Using Pins to Ensure Reproducibility with Datasets

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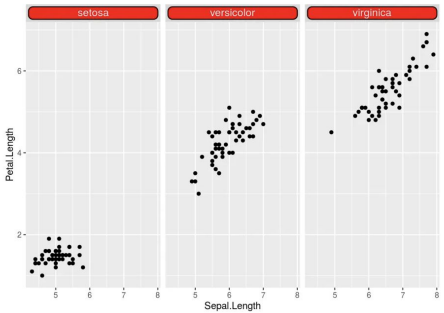
Data Workflows - Today

June 16th posts in R-bloggers use iris, mtcars, have missing data paths and require manually downloading datasets.




```
32.  ### IMPORT RAW DATA
33.
34.  log_info("Loading data")
35.
36.  mydat = fread(data_path)
37.
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```
coord_plot(data=mtcars2, group_var="cluster",
group_func=median, print_table=TRUE)
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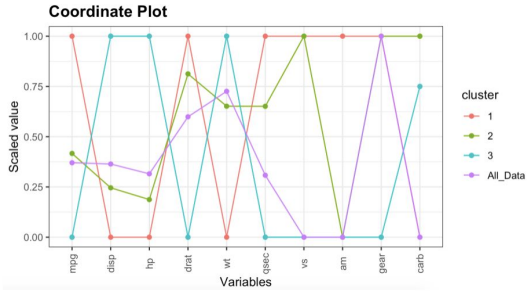


```
# https://www.data.gouv.fr/fr/datasets/donnees-
hospitalieres-relatives-a-lepidemie-de-covid-19/
fichier_covid <- "donnees/covid.csv"
```

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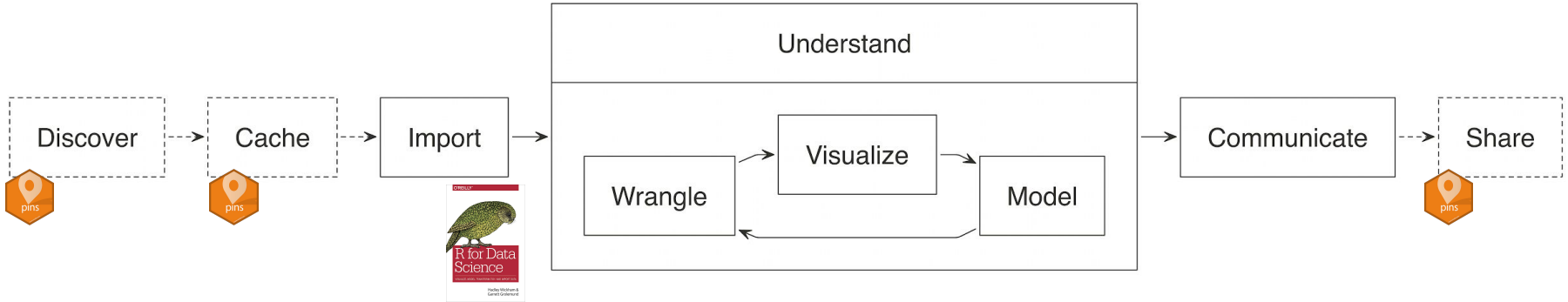
Data Workflows - In Data Science

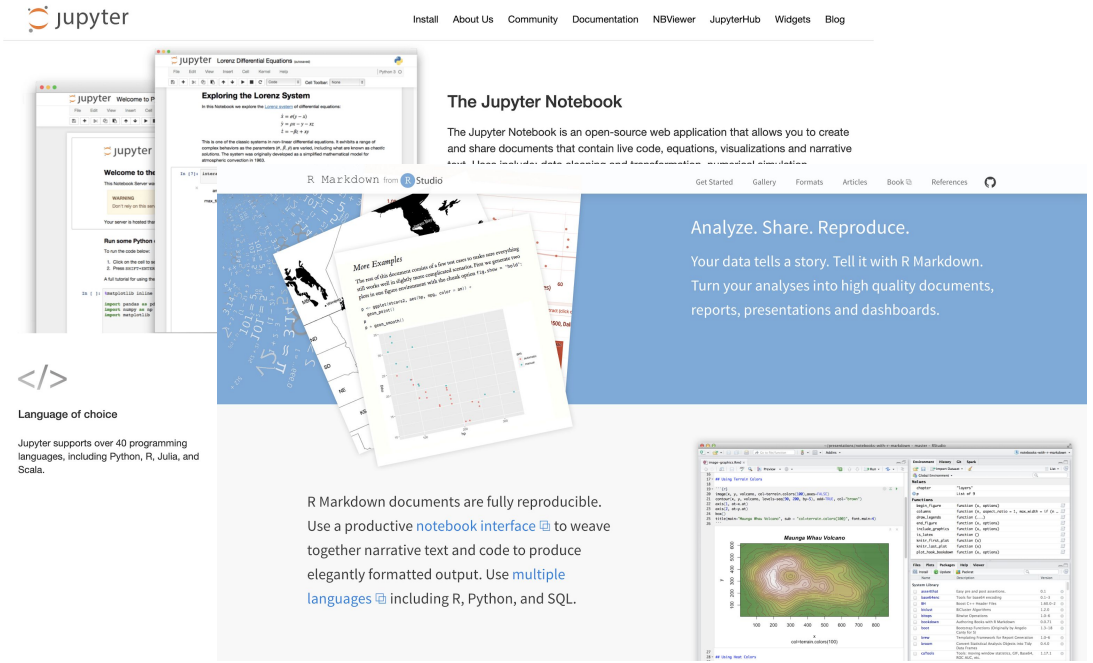
We know from R for Data Science that in a typical project we usually need to import, tidy, understand and communicate knowledge.



However, it is often also required for us to discover which dataset to use, cache it locally, and share our datasets with colleagues.

Data Workflows - Reproducibility

But more importantly, properly caching and sharing our datasets allows us to make Data Science more reproducible in tools like R Markdown and Jupyter.



Data Workflows - Ideally

- Learn a **single tool** regardless of where data lives.
- Easy **switch storage** and share it anywhere.
- Easy to build **automated workflows**.
- Can share datasets of **any size**.
- Can easily use **interesting datasets**!
- Data loads **fast** and works **offline**.

What is the  package?

- **Pin** remote resources locally with pin(), work offline and cache results.
- **Discover** new resources across different boards using pin_find().
- **Share resources** in local folders, GitHub, Kaggle, and RStudio Connect by registering new boards with board_register().

Links

Download from CRAN at
https://cloud.r-project.org/package=pins

Browse source code at
https://github.com/rstudio/pins

Report a bug at
https://github.com/rstudio/pins/issues

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Dev status

How can I use Pins?

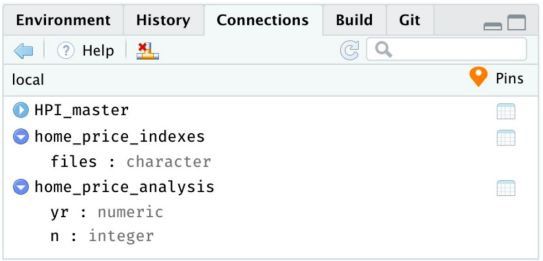
Use pin() to save objects, pin_get() to retrieve them and pin_find() to search.

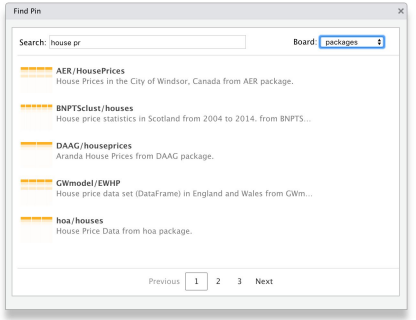
```
pin(1:10, name = "numbers")
pin_get("numbers")

pin("http://cs231n.stanford.edu/tiny-imagenet-200.zip ", name = "tinyimagenet")
pin_get("tinyimagenet")

pin_find()
```

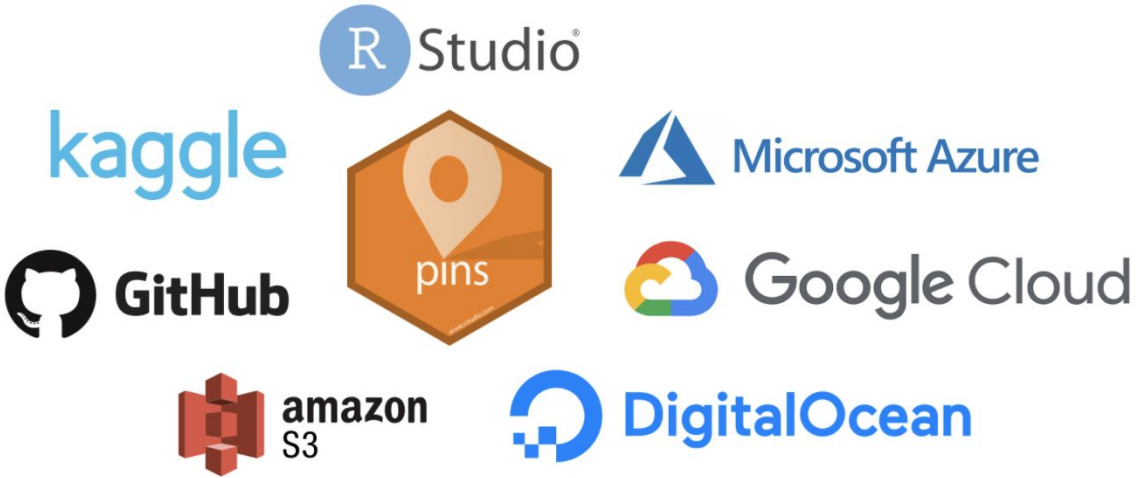
It also supports various RStudio add-ins!





What are Boards?

A board is a storage location, like your local hard drive, but there are also many additional places where you can store your datasets like RStudio Connect, Microsoft Azure, Google Cloud, Digital Ocean, Amazon S3, GitHub and Kaggle.



How can I use Boards?

To use pins with boards, first register the board, then specify the board in pin().

```
board_register("______")

pin(1:10, name = "numbers", board = "______")
pin_get("numbers")

pin("http://cs231n.stanford.edu/tiny-imagenet-200.zip ",
    name = "tinyimagenet", board = "______")
pin_get("tinyimagenet")

pin_find()
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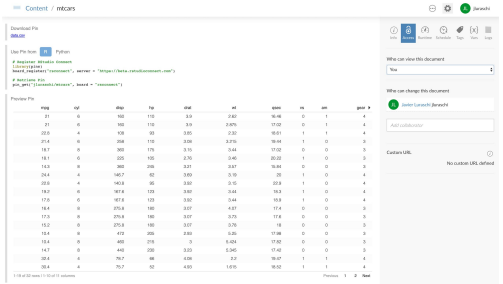
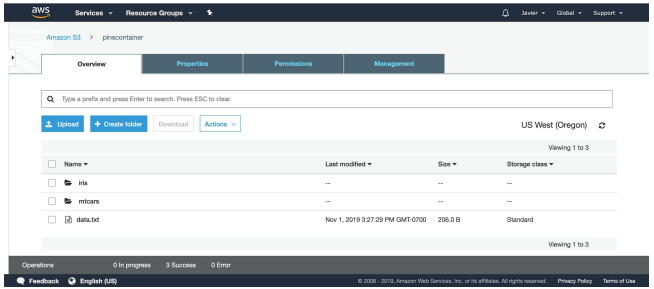
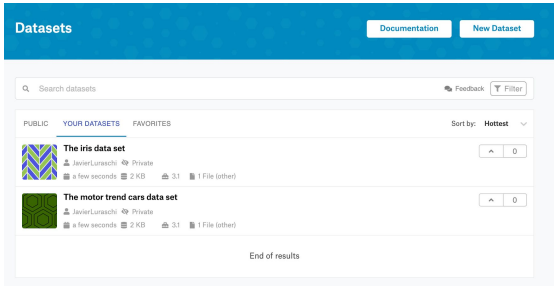
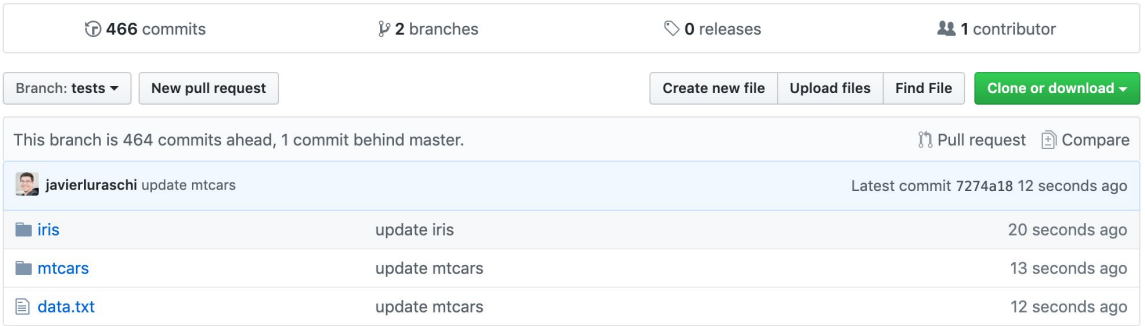
Boards and Pins

Pins works in the same way across all storage services; however, each service provides a slightly different user interface, permissions, workflows, etc.









Versioning

You can optionally enable or disable tracking versions, some boards support this by default, in others you opt-in when the board is registered.

```
board_register("github", repo = "javierluraschi/datasets", branch = "datasets")

pin(iris, name = "versioned", board = "github", commit = "use iris...")
pin(mtcars, name = "versioned", board = "github", commit = "slight
preference...")

pin_versions("versioned", board = "github")
```

```
# A tibble: 2 x 4
  version created              author         message
  <chr>   <chr>                <chr>          <chr>
1 6e6c320 2020-04-02T21:28:07Z javierluraschi slight preference to mtcars
2 01f8ddf 2020-04-02T21:27:59Z javierluraschi use iris as the main dataset
```

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pin_get("versioned", version = "6e6c320")
```
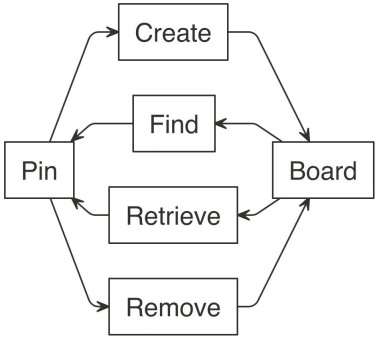
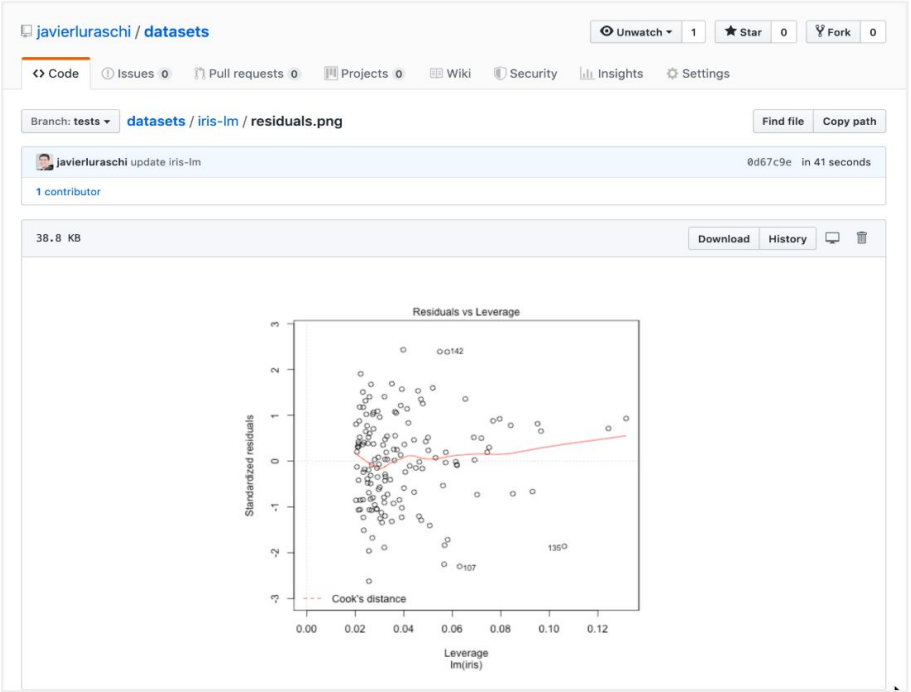

Extending Pins and Boards

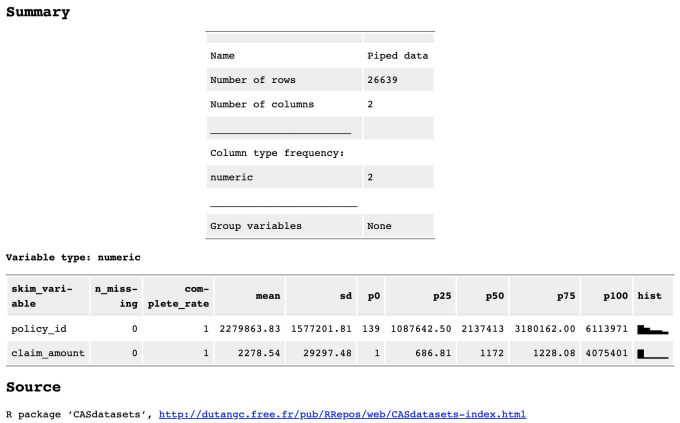
You can store R objects with specific file formats and also create new boards by implementing the pins API.





Website Boards

Pins uses datatxt.org to describe datasets, a simple YAML file to locate resources and optional metadata. You can then auto-generate data websites (like cellar.kasa.ai) with the datatxt package.

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pins::board_register("http://data.cellar.kasa.ai")
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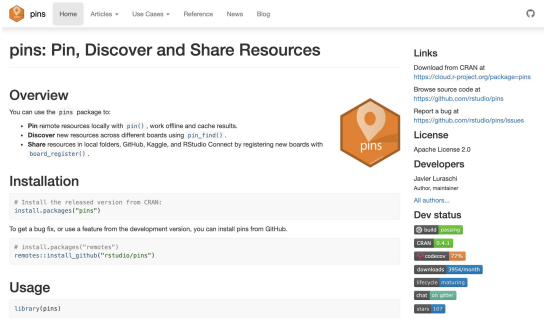
Thank You!



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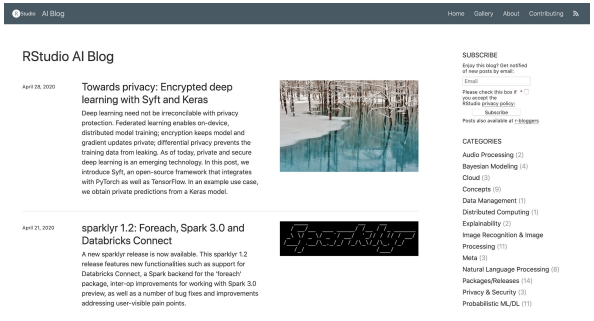

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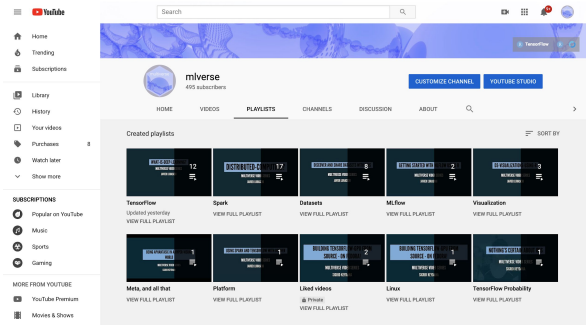

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