Visualization, transformation and reporting with the tidyverse

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Preface

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Links

- This website: https://krlmlr.github.io/vistransrep/book
- Scripts and installation instructions: https://github.com/krlmlr/vistransrep-proj/tree/master
  - Prepared scripts: https://github.com/krlmlr/vistransrep-proj/tree/master/script
- The source project for this material: https://github.com/krlmlr/vistransrep

Package versions used

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```
withr::with_options(list(width = 80), print(sessioninfo::session_info()))
```

```
## - Session info -----------------------------------------------------------------
##  setting  value
##  version  R version 3.6.1 (2017-01-27)
##  os       Ubuntu 16.04.6 LTS
##  system   x86_64, linux-gnu
##  ui       X11
##  language en_US.UTF-8
##  collate  en_US.UTF-8
##  ctype    en_US.UTF-8
##  tz       UTC
##  date     2019-11-25
```

```
##
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##  assertthat     0.2.1       2019-03-21 [1] CRAN (R 3.6.1)
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##  reprex         0.3.0       2019-05-16 [1] CRAN (R 3.6.1)
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##  rlang          0.4.2.9000  2019-11-25 [1] Github (r-lib/rlang@26bf207)
##  rmarkdown      1.17        2019-11-13 [1] CRAN (R 3.6.1)
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##
## [1] /home/travis/R/Library
## [2] /usr/local/lib/R/site-library
## [3] /home/travis/R-bin/lib/R/library
```

License

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  - tic
  - ...

Introduction & overview

The `tidyverse` has quickly developed over the last years. Its first implementation as a collection of partly older packages was in the second half of 2016. All its packages "share an underlying design philosophy, grammar, and data structures."[1] It is for sure difficult to tell, if "learning the `tidyverse`" is a hard task, since the result of this assessment might differ from person to person. We do believe though, that there are concepts in its approach, which – when grasped – have the potential to increase one's productivity, since code creation will seem more natural. While this might be true for all languages (once you speak it well enough, things go smoothly), in our opinion the `tidyverse` worth exploring in depth, since it is

1. consistent: an especially well designed framework that aims at making data analysis and programming intuitive,
2. evolving: constantly deepened understanding for challenges arising in modern data analysis leads to improving ergonomic user interfaces.

This course covers several topics, which everyone working more intently with the `tidyverse` almost inevitably needs to deal with at some point or another. The topics are organized in chapters that contain mostly R code with output and text. In each section, exercises are provided.

[1] citation from tidyverse homepage

Part I

R & RStudio

Chapter 1

R

1.1 R as a toolkit

- Scriptability → R
- Literate programming (code, narrative, output in one place) → R Markdown
- Version control → Git / GitHub

1.1.1 Why R and RStudio?

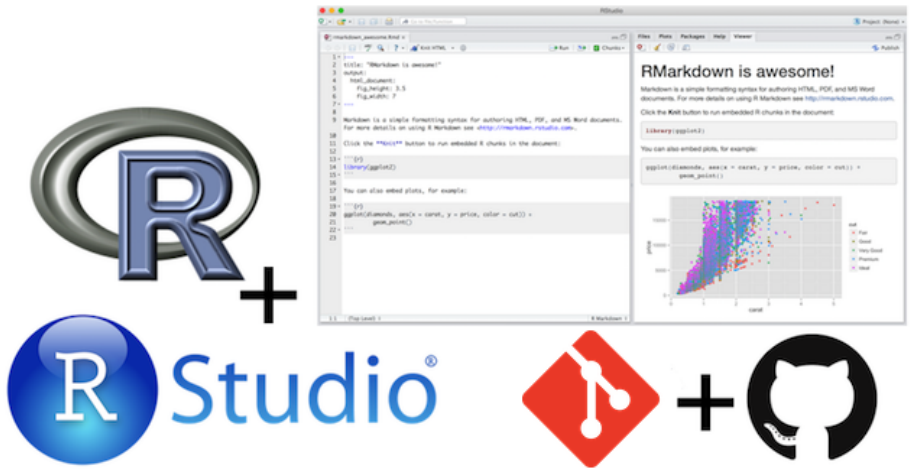
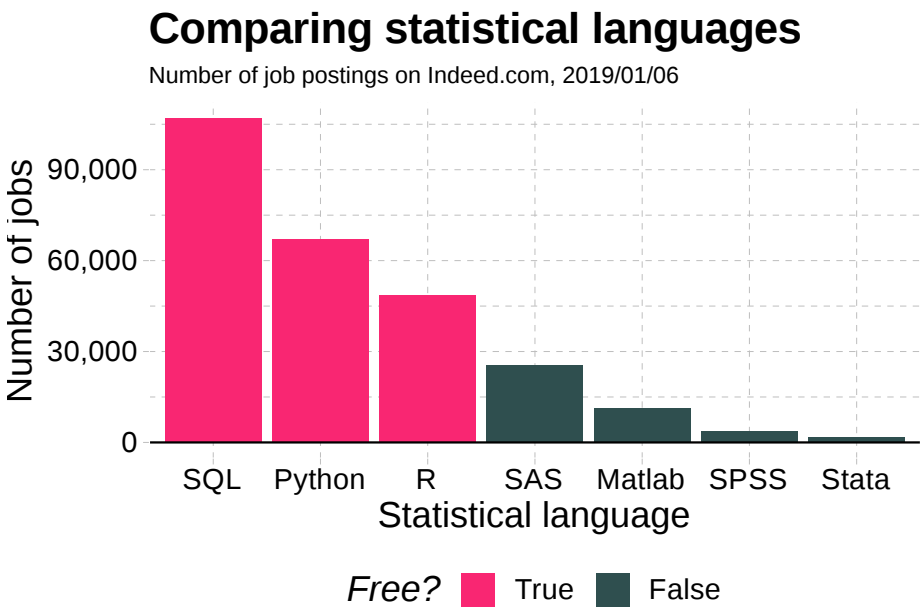


Figure 1.1: R as a toolkit



1.1.2 Some R basics

- You will load packages at the **start of every new R session**.
  - "Base" R comes with tons of useful built-in functions. It also provides all the tools necessary for you to write your own functions.
  - However, many of R's best data science functions and tools come

from external packages written by other users.
- R easily and infinitely parallelizes. For free.
  - Compare the cost of a Stata/MP license, nevermind the fact that you effectively pay per core…

1.2 R code examples

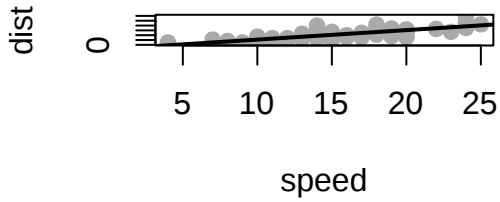
1.2.1 Linear regression

```
fit <- lm(dist ~ 1 + speed, data = cars)
summary(fit)
```

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = dist ~ 1 + speed, data = cars)
##
## Residuals:
##     Min      1Q  Median      3Q     Max
## -29.069  -9.525  -2.272   9.215  43.201
##
## Coefficients:
##             Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) -17.5791     6.7584  -2.601   0.0123 *
## speed         3.9324     0.4155   9.464 1.49e-12 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 15.38 on 48 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.6511, Adjusted R-squared:  0.6438
## F-statistic: 89.57 on 1 and 48 DF,  p-value: 1.49e-12
```

1.2.2 Base R plot

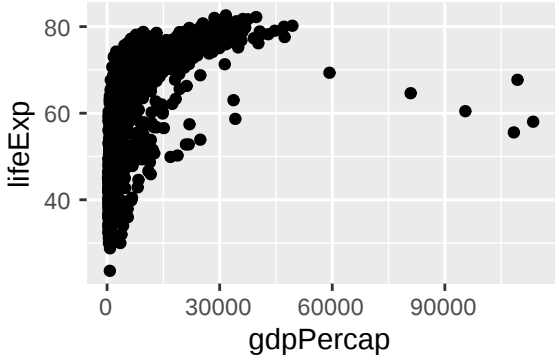
```
plot(cars, pch = 19, col = "darkgray")
abline(fit, lwd = 2)
```



1.2.3 ggplot2

```
library(ggplot2)
library(gapminder) ## For the gapminder data

ggplot(
  data = gapminder,
  mapping = aes(x = gdpPercap, y = lifeExp)
) +
  geom_point()
```



1.2.4 gganimate

1.3 R vs. RStudio

- R is a statistical **programming language**

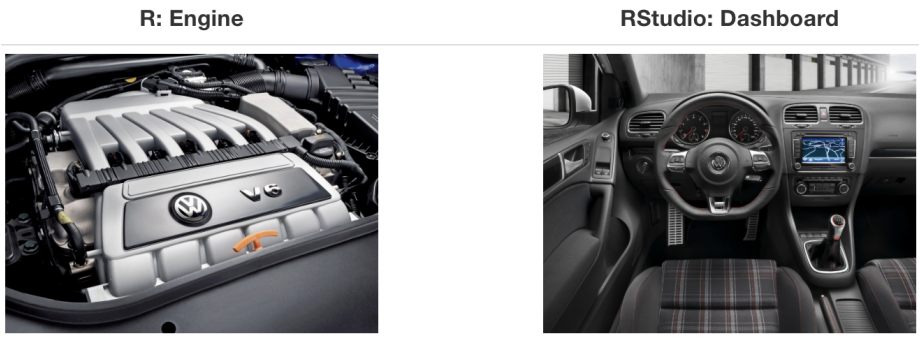


Figure 1.2: Engine vs. dashboard

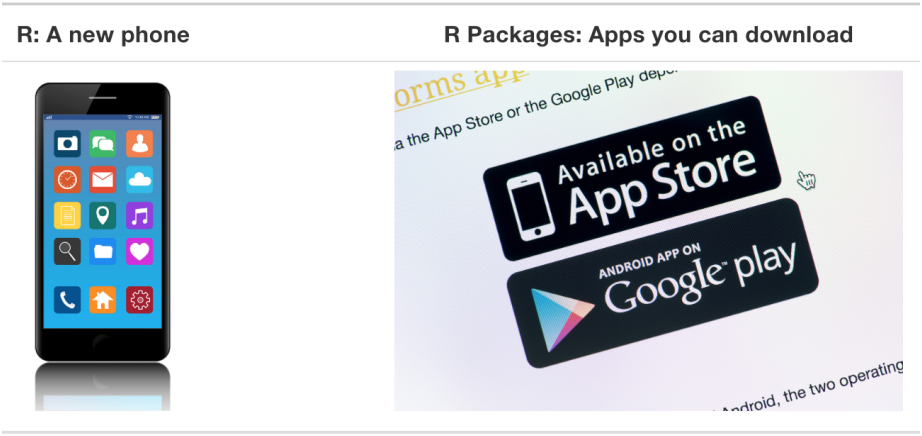


Figure 1.3: R versus R packages

- RStudio is a convenient interface for R (an **integrated development environment**, IDE)
- At its simplest:
  - R is like a car's engine
  - RStudio is like a car's dashboard

1.4 R vs. R packages

- R packages **extend** the functionality of R by providing additional functions, data, and documentation.
- They are written by a world-wide community of R users and can be downloaded for no cost

1.5 R packages

- **CRAN**: A group of people who check that packages fulfill certain standards
- **Mirror**: A location on the web where to download R packages from. Because many thousand people download them daily, the load is distributed on different machines. Pick one which is geographically close to you
- **R base/recommended packages**: The base installation of R ships with a bunch of default packages. In addition, there are some more packages listed as "recommended".

"base" packages are managed by the R core team and will only be updated for every R release.

Packages listed as "recommended" inherit the attributes of being widely used and having a long history in the R community.

```
##     Package Priority
## 1      base     base
## 2  compiler     base
## 3  datasets     base
## 4  graphics     base
## 5 grDevices     base
## 6      grid     base
## 7   methods     base
## 8  parallel     base
```

```
##       Package    Priority
## 1        boot recommended
## 2       class recommended
## 3     cluster recommended
## 4   codetools recommended
## 5     foreign recommended
## 6  KernSmooth recommended
## 7     lattice recommended
## 8        MASS recommended
## 9      Matrix recommended
## 10       mgcv recommended
##  [ reached 'max' / getOption("max.print") -- omitted 2 rows ]
```

1.6 .Rprofile

- File in your home directory `~/.Rprofile`
- Will be executed before every R session starts
- Useful to set global options and for loading of often used packages

1.7 .Renviron

- File in your home directory `~/.Renviron`
- Used to set environment variables
- Used to store "Access tokens" (Github, CI provider, C++ flags)

Chapter 2

RStudio

2.1 IDE structure

→ Exists to **boost** your productivity

→ Change the defaults to your liking so you *actually* can be **productive**

→ Keybindings = productivity

Since RStudio v1.3 a portable JSON settings file exists.

If you want to have sane settings without much hassle, you can execute the following R code: `source("https://bit.ly/rstudio-pat")`

This code will change/overwrite your existing RStudio settings and

- set custom keybindings
- move the console panel to the top-right (by default bottom-left)
- Enable/Disable some core settings to have a better overall experience

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R scripts (source code) are written in the *Source* pane (Editor).

(Source of all following RStudio screenshots: https://github.com/edrubin/EC525S19)

You can use the menubar or ++N / +CTRL+N to create new R scripts.

To execute commands from your R script, use +Enter / CTRL+Enter.

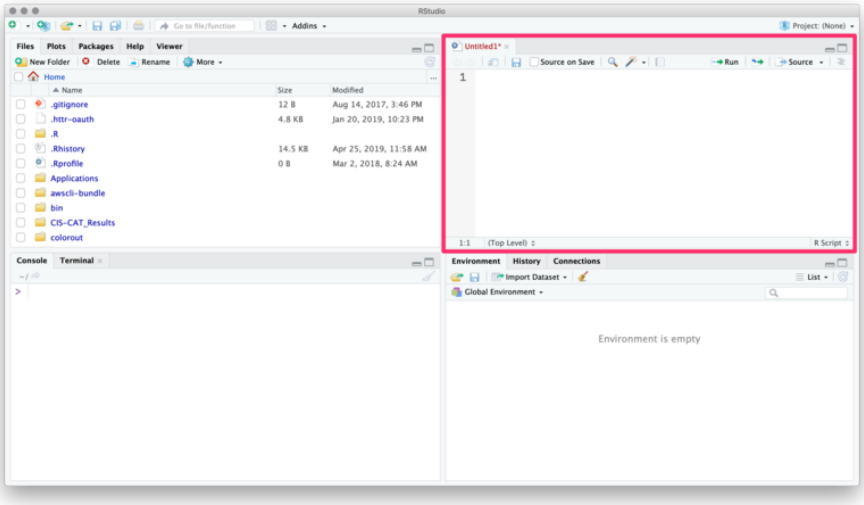

Figure 2.1: Source pane

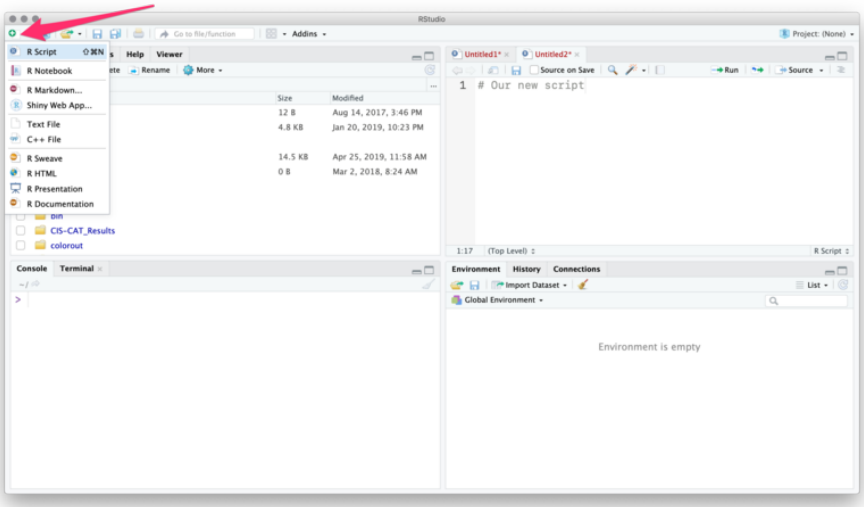

Figure 2.2: New script

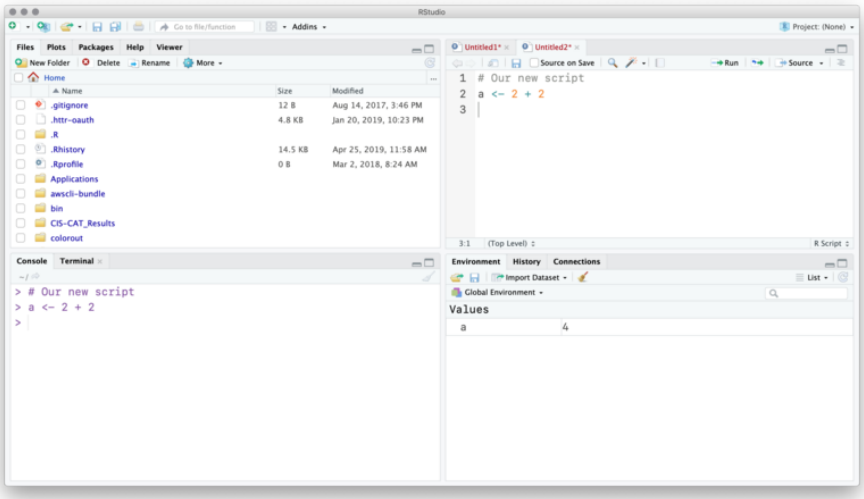

Figure 2.3: Execute commands

RStudio will execute the command in the console.

You can see the new object in the *Environment* pane.

The *History* tab records your old commands.

The *Files* pane is the file explorer.

The *Plots* pane/tab shows… plots.

Packages shows installed packages

Packages shows installed packages and whether they are *loaded*.

The *Help* tab shows help documentation (also accessible via `?`).

Finally, you can customize the actual layout

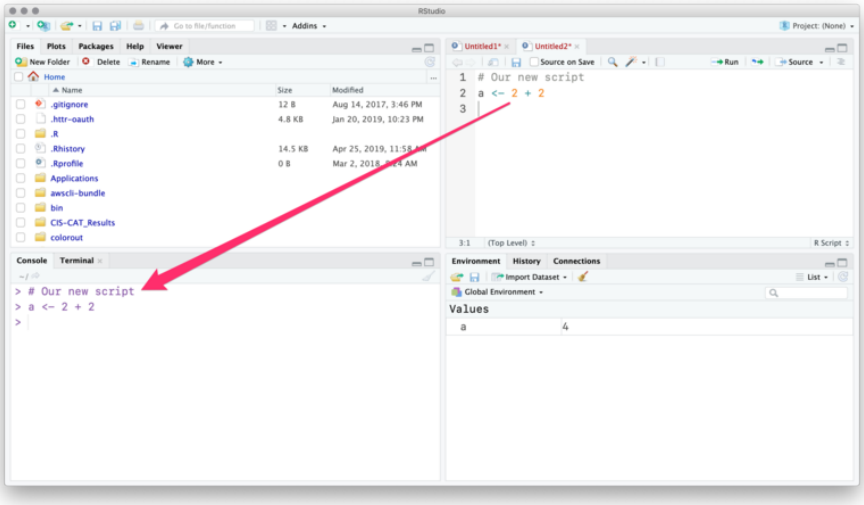

Figure 2.4: Console output

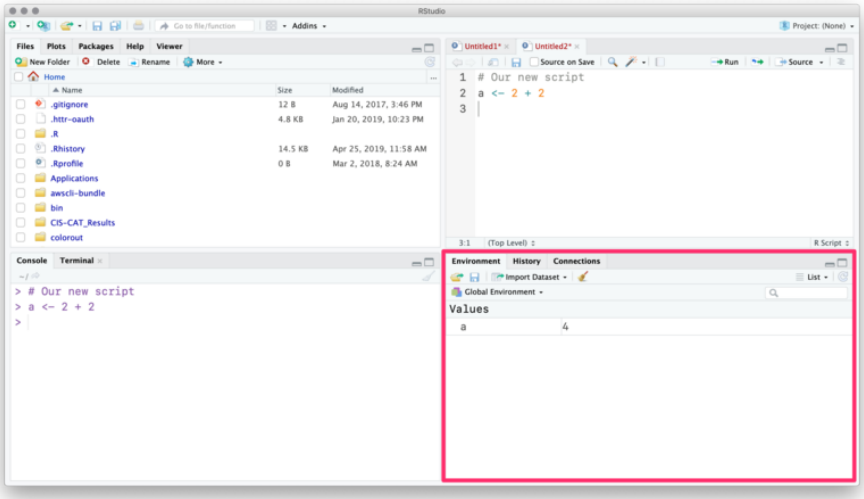

Figure 2.5: Environment pane

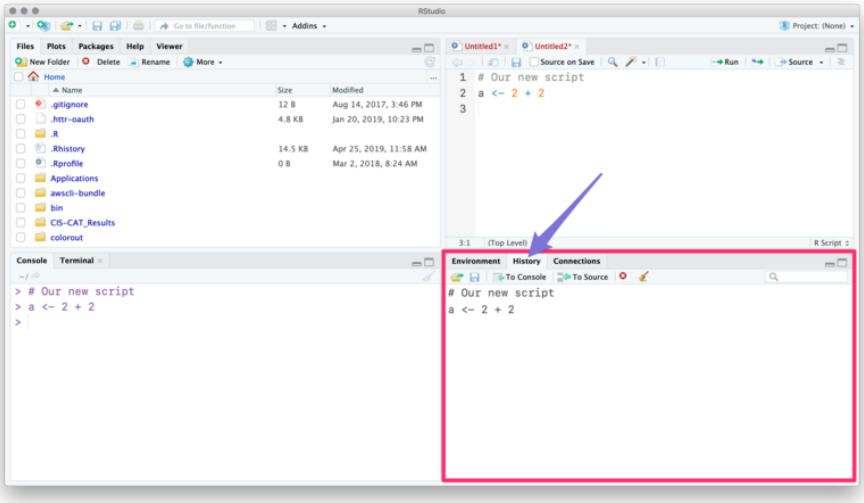

Figure 2.6: History pane

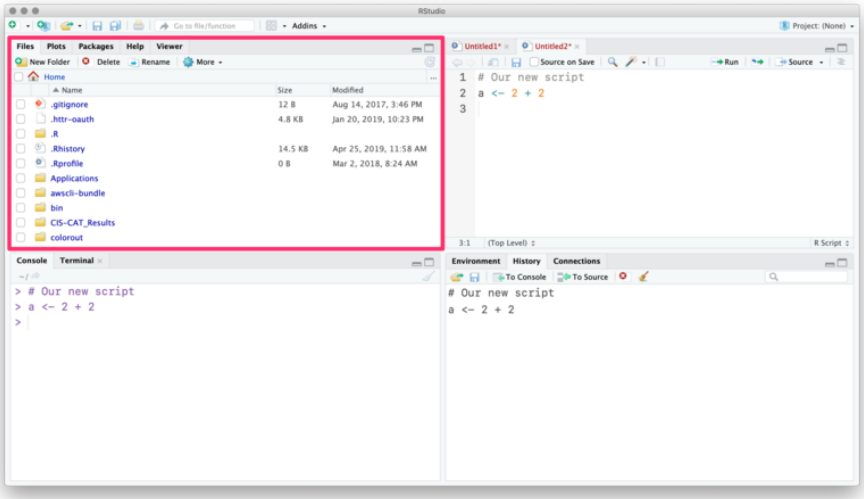

Figure 2.7: Files pane

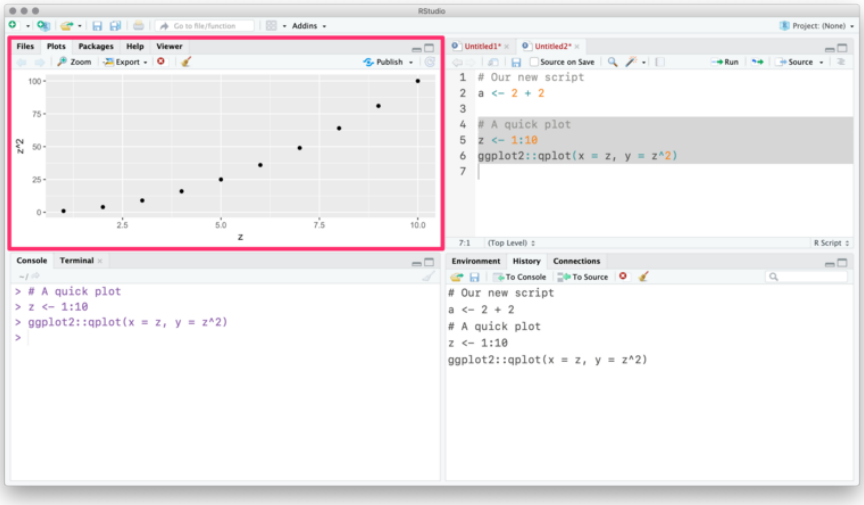

Figure 2.8: Plots pane

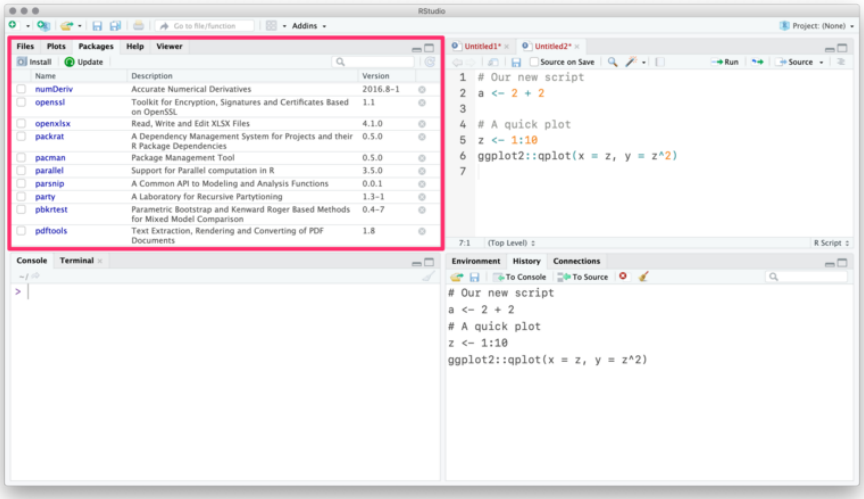

Figure 2.9: Packages pane

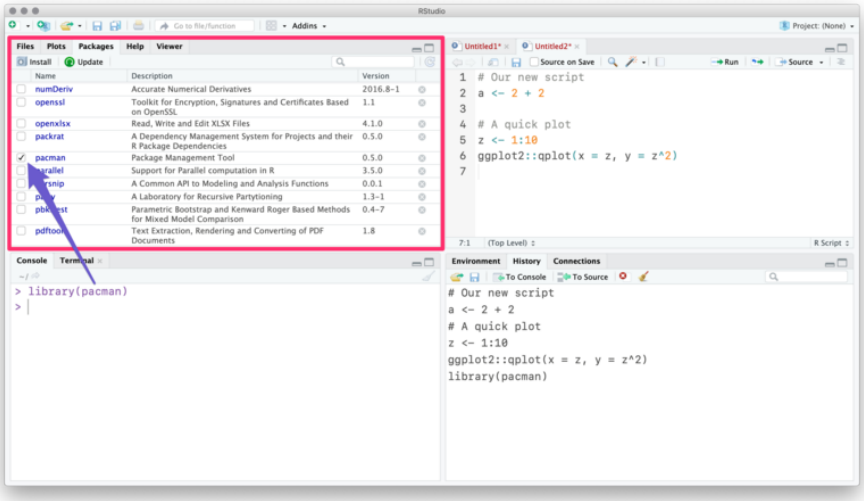

Figure 2.10: Loaded and installed packages

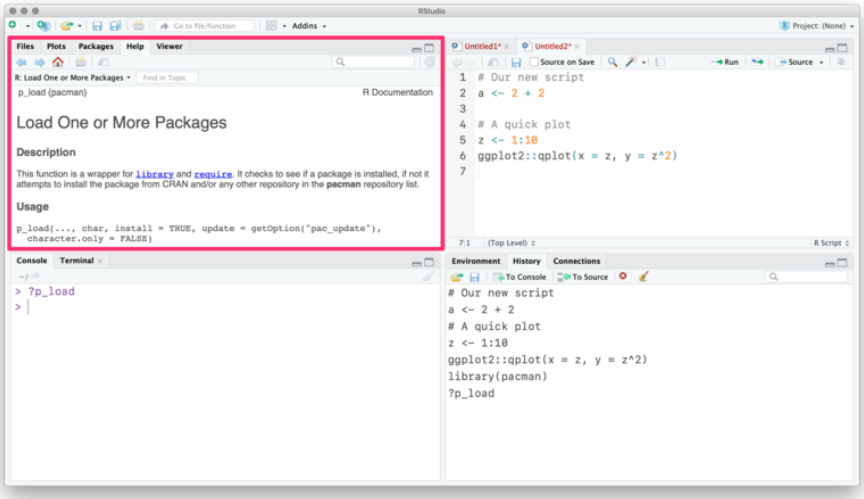

Figure 2.11: Help pane

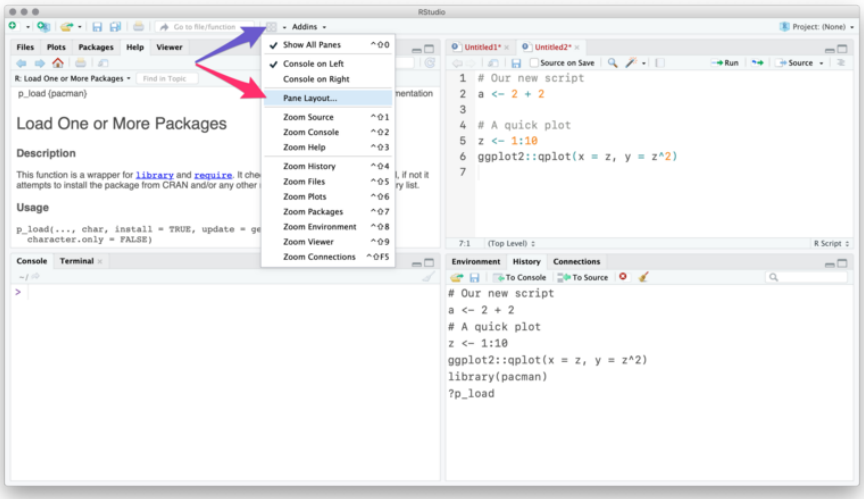

Figure 2.12: Customize layout

2.2 RStudio Addins

RStudio can be further enhanced by so called "addins". These are clickable snippets that execute certain actions in RStudio.

They aim to make repetitive tasks easier and to save you time. There is an addin called addinslist which lists all available addins. It can be installed as a normal package from CRAN:

```
install.packages("addinslist")
```

To have an addin available in RStudio after installation, RStudio needs to be restarted.

2.3 RStudio projects

Without a project, you will need to define **long** file paths which **only exist on your machine**.

```
sample_df <- read.csv("/Users/<yourname>/somewhere/on/this/machine/sample.csv")
```

With a project, R automatically references the project's folder as the current working directory.

From there on, you can use *relative paths* to point to files.

```
sample_df <- read.csv("sample.csv")
```

Double-plus bonus: The *here* package extends *RStudio project* philosophy even more and helps in cases when not using RStudio (e.g. on the command line).

2.4 Alternatives to RStudio

- Using R directly in the terminal via radian (optimized R console interpreter)
- R is supported in other "general purpose IDE's" (VScode, Sublime Text, Atom, Vim, etc.)

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Visualization

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{ggplot2} basics

Embracing the grammar of graphics.

This chapter discusses plotting with the ggplot2 package.

Chapter 4

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Import

Ingesting data.

This chapter discusses data import with RStudio, with the help of the readr, readxl, and rio packages.

Chapter 6

Transformation

Using a consistent grammar of data manipulation.

This chapter discusses data transformation with the dplyr package.

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Rows, columns, cells.

This chapter discusses pivoting and data tidying with the help of the tidyr package.

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Chapter 8

Best practices

R code is often organized in packages that can be installed from centralized repositories such as CRAN or GitHub. If you are new to writing R packages, this course cannot give a complete introduction into packages. It is still useful to embrace some very few concepts of R packages to gain access to a vast toolbox and also organize your code in a standardized way familiar to other users. With the first steps in place, the road to your first R package may become less steep.

- Create a `DESCRIPTION` file to declare dependencies and allow easy reloading of the functions you define
- Store your functions in `.R` files in the `R/` directory in your project
  - Scripts that you execute live in `script/` or a similar directory
- Use roxygen2 to document your functions close to the source
- Write tests for your functions, e.g. with testthat

See R packages for a more comprehensive treatment.

8.1 DESCRIPTION

Create and open a new RStudio project. Then, create a `DESCRIPTION` file with `usethis::use_description()`:

```
# install.packages("usethis")
usethis::use_description()
```

Double-check success:

```
# install.packages("devtools")
devtools::load_all()
```

Declare that your project requires the tidyverse and the here package:

```
usethis::use_package("here")
# Currently doesn't work, add manually
# https://github.com/r-lib/usethis/issues/760
# usethis::use_package("tidyverse")
```

8.2 R

With a `DESCRIPTION` file defined, create a new `.R` file and save it in the `R/` directory. (Create this directory if it does not exist.) Create a function in this file, save the file:

```
hi <- function(text = "Hello, world!") {
  print(text)
  invisible(text)
}
```

Do not source the file.

Restart R (with Ctrl + Shift + F10 in RStudio).

Run `devtools::load_all()` again, you can use the shortcut Ctrl + Shift + L or Cmd + Shift + L in RStudio.

Check that you can run `hi()` in the console:

```
hi()
```

```
## [1] "Hello, world!"
```

```
hi("Wow!")
```

```
## [1] "Wow!"
```

Edit the function:

```
hi <- function(text = "Wow!") {
  print(text)
  invisible(text)
}
```

Save the file, but do not source it.

Run `devtools::load_all()` again, you can use the shortcut Ctrl + Shift + L or Cmd + Shift + L in RStudio.

Check that the new implementation of `hi()` is active:

```
hi()
```

```
## [1] "Wow!"
```

All functions that are required for your project are stored in this directory. Do not store executable scripts, use a `script/` directory.

8.3 roxygen2

The following intuitive annotation syntax is a standard way to create documentation for your functions:

```
#' Print a welcome message
#'
#' This function prints "Wow!", or a custom text, on the console.
#'
#' @param text The text to print, "Wow!" by default.
#'
#' @return The `text` argument, invisibly.
#'
#' @examples
#' hi()
#' hi("Hello!")
hi <- function(text = "Wow!") {
  print(text)
  invisible(text)
}
```

This annotation can be rendered to a nicely looking HTML page with the roxygen2 and pkgdown packages. All you need to do is provide (and maintain) it.

8.4 testthat

Automated tests make sure that the functions you write today continue working tomorrow. Create your first test with `usethis::use_test()`:

```
# install.packages("testthat")
usethis::use_test("hi")
```

The file `tests/testthat/test-hi.R` is created, with the following contents:

```
test_that("multiplication works", {
  expect_equal(2 * 2, 4)
})
```

Replace this predefined text with a test that makes more sense for us:

```
test_that("hi() works", {
  expect_output(hi(), "Wow")
```

```
  expect_output(hi("Hello"), "Hello")
})
```

Run the new test with `devtools::test()`, you can use the shortcut Ctrl + Shift + T or Cmd + Shift + T in RStudio.

Check that the test actually detects failures by modifying the implementation of `hi()` and rerunning the test:

```
hi <- function(text = "Oops!") {
  print(text)
  invisible(text)
}
```

Run the new test with `devtools::test()`, you can use the shortcut Ctrl + Shift + T or Cmd + Shift + T in RStudio. One test should be failing now.

Chapter 9

- R for data science: https://r4ds.had.co.nz/
- Row oriented workflows: https://github.com/jennybc/row-oriented-workflows#readme
- Advanced R: http://adv-r.had.co.nz/
- Tidy evaluation: https://tidyeval.tidyverse.org/
- R packages: http://r-pkgs.had.co.nz/
- roxygen2: Vignettes in https://cran.r-project.org/package=roxygen2, especially:
  - Introduction to roxygen2
  - Generating Rd files for an overview of available tags
  - Write R documentation in Markdown
- How R searches and finds stuff: http://blog.obeautifulcode.com/R/How-R-Searches-And-Finds-Stuff/
- What they forgot to teach you: https://whattheyforgot.org/
- Parallel processing with a purrr-like interface: https://davisvaughan.github.io/furrr/
- Tidyverse principles: https://principles.tidyverse.org/
- Recursive lists to use in teaching and examples: https://github.com/jennybc/repurrrsive