

## HOW TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS

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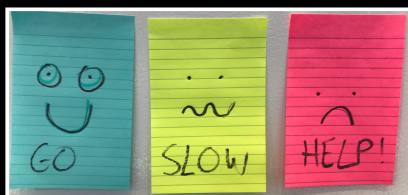
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## Side-Note:

Replace **"math"** with **"R programming"** to help reframe your self criticism when learning...



# BIMM 143

## R Functions

### Lecture 6

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## Recap From Last Time:

- Why it is important to visualize data during exploratory data analysis.
- Discussed data visualization best practices and how good visualizations optimize for the human visual system.
- Introduced the extensive graphical capabilities of base R with a focus on generating and customizing scatterplots, histograms, bar graphs, boxplots, (dendrograms and heatmaps).
- Use the `par()` function to control fine grained details of the afore mentioned plot types.
- Used (and SAVED!) an R script with all our work!

[MPA Link]

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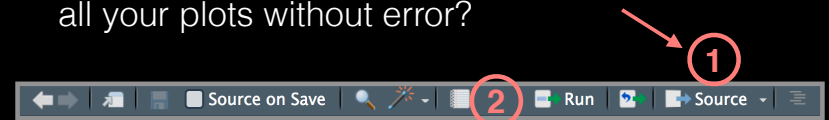
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# Class 5 Revisited

- Open your previous **class05** RStudio **project** (and your saved **R script**)
- Can you **source** this **class05.R** file to re-generate all your plots without error?



- If so you can now generate a nice **HTML report** of your work to date...

[Take 2-3 minutes]

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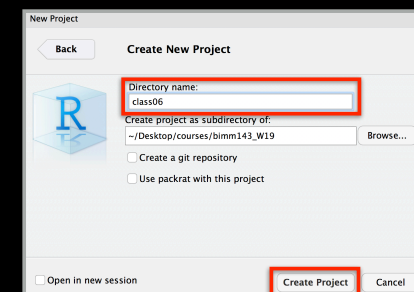
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- **Inspect the file**

- Move the input file into your project directory
- Open it from the RStudio **Files** tab.
- Does it have a header line or comments to be included, ignored or removed?
- Avoid file (or field names) with **spaces** or special characters such as **?, \$, %, ^, &, \*, }** etc.
- Short names are preferred over longer names.
- Does the file end with a blank line or a RTN?

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- **MS EXCEL file import options include:**

- Export (i.e. "Save As...") your excel data to plain text **CSV format**.
- Or if you must, use **readxl::read\_excel()** to read specified parts of your sheets.

- **For fast and convenient reading of very large flat files files**

- Try **data.table::fread()** use is similar to **read.table()** but it automatically finds field separators and header rows. It is also much faster!

- **Saving and loading .RData files...**

- Use the functions **save()** and **load()** for saving and loading multiple objects to space efficient binary format files.

# Your turn!

Do it Yourself!

[https://bioboot.github.io/bimm143\\_S19/class-material/test1.txt](https://bioboot.github.io/bimm143_S19/class-material/test1.txt)

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- Make sure you are in a new RStudio **Project** for this class session (i.e. **class06** )
- Open a new **Rmarkdown document** and give it a name and descriptive text.
- Download each of the above files and move them into your *Project*
- Experiment with **read.table()** to get their data successfully input into your R session.

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# What is a function

```
1 name.of.function <- function(2 arg1, arg2) {  
  statements  
  3 return(something)  
}
```

- 1 **Name** (can be *almost* anything you want )
- 2 **Arguments** (i.e. input to your function)
- 3 **Body** (where the work gets done)

# What is a function

```
1 add <- function(2 x, y=1) {  
  # Sum the input x and y  
  3 x + y  
}
```

- 1 **Name** ( in this case “add” )
- 2 **Arguments** (here “x” and “y”)
- 3 **Body** (will return the result of the last statement)

# Your function is treated just like any other function...

```
add <- function(x, y=1) {  
  # Sum the input x and y  
  x + y  
}  
  
add(x=1, y=4)  
add(1, 4)  
add(1)  
  
add( c(1, 2, 3) )  
add( c(1, 2, 3), 4 )  
  
add(1, 2, 2)  
add(x=1, y="b")
```

# Why would you write a function

When you find yourself doing the same thing 3 or more times it is time to write a function.

```
## What does this code do?  
  
df$a <- (df$a - min(df$a)) / (max(df$a) - min(df$a))  
df$b <- (df$b - min(df$a)) / (max(df$b) - min(df$b))  
df$c <- (df$c - min(df$c)) / (max(df$c) - min(df$c))  
df$d <- (df$d - min(df$d)) / (max(df$a) - min(df$d))
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Consider the advantages:

```
## Here the intent is far more clear  
  
df$a <- rescale(df$a)
```

- Makes the purpose of the code more clear
- Reduce mistakes from copy/paste
- Makes updating your code easier
- Reduce duplication and facilitate re-use.

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Start with a **working code snippet**, simplify, reduce calculation duplication,...

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## First consider the original code:  
  
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```
## Simplify to work with a generic vector named "x"  
x <- (x - min(x)) / (max(x) - min(x))
```

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```
## Note that we call the min() function twice...  
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xmin <- min(x)  
x <- (x - xmin) / (max(x) - xmin)
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```
## Further optimization to use the range() function...  
  
rng <- range(x)  
x <- (x - rng[1]) / (rng[2] - rng[1])
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Start with a working code snippet, simplify, reduce calculation duplication, finally **turn it into a function**

```
## You need a "name", "arguments" and "body"...

rescale <- function(x) {
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rescale(1:10)
```

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Test, **Fail**, Change, Test again,...

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# How would you get your function to work here...
rescale( c(1,2,NA,3,10) )

# What should your function do here?
rescale( c(1,10,"string") )
```

## Side-Note: Seeing and using your function in RStudio

- An easy way to visualize the code of a function is to type its name without the parentheses ().
- If you have your new function saved to a separate file then you can load and execute it using the **source()** function. E.g. **source("MyUtils.R")**
- The **return()** statement is not required in a function but it is advisable to use it when the function performs several computations. It has the effect of ending the function execution and returning control to the code which called it.

```
rescale <- function(x, na.rm=TRUE, plot=FALSE) {

  rng <- range(x, na.rm=na.rm)
  print("Hello")

  answer <- (x - rng[1]) / (rng[2] - rng[1])

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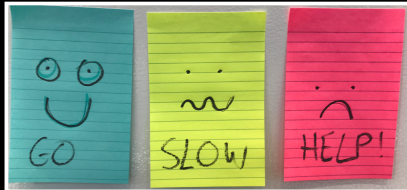
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### Hands-on Session

Concentrate on **Section 1B** and questions 1 to 6.  
Other sections are there for your benefit.

[Also aim to generate a HTML report from your R script]

```

# Can you improve this analysis code?

library(bio3d)
s1 <- read.pdb("4AKE") # kinase with drug
s2 <- read.pdb("1AKE") # kinase no drug
s3 <- read.pdb("1E4Y") # kinase with drug

s1.chainA <- trim.pdb(s1, chain="A", eley="CA")
s2.chainA <- trim.pdb(s2, chain="A", eley="CA")
s3.chainA <- trim.pdb(s3, chain="A", eley="CA")

s1.b <- s1.chainA$atom$b
s2.b <- s2.chainA$atom$b
s3.b <- s3.chainA$atom$b

plotb3(s1.b, sse=s1.chainA, typ="l", ylab="Bfactor")
plotb3(s2.b, sse=s2.chainA, typ="l", ylab="Bfactor")
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# Homework!

New **DataCamp** Assignments

- Introduction to R Markdown
- Functions
- Loops
- Your lecture6 function homework

[Muddy Point Assessment Form Link](#)

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