Reproducible (and collaborative) science through RStudio

A whirlwind tour with R, RMarkdown, Python, LaTeX, and more

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The big outline

- Part 0: Introduction, background, & RStudio
- Part 1: Setup & R
- Part 2: RMarkdown & more
- Part 3: Advanced, beyond, & our favorites

Part 0: Introduction, Background, & RStudio

To dive right in

If you want to skip over the background & RStudio, go straight to Part 1: Setup & R

Background

- This is a taste and to bring you into a bigger world
  - R, Python, SQL, and JavaScript are critical data science tools/languages
- R (language and community) strongly emphasizes
  - Centralization & standards
  - Rigor & reproducibility (packages, RMarkdown)
- An interesting language
  - Functional
  - With a sublanguage (or dialect?): the `tidyverse`

R is a community (actually many communities!)

- Help and resources
- Package development and distribution
- An ideal example
  - Not quite always that way
  - Strong communal presence

R: Help!

- So many websites e.g., https://www.statmethods.net/
- Online forums (Stack Exchange, r-lists)
- SpringerLink
  - All R books for free (pdf format) or for minimal cost (printed)
- Vignettes
  - step-by-step instruction guides for packages
- Git
  - With open books (via bookdown)
- Twitter #rstats
- RStudio (website)
  - Videos, cheat sheets

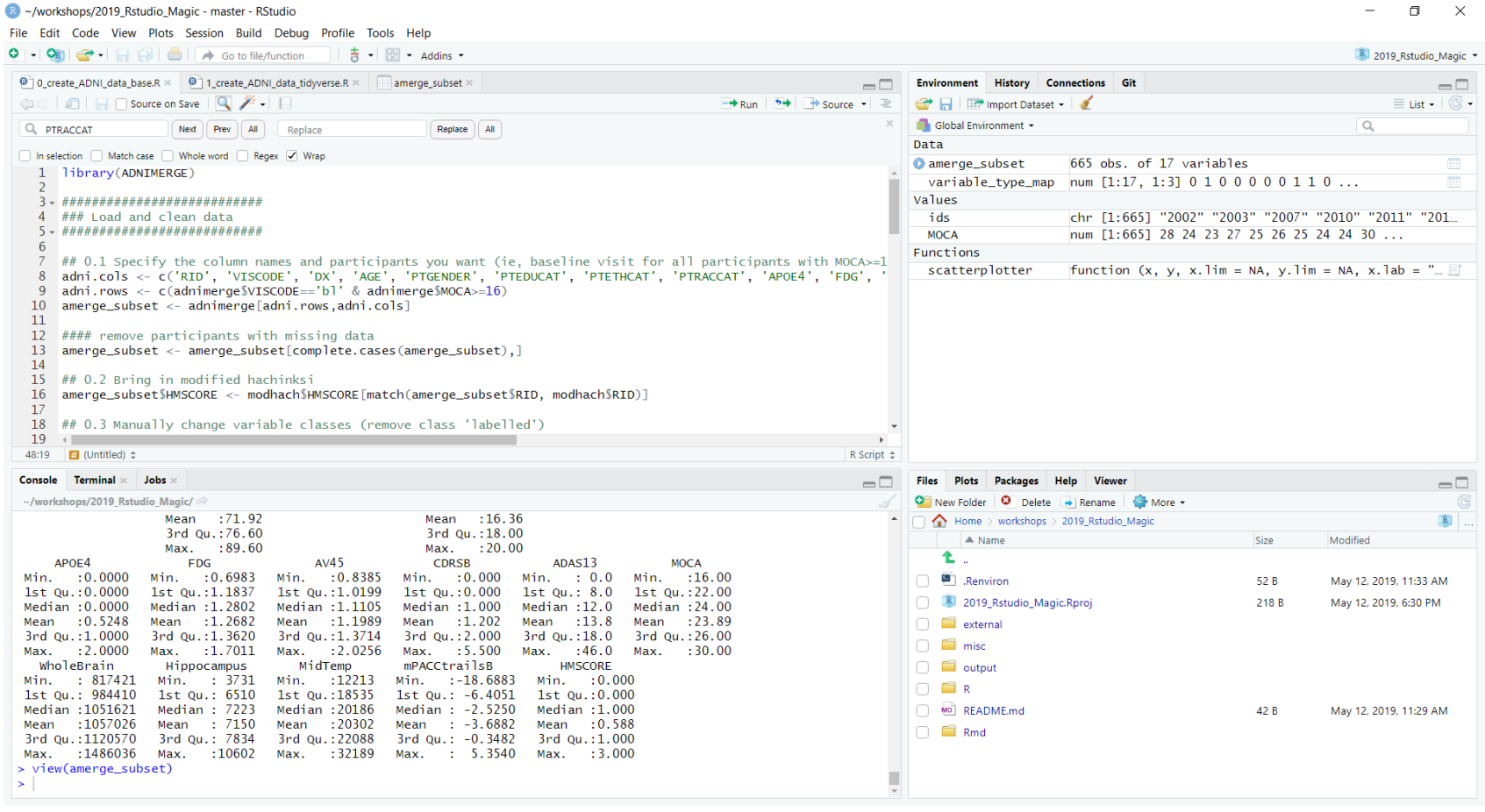
R Packages

- Packages are bundles of code made by someone (or many people) for everyone to use
  - There are packages for everything
  - We'll cover some of the diversity throughout
- Comprehensive & Reproducible
- Available primarily on CRAN
  - But also github (less so: r-forge)

RStudio

- IDE: Integrated development environment
- RStudio: Does so much
  - We scratch the surface here
- Quick walk through
- Followed by specific set up
  - Generally, but
  - Also for this workshop

RStudio Environment



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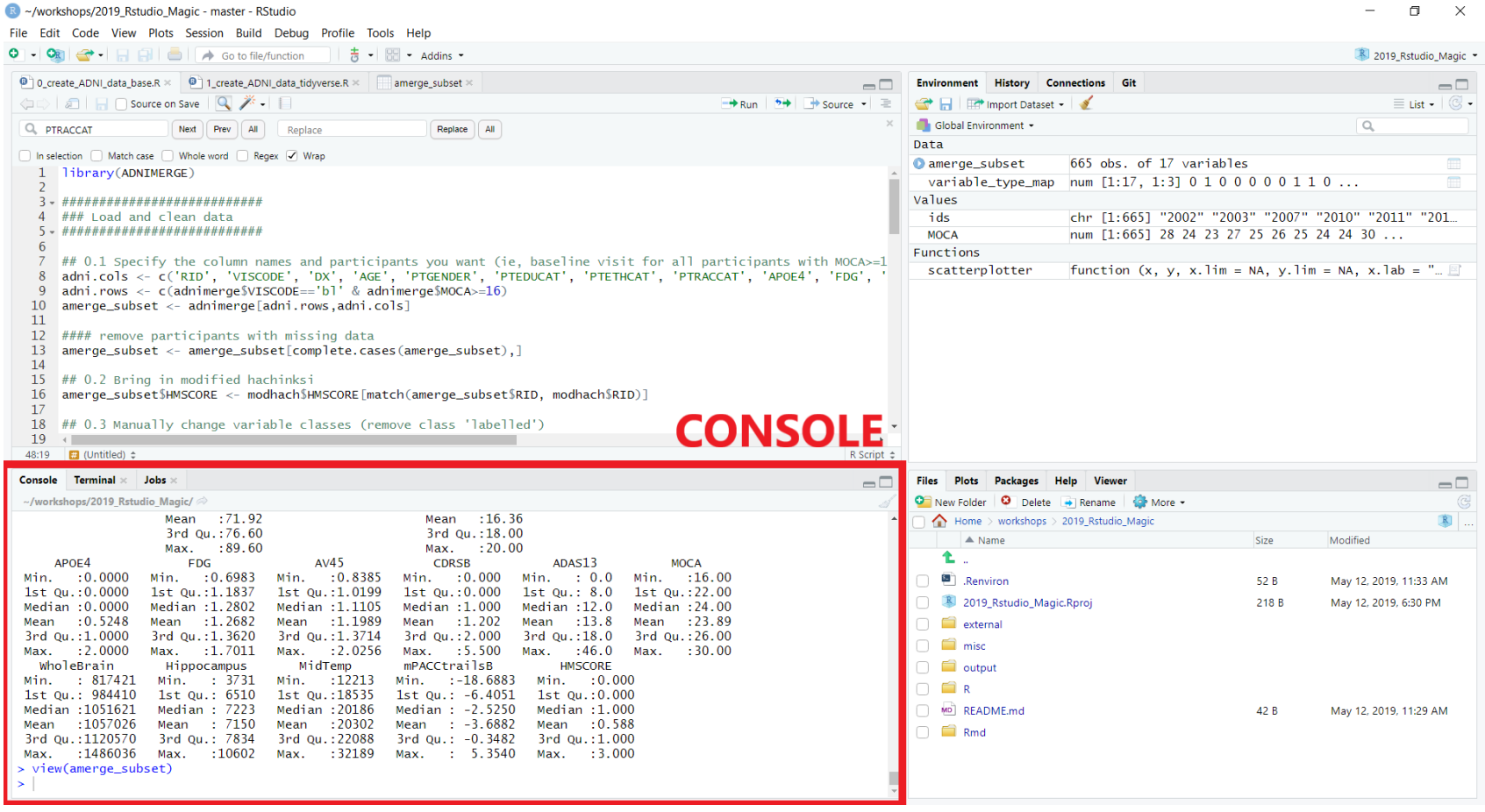

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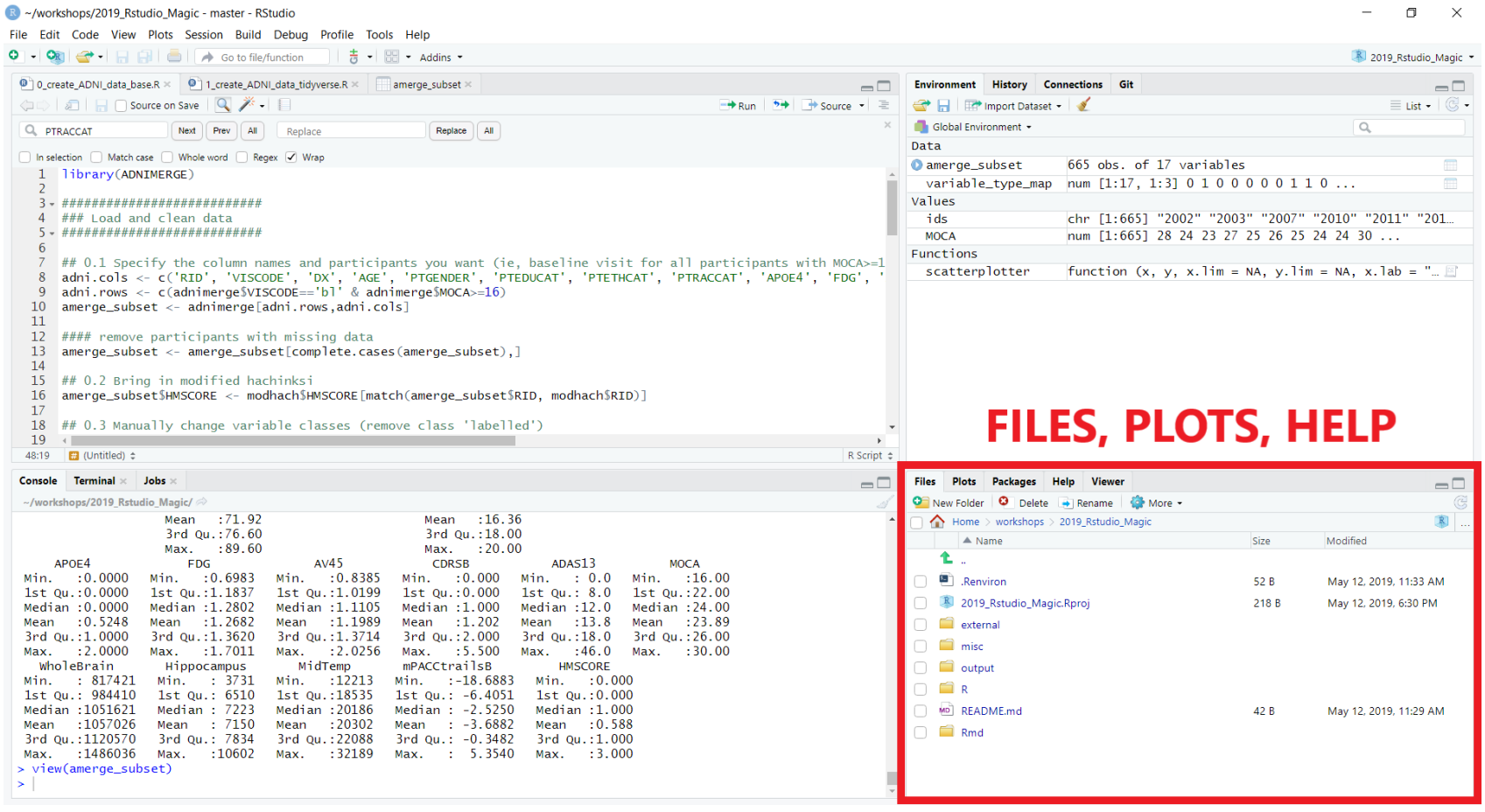

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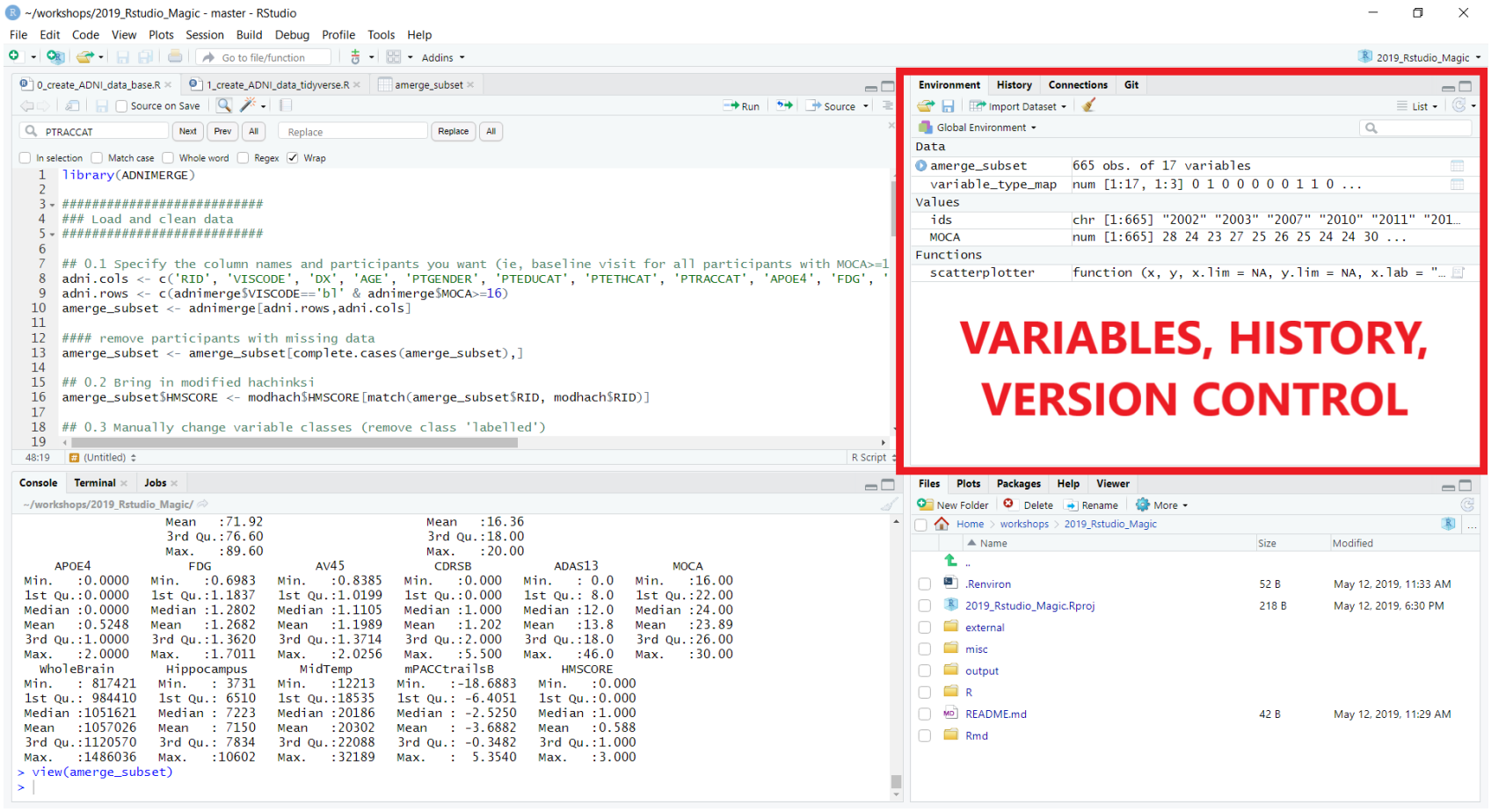

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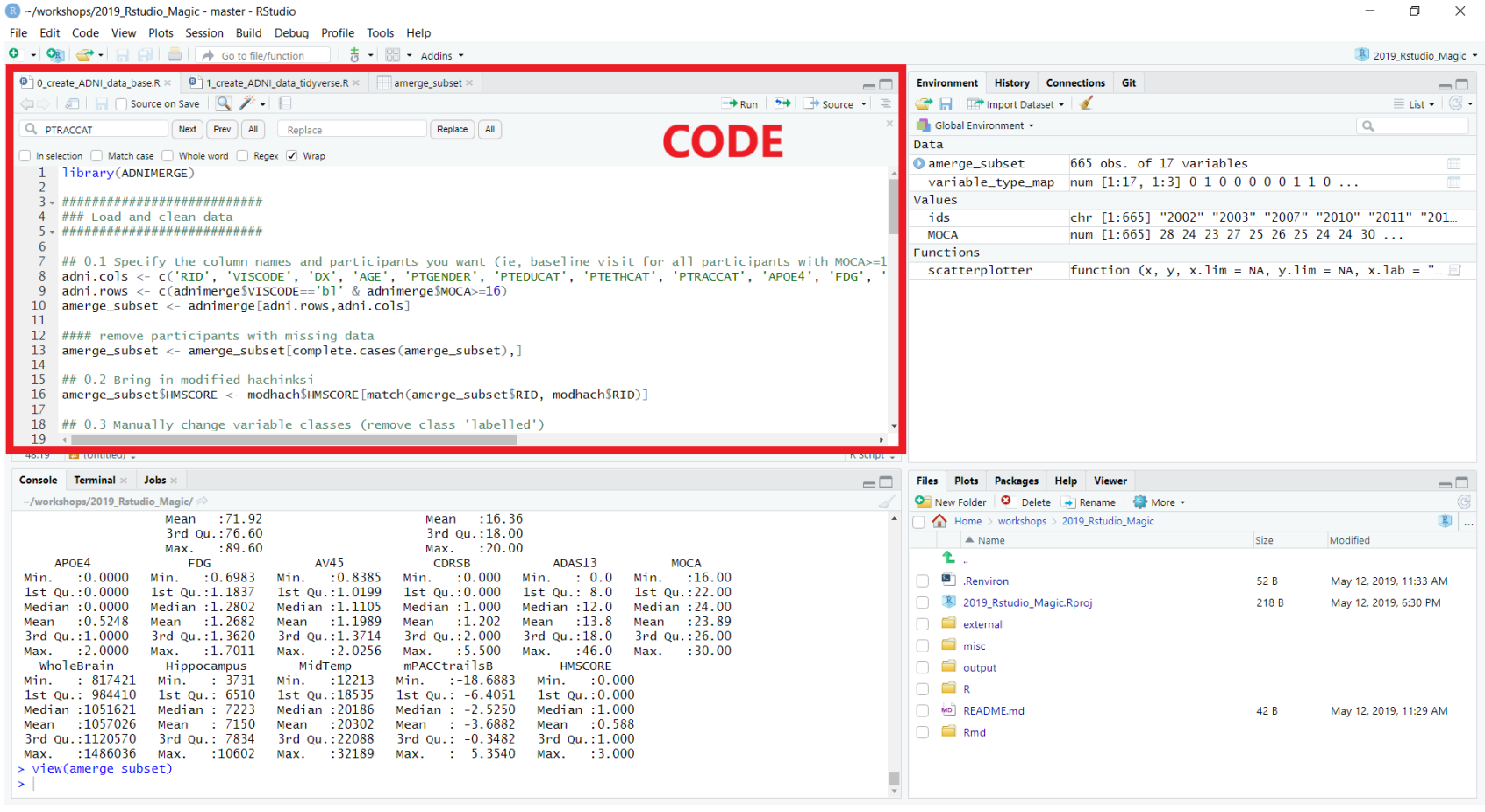

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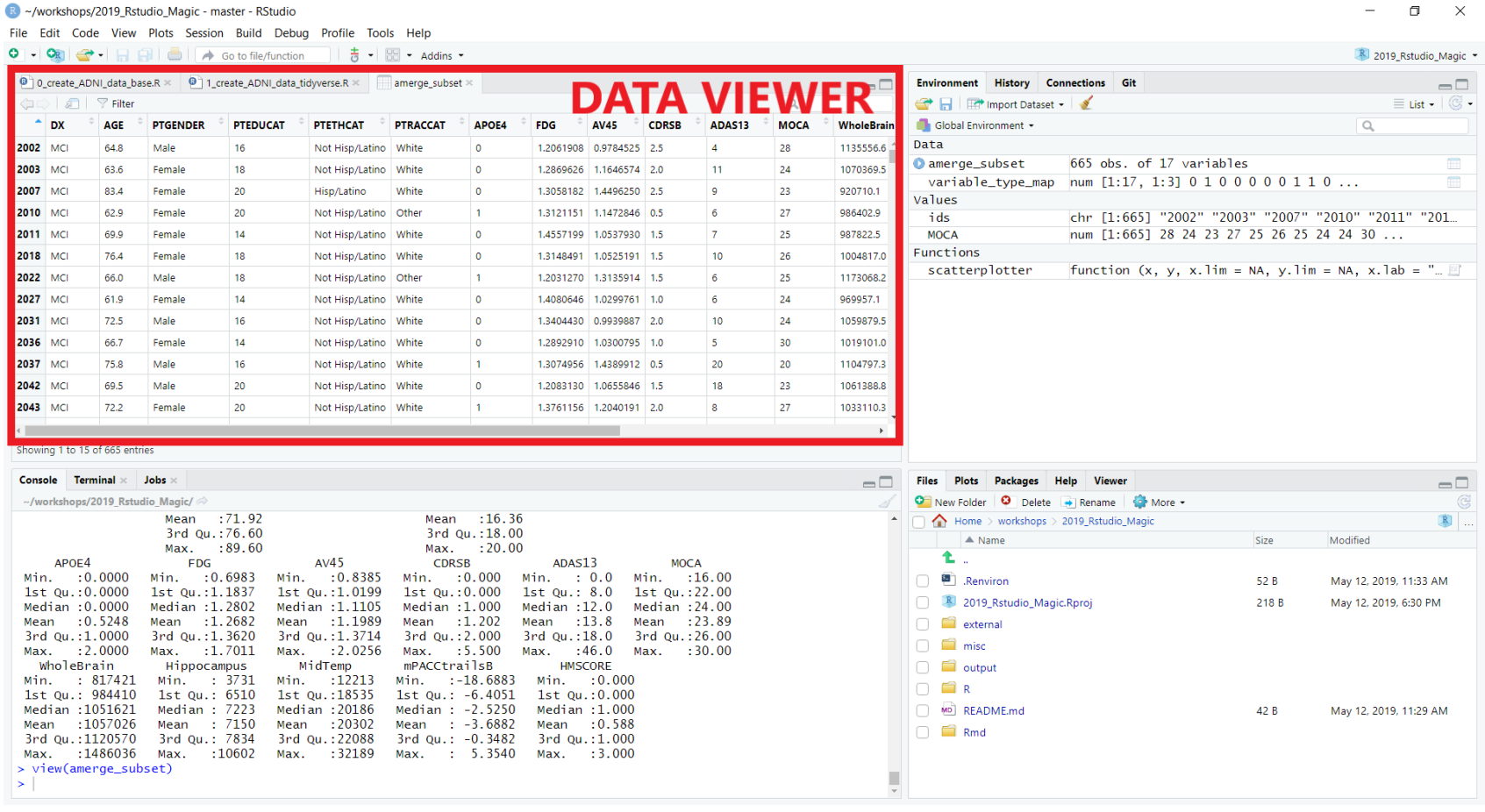


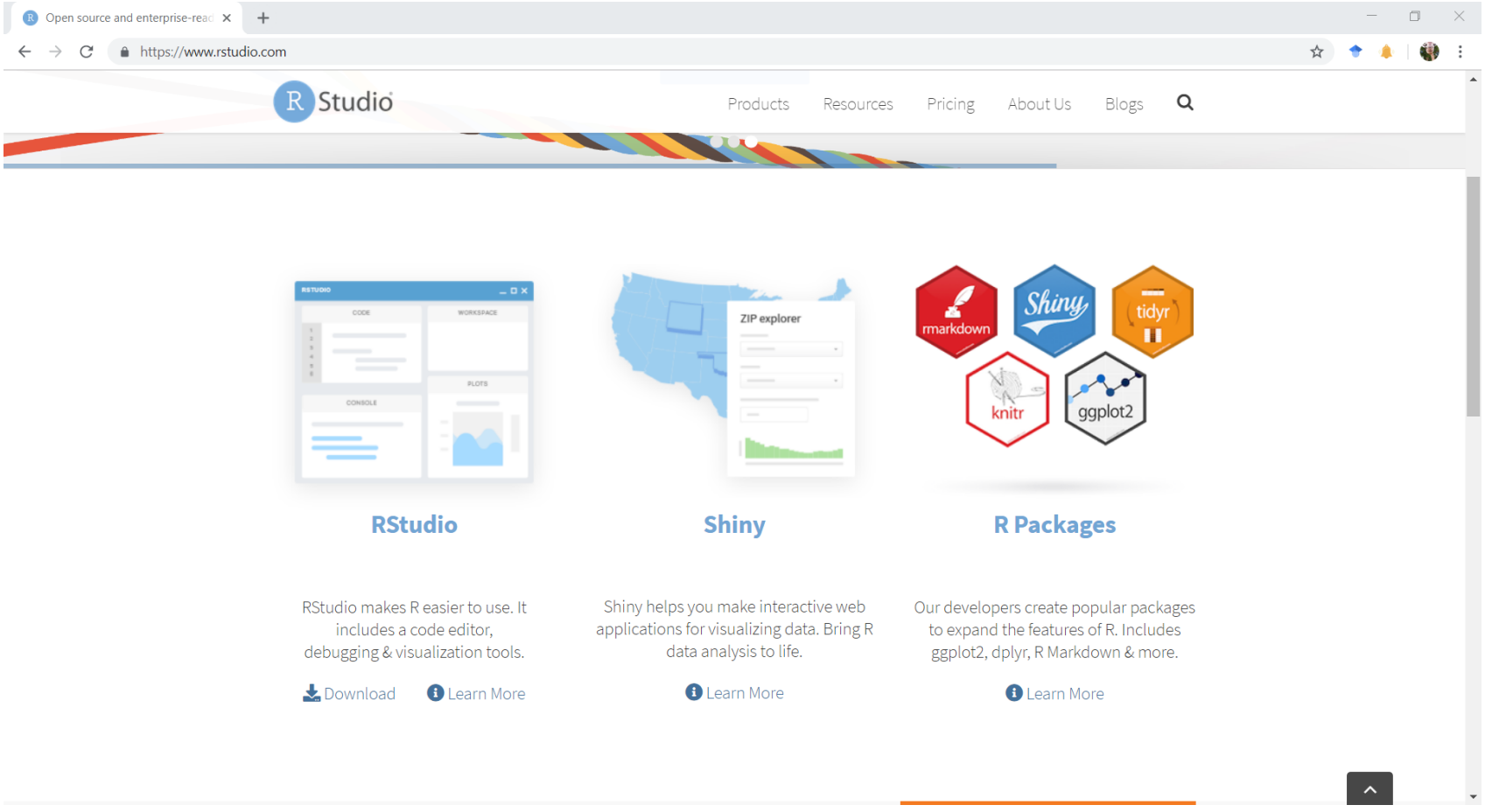
Some benefits of RStudio

- Built-in integration with version control (git or SVN)
- Package and documentation generation
- Reproducible science!
  - R Markdown documents
    - Save and execute code
    - Generate high quality reports that can be shared
  - Create presentations (like this one!)
  - Even write papers
  - Python, D3 (JavaScript), SQL, Shiny, LaTeX, Git/SVN, HTML/CSS, and so much more.
- This workshop
  - Will walk you through some of this (and more)
  - See https://github.com/jennyrieck/workshops/tree/master/2019_Rstudio_Magic

RStudio is more

- Not just an IDE
- A company
- A community
- A conference
- A centralized resource

RStudio Resources



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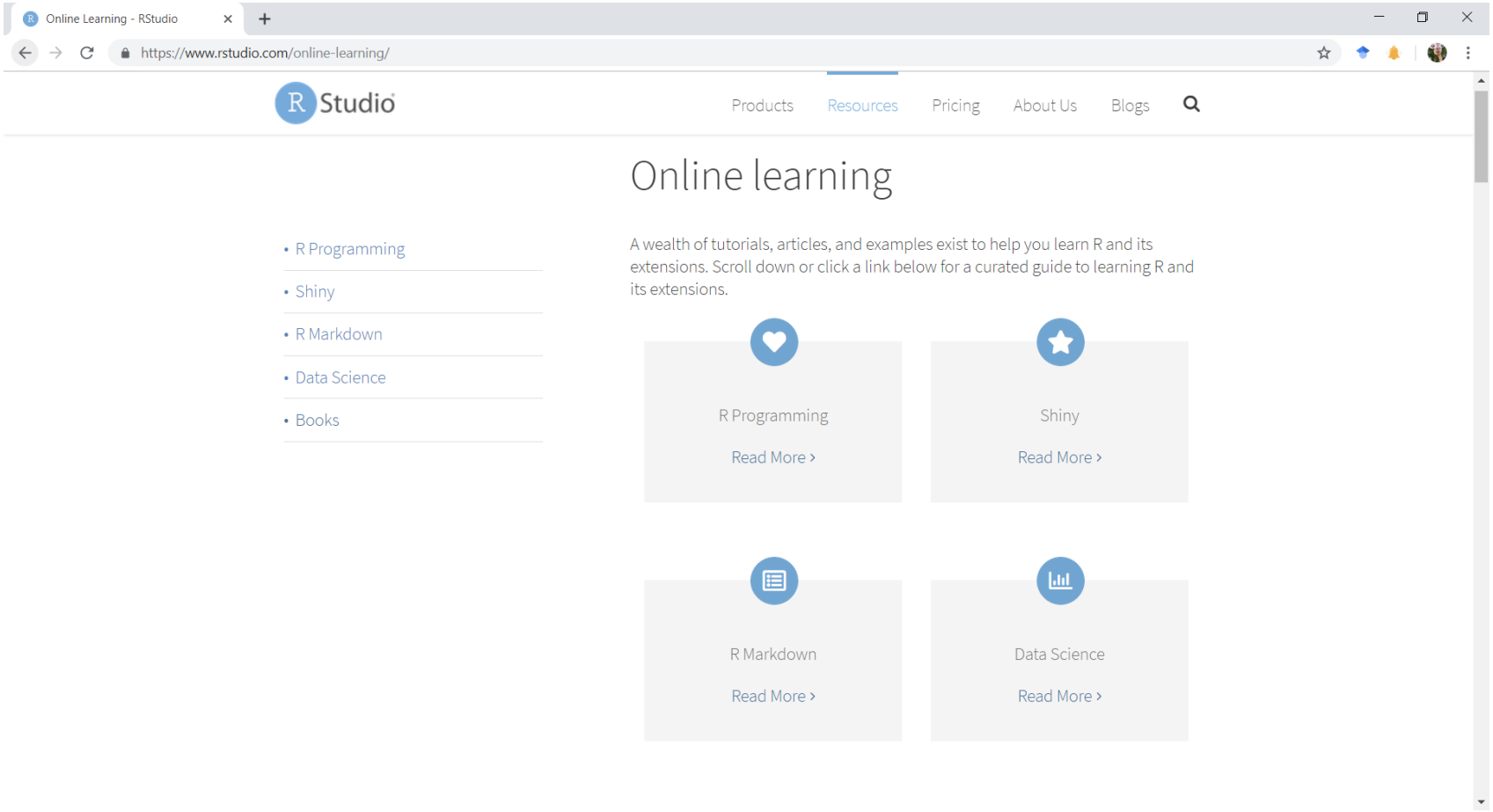

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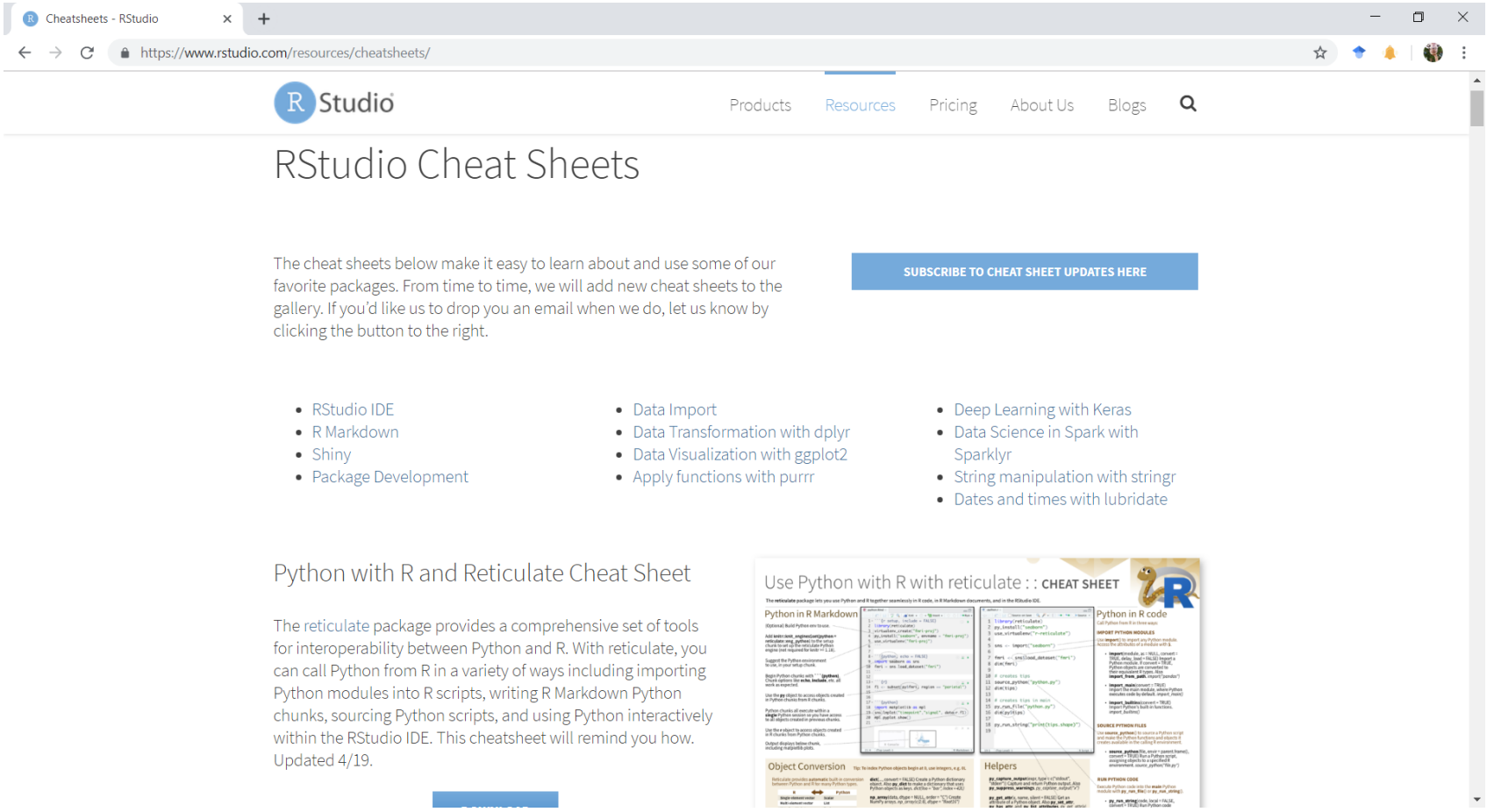


Part 1: Setup & R

Project and Environment Setup

Somethign. . . ?

Project and Environment Setup

- Hidden files & whatnot
- Have a structure ready to go on Github
- Explain/walk through
- Discuss the helpful packages above

RStudio Setup

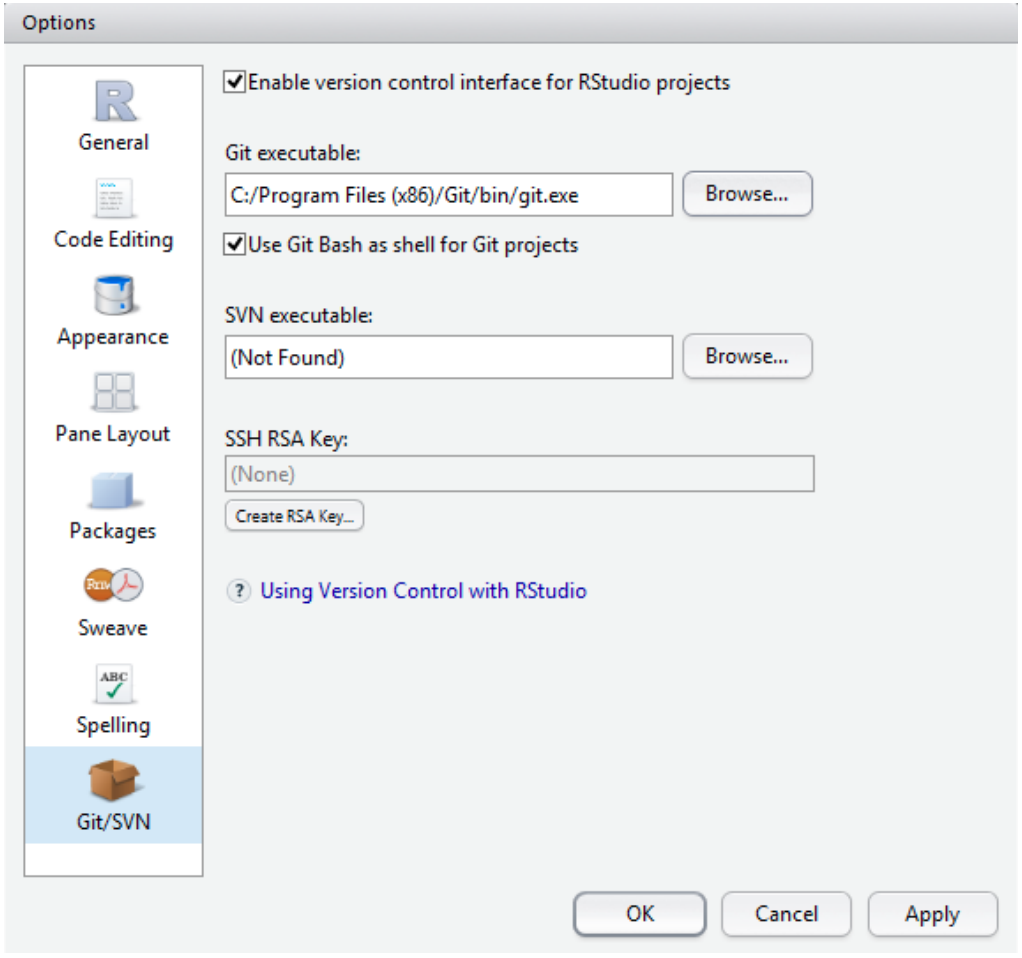
- See https://jennybc.github.io/2014-05-12-ubc/r-setup.html for a detailed guide

For safety & collaboration

- Projects
  - SOMETHING?

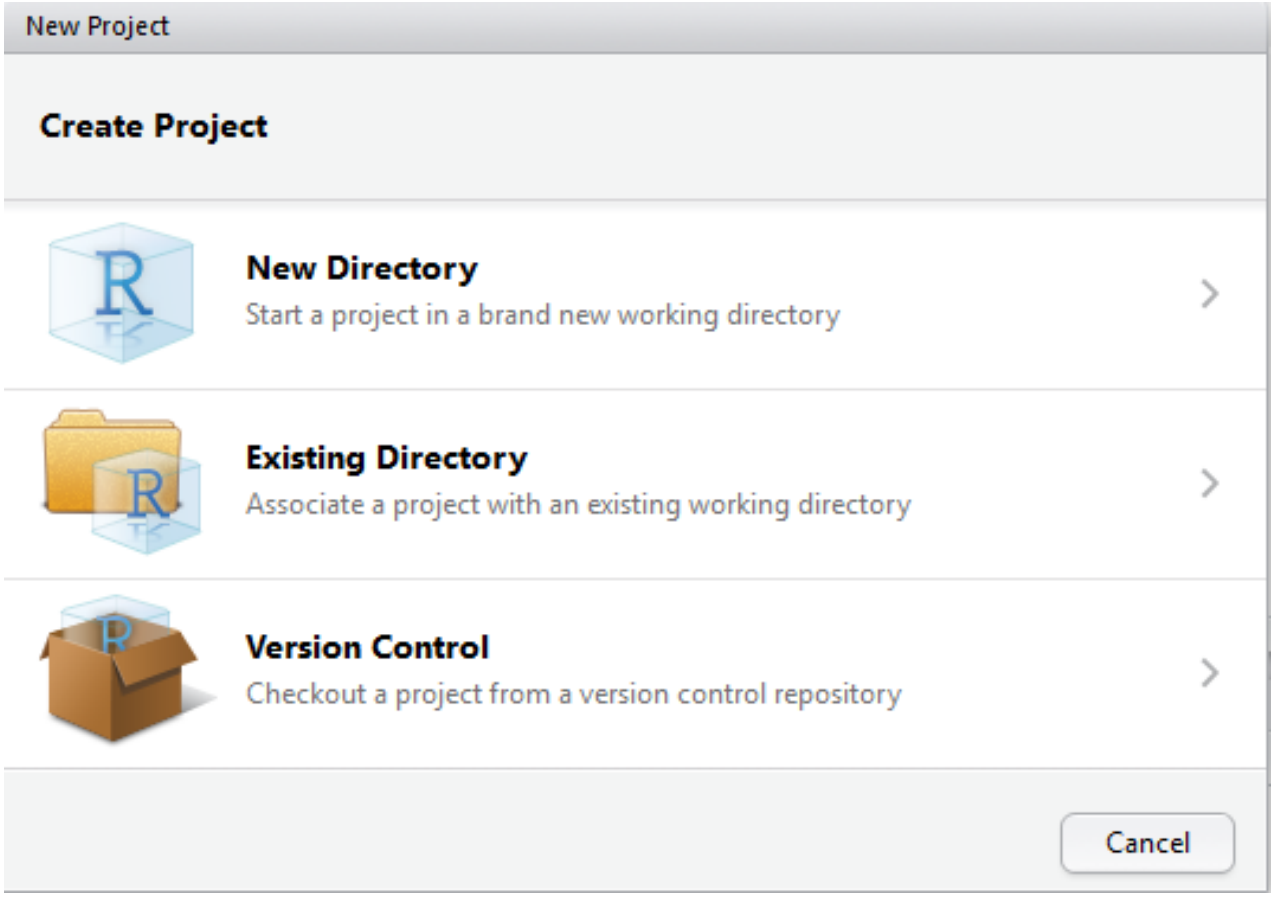
Git & Projects

- Git
  - Download git and link executable within RStudio



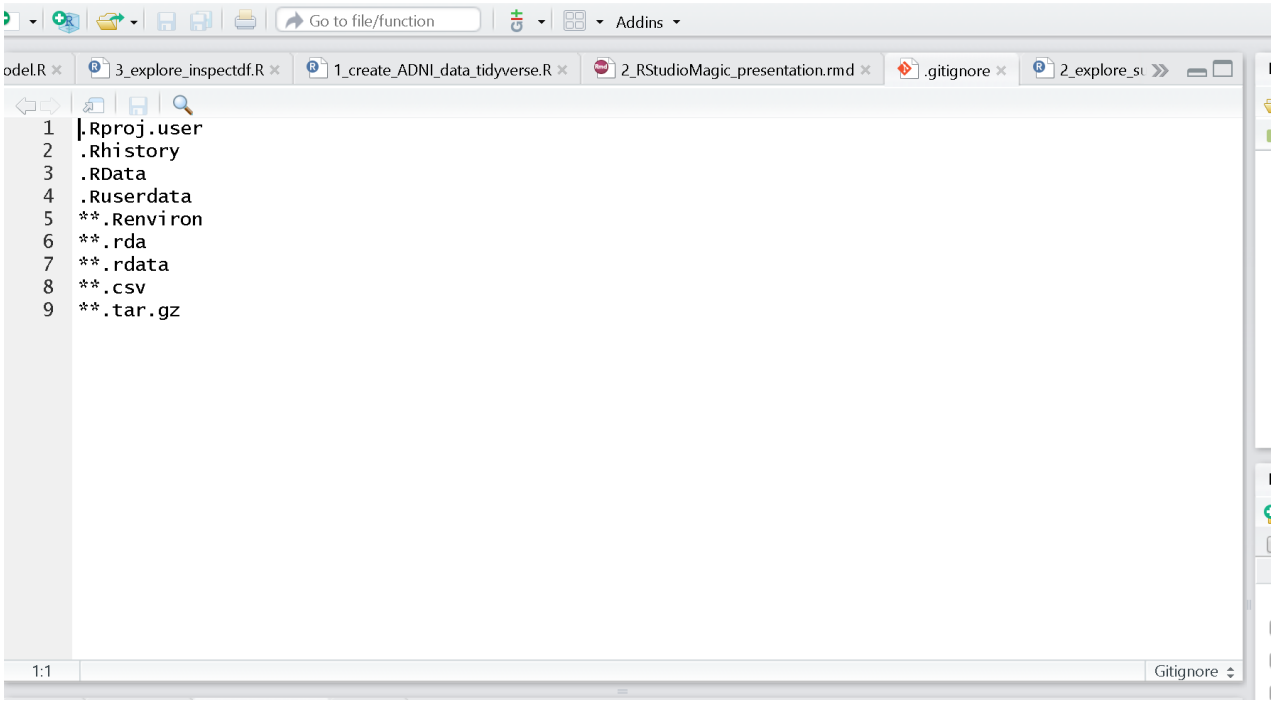
Projects through Git

- Create a new project File



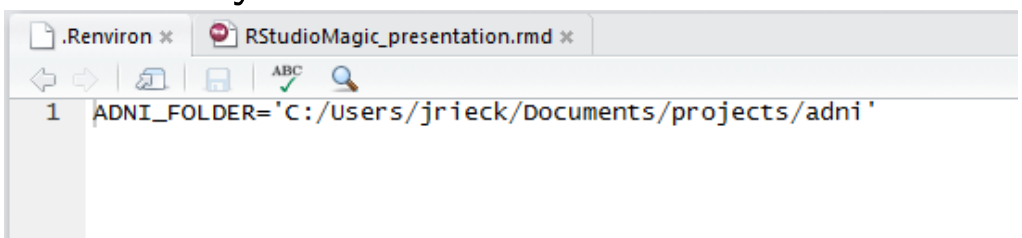
Format .gitignore

- File types to ignore via version control
  - ** before each extentions will match directories anywhere in the repo



Format environmental variables

- Set environmental variables (ie, directory location of data) to make code generalizable across computers
  - Don't commit or share these
- In **your** project folder create a `.Renviron` file and define variables
  - Jenny's:



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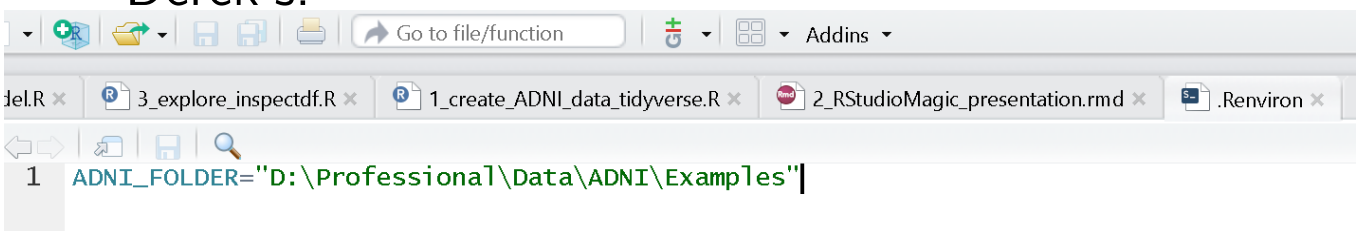

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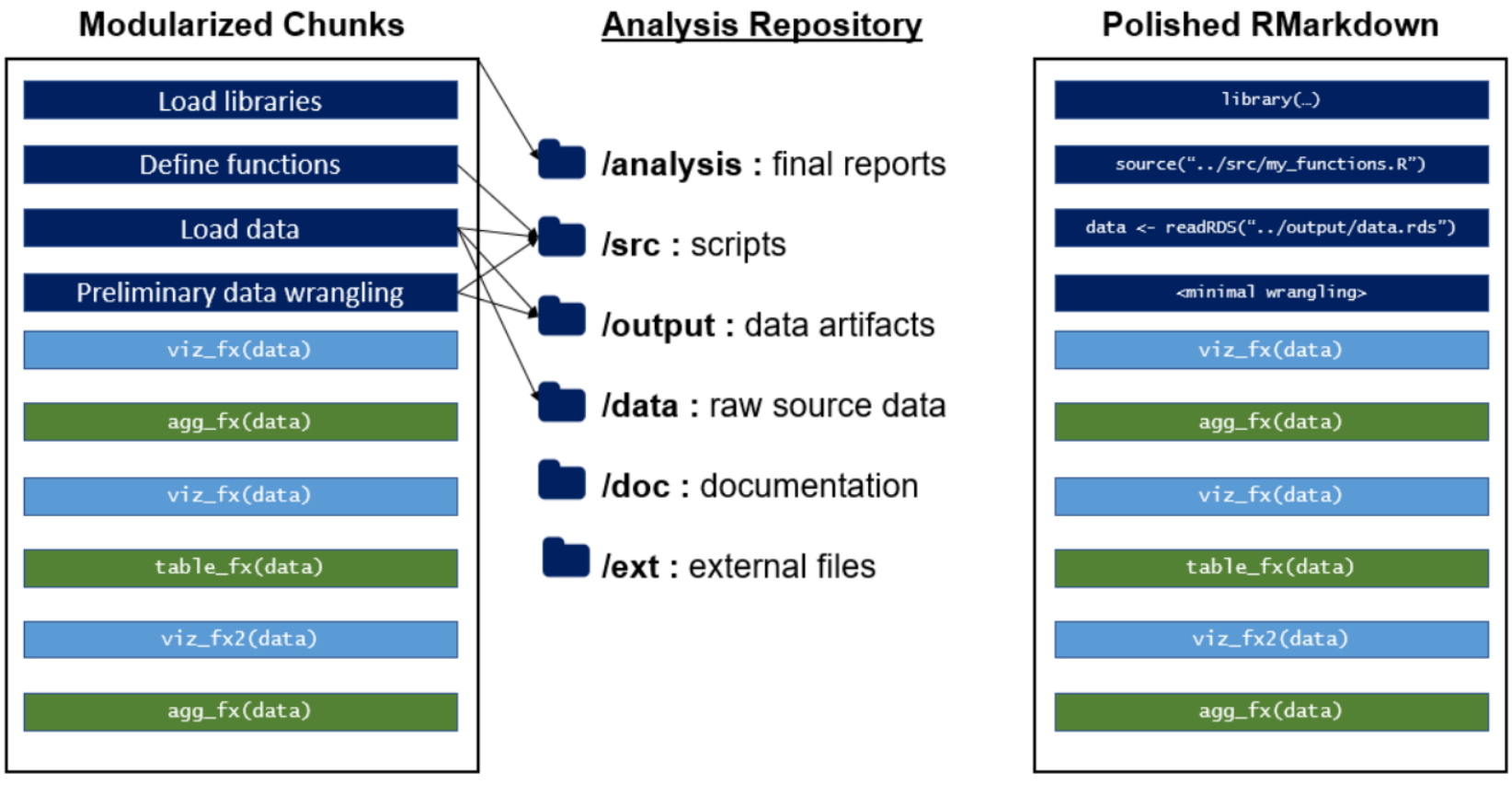

https://emilyriederer.netlify.com/post/rmarkdown-driven-development/

Organize your project folders and markdown

- What works for you?
- What works for your organization or team?
- Maximize utility, minimize complexity

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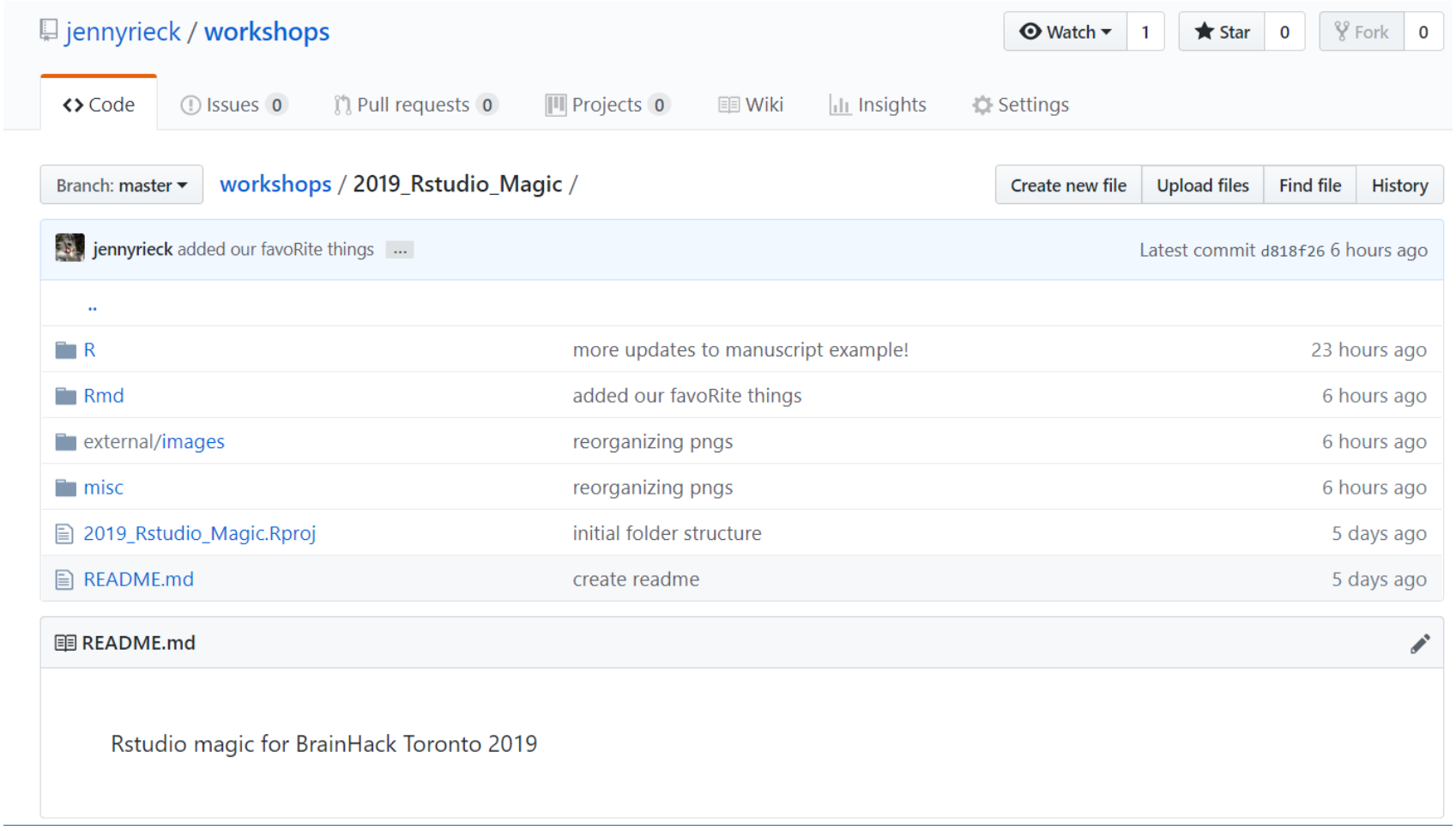

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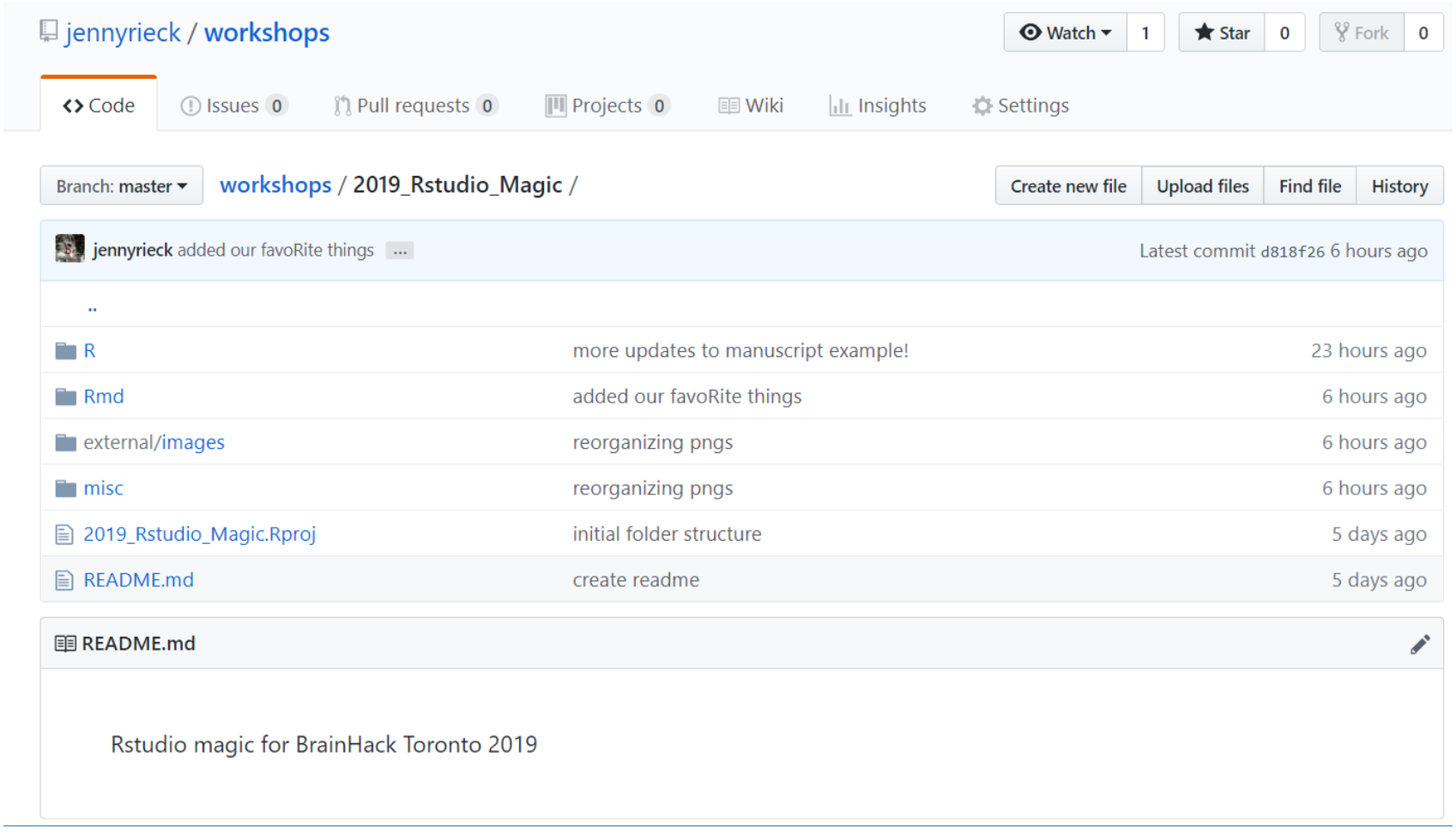

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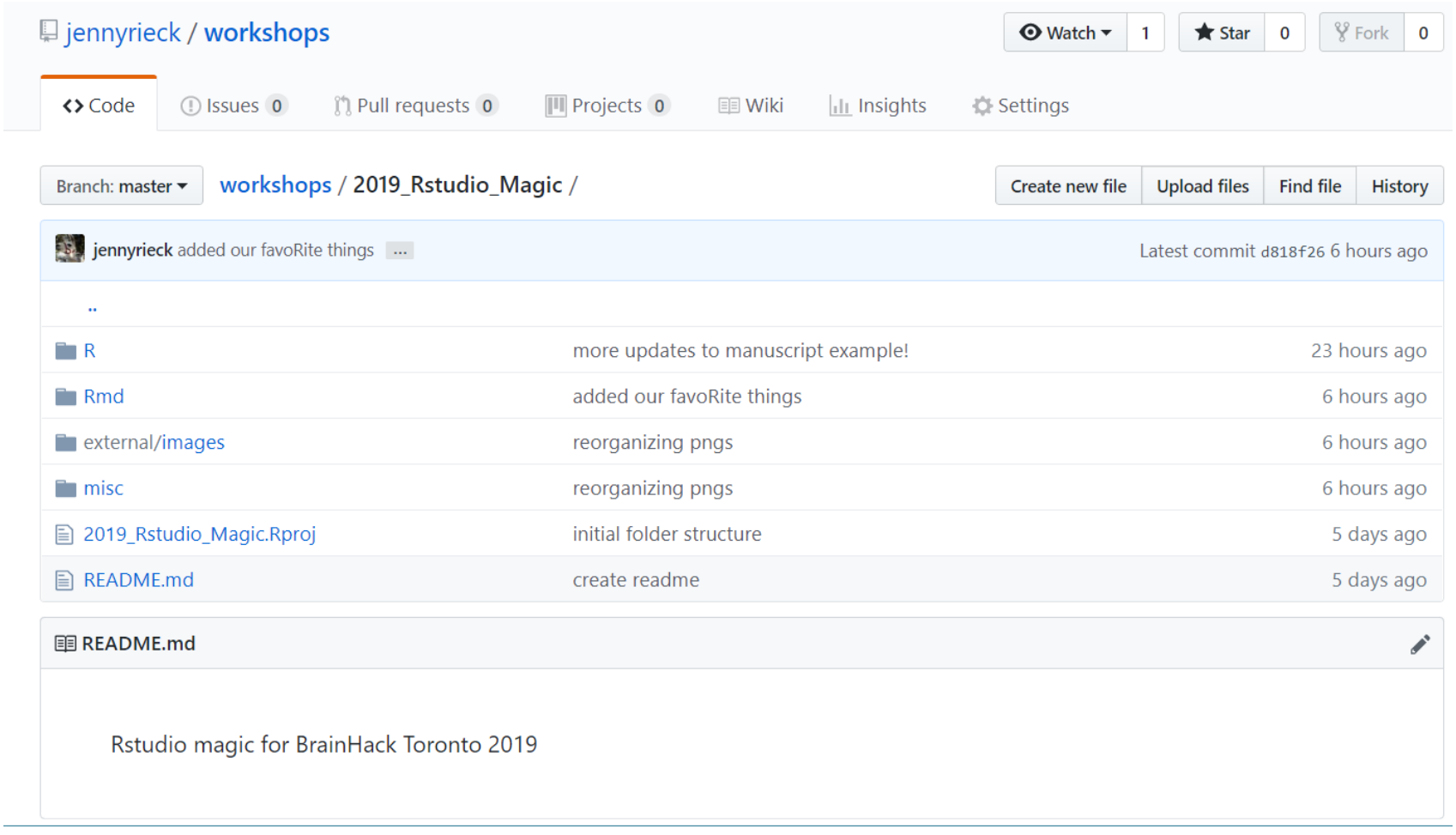

RStudio Setup

- Download R and Rstudio
- Add-on packages

```
#to install from CRAN
install.pacakges('devtools', depenedencies = TRUE)
#to install from a file
install.packages('/mypath/to/package/ADNIMERGE.tar.gz',
                 type='source', repos=NULL)
#to install from a git  (requires the devtools package)
dev.tools::install_github(Gibbsdavidl/CatterPlots)
```

R Background

- Created in 1992 by Gentleman & Ihaka

[we] considered the problem of obtaining decent statistical software for our undergraduate Macintosh lab. After considering the options, we decided that the most satisfactory alternative was to write our own. [. . .] Finally we added some syntactic sugar to make it look somewhat like S. We call the result "R".

What is R?

- R is for stats and general purpose programming
- R is a functional language
  - Turing complete – can do anything other languages can do
- R is an environment to inferface with the langauge
  - Console based
  - Type in commands
  - No point-and-click
- R is a collection of tools
  - Pre-packaged software at your disposal
- R is free (as in beer and speech)
  - No cost, no restrictions

A little bit more about beer

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  - Revolution/MRAN
  - etc. . .

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  - It's a functional language
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R

Some more about R here...

Tidyverse

- something here about tidy
- Learn it. But don't learn *only* the tidyverse; you'll be lost in base R

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- Read/explore
  - explore .R scripts
- Clean/export
  - Show 0_Create from PCA/MCA with Base, Tidyverse, Plyr (NOT dplyr), data.table
  - Reimport?
  - Analyze With MCA & covstatis

Read in and create your dataframe

- ADNI Dataset adnimerge package
  - Reduce full dataset to only those participants (rows) and variables (columns) you're interested in
- Two methods to create your dataframe
  - using base R functions: `0_create_ADNI_data_base.R`
  - Using tidyverse functions: `1_create_ADNI_data_tidyverse.R`

Screenshots

Explanation

Exploring your data

- Many packages to help explore and describe your data:
  - summarytools: `2_explore_summarytools.R`
  - inspectdf: `3_explore_inspectdf.R`
  - DataExplorer: `4_explore_DataExplorer_one_liner.R`

Code w/ eval=F

Hard Break

- DataExplorer is dangerous
- Blind analyses can be *criminal*
  - de Leeuw paper quote
  - DEREK RANTS, PER USUAL.

Analyze you data

- Linear models: `5_linear_model.R`

Screenshots / Code w/ eval=F

Get experimental

- Explain motivation, not method
- covSTATIS: `6_covstatis_example.R`

Part 2: RMarkdown

RMarkdown

- What it is /why to use it
- A short deviation for LaTeX, and new helpers: kable & kableExtra
  - A taxonomy and how to approach this *Tying it all together through here 1: simple RMD* Plot-based visuals
    - Base, gt, ggplot, grobTable()/grid/gridExtra
    - 2: Slides (these ones here)
    - 3: Manuscripts!!
- Reporting/presentin

RMarkdown Don(u)'ts

- Don't hardcode values
- Don't hardcode absolute file paths
- Don't do complicated database queries
- Don't litter
  - avoid `eval=FALSE`
  - reduce repeated code by making functions
- Don't load unneccesary libraries
- More at: https://emilyriederer.netlify.com/post/rmarkdown-driven-development/

Part 3: Advanced R

Some advanced/other things we're not covering

- package development
- Shiny
- SQL
- C/C++
- R2D3

A few of our favorite things

- Fun R do-dads

CatterPlot for feline based graphics:

- https://github.com/Gibbsdavidl/CatterPlots

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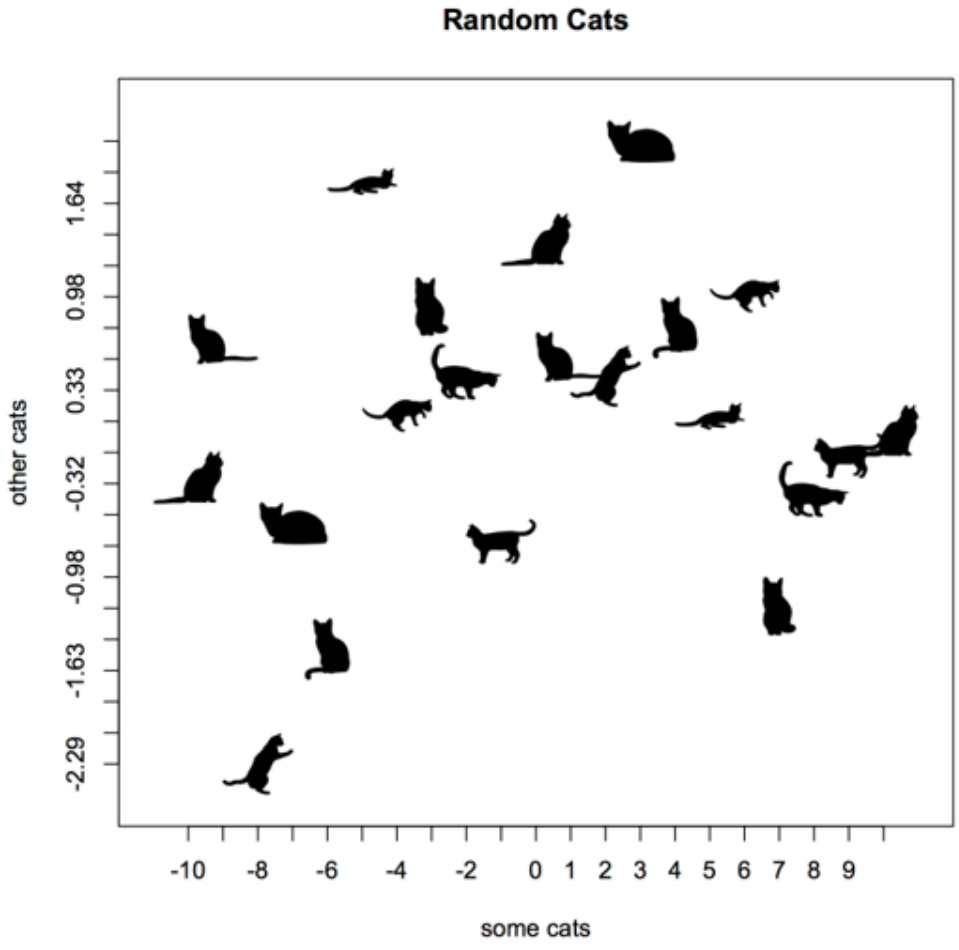

What's a pirate's favorite programming language?

- https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/yarrr/vignettes/pirateplot.html

```
install.packages('yarrr')
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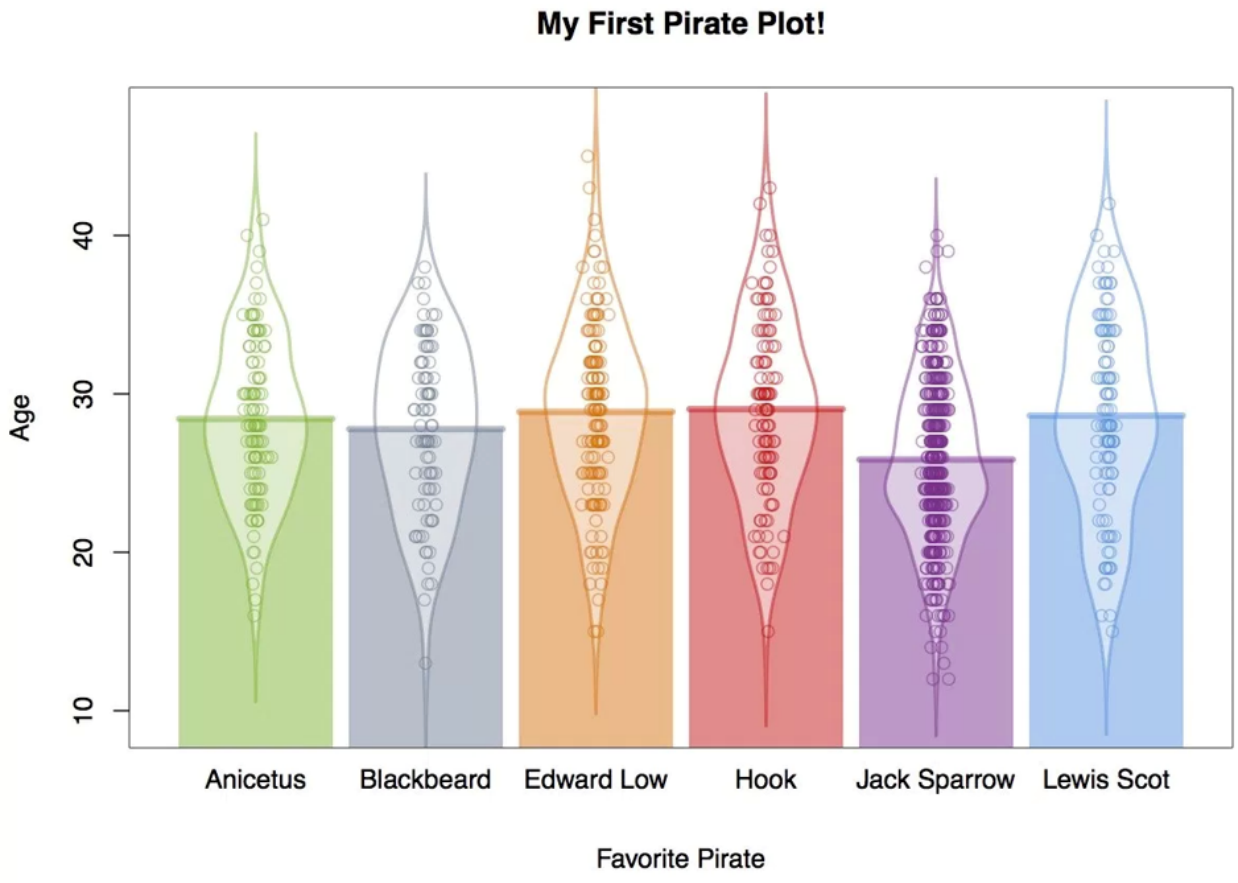

Color palettes to fit your mood

- https://github.com/karthik/wesanderson

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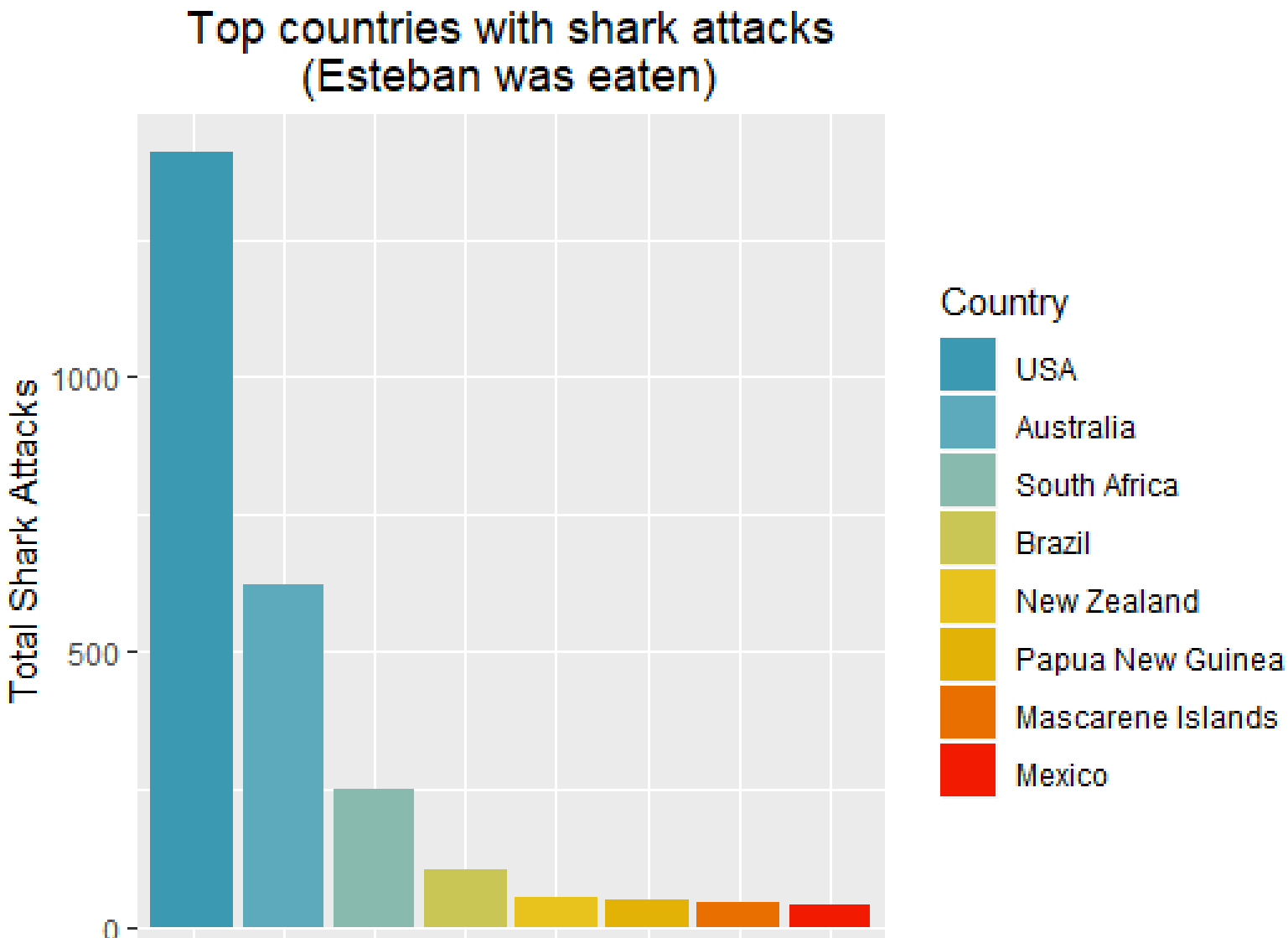
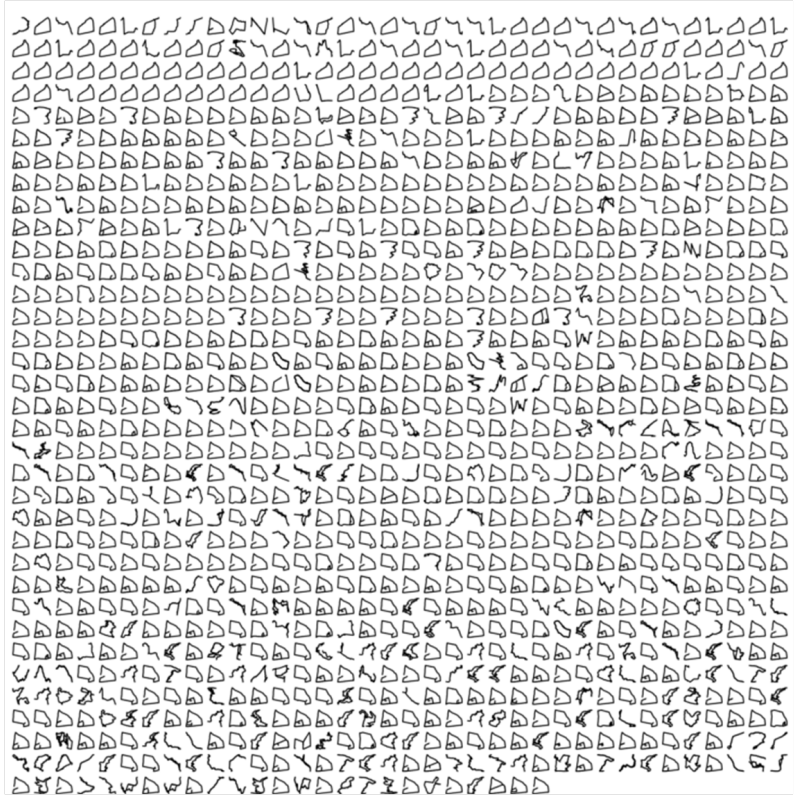


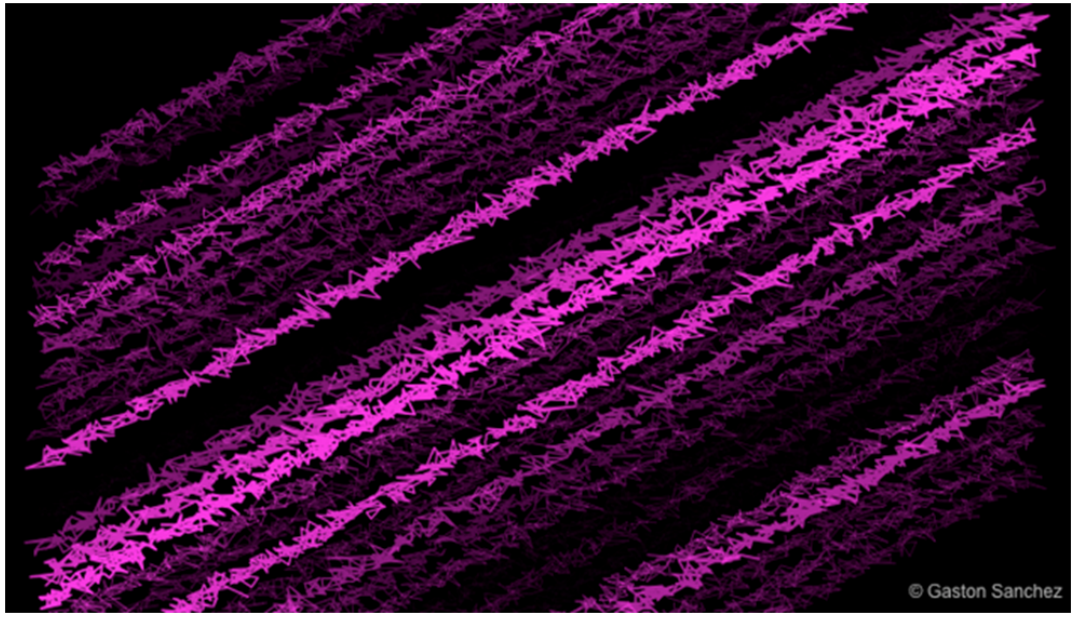
Mapping your Strava routes

- https://www.r-bloggers.com/strava-rides-map-in-r/
- ALSO https://marcusvolz.com/?p=4068
  - `dev.tools::install_github(marcusvolz/strava)`



Make aRt!

- R Graph Gallery
  - http://www.r-graph-gallery.com/
- Rtist: Gaston Sanchez
  - http://gastonsanchez.com/Rtist/

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# ============================================================================
# Pink Barbs
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# generate pairs of x-y values
x <- seq(1, 100, length = 1000)
y <- x + rnorm(1000)


png("pink_barbs.png", width = 700, height = 400)
# set graphical paramters
op <- par(bg = "black", mar = rep(0, 4))
# plot
plot(x, y, type = 'n')
for (i in seq(-80, 70, by = 5))
{
  lines(x + rnorm(1000), x + i + rnorm(1000, 2), pch = 19,
        col = hsv(0.85, 1, 1, runif(1000)),
        lwd = sample(seq(0.3, 2, length = 20), 1))
}
# signature
legend("bottomright", legend = "© Gaston Sanchez", bty = "n",
       text.col = "gray70")
# reset par
par(op)
dev.off()
```