Using R in Power BI

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Prerequisite

• R must be installed on the same Windows computer as Power BI Desktop

https://www.r-project.org/

Australia - mirrors

https://cran.csiro.au/	CSIRO
https://mirror.aarnet.edu.au/pub/CRAN/	AARNET
https://cran.ms.unimelb.edu.au/	School of Mathematics and Statistics, University
	of Melbourne
https://cran.curtin.edu.au/	Curtin University

• Good to have

IDE to use with R, Notepad++, R Studio, VS etc.

Import Data

To import data you need to create a dataframe. Power BI can access the dataframes and you can select required dataframes to import.

- Connect to available dataset in R
- import csv, xlsx, sql etc. data to R then connect
- import data to R, transform, clean up data and then connect

Example 1 - Connect to available dataset in R

We can use available dataset in R and import this to Power BI cars dataset in R consist of breaking distances vs. speed data. we can preview the data using head() function.

head(cars)

```
##
     speed dist
## 1
         4
              2
## 2
             10
## 3
         7
              4
         7
             22
         8
## 5
             16
             10
```

Lets import this dataset to Power BI by assigning to a dataframe.

In Power BI, click $Get\ Data \rightarrow Other \rightarrow R\ script$

Use the following R script to get the data from cars dataset.

Tranform Data

Visualisations