> library()

Building R Packages with RStudio

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> library(devtools)

> search()

```
> ls("package:devtools")
  [1] "add_path"
  [2] "as.package"
  [3] "bash"
  [4] "build"
```

Prepare Your System

Install the latest version of R: R version 3.2.5 (April, 2016)

Update the latest Rstudio

install.packages(c("devtools", "roxygen2", "testthat", "knitr"))

devtools::install_github("hadley/devtools")

devtools::has_devel()

Git

Rtools-CRAN for Windows

Xcode for Mac

r-base-dev for Linux

R Packages Are The Fundamental Unit of R

29 packages ship with all binary distributions of R

- 14 base packages : what you think of as "base R"
- 15 recommended packages installed

CRAN + bioconductor : > 10 000 more packages

install.packages(c("devtools", "roxygen2"))

And then there's Github ...

devtools::install_github("hadley/devtools")

R User → Package Developer

Package is an efficient way to share code

Useful Even If You Never Share Your Code

- Because packages come with standardized conventions
- Organize a project with a standardised tools
- Better to use the available R Package
- Save your time

Philosophy of Package Development

By Hadley Wickham (http://r-pkgs.had.co.nz/intro.html)

- Anything that can be automated, should be automated.
- Do as little as possible by hand.
- Do as much as possible with functions.
- The philosophy is realized primarily through the devtools package.

Basic Structure of R Packages

DESCRIPTION Describe and setup

R/ R scripts and Rxoygen2 instructions

src/ Source code: C++, C, Fortran, etc.

tests/ Testing to ensure

vignettes/ Long-form guide, R markdown

data/ Exported data object. need documentation

man/ .Rd documentation, the help pages

NAMESPACE Organize package self-contained

R package is collections of **R** functions, data, and compiled code in a well-defined format

A Minimal R Package

Create a directory and file pkgA/DESCRIPTION

Package: pkgA

Type: Package

Title: A First Test

Version: 0.0.1

Date: 2016-5-17

Author: Dirk Eddelbuettel

Maintainer: Dirk Eddelbuettel <edd@debian.org>

Description: pkgA is a minimal package.

License: GPL (>= 2)

\$ R CMD build ../pkgA

\$ R CMD check ./pkgA_0.0.1.tar.gz

\$ R CMD INSTALL ./pkgA_0.0.tar.gz

Build & Check With OKs

bash-3.2\$ R CMD build ../pkgA

- * checking for file '../pkgA/DESCRIPTION' ... OK
- * preparing 'pkgA':
- * checking DESCRIPTION meta-information ... OK
- * checking for LF line-endings in source and make files
- * checking for empty or unneeded directories
- * creating default NAMESPACE file
- * building 'pkgA_0.0.1.tar.gz'

bash-3.2\$ R CMD check pkgA 0.0.1.tar.gz

- * using log directory '/Users/huangrh/Git/pkgA/pkgA.Rcheck'
- * using R version 3.2.4 (2016-03-10)
- * using platform: x86_64-apple-darwin13.4.0 (64-bit)
- * using session charset: UTF-8
- * checking for file 'pkgA/DESCRIPTION' ... OK
- * checking extension type ... Package
- * this is package 'pkgA' version '0.0.1'
- * checking package namespace information ... OK
- * checking package dependencies ... OK
- * checking if this is a source package ... OK
- * checking if there is a namespace ... OK
- * checking for executable files ... OK
- * checking for hidden files and directories ... OK
- * checking for portable file names ... OK
- * checking for sufficient/correct file permissions ... OK
- * checking whether package 'pkgA' can be installed ... OK
- * checking installed package size ... OK
- * checking package directory ... OK

NO NOTE
Success = NO WARNING
NO ERROR

- * checking package directory ... OK
- * checking DESCRIPTION meta-information ... OK
- * checking top-level files ... OK
- * checking for left-over files ... OK
- * checking index information ... OK
- * checking package subdirectories ... OK
- * checking whether the package can be loaded ... OK
- * checking whether the package can be loaded with stated dependencie
- * checking whether the package can be unloaded cleanly ... OK
- * checking whether the namespace can be loaded with stated depender OK
- * checking whether the namespace can be unloaded cleanly ... OK
- * checking loading without being on the library search path ... OK
- * checking examples ... NONE
- * checking PDF version of manual ... OK
- * DONE

Status: OK

DESCRIPTION: Package Metadata

- Describes the package
- Setup up the package dependencies.

```
Package: mypackage
2 Type: Package
3 Title: What the Package Does (Title Case)
4 Version: 0.1.0
5 Authors@R: person("First", "Last", email =
  "first.last@example.com", role = c("aut", "cre"))
  Description: More about what it does
               (maybe more than one line)
  License: What license is it under?
  LazyData: TRUE
10
11
  Depends: R (>= 3.1.0)
12
  Imports: Rcpp, dplyr (>= 0.4.0)
13
14 Suggests: Knitr (>= 0.1.0)
15 LinkingTo: Rcpp
16 Enhances: sp
```

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```
Package: mypackage
                                                                    CRAN - Package ggplot2
     Type: Package
                                     ggplot2: An Implementation of the Grammar of Graphics
     Title: What the Pack
                                     An implementation of the grammar of graphics in R. It combines the advantages of both
     Version: 0.1.0
                                     base and lattice graphics: conditioning and shared axes are handled automatically, and
     Authors@R: person [ F you can still build up a plot step by step from multiple data sources. It also implements a
                                     sophisticated multidimensional conditioning system and a consistent interface to map
     "first.last@example.
                                     data to aesthetic attributes. See http://ggplot2.org for more information, documentation
     Description: More ab
                                     and examples.
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                        (maybe m
                                                      2.1.0
                                     Version:
     License: What licens
                                     Depends:
                                                      R (\ge 3.1)
     LazyData: TRUE
                                     Imports:
                                                      digest, grid, gtable (\geq 0.1.1), MASS, plyr (\geq 1.7.1), reshape2, scales
                                                      (\geq 0.3.0), stats
11
                                     Suggests:
                                                      covr, ggplot2movies, hexbin, Hmisc, lattice, mapproj, maps,
     Depends:
                    R (>= 3.1.
12
                                                      maptools, mgcv, multcomp, nlme, testthat (\geq 0.11.0), quantreg,
                    Rcpp, dply
                                                      knitr, rpart, rmarkdown, svglite
13
     Imports:
                                     Enhances:
                                                      sp
     Suggests: Knitr (>=
14
                                     Published:
                                                      2016-03-01
15
     LinkingTo: Rcpp
                                                      Hadley Wickham [aut, cre], Winston Chang [aut], RStudio [cph]
                                     Author:
     Enhances: sp
16
                                                      Hadley Wickham < hadley at rstudio.com>
                                     Maintainer:
```

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Work With Other Package:

- Depends: if the other packages is expect to be attached and the functions can be accessed directly
- Imports: packages must have. R will install them when it installs your pkg.
- Suggests: packages are not essential. Users can install them manually, or not, as they like
- LinkingTo: the header files from another package, e.g., Rcpp

Helpers For Creating Package

package.skeleton() main worker, has warts.

Fail with R CMD check

Not recommend

pkgKitten::kitten() corrects issues with package.skeleton()

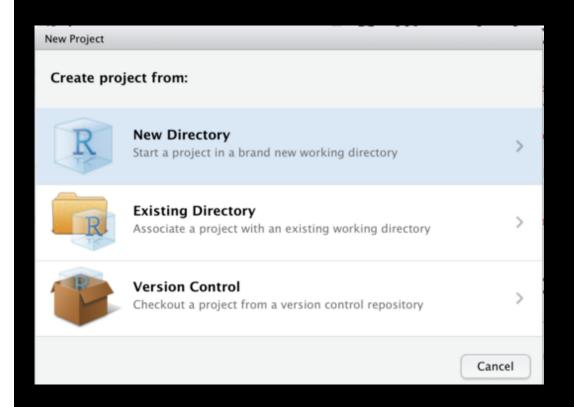
Success with R CMD check

devtools::create() In active development.

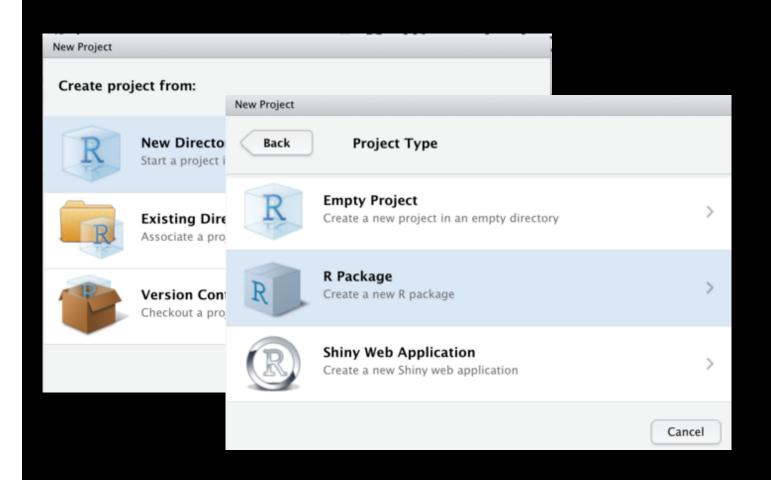
By Hadley Wickham

Integrated friendly with Rstudio

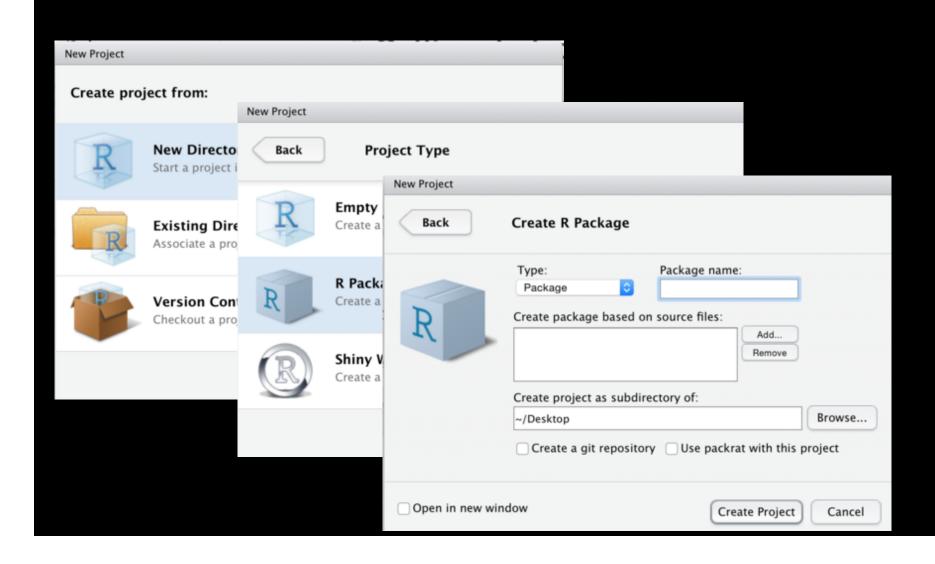
Rstudio: Click File | New Project.



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\$ tree pkgA

```
pkgA

DESCRIPTION

NAMESPACE

R
hello.R

man
hello.Rd
pkgA.Rproj
```

2 directories
5 files

Rstudio: Click File | New Project. devtools::create("pkgB") \$ tree pkgA \$ tree pkgA pkgA pkgB **DESCRIPTION DESCRIPTION NAMESPACE NAMESPACE** R — hello.R pkgB.Rproj man hello.Rd 1 directory pkgA.Rproj 3 files

2 directories
5 files

Package Development Stages

In your working directory

```
o source
```

- a directory with subdirectories (as above)
- o bundle
- a single compressed file (.tar.gz)
- binary
- a single compressed file for a specific OS

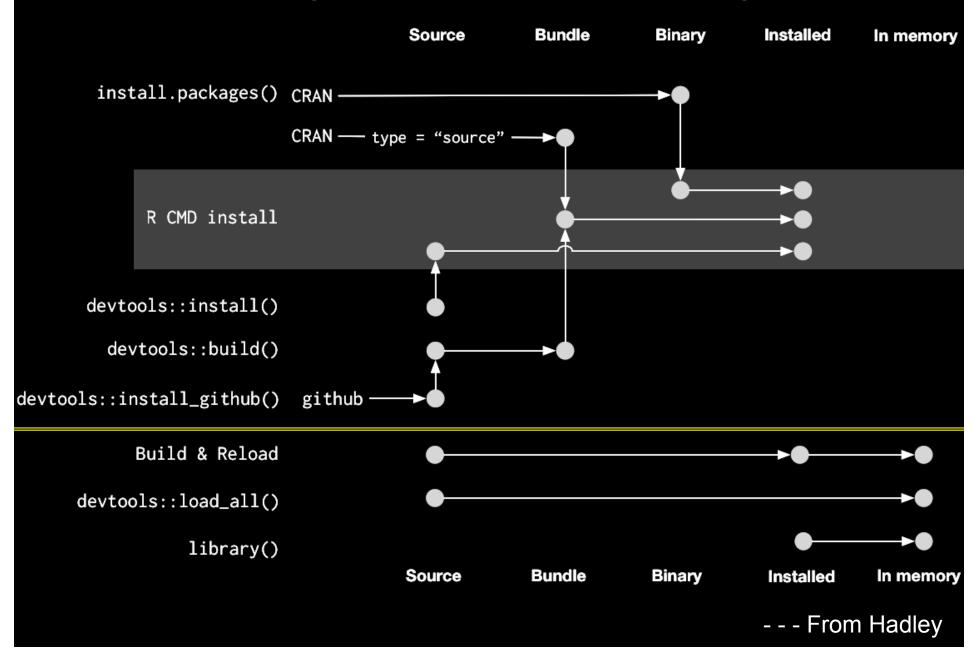
In library

```
> .libPaths()
```

[1] "/Library/Frameworks/R.framework/Versions/3.2/Resources/library"

- > library()
- In memory
 - Loading: requireNamespace(x) loadNamespace("x")
 - Attaching: require(x) library(x)

Package Development Stages



R Coding Workflow

- 1.Edit an R code in R file
- 2.devtools::load_all()
- 3. Test the function in the console
- 4.Rinse and repeat

Workflow Example

```
#' Hello, world!
 3 #' This is an example function named
   #' 'hello' which prints 'Hello, world!'.
   #' You can learn more about package
   #' authoring with RStudio at:
   #"
 8
 9 #' http://r-pkgs.had.co.nz/
10 #'
11 #' Some useful keyboard shortcuts for
12 #' package authoring:
13 #'
14 #' Build and Reload Package: 'Cmd+Shift+B'
                               'Cmd+Shift+E'
15 #' Check Package:
16 #' Test Package:
                                'Cmd+Shift+T'
17 hello <- function() {
18
     print("Hello, world!")
19 }
20
```

```
> devtools::load_all()
Loading testPackage
> hello
function() {
  print("Hello, world!")
}
<environment: namespace:testPackage>
> |
```

Rule: Preserve R Landscape

Avoid changing the global settings

- o library(), require()
- osource()
- o setwd()
- options()

Suggest to use

- o pkg::function()
- requireNamespace(), loadNamespace()
- NAMESPACE

Roxygen2 Documentation

- Advantages over writing .Rd files:
 - Code and documentation are together
 - It dynamically inspects the objects that it documents
 - It abstracts over the differences in documenting different types of objects.
- Three main components/categories:
 - Generate .Rd files
 - Manage NAMESPACE
 - Control the collation order

Common Roxygen Tags:

- Function
- @param
- @return
- @examples
- @inheritsParams
- Basic
- @title
- @describtion
- @detail
- @section

- NAMESPACE
- @export
- @import
- @importFrom
- @importClassesFrom
- @importMethodsFrom
- @useDynLib

- Navigation
- @family
- @seealso
 - help.search
- @aliases,?
- @concept
- @keywords

- Data
- S4

- RC
- Together@describeIn
- @rdname

- @format
- @include @field
- @source @slot

```
> file.create("R/adder.R")
[1] TRUE
```

```
1 #' Add Two Numbers.
 2 #'
 3 #' This is the description.
 4 #'
 5 #' @section A Custom Section:
   #' Text accompanying the custom section.
 7 #' @param x,y A number.
 8 #' @return The sum of \code{x} and \code{y}
 9 #' @examples
10 #' add_numbers(1, 2) ## returns 3
11 add <- function(x, y) {
12
       x + y
13 }
```

```
> file.create("R/adder.R")
[1] TRUE
> devtools::document()
Updating mypackage documentation
Loading mypackage
First time using roxygen2 4.0. Upg
y...
```

```
3 \name{add}
 4 \alias{add}
 5 \title{Add Two Numbers.}
 6 \usage{
 7 add(x, y)
  \arguments{
   \item{x, y}{A number.}
10
11
12 \value{
13
   The sum of \code{x} and \code{y}
14
15 \description{
   This is the description.
16
17
   \section{A Custom Section}{
19
20
   Text accompanying the custom section.
21
   \examples{
22
   add_numbers(1, 2) ## returns 3
24 }
```

```
> file.create("R/adder.R")
[1] TRUE
```

> devtools::document()
Updating mypackage documentation
Loading mypackage
First time using roxygen2 4.0. Upgrading a
y...

- > library(pkgA)
- > ?add

add {pkgA}

R Documentation

Add Two Numbers.

Description

This is the description.

Usage

add(x, y)

Arguments

x, y A number.

Value

The sum of x and y

A Custom Section

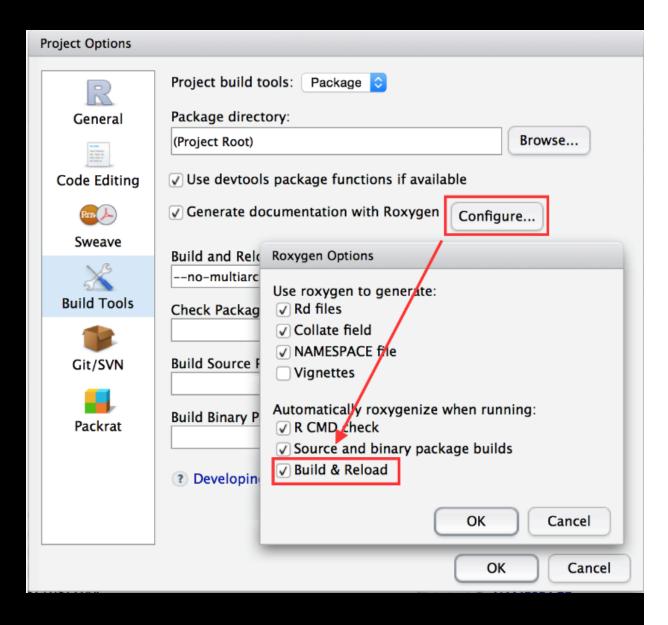
Text accompanying the custom section.

Examples

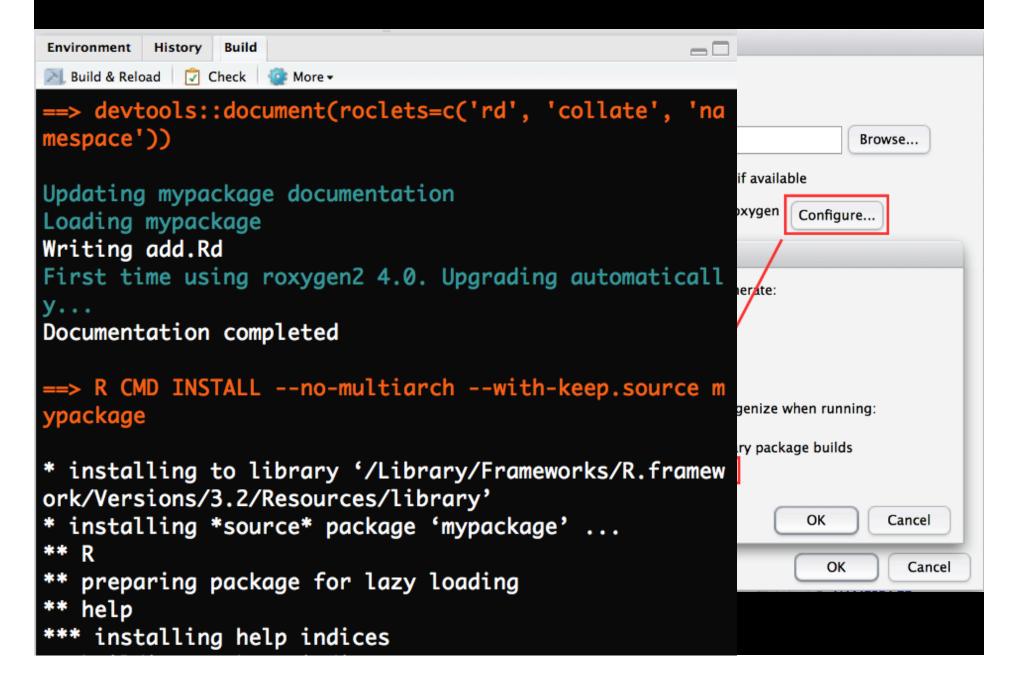
add_numbers(1, 2) ## returns 3

```
> file.create("R/adder.R")
[1] TRUE
> devtools::document()
Updating mypackage documentation
Loading mypackage
First time using roxygen2 4.0. Upgrading automaticall
у...
> library(pkgA)
> ?add
> example("add")
add > add(1, 1)
[1] 2
add> add(10, 1)
[1] 11
```

Alternative Workflow



Alternative Workflow



```
> require(testthat)
Loading required package: testthat
> devtools::use_testthat()
* Adding testthat to Suggests
* Creating `tests/testthat`.
* Creating `tests/testthat.R` from template.
> devtools::use_test("math")
* Creating `tests/testthat/test-math.R` from template.
* Modify `tests/testthat/test-math.R`.
```

```
> require(testthat)
Loading required package: testthat
> devtools::use_testthat()
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* Creating `tests/testthat`.
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> devtools::use_test("math")
* Creating `tests/testthat/test-math.R` from template.
* Modify `tests/testthat/test-math.R`.
```

```
1 context("math")
2
3 ## TODO: Rename context
4 ## TODO: Add more tests
5
6 test_that("multiplication works", {
7 expect_equal(2 * 2, 4)
8 })
```

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```

```
> devtools::test()
Loading mypackage
Testing mypackage
math2: .1
1. Failure: 2. multiplication works (@test-math.R#8) --
2 * 2 not equal to 5.
1/1 mismatches
[1] 4 - 5 == -1
DONE ====
                                    context("math2")
                                  3 test_that("1. multiplication works", {
                                      expect_equal(2 * 2, 4)
                                    3)
                                  5
                                  6
                                  7 test_that("2. multiplication works", {
                                        expect_equal(2 * 2, 5)
                                  8
```

```
> devtools::test()
Loading mypackage
Testing mypackage
math2: 1.
1. Failure: 1. multiplication works (@test-math.R#4) --
2 * 2 not equal to 5.
1/1 mismatches
[1] 4 - 5 == -1
                                    context("math2")
                                  1
                                  3 test_that("1. multiplication works", {
                                        expect_equal(2 * 2, 5)
                                    })
                                  5
                                  6
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                                        expect_equal(2 * 2, 4)
                                  8
```

Common Test Functions

expect_equal() is equal within small numerical tolerance?

expect_identical() is exactly equal?

expect_match() match specified string/regular expression?

expect_output() prints specified output?

expect_message() displays specified message?

expect_warning() displays specified warning?

expect_error() throws specified error?

expect_is() output inherits from certain class?

expect false() return FALSE?

expect_true() return TRUE?

Interface To Compiled Languages: C++

- R is an extensible language
- Rcpp: add-on package which facilitates extending R with C++
- Rcpp offer s matching C++ classes for basic R data types
- •The mapping data type works in both direction:
- It is straightforward to pass data from R to C++ and return data from C++ to R

•vignette(package="Rcpp")

Installation To Work With C++

Windows:

- Install R on a directory without space
- Download & Install Rtools
- Setup Rtools/../bin PATH environmental variable.
- Install.packages("Rcpp")
- devtools::has_devel() # shold return TRUE

Setup To Work With C++

```
> devtools::use_rcpp()
Adding Rcpp to LinkingTo and Imports
* Creating `src/`.
 * Ignoring generated binary files.
Next, include the following roxygen tags somewhere in your
 package:
 #' @useDynLib mypackage
    @importFrom Rcpp sourceCpp
 NULL
 Set up a .gitignore file to ignore any compiled files
> devtools::use_package_doc()
  Creating `R/mypackage-package.r` from template.
  Modify `R/mypackage-package.r`.
   #' mypackage.
   #' @name mypackage
   #' @docType package
   #' @useDynLib mypackage
   #' @importFrom Rcpp sourceCpp
```

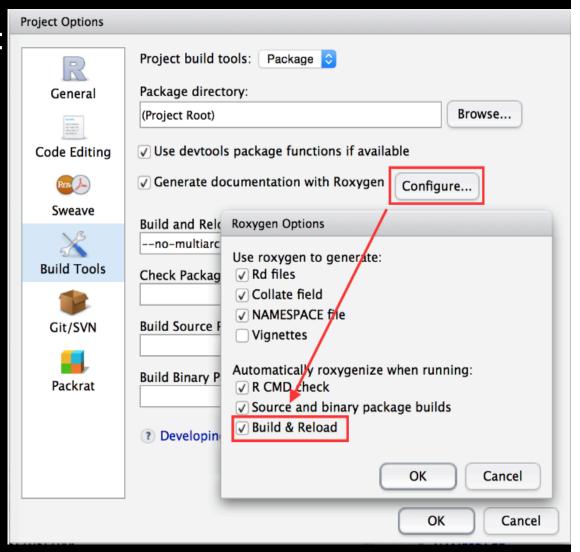
1.Create a new C++ file & Save to ./scr:

Rstudio | File | New File | C++ File

```
1 #include <Rcpp.h>
9<u>1</u> - | 🔐 - | 🔒 🗐 |
                 2 using namespace Rcpp;
R Script
            Ω₩Ν
R Markdown...
                 4 //' Rcpp Example
  Shiny Web App...
                 5 //'
  Text File
C++ File
                    //' This is a simple example of exporting a C++ function
                    //'
  R Sweave
  R HTML
                         @export
  R Presentation
                    //'
  R Documentation
                10
                    // [[Rcpp::export]]
                11 NumericVector timesTwo(NumericVector x) {
                12
                       return x * 2;
                13
```

1.Create a new C++ file:

2.Click Build & Reload



- 1.Create a new C++ file:
- 2.Click Build & Reload:
 - a. Set up the environments
 - b.Rcpp::compileAttributes()

C.....

```
Environment
         History
🔀 Build & Reload 🔯 Check 👛 More 🕶
    Rcpp::compileAttributes()
* Updated src/RcppExports.cpp
 Updated R/RcppExports.R
==> devtools::document(roclets=c('rd',
ce'))
Updating mypackage documentation
Loading mypackage
Re-compiling mypackage
'/Library/Frameworks/R.framework/Resource
e-file --no-environ \
  --no-save --no-restore --quiet CMD INS
rh/Git/mypackage' \
  --library='/var/folders/r9/6yxcbfkj537
n/T//Rtmp4G8QPS/devtools_install_1007f22
  --no-R --no-data --no-help --no-demo
--no-exec \
  --no-multiarch --no-test-load
 installing *source* package 'mypackage
```

```
1.Create a new C++ file:
2.Click Build & Reload:
    a.Set up the environments
    b.Rcpp::compileAttributes()
    C.....
> mypackage:::timesTwo
function(x) {
    .Call('mypackage_timesTwo', PACKAGE = 'mypackage', x)
}
<environment: namespace:mypackage>
> mypackage:::timesTwo(10)
[1] 20
```

Rcpp Roxygen2 Comments

```
#include <Rcpp.h>
using namespace Rcpp;

//' Rcpp Example
//'
//' This is a simple example of exporting a C++ function to R.
//'
//' @export
//'
// [[Rcpp::export]]
NumericVector timesTwo(NumericVector x) {
return x * 2;
}
```

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 - b.Rcpp::compileAttributes()

```
R: Rcpp Example
                                             timesTwo {mypackage}
                                                                               R Documentation
> mypackage:::timesTwo
function(x) {
                                            Rcpp Example
     .Call('mypackage_timesTwo',
}
                                            Description
<environment: namespace:mypackage;</pre>
                                            This is a simple example of exporting a C++ function to R.
> mypackage:::timesTwo(10)
                                            Usage
[1] 20
                                            timesTwo(x)
> ?timesTwo
                                                     [Package mypackage version 0.1.0 Index]
```

Summary

devtools::create()

devtools::load all()

devtools::use_testthat()

devtools::use_test()

devtools::test()

devtools::document()

devtools::use_package_doc()

devtools::use_package()

devtools::use_rcpp()

Topic Not Covered

```
> devtools::use_vignette("pkga-overview")
* Creating `vignettes`.
* Adding `inst/doc` to ./.gitignore
> devtools::use_data(mtcars)
Saving mtcars as mtcars.rda to /Users/huangrh/MyGit/pkgc/data
> devtools::use_data(mtcars,internal=TRUE)
Saving mtcars as sysdata.rda to /Users/huangrh/MyGit/pkgc/R
> devtools::use_data_raw()
* Creating `data-raw`.
* Adding `data-raw` to `.Rbuildignore`.
Next:
* Add data creation scripts in data-raw
* Use devtools::use_data() to add data to package
> devtools::use_git()
* Initialising repo
* Adding `.Rproj.user`, `.Rhistory`, `.RData` to ./.gitignore
* Adding files and committing
> devtools::check()
Updating pkgc documentation
                                       > devtools::dev_mode()
Loading pkgc
                                       Dev mode: ON
> devtools::release()
```

References & Further Resources

http://r-pkgs.had.co.nz/

http://adv-r.had.co.nz/

"Writing R Extensions" https://cran.r-project.org/

Software For Data Analysis: Programming With R, John M. Chambers.

www.rcpp.org: Seemless R and C++ Intergration Using Rcpp

https://github.com/hadley/devtools

vignette("roxygen2", package="roxygen2")

https://github.com/jtleek/rpackages/ easy to follow.

