**First E-mail to students**

1. Include
   1. Website
   2. Syllabus – links to installing R and RStudio – or link to webpage describing that.
   3. Slack
   4. **Blog Article – part of 1st homework**
2. **Ask students to show up early for the first class, if they have trouble installing it.**

**Lecture 01**

**Goal for first class is to get oriented/express expectations, and to get through enough material that they can complete the first assignment.**

1. Start with Introductions
   1. Name, Year, Program
   2. What do you want to get out of this class?
   3. Have you coded before?
   4. Fun Fact
2. Introduce ourselves
   1. Emphasize amateur status
3. Talk about class structure / syllabus
   1. Schedule make-up class for July 4th.
4. Exercise:
5. Simulate data – random distribution

**Principles**

* Trying to keep it light, conversational, interesting. Less of a reference manual, and hopefully following a logical train of thought.

**Personal Introduction**

* I (Paul) first started to learn programming in grade school. I enjoyed learning VisualBasic and C++, but I was intimidated by the competition in the class to finish coding first. After taking a number of speed tests, I realized that I could not solve the problems as quickly as some of my peers, so I thought it would be difficult to pursue as a career. So, despite a strong interest in computing and technology, I did not pursue computer science or programming at all in undergrad, and I didn’t try to learn programming again until many years later.
* In graduate school, I took a modeling class that required programming, and I tried to learn R, but didn't get around to really using it until I joined the BCB program.
* You are all probably starting from slightly different backgrounds, which means that for most of the class, your peers will be your resource for learning.
* Learning can be painful and rewarding.

**Introduction**

* Console
* Variable / Object
* Workspace
* Script vs. Interactive
  + A set of commands that are run in order
* Parts

**Concepts (in order of introduction)**

Scientific calculation:

Operations

+, \*, ^, e, log(),

Function

Argument

Inf

Reserved words

Warning

Error/Sanity Checking – later in the course

log2(), sqrt(), exp(), abs()

Variable

Assignment

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Strings

ls()

rm()

Closing parentheses (plus sign)

Commenting code

Writing scripts

**Overview**

* R (vs. Python)
  + Chart
* Case studies

**What is R?**

* Developed by Robert Gentleman and Ross Ihaka in 1990’s, in New Zealand, for use in statistical computing

**Advantages of R**

* Open source
* Academic and professional community
* High-quality visualization capabilities
* Multi-dimensional data analysis
* There are many ways to do the same thing

**Disadvantages of R**

* Variety of quality
* There are many ways to do the same thing

**Notes from Peng**

**The S/R philosophy**

* There are only two kinds of languages: the ones people complain about and the ones nobody uses —Bjarne Stroustrup
* From *user* to *coder*

**R structure**

* Base R
* Base Packages
* Optional Packages
  + CRAN
  + Bioconductor
  + GitHub

**Limitations of R**

* RAM memory

**Principles**

**Resources**

**Homework**