Developing R Scripts using RStudio



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- Overview of R as a Data Analytics Platform
- Installing Microsoft R Open and RStudio
- R Programming Language Primer
- Writing and Testing Scripts in RStudio



What is R?

- What is R?
 - Platform for statistics, data analysis and visualization
 - Free, cross-platform, open source software
 - Programming language + Runtime layer + Libraries
 - R code distributed and versioned using packages
 - Flourishing ecosystem of R package authors
- Why do you need it?
 - Analyzing data and generating statistics
 - Creating rich graphs and charts
 - Fitting statistical models for predictive analysis



R Packages

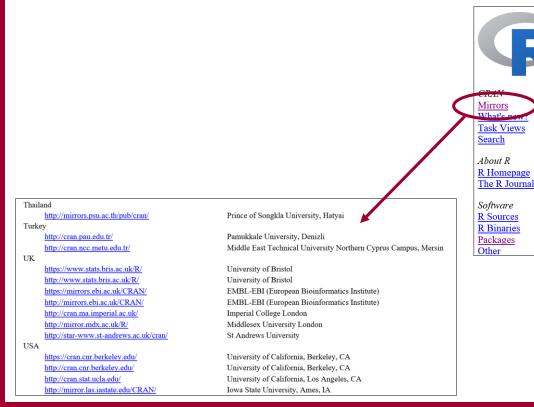
- Package is versioned redistributable unit of code
 - Package contains functions, data and compiled code
 - R is installed with a default set of packages
 - Other packages can be downloaded and installed

- Examples of available domain-specific packages
 - Packages to download and unpack data in zip archive
 - Packages to create fancy charts and graphs
 - Packages to optimize financial portfolios
 - Packages predict component failure times
 - Packages to analyze genomic sequences



CRAN

- The Comprehensive R Archive Network
 - Public archive with over 8,000 downloadable packages
 - http://cran.us.r-project.org/



The Comprehensive R Archive Network

Download and Install R

Precompiled binary distributions of the base system and contributed packages, **Windows and Mac** users most likely want one of these versions of R:

- Download R for Linux
- Download R for (Mac) OS X
- · Download R for Windows

R is part of many Linux distributions, you should check with your Linux package management system in addition to the link above.

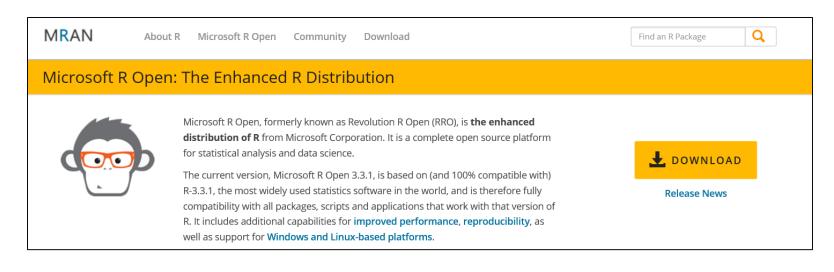
Source Code for all Platforms

Windows and Mac users most likely want to download the precompiled binaries listed in the upper box, not the source code. The sources have to be compiled before you can use them. If you do not know what this means, you probably do not want to do it!



Microsoft R Open

- What is Microsoft R Open?
 - An enhanced distribution of R from Microsoft
 - Improved performance and multithreading
 - Reproducibility through package versioning stability
 - Free, cross-platform, open source software
 - Available at https://mran.microsoft.com/open/





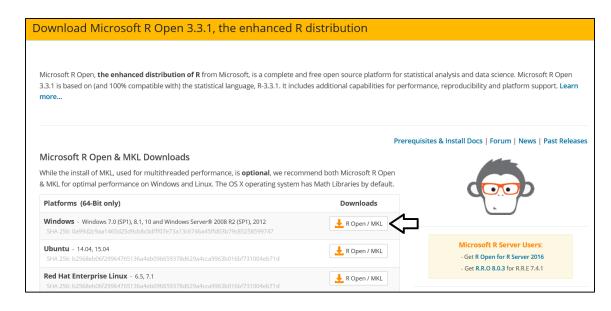
Stages of R Awareness

- Stage 1: Standing Up
 - Installing the environment and playing with data
- Stage 2: Walking
 - Writing & testing R code and creating graphs and charts
- Stage 3: Jogging
 - Crunching numbers to generate advanced statistics
- Stage 4: Running
 - Creating a domain-specific predictive model
- Stage 5: Sprinting
 - Distributing your predictive model as a CRAN package

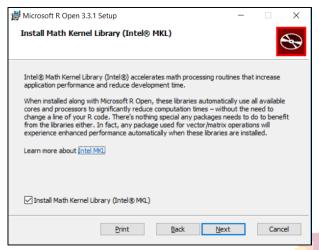


Install Microsoft R Open

https://mran.microsoft.com/download/







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RStudio is a set of integrated tools designed to help you be more productive with R. It includes a console, syntax-highlighting editor that supports direct code execution, as well as tools for plotting, history, debugging and workspace management.

If you run R on a Linux server and want to enable users to remotely access RStudio using a web browser please download RStudio Server.

Do you need support or a commercial license? Check out our commercial offerings

RStudio Desktop 0.99.902 — Release Notes

RStudio requires R 2.11.1 (or higher). If you don't already have R, you can download it here.





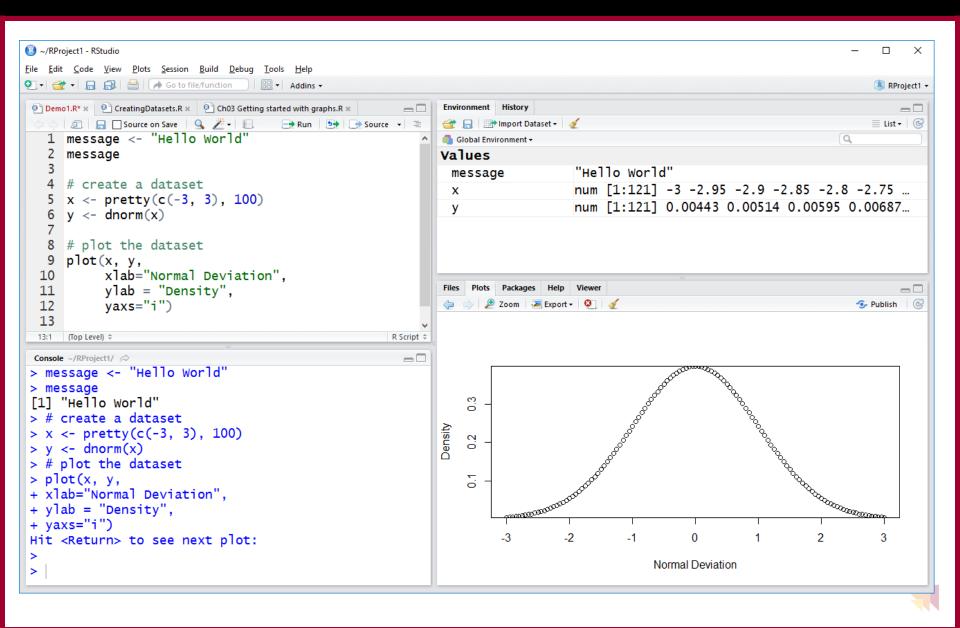
Installers for Supported Platforms



Installers	Size	Date	MD5
RStudio 0.99.902 - Windows Vista/7/8/10	77.1 MB	2016-05-14	8feae61d13b1d81ded7587a1da760d95
RStudio 0.99.902 - Mac OS X 10.6+ (64-bit)	60 MB	2016-05-14	f741e4a1345985c16e692967adbad210
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The RStudio IDE



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- Integrating R with Power BI Desktop



R Projects and Workspaces

- R projects based on folder structure
 - Data and scripts added to current working directory
- Each R project defines a workspace
 - Workspace tracks set of user-defined objects
 - Workspace defines set of loaded packages
 - Workspace data saved/loaded using .RData files



Writing and Testing R Code in Scripts

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  1 # use <- for variable assignment</pre>
  2 message <- "Hello World"</pre>
  4 print(message)
  6 # create vector using the c function
  7 vector1 <- c(2, 4, 6, 8)
  9 # create vectors using sequence
 10 vector2 <- 1:10
11 vector3 = letters[1:5]
 12 vector4 = LETTERS[24:26]
13 vector6 = 2^{(1:8)}
 14
15 # create vector with electin years
 16 election.years <- seg(from = 1996, to = 2016, by = 4)
 17
18 # enumerate through election years using for loop
 19 for (year in election.years) {
 20
        print(paste(year, "is an election year"))
 21 }
 22
23 # remove all objects from workspace
 24 rm(list=objects())
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R Objects

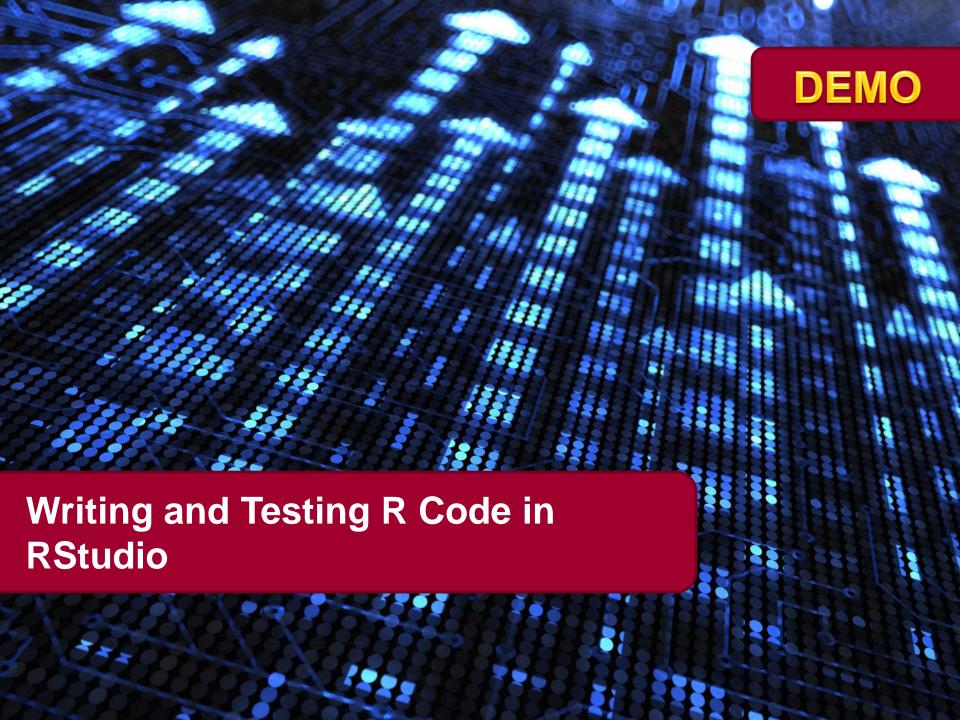
- In R, variables represent named objects
- Object names can contain
 - Letters
 - Numbers
 - Underscores (_)
 - Dots (.)

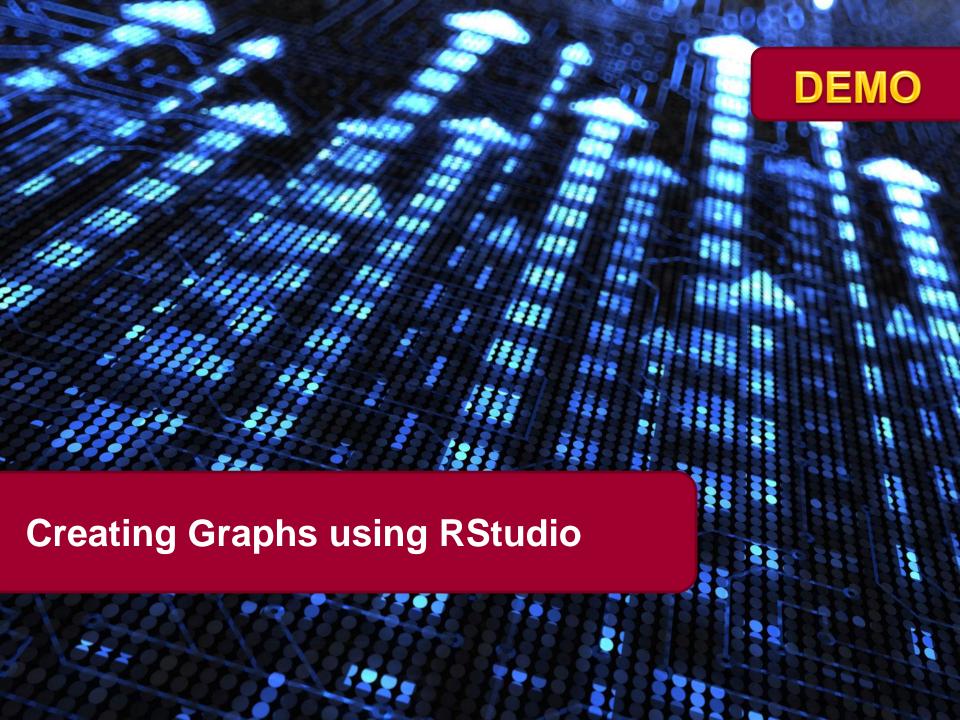


Essential Data Structures in R

- Vector
 - One-dimensional, single-mode array
- Matrix
 - Two-dimensional, single-mode array
- Array
 - N-dimensional, single-mode array
- List
 - Ordered collection of multi-mode objects
- Data frame
 - Two-dimensional, multi-mode array
- Factor
 - Integer-backed list of categorical values







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