Data Management Git & GitHub

ENTMLGY 6707 Entomological Techniques and Data Analysis

Look for efficient solutions



Learning objectives

Become familiar with best practices in data management

Compare and contrast approaches to data organization using spreadsheets

Given a data structure/input, anticipate barriers to loading the data into R

Introduction to Git/GitHub and its value for open science

Messy data

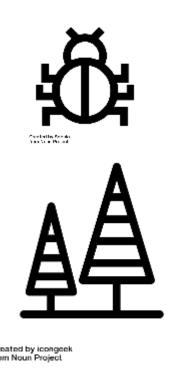
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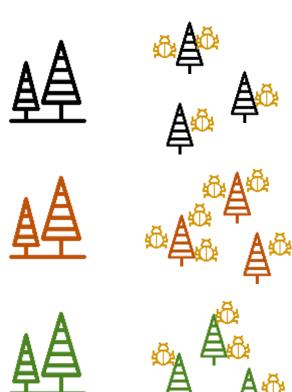
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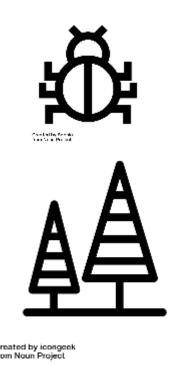




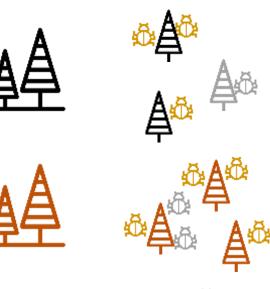
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Best practices

Keep multiple copies of your data: hard and electronic

• Electronic = scanned hard copies & spreadsheet

MAKE SURE YOUR ELECTRONIC COPY IS BACKED UP AT ALL TIMES

Data safety issues are especially important when working with human subjects

- Understand custodial issues in data sharing in advance
- Ways to share sensitive data: removing personal information, create unique IDs

Spreadsheets

Typically, data is entered into a spreadsheet before exporting to a dedicated statistics program.

The most common spreadsheet is Microsoft Excel, but there are others (e.g., Google Docs, LibreOffice)

Proper data setup early in your investigation will avoid a lot of headaches in the future!

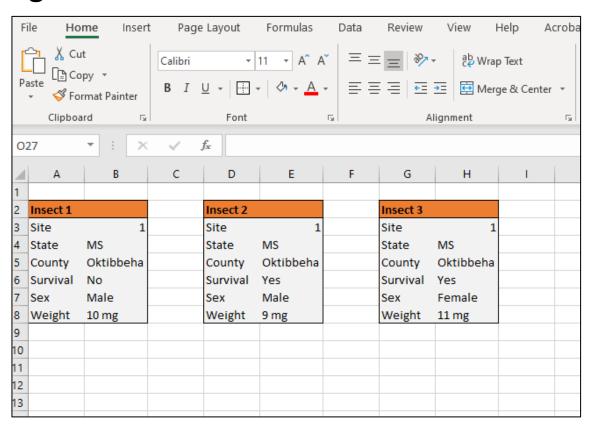
Data in spreadsheets

Avoid making "pretty" datasheets. Statistics programs, as a rule, don't do "pretty" very well.

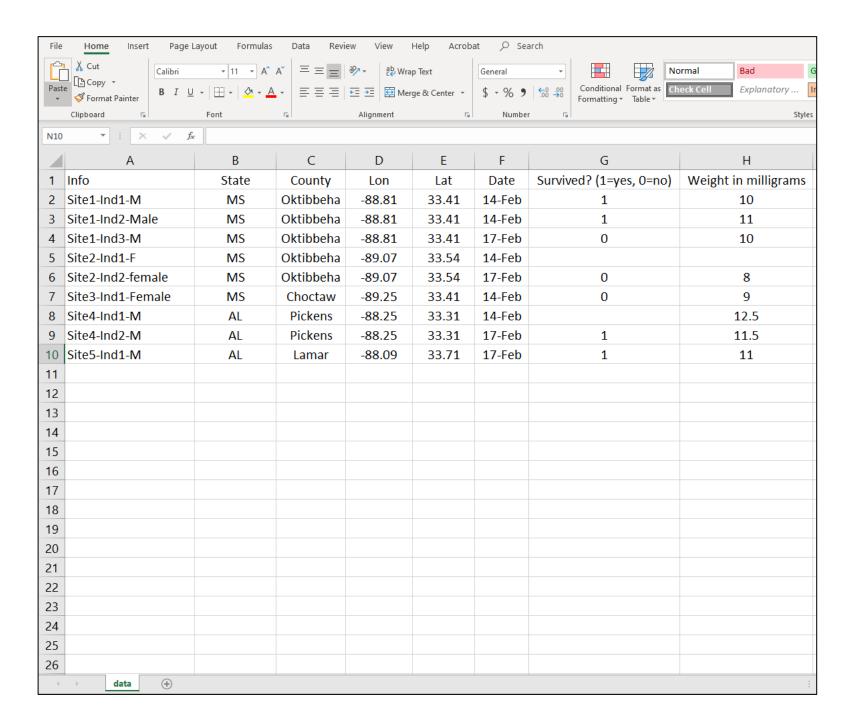
Each line of data contains all the variables for a single observation

Try to use a column for each variable

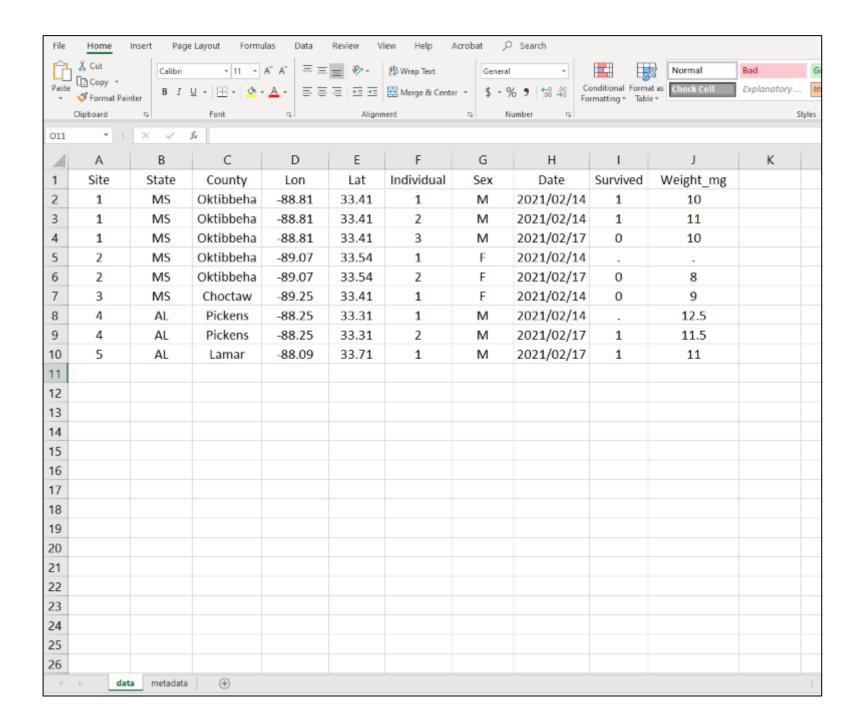




Bad example



Good example



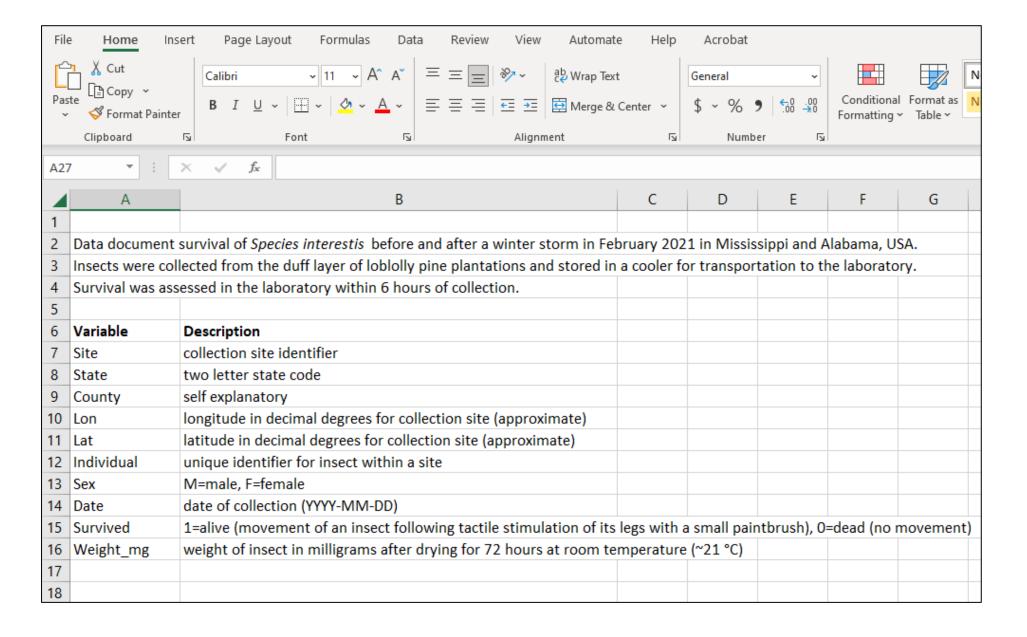
Codebook / Metadata

Data is typically kept along with a codebook or metadata. This is (more or less) information describing a particular study or data

The typical metadata contains:

- 1. A description of how the data were collected including sampling design
- 2. The variables contained in the data
- 3. In the case of surveys, the survey instrument or questionnaire used to solicit responses from the respondent and the coded values of each question
- 4. The format and/or units of each variable within the raw data file
- 5. Meaning of the coded values for each variable, including (as necessary) whether data are continuous, categorical, ordinal, nominal, binary, etc.

Metadata



Quality control checks

Once your data is entered, it is a good idea to perform a quality control check before reading the file into a statistics program.

This is essential whether the data are generated by machine or people

Likely required to publish your data with manuscript

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Git and GitHub – What are they?

Git: Software that handles version control on your repository

Working in the background when using GitHub

GitHub: Web interface that hosts your repository online

- Allows for collaboration on projects
- Interfaces with R/RStudio & Git





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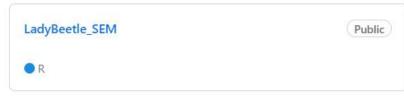




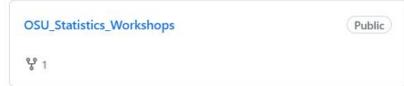












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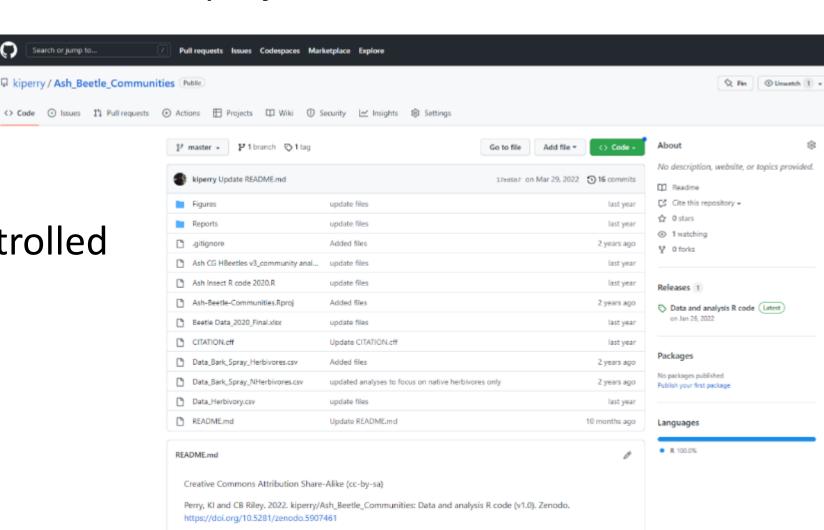
What is a repository (or repo)?

Place for all files associated with a project

With GitHub, your repo lives on your computer and online

Each file is version controlled with documented development history

Public or private





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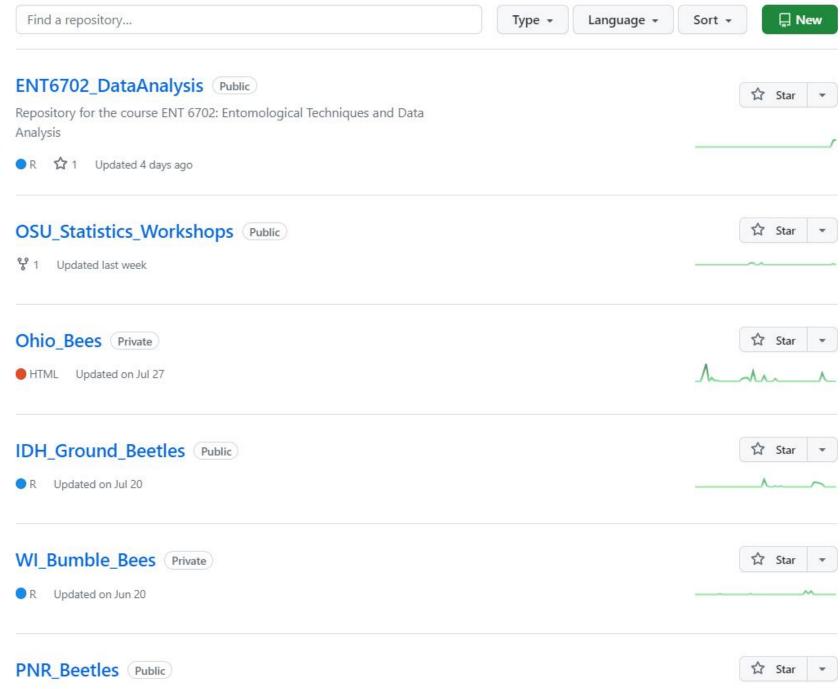
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Make changes or updates to repo with commit

Save a version of a file, and provide notes on what you changed

When you commit a file in Git/GitHub, you are saving a new version, but also keeping a record of the changes you made Commit changes

Create README.md

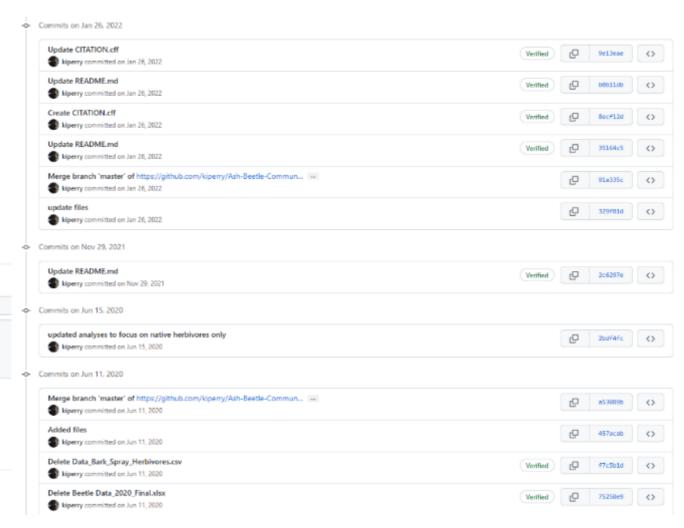
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Add an optional extended description..

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O- Commit directly to the master branch.

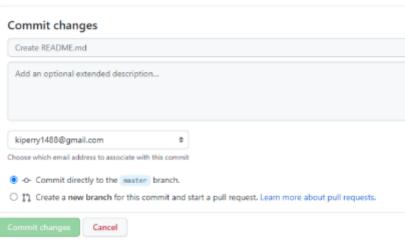
11 Create a new branch for this commit and start a pull request. Learn more about pull requests.

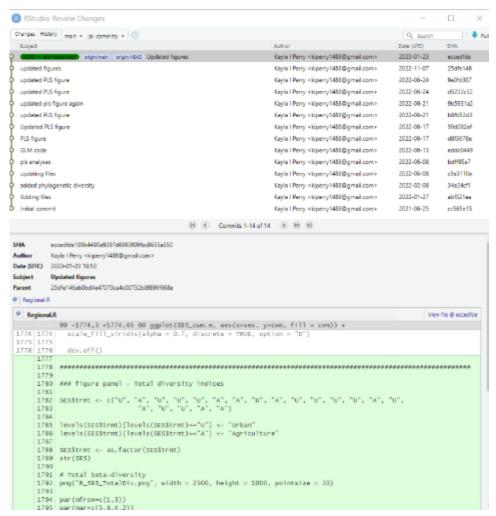


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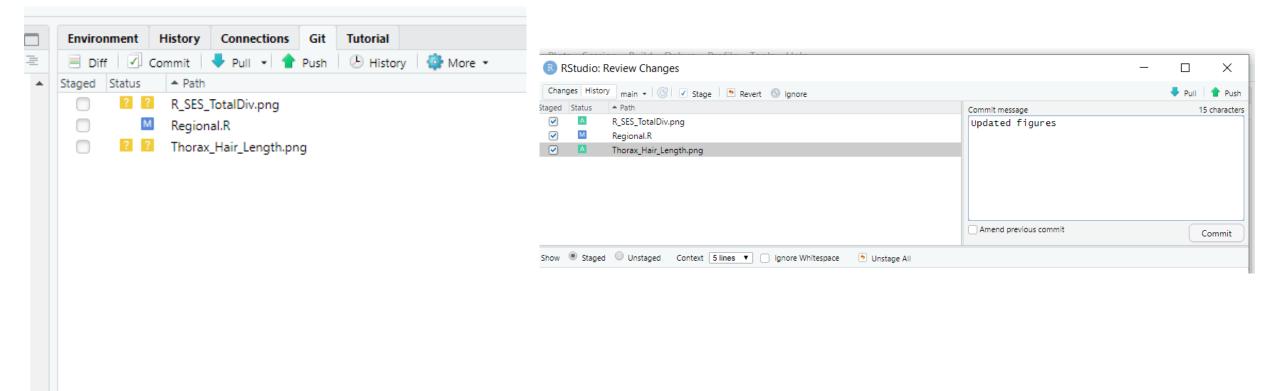
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Pull, Commit, then Push

- 1. Pull from the online repository to update your local files
- 2. Commit to save a new version of a file(s)
- 3. **Push** those changes online to the repository



1) Sync project files locally on your computer and online

2) Make commits to record changes to files over time

GitHub

3) Facilitates remote collaboration within a project repository

What can we do with Git/GitHub?

1) Experiment on projects without breaking them – Branch

2) Make, assign, and keep track of tasks – Issues

3) Access existing projects made by others – Fork or Clone

4) Build on existing projects with collaborators – **Pull, Commit, Push**

Why use Git/GitHub with R?

Facilitates research transparency and reproducibility

Share data, code, and analyses with collaborators and scientific community

Track development history over time

Aligns with open science journal requirements





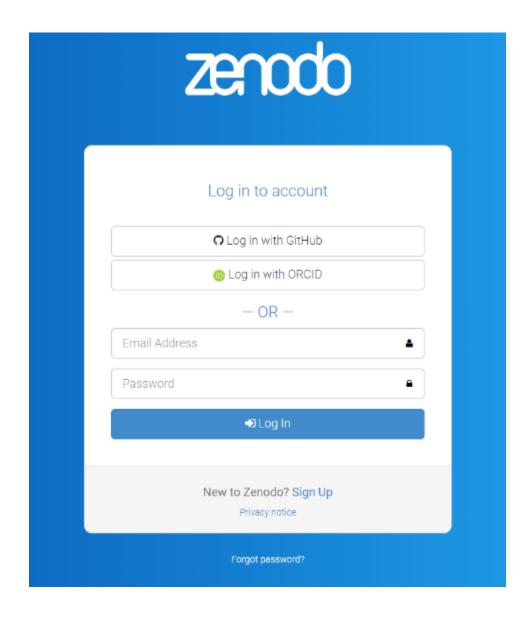
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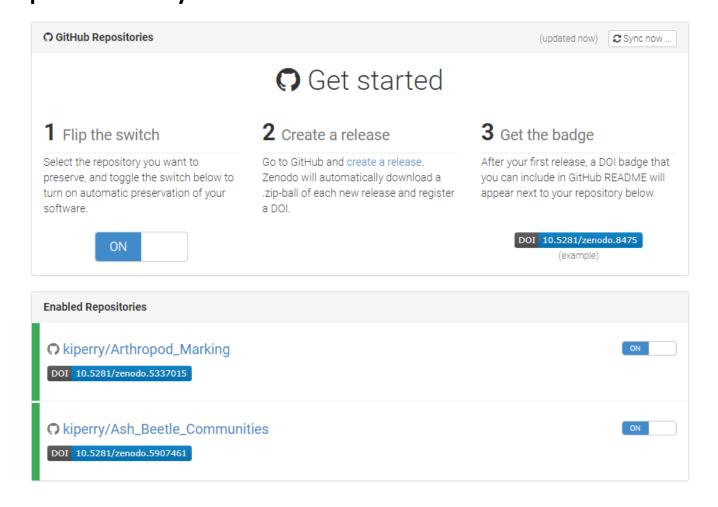
Many journals now require submission of data and code for peer-review

- Open Research Statement: Data are already published and publicly available, with those items properly
- 24 cited in this submission. This submission uses novel code, which is provided in an external repository to
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- 26 https://github.com/BahlaiLab/Ohio ladybeetles. If this paper is accepted for publication, data and code
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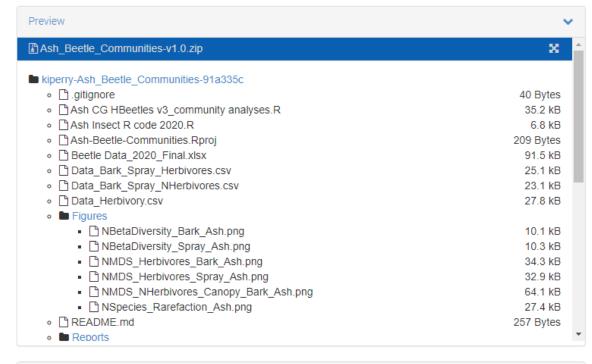
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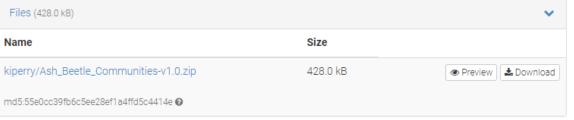
Study data and R code, first release v1.0

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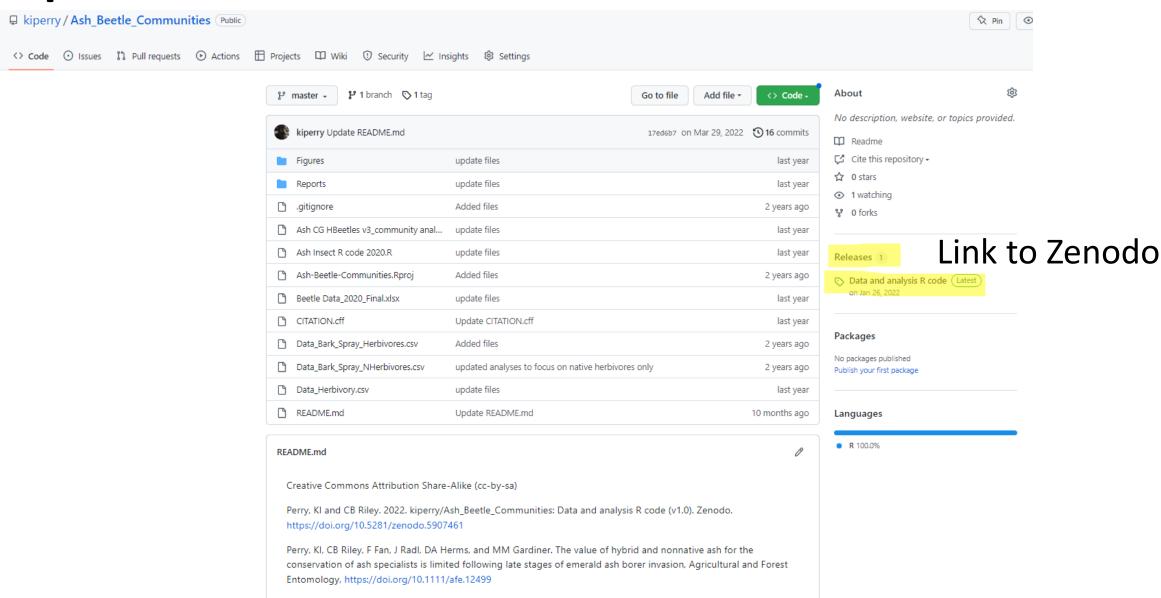
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- Open Research Statement: Ohio lady beetle records were compiled from 25 institutions, which are
- 29 listed in Appendix S1: Table S1. Query details for obtaining these data are provided in Appendix S1:
- 30 Section S1. Data and code that support our findings are archived in Zenodo,
- 31 <u>https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.11263088</u>

R Assignment – Loading data into R

- When you have a dataset ready for analysis, it needs to be exported to a statistics program
- Some, but not all programs, can read an Excel file directly
- More commonly, the data needs to be saved as a plain text file (space or tab delimited)
- Understand how the file is delimited and what the statistics program is expecting!



Files and delimitations:

- *.txt Plain text
- *.txt Tab-delimited plain text
- *.dat Space delimited plain text
- *.csv Comma separated values