

INTRODUCTION TO LITERATE PROGRAMMING - R MARKDOWN



CLASS #3 | GEOG 215

Introduction to Spatial Data Science

Spring 2020

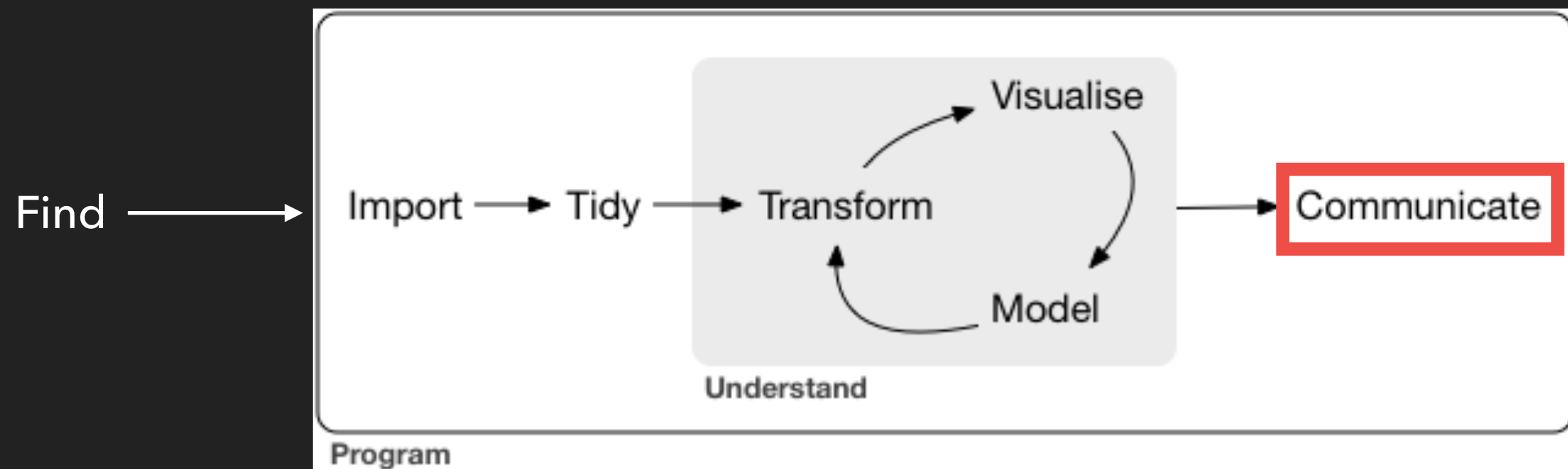
TODAY'S CLASS

- ▶ Communicating Data Science
 - ▶ Data science is for Humans, Not computers
 - ▶ Intro to Literate Programming and (R) Markdown
- ▶ DIY RMarkdown
- ▶ Start Lab 1

REMINDERS

- ▶ Register and complete the Poll everywhere survey
 - ▶ <https://pollev.com/goelvarun553/>
- ▶ Sign up for class discussion on Piazza
 - ▶ <http://piazza.com/unc/spring2020/geog215/home>

DATA SCIENCE PROCESS



Source: R for Data Science

Getting the analysis right is only one part of the chain

WHO IS YOUR AUDIENCE

- ▶ People, not Computers!
- ▶ Future You!
- ▶ Your Instructor, TA, Boss
- ▶ Smart people who do not know R
- ▶ Everyone else: The internet, future employers, others ?

```
# DEAR FUTURE SELF,  
#  
# YOU'RE LOOKING AT THIS FILE BECAUSE  
# THE PARSE FUNCTION FINALLY BROKE.  
#  
# IT'S NOT FIXABLE. YOU HAVE TO REWRITE IT.  
# SINCERELY, PAST SELF
```

DEAR PAST SELF, IT'S KINDA
CREEPY HOW YOU DO THAT.

```
# ALSO, IT'S PROBABLY AT LEAST  
# 2013. DID YOU EVER TAKE  
# THAT TRIP TO ICELAND?
```

STOP JUDGING ME!



MOTIVATING REAL LIFE EXAMPLE

- ▶ As a budding researcher and a data scientist, You are invited for an interview for a Job at the United Nations Population Division
- ▶ Your Task: Analyze population trends over time and show whether there is any relationship between health and Wealth, and send the results to the interviewers.

YOUR INTERVIEWERS

- ▶ Smart population experts
- ▶ Old School - believe in communicating through Microsoft word
- ▶ Never took an R class (believe in excel as Truth)
- ▶ Interested in knowing your analytical thinking process - Not just the results, but the process through which you came through your results

YOU

- ▶ R expert
- ▶ Taken a few sociology and statistics classes
- ▶ Tech Savvy - You have a personal website, and believe in making knowledge easily accessible

GROUP BRAIN STORM (5 MINS)

- ▶ What all information do you need to analyze the data?
 - ▶ Hint: go to <https://www.gapminder.org/data/>
 - ▶ What variables? Mention 1 health and 1 wealth variable
- ▶ How will you communicate your results?
 - ▶ What kind of visuals or tables would you have?
 - ▶ How will you transmit your results to them?

COMMUNICATING RESULTS

SCENARIO 1

```
Console Terminal x R Markdown x Jobs x
~/Downloads/rr-literate-programming-gh-pages/files/lit-prog/
+ ggtitle("All 4 countries") +
+ theme(plot.title = element_text(size = 15, face = "bold"))
> library(ggplot2)
> gapMinder <- read.delim("gapminderDataFiveYea
+
+ )
+ ""
+ "
Error: unexpected string constant in:
""
""
> gapMinder <- read.delim("gapminderDataFiveYear.tsv")
> head(gapMinder)
  country year      pop continent lifeExp gdpPercap
1 Afghanistan 1952  8425333      Asia   28.801   779.4453
2 Afghanistan 1957  9240934      Asia   30.332   820.8530
3 Afghanistan 1962 10267083      Asia   31.997   853.1007
4 Afghanistan 1967 11537966      Asia   34.020   836.1971
5 Afghanistan 1972 13079460      Asia   36.088   739.9811
6 Afghanistan 1977 14880372      Asia   38.438   786.1134
> dim(gapMinder)
[1] 1704    6
> countryName1 <- "India"
> countryName2 <- "United States"
> countryName3 <- "Nigeria"
> countryName4 <- "Germany""
+ ""
Error: unexpected string constant in:
"countryName4 <- "Germany""
""
> countryName1 <- "India"
> countryName2 <- "United States"
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> ggplot(country1, aes(year, pop)) +
+ geom_path() +
+ ggtitle(countryName1) +
+ theme(plot.title = element_text(size = 15, face = "bold"))
> ggplot(country1, aes(gdpPercap, lifeExp, size = pop)) +
+ geom_point() +
+ ggtitle(countryName1) +
+ theme(plot.title = element_text(size = 15, face = "bold"))
>
> country2 <- subset(gapMinder, country == countryName2)
>
> ggplot(country2, aes(year, pop)) +
+ geom_path() +
+ ggtitle(countryName2) +
+ theme(plot.title = element_text(size = 15, face = "bold"))
> ggplot(country3, aes(year, pop)) +
+ geom_path() +
+ ggtitle(countryName3) +
+ theme(plot.title = element_text(size = 15, face = "bold"))
> ggplot(country3, aes(gdpPercap, lifeExp, size = pop, label = year)) +
+ geom_point() +
+ geom_text(hjust = 1.3, vjust = 0, size = 3) +
+ ggtitle(countryName3) +
+ theme(plot.title = element_text(size = 15, face = "bold"))
```

SCENARIO 2:

```
countryPick4.R x
Source on Save
1 ## Required Libraries
2 library(ggplot2)
3
4 ## Data
5 gapMinder <- read.delim("gapminderDataFiveYear.tsv")
6
7 ### Check data
8 head(gapMinder) #First 10 lines of dataset
9 dim(gapMinder) #number of rows and columns in data set
10
11 levels(gapMinder$country)
12
13 ### Pick Four Countries
14 countryName1 <- "India"
15 countryName2 <- "United States"
16 countryName3 <- "Nigeria"
17 countryName4 <- "Germany"
18
19 ### Country One
20 country1 <- subset(gapMinder, country == countryName1)
21
22 ggplot(country1, aes(year, pop)) +
23   geom_path() +
24   ggtitle(countryName1) +
25   theme(plot.title = element_text(size = 15, face = "bold"))
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27 ggplot(country1, aes(gdpPercap, lifeExp, size = pop)) +
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32 ### Country Two
33 country2 <- subset(gapMinder, country == countryName2)
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SCENARIO 3:

- ▶ A document that can contain both *Prose* and *Code in a human readable form*

DEMONSTRATION !

LITERATE PROGRAMMING

- ▶ “Creating computer programs as works of literature” - Donald Knuth
- ▶ Tightly integrated prose and computer code
 - ▶ Organize your work concisely
 - ▶ make work more pleasant for yourself? (less tedious, less manual, less)
 - ▶ reduce friction for collaboration
 - ▶ reduce friction for communication
 - ▶ make your work navigable, interpretable, and repeatable by others

(R)MARKDOWN

- ▶ Mix ideas, code and create documents seamlessly
- ▶ Easy to learn and use
- ▶ Focus is on **content**, not coding and debugging
- ▶ Easy to publish and read on web
 - ▶ Remember that cool friend with a cool website??
 - ▶ And many other formats (word, pdf)
- ▶ Enables Reproducibility ! → **Week 6**

Part 1: Setup

Part 2: Exploring Data Structure

Part 3: Subsetting a data frame

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Not Convinced? Let's try out an example:

Without organizing files in an R project

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- Create a folder named `lab1` in any location where you are **NOT** planning to store your labs. (Note: we will delete this folder later)
- Create two folders inside the `lab1` folder: `data` and `scripts`.
- Download and unzip the data files from https://geog215-spds.rbind.io/labs/lab1/data/lab1_data.zip and save them (the unzipped files) in the `data` folder.
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```
# Hint: In mac OSX it may look like
setwd("~/path/to/my/directory")
For Windows, the command might look like :
setwd("c:/Documents/my/working/directory")
```

- Now type the following command in your script to read the `wdi_2018.csv` data file.

MARKDOWN CONTENT

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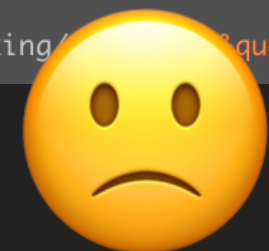
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RENDERED HTML

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<hr />
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<h2>Part 1: <strong>Setup</strong></h2>
<blockquote>
<p>"The only difference between a mob and a trained army is organization" - <em>Calvin Coolidge</em></p>
</blockquote>
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<p><em>Not Convinced</em>? Let's try out an example:</p>
<div id="without-organizing-files-in-an-r-project" class="section level3">
<h3><em>Without organizing files in an R project</em></h3>
<p>(<strong><em>Please Follow all Directions carefully</em></strong>)</p>
<ul>
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<div class="sourceCode" id="cb1"><pre class="sourceCode r"><code class="sourceCode r"><a class="sourceLine" id="cb1-1" data-line-number="1"><span class="co"># Hint: In mac OSX it may look like</span></a>
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</code></pre></div>
```



R MARKDOWN AT AIRBNB

How R Helps Airbnb Make the Most of Its Data

3.1.3 Reproducible Research

At Airbnb, all R analyses are documented in `rmarkdown`, where code and visualizations are combined within a single written report. Posts are carefully reviewed by experts in

Source: <https://peerj.com/preprints/3182.pdf>



🔒 Convince me to start using R Markdown

R Markdown

rmarkdown

great way to go about keeping a clean workflow and an easily organized RMarkdown project. 👍

1 ❤️ 🔗

2017-10-04

1. Start using R Markdown to generate reports of your data analyses.
2. If the data changes, rerun the report with a click of the mouse.
3. Take 3 days off of work.
4. On the 4th day, tell your collaborators that the re-analysis is complete.
5. Be hailed as a hero.

15 ❤️ 🔗

DIY (R) MARKDOWN

- ▶ Download in-class exercise files from Website-> Lecture-> Jan 15
- ▶ Open Rstudio and :
 - ▶ `install.packages("rmarkdown")`
- ▶ Take a look at the CountryPick2.R script and run it step by step to see what it does.
- ▶ Open CountryPick2.Rmd and fill in the empty R chunks in the Rmarkdown file

BEFORE NEXT CLASS

- ▶ Finish (Due Next Monday Jan 20 - 11:59 pm)
- ▶ Join Piazza (Participate)
- ▶ Practice, Practice, Practice
- ▶ Read Week 3 readings on Tidyverse
 - ▶ I will post readings till week 5 tonight

QUESTIONS ?