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How to build a package with the Rmd first method?

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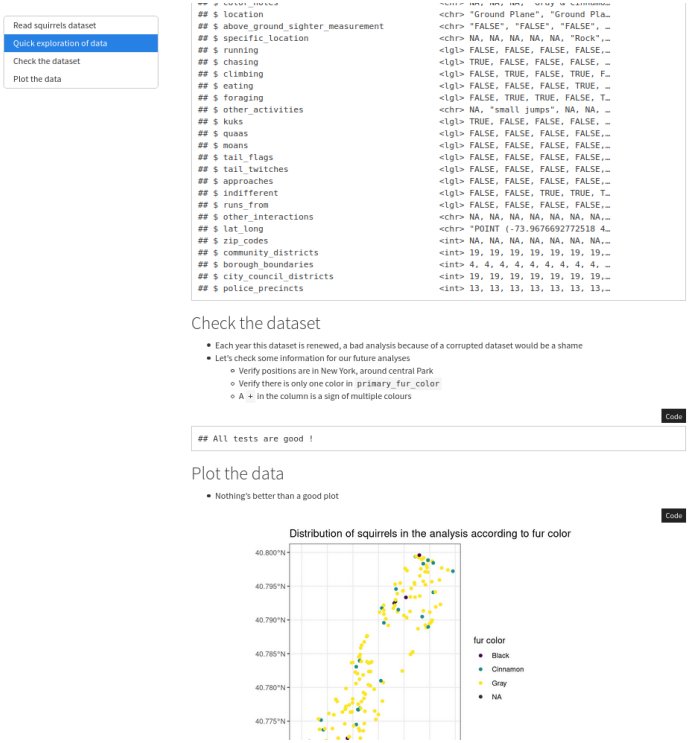
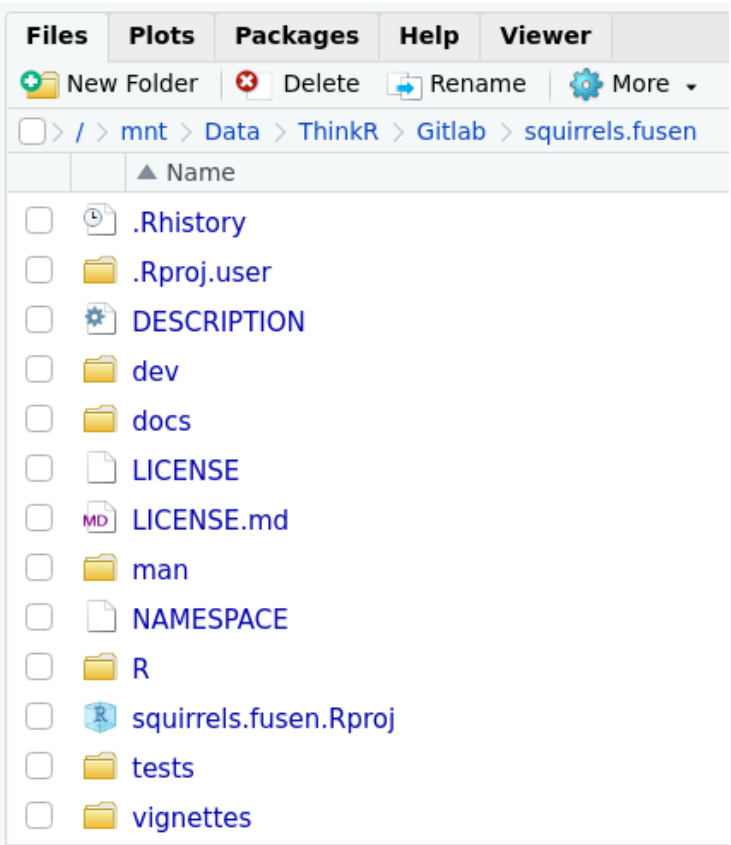
What is this presentation about?

- Start with a Rmd
- Build your functions inside
- Inflate as a Package





Q: Do you work with R Markdown documents?

- A: Yes, everytime
- B: Yes, sometimes, for reports or other specific cases
- C: No, but I know what it is and eventually I tried once
- D: No, and I don't really know what is is

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R Markdown file, what for?

- A file format, which allows to mix code and text
- Execute R code, in "chunks"
- Allow reproducible and literal analysis
- A (dynamic) document that is easy to share, distribute and publish

> A good basis to document your analysis!

Anatomy of R Markdown

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---

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```

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2:1 Untitled R Markdown

- **YAML header**: Metadata for the output
- **Text**: Text written using Markdown syntax
- **Chunks**: Place where you write classical R code

Knit the R Markdown

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```
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##  Min.   : 4.0   Min.   :  2.00  
##  1st Qu.:12.0   1st Qu.: 26.00  
##  Median :15.0   Median : 36.00  
##  Mean   :15.4   Mean   : 42.98  
##  3rd Qu.:19.0   3rd Qu.: 56.00  
##  Max.   :25.0   Max.   :120.00
```

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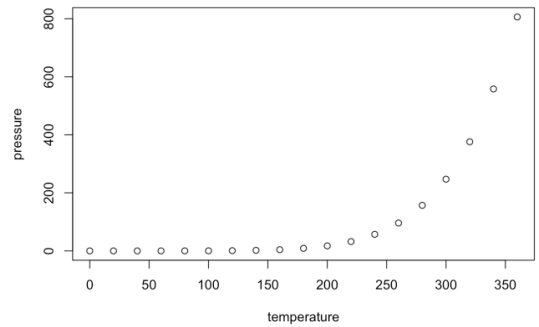
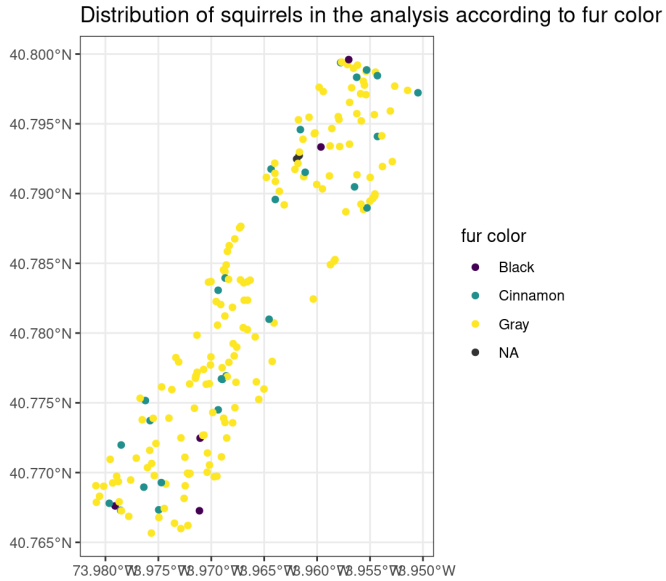


My data analysis in a Rmd

- TidyTuesday, NYC Squirrel Census:
  - Original study: https://www.thesquirrelcensus.com/
  - Data source: https://github.com/rfordatascience/tidytuesday/tree/master/data/2019/2019-10-29



> Let's open the "nyc_squirrels_rmd_simple.Rmd" file and the associated "nyc_squirrels_rmd_simple.html"

Q: Which of these situations have you faced?

Maintenance

- A: Damn, I updated `{random.package}` last week, and my [old written] analysis does not work anymore
- B: I embeded my project in a Docker / {renv}, but I want this last `{random.package}` functionnality that may break my code
- C: My colleagues modified part of our shared analysis for their data, but it broke mine somewhere
- D: Maybe I need to add some verifications inside my scripts to protect from unfortunate modifications or inputs

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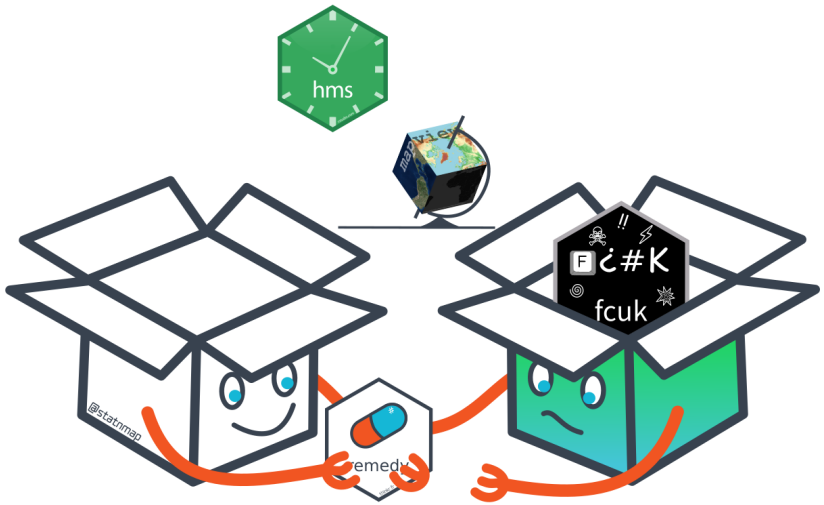
Collaboration

- E: My colleagues do not get how to adapt my scripts to their specific case and come ask me a new question every day
- F: I got someone else code, but which packages to install?
- G: I use to copy-paste some lines, but with a small modification



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Packages framework helps for these situations

Let's explore a package structure

- Package structure during development != installed on your computer
- Let's open the heart of {attachment}
- https://github.com/ThinkR-open/attachment

What to do with this package ?

My questions as a user

- What does it do?
- How to install it with its dependencies?
- What are its function?
- How to fill parameters of this function?
- Can I have an example on how to use this function?
- Can I have an example on how to use the package as a whole?
- Will it work with the last version of R and dependencies?

What to do with this package ?

My answers as a user

Questions	Answers
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How to install it with its dependencies?	`install.packages('attachment')`
What are its function?	`?attachment` => Index
How to fill parameters of this function?	`?att_amend_desc`
Can I have an example on how to use this function?	`?att_amend_desc` => Examples
Can I have an example on how to use the package as a whole?	Vignettes, GitHub: https://thinkr-open.github.io/attachment/articles/fill-pkg-description.html
Will it work with the last version of R and dependencies?	Readme Check, https://github.com/ThinkR-open/attachment

The dedicated website gathers all these answers: https://thinkr-open.github.io/attachment/

What to do with this package ?

How the developers answered your questions?

- Let open it: https://github.com/ThinkR-open/attachment

Questions	Answers
What does it do?	DESCRIPTION
How to install it with its dependencies?	DESCRIPTION
What are its function?	'R/' directory
How to fill parameters of this function?	'R/': Roxygen skeleton
Can I have an example on how to use this function?	'R/': `@examples`
Can I have an example on how to use the package as a whole?	'vignettes/' directory
Will it work with the last version of R and dependencies?	'tests/' directory and Continuous Integration

> A minimum of 4 different places to store code and documentation

Q: Have you already built a package with all these?

- A: Yes, everything. Functions, examples, tests, vignettes
- B: Only part of documentation. Functions, examples, maybe vignettes
- C: Only functions in a "R/" directory
- D: No. I never built a package from scratch

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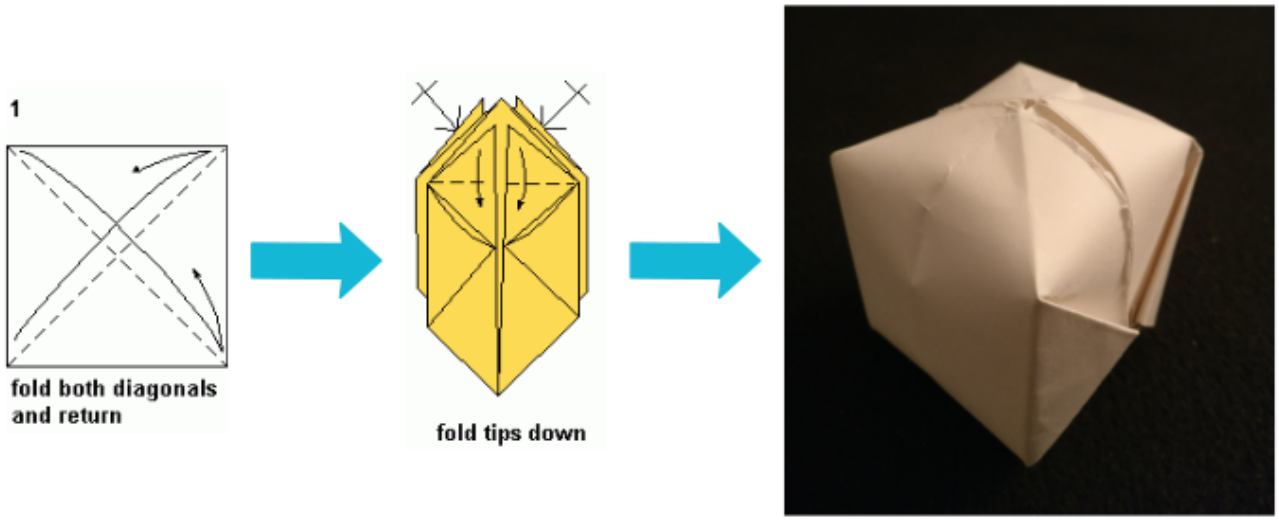
There are many things to set up as a developer

The only thing I (barely?) know is the R Markdown...

How to jump from Rmd to package?

Many files and info to remember...

What if there was a package that could take a Rmd file, a bit like a flat sheet of paper, and if you follow the right folding, you can inflate it as a package?

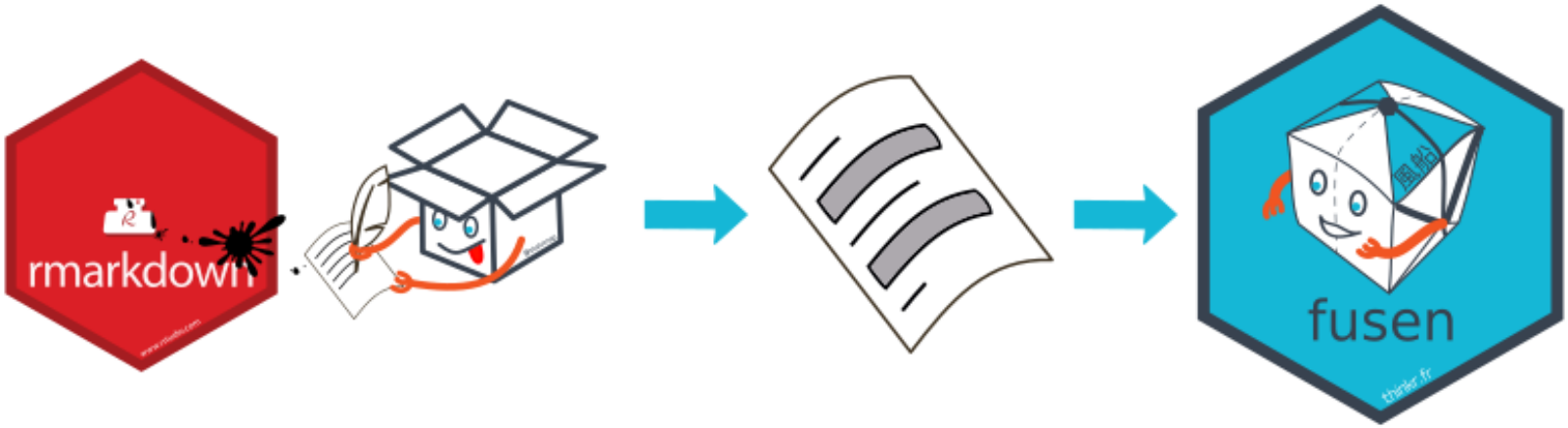


> https://rtask.thinkr.fr/fusen-create-a-package-from-a-single-rmarkdown-file/

Inflate your Rmd with {fusen}

Let {fusen} deal with the package structure

- Write your Rmd
- Follow the folding lines
- Inflate

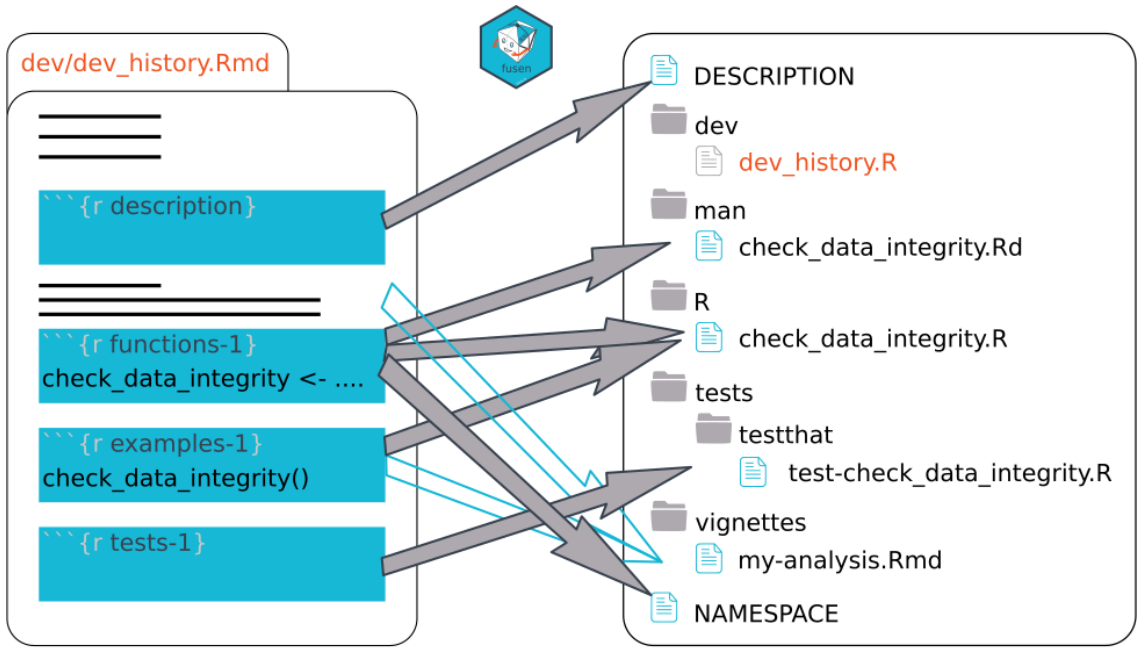


Follow {fusen} folding lines

Four different places to store code and documentation

- **DESCRIPTION**: package documentation
- **'R/'** directory: functions and examples
- **'tests/'** directory: unit tests
- **'vignettes/'** directory: documentation

{fusen} needs to distinguish these places to be able to correctly distribute



Let's inflate the squirrels analysis

- To begin: use the {fusen} template: `fusen::add_dev_history()`
  - Use it as a template for your {fusen}

````
21 ```{r description}
22
23 ```
24
25 # My function
26
27 ```{r function-1}
28
29 ```
30
31 ```{r examples-1}
32
33 ```
34
35 ```{r tests-1}
36 test_that("my_function works properly", {
37
38 })
39 ```
40
````

> *Here, move "nyc_squirrels_rmd_simple.Rmd" to "dev/"*
> *Use a minimal template:* `fusen::add_dev_history(name = "minimal")`

The squirrels analysis - DESCRIPTION

- Add a chunk named `description`
- Fill functions `fusen::fill_description()` and `usethis::use_mit_license()`
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````
```{r description}
# Describe your package
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  pkg = here::here(),
  fields = list(
    Title = "Tools to Build the Annual Study of NYC Squirrel data",
    Description = "The NYC Squirrel data includes the locations, fur coloration,
activities, and bizarro behavior of over 2,000 City squirrels. The present package
gives different tools to explore this dataset.",
    `Authors@R` = c(
      person("Sebastien", "Rochette", email = "sebastien@thinkr.fr", role =
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dev_history.Rmd | DESCRIPTION

```
1  Package: squirrels.fusen
2  Version: 0.0.0.9000
3  Title: Tools to Build the Annual Study of NYC Squ
4  Description: The NYC Squirrel data includes the
5  Authors@R: c(person(given = "Sebastien",
6           family = "Rochette",
7           role = c("aut", "cre"),
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10   person(given = "ThinkR",
11          role = "cph"))
12 License: MIT + file LICENSE
13 Encoding: UTF-8
14 LazyData: true
15 Roxygen: list(markdown = TRUE)
16 RoxygenNote: 7.1.1
17
```

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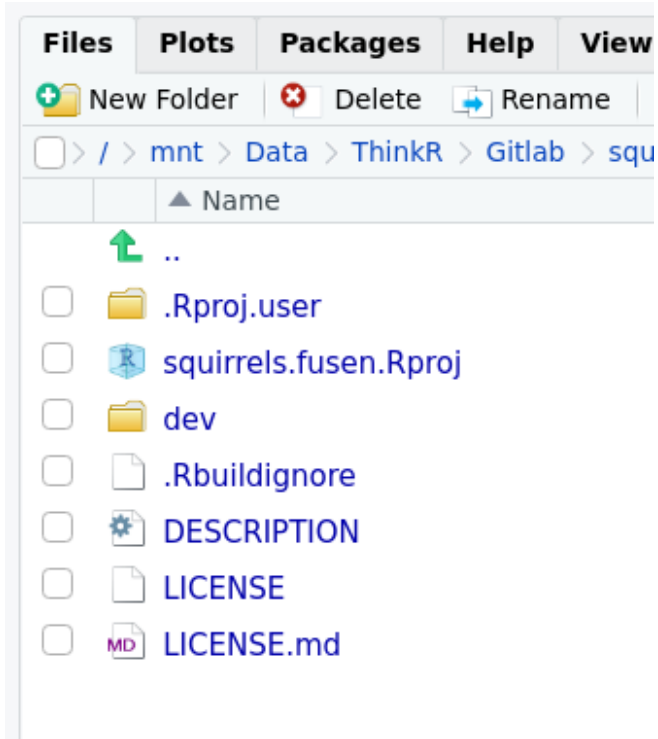

The squirrels analysis - functions

- Your script

```
#
# Verify points are in New York around Central Park
all_coords_ok <- all(
  c(
    min(nyc_squirrels[["lat"]]) > 40.76400,
    max(nyc_squirrels[["lat"]]) < 40.80100,
    min(nyc_squirrels[["long"]]) > -73.98300,
    max(nyc_squirrels[["long"]]) < -73.94735
  )
)
if (!all_coords_ok) {stop("Not all data are in Central Park")}

# Verify there is only one color in primary_fur_color.
# A `+` in the column is a sign of multiple colours
if (any(grepl("+", nyc_squirrels[["primary_fur_color"]], fixed = TRUE))) {
  stop("There are multiple colors in some 'primary_fur_color'")
}

message("All tests are good !")
#
```

The squirrels analysis - functions

- Transform as a function and parametrize

```
check_data_integrity <- function(x) {
  # Verify points are in New York around Central Park
  all_coords_ok <- all(
    c(
      min(x[["lat"]]) > 40.76400,
      max(x[["lat"]]) < 40.80100,
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  )
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  }

  message("All tests are good !")
}
```

The squirrels analysis - functions

- Document function, parameters in a chunk named `function`

```
```{r function-1}
```

```r
#' Check data integrity
#'
#' @param x dataframe with at least colums "lat", "long" and "primary_fur_color"
#'
#' @return Original dataframe if all tests are good. Otherwise stops.
#' @export
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The squirrels analysis - examples

- Test with a reproducible example in a new chunk named `examples`
  - A data.frame with "lat", "long", "primary_fur_color"

````
```{r examples-1}
```
````

```
# A working example
my_data_example <- data.frame(
  lat = c(40.77, 40.78),
  long = c(-73.95, -73.96),
  primary_fur_color = c("grey", "black")
)
check_data_integrity(my_data_example)
```

````
```
````

```
#> All tests are good !
```
```

The squirrels analysis - tests

- Test on your reproducible examples in a chunk named `tests`

```
```{r tests-1}
```

```
my_data_example <- data.frame(
  lat = c(40.77, 40.78), long = c(-73.95, -73.96),
  primary_fur_color = c("grey", "black")
)
my_data_example_error <- data.frame(
  lat = c(40.77, 40.78), long = c(-73.95, -73.96),
  primary_fur_color = c("grey+blue", "black") # not unique color
)

test_that("check_data_integrity works correctly", {
  expect_message(check_data_integrity(my_data_example), "All tests are good !")
  expect_error(check_data_integrity(my_data_example_error), "multiple colors")
})
```

```
```
```

```
#> Test passed 🥇
```

The squirrels analysis - vignette

- What about the vignette?

The Rmd is the core of the vignette, fill it with information for the users

```
# Check the validity of the entry dataset

Because my dataset may be updated regularly, I need to be sure nothing as
changed in its structure. I will build a function that checks the content
of some columns of the dataset for instance:

+ Verify positions are in New York, around central Park
+ Verify there is only one color in `primary_fur_color`
  + A `+` in the column is a sign of multiple colours
```

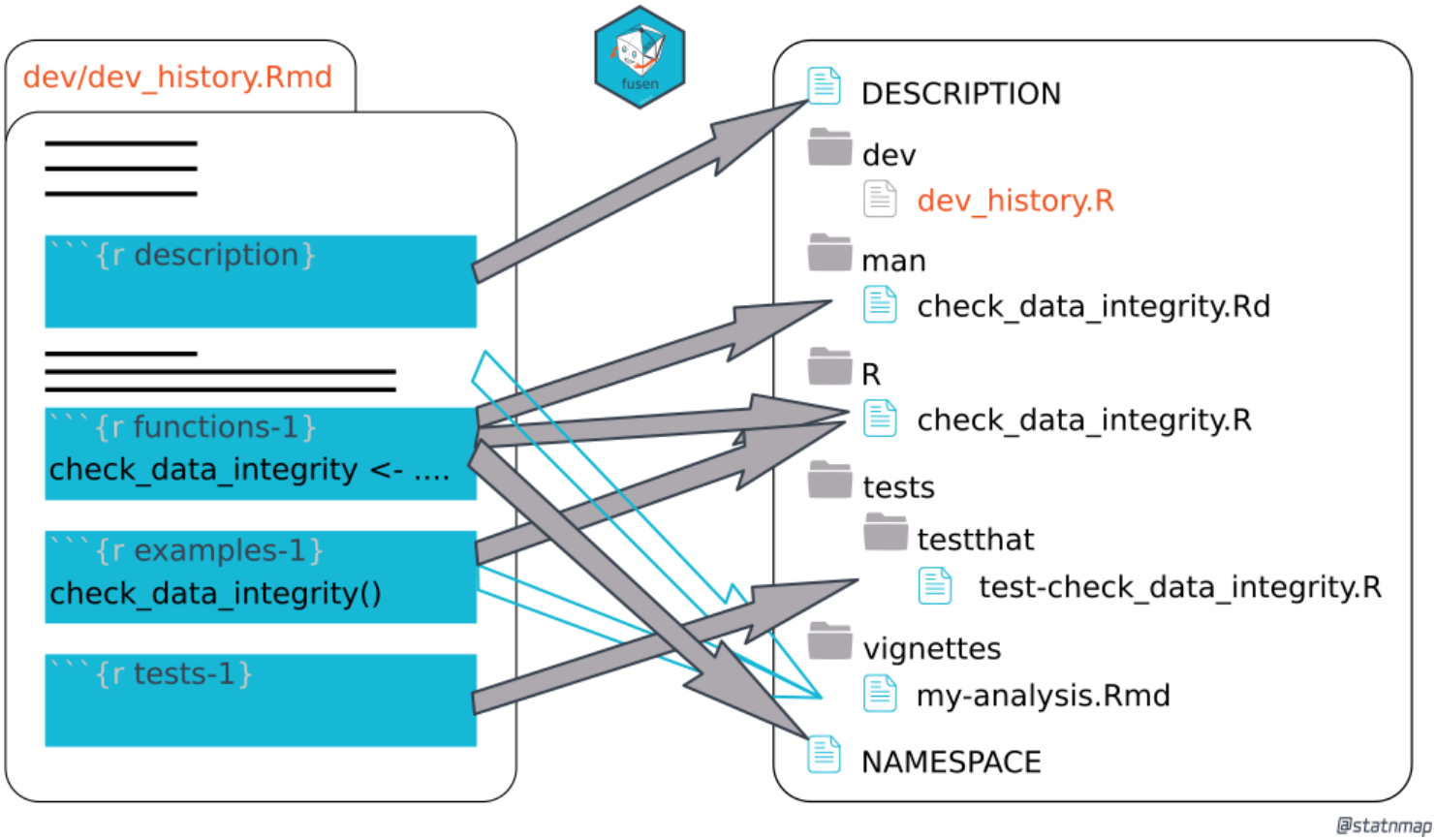
- {fusen} will remove chunks named `description`, `function`, `tests`, `development`
- Chunk named `examples` will stay as they are part of your documentation
  - They are also recycled in `@examples` in the function documentation

The squirrels analysis - the package

- Inflate !

```
fusen::inflate(rmd = "dev/dev_history.Rmd")
```

functions



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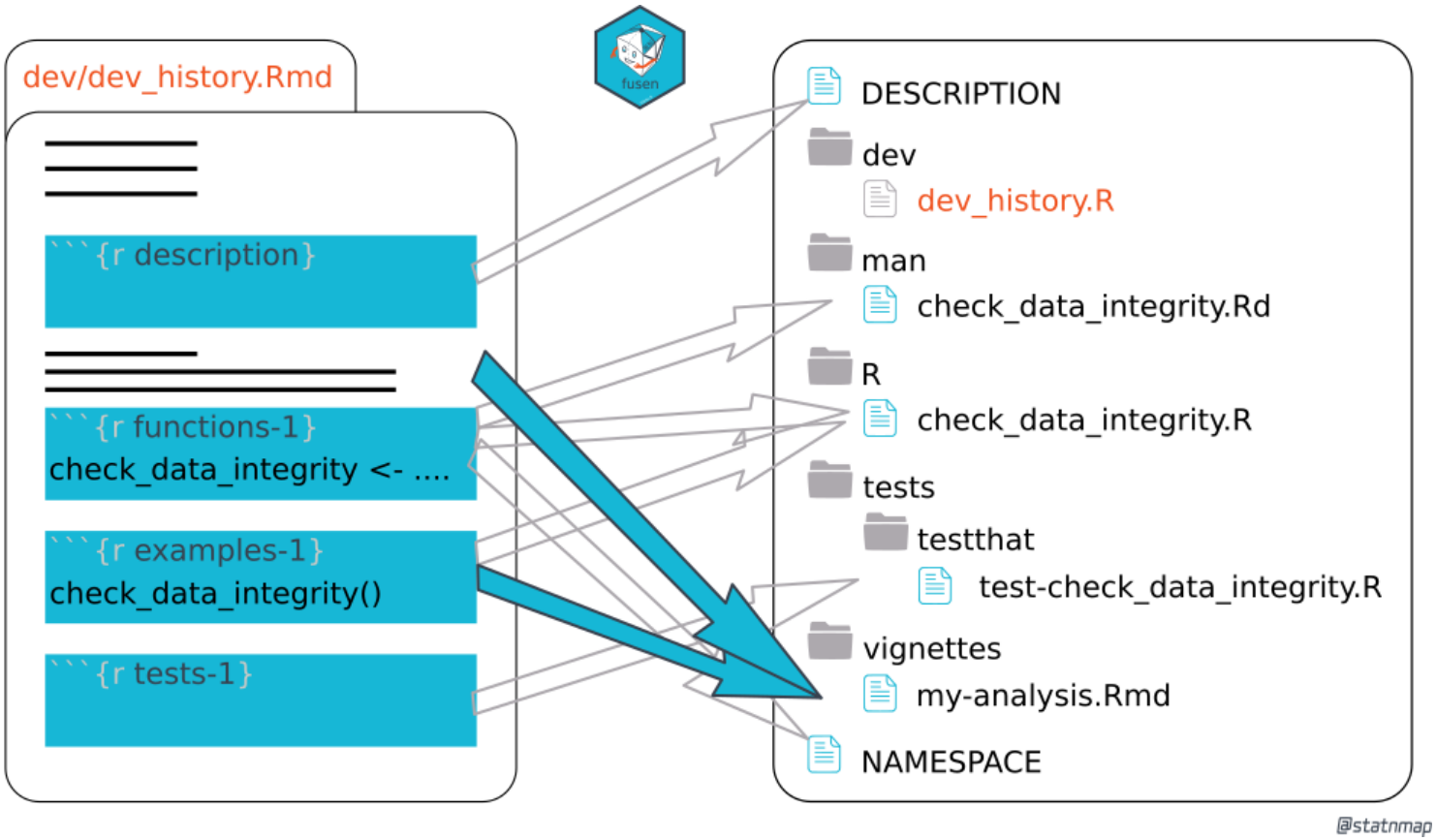
vignette



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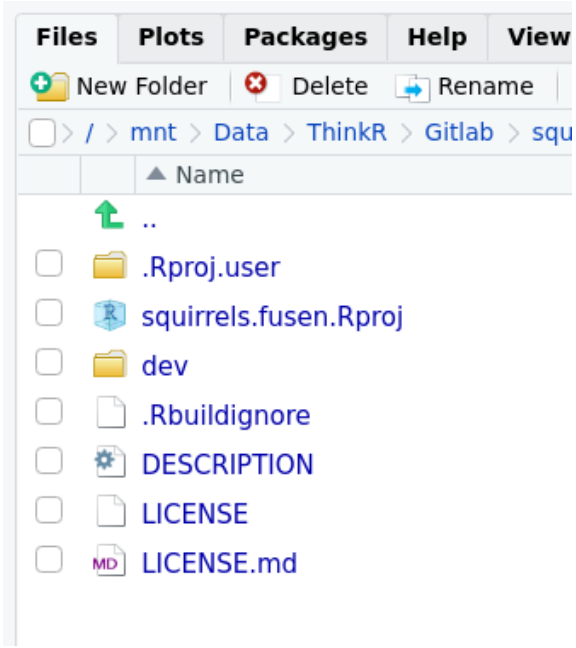

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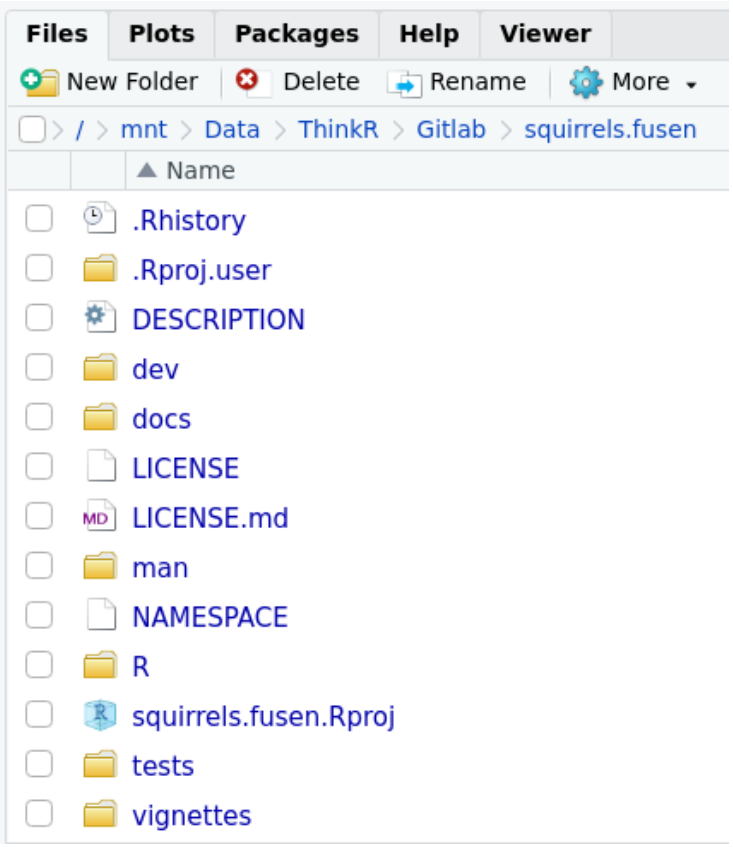

The squirrels analysis - the website

- Verify the correct documentation of your package

```
usethis::use_pkgdown()
pkgdown::build_site()
```

How this answers original problems?

- *A: Damn, I updated* `{random.package}` *last week, and my [old written] analysis does not work anymore*
  - **Unit tests**
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'Rmd first' method for every project

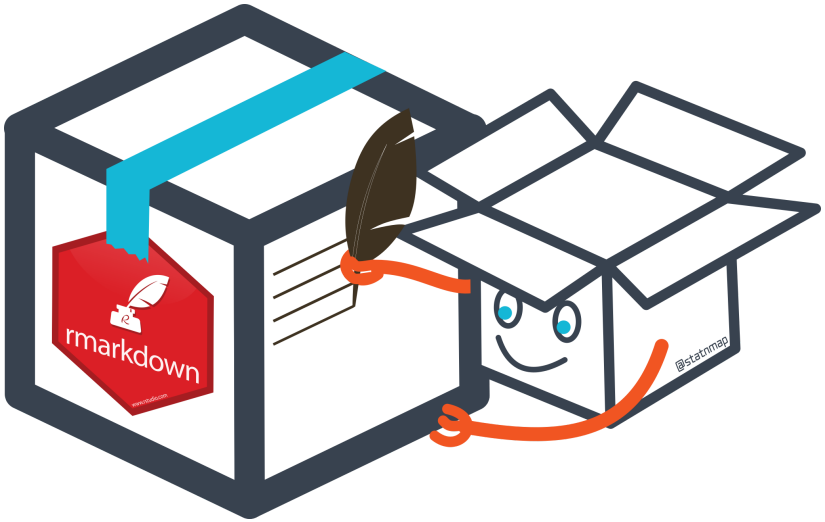
Documentation matters

> Document for you, document for developers
> Document for customers, document for your colleagues, document for your boss

Start with Rmd

- Start with a Rmd as a sandbox
- Document your functions with reproducible examples
- Create your tests while you code

THINK Package with {fusen} !



THANK YOU for your attention

See more:

- rtask.thinkr.fr
- https://thinkr-open.github.io/fusen

This presentation on Github: statnmap/prez