

001-Basics

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1 TP 01 - R Basics - 1/4

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1.1 About

- R is a programming language for statistical computing and data visualization. It has been adopted in the fields of data mining, bioinformatics, and data analysis.
- The core R language is augmented by a large number of extension packages, containing reusable code, documentation, and sample data.
- R software is open-source and free software. It is licensed by the GNU Project and available under the GNU General Public License. It is written primarily in C, Fortran, and R itself. Precompiled executables are provided for various operating systems.
- As an interpreted language, R has a native command line interface. Moreover, multiple third-party graphical user interfaces are available, such as RStudio—an integrated development environment—and Jupyter—a notebook interface.

1.2 Hello, World!

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[ ]: # Your 1st line
print("Hello World!")
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[ ]: # Using a variable
txt <- "Hello World!"
print(txt)
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[ ]: # '<-' is the same than '='
txt = "Hello World!"
print(txt)
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[ ]: # Concatenate 2 strings
text1 <- "R is"
# or text1 = "R is"
text2 <- "awesome"
paste(text1, text2)
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1.3 Simple Maths operations

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[ ]: 3+3 # Addition
      3-3 # Subtraction
      3*3 # Multiplication
      3/3 # Division
      3^3 # Exponentiation
      3%%3 # Modulus / remainder
      3%/%3 # Integer division
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[ ]: # A very basic error
      num <- -5
      num = 5
      text <- "Some text"
      num + text
      # Not possible to cat text and num
```

1.4 Variable names

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[ ]: # Legal variable names:
      myvar <- "John"
      my_var <- "John"
      myVar <- "John"
      MYVAR <- "John"
      myvar2 <- "John"
      .myvar <- "John"
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[ ]: # Illegal variable names:
      # 2myvar <- "John"
      # my-var <- "John"
      # my var <- "John"
      # _my_var <- "John"
      # my_v@ar <- "John"
      # TRUE <- "John"
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