# Introduction to R Getting started with R

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#### **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

- Perform your data analysis in a literate programming environment
- Import and manage structured and unstructured data
- Manipulate, transform, and summarize your data
- Join disparate data sources
- Methodically explore and visualize your data
- Perform iterative functions
- Write your own functions

... all with R!

## Introduction round

### Please tell me shortly...

- Where are you from? What are you studying/working?
  What is your experience level in R/other programming languages?
- What are your expectations of this course?
- Where do you think you can use R in the future?

#### **Preliminaries**

- Usually we have big differences in knowledge and abilities of the participants please tell, if it is too fast or slow.
- We have lots of hands-on coding **exercises** at the end you can only learn on your own.
- We have many **examples** try them.
- If there are questions always ask.
- R is more fun together ask your neighbor strong proponent of collaborative work!

### Sources of this course

#### Sources for figures, text, exercises etc:

- If the source is a website, the links are often in the header or in pink somewhere on the slide.
- At the end of a chapter, you'll find additional links to read on.
- Please ask, if something is unclear.

# Reasons for using R

• ... because it is an open source language



- ... outstanding graphs graphics, graphics, graphics
- ... relates to other languages R can be used in combination with other programs e.g. data linking
- ...R can be used for automation
  - ... Vast Community you can use the intelligence of other people ;-)

• ...

# Advantages of R

• R can be downloaded for free.



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**CRAN** 

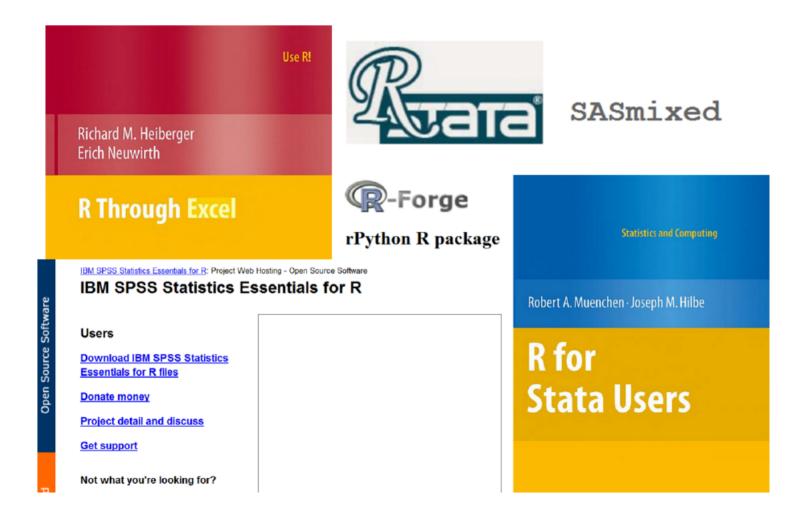
#### The R Project for Statistical Computing

#### **Getting Started**

R is a free software environment for statistical computing and graphics. It compiles and runs on a wide variety of UNIX platforms, Windows and MacOS. To **download R**, please choose your preferred CRAN mirror.

- R is a scripting language
- R is becoming more popular
- Good possibilities for visualization

### R can be used in combination...



• Interface to: Python, Excel, SPSS, SAS, Stata

# The popularity of R-packages



### Download R:

#### http://www.r-project.org/



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#### 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!

• The latest release (Friday 2017-04-21, You Stupid Darkness) R-3.4.0.tar.gz, read what's new in the latest version.

# Open Source Programm R

- R is a free, non-commercial implementation of the S programming language (by AT&T Bell Laboratories)
- Free participation modular structure

#### This is base R:

# Graphical user interface

But many people use a graphical user interface (GUI) or a integrated development interface (IDE).

For the following reasons:

- Syntax highlighting
- Auto-completion
- Better overview on graphics, libraries, files, ...

### Various text editors / IDEs

- Gedit with R-specific Add-ons for Linux
- **Emacs** and ESS (Emacs speaks statistics)- An extensible, customizable, free/libre text editor and more.
- I use Rstudio!



#### An IDE that was built just for R

- Syntax highlighting, code completion, and smart indentation
- Execute R code directly from the source editor
- Quickly jump to function definitions



#### Bring your workflow together

- Integrated R help and documentation
- Easily manage multiple working directories using projects
- Workspace browser and data viewer

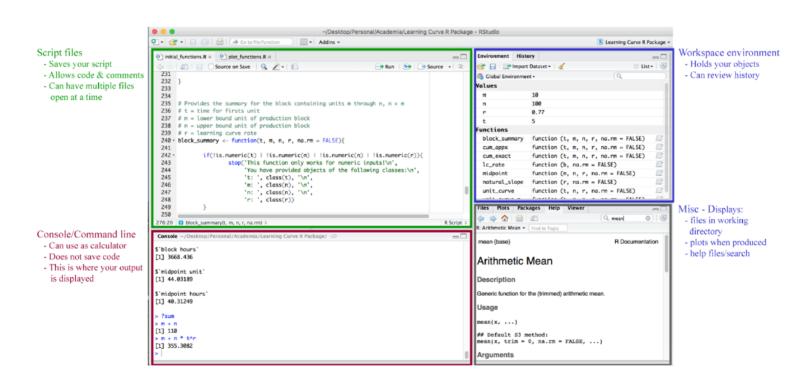


#### Powerful authoring & Debugging

- Interactive debugger to diagnose and fix errors quickly
- Extensive package development tools
- Authoring with Sweave and R Markdown

### **RStudio**

### The functionality of the panes in Rstudio



# Rstudio - script and console

#### Script files

- Saves your script
- Allows code & comments
- Can have multiple files open at a time

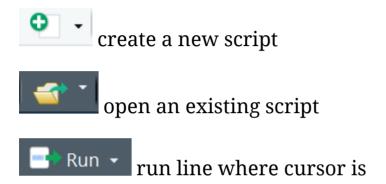
#### Console/Command line

- Can use as calculator
- Does not save code
- This is where your output is displayed

```
~/Desktop/Personal/Academia/Learning Curve R Package
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 initial functions.R × plot functions.R ×
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  232 }
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  234
      # Provides the summary for the block containing units m through n, n > m
       # t = time for firsts unit
      # m = lower bound unit of production block
      # n = upper bound unit of production block
      # r = learning curve rate
  240 * block_summary <- function(t, m, n, r, na.rm = FALSE){
  241
  242 *
               if(!is.numeric(t) | !is.numeric(m) | !is.numeric(n) | !is.numeric(r)){
  243
                       stop('This function only works for numeric inputs!\n'.
  244
                            'You have provided objects of the following classes:\n',
                            't: ', class(t), '\n',
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                            'm: ', class(n), '\n',
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                            'n: ', class(n), '\n',
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                            'r: ', class(r))
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S'block hours'
 [1] 3668.436
S`midpoint unit`
 [1] 44.03189
```

# Rstudio - Environment and help

# Important Rstudio Buttons



### R as a calculator

```
3 + 2 / 10^2 # Uses PEMDAS convention (order of operations)
## [1] 3.02
3 + (2 / 10^2)
## [1] 3.02
(3 + 2) / 10^2
## [1] 0.05
1 /19<sup>4</sup> # scientific notation is used for large numbers
## [1] 7.67336e-06
1/0 # Undefined calculations
## [1] Inf
```

# **Exercise: Preparation**

- Check if R is installed on your computer.
- If not, download R and install it.
- Check if Rstudio is installed.
- If not install Rstudio.
- Start RStudio. Go to the console (lower left window) and write

#### 3+2

• If there is not already an editor open in the upper left window, then go to the file menu and open a new script. Check the date with date() and the R version with sessionInfo().

```
date()
sessionInfo()
```

# Exercise: See where things happen

- Create a new .R script named my\_first\_script.R
- Write and execute the following code in the .R script and identify where in Rstudio the outputs can be found.

```
mtcars
?sum
hist(mtcars$mpg)
random_numbers <- runif(40)
history()</pre>
```

# R is a object-orientiented language

#### Vectors and assignments

- R is a object-orientiented language
- <- is the assignment operator

```
b \leftarrow c(1,2) # create an object with the numbers 1 and 2
```

• A function can be applied to this object:

```
mean(b) # computes the mean
```

```
## [1] 1.5
```

We can learn something about the properties of the object:

```
length(b) # b has the length 2
```

## [1] 2

```
sqrt(b) # the square root of b
```

# Functions in base-package

Function	Meaning	Example
str()	Object structure	str(b)
max()	Maximum	max(b)
min()	Minimum	min(b)
sd()	Standard deviation	sd(b)
var()	Variance	var(b)
mean()	Mean	mean(b)
median()	Median	median(b)

These functions only need one argument.

# Functions with more arguments

### Other functions need more arguments:

Argument	Meaning	Example
quantile()	90 % Quantile	quantile(b,.9)
sample()	Draw a sample	sample(b,1)

```
quantile(b,.9)

## 90%
## 1.9

sample(b,1)

## [1] 2
```

# Examples - Functions with more than one argument

```
max(b); min(b)

## [1] 2

## [1] 1

sd(b); var(b)

## [1] 0.7071068

## [1] 0.5
```

#### Functions with one argument

```
mean(b);median(b)

## [1] 1.5

## [1] 1.5
```

# Exercise: Assignments and functions

Create a vector b with the numbers from 1 to 5 and calculate ...

- 1. the mean
- 2. the variance
- 3. the standard deviation
- 4. the square root from the mean

# **Overview commands**

http://cran.r-project.org/doc/manuals/R-intro.html

# Exercise: Economic Order Quantity Model

#### Economic order quantity

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

In inventory management, economic order quantity (EOQ) is the order quantity that minimizes the total holding costs and ordering costs. It is one of the oldest classical production scheduling models. The model was developed by Ford W. Harris in 1913, but R. H. Wilson, a consultant who applied it extensively, and K. Andler are given credit for their in-depth analysis.<sup>[1]</sup>

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#### **Economic Order Quantity Model**

$$Q=\sqrt{rac{2DK}{h}}$$

### Calculate Q where:

- D = 1000
- K = 5
- h = 0.25

# R Data Types

• R supports a few basic data types: integer, numeric, logical, character/string, factor, and complex

#### Logical

## [1]

TRUE

– binary, two possible values represented by TRUE and FALSE

TRUE FALSE FALSE

```
x <- c(3,7, 1, 2)
x > 2

## [1] TRUE TRUE FALSE FALSE

x == 2

## [1] FALSE FALSE TRUE

! (x < 3)</pre>
```

# Character vectors

```
y <- c("a","bc","def")
length(y)
## [1] 3
nchar(y)
## [1] 1 2 3
y == "a"
## [1] TRUE FALSE FALSE
y == "b"
## [1] FALSE FALSE FALSE
```

# Object structure

```
str(b) # b is a numeric vector
## num [1:2] 1 2
```

#### Variable type character

```
a <- letters
length(letters)

## [1] 26

a[1:4]

## [1] "a" "b" "c" "d"

str(a)</pre>
```

chr [1:26] "a" "b" "c" "d" "e" "f" "g" "h" "i" "j" "k" "l" "m" "n" "o" "p

### Problems with character vector

```
mean(b)
## [1] 1.5
(b1 < - c(b, "a"))
## [1] "1" "2" "a"
mean(b1)
## Warning in mean.default(b1): argument is not numeric or logical: returning
## [1] NA
```

#### Coercion

- All elements in a vector must be of the same type. R coerces the elements to a common type
- In the following case all elements are coerced to numeric.

```
x <- c(TRUE, FALSE, TRUE)
c(1.2,x)</pre>
```

```
## [1] 1.2 1.0 0.0 1.0
```

• To character:

```
y <- c("2","3",".2")
c(1.2,y, x)
```

```
## [1] "1.2" "2" "3" ".2" "TRUE" "FALSE" "TRUE"
```

• The following arithmetic operation works:

```
1 + x
## [1] 2 1 2
```

# Perform the coercion

• Other times we need to perform the coercion

```
c(1.2,y)

## [1] "1.2" "2" "3" ".2"

c(1.2,as.numeric(y))

## [1] 1.2 2.0 3.0 0.2
```

### Information about Vectors

- Aggregator functions sum, mean, range, min, max, summary, table, cut,
   ...
- class(x) returns the type of an object.
- is.logical(x) tells us whether the object is a logical type. There is also is.numeric, is.character and is.integer
- is.null determines whether an object is empty.
- NULL is used mainly to represent the lists with zero length, and is often returned by expressions and functions whose value is undefined.

# Coerce objects from one to another

- as.numeric(x) we use the as-type functions to coerce objects from one type (e.g. logical) to another, in this case numeric.
- There are several of these functions, including as.integer, as.character, as.logical

```
x <- c("1",2,"one","1plus","2_and")
as.numeric(x)</pre>
```

```
## [1] 1 2 NA NA NA
```

# How to get help?

• To get help in general:

```
help.start()
```

• Use? to get help.

#### ?mean

• example (lm) gives an example for a linear regression

```
example(lm)
```

• Online documentation for most of the functions:

# Again, we get help with the question mark

?paste

### Different sections in the help:

- Description
- Usage
- Arguments
- Value
- Author(s)
- See Also
- Examples

## Vignettes

- A vignette is a paper that present the most important functions of a package
- You get many reproducible examples
- Vignettes are a rather new tool, that is why not every package has a vignette

```
browseVignettes()
```

• to get a vignette:

```
vignette("osmdata")
```

# An example for a vignette - package osmdata

https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/osmdata/vignettes/osmdata.html

#### 1. Introduction

osmdata is an R package for downloading and using data from OpenStreetMap (OSM). OSM is a global open access mapping project, which is free and open under the ODbL licence [@OpenStreetMap]. This has many benefits, ensuring transparent data provenance and ownership, enabling real-time evolution of the database and, by allowing anyone to contribute, encouraging democratic decision making and citizen science [@johnson\_models\_2017]. See the OSM wiki to find out how to contribute to the world's open geographical data commons.

Unlike the <u>OpenStreetMap</u> package, which facilitates the download of raster tiles, <u>Osmdata</u> provides access to the vector data underlying OSM.

osmdata can be installed from CRAN with

```
install.packages("osmdata")
```

and then loaded in the usual way:

```
library(osmdata)
```

```
## Data (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, ODbL 1.0. http://www.openstreetmap.org/copyright
```

The development version of osmdata can be installed with the devtools package using the following command:

```
devtools::install_github('osmdatar/osmdata')
```

## **Demos**

• for some packages you have demos:

```
demo() # shows all available demos
demo(package = "httr") # Show all demos in a package

# Run a specific demo:
demo("oauth1-twitter", package = "httr")
```

• if you run a demo, the code is shown in the console

```
demo(nlm)
```

```
> demo(nlm)

demo(nlm)

---- ~~~

Type <Return> to start:
```

# The function apropos

searches everything about the given string

```
apropos("lm")
                           ".lm.fit"
                                              "colMeans"
                                                                 "confint.lm"
    [1] ".colMeans"
##
##
    [5] "contr.helmert"
                           "dummy.coef.lm"
                                              "getAllMethods"
                                                                 "glm"
    [9] "glm.control"
                           "glm.fit"
                                              "KalmanForecast"
                                                                 "KalmanLike"
##
   [13] "KalmanRun"
                           "KalmanSmooth"
                                              "kappa.lm"
                                                                 "1m"
        "lm.fit"
                           "lm.influence"
                                              "lm.wfit"
                                                                 "model.matrix.l
   [17]
                                              "predict.glm"
                                                                 "predict.lm"
## [21] "nlm"
                           "nlminb"
## [25] "residuals.glm"
                           "residuals.lm"
                                              "summary.glm"
                                                                 "summary.lm"
```

# Search engine for the R-Site

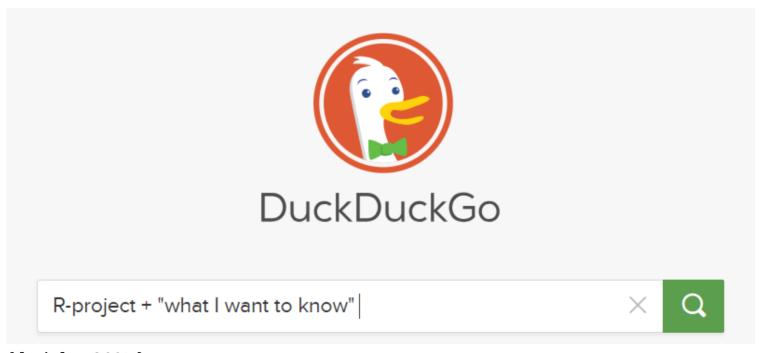
```
RSiteSearch("glm")
```

# Usage of search engines

- I use duckduckgo:
- just add "with R" at the end of any search. Or:

R-project + "what I want to know"

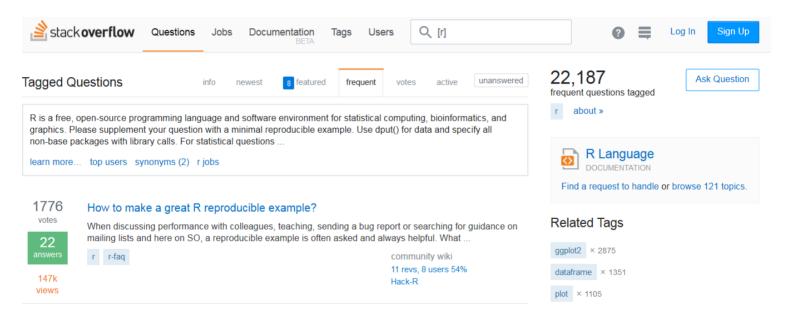
this works of course for all search engines!



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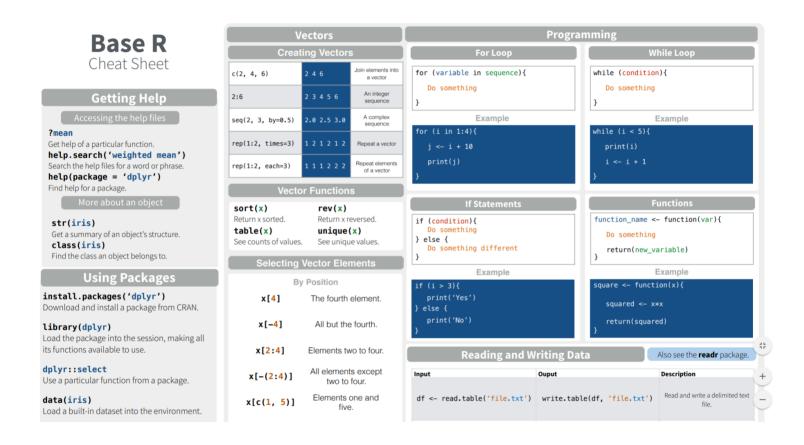
## Stackoverflow

- A searchable Q&A site oriented toward programming issues.
- Is not focused on R but many discussions on R
- Very detailed discussions



## A cheatsheet for base R

https://www.rstudio.com/resources/cheatsheets/



## More cheatsheets

### Regular Expressions



Basics of regular expressions and pattern matching in R by Ian Kopacka.
Updated 09/16.

DOWNLOAD

### The leaflet package



Interactive maps in R with leaflet, by Kejia Shi. Updated 05/17.

DOWNLOAD

### How big is your graph?



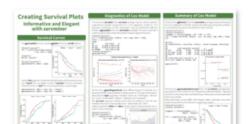
Graph sizing with base R by by Stephen Simon. Updated 10/16.

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The eurostat package



The survminer package



The simisc package



# Quick R

- Always a page with examples and help concerning a topic
- Example: Quick R Getting Help



#### < R Interface

#### **Getting Help**

The Workspace

Input/Output

Packages

Graphic User Interfaces

**Customizing Startup** 

**Publication Quality Output** 

**Batch Processing** 

Reusing Results

### **Getting Help**

Once R is installed, there is a comprehensive built-in help system. At the program's command prompt you can use any of the following:

```
help.start() # general help
help(foo) # help about function foo

?foo # same thing
apropos("foo") # list all functions containing string foo
example(foo) # show an example of function foo
```

# Exercise: Getting help

### Exercise on help

- Try the command ?which.min This opens a help page in the lower right window of RStudio. What does the function do?
- You must know the name of the function in order to open the help page as above. Sometimes you do not know the name of the R functions; then a **search engine** can often help you. Try, for example, to search the text R minimum vector.

# Structure your code

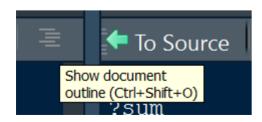
### Work with sections

• In a Rscript you can use "Ctrl + Shift + R" to include a section



### **Outline R-code**

- Use as many comments as possible
- Use shortcut "Ctrl + Shift + R" to insert a new section



# Save your Work

- When conducting research, keeping all of your code, data, and files in the same place is useful.
- Many journals now require that you make, e.g., your data and code publicly available.
- Now is the time to invest in file structures and versioning programs (e.g., Dropbox and Github).
- Save your script file often to prevent loss of your work.
- Also save your workspace in R in order to save time.
- If you do this, you will be able to load your console in the future as though you had already completed all of the operations that you ran from your script file.

## Where to find routines

- Many functions are included in basic R
- Many specific functions are integrated in additional libraries
- R can be modularly extended by so-called packages or libraries
- Most important packages hosted on CRAN (15363 at Fr Mrz 06)
- Further packages can be found e.g. at bioconductor

### Overview R packages

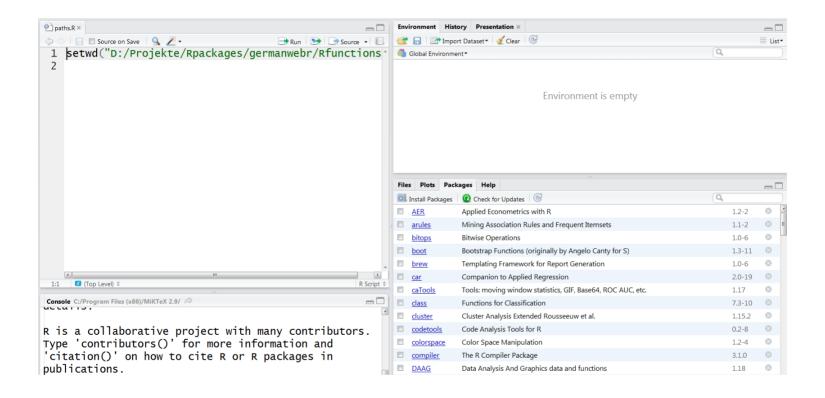
# Installation of packages

### Install and load a package

- The quotes around the package name are necessary for the command install.packages.
- They are optional for the command library.

```
install.packages("lme4")
library(lme4)
```

# Installation of packages with RStudio



# Existing packages and installation

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	<u>AER</u>	Applied Econometrics with R	1.2-2	8
	<u>arules</u>	Mining Association Rules and Frequent Itemsets	1.1-2	8
	<u>bitops</u>	Bitwise Operations	1.0-6	$\otimes$
	<u>boot</u>	Bootstrap Functions (originally by Angelo Canty for S)	1.3-11	$\otimes$
	<u>brew</u>	Templating Framework for Report Generation	1.0-6	$\otimes$

## Exercise: Download packages

Download and install the following packages from CRAN:

- tidyverse
- nycflights13
- cluster
- ggplot2
- tmap

Have a look at the package documentation. What are these packages for?

## Overview of many useful packages:

• Luhmann - Table with many useful packages

### Other interesting packages:

- Package for Import/Export foreign
- sampling-package for survey Sampling
- xtable Package for integrating LateX in R (xtable Galerie)
- dummies package for creating dummies
- Package mvtnorm for getting a multivariate normal distribution
- Package maptools for creating maps

# Install packages from various sources

### Install packages from CRAN Server

```
install.packages("lme4")
```

### Install packages from Bioconductor Server

```
source("https://bioconductor.org/biocLite.R")
biocLite(c("GenomicFeatures", "AnnotationDbi"))
```

### Install packages from Github

```
install.packages("devtools")
library(devtools)
install_github("hadley/ggplot2")
```

# Packages

```
# load the package to use in the current R session
library(stringr)

# use a particular function within a package
# without loading the package
?stringr::str_replace
```

### Getting help on packages

```
# provides details regarding contents of a package
help(package = "tidyr")
# list vignettes available for a specific package
vignette(package="tidyr")
# view specific vignette
vignette("tidy-data")
```

## How do I get an overview

- Discover packages recently uploaded to CRAN
- Look at the Shiny web app that shows the packages recently downloaded from CRAN
- Have a look at a quick-list of useful packages,...
- ..., or at a list with the **best packages for data processing and analysis**,...
- ..., or at the 50 most used packages

### **CRAN Task Views**

- For some topics all possibilities are arranged in R. (Overview of Task Views)
- Currently there are 35 task views.
- All packages of a task view can be installed with the following command:

```
install.packages("ctv")
library("ctv")
install.views("Bayesian")
```

CRAN Task Views

Bayesian Inference

 ChemPhys
 Chemometrics and Computational Physics

 ClinicalTrials
 Clinical Trial Design, Monitoring, and Analysis

 Cluster
 Cluster Analysis & Finite Mixture Models

<u>Differential Equations</u> Differential Equations <u>Distributions</u> Probability Distributions

**Econometrics** Econometrics

Environmetrics Analysis of Ecological and Environmental Data

<u>ExperimentalDesign</u> Design of Experiments (DoE) & Analysis of Experimental Data

<u>Extreme Value</u> Extreme Value Analysis <u>Finance</u> Empirical Finance

# Exercise: additional packages

### Go for example to:

https://cran.r-project.org/

https://awesome-r.com/

### or search for

most interesting r packages

### and search for packages ...

- for descriptive data analysis.
- with functions to work with date-times and time-spans.
- to use an interface to python.
- to import foreign data (e.g. SPSS data).
- to handle large amounts of data

# How to learn after this workshop

How to actually learn any new programming concept



# The swirl package

### Learn R, in R

```
install.packages("swirl")

library(swirl)
# type the following into the console:
swirl()
```

# The tutorial functionality in Rstudio

- You need RStudio v1.3.869-1 Preview for this:
- •

```
install.packages("learnr")
```

### Some links to read on

- Six reasons to use Rstudio.
- Why you should learn R first for data science
- RStudio Infoworld 2015 Technology of the Year Award Recipient!
- Why the R programming language is good for business?
- Have a look at R-bloggers <!--</li>
- Intro R
- Intro R II -->
- Comparisson between python and R
- R and Stata Side-by-side
- AWESOME R
- 1000 R tutorials/Links
- Learn R by watching two-minute videos

### **Further Links**

Overview - how to get help in R



Download

**CRAN** 

### **Getting Help with R**

### Helping Yourself

Before asking others for help, it's generally a good idea for you to try to help yourself. R includes extensive facilities for accessing documentation and searching for help. There are also specialized search engines for accessing information about R on the internet, and general internet search engines can also prove useful (see below).

- A list with HowTo`s
- A list with the most important R-commands
- **R-bloggers**: a central hub of content from over 500 bloggers who provide news and tutorials about R.

# Shiny App - Intro R

### www.intro-stats.com

