Getting started with R and RStudio







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A tour of RStudio

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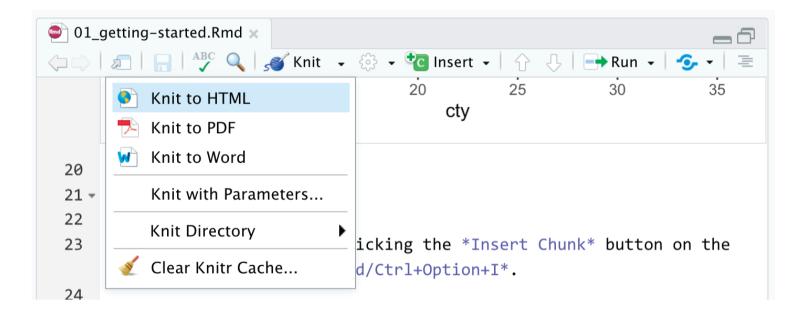
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Add a new chunk

Put 2 + 2 in the chunk and run it

Knitting

"Knit" an R Markdown document into a standalone sharable file



The best way to combine R code and narrative

We'll use it throughout the workshop:

I'll provide starter code

You'll complete "Your turns"

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

Spot the difference:

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

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



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List of all the variables you've created

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What happens?

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Functions

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Functions do things

Functions take arguments, output results

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



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

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R Documentation

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Return rows with matching conditions
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Description

Use filter() to choose rows/cases where conditions are true. Unlike base subsetting with [, rows where the condition evaluates to NA are dropped.

Usage

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filter(.data, ..., .preserve = FALSE)
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Arguments

. dat.a A tbl. All main verbs are S3 generics and provide methods

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 3 to 45, spaced by 1.5 (so 3, 4.5, 6, 7.5, ...)



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