

Marine Ecological Modelling Global Climate Change

Dissemination of results under the Open Science framework

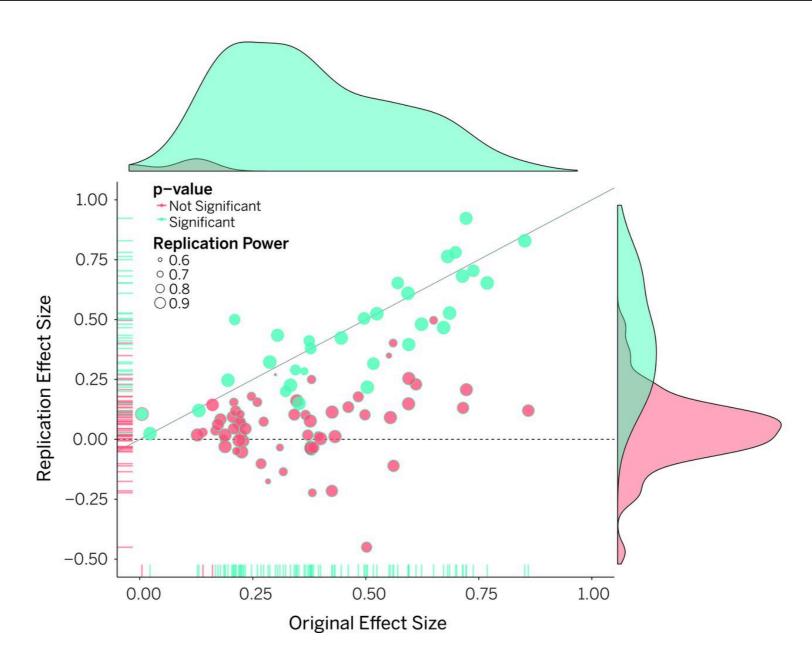
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Most scientists spend much time thinking about the types of data they need for their studies. Relatively **little effort is spent** considering **how to store**, **analyze** and **share their data**.

It is increasingly important to store and document scientific data in ways that facilitate: (i) Open Science; and (ii) their effective retrieval and interpretation in the future.





A replication os 100 studies show "97% of original studies had significant results ... 36% of replications had significant results". (abstract). If no bias is assumed in the original results, there is little potential for replication (lack of open science).

Open Science Collaboration (2017)

^{**} Diagonal line represents replication effect size equal to original effect size.



Sharing information is ideal in science, but the reality looks like this:

A scientist collects data and stores it on a machine.

He writes or modifies a few small programs (which also reside on his machine) to analyze that data.

With results, he writes and submits a paper. He **might include data** (a growing number of journals require it) **but not the code**.

The paper is published and might include a link to a copy of data, but the **paper** itself will be **behind a paywall**.



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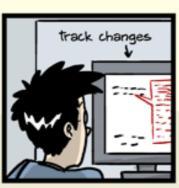


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For a growing number of scientists the process looks like this:

The data is stored in an open access repository like **figshare** or **Zenodo** and given its own **Digital Object Identifier** (DOI).

The scientist creates a new repository on GitHub to hold the work.

As he does the analyses, changes are pushed to that repository.

When he is happy with the state of the paper, he posts a version to **preprint server** to invite feedback from peers.

The published paper includes links to the preprint, to the code and data repositories, which makes it easier for other scientists to replicate or use the work as starting point for additional research.



Associating open data can increase the citation rate of scientific papers by as much as 69% regardless the journal impact factor, date of publication, and the author's country of origin. But more than 80% of data never makes it to a repository.

Research articles that have been made Open Access are up to 600% more cited than those that have not.



Simple Rules for Reproducible Computational Research:

For every result, keep track of how it was produced;

Avoid manual data manipulation steps;

Archive the exact versions of all external programs used;

Version control all scripts (Git);

Record intermediate results, when possible in standardized formats;

For analyses that include randomness, note underlying random seeds. e.g., in R use set.seed(42);

Provide public access to scripts (Git) and data (Open repository).





Open access repositories

Online open access repositories allow researchers to preserve and share their research outputs, including figures, datasets, images, and videos.

E.g., Figshare and Zenodo are free to upload content and free to access, in adherence to the principle of open data.



Version control systems

Keep track of changes, creating different versions of our files -allows us to decide which changes will be made to the next version (**changes are called commits**).

Complete history of commits make up a repository, which can be kept in sync across different computers, facilitating collaboration.

Version control systems **start with a base version** of the document and then **record changes** you make each step of the way. You can rewind to any state of the document.

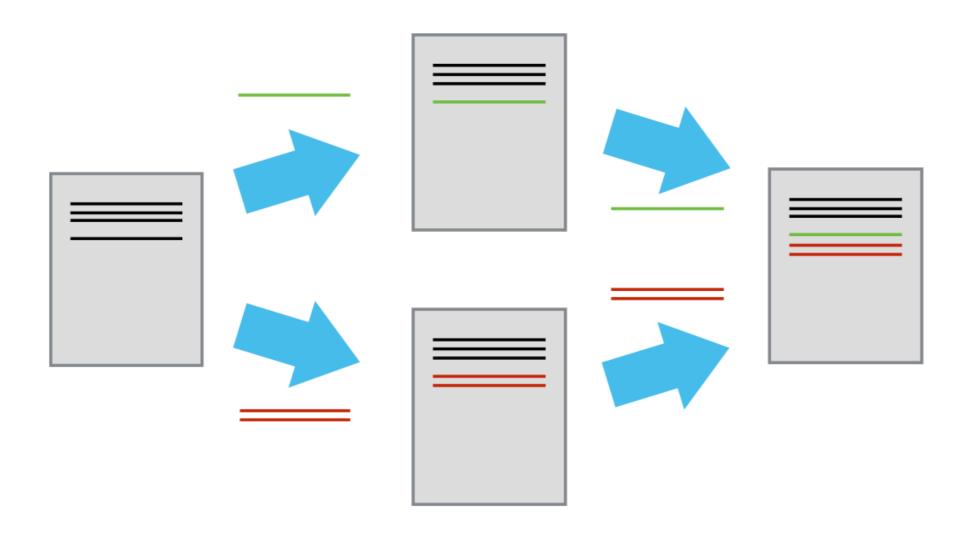




Version control systems

Users can make **independent changes** on the same document.

Unless multiple users make changes to the same section of the document - a conflict - you can **incorporate multiple sets of changes** into the same base document.



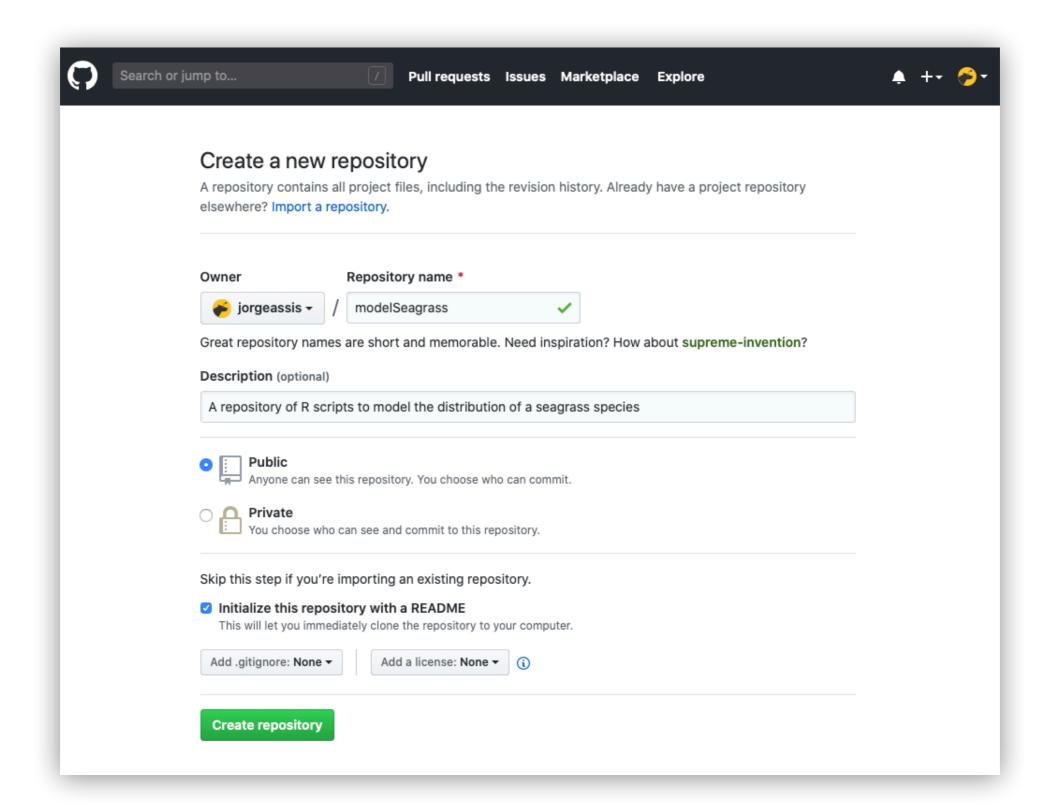


Using Git from RStudio

Version control are useful when developing data analysis scripts. RStudio has built-in integration with Git with a nice interface for many common operations.

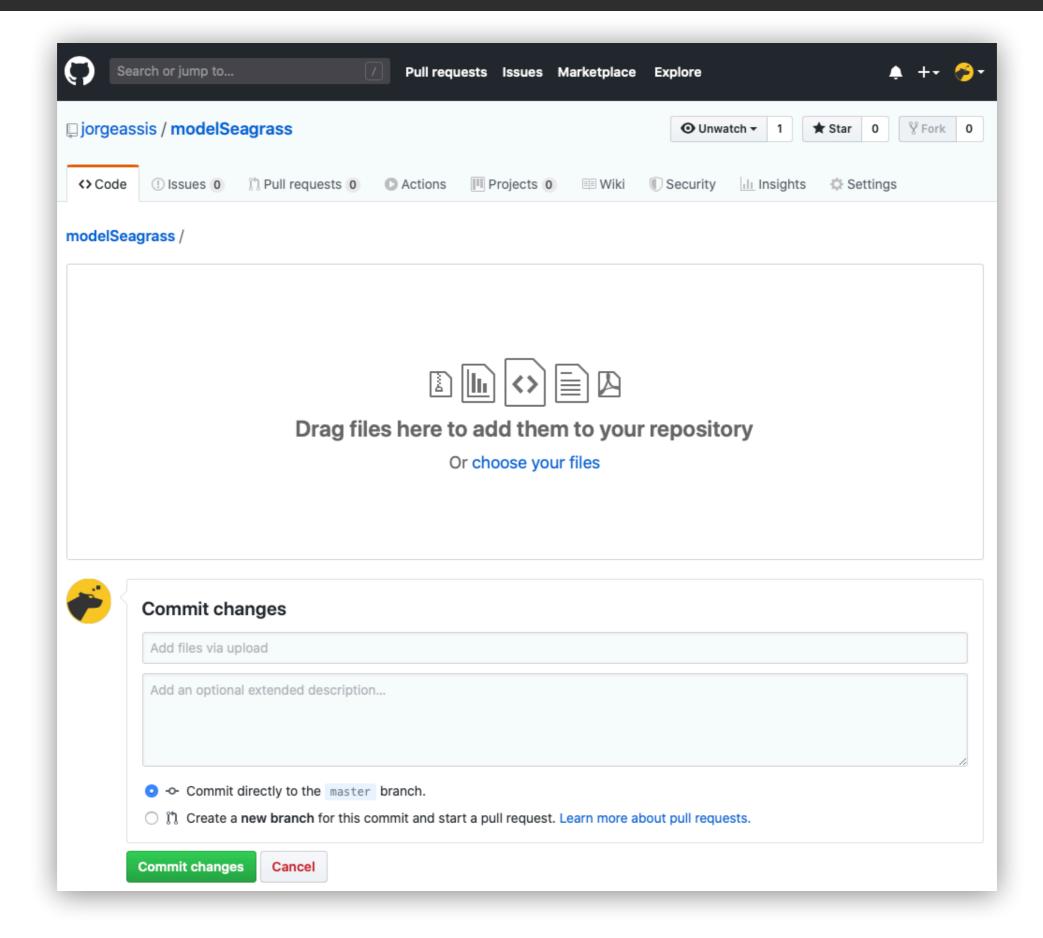
RStudio allows to create a **project associated with a Git repository** to track the development and changes of the project over time, revert to previous versions and collaborate with others.





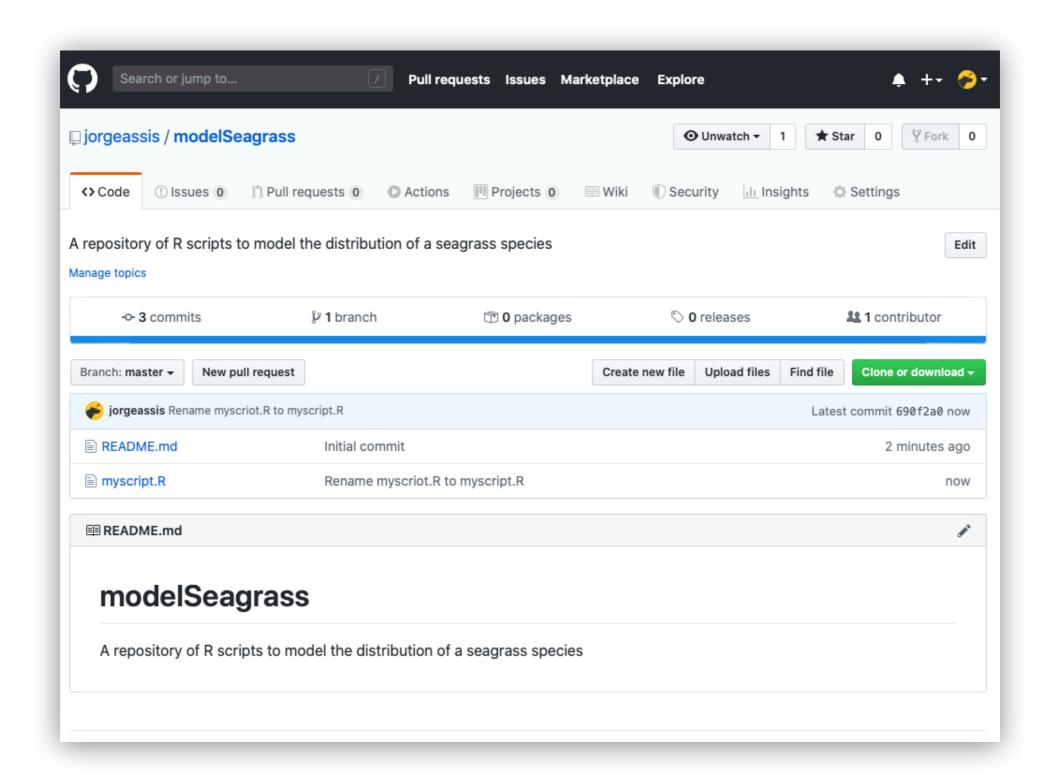
Start by creating a new repository (e.g., GitHub).





The simplest way of sharing code is by uploading files to the repository.





Permanently available at https://github.com/jorgeassis/modelSeagrass



README.md

Level of information to include in the readme file:

Repository name;

Project summary;

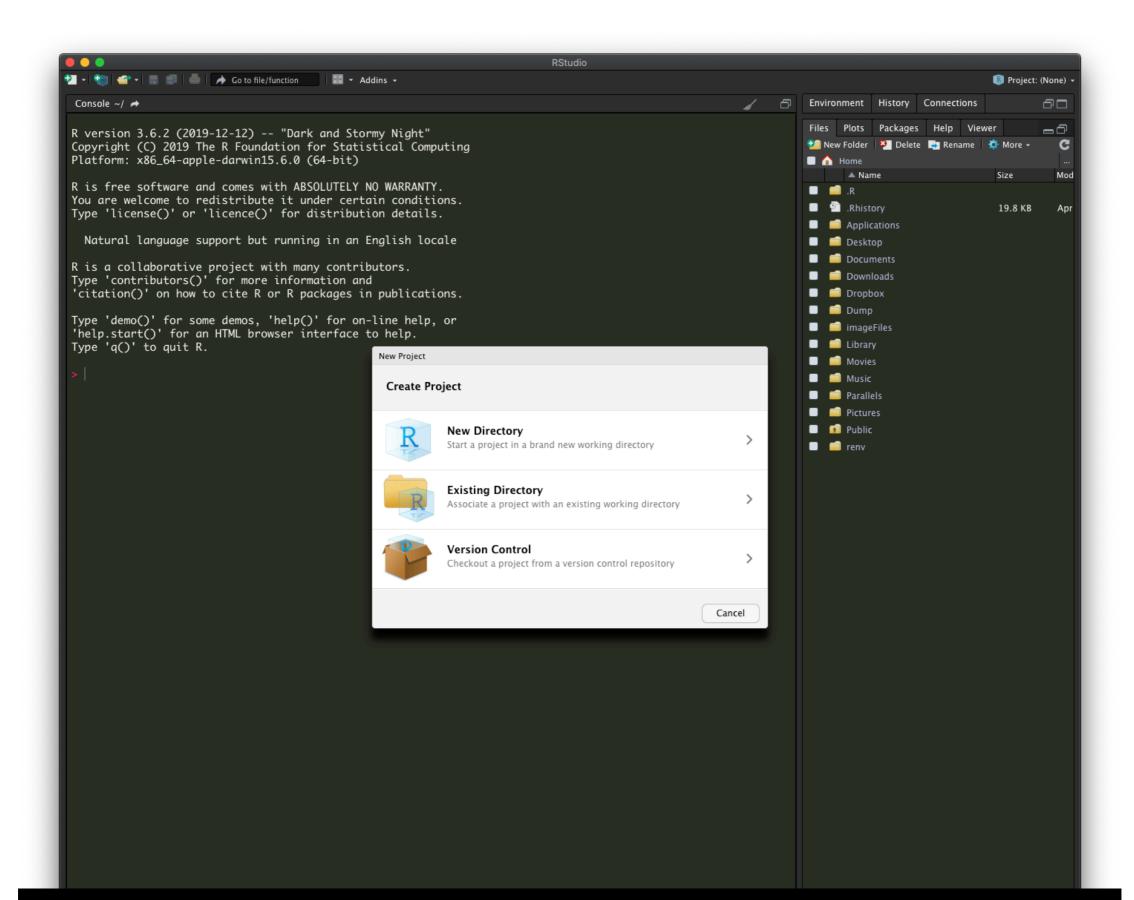
Funding information;

Primary contact(s) information;

Location of data and supporting information.

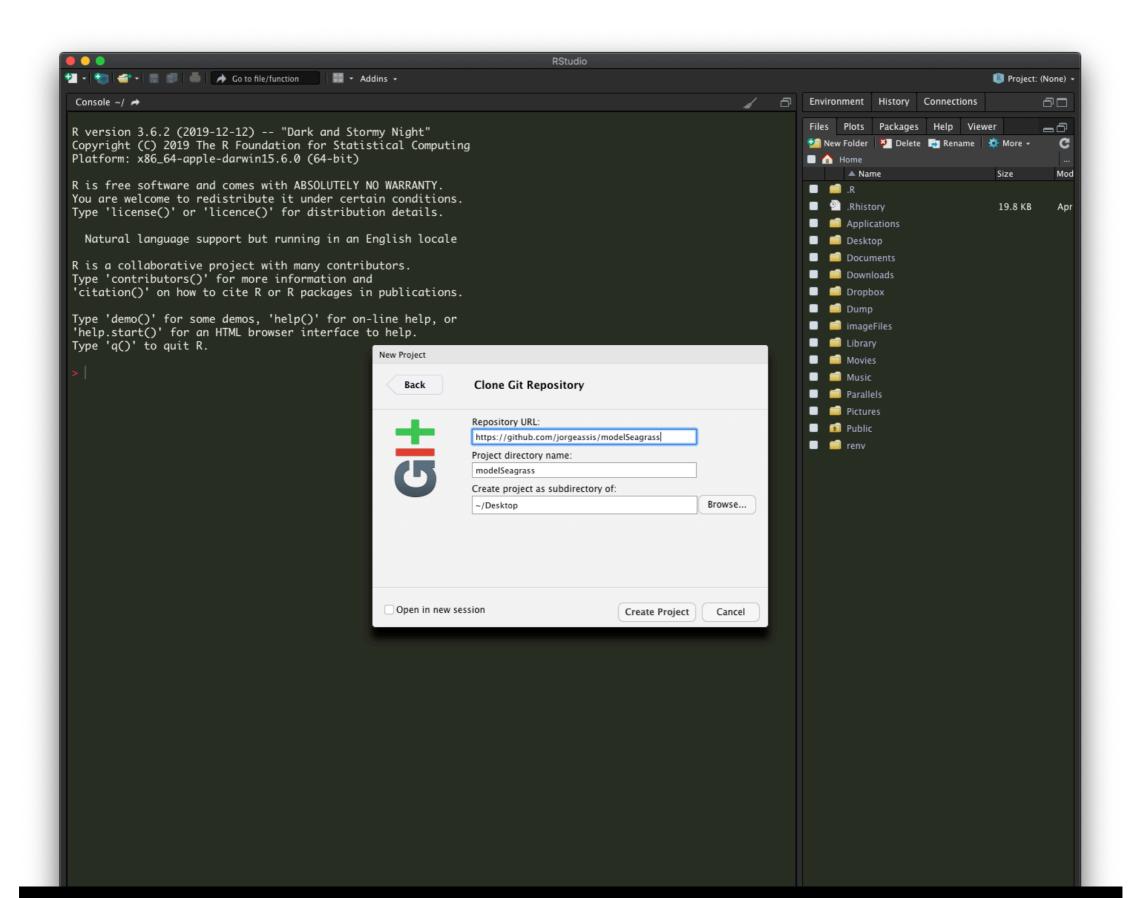


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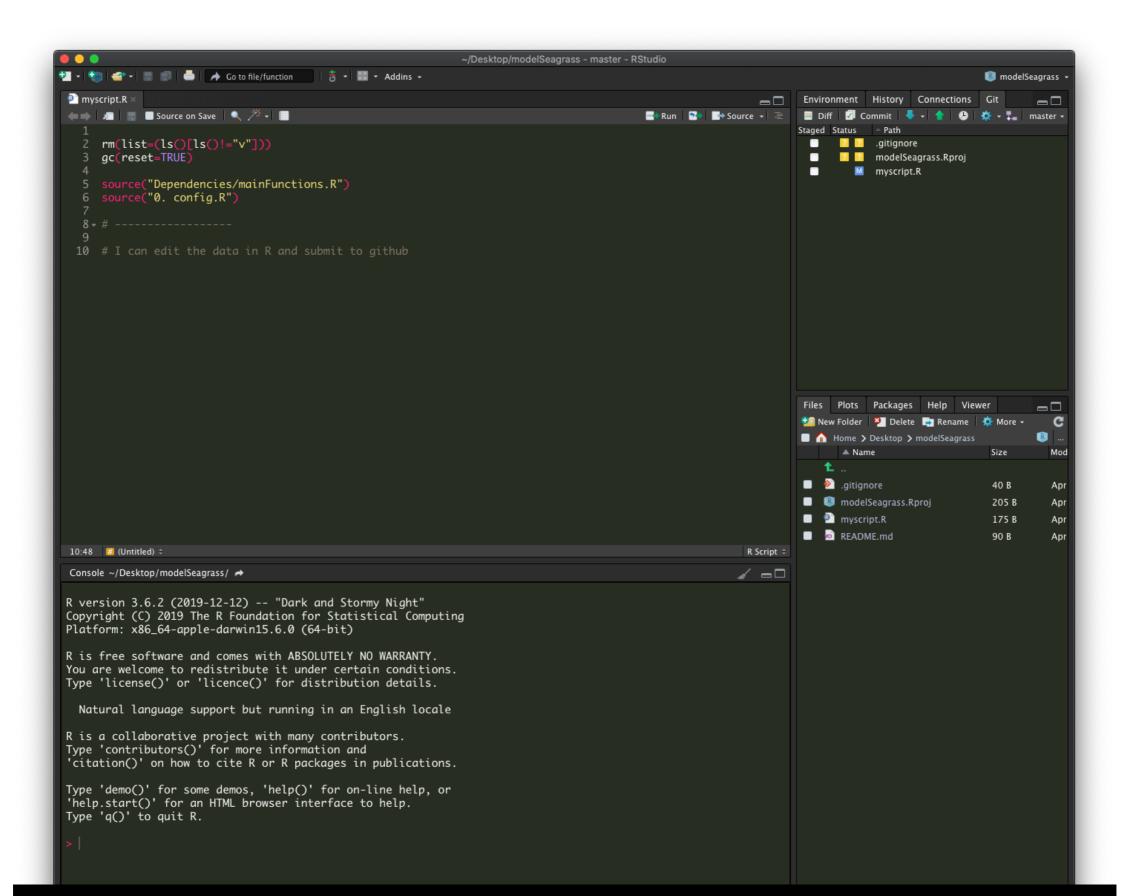


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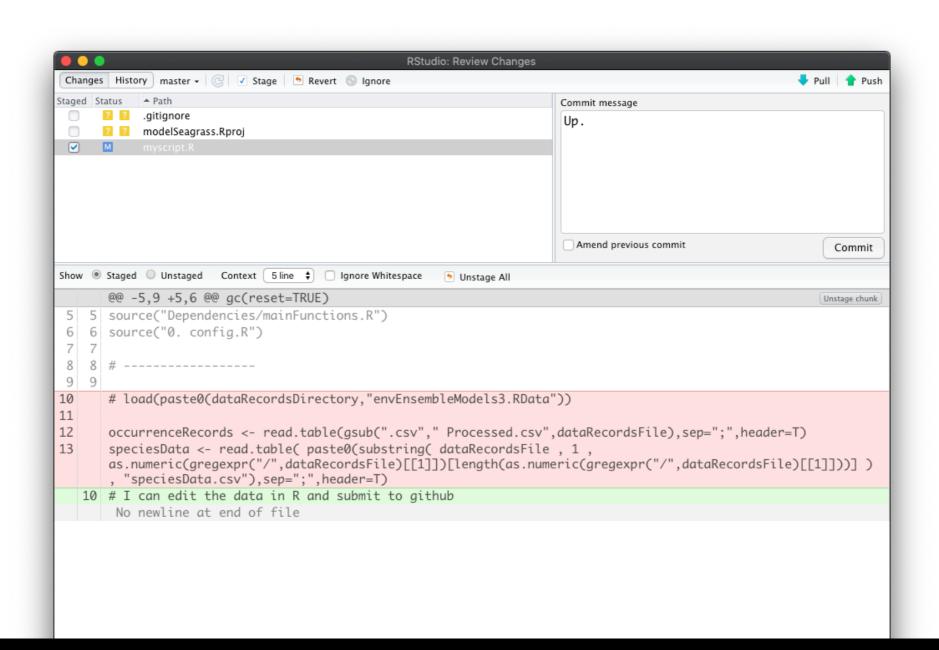


Saved edited files can be submitted by clicking on "Commit..."

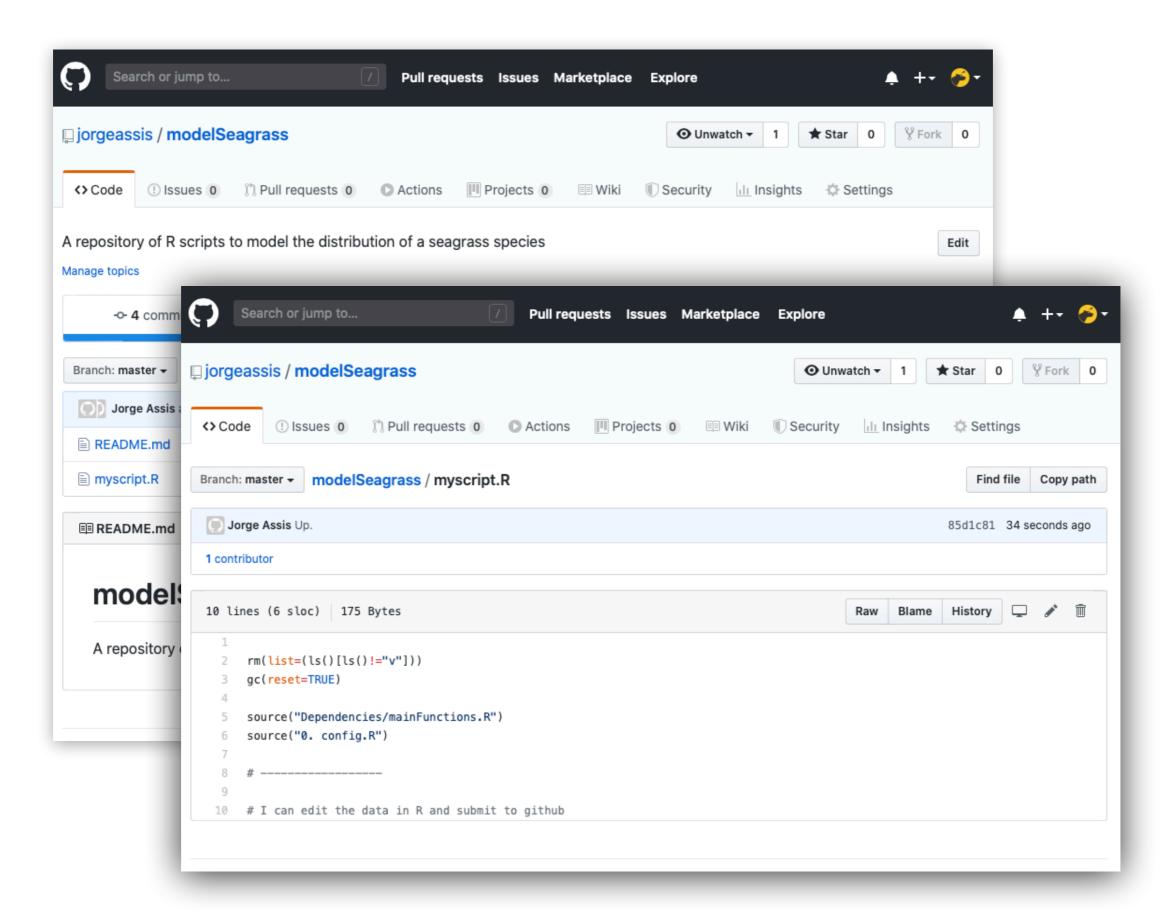




A dialogue opens where we can select which files to commit, and enter a commit message. The icons in the "Status" column indicate the current status of each file (e.g., M for modified). Clicking on a file shows information about changes in the lower panel. Once everything is the way we want it, we click "Commit". Changes can be pushed by selecting "Push Branch" from the Git menu.







Allows working in RStudio with a version control and backup system.