Session 3: Coding Workflows

GIT'ER DONE & ALL THE THINGS THAT ARE FIT TO GIT

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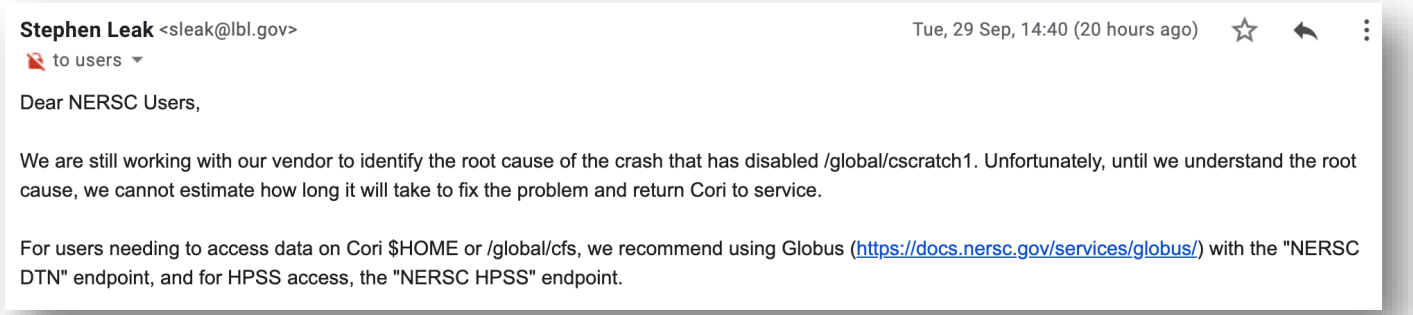
Version control (but why??)

Why would you want to use Version Control?

- Multiple versions without screwing working code up
- Keep track of changes
- Use in a paper – and can cite to a specific version
- Open access and changes made by other users
- Rollback – when you screw up, you can fix!
- Collaboration

Version control



Stephen Leak <sleak@lbl.gov> Tue, 29 Sep, 14:40 (20 hours ago)

to users

Dear NERSC Users,

We are still working with our vendor to identify the root cause of the crash that has disabled /global/cscratch1. Unfortunately, until we understand the root cause, we cannot estimate how long it will take to fix the problem and return Cori to service.

For users needing to access data on Cori $HOME or /global/cfs, we recommend using Globus (https://docs.nersc.gov/services/globus/) with the "NERSC DTN" endpoint, and for HPSS access, the "NERSC HPSS" endpoint.

COOL CATCH

Losing access to your code when a big super computer is down isn't cool at all...

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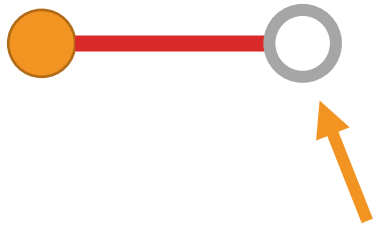

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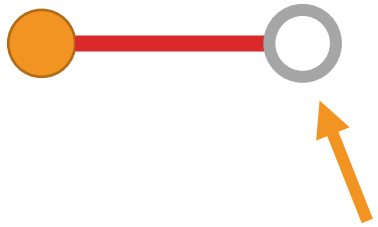

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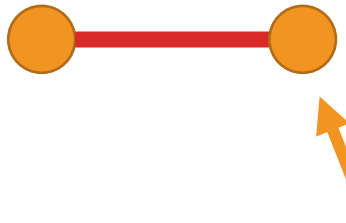

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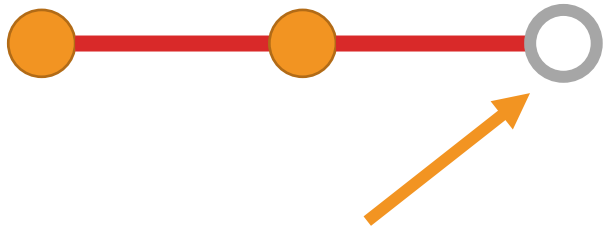

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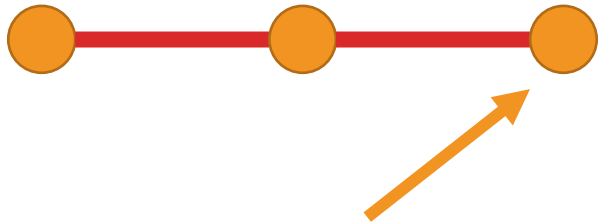

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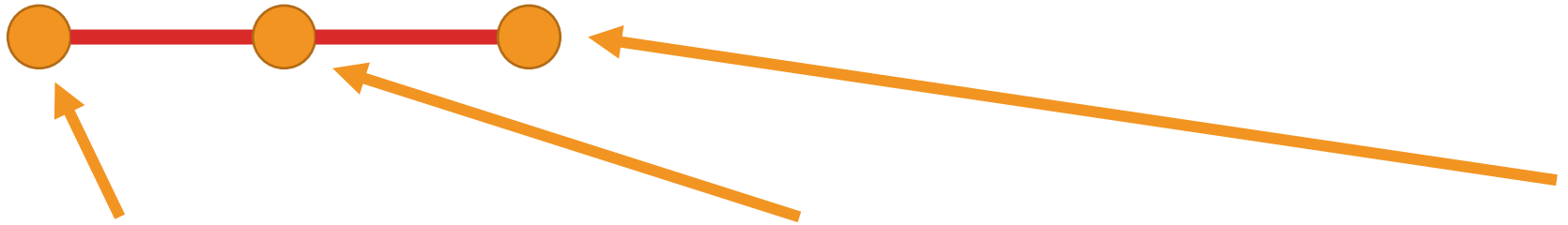

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- When you push those changes those committed changes become part of the branch.
- And the magic (or the murderous rage) happens.
- Don't leave branches unpushed.

Back to basics...

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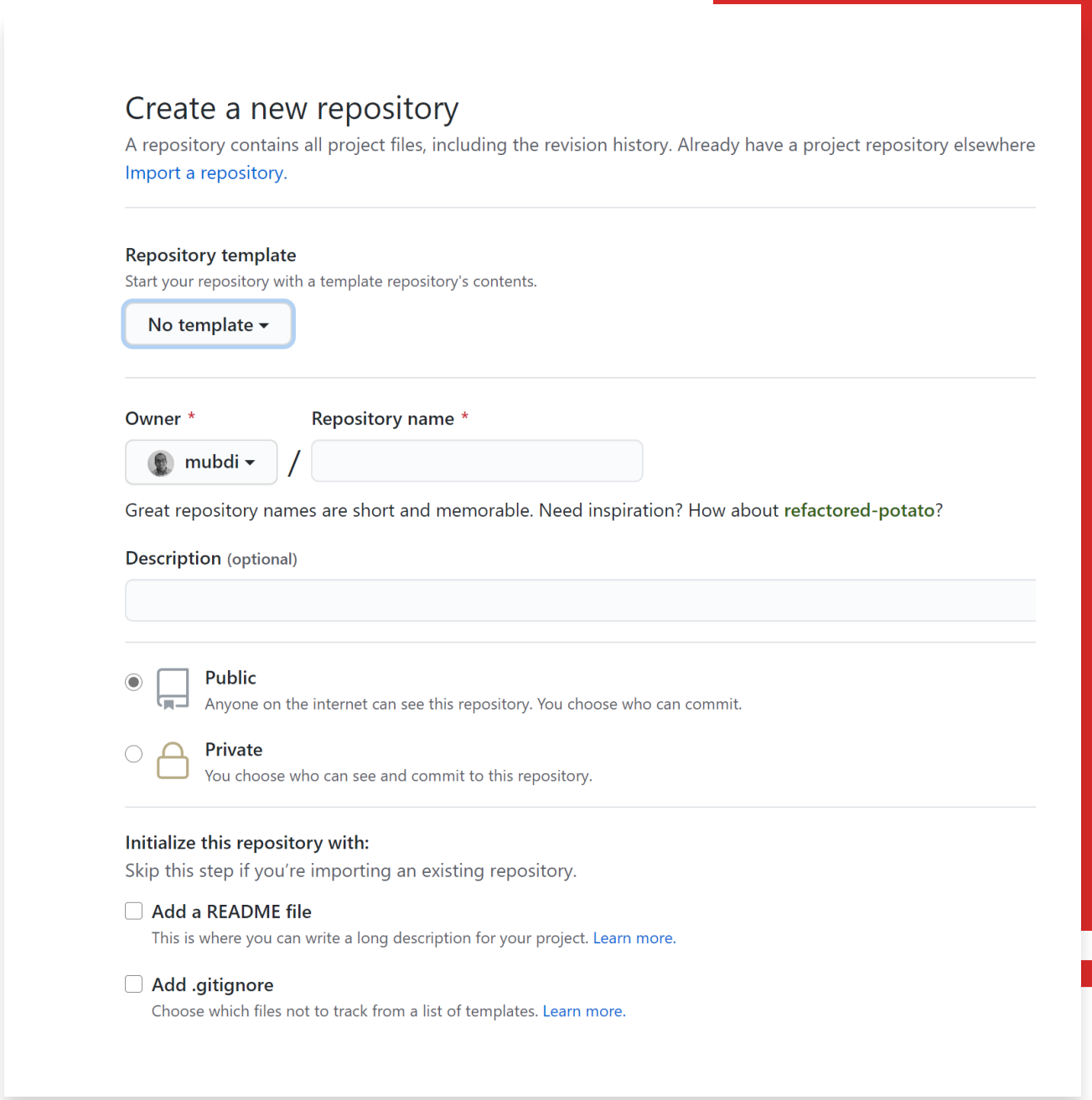

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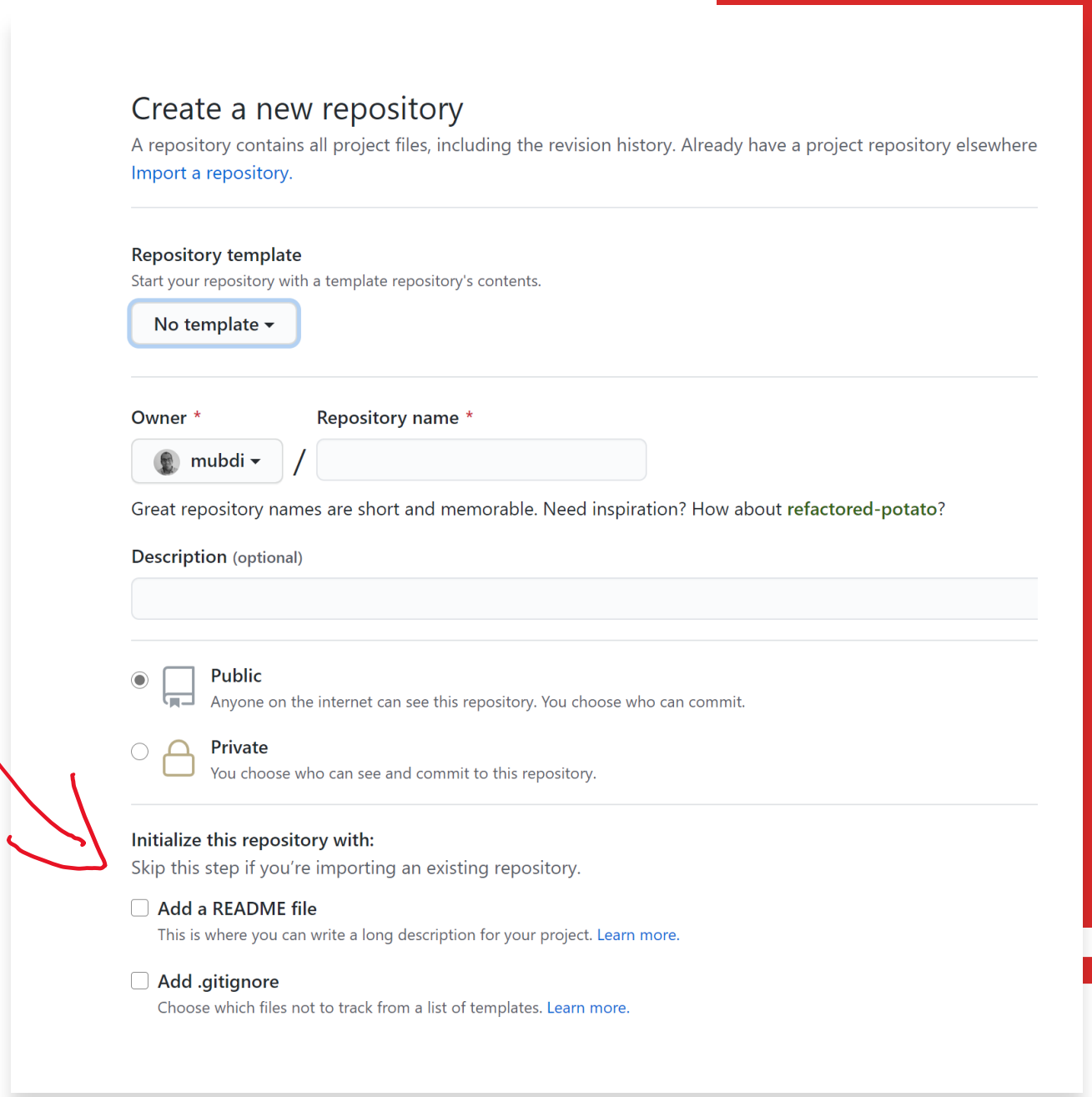

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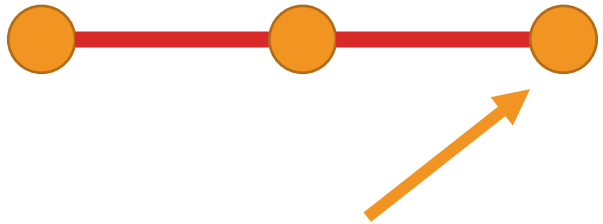

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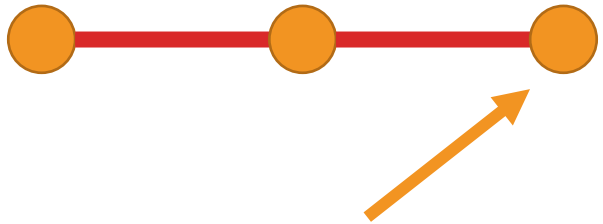

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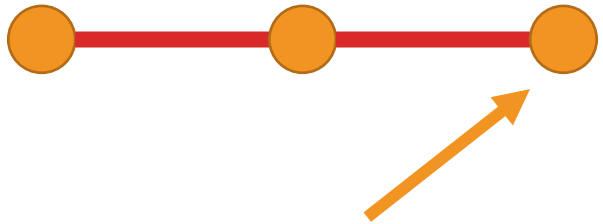

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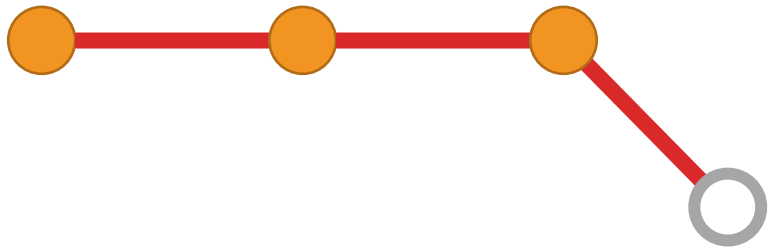

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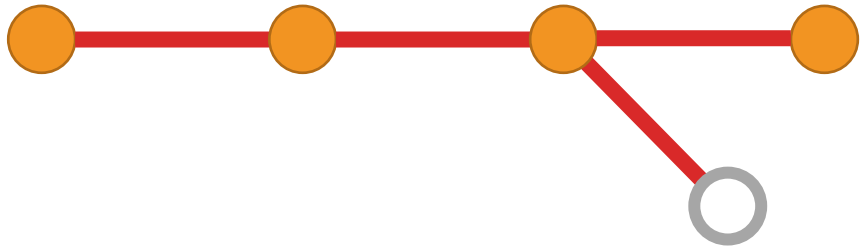

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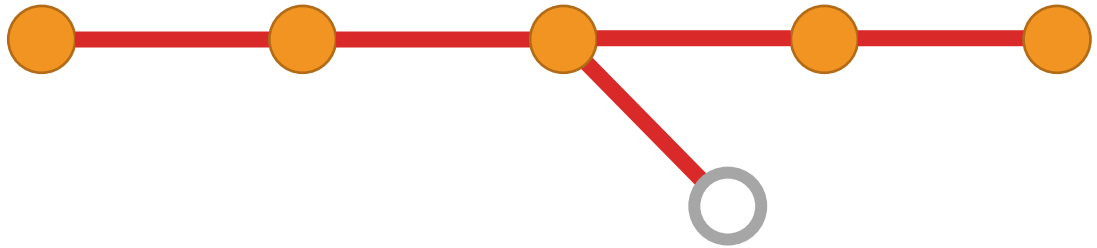

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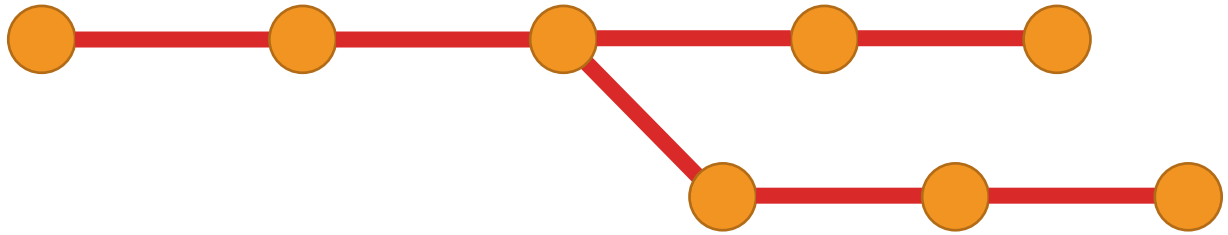

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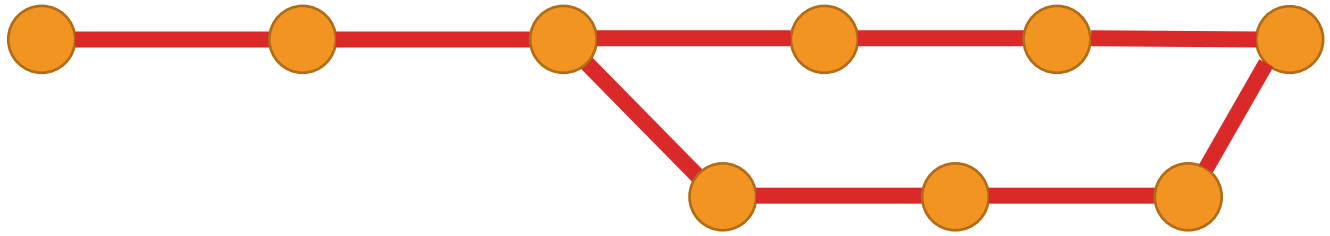

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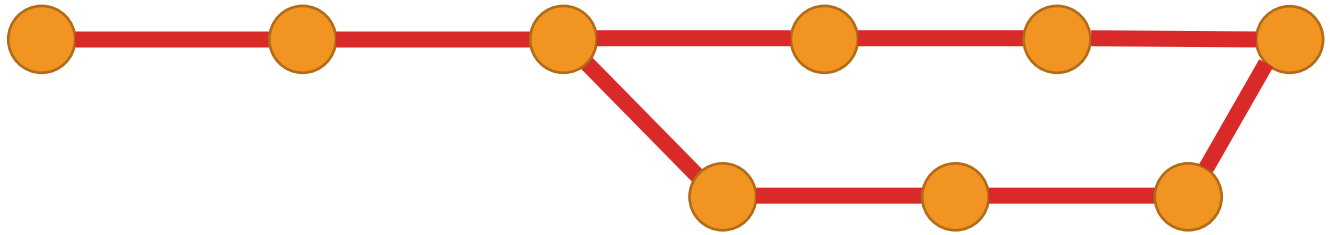

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```
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Merging back to the main

You can change back to the main branch:

```
git checkout main
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and you can merge your old branch:

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Break!

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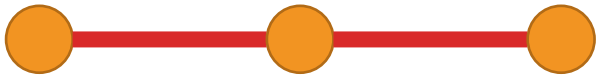

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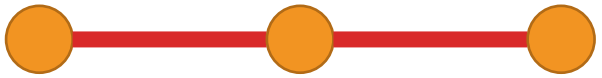

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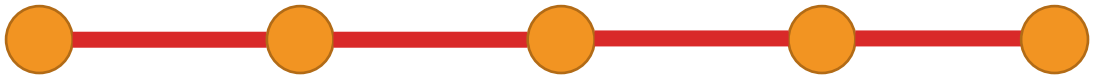

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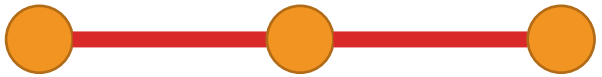

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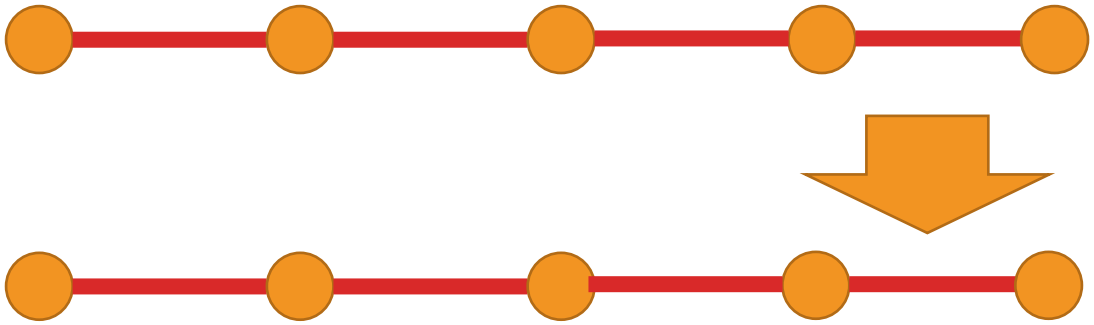

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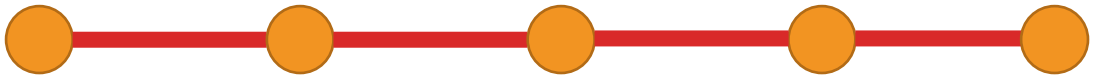

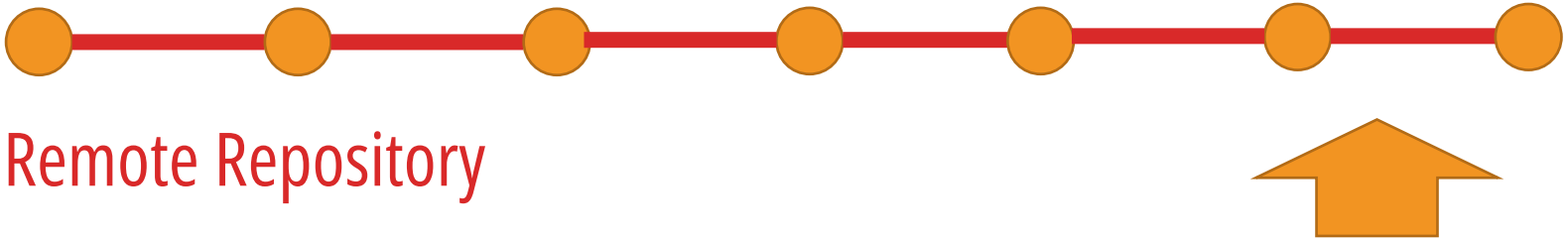

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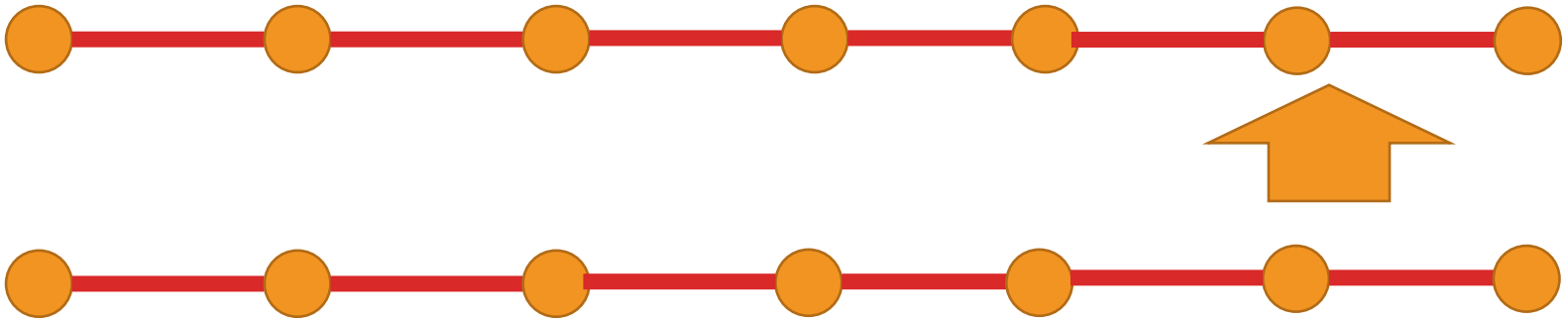

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Useful References for Git

- Software Carpentry (intro to version control with git)
  - https://swcarpentry.github.io/git-novice/
- Atlassian Tutorials
  - https://www.atlassian.com/git/tutorials/what-is-version-control
- Git Cheat Sheet from Atlassian
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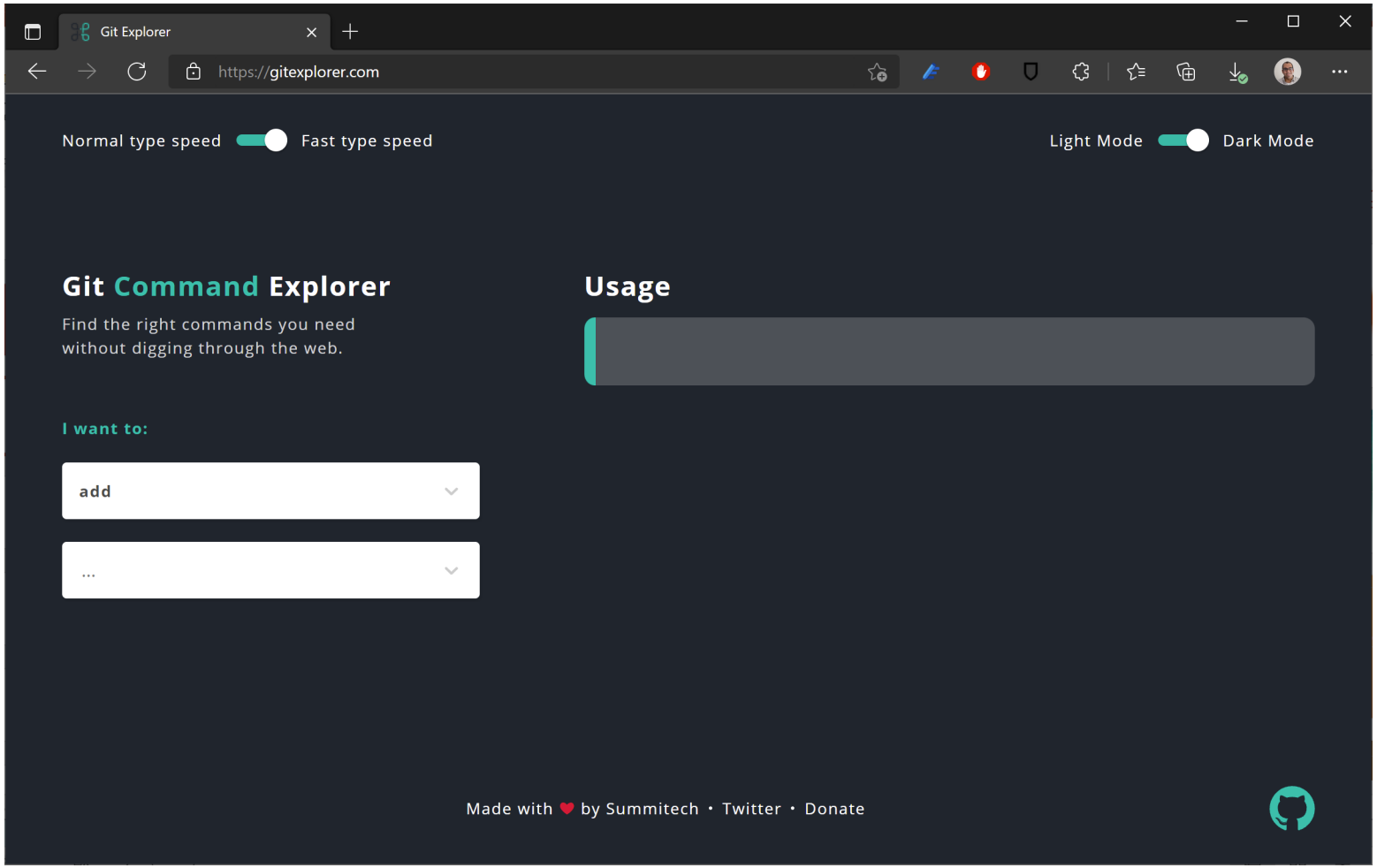
Git Command Explorer



http://gitexplorer.com

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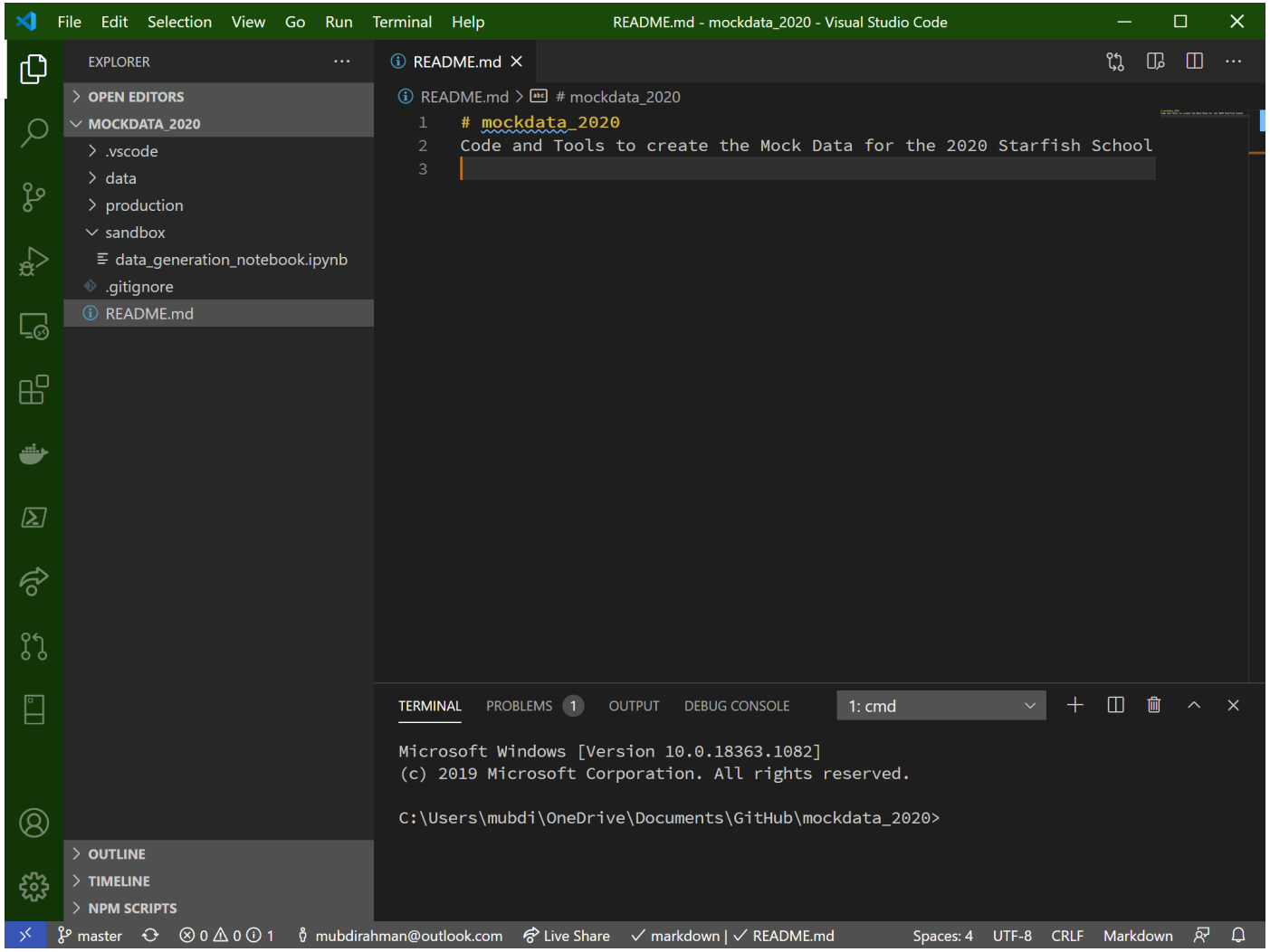
Helps with debugging (come back to this place next week)



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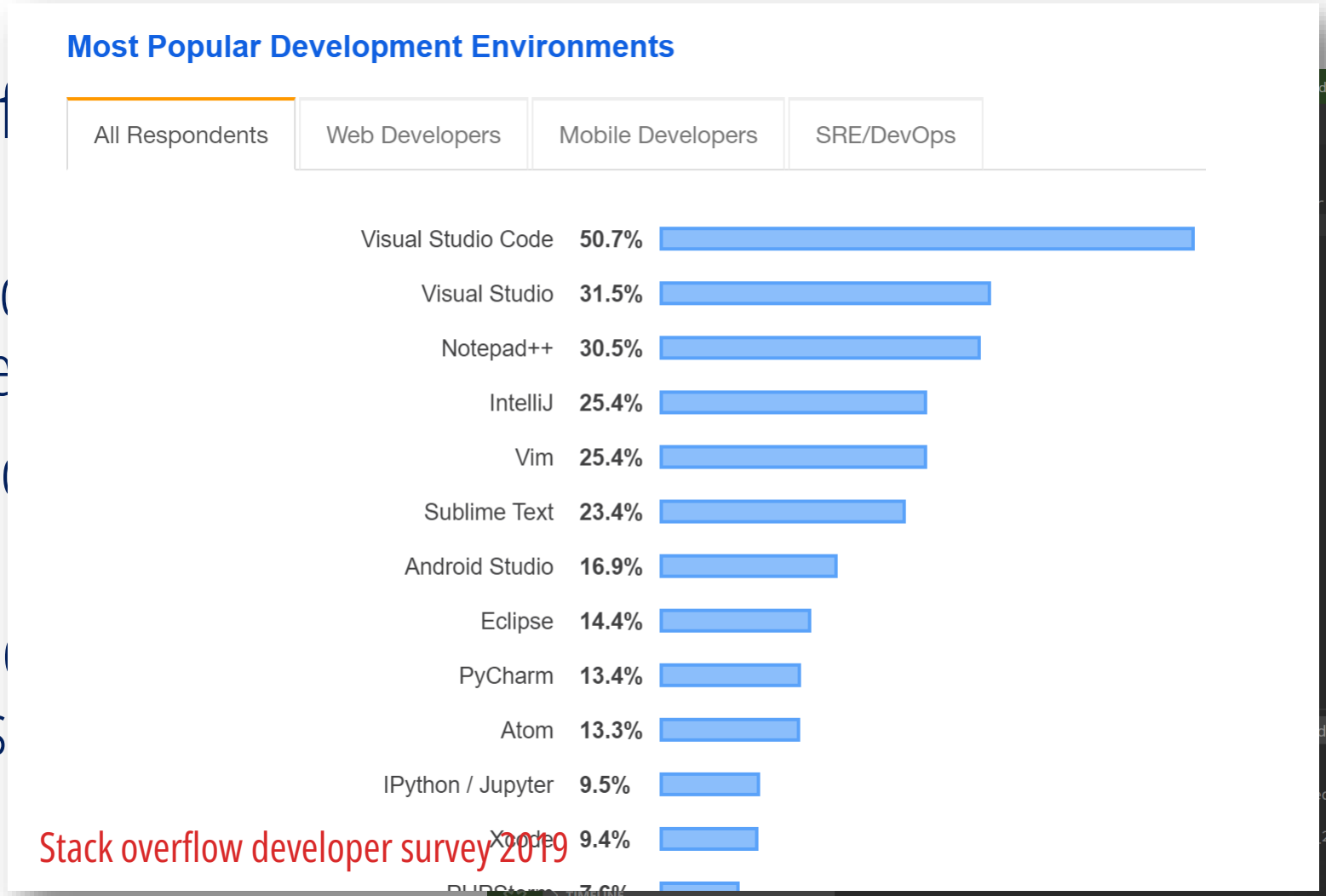

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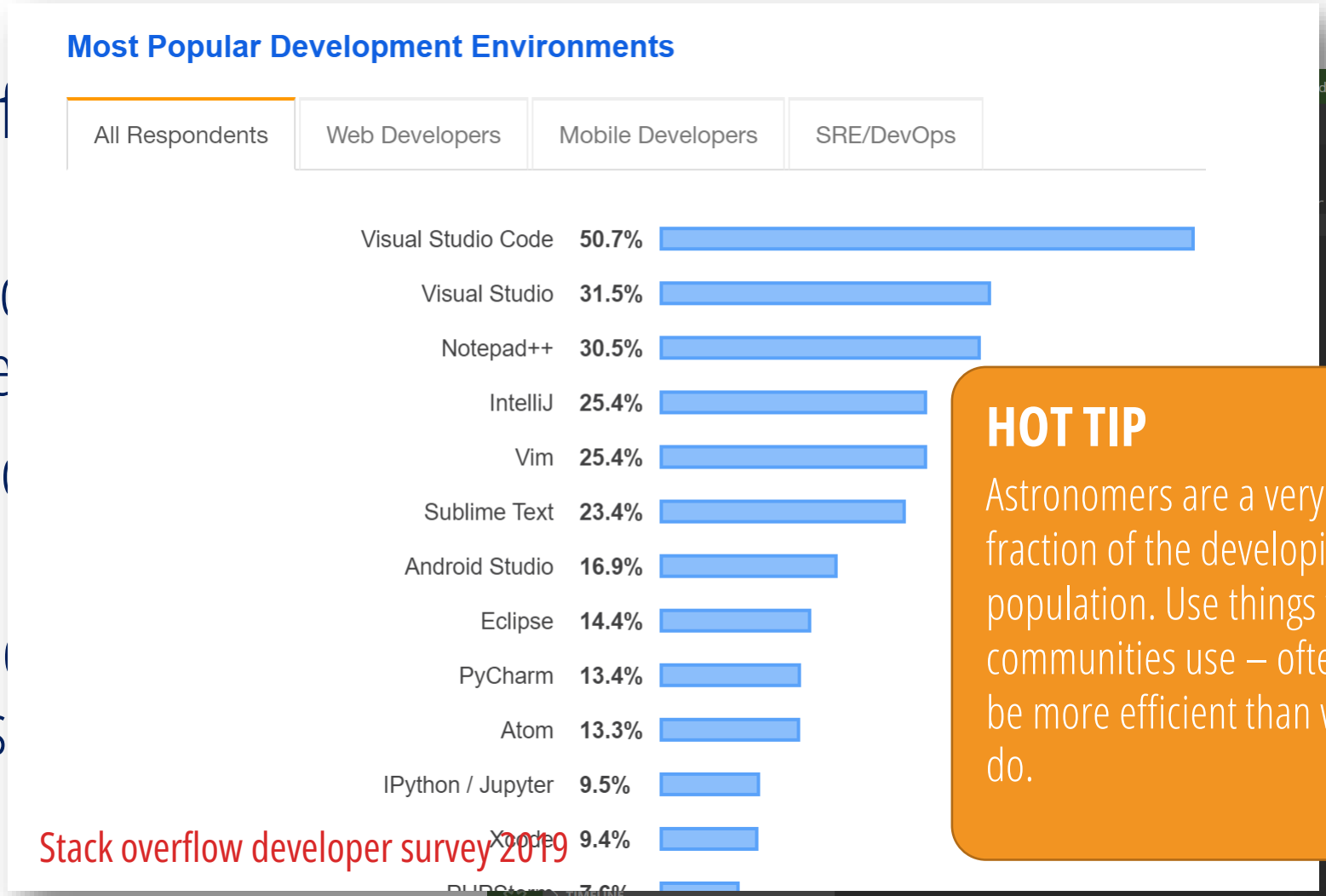

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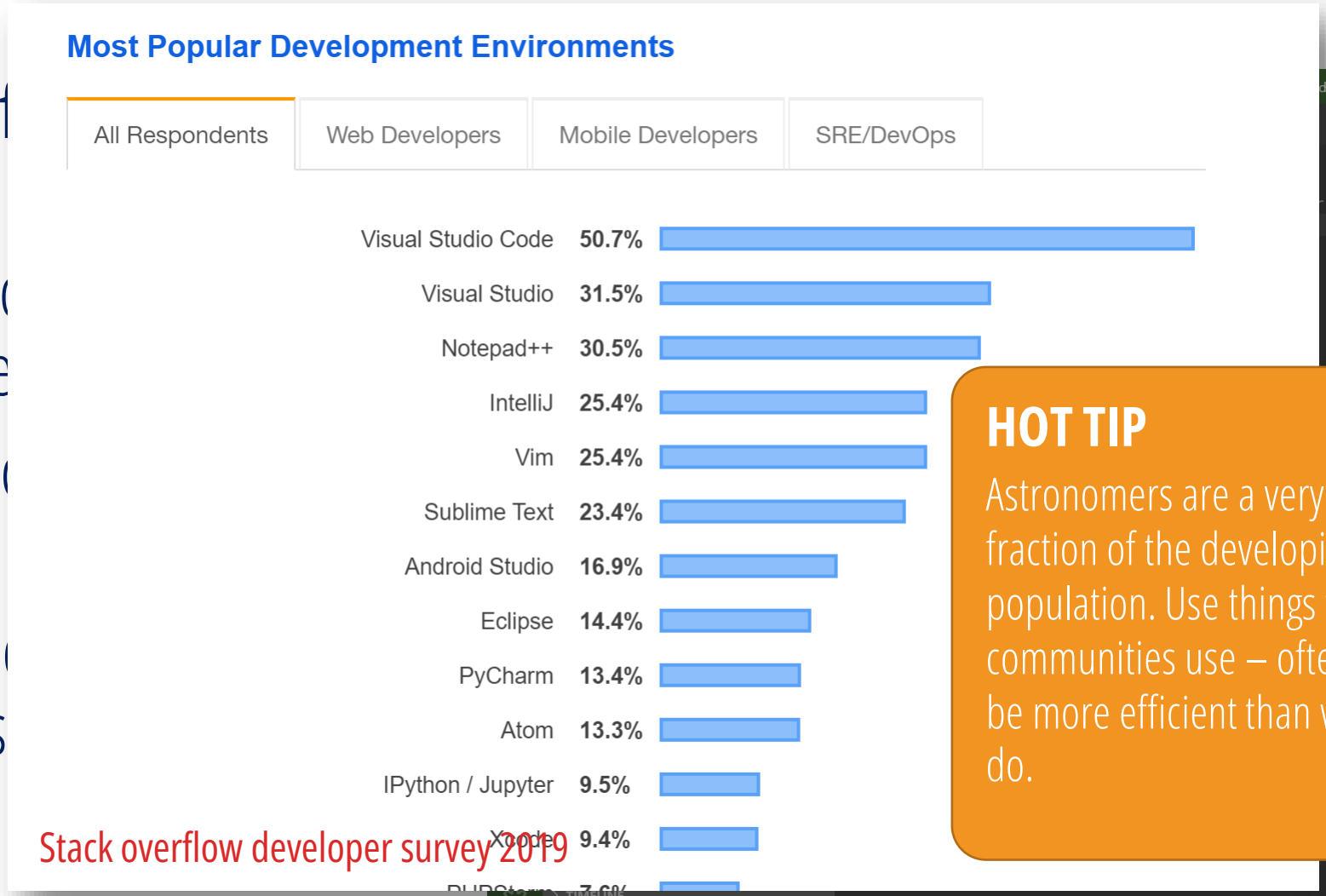

Stack overflow developer survey 2019

HOT TIP

Astronomers are a very small fraction of the developing population. Use things that other communities use – often, they'll be more efficient than what we do.

Demo Time!
VS Code

Exercise

You've tried these before, but let's do it again:

- Create a directory with a couple of new python files.
- Initialize a git repository within the directory
- Make changes to the files and commit them to your repository
- Make a new branch and commit a new change to your python files
- Merge the new branch down to the main branch
- Check out the git log to see all of your commits

Exercise

- Create a new uninitialized git repository on github
- Push your repository to the new repository
- Clone the remote repo to a new folder
- Create a conflict: make changes to both the old and new repository
- Fix the conflict and push everything back to the remote

Markdown

Getting down with Markdown

- Common, simple, structured way of writing in plain text files
- Easily interpretable, supports images, tables, links, code
- Natively supported in GitHub, and even Slack!

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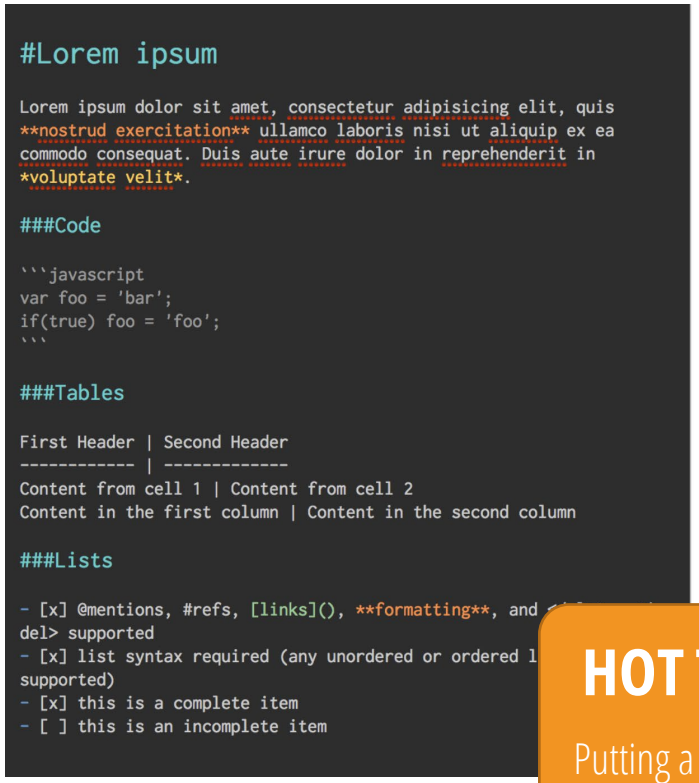

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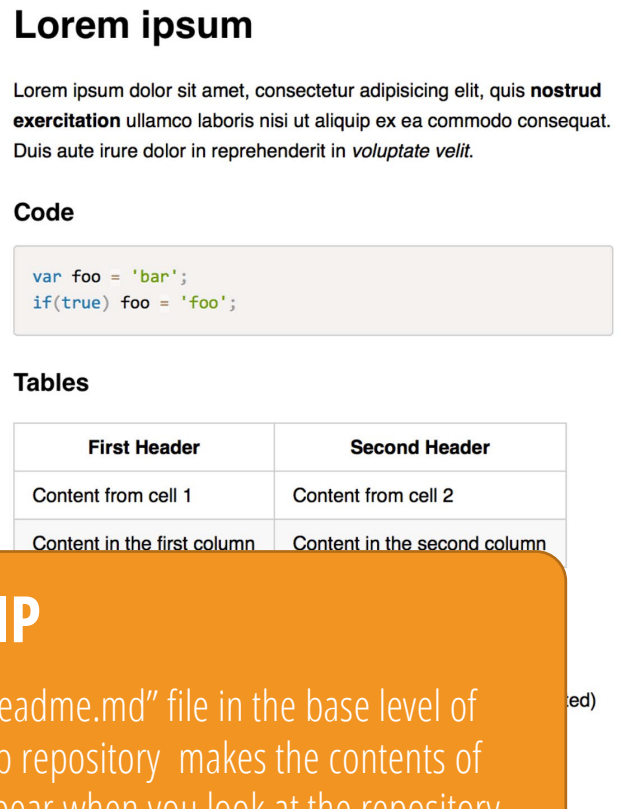

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HOT TIP

Putting a “readme.md” file in the base level of your GitHub repository makes the contents of that file appear when you look at the repository on the web

Some Basic Markup

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# This is a heading
## This is a smaller heading
### This is an even smaller heading

* This is list item 1. _I am underlined_
* This is list item 2. **I Can Be Bold**
* I want to put a [Link In
Here](http://www.link.com)

![Image](image.png)
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A Little More Markup

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> This is something that's in a quote


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A little bit of code can go in here
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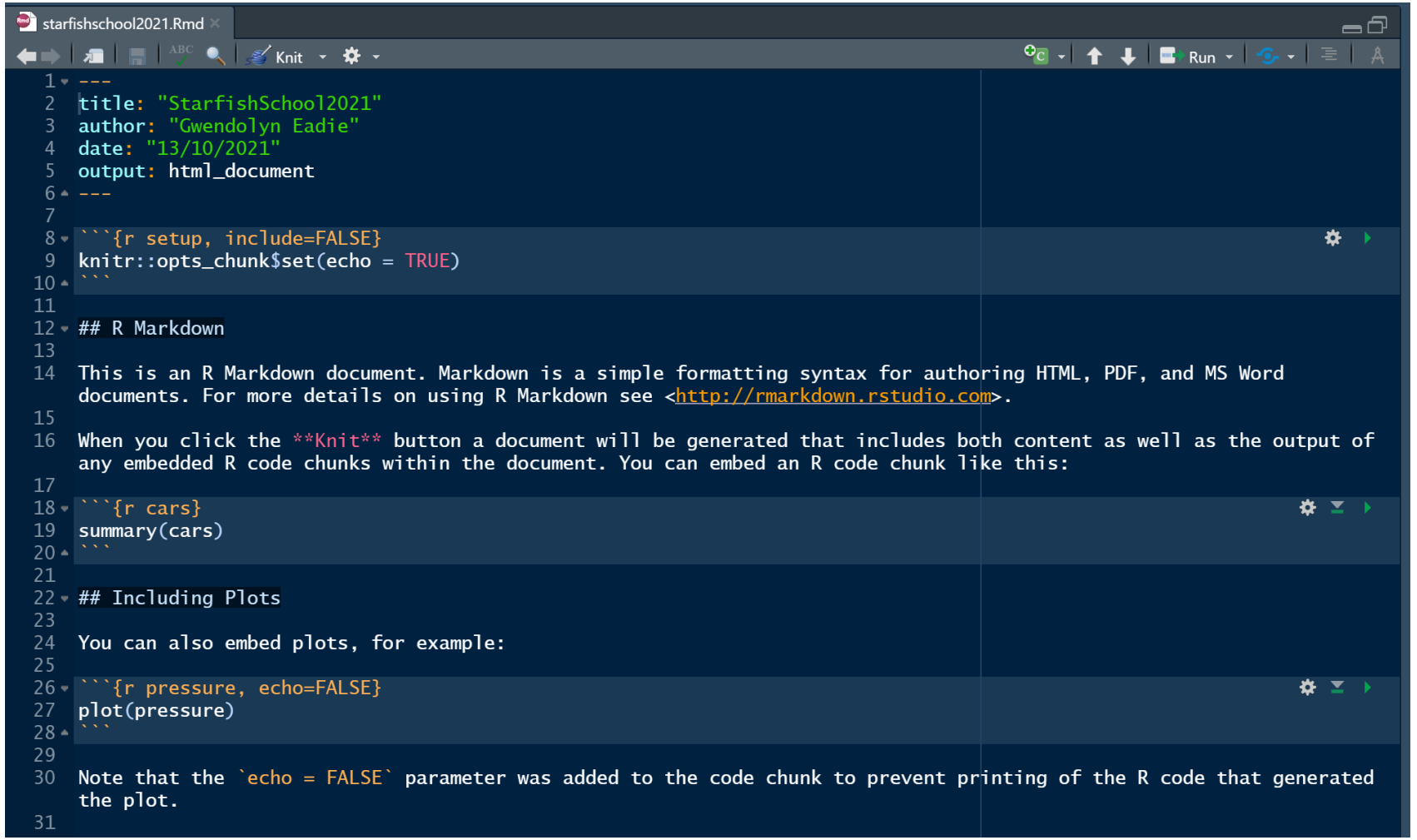
R Markdown in R Studio



Demo Time!
R Markdown

Cheat Sheets

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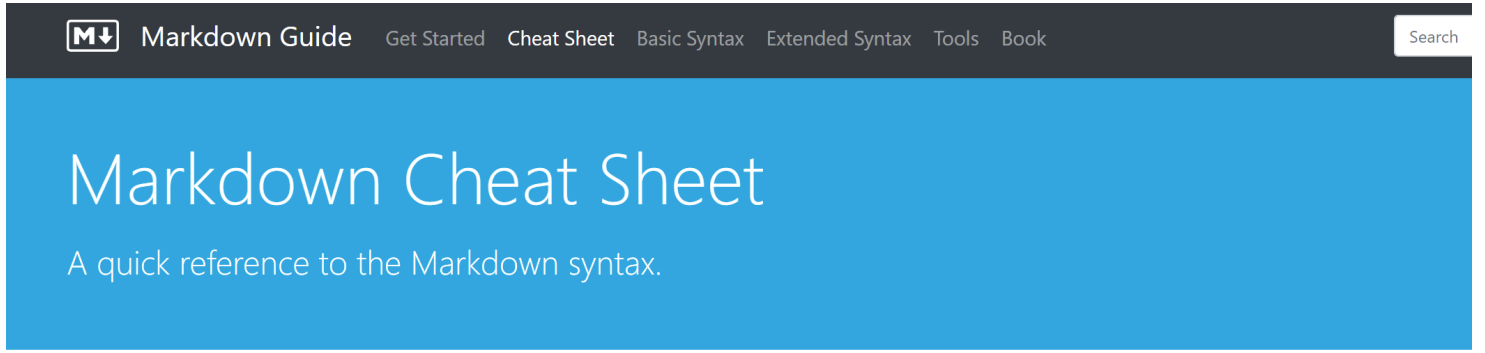

Overview

This Markdown cheat sheet provides a quick overview of all the Markdown syntax elements. It can't cover every edge case, so if you need more information about any of these elements, refer to the reference guides for basic syntax and extended syntax.

Basic Syntax

These are the elements outlined in John Gruber's original design document. All Markdown applications support these elements.

Element	Markdown Syntax

Heading	`# H1`
	`## H2`
	`### H3`

Bold	`**bold text**`
Italic	`*italicized text*`
Blockquote	`> blockquote`

Git and R

RStudio, R Projects, and Git

- An R project is a great way to keep track of your R scripts and other files
- RProjects work with or without git, all within R Studio.
- When you open an R Project, it will open all the files you previously had open in RStudio (ie., it will pick up where you left off)
- The next few slides will show you how to set up a new project and initialize a git repository for that project

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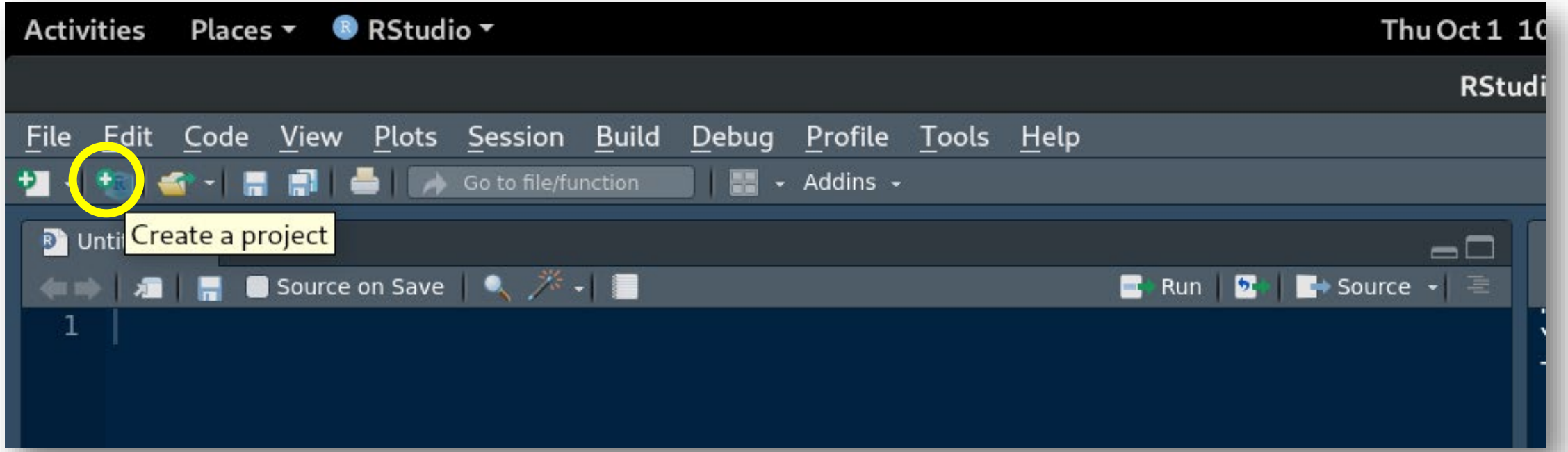

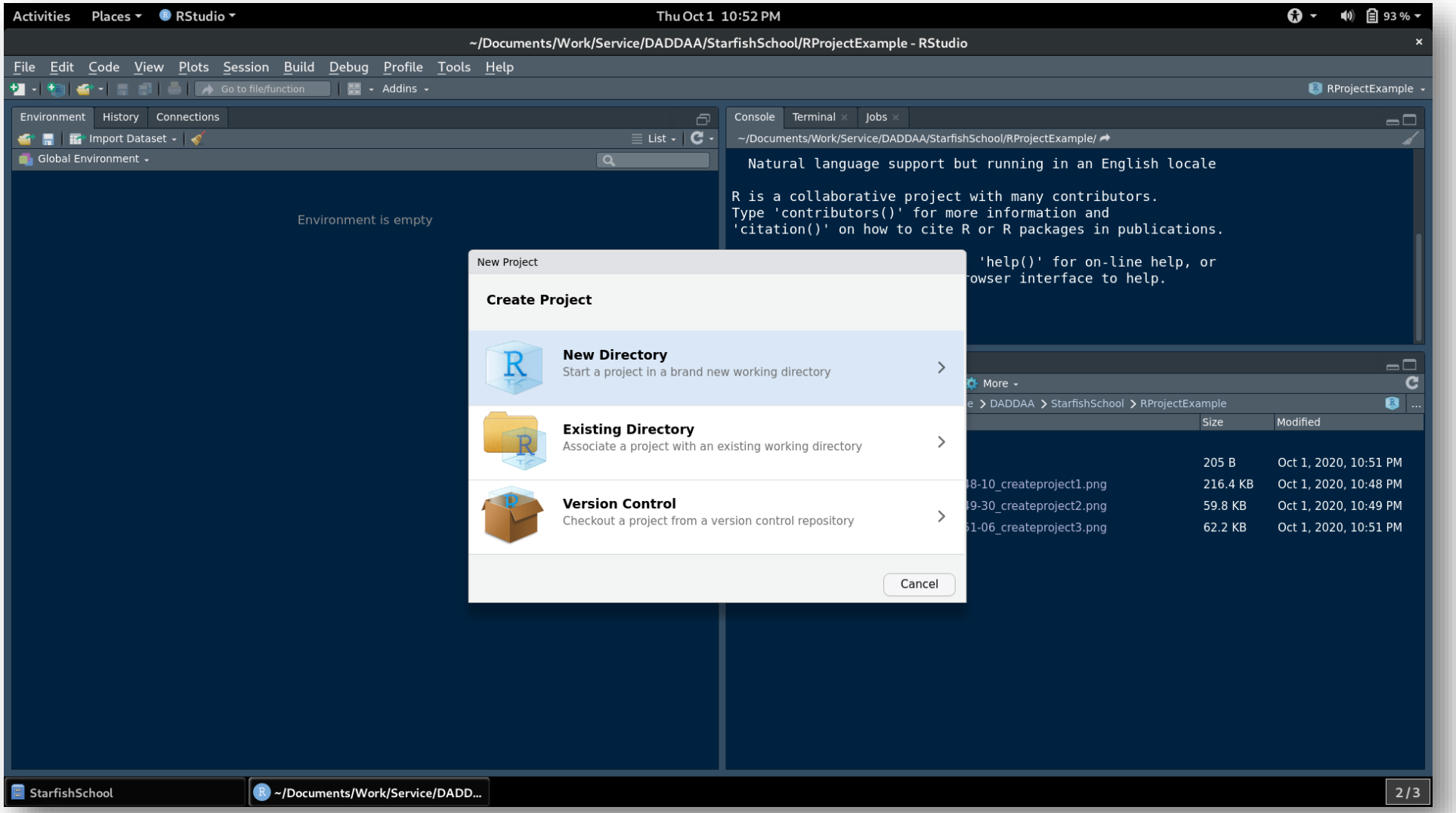
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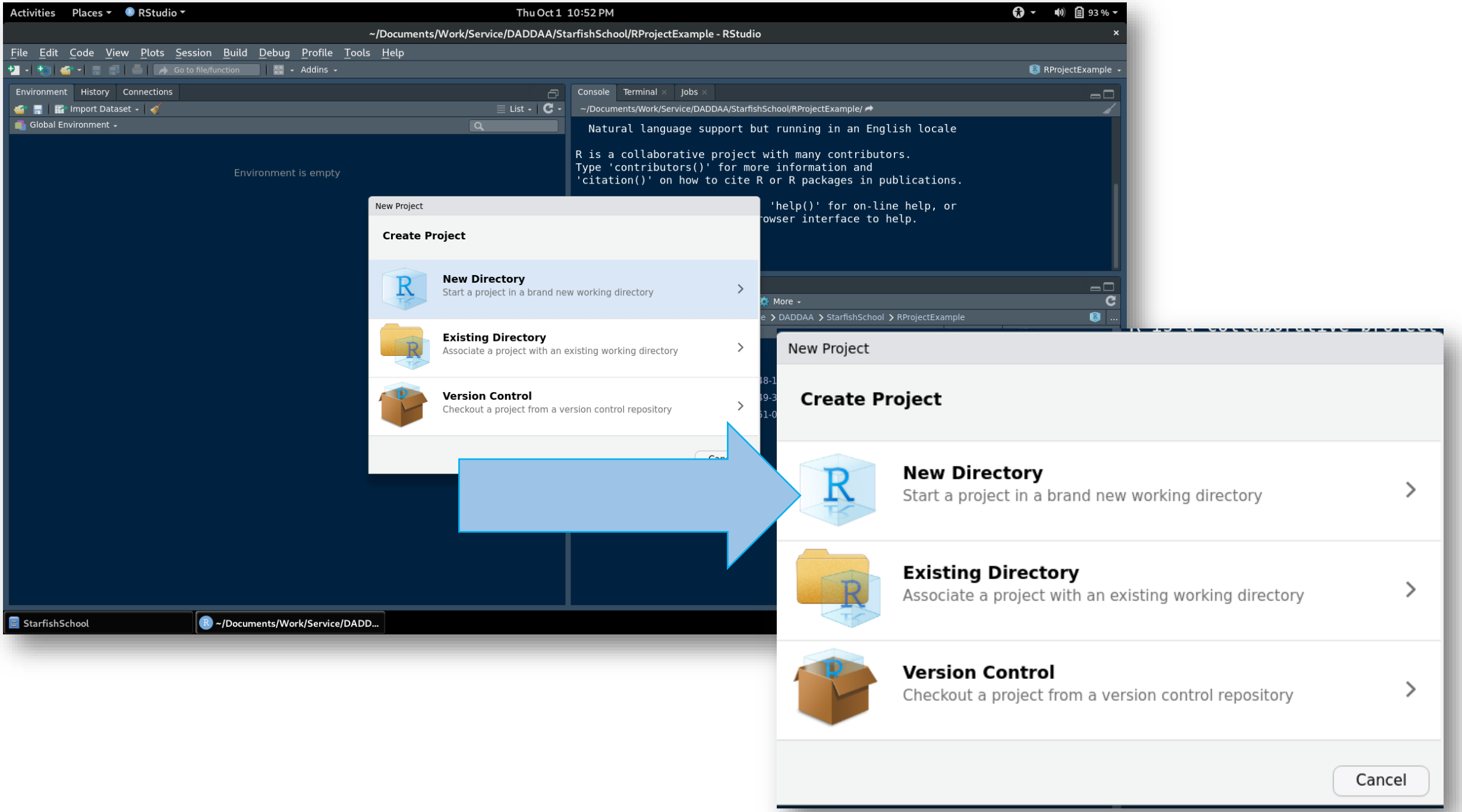
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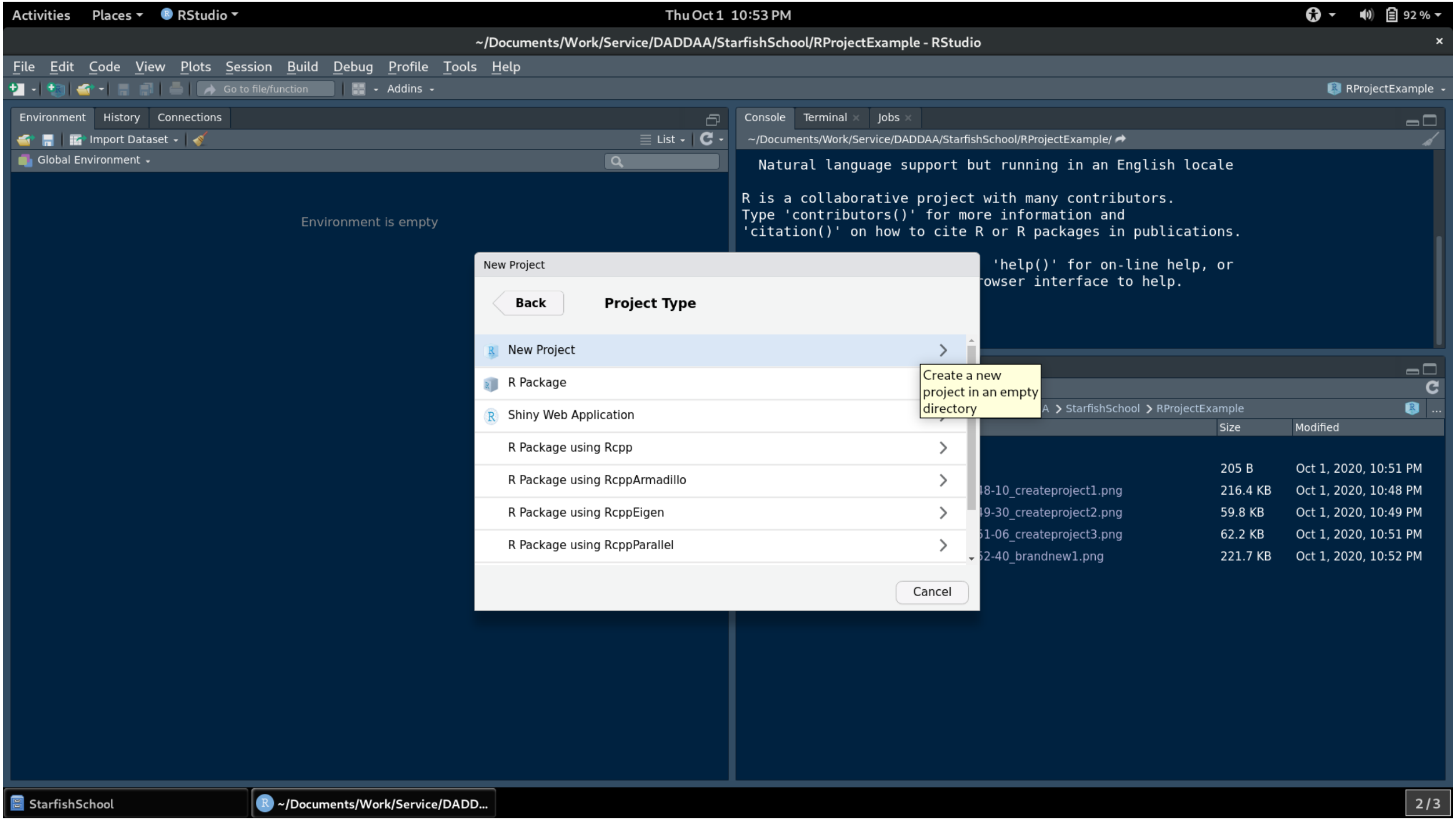
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Directory Name for project

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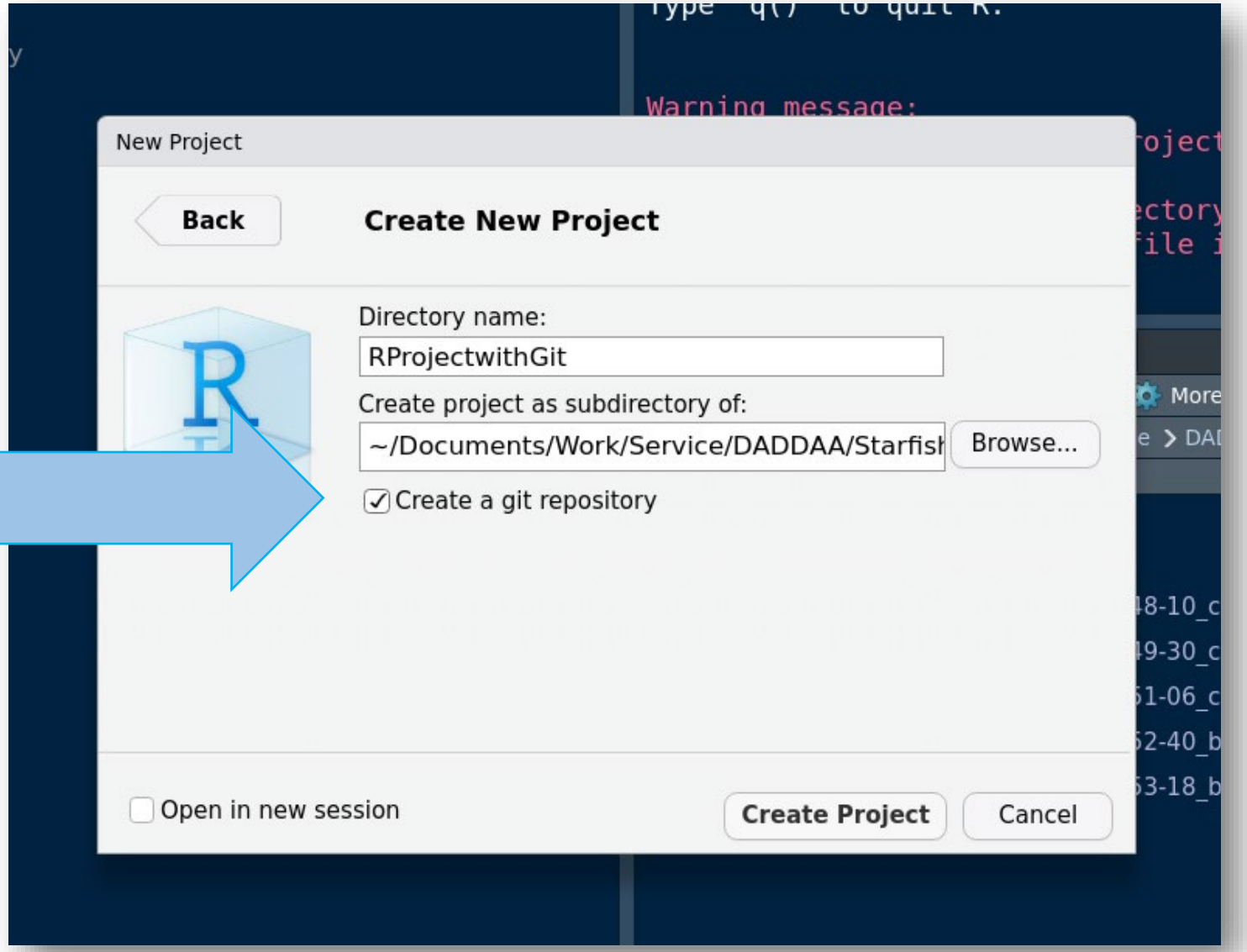
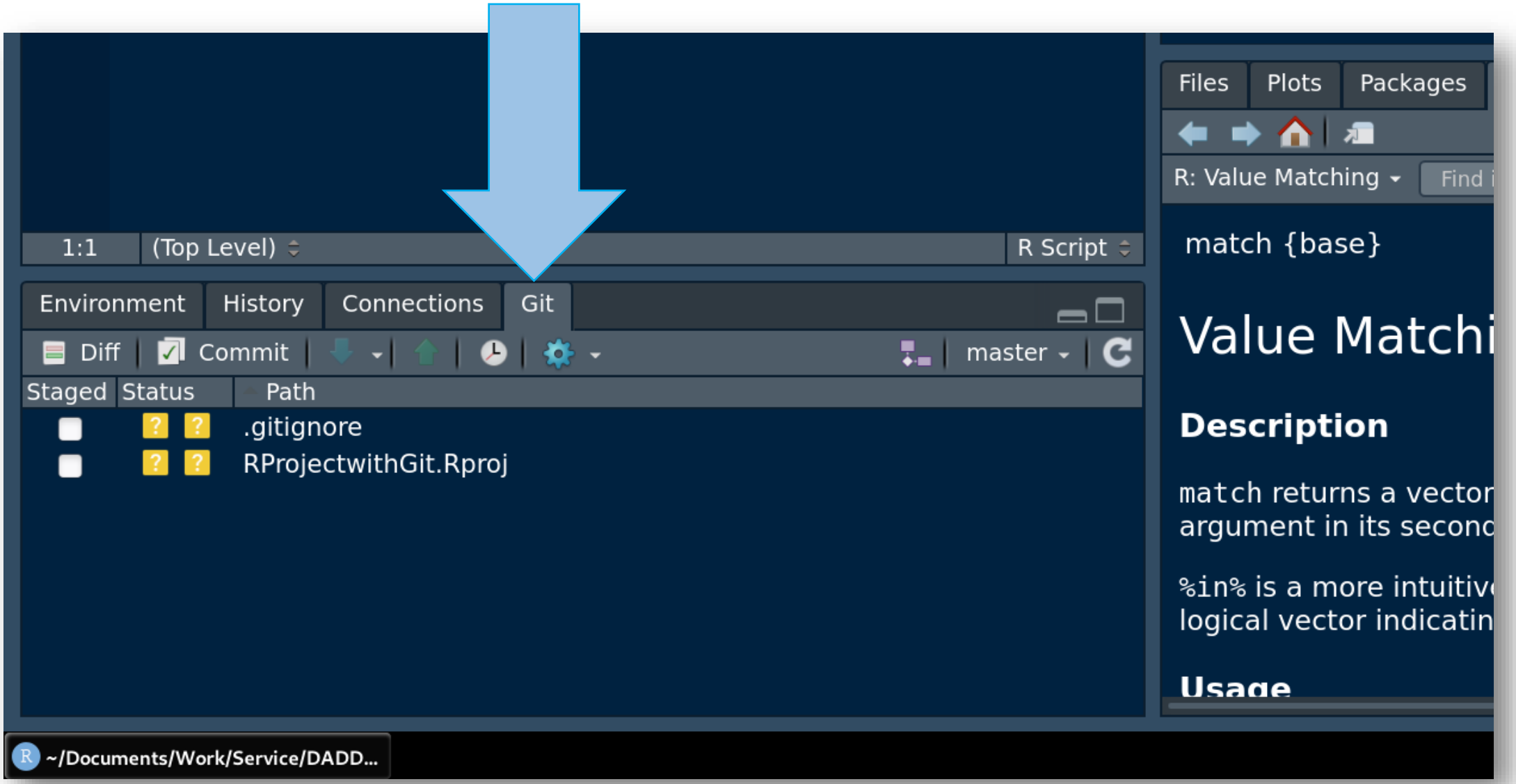


- Once the RProject with a git repository is set up, you will see Git options appear in RStudio



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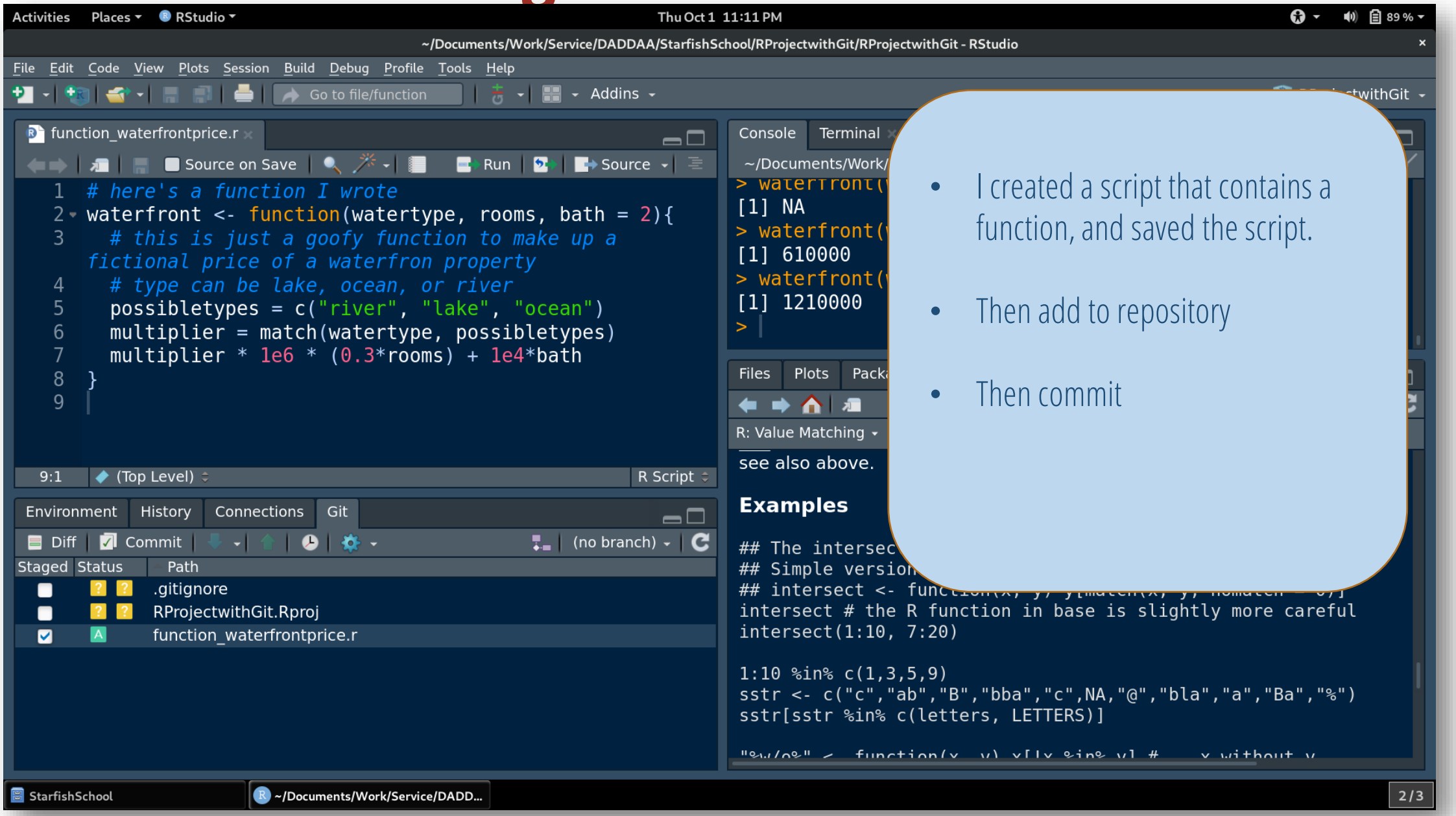

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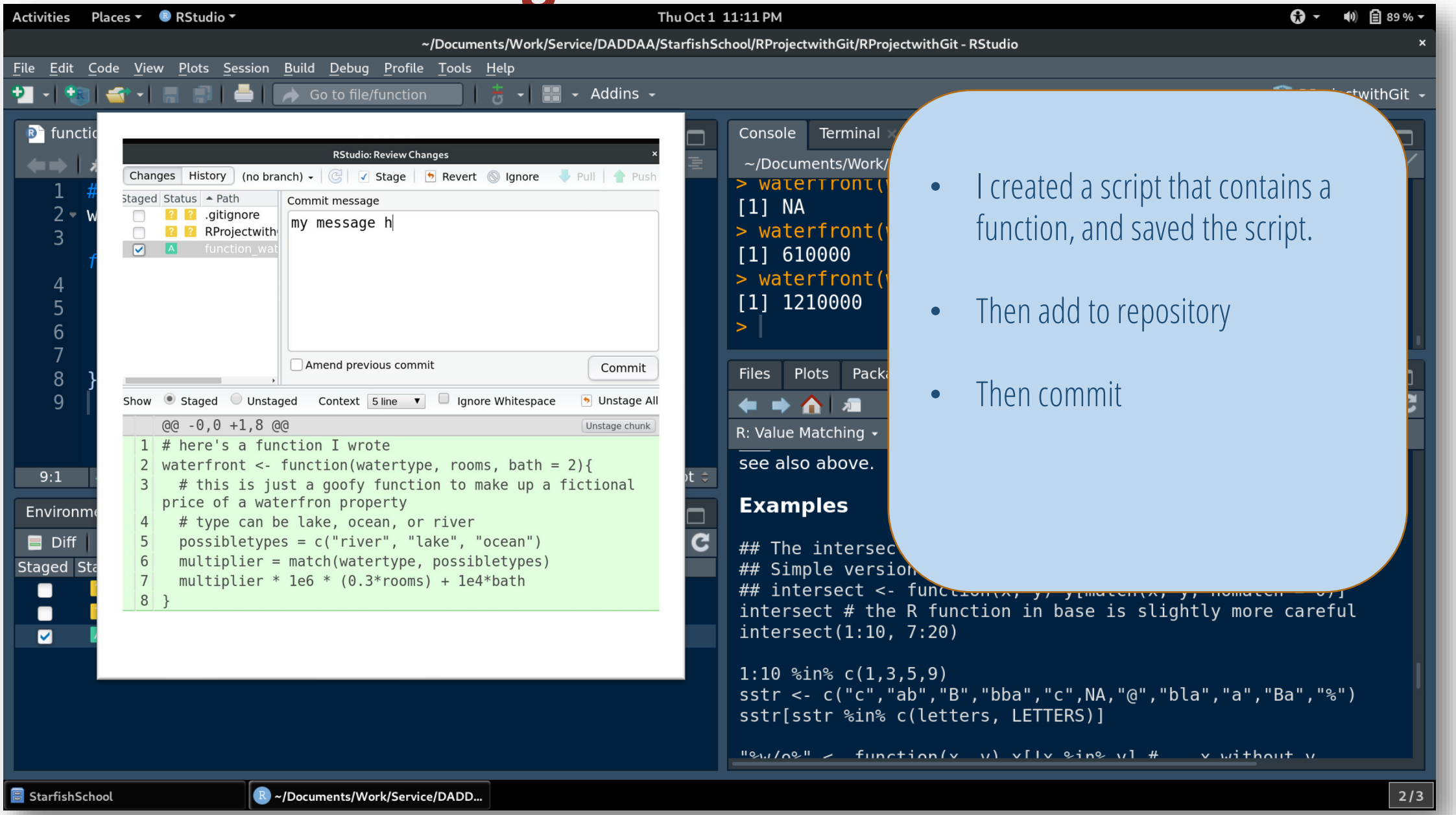

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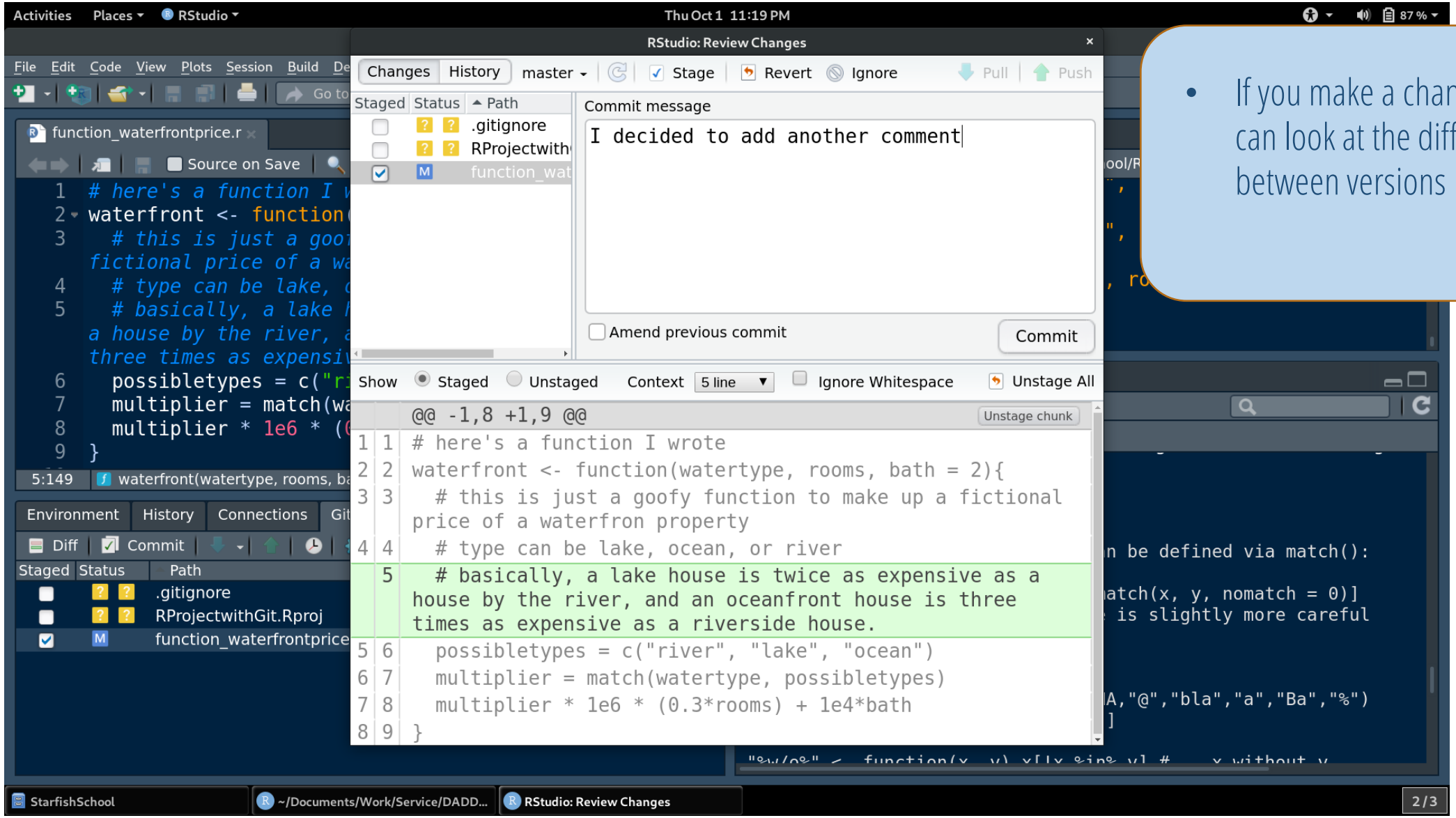

- If you make a change, then you can look at the difference between versions

Exercise

Teams of 2-3

One member of the team should fork the exercise repository and give the other team member access to the repository.

1. Each of the members should clone the repository and edit a file called “load_data.py”
2. In the file, everyone should create a function that produces the Fibonacci sequence to a certain input number, and commit it to their local repository
3. Push your changes to the remote repository, and deal with the conflicts.
4. Edit the file named “readme.md” with your description of the repository and push to GitHub

Exercise

- Create a new folder called "TestProject"
- Open R Studio and start a new R Project within this folder
- Make an R script with a function, or a few commands, etc. (whatever you like!)
- Add an R markdown document to the Project describing your functions.
- Save the R script and R markdown and add it to the git repository
- Commit the file.
- Make a change to the R script, and then look at the difference between the changes and the previous commit.