MATLAB and R (for EEG)

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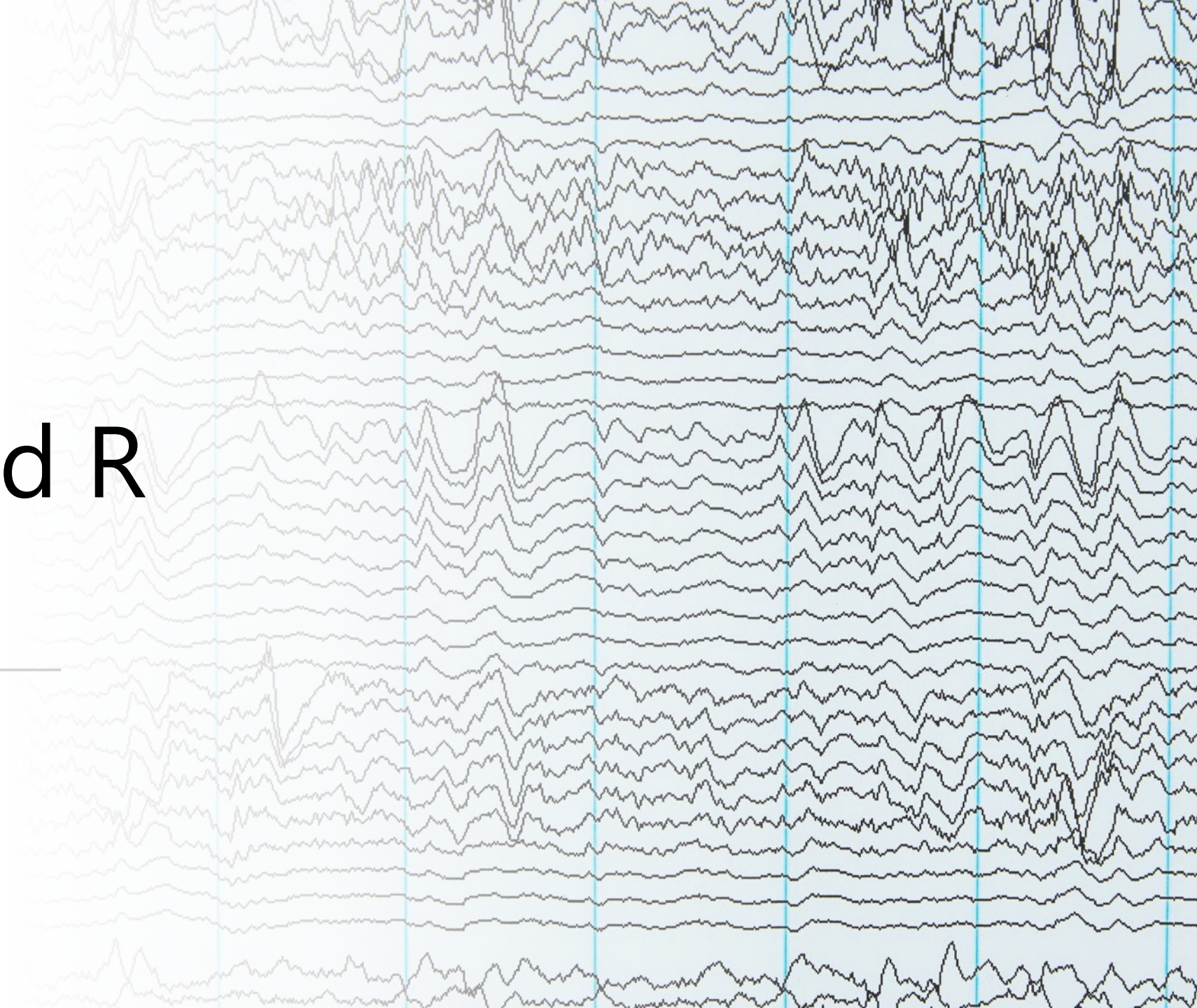
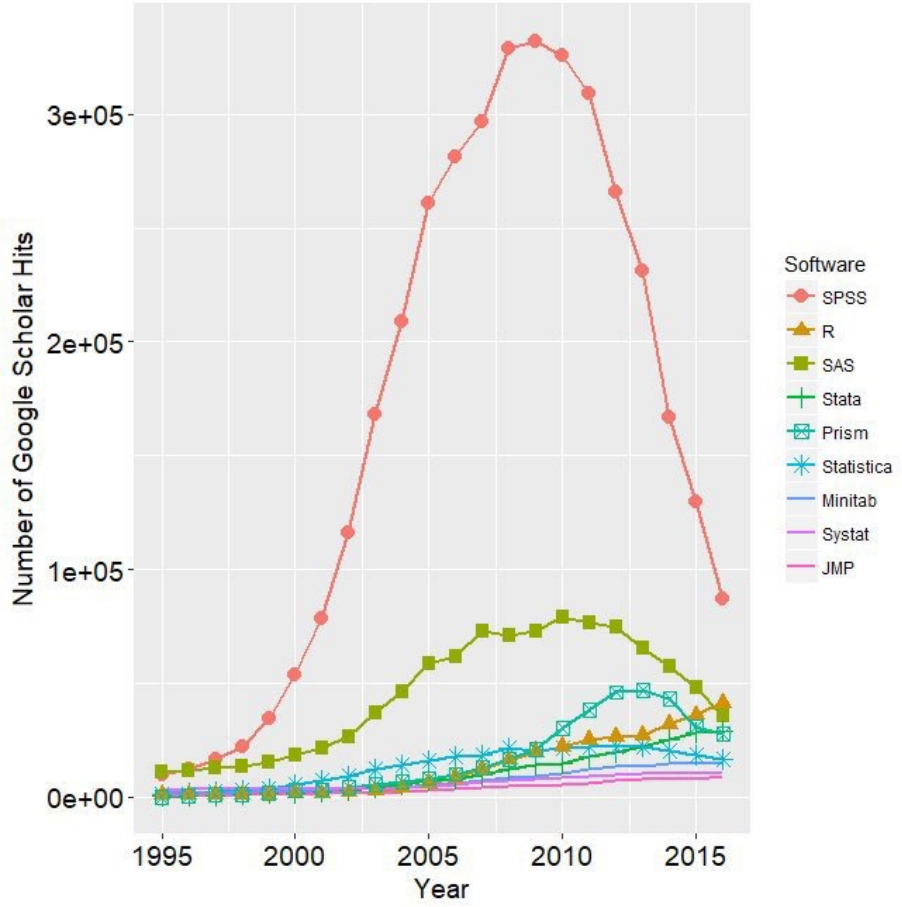


Why use code?

- Increasingly a requirement for working in teams
- Keep track of what you've done
- Do replicable/transparent research
  - Increasing no. of journals ask for code
- Share analysis pipelines
  - E.g., GitHub
- Transferable skillset



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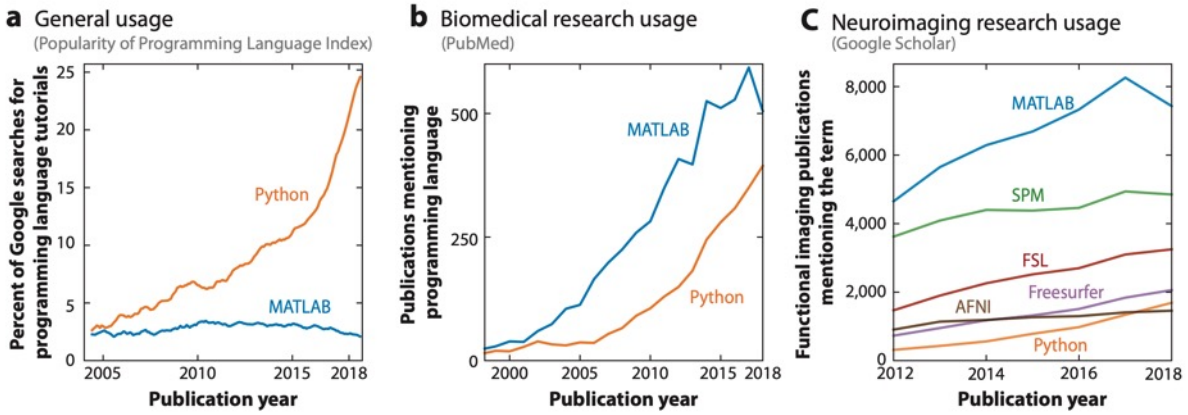
- Been around a long time
  - Large user/support base
  - Stood test of time
- Regularly updated
- Cross-platform support (win, mac)
- Many toolboxes/packages available to increase functionality
- Matlab is proprietary software (expensive)
- R is open source (free)

A quick note on Python…

- Increasingly attractive option for EEG analysis
- Rapidly growing userbase
- EEG-focused toolboxes for M/EEG
  - MNE (https://mne.tools/stable/index.htm)
  - FOOOF (https://fooof-tools.github.io/fooof)



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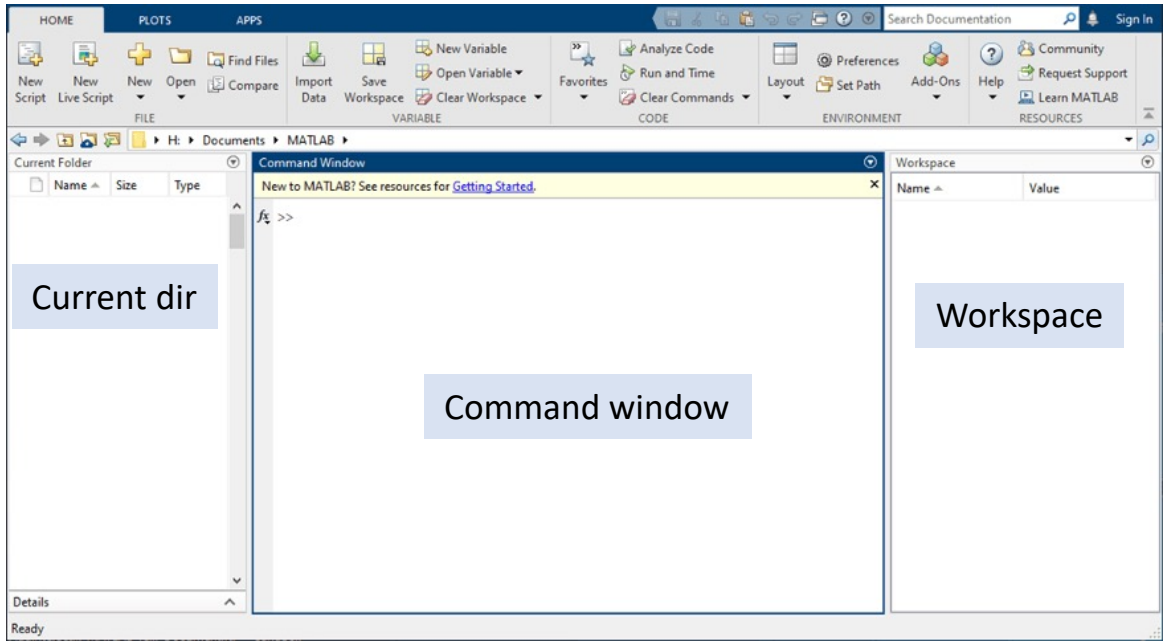
Useful features

1. Customising your environment
2. Installing toolboxes
3. Building a script and creating sharable code
4. Using and customizing shortcuts
5. Utilising the EEGLAB ‘eegh’ function

1: Customise your environment

MATLAB



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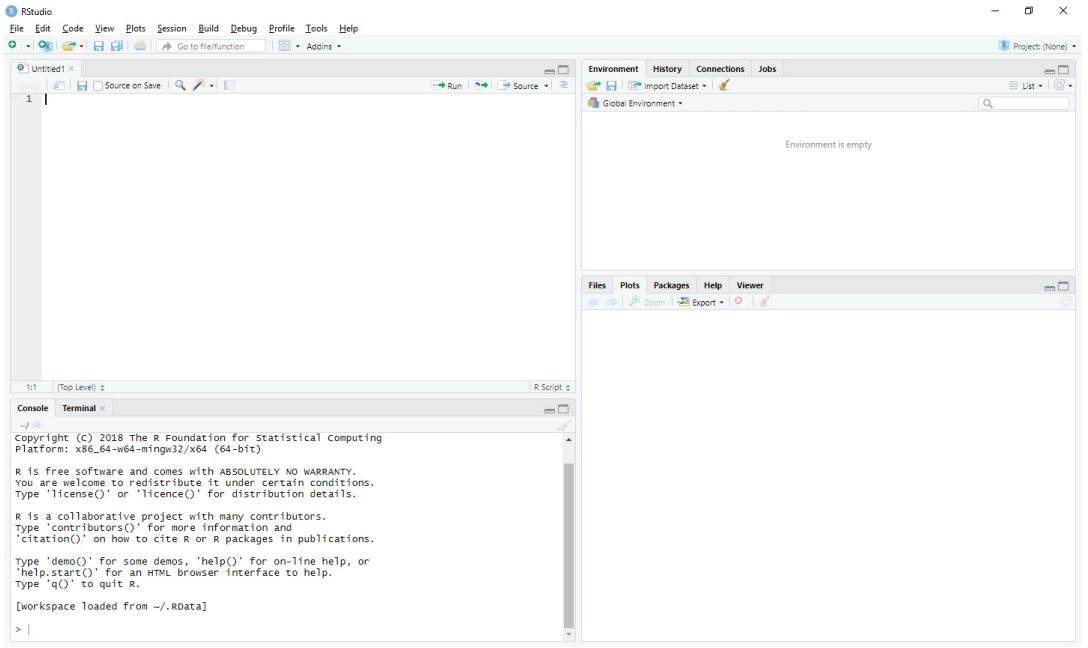

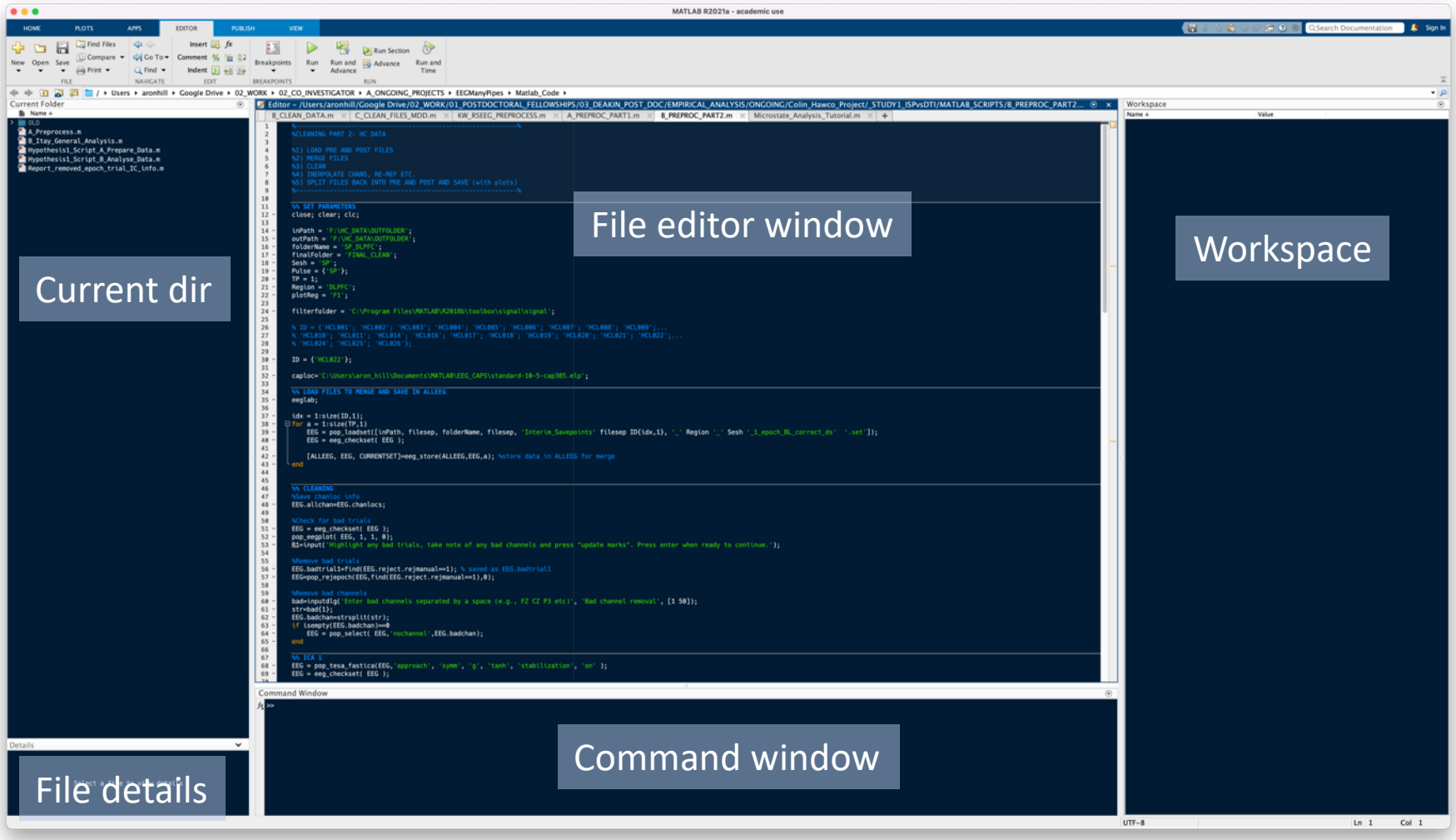

MATLAB

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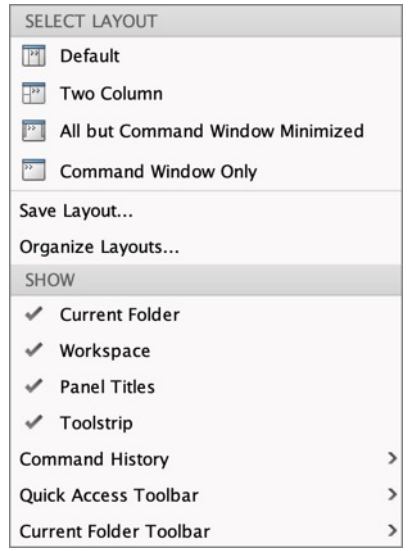

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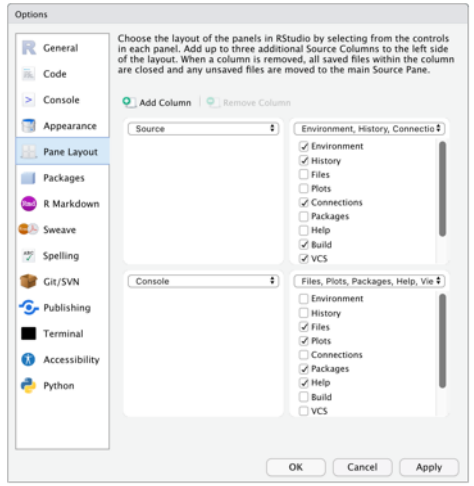

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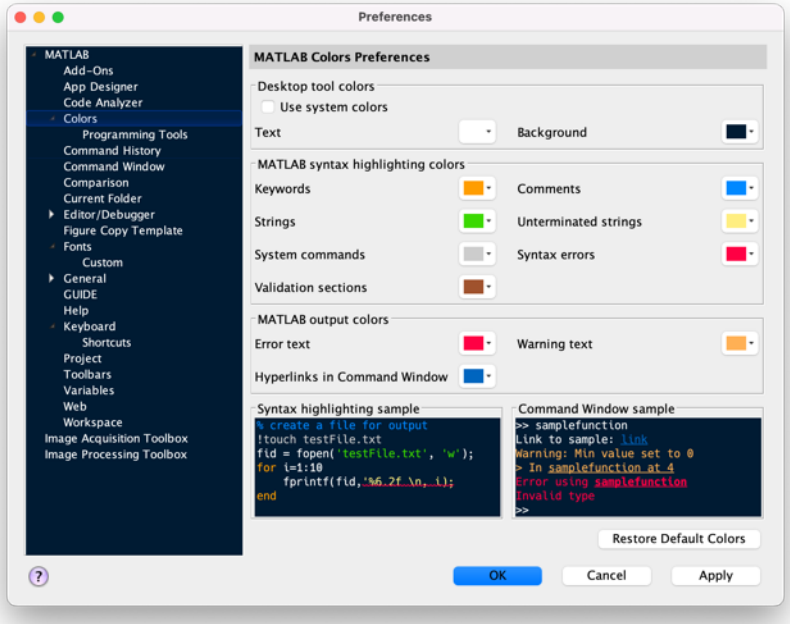

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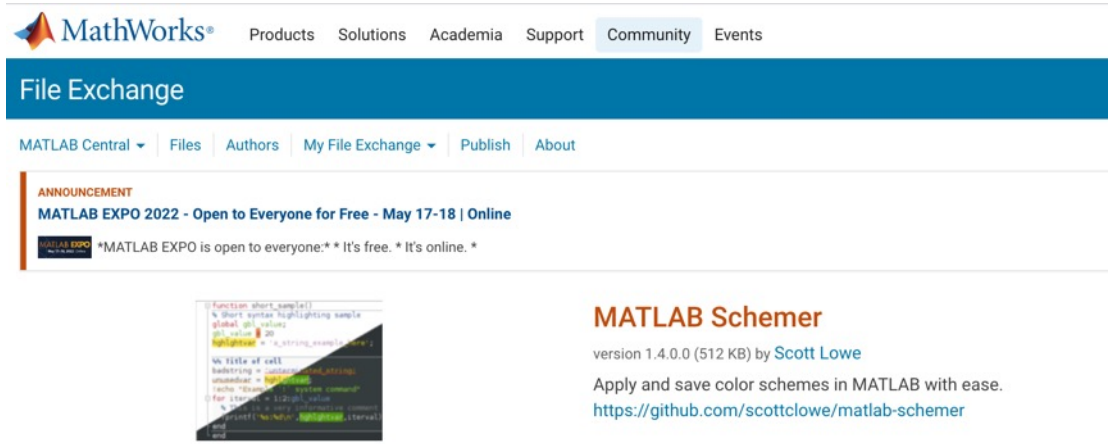

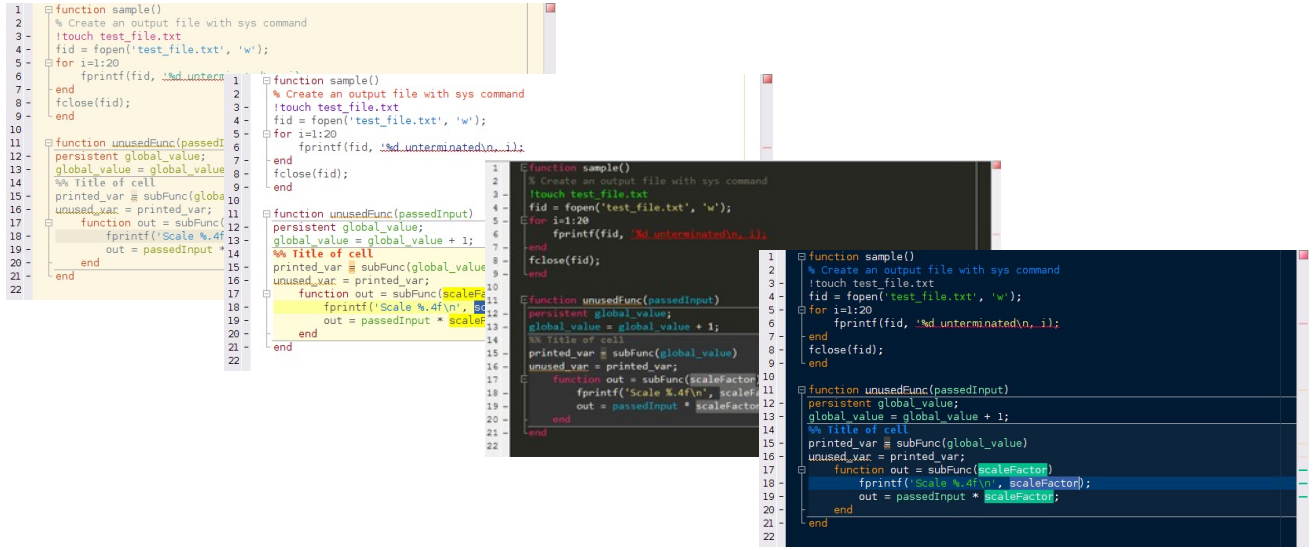

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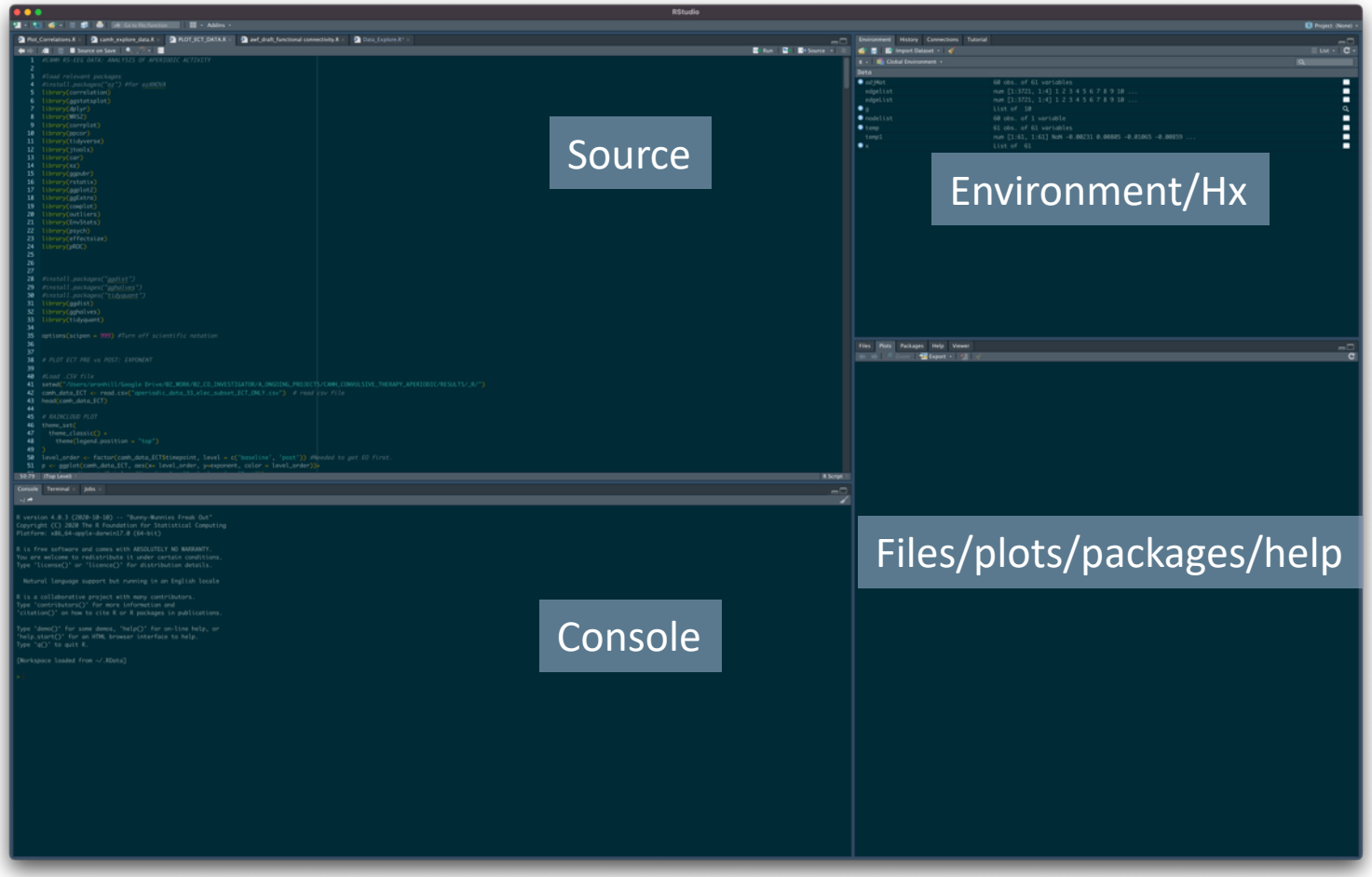

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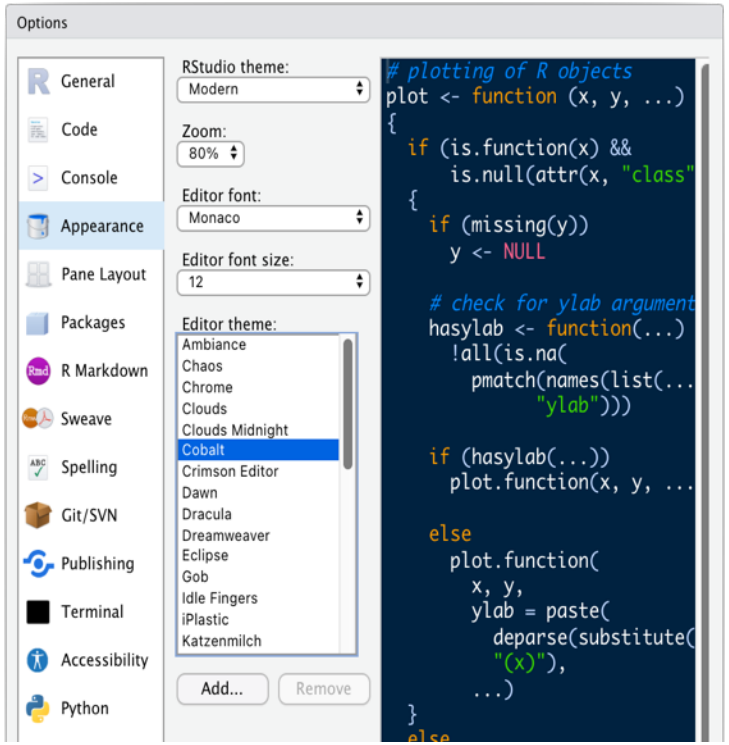

2. Installing Toolboxes

- Some toolboxes come as ‘add-ons’ to MATLAB and need to be installed via the MATLAB installer.
- What is available depends on university license
  - *Signal processing toolbox*
    - Filters, power spectra, wavelets – needed for some functions in EEGLAB/Fieldtrip
  - *Statistics and machine learning toolbox*
    - Large no. of functions needed for some EEGLAB/Fieldtrip functions
  - *Image processing toolbox*
    - Image processing, analysis, and visualization functions
- Other third party toolboxes are free/open source
  - EEGLAB: https://sccn.ucsd.edu/eeglab/ressources.php
  - Fieldtrip: https://www.fieldtriptoolbox.org/faq/requirements/

Checking installed toolboxes

- Use the *'ver'* command to show a list of installed toolboxes
- Also displays MATLAB version information

MATLAB

```
Command Window
>> ver
-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
MATLAB Version: 9.10.0.1739362 (R2021a) Update 5
MATLAB License Number: 1100912
Operating System: macOS  Version: 12.3.1 Build: 21E258
Java Version: Java 1.8.0_202-b08 with Oracle Corporation Java HotSpot(TM) 64-Bit Server VM mixed mode
-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
MATLAB                                                Version 9.10        (R2021a)
Curve Fitting Toolbox                                 Version 3.5.13      (R2021a)
Deep Learning Toolbox                                 Version 14.2        (R2021a)
EEGLAB Toolbox to process EEG data                    Version -           see
FastICA for Matlab 7.x and 6.x                        Version 2.5,        October 19
FieldTrip                                             Version unknown     www.fieldtriptoolbox.org
Image Acquisition Toolbox                             Version 6.4         (R2021a)
Image Processing Toolbox                              Version 11.3        (R2021a)
Mapping Toolbox                                       Version 5.1         (R2021a)
Optimization Toolbox                                  Version 9.1         (R2021a)
Signal Processing Toolbox                             Version 8.6         (R2021a)
Statistical Parametric Mapping                        Version 6470        (SPM12)
Statistics and Machine Learning Toolbox               Version 12.1        (R2021a)
Symbolic Math Toolbox                                 Version 8.7         (R2021a)
Wavelet Toolbox                                       Version 5.6         (R2021a)
>>
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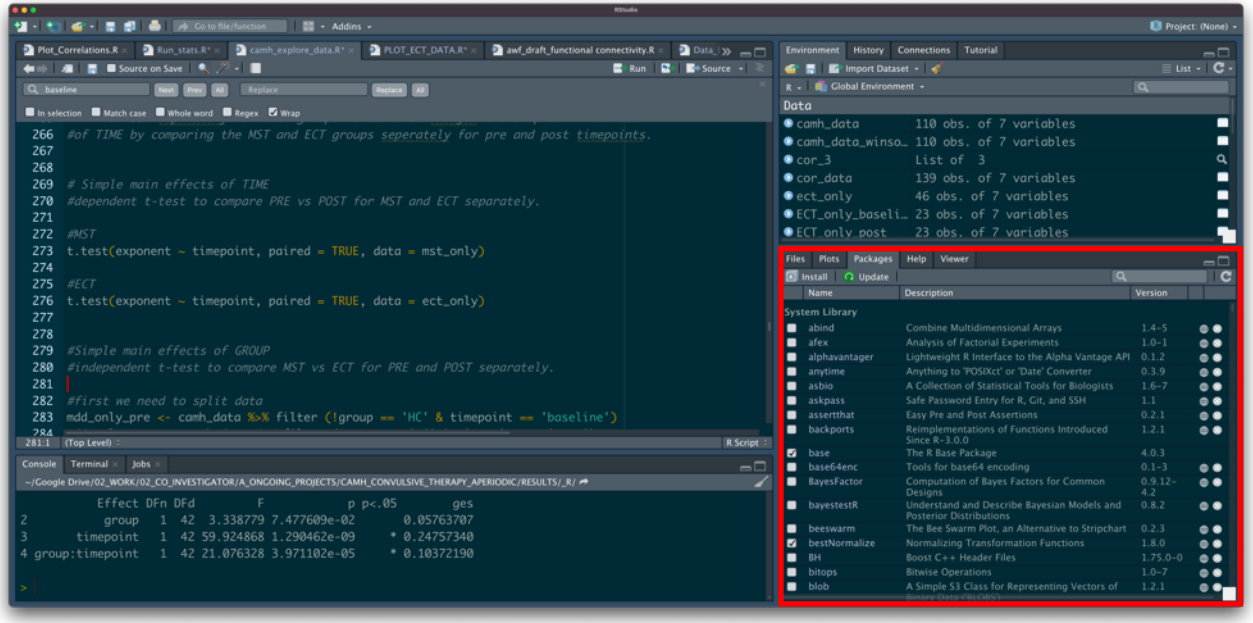
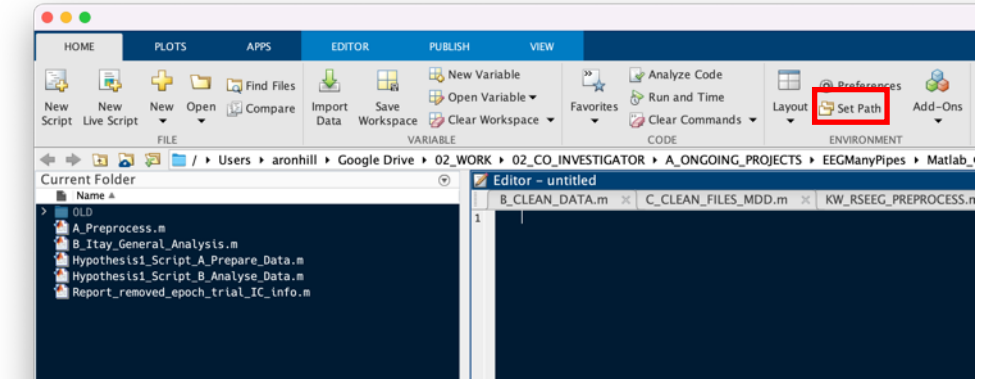
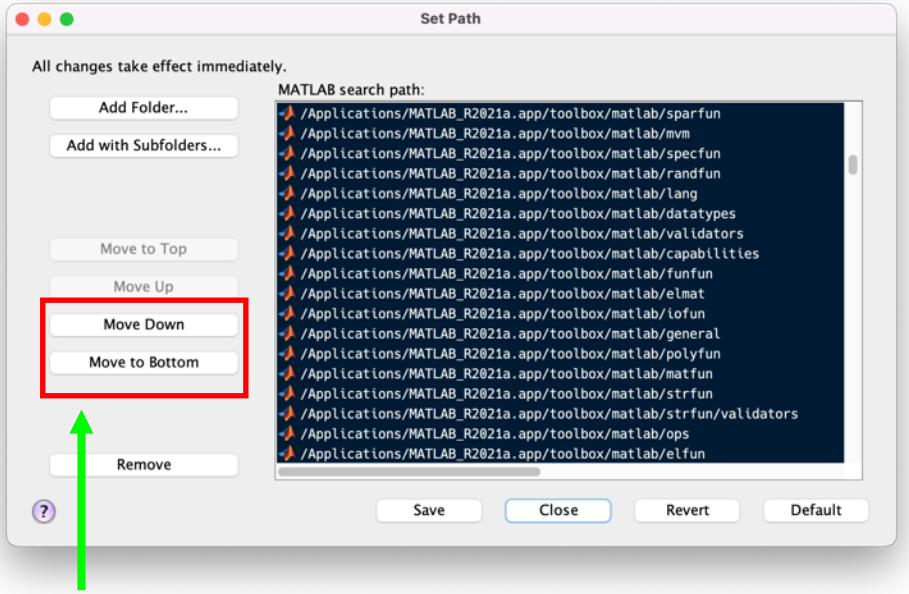
R



2. Installing Toolboxes

- Mathworks toolboxes can be selected at MATLAB installation
- Third party toolboxes need to be installed manually
  - Important to keep track of installed toolboxes
    - This will making backing up easy prior to MATLAB upgrades etc.
    - Generally best to keep in MATLAB directory
      - Mac: /Users/aronhill/Documents/MATLAB
      - Can create 'External_Toolboxes' folder for storage
  - Add files to path in MATLAB
    - Needed in order for MATLAB to search for files/functions



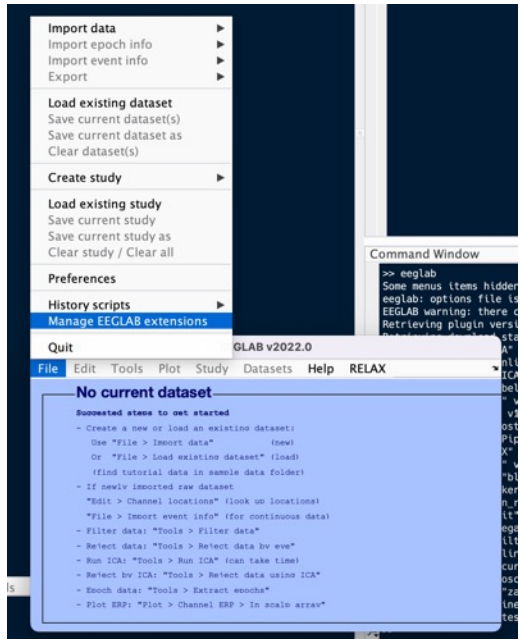


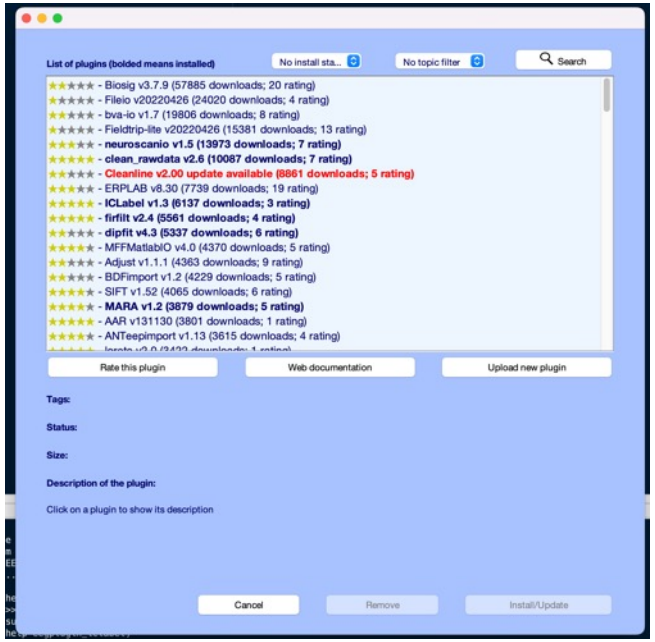
Tip: Files contained at the top of the search path take precedence over those lower down. When adding new toolboxes to the MATLAB path, generally a good idea to move to bottom so MATLAB functions are given priority.

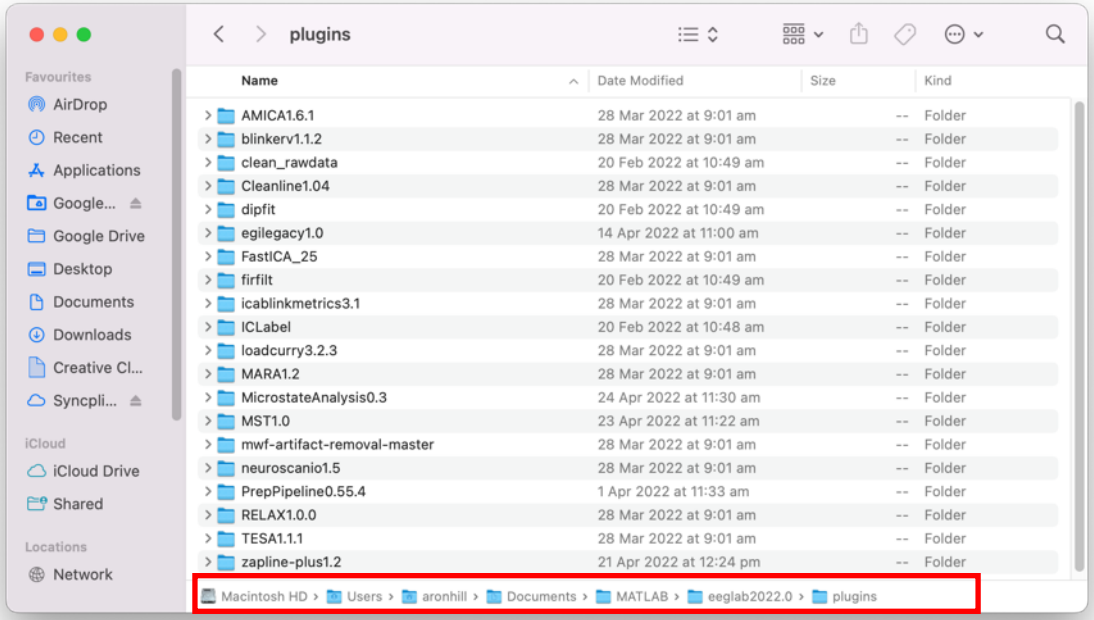
EEGLAB toolboxes

For EEGLAB, additional toolboxes can be added in two ways:

- 1) Directly via the GUI
- 2) download and add to EEGLAB plugins folder
  - EEGLAB will then search this folder





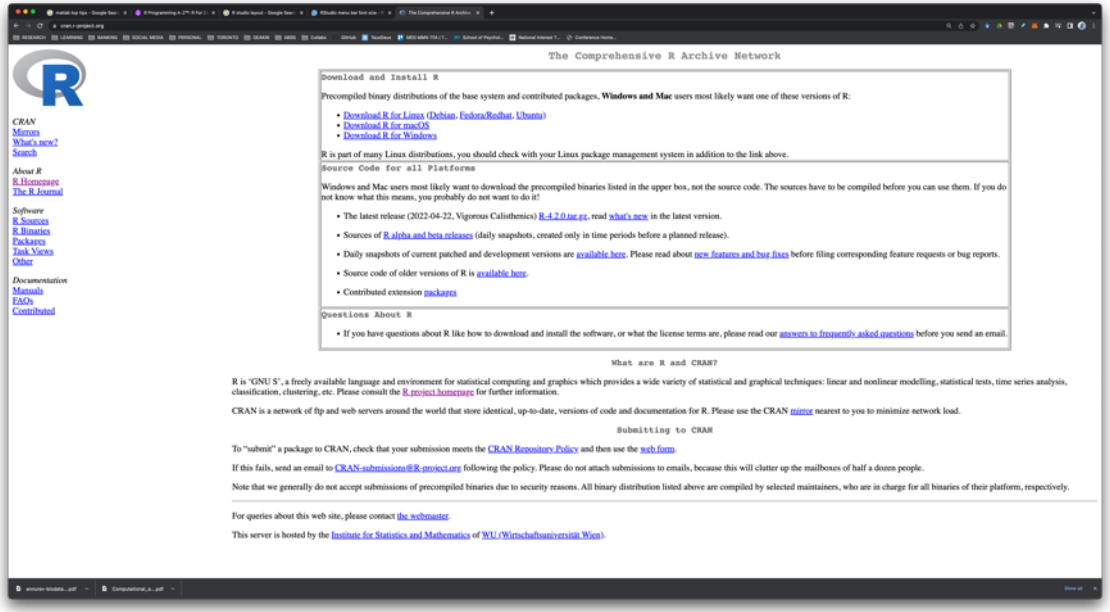


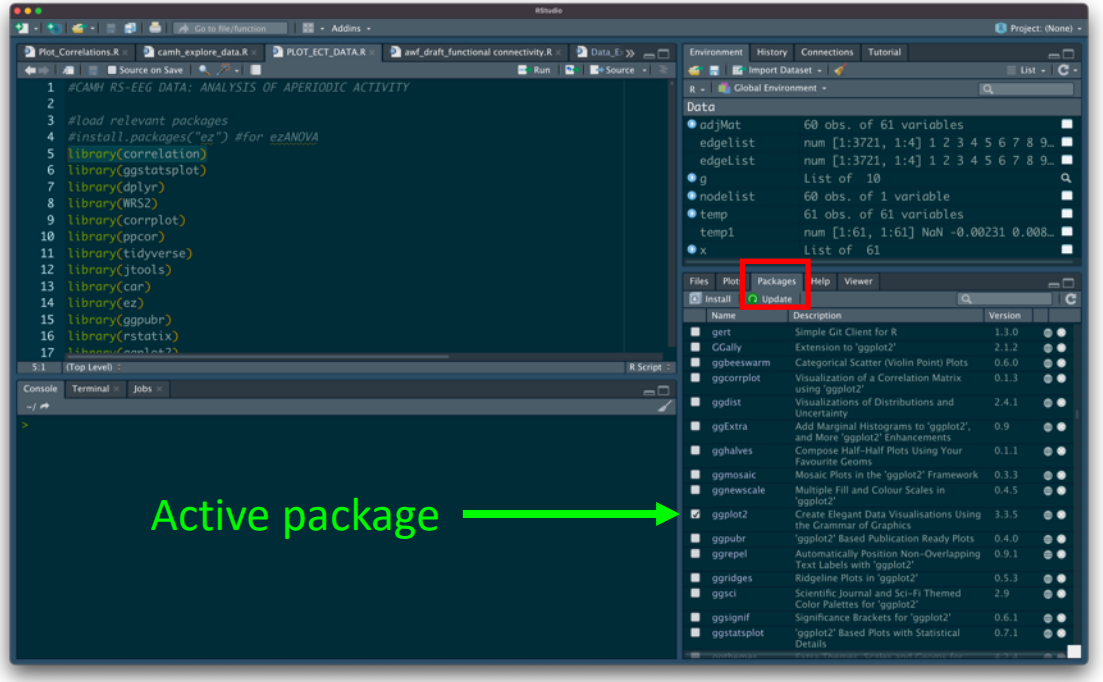
R Packages

- Packages are the backbone of R – greatly expand its capabilities
- Stored on CRAN repository
- Packages can be easily installed from CRAN directly using code:
- Install.packages(*"package name"*)
  - E.g., install.packages("ggplot2")

Then to activate:

- Library(*package name*)
  - E.g., library(ggplot2)





Use inbuilt help functions

- Help *name of function*
  - Get help file associated with function
- Edit *name of function*
  - Opens file – useful to get more specific details
  - Also helpful as it opens in new window
- Doc *name of function*
  - More detailed info (where available), often including examples and figures

Mathworks discussion forum:

https://au.mathworks.com/matlabcentral/answers/index

```
Command Window
>> help fft
 fft Discrete Fourier transform.
    fft(X) is the discrete Fourier transform (DFT) of vector X.  For
    matrices, the fft operation is applied to each column. For N-D
    arrays, the fft operation operates on the first non-singleton
    dimension.

    fft(X,N) is the N-point fft, padded with zeros if X has less
    than N points and truncated if it has more.

    fft(X,[],DIM) or fft(X,N,DIM) applies the fft operation across the
    dimension DIM.

    For length N input vector x, the DFT is a length N vector X,
    with elements
                    N
       X(k) =       sum  x(n)*exp(-j*2*pi*(k-1)*(n-1)/N), 1 <= k <= N.
                   n=1
    The inverse DFT (computed by IFFT) is given by
                    N
       x(n) = (1/N) sum  X(k)*exp( j*2*pi*(k-1)*(n-1)/N), 1 <= n <= N.
                   k=1

    See also fft2, fftn, fftshift, fftw, ifft, ifft2, ifftn.

    Documentation for fft
    Other functions named fft
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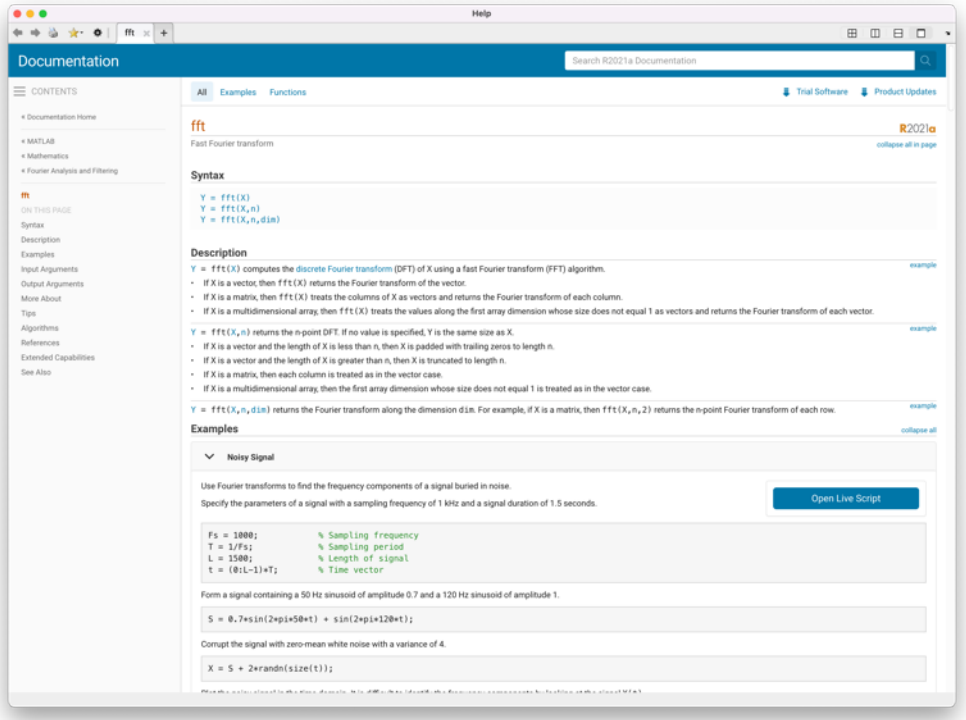

Getting help (R)

- As with Matlab, R has excellent help on functions
  - ?*name of function*
- Consider using tidyverse packages in place of base R packages – often faster and more intuitive

?rnorm()

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The Normal Distribution

Description

Density, distribution function, quantile function and random generation for the normal distribution with mean equal to `mean` and standard deviation equal to `sd`.

Usage

```
dnorm(x, mean = 0, sd = 1, log = FALSE)
pnorm(q, mean = 0, sd = 1, lower.tail = TRUE, log.p = FALSE)
qnorm(p, mean = 0, sd = 1, lower.tail = TRUE, log.p = FALSE)
rnorm(n, mean = 0, sd = 1)
```

Arguments

`x, q`	vector of quantiles.
`p`	vector of probabilities.
`n`	number of observations. If `length(n) > 1`, the length is taken to be the number required.
`mean`	vector of means.
`sd`	vector of standard deviations.
`log, log.p`	logical; if TRUE, probabilities p are given as log(p).
`lower.tail`	logical; if TRUE (default), probabilities are $P[X \le x]$ otherwise, $P[X > x]$.

Details

If `mean` or `sd` are not specified they assume the default values of `0` and `1`, respectively.

The normal distribution has density

$$f(x) = 1/(\sqrt{(2\pi)}\,\sigma)\, e^{-((x-\mu)^2/(2\sigma^2))}$$

where μ is the mean of the distribution and σ the standard deviation.

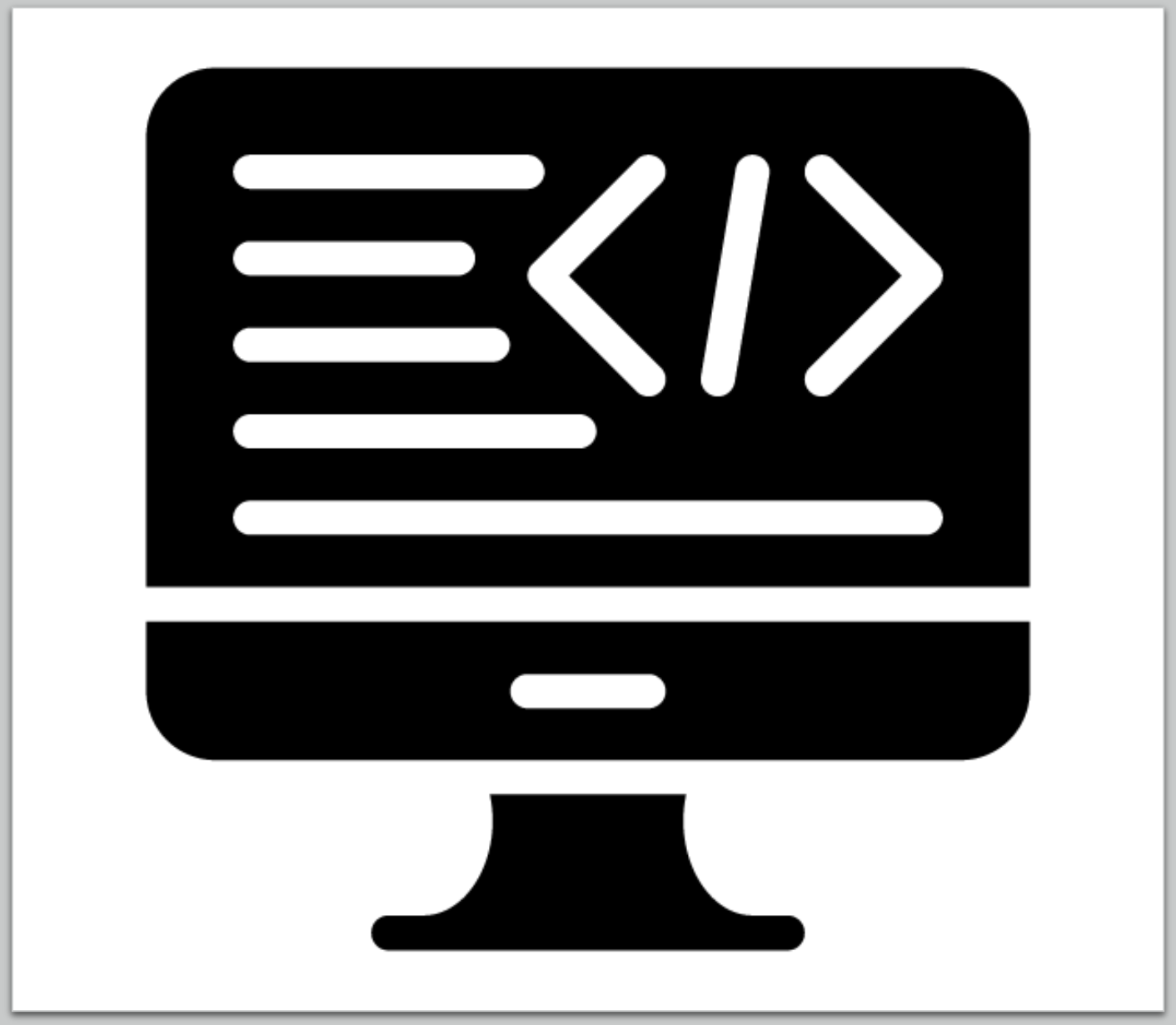
Value

`dnorm` gives the density, `pnorm` gives the distribution function, `qnorm` gives the quantile function, and `rnorm` generates random deviates.

The length of the result is determined by `n` for `rnorm`, and is the maximum of the lengths of the numerical arguments for the other functions.

Building a script

- Creating a script from scratch can be daunting
- Can often be helpful to first outline sections of a script using comments and then fill in the gaps
- This can help structure the script around a specific objective
- Also helps to break down complex analyses into achievable steps



Write sharable code

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REVIEW

Progress toward openness, transparency, and reproducibility in cognitive neuroscience

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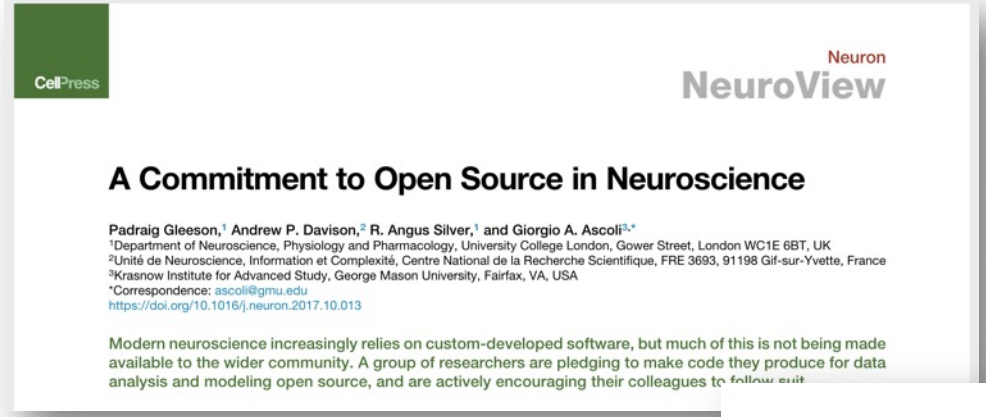
Abstract

Accumulating evidence suggests that many findings in psychological science and cognitive neuroscience may prove difficult to reproduce; statistical power in brain imaging studies is low and has not improved recently; software errors in analysis tools are common and can go undetected for many years; and, a few large-scale studies notwithstanding, open sharing of data, code, and materials remain the rare exception. At the same time, there is a renewed focus on reproducibility, transparency, and openness as essential core values in cognitive neuroscience. The emergence and rapid growth of data archives, meta-analytic tools, software pipelines, and research groups devoted to improved methodology reflect this new sensibility. We review evidence that the field has begun to embrace new open research practices and illustrate how these can begin to address problems of reproducibility, statistical power, and transparency in ways that will ultimately accelerate discovery.



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NeuroView

A Commitment to Open Source in Neuroscience

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Modern neuroscience increasingly relies on custom-developed software, but much of this is not being made available to the wider community. A group of researchers are pledging to make code they produce for data analysis and modeling open source, and are actively encouraging their colleagues to follow suit.

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Code Sharing in the Open Science Era

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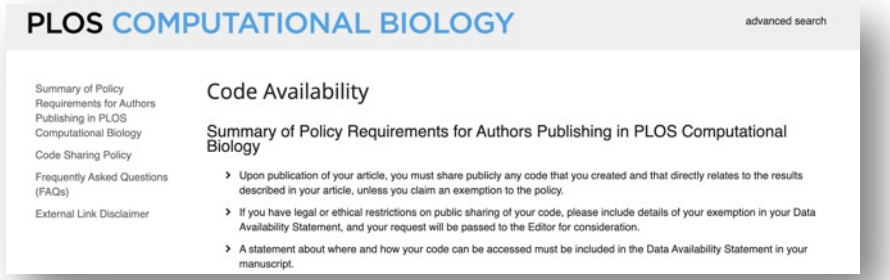
ABSTRACT: Many high-profile scientific journals have established policies mandating the release of code accompanying papers that describe computational methods. Unfortunately, the majority of journals that publish papers in Computational Chemistry and Cheminformatics have yet to define such guidelines. This Viewpoint reviews the current state of reproducibility for the field and makes a case for the inclusion of code with computational papers.



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COMMENTARY

Toward standard practices for sharing computer code and programs in neuroscience

Stephen J Eglen[1], Ben Marwick[2], Yaroslav O Halchenko[3], Michael Hanke[4,5], Shoaib Sufi[6], Padraig Gleeson[7], R Angus Silver[7], Andrew P Davison[8], Linda Lanyon[9], Mathew Abrams[9], Thomas Wachtler[10], David J Willshaw[11], Christophe Pouzat[12] & Jean-Baptiste Poline[13]

Computational techniques are central in many areas of neuroscience and are relatively easy to share. This paper describes why computer programs underlying scientific publications should be shared and lists simple steps for sharing. Together with ongoing efforts in data sharing, this should aid reproducibility of research.

GitHub

Example MATLAB Script

Load EEG files and preprocess

```
%--------------------------------------------------------------%
% SCRIPT TITILE

% Overview of key steps
%--------------------------------------------------------------%

%% SECTION ON SETTING PARAMETERS/LOADING DEPENDENCIES


%% LOAD FILES

%for loop here across all subjects

%% FIND THE TMS PULSE BASED ON ARTEFACT


%% EPOCH THE DATA AROUND PULSE


%% DEMEAN THE DATA


%% REMOVE UNUSED CHANNELS


%% CUT-OUT THE TMS PULSE (TESA)


%% DOWNSAMPLE DATA


%% SAVE DATA


% end for loop
```

Step 1: Create an outline

Step 2: Fill in the blanks…

```
%-------------LOAD AND CLEAN TMS-EEG FILES: SCRIPT ONE------------%
% THIS SCRIPT IS THE FIRST OF TWO CLEAINING SCRIPTS. IT ALLOWS ALL
% DATA TO BE LOADED AND SAVED SO THAT THE SECOND SCRIPT CAN RUN
% THROUGH THE NON-AUTOMATED SECTIONS MORE QUICKLY

%1) Find the TMS pulse and epoch around it
%2) BL correct (demean)
%3) Remove unused chans
%4) Cut-out the pulse (and interpolate)
%5) DS to 1 KHz
%6) Save file for cleaning in Script #2
%-----------------------------------------------------------------%

%% SECTION ON SETTING PARAMETERS/LOADING DEPENDENCIES
close; clear; clc;

%-----BASELINE SP TMS-EEG FILES (HC)-----
inPath = '/Volumes/LaCie_5TB/CH_Data/RAW_DATA/HC/SP_TMSEEG/';
outPath = '/Volumes/LaCie_5TB/CH_Data/SP_TMSEEG_PREPROC_DATA/';

Sesh = 'ACTIVE';
Pulse = 'SP';

ID = {'HCT203'; 'HCT205'; 'HCT206'; 'HCT209'; 'HCT212'; 'HCT216'; 'HCT217'; 'HCT220';...
    'HCT221';'HCT226';'HCT227';'HCT228';'HCT230';'HCT231';'HCT232';'HCT235';...
    'HCT238';'HCT241';'HCT243';'HCT248';'HCT249';'HCT250';'HCT251';'HCT252';...
    'HCT253';'HCT255';'HCT258';'HCT259';'HCT260';'HCT261';'HCT262';'HCT263';...
    'HCT265';'HCT266';'HCT268';'HCT270';'HCT271'};

caploc='/Users/aronhill/Documents/MATLAB/cap_location_files/standard-10-5-cap385.elp';

if ~exist(outPath,'dir'); mkdir(outPath); end
eeglab;

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% end for loop
```

Heading

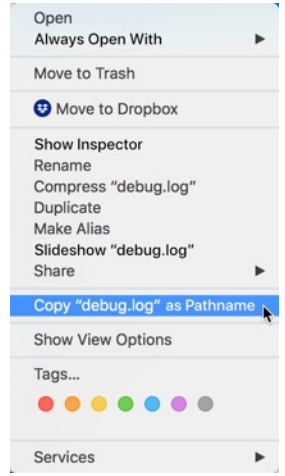
Broad description

More thorough description of key steps

First section typically sets in and outpaths, defines key conditions (used in later loops) and loads subject IDs

Tip: Consider use of ‘filesep’ function to separate dir names for compatibility between mac/windows

Tip (MAC): Option + R click ‘copy as pathname’



Step 3: Continue to build script

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outPath = '/Volumes/LaCie_5TB/CH_Data/SP_TMSEEG_PREPROC_DATA/';

Sesh = 'ACTIVE';
Pulse = 'SP';

ID = {'HCT203'; 'HCT205'; 'HCT206'; 'HCT209'; 'HCT212'; 'HCT216'; 'HCT217'; 'HCT220';...
    'HCT221';'HCT226';'HCT227';'HCT228';'HCT230';'HCT231';'HCT232';'HCT235';...
    'HCT238';'HCT241';'HCT243';'HCT248';'HCT249';'HCT250';'HCT251';'HCT252';...
    'HCT253';'HCT255';'HCT258';'HCT259';'HCT260';'HCT261';'HCT262';'HCT263';...
    'HCT265';'HCT266';'HCT268';'HCT270';'HCT271'};

caploc='/Users/aronhill/Documents/MATLAB/cap_location_files/standard-10-5-cap385.elp';

if ~exist(outPath,'dir'); mkdir(outPath); end
eeglab;

for IDs = 1:size(ID,1)

    cntname = ([inPath, ID{IDs,1}, '_' Pulse '_'  Sesh '.cnt']);
    EEG = pop_loadcnt (cntname, 'dataformat', 'int32', 'memmapfile', '');

    %% FIND THE TMS PULSE BASED ON ARTEFACT
    % Use TESA toolbox to find TMS pulse artifact using the visual method
    % see: https://nigelrogasch.gitbook.io/tesa-user-manual/find_and_mark_tms_pulse/find_tms_pulse_alternative

    disp(['Finding the TMS Pulse  - dataset ' num2str(ID{IDs,1})]);
    EEG.event=[];
    elec = 'CZ';
    EEG = tesa_findpulsepeak(EEG, elec, 'dtrnd', 'poly', 'thrshtype','dynamic', 'wpeaks', 'gui', 'plots', 'on', 'tmsLabel', 'TMS');

    %% EPOCH THE DATA AROUND PULSE (WIDE EPOCH)
    % Segment the data from -2s to +2s around TMS pulse

    EEG = pop_epoch( EEG, {'TMS'}, [-2  2], 'newname', 'CNT file epochs', 'epochinfo', 'yes');

    %% DEMEAN THE DATA
    % Use EEGLAB function to demean the data using the entire epoch

    EEG = pop_rmbase( EEG, [-2000 1999] ,[]);
    [ALLEEG EEG CURRENTSET] = pop_newset(ALLEEG, EEG, 4,'gui','off');

    for i = 1:size(EEG.event,2)
        EEG.event(1,i).type = 'TMS'; %replace triggers with time markers
    end

    [ALLEEG, EEG, CURRENTSET]=eeg_store(ALLEEG,EEG,IDs); %store data in ALLEEG for merge

    %% REMOVE UNUSED CHANNELS
    EEG = pop_chanedit(EEG, 'lookup', caploc); %caploc - channel information

    EEG.NoCh = {'CB1', 'CB2', 'TP9', 'TP10', 'M1', 'M2', 'VEO', 'HEO', 'EKG', 'EMG', 'HL 1', 'HL 2', 'Trigger'};
    EEG = pop_select(EEG,'nochannel',EEG.NoCh);

    %% CUT-OUT THE TMS PULSE


    %% DOWNSAMPLE DATA


    %% SAVE DATA

end
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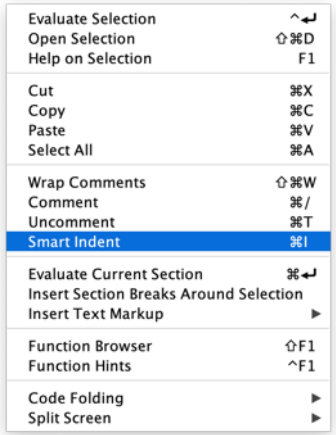
Tip: use *cmd + /* to comment/uncomment chunks of highlighted code (*Cntl + Shift + C* in R)

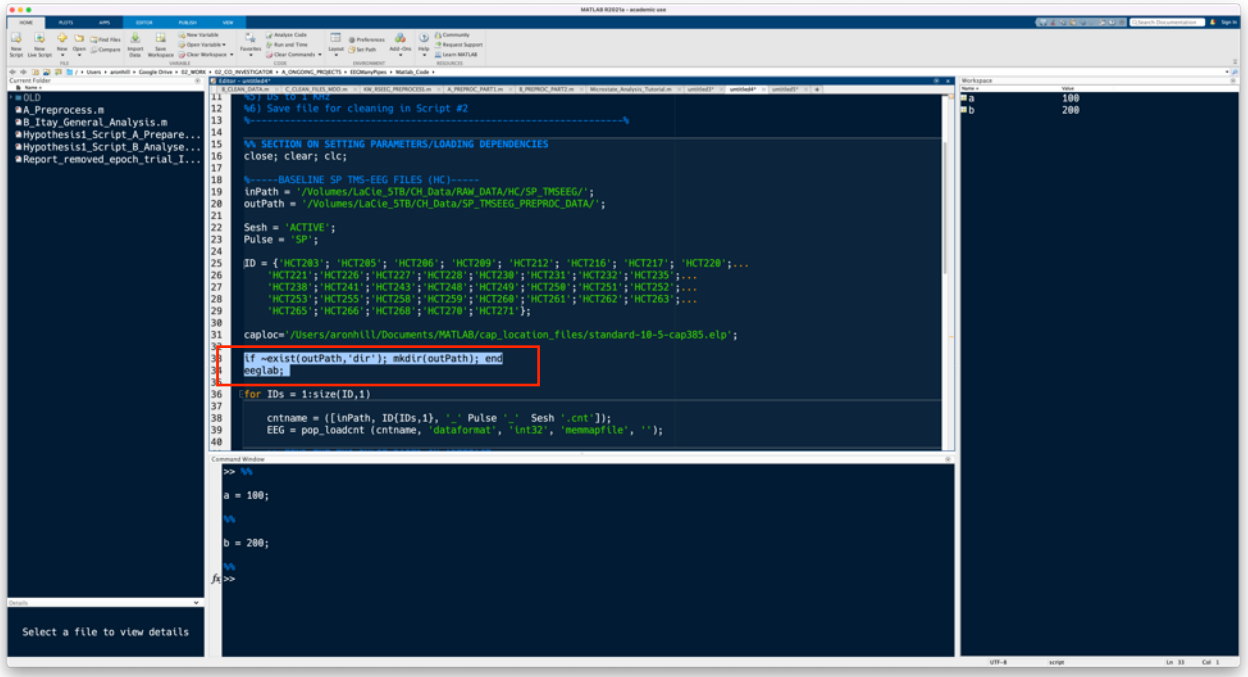
Add further info relating to code chunk

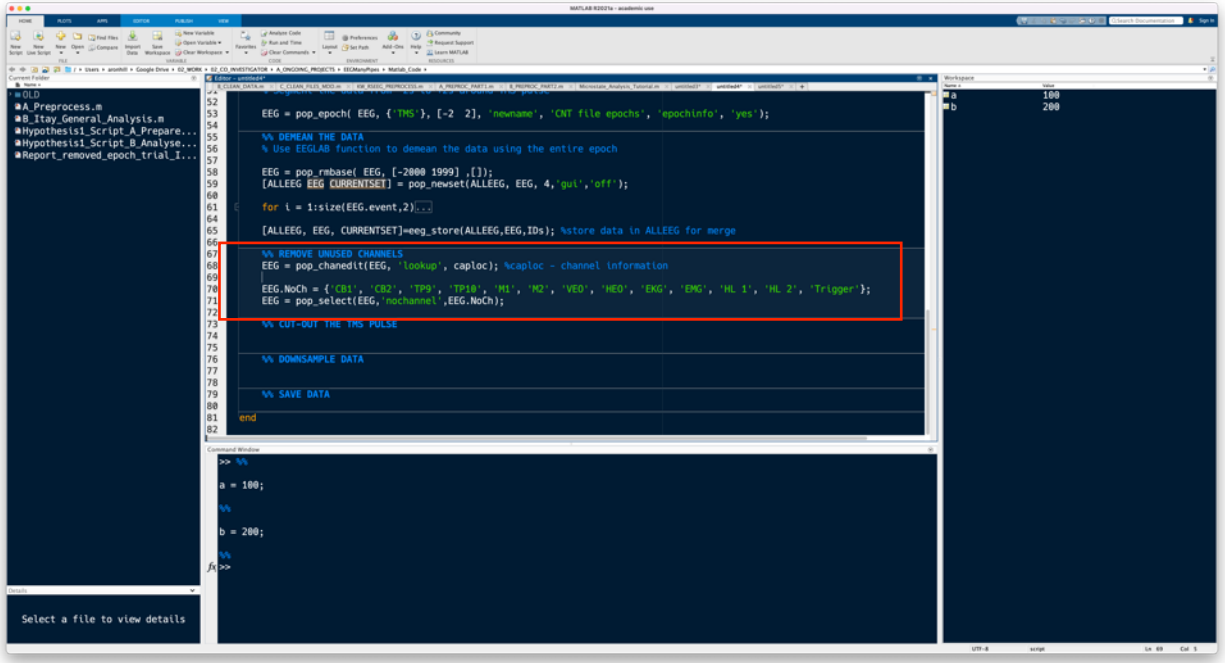
Tip: use ‘smart indent’ function to keep code neat



Use shortcuts

- Run highlighted section of code
  - MATLAB: Shift + F7 (Mac)
  - R: Cntrl + Enter
- Run entire section of code
  - MATLAB: Option + Enter





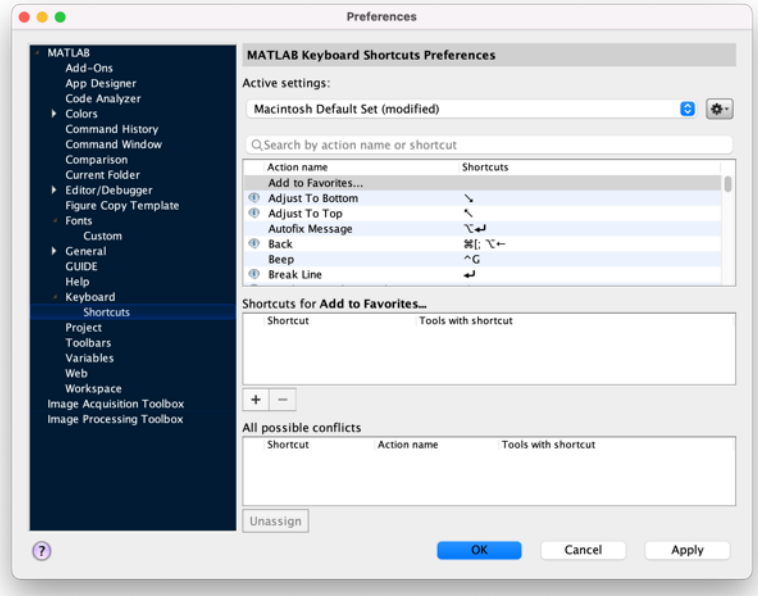
4. Customise shortcuts

- A key frustration when swapping between MATLAB and R can be having different shortcuts for performing the same task

- Tip: Consider customizing shortcuts to make them the same across the two platforms

MATLAB

- Preferences → Keyboard → Shortcuts

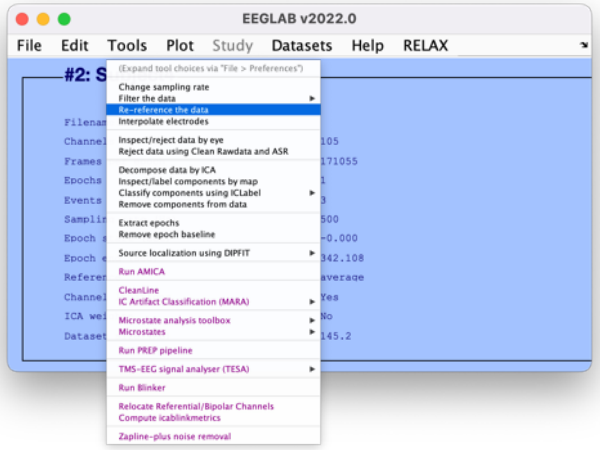


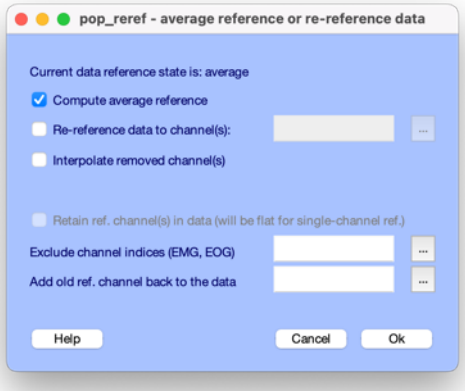
5. Use the ‘eegh’ function

TIP: use the ‘eegh’ function to build scripts

‘Write’ sections of code using the GUI

This can be a lifesaver when starting out coding in EEGLAB



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>> eegh
[ALLEEG EEG CURRENTSET ALLCOM] = eeglab;
EEG = pop_loadset('filename','Sub4.set','filepath','/Volumes/LaCie_5TB/Microstate_practice_data/EEG/');
[ALLEEG, EEG, CURRENTSET] = eeg_store( ALLEEG, EEG, 0 );
EEG = eeg_checkset( EEG );
EEG = pop_reref( EEG, []);
[ALLEEG EEG CURRENTSET] = pop_newset(ALLEEG, EEG, 1,'gui','off');
>>
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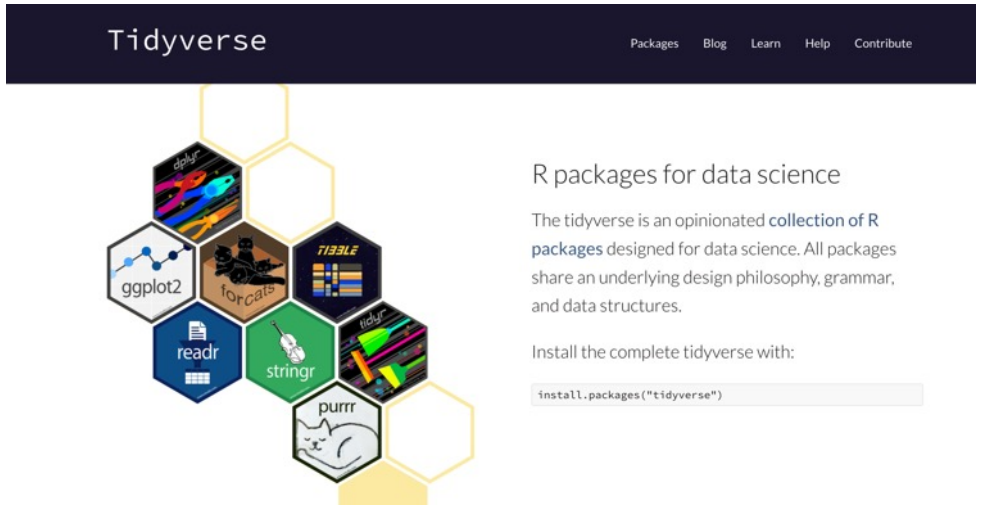
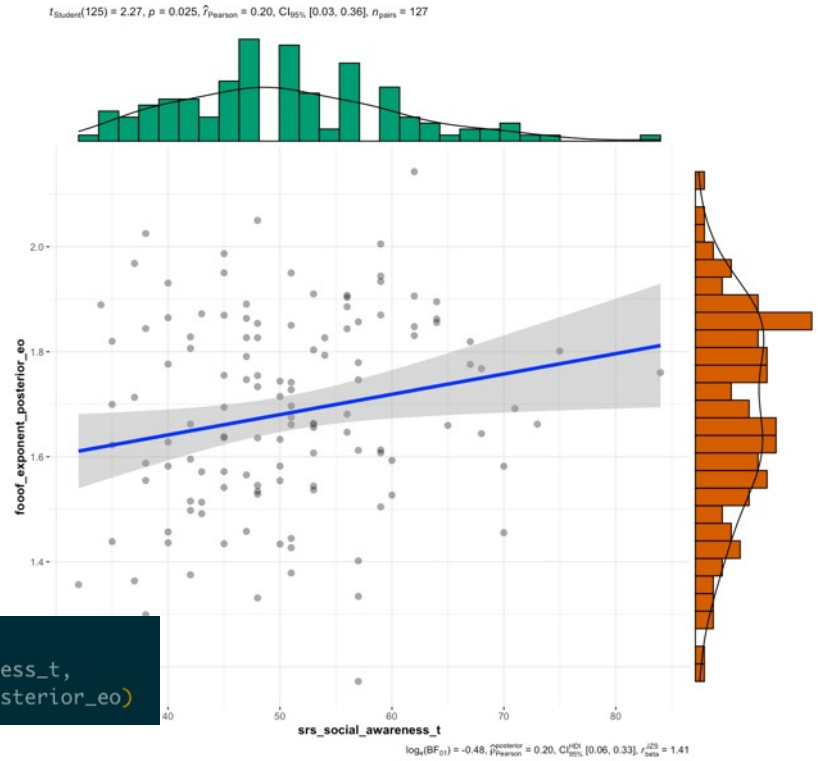
Utilise R’s array of packages

- Base functions in R can be quite limited/unintuitive
- A major feature of R is its vast array of packages
- https://www.tidyverse.org/



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ggscatterstats(fooof_data,
               srs_social_awareness_t,
               fooof_exponent_posterior_eo)
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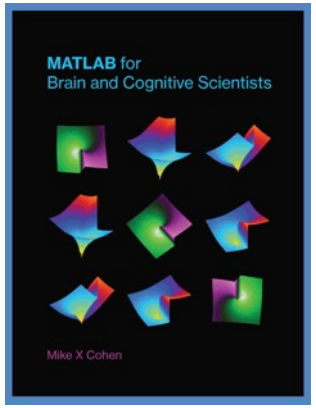
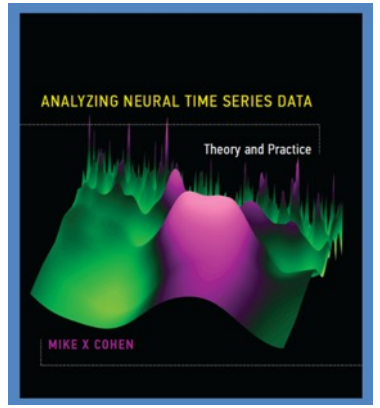
Final Tips

- Find others in your lab/wider university who are at a similar stage to you and meet regularly to share and discuss code, tips, and tricks
- Practice adapting other people's code to work with your own data
- Take opportunities to work with collaborators experienced in coding, or find a mentor who is willing to help you code
- Dedicate time each week to learning how to code (your future self will thank you!)

Additional Resources





- Mike X Cohen books/courses
  - https://sincxpress.com/
- RELAX pipeline for automated EEG cleaning
  - https://github.com/NeilwBailey/RELAX/releases
- Data wrangling in R (Mike Chapple)
  - Available through Linked in learning
- Nordman et al. (2022) Data Visualization Using R for Researchers Who Do Not Use R (doi: https://doi.org/10.1177/25152459221074654)

Thanks for listening!