**R projects**

Creating a Project in R will create a new folder and assign that as the working directory so that all files generated will be assigned to the same directory.

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There are three ways to make a Project:  
1) From scratch - this will create a new directory for all your files to go in  
2) From an existing folder - this will link an existing directory with RStudio  
3) From version control - this will “clone” an existing project onto your computer

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**Opening a project**

Opening an existing Project is as simple as double clicking the .Rproj file on your computer. You can accomplish the same from within RStudio by opening RStudio and going to File > Open Project. You can also use the Project toolbar and open the drop down menu and select “Open Project…”

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**Best practices**

When you are setting up a project, it can be helpful to start out creating a few directories. Try a few strategies and see what works best for you, but most file structures are set-up around having a directory containing the raw data, a directory that you keep scripts/R files in, and a directory for the output of your code.

For example:

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