

# Basic Programming Terminology

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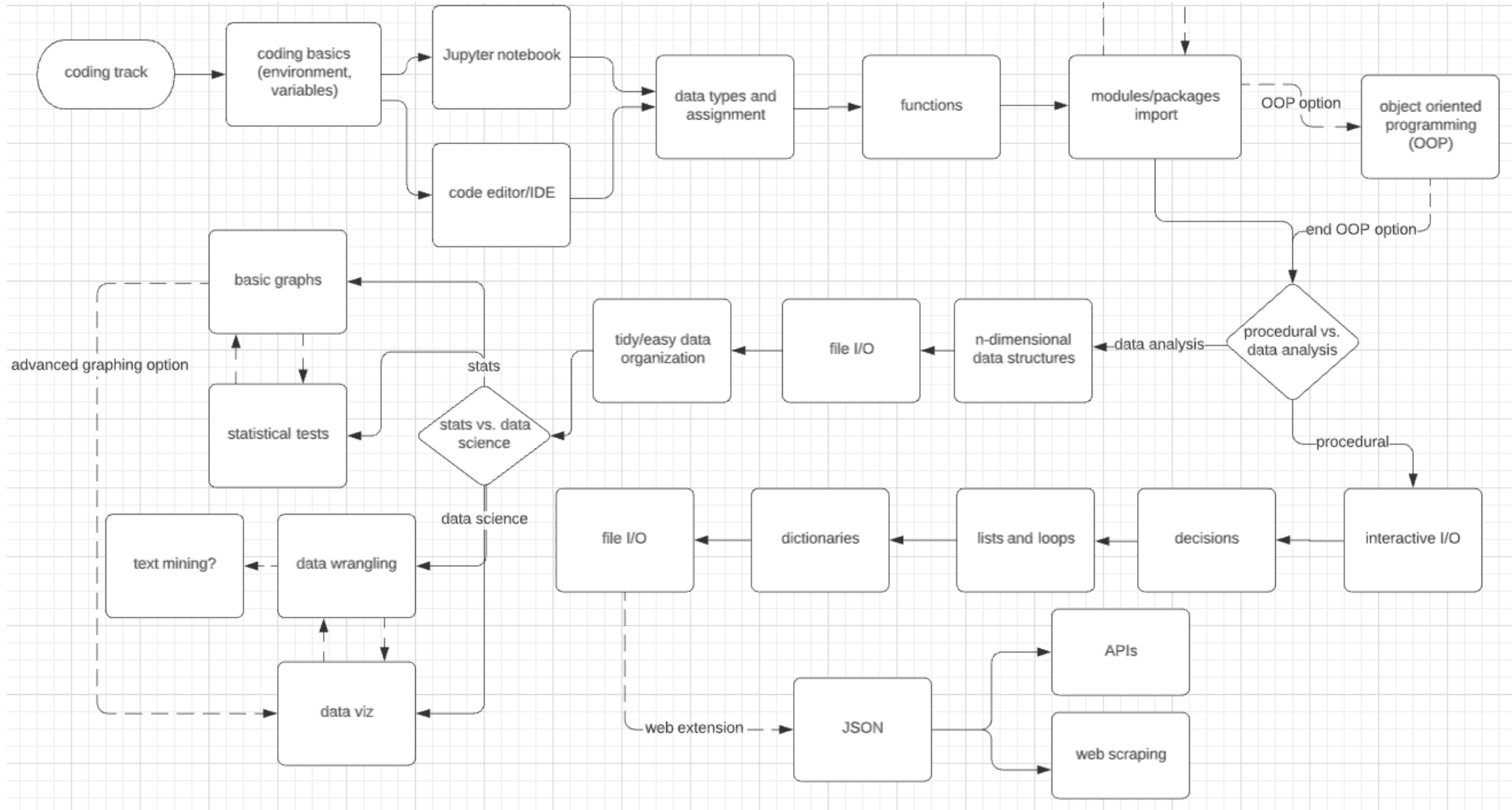
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# What is CodeGraf?



# Terms for programs

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# a program

- a generic term for a complete set of instructions that does something

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#print(json.dumps(data,indent=2))

while True: # infinite loop
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    if date_now_utc > date_last_run:
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# wait an hour before checking again
sleep(3600)
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Saute 1/2 c onion with the hamburger. (Add ~~1/2 lb~~ ham b.)

Add: Brain grease! <sup>1/2 lb ham</sup>

1 8oz. can tomato sauce <sup>1/2 lb ham</sup>

1 6oz. tomato paste <sup>1/2 lb ham</sup>

~~1 t.~~ salt

1/4 t. oregano

1/8 t. garlic ~~salt~~

1/8 t. pepper

Slice thin or grate 1/2 lb. mozzarella cheese. Cover with tomato sauce. Top with parmesan cheese +/or mushrooms, sausage, salami, (etc) onions, green peppers...

Bake at ~~425~~ 425 for 15 ~~20~~ minutes.

Small batch Baskin style: Make double as if make another double with no hamburger. Use 1/2 t regular for 1 hamburger pizza and 1/2 no burger

Sauce for 2 pizzas

Saute 1/2 c onion with the hamburger. (Add ~~1/2 lb~~ ham b.)  
Add: Drain grease! <sup>1/2 lb ham</sup>  
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1 6oz. tomato paste <sup>1/2 lb beef</sup>  
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1/8 t. garlic ~~salt~~  
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## code

- instructions that make up a program

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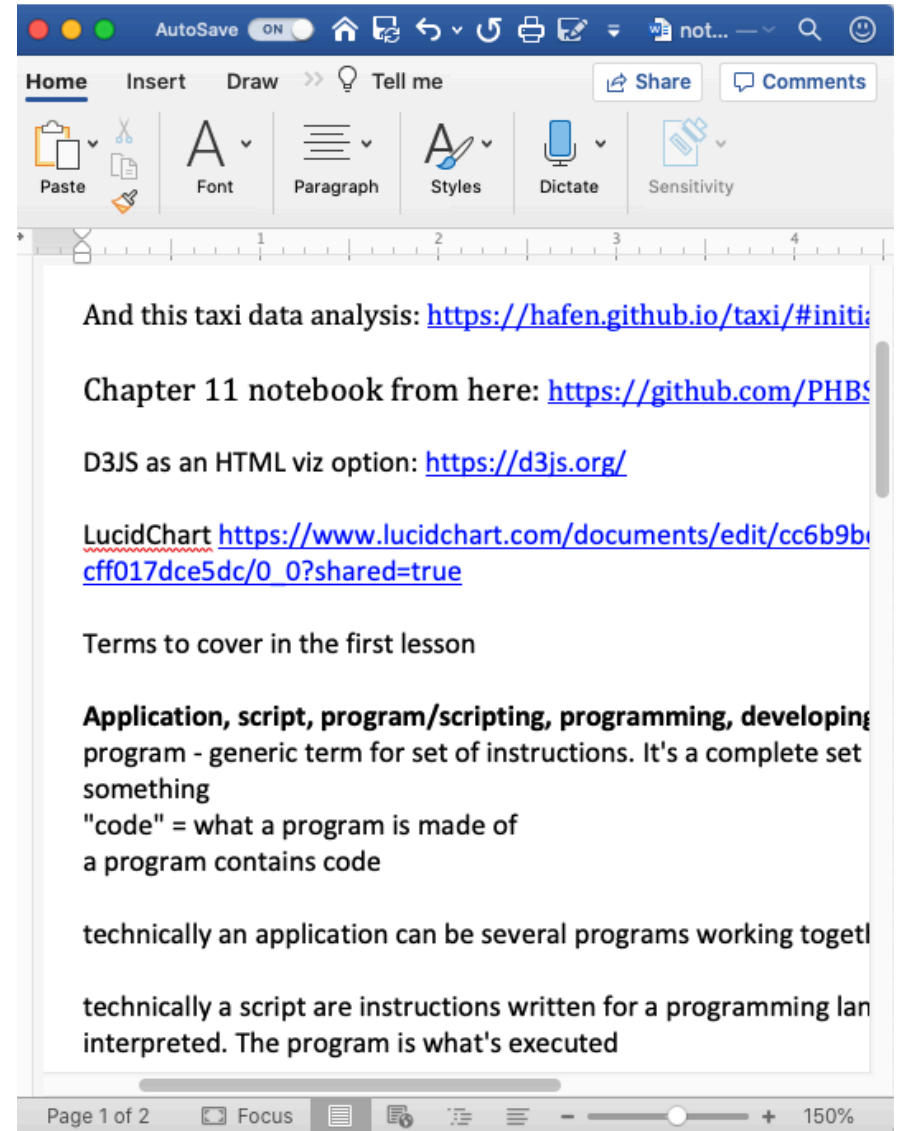
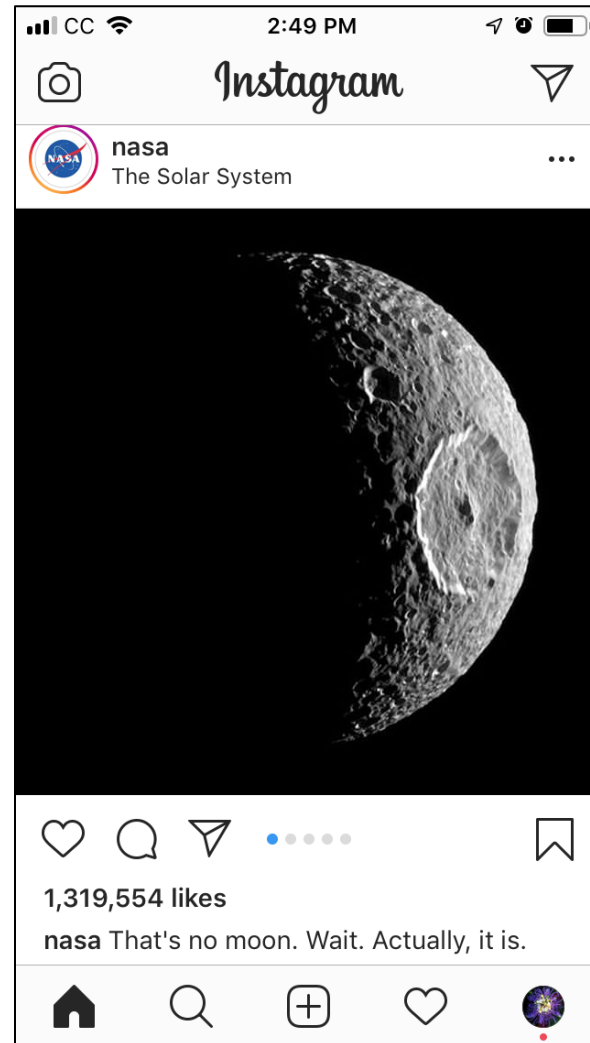
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# an **application** (app)

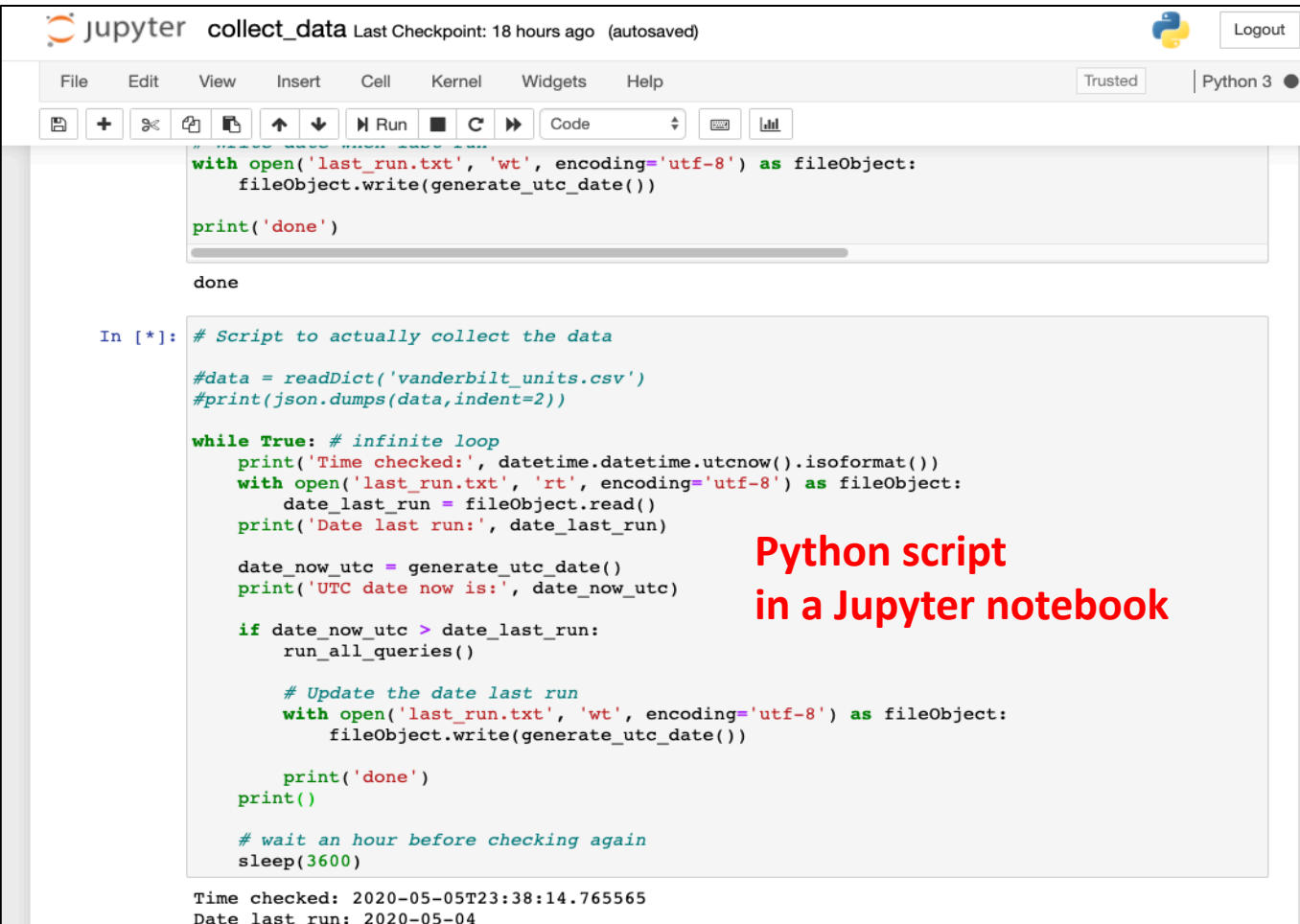
- one or several programs working together for the end user





# a script

- instructions in a programming language that need to be interpreted



The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook titled 'collect\_data'. The code in the cell is as follows:

```
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done

In [*]: # Script to actually collect the data

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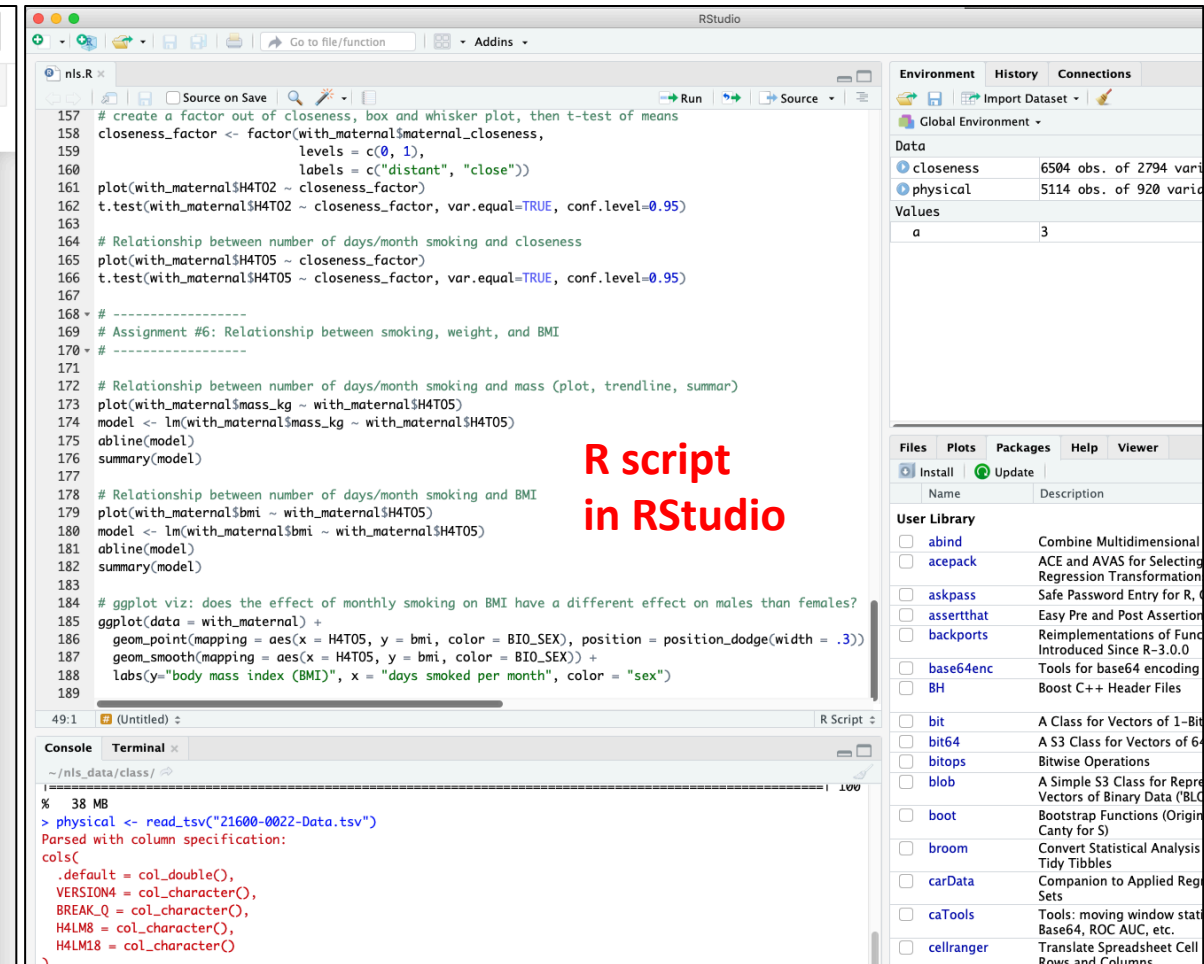
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Time checked: 2020-05-05T23:38:14.765565
Date last run: 2020-05-04
```

**Python script in a Jupyter notebook**



The screenshot shows an RStudio window with an R script. The code in the editor is as follows:

```
157 # create a factor out of closeness, box and whisker plot, then t-test of means
158 closeness_factor <- factor(with_maternal$maternal_closeness,
159                             levels = c(0, 1),
160                             labels = c("distant", "close"))
161 plot(with_maternal$H4T02 ~ closeness_factor)
162 t.test(with_maternal$H4T02 ~ closeness_factor, var.equal=TRUE, conf.level=0.95)
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164 # Relationship between number of days/month smoking and closeness
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167
168 # -----
169 # Assignment #6: Relationship between smoking, weight, and BMI
170 # -----
171
172 # Relationship between number of days/month smoking and mass (plot, trendline, summar)
173 plot(with_maternal$mass_kg ~ with_maternal$H4T05)
174 model <- lm(with_maternal$mass_kg ~ with_maternal$H4T05)
175 abline(model)
176 summary(model)
177
178 # Relationship between number of days/month smoking and BMI
179 plot(with_maternal$bmi ~ with_maternal$H4T05)
180 model <- lm(with_maternal$bmi ~ with_maternal$H4T05)
181 abline(model)
182 summary(model)
183
184 # ggplot viz: does the effect of monthly smoking on BMI have a different effect on males than females?
185 ggplot(data = with_maternal) +
186   geom_point(mapping = aes(x = H4T05, y = bmi, color = BIO_SEX), position = position_dodge(width = .3)) +
187   geom_smooth(mapping = aes(x = H4T05, y = bmi, color = BIO_SEX)) +
188   labs(y = "body mass index (BMI)", x = "days smoked per month", color = "sex")
189
```

The Environment pane on the right shows the following data objects:

Object	Value
Global Environment	
Data	
closeness	6504 obs. of 2794 vari
physical	5114 obs. of 920 vari
Values	
a	3

**R script in RStudio**



# Command-line interfaces (CLI)

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# consoles

- A **console** is a program that sends text commands and receives text output
- The typical console for Macs is called **Terminal**
- The typical console for Windows is called **Command prompt**

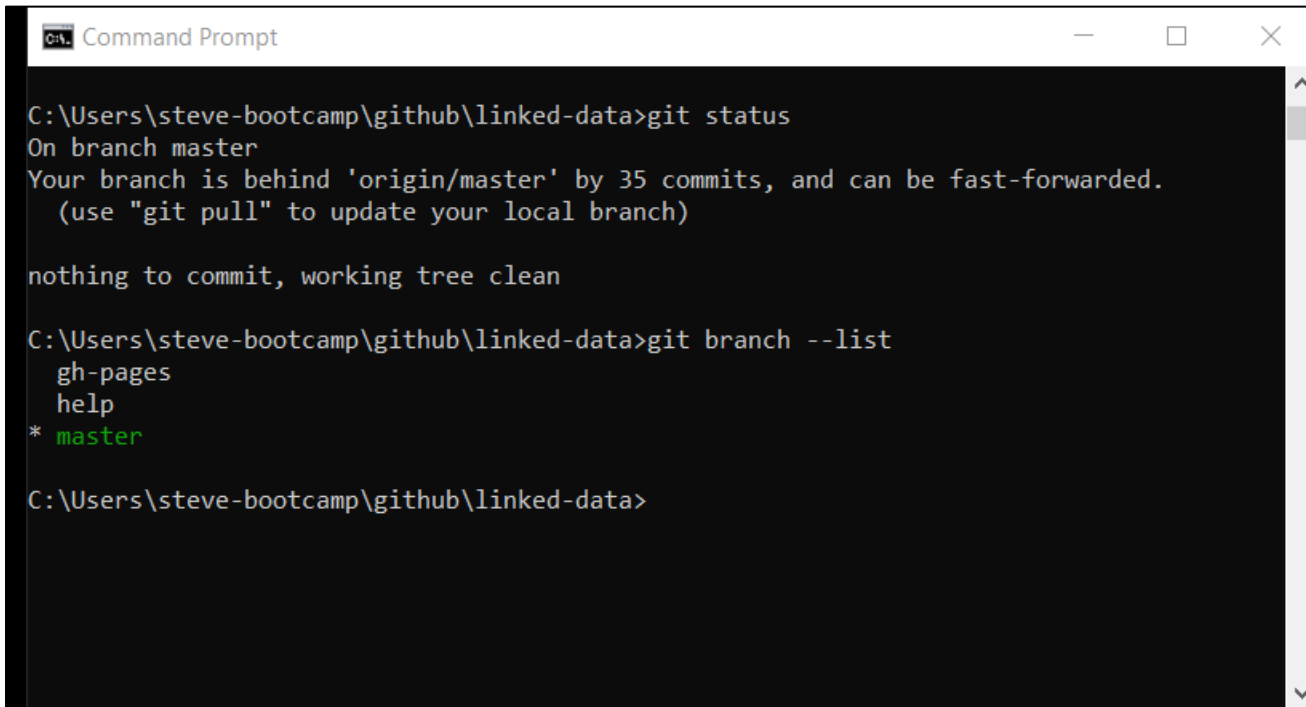
# the **shell**



- A **shell** is the program that receives and processes text commands from a console
- **bash** is a shell that processes commands in the Linux operating system
- **Python** and **R** both have shells

# CLI vs. GUI

- A **command-line interface** (CLI) is basically synonymous with a shell.
- A CLI is in contrast to a **graphical user interface** (GUI)



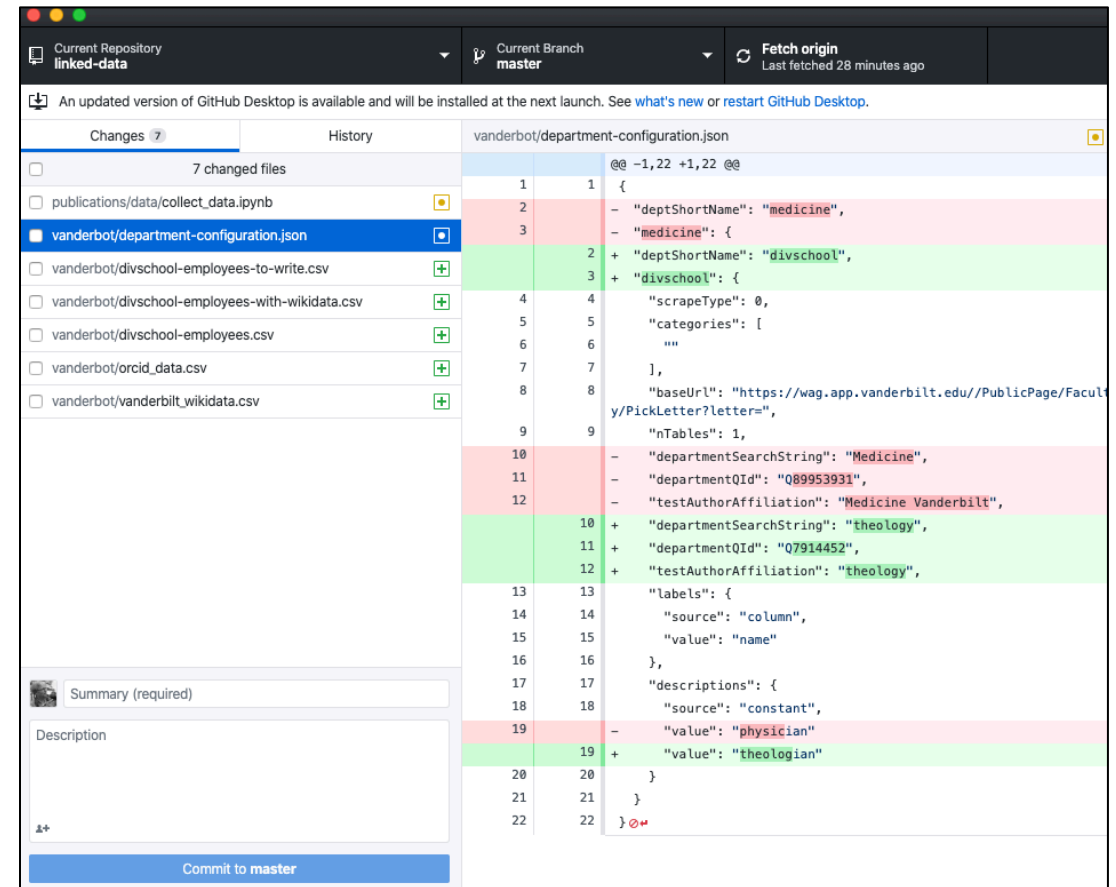
```
Command Prompt
C:\Users\steve-bootcamp\github\linked-data>git status
On branch master
Your branch is behind 'origin/master' by 35 commits, and can be fast-forwarded.
(use "git pull" to update your local branch)

nothing to commit, working tree clean

C:\Users\steve-bootcamp\github\linked-data>git branch --list
gh-pages
help
* master

C:\Users\steve-bootcamp\github\linked-data>
```

command-line interface for Git



graphical user interface for Git

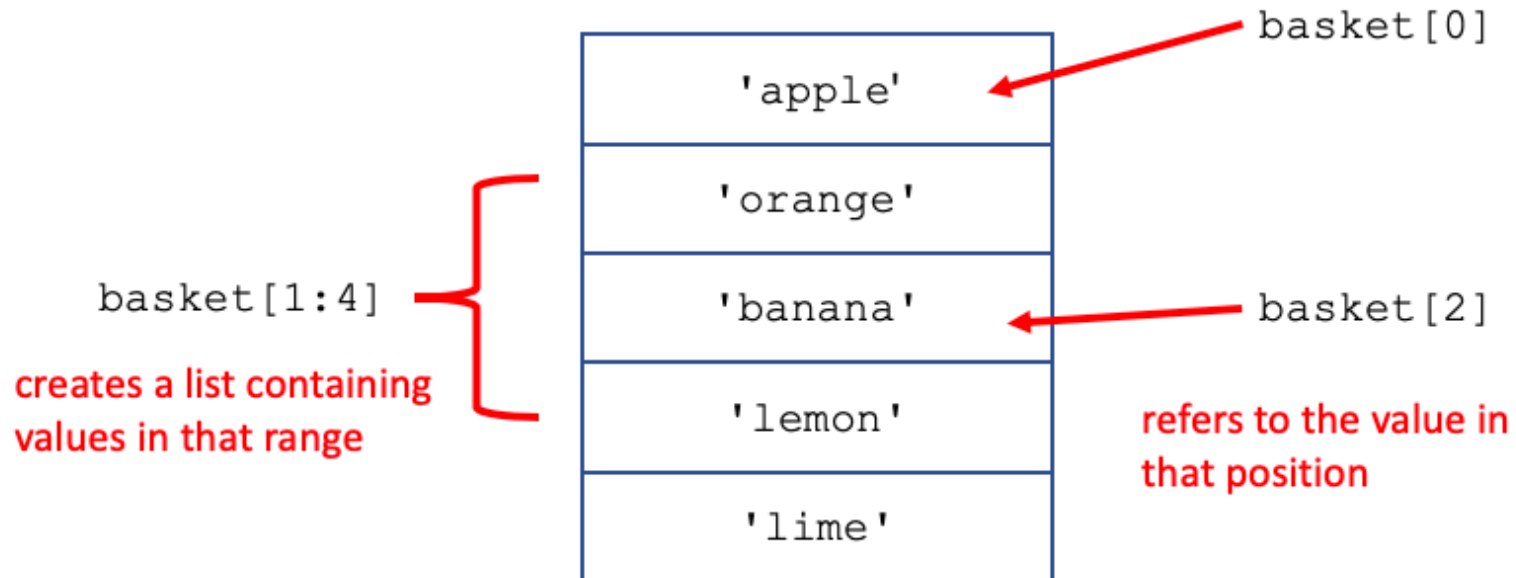
# Variables and objects

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# variables

- **variables** are named locations where we store data
- example a variable named "basket" that is a list that can store multiple alphanumeric strings

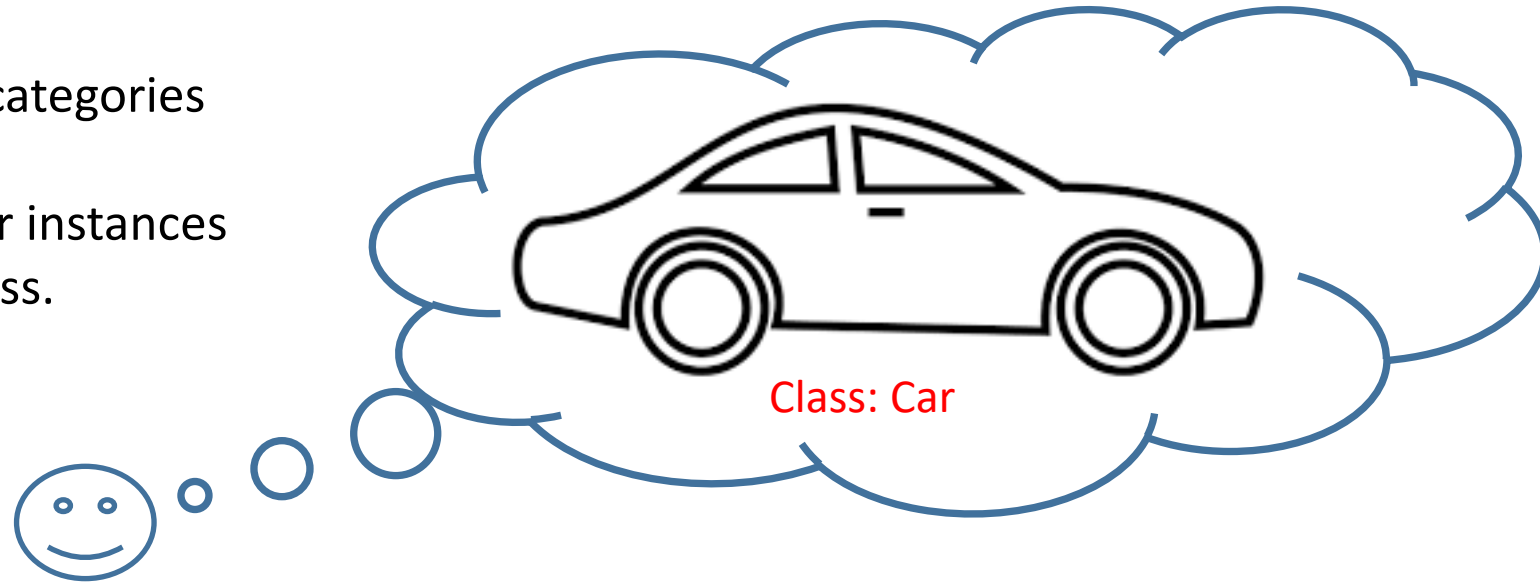
```
basket = ['apple', 'orange', 'banana', 'lemon', 'lime']
```



# classes and objects

**Classes** are abstract categories of things.

**Objects** are particular instances or individuals of a class.



object: toyotaPrius



object: ferrari



object: volkswagenBeetle

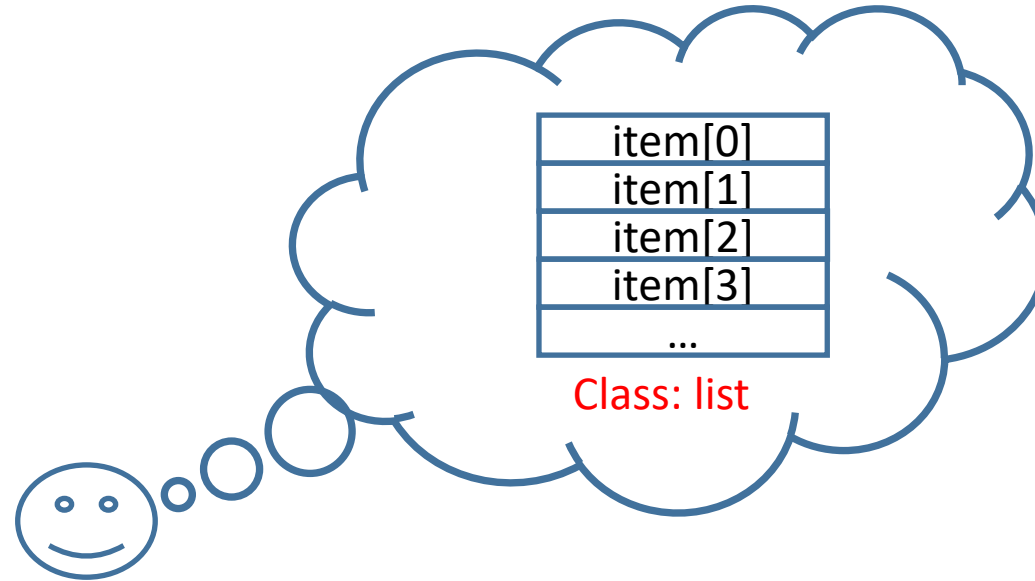


# classes and objects

**Classes** are abstract categories of data structures.

**Objects** are particular data structures. The **type** of an object is the class to which it belongs.

There are technical distinctions between **variables** and **named objects** but we will use them interchangeably.



'apple'
'orange'
'banana'
'lemon'
'lime'

object name: **fruits**  
type: **list**

3593
269
45801
2804

object name: **ids**  
type: **list**

True
False
False

object name: **in\_stock**  
type: **list**

# Executing code

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# Statements

- Code is made up of **statements**
- A statement performs a particular action.
- A "line of code" is roughly the same as a statement

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**R code**

**Python code**

# interactive vs. script mode

- In **interactive mode**, one statement is run at a time in the shell. Immediate feedback is given after each line.
- In **script mode**, the entire script is run at once. Feedback is only given when explicitly required by the script.
- Both R and Python can be run in either mode.

# Writing code with an editor

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# Code editors

- **Code editors** are text editors on steroids.
- They are "aware" of the language in which you are coding.
- They generally have **syntax checking** and highlighting.
- They may help with automatic **formatting**.
- Some code editors have capabilities for running the code and are essentially integrated development environments (IDEs).

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