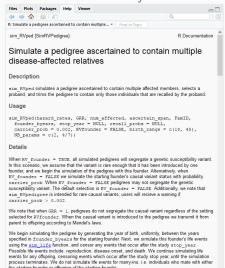
DIY R PACKAGE: SIMPLIFY LIFE WITH R

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Simon Fraser University Department of Statistics No more digging through old notes to figure out what you did months ago! Store information where you use it: in R.



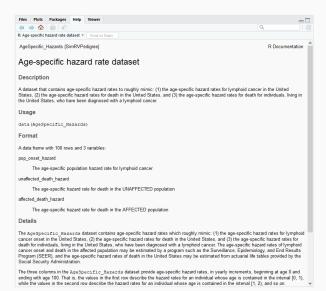
No more tedious, time-consuming data import!

```
1 gotwd()
2 setwd("C./Users/cnieuwoudt/Google Drive/LymphomaStudy /Pedsim/PedsimData")
3 LC_SIMhazards <- read sv("L6.SIMhazards.csv",
4 stringsAsFactors=FALSE)
5 LC_SIMpartition <- read.csv("LC_SIMpartition.csv",
6 stringsAsFactors=FALSE)
```

Simply load the package and then the data.

library(SimRVPedigree)
data("AgeSpecific_Hazards")

BONUS: You can clearly document your datasets, which may save you valuable time in the future.



VERSION CONTROL

Track and Revert Changes

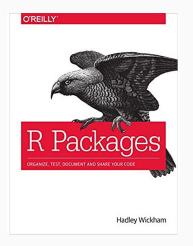
- ► Git
- ► Subversion

Useful links:

- https://support.rstudio.com/hc/en-us/articles/200532077-Version-Control-with-Git-and-SVN
- ► https://www.r-bloggers.com/version-control-with-git/

OMG, THANK YOU HADLEY WICKHAM!

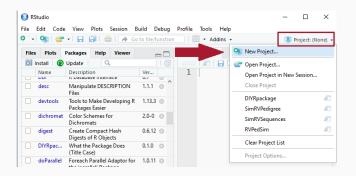
Wickham, Hadley: R Packages: Organize, Test, Document, and Share Your Code. 1st Edition, O'Reilly Media (2015).



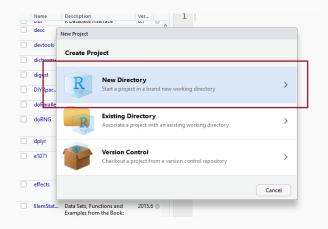
Available online http://r-pkgs.had.co.nz/

REQUIREMENTS

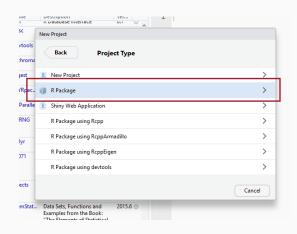
- ▶ Developer Tools (NOT R PACKAGES)
 - Windows:
 - ► Rtools: https://cran.r-project.org/bin/windows/Rtools/
 - ► Mac:
 - XCode: Available for free in App Store
 - Command Line Tools for Xcode: http://developer.apple.com/downloads
 - ► Linux: See HW's book.
- ► R packages:
 - ▶ devtools
 - ► roxygen2
 - ► knitr
 - ► testthat



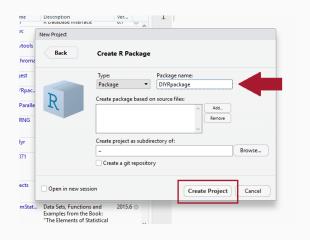
Click on the *Project* drop down menu and select *New Project*.



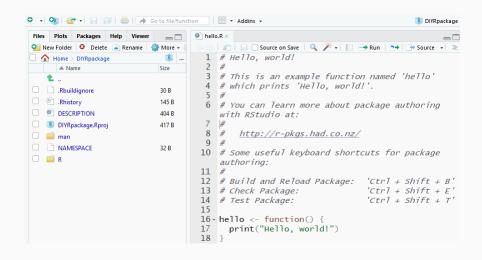
Select New Directory from the New Project options.



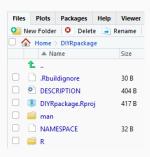
Choose *R Package* from the *Project Type* options.



Name the package and click Create Project.



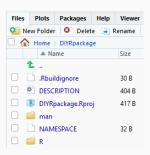
R generates a new package with basic package files and a hello world function.



R package directory files:

- ► .Rproj file
- ► .Rbuildignore
- ▶ DESCRIPTION
- ► NAMESPACE
- ► \R
- ▶ \man
- .Rproj file: a text file that stores project preferences.
- .Rbuildignore: Important for CRAN packages, for more info check out Chapter 2 of HW's book.

Don't worry about them. You don't need to edit them by hand.



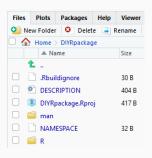
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NAMESPACE

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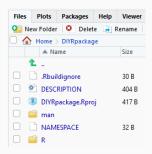


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DESCRIPTION

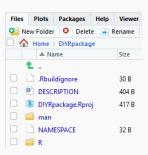
Contains package metadata, more on this soon.



\R All R code is stored here.

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R package directory files:

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This is where description files are stored.

NEVER edit these by hand; roxygen2 does all of the work for you.

ADDITIONAL FILES

Additionally, you may find the following files to be useful additions to your R package directory:

- ▶ \data
- ► \vignettes
- ▶ \tests

DESCRIPTION FILE

```
DESCRIPTION ×
1 Package: SimRVPedigree
 2 Type: Package
 3 Title: Simulate Pedigrees Ascertained for a Rare Disease
 4 Version: 0.1.0
 5 Author: Christina Nieuwoudt, Jinko Graham
 6 Maintainer: Christina Nieuwoudt <cnieuwou@sfu.ca>
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    Depends:
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11 Imports:
12
        kinship2 (>= 1.6.4).
13
        dplyr (>= 0.4.3),
14
        stats (>= 3.3.0)
15 Suggests:
16
        doParallel (>= 1.0.10).
17 doRNG (>= 1.6),
18 License: GNU General Public License
19 LazyData: TRUE
 20 RoxygenNote: 6.0.1
 21 VignetteBuilder: knitr
```

For more information, refer to Chapter 4 of "R Packages"

ROXYGEN

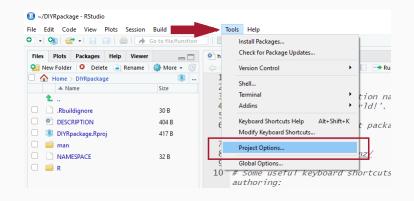
In conjunction with devtools, roxygen2 is a really nice R package that will simplify development.

The roxygen2 package:

- ► manages the NAMESPACE file,
- ▶ handles text formatting in documentation, and
- generates .Rd files in the \man directory for documented functions.

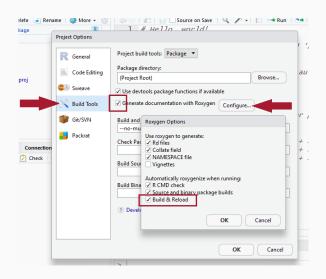
All this can be yours... but first, you must configure the project build tools to use roxygen2.

CONFIGURE ROXYGEN2



To configure, click on the *Tools* menu and select *Project Options...*

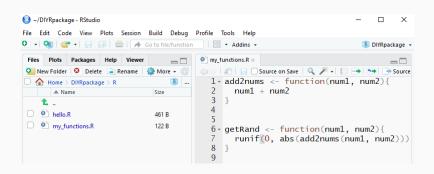
CONFIGURE ROXYGEN2



Under Build Tools, configure Roxygen as displayed above.

R. FUNCTIONS

- ▶ R functions are stored in .R files in the \R directory.
- You may store and document multiple functions in the same script.



Let's start by documenting this simple function, add2num, which returns the sum of num1 and num2.

- ► To generate a description skeleton with roxygen2:
 - 1. place cursor inside function definition
 - 2. hold: Shift + Ctrl/Cmd + Alt + R

Now we have a description skeleton generated by roxygen2.

Quick Observations:

- ▶ all roxygen2 comments start with #', and
- roxygen2 keywords start with @.

ROXYGEN2 KEYWORDS

- @param documents function arguments.
- **@return** documents what the function returns to the user. This can be a single object or a list of objects.
- **@export** Tells R to make the function available to anyone using your package. For now, always include @export.
- @examples documents example R code.

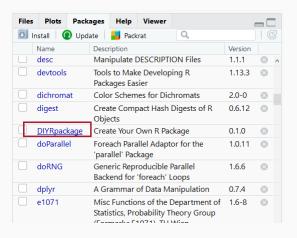
Other useful keywords:

- @inheritParams inherit parameters of another function.
 - Oseealso provide links to other functions or resources.

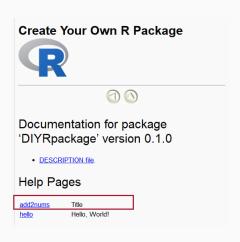
To convert roxygen2 comments to .Rd files: click on *Install and Restart*, under the *Build* tab.

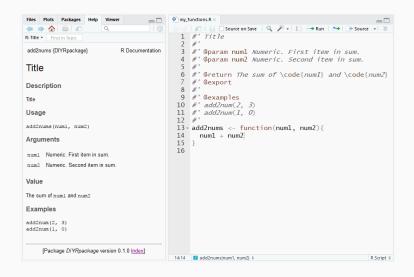
```
mv functions.R ×
                                                                                    New Folder O Delete 🙀 Rename
                        More ▼
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     ▲ Name
                          Size
                                     #' @param numl Numeric. First item in sum.
                                      #' @param num2 Numeric. Second item in sum.
hello.R
                          461 B
my functions.R
                          281 B
                                      #' @return The sum of \code{num1} and \code{num2}
                                      #' @export
Environment History Connections Build
                                     #'@examples
Install and Restart
                                     #' add2num(2, 3)
                                      #' add2num(1, 0)
==> devtools::document(roclets
=c('rd', 'collate', 'namespace
                                  13 - add2nums <- function(num1, num2){</pre>
                                  14
                                        num1 + num2
Updating DIYRpackage documenta
                                  15 3
```

Find your package in the list of installed packages.

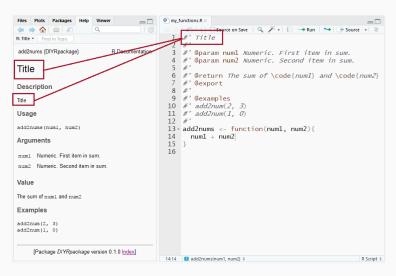


Navigate to the documented function.





If "Description" is not specified, "Title" is recycled and used again for "Description."

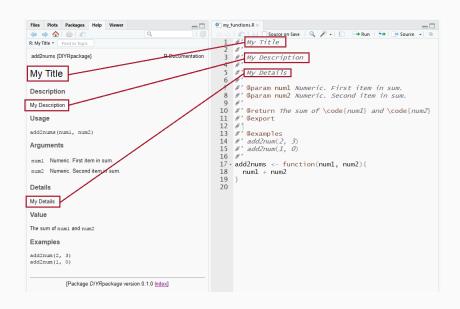


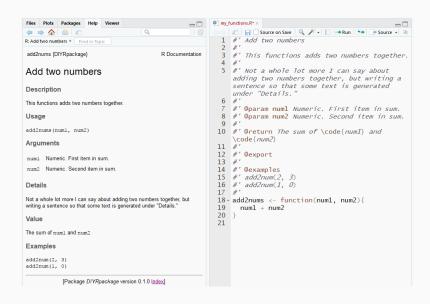
NOTE: There are no keyword specifiers for "Title", "Description", or "Details". To specify, simply separate text for each section by a blank line.

```
© my_functions.R ×

1 #' My Title
2 #'
3 #' My Description
4 #'
5 #' My Details
6 #'
7 #' @param num1 Numer1
8 #' @param num2 Numer1
```

roxygen2 always treats the first chunk as "Title", the second chunk as "Description", and the third chunk as "Details".





USING @INHERITPARAMS AND @IMPORTFROM

Let's use roxygen2 to simplify documentation of getRand.

```
21  #' Title
22  #'
23  #' @param num1
24  #' @param num2
25  #'
26  #' @return
27  #' @export
28  #'
29  #' @examples
30  getRand <- function(num1, num2) {
31  runif(0, abs(add2nums(num1, num2)))|
32  }
33
```

USING @INHERITPARAMS AND @IMPORTFROM

To avoid re-documenting num1 and num2, we replace @param with @inheritParams.

```
21 #' Title
22 #'
23 #'@inheritParams add2nums
24
   #' @importFrom stats runif
   #"
25
26
   #' @return
27 #' @export
28 #'
29 #'@examples
30 \#' getRand(2, 3)
31 - getRand <- function(num1, num2){</pre>
     runif(0, abs(add2nums(num1, num2)))
32
33 }
```

USING @INHERITPARAMS AND @IMPORTFROM

To import functions from other packages:

- ▶ Use @importFrom <package> <function>
- ▶ Do not use: library(package)

```
#' Title
#'
#' @inheritParams add2nums
#' @importFrom stats runif
#'
#' @return
#' @export
#'
#' @examples
#' getRand(2, 3)
getRand <- function(num1, num2){
    runif(0, abs(add2nums(num1, num2)))
}</pre>
```

```
#' Title
#'
#' @inheritParams add2nums
#'
#' @return
#' @export
#'
#' @examples
#' getRand(2, 3)
ibrary(stats)
getRand <- function(num1, num2){
    runif (0, abs(add2nums(num1, num2)))
}</pre>
```

INCLUDE PACKAGES IN DESCRIPTION

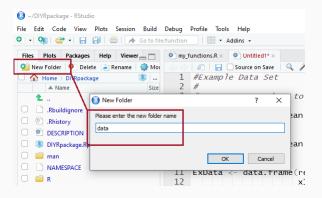
Include any required packages in the DESCRIPTION file, under Imports, along with the version number of the package.

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19 LazyData: TRUE
20 RoxygenNote: 6.0.1
21 VignetteBuilder: knitr
```

CREATE AND STORE DATA SET

Data sets are stored in \data. We will need to create this directory.

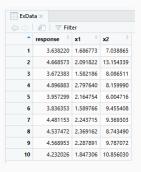
- 1. Click on New Folder under Files
- 2. Name and create the data directory.



If you are following along, execute GenExData.R.

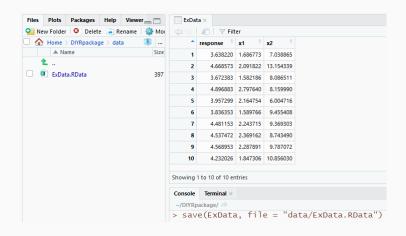
CREATE AND STORE DATA SET

Goal: store ExData in the \data directory.



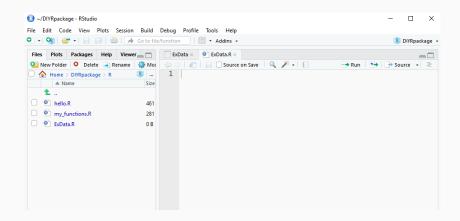
In the console execute the command:
save(ExData, file = "data/ExData.RData")

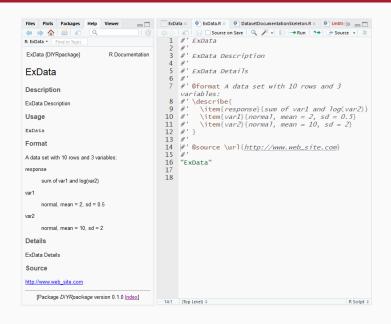
CREATE AND STORE DATA SET



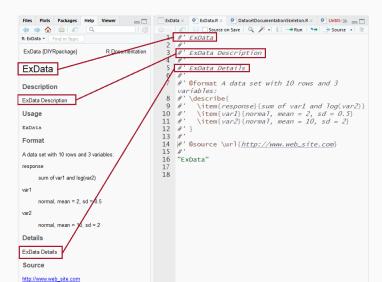
- ▶ Documentation for a data set is created in an .R script, stored in the \R directory, with the same name as data set stored in \data.
- ► Each data set needs a separate documentation file.

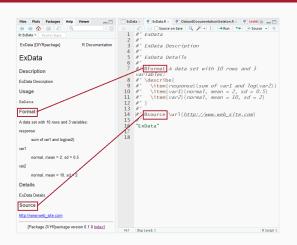
- 1. Hold Shift + Ctrl/Cmd + N to create a new script.
- 2. Save as ExData.R in \R .





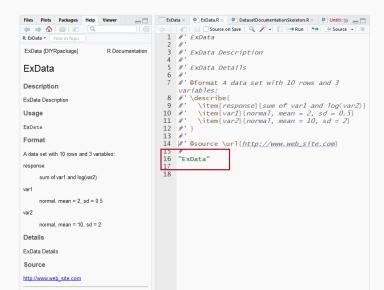
As with function documentation, roxygen2 treats the first chunk as "Title", the second chunk as "Description", and the third chunk as "Details".

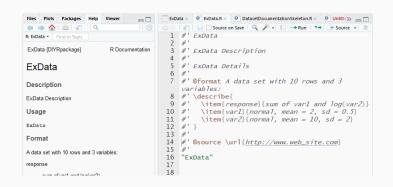




- ▶ @format is used to give an overview of the data
- Osource is used to provide the data source. For multiple sources, use Osource before each source.

The last line is always the dataset name in quotation marks. Note: this is not a roxygen2 comment.

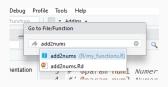




Never include @export in data documentation, @export is used for functions only.

HELPFUL TRICKS

- ► To generate roxygen2 description skeleton:
 - 1. place cursor inside function definition
 - 2. hold: Shift + Ctrl/Cmd + Alt + R
- ► To jump to function definition:
 - 1. hold: Ctrl/Cmd + .
 - 2. type function name and choose from drop down list.



TROUBLESHOOTING

After clicking *Install and Reload*, if you receive the error message:

Warning: The existing 'NAMESPACE' file was not generated by roxygen2, and will not be overwritten.

Try the following fix:

- Backup the NAMESPACE file (just in case)
- ► Delete the NAMESPACE file from the package directory
- ▶ In the console execute the command: devtools::document().

Roxygen should create a new NAMESPACE file. If it works, you should not have to repeat this fix, again.

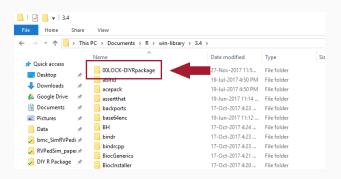
TROUBLESHOOTING

Occasionally, the package locks after clicking *Install and Reload*.

```
Environment History Connections Build
Updating DIYRpackage documentation
Loading DIYRpackage
Writing ExData.Rd
Documentation completed
==> Rcmd.exe INSTALL --no-multiarch --with-keep.source DIYRpackag
* installing to library 'C:/Users/cnieuwoudt/Documents/R/win-libr
arv/3.4'
* installing *source* package 'DIYRpackage' ...
** data
*** moving datasets to lazyload DB
** preparing package for lazy loading
*** installing help indices
** building package indices
** testing if installed package can be loaded
* DONE (DIYRpackage)
```

You'll notice that after you hit *Install and Reload*, the STOP symbol does not go away and the library doesn't reload.

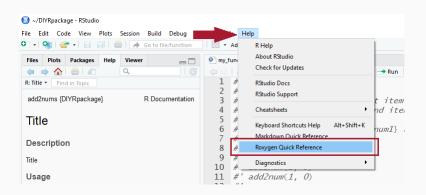
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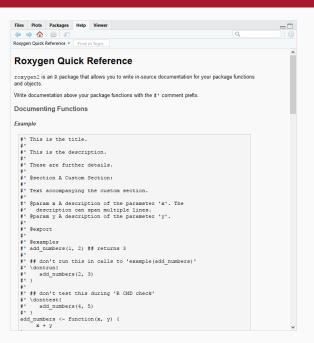
- ► Navigate to the library with the same version number as your current installation of R.
- ► Locate the file entitled "OOLOCK-package_name".
- ▶ Delete it.

ROXYGEN QUICK REFERENCE

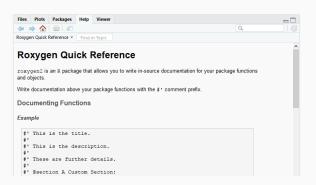
In Rstudio, additional information for roxygen2 may be found by navigating to *Roxygen Quick Reference* in the *Help* menu



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Additional references:

- https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/roxygen2/vignettes/roxygen2.html
- ► Hadley Wickham's book "R Packages", Chapter 5
- ... the all-mighty and powerful Google.

HADLEY WICKHAM'S R PACKAGES

- ► Function Documentation: Chapter 5, pp. 49
- ► roxygen2 introduction: Chapter 5
- ▶ Data Documentation: Chapter 9.1.1, pp. 107
- ▶ .Rbuildignore: Chapter 2
- ► DESCRIPTION file: Chapter 4