Lab 3 Revision Reflection

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When we were introduced to the *here* package in Week 2, I recall filling out the preview activity that introduced us to using the here() function and the here package. I thought that all we needed to do was library(here), and use read_csv () to read in csv files instead of the built-in read.csv() function. The day that Dr. T retouched on using here() and the package here in day 1 of Week 2 was one of the last days before I got sick and was unable to be in class until Week 4. I had failed to go back to the synchronous slides and the here() video to fully grasp the here function's purpose because I forgot by the time I started getting back to work in the later half of week 2. Then this last week (week 4) when I was finally back in class, I was confused about why the helper code for Lab 4 had here::here in the read_csv() function. Thanks to one of my group members and backtracking to the given resources about here, I now understand that here() starts the working directory from the project a person running my code is working within, which is much more efficient for peer reviewing and reproducibility because a working directory doesn't need to be manually set each time. Furthermore, I have now realized I was basically doing library(here) for no reason, since I hadn't been using here::here until Lab 4.