



Building R for Windows

This document is a collection of resources for building packages for R under Microsoft Windows, or for building R itself (version 1.9.0 or later). The original collection was put together by Prof. Brian Ripley; it is currently being maintained by Duncan Murdoch.

The authoritative source of information for tools to work with the current release of R is the "R Administration and Installation" manual. In particular, please read the ["Windows Toolset" appendix](#).

Rtools Downloads

Some of the tools are incompatible with obsolete versions of R. We maintain one actively updated version of the tools, and other "frozen" snapshots of them. We recommend that users use the latest release of Rtools with the latest release of R.

The current version of this file is recorded here: [VERSION.txt](#).

Download	R compatibility	Frozen?
Rtools34.exe	R 3.3.x and later	No
Rtools33.exe	R 3.2.x to 3.3.x	Yes
Rtools32.exe	R 3.1.x to 3.2.x	Yes
Rtools31.exe	R 3.0.x to 3.1.x	Yes
Rtools30.exe	R >2.15.1 to R 3.0.x	Yes
Rtools215.exe	R >2.14.1 to R 2.15.1	Yes
Rtools214.exe	R 2.13.x or R 2.14.x	Yes
Rtools213.exe	R 2.13.x	Yes
Rtools212.exe	R 2.12.x	Yes
Rtools211.exe	R 2.10.x or R 2.11.x	Yes
Rtools210.exe	R 2.9.x or 2.10.x	Yes
Rtools29.exe	R 2.8.x or R 2.9.x	Yes
Rtools28.exe	R 2.7.x or R 2.8.x	Yes
Rtools27.exe	R 2.6.x or R 2.7.x	Yes
Rtools26.exe	R 2.6.x, R 2.5.x or (untested) earlier	Yes

The change history to the Rtools is [below](#).

Tools for 64 bit Windows builds

Rtools 2.12 and later include both 32 bit and 64 bit tools.

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