Workshop: Dealing with Data in R

Getting started with R

Back to Basics

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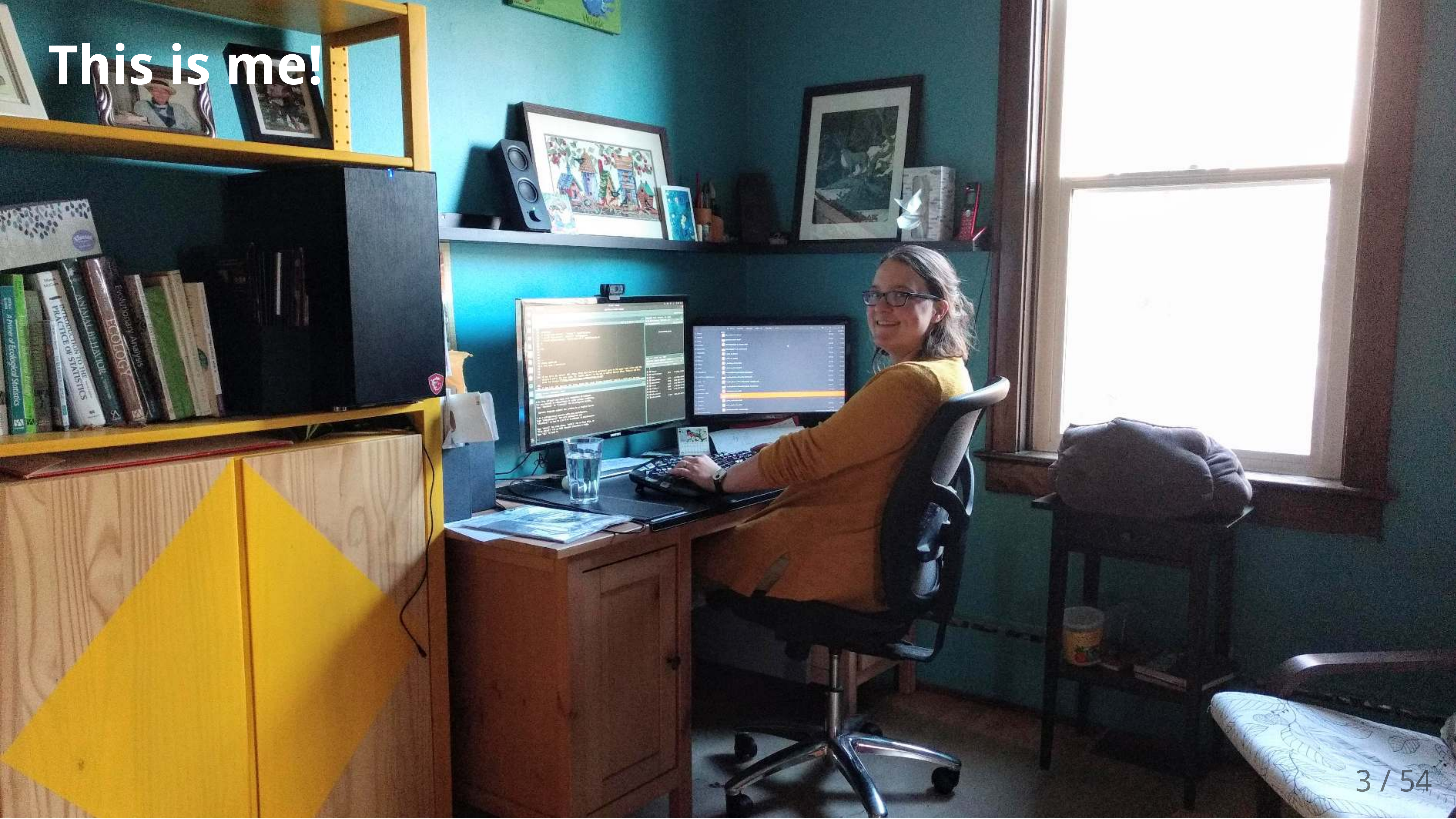
Online workshops can be challenging

- **Consider keeping your video on** (if possible)
  - We're here together!
  - Kids? Pets? Spouses? No problem
  - But ultimately, you need be comfortable! (and you absolutely have the right to privacy at home)
- **Interrupt me!**
  - Generally keep yourself muted but un-mute anytime to ask questions
- **Ask Questions!**
  - Group trouble-shooting is really valuable
  - If you have a problem, others may also (or may have it in the future)
- **Screen-sharing**
  - I may ask you to share your screen with the group (feel free to decline)
  - For privacy, close your email etc. Or just share your RStudio window

This is me!



These are my creatures

This is my garden

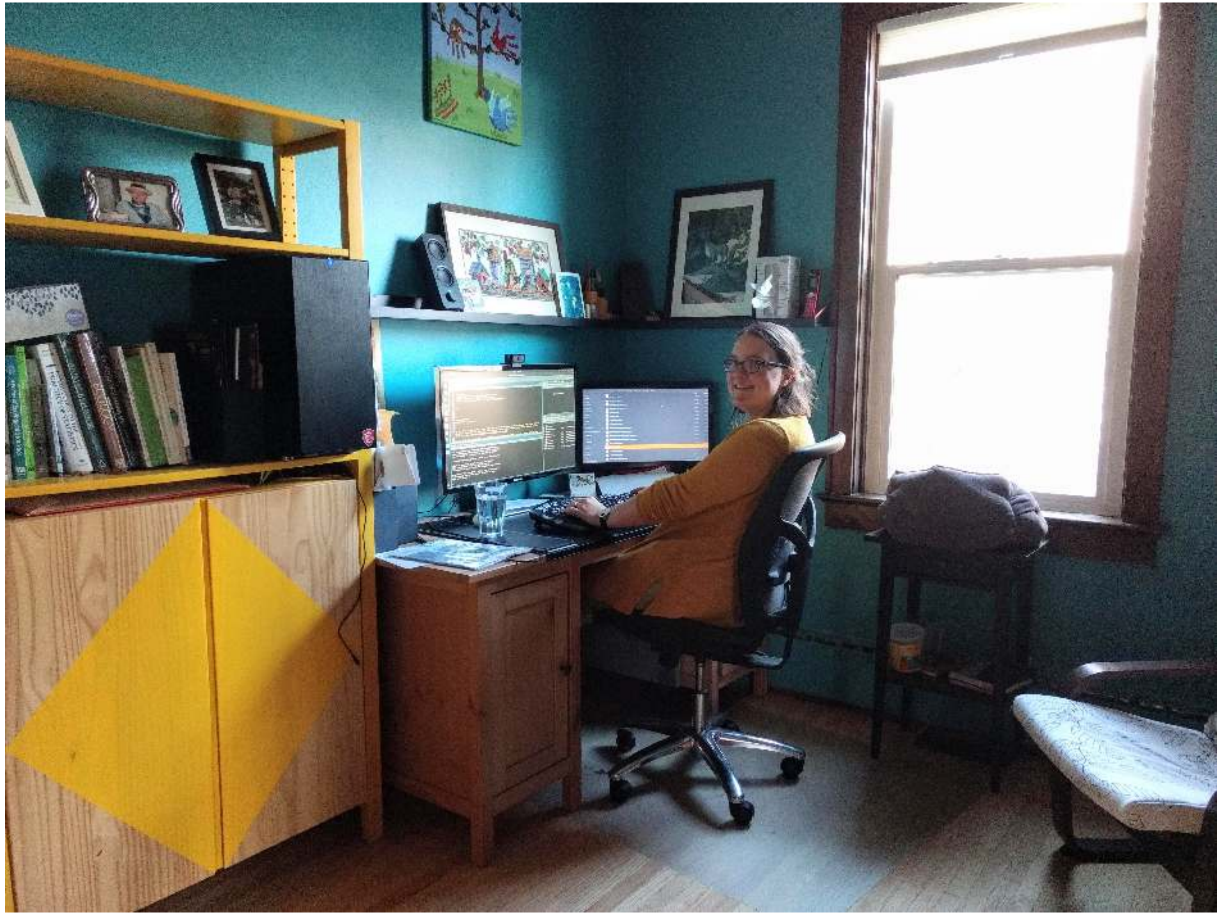
This is my work*

(* On, with, and for)

Introductions

Dr. Steffi LaZerte

- Background in Biology (Animal Behaviour)
- Working with R since 2007
- Professional R programmer/consultant since 2017
- Fourth year giving BU R Workshop!
- rOpenSci Community Assistant



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Dr. Alex Koiter

Backup helper today

- Physical Geographer
- Working with R since 2010
- Assistant Professor in Geography and Environment, Brandon University

What about you?

- Name
- Creatures? (share on camera!)
- Background (Role, Area of study, etc.)
- Familiarity with Computer Programming (C+, Java, HTML, PHP, python, SAS)
- Familiarity with R
  - I've heard of R
  - I've installed R (before this class)
  - I've used R
  - I've used R a lot
  - I use R all the time

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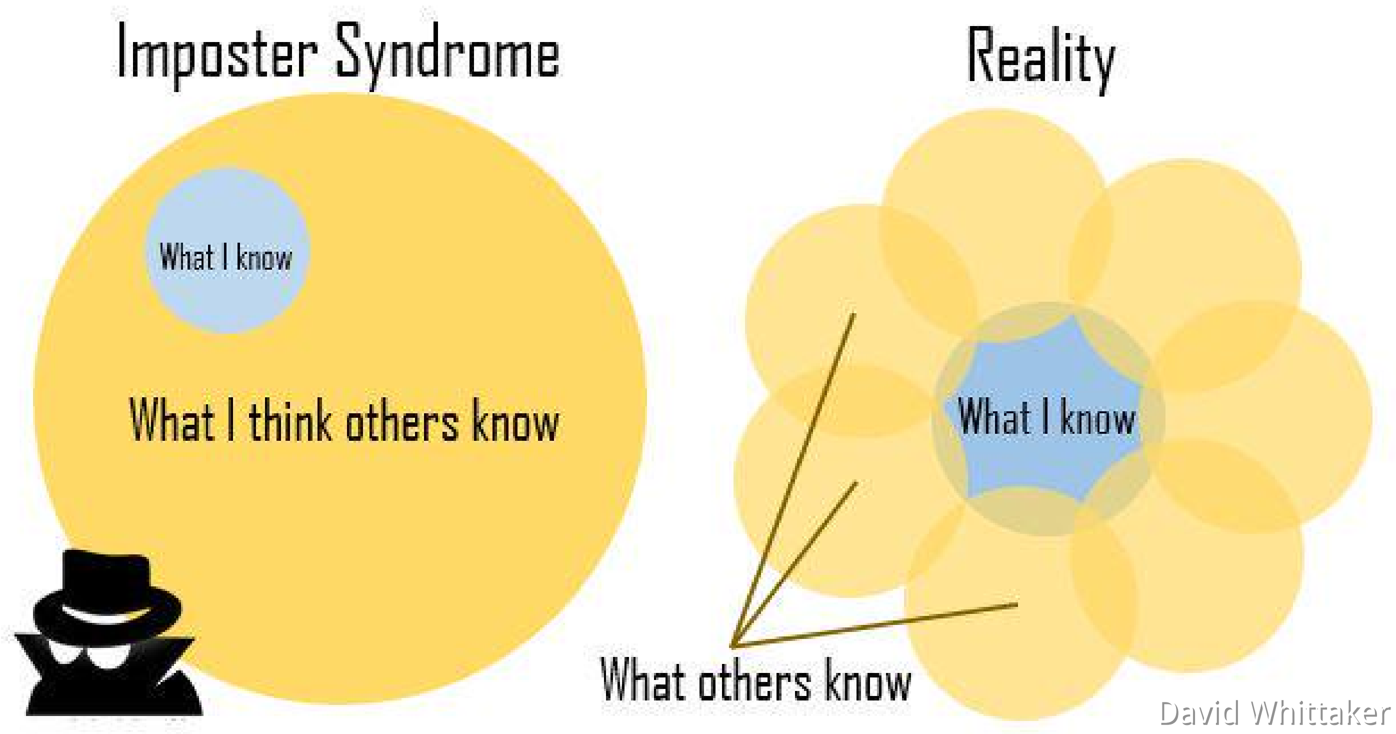

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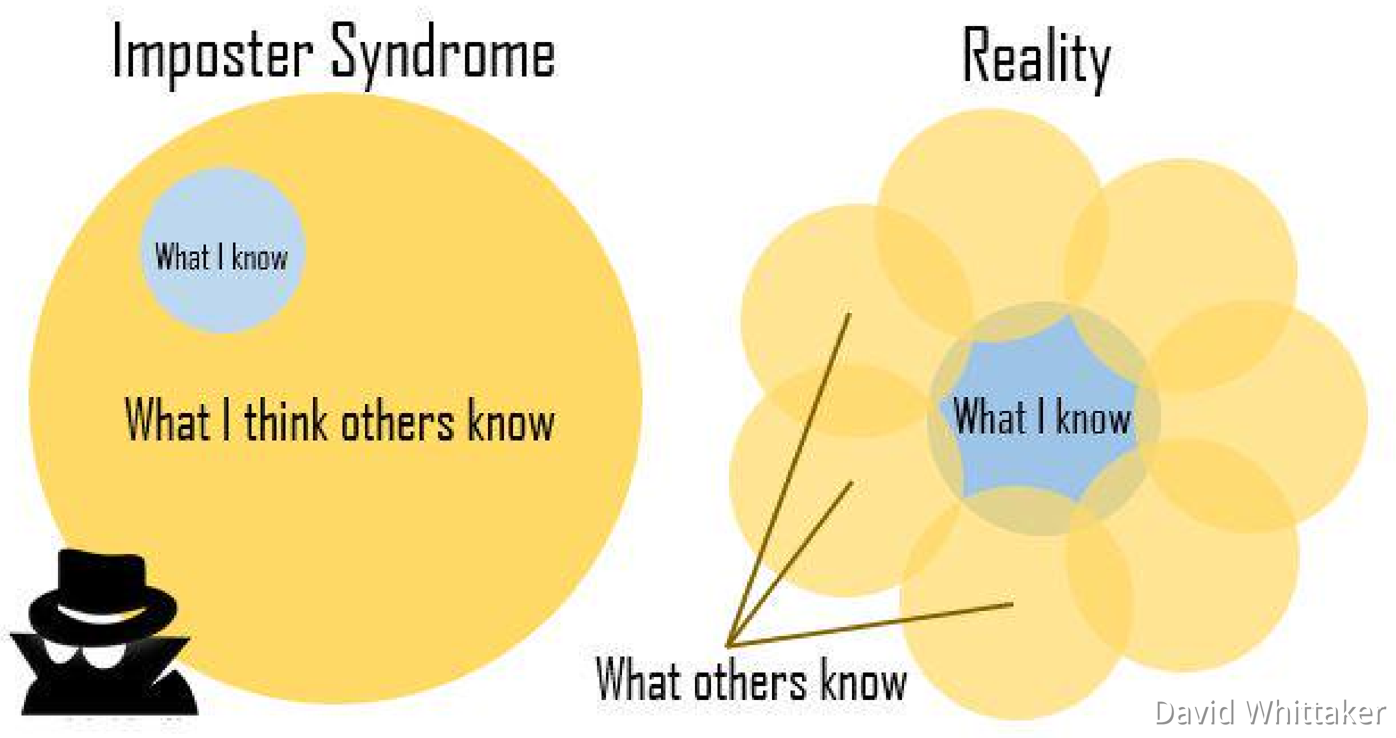

David Whittaker

Impost R
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Moral of the story?
Make friends, code in groups, learn together and don't beat yourself up

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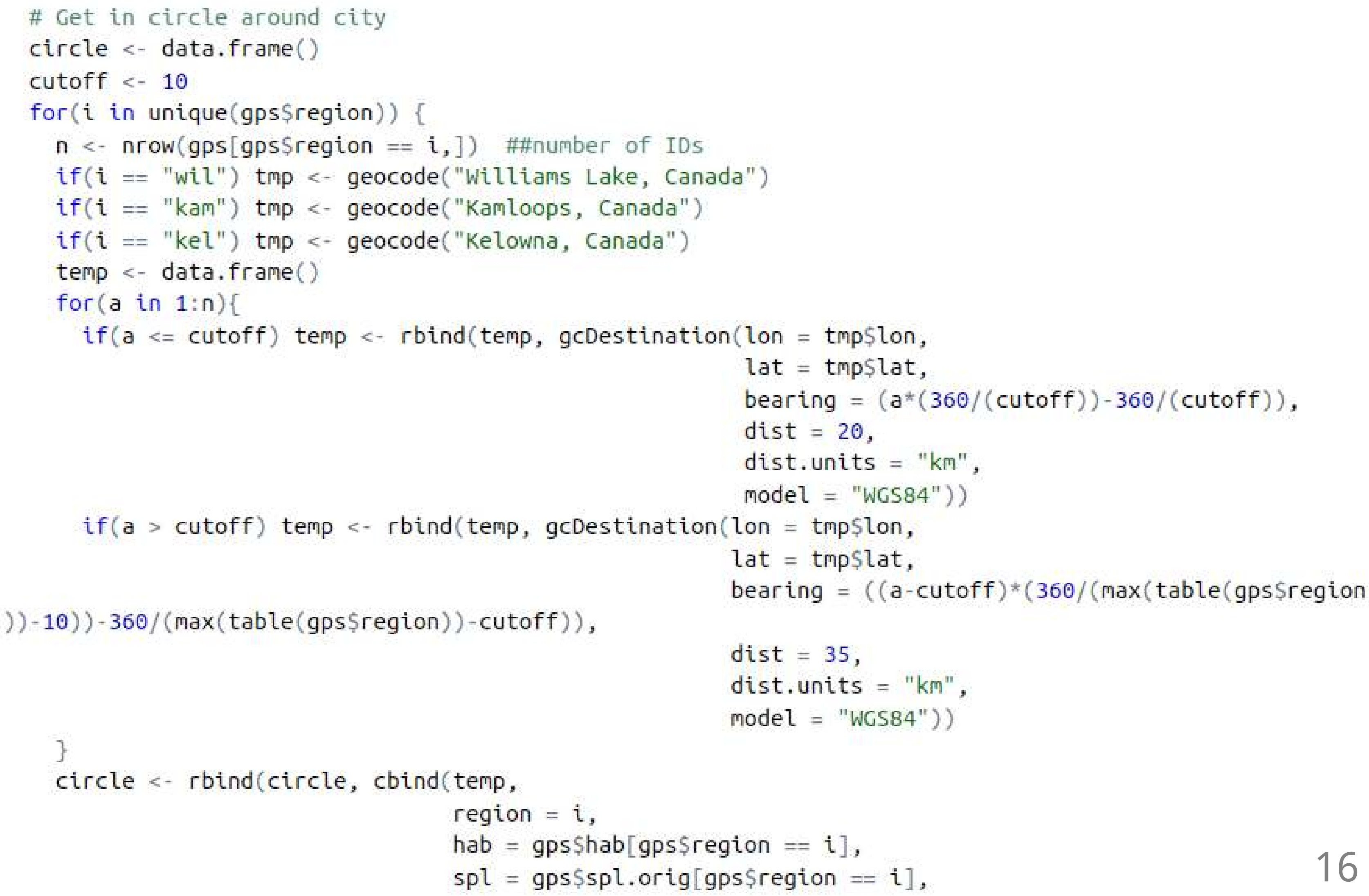
All about R

Why R?

R is hard



```
# Get in circle around city
circle <- data.frame()
cutoff <- 10
for(i in unique(gps$region)) {
  n <- nrow(gps[gps$region == i,])  ##number of IDs
  if(i == "wil") tmp <- geocode("Williams Lake, Canada")
  if(i == "kam") tmp <- geocode("Kamloops, Canada")
  if(i == "kel") tmp <- geocode("Kelowna, Canada")
  temp <- data.frame()
  for(a in 1:n){
    if(a <= cutoff) temp <- rbind(temp, gcDestination(lon = tmp$lon,
                                                       lat = tmp$lat,
                                                       bearing = (a*(360/(cutoff))-360/(cutoff)),
                                                       dist = 20,
                                                       dist.units = "km",
                                                       model = "WGS84"))
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))-10))-360/(max(table(gps$region))-cutoff)),
                                                      dist = 35,
                                                      dist.units = "km",
                                                      model = "WGS84"))
  }
  circle <- rbind(circle, cbind(temp,
                                region = i,
                                hab = gps$hab[gps$region == i],
                                spl = gps$spl.orig[gps$region == i],
```

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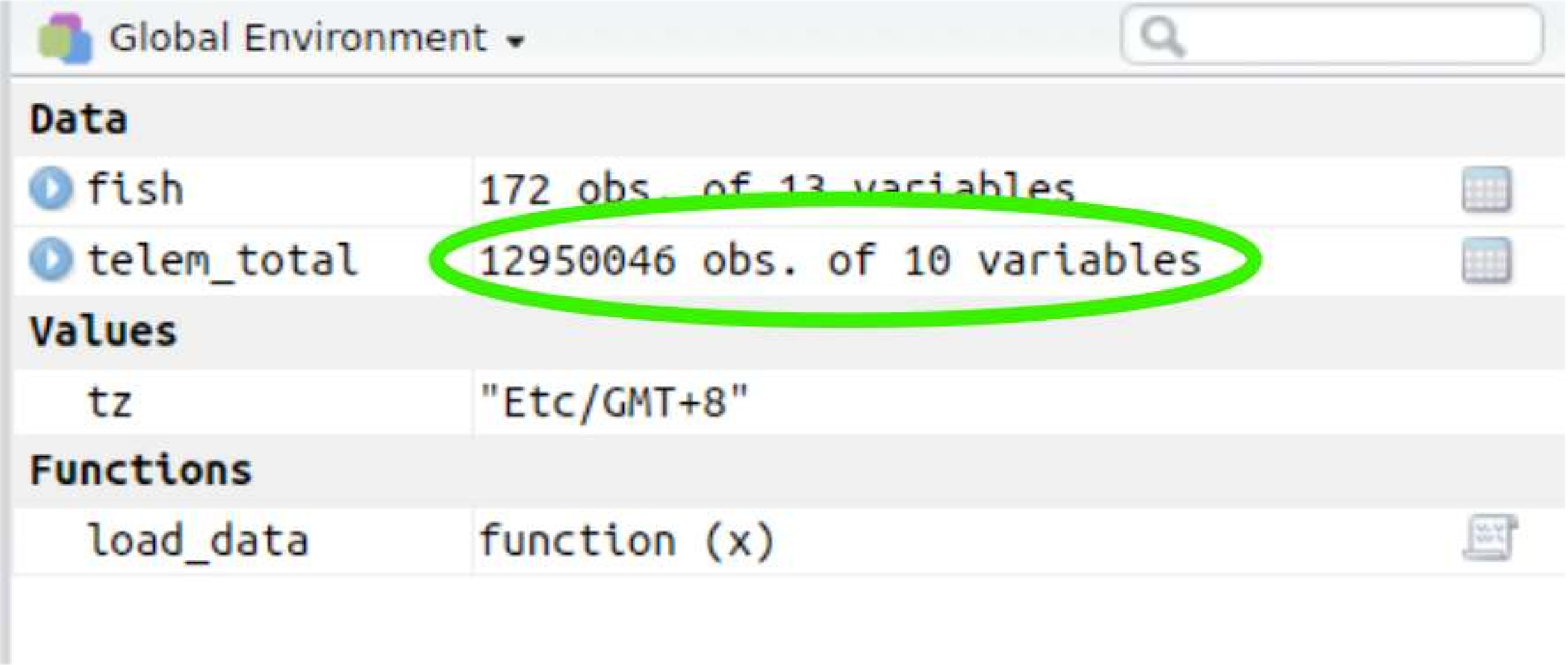

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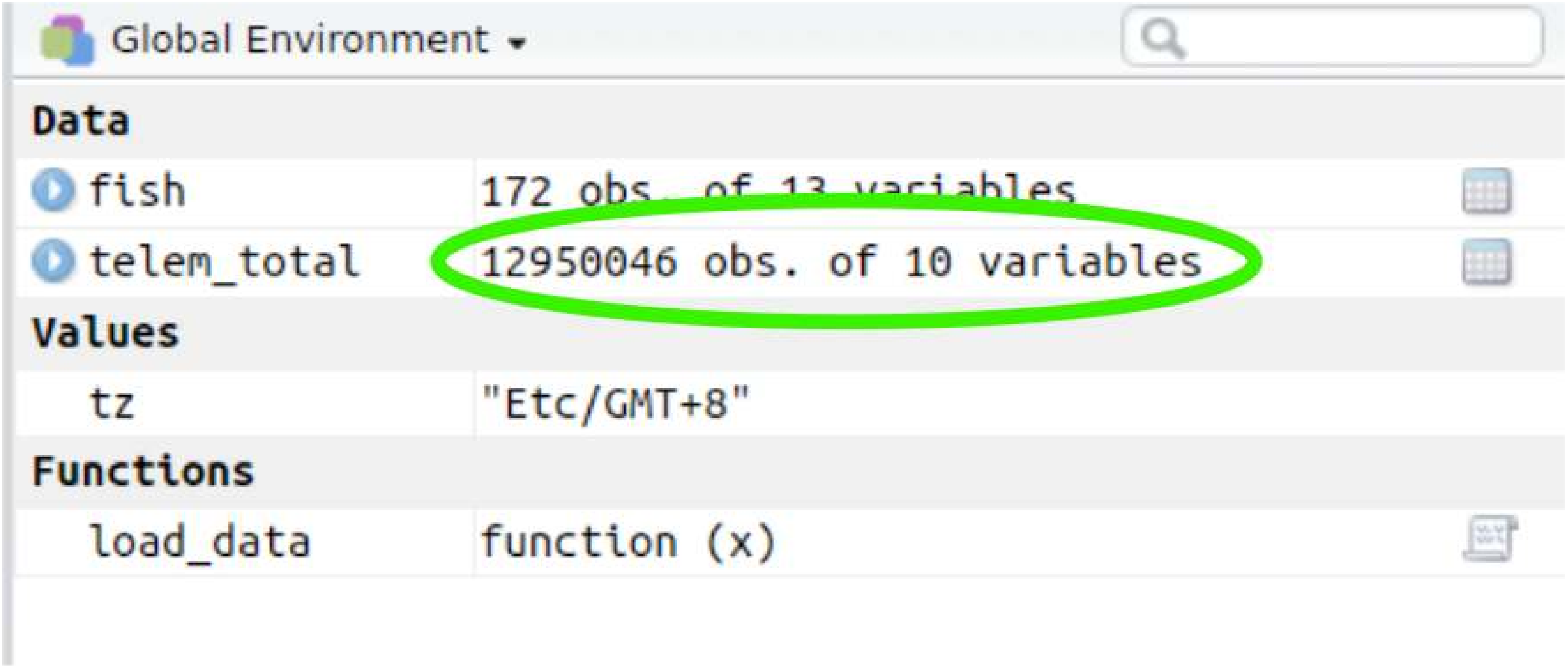

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(I made these slides with **R**markdown)

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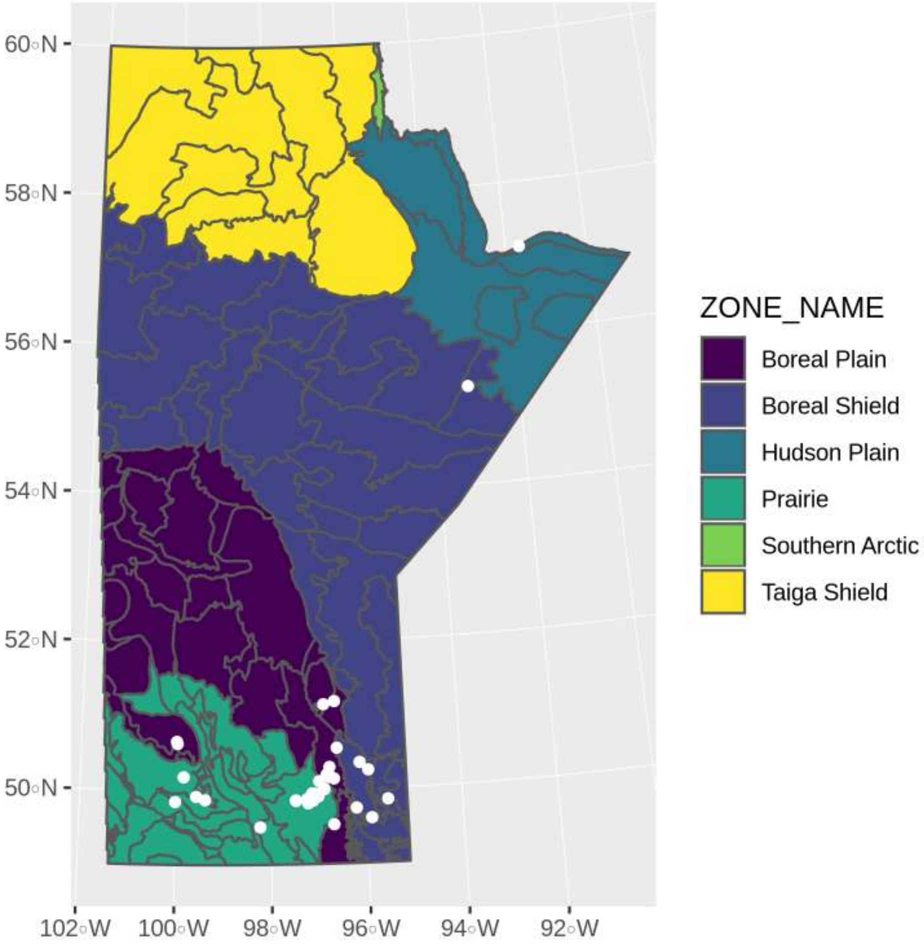

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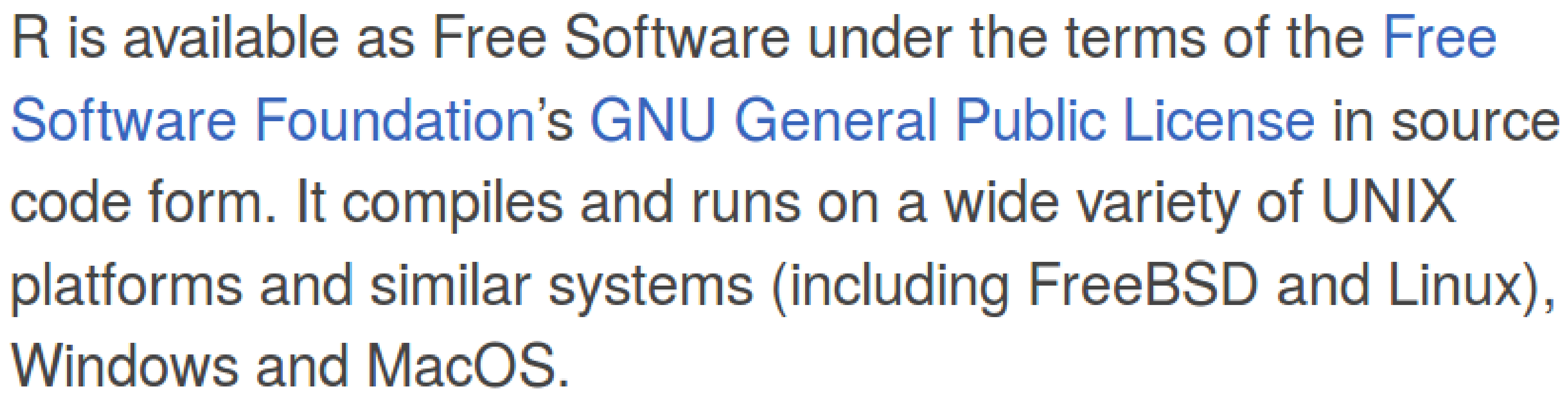
R is affordable (i.e., free!)



R is available as Free Software under the terms of the Free Software Foundation's GNU General Public License in source code form. It compiles and runs on a wide variety of UNIX platforms and similar systems (including FreeBSD and Linux), Windows and MacOS.

What is R?

R is Programming language

> A programming **language** is a way to give instructions in order to get a computer to do something

- You need to know the language (i.e., the code)
- Computers don't know what you mean, only what you type (unfortunately)
- Spelling, punctuation, and capitalization all matter!

For example

R, what is 56 times 5.8?

```r
56 * 5.8
```

```
## [1] 324.8
```

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R, multiply this value by 6

```
steffis_mean * 6
```

```
## [1] 15
```

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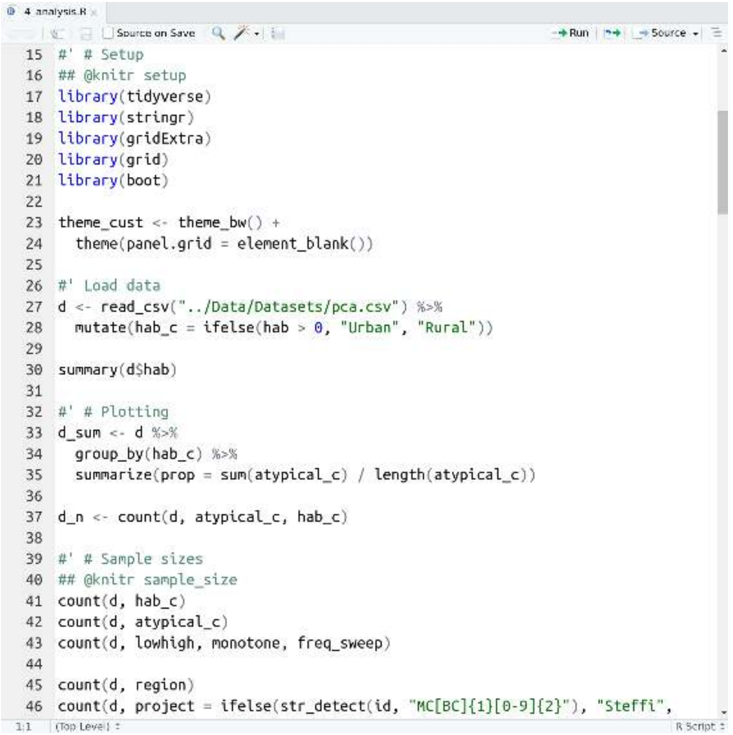

```
#' # Setup
## @knitr setup
library(tidyverse)
library(stringr)
library(gridExtra)
library(grid)
library(boot)

theme_cust <- theme_bw() +
  theme(panel.grid = element_blank())

#' Load data
d <- read_csv("../Data/Datasets/pca.csv") %>%
  mutate(hab_c = ifelse(hab > 0, "Urban", "Rural"))

summary(d$hab)

#' # Plotting
d_sum <- d %>%
  group_by(hab_c) %>%
  summarize(prop = sum(atypical_c) / length(atypical_c))

d_n <- count(d, atypical_c, hab_c)

#' # Sample sizes
## @knitr sample_size
count(d, hab_c)
count(d, atypical_c)
count(d, lowhigh, monotone, freq_sweep)

count(d, region)
count(d, project = ifelse(str_detect(id, "MC[BC]{1}[0-9]{2}"), "Steffi",
```

RStudio vs. R

RStudio

R

- **RStudio** is not **R**
- RStudio is a User Interface or IDE (integrated development environment)
    - (i.e., Makes coding simpler)
- But sometimes tries to be **too** helpful

RStudio Features

Changing Options: Tools > Global Options

- General > Restore RData into workspace at startup (NO!)
- General > Save workspace to on exit (NEVER!)
- Code > Insert matching parens/quotes (Personal preference)

Projects

- Handles working directories
- Organizes your work

Packages

- Can use the package manager to install packages
- Can use the manager to load them as well, but not recommended

Let's take a look at RStudio

Your first *real* code!

First Code

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- Copy/paste or type this into the script window in RStudio
  - You may have to go to File > New File > R Script
- Click anywhere on the first line of code
- Use the 'Run' button to run this code, **or** use the short-cut **`Ctrl-Enter`**
  - Repeat until all the code has run

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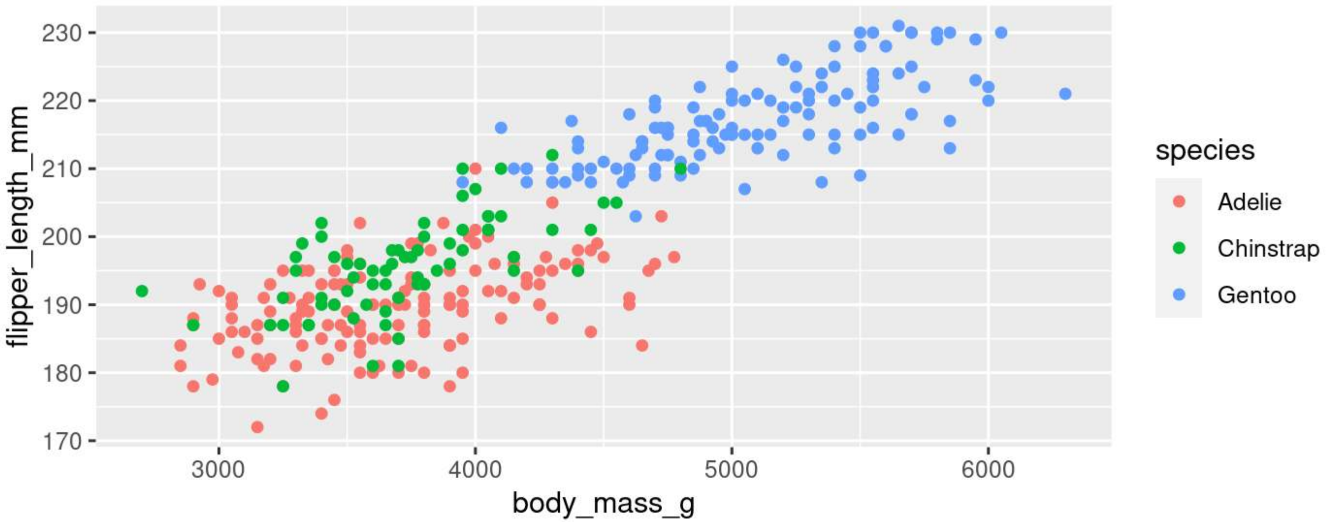

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tidyverse and **palmerpenguins**

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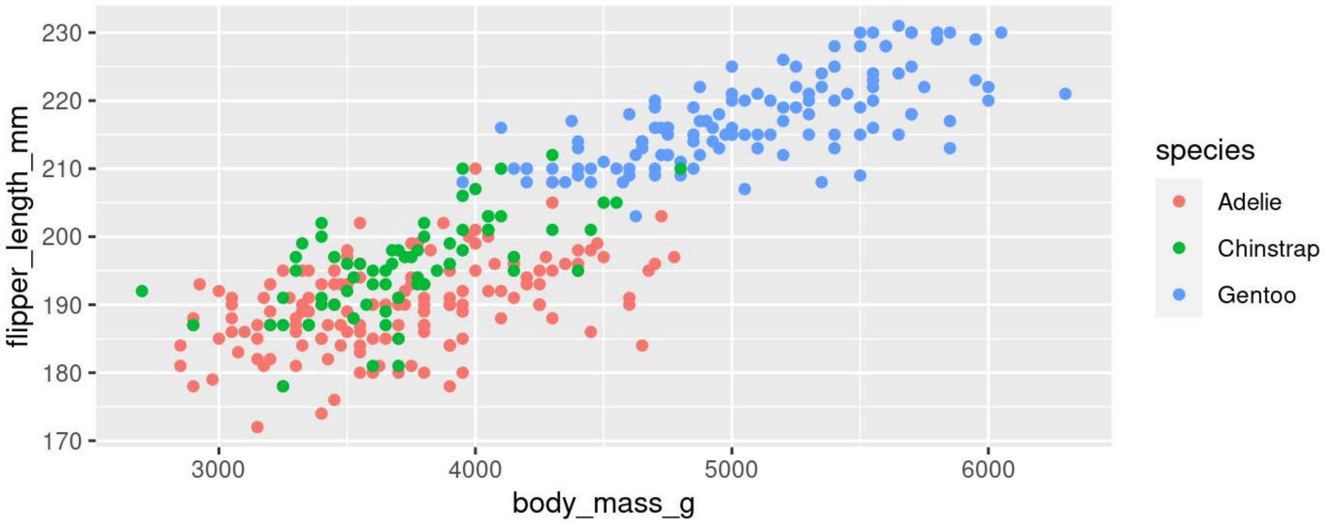

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Functions:
`library()`, **`ggplot()`**
`aes()`, and **`geom_point()`**

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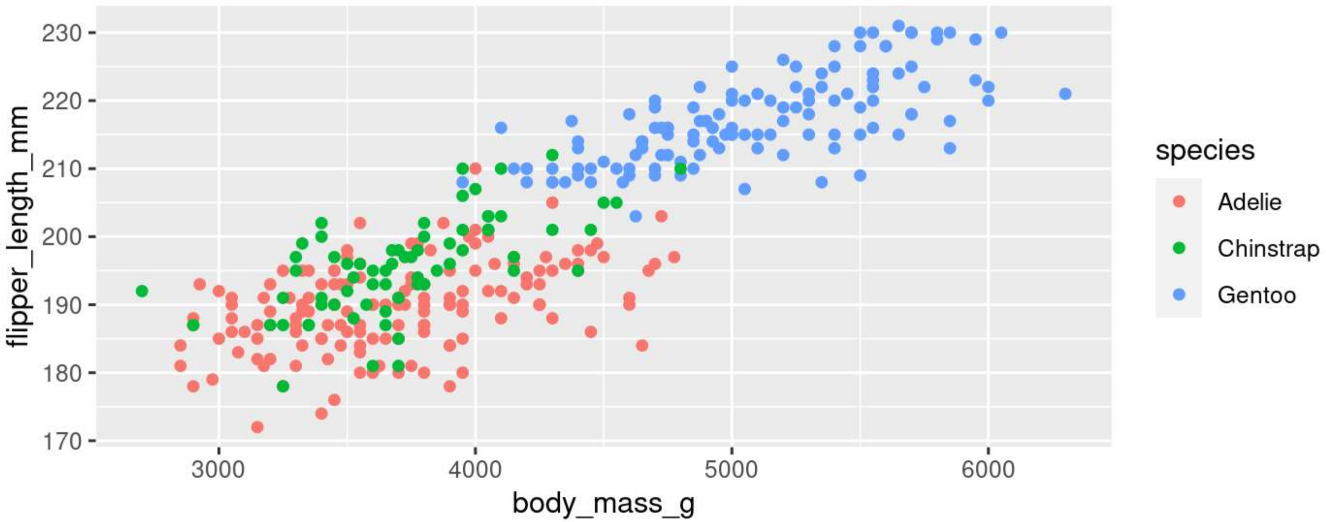

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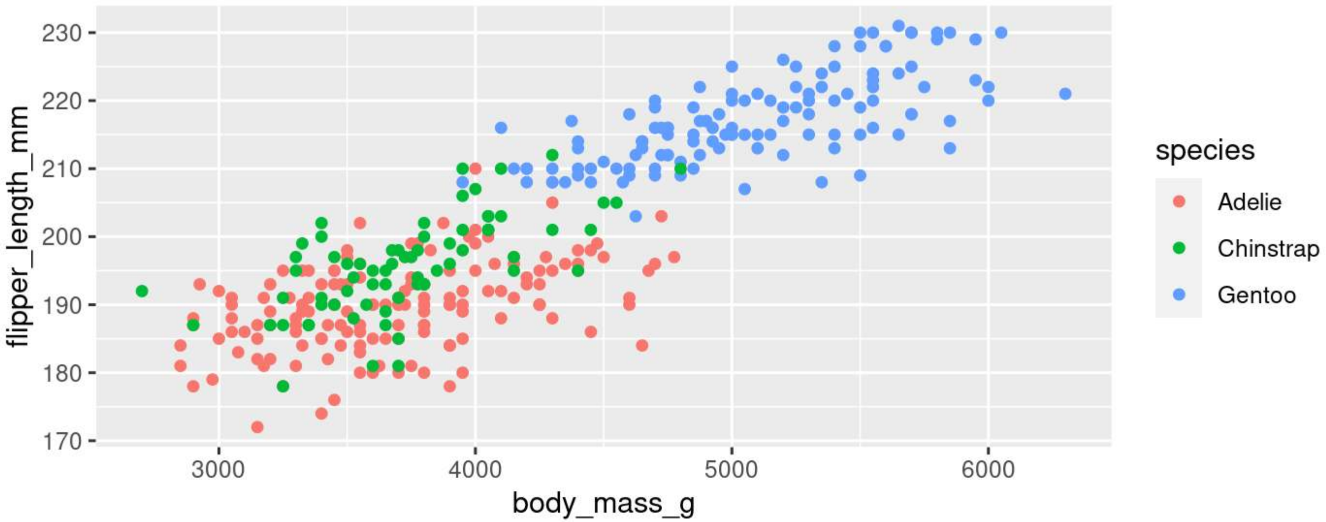

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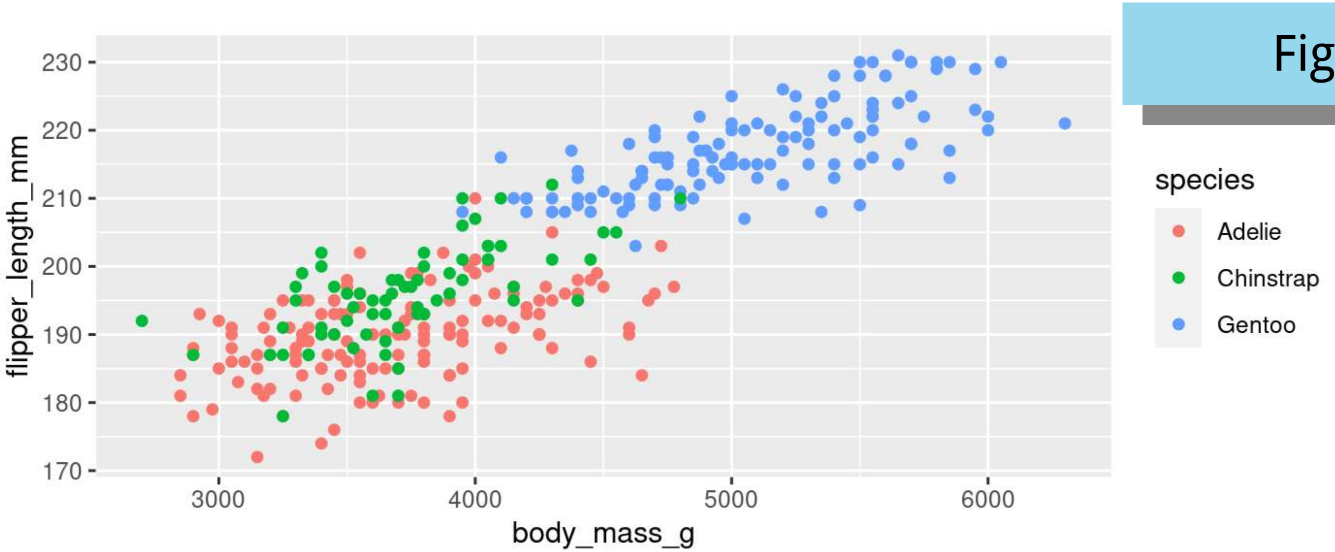

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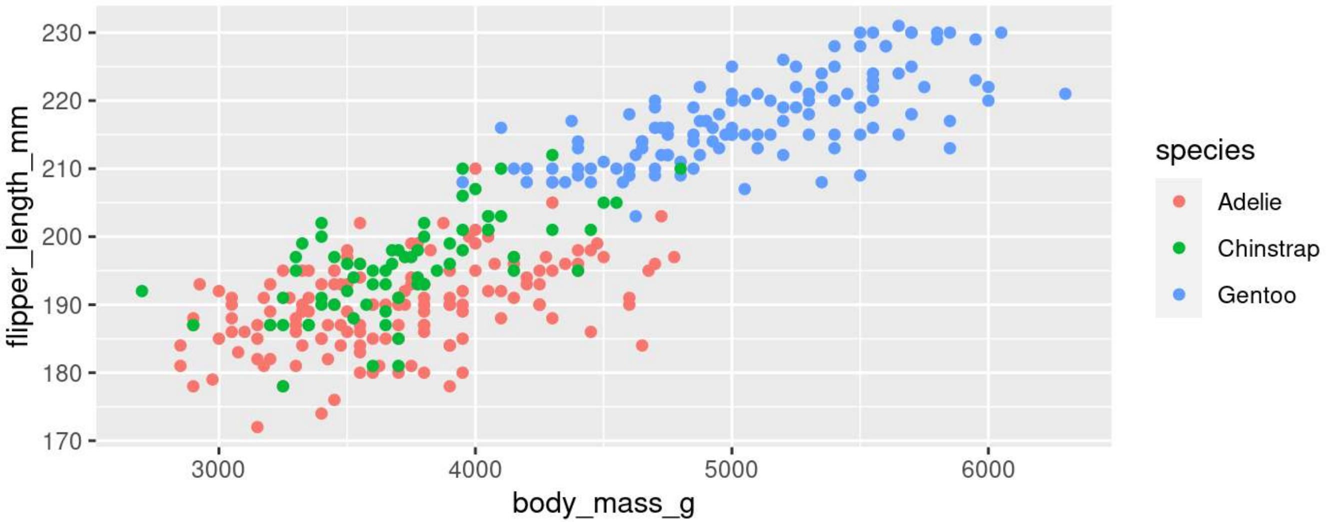

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Comments

(Start with #)

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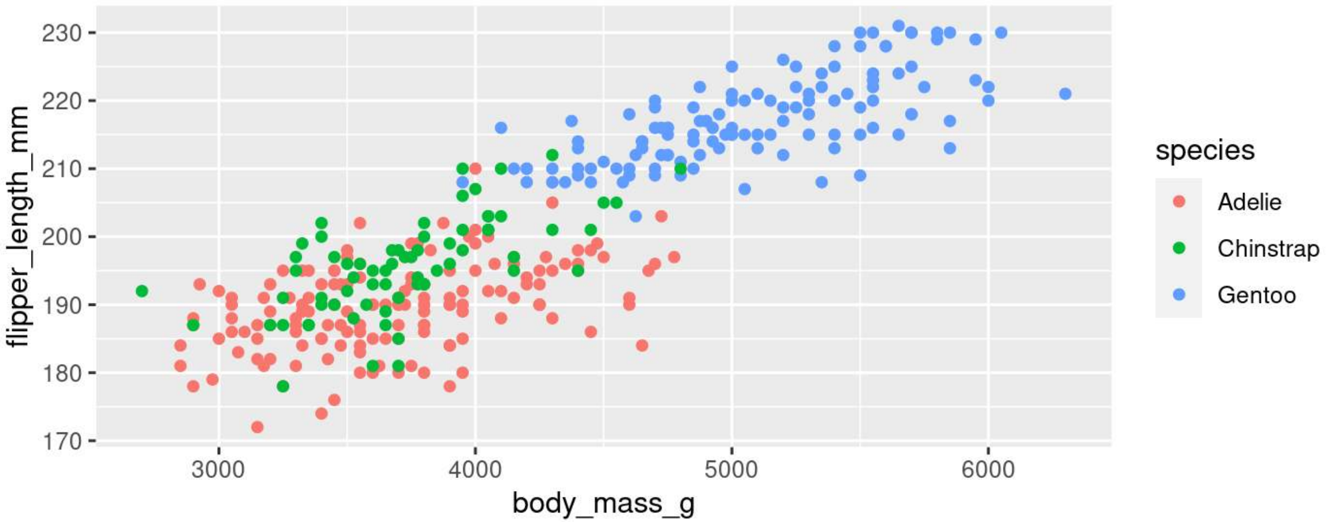

R Basics: Objects

Objects are *things* in the environment

(Check out the **Environment** pane in RStudio)

functions()

Do things, Return things

Does something but returns nothing

e.g., **`write_csv()`** - Saves the **`mtcars`** data frame as a csv file

```
write_csv(mtcars, path = "mtcars.csv")
```

Does something and returns something

e.g., **`sd()`** - returns the standard deviation of a vector

```
sd(c(4, 10, 21, 55))
```

```
## [1] 22.78157
```

functions()

- Functions can take **arguments** (think 'options')
- `data`, `x`, `y`, `colour`

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- Arguments defined by **name** or by **position**
- With correct position, do not need to specify by name

By name:

```
mean(x = c(1, 5, 10))
```

```
## [1] 5.333333
```

By order:

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mean(c(1, 5, 10))
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```
mean(x = c(1, 5, 10, NA),
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This error states that we've assigned the argument **`trim`** to a non-valid argument

Where did **`trim`** come from?

R documentation

```
?mean
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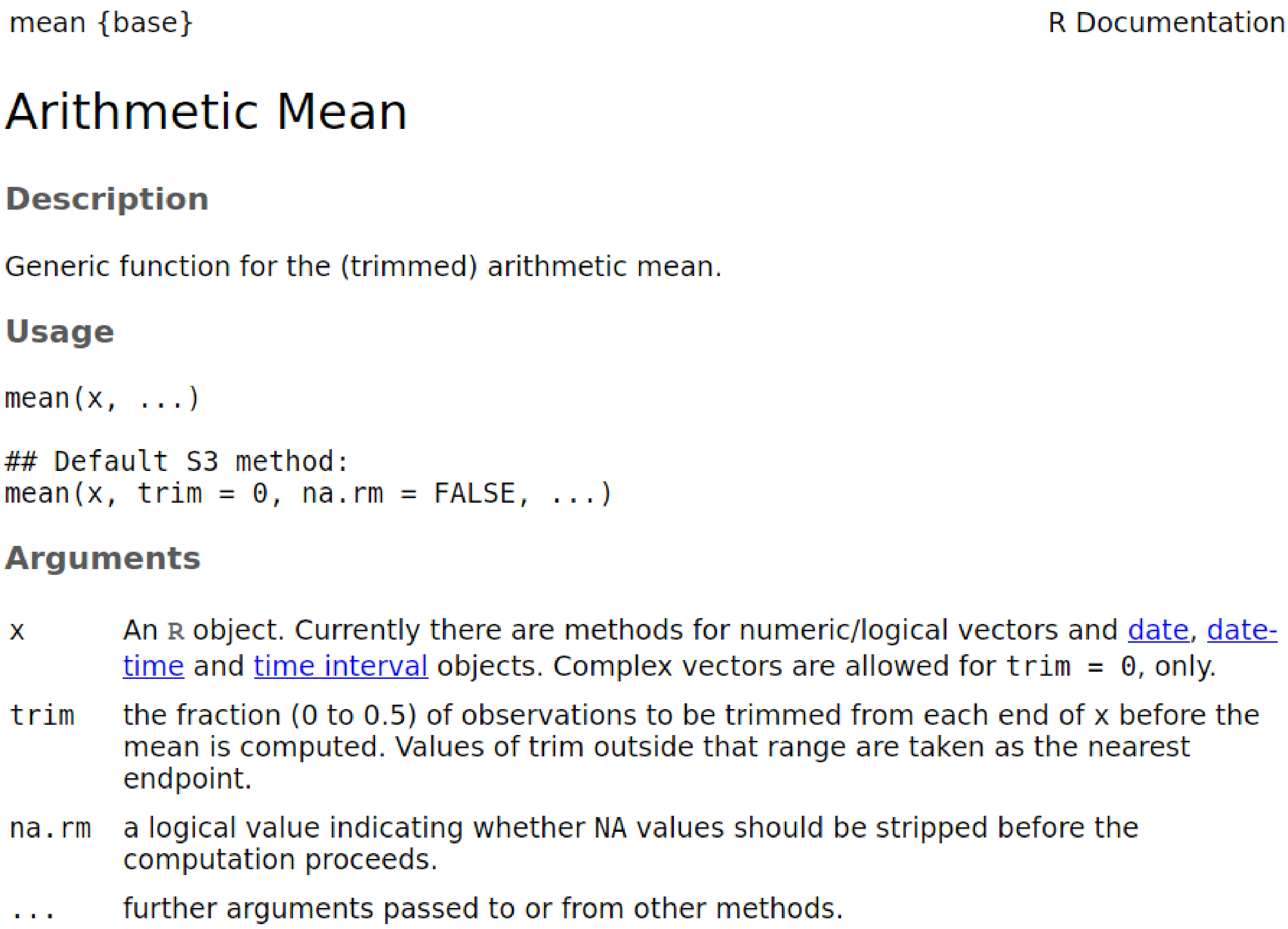

mean {base}   R Documentation

Arithmetic Mean

Description

Generic function for the (trimmed) arithmetic mean.

Usage

```
mean(x, ...)

## Default S3 method:
mean(x, trim = 0, na.rm = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

`x`	An R object. Currently there are methods for numeric/logical vectors and date, date-time and time interval objects. Complex vectors are allowed for `trim = 0`, only.
`trim`	the fraction (0 to 0.5) of observations to be trimmed from each end of x before the mean is computed. Values of trim outside that range are taken as the nearest endpoint.
`na.rm`	a logical value indicating whether NA values should be stripped before the computation proceeds.
`...`	further arguments passed to or from other methods.

Data

Generally kept in **`vectors`** or **`data.frames`**

- These are objects with names (like functions)
- We can use **`<-`** to assign values to objects (assignment)

Vector (1 dimension)

```
my_letters <- c("a", "b", "c")
my_letters
```

```
## [1] "a" "b" "c"
```

Data frame (2 dimensions)

rows x columns

```
my_data <- data.frame(x = c("s1", "s2", "s3", "s4"),
                      y = c(101, 102, 103, 104),
                      z = c("a", "b", "c", "d"))
my_data
```

```
##    x   y z
## 1 s1 101 a
## 2 s2 102 b
## 3 s3 103 c
## 4 s4 104 d
```

Vectors

Use `c()` to create a vector

```
a <- c("apples", 12, "bananas")
```

Use `x[index]` to access part of a vector

```
a[3] # [1] "bananas"
```

Vectors contain one type of variable

(Even if you try to make it with more)

```
class(a) # [1] "character"
```

Data frames (also tibbles)

```
my_data
```

```
##    x   y z
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- Columns have different types of variables
- **`x$colname`** to pull columns out as vector
- **`x[row, col]`** to access rows and columns of a data frame

Your Turn: Vectors and Data frames

Try out the following code...

1. What is the output in your console?
2. How does your **`environment`** change (upper right panel)?

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```
a[2]
a[2:3]      # What does : do?
a[c(1, 3)] # What does c() do?
```

Data frames

```
my_data[3, ]    # Why the comma?
my_data[3, 1]
my_data[, 1:2]
```

Miscellaneous

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Spaces usually don't matter unless they change meanings

```
5>=6     # [1] FALSE
5 >=6    # [1] FALSE
5 >= 6   # [1] FALSE
5 > = 6 # Error: unexpected '=' in "5 > ="
```

Periods don't matter either, but can be used in the same way as letters

(But don't)

```
apple.oranges <- "fruit"
```

Assignments and Equal signs

Use <- to assign values to objects

```
a <- "hello"
```

Use = to set function arguments

```
mean(x = c(4, 9, 10))
```

Use == to determine equivalence (logical)

```
10 == 10 # [1] TRUE
10 == 9  # [1] FALSE
```

Braces/Brackets

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```

```
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( ) must be associated with a **function**

(Well, *almost* always)

Braces/Brackets

Square brackets: []

- Extract parts of objects

```
LETTERS
```

```
##  [1] "A" "B" "C" "D" "E" "F" "G" "H" "I" "J" "K" "L" "M" "N" "O" "P" "Q" "R" "S"
## [20] "T" "U" "V" "W" "X" "Y" "Z"
```

```
LETTERS[1]
```

```
## [1] "A"
```

```
LETTERS[26]
```

```
## [1] "Z"
```

Braces/Brackets

Square brackets: `[]`

- Extract parts of objects

```
LETTERS
```

```
##  [1] "A" "B" "C" "D" "E" "F" "G" "H" "I" "J" "K" "L" "M" "N" "O" "P" "Q" "R" "S"
## [20] "T" "U" "V" "W" "X" "Y" "Z"
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## [1] "A"
```

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LETTERS[26]
```

```
## [1] "Z"
```

`[]` have to be associated with an **object** that has dimensions

(Always)

Improving code readability

Use spaces like you would in sentences:

```
a <- mean(c(4, 10, 13))
```

is easier to read than

```
a<-mean(c(4,10,13))
```

(But the same, coding-wise)

Improving code readability

Don't be afraid to use line breaks ('Enters') to make the code more readable

Hard to read

```r
a <- data.frame(exp = c("A", "B", "A", "B", "A", "B"), sub = c("A1", "A1", "A2", "A2", "A3", "A3"),
res = c(10, 12, 45, 12, 12, 13))
```

Easier to read

```r
a <- data.frame(exp = c("A", "B", "A", "B", "A", "B"),
                sub = c("A1", "A1", "A2", "A2", "A3", "A3"),
                res = c(10, 12, 45, 12, 12, 13))
```

(But the same, coding-wise)

Let's go!