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# A Short Introduction into Data Science with R



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# Disclaimer

- material is based on the **AWESOME** workshop by Rachel Pilla (now postdoc at Oak Ridge National Lab, @rmpilla) “Introduction to R” (*Computer Science in Modern Biology* at Miami University, Ohio)
- with help by Alva Strand and Nicole Berry

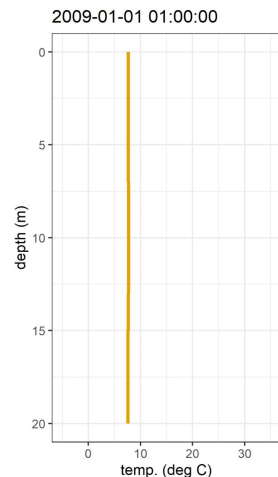


# About myself

- **Physical limnologist**
  - use mathematical models to explore mixing dynamics and water quality in lakes
- developing and applying open-source and open-access software in **R**, **Python** and **Matlab**
- background in civil engineering and geology

## Aquatic ecosystem modeling

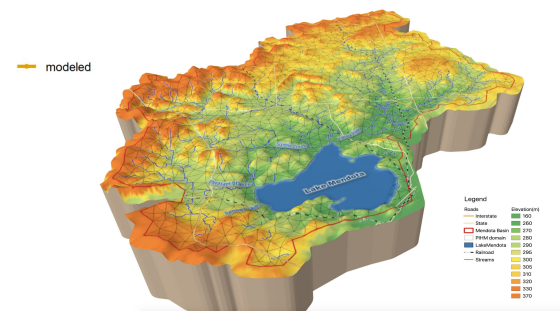
mechanistic understanding of cause and effects,



$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{A} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( A(v_t' + v') \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right) + \frac{1}{\rho_0 c_p} \frac{\partial H_{sol}}{\partial z} + \frac{dA}{dz} \frac{H_{geo}}{A \rho_0 c_p}$$

$$\frac{\partial [O_2]}{\partial t} = NEP = GPP - ER \pm D$$

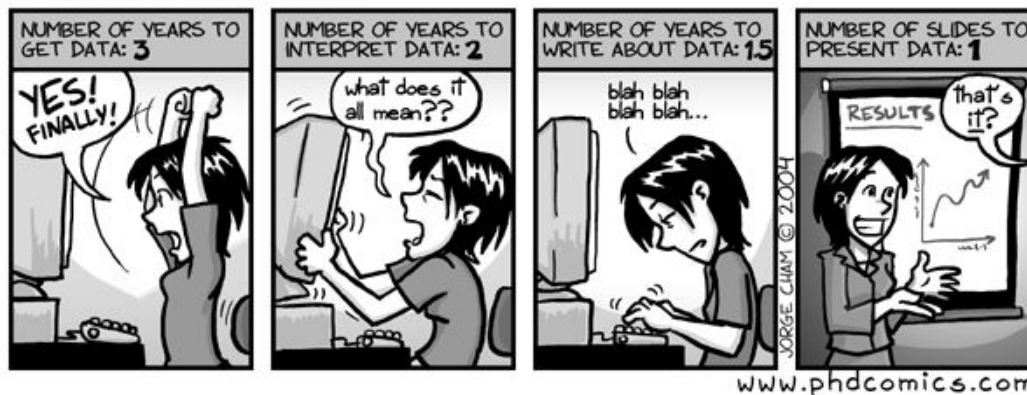
$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial z^2} + \lambda P \left( 1 - \frac{P}{K} \right)$$



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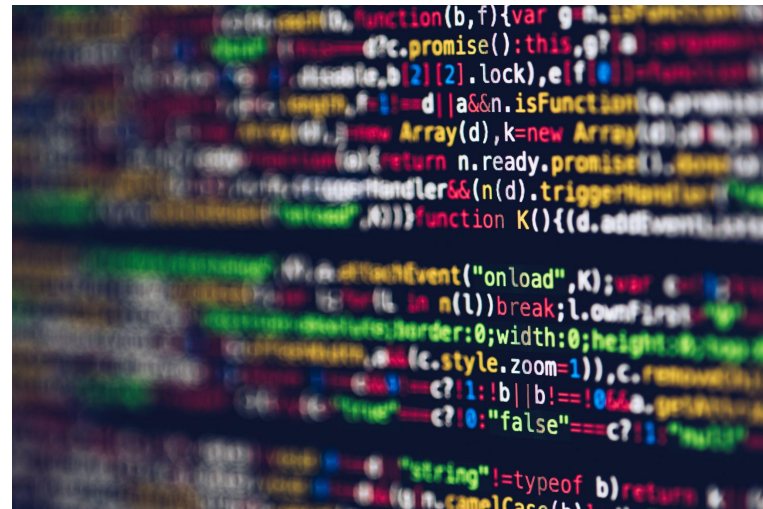
- combining math & statistics, programming and machine learning to explore any kind of data
- data is often noisy or unstructured → cleaning is big part of the job
- buzzwords like big data

## DATA: BY THE NUMBERS



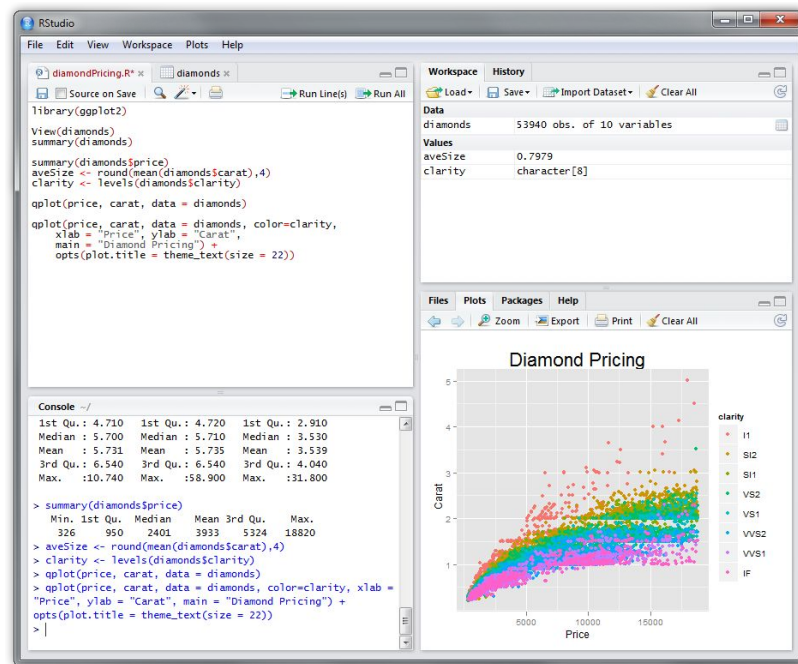
# What's the plan for today?

- short introduction into the R scripting language
  - all material on github:  
<https://github.com/robertladwig/intro-atasciencer>
  - GitHub: uses Git (version control), fantastic for coding and collaborations
- hands-on coding to introduce you to data analysis
- **at the end:** able to know basic R commands, load data, analyse data, plot data



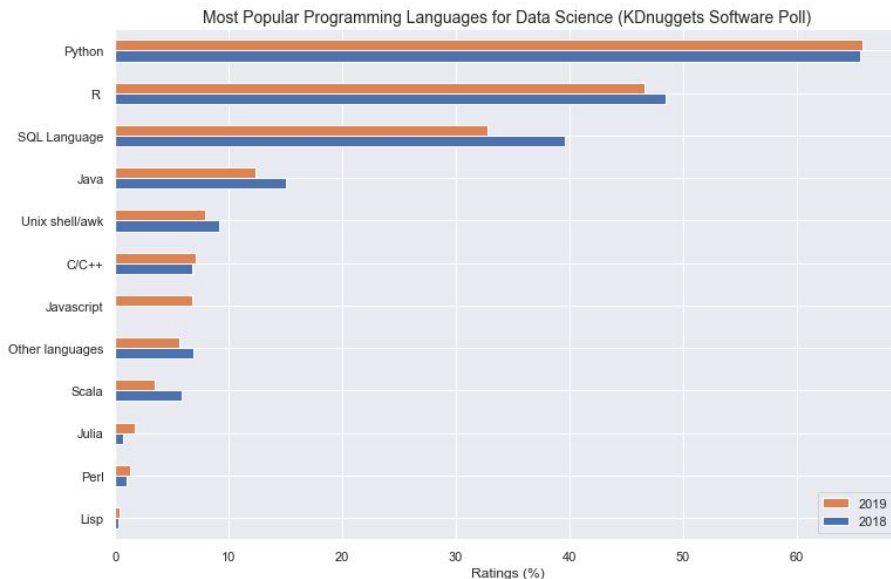
# Install R and RStudio

- Install R from here (language):  
<https://www.r-project.org/>
- Install RStudio (editor and GUI):  
<https://rstudio.com/products/rstudio/download/#download>



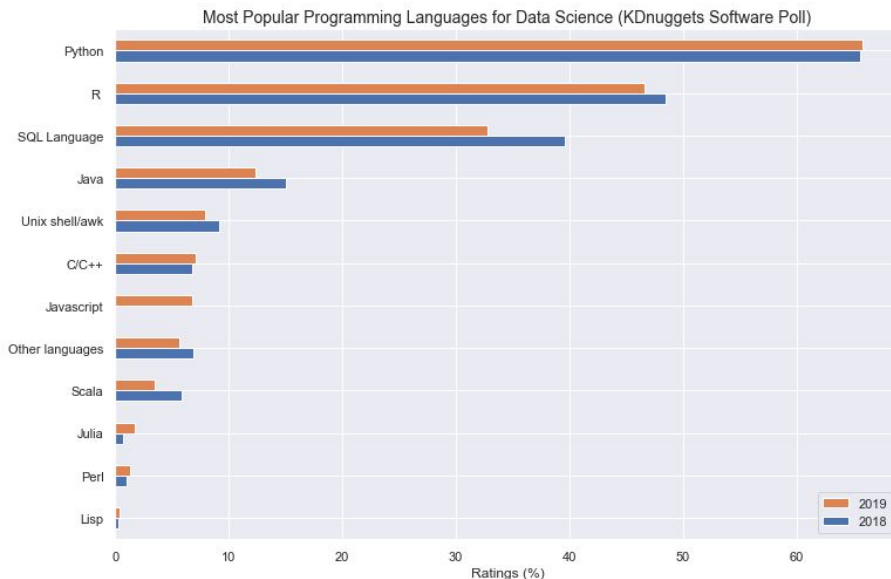
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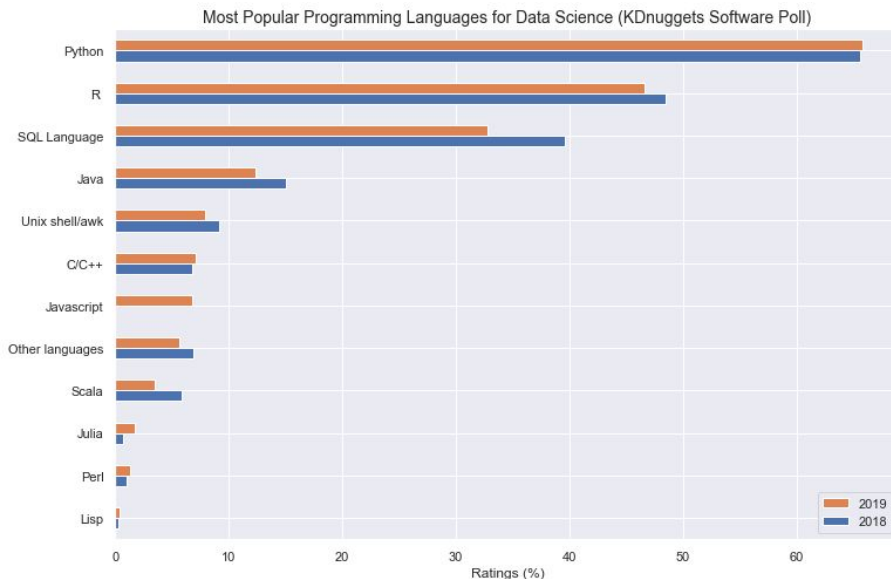
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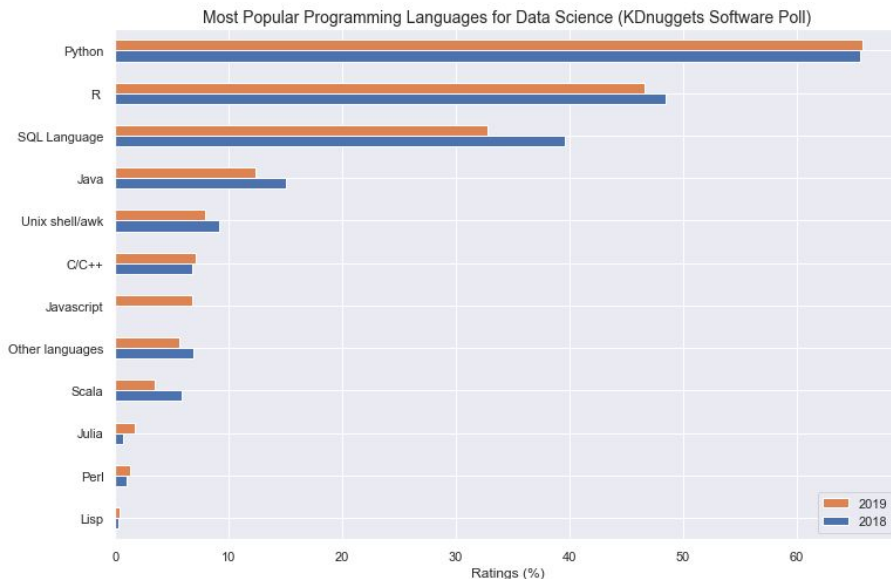
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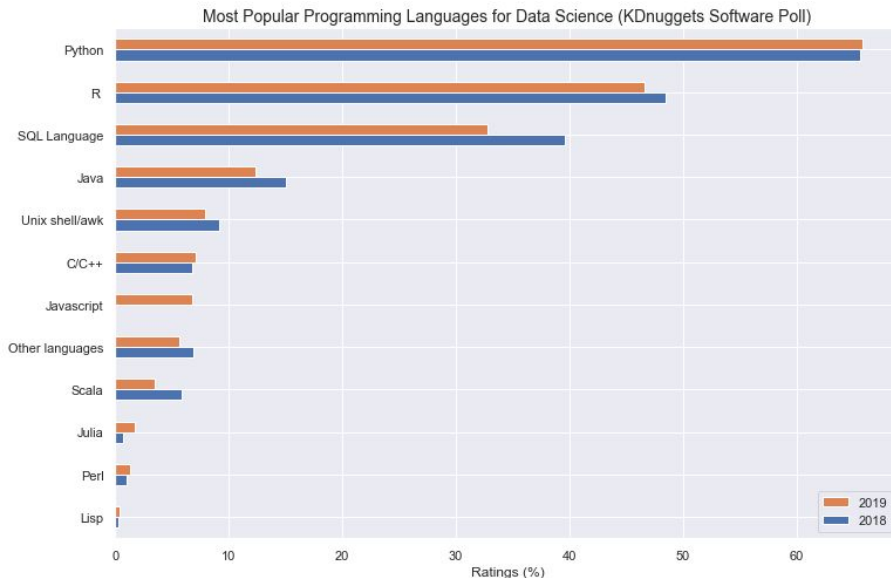
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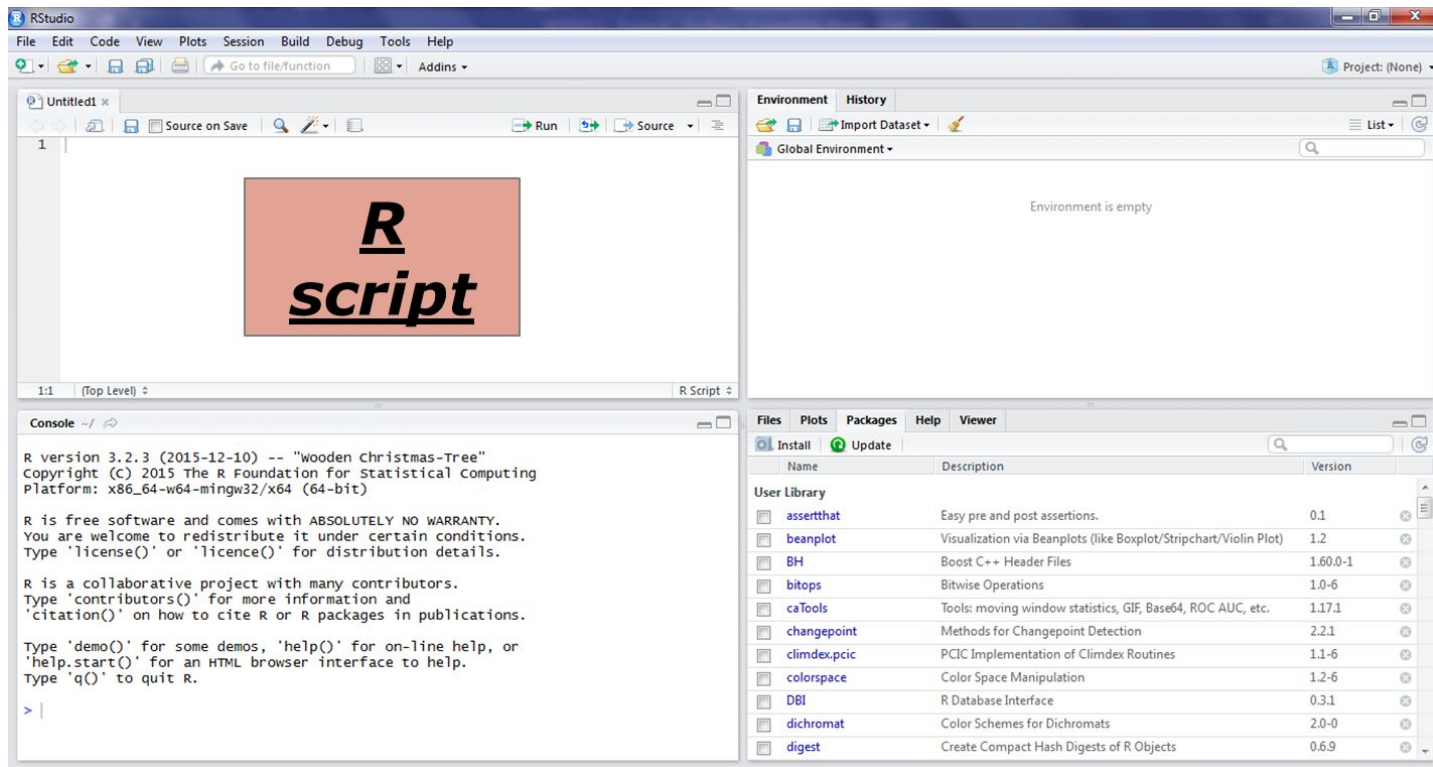


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- lots of styles for coding



# Open RStudio on your laptop now



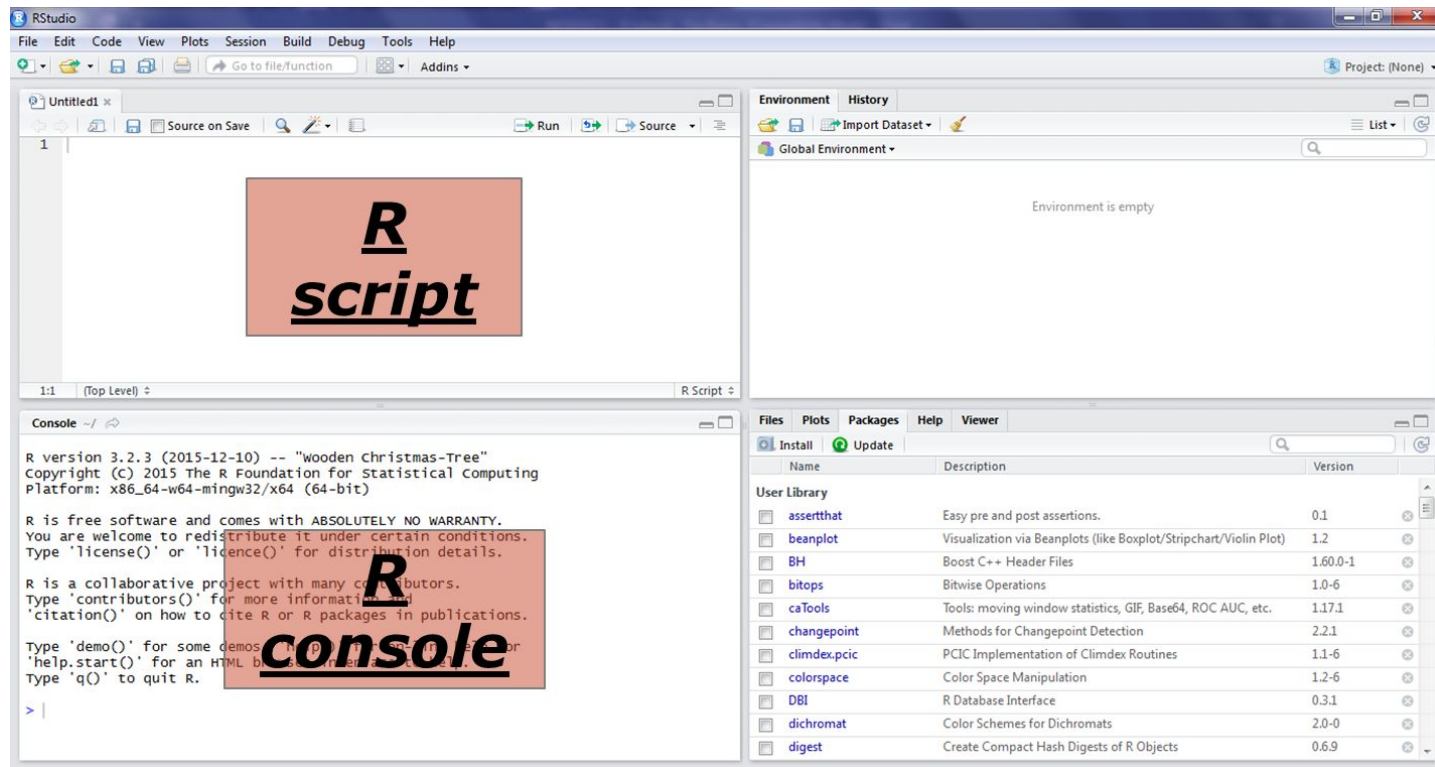
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write and edit  
code

color-coding for  
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identification

automatically fills  
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and quotations

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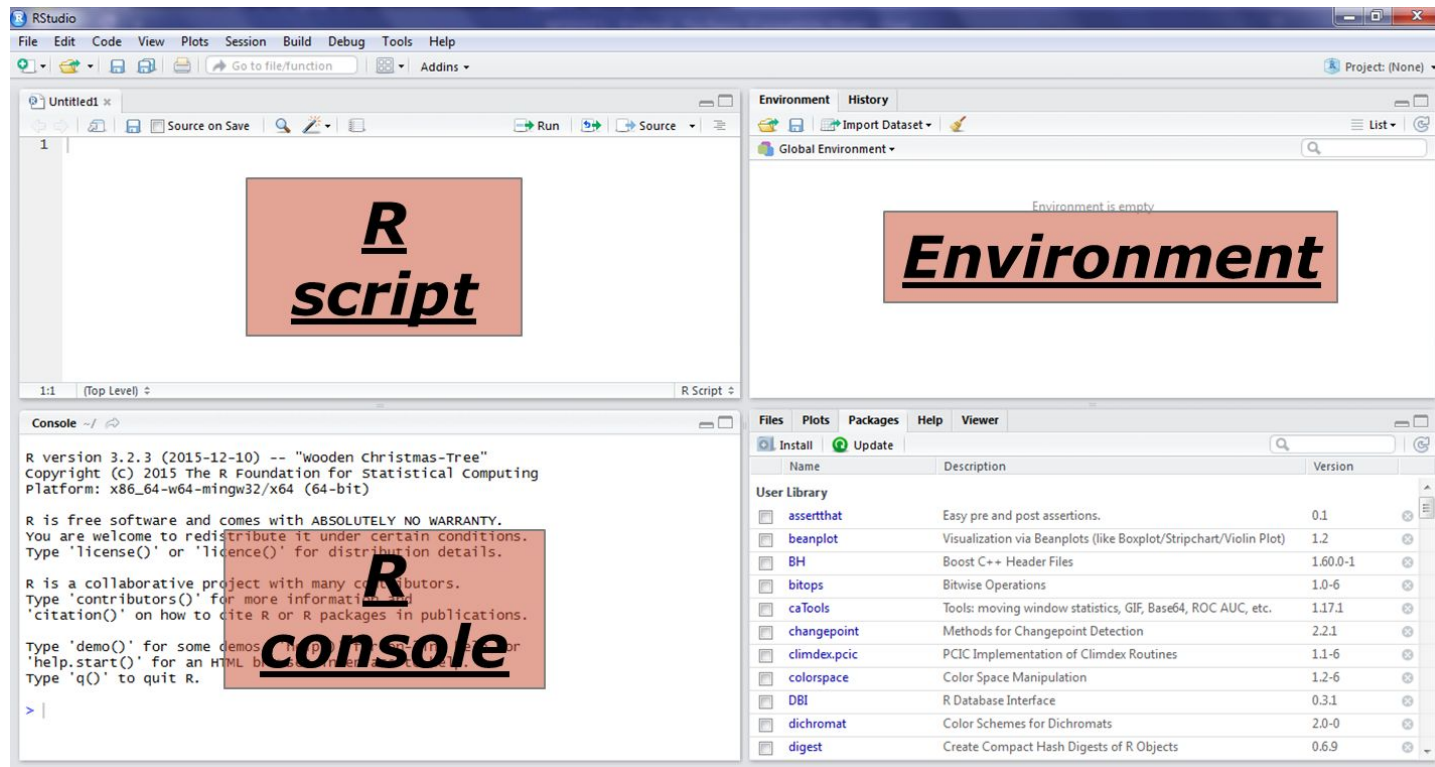


## R console:

commands are  
run and results  
appear

> means 'ready to  
work'

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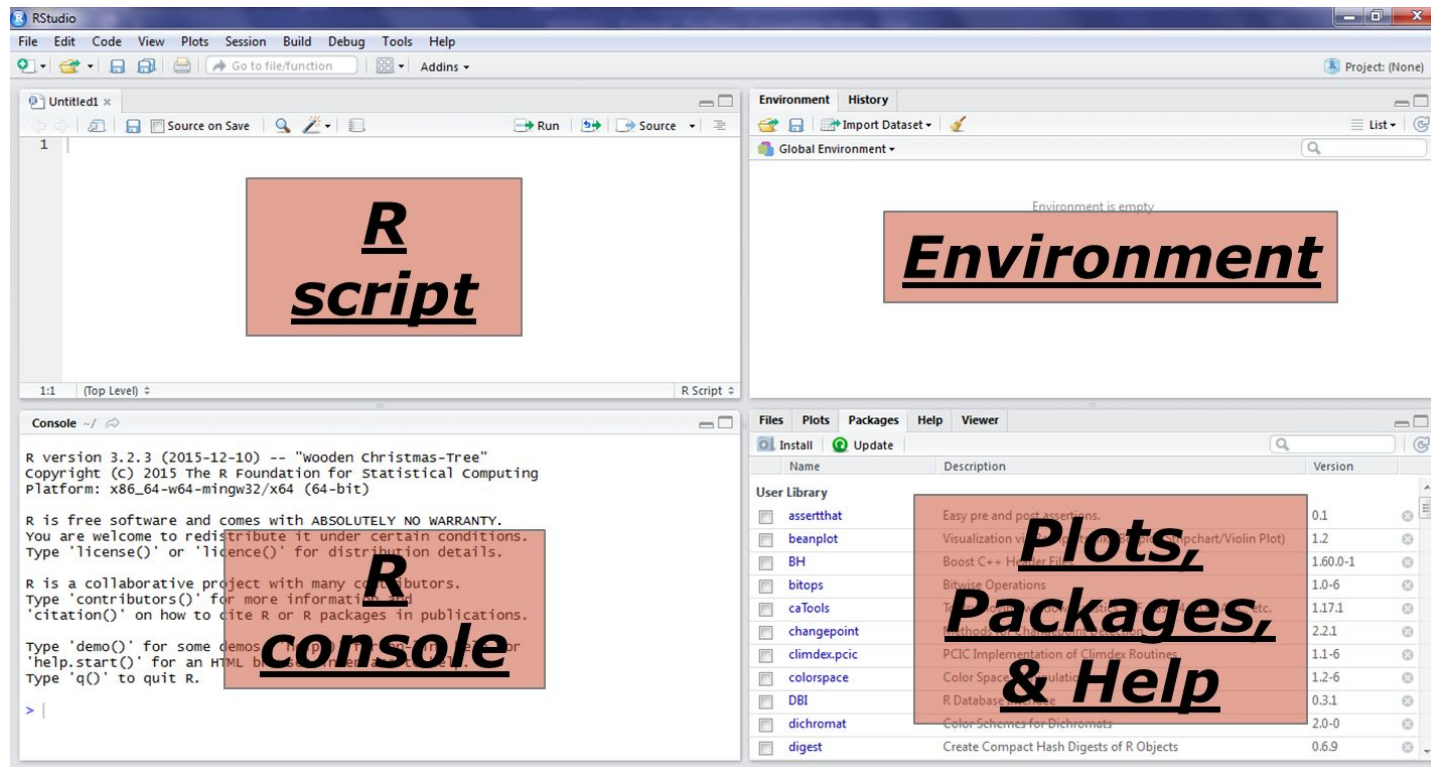


## Environment:

see which objects were created

type of objects (double, integers, etc.), size and dimensions

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**Plots/Packages/  
Help:**

plots will appear

see which  
packages are  
installed

help functions



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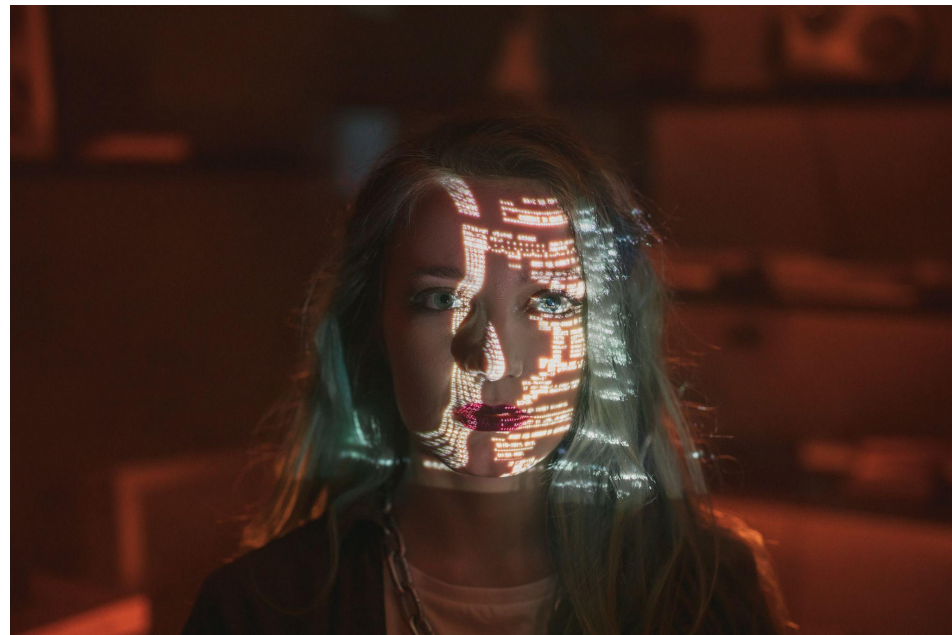
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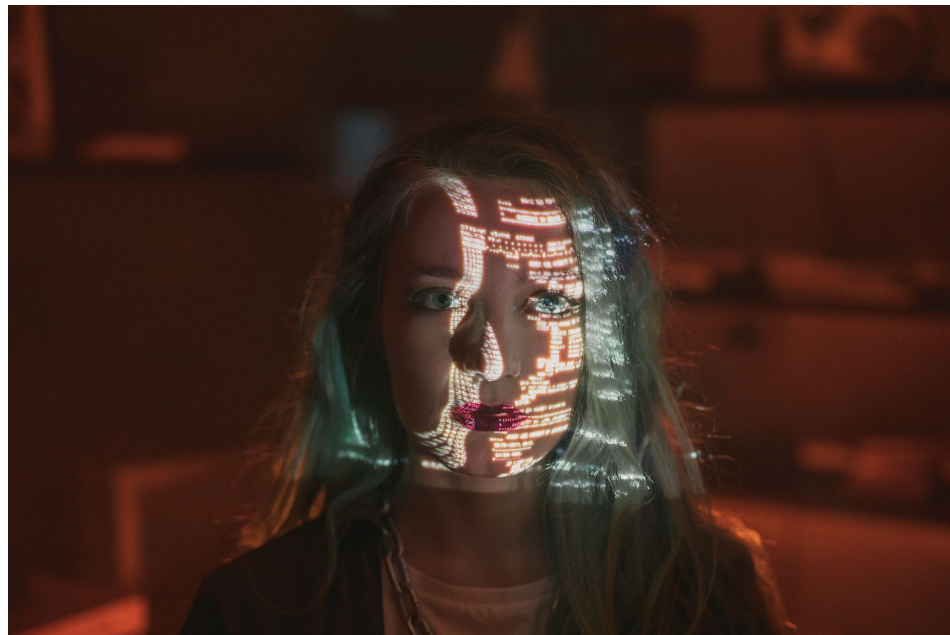
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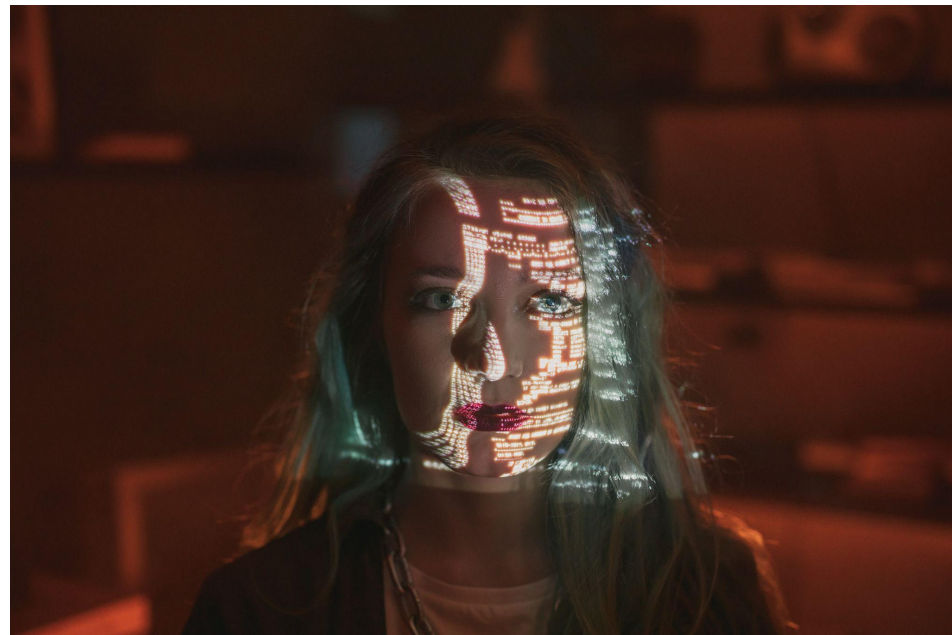
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- currently, above 16,000 packages are available



# Install one package

The screenshot shows the RStudio interface. The 'Tools' menu is open, and 'Install Packages...' is selected. The console window at the bottom shows the following output:

```
> install.packages("rLakeAnalyzer")
Installing package into 'C:/Users/Rachel Pilla/documents/R/win-library/3.2'
(as 'lib' is unspecified)
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Content type 'application/zip' length 516163 bytes (504 KB)
downloaded 504 KB

package 'rLakeAnalyzer' successfully unpacked and MD5 sums checked

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  C:\Users\Rachel Pilla\AppData\Local\Temp\RtmpmmkDw7\downloaded_packages
> |
```

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**tidyverse**



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The screenshot shows the RStudio interface with the following components:

- Source Editor:** Contains R code for plotting lake temperature data. The code includes comments and function calls like `barplot`, `aggregate`, and `arrows`.
- Console:** Shows the execution of the R code, including the command `> barplot(mean.temp[,2], names=mean.temp[,1], xlab="Depth (m)", ylab="Mean Temperature (C)")`.
- Environment Pane:** Displays the installed packages, including `assertthat`, `beannInt`, and `rLakeAnalyzer`.
- Install Packages Dialog:** A modal window titled "Install Packages" is open, showing the "Repository (CRAN, CRANextra)" dropdown and the "Packages (separate multiple with space or comma):" field containing `rLake` and `rLakeAnalyzer`. The "Install dependencies" checkbox is checked.

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RStudio interface showing the installation of the `rLakeAnalyzer` package.

**Script Editor:** Contains R code for plotting data from `lakeTemp` using `barplot` and `aggregate`.

**Console:** Shows the execution of `install.packages("rLakeAnalyzer")`. The output indicates the package was successfully installed from CRAN.

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**Environment Pane:** Lists installed packages with their versions.

Name	Description	Version
assertthat	Easy pre and post assertions.	0.1
beanplot	Visualization via Beanplots (like Boxplot/Stripchart/Violin Plot)	1.2
BH	Boost C++ Header Files	1.60.0-1
bitops	Bitwise Operations	1.0-6
caTools	Tools: moving window statistics, GIF, Base64, ROC AUC, etc.	1.17.1
changepoint	Methods for Changepoint Detection	2.2.1
climdex.pcic	PCIC Implementation of Climdex Routines	1.1-6
colorspace	Color Space Manipulation	1.2-6
DBI	R Database Interface	0.3.1
dichromat	Color Schemes for Dichromats	2.0-0
digest	Create Compact Hash Digests of R Objects	0.6.9
dismo	Species Distribution Modeling	1.0-15
dplyr	A Grammar of Data Manipulation	0.4.3
fields	Tools for Spatial Data	8.3-6
forecast	Forecasting Functions for Time Series and Linear Models	6.2
foreign	Read Data Stored by Minitab, S, SAS, SPSS, Stata, Systat, Weka, dBase, ...	0.8-66
fracdiff	Fractionally differenced ARIMA aka ARFIMA(p,d,q) models	1.4-2
ggplot2	An Implementation of the Grammar of Graphics	2.1.0
gridExtra	Miscellaneous Functions for "Grid" Graphics	2.2.1
gtable	Arrange grobs in tables.	0.1.2
hexbin	Hexagonal Binning Routines	1.27.1
inline	Functions to Inline C, C++, Fortran Function Calls from R	0.3.14
Kendall	Kendall rank correlation and Mann-Kendall trend test	2.2

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# Installing a package

- packages only need to be installed ONCE
- but, if you want to use it you'll need to load it:

```
library(package name)
```



**Hadley Wickham** ✓  
@hadleywickham

Replying to @ijlyttle

[@ijlyttle](#) a package is a like a book, a library is like a library; you use library() to check a package out of the library [#rsats](#)

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# Package information

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- Editor:** Contains R code for data manipulation using `gather` and `dplyr`.
 

```

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202
203 # grouping data and reformatting data with dplyr
204
205 ?InsectSprays|
206 head(InsectSprays)
207 str(InsectSprays)
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210   group_by(spray) %>%
211   summarize(MeanCount = mean(count),
212             StDevCount = sd(count))
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```
- Console:** Shows the output of the executed code.
 

```

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> str(InsectSprays)
'data.frame':   72 obs. of  2 variables:
 $ count: num   10  7 20 14 14 12 10 23 17 20 ...
 $ spray: Factor w/  6 levels "A","B","C","D",...: 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
>
> InsectSummary <- InsectSprays %>%
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>
      
```
- Environment/History/Connections:** Shows a list of installed R packages.
 

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backports	Reimplementations of Functions Introduced Since R-3.0.0	1.1.2
base64enc	Tools for base64 encoding	0.1-3
BH	Boost C++ Header Files	1.66.0-1
bindr	Parametrized Active Bindings	0.1.1
bindrcpp	An 'Rcpp' Interface to Active Bindings	0.2.2
broom	Convert Statistical Analysis Objects into Tidy Data Frames	0.4.4
callr	Call R from R	2.0.4
cellranger	Translate Spreadsheet Cell Ranges to Rows and Columns	1.1.0
cli	Helpers for Developing Command Line Interfaces	1.0.0
colorspace	Color Space Manipulation	1.3-2
crayon	Colored Terminal Output	1.3.4
curl	A Modern and Flexible Web Client for R	3.2
DBI	R Database Interface	1.0.0
dbplyr	A 'dplyr' Back End for Databases	1.2.1
dichromat	Color Schemes for Dichromats	2.0-0
digest	Create Compact Hash Digests of R Objects	0.6.15
dplyr	A Grammar of Data Manipulation	0.7.5
evaluate	Parsing and Evaluation Tools that Provide More Details than the Default	0.10.1
forcats	Tools for Working with Categorical Variables (Factors)	0.3.0
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glue	Interpreted String Literals	1.2.0
gridExtra	Miscellaneous Functions for "Grid" Graphics	2.3
gtable	Arrange 'Grob's' in Tables	0.2.0
haven	Import and Export 'SPSS', 'Stata' and 'SAS' Files	1.1.1
highr	Syntax Highlighting for R Source Code	0.7
hms	Pretty Time of Day	0.4.2
htmltools	Tools for HTML	0.3.6

under packages,  
click on **dplyr**



# Package information

The screenshot shows the RStudio interface. The left pane contains R code for data manipulation using `dplyr`. The bottom pane shows the console output of the code. The right pane displays the help page for the `dplyr` package, version 0.7.5.

```
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**A Grammar of Data Manipulation**

Documentation for package 'dplyr' version 0.7.5

- [DESCRIPTION file](#)
- [User guides, package vignettes and other documentation](#)

Help Pages

[dplyr-package](#) dplyr: a grammar of data manipulation

-- A --

<a href="#">add_count</a>	Count/tally observations by group
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<a href="#">all_equal.tbl_df</a>	Flexible equality comparison for data frames
<a href="#">all_equal</a>	Flexible equality comparison for data frames
<a href="#">all_vars</a>	Apply predicate to all variables

this lists all  
available  
functions

click on any  
function to see  
the help file

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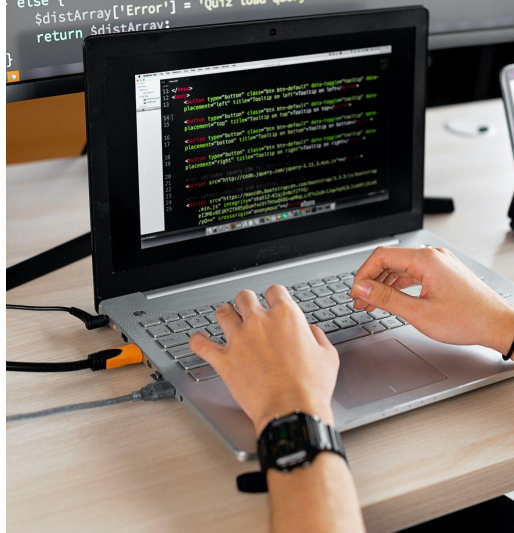
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- to run it:
  - “Run” button in upper right corner
  - “CTRL + Enter” (Windows)
  - “Command + Enter” (Mac)



# Coding in R

```
if(result != false) {  
  $distArray = array();  
  $row = mysqli_fetch_assoc($result);  
  $correctAnswer = $row['Correct'];  
  $distArray['A'] = $row['Anum'];  
  $distArray['B'] = $row['Bnum'];  
  $distArray['C'] = $row['Cnum'];  
  $distArray['D'] = $row['Dnum'];  
  $distArray['Correct'] = $correctAnswer;  
  $distArray['Answer'] = rtrim($row['CorrectAnswer'], ".");  
  $distArray['Query'] = "SELECT * FROM TechTerms WHERE Date='date'";  
  return $distArray;  
}  
else {  
  $distArray['Error'] = 'Quiz load query failed';  
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}
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**assignment operator**  
tells R to save the result  
of the function as the  
named object

# Types of data

- **objects (data types):**
  - numeric (2.334, 3.14159)
  - integer (2, 2405, 54)
  - characters ("hello world")
  - logical (TRUE/FALSE)
  - complex (1+4i)
- **data structures:**
  - vector (1-D object with same data type)
  - matrix (2-D object with same data type)
  - data frame (2-D object with different data types per column if needed, very useful!)

# Live Coding time!

