Google searches for R functions

A common way to find out about an R function is to type it in google.  For instance, I typed R write.csv to find out more about **write.csv** (it is how you write a data frame to a csv file, something we cover later).

Pages from the website **rdocumentation.org** often appear first.  If you look further down, you see the website **stat.ethz.ch**. **stat.ethz.ch** is the official R page and the better page to visit. **rdocumentation.org** is pretty good but it can be out-of-date and sometimes points you to the more obscure versions of the function (as it does for **write.csv**).

**stat.ethz.ch** is the page that the **Help** tab in R uses and, up until a couple years ago, was usually the first choice when you were googling functions in R.

I think **rdocumentation.org** won the google war because it is prettier and has better Search Engine Optimization (SEO for those in the know).