

# Technical Tuesdays

## **R** Scripting

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# Technical Tuesdays

Introduction but **not a tutorial**

Tell people what is already there and **what is possible**

Give some **examples** for inspiration

Provide a **minimum viable environment** for  
further learning and exploration

# Recap - Shell

Managing input and output

Managing filesystem

Executing programs

# Recap - Shell

What is the shell

How to talk to the shell

File system, reading and writing

Installing and executing programs

Passing data through programs (using pipes)

Automating tasks

# What is R

Scripting language for data mining and data analysis

From S to R

Packages (CRAN)

R ranks 15th in the TIOBE index

# Everything is a vector

	Homogeneous	Heterogeneous
<i>1d</i>	Atomic vector	List
<i>2d</i>	Matrix	Dataframe
<i>nd</i>	Array	

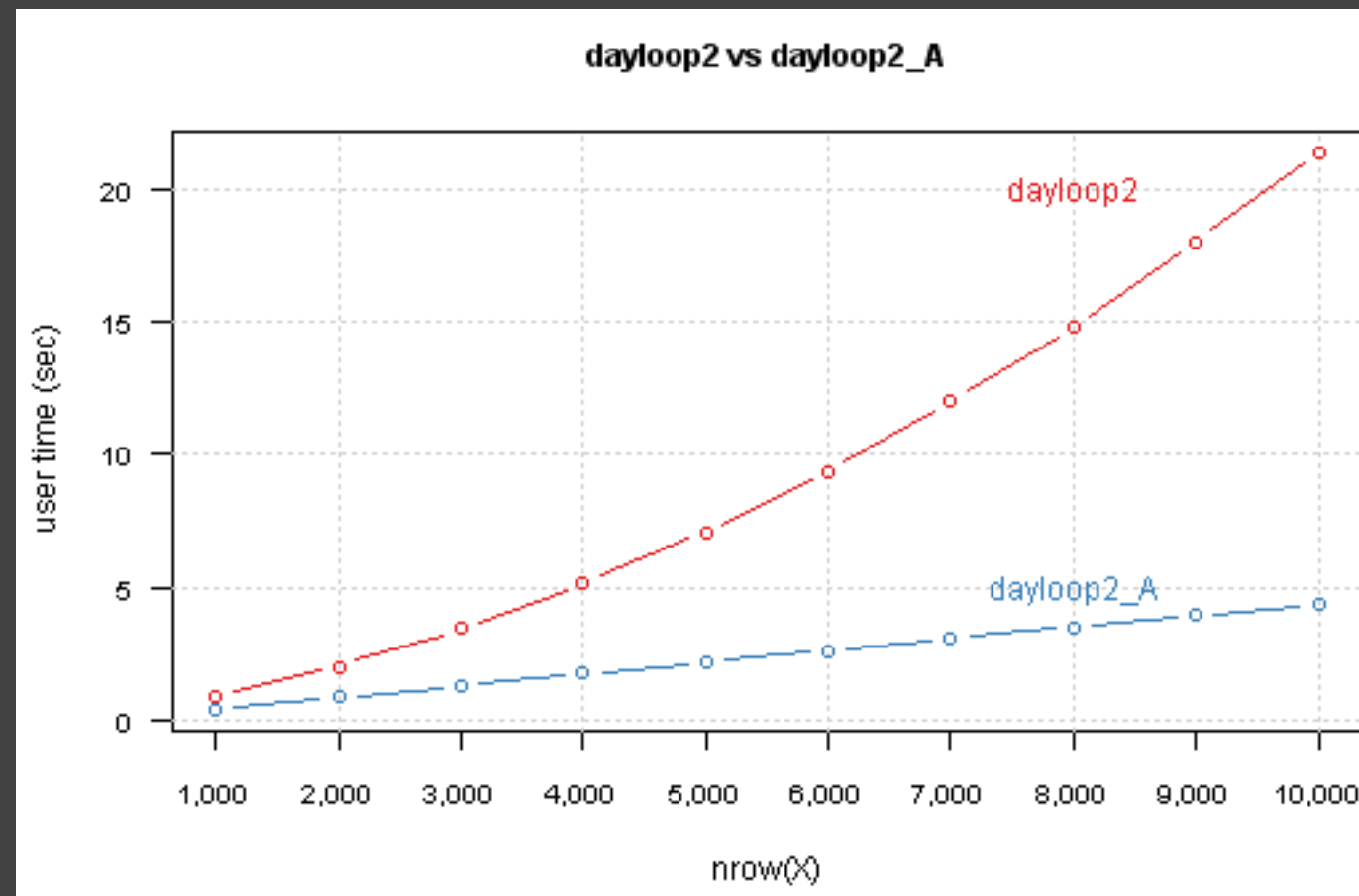
# Using R

```
dayloop2 <- function(temp){  
  for (i in 1:nrow(temp)){  
    temp[i,10] <- i  
    if (i > 1) {  
      if ((temp[i,6] == temp[i-1,6]) & (temp[i,3] == temp[i-1,3])) {  
        temp[i,10] <- temp[i,9] + temp[i-1,10]  
      } else {  
        temp[i,10] <- temp[i,9]  
      }  
    } else {  
      temp[i,10] <- temp[i,9]  
    }  
  }  
  names(temp)[names(temp) == "V10"] <- "Kumm."  
  return(temp)  
}
```

~ 850k rows

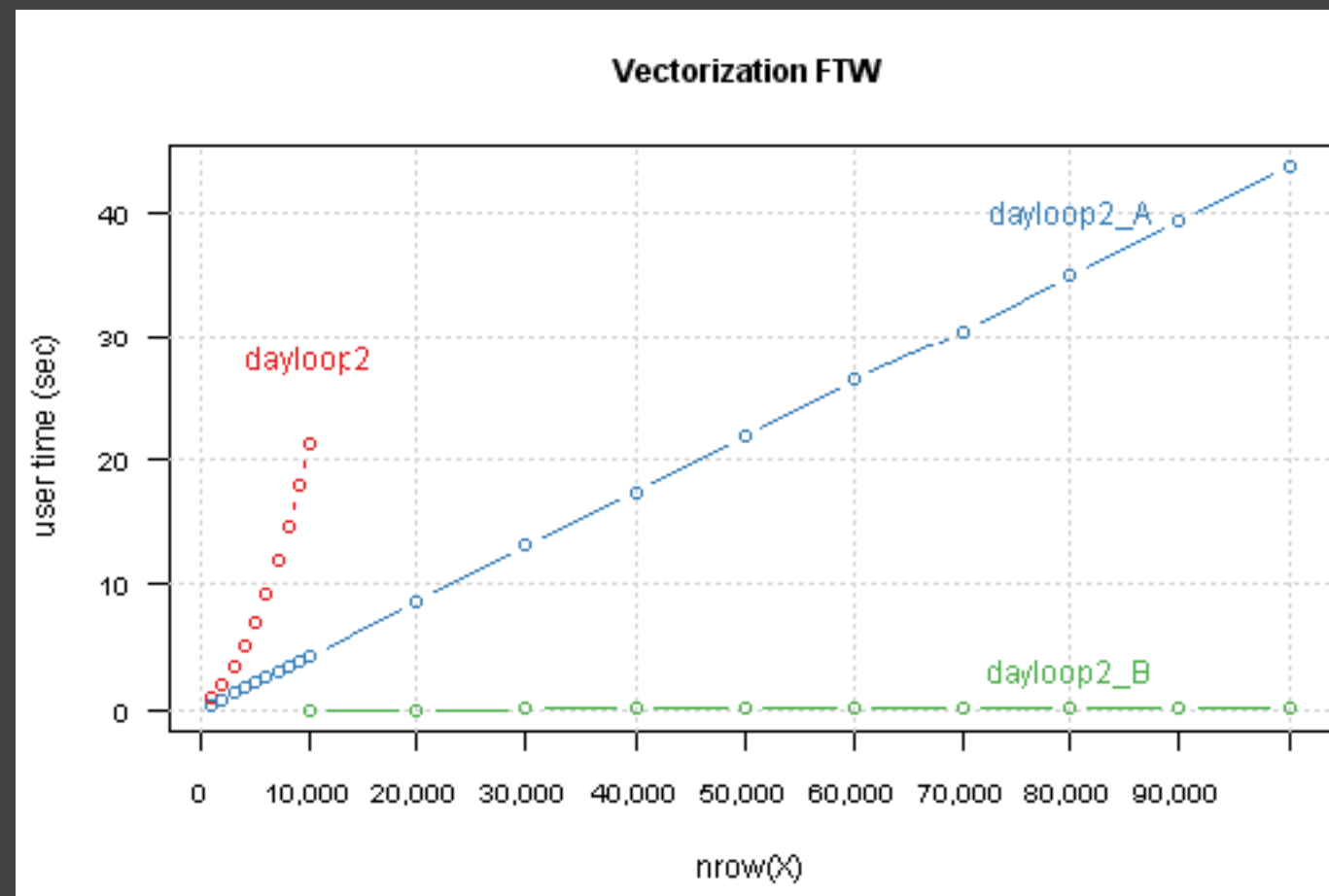


# Using R



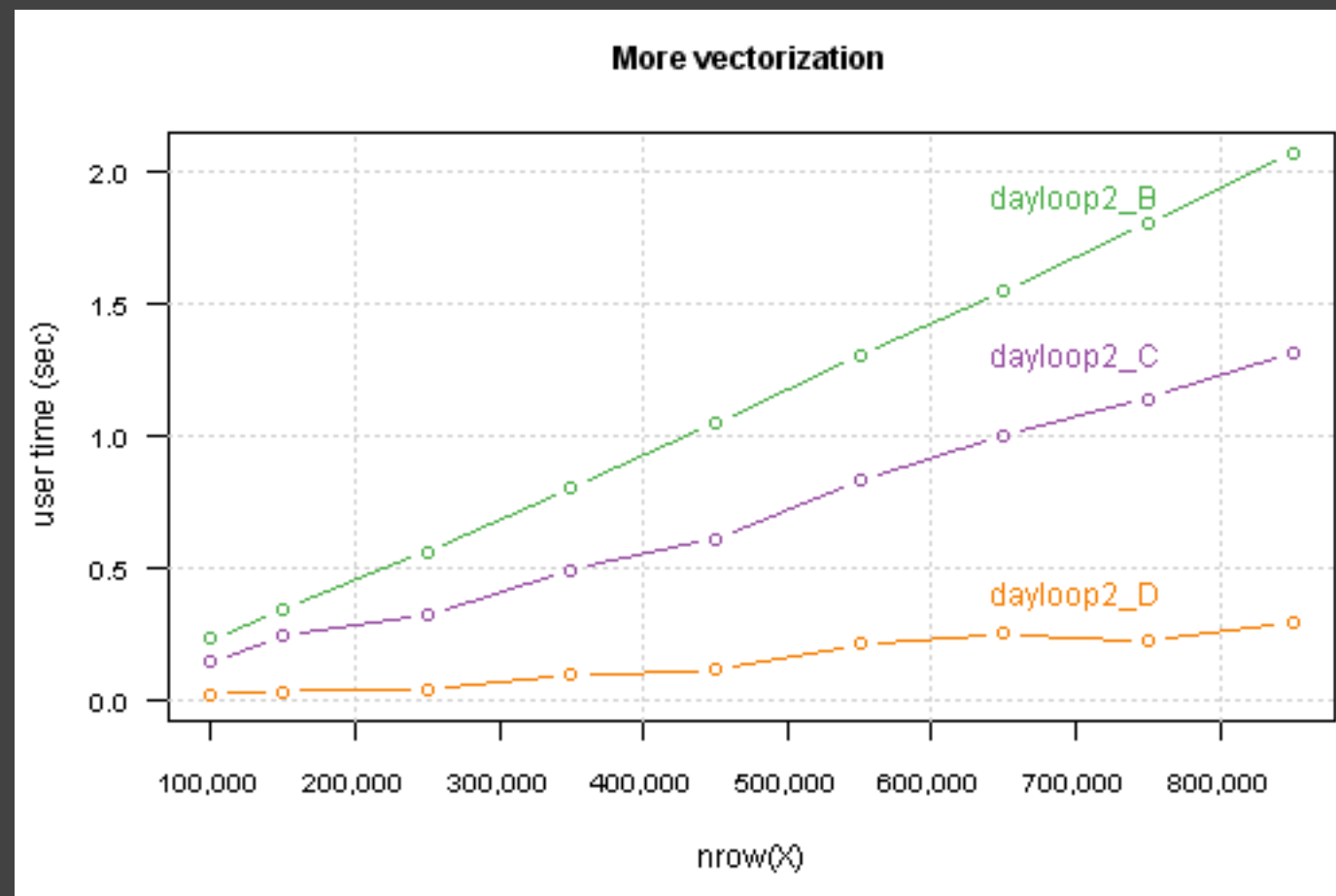
Reduce indexing

# Using R



Vectorisation

# Using R



More vectorisation

# Advantages of R

IDE Rstudio

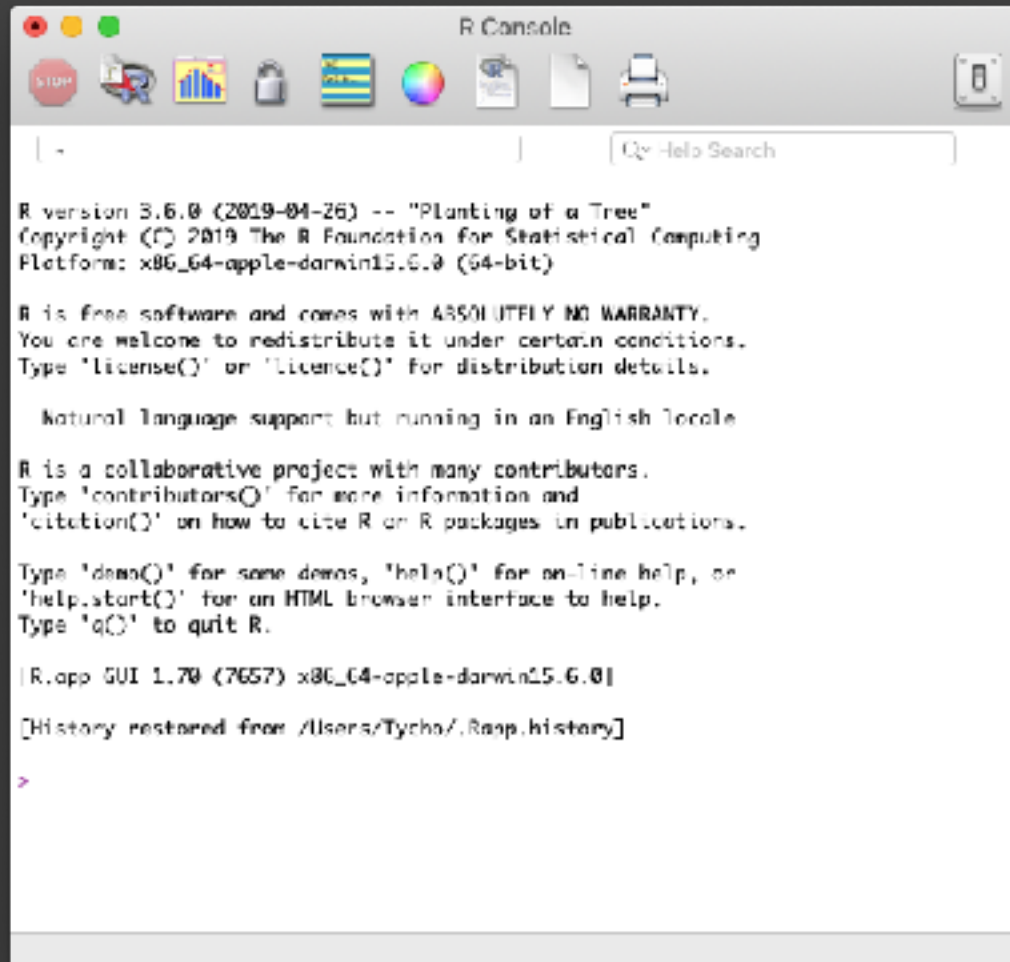
Tidyverse and ggplot2

Large ecosystem consisting of many actively developed packages (~15,000)

Can be linked to C, C++

R community and support

# IDE



The R Console window displays the R startup screen. It includes the R logo, version information (3.6.0), copyright notice (© 2019 The R Foundation for Statistical Computing), platform details (x86\_64-apple-darwin15.6.0), and a welcome message. The console also shows the R.app GUI version (1.70) and the path to the R history file (/Users/Tycho/.Rapp.history).

```
R Console

R version 3.6.0 (2019-04-26) -- "Planting of a Tree"
Copyright (C) 2019 The R Foundation for Statistical Computing
Platform: x86_64-apple-darwin15.6.0 (64-bit)

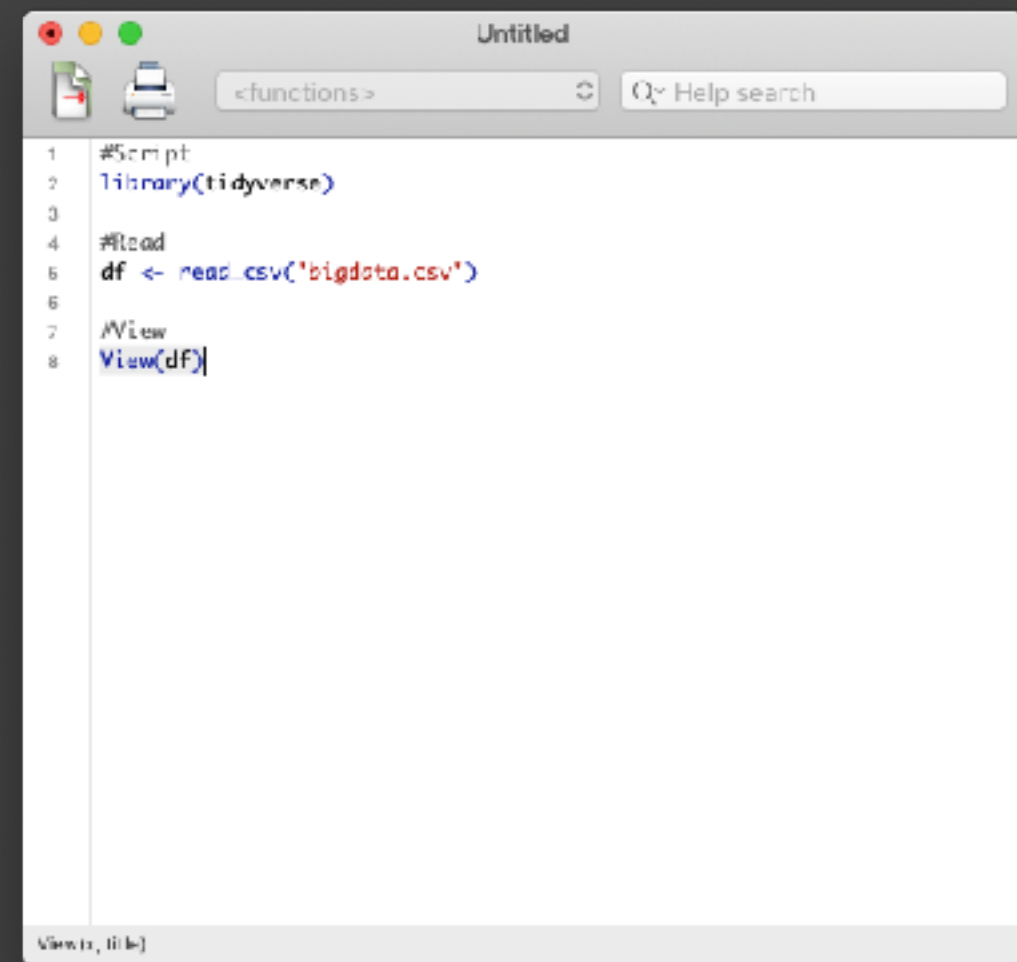
R is free software and comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY.
You are welcome to redistribute it under certain conditions.
Type 'license()' or 'licence()' for distribution details.

Natural language support but running in an English locale

R is a collaborative project with many contributors.
Type 'contributors()' for more information and
'citation()' on how to cite R or R packages in publications.

Type 'demo()' for some demos, 'help()' for on-line help, or
'help.start()' for an HTML browser interface to help.
Type 'q()' to quit R.

|R.app GUI 1.70 (7657) x86_64-apple-darwin15.6.0|
[History restored from /Users/Tycho/.Rapp.history]
>
```



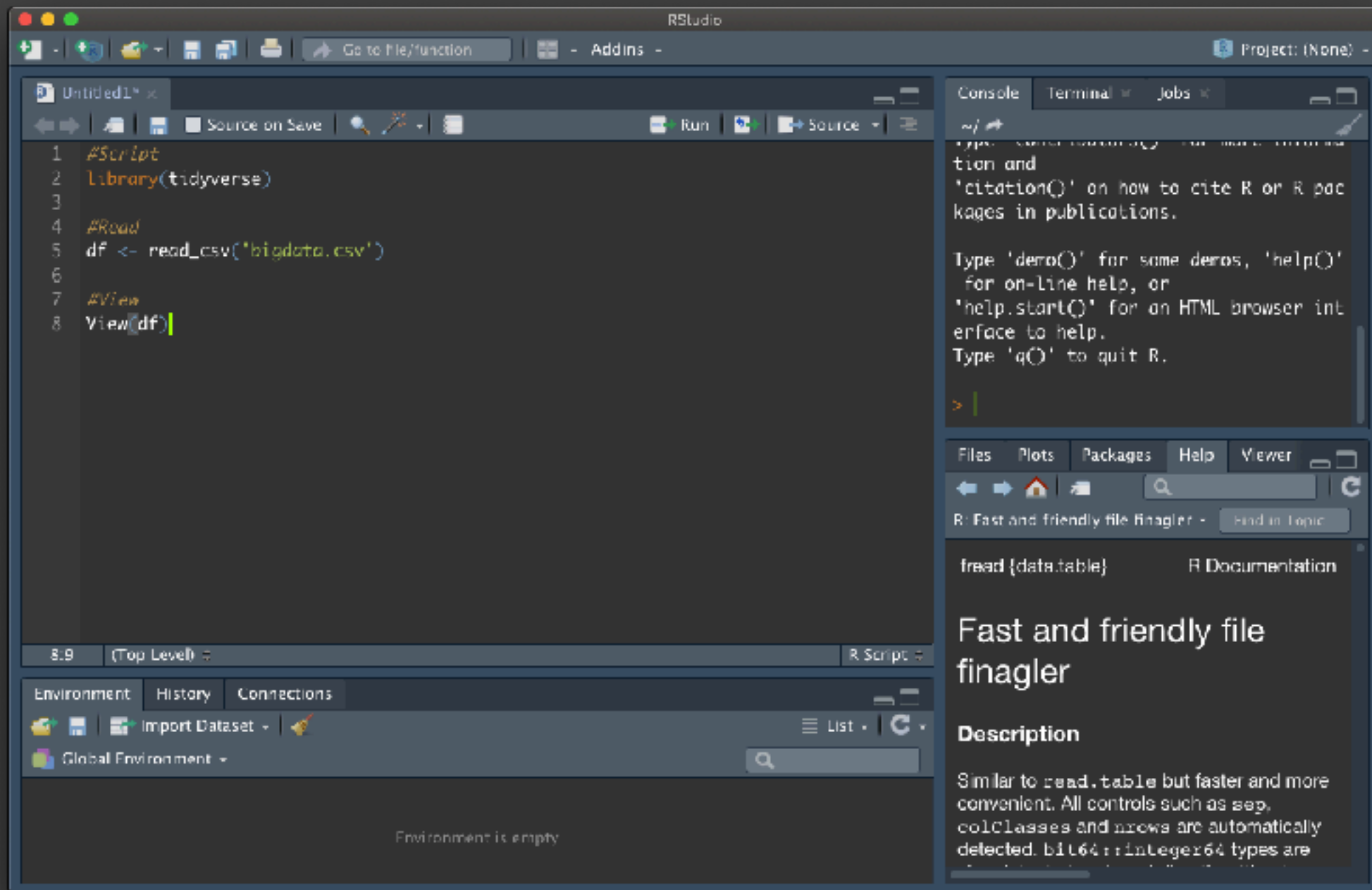
The Untitled R script window shows a script for loading and viewing data. The script includes comments for each step: loading the tidyverse library, reading a CSV file, and viewing the data frame.

```
Untitled

<functions> Q Help search

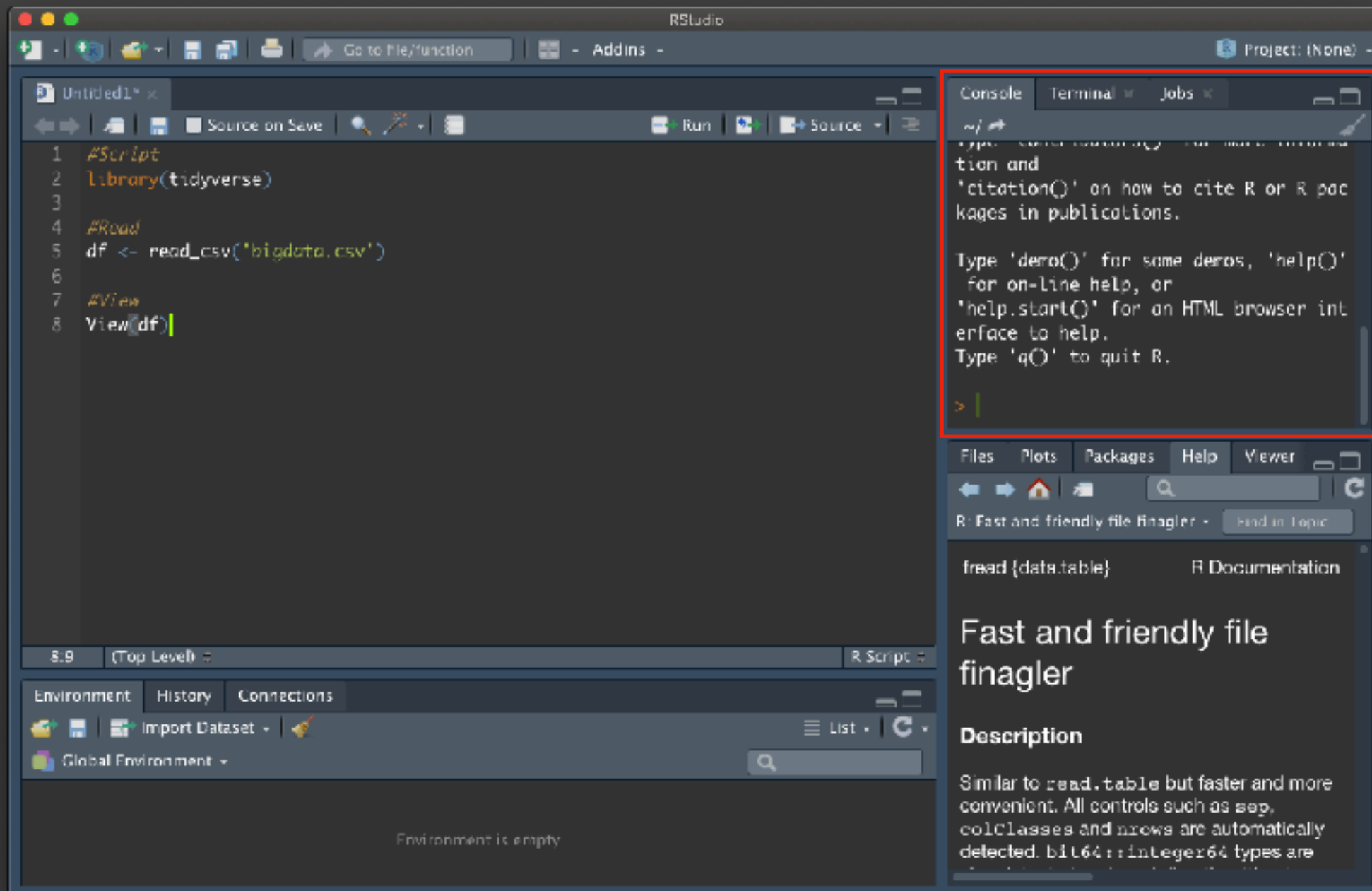
1 #Script
2 library(tidyverse)
3
4 #load
5 df <- read_csv('bigdata.csv')
6
7 #View
8 View(df)
```

# IDE

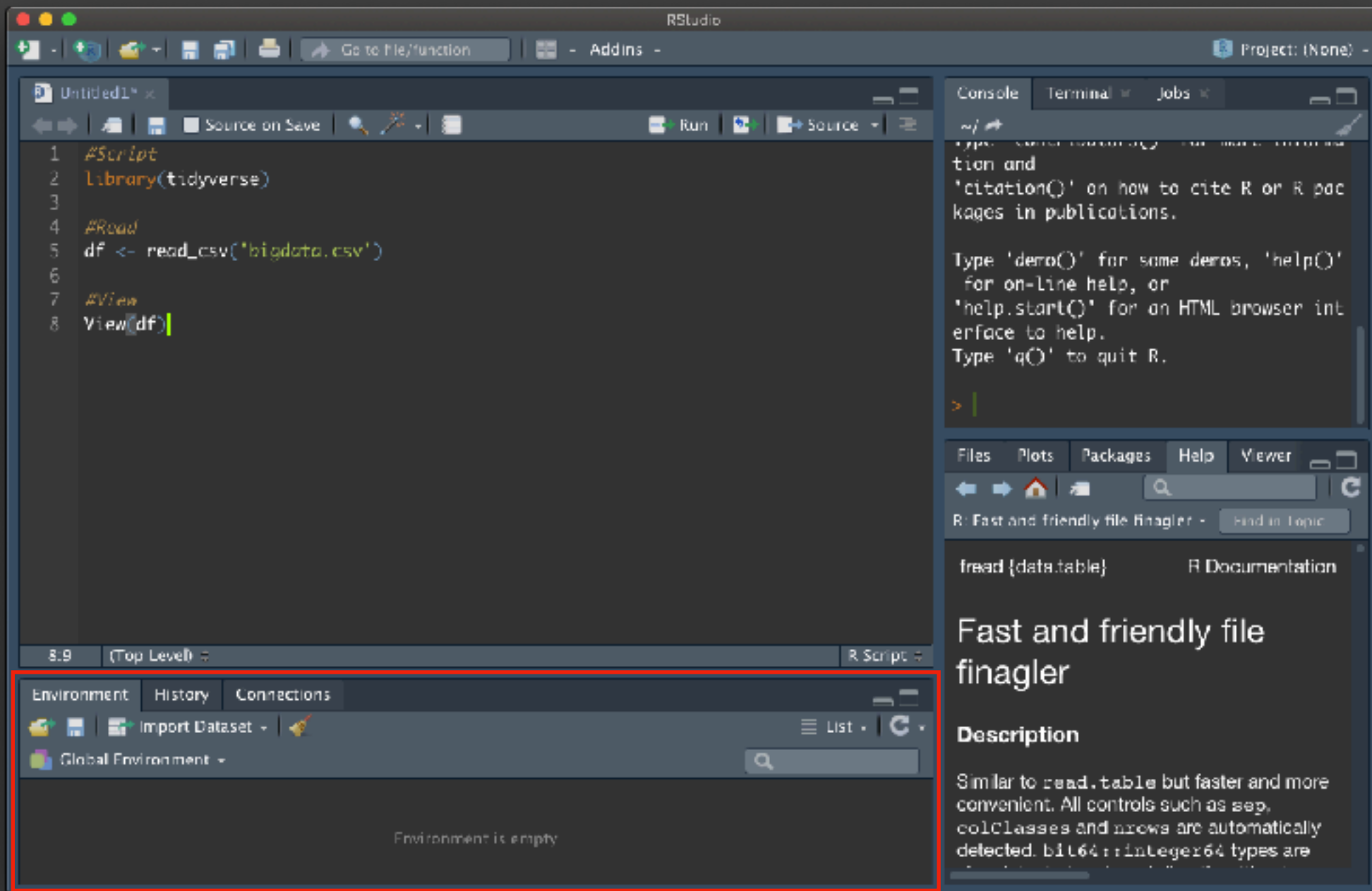


# IDE

Assistant



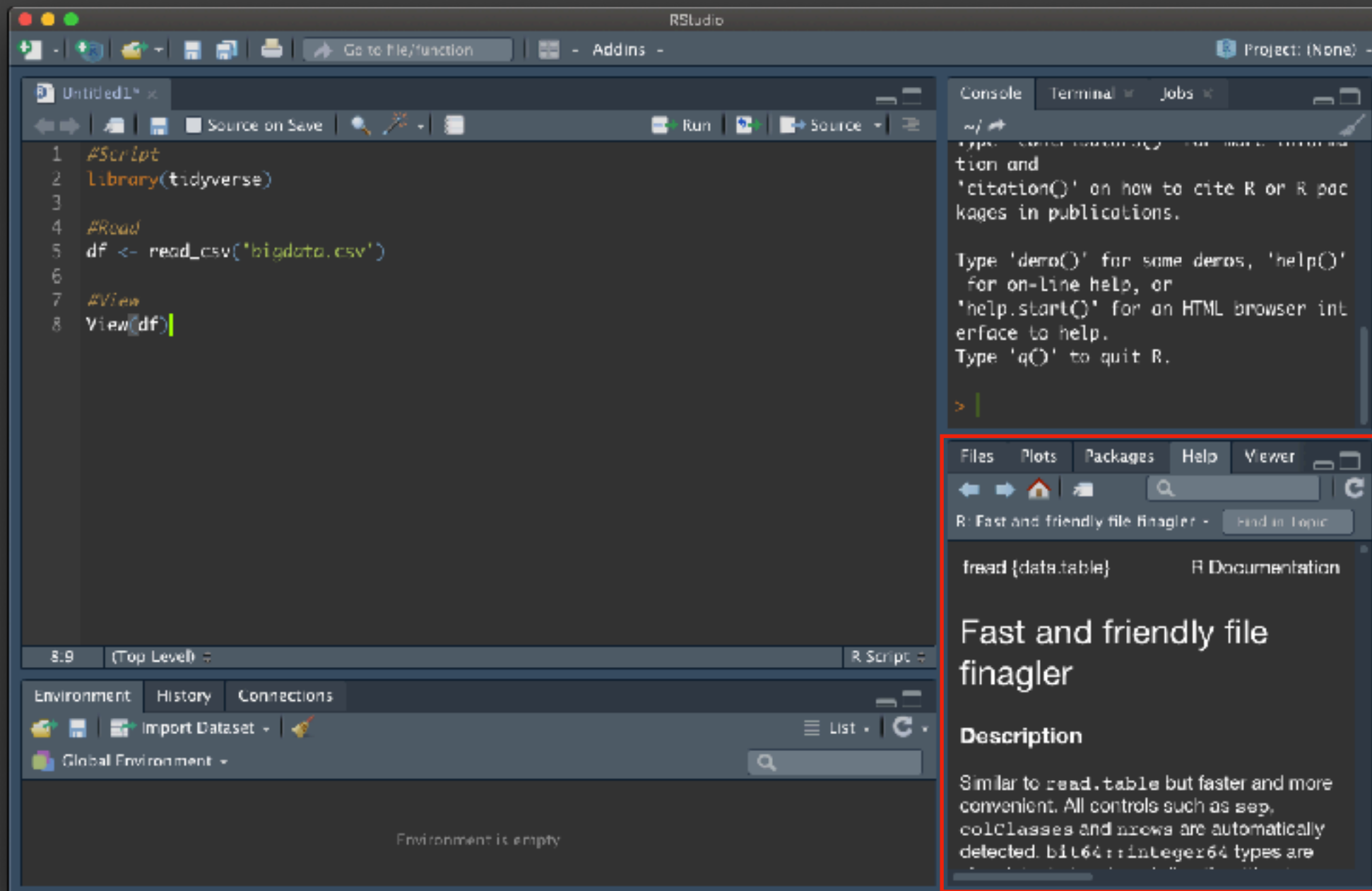
# IDE



Assistant's  
memory

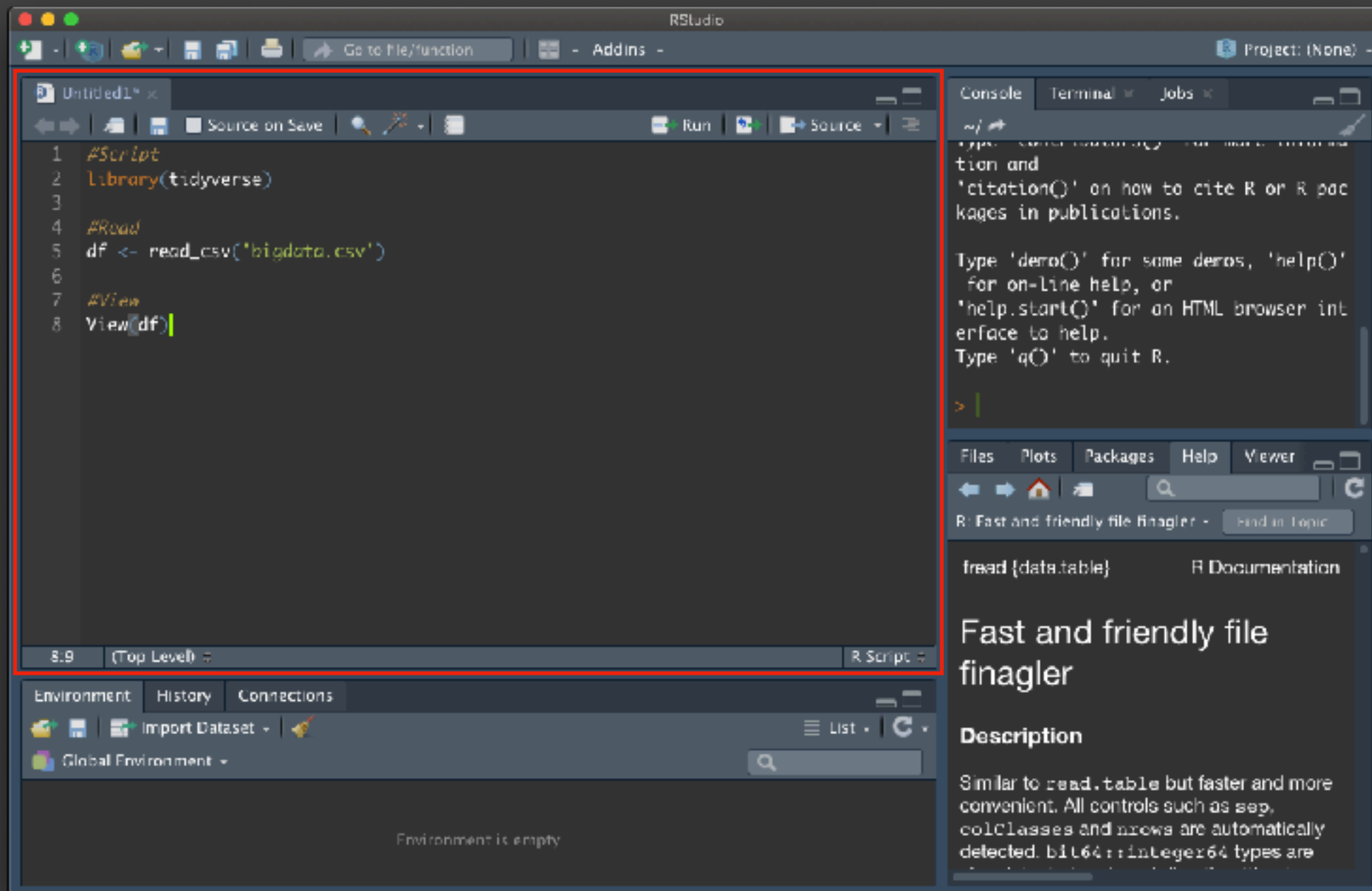


# IDE



Archive

# IDE



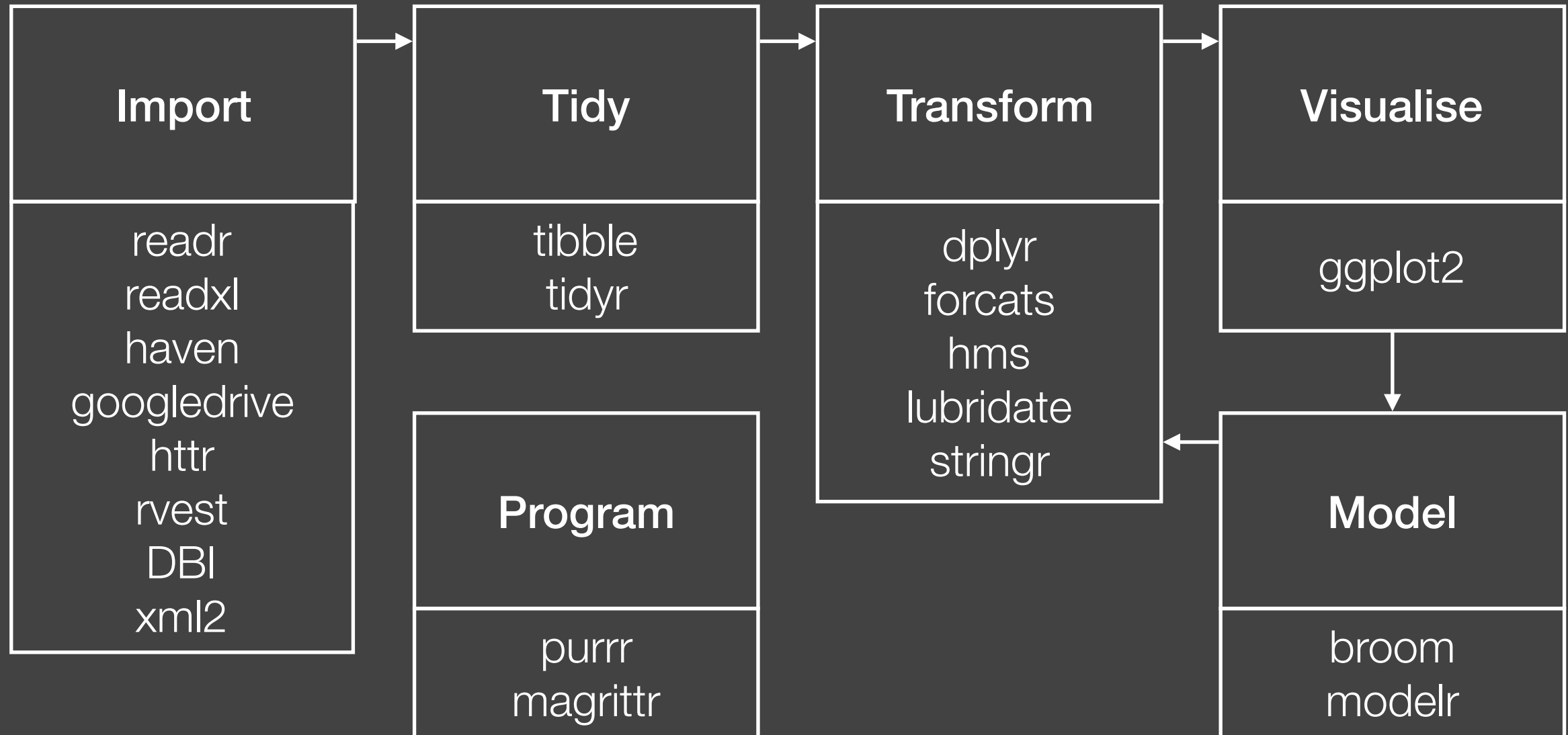
Instructions

# Tidyverse

Collection of R packages

Tidy data

# Tidyverse



# Tidy data

country	year	cases	population
Afghanistan	1999	745	19957071
Afghanistan	2000	2666	20595360
Brazil	1999	3737	172006362
Brazil	2000	8488	174504898
China	1999	21258	1272915272
China	2000	2166	128028583

Variables

# Tidy data

country	year	cases	population
Afghanistan	1999	745	199870
Afghanistan	2000	2000	200000
Egypt	1999	57707	720000
Egypt	2000	60400	740040
China	1999	212200	12720102
China	2000	210700	12004200

Observations

# Tidy data

country	year	cases	population
Afghanistan	1999	745	19987071
Afghanistan	2000	2666	20595360
Brazil	1999	37737	172000362
Brazil	2000	80483	174504898
China	1999	212293	1272913272
China	2000	213766	1280425583

Values

# Tidy mistakes

Column headers are values, not variable names

Multiple variables are stored in one column

Variables are stored in both rows and columns

Multiple types of observational units are stored in the same table

A single observational unit is stored in multiple tables.



# Tidy data

country	year	type	count
Afghanistan	1999	cases	745
Afghanistan	1999	population	19,987,071
Afghanistan	2000	cases	2,666
Afghanistan	2000	population	20,595,360
Brazil	1999	cases	3,7737
Brazil	1999	population	172,006,362
Brazil	2000	cases	80,488
Brazil	2000	population	174,504,898
China	1999	cases	212,258
China	1999	population	1,272,915,272
China	2000	cases	213,766
China	2000	population	1,280,428,583

# Tidy data

country	year	rate
Afghanistan	1999	745 / 19,987,071
Afghanistan	2000	2,666 / 20,595,360
Brazil	1999	3,7737 / 172,006,362
Brazil	2000	80,488 / 174,504,898
China	1999	212,258 / 1,272,915,272
China	2000	213,766 / 1,280,428,583

# Tidy data

country	1999	2000
Afghanistan	745	2,666
Brazil	3,7737	80,488
China	212,258	213,766

Cases

country	1999	2000
Afghanistan	19,987,071	20,595,360
Brazil	172,006,362	174,504,898
China	1,272,915,272	1,280,428,583

Population

# Tidy data

country	year	cases	population
Afghanistan	1999	745	19,987,071
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Brazil	1999	3,7737	172,006,362
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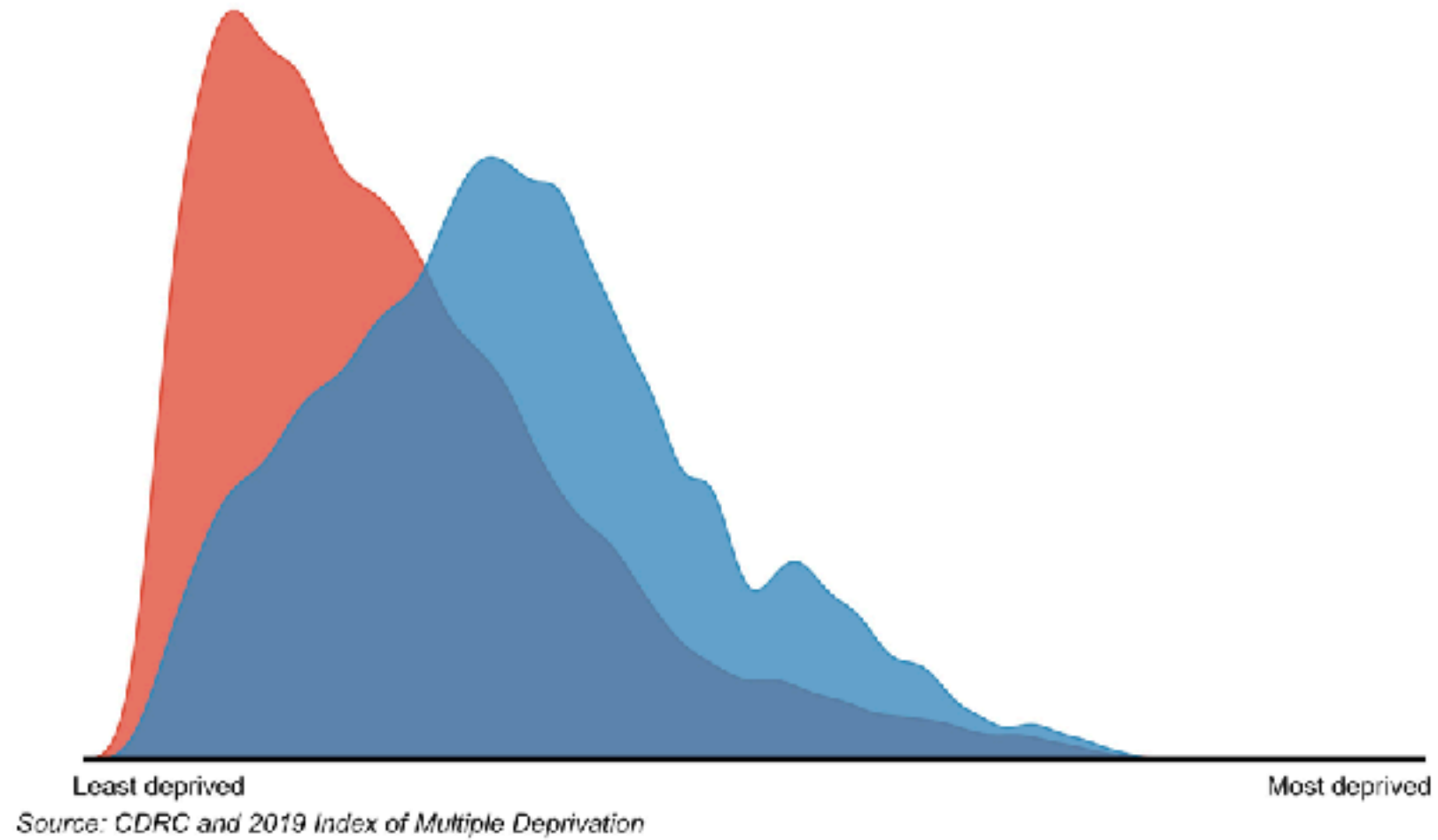
# ggplot2

**ggplot2** is a system for declaratively creating graphics,  
based on "The Grammar of Graphics"

# ggplot2

## Index of Multiple Deprivation

Multiple deprivation experienced by British Chinese (red) and British Bangladeshi (blue) residents



# ggplot2

## Outward Migration

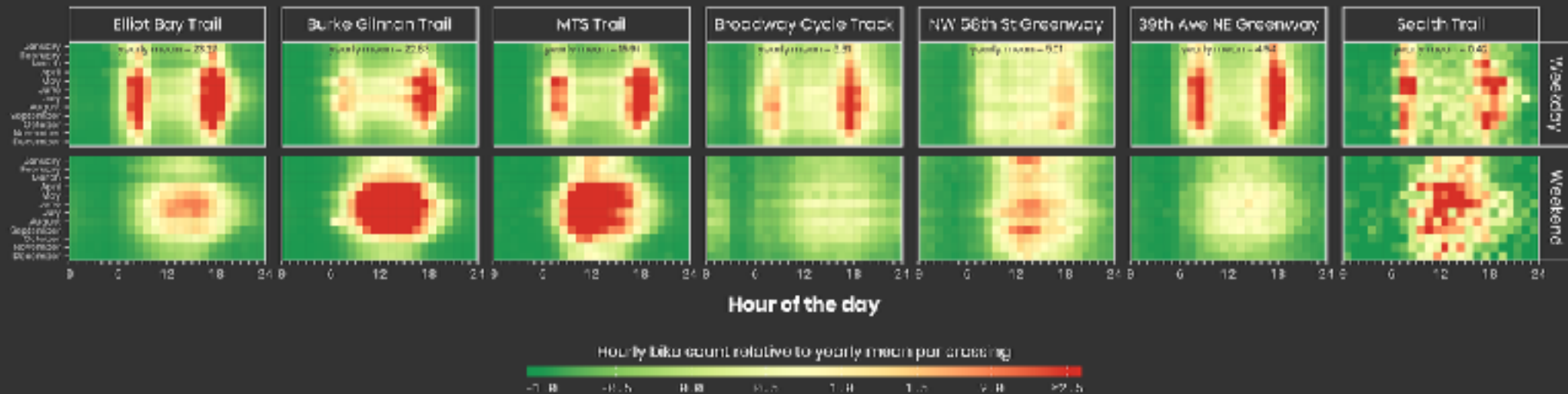
Detail of regional, local authority and ward destinations of movers leaving Spitalfields and Banglatown, 1997-2016



# ggplot2

## Riding the green wave in Seattle

Monthly bike traffic (2014-2018), based on data from [seattle.gov](https://seattle.gov)



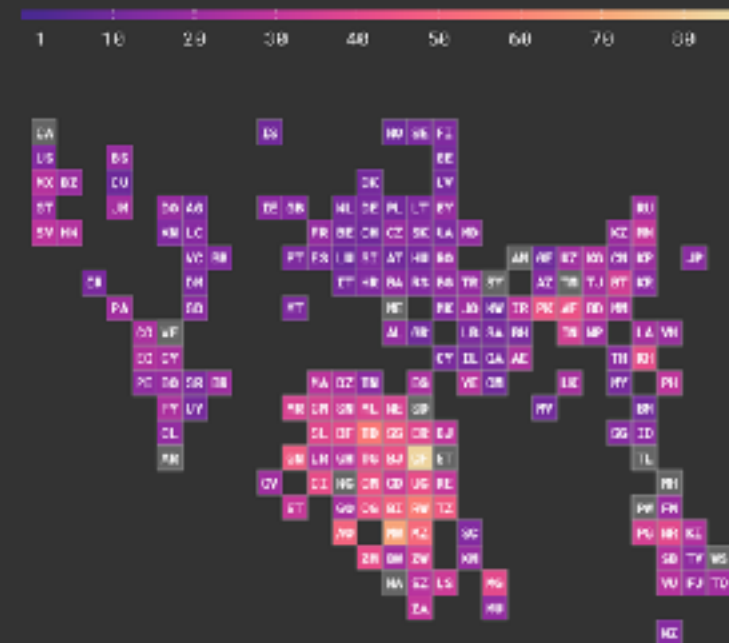
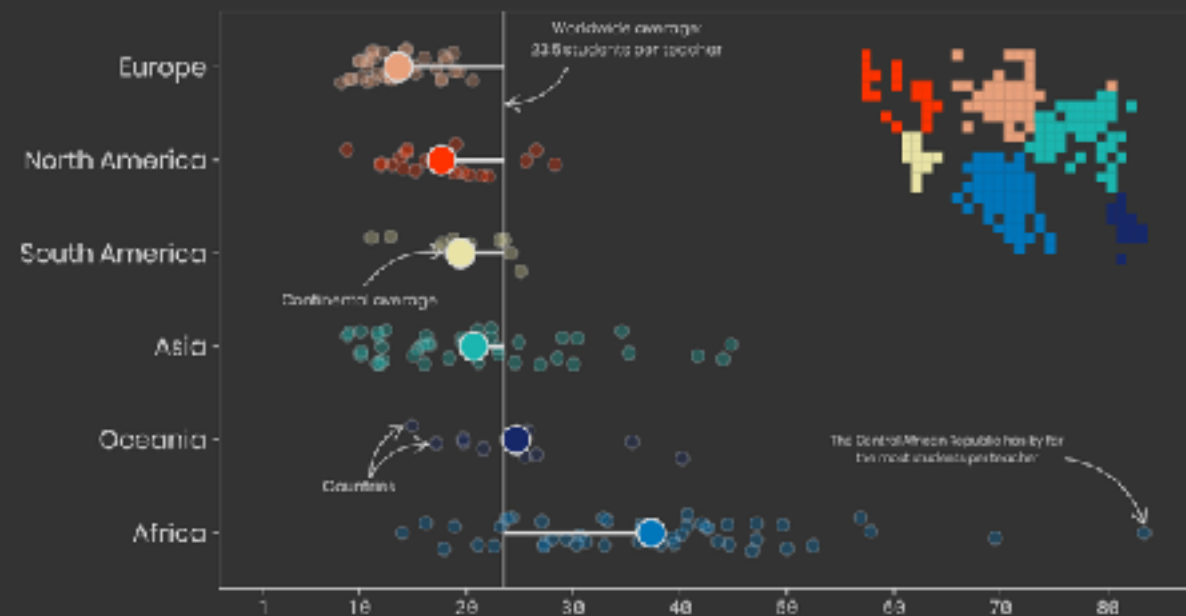
Visualization by Cédric Scherer



# ggplot2

## Global student to teacher ratios in primary education

Latest reported student to teacher ratio per country and continent (2012-2018)



Visualization by Cédric Scherer | Data: "eAtlas of Teachers" by UNESCO

# ggplot2

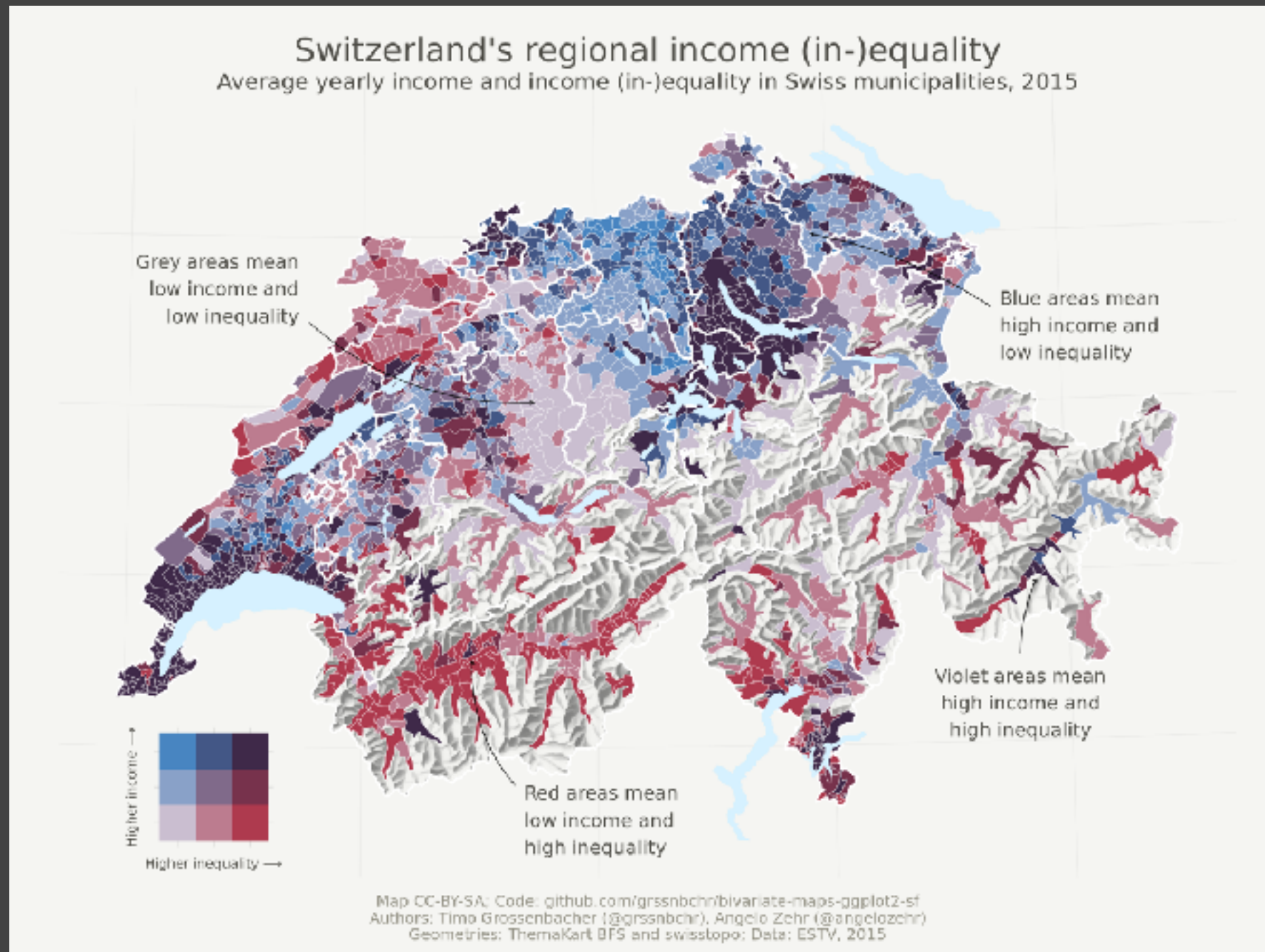
## Plastic pollution – absolute and relative plastic waste generation across the world

Middle- and low income countries tend to generate high amounts of mismanaged waste which is at high risk of entering the ocean.



Visualization by Cédric Scherer | Data: Ritchie & Roser (2018), OurWorldInData.org

# ggplot2



# ggplot2

data {raw data}

+

layers {shapes and summarised data}

+

aesthetics {making of the objects}

+

scales

+

coordinate system

+

facets

+

visual theme

# Community

## LondonR

<https://www.meetup.com/LondonR/>

## useR!

<https://www.r-project.org/conferences/>

## R-Ladies

<https://rladies.org>

## Stackoverflow

[~ 300,00 questions](#)

## #rstats

[Twitter](#)

# Resources

## **R for Data Science**

<https://r4ds.had.co.nz>

## **Advanced R**

<https://adv-r.hadley.nz>

## **ggplot2: Elegant Graphics for Data Analysis**

<https://ggplot2-book.org/>

## **Hands-On Programming with R**

<https://rstudio-education.github.io/hopr/>

# Useful packages

## Loading data

What for	Packages
<i>Relational databases</i>	RMySQL, RPostgresSQL, RSQLite
<i>Various file formats</i>	XLConnect, xlsx, foreign, haven

## Manipulating data

What for	Packages
<i>Data wrangling</i>	dplyr, tidyr
<i>Text</i>	stringr, tidytext
<i>Dates</i>	lubridate

## Modelling data

What for	Packages
<i>Statistical models</i>	caret, randomForest, glmnet, nnet, mice

## Dealing with spatial data

What for	Packages
<i>Spatial</i>	sp, maptools, ggmap, tmap

## Data visualisation

What for	Packages
<i>Graphics</i>	ggplot, ggraph, ggtext

## Data output

What for	Packages
<i>Results</i>	R Markdown, shiny

## General performance

What for	Packages
<i>Large datasets</i>	parallel, data.table

**Demo**



# Parallel

## Pipeline: R

```
# -----  
# Loading the libraries  
# -----  
library(tidyverse)  
library(RJSONIO)  
day_folder <- "location_of_the_data"  
sensors <- paste(day_folder, dir(day_folder), sep = "/")[1:25]  
  
# -----  
# Read and Parse JSON files  
# -----  
for(sensor in sensors) {  
  files <- paste(sensor, dir(sensor), sep = "/")  
  for( file in files ) {  
    records <- fromJSON(file);  
    location <- vector();  
    timestamp <- vector();  
    macaddress <- vector();  
    for(record in records) {  
      location <- append(location, get_location(file))  
      timestamp <- append(timestamp, get_time(file))  
      fullmac <- paste0(record$MacAddress, record$VendorMacPart)  
      macaddress <- append(macaddress, fullmac); }  
    df <- data.frame(location, timestamp, mac)  
    probes <- rbind(probes, df) } }  
  
# -----  
# Aggregate the counts for each interval  
# -----  
probes %>%  
  group_by(location, time) %>%  
  summarise(count = length(unique(paste0(vendor, mac)))) %>%  
  write.csv("output.csv", row.names=FALSE)
```

20<sub>m</sub>14<sub>s</sub>

## Pipeline: Unix tools

```
# -----  
# Get a list of locations  
# -----  
awkc="awk -vFPAT='^[^,]*|\\\"[^\"]*\\\"' -v OFS=','  
folder="location_of_the_data"  
sensors=`ls $FOLDER | head -n 25`  
  
# -----  
# Loop through locations and parse and output results  
# -----  
for sensor in $sensors;  
do  
  jq_string=".[] | \  
    [\"$sensor\",\  
      .timestamp_from_filename,\  
      .VendorMacPart+.MacAddress] \  
    | @csv";  
  cmd="jq -r '$jq_string' $folder$sensor/*.pd \  
    | sort | uniq \  
    | $awkc '{print \$1, \$2}' \  
    | sort | uniq -c";  
  echo "$(eval $cmd)" > output.csv;  
done
```

18<sub>s</sub>

## Pipeline: GNU Parallel

```
# -----  
# Get a list of locations  
# -----  
awkc="awk -vFPAT='^[^,]*|\\\"[^\"]*\\\"' -v OFS=','  
folder="location_of_the_data"  
sensors=`ls $folder | head -n 25`  
  
# -----  
# Set up the processing pipeline  
# -----  
jq_string=".[] | \  
  [\"{}\",\  
    .timestamp_from_filename,\  
    .VendorMacPart+.MacAddress] \  
  | @csv";  
cmd="jq -r '$jq_string' $folder{}/*.pd \  
  | sort | uniq \  
  | $awkc '{print \$1, \$2}' \  
  | sort | uniq -c";  
  
# -----  
# Apply the pipeline in parallel over each location  
# -----  
echo "$sensors" \  
  | parallel "$cmd" \  
  > output.csv
```

3<sub>s</sub>

# Questions