The tools used for the exercise:

R Programming language / R environment:
It is a computer programming language used for data visualization and statistical analysis of data. I initially imported the MAF file in R-Studio as a data frame to look at the data table using *read.delim* function of R. Later I downloaded and installed maftools in my working environment to conduct rest of my analysis as the file format given to me for the assignment was a MAF file.

Maftools:
Maftools can be used to visualize as wells as analyze data. The beginning of the work pipeline starts with a read.maf function that reads a MAF file present in the work environment.

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