Overview of software requirements

Analysis of Ecological and Environmental Data

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Goals for today

- Identify the software requirements for the course
- Verify that you have the software installed and working

R Software

An environment for statistical computing and graphics

- It's FREE!
- Enormous developer & support communities
- Learn more here

R Software

- Most of R's current capabilities come from *packages*
- We will use several different packages for fitting statistical models (eg, nlme, lme4)

RStudio

An integrated development environment (IDE) for R



RStudio highlights

- Syntax highlighting, code completion, smart indentation
- Easily manage multiple working directories using projects
- Interactive debugger to diagnose and fix errors quickly
- Extensive package development tools
- Built-in tools & GUIs for git & Markdown

RStudio benefits

Cheat sheets

Webinars, links, etc

RStudio IDE : : CHEAT SHEET



R Markdown

Notebook interface to weave together text, equations, and code into nicely formatted output

Allows you to create and document fully reproducible workflows

Ideal framework for homework assignments!

R Markdown

Supports dozens of static and dynamic output formats

- HTML
- PDF
- MS Word
- HTML5 slides
- Books
- Shiny apps
- Scientific articles
- websites

Gallery here

GitHub

A website & cloud-based service that helps developers

- Store & manage their code
- Track & control changes to their code
- Communicate with other members

GitHub

Its central focus is version control via git

but that's not our focus in this course







Intro to GitHub issues