

# Becoming an R blogger

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## Learn to purrr

Purrr is the tidyverse's answer to apply functions for iteration. It's one of those packages that you might have heard of, but seemed too complicated to sit down and learn. Starting with map functions, and taking you on a journey that will harness the power of the list, this post will have you purrring in no time.

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Map functions: beyond apply Simplest usage: repeated looping with map The tilde-dot shorthand for functions Applying map functions in a slightly more interesting context Maps with multiple input objects List columns and Nested data frames Nesting the gapminder data Advanced exercise Additional purrr functionalities for lists Keep/Discard: select\_if for lists Reduce Logical statements for lists Answer to advanced exercise “It was on the corner of the street that he noticed the first sign of something peculiar - a cat reading a map” - J.

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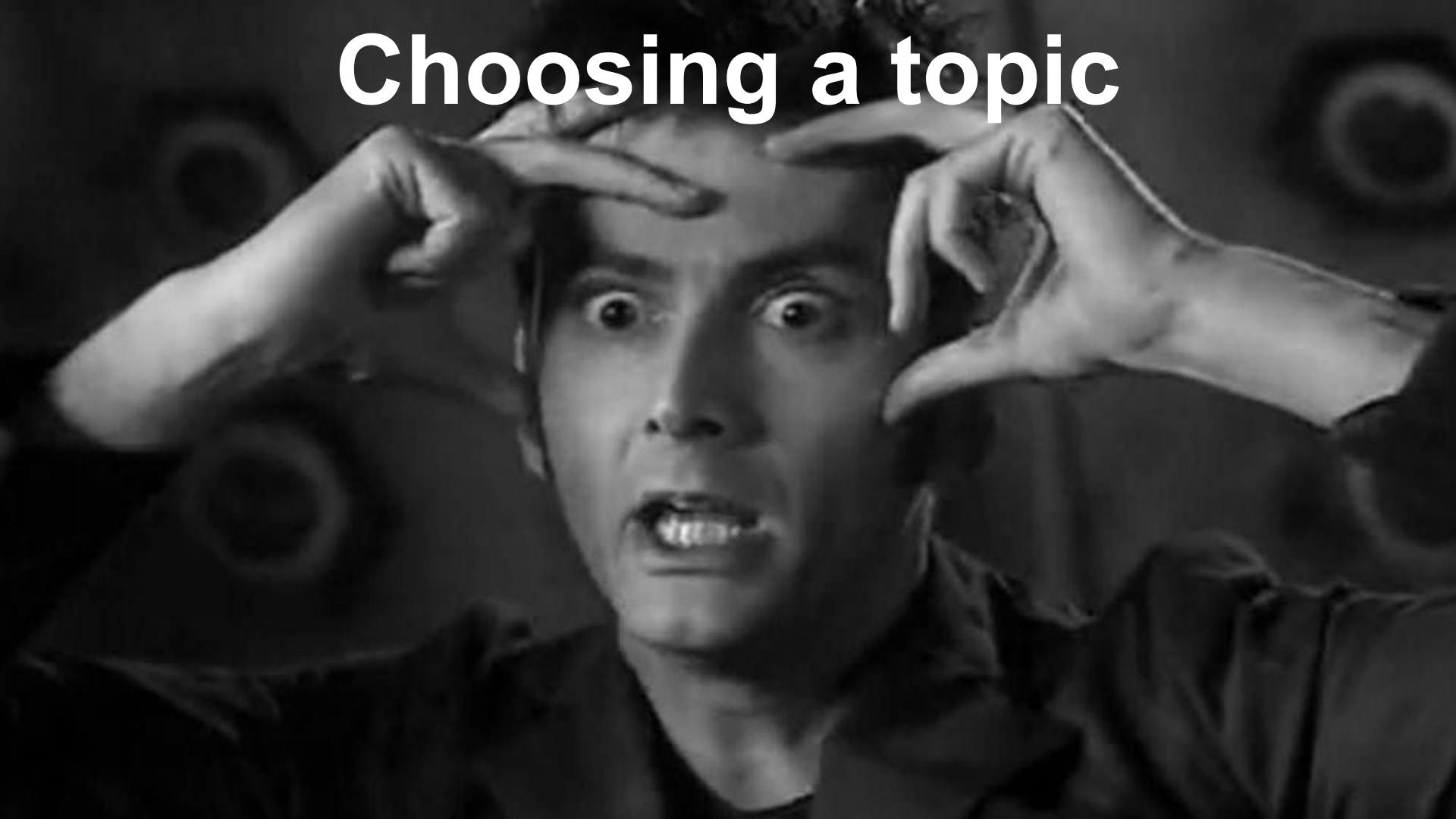
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4. Procrastination

# Choosing a topic



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A black and white photograph of a man with a shocked expression, his hands on his head, with the text 'Choosing a topic' overlaid. The man has wide eyes and a slightly open mouth, looking directly at the camera. His hands are pressed against his temples, with fingers spread. The background is dark and out of focus, showing some circular patterns.

Write about something that  
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A black and white photograph of a person with a shocked expression, hands on their head, with a repeating face pattern in the background.

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you want to learn

# Tips & Tricks



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<http://www.rebeccabarter.com/blog/2017-06-29-website/>

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Use relevant and interesting data  
(directly downloadable from the internet)

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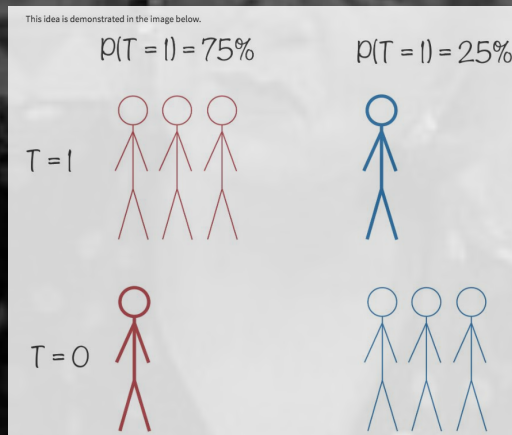




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# Spreading the word

Tweet about it



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caret.r-forge.r-project.org ▼

## The caret Package

Mar 27, 2019 - Documentation for the **caret** package. ... DataCamp has a beginner's **tutorial** on machine learning in R using **caret** . You can always email me ...



www.rebeccabarter.com › blog › 2017-11-17-caret\_tutorial ▼

## A basic tutorial of caret: the machine learning package in R

Nov 17, 2017 - Note: This **tutorial** was based on an older version of the abalone data that had a binary old variable rather than a numeric age variable.

# the word



Slides: <https://github.com/rbarter/rstudio-conf-2020-blogger-slides>



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