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The R Journal

The R Journal is the open access, refereed journal of the R project (<https://www.r-project.org/>) for statistical computing. It features short to medium length articles covering topics that should be of interest to users or developers of R.

The R Journal intends to reach a wide audience and have a thorough review process. Papers are expected to be reasonably short, clearly written, not too technical, and of course focused on R. Authors of refereed articles should take care to:

- put their contribution in context, in particular discuss related R functions or packages;
- explain the motivation for their contribution;
- provide code examples that are reproducible.

Following revision of the content description of *The R Journal*, from January 2017 submitted articles may include:

Reviews and proposals:

surveying and discussing challenges and opportunities of potential importance for the broader R community, including proposals and proof-of-concept implementations.

Comparisons and benchmarking:

of implementations in base-R and contributed packages with each other, and where relevant with implementations in other software systems.

Applications:

demonstrating how new or existing techniques can be applied in an area of current interest using R, providing a fresh view of such analyses in R that is of benefit beyond the specific application.

Add-on packages:

short introductions to contributed R packages that are already available on CRAN or Bioconductor, and going beyond package vignettes in aiming to provide broader context and to attract a wider readership than package users. Authors need to make a strong case for such introductions, based for example on novelty in implementation and use of R, or the introduction of new data structures representing general architectures that invite re-use.

Continuing from *R News* (<http://www.r-project.org/doc/Rnews/index.html>), *The R Journal* also has a news section, including information on:

Changes in R:

new features of the latest release.

Changes on CRAN:

new add-on packages, manuals, binary distributions, mirrors,...

Upcoming conferences:

announcements of conferences related to R.

Conference reports:

overviews of past conferences related to R.

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