# Getting started with R and RStudio







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#### **Document format that combines text and code**

#### Acts like a notebook for your analysis



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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:

four\_cyls <- filter(mtcars, cyl == 4)</pre>

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



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

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### **Environment pane**

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## List of all the variables you've created

Find four\_cyls in the environment pane. Click on the name four\_cyls

What happens?

### Viewer

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### Functions

four\_cyls <- filter(mtcars, cyl == 4)</pre>

**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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### Help pane

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filter {dplyr}

R Documentation

```
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 5 to 100, spaced by 5 (so 5, 10, 15, 20, ...)



seq(from = 5, to = 100, by = 5)

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### **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

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