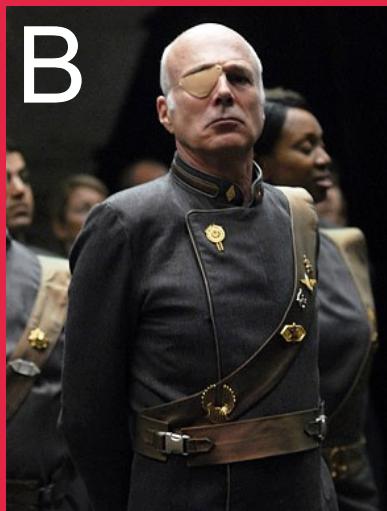


# EXTREME MAKEOVER: EYEPATCH EDITION!



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# INTRODUCTION TO R

## For Public Health Investigations

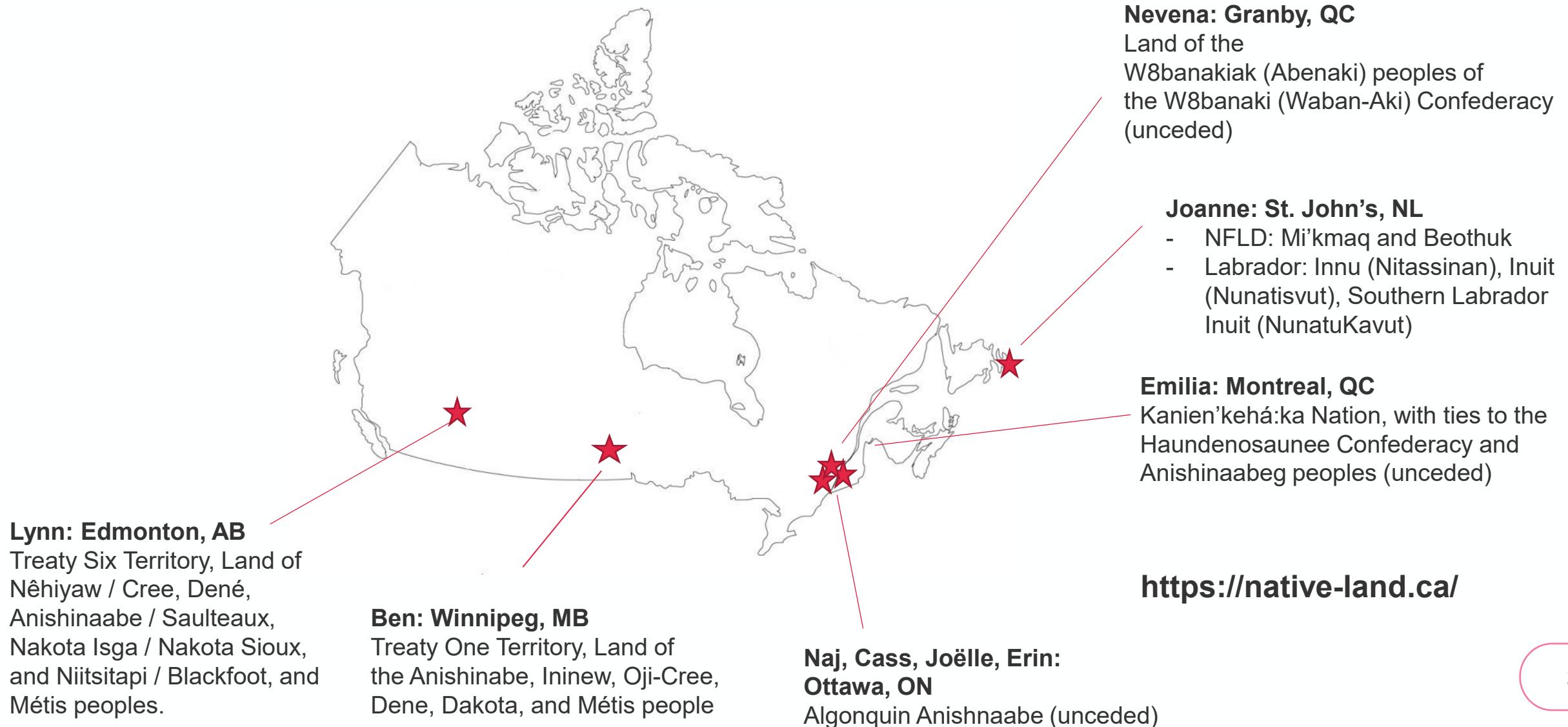


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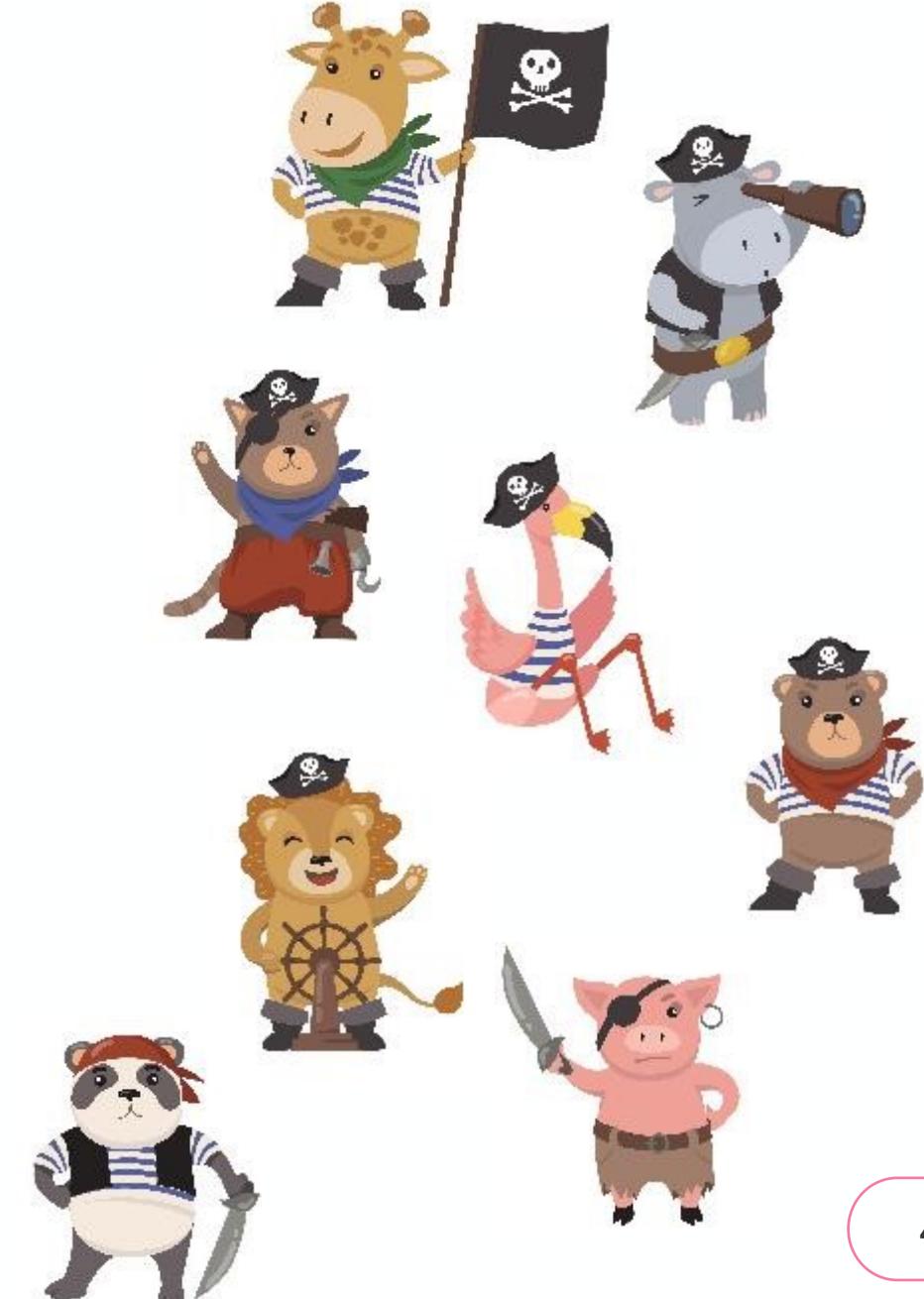
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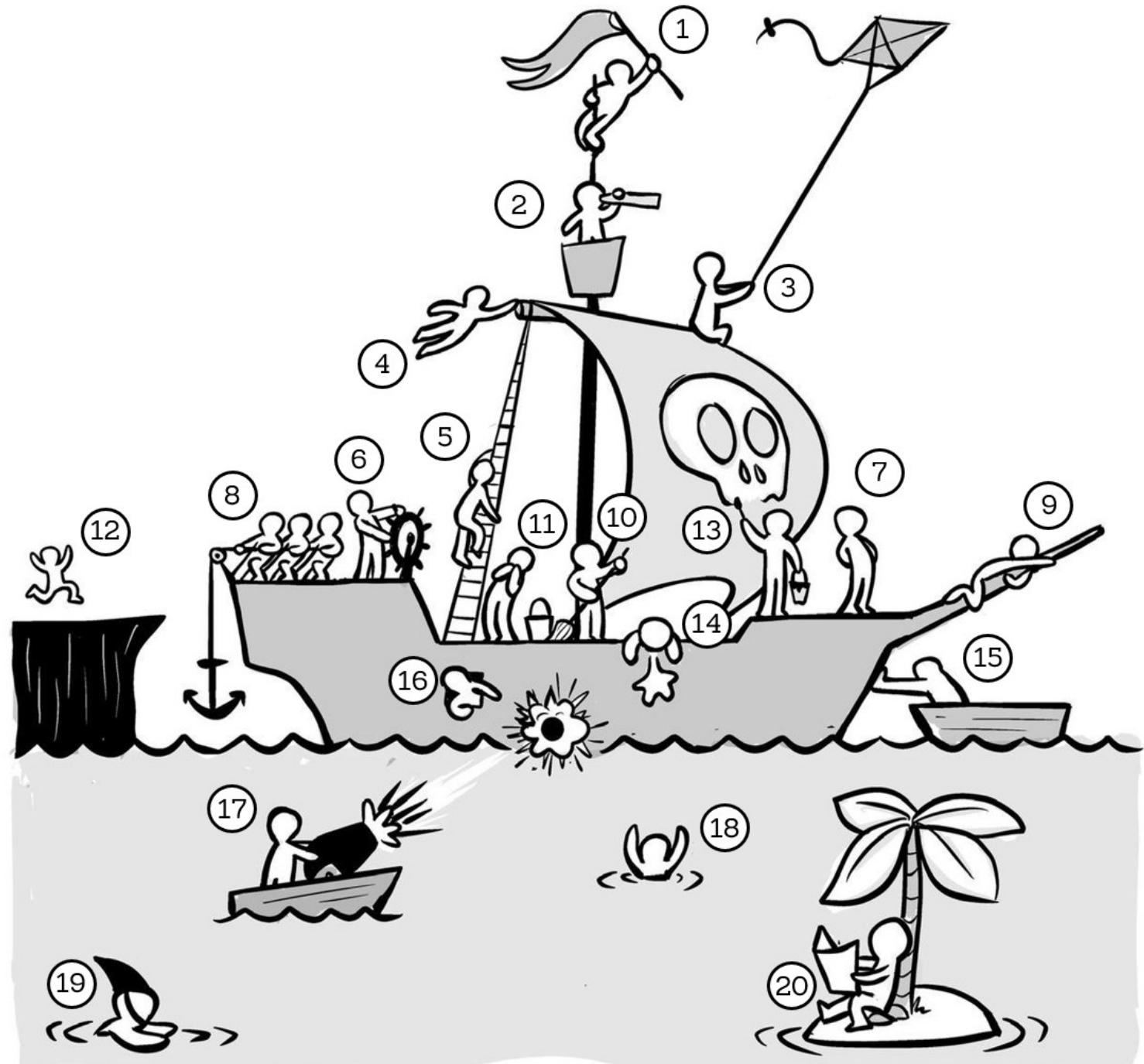
# GETTING TO KNOW YOU

...And practicing zoom tricks at the same time.

- On your designated spot in the matrix, please share with the group:
  - City
  - Where you work/your position
  - Which character from our pirate ship (next slide) represents you best.
- Let's try zoom polls with a have-you-ever question.



- Take a minute to pinpoint which character suits you best (memorize the associated character number)



<b>Brigitte Ho Mi Fane</b> City: Work: Pirate #:	<b>Max Ferguson</b> City: Work: Pirate #:	<b>Diana Bark</b> City: Work: Pirate #:	<b>Cher Ghafari</b> City: Work: Pirate #:
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*Use the  
Annotate text  
tool to fill in the  
grid!*







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# HOUSEKEEPING

- Optimal set-up for Zoom:
  - Disconnect from VPN
  - Microphone on mute unless you're speaking
  - Speaker view
  - Open chat window
  - Open participant window
  - If you are experiencing significant connectivity issues, please reach out

# ZOOM FOR VIRTUAL TRAINING

## TIPS FOR SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS, FACILITATORS, AND PARTICIPANTS

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# HOUSEKEEPING

- Etiquette
  - Stepping away – use coffee cup, or just let us know
  - Device ringers off
  - Mute if not speaking
- File sharing platform: Github
  - Pre-learning
  - Virtual classroom materials
  - Self-Study
  - Additional resources

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IntroR2021_Evaluation.pdf	Adding Evaluation File
LICENSE	Create LICENSE
README.md	Update README.md

Local Codespaces

Clone

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<https://github.com/hc-sc/tdu-intror.git>

Use Git or checkout with SVN using the web URL.

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# Introduction to R For Public Health Investigations

Participant Guide  
November 2022

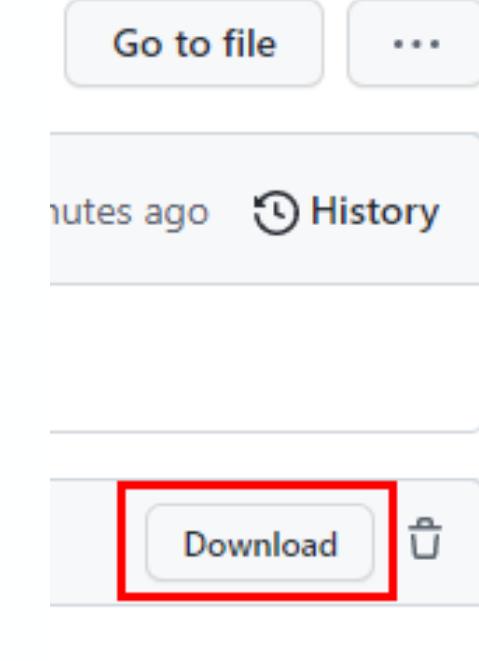


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[https://github.com/hc-sc/tdu-intro/blob/main/Oct2023\\_IntroToR\\_ParticipantGuide.pdf](https://github.com/hc-sc/tdu-intro/blob/main/Oct2023_IntroToR_ParticipantGuide.pdf)



# HOW THIS COURSE WORKS

- Virtual classroom – 11:30 am ET for up to 4 hours
  - Review of materials covered in self-study or practical exercises
  - Opportunity for learners to ask questions
- Self-study
  - Knowledge check
  - Required self-learning
- Practical exercises
  - Feel free to reach out to your facilitators and others engaged in this course via Slack!
  - Dedicated time set aside on Friday set aside for practice and support

# HOW THIS COURSE WORKS

- Main pathway for learning and support - Slack:  
Slack channel for this training session
  - Phacrusers.slack.com then find the channel → **intro\_r\_oct2023cohort**
- Please use this slack channel to:
  - Connect with your peers
  - Find materials shared throughout the course
  - Ask questions about the materials/exercises to your peers, facilitators and subject matter experts
  - Help others who have questions if you know the answer!



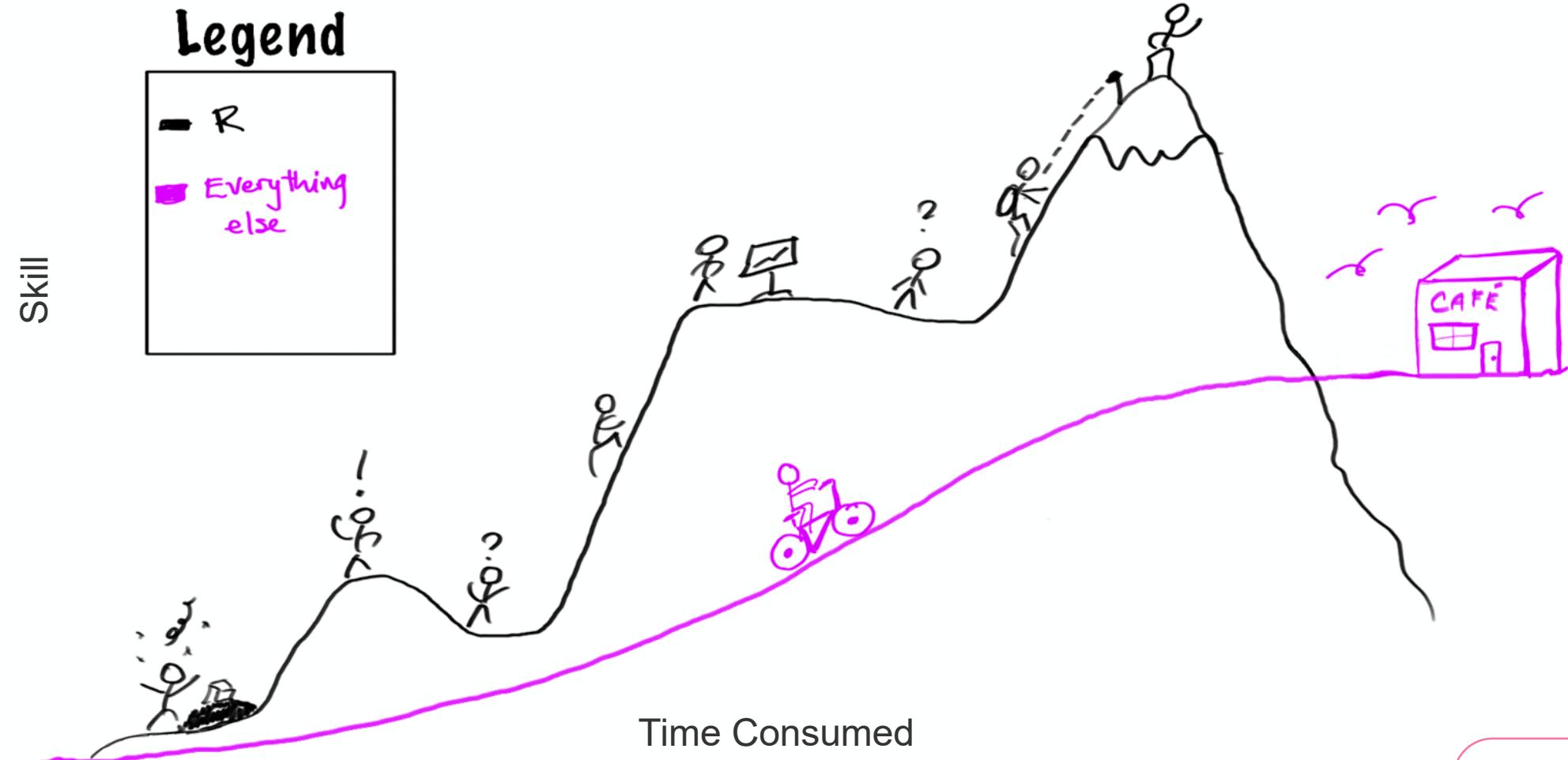
# HOW THIS COURSE WORKS

## Philosophy:

- Learners can only truly gain these technical skills and proficiency through application (and possibly manufactured struggle)
- This is a shared journey; we are all on it
- If you are stressed, we've led you astray – take a break and make note of what the problem is and let us know

# Learning Curve of Statistical Software

Use the annotate tool to place a stamp on where you feel you are on the R-learning curve



# COURSE LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- By the end of this course, learners will be able to:
  - Carry out data cleaning and processing, and descriptive epidemiological analyses (incl. commonly used data visualisations);
  - Create automated data products (e.g., epidemiologic summaries);
  - Design and carry out a data collation plan that is consistent with proposed analysis plan;
  - Explain when it is most appropriate to program analyses and automate tasks using R;
  - Find and appraise possible solutions to R programming challenges.

# COURSE GOALS

- For novice users to have the confidence and basic skills required to integrate R into their day-to-day work;
- To demystify and clearly communicate intricacies of R for those who want to use R and have been intimidated by the software;
- To provide a safe place and relaxed environment for learning, practice, and discussion;
- To engage with and accommodate learning needs of individuals who are more experienced or advanced R users; and
- For all learners to practice writing legible, sharable code and set up efficient workspaces.



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# INTRODUCTION TO R

## Syntax, Data Storage, and Other Essentials

Day 1



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# THE MAP

- Ten considerations for data analysis
- Data types and storage
- Syntax and indexing
- Basic tips and tricks for programming analyses



# DAY 1: PRE-COURSE LEARNING

Activity	Description
Refresher	Pre-Course Self-Study Module
Foundational Concepts	10 Considerations for Data Analysis
Foundational Concepts	TDU Introduces R
Foundational Concepts	TDU Walks Through The Basics

# A FRAMEWORK FOR DATA ANALYSIS

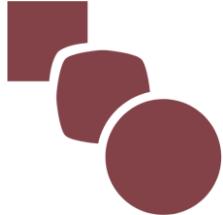
Eating an elephant (or a very large cake), one bite at a time

# 10 Considerations for Data Analysis



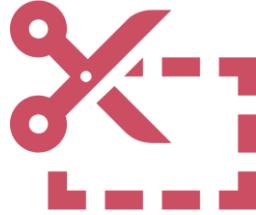
## 1. Read data into R

Consider (1) the type of data, (2) how they are stored, and (3) the size of the dataset.



## 2. Format the data

Long or wide format? Plan the analysis keeping in mind what your needs are.



## 3. Select data

Decide what data you'll need in advance from the dataset: subsets vs. filtered dataset. Consider pros and cons of the approach.



## 4. Modify data

Consider (1) what variables you will need, (2) calculations you will perform, and (3) algorithms needed to create the variables.



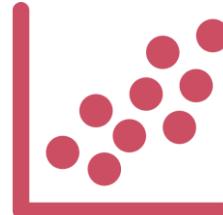
## 5. Link data

Assign a key variable(s) that you will link datasets on. Consider the join type you will need: inner, left, right, full, semi, or anti join.



## 6. Analyse data

Consider grouping data meaningfully in performing calculations and obtaining descriptive statistics. Evaluate outputs and interpret summaries.



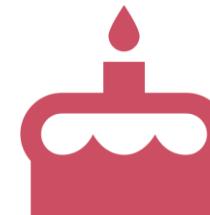
## 7. Visualise data

Use tables or charts, and consider the best way to display the information.



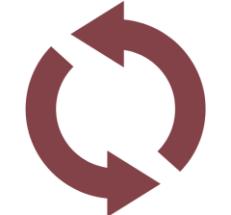
## 8. Report findings

Communicate findings to those who need the information created from your work. Consider the audience you are communicating with.



## 9. Celebrate!

Preferably with cake!



## 10. Review

Review, revise, and re-do as needed. Often we can go back and simplify/optimise. This is important especially if the code will be used again.

**HEAVE AWAY:  
DRAW OR NAME SOMETHING YOU WOULD FIND  
HARD TO LIVE WITHOUT WHILE FAR FROM HOME**



# STORAGE, OBJECTS, AND SYNTAX

Oh my!

# OBJECTS: DATA TYPES AND DATA STRUCTURES

## DATA TYPES

- Character
- Numeric
- Integer
- Logical
- Complex

## DATA STRUCTURES

- Vectors
- Matrix
- Data frame
- List
- Factors
- Arrays

# OBJECTS: DATA TYPES AND DATA STRUCTURES

## DATA TYPE: LOGICAL

- Values:
  - True or False
  - T or F
  - 1 or 0

## DATA TYPE: COMPLEX

- Values:
  - Imaginary numbers ( $i$ ,  $\sqrt{-1}$ )

# OBJECTS: DATA TYPES AND DATA STRUCTURES

- What about dates?
  - Dates are stored as numbers
  - R allows user to chose date of origin (or day # 0)
- Allows for operations and calculations based on dates
- Dates stored as characters (i.e., “20-Oct-2002”) can be converted to a numeric date variable using a special function for this purpose
- Date is displayed by applying a format to those numbers

# OBJECTS: DATA TYPES AND DATA STRUCTURES

## DATA STORAGE: VECTOR

- 1D – single or multiple values
- Can store multiple data types:  
e.g., logical, numeric, character, etc.

## DATA STORAGE: DATAFRAME

- 2D – rows and columns
- Stores multiple data types:  
e.g., logical, numeric, character, etc.

# OBJECTS: DATA TYPES AND DATA STRUCTURES

## DATA STORAGE: DATAFRAME

- 2D – rows and columns
- Stores multiple data types: e.g., logical, numeric, character, etc.
- More functional than a matrix

## DATA STORAGE: MATRIX

- 2D – rows and columns
- Stores data only of a single data type
- Less flexible than a dataframe

# OBJECTS AND SYNTAX

- R is different from other programs like SAS or STATA in that **everything** is an object and there are so many different kinds!
- This is one way that programming in R is a little counterintuitive for users of other statistical software
- Similar to other statistical software, we write programs to interact with these objects
  - Form and reshape them into useful objects
  - Summarise the contents of those objects
  - Present summaries in a meaningful way
- Syntax is often a challenging part of learning a new programming language

# R SYNTAX

## BASE R

- Basic operations
  - E.g., Use R like a calculator
- Basic, built in functions (no need to install packages):
  - To see a list of Base R functions, run `library(help="base")`
  - Chaos – different data structure and sometimes syntax across packages and functions, at times limiting reproducibility

## TIDYVERSE

- A collection of packages for data science and analytics
- Consistency in syntax, data structure, etc.
- Flow across packages and functions
- Minimum set of functions that are sufficient for data science

# TIDYVERSE CORE PACKAGES:

- dplyr – a package for manipulating and reshaping data
- tidyr – a package to help you keep your data nice and tidy
- readr – a package to load your data tables (i.e., csv, tsv, etc.)
- purrr – a package for working with functions and vectors
- tibble – a package for working with dataframes
- forcats – a package for working with factors
- stringr – a package for working with strings (character/text)
- ggplot2 – a package for creating graphics

<https://www.tidyverse.org/>

# TIDYVERSE EXTRA PACKAGES:

1. Working with specific types of vectors:
  - *\*lubridate*, for working with dates
  - *hms*, for times.
2. Importing other types of data:
  - *feather*, for sharing with Python and other languages.
  - *haven*, for SPSS, SAS and Stata files.
  - *httr*, for web apis.
  - *jsonlite* for JSON.
  - *readxl*, for .xls and .xlsx files.
  - *rvest*, for web scraping.
  - *xml2*, for XML.
3. Modelling
  - *modelr*, for modelling within a pipeline
  - *broom*, for turning models into tidy data

# R SYNTAX: INTERACTING WITH OBJECTS

- We use an **assignment operator** (depicted as an arrow) to assign a “value” to a “name”
- At its simplest:

The diagram illustrates the R assignment statement `X <- 10`. A red arrow points to the left arrow (`<-`) and is labeled "Assignment operator". Another red arrow points to the variable `X` and is labeled "Creating a single piece of data (object) named X". A third red arrow points to the number `10` and is labeled "A value of 10".

```
X <- 10
```

Assignment operator

Creating a single piece of data (object) named X

Assigning X

A value of 10

# R SYNTAX: INTERACTING WITH OBJECTS

- Basic function structure:

Assigning Y a value

Creating a single piece of data (object) named Y

Function f(x), in this case sum(x)

Arguments to be fed into the function are separated by commas, in this case the values 2,4,6,8

The diagram illustrates the R syntax `Y<-sum(2,4,6,8)`. A red arrow points from the text "Assigning Y a value" to the assignment operator `<-`. Another red arrow points from the text "Creating a single piece of data (object) named Y" to the variable name `Y`. A third red arrow points from the text "Function f(x), in this case sum(x)" to the function name `sum`. A fourth red arrow points from the text "Arguments to be fed into the function are separated by commas, in this case the values 2,4,6,8" to the argument list `(2,4,6,8)`.

```
Y<-sum(2,4,6,8)
```

# R SYNTAX: INTERACTING WITH OBJECTS

- Vectors are the simplest data structure

- Storage of just a single value

```
Y<-sum(2,4,6,8)
```

- Storage of multiple values

```
X <-c("apple", "orange", "pear", "grape")
```

- Storage of any data type

- character (text)
- numeric and integer (real numbers)
- logical (TRUE or FALSE)
- complex (imaginary numbers)

```
> mode(X)  
[1] "character"  
> length(X)  
[1] 4
```

```
> mode(Y)  
[1] "numeric"  
> length(Y)  
[1] 1
```

# R SYNTAX: INTERACTING WITH OBJECTS

- Dates are stored as integers and made readable by applying a format
- Some extra handling is usually involved with these data
  - `as.Date()` ← a function to recode character data to numeric dates with a default format

```
> x <- c("1jan1960", "2jan1960", "31mar1960", "30jul1960")
> z <- as.Date(x, "%d%b%Y")
> z
[1] "1960-01-01" "1960-01-02" "1960-03-31" "1960-07-30"
> mode(z)
[1] "numeric"
```

# R SYNTAX: INTERACTING WITH OBJECTS

- Formatting:

Symbol	Meaning	Example
%d	day as a number (0-31)	01-31
%a	abbreviated weekday	Mon
%A	unabbreviated weekday	Monday
%m	month (00-12)	00-12
%b	abbreviated month	Jan
%B	unabbreviated month	January
%y	2-digit year	07
%Y	4-digit year	2007

Source: <http://www.statmethods.net/input/dates.html>

"30jul1960" = "%d%b%Y" = "1960-07-30"

# R SYNTAX: INTERACTING WITH OBJECTS

- Date and time objects are a little different and not touched on in this course specifically.
- For reference:
  - `POSIXct()` and `POSIXlt()` ← functions to work with objects that include date and time
  - `ISOdatetime()` ← to create date-time from numeric data

# R SYNTAX: INTERACTING WITH OBJECTS

- Matrices are 2D structures that contain rows and columns of data
- Must contain all the same type of data (e.g., all integers, or all characters)

```
> new.matrix <- matrix(data=c(1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9), nrow=3, ncol=3, byrow=TRUE)
> new.matrix
     [,1] [,2] [,3]
[1,]    1    2    3
[2,]    4    5    6
[3,]    7    8    9
```

# R SYNTAX: INTERACTING WITH OBJECTS

- Dataframes are also 2D structures that contain rows and columns of data
- Allows for combination of multiple data types
- A workhorse data structure, more flexible than matrices

```
> A <- c('Cat', 'Dog', 'Rabbit', 'Hamster')
> B <- as.Date(c('2020-11-1', '2020-3-25', '2020-3-14', '2020-9-30'))
> C <- c(TRUE, FALSE, FALSE, TRUE)
> mydata <- data.frame(A, B, C)
> mydata
      A          B     C
1   Cat 2020-11-01  TRUE
2    Dog 2020-03-25 FALSE
3 Rabbit 2020-03-14 FALSE
4 Hamster 2020-09-30  TRUE
> str(mydata)
'data.frame': 4 obs. of 3 variables:
 $ A: chr "Cat" "Dog" "Rabbit" "Hamster"
 $ B: Date, format: "2020-11-01" "2020-03-25" "2020-03-14" "2020-09-30"
 $ C: logi TRUE FALSE FALSE TRUE
```

# R SYNTAX: INTERACTING WITH OBJECTS

- Lists are the most flexible data structure and thus often the most complex to work with
- Can have a list of individual values (i.e., vector), a list of several vectors, matrices, data frames, or a list of lists

```
> D <- c('Mushroom', 'Lichen', 'Moss')
> E <- matrix(c(10,22,26,14,5,63), nrow=3)
> F <- data.frame(D,E)
> G <- list(D,E,F)
> G
[[1]]
[1] "Mushroom" "Lichen"    "Moss"

[[2]]
[,1] [,2]
[1,]    10   14
[2,]    22    5
[3,]    26   63

[[3]]
      D X1 X2
1 Mushroom 10 14
2 Lichen   22  5
3 Moss     26 63
```

# R SYNTAX: INTERACTING WITH OBJECTS

- Factors are data structures which are used to group variables into categories or levels (ordered)



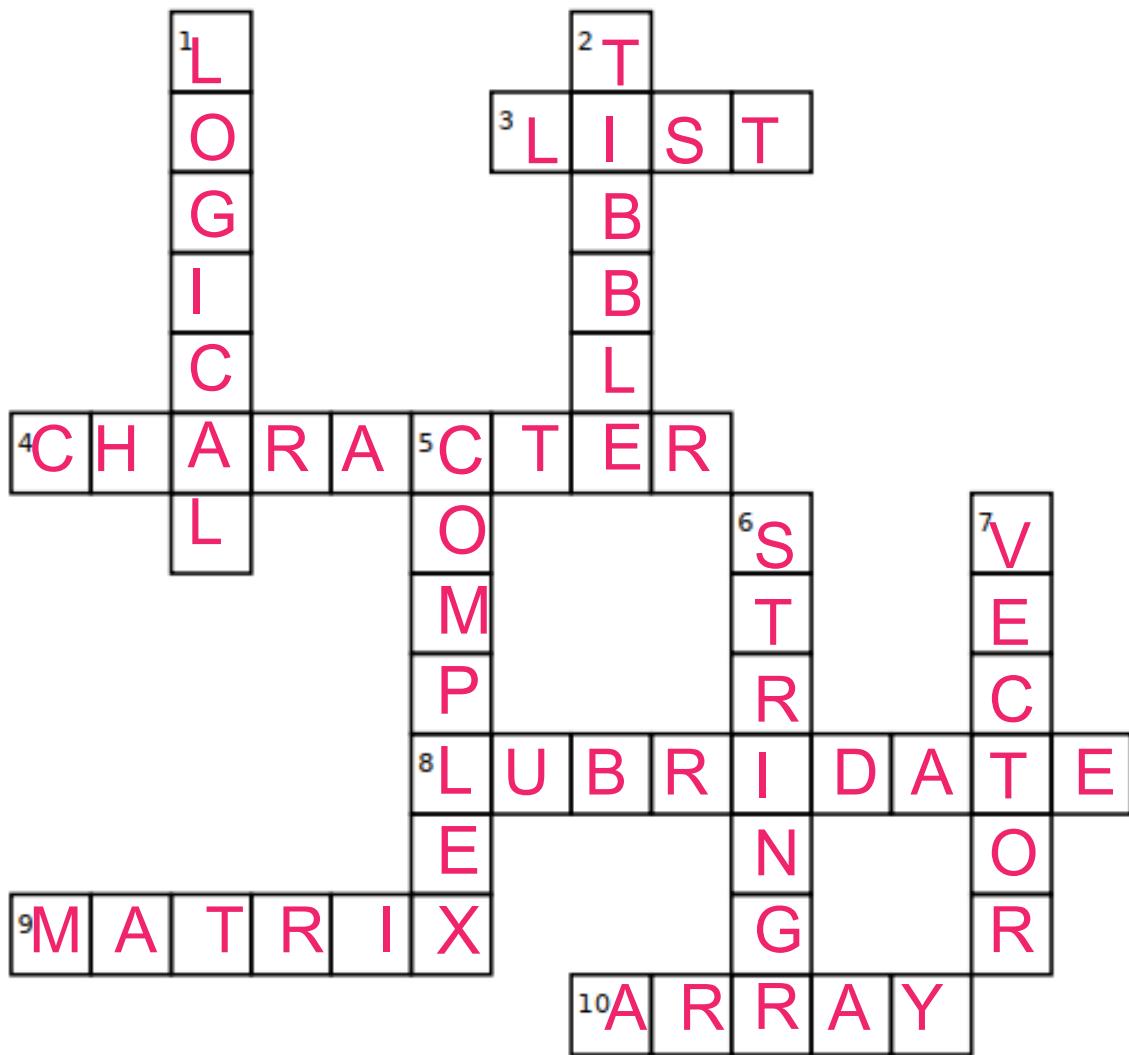
# R SYNTAX: INTERACTING WITH OBJECTS

- Arrays are data structures that store data in multiple dimensions
- Very useful under certain circumstances
- Will not touch on this type of object in this course



# LET'S REVIEW

Crossword puzzle



### Down:

- 1 – A data type that handles data with only two possible values
- 2 – A core tidyverse package designed for working with dataframes
- 5 – A data type that handles imaginary numbers
- 6 – A core tidyverse package designed for working with character/text data
- 7 – The simplest data structure

### Across:

- 3 – The most flexible data structure
- 4 – A data class for handling text
- 8 – A tidyverse package for working with dates
- 9 – A data structure for two dimensional data of a single type (e.g., numeric variables only)
- 10 – A data structure that can handle three dimensional data

# BREAK TRIVIA - FAMOUS SHIPWRECKS

Description	Options
1. This ship was wrecked during a storm on Lake Superior in 1975 and was later immortalised in a Gordon Lightfoot song.	A - Valencia
2. This ship was one of two long lost and long searched for British ships in the Canadian Arctic. It was finally located by searchers in Nunavut in 2016 following a tip from local Inuk man Sammy Kogvik.	B - Truxtun
3. This ship was wrecked off the west coast of Vancouver Island in 1906 and the tragedy led to the development of a rescue trail for shipwreck survivors. In the present day this trail is known as one of BC's most iconic hiking trails, the West Coast Trail.	C - Edmund Fitzgerald
4. This ship was one of two American Navy vessels run aground and lost on the south coast of Newfoundland during a storm in 1942.	D – Terror

Share your answers in the chat box!

# STORAGE, OBJECTS, AND SYNTAX

Oh my!

# SYNTAX AND INDEXING

```
breakfast_foods <- c('hot cereal', 'cold cereal', 'eggs', 'fruit', 'toast', 'smoothie')
```

- What does the following function do?

```
x <- length(breakfast_foods)
```

- What value will the following command return?

```
breakfast_foods[5]
```

# R INDEXING

- R uses the square bracket convention (e.g.  $x[i]$  will return the  $i^{\text{th}}$  item in  $x$ ) to access data stored within a variable
- For vectors this is simple:

```
> cupboard <- c('tea', 'nutmeg', 'oatmeal')
> cupboard[3]
[1] "oatmeal"
```

# INDEXING AND SUBSETTING:

- For **matrices** and **data.frames**, you must indicate a **row** and **column** that you wish to return, with [1,1] referring to the **top left** of your data:

my.mat =

4	7	8
2	5	6
1	3	9

row      column

↓            ↓

my.mat[1, 1] = 4

my.mat[3, 2] = ?

my.mat[2, ] = 2 5 6

my.mat[ , 3] = ?

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# INDEXING AND SUBSETTING:

- Additionally, for **data.frames**, you can access the columns by their column names using the `\\$` operator:

`my.df =`

	col1	col2	col3
4	7	8	
2	5	6	
1	3	9	

`my.df$col1 = 4 2 1`  
`my.df$col2 = ?`  
`my.df$col3[2] = 6`  
`my.df$col2[1] = ?`

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	2	5	6
	1	3	9

my.df\$col1 = 4 2 1  
my.df\$col2 = 7 5 3  
my.df\$col3[2] = 6  
my.df\$col2[1] = 7

# R SYNTAX – BASE R VS. TIDYVERSE

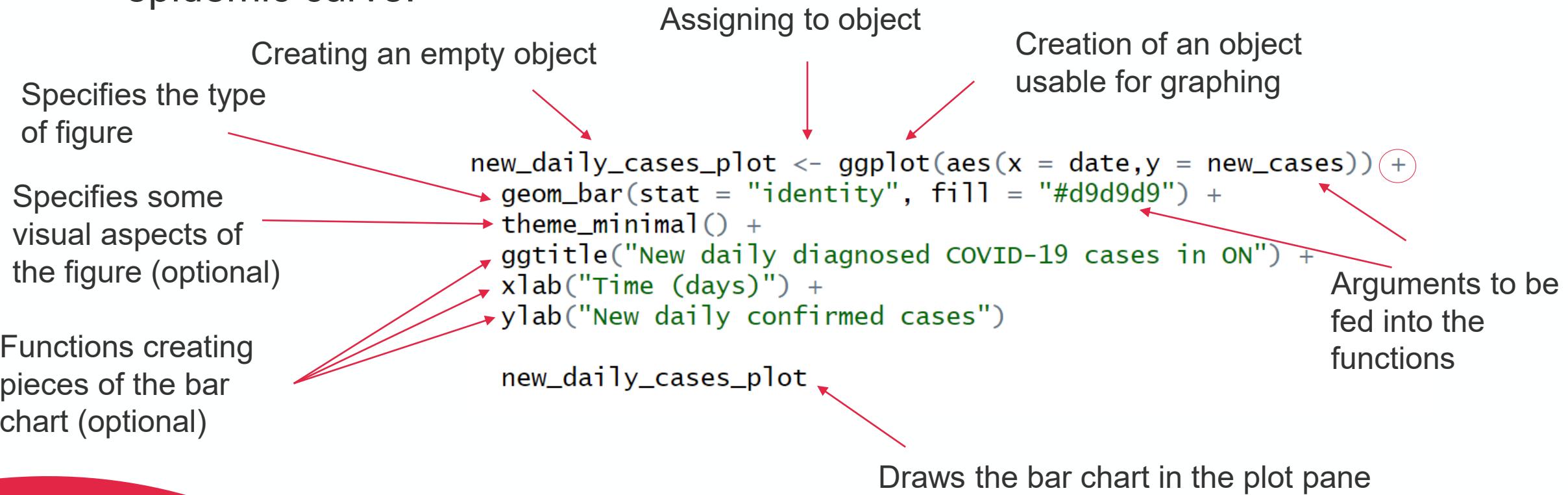
- Why know both? How are they different?

## Base R (nested, un-nested) vs Tidyverse (%>%)

```
#Base R (nested):  
bread <- bake(x=let_rise(x = knead(x = combine_ingredients(x = bowl, flour=TRUE,  
water=TRUE, yeast=TRUE, salt=TRUE, sugar=TRUE), mixer = TRUE, byhand = FALSE,  
addflour=TRUE), nhours = 4, rep = 2), temp = 400, minutes = 45)
```

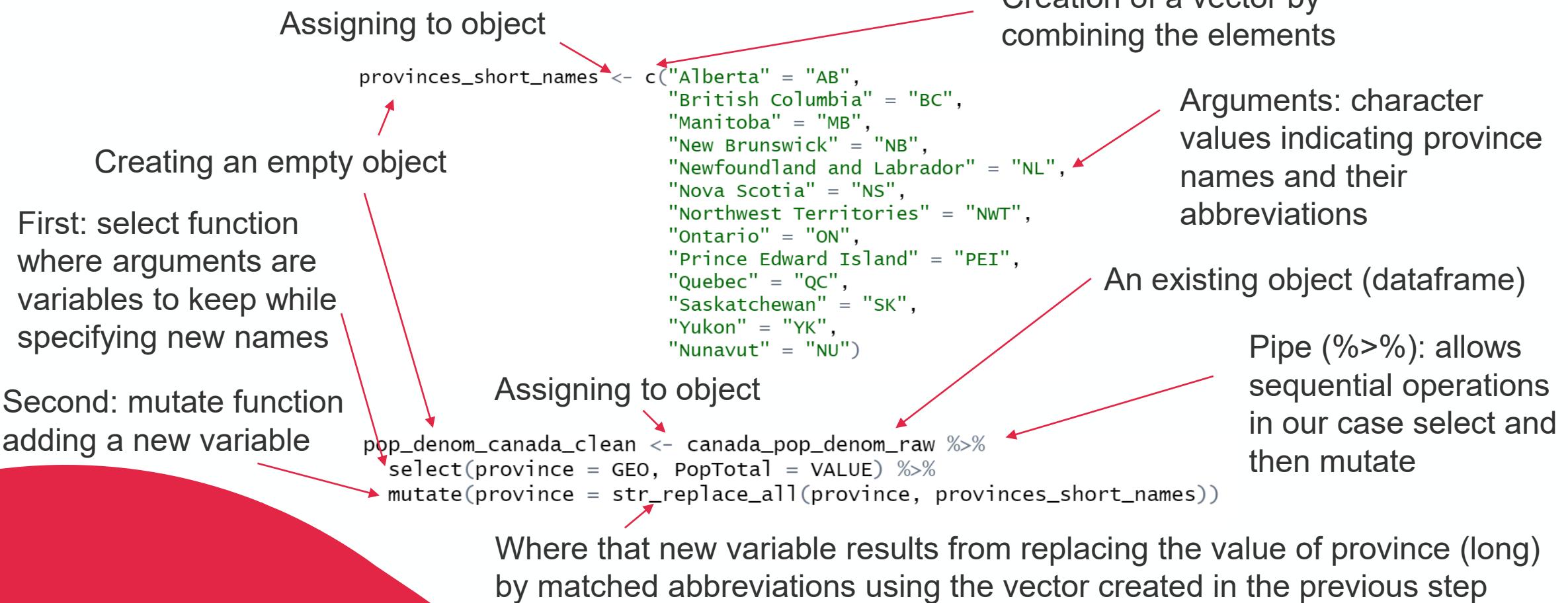
# R SYNTAX - TIDYVERSE

- Example of a set of functions working together to create a bar chart or epidemic curve:



# R SYNTAX - TIDYVERSE

- Example of functions working together to create an object with data formatted the way we would like them:



# CONSIDERATIONS FOR PROGRAMMING

Save yourself from yourself!

# PROGRAMMING TIPS

Do's	Do Not's
<p>Create a header that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Date the code was written and date it was last modified</li><li>• The author and person who last modified the code</li><li>• Purpose of the code</li><li>• Associated datasets and location</li><li>• Pertinent notes (e.g., decisions)</li></ul>	Leave code and syntax documents in such a way that it is unclear what they are for, when they were created, or who created them (this is especially important for tasks which are run regularly but not frequently)
If using one script document, chunk the code by various stages of the project (e.g., loading data, processing data, analysing data, summarising data, visualising data, reporting and data export)	Leave code in such a state that it is unclear when to run which code block
Write brief comments throughout explaining what code blocks or complicated code is doing	Leave code in such a state that is unclear what they are meant to do
Revise code such that it can be run all at once, especially if automating tasks	Leave code in your script that does not work or that is not needed

# AUTOMATION: WHEN IS IT APPROPRIATE?

## Appropriate:

- Conducting an analysis that will be repeated regularly
- Conducting an analysis that will be revisited at a later date
- Other?

## Not appropriate

- Conducting an analysis which will be run once only
- Handing over a “one-off” data analysis to another individual
- Other?

# GETTING THE MOST FROM GOOGLE

- It is an extraordinary human that can sit and write R code like they are writing a letter
- Google is your friend!
  - As are stackoverflow.com, tidyverse.org, rdocumentation.org, cookbook-r.com, etc.
- Tip in framing web search: software + version + key terms



If you can't tie knots...



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...tie lots!

# DEMO: FUNCTIONS TO EXPLORE YOUR DATA

# Base R

## Cheat Sheet

### Getting Help

Accessing the help files

?mean

Output of running the function

Vectors	
Creating Vectors	
c(2, 4, 6)	2 4 6
Join elements into a vector	for (variable)
2:6	2 3 4 5
seq(2, 3, by=0.5)	2.0 2.5
rep(1:2, times=2)	1 2 1 2

# Data Import :: CHEAT SHEET

R's tidyverse is built around **tidy data** stored

### Read Tabular Data

These functions share the common arguments:



### Data types

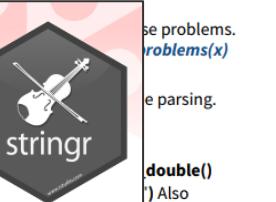


guesses each column and types when appropriate (but will NOT convert strings to factors automatically).

ge shows the type of each column in the

sed with column specification:  
`age = col_integer(),  
sex = col_character(),  
earn = col_double()`

age is an integer  
sex is a character  
earn is a double (numeric)



use problems.  
problems(x)  
e parsing.

double()  
') Also  
L\_time(format = "")  
d = FALSE)

# Dates and times with lubridate :: CHEAT SHEET

### Date-times



2017-11-28 12:00:00

A **date-time** is a point on the timeline, stored as the number of seconds since 1970-01-01 00:00:00 UTC

```
dt <- as_datetime(1511870400)
## "2017-11-28 12:00:00 UTC"
```

2017-11-28

A **date** is a day stored as the number of days since 1970-01-01

```
d <- as_date(17498)
## "2017-11-28"
```

### Round Date-times



### Manipulate Variables

#### EXTRACT VARIABLES

Column functions return a set of columns as a new vector or table.

`pull(data, var = -1)` Extract column values as a vector. Choose by name or index.

# String manipulation with stringr :: CHEAT SHEET

The stringr package provides a set of internally consistent tools for working with character strings, i.e. sequences of characters surrounded by quotation marks.



### Manage Lengths

`str_length(string)` The width of strings (i.e. number of code points, which generally equals the number of characters). `str_length(fruit)`

`str_pad(string, width, side = c("left", "right", "both"), pad = " ")` Pad strings to constant width. `str_pad(fruit, 17)`

`str_trunc(string, width, side = c("right", "left", "center"), ellipsis = "...")` Truncate the width of strings, replacing content with ellipsis. `str_trunc(fruit, 3)`

`str_trim(string, side = c("both", "left", "right"))` Trim whitespace from the start and/or end of a string. `str_trim(fruit)`

# Data Visualization with ggplot2 :: CHEAT SHEET

### Basics

ggplot2 is based on the **grammar of graphics**, the idea that you can build every graph from the same components: a **data set**, a **coordinate system**, and **geoms**—visual marks that represent data points.



To display values, map variables in the data to visual properties of the geom (**aesthetics**) like **size**, **color**, and **x** and **y** locations.



Complete the template below to build a graph.

```
ggplot (data = <DATA>) +
<GEOM_FUNCTION> (mapping = aes(<MAPPINGS>,
stat = <STAT>, position = <POSITION>) +
<COORDINATE_FUNCTION> +
<FACET_FUNCTION> +
```

### Geoms

Use a geom function to represent data points, use the geom's aesthetic properties to represent variables. Each function returns a layer.

#### GRAPHICAL PRIMITIVES

```
a <- ggplot(economics, aes(date, unemploy))
b <- geom_seals(aes(y = lat))
```

**a + geom\_blank()**  
(Useful for expanding limits)

**b + geom\_curve(aes(yend = lat + 1,  
xend = long + 1), curvature = 1)** - x, yend, alpha, angle, color, curvature, linetype, size

**a + geom\_path(lineend = "butt", linejoin = "round",  
linemitre = 1)** - x, y, alpha, color, group, linetype, size

**a + geom\_polygon(aes(group = group))** - x, y, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, size

**b + geom\_rect(aes(xmin = long, ymin = lat, xmax =  
long + 1, ymax = lat + 1))** - xmax, xmin, ymax, ymin, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size

**a + geom\_ribbon(aes(ymin = unemploy - 900,  
ymax = unemploy + 900))** - x, ymax, ymin, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, size

#### LINE SEGMENTS

common aesthetics: x, y, alpha, color, linetype, size

**b + geom\_abline(aes(intercept = 0, slope = 1))**  
**b + geom\_hline(aes(yintercept = lat))**  
**b + geom\_vline(aes(xintercept = long))**

**b + geom\_segment(aes(yend = lat + 1, xend = long + 1))**  
**b + geom\_spoke(aes(angle = 1:155, radius = 1))**

#### ONE VARIABLE continuous

#### TWO VARIABLES

##### continuous x, continuous y

```
e <- ggplot(mpg, aes(cty, hwy))
e + geom_label(aes(label = cty), nudge_x = 1,  
nudge_y = 1, check_overlap = TRUE) x, y, label,  
alpha, angle, color, family, fontface, hjust,  
lineheight, size, vjust
```

**e + geom\_jitter(height = 2, width = 2)** x, y, alpha, color, fill, shape, size

**e + geom\_point()** x, y, alpha, color, fill, shape, size, stroke

**e + geom\_quantile()** x, y, alpha, color, group, linetype, size, weight

**e + geom\_rect(sides = "bl")** x, y, alpha, color, linetype, size

**e + geom\_rug(sides = "bl")** x, y, alpha, color, linetype, size

**e + geom\_smooth(method = lm)** x, y, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, size, weight

**e + geom\_text(aes(label = cty), nudge\_x = 1,  
nudge\_y = 1, check\_overlap = TRUE)** x, y, label,  
alpha, angle, color, family, fontface, hjust,  
lineheight, size, vjust

##### continuous bivariate distribution

```
h <- ggplot(diamonds, aes(carat, price))
h + geom_bin2d(binwidth = c(0.25, 500))
```

**h + geom\_density2d()** x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size

**h + geom\_hex()** x, y, alpha, colour, fill, size

#### continuous function

```
i <- ggplot(economics, aes(date, unemploy))
```

**i + geom\_area()** x, y, alpha, color, fill, linetype, size

**i + geom\_line()** x, y, alpha, color, group, linetype, size

**i + geom\_step(direction = "hv")** x, y, alpha, color, group, linetype, size

#### discrete x, continuous y

```
f <- ggplot(mpg, aes(class, hwy))
```

**f + geom\_col()** x, y, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype, size

**f + geom\_boxplot()** x, y, lower, middle, upper,  
vmax, ymin, alpha, color, fill, group, linetype

`1L, end = -1L`) Extract character vector.  
`sub(fruit, -2)`

`pattern`) Return only the pattern match.

`attern`) Return the first in each string, as a vector.  
`o` to return every pattern it, "aeiou")

`tern`) Return the first in each string, as a for each () group in ch\_all.  
"([the] ([^ ]+))")

`collapse = NULL`) Join to a single string.  
RS)

`collapse = "")` Collapse into a single string.  
se = "")

### Order Strings

`str_order(x, decreasing = FALSE, na_last = TRUE, locale = "en", numeric = FALSE, ...)` Return the vector of indexes that sorts a character vector. `x[order(x)]`

`str_sort(x, decreasing = FALSE, na_last = TRUE, locale = "en", numeric = FALSE, ...)` Sort a

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# BREAK TRIVIA – PUBLIC HEALTH AT SEA

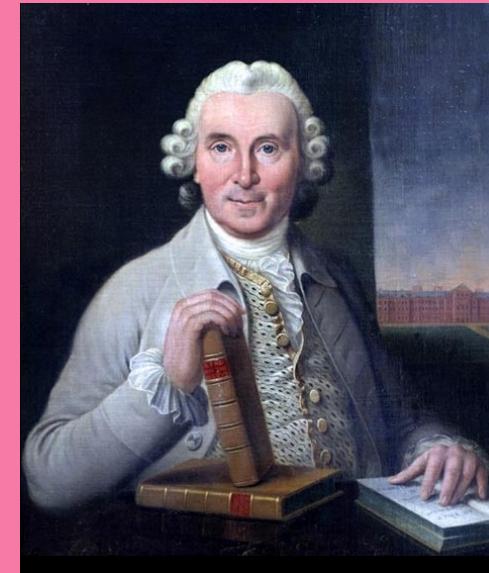
The first recorded controlled clinical trial was established in 1747 by ship surgeon James Lind to identify a treatment for which illness?

A - Yellow fever

B – Lead toxicity

C - Scurvy

D – Typhus



Share your answer in the chat box!

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# SETTING YOURSELF UP FOR SUCCESS: DEMO R-PROJECTS & & HERE ()



Public Health  
Agency of Canada

Agence de la santé  
publique du Canada

Canada

# A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE DATA SCIENTISTS AT RSTUDIO:

If the first line of your R script is

```
setwd("C:\Users\jenny\path\that\only\I\have")
```

I\* will come into your office and  
SET YOUR COMPUTER ON FIRE 🔥.

\* or maybe Timothée Poisot will

# A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE DATA SCIENTISTS AT RSTUDIO:

If the first line of your R script is

```
rm(list = ls())
```

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SET YOUR COMPUTER ON FIRE 🔥.

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  - a) Different system folder names based on user
  - b) Different operating systems
  - c) Different working directories
2. Don't set the first line of your script to `rm(list = ls())`
  - a) What if someone wants to source() your script in the middle of their analysis?

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Solutions?

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# TIPS TO AVOID A FLAMMABLE COMPUTER:

Solutions?

1. Use a system that allows for relative file paths, e.g., `here()` package
  - a) Uses file pathway relative to a ‘root’ location on your computer
  - b) Similar to `file.path`, allows you to ignore nuances related to operating system (e.g., agnostic to Windows, MacOS, Linux distros)
  - c) Results in much easier portability between project stakeholders
2. Set up your R projects using ... R Projects!
  - a) RStudio has a built-in project manager: `.Rproj`
  - b) R projects set your working directory for you automatically, and provide the anchor point for the `here()` package
  - c) R projects can be customized with options including (1) saving your history between sessions; (2) retaining your global environment; and much more!

# WRAP-UP

# DAY 1 - EXERCISE

## CONCEPTUAL

- CMOH wants a repeat analysis from PHAC open access COVID-19 linelist:
  - Manipulating dates
  - Reshaping data
  - Creating new variables
  - Creating the plot
  - Automating the results by writing a script

## TECHNICAL

- Preparations to start your work in R
  - Load installed packages
  - Import data
  - Open scripts
  - Workspace setup
- Cleaning data
- Creating new variable
- Summarising data
- Plotting data (epidemic curve)
- Automating the analysis

# PRE-LEARNING FOR DAY 2

- Details can be found in the Participant Guide:
  1. Handout: TB 101
  2. Webpage: Tidygraph
  3. Webpage: Flextable
  4. From pre-course self-study module:
    - Video: Data Manipulation Tools and Dplyr (20 mins)
    - Video: R Markdown (7 minutes)

# REMINDER

- Download course materials for Day 2
- Demo on:
  - Here() package and setting up your R working environments
  - Getting started on exercise 1



# Questions?

# NEED HELP OR CLARIFICATION?

**Remember:** Slack channel for this training session

- Phacrusers.slack.com -> intro\_r\_oct2023cohort
- **Use the Slack channel to:**
  - Connect with your peers
  - Find materials shared throughout the course
  - Ask questions about the materials/exercises to your peers, facilitators and subject matter experts
  - Help others who have questions if you know the answer!

# FEEDBACK FROM DAY 1

- Please answer a few questions to provide us some feedback!

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# EXERCISE DEMO

Getting Started