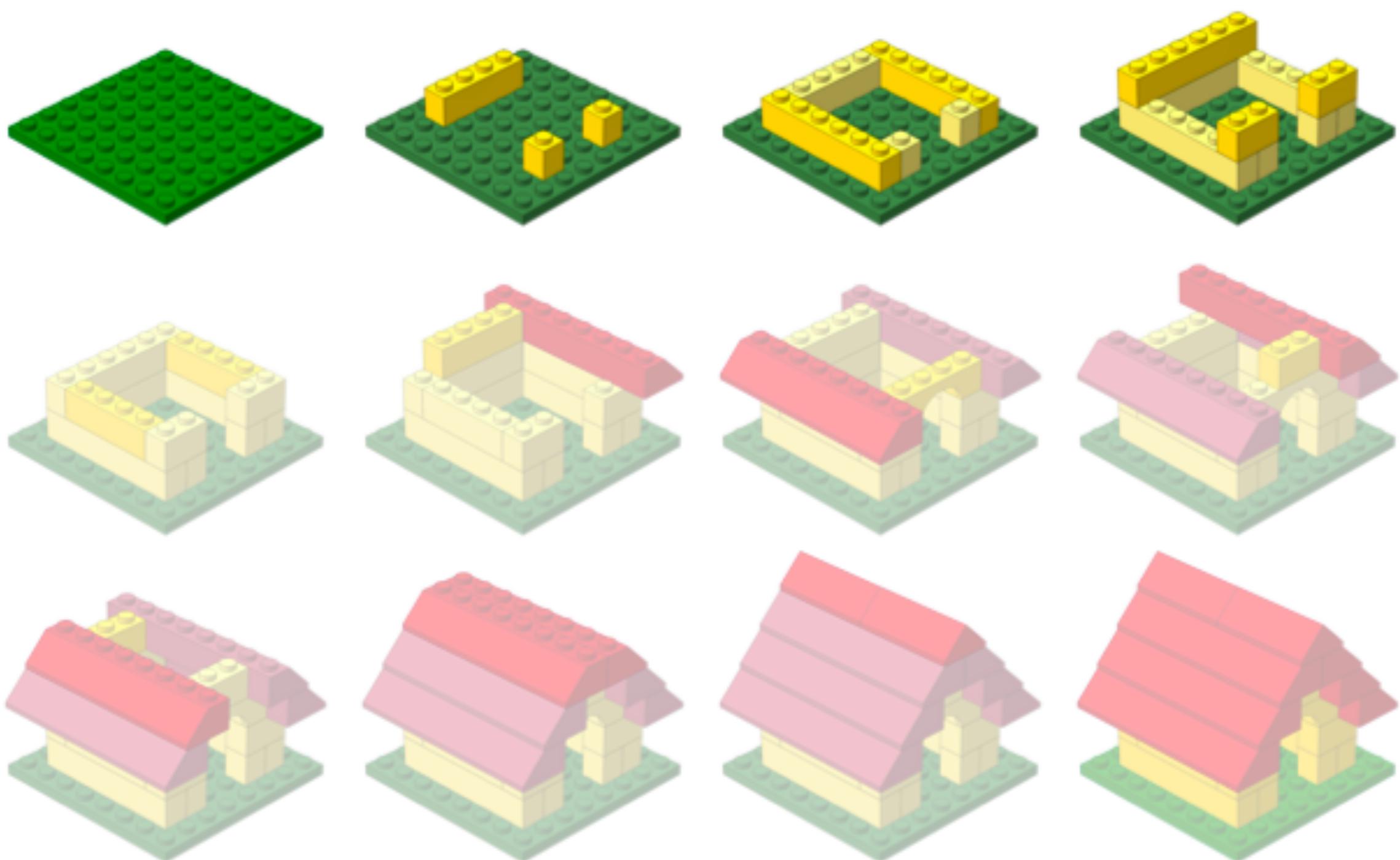


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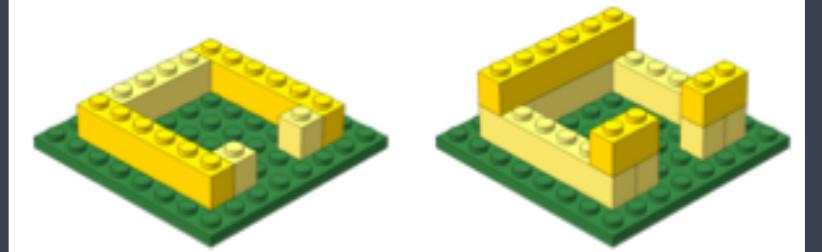
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Workshop Scope...



Learning R

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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](#)

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

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About R
R Homepage
The R Journal*

- The main repository for R packages
- Easy to install

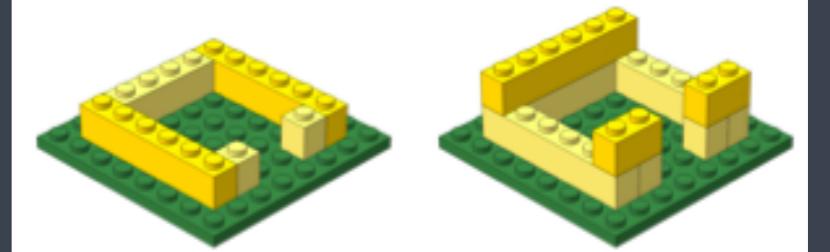
<https://cran.r-project.org/>



- 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

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

Logistics

Course webpage

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Course schedule online

Workshop Schedule

Day 1

Time	Topic	Instructor
10:00 - 10:30	Workshop Introduction	Radhika
10:30 - 11:15	Introduction to R and RStudio	Radhika
11:15 - 11:30	Overview of self-learning materials and homework submission	Mary

Self-Learning Part 1

1. [R Syntax and Data Structure](#)
2. [Functions and Arguments](#)

Assignment #1

- All exercises from above lessons have been put together in [html format](#) (web access) and [R script format](#) (download for local access).
- Add your solutions to the exercises in the downloaded [.R](#) file and **upload the saved file** to [Dropbox](#) on **Wednesday before the next class**.
- [Email us](#) about questions regarding the homework that you need answered before the next class.
- Post questions that you would like to have reviewed in class [here](#).

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.

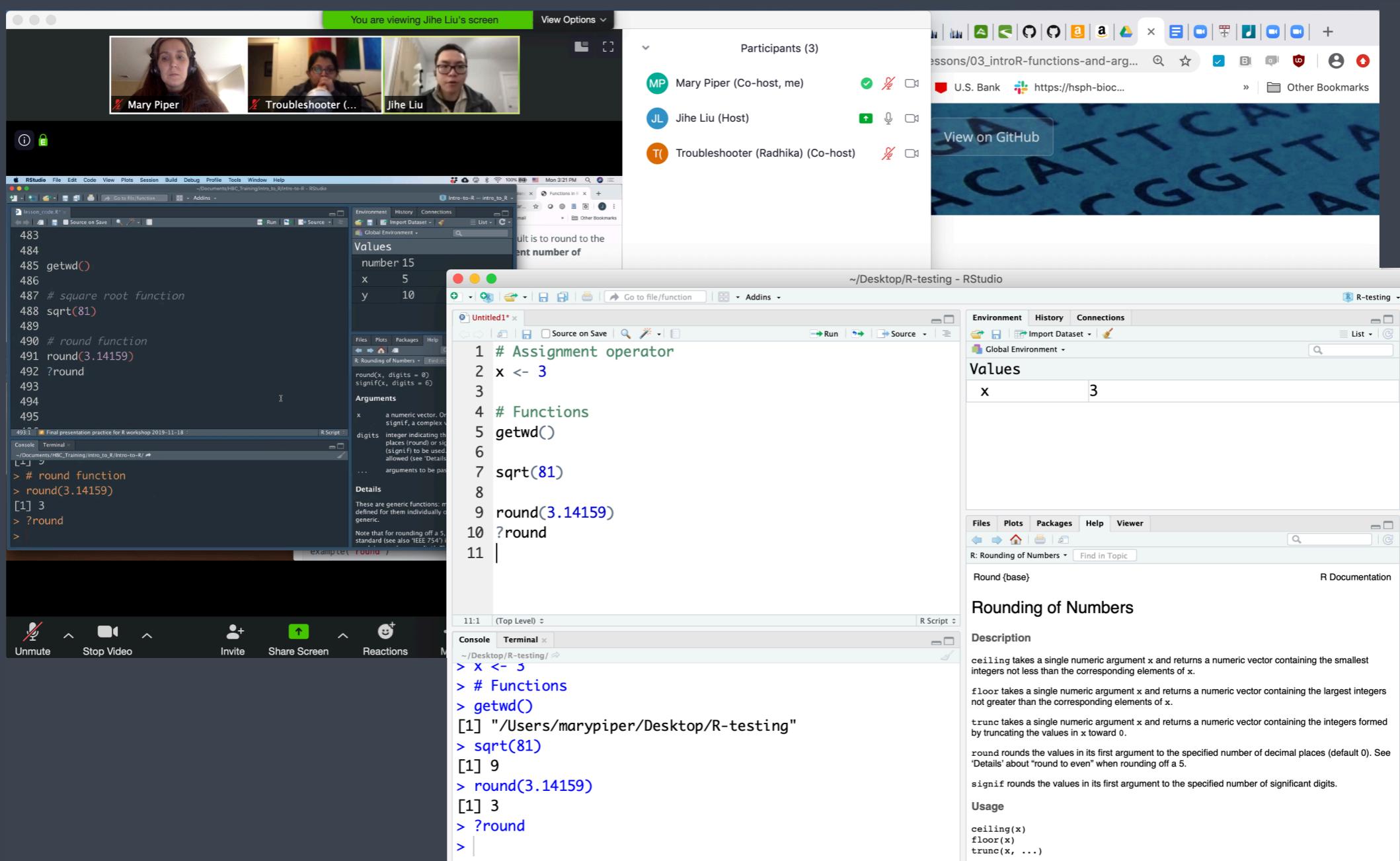
The R syntax

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.

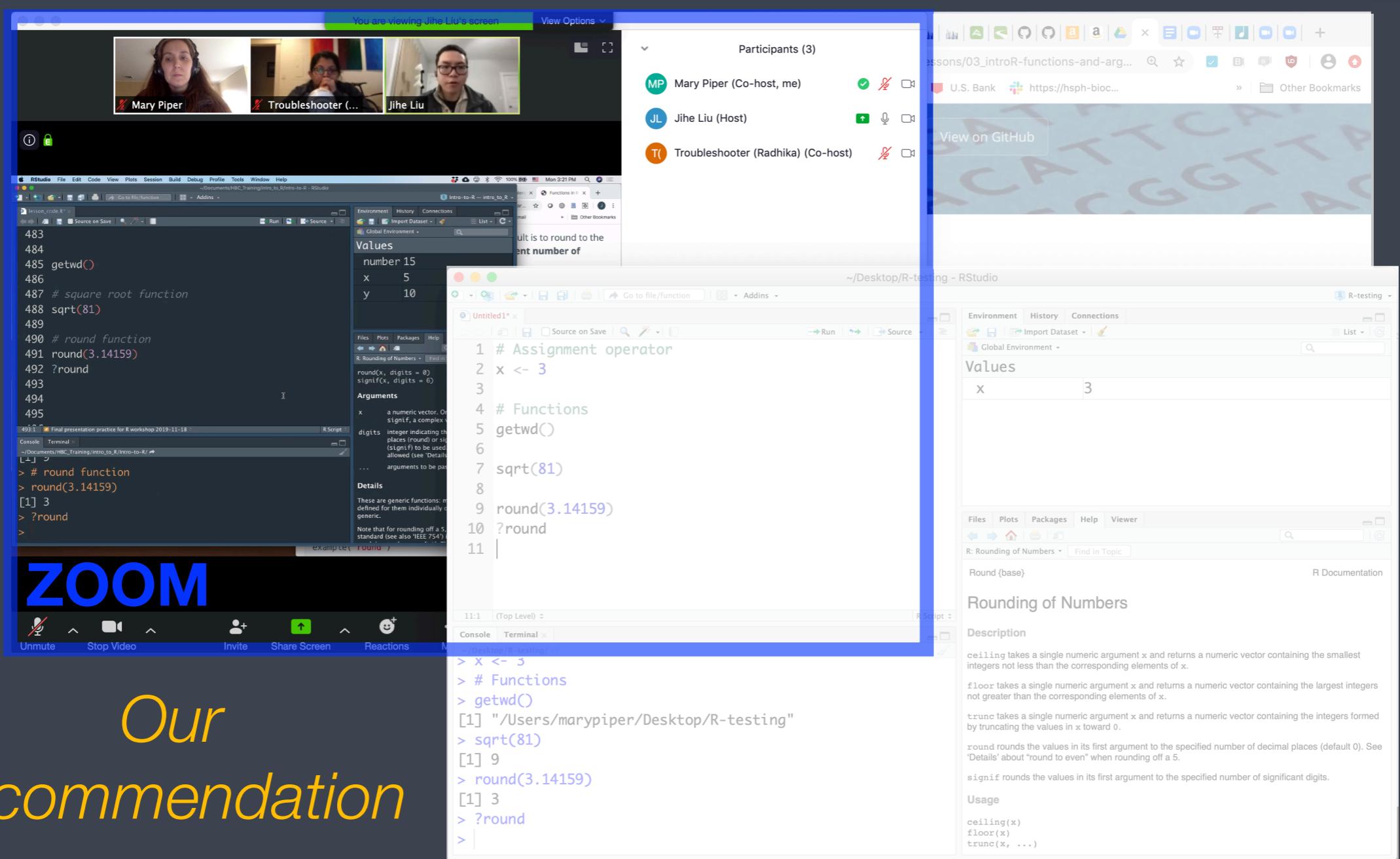
Below is an example script highlighting the many different “parts of speech” for R (syntax):

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

Single screen & 3 windows?

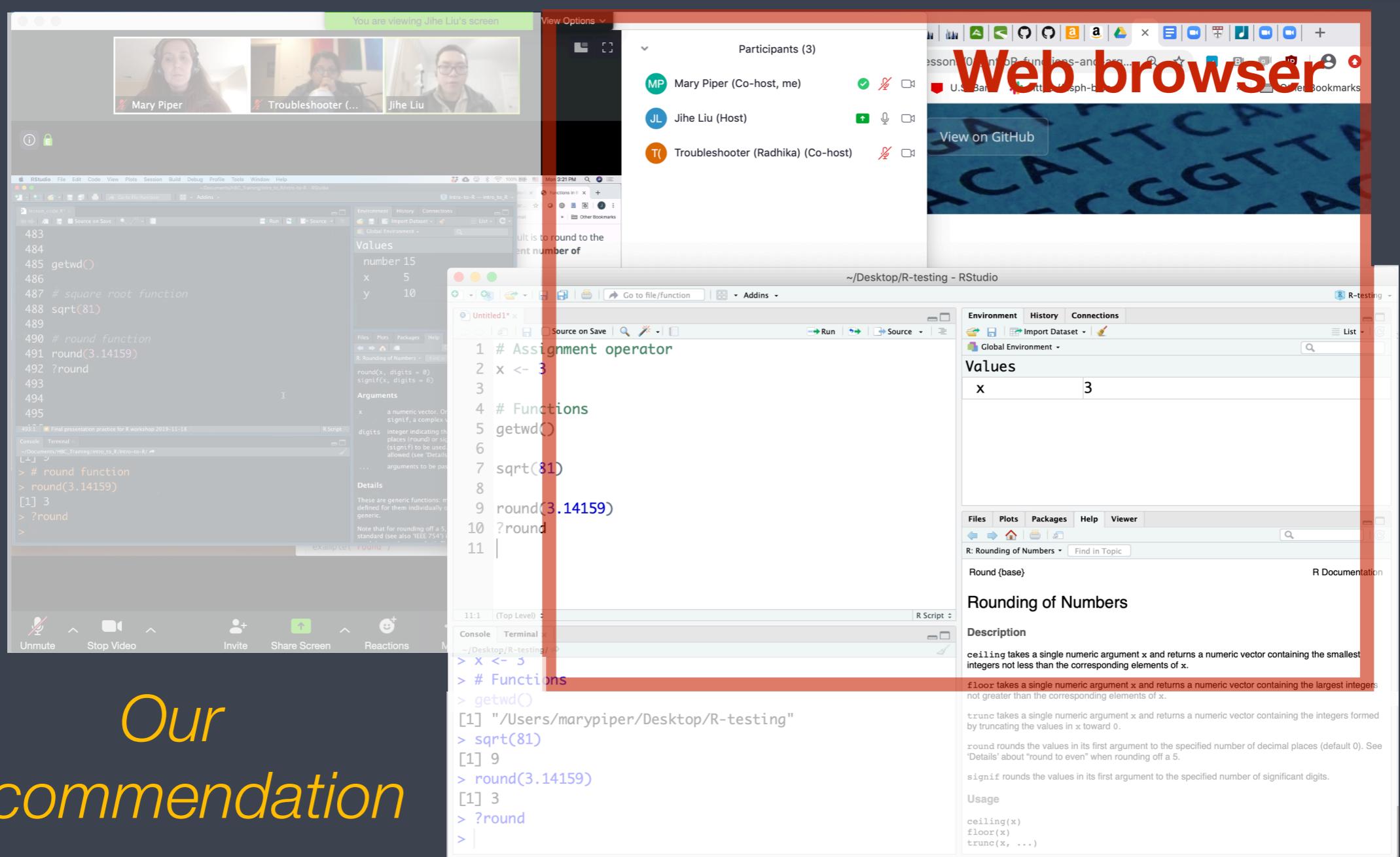


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*Our
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The screenshot shows a video conference interface with three windows:

- 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". It contains the following R code:

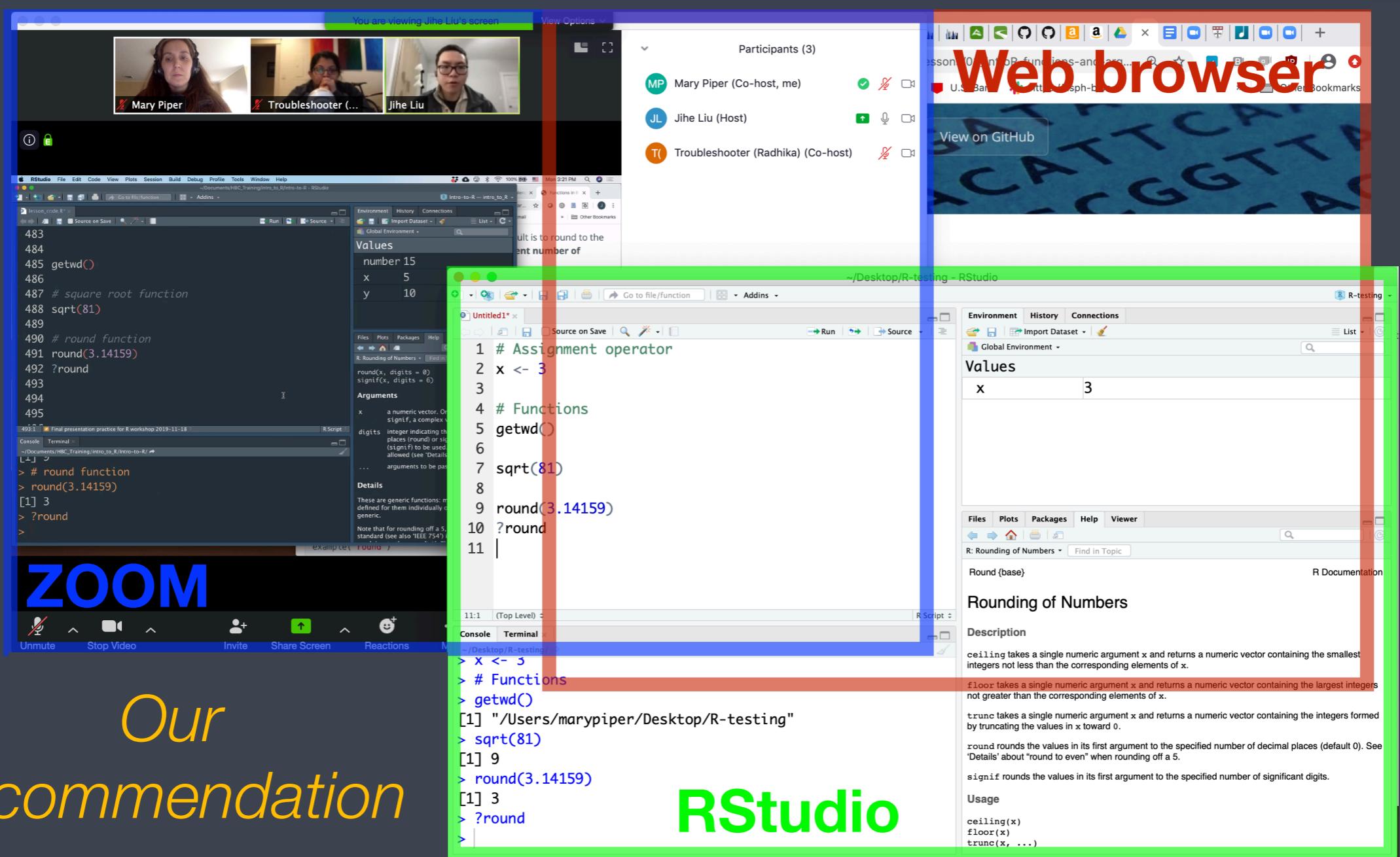
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485 getwd()  
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487 # square root function  
488 sqrt(81)  
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490 # round function  
491 round(3.14159)  
492 ?round  
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```
- Bottom Left Window:** An RStudio session titled "Untitled1*". It contains 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 GitHub page for "introR-functions-and-args".
- Middle Right Window:** An RStudio session titled "~/Desktop/R-testing - RStudio". It contains the following R code:

```
11:1 (Top Level) >  
Console Terminal x  
~/Desktop/R-testing/ >  
> x <- 3  
> # Functions  
> getwd()  
[1] "/Users/marypiper/Desktop/R-testing"  
> sqrt(81)  
[1] 9  
> round(3.14159)  
[1] 3  
> ?round  
>
```
- Bottom Right Window:** A detailed view of the "round" function documentation from the R documentation website.

Our recommendation: RStudio

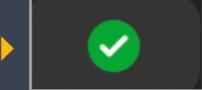
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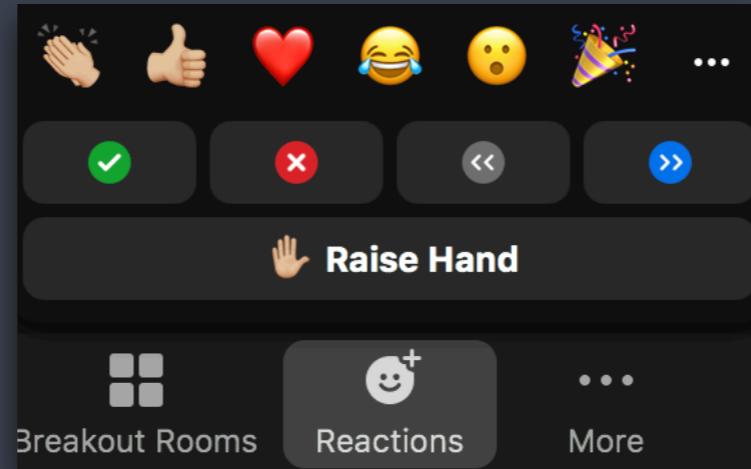


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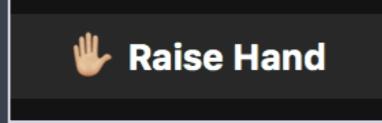
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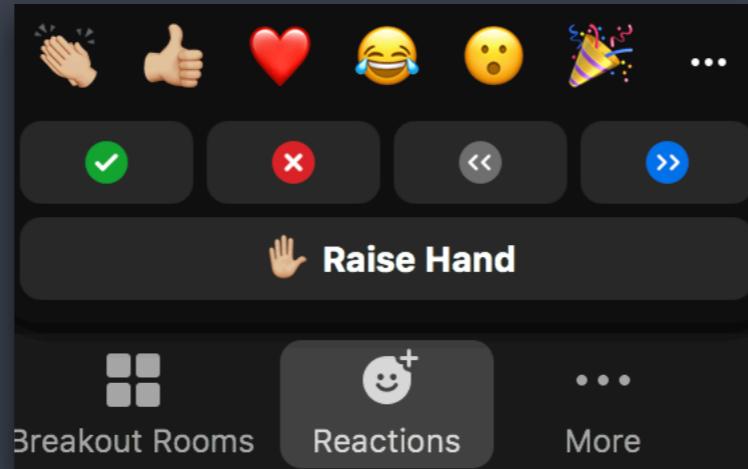
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- ❖ Are you all set?
 - ▶  = "agree", "I'm all set" (equivalent to a **green post-it**)
 - ▶  = "disagree", "I need help" (equivalent to a **red post-it**)



Odds and Ends (2/2)

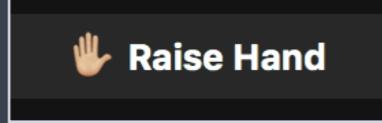
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- ❖ Technical difficulties with RStudio or R?

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

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