

# R Startup and Configuration

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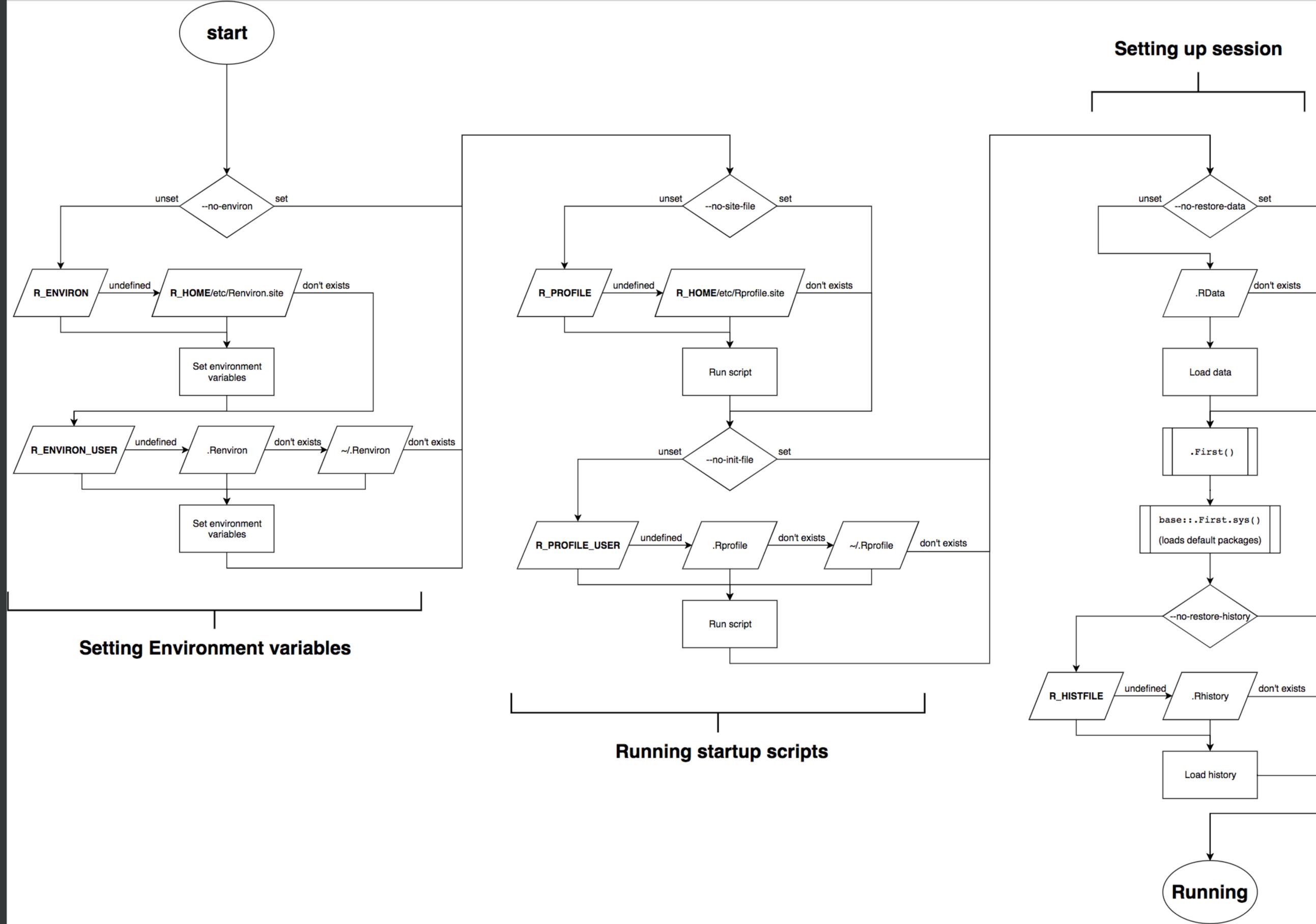
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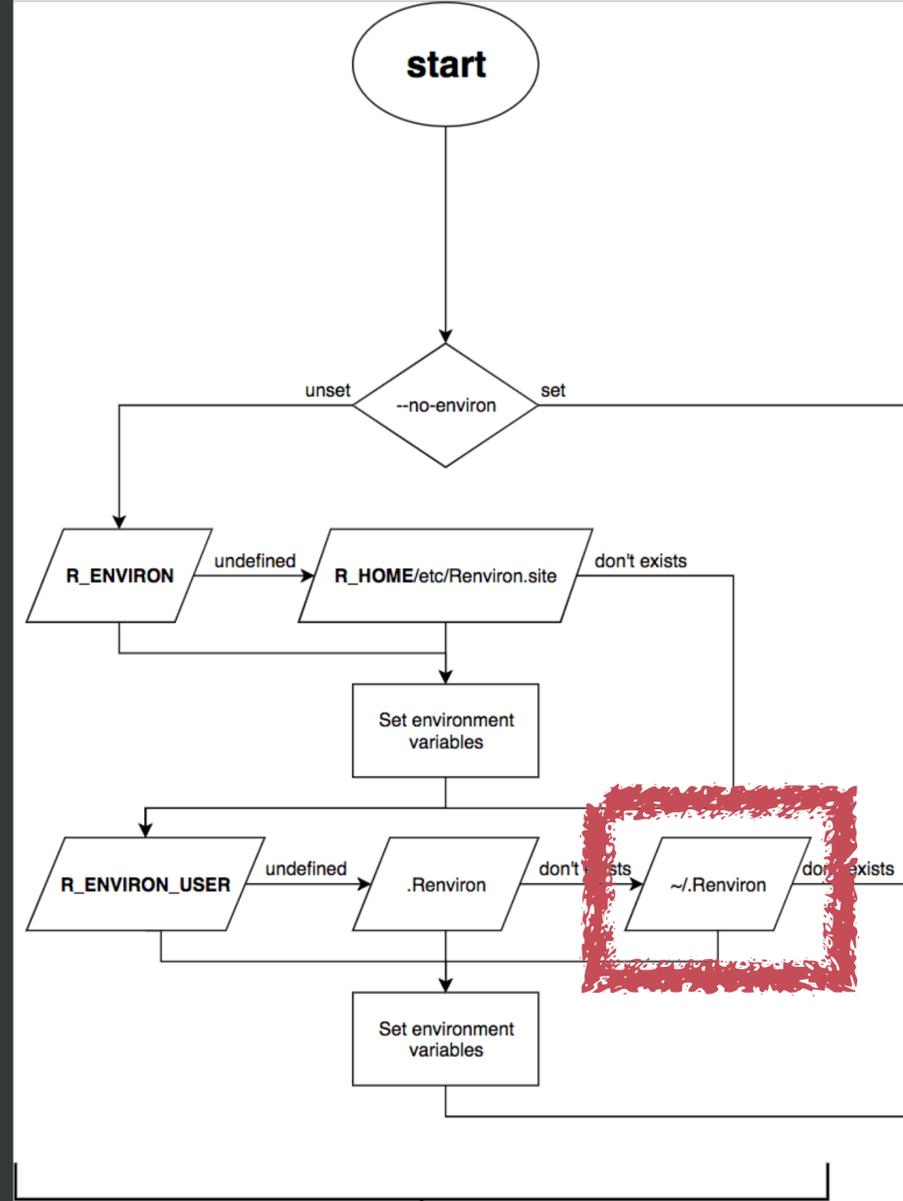


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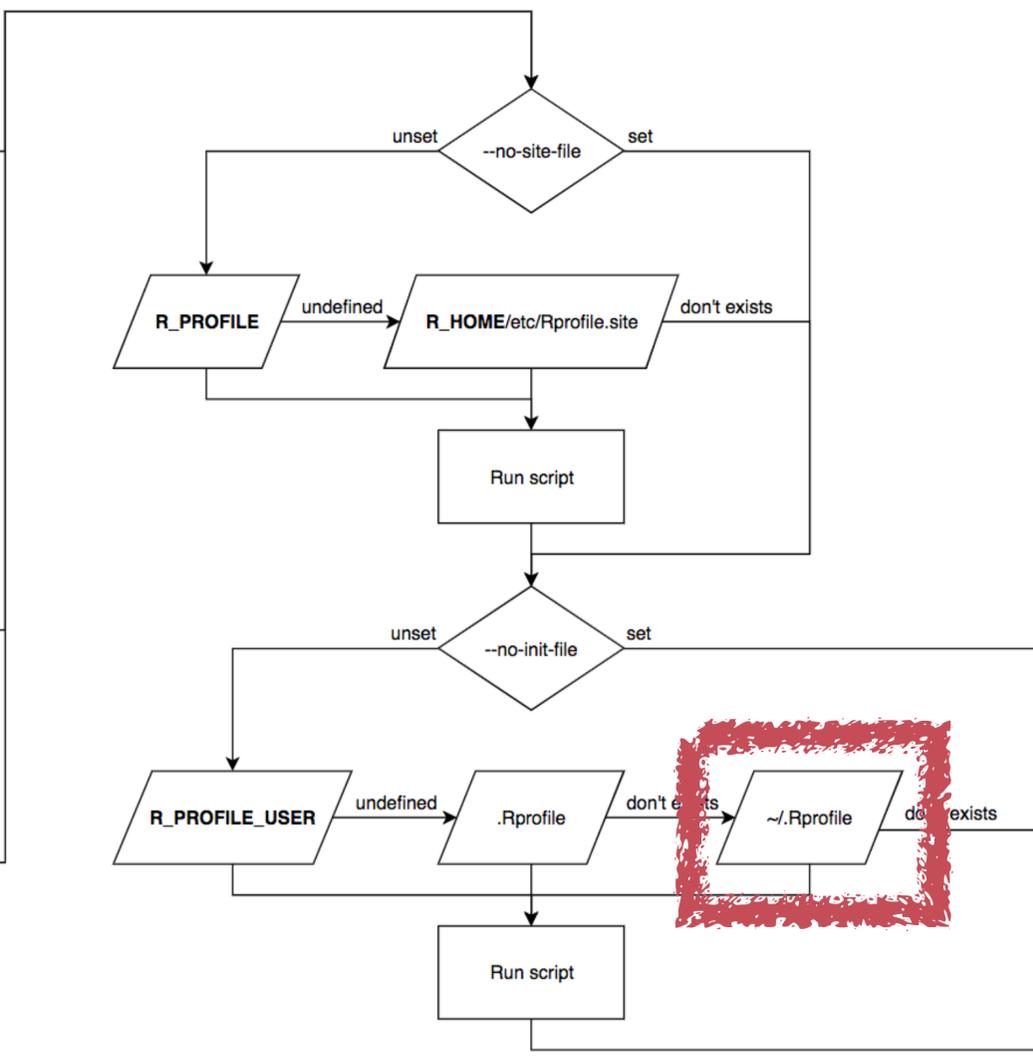
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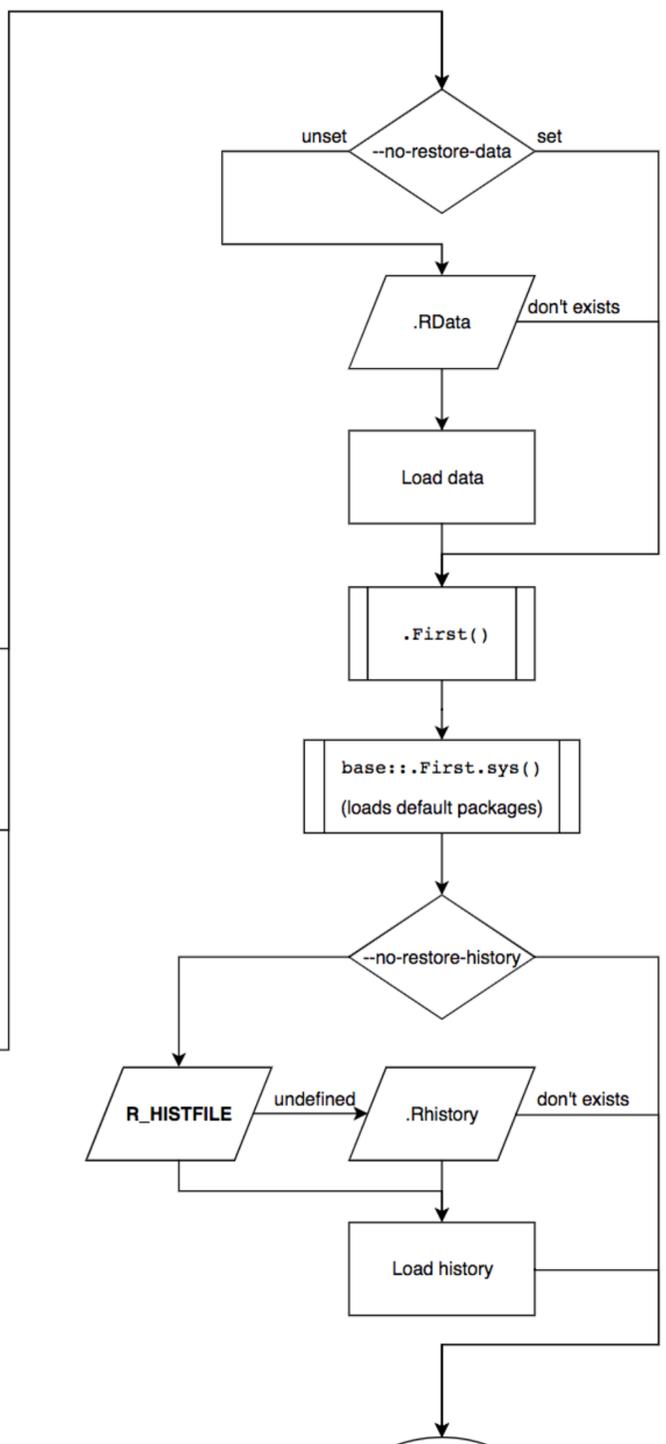




**Setting Environment variables**



**Running startup scripts**



**Setting up session**

**Running**

# Dotfiles

<https://dotfiles.github.io/>

`.Renvirom`

`.Rprofile`

GitHub search for filename: `.Rprofile`.

.Renviron

R specific environment vars

API keys

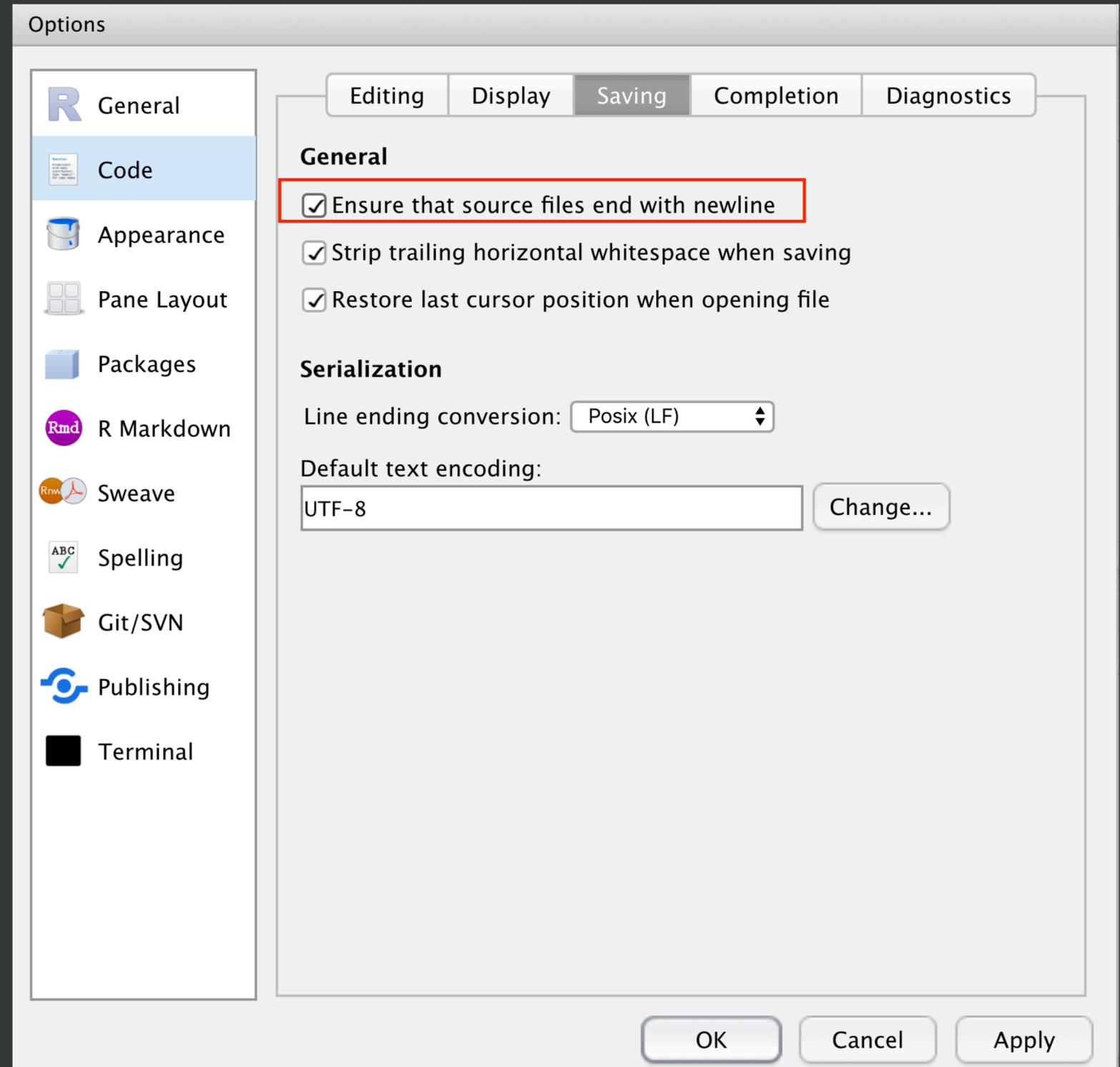
*not* R code

R\_HISTSIZE=100000

GITHUB\_PAT=abc123

R\_LIBS\_USER=~ /R/%p/%v

 **.Renviron**  
and **.Rprofile**  
**must** end in a  
newline!



```
usethis::use_course("bit.ly/r-startup-2020-01")
```

Pick one to open and flesh out:

01\_startup\_**spartan**.R

01\_startup\_**comfy**.R\*

\* worst case, there's always **jim**

.Rprofile

use for helpers you use *interactively*

runs on *every* session

# Things to put in .Rprofile

- Set a default CRAN mirror
- Write a welcome message
- Customize R prompt
- Selectively change (but be **careful**)
  - Options, screen width, numeric display
  - Load frequently used **interactive** packages
  - Aliases / shortcuts for frequently used functions

# Common pitfalls

```
options(stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
library(tidyverse)
library(ggplot2)
f <- dplyr::filter
theme_set(theme_bw())
```

If something appears in a script,  
should *not* be in .Rprofile

# Could go in .Rprofile

```
library(usethis)  
library(devtools)  
# Not if used in scripts!  
s <- summary  
h <- utils::head
```

```
options(repos = c(CRAN = "https://cran.rstudio.org"))

if (interactive()) {
  options(width = 120)
}
```

```
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# Kara's .Rprofile

```
options(  
  repos = c(  
    CRAN = "https://cran.rstudio.com/",  
    Sage = "http://ran.synapse.org"  
  ),  
  browserNLdisabled = TRUE,  
  warnPartialMatchArgs = TRUE,  
  warnPartialMatchDollar = TRUE,  
  warnPartialMatchAttr = TRUE,  
  useFancyQuotes = FALSE,  
  usethis.full_name = "Kara Woo",  
  menu.graphics = FALSE  
)
```

```
if (interactive()) {  
  suppressMessages(require(devtools))  
  suppressMessages(require(usethis))  
  suppressMessages(require(testthat))  
  suppressMessages(require(reprex))  
}
```

# When I'm feeling whimsical

```
# Karl Broman's ASCII cat error message
options(error= function() cat('      \\\ \n      \\\ \n
      /\ \_ /\ \
      ( o.o )
      > ^ <\n\n' ))
```



# .Rprofile inspiration



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# Maintaining R

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<https://whattheyforgot.org/maintaining-r.html>

# RStudio: upgrading packages

Update Packages

	Package	Installed	Available	NEWS
<input type="checkbox"/>	ape	5.1	5.2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	BiocManager	1.30.1	1.30.2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	conflicted	0.1.0.9000	1.0.0	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	doParallel	1.0.11	1.0.14	
<input type="checkbox"/>	ggridges	0.5.0	0.5.1	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	igraph	1.1.0	1.2.2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	magic	1.5-8	1.5-9	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	mockery	0.4.1	0.4.1.1	
<input type="checkbox"/>	pROC	1.12.1	1.13.0	
<input type="checkbox"/>	rematch2	2.0.0.9000	2.0.1	
<input type="checkbox"/>	sm	2.2-5.5	2.2-5.6	

Select All   Select None   Install Updates   Cancel

# Upgrading packages

```
install.packages("pkgname")  
devtools::upgrade_packages("pkgname")
```

devtools will upgrade dev packages too

# Upgrading all packages

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```
devtools::upgrade_packages(TRUE)
```



# Transferring libraries across R versions

**OK** If patch: 3.5.0 -> 3.5.1

**NOT OK** If minor: 3.4.3 -> 3.5.0

Have R handle automatically

MacOS: `R_LIBS_USER=~/.Library/R/%v/library`

Win: `R_LIBS_USER=~/.R/win-library/x.y`

```
fs::dir_create(Sys.getenv("R_LIBS_USER"))
```

```
# Install new version of R (lets say 3.5.0 in this example)
# and install fs and tibble packages
install.packages(c("fs", "tibble"))

# Create a new directory for the version of R
fs::dir_create("~/Library/R/3.5/library")

# Re-start R so the .libPaths are updated

# Lookup what packages were in your old package library
pkgs <- installed.packages("~/Library/R/3.4/library") %>%
  tibble::as_tibble()

# Filter these packages as needed

# Install the packages in the new version
install.packages(pkgs$Package)
```