Quick Package Development in R and python

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What motivated this workshop? At whom is it aimed?

This started out largely aimed at myself!

- Myself when I started as a data scientist:
 - o cover gaps in knowledge which would have driven greater understanding of what I was using
- Myself now:
 - o provide a template of package development and common code patterns in R and python
 - o <u>other examples</u>

What will we cover?

The starterkits repo contains two packages for hitting the Swiss Public Transit API

- Repo and package basics
- Installation & uninstallation
- Functions & logging
- Iteration

- Documentation
- Getting your code to show up!
- Command line executable scripts
- Appendix: objects and APIs

Why do we want to package up our work?

Theme: teamwork and thought patterns

- encourages and enables collaboration
- forces us to think about parameterization
- forces us to think about reusability

What are some situations in which to think about making a package?

Theme: reusable

- encoding access to a database
- creating standard visualizations
- recurring data cleansing

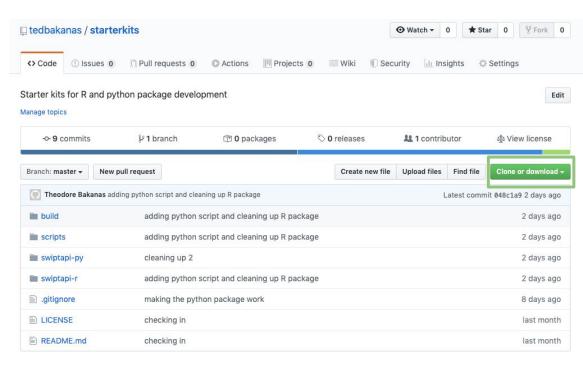
Getting set up to follow along:

Go this this github repo: https://github.com/tedbakanas/starterkits

Clone or download the zip file!

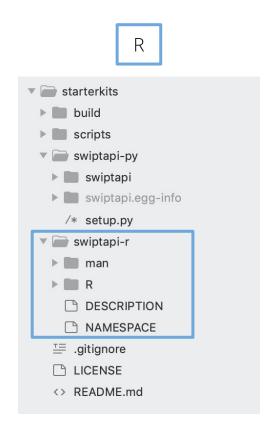
Some prerequisites:

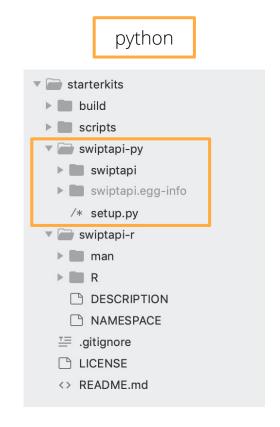
- R installed
- python 3 installed
- a file browser/text editor
 - o (sublime text, RStudio...)
- terminal



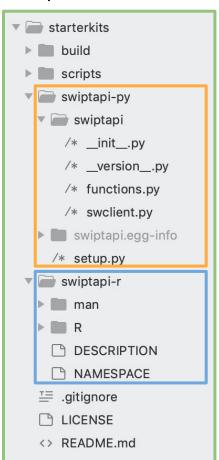
How is this going to work?

Lumping similar steps in R and python promotes understanding the concept as a whole





Repo & Package Basics



Repository:

- a single git controlled suite of files and folders
 gitignore allows certain files to not be tracked by git (.egg-info)
- can contain multiple packages
- can hold other files and folders (build, scripts, README.md)

python

- "swiptapi" folder contains the .py files with the functions and objects
- setup.py contains the general package info
- __version__.py contains the package version
- __init__.py contains the outward facing names (more later)

R package:

- "R" folder contains the .R files with the functions and objects
- "man" folder contains the docs (more on this later)
- NAMESPACE contains the functions imported and the outward facing names
- DESCRIPTION contains general package info

Repo & Package Basics

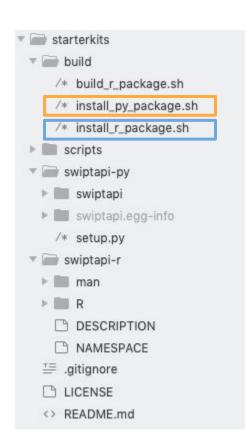


- the setup.py file and the DESCRIPTION file serve equivalent purposes
 - setup.py is used more directly in installation
- provides general info (name, description, version, author, license...)
- specifies base language version
- specifies required packages

```
setuptools import setup
rom swiptapi.__version__ import __version__
top_level_dir = os.path.dirname((os.getcwd()))
 ith open(os.path.join(top_level_dir,"README.md"), "r") as fh:
   long_description = fh.read()
with open(os.path.join(top_level_dir,"LICENSE"), "r") as lc:
   ·license = lc.read()
setup(
   name="swiptapi",
   ·version=__version___
   ·description="A simple package for hitting the open Swiss Public Transit API.",
   url="https://github.com/tedbakanas/starterkits",
   long_description=long_description,
   long_description_content_type="text/markdown",
   author="Theodore Bakanas",
   author_email="tedbakanas@gmail.com",
   ·license=license,
   packages=["swiptapi"].
    install_requires=["requests","numpy","folium"],
   include package data=irue,
   ·zip safe=False,
   classifiers=[
       "Programming Language :: Python :: 3",
       "Operating System :: OS Independent",
       "Development Status :: 2 - Pre-Alpha",
    oython requires='>=3.6'
```

```
Package: swiptapi
Type: Package
Title: swiptapi
Version: 0.0.1
Authors@R: c(
 person("Theodore", "Bakanas", email = "tedbakanas@gmai
Maintainer: Theodore Bakanas <tedbakanas@gmail.com>
Description: A simple package for hitting the open Swiss P
Depends:
 ···R·(>=·3.3)
Imports:
   htmltools.
   httr,
 ···isonlite.
 · · leaflet.
 ···logging,
 - R6
Suggests:
License: file LICENSE
LazyData: TRUE
Roxygen: list(markdown = TRUE)
RoxygenNote: 7.1.0
URL: https://github.com/tedbakanas/starterkits
Language: en-US
Encoding: UTF-8
```

Installation



- both R and python provide means of installing packages from source
 - o python invokes setup.py file with the additional parameter "develop"
 - R uses "R CMD INSTALL" from within the package directory
- by wrapping these installations in shell scripts it is easier to call them in a repeatable manner
- both commands should be executed from the directory which contains the package.
 - "pushd" allows for the resetting of the working directory
- required packages (see previous slide)
 - o python attempts to install required packages automatically
 - o R we add a command to do this within the shell script

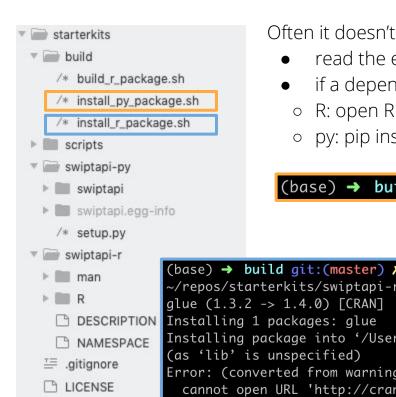
```
set --e
SOURCE_DIR=$(pwd)/../swiptapi-py
pushd *${SOURCE_DIR}
| · · · · python3 · setup.py · develop
popd
```

```
set -e
SOURCE_DIR=$(pwd)/../swiptapi-r
pushd *${SOURCE_DIR}

Rscript -e 'devtools::install_deps(".")'
...R CMD INSTALL \
....-no-docs \
....
```

Installation

README.md



Often it doesn't work!

- read the error log
- if a dependency install errors out, try installing it directly
 - R: open R and use install.packages
 - py: pip install!

build git:(master) * pip install requests

```
(base) → build git:(master) x sh install_r_package.sh
~/repos/starterkits/swiptapi-r ~/repos/starterkits/build
Installina package into '/Users/tbakanas/Library/R/3.6/li
Error: (converted from warning) unable to access index fo Type 'contributors()' for more information and
  cannot open URL 'http://cran.uptake.com/bin/macosx/el-c
Execution halted
```

```
(base) → build git:(master) X R
R version 3.6.3 (2020-02-29) -- "Holding the Windsock"
Copyright (C) 2020 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.
 '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 'a()' to quit R.
 install.packages("glue")
 Installing package into '/Users/tbakanas/Library/R/3.6/library
```

Installation

starterkits build /* build r package.sh /* install pv package.sh /* install r package.sh scripts swiptapi-py swiptapi swiptapi.egg-info /* setup.py swiptapi-r man DESCRIPTION NAMESPACE LICENSE README.md

When it works:

```
(base) → build git:(master) 🗴 sh install_py_package.sh
~/repos/starterkits/swiptapi-py ~/repos/starterkits/build
runnina develop
running egg_info
writing swiptapi.egg-info/PKG-INFO
writing dependency_links to swiptapi.egg-info/dependency_links.txt
writing requirements to swiptapi.egg-info/requires.txt
writing top-level names to swiptapi.egg-info/top_level.txt
reading manifest file 'swiptapi.egg-info/SOURCES.txt'
writing manifest file 'swiptapi.egg-info/SOURCES.txt'
running build_ext
Creating /Users/tbakanas/miniconda3/lib/python3.7/site-packages/swiptapi.eag-link (link to .)
(base) → build git:(master) / sh install_r_package.sh
~/repos/starterkits/swiptapi-r ~/repos/starterkits/build
  installing to library '/Users/tbakanas/Library/R/3.6/library'
  installing *source* package 'swiptapi' ...
** using staged installation
** R
** byte-compile and prepare package for lazy loading
** help
*** installing help indices
** building package indices
  testing if installed package can be loaded from temporary location
** testing if installed package can be loaded from final location
  testing if installed package keeps a record of temporary installation path
 DONE (swiptapi)
 /repos/starterkits/build
```

Un-installation You can remove these later!

```
(base) → build git:(master) X R
starterkits
▼ build
                             R version 3.6.3 (2020-02-29) -- "Holding the Windsock"
   /* build r package.sh
                             Copyright (C) 2020 The R Foundation for Statistical Computing
   /* install_py_package.sh
                             Platform: x86_64-apple-darwin15.6.0 (64-bit)
   /* install r package.sh
scripts
                             R is free software and comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY.
    swiptapi-py
                    (base) → build git:(master) * cd ../swiptapi-py
 swiptapi
                    (base) → swiptapi-py git:(master) x python3 setup.py develop --uninstall
 ▶ swiptapi.egg-info
                    running develop
   /* setup.py
                    Removing /Users/tbakanas/miniconda3/lib/python3.7/site-packages/swiptapi.egg-link (link to .)
 swiptapi-r
                    Removing swiptapi 0.0.1 from easy-install.pth file
   man
                             Type 'contributors()' for more information and
                              'citation()' on how to cite R or R packages in publications.
     DESCRIPTION
                             Type 'demo()' for some demos, 'help()' for on-line help, or
   □ NAMESPACE
                              'help.start()' for an HTML browser interface to help.
 Type 'q()' to quit R.
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 <> README.md
                              > remove.packages("swiptapi")
                             Removing package from '/Users/tbakanas/Library/R/3.6/library'
                             (as 'lib' is unspecified)
```

Functions

```
starterkits
  build
    scripts
 swiptapi-py
 ▼ swiptapi
  pycache_
    /* _init_.py
    /* version .pv
    /* functions.py
    /* swclient.py
 swiptapi.egg-info
   /* setup.pv
 swiptapi-r
   man
  R R
    /* client.R
    /* functions.R
   DESCRIPTION
     NAMESPACE
    .gitignore
    LICENSE
 <> README.md
```

```
def get_random_swiss_point():
    ..."""
    ...Uses basic math to pick a point in a circle that roughly approximates Switzerland
    ..."""
    ...
    logging.info("Switzerland doesn't really look like a circle but thats ok!")
    ...
    swi_center_x = 46.801111
    ... swi_center_y = 8.226667
    ...
    radius = sample(set(np.arange(0,2.3,0.01)),1)[0]
    ... theta = sample(set(np.arange(0,2*np.pi,0.01)),1)[0]
    ... x = swi_center_x + radius*np.cos(theta)
    ... y = swi_center_y + radius*np.sin(theta)
    ...
    ... return {"x": x, "y": y}
```

```
#'.@title.Get.Random.Swiss.Point
#'.@name.GetRandomSwissPoint
#'.@description.Uses.basic.math.to.pick.a.point.in.a.circle.that.roughly.approximates.Switzerland
#'.
#'.@return.a.named.list.of.x.and.y.lat/long.coordinates
#'.
#'.@importFrom.logging.loginfo
#'.@export
GetRandomSwissPoint.<-.function(){
....
....logging::loginfo("Switzerland.doesn't.really.look.like.a.circle.but.thats.ok!")
....
....swiCenterX.<-.46.801111
....swiCenterY.<-.8.226667
....radius.<-.sample(seq(0,2.3,0.01),1)
....theta.<-.sample(seq(0,2.7.1),1)
....theta.<-.sample(seq(0,2*pi,.1),1)
....x.<-.swiCenterY.+.radius*cos(theta)
...y.<-.swiCenterY.+.radius*cos(theta)
...y.<-.swiCenterY.+.radius*sin(theta)
....return(list(x.=.x,y.=.y))
}</pre>
```

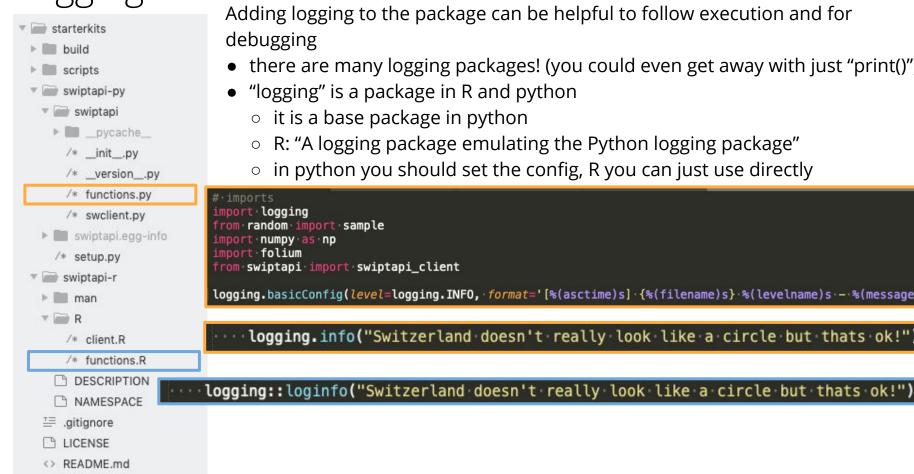
Functions

```
starterkits
  build
    scripts
 swiptapi-py
 ▼ 📄 swiptapi
   __pycache__
     /* __init__.py
     /* _version_.py
     /* functions.py
     /* swclient.py
 ▶ swiptapi.egg-info
   /* setup.py

▼ Swiptapi-r

 ▶ man
 V R
     /* client.R
     /* functions.R
   DESCRIPTION
      NAMESPACE
    .gitignore
    LICENSE
 <> README.md
```

```
> swiptapi::GetRandomSwissPoint()
2020-04-04 16:14:12 INF0::Switzerland doesn't really look like a circle but thats ok!
$x
[1] 46.76298
$y
[1] 7.888812
```



Adding logging to the package can be helpful to follow execution and for

there are many logging packages! (you could even get away with just "print()")

- R: "A logging package emulating the Python logging package"
- o in python you should set the config, R you can just use directly

```
logging.basicConfig(level=logging.INFO, format='[%(asctime)s] {*(filename)s} *(levelname)s - *(message)s')
     logging.info("Switzerland doesn't really look like a circle but thats ok!")
```

Iteration

```
starterkits
 build
   /* build_r_package.sh
   /* install_py_package.sh
   /* install r package.sh

▼ scripts

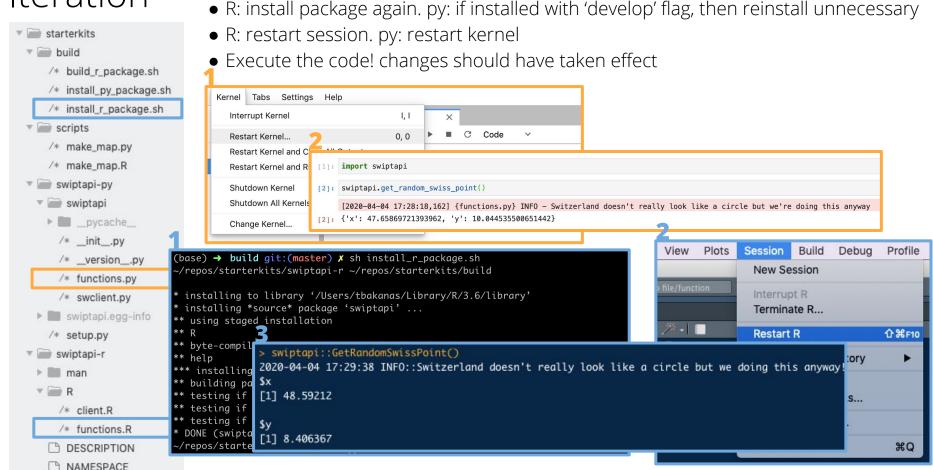
   /* make_map.py
   /* make map.R
swiptapi-py
  _ pycache__
     /* _init .pv
     /* _version_.pv
     /* functions.py
     /* swclient.py
 ► swiptapi.eaa-info
   /* setup.pv
  swiptapi-r
      man
     /* client.R
     /* functions.R
   DESCRIPTION
   □ NAMESPACE
```

```
def get_random_swiss_point():
    ..."""
    ...Uses basic math to pick a point in a circle that roughly approximates Switzerland
    ..."""
    ...logging.info("Switzerland doesn't really look like a circle but we're doing this anyway")
    ...
    ...swi_center_x = 46.801111
    ...swi_center_y = 8.226667
    ...
    radius = sample(set(np.arange(0,2.3,0.01)),1)[0]
    ...theta = sample(set(np.arange(0,2*np.pi,0.01)),1)[0]
    ...x = swi_center_x + radius*np.cos(theta)
    ...y = swi_center_y + radius*np.sin(theta)
    ...
    return {"x": x, "y": y}
```

```
#'.@title.Get.Random.Swiss.Point
#'.@name.GetRandomSwissPoint
#'.@description.Uses.basic.math.to.pick.a.point.in.a.circle.that.roughly.approximates.Switzerland
#'.
#'.@return.a.named.list.of.x.and.y.lat/long.coordinates
#'.
#'.@importFrom.logging.loginfo
#'.@export
GetRandomSwissPoint.<--function(){
....
...logging::loginfo_("Switzerland.doesn't really.look.like.a.circle.but.we.doing.this.anyway!")
....
...swiCenterX.<--46.80111
....swiCenterY.<--8.226667
....radius.<--sample(seq(0,2.3,0.01),1)
....theta.<--sample(seq(0,2.3,0.01),1)
....theta.<--sample(seq(0,2.3,0.01),1)
....x.<--swiCenterX.+-radius.cos(theta)
....y.<--swiCenterY.+-radius.sin(theta)
....return(list(x.=.x,y.=.y))
}</pre>
```

Iteration

Save the file

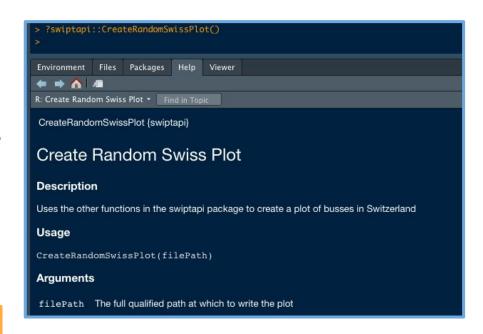


Documentation

- providing documentation around a package is important to ensure it is usable
- there are many ways to go about documentation! I will touch on some simpler ones
- R: roxygen (important because it also helps build the package)
- py: docstrings

R: you can use ?myFunctionName to pull up the roxygen docs

py: you can use shift+tab to pull up the docstring and signature or help()



swiptapi.create_random_swiss_plot()

Signature: swiptapi.create_random_swiss_plot(file_path: str)

Docstring: Uses the other functions in the swiptapi package to create a plot of busses in Switzerland

File: ~/repos/starterkits/swiptapi-py/swiptapi/functions.py

Type: function

Doc Strings - Python

```
starterkits
    build
    scripts
   swiptapi-py
 _ pycache_
    /* __init__.py
     /* version .pv
     /* functions.py
     /* swclient.py
 swiptapi.egg-info
   /* setup.pv
swiptapi-r
   man
   - R
     /* client.R
     /* functions.R
   □ DESCRIPTION
   □ NAMESPACE
    .gitignore
    LICENSE
 <> README.md
```

```
logging
     random import sample
       numpy as np
      folium
    swiptapi import swiptapi_client
\label{logging.basicConfig} \beging. INFO, \ensuremath{`format='} [\%(asctime)s] \ensuremath{\cdot} \{\%(filename)s\} \ensuremath{\cdot} \%(levelname)s \ensuremath{\cdot} - \%(message)s')
def create random swiss plot(file path: str):
    point = get random swiss point()
    logging.info("Point selected:" + str(point['x']) + str(point['y']))
    sc = swiptapi client()
    response = sc.search around point(lati=point['x'],longi=point['y'])
    ·logging.info("Making plot")
   my map = folium.Map(location=[46.801111,8.226667],zoom start = 8)
   for poi in response['stations']:
  if poi['coordinate']['x'] is not None:
  folium.Marker([poi['coordinate']['x'],poi['coordinate']['y']], popup = poi['name']).add_to(my_map)
   my_map.save(outfile=file_path)
def get_random_swiss_point():
   ·logging.info("Switzerland doesn't really look like a circle but we're doing this anyway")
    swi_center_x = 46.801111
   swi_center_y = 8.226667
   radius = sample(set(np.arange(0,2.3,0.01)),1)[0]
    theta = sample(set(np.arange(0,2*np.pi,0.01)),1)[0]
   x = swi center x + radius*np.cos(theta)
    y = swi_center_y + radius*np.sin(theta)
  return {"x": x, "y": y}
```

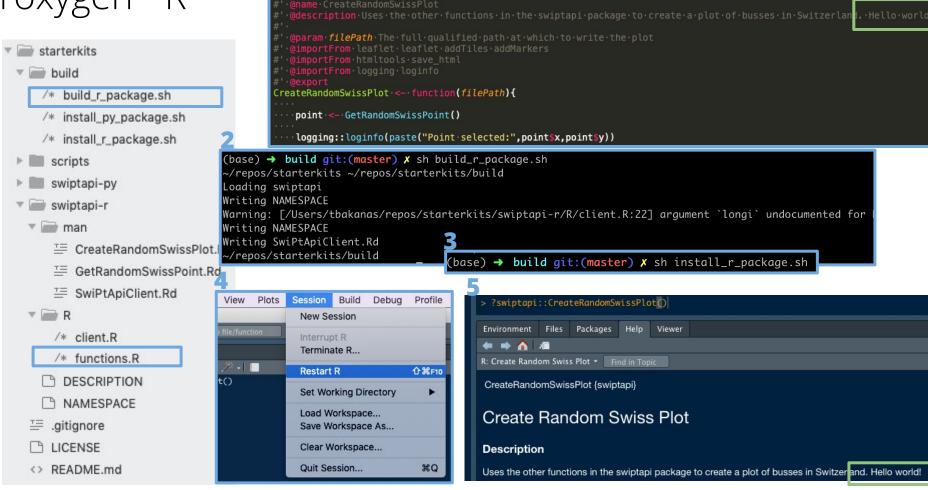
roxygen - R

```
starterkits
  build
  /* build_r_package.sh
  /* install_py_package.sh
  /* install_r_package.sh
   scripts
   swiptapi-py
   swiptapi-r
  man man
      CreateRandomSwissPlot.Rd
   GetRandomSwissPoint.Rd
       SwiPtApiClient.Rd
    /* client.R
    /* functions.R
     DESCRIPTION
    NAMESPACE
   .gitignore
   LICENSE
<> README.md
```

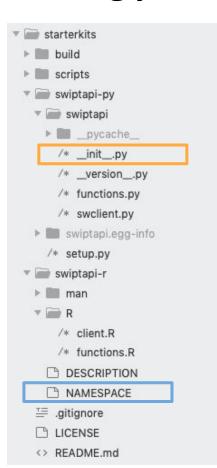
```
param·filePath·The·full·qualified·path·at·which·to·write·the·plot
reateRandomSwissPlot <- function(filePath){
  point <- GetRandomSwissPoint()</pre>
  logging::loginfo(paste("Point selected:",pointsx,pointsy))
  swiAPI <- SwiPtApiClient$new()</pre>
  response <-- swiAPI$SearchAroundPoint(lati = point$x,longi = point$y)
  logging::loginfo("Making plot")
   m <- leaflet::leaflet()</pre>
       leaflet::addTiles(m)
       leaflet::addMarkers(
      lng = response[["stations"]][["coordinate"]][["y"]],
       lat = response[["stations"]][["coordinate"]][["x"]],
      popup = response[["stations"]][["name"]]
  logging::loginfo(paste("Saving plot:",filePath))
  htmltools::save html(html = m, file = filePath)
```

```
% Generated by roxygen2: do not edit by hand
% Please edit documentation in R/functions.R
\name{CreateRandomSwissPlot}
\alias{CreateRandomSwissPlot}
\title{Create Random Swiss Plot}
\usage{
CreateRandomSwissPlot(filePath)
}
\arguments{
\item{filePath}{The full qualified path at which to write the plot}
}
\description{
Uses the other functions in the swiptapi package to create a plot of busses in Switzerland}
```

roxygen - R



Getting your code to show up!



Getting a function or object to show up in a package can be deceptively tricky!

- R: roxygen helps with this.
 - o when tagged with the @export roxygen will write the function into the NAMESPACE
- py: all about the "__init__.py" files
 - o the folder "swiptapi" is a module
 - o the from ... import ... statements effectively push functions up a level

```
from swiptapi.swclient import swiptapi_client
from swiptapi.functions import create_random_swiss_plot
from swiptapi.functions import get_random_swiss_point
```

```
# Generated by roxygen2: do not edit by hand
@title · Create · Random · Swiss
                              export(CreateRandomSwissPlot)

    @name · CreateRandomSwissPlo

                              export(GetRandomSwissPoint)
•@description · Uses · the · othe
                              export(SwiPtApiClient)
                              importFrom(htmltools,save_html)
·@param·filePath·The·full·o
                              importFrom(httr,GET)
·@importFrom · leaflet · leafle
                              importFrom(jsonlite,fromJSON)
•@importFrom · htmltools · save
                              importFrom(leaflet,addMarkers)
•@importFrom · logging · loginf
                              importFrom(leaflet,addTiles)
                              importFrom(leaflet, leaflet)
                              importFrom(logging,loginfo)
```

Getting your code to show up!

```
starterkits
▶ Duild
                                                                  swiptapi.swclient import swiptapi_client

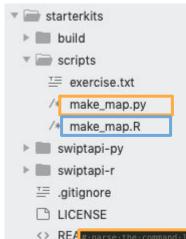
▼  scripts

                                                                  swiptapi.functions import create_random_swiss_plot
                       return {"x": x, "y": y}
     exercise.txt
                                                            from swiptapi.functions import get_random_swiss_point
  /* make_map.py
                                                                  swiptapi.functions import test_function
                       def test_function():
   /* make map.R
swiptapi-py
                                                         Tabs Settings Help
                       · · · · Test · Function

▼ Swiptapi

                                                      Interrupt Kernel
                                                                              1, 1
                                                                                            import swiptapi
  pvcache
                       print("TESTING")
                                                                             0,0
                                                      Restart Kernel.
    /* _init_.py
                                                      Postart Kornal and Clear All Outputs
                                                                                            swiptapi.test function()
    /* _version_.py
                                                                                            TESTING
    /* functions.pv
    /* swclient.py
                        \cdots return(list(x = x, y = y))2
     swiptapi.egg-info
                                                                         build git:(master) x sh build_r_package.sh
   /* setup.pv
   swiptapi-r
                       #' · @title · Test · Function
                       #' · @name · TestFunction
                                                                  (base) → build git:(master) x sh install_r_package.sh
                       #'.@description.Test.Function
    /* client.R
    /* functions.R
                        #' @export
                                                                            Plots
                                                                                 Session
                                                                                       Build
   DESCRIPTION
                        TestFunction <- function(){
                                                                                  New Session
     NAMESPACE
                        print("TESTING")
                                                                                  Interrupt R
 > swiptapi::TestFunction()
                                                                                  Terminate R...
   LICENSE
                                                                                                       "TESTING"
                                                                       / · |
                                                                                  Restart R
 README.md
```

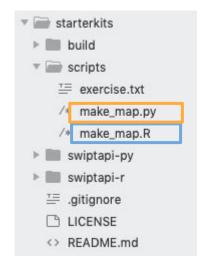
Making a command line executable script



While technically not package development understanding how to make a R or python script accept command line arguments is a useful tool

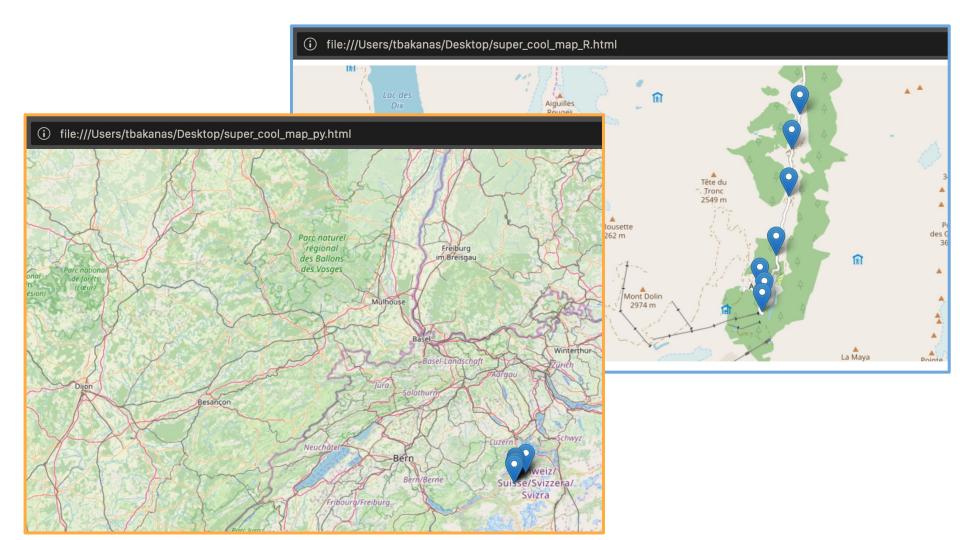
- can be used to invoke scripts without having to open RStudio or Jupyter
- allows programs to interact easily with schedulers like CRON or airflow
- R: code executes in order. Put the opts at the top.
- py: usually follows the __main__ convention seen below with the argument parsing taking place after the if statement

Making a command line executable script



```
(base) → scripts git:(master) X python make_map.py --output_dir ~/Desktop/
[2020-04-04 21:19:15,934] {make_map.py} INFO - Creating a map at:/Users/tbakanas/Desktop/super_cool_map_py.html
[2020-04-04 21:19:15,934] {functions.py} INFO - Switzerland doesn't really look like a circle but we're doing this anyway
[2020-04-04 21:19:15,934] {functions.py} INFO - Point selected:45.651328174993138.934126861277823
[2020-04-04 21:19:15,934] {swclient.py} INFO - Client initialized
[2020-04-04 21:19:16,327] {functions.py} INFO - Making plot
```

```
(base) → scripts git:(master) ✗ Rscript make_map.R --output_dir ~/Desktop
2020-04-04 21:17:57 INFO::Creating a map at: /Users/tbakanas/Desktop/super_cool_map_R.html
2020-04-04 21:17:57 INFO::Switzerland doesn't really look like a circle but we doing this anyway!
2020-04-04 21:17:57 INFO::Point selected: 46.0098447884218 7.47700188648947
2020-04-04 21:17:57 INFO::Client initialized
2020-04-04 21:17:58 INFO::Making plot
2020-04-04 21:17:58 INFO::Saving plot: /Users/tbakanas/Desktop/super_cool_map_R.html
Warning message:
In validateCoords(lng, lat, funcName) :
   Data contains 1 rows with either missing or invalid lat/lon values and will be ignored
```



Thank you



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Objects

starterkits scripts swiptapi-py swiptapi _pycache_ /* __init__.py /* _version_.py /* functions.pv /* swclient.py swiptapi.egg-info setup.py swiptapi-r /* client.R /* functions.R DESCRIPTION NAMESPACE gitignore LICENSE

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- __init__ and initialize in py and R are roughly equivalent
- documentation can be approached in the same ways as functions (roxygen and docstrings)
- R: treats everything as lists. Public and private methods are two different lists
- py: public and private methods are distinguished by leading underscores (_)

```
SwiPtApiClient <- R6::R6Class(</pre>
 classname = "swiptapi",
 public = list(
 initialize = function(){
 ········logging::loginfo("Client initialized")
 SearchAroundPoint = function(lati,longi){
          query <- private ConstructPostitionalSearchQuery(lati,longi)
 ·····return(private$GetAndCleanRequest(query))
ConstructPostitionalSearchQuery = function(x,y){
          baseString <- 'http://transport.opendata.ch/v1/locations?'</pre>
           fullString <- paste0(baseString, 'x=',x,'&y=',y)
 return(fullString)
 GetAndCleanRequest = function(query){
          response - httr::GET(query)
           reponse_content <- rawToChar(responsescontent)
return(jsonlite::fromJSON(reponse_content))
```

```
class swiptapi_client:
   def __init__(self):
       logging.info("Client initialized")
   def search_around_point(self, lati: float, longi: float):
       query = self. construct positional search query(lati, longi)
       return self. get and clean request(query)
   -def _construct_positional_search_query(self, x: float, y: float):
       base_string = 'http://transport.opendata.ch/v1/locations?'
       -full string = base string + 'x='+str(x)+'&v='+str(y)
       return full string
   -def _get_and_clean_request(self, query: str):
       response = requests.get(query)
       return response json()
```

Hitting APIs



Streamlining interaction with an API is a great use of a package! Both R and python provide multiple package submitting http requests to an API.

- Packages used in this repo:
 - o R: httr
 - o py: requests
- Exploring an API
 - o find the documentation! https://transport.opendata.ch/docs.html
 - play around with different GET requests
 - o save your response! you can usually extract it to a dictionary/json