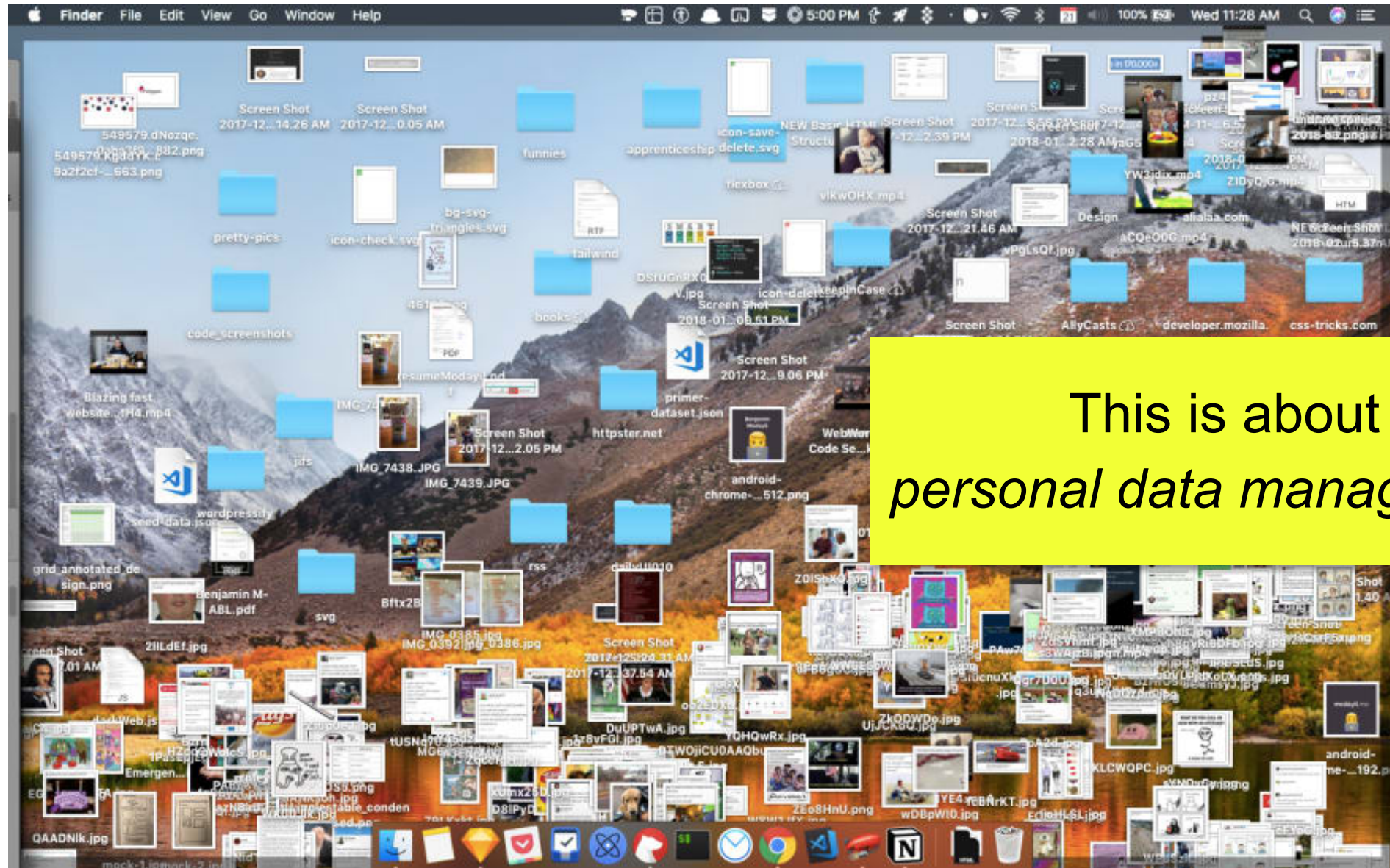


Plain Text Tools

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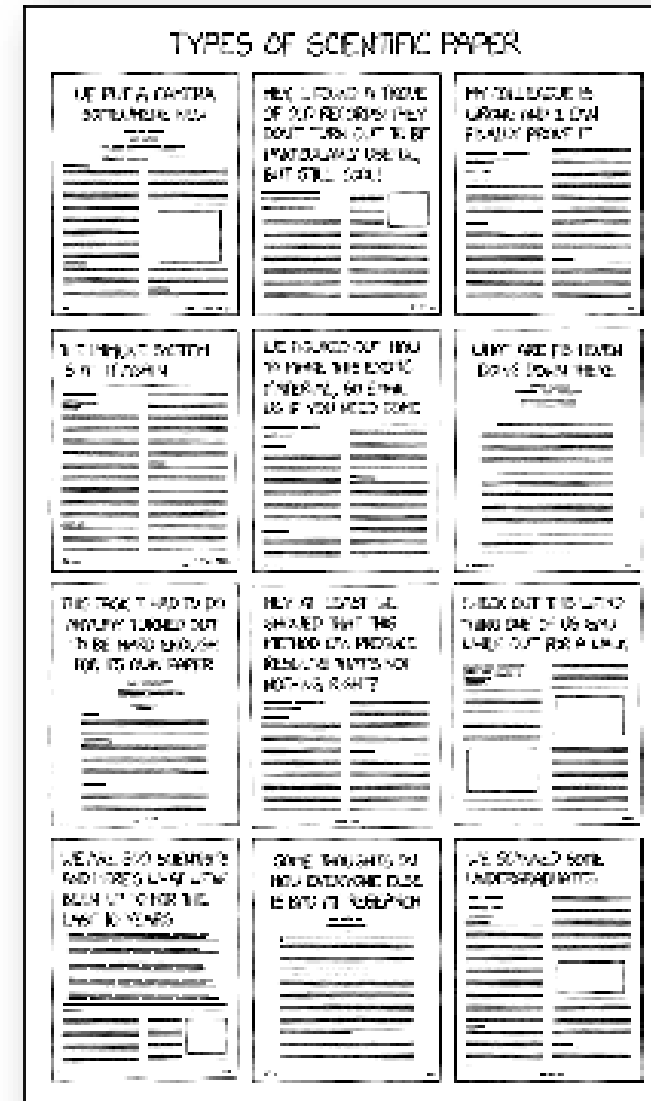
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This is about
personal data management

A typical data report

- Cites other papers/journal articles/textbooks
- Presents experimental results/calculations
- Illustrates scenarios using drawings
- References items in the text
- Contains graphs





Basic principles of organizing your work

1. Leave a coherent record of your actions

Sustains reproducibility

Helps organizing references

Your future you will thank you at some point

2. Files and folders need to tell you what they are

Required to organize and document your draft papers, code snippets, datasets, and so on

Also sustains reproducibility

Plain text files are easily searchable – a speaking filename might already be sufficient

3. Automate repetitive and error-prone processes where possible

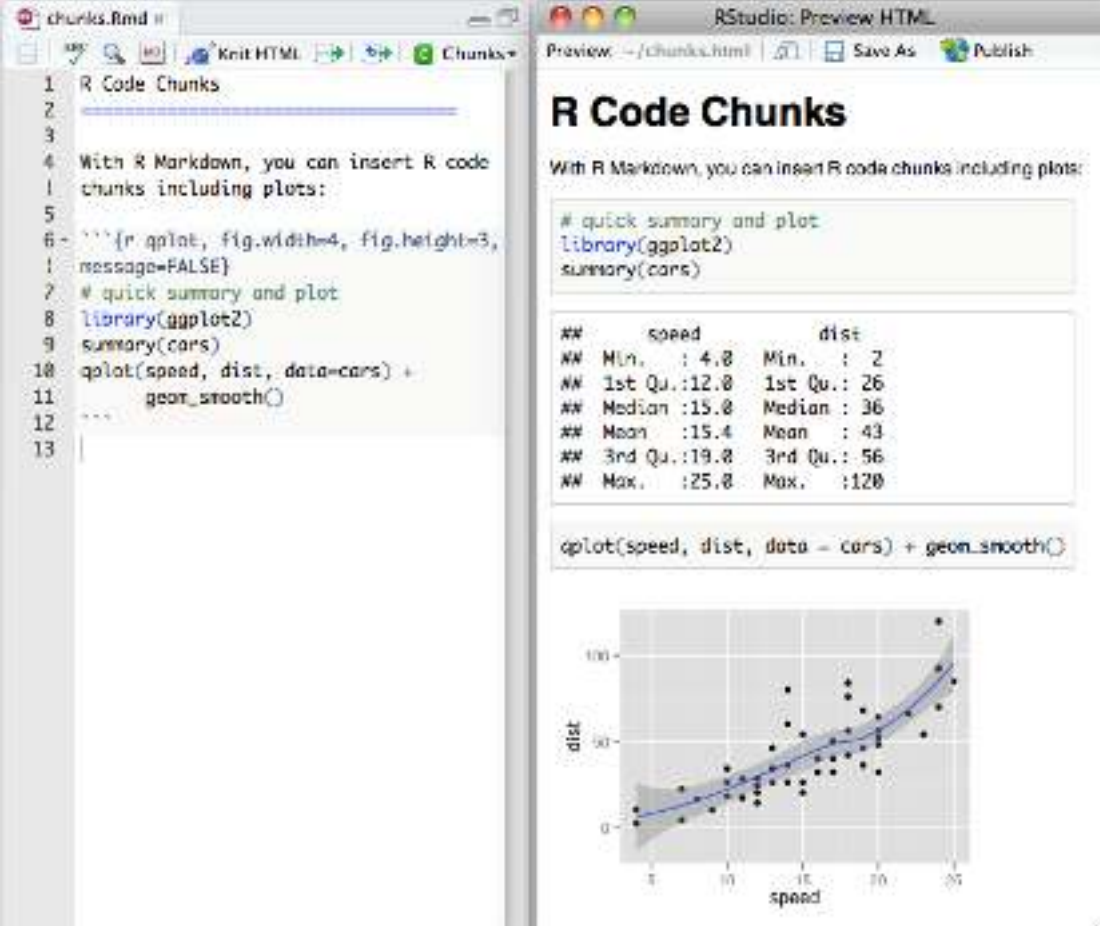
Makes it easier to check for mistakes because there is only one place to correct them

Two models of work

1. Office Model:

Name
Press release for approval.doc
Press release final.doc
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IMPROVED FINAL PRESS RELEASE.doc
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2. Engineering Model:



The screenshot shows the RStudio interface with two panes. The left pane displays R code chunks, and the right pane shows the rendered HTML output.

Left Pane (R Code Chunks):

```

1 R Code Chunks
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4 With R Markdown, you can insert R code
5 chunks including plots:
6
7 ```{r qplot, fig.width=4, fig.height=3,
8 message=FALSE}
9 # quick summary and plot
10 library(ggplot2)
11 summary(cars)
12 qplot(speed, dist, data=cars) +
13   geom_smooth()

```

Right Pane (R Code Chunks - Preview HTML):

R Code Chunks

With R Markdown, you can insert R code chunks including plots:

```
# quick summary and plot
library(ggplot2)
summary(cars)
```

##	speed	dist
## Min.	: 4.8	Min. : 2
## 1st Qu.:	:12.8	1st Qu.: 26
## Median :	:15.8	Median : 36
## Mean :	:15.4	Mean : 43
## 3rd Qu.:	:19.8	3rd Qu.: 56
## Max. :	:25.8	Max. :120

```
qplot(speed, dist, data = cars) + geom_smooth()
```

The right pane also displays a scatter plot of distance (dist) versus speed (speed) with a smoothed trend line. The x-axis ranges from 0 to 25, and the y-axis ranges from 0 to 120.

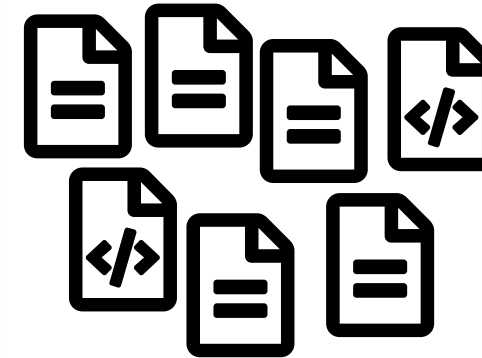
The difference between those models

1. Office Model:



Basic principles of organizing your work are easier to implement using the engineering model.

2. Engineering Model:



A Word file is probably the center of your project

- Changes are tracked *inside* that file
- Citation & reference managers plug into Word
- Output of data analysis is pasted into the file
- Often, the word file *is the output*

The project is organized around a version control repository

- Changes are tracked *outside* of files
- Data analysis is kept in code that produces output in a known manner ideally reproducible
- Citation & references are kept in separate files
- Final output is assembled from a bunch of input files

How to get started

How to draw an owl

1.



1. Draw some circles

2.



2. Draw the rest of the fucking owl

Thanks.

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