

# Introducing R

Intro to R Workshop

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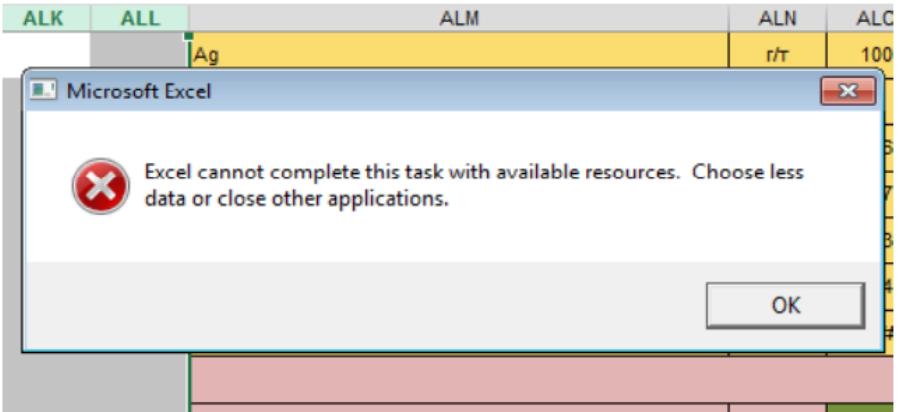
# Today's Objective(s) – What we hope you will get out of today

- Introduction to R
- The basics of R – data objects
- Data plotting
- How to find more information for a specific task
- The start of the journey, a network of R learners/users around you.
- Entry into more advanced and specialised uses of R for your research.

# Why R? (as opposed to Excel?)

- It's free, legally free. Active development.
- Reproducible analysis.
  - Document what you have done with your data in code.
  - Come back to it in days, months, years and you should know what was done.
- Low risk of inadvertent data loss/mutation.
  - By design, R requires you to load your data in, what you do with the data is then written in code (R language).
- R can handle really large datasets.
  - Excel is limited by 1,048,576 rows and 16,384 columns.
- Collaborative.
  - Share your data and analysis.

# Why R? (as opposed to Excel?)



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1 Supplementary Data 4: Summary of whole exome and low coverage whole genome sequencing metrics													
2 Whole Exome Sequencing Metrics													
Instrument	Sample	Run Type	Total reads	Mapped reads	% Reads mapped	% Duplicates	Paired in sequencing	Read1	Read2	% Reads OnTarget	OnTarget paired in sequencing	OnTarget read1	OnTarget read2
4 Round 1													
5 Hiseq2000	CLL004-GL	2 x 100 bp	79431487	79082800	99.56	3.08	76996153	38496883	38499270	64.82	49681321	2483	
6 Hiseq2000	CLL004-P1	2 x 100 bp	98940210	98877364	99.94	8.21	90824527	45396711	45427816	59.15	53682058	26875944	2680
7 Hiseq2000	CLL004-P6	2 x 100 bp	103366932	103219254	99.86	17.48	85320888	42632310	42668578	56.21	47874795	23964553	2391
8 Hiseq2000	CLL004-T1	2 x 100 bp	18565527	18568293	99.97	3.34	179450419	89716842	89733577	64.95	116516756	58278266	5821
9 Hiseq2000	CLL004-T2	2 x 100 bp	183426933	183333239	99.96	4.65	174522521	87246019	87273902	66.78	116516756	58278266	5820
10 Hiseq2000	CLL022-GL	2 x 100 bp	72740898	71705348	98.58	3.09	70524813	35206470	35206470	62.92	43722867	21861763	2186
11 Hiseq2000	CLL022-P1	2 x 100 bp	123437234	123316869	99.9	5.12	117126001	58449111	58676890	57.09	66794971	33446530	3334
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14 Hiseq2000	CLL022-T2	2 x 100 bp	185750125	185707266	99.98	3.06	180063172	90027951	90035221	62.44	112395938	56206701	5618
15 Round 2													
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17 Hiseq2000	CLL004-P1	2 x 75 bp	97448950	96845012	99.38	9.64	88115552	43995063	44120489	56.56	49499825	24810396	2468
18 NextSeq500	CLL004-P6	2 x 75 bp	101954250	100853739	98.92	18.55	83250437	41586527	41685910	53.45	43909044	22039561	2186
19 Hiseq2000	CLL004-T1	2 x 100 bp	191470710	19121103	99.97	3.39	184980677	92480067	92500617	64.92	120062256	60053696	6000
20 Hiseq2000	CLL004-T2	2 x 100 bp	189373610	189298122	99.96	4.94	180029458	89996328	90033130	68.82	123886599	61904058	6193
21 Hiseq2000	CLL022-GL	2 x 100 bp	79295202	7815932	98.56	3.26	78745090	38370968	38372802	62.98	47670464	23605296	2360
22 NextSeq500	CLL022-P1	2 x 75 bp	123816415	122900689	99.26	6.02	115684693	57726235	57958684	54.64	61049374	31443968	3126
23 NextSeq500	CLL022-P4	2 x 75 bp	110872834	109754466	99.26	9.04	100647775	50214311	50433484	55.85	55734473	27999965	2775

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# Gene name errors are widespread in the scientific literature

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## Abstract

The spreadsheet software Microsoft Excel, when used with default settings, is known to convert gene names to dates and floating-point numbers. A programmatic scan of leading genomics journals reveals that approximately one-fifth of papers with supplementary Excel gene lists contain erroneous gene name conversions.

**Keywords:** Microsoft Excel, Gene symbol, Supplementary data

**Abbreviations:** GEO, Gene Expression Omnibus; JIF, journal impact factor

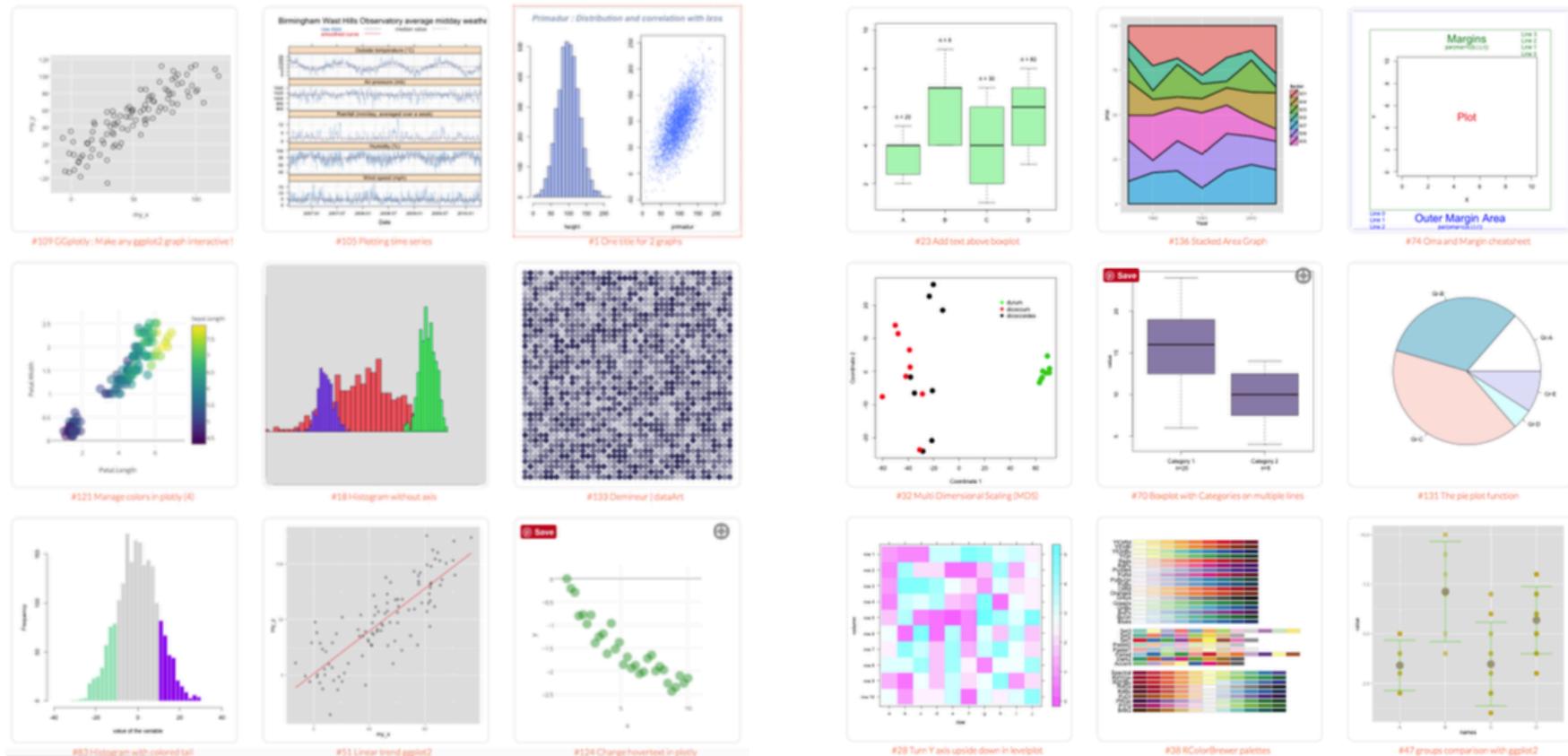
frequently reused. Our aim here is to raise awareness of the problem.

We downloaded and screened supplementary files from 18 journals published between 2005 and 2015 using a suite of shell scripts. Excel files (.xls and .xlsx suffixes) were converted to tabular separated files (tsv) with ssconvert (v1.12.9). Each sheet within the Excel file was converted to a separate tsv file. Each column of data in the tsv file was screened for the presence of gene symbols. If the first 20 rows of a column contained five or more gene symbols, then it was suspected to be a list of gene symbols, and then a regular expression (regex) search of the entire column was applied to identify gene symbol errors. Official gene symbols from Ensembl version 82, accessed November 2015, were obtained for [www.ensembl.org](http://www.ensembl.org).

Typo and saved it

# Why R? (as opposed to Excel?)

- Graphs and plotting.
- Can you plot a box and whisker plot in excel?



# How to get R?

- Many specialised tools/libraries for specific purposes
  - Collection of functions

<https://cran.r-project.org>)



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- The latest release (Thursday 2017-09-28, Short Summer) [R-3.4.2.tar.gz](#), read [what's new](#) in the latest version.
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**Questions About R**

- If you have questions about R like how to download and install the software, or what the license terms are, please read our [answers to frequently asked questions](#) before you send an email.

# Tools and libraries used in R?

- Bioconductor, source for most bioinformatics libraries and tools for R. Home of LIMMA.

The screenshot shows the Bioconductor website homepage. At the top left is the Bioconductor logo with the text "OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE FOR BIOINFORMATICS". The top navigation bar includes links for "Home", "Install", "Help", "Developers", and "About". A search bar is located at the top right. The main content area is divided into four sections: "Install", "Learn", "Use", and "Develop".

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- Defined rules.
- Good documentation.
- Worked examples.

# R and the interfaces to R

## ▪ R on the command line

```
nwon0008 — R — 80x24
Last login: Thu Oct  5 11:06:23 on ttys001
[MU00105304X:~ nwon0008$ R]

R version 3.4.1 (2017-06-30) -- "Single Candle"
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Platform: x86_64-apple-darwin15.6.0 (64-bit)

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# R and the interfaces to R

## ▪ RStudio – RStudio Server, a graphical interface to R

The screenshot shows the RStudio interface. On the left, the Console tab displays the standard R startup message. On the right, the Environment tab shows R code related to the Iris dataset, specifically setting ranges for Petal Width and Petal Length. Below the code, the Viewer tab displays the "Linear Models for Microarray Data" page from the LIMMA package documentation.

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**Environment**

```
list(range = c(0,2.5),
label = 'Petal Width', values = ~petal_width),
list(range = c(1,7),
label = 'Petal Length', values = ~petal_length)
)
)
p
q("no")
q("no")
q("no")
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### Linear Models for Microarray Data



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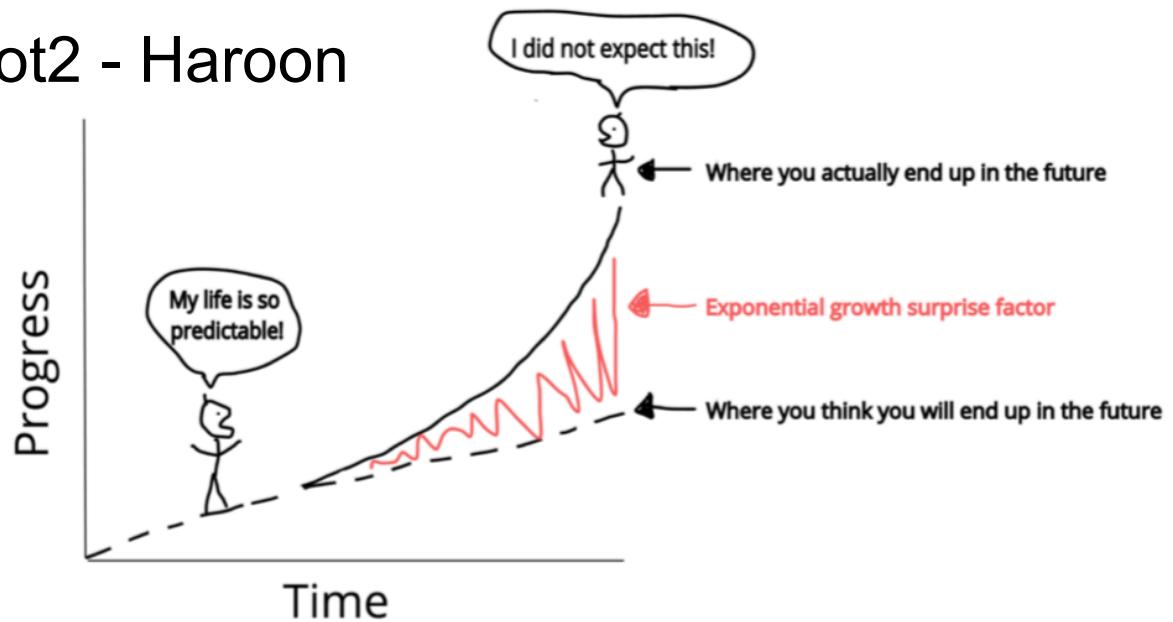
- [LIMMA User's Guide \(pdf\)](#). This is the main documentation for the package.
- [LIMMA Introduction \(pdf\)](#). One page introduction.
- [LIMMA Change Log \(txt\)](#). Historical record of changes.

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# Today's agenda

- Starting out in R – Nick
- Working with data in a matrix – Nick
- Working with data frames – Paul
- For loops – Haroon
- Plotting with ggplot2 - Haroon



# How today's workshop works – signalling for help

- Sticky notes

# Rounding up

- This is the start of your R journey, many others are at the same stage, share your questions.
- Attend this workshop again, and others we offer
  - Advanced R
  - Specialised use-cases with R (eg: RNASeq)
- MBP have Friday help sessions at Clayton 3:30pm.
  - Alfred to be determined, contact Nick for questions.

## Ice breaker activity

- Introduce yourself to your neighbour(s) and tell them why you are here and what you want to achieve.

# Basic concepts of R and take home messages

- R is a programming language and your code can be recorded in an R script file.
- Variable
- Assignment operator **<-**
- Functions **name()**
- Run code from R script **command/control <enter>**
- Swap between panes **control 1/2**