Getting started with R and RStudio

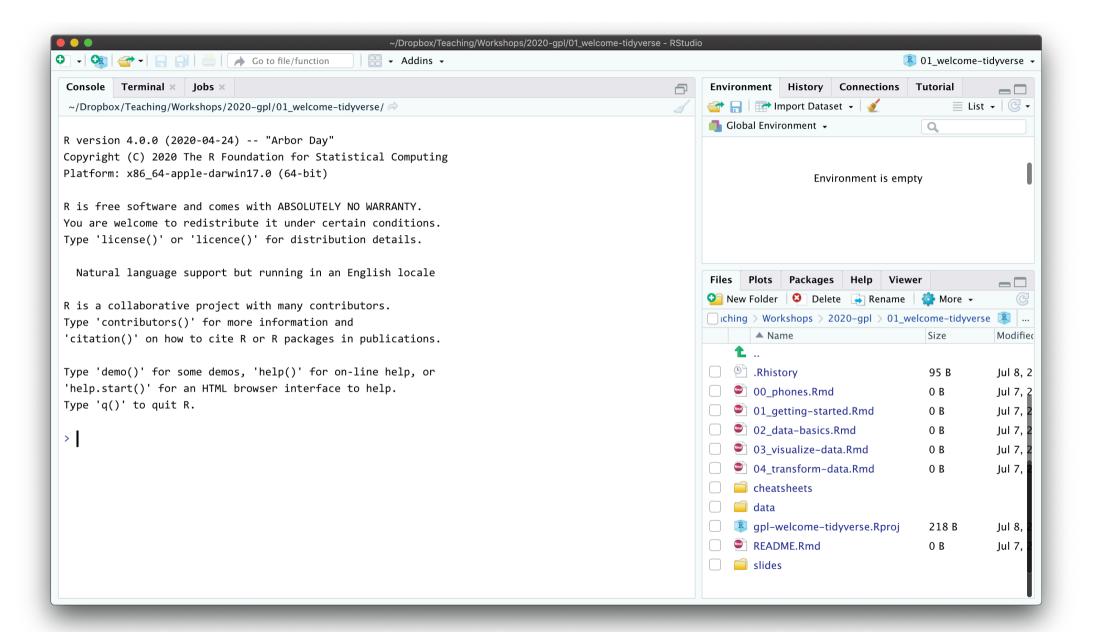




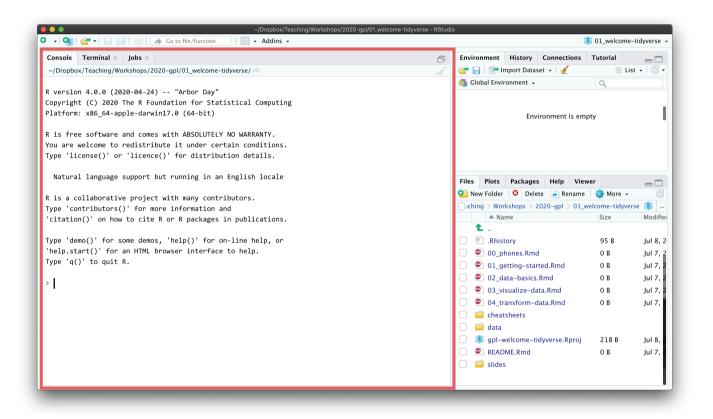


The dashboard

A tour of RStudio

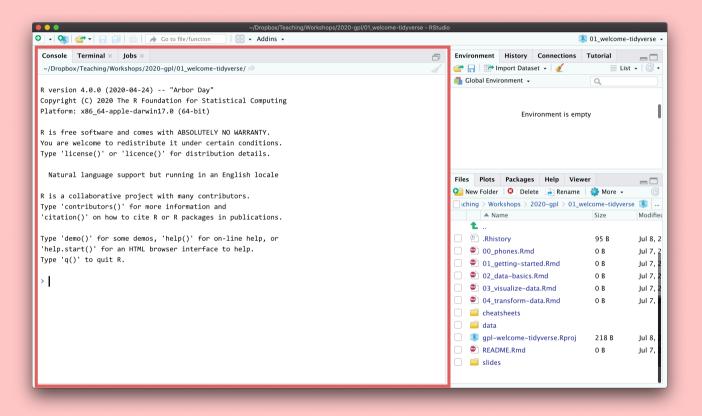


Console



R is awaiting your instructions

Type code here, press enter, and R will run it



Type 2 + 2 in the console

Press enter

2 + 2

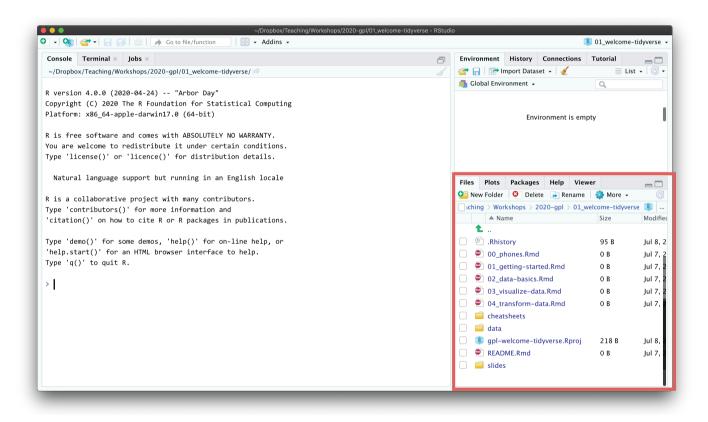
[1] 4

This is ephemeral though.

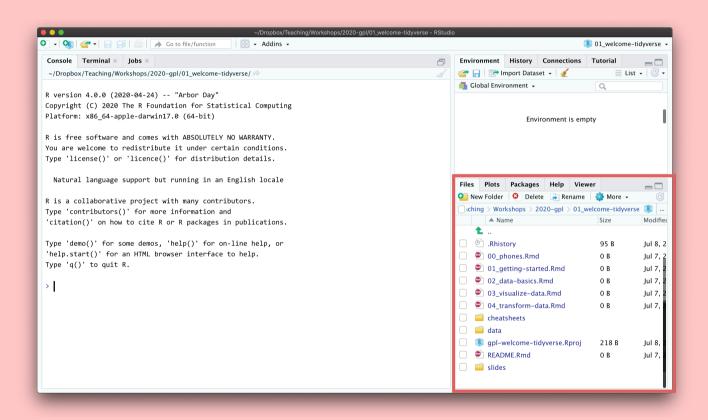
If you want to run this again, you'll have to type it again.

Store R code in a document instead

Files pane



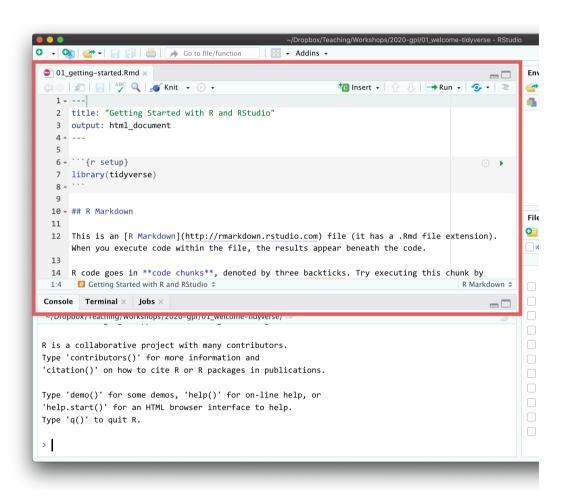
All the files in your current working directory



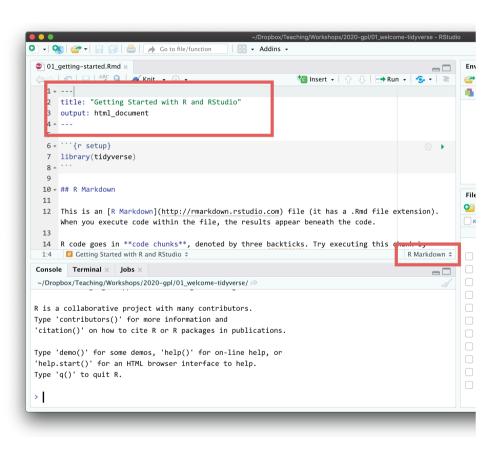
Find 01_gettingstarted.qmd

Click on its name to open the file

Source pane

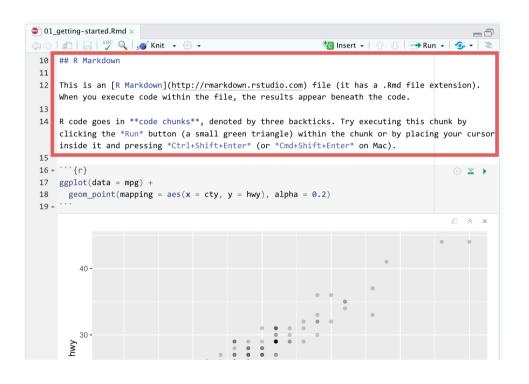


Documents open here



Document format that combines text and code

Acts like a notebook for your analysis







Text

Code



Text Code

Output



Read the instructions

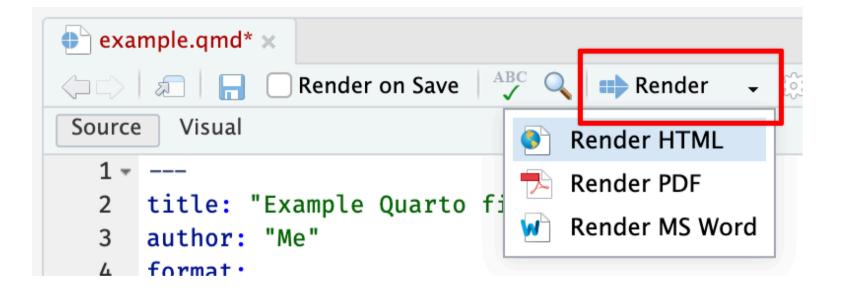
Run the code chunk by clicking the play button

Add a new chunk

Put 2 + 2 in the chunk and run it

Render

Render a Quarto document into a standalone shareable file



The best way to combine R code and narrative

We'll use it throughout the class:

I'll provide starter code

You'll complete "Your turns"

In the end, you'll have an annotated record for yourself

Spot the difference:

```
filter(mtcars, cyl == 4)
```

```
four_cyls <- filter(mtcars, cyl == 4)</pre>
```

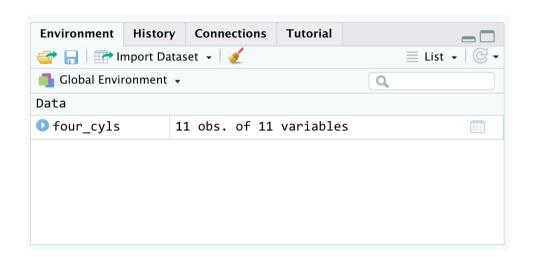
Find these chunks in the notebook and run them.
What's different about what happens?

Assignment

<- assigns the output from the righthand side to a variable with the name on the lefthand side

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Environment pane



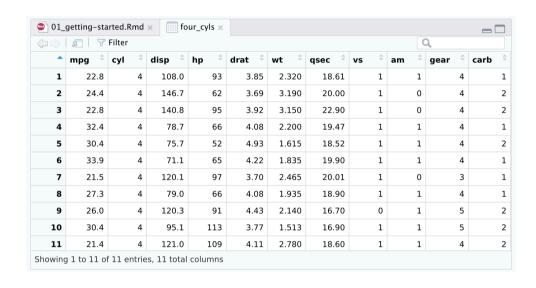
List of all the variables you've created

Find four_cyls in the environment pane.

Click on the name four_cyls

What happens?

Viewer



Clicking on an object in the environment panel opens it an interactive viewer tab

Functions

Functions do things

Functions take arguments, output results

If you want to keep the output, assign it to a variable

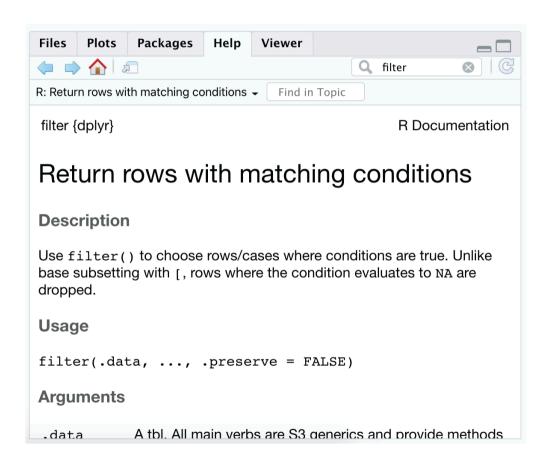
Help

To look up the help page for an R function, type this in the console:

?function_name

(Or google it!)

Help pane



These help pages prove details about the arguments you can supply a function

Often full of examples at the bottom

Look at the help page for seq

Add a chunk that uses seq() to create a list of numbers from 5 to 100, spaced by 5 (so 5, 10, 15, 20, ...)

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```
seq(from = 5, to = 100, by = 5)
## [1] 5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70
## [20] 100
```

Common syntax problem #1

Missing closing parentheses or quotes

mean(mtcars

"Oops this is wrong

Common syntax problem #2

Surrounding something in quotes when it should be (or vice versa)

```
mean("mtcars")

## Warning in mean.default("mtcars"): argument is not numeric or
## returning NA

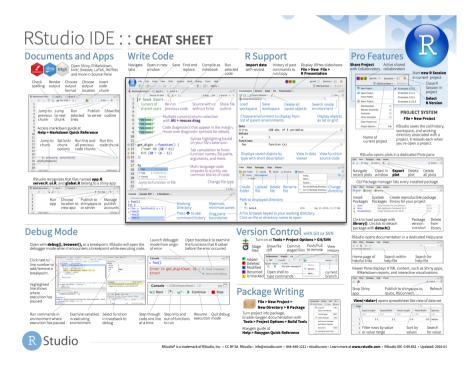
## [1] NA
```

There are three chunks under "Syntax gone wrong"

Run each, read the error message, and try to fix the syntax

Cheatsheets

Go to Help > Cheatsheets to find quick reference guides to different packages



Next up

Data basics