

# Package ‘statnet’

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**Suggests** networksis (>= 2.1.3), degreenet (>= 1.3), relevent (>= 1.0.4), ndtv (>= 0.6.1), EpiModel (>= 1.1.6), latentnet (>= 2.7.1)

**Imports** statnet.common (>= 3.2.2)

**Description** An integrated set of tools for the representation, visualization, analysis, and simulation of network data. For an introduction, type `help(package='statnet')`.

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## Description

**statnet** is a suite of software packages for statistical network analysis. The packages implement recent advances in network modeling based on exponential-family random graph models (ERGM), as well as latent space models and more traditional network methods. The components of the package provide a comprehensive framework for ERGM-based network modeling: tools for model estimation, for model evaluation, for model-based network simulation, and for network visualization. This broad functionality is powered by a central Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) algorithm. The coding is optimized for speed and robustness.

## Details

**statnet** packages are written in a combination of R and C. It is usually used interactively from within the R graphical user interface via a command line. It can also be used in non-interactive (or “batch”) mode to allow longer or multiple tasks to be processed without user interaction. The suite of packages are available on the Comprehensive R Archive Network (CRAN) at <http://www.r-project.org/> and also on the **statnet** project website at <http://statnet.org/>

The **statnet** suite of packages has the following components:

- **ergm** is a collection of functions to fit, simulate from, plot and evaluate exponential random graph models. The main functions within the **ergm** package are **ergm**, a function to fit linear exponential random graph models in which the probability of a graph is dependent upon a vector of graph statistics specified by the user; **simulate**, a function to simulate random graphs using an ERGM; and **gof**, a function to evaluate the goodness of fit of an ERGM to the data. **ergm** contains many other functions as well.
- **tergm** is a collection of extensions to **ergm** enabling it to fit models for dynamic networks.
- **ergm.count** is an extension to **ergm** enabling it to fit models for networks whose relations are counts.
- **ergm.userterms** provides a template for implementing new ERGM terms.
- **sna** is a set of tools for traditional social network analysis.
- **degreenet** is a package for the statistical modeling of degree distributions of networks. It includes power-law models such as the Yule and Waring, as well as a range of alternative models that have been proposed in the literature.
- **latentnet** is a package to fit and evaluate latent position and cluster models for statistical networks. The probability of a tie is expressed as a function of distances between these nodes in a latent space as well as functions of observed dyadic level covariates.
- **networksis** is a package to simulate bipartite graphs with fixed marginals through sequential importance sampling.
- **relevent** is a package providing tools to fit relational event models.

- **network** is a package to create, store, modify and plot the data in network objects. The **network** object class, defined in the **network** package, can represent a range of relational data types and it supports arbitrary vertex / edge / graph attributes. Data stored as **network** objects can then be analyzed using all of the component packages in the **statnet** suite.
- **networkDynamic** extends **network** with functionality to store information about about evolution of a network over time, defining a **networkDynamic** object class.
- **ndtv**: (Network Dynamic Temporal Visualization): Exports dynamic network data from networkDynamic objects as animated movies or other representations of relational structure and node attributes that change over time.
- **EpiModel**: Tools for building, solving, and plotting mathematical models of infectious disease, including stochastic models of disease on dynamic networks with demographic processes.

**statnet** is a metapackage, depending on all of the above packages, so that they can be installed together.

Each of these components is described in detail in the references below. Loading the **statnet** package into R automatically loads them all. Each package has associated help files and internal documentation that is supported by the information on the Statnet Project website (<http://statnet.org/>). A tutorial, support mailing list, references and links to further resources are provided there.

When publishing results obtained using this package the original authors are to be cited as described in `citation("statnet")`. In addition, please cite the specific package that you use.

We have invested a lot of time and effort in creating the statnet suite of packages for use by other researchers. Please cite it in all papers where it is used.

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update\_statnet*Update the Component Packages of the Statnet Suite*

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**Description**

A wrapper around [update.packages](#) to update the component packages of Statnet Suite to their latest versions.

**Usage**

```
update_statnet(..., ask = FALSE, checkBuilt = TRUE, addURLs = character())
```

**Arguments**

ask, checkBuilt	Arguments to <a href="#">update.packages</a> documentation. The defaults are different from those of that function.
addURLs	Optional repository URLs in addition to CRAN, such as <a href="http://statnet.csde.washington.edu/preview">http://statnet.csde.washington.edu/preview</a> . Defaults to none.
...	Additional arguments to be passed to <a href="#">update.packages</a> .

**Details**

Updates the list component packages of Statnet Suite, using [setRepositories](#) and [update.packages](#). Since there are no good ways to update packages once they are loaded, this function should be called immediately after restarting R.

**Value**

update\_statnet returns NULL invisibly.

**See Also**

[setRepositories](#), [update.packages](#), [install.packages](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Update from CRAN
statnet::update_statnet()

# Update from statnet.org's preview release, taking packages from CRAN
# as needed
statnet::update_statnet(addURLs="http://statnet.csde.washington.edu/preview")

## End(Not run)
```

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