# Intro to CASA Coding Group

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## Outline for today

- 1. Purpose of group
- 2. Our tools: Languages/software we will learn
- 3. Examples of coding applications for speech
- 4. Download R, RStudio, Praat
- 5. Intro to RStudio
- 6. Topics for the term

**Computer Coding**: Writing something in a language a computer can understand in order to tell the computer to do a specific thing or set of things.

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- Automate repetitive tasks like...
  - opening/closing/saving files
- Minimize human error in data preparation
  - Renaming things in a spreadsheet
- Keep a careful log of how we did our analyses
  - Code = instructions
- "Reproducible research"
- Fun! (seriously)

- · Develop skills that make it easier to do our job as speech researchers well
- Create a community that comes together to make it easier to learn this stuff

# Our tools: Logistics

## **Project Website**

- Website: https://casa-lab.com/coding-group/
- · Slack channel: casa-lab-ub.slack.com
  - Invite to join Slack channel (I will send this out via email)

Our tools: Languages & Software

## First: Some terminology

Coding: Writing in a language a computer can understand

**Scripting**: A type of coding that tells a specific program exactly what actions to take

Scripting & coding are sometimes used interchangeably

**Programming**: Writing code that serves to actually create another program (an app, software, etc)

Scripts: Text files containing code.

## First: Some terminology

**Functions**: A certain named format of code that outlines a procedure. Often this allows several lines of code to be executed with a single line of code (by using the name of the function)

• For example, in Excel, you may use functions like =sum(2,2).sum() is the function that takes input (in this case, numbers), and performs an a specific action (adds them).

**Calling**: Invoke a function by using the name of the function and specifying parameters.

# Our tools

- 1. R and R Studio
- 2. Praat



- · "R is a free software environment for statistical computing and graphics."
- Download here



- · RStudio is a handy interface that helps you use R.
- Download Desktop version



- · "Doing phonetics by computer": Praat is a powerful software program that also has its own specialized language for writing scripts
- Praat = "Speech" in Dutch
- · Looks like it hasn't been updated since 1995 but it has and it's great
- "World's worst programming language"
  - don't let the haters get you down
- Download here

# Examples of coding applications for speech research

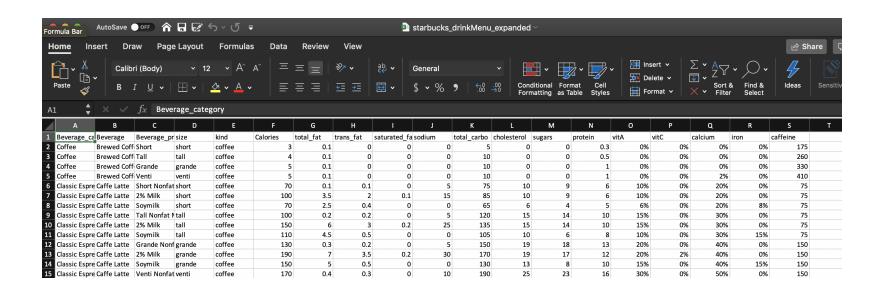
# 1. Data preparation in R

#### Example: Starbucks data

- 1. Start with a data set you have in Excel
- 2. "Read" it into R
- 3. Do things to it like...
- Instantly calculate means values

#### Let's look together

#### 1. Data preparation: Raw data



## 1. Data preparation: Data prep script

# Data preparation: Data prep script (Continued)

# 2. Data visualization in R

2\_figures.R

# 3. Writing in R

#### Using R Markdown to write:

- Notes & reports
- · Papers, articles, theses
- Presentations (like this one!)
- Websites, blog posts!

R Markdown allows you to incorporate *code* AND regular text using simple "markdown" syntax (more on that later).

# 4. Automating repetitive tasks in

#### For example...

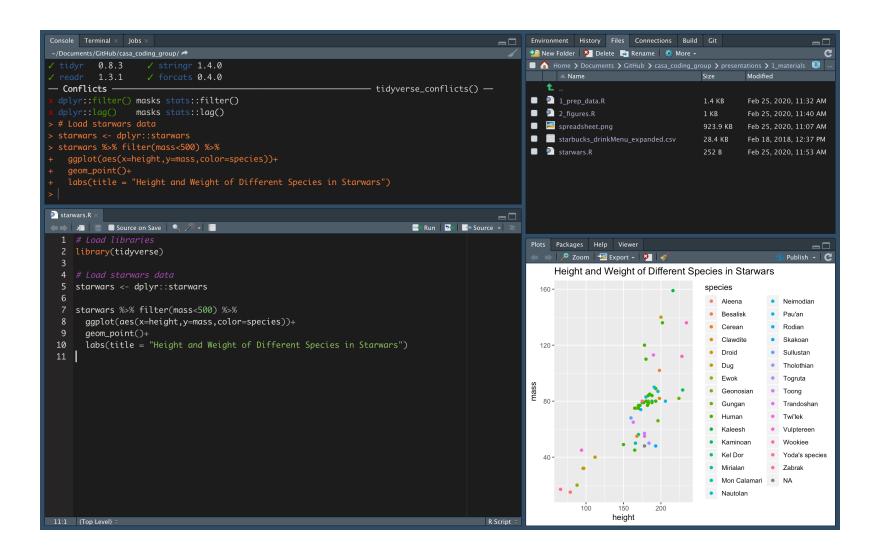
- Automatically create TextGrids for all .wav files in a directory
- Automatically adjust Praat TextGrid boundaries for all files in a directory

# 5. Running experiments in 👻

Intelligibility experiment in Praat

# Intro to RStudio

# **RStudio layout**



# RStudio layout: Source pane

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| Consider | Sales | Consection | Consection | Sales | Consection | Sales | Consection | Sales | Consection | Consection | Sales | Consection | Sales | Consection | Consection
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This is where you'll edit and run your scripts.

# RStudio layout: Console pane

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| Consider Terment | Selection | Selection
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This is where code, error messages, warnings, etc. show up when you run code

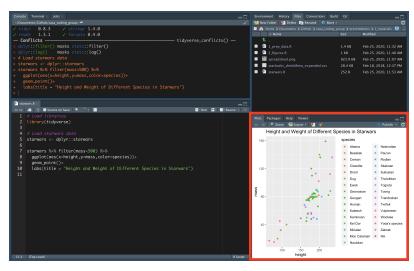
## RStudio layout: Files/Environment pane

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#### Here you can see...

- 1. Files in your directory ("Files")
- 2. Variables in your environment ("Environment)
- This is anything you have created in R.
- Saving your work to a script allows you to recreate these variables again later.

# RStudio layout: Plots/Packages/Help/Viewer pane



- This is where plots you create will show up when you call them (automatically in "Plots")
- You can also...
  - search help documentation ("Help")
  - search for packages ("Packages")

## Complete beginner?

#### Try this:

- 1. Sign up for an account on udemy.com
- 2. Sign up for the "R basics: R programming language" course on udemy
- 3. Watch videos 1, 2, 3, and 9.
- 1 R basics (3 min)
- 2 A walkthrough of downloading R & Rstudio (5 min)
- 3 the Rstudio interface (19 min)
- 9 Three common mistakes in R beginners (11 min)

# Topics for next time

#### Schedule for the rest of the term

Date	Time	Location	Торіс
2/25	4pm	Cary Hall 42	Intro to group + RStudio
3/10	4pm	TBD	TBD
3/24	4pm	TBD	TBD
4/7	4pm	TBD	TBD
4/21	4pm	TBD	TBD
5/5	4pm	TBD	TBD