

# Introduction and Getting to grips with R in hydrology

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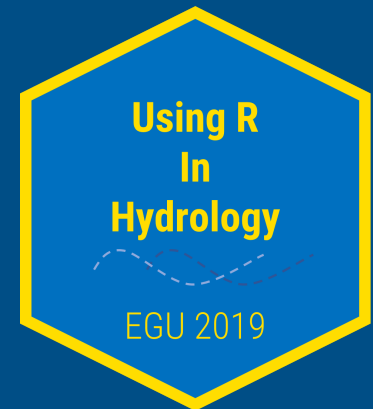
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Intro to:

# Using R in Hydrology Short Course

(SC1.44 / HS12.5)

# Session Organization

*No need to follow on your computer - just listen.* 🎧

All materials (and additional info) available on:

GitHub: [github.com/hydrosoc/rhydro\\_EGU19/](https://github.com/hydrosoc/rhydro_EGU19/)

Feel free to take pictures! 📷

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# Getting to grips with R in hydrology

# Using R - some resources

R is ubiquitous in science and many other fields: lots of material/blogposts introducing R for all sorts of applications and data.

Some popular material (see also the suggestions at [RStudio](#)):

- [Software carpentry](#): a set of introductory lessons - see also the other carpentry lessons/workshops near you
- [An Introduction to R](#) by the R Development Core Team
- [R for data science](#) by Garrett Grolemund and Hadley Wickham
- [Stat 454](#): UBC course on Data wrangling, exploration, and analysis with R
- Packages vignettes
- Meet-ups, R User Groups, R-Ladies...
- [R-bloggers](#), [Stackoverflow](#), Twitter (#rstats), [RWeekly](#)...

# Using R for hydrology - some resources

- [CRAN Hydrology Taskview](#): a curated list of packages useful for all water-related investigations (and links to the Spatial/Environmetrics TV)
- [USGS-R](#): a community of support for users of R
- [Riccardo Rigon's blogpost](#): a list of tools useful to hydrologists
- Past [EGU courses](#) and Facebook Group (Hydrology in R)
- HESS [Discussion paper](#)
- [R-bloggers](#), [Stackoverflow](#), Twitter (#rstats)...

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members, or contributions welcome!

**Evolution**

- 1) = access and work with Australian Bureau of Meteorology data
- 2) = download USGS and EPA water data
- 3) = access South Florida Water Management District's O'Brien
- 4) = retrieve and format meteorological data
- 5) = access and work with Global Surface Summary of the Day (GSD)
- 6) = tools for working with hydrologic network geographic data in R/D
- 7) = interface to Greek National Data Bank for hydrological and
- 8) = prepare for retrieving data from KOSTERS (KOSTERS) databases via
- 9) = access and work with German weather data (DWD)
- 10) = access and work with NCEP/NCAR reanalysis data

## Water-Related R Packages

Water-Related R Packages Compiled by Sam Zipper, mostly from CRAN - feel free to add anything to the list, including works-in-progress! This document is mostly...

[docs.google.com](https://docs.google.com)

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Would this list be worth to be transformed into a Taskview? Many hydrologists use R - so it could be useful to collect all the info in one place - cc: [@AchimZeileis](#)

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Replying to @ZipperSam @ilapros @AchimZeileis


I've thought about a taskview as well. I think there is merit here and would contribute to this as well.




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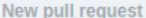

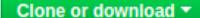
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This Task View contains information about packages broadly relevant to *hydrology*, defined as the movement, distribution and quality of water and water resources over a broad spatial scale of landscapes. Packages are broadly grouped according to their function; however, many have functionality that spans multiple categories. We also highlight other, existing resources that have related functions - for example, statistical analysis or spatial data processing. See also [Riccardo Rigon's excellent list](#) of hydrology-related R tools and resources.

If you have any comments or suggestions for additions or improvements for this Task View, go to GitHub and [submit an issue](#), or make some changes and [submit a pull request](#). If you can't contribute on GitHub, [send Sam Zipper an email](#). If you have an issue with one of the packages discussed below, please contact the maintainer of that package.

Data Retrieval

Hydrological data sources (surface water/groundwater quantity and quality)

- [dataRetrieval](#): Collection of functions to help retrieve U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) water quality and hydrology data from web services.
- [dbhydroR](#): Client for programmatic access to the South Florida Water Management District's [DBHYDRO database](#), with functions for accessing hydrologic and water quality data.
- [hddtools](#): Hydrological Data Discovery Tools. Facilitates discovery and handling of hydrological data, access to catalogues and databases.
- [hydrolinks](#): Tools to link geographic data with hydrologic network, including lakes, streams and rivers. Includes automated download of U.S. National Hydrography Network and other hydrolayers.
- [hydroscoper](#): R interface to the [Greek National Data Bank for Hydrological and Meteorological Information](#). It covers Hydroscope's data sources and provides functions to transliterate, translate and download them into tidy dataframes (tibbles).