



git and GitHub on Rstudio without the command line

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Installing git

 **git** --everything-is-local

Git is a **free and open source** distributed version control system designed to handle everything from small to very large projects with speed and efficiency.


Git is **easy to learn** and has a **tiny footprint with lightning fast performance**. It outclasses SCM tools like Subversion, CVS, Perforce, and ClearCase with features like **cheap local branching**, convenient **staging areas**, and **multiple workflows**.






About

The advantages of Git compared to other source control systems.




Documentation

Command reference pages, Pro Git book content, videos and other material.




Downloads

GUI clients and binary releases for all major platforms.




Community

Get involved! Bug reporting, mailing list, chat, development and more.





Pro Git by Scott Chacon and Ben Straub is available to [read online for free](#). Dead tree versions are available on [Amazon.com](#).





Latest source Release
2.19.1
Release Notes (2018-09-27)

Download 2.19.1 for Windows

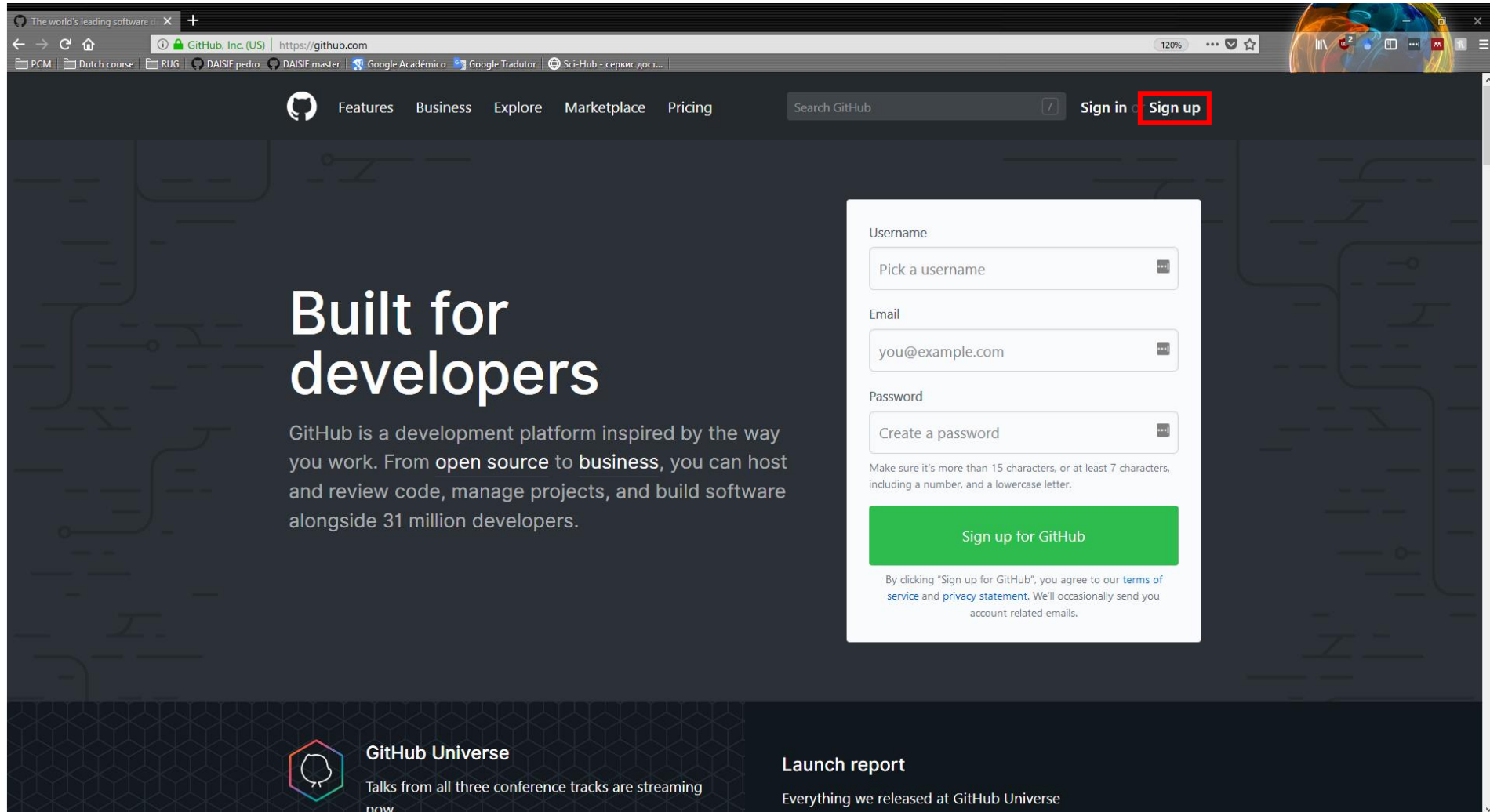
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Getting a GitHub account



The screenshot shows the GitHub homepage in a web browser. The browser's address bar displays "https://github.com". The navigation bar at the top includes links for "Features", "Business", "Explore", "Marketplace", and "Pricing", along with a search bar and "Sign in" and "Sign up" buttons. The "Sign up" button is highlighted with a red rectangle. The main content area features the text "Built for developers" and a description of GitHub as a development platform. On the right side, a white sign-up form is displayed, containing fields for "Username", "Email", and "Password", each with a placeholder text and a password strength indicator. Below the form is a green "Sign up for GitHub" button. At the bottom of the page, there is a section for "GitHub Universe" and a "Launch report" link.

Username

Pick a username

Email

you@example.com

Password

Create a password

Make sure it's more than 15 characters, or at least 7 characters, including a number, and a lowercase letter.

Sign up for GitHub

By clicking "Sign up for GitHub", you agree to our [terms of service](#) and [privacy statement](#). We'll occasionally send you account related emails.

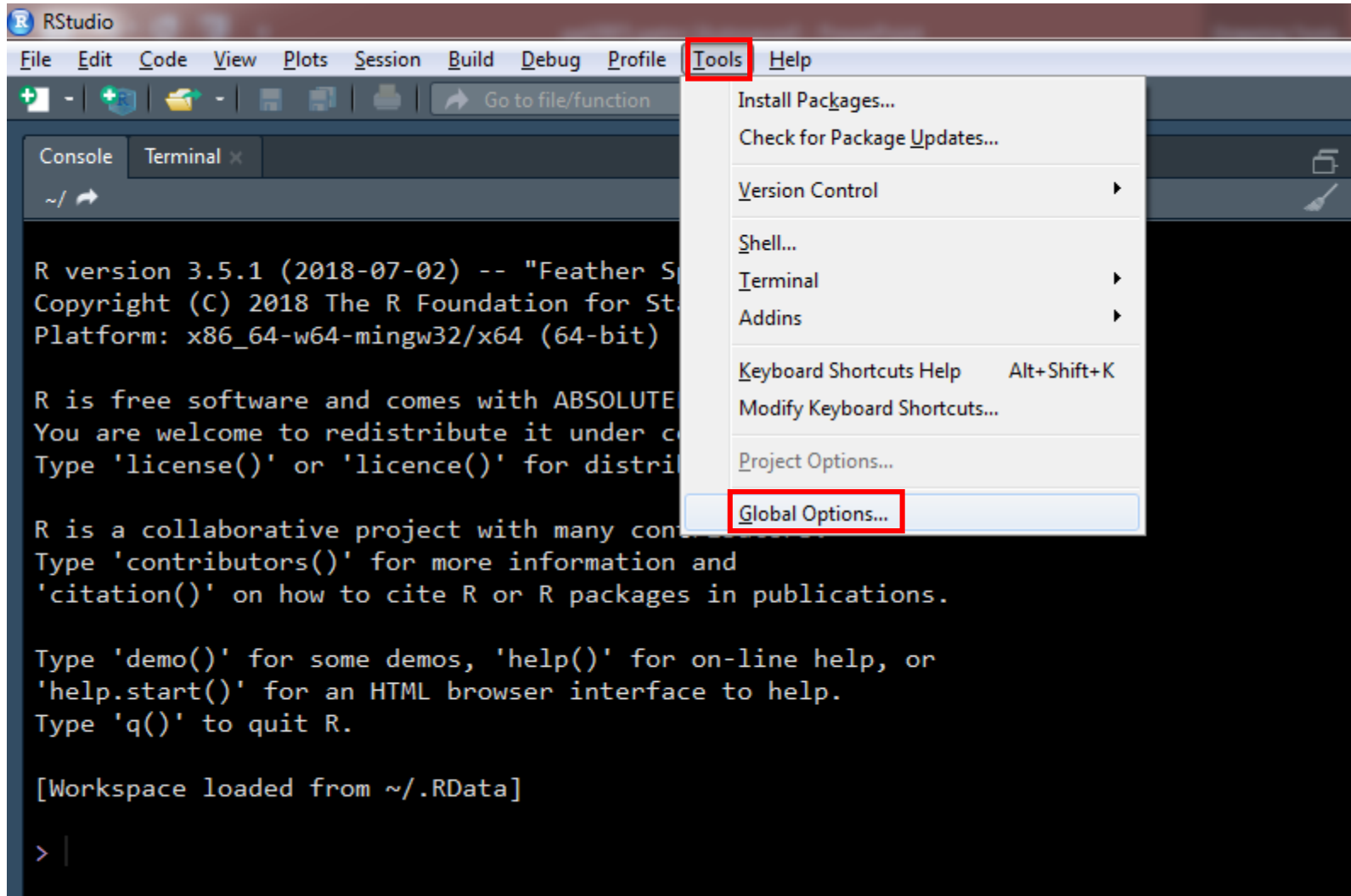
GitHub Universe

Talks from all three conference tracks are streaming now.

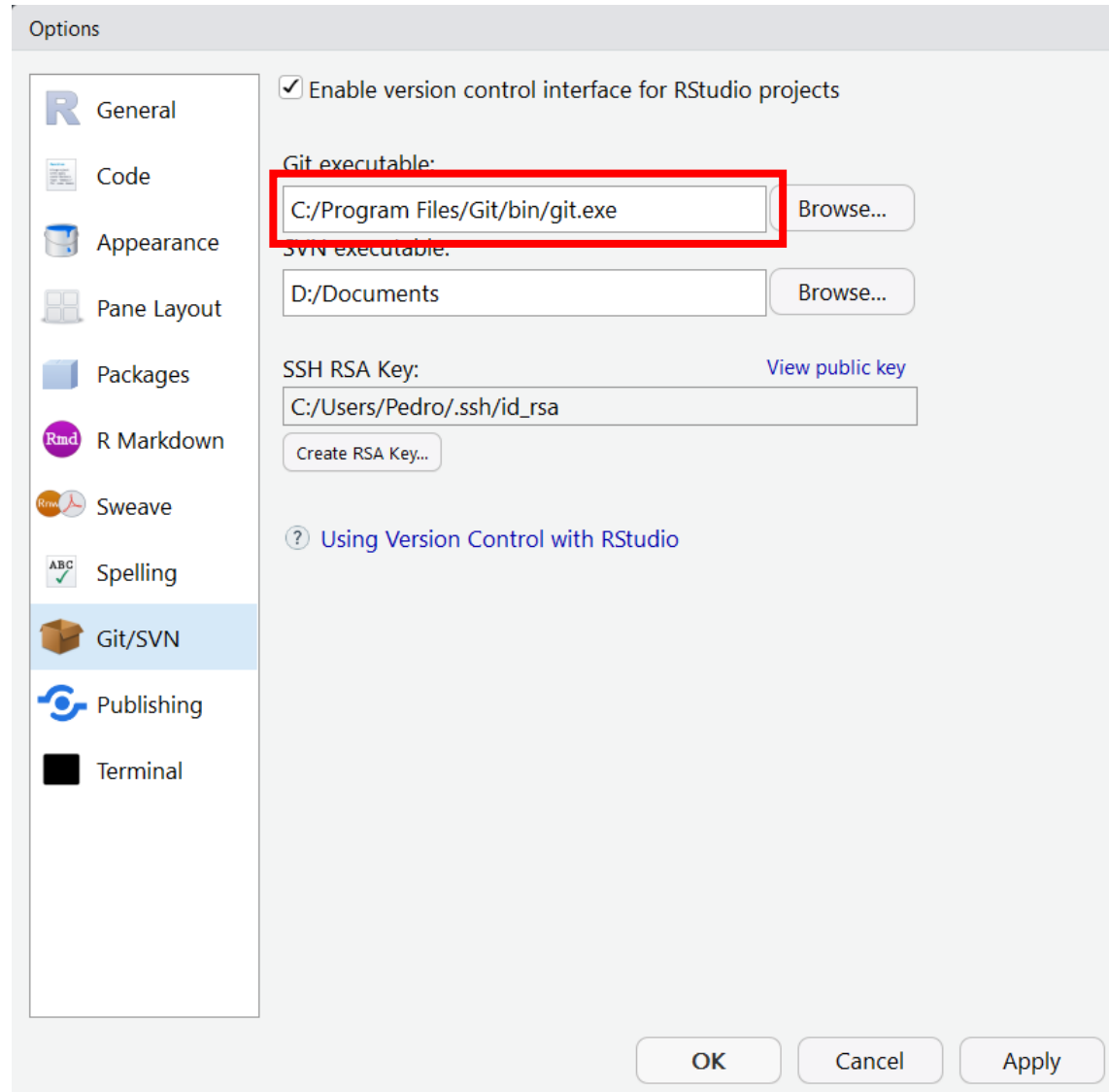
Launch report

Everything we released at GitHub Universe

Setting up git in RStudio



Enabling git



Make sure the path to git points to Git/bin/git.exe!
Not Git/git-bash.exe

The correct path should appear automatically after you install git and enable version control, but occasionally it will point to the wrong location

Menu - What do you need to setup?

Uploading a local project to
GitHub



Starting a new project with
version control on GitHub



Working on a project already
available on GitHub



Uploading a local project to GitHub

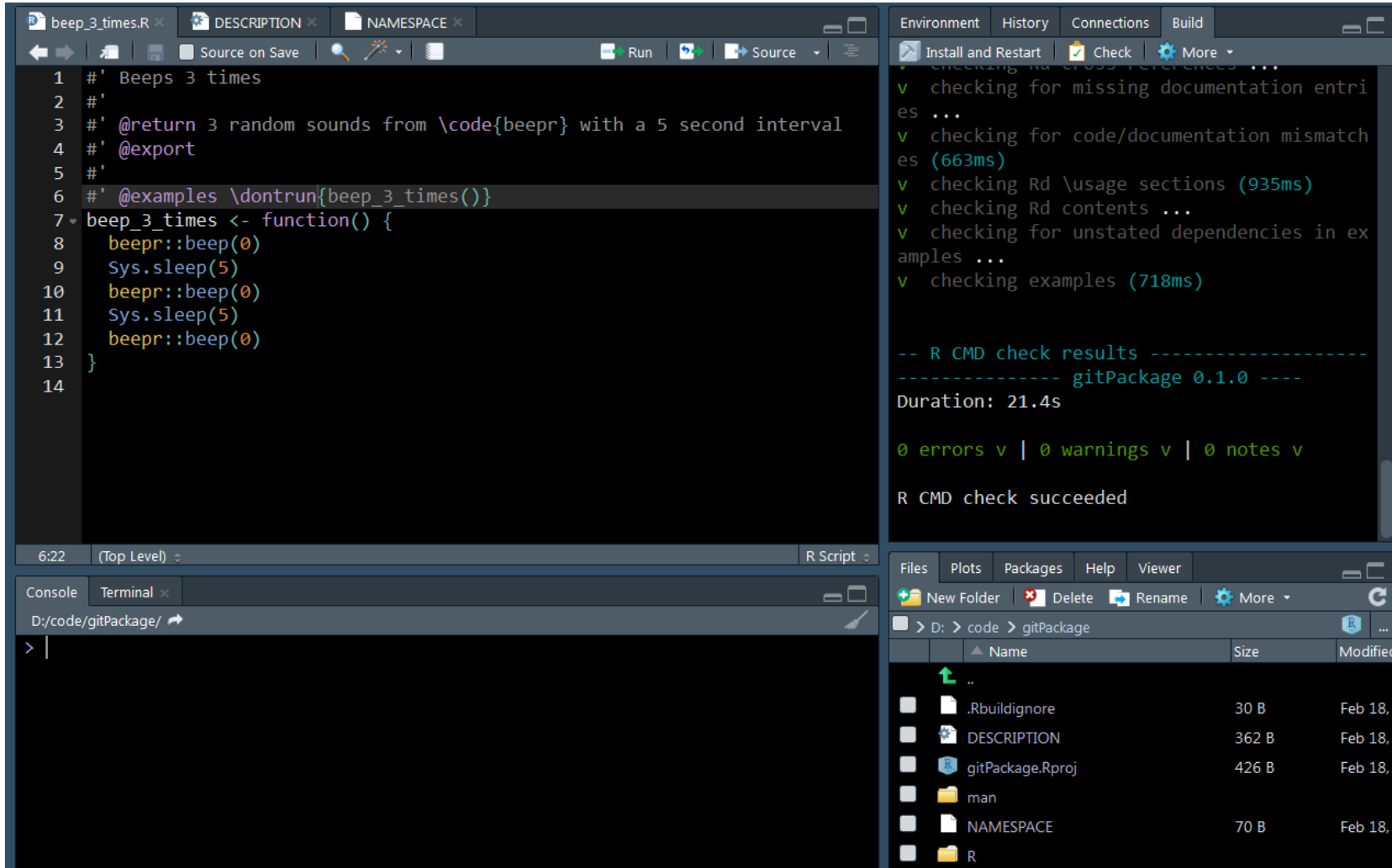
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Start with some code



The screenshot displays the RStudio IDE interface. The main editor window shows a function definition for `beep_3_times` in a file named `beep_3_times.R`. The function is designed to beep three times with a 5-second interval between each beep. The function definition is as follows:

```
1 #' Beeps 3 times
2 #'
3 #' @return 3 random sounds from \code{beepR} with a 5 second interval
4 #' @export
5 #'
6 #' @examples \dontrun{beep_3_times()}
7 beep_3_times <- function() {
8   beepr::beep(0)
9   Sys.sleep(5)
10  beepr::beep(0)
11  Sys.sleep(5)
12  beepr::beep(0)
13 }
14
```

The Environment pane on the right shows the results of an R CMD check, indicating that the package `gitPackage 0.1.0` passed all checks successfully. The check results are summarized as follows:

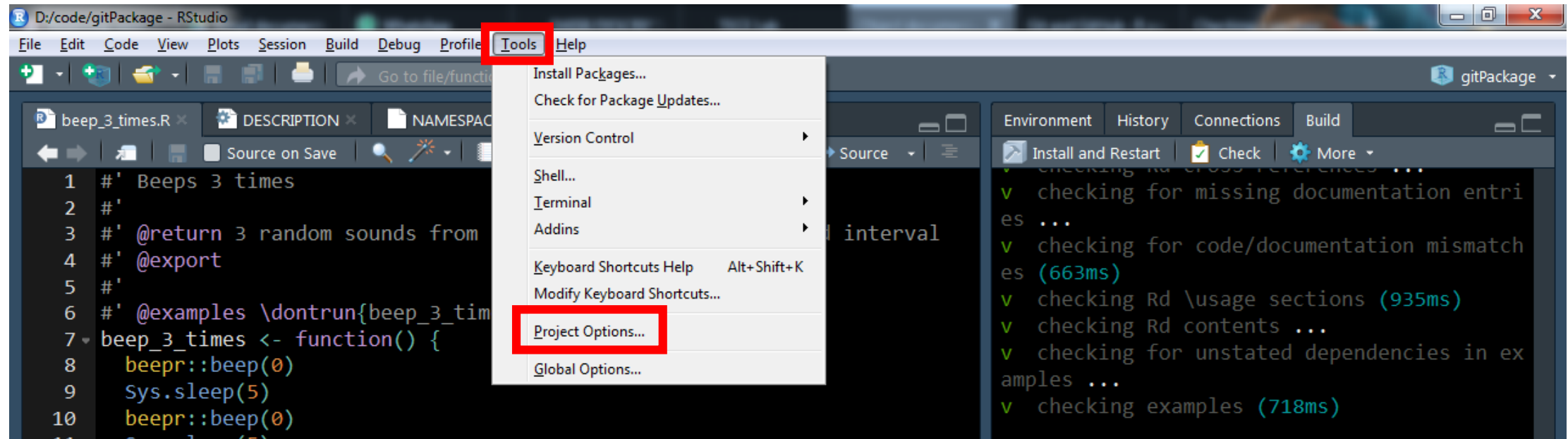
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-- R CMD check results -----
----- gitPackage 0.1.0 -----
Duration: 21.4s

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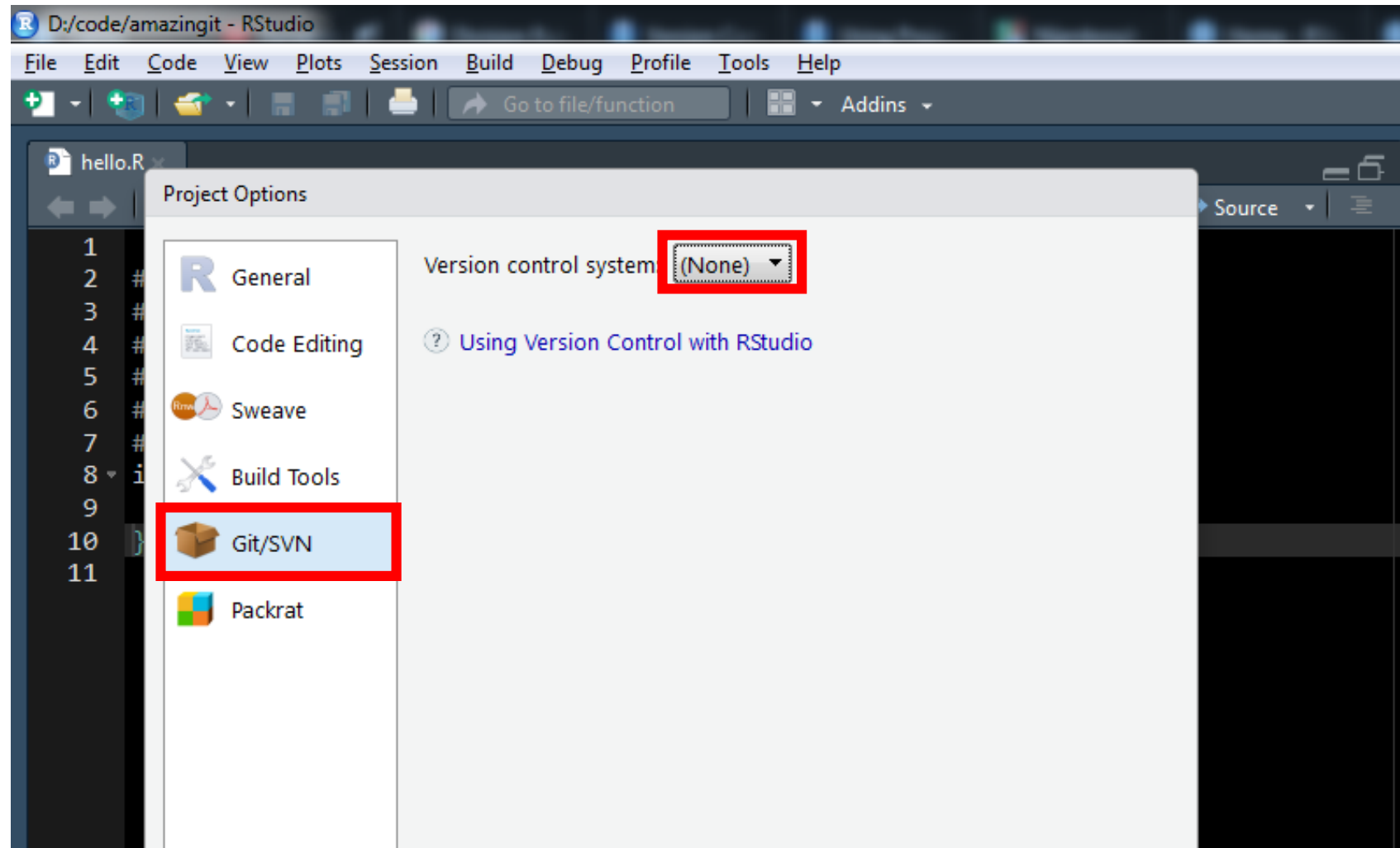
R CMD check succeeded
```

The Console pane at the bottom shows the current directory as `D:/code/gitPackage/` and the prompt `> |`.

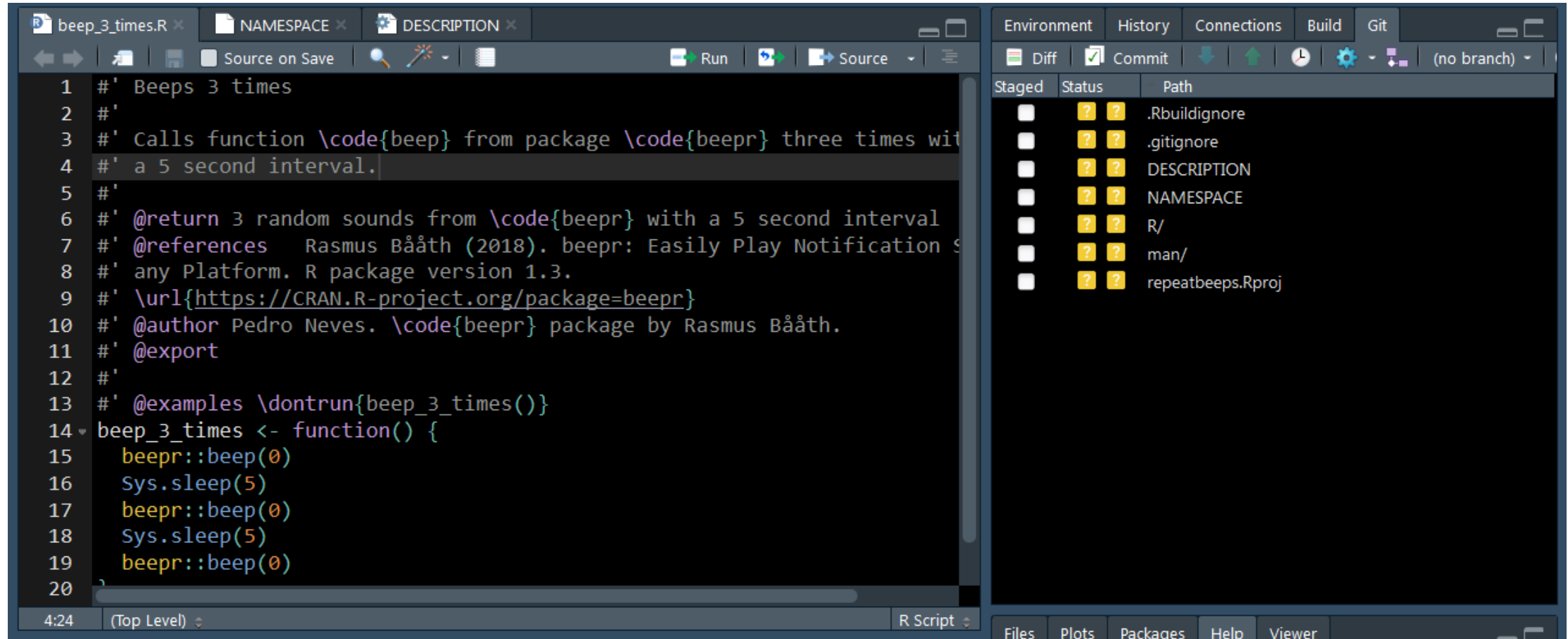
The Files pane on the bottom right shows the directory structure of the `gitPackage` project, including files like `.Rbuildignore`, `DESCRIPTION`, `gitPackage.Rproj`, `man`, `NAMESPACE`, and `R`.



Enabling git on a new project



Git panel



The screenshot displays the RStudio IDE interface. The main editor window shows an R script named `beep_3_times.R` with the following content:

```
1 #' Beeps 3 times
2 #'
3 #' Calls function \code{beep} from package \code{beepR} three times with
4 #' a 5 second interval.
5 #'
6 #' @return 3 random sounds from \code{beepR} with a 5 second interval
7 #' @references Rasmus Bååth (2018). beepR: Easily Play Notification S
8 #' any Platform. R package version 1.3.
9 #' \url{https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=beepR}
10 #' @author Pedro Neves. \code{beepR} package by Rasmus Bååth.
11 #' @export
12 #'
13 #' @examples \dontrun{beep_3_times()}
14 beep_3_times <- function() {
15   beepR::beep(0)
16   Sys.sleep(5)
17   beepR::beep(0)
18   Sys.sleep(5)
19   beepR::beep(0)
20 }
```

The right-hand pane shows the Git panel, which is currently displaying the status of the working directory. The panel includes tabs for Environment, History, Connections, Build, and Git. The Git tab is active, showing a table of staged files:

Staged	Status	Path
<input type="checkbox"/>	?	.Rbuildignore
<input type="checkbox"/>	?	.gitignore
<input type="checkbox"/>	?	DESCRIPTION
<input type="checkbox"/>	?	NAMESPACE
<input type="checkbox"/>	?	R/
<input type="checkbox"/>	?	man/
<input type="checkbox"/>	?	repeatbeeps.Rproj

The bottom status bar indicates the current file is `beep_3_times.R` and the editor is at line 4, column 24, at the top level.

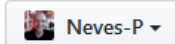


Create repo with same name

Create a new repository

A repository contains all project files, including the revision history.

Owner



Repository name *

/ repeatbeeps ✓

Great repository names are short and memorable. Need inspiration? How about [cautious-octo-spork?](#)

Description (optional)

☒ Public

Anyone can see this repository. You choose who can commit.

☐ Private

You choose who can see and commit to this repository.

☐ Initialize this repository with a README

This will let you immediately clone the repository to your computer. Skip this step if you're importing an existing repository.

Add .gitignore: None ▼

Add a license: None ▼



Create repository

Don't initialize with a README or any other file. We'll add them later.





Open terminal in R and run the following code


```
git remote add origin https://github.com/YourUsername/RepoName.git  
git add -A  
git commit -m "initial commit"  
git push -u origin master
```





Package now on GitHub


 **Neves-P / repeatbeeps**


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
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 1 branch

 0 releases

 1 contributor

Branch: master ▾


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Create new file

Upload files

Find file

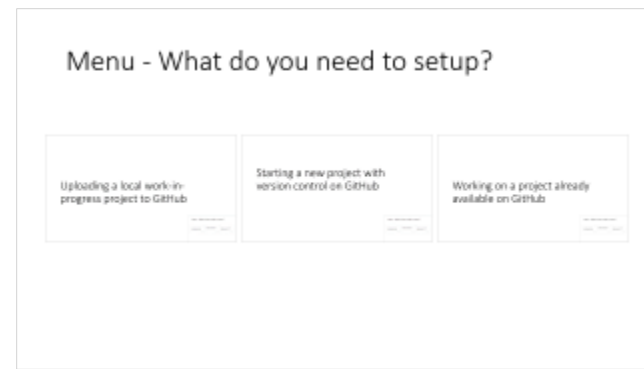
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 **Neves-P** Update gitignore Latest commit 7aca178 6 minutes ago

 R	initial commit	10 minutes ago
 man	initial commit	10 minutes ago
 .Rbuildignore	initial commit	10 minutes ago
 .gitignore	Update gitignore	6 minutes ago
 DESCRIPTION	initial commit	10 minutes ago
 NAMESPACE	initial commit	10 minutes ago



Starting a new project with version control on GitHub



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Learn Git and GitHub without any code!


Using the Hello World guide, you'll create a repository, start a branch, write comments, and open a pull request.

[Read the guide](#)[Start a project](#)[Repositories](#)[New repository](#)[Browse activity](#)[Discover repositories](#)

Creating repository on GitHub

Create a new repository


A repository contains all the files for your project, including the revision history.

Owner:  Neves-P ▾ / Repository name: ✓

Great repository names are short and memorable. Need inspiration? How about [glowing-telegram](#).

Description (optional)

☒  **Public**
Anyone can see this repository. You choose who can commit.

☐  **Private**
You choose who can see and commit to this repository.

☒ **Initialize this repository with a README**

This will let you immediately clone the repository to your computer. Skip this step if you're importing an existing repository.

Add .gitignore: ▾ | Add a license: ▾ 

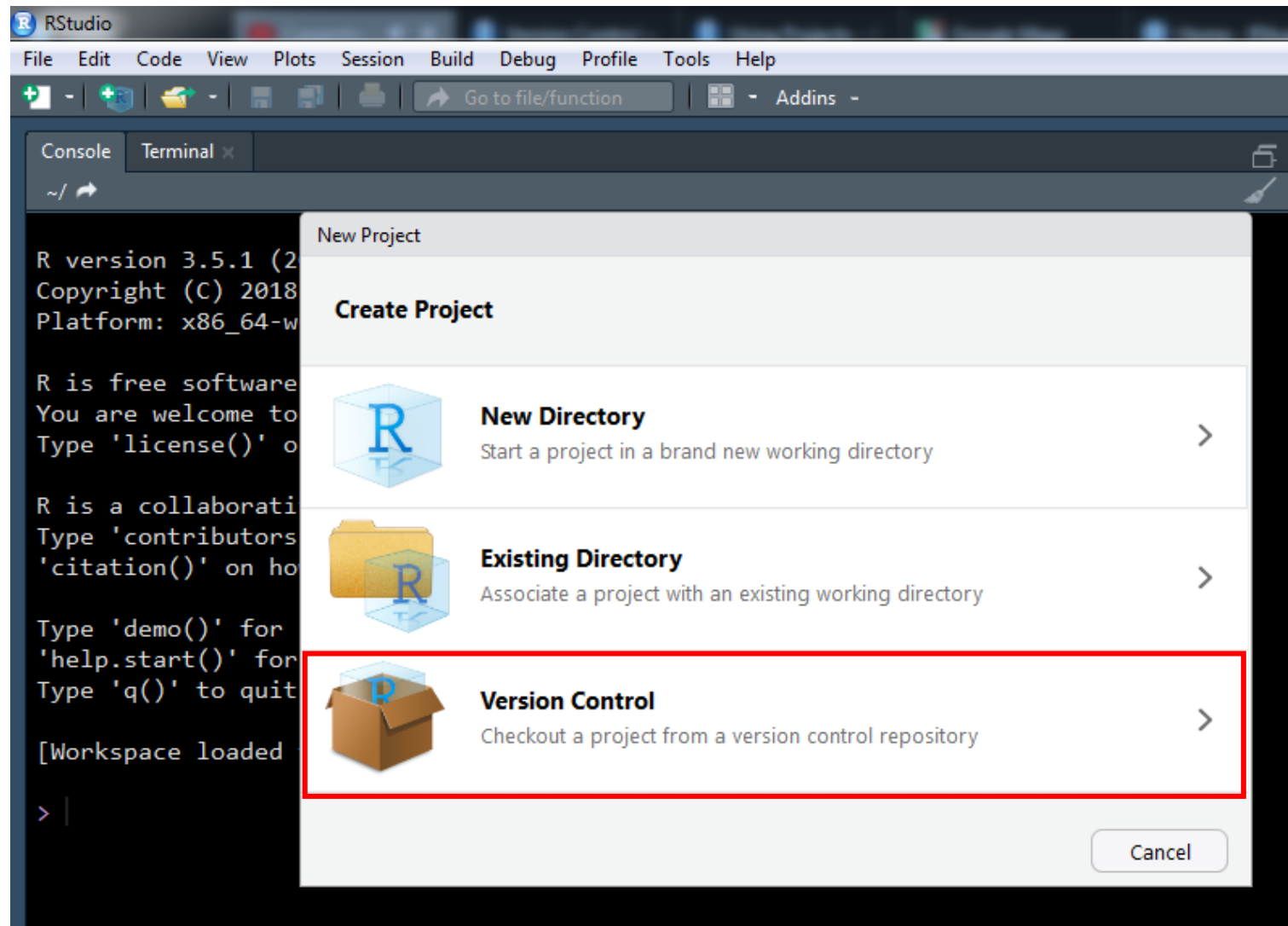
Create repository

Choose a name for the repository and initialize it with a README file. Keep in mind that R packages must start with a letter and only contain ASCII numbers and letters. Dashes, underscores and slashes are not allowed.

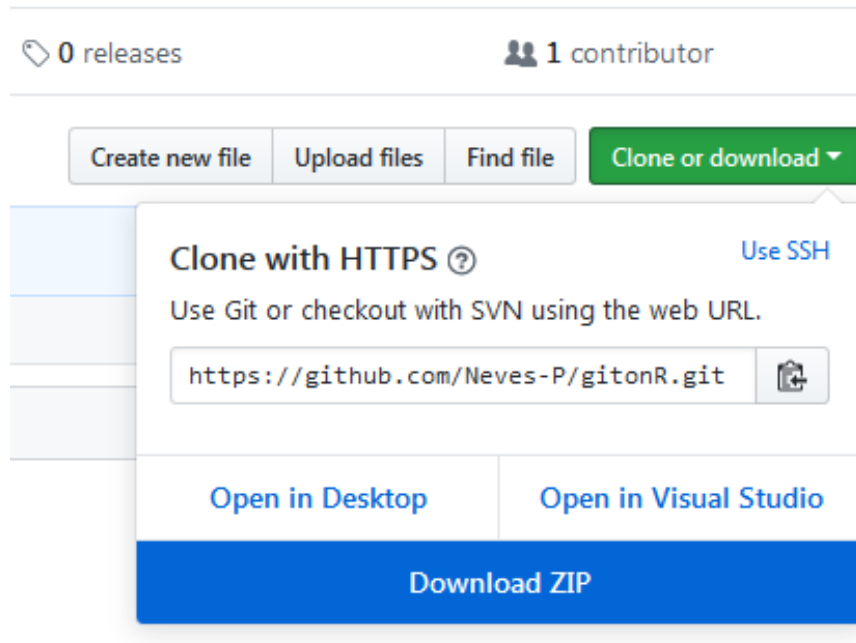
This will let you clone to your local computer right away.



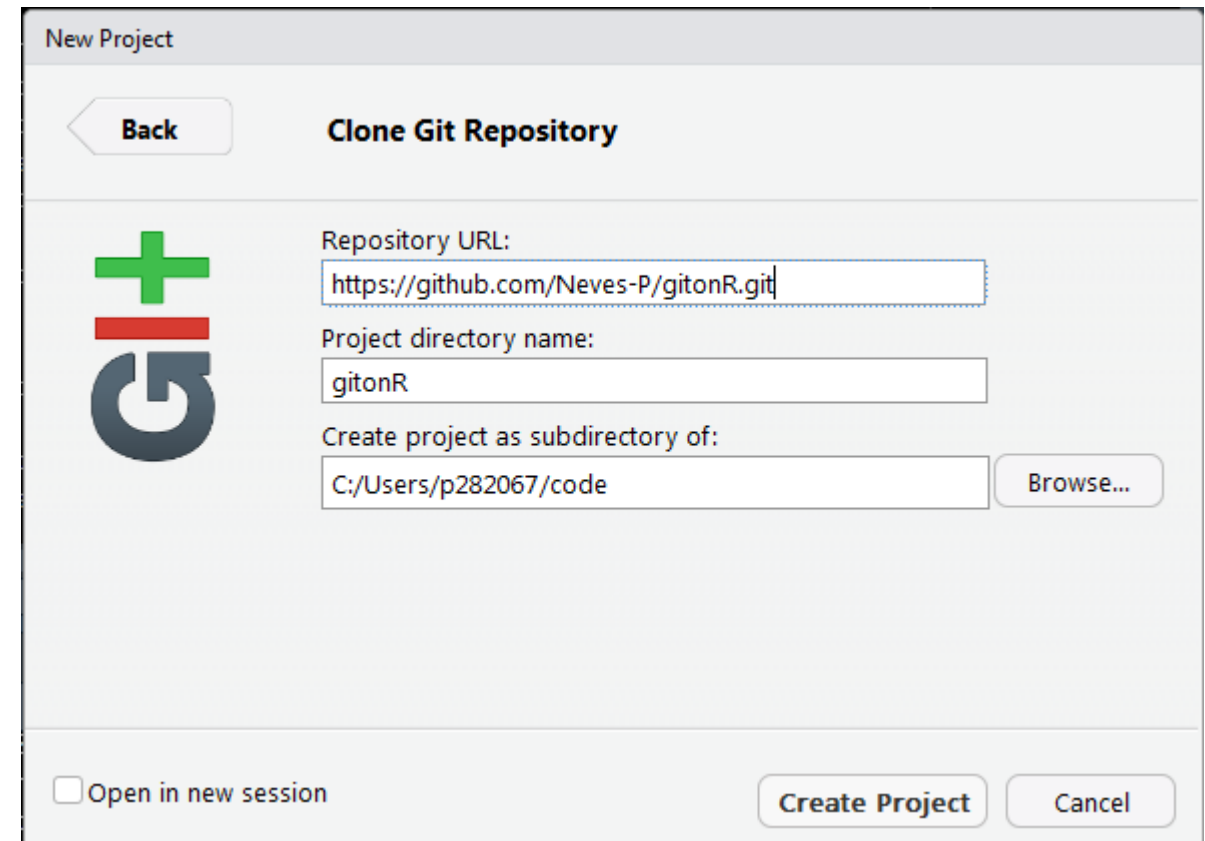
Downloading (cloning) the newly created repository



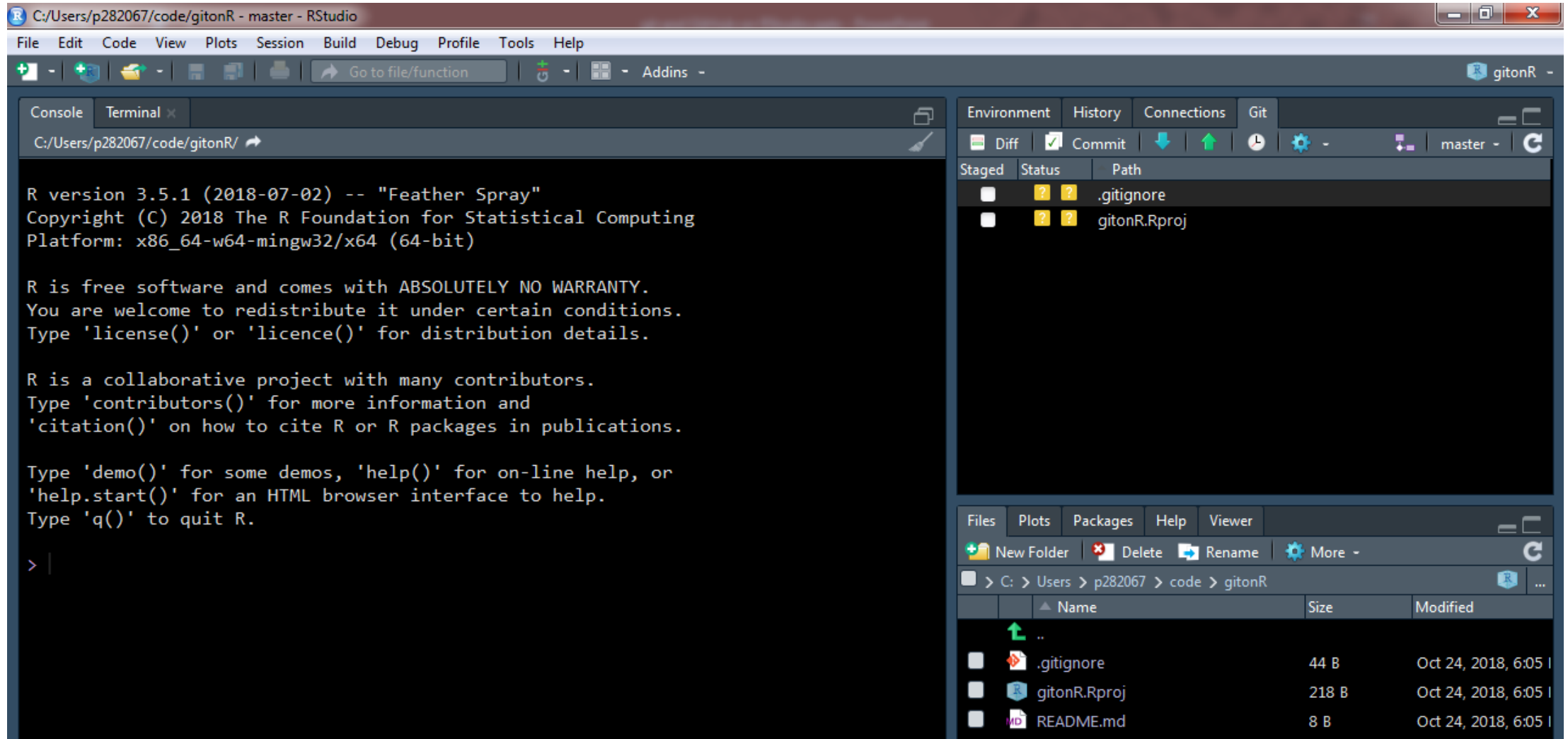
Cloning a repository



Copy your new GitHub repo's URL to the Clone Git Repository Window in RStudio. GitHub will give you the right address, it should end in .git
Choose a directory on your local computer where the local files will live



After cloning the repository



The screenshot shows the RStudio interface after cloning a repository. The terminal window displays the R version 3.5.1 (2018-07-02) -- "Feather Spray" and the copyright notice. The Git status panel shows the current state of the repository, with files staged for commit.

Terminal Output:

```
R version 3.5.1 (2018-07-02) -- "Feather Spray"
Copyright (C) 2018 The R Foundation for Statistical Computing
Platform: x86_64-w64-mingw32/x64 (64-bit)

R is free software and comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY.
You are welcome to redistribute it under certain conditions.
Type 'license()' or 'licence()' for distribution details.

R is a collaborative project with many contributors.
Type 'contributors()' for more information and
'citation()' on how to cite R or R packages in publications.

Type 'demo()' for some demos, 'help()' for on-line help, or
'help.start()' for an HTML browser interface to help.
Type 'q()' to quit R.

> |
```

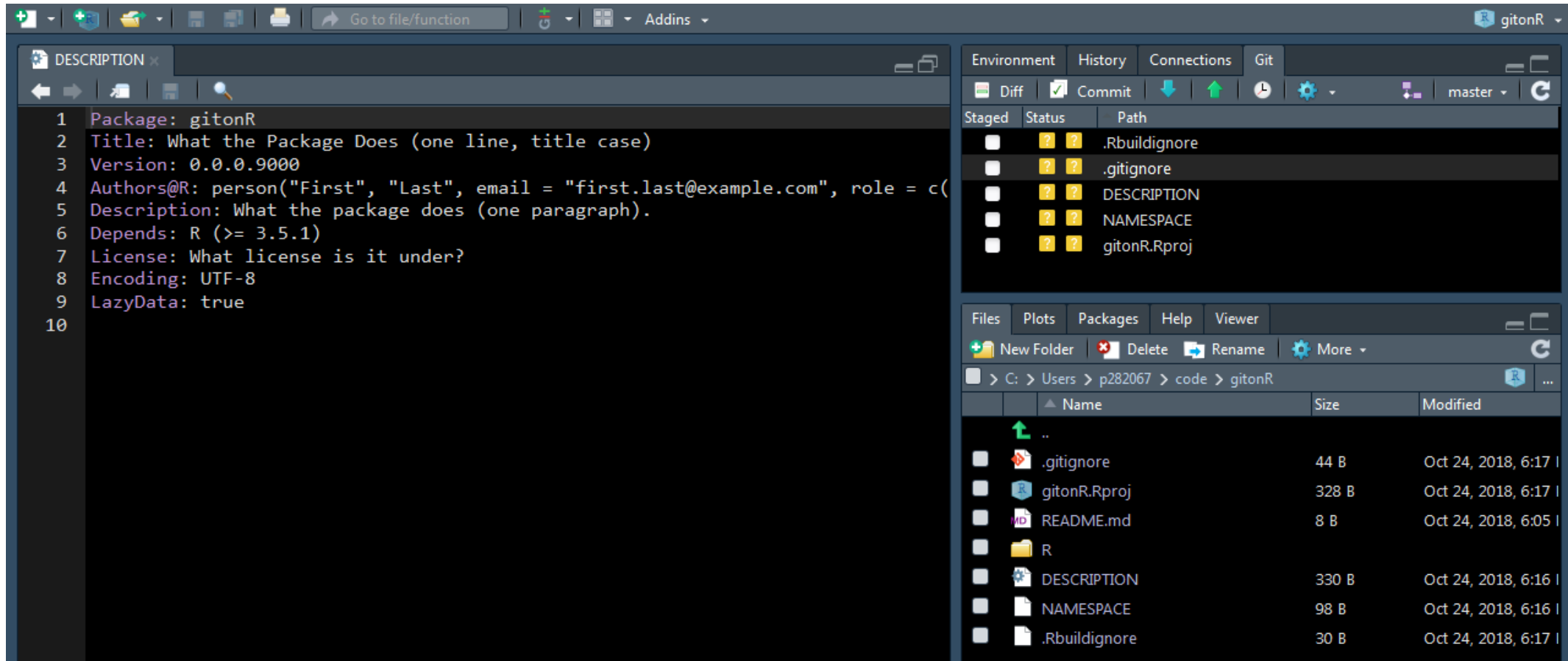
Git Status Panel:

Staged	Status	Path
<input type="checkbox"/>	?	.gitignore
<input type="checkbox"/>	?	gitonR.Rproj

Files Panel:

Name	Size	Modified
..		
.gitignore	44 B	Oct 24, 2018, 6:05 I
gitonR.Rproj	218 B	Oct 24, 2018, 6:05 I
README.md	8 B	Oct 24, 2018, 6:05 I

Creating and pushing package skeleton



The screenshot shows the RStudio IDE interface. The main editor window displays the package skeleton for 'gitonR' with the following content:

```
1 Package: gitonR
2 Title: What the Package Does (one line, title case)
3 Version: 0.0.0.9000
4 Authors@R: person("First", "Last", email = "first.last@example.com", role = c(
5 Description: What the package does (one paragraph).
6 Depends: R (>= 3.5.1)
7 License: What license is it under?
8 Encoding: UTF-8
9 LazyData: true
10
```

The right-hand pane shows the 'Git' tab with a list of staged files:

Staged	Status	Path
<input type="checkbox"/>	?	.Rbuildignore
<input type="checkbox"/>	?	.gitignore
<input type="checkbox"/>	?	DESCRIPTION
<input type="checkbox"/>	?	NAMESPACE
<input type="checkbox"/>	?	gitonR.Rproj

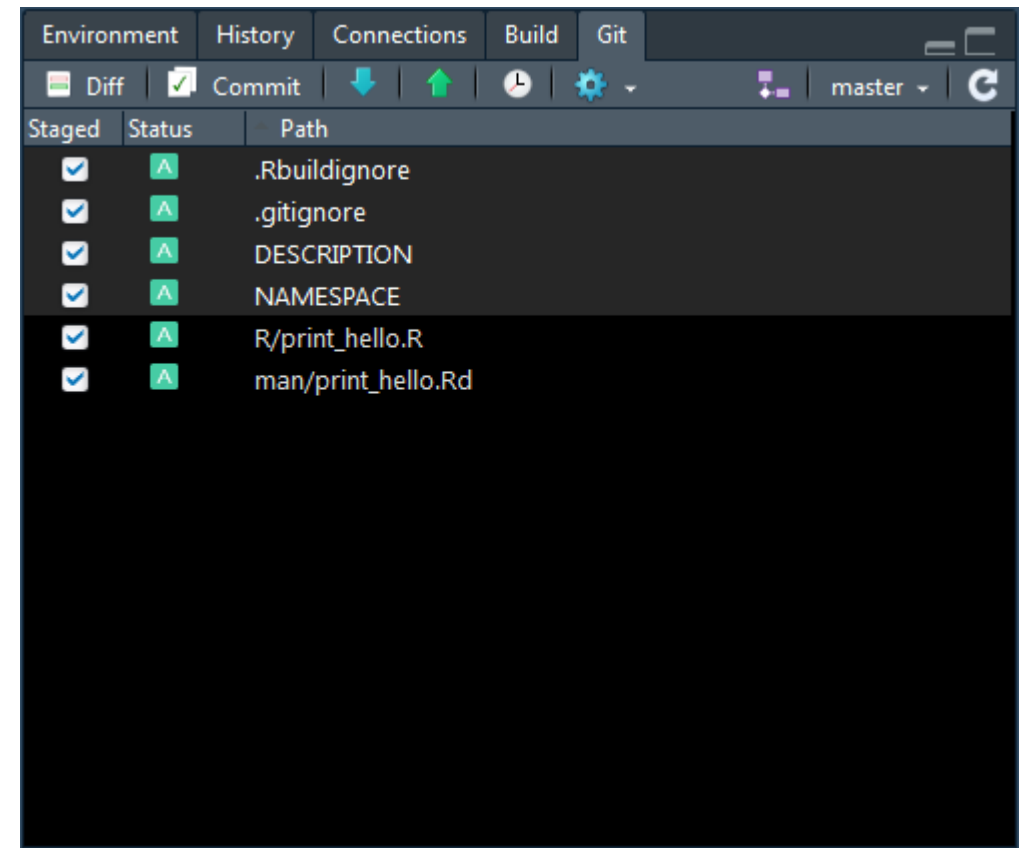
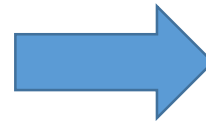
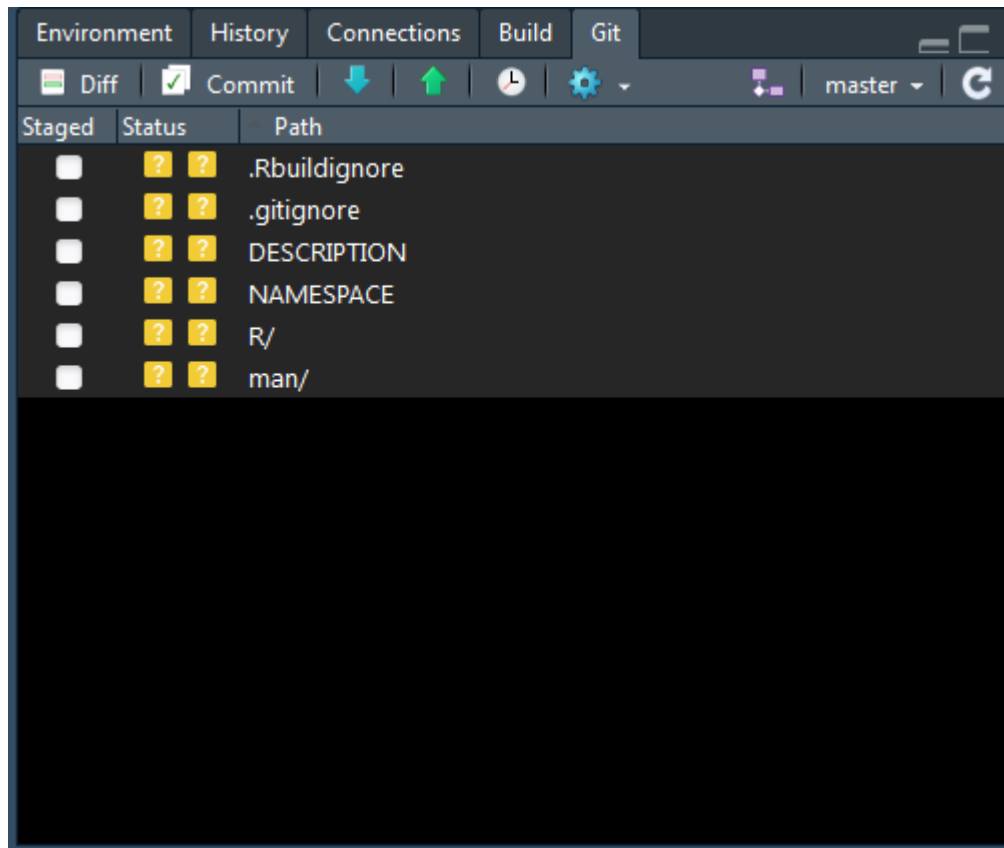
Below the 'Git' tab, the 'Files' pane shows the file explorer for the project directory 'C:\Users\p282067\code\gitonR'. The files listed are:

Name	Size	Modified
..		
.gitignore	44 B	Oct 24, 2018, 6:17
gitonR.Rproj	328 B	Oct 24, 2018, 6:17
README.md	8 B	Oct 24, 2018, 6:05
R		
DESCRIPTION	330 B	Oct 24, 2018, 6:16
NAMESPACE	98 B	Oct 24, 2018, 6:16
.Rbuildignore	30 B	Oct 24, 2018, 6:17

Package folder structure and temporary files can easily be created by running `devtools::setup()`. I recommend also running `devtools::document()` to start documenting with roxygen2



Using git!



Review changes panel

The screenshot shows the RStudio 'Review Changes' panel. The top toolbar includes 'Changes', 'History', a branch selector set to 'master', and buttons for 'Stage', 'Revert', 'Ignore', 'Pull', and 'Push'. The 'Changes' tab is active, displaying a list of staged files with checkboxes, status icons (green 'A'), and file paths. The file 'R/print_hello.R' is selected. To the right of the file list is a text area for the 'Commit message' containing the text 'init commit'. Below this text area is a checkbox for 'Amend previous commit' and a 'Commit' button. The bottom section of the panel shows a diff view of the selected file, with line numbers 1 through 9 and the corresponding code. Red annotations are present: a '1' next to the file list, a '2' next to the 'Commit' button, and a '3' next to the 'Push' button in the top right.

RStudio: Review Changes

Changes History master Stage Revert Ignore Pull Push

Staged	Status	Path
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A	.Rbuildignore
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A	.gitignore
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A	DESCRIPTION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A	NAMESPACE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A	R/print_hello.R
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A	man/print_hello.Rd

Commit message

init commit

☐ Amend previous commit Commit

Show Staged Unstaged Context 5 line Ignore Whitespace Unstage All

@@ -0,0 +1,9 @@

```
1 #' Prints hello
2 #'
3 #' @return prints a string with "Hello" to the console
4 #' @export
5 #' @author Pedro Neves
6 #' @examples print_hello()
7 print_hello <- function() {
8   print("Hello")
9 }
```

Unstage chunk



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Neves-P Create LICENSE

Latest commit 35522c6 20 hours ago

[LICENSE](#)

Create LICENSE

20 hours ago

[README.md](#)






Initial commit

22 hours ago



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Branch: master ▾










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 Neves-P init commit		Latest commit bc3f858 an hour ago	
 R	init commit	an hour ago	
 man	init commit	an hour ago	
 .Rbuildignore	init commit	an hour ago	
 .gitignore	init commit	an hour ago	
 DESCRIPTION	init commit	an hour ago	
 LICENSE	Create LICENSE	22 hours ago	
 NAMESPACE	init commit	an hour ago	
 README.md	Initial commit	23 hours ago	



Working on a project already available on GitHub

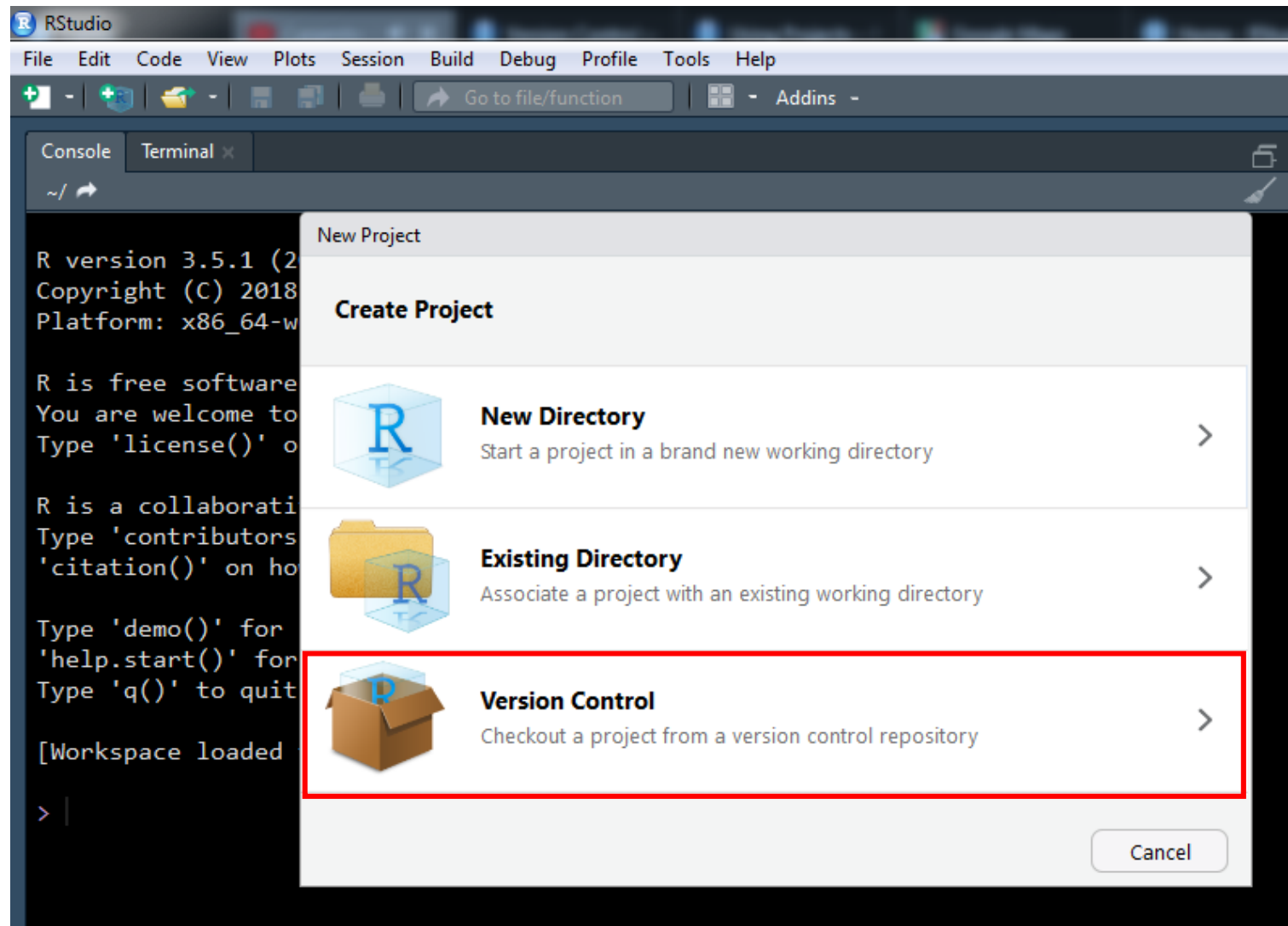
Menu - What do you need to setup?

Uploading a local work-in-progress project to GitHub

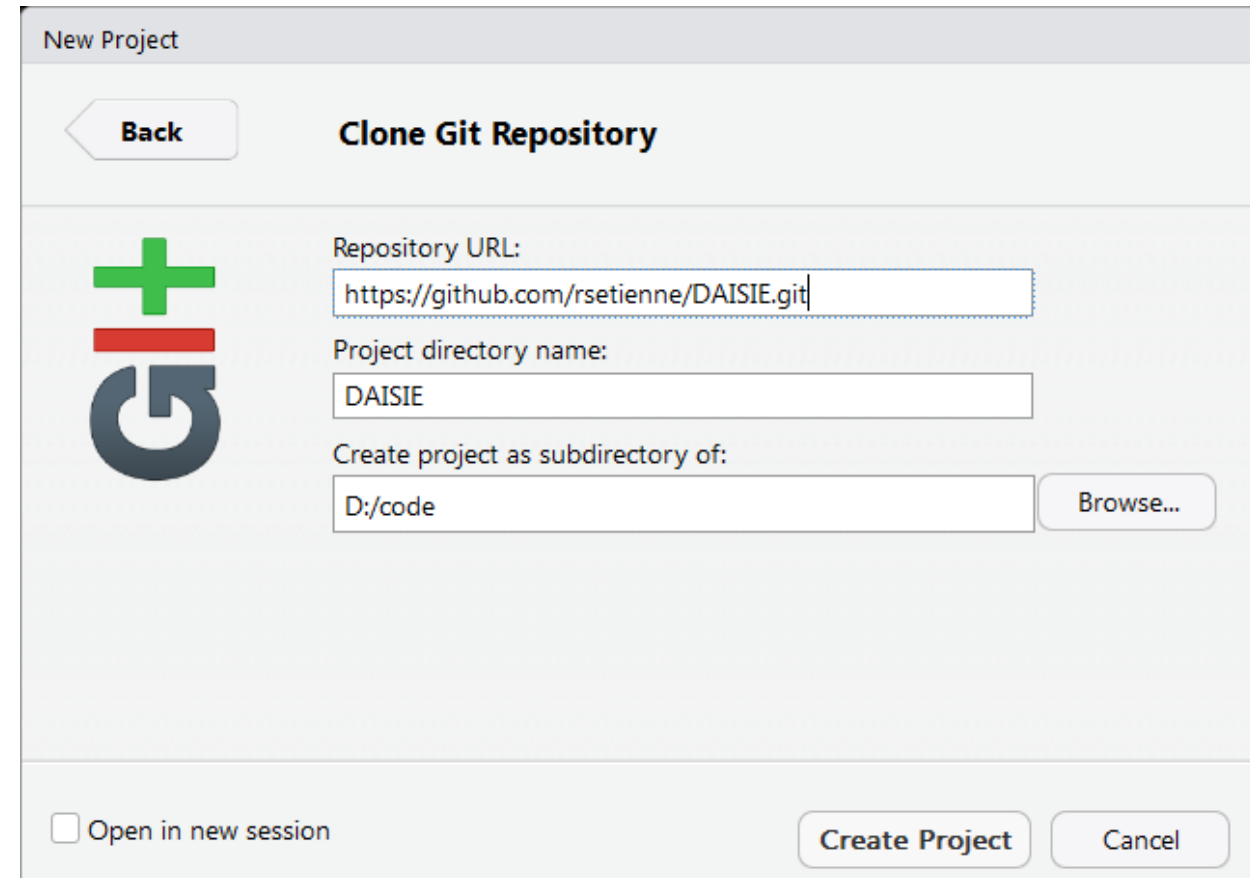
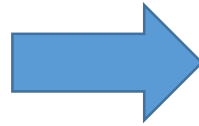
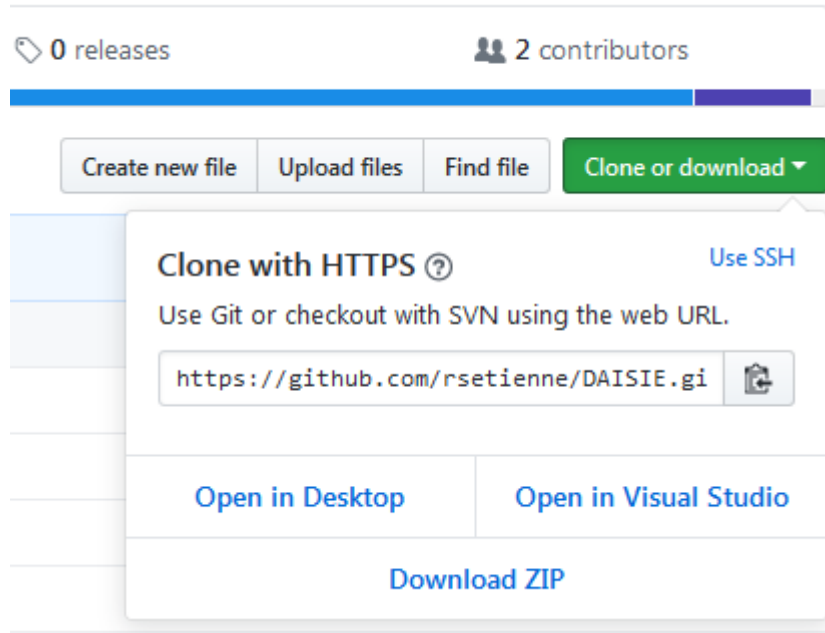
Starting a new project with version control on GitHub

Working on a project already available on GitHub

Downloading (cloning) an existing repository



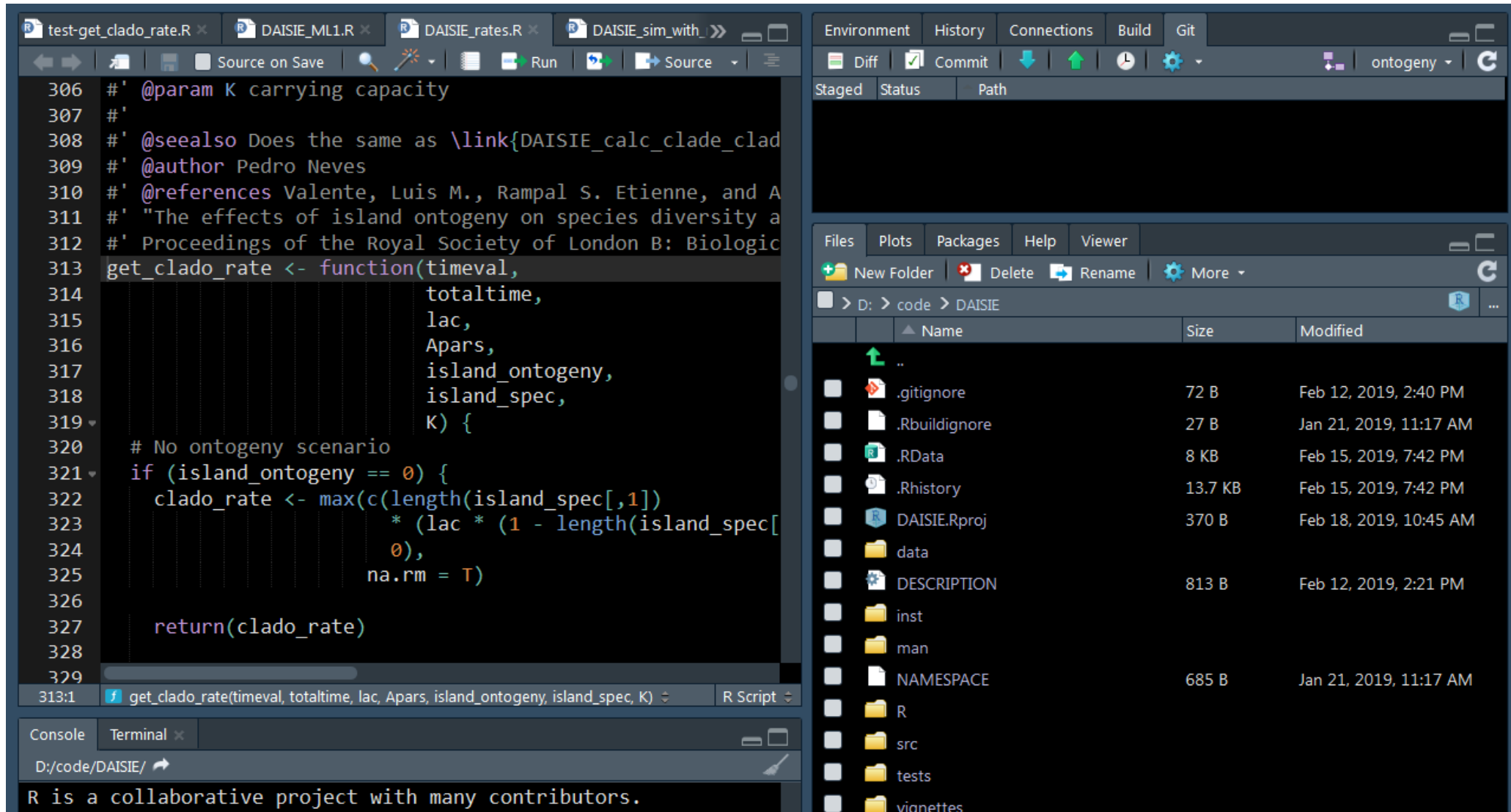
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Start working!



The screenshot displays the RStudio IDE interface. The main editor window shows an R script with the following content:

```
306 #' @param K carrying capacity
307 #'
308 #' @seealso Does the same as \link{DAISIE_calc_clade_clad
309 #' @author Pedro Neves
310 #' @references Valente, Luis M., Rampal S. Etienne, and A
311 #' "The effects of island ontogeny on species diversity a
312 #' Proceedings of the Royal Society of London B: Biologic
313 get_clado_rate <- function(timeval,
314                             totaltime,
315                             lac,
316                             Apars,
317                             island_ontogeny,
318                             island_spec,
319                             K) {
320   # No ontogeny scenario
321   if (island_ontogeny == 0) {
322     clado_rate <- max(c(length(island_spec[,1])
323                        * (lac * (1 - length(island_spec[
324                        0),
325                        na.rm = T)
326   }
327   return(clado_rate)
328 }
329
```

The right-hand pane shows the 'Files' view of the project directory 'D:\code\DAISIE'. The file list is as follows:

Name	Size	Modified
..		
.gitignore	72 B	Feb 12, 2019, 2:40 PM
.Rbuildignore	27 B	Jan 21, 2019, 11:17 AM
.RData	8 KB	Feb 15, 2019, 7:42 PM
.Rhistory	13.7 KB	Feb 15, 2019, 7:42 PM
DAISIE.Rproj	370 B	Feb 18, 2019, 10:45 AM
data		
DESCRIPTION	813 B	Feb 12, 2019, 2:21 PM
inst		
man		
NAMESPACE	685 B	Jan 21, 2019, 11:17 AM
R		
src		
tests		
vignettes		

The bottom status bar shows the current line is 313:1, and the console output begins with 'R is a collaborative project with many contributors.'

