

Data technology

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Data + Technology

<https://stats220.eoro.me>

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What I mean by "data"



- ✗ Stale, uninteresting, convenient
- ✗ Highly processed and archived
- ✗ Example: student tests, titanic, wages



- ✓ Fresh, interesting, challenging
- ✓ Locally collected and impactful
- ✓ Example: **Modelling the travel time of transit vehicles in real-time**

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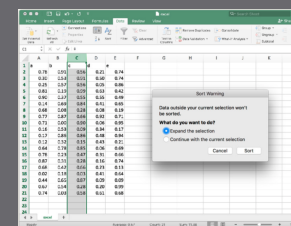
How I learn new technology



- 🧐 Get hands dirty!!
- 📖 Documentation! Documentation! Documentation!
- 🔍 (Not surprisingly) Learn to google: what that error message means (I google a lot 😊)

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You can't do data science in a GUI



reference: *You can't do data science in a GUI*

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Why programme for data science?

- Programming languages are **languages**.

```
library(dplyr)
starwars %>%
  group_by(species) %>%
  summarise(
    n = n(),
    mass = mean(mass, na.rm = TRUE)
  ) %>%
  filter(n > 1, mass > 50)
```

- It's just **text**!
 - reproducible, readable, sharable
 - expressive

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What R can do?

- for fun

 {cowsay} for generating ASCII picture

```
library(cowsay)
say("Kia Ora!")
```

```
>
> -----
> Kíia Ora!
> -----
> \
> \
> \
> == [ _ _ _ / ] ==
>      ^ y ^      (=)
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> jgs // _ // _ _ \
>              \_)
```

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Why R

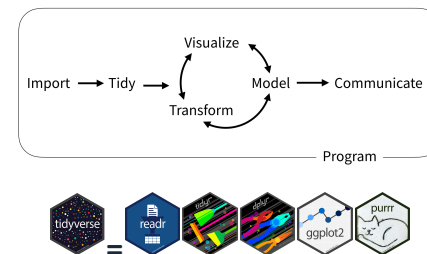
- A general-purpose programming language
- Originated by statisticians, a language for statistical analysis
- 292995+ packages on **CRAN** (Comprehensive R Archive Network, the official repository), Github, etc.
- The **tidyverse**, a domain specific language in R for data scientists

What R can do?

- for fun

- for data

The data science workflow



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What R can do?

- for fun
- for data
- for communication

R Markdown



- > {rmarkdown} for assignments/reports/papers in .html and .pdf
- > {blogdown} for blogs
- > {bookdown} for books
- > {xaringan} for slides (220 slides!)

R Markdown documents are fully reproducible: weaving narrative text and code together.

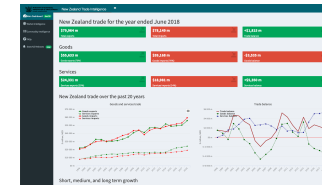
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What R can do?

- for fun
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R shiny dashboard

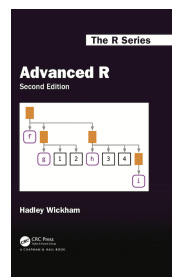
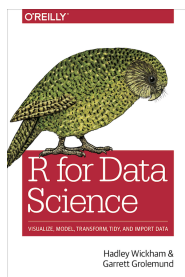
- > Shiny is an R package that makes it easy to build interactive web apps straight from R.



👉 click the image above will take you to the web app, and try to interact with the app.

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Textbook



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At first, you may be like this... But you can do it!



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Assessments

- 11 weekly labs 10% (best 10 out of 11)
- 3 assignments 30% (each 10%)
- 1 mid-term test 10% (TBD, possibly week 8)
- 1 final exam 50%

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Project-oriented workflow

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If R were an airplane, RStudio would be the airport, providing many, many supporting services that make it easier for you, the pilot, to take off and go to awesome places. Sure, you can fly an airplane without an airport, but having those runways and supporting infrastructure is a game-changer.

-- Julie Lowndes

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RStudio interface

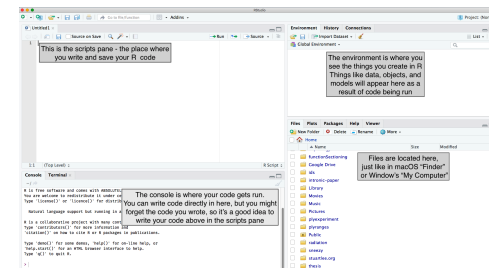
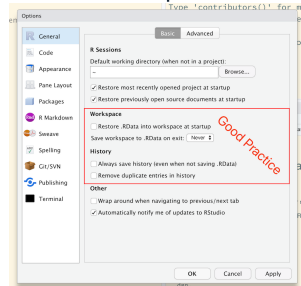


image credit: Stuart Lee

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Setting up RStudio (do this once)

Go to **Tools > Global Options:**



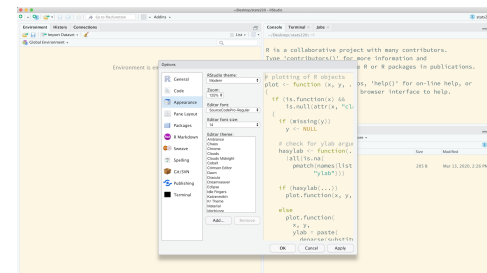
Uncheck **Workspace and History**, which helps to keep R working environment fresh and clean every time you switch between projects.

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Your turn


Change the RStudio appearance up to your taste

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What is a project?

- Each university course is a project, and get your work organised.
- A self-contained project is a folder that contains all relevant files, for example my stats220/  includes:
 - stats220.Rproj
 - data/
 - *.csv, *.xlsx
 - lectures/
 - 01-intro.Rmd, 02-import-export.Rmd
 - labs/
 - lab01.R, lab02.R
- All working files are **relative** to the **project root** (i.e. stats220/).
- The project should just work on a different computer.

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STOP DOING THIS!

Jenny Bryan **will** set your computer on fire 🔥

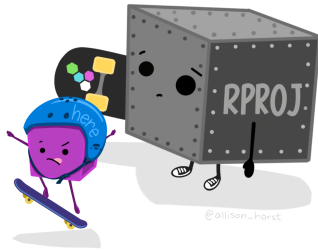
1. if the first line of your R script is

```
setwd("C:\\Users\\jenny\\path\\that\\only\\I\\have")
```

2. if the first line of your R script is

```
rm(list = ls())
```

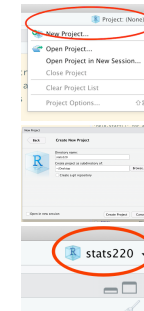
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Create an RStudio project .Rproj

1. Click the **Project** icon on the top right corner
2. **New Directory/Existing Directory**
> **New Project** > **Create Project**
3. Open the project



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R 101: syntax and semantics

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Get started - assignment

```
akl_lon <- 174.76
akl_lat <- -36.85
```

read as "assign the value of 174.76 to an object called akl_lon".

An **assignment** consists of:

- > left-hand side: **variable names** or **symbols** (akl_lon)
- > assignment operator: **<-** (RStudio shortcut: Alt + =)
- > right-hand side: **values** (174.76)

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Get started

- assignment
- retrieval

```
akl_lon
```

```
#> [1] 174.76
```

```
akl_lat
```

```
#> [1] -36.85
```

➤ Names are case sensitive.

```
akl_Lon
```

```
#> Error in eval(expr, envir, enclos): object 'akl_Lon' not found
```

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Get started

- assignment
- retrieval
- operation

Perform calculations and comparisons

➤ Infix operators:

➤ +, -, *, /, ^, %% (modulo), %/% (integer division)

➤ ==, !=, >, <, >=, <=, %in%

```
akl_lon_region <- akl_lon + c(-1, 1)
akl_lat_region <- akl_lat + c(-.5, .5)
akl_lon_region
```

```
#> [1] 173.76 175.76
```

```
akl_lat_region
```

```
#> [1] -37.35 -36.35
```

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Coding style

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Good coding style is like correct punctuation: you can manage without it, but it sure makes things easier to read.

-- *The tidyverse style guide*

R style guide

✓ snake_case

✗ camelCase (Javascript)

✗ PascalCase (Python)

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 101: data structures

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Atomic vectors

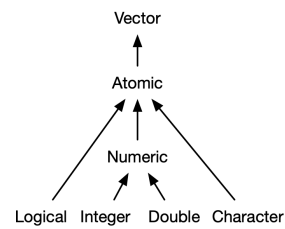


image credit: Hadley Wickham's *Advanced R*

Scalars: *length of 1*

- > Logicals: TRUE or FALSE
- > Doubles: 174.76, 1.7476e2, Inf, -Inf, NaN (Not a Number)
- > Integers: 174L
- > Strings: "hello", 'world'

Vectors: *values must all be the same type*

```
lg1_vec <- c(TRUE, FALSE)
int_vec <- c(174L, -36L)
dbl_vec <- c(174.76, -36.85)
chr_vec <- c("long", "lat")
```

Special values

Missing values

```
NA # Not Applicable

#> [1] NA

c(174.76, NA, -36.85)

#> [1] 174.76    NA -36.85

length(NA)

#> [1] 1
```

The NULL object

```
NULL

#> NULL

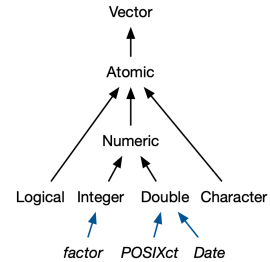
c(174.76, NULL, -36.85)

#> [1] 174.76 -36.85

length(NULL)

#> [1] 0
```

Atomic vectors



Subsetting vectors with []

```
x <- c(akl_lon_region, akl_lat_region)
x

#> [1] 173.76 175.76 -37.35 -36.35
```

Positive indices

```
x[c(1, 3)]

#> [1] 173.76 -37.35
```

Negative indices

```
x[-c(3, 1)]

#> [1] 175.76 -36.35
```

Subsetting vectors with `[]`

Logical indices

```
x[c(TRUE, FALSE, TRUE, FALSE)]
```

```
#> [1] 173.76 -37.35
```

```
x[!gl_vec] # recycling
```

```
#> [1] 173.76 -37.35
```

```
x[x > 0]
```

```
#> [1] 173.76 175.76
```

Special subsetting

```
x[0]
```

```
#> numeric(0)
```

```
x[]
```

```
#> [1] 173.76 175.76 -37.35 -36.35
```

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Modifying vectors with `[]` on the LHS

```
y <- x  
y
```

```
#> [1] 173.76 175.76 -37.35 -36.35
```

```
y[1:3] <- y[1:3] %/% 2  
y
```

```
#> [1] 86.00 87.00 -19.00 -36.35
```

- RHS `[]` subsets vector `y`
- LHS `[]` modifies vector `y`

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101: functions

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Function

A function call consists of the **function name** followed by one or more **argument** within parentheses.

```
mean(x = x)
```

```
#> [1] 68.955
```

- function name: `mean()`, a built-in R function to compute mean of a vector
- argument: the first argument (LHS `x`) to specify the data (RHS `x`)

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Function help page

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Check the function's help page with `?mean`

```
mean(x, trim = 0, na.rm = FALSE, ...)
```

- > Read **Usage** section
 - >> What arguments have default values?
- > Read **Arguments** section
 - >> What does `trim` do?
- > Run **Example** code

Function arguments

Match by **positions**

Match by **names**

```
mean(x, 0.1, TRUE)
```

```
mean(x, na.rm = TRUE, trim = 0.1)
```

#> [1] 68.955

#> [1] 68.955

Use functions from packages

```
# install.packages("dplyr")
library(dplyr)
cummean(x)
```

#> [1] 173.7600 174.7600 184.0567 68.9550

```
first(x)
```

#> [1] 173.76

```
last(x)
```

#> [1] -36.35



Write your own functions

```
# function_name <- function(arguments) {
#   function_body
# }

my_mean <- function(x, na.rm = FALSE) {
  summation <- sum(x, na.rm = na.rm)
  summation / length(x)
}

my_mean(x)
```

#> [1] 68.955

Follow the `#rstats` community



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Reading



- Workflow: basics
- Workflow: scripts
- Workflow: project



- Names and values
- Vectors
- Subsetting

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