Symposium

R pour ornithologue

Points de vue des utilisateuRs et programmeuRs

R for Ornithologists

Perspectives from useRs to programmeRs (to birdeRs)

10:30-14:15 Salle des Plaines II

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R for Ornithologists

How R can benefit the study of Ornithology

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R uses packages

- Packages extend R (i.e. `nlme` and `lme4` add mixed modeling)
- Packages can be written by anyone
- Some are ok, some are good, some are AMAZING
- **Base R** is R without any extra packages (also good)

> There are 1000's of packages!

R is hard

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```
# Get in circle around city
circle <- data.frame()
cutoff <- 10
for(i in unique(gps$region)) {
  n <- nrow(gps[gps$region == i,])  ##number of IDs
  if(i == "wil") tmp <- geocode("Williams Lake, Canada")
  if(i == "kam") tmp <- geocode("Kamloops, Canada")
  if(i == "kel") tmp <- geocode("Kelowna, Canada")
  temp <- data.frame()
  for(a in 1:n){
    if(a <= cutoff) temp <- rbind(temp, gcDestination(lon = tmp$lon,
                                                      lat = tmp$lat,
                                                      bearing = (a*(360/(cutoff))-360/(cutoff)),
                                                      dist = 20,
                                                      dist.units = "km",
                                                      model = "WGS84"))
    if(a > cutoff) temp <- rbind(temp, gcDestination(lon = tmp$lon,
                                                     lat = tmp$lat,
                                                     bearing = ((a-cutoff)*(360/(max(table(gps$region
))-10))-360/(max(table(gps$region))-cutoff)),
                                                     dist = 35,
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  circle <- rbind(circle, cbind(temp,
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                                hab = gps$hab[gps$region == i],
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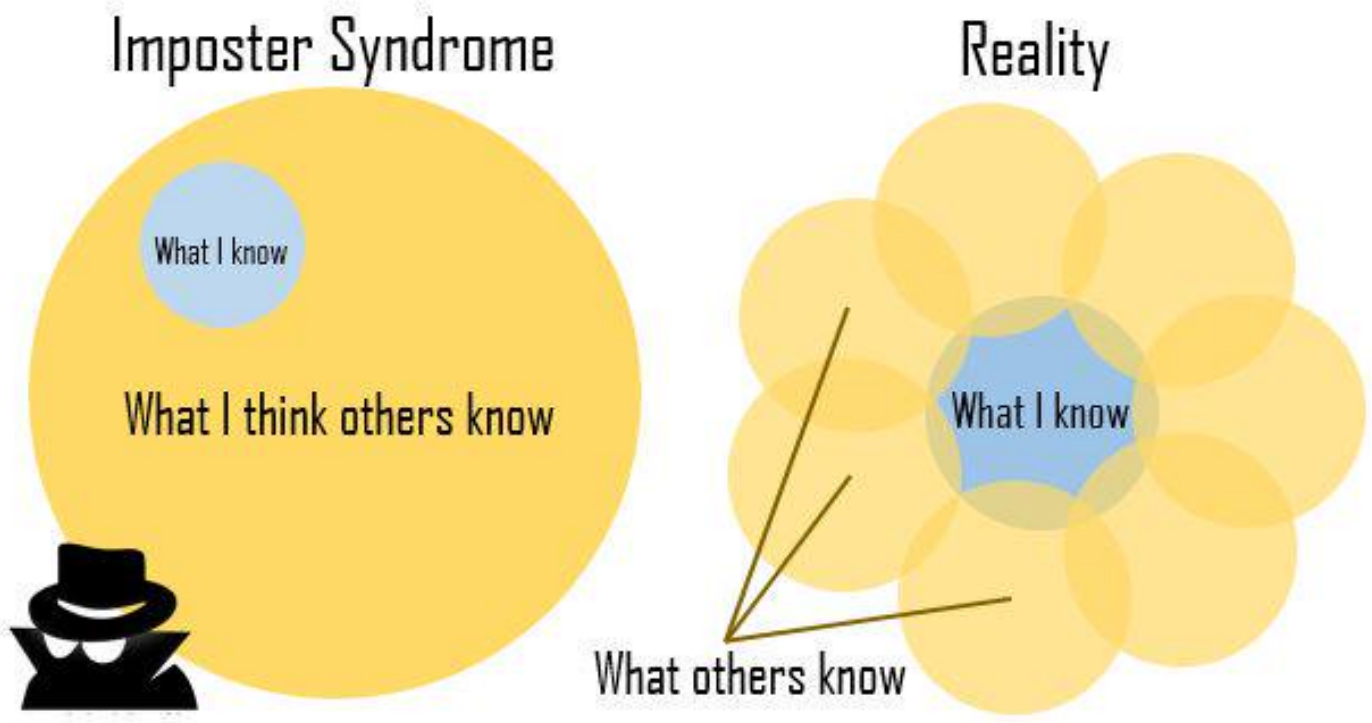

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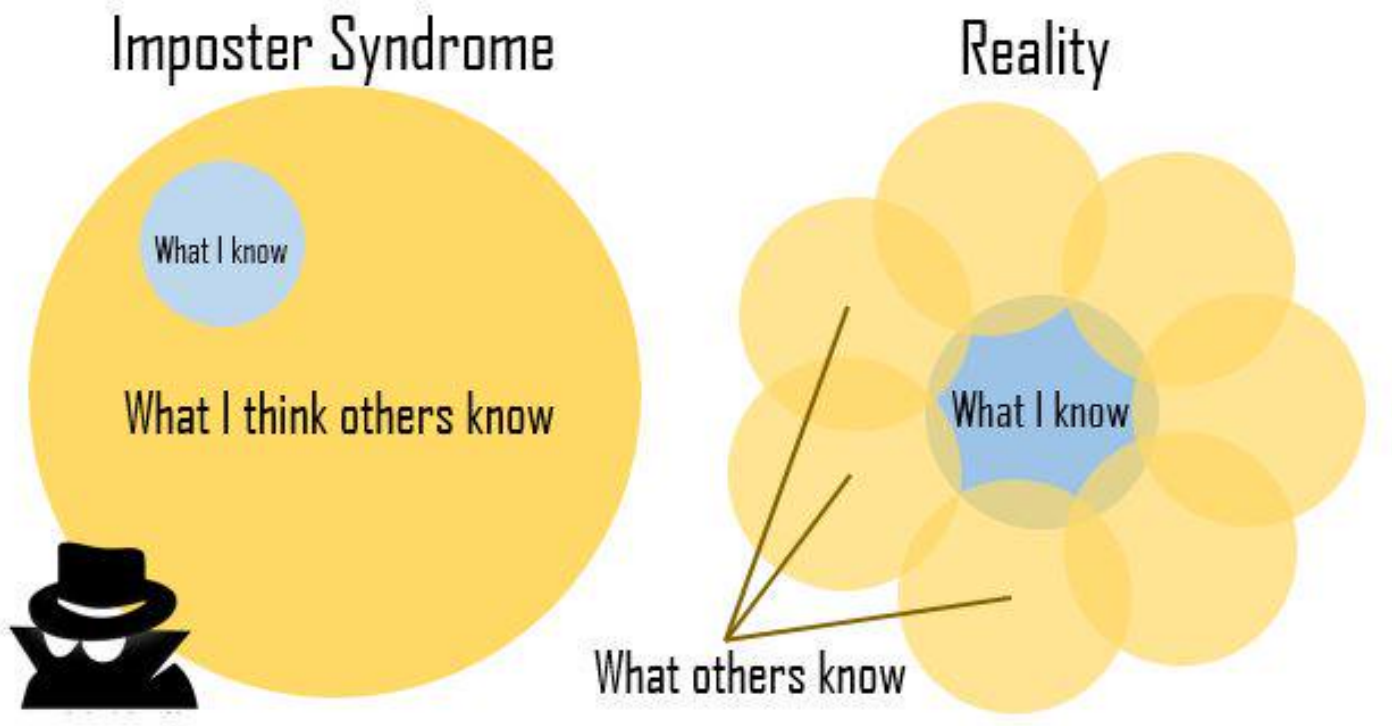

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Moral of the story?

Make friends, code in groups, learn together and don't beat yourself up

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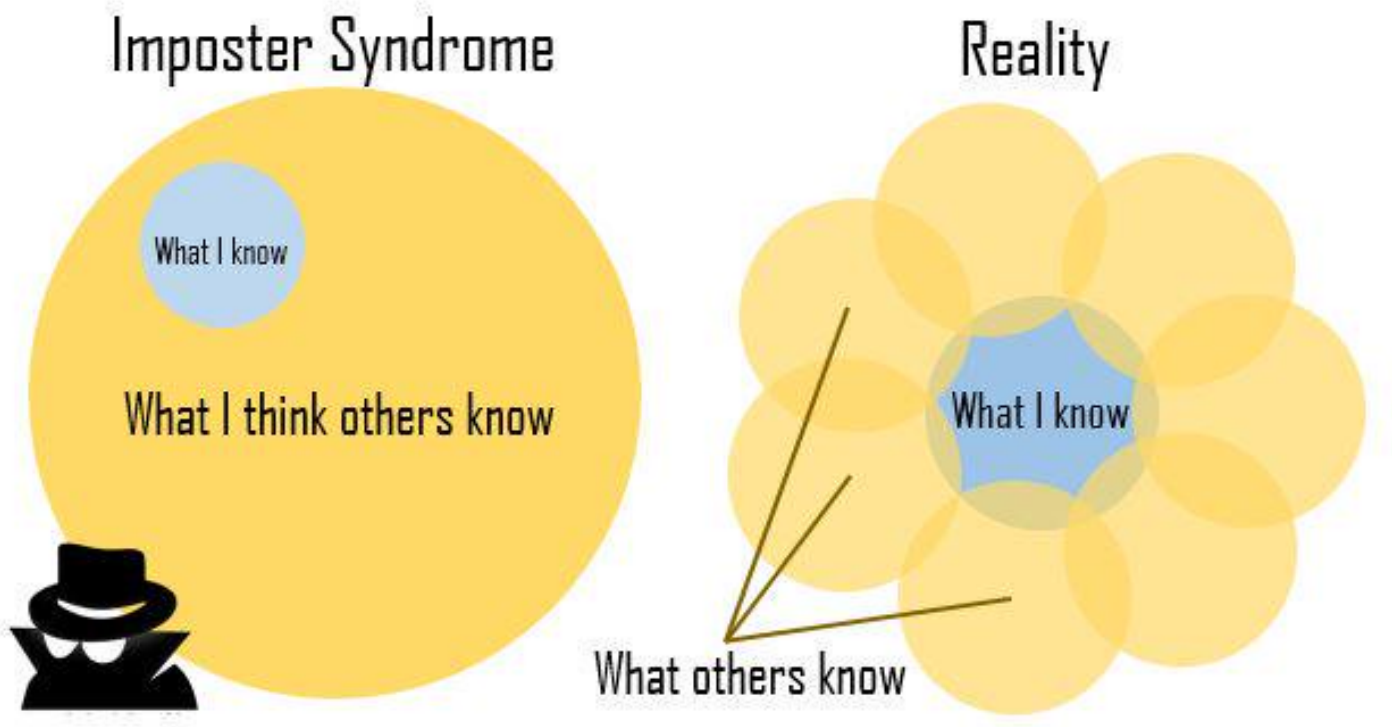

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Using R in the undergraduate biology classroom: Hurdles, hints, and aha moments

(**Here @ 1:45pm**)

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- Inspire you to take your **R** to the next level!

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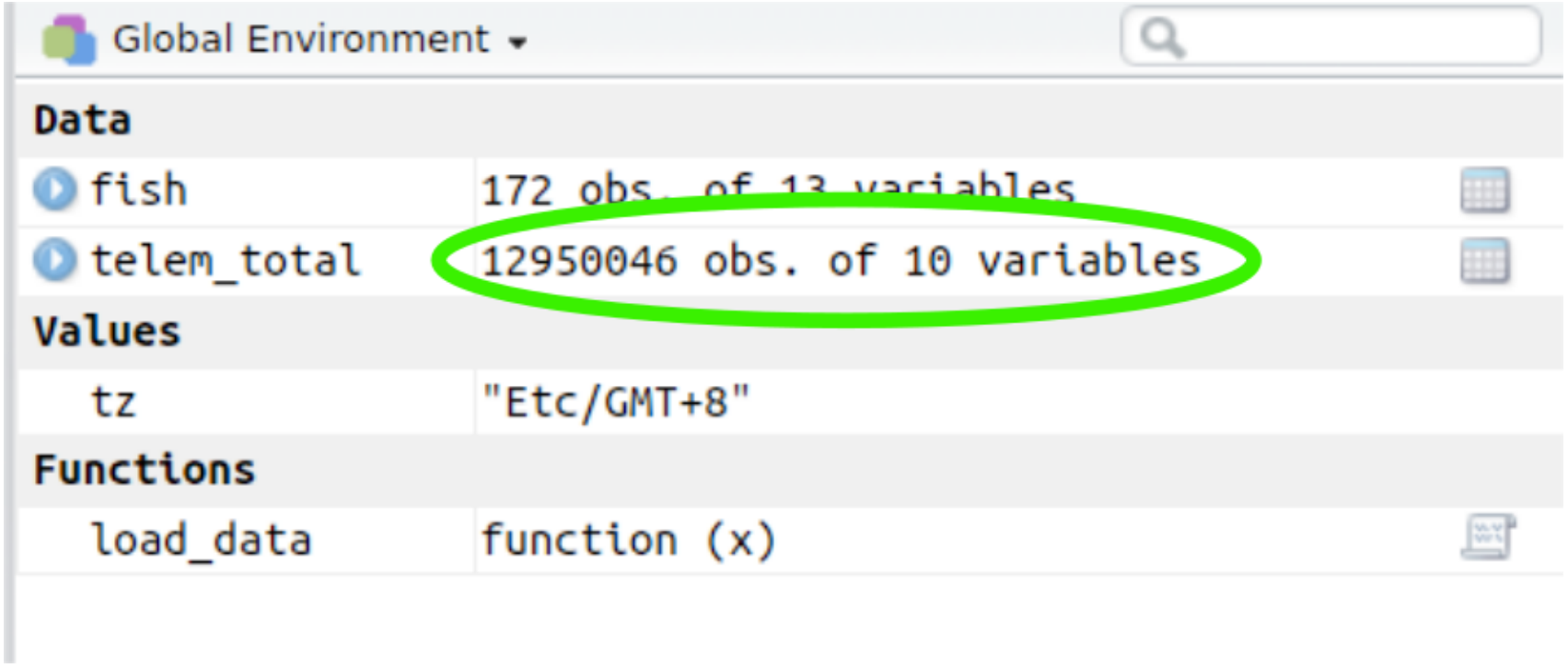

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The blessing and curse of automated data collection:
R and dealing with big data in a modern age
(**Here @ 10:45am**)

Super-computing with R:
Harnessing the power of the cloud to analyze big-bird-data, or just run your simulations, models, and cross-validations faster
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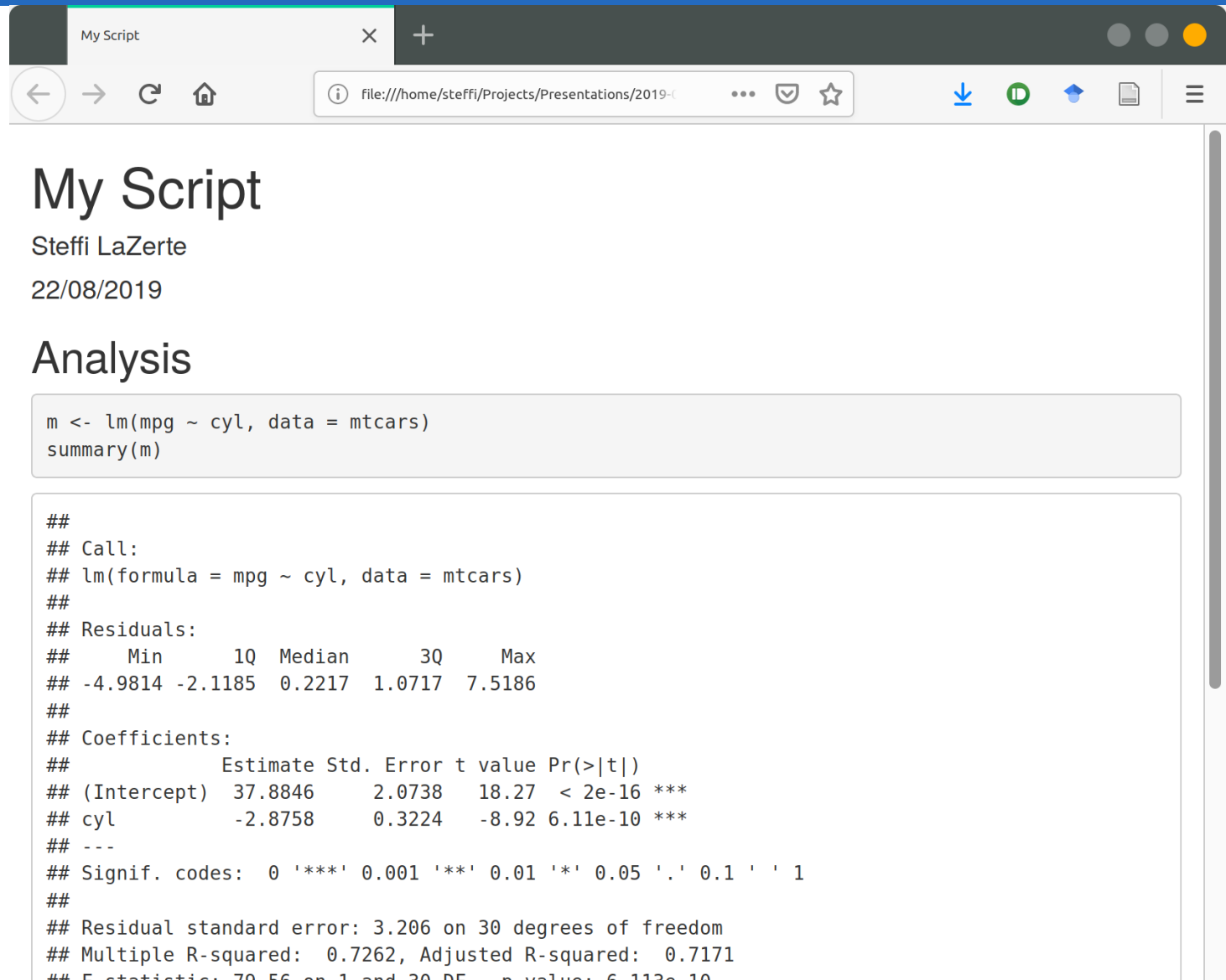

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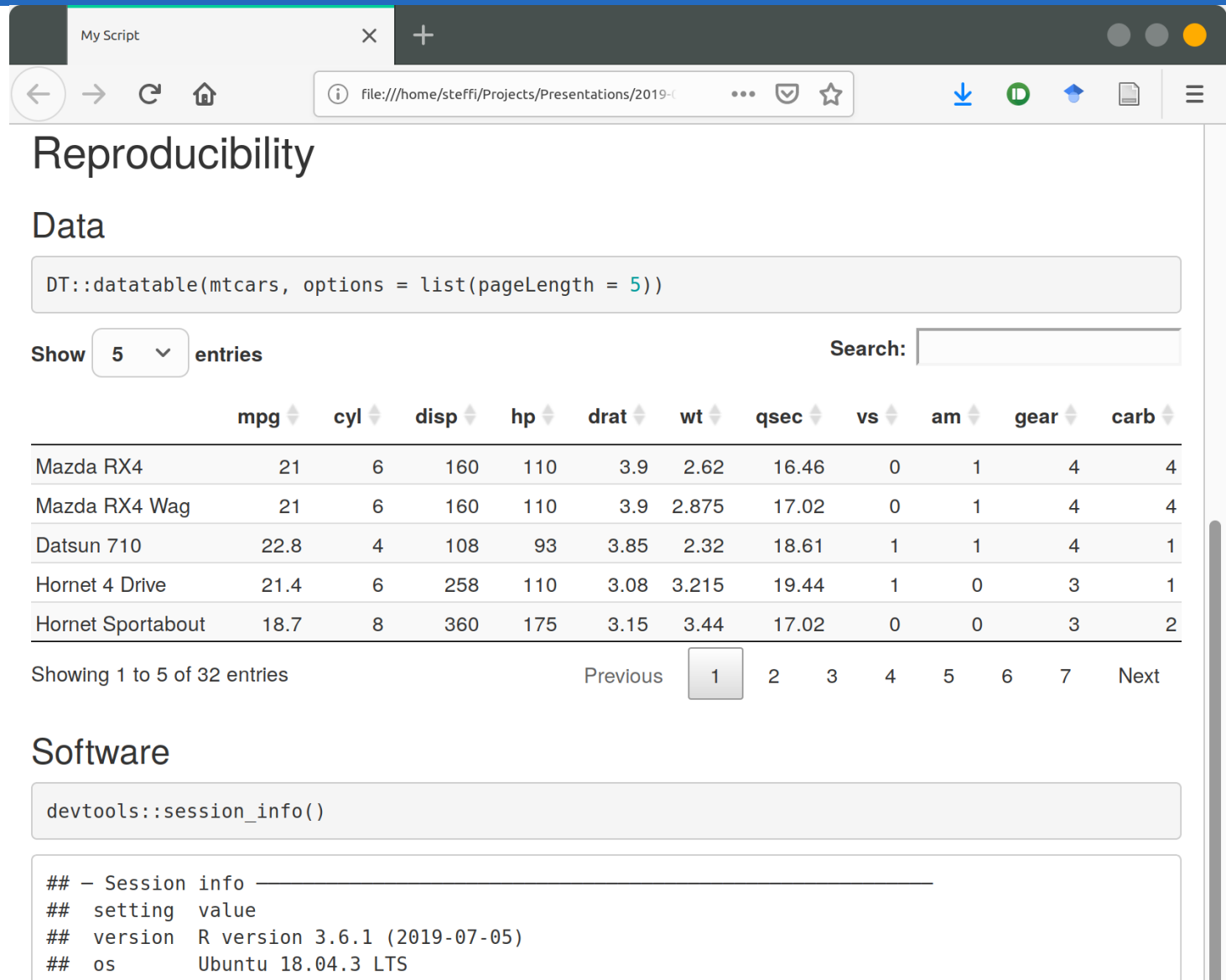

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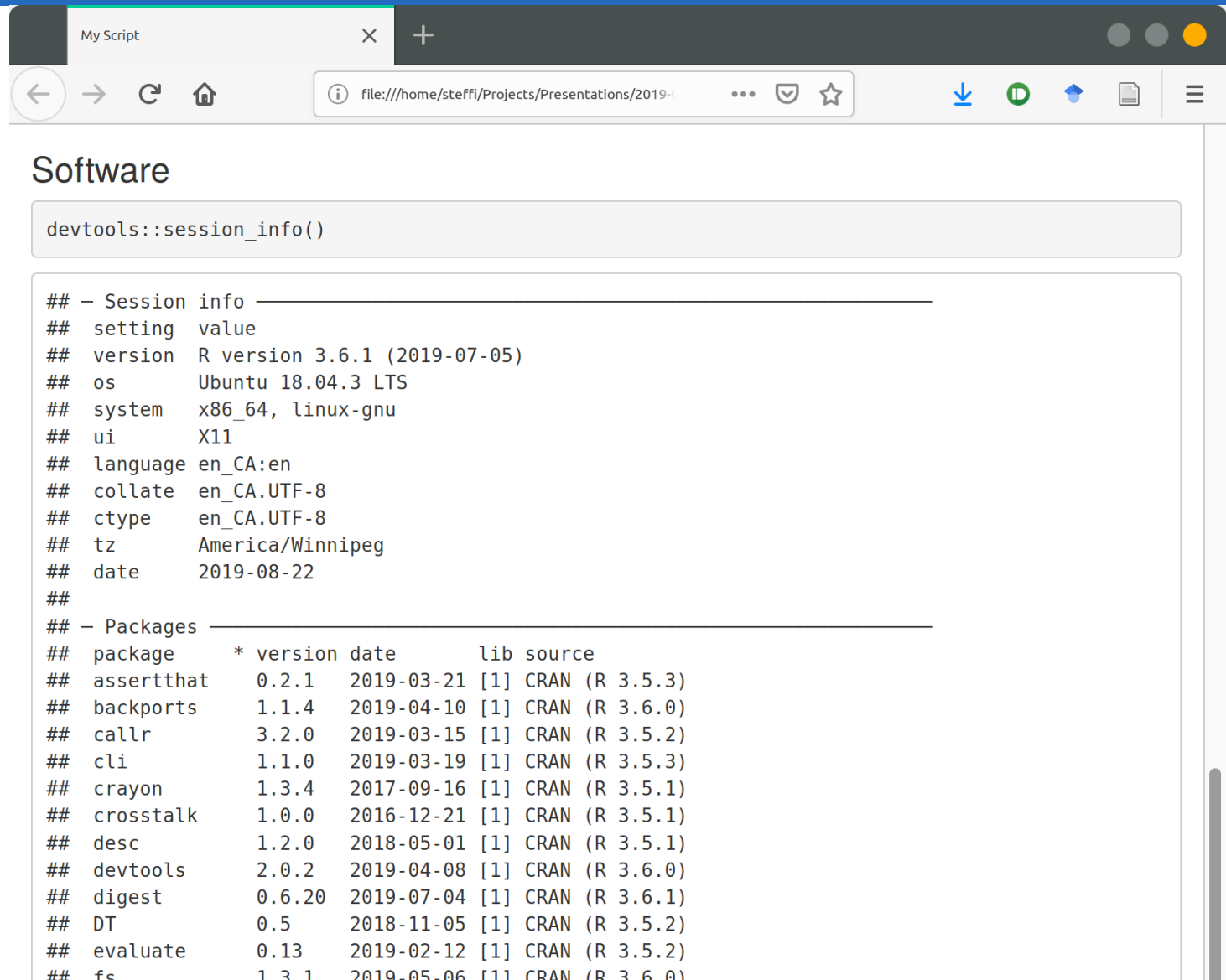

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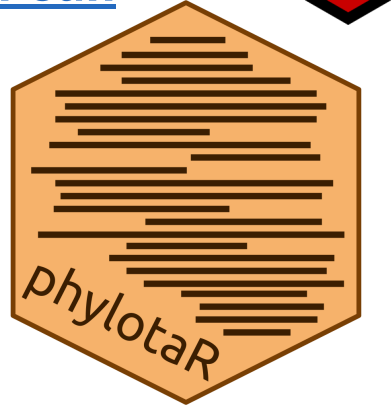

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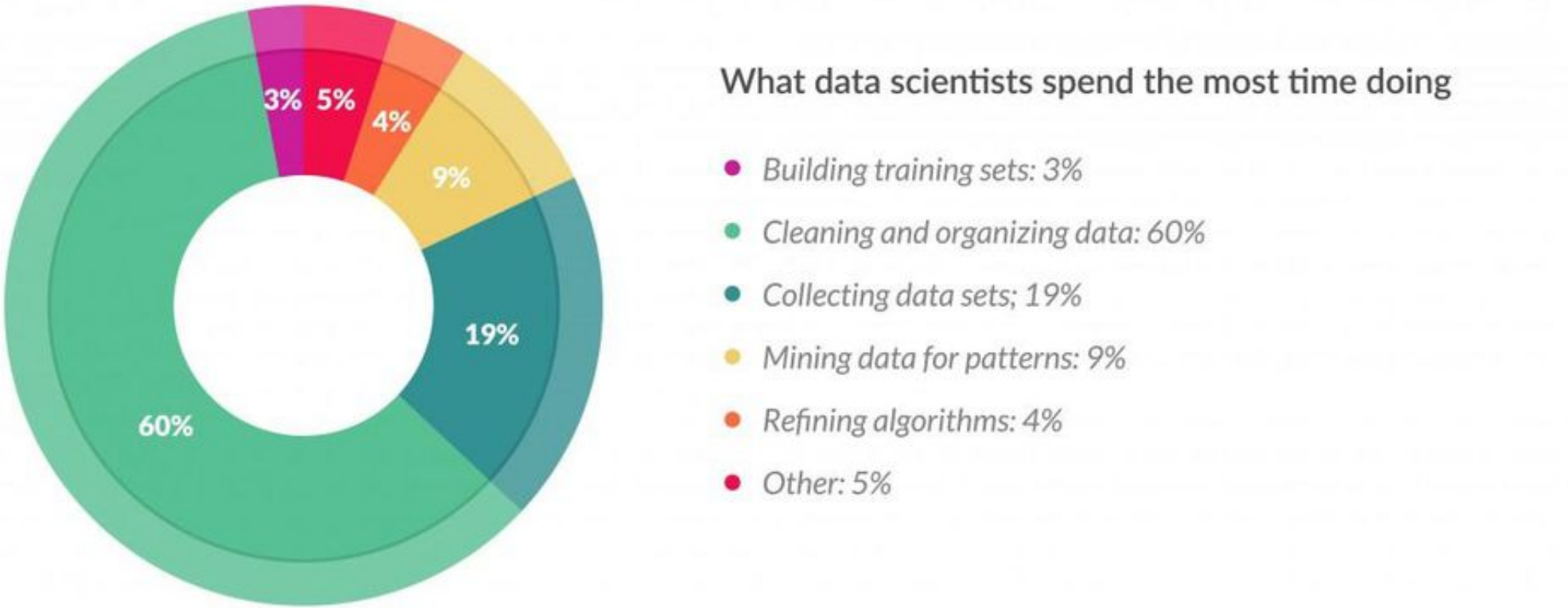

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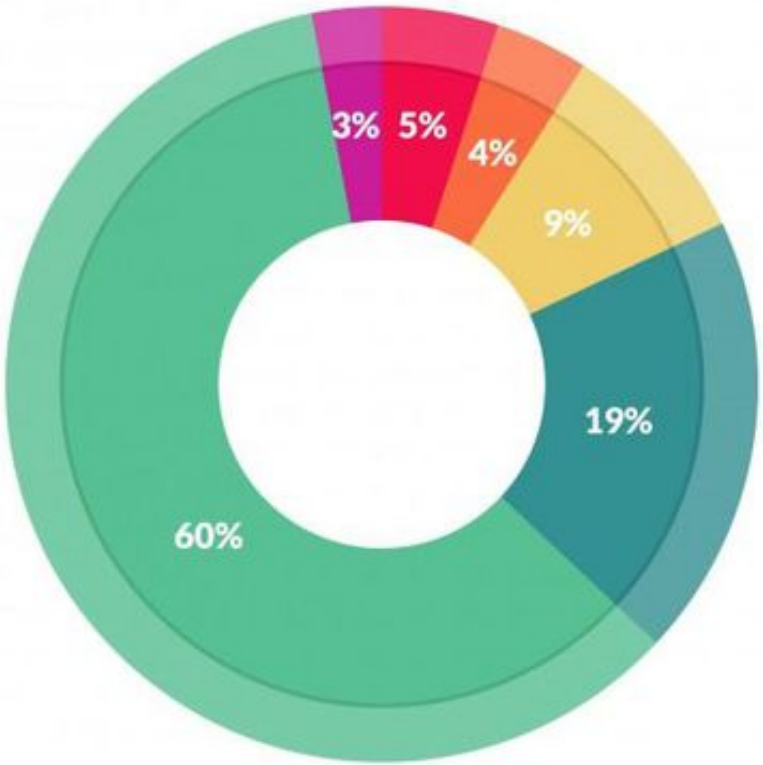

What data scientists spend the most time doing

- *Building training sets: 3%*
- *Cleaning and organizing data: 60%*
- *Collecting data sets; 19%*
- *Mining data for patterns: 9%*
- *Refining algorithms: 4%*
- *Other: 5%*

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Packages to Use

- Base R (i.e. no special packages)
- `data.table` (http://r-datatable.com)
- `tidyverse` (http://tidyverse.org)
  - Suite of packages
  - Learn more: R for Data Science

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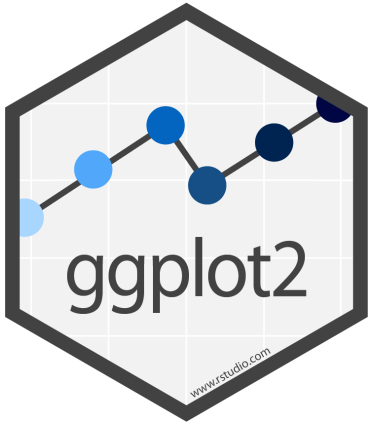

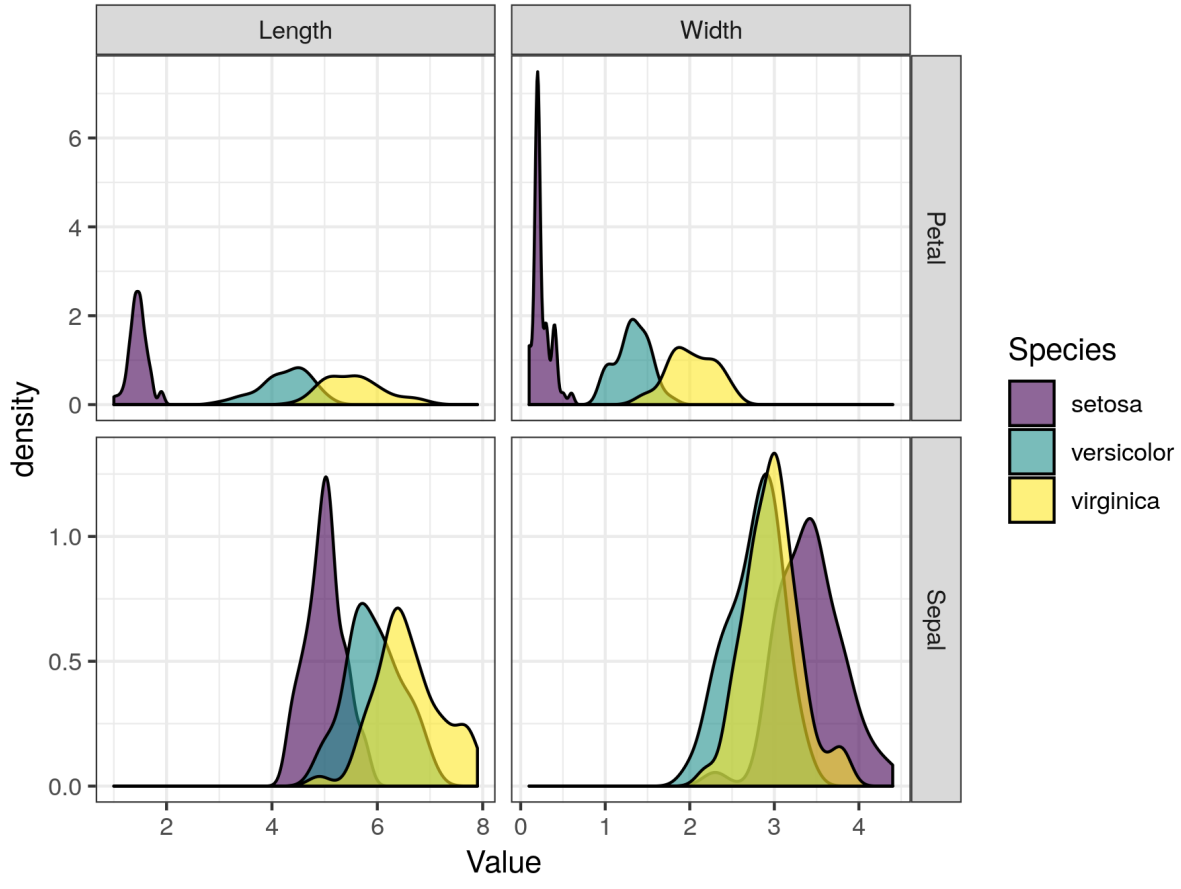

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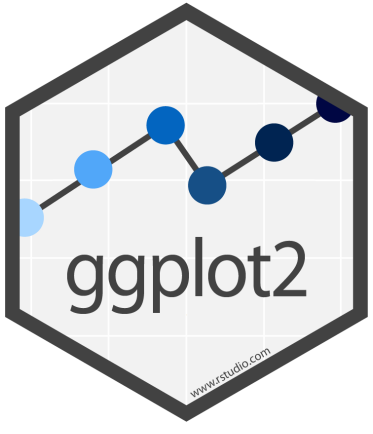

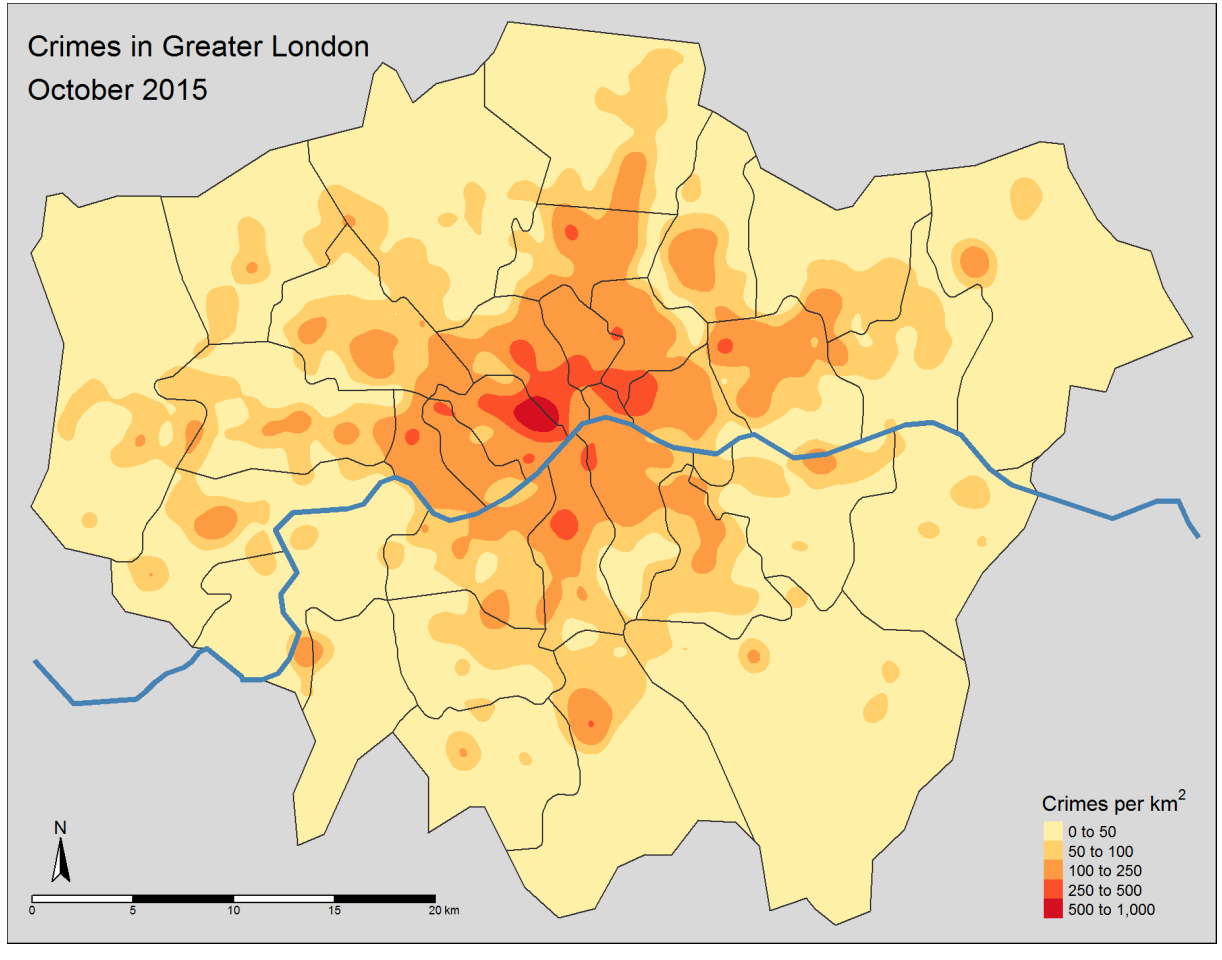

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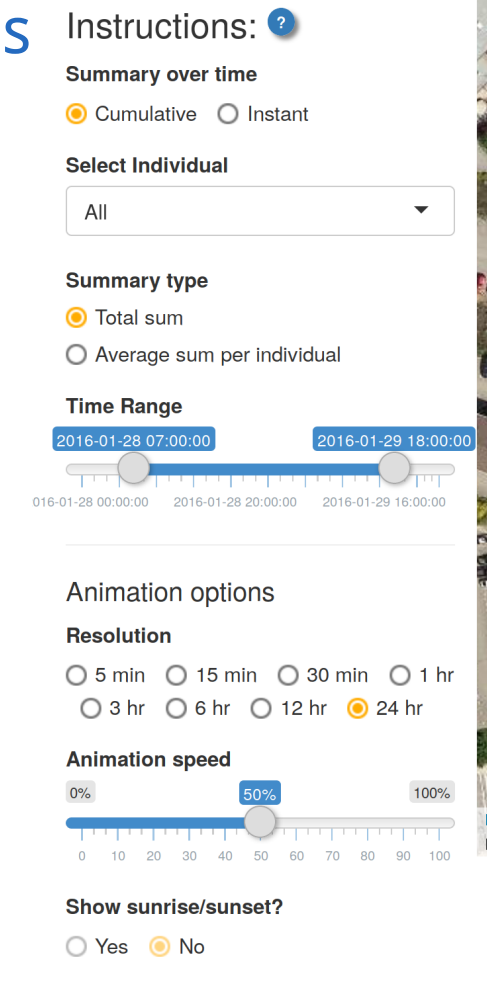

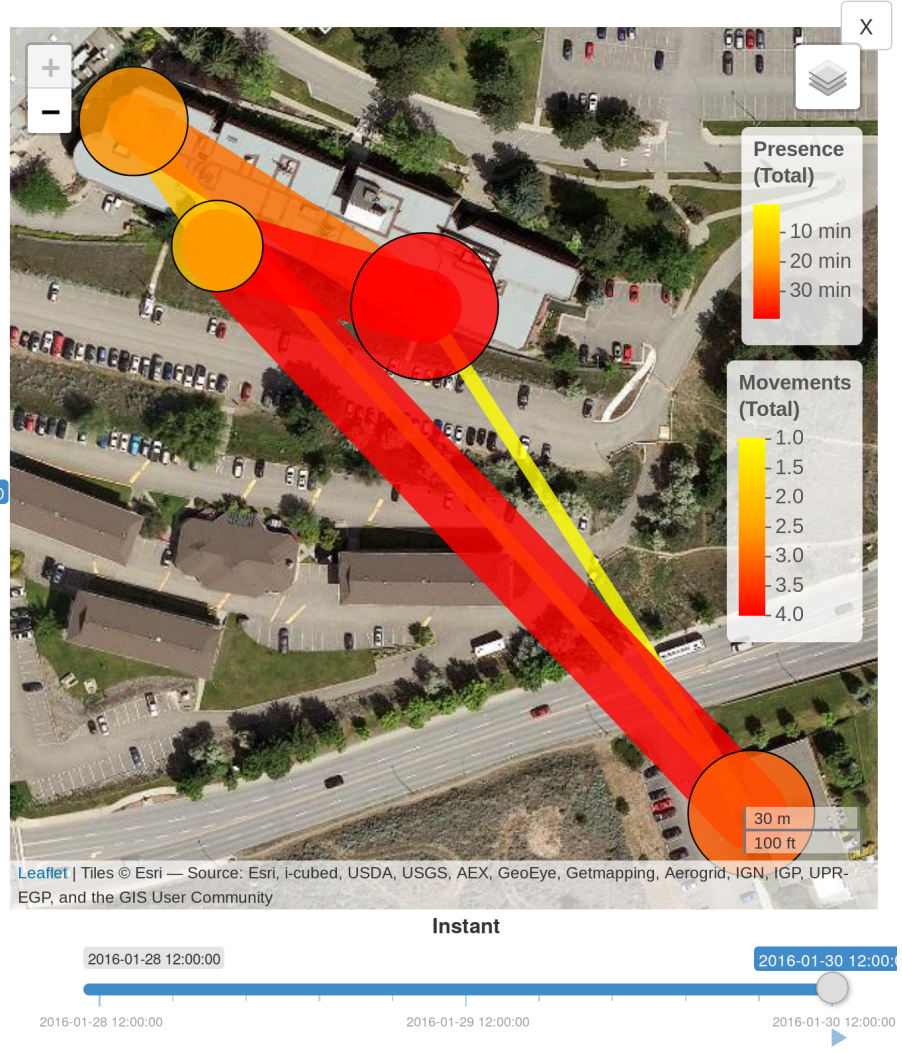

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