

Tutorial 3

Data Analytics



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R base functions for importing data

read.csv(): for reading “**comma separated value**” files (“.csv”).

read.csv2(): variant used in countries that use a comma “,” as decimal point and a semicolon “;” as field separators.

read.delim(): for reading “*tab-separated value*” files (“.txt”). By default, point (“.”) is used as decimal points.

read.delim2(): for reading “*tab-separated value*” files (“.txt”). By default, comma (“;”) is used as decimal points.

R base functions for importing data

```
# Read tabular data into R
```

```
read.table(file, header = FALSE, sep = "", dec = ".")
```

```
# Read "comma separated value" files (".csv")
```

```
read.csv(file, header = TRUE, sep = ",", dec = ".", ...)
```

```
# Or use read.csv2: variant used in countries that # use a  
comma as decimal point and a semicolon as field separator.
```

```
read.csv2(file, header = TRUE, sep = ";", dec = ",", ...)
```

```
# Read TAB delimited files
```

```
read.delim(file, header = TRUE, sep = "\t", dec = ".", ...)
```

```
read.delim2(file, header = TRUE, sep = "\t", dec = ",", ...)
```

- file**: the path to the file containing the data to be imported into R.
- sep**: the field separator character. "\t" is used for tab-delimited file.
- header**: logical value. If TRUE, **read.table()** assumes that your file has a header row, so row 1 is the name of each column. If that's not the case, you can add the argument **header = FALSE**.
- dec**: the character used in the file for decimal points.

Reading a local file

```
# Read a txt file, named "mtcars.txt"  
my_data <- read.delim("mtcars.txt")
```

```
# Read a csv file, named "mtcars.csv"  
my_data <- read.csv("mtcars.csv")
```

```
my_data <- read.table(file.choose(), sep = "|", header =  
TRUE, dec = ".")
```

t-test

```
t.test(x, mu = 0, alternative = "two.sided")
```

- **x**: a numeric vector containing your data values
- **mu**: the theoretical mean. Default is 0 but you can change it.
- **alternative**: the alternative hypothesis. Allowed value is one of “two.sided” (default), “greater” or “less”.