

15.1.2 Install R

Now that he has a bit of background on R and RStudio, Jeremy is ready to get downloading. First he'll download R itself and then move on to RStudio.

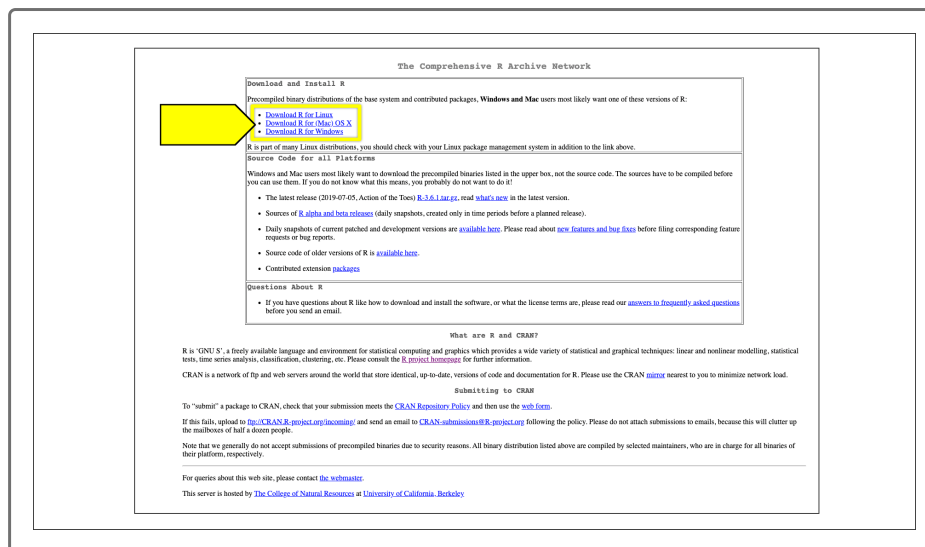
We must first install R before installing RStudio. This way, RStudio can easily find our R installation while being configured; otherwise, we would have to manually tell RStudio where to find our installed applications.

To install R on macOS or Windows, navigate to [R's Comprehensive R Archive Network \(CRAN\) server](https://cran.r-project.org/mirrors.html) [_\(https://cran.r-project.org/mirrors.html\)](https://cran.r-project.org/mirrors.html) and select a mirror link near our region. In most cases, any U.S. mirror link will do (see the following images):





After you navigate to a CRAN mirror site, you'll reach a self-explanatory download page. Follow the appropriate download link for either your macOS or Windows environment:



For those running a macOS environment, select the latest release [.pkg](#) file (the link is midpage):

R for Mac OS X

This directory contains binaries for a base distribution and packages to run on Mac OS X (release 10.6 and above). Mac OS 8.6 to 9.2 (and Mac OS X 10.1) are no longer supported but you can find the last supported release of R for these systems (which is R 1.7.1) [here](#). Releases for old Mac OS X systems (through Mac OS X 10.5) and PowerPC Macs can be found in the [old](#) directory.

Note: CRAN does not have Mac OS X systems and cannot check these binaries for viruses. Although we take precautions when assembling binaries, please use the normal precautions with downloaded executables.

As of 2016/03/01 package binaries for R versions older than 2.12.0 are only available from the [CRAN archive](#) so users of such versions should adjust the CRAN mirror setting accordingly.

R 3.6.2 "Dark and Stormy Night" released on 2019/12/12

Important: since R 3.4.0 release we are now providing binaries for OS X 10.11 (El Capitan) and higher using non-Apple toolkit to provide support for OpenMP and C++17 standard features. To compile packages you may have to download tools from the [tools](#) directory and read the corresponding note below.

Please check the MD5 checksum of the downloaded image to ensure that it has not been tampered with or corrupted during the mirroring process. For example type

```
md5 R-3.6.2.pkg
```

in the *Terminal* application to print the MD5 checksum for the R-3.6.2.pkg image. On Mac OS X 10.7 and later you can also validate the signature using

```
pkgutil --check-signature R-3.6.2.pkg
```

Latest release:

R 3.6.2 binary for OS X 10.11 (El Capitan) and higher, signed package. Contains R 3.6.2 framework, Rapp GUI 1.70 in 64-bit for Intel Macs, Tcl/Tk 8.6.6 X11 libraries and Tinfo 5.2. The latter two components are optional and can be omitted when choosing "custom install", they are only needed if you want to use the `tcltk` R package or build package documentation from sources.

For those running a Windows environment, click on the base installer link. On the next page, click the "Download R for Windows" link to start downloading the installer:

R for Windows

Subdirectories:

- [base](#)
- [contrib](#)
- [old.contrib](#)
- [Rtools](#)

Binaries for base distribution. This is what you want to [install R for the first time](#).

Binaries of contributed CRAN packages (for R >= 2.13.x; managed by Uwe Ligges). There is also information on [third party software](#) available for CRAN Windows services and corresponding environment and make variables.

Binaries of contributed CRAN packages for outdated versions of R (for R < 2.13.x; managed by Uwe Ligges).

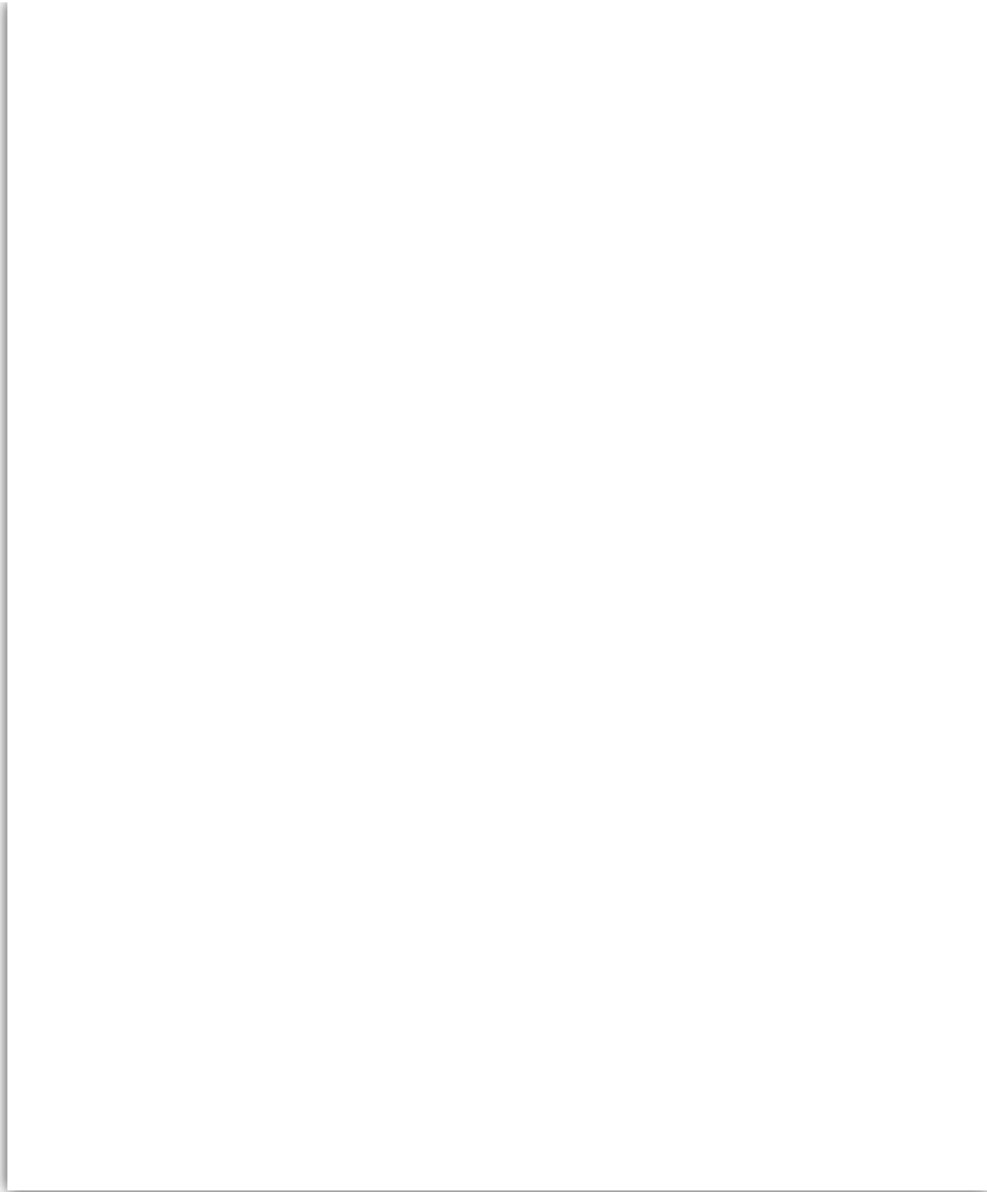
Tools to build R and R packages. This is what you want to build your own packages on Windows, or to build R itself.

Please do not submit binaries to CRAN. Package developers might want to contact Uwe Ligges directly in case of questions / suggestions related to Windows binaries.

You may also want to read the [R FAQ](#) and [R for Windows FAQ](#).

Note: CRAN does some checks on these binaries for viruses, but cannot give guarantees. Use the normal precautions with downloaded executables.

Once your installer files are successfully downloaded (`.pkg` for macOS or `.exe` for Windows), run them just as you would for any other installation program. Use all default install options and, if prompted, check all boxes to allow all R components to install.



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