A whirlwind tour of Rstudio, R, and Rmarkdown Magic

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The big outline

- Part 0: Background and Community
- Part 1: Rstudio
- Part 2: Project and environment setup
- Part 3: R (et al., eg Python)
- Part 4: Rmarkdown
- Part 5: Advanced R and beyond
- Part 6: A few of our favorite things

Part 0: Background and Community

- What this is & isn't; a bunch of things we aren't covering but you should be aware of
  - This is a taste and to bring you into a bigger world
- Centralization, standards
- Help
- Including rigor & reproducibility of packages
- The "tidyverse"
  - Learn it. But don't learn *only* the tidyverse; you'll be lost in base R

R Background

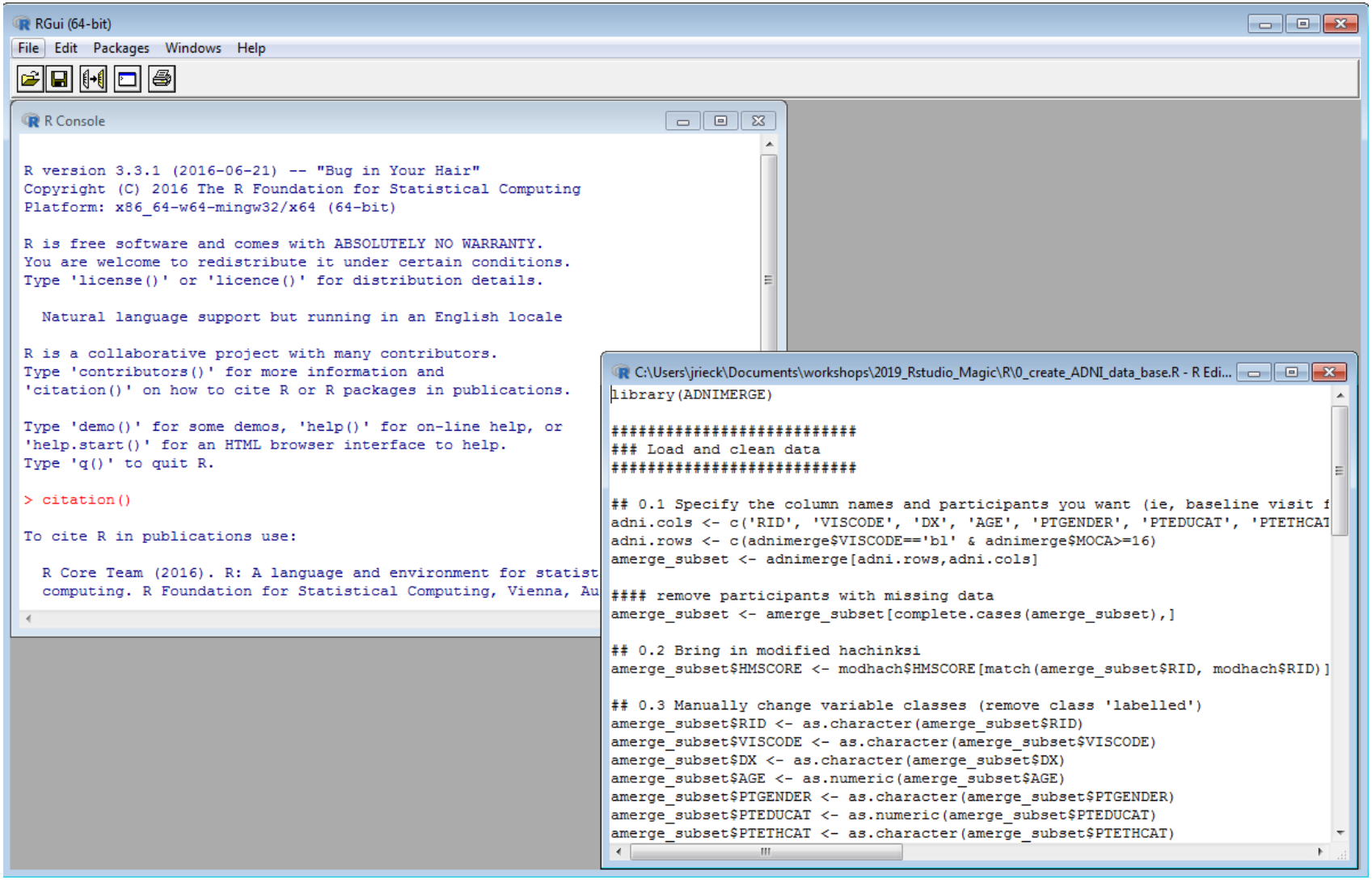
- Created in 1992 by Gentleman & Ihaka

[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

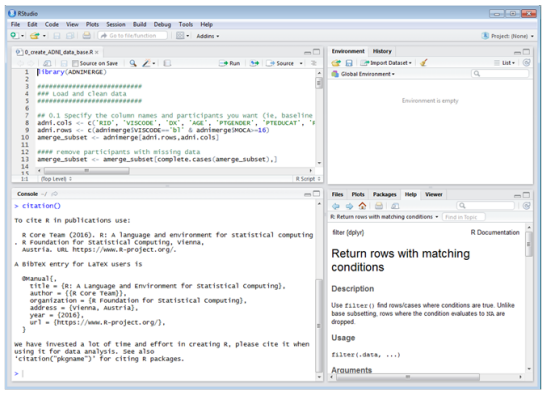
R is a bit ugly



But R has many interfaces

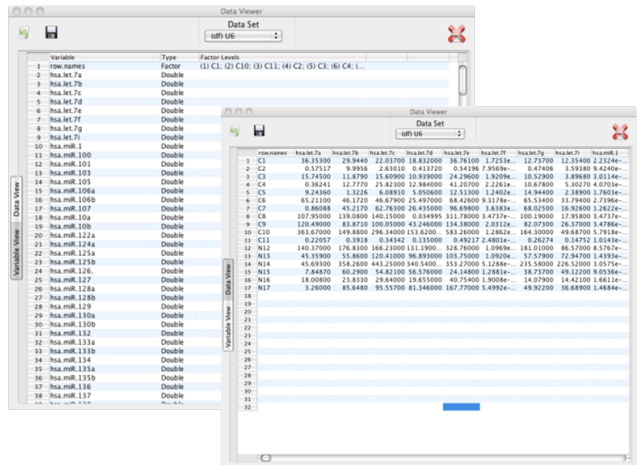
- Today we focus on RStudio (MatLab-like)
- But see also Deducer, RCommander (SPSS-like)

RStudio



RCommander

Deducer



R is a community (actually many communities!)

- Help and resources
- Package development and distribution

R: Help!

- `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

R Packages

- Packages are bundles of code made by someone (or many people) for everyone to use
  - If you can think of a stats problem, there is a package for it
- Available primarily on CRAN
  - But also github, r-forge

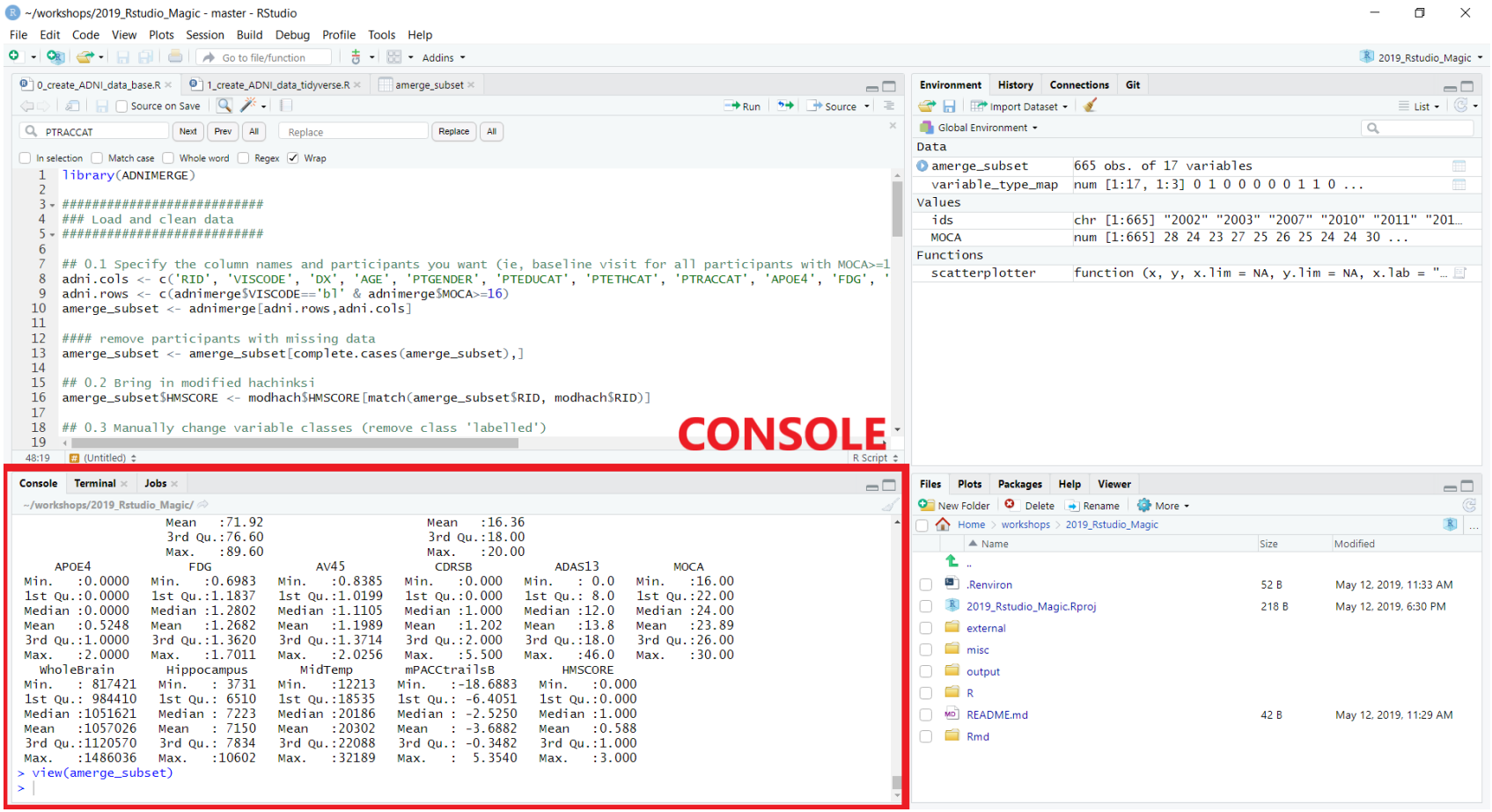
Tidyverse

- something here about tidy

Part 1: RStudio

- Settings, a quit tour through stuff, features
- Examples on getting setup

RStudio Environment



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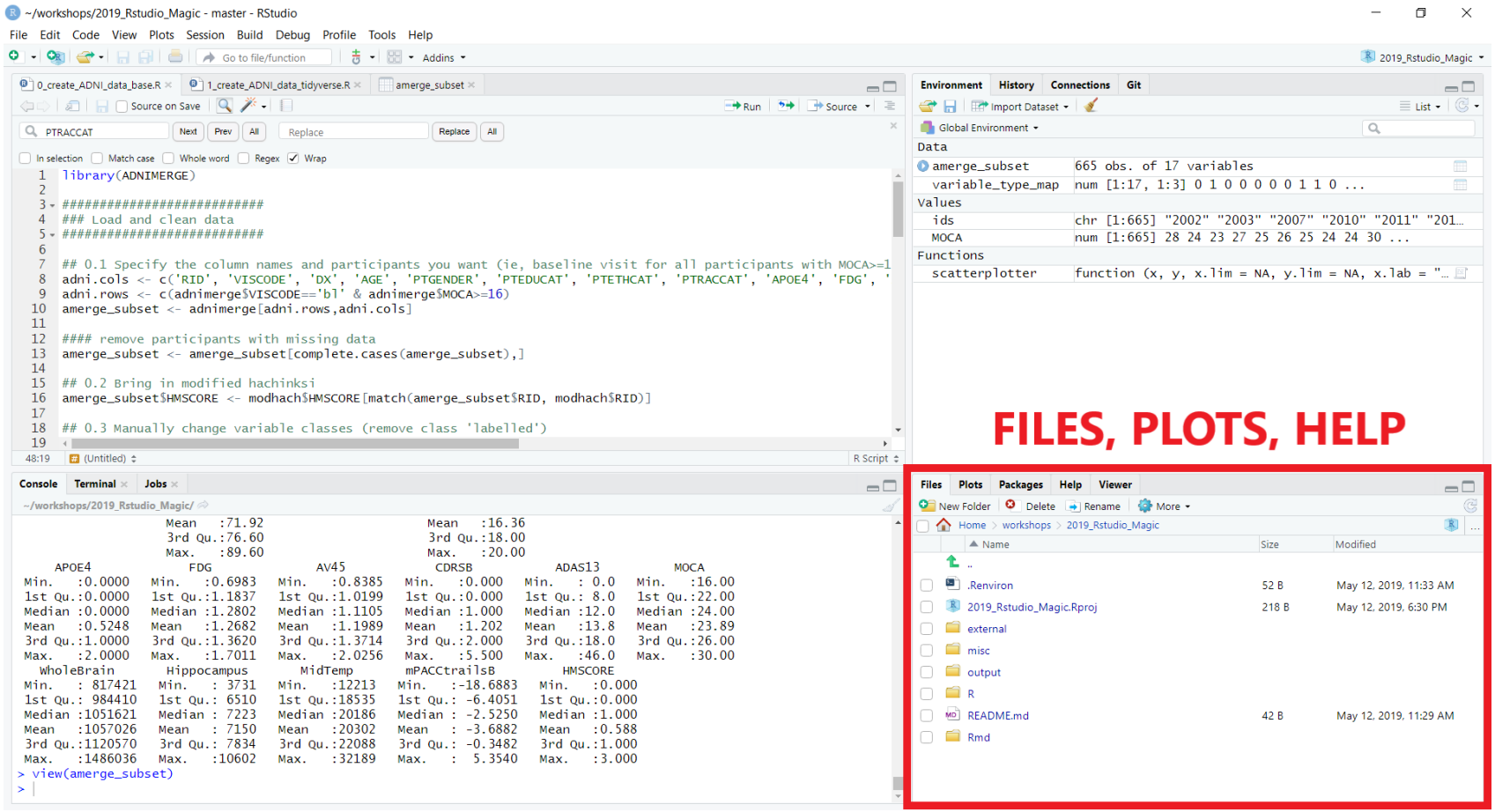

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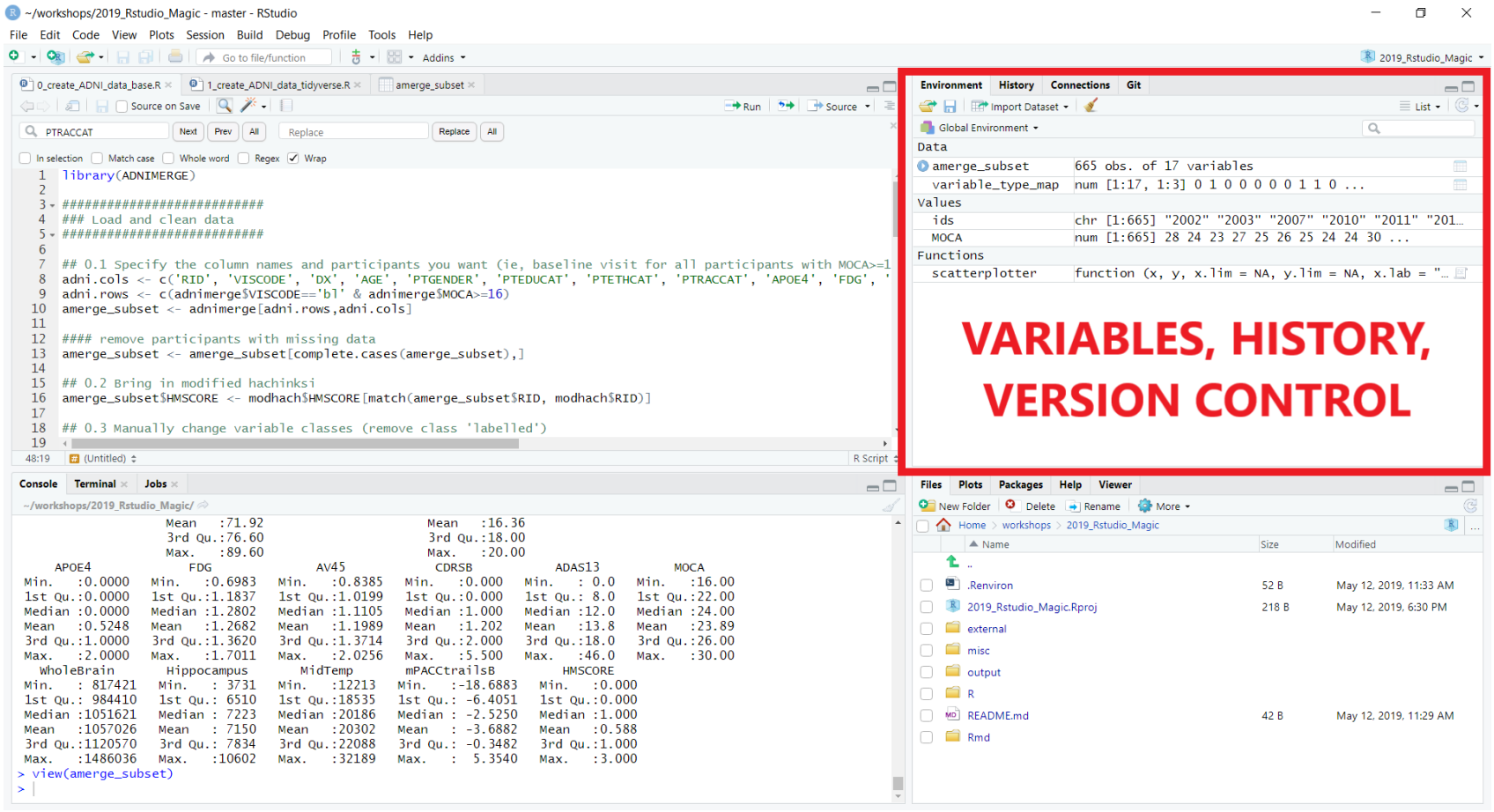

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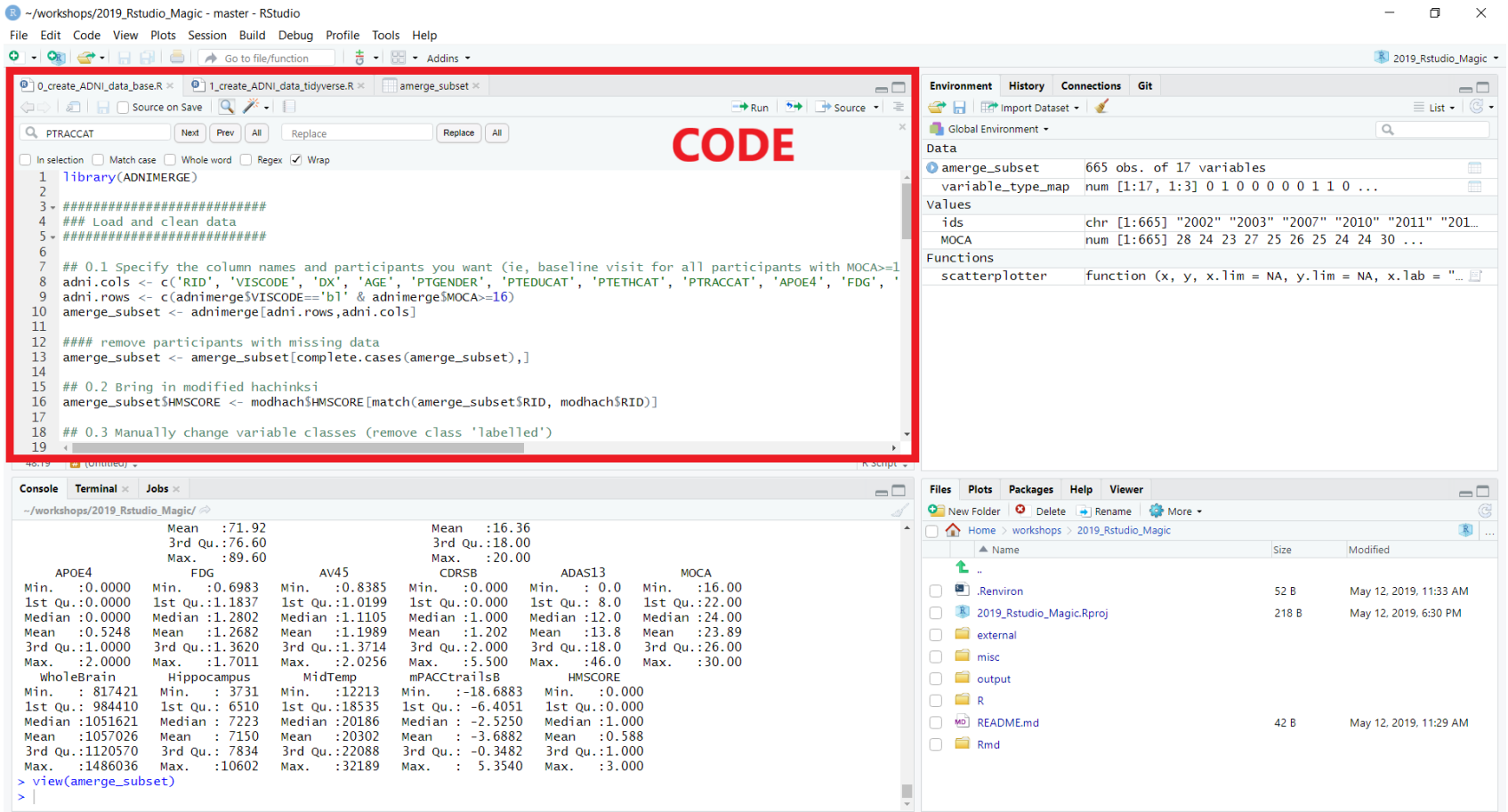

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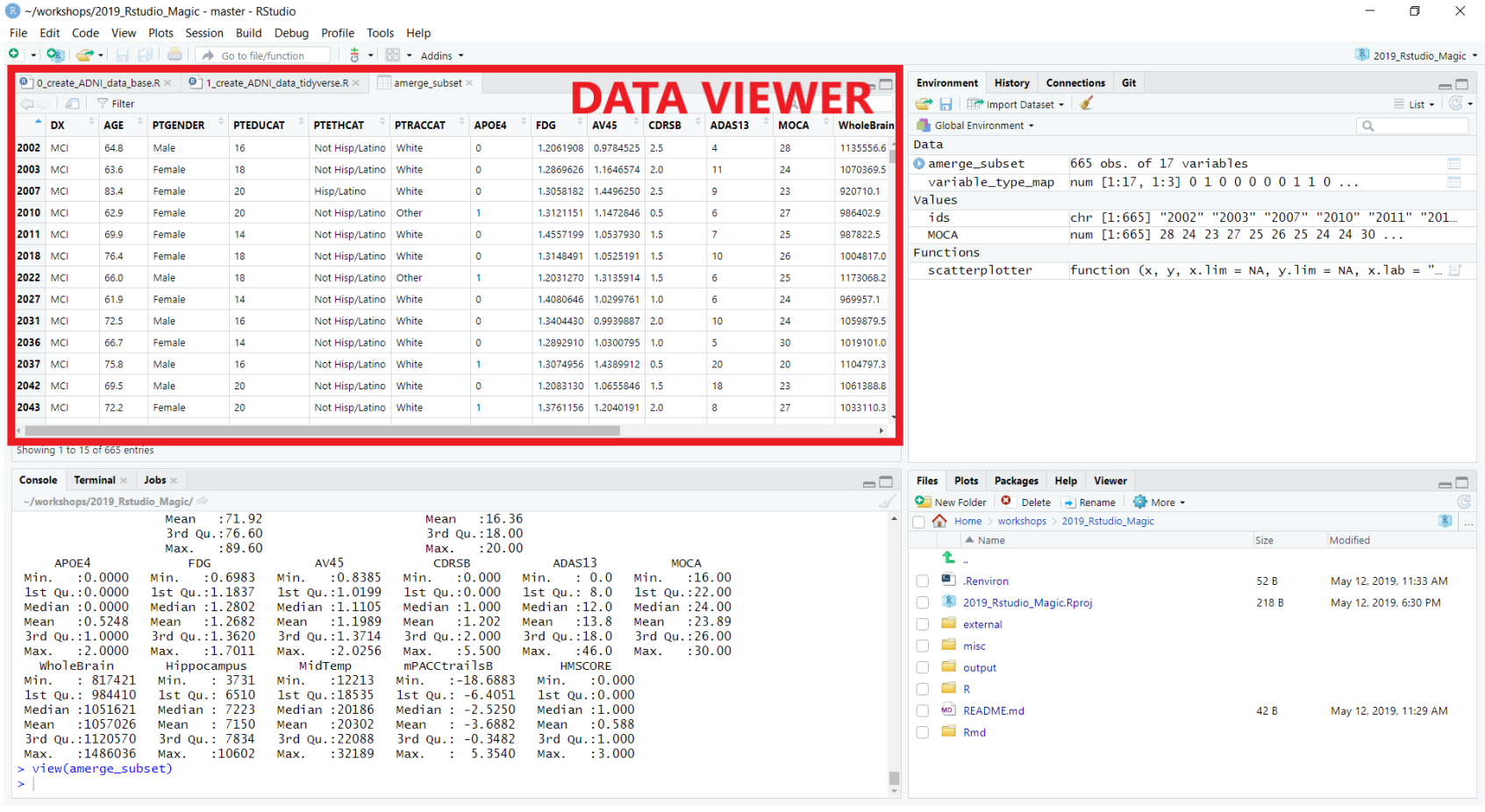


Benefits of RStudio

- 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

RStudio Setup

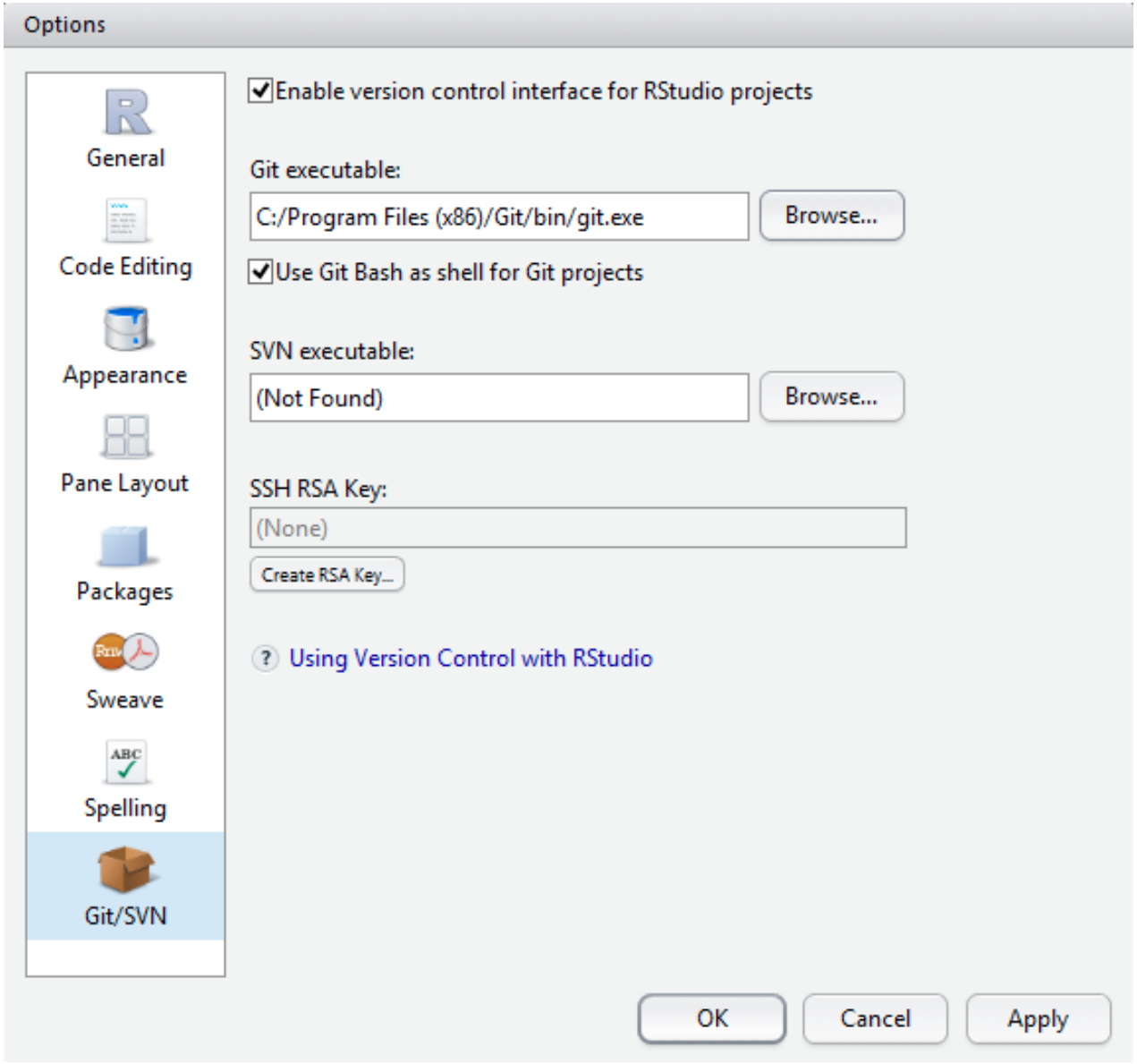
- Download R and Rstudio
- Add-on packages

```
#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)
```

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

Rstudio Setup: Projects & Git

- Download git and link to RStudio



Rstudio Setup: Projects & Git

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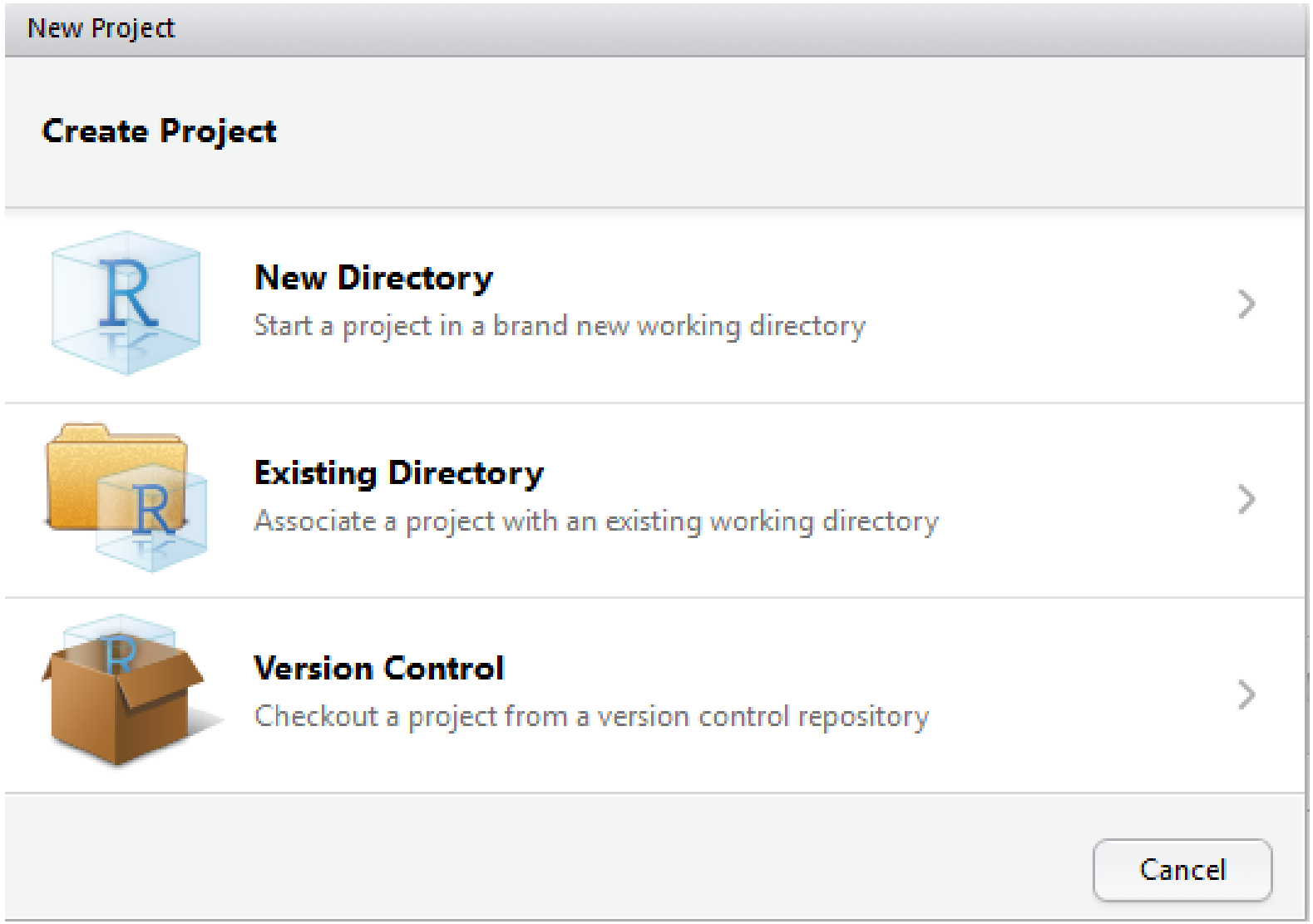
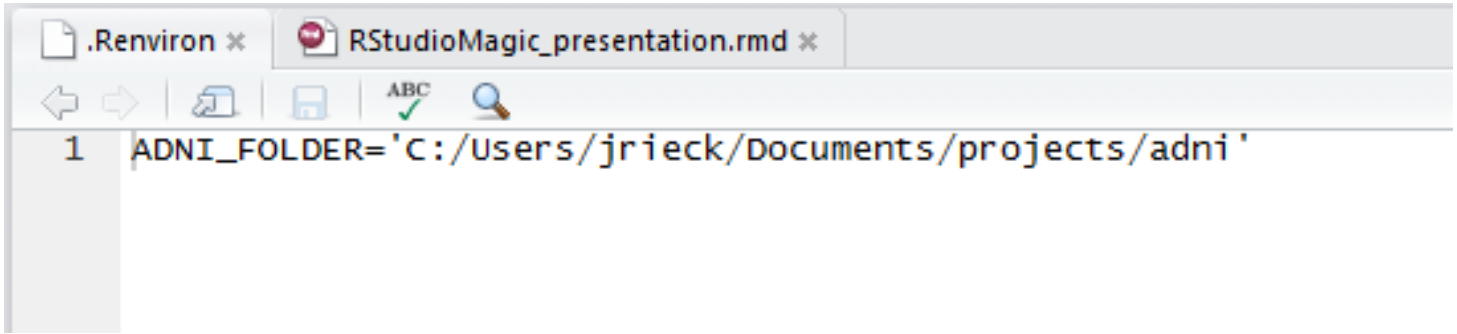


Format .gitignore

- File types to ignore:
  - `.Rproj.user`
  - `.Rhistory`
  - `.Ruserdata`
  - `.Renviron`
  - `.rda` & `.Rdata` (to avoid pushing potentially sensitive data files to git)
  - ** 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
  - In your project folder create a .Renviron file and define variables



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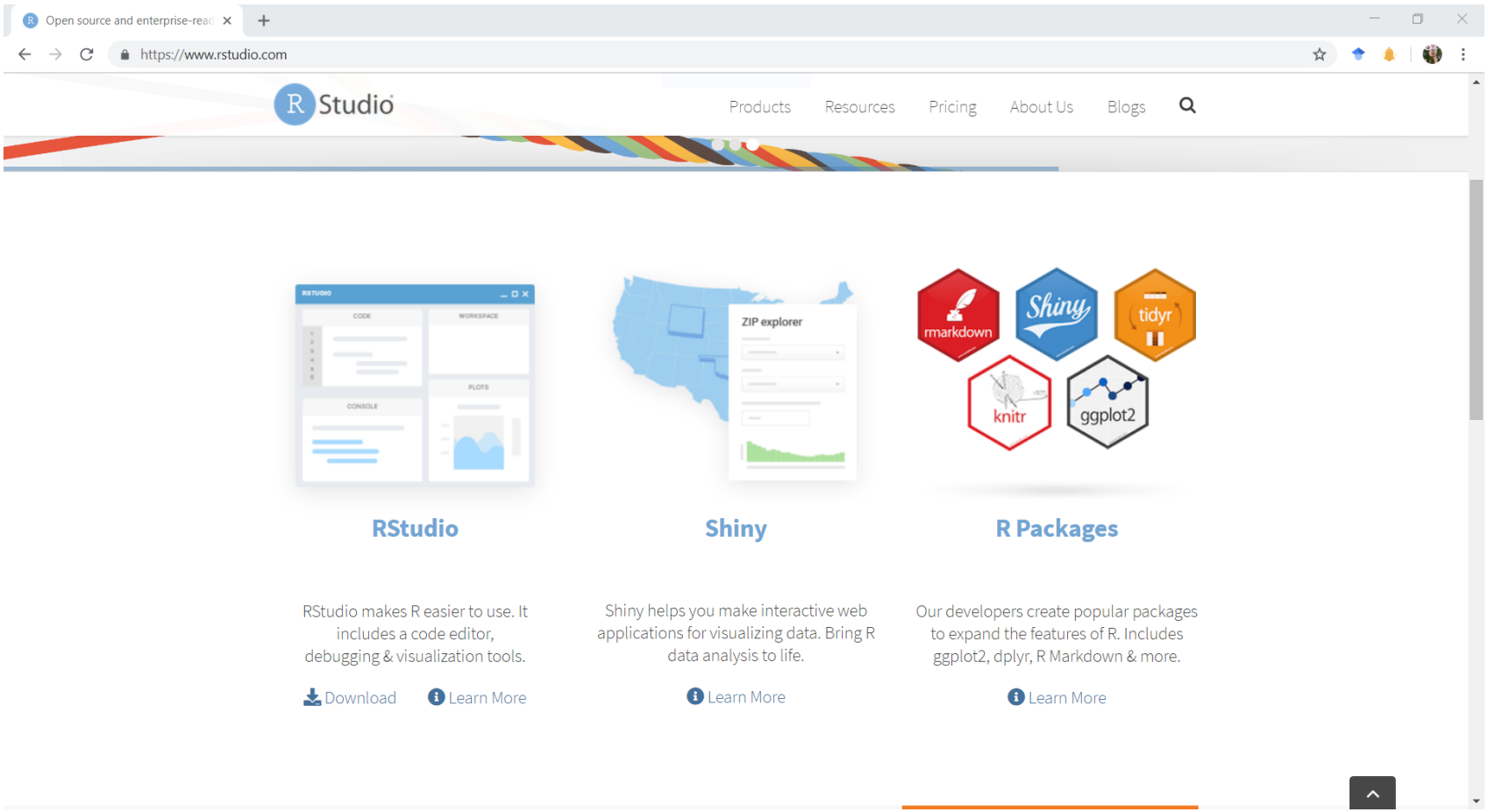

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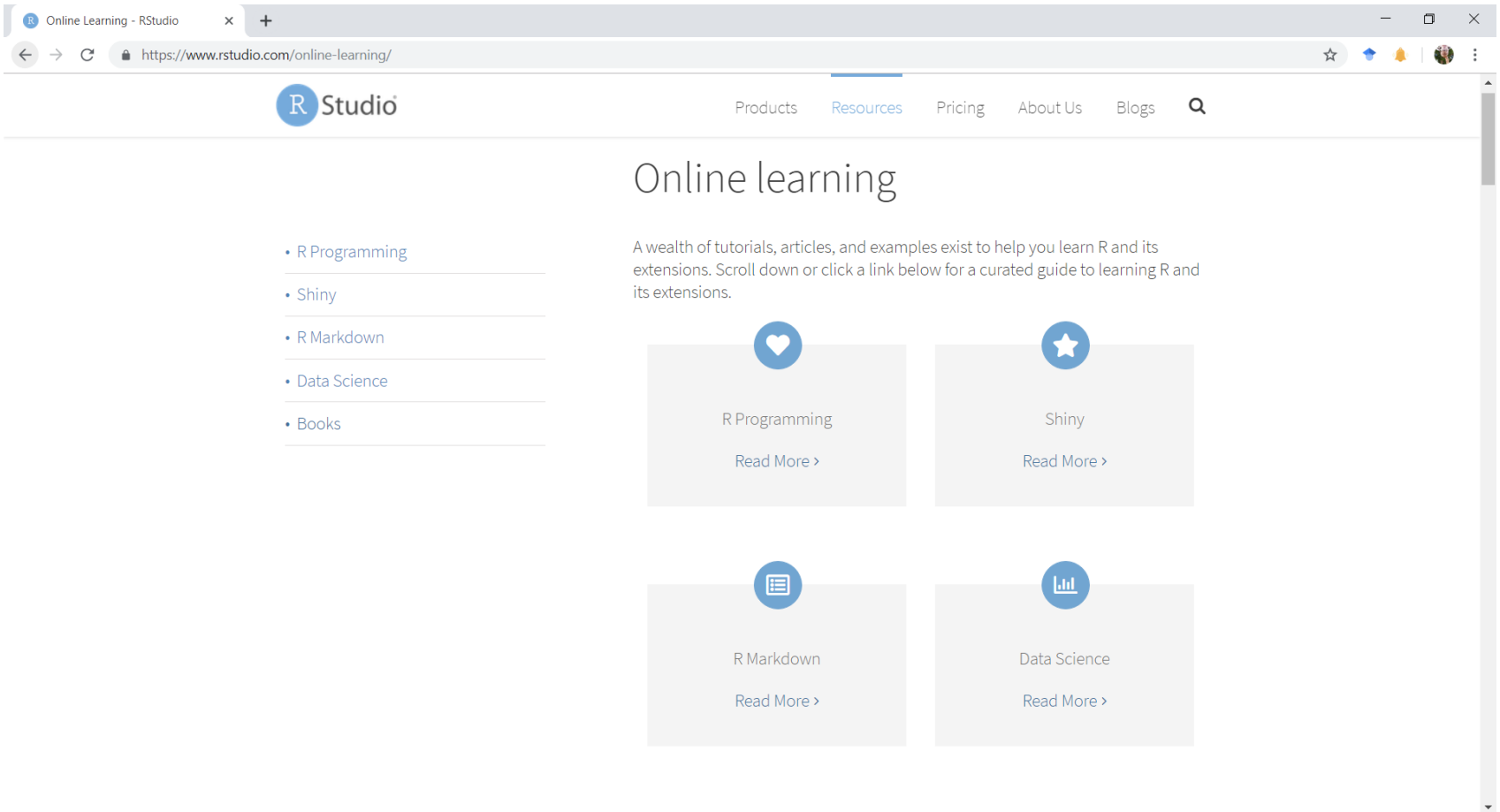

RStudio Resources

Cheatsheets - RStudio

https://www.rstudio.com/resources/cheatsheets/

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RStudio Cheat Sheets

The cheat sheets below make it easy to learn about and use some of our favorite packages. From time to time, we will add new cheat sheets to the gallery. If you'd like us to drop you an email when we do, let us know by clicking the button to the right.

SUBSCRIBE TO CHEAT SHEET UPDATES HERE

- RStudio IDE
- R Markdown
- Shiny
- Package Development
- Data Import
- Data Transformation with dplyr
- Data Visualization with ggplot2
- Apply functions with purrr
- Deep Learning with Keras
- Data Science in Spark with Sparklyr
- String manipulation with stringr
- Dates and times with lubridate

Python with R and Reticulate Cheat Sheet

The reticulate package provides a comprehensive set of tools for interoperability between Python and R. With reticulate, you can call Python from R in a variety of ways including importing Python modules into R scripts, writing R Markdown Python chunks, sourcing Python scripts, and using Python interactively within the RStudio IDE. This cheatsheet will remind you how. Updated 4/19.