

Introduction to R for Biologists

Day 1 – Intro to R and the Tidyverse Ecosystem

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Welcome to Class!!



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Course Summary

Day 1: Introduction to R syntax and the Rstudio Interface

Day 2: Making plots in the Tidyverse (ggplot)

Day 3: Manipulating data in the Tidyverse (dplyr)

Day 4: Statistical Applications of R

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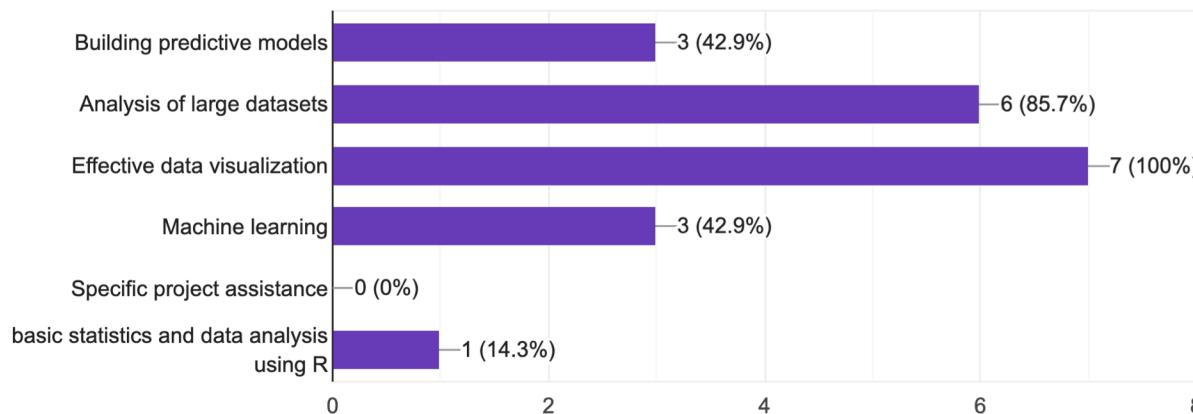
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Are there specific topics you would like to be covered during the course?

7 responses



Course Format

Concept Slides and Code Along Activities

- **Lecture -> Coding -> Lecture -> Coding**
- Check email for link to my Github
 - Download zip file for day 1
 - [https://github.com/ajlukasiewicz/CBRS_R_Intr
o_2025/](https://github.com/ajlukasiewicz/CBRS_R_Intr_o_2025/)

Course Format

 **CBRS_R_Intro_2024** Public

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Local Codespaces

Clone ?

[HTTPS](https://github.com/ajlukasiewicz/CBRS_R_Intro_2024) [SSH](#) [GitHub CLI](#)

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Clone using the web URL.

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README

Welcome to Intro to R for Biologists

In this repository you will find all the scripts, datasets, and presentation slides for the 2024 CBRS Summer Course: "Intro to R for Biologists"

Important Course Information

Location: [FNT 1.104](#)

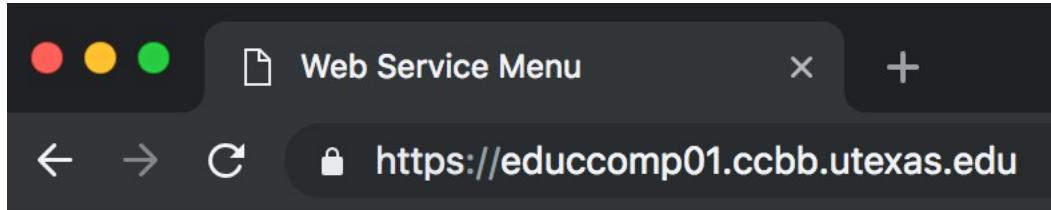
Day 1 Outline

1. How to get set up using R (On the POD and Locally)
2. How and why to use RStudio & R Markdown (.Rmd)
3. Basics of programming
 - Data types
 - Functions
 - Troubleshooting
4. Intro to the Tidyverse
 - Tidy vs untidy data
 - Tidyverse-specific functions

Access R Studio through your web browser

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2. <https://gsafcomp02.ccbb.utexas.edu/>

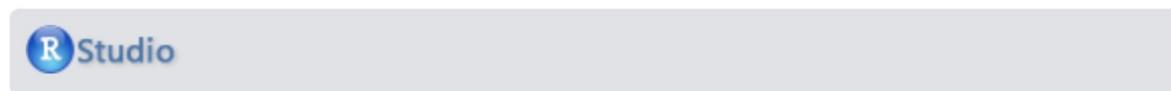
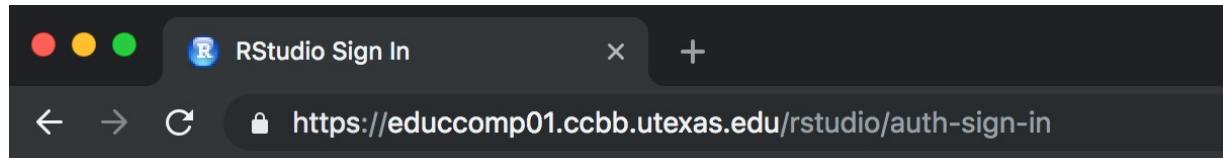
Select RStudio



Please choose one of the following applications:

- [RStudio](#) ←—————
- [Jupyterhub](#)

Sign in with your student# and password



Username:
studentNN

Password:
CbrsSummer25

R: The premier data analysis and visualization platform

Step 1: install R

<https://cran.r-project.org/>



The Comprehensive R Archive Network

Download and Install R

Precompiled binary distributions of the base system and contributed packages, **Windows and Mac** users most likely want one of these versions of R:

- [Download R for Linux](#)
- [Download R for \(Mac\) OS X](#)
- [Download R for Windows](#)

R is part of many Linux distributions, you should check with your Linux package management system in addition to the link above.

Source Code for all Platforms

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R Studio: A nice user interface for R

Step 2: Install RStudio

<https://www.rstudio.com/products/rstudio/download/>



The screenshot shows the R Studio interface. On the left, the code editor displays an R Markdown file named 'class1.Rmd'. The code includes R global options, library imports (knitr), and a header for an in-class worksheet. It also contains a date entry and two sections of explanatory text. The middle pane, titled 'Environment', shows that the global environment is currently empty. At the bottom right, there's a 'R Resources' sidebar with links to various R-related support and documentation sites.

Code in class1.Rmd:

```
1  ```{r global_options, include=FALSE}
2  library(knitr)
3  opts_chunk$set(fig.align="center", fig.height=4, fig.width=4)
4  ```
5  ##In-class worksheet 1
6
7  **Jan 17, 2017**
8
9
10 Much of the work in this class will be done via R Markdown
11 documents. R Markdown documents are documents that combine text, R
12 code, and R output, including figures. They are a great way to
13 produce self-contained and documented statistical analyses.
14 In this first worksheet, you will learn how to do some basic
15 markdown editing. After you have made a change to the document,
press "Knit HTML" in R Studio and see what kind of a result you
get.
16
17 Edit only below this line.
```

Environment is empty

R Resources

- Learning R Online
- CRAN Task Views
- R on StackOverflow
- Getting Help with R

RStudio

- RStudio IDE Support
- RStudio Cheat Sheets
- RStudio Tip of the Day
- RStudio Packages
- RStudio Products

Note about local installation

Installing R locally will require you to install additional packages, such as "Tidyverse" and "DESeq"

I will add the installation code for these in the markdown files

R Markdown

R Markdown: Open the markdown

The screenshot shows the RStudio interface running in a web browser at gsafcomp01.ccbb.utexas.edu/rstudio/. The browser's address bar and various tabs are visible at the top.

Console Pane:

```
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Copyright (C) 2020 The R Foundation for Statistical Computing
Platform: x86_64-pc-linux-gnu (64-bit)

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'help.start()' for an HTML browser interface to help.
Type 'q()' to quit R.

> library(ggthemes)
Session restored from your saved work on 2023-May-25 21:29:05 UTC (3 hours ago)
> |
```

Environment Pane:

Environment is empty

Files Pane:

Name	Size	Modified
R		

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Demonstration Time!!

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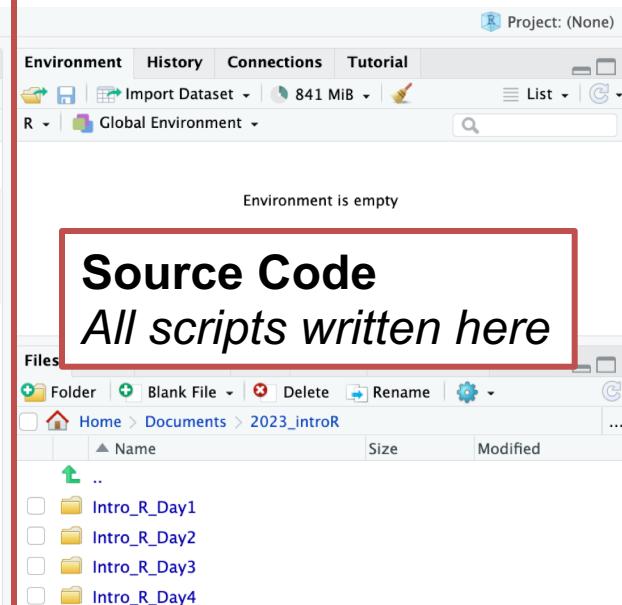
- Header Bar:** Shows the URL gsafcomp01.cccb.utexas.edu/rstudio/, a search bar, and various bookmarks.
- Toolbar:** Includes File, Edit, Code, View, Plots, Session, Build, Debug, Profile, Tools, Help, and Addins menus.
- Console Tab:** Displays R version 3.6.3 startup messages and a command history.
- Environment Tab:** Shows the Global Environment with an empty list.
- File Menu:** Contains options like New Blank File, Upload, Delete, Rename, More, and a dropdown for Size and Modified.
- Central Area:** An "Upload Files" dialog box is open, prompting for a target directory and a file to upload. The "Choose File" button is highlighted with a red box.
- Bottom:** A command line interface with the prompt > |.

R Markdown: Relevant Sections

```
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library(knitr)
library(tidyverse)
opts_chunk$set(fig.align="center", fig.height=4, fig.width=4)
```
Day 1: Introduction to R
In-class worksheet
May 31st, 2024

Computational analyses require methods and notes to be recorded the same way you would for wet lab experiments. An excellent way to do this is via R Markdown documents. R Markdown documents are documents that combine text, R code, and R code output, and figures. They are a great way to produce self-contained and documented statistical analyses.

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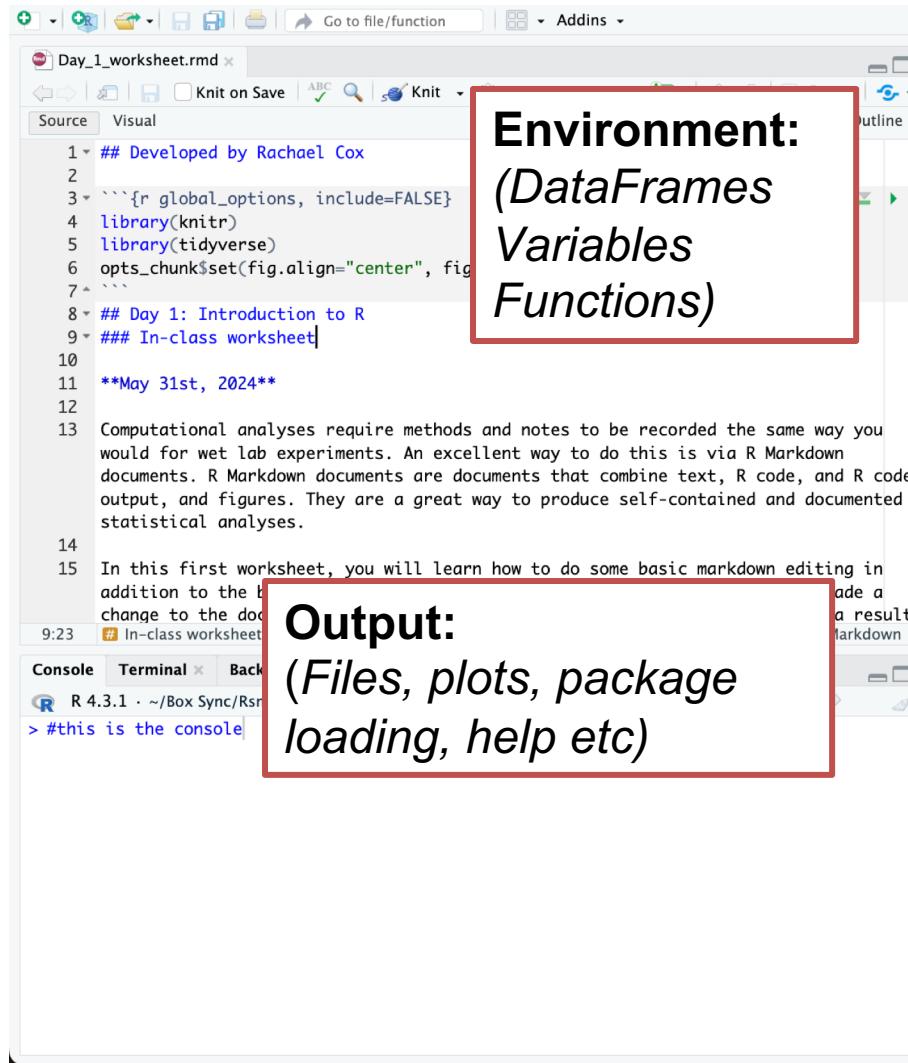
Console Terminal Background Jobs

R 4.3.1 · ~/Box Sync/RsmA biophysical model manuscript and documents/Other Pathogen Modeling/

```
> #this is the console
```

**Console**  
*Output and history  
of executed code*

# R Markdown: Relevant Sections



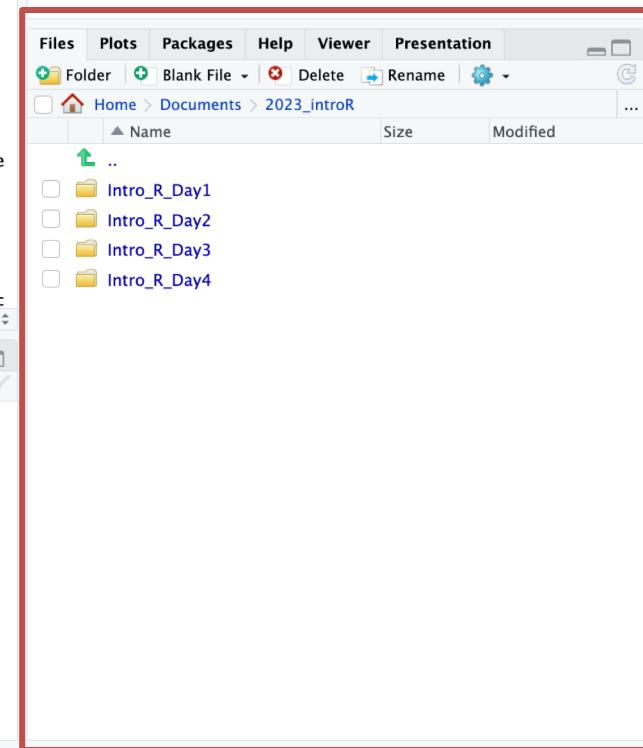
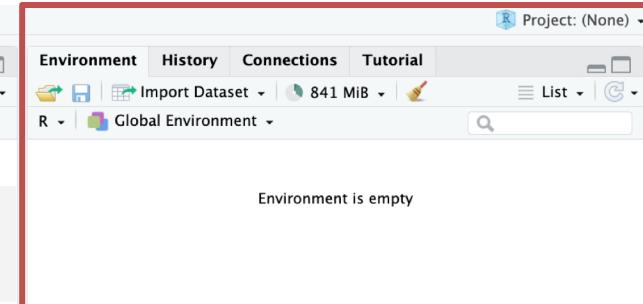
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```

**Environment:**  
*(DataFrames  
Variables  
Functions)*



**Output:**  
*(Files, plots, package loading, help etc)*

# R Markdown: Writing documents with embedded R code

The screenshot shows the RStudio interface with the file 'class1.Rmd' open. The code editor displays the following R Markdown content:

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[here.](http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com/authoring_basics.html) Write some text
that is bold, and some that is in italics. Make a numbered list and a bulleted
list. Make a nested list. Try the block-quote feature.
19
20 ## 2. Embedding R code
21
22 R code embedded in R chunks will be executed and the output will be shown.
23 ```{r}
24 # R code goes here
25 x <- 5
26 y <- 7
27 z <- x * y
28 z
29 ...
30
```

# R Markdown: Writing documents with embedded R code

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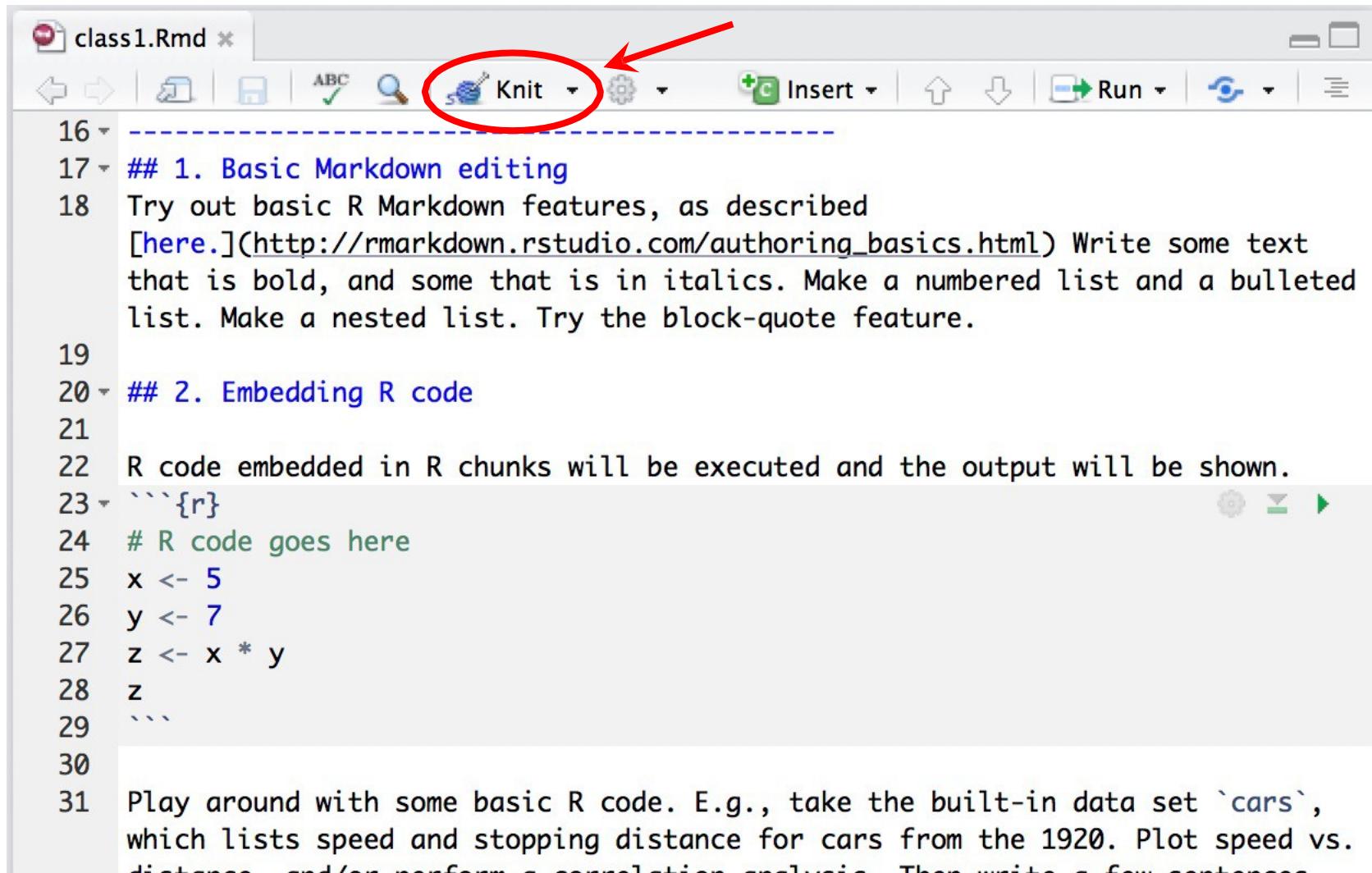
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```
R code goes here
x <- 5
y <- 7
z <- x * y
z
```

```
[1] 35
```

Play around with some basic R code. E.g., take the built-in data set `cars`, which lists speed and stopping distance for cars from the 1920. Plot speed vs. distance, and/or perform a correlation analysis. Then write a few sentences describing what you see.

# We convert R Markdown to HTML by “knitting” the Markdown file



A screenshot of the RStudio interface showing an R Markdown file named "class1.Rmd". The file content includes sections on basic Markdown editing, embedding R code, and playing around with R code. The RStudio toolbar at the top has several icons, and the "Knit" icon (represented by a blue gear and a white document) is circled in red with a large arrow pointing to it from the left.

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20 ## 2. Embedding R code
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24 # R code goes here
25 x <- 5
26 y <- 7
27 z <- x * y
28 z
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# Markdown basics

[http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com/authoring\\_basics.html](http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com/authoring_basics.html)

<https://www.rstudio.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/rmarkdown-cheatsheet.pdf>

normal text

\*italics\*

\*\*bold\*\*

```
Header 1
Header 2
```

List:

1. Item 1
2. Item 2
3. Item 3

normal text

*italics*

**bold**

## Header 1

## Header 2

List:

1. Item 1
2. Item 2
3. Item 3



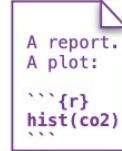
i. **Open** - Open a file that uses the .Rmd extension.



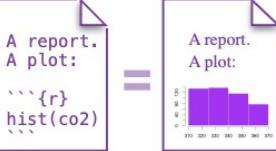
ii. **Write** - Write content with the easy to use R Markdown syntax



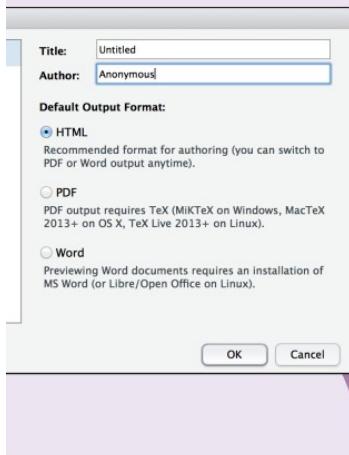
iii. **Embed** - Embed R code that creates output to include in the report



iv. **Render** - Replace R code with its output and transform the report into a slideshow, pdf, html or ms Word file.



extension .Rmd, or open



explains what type of

The RStudio template writes the YAML header for you

from your .Rmd file (in Step 6)  
web page)  
ent



### 3. Markdown

Next, write your report in plain text. Use markdown syntax to describe how to format text in the final report.

#### syntax

Plain text

End a line with two spaces to start a new paragraph.

\*italics\* and \_italics\_

\*\*bold\*\* and \_\_bold\_\_

superscript<sup>2</sup>

~~strikethrough~~

[link] ([www.rstudio.com](http://www.rstudio.com))

# Header 1

## Header 2

### Header 3

#### Header 4

##### Header 5

###### Header 6

endash: --

emdash: ---

ellipsis: ...

inline equation: \$A = \pi r^2\$

image: 

horizontal rule (or slide break):

\*\*\*

> block quote

\* unordered list

\* item 2

+ sub-item 1  
+ sub-item 2

1. ordered list

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bold and bold

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- + sub-item 2

1. ordered list

# Markdown basics

Embedded R code will be evaluated and printed

```
```{r}
head(cars)
plot(cars$speed, cars$dist)
```
```

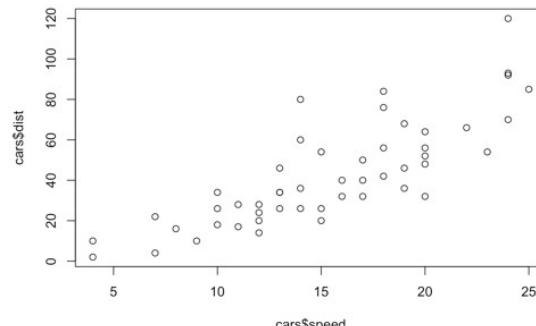


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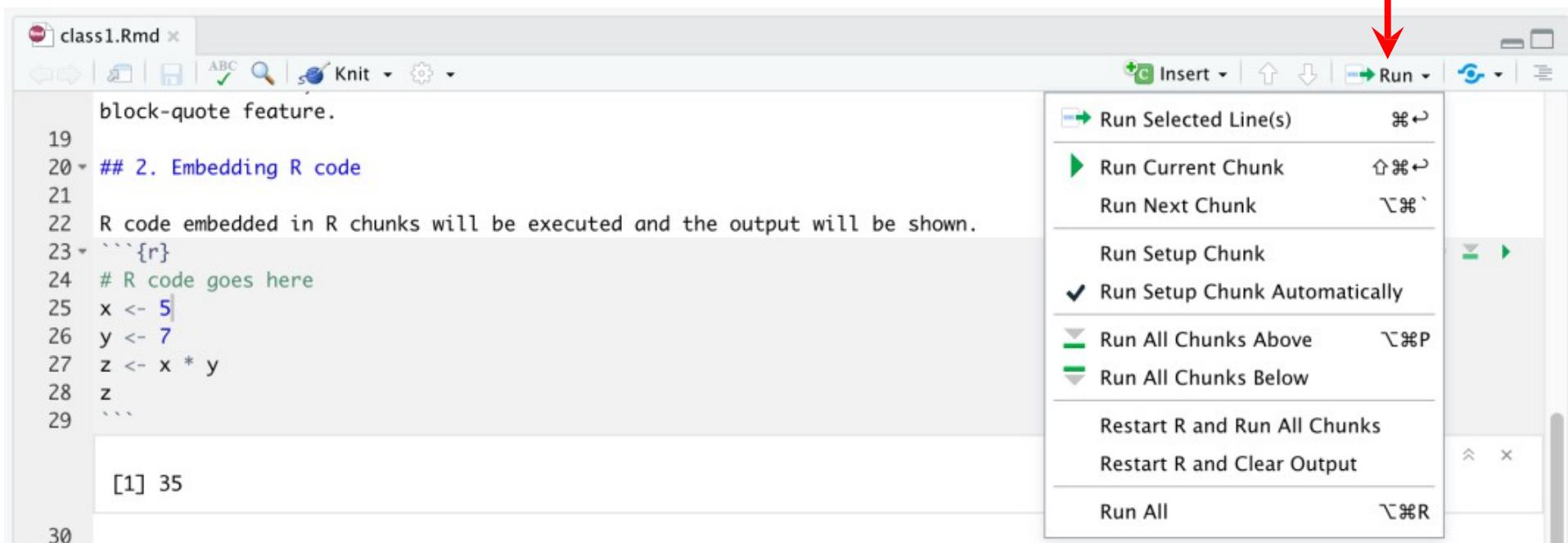
```
speed dist
1 4 2
2 4 10
3 7 4
4 7 22
5 8 16
6 9 10
```

```
plot(cars$speed, cars$dist)
```



# Different ways to execute code in RStudio

# Option 1: Press the “Run” button



## Option 2: Highlight code you want to execute and press ctrl+Enter (cmd+Enter on Macs)

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y <- 7
z <- x * y
z
...``
```



Console

Terminal ×

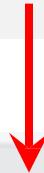
Jobs ×

~/Desktop/projects/ ↗

```
> x <- 5
> y <- 7
> z <- x * y
> z
[1] 35
> |
```

Option 3: Place pointer on line of code you want to execute, press ctrl+Enter (cmd+Enter on Macs)

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R code embedded in R chunks will be executed and the output will be shown.  
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R code goes here
x <- 5
y <- 7
z <- x * y
z
```
```



Console Terminal × Jobs ×

~/Desktop/projects/ ↵

```
> z <- x * y  
> |
```

Use **ctrl+Shift+Enter** (**cmd+Shift+Enter** on Macs) to execute an entire code chunk

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Console Terminal × Jobs ×  
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Shortcuts for coding

- **Ctrl+Shift+C** (Cmd+Shift+C on Macs) will comment/uncomment a line or multiple lines
- **Tab** and **Shift+Tab** will indent and un-indent lines, respectively
- **Ctrl+Shift+M** (Cmd+Shift+M on Macs) produces a pipe operator `%>%` (will be used within tidyverse)

Your turn!

Try Example #1 and #2

Stuck? Raise your hand and I will come around

R Programming Basics

Variable assignments and objects

```
> x <- 5
```

Assign **number** 5 to **variable** x

```
> x
```

```
[1] 5
```

```
> 5*x^2+7
```

Calculate $5 \cdot x^2 + 7$

```
[1] 132
```

```
> y <- c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
```

Create object (**a vector**),
assign to **variable** y

```
> y
```

```
[1] 1 2 3 4 5
```

```
> x*y
```

Multiply each element
in **vector** y with the **number** in x

```
[1] 5 10 15 20 25
```

Strings

A **string** contains text:

```
> name <- "Alex L"  
> name  
[1] "Alex L"
```

A **vector of strings**:

```
> animals <- c("cat", "mouse", "mouse",  
"cat", "rabbit")  
> animals  
[1] "cat"      "mouse"    "mouse"    "cat"  
"rabbit"
```

Factors

Factors keep track of distinct categories (levels) in a vector:

```
> animals  
[1] "cat"      "mouse"    "mouse"    "cat"  
"rabbit"  
  
> factor(animals)  
[1] cat       mouse     mouse     cat       rabbit  
Levels: cat mouse rabbit
```

Data frames

We use **data frames** to store data sets with multiple variables:

```
> pets <- data.frame(  
  family = c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5),  
  pet = animals  
)  
  
> pets  
family      pet  
1       1     cat  
2       2   mouse  
3       3   mouse  
4       4     cat  
5       5 rabbit
```

Data frames

We access individual columns in a data frame with \$ + the column name:

```
> pets$family  
[1] 1 2 3 4 5
```

```
> pets$pet  
[1] cat      mouse    mouse    cat      rabbit  
Levels: cat mouse rabbit
```

Demonstration Time!

Work on Section #3

Data frames

R has many built-in data frames:

```
> cars
```

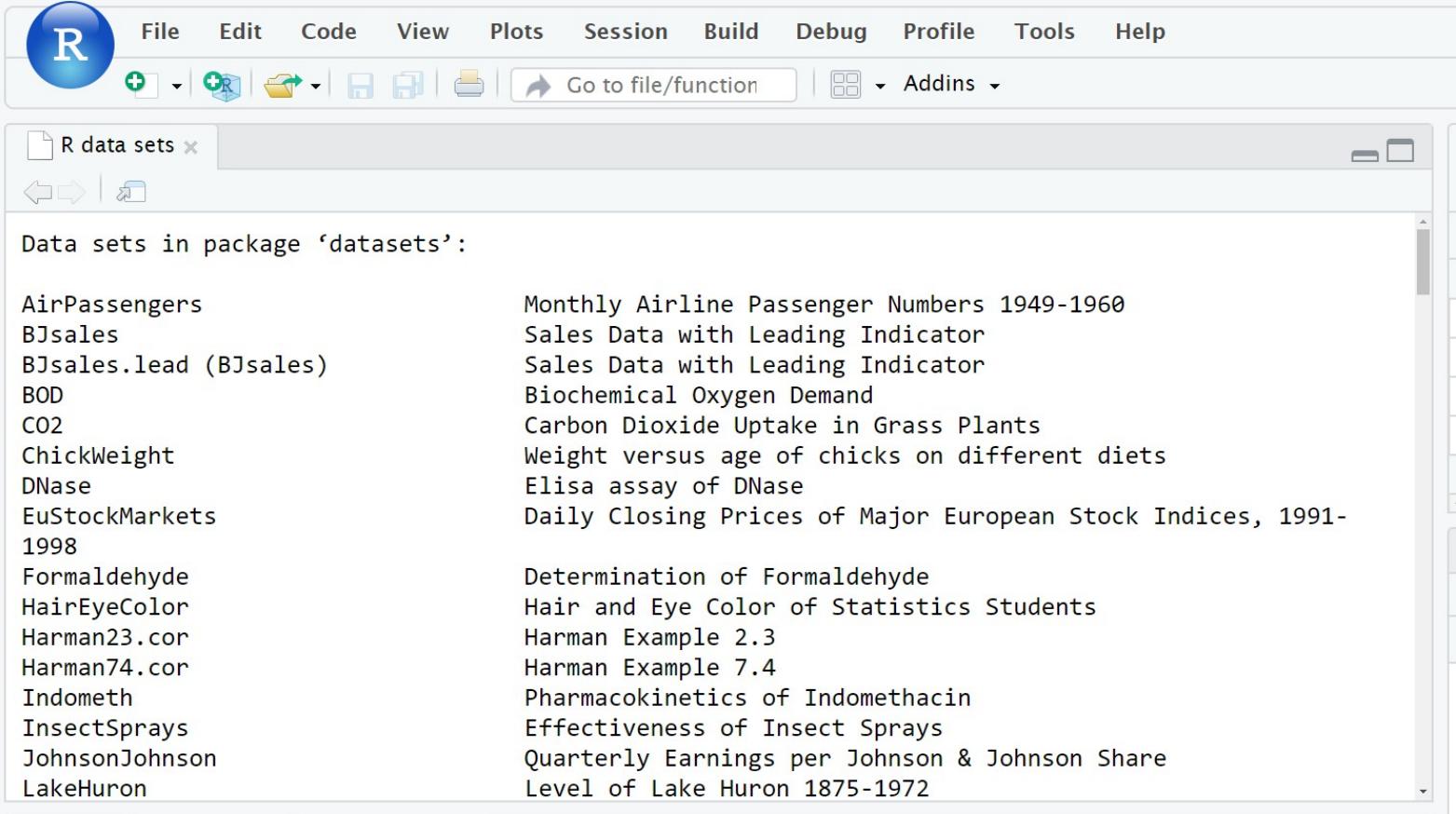
| | speed | dist |
|---|-------|------|
| 1 | 4 | 2 |
| 2 | 4 | 10 |
| 3 | 7 | 4 |
| 4 | 7 | 22 |
| 5 | 8 | 16 |
| 6 | 9 | 10 |
| 7 | 10 | 18 |
| 8 | 10 | 26 |
| 9 | 10 | 34 |

```
> chickwts
```

| | weight | feed |
|-----|--------|-----------|
| 1 | 179 | horsebean |
| 2 | 160 | horsebean |
| 3 | 136 | horsebean |
| 4 | 227 | horsebean |
| ... | ... | ... |
| 11 | 309 | linseed |
| 12 | 229 | linseed |
| 13 | 181 | linseed |
| 14 | 141 | linseed |

Data frames

Available built-in datasets can be accessed with `data()`



The screenshot shows the RStudio interface with the 'R data sets' browser panel open. The panel lists various built-in datasets from the 'datasets' package, each with a brief description. The 'Console' tab at the bottom shows the command `> data()` being run.

| Data set | Description |
|------------------------|---|
| AirPassengers | Monthly Airline Passenger Numbers 1949-1960 |
| BJSales | Sales Data with Leading Indicator |
| BJSales.lead (BJSales) | Sales Data with Leading Indicator |
| BOD | Biochemical Oxygen Demand |
| CO2 | Carbon Dioxide Uptake in Grass Plants |
| ChickWeight | Weight versus age of chicks on different diets |
| DNase | Elisa assay of DNase |
| EuStockMarkets | Daily Closing Prices of Major European Stock Indices, 1991- |
| 1998 | |
| Formaldehyde | Determination of Formaldehyde |
| HairEyeColor | Hair and Eye Color of Statistics Students |
| Harman23.cor | Harman Example 2.3 |
| Harman74.cor | Harman Example 7.4 |
| Indometh | Pharmacokinetics of Indomethacin |
| InsectSprays | Effectiveness of Insect Sprays |
| JohnsonJohnson | Quarterly Earnings per Johnson & Johnson Share |
| LakeHuron | Level of Lake Huron 1875-1972 |

```
Console Terminal × R Markdown ×
```

```
> data()
```

```
>
```

Data frames

Data set information can be accessed with `?dataset`

The screenshot shows the RStudio interface. On the left, the Environment pane lists various datasets: Quarterly Time Series of the Number of Australian Residents, beaver1 (beavers), Body Temperature Series of Two Beavers, beaver2 (beavers), Body Temperature Series of Two Beavers, cars, chickwts, co2, Mauna Loa Atmospheric CO2 Concentration, and crimtab. The 'cars' dataset is highlighted with a red circle and has a red arrow pointing from it towards the Help pane. In the Help pane, the 'Packages' tab is selected (also circled in red). The search bar shows 'R: Speed and Stopping Distances of Cars'. The main content area displays the documentation for the 'cars' dataset, which includes:

Speed and Stopping Distances of Cars

Description

The data give the speed of cars and the distances taken to stop. Note that the data were recorded in the 1920s.

Usage

`cars`

Format

A data frame with 50 observations on 2 variables.

[,1] speed numeric Speed (mph)
[,2] dist numeric Stopping distance (ft)

Source

Ezekiel, M. (1930) *Methods of Correlation Analysis*. Wiley.

```
> data()
> ?data
> ?cars
> |
```

Data frames

The `head()` function shows the first few lines of a data frame:

```
> head(cars)
  speed dist
1     4     2
2     4    10
3     7     4
4     7    22
5     8    16
6     9    10
>
```

Functions

Functions are called in the format `function(argument)`

```
> head(cars)
```

Function name

First argument



Functions

Functions can have any number of required arguments or optional arguments

```
> head(cars, 8)
```

Function name First argument
(required) Second argument
(optional; default = 6)

Functions

`head(cars, 8)` will show the first 8 lines of the data frame instead of the default 6:

```
> head(cars, 8)
```

| | speed | dist |
|---|-------|------|
| 1 | 4 | 2 |
| 2 | 4 | 10 |
| 3 | 7 | 4 |
| 4 | 7 | 22 |
| 5 | 8 | 16 |
| 6 | 9 | 10 |
| 7 | 10 | 18 |
| 8 | 10 | 26 |

Functions

More information about what a function does and/or requires can be accessed with `?function`

The screenshot shows the RStudio interface with the following details:

- Environment Tab:** Shows a data frame with columns `speed` and `dist`. The data is as follows:

| | speed | dist |
|---|-------|------|
| 1 | 4 | 2 |
| 2 | 4 | 10 |
| 3 | 7 | 4 |
| 4 | 7 | 22 |
| 5 | 8 | 16 |
| 6 | 9 | 10 |
| 7 | 10 | 18 |
| 8 | 10 | 23 |

- Help Tab:** The `head` function is selected. The title is **Return the First or Last Part of an Object**.
- Description:** Returns the first or last parts of a vector, matrix, table, data frame or function. Since `head()` and `tail()` are generic functions.
- Usage:** The code for the `head` function is displayed.

```
head(x, ...)  
## Default S3 method:  
head(x, n = 6L, ...)  
## S3 method for class 'data.frame'  
head(x, n = 6L, ...)  
## S3 method for class 'matrix'  
head(x, n = 6L, ...)  
## S3 method for class 'ftable'  
head(x, n = 6L, ...)  
## S3 method for class 'table'  
head(x, n = 6L, ...)  
## S3 method for class 'function'  
head(x, n = 6L, ...)  
  
tail(x, ...)  
## Default S3 method:  
tail(x, n = 6L, ...)
```

- Console:** The command `> ?head` is highlighted with a red circle and has a red arrow pointing from it to the title of the help page.

Functions

?function has argument information

The screenshot shows the RStudio interface with the following components:

- Environment View:** Displays a data frame with columns "speed" and "dist". The first seven rows are shown, with values: 1, 4; 2, 4; 3, 7; 4, 7; 5, 8; 6, 9; 7, 10.
- Help View:** The title bar says "R: Return the First or Last Part of an Object". The main content is the source code for the `tail` function, which is an S3 method for various classes. Below the code, the word "Arguments" is highlighted with a red oval.
- Console View:** Shows the command `> ?head` entered by the user.

The "Arguments" section of the help page is circled in red, and a red arrow points from the circled text in the console to this section.

Arguments

- x an object
- n a single integer. If positive, size for the resulting object: number of elements for a vector (including lists), rows for a matrix or data frame or lines for a function. If negative, all but the n last/first number of elements of x.
- addrownums if there are no row names, create them from the row numbers.
- ... arguments to be passed to or from other methods.

Functions

We can implicitly or explicitly pass arguments

```
> head(cars, 8)
```

| | speed | dist |
|--|-------|------|
|--|-------|------|

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 4 | 2 |
|---|---|---|

| | | |
|---|---|----|
| 2 | 4 | 10 |
|---|---|----|

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 3 | 7 | 4 |
|---|---|---|

| | | |
|---|---|----|
| 4 | 7 | 22 |
|---|---|----|

| | | |
|---|---|----|
| 5 | 8 | 16 |
|---|---|----|

| | | |
|---|---|----|
| 6 | 9 | 10 |
|---|---|----|

| | | |
|---|----|----|
| 7 | 10 | 18 |
|---|----|----|

| | | |
|---|----|----|
| 8 | 10 | 26 |
|---|----|----|

```
>
```

```
> head(x=cars, n=8)
```

| | speed | dist |
|--|-------|------|
|--|-------|------|

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 4 | 2 |
|---|---|---|

| | | |
|---|---|----|
| 2 | 4 | 10 |
|---|---|----|

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 3 | 7 | 4 |
|---|---|---|

| | | |
|---|---|----|
| 4 | 7 | 22 |
|---|---|----|

| | | |
|---|---|----|
| 5 | 8 | 16 |
|---|---|----|

| | | |
|---|---|----|
| 6 | 9 | 10 |
|---|---|----|

| | | |
|---|----|----|
| 7 | 10 | 18 |
|---|----|----|

| | | |
|---|----|----|
| 8 | 10 | 26 |
|---|----|----|

```
>
```

Reading and writing data

`write_csv(variable, "filename.csv")` is a package-specific function that allows you write R data frames to a comma-separated table

`read_csv("filename.csv")` is a package-specific function that allows you to import a file in your local environment:

```
> read_csv("mushrooms_tiny.csv")
```

*note: if you are running the workbook locally and have not installed tidyverse use:
`write.csv()` and `read.csv()` with the same arguments

Demonstration Time!

Work on Section #4

Troubleshooting

Ask RStudio for help

Type `?function` into console

The screenshot shows the RStudio interface with the 'Console' tab selected. In the console, the command `> ?t.test` is typed. A red arrow points from the console input to the search results in the 'Viewer' pane.

The 'Viewer' pane displays the help documentation for the `t.test` function. The title is "Student's t-Test". The "Description" section states: "Performs one and two sample t-tests on vectors of data." The "Usage" section shows the function call `t.test(x, ...)`. Below it, the default S3 method is defined with parameters: `x`, `y = NULL`, `alternative = c("two.sided", "less", "greater")`, `mu = 0`, `paired = FALSE`, `var.equal = FALSE`, and `conf.level = 0.95`. At the bottom, the S3 method for class 'formula' is shown as `t.test(formula, data, subset, na.action, ...)`.

```
?t.test
t.test {stats}                         R Documentation

Student's t-Test

Description
Performs one and two sample t-tests on vectors of data.

Usage
t.test(x, ...)

## Default S3 method:
t.test(x, y = NULL,
       alternative = c("two.sided", "less", "greater"),
       mu = 0, paired = FALSE, var.equal = FALSE,
       conf.level = 0.95, ...)

## S3 method for class 'formula'
t.test(formula, data, subset, na.action, ...)
```

Ask Google for help

how do i run a t test in r

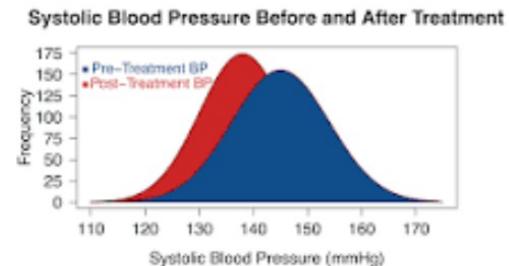
X |

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About 2,780,000,000 results (0.64 seconds)

How to Perform T-tests in R. To conduct a one-sample t-test in R, we use the syntax `t.test(y, mu = 0)` where x is the name of our variable of interest and mu is set equal to the mean specified by the null hypothesis.

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[datascienceplus.com › t-tests](http://datascienceplus.com/t-tests/)

[How to Perform T-tests in R | DataScience+](https://www.datascienceplus.com/how-to-perform-t-tests-in-r/)

G Error in `t.test.default(x, y)` : not enough 'x' observations

Q Error in `t.test.default(x, y)` : not enough 'x' observations - Google Search

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Rotating and spacing axis labels in ggplot2

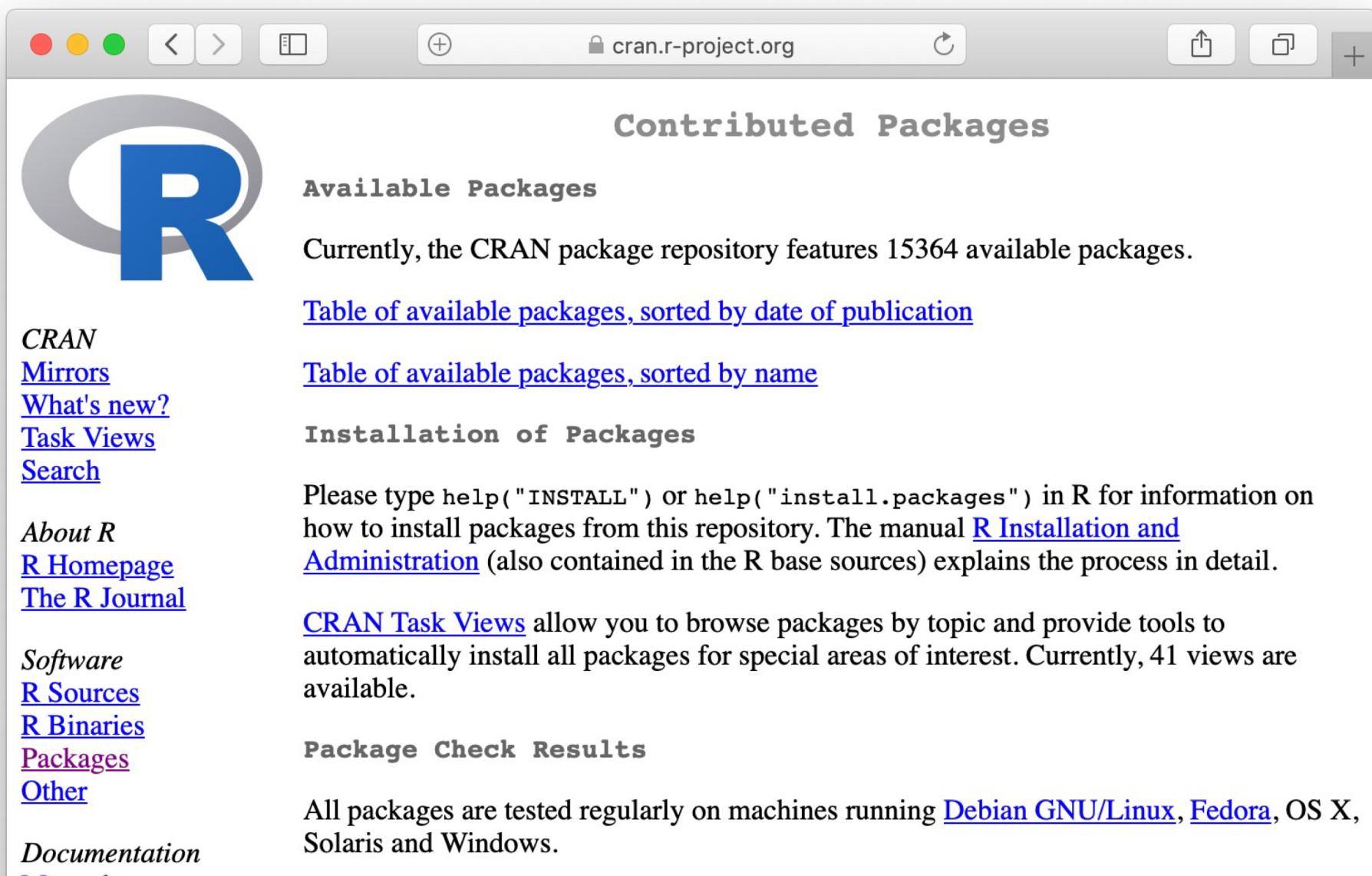
Asked 10 years, 10 months ago Active 18 days ago Viewed 768k times

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I have a plot where the x-axis is a factor whose labels are long. While probably not an ideal visualization, for now I'd like to simply rotate these labels to be vertical. I've figured this part out with the code below, but as you can see, the labels aren't totally visible.

Extending R through packages:
There's a package for everything

R packages are available on CRAN (Comprehensive R Archive Network)



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `cran.r-project.org` in the address bar. The page content is as follows:

Contributed Packages

Available Packages

Currently, the CRAN package repository features 15364 available packages.

[Table of available packages, sorted by date of publication](#)

[Table of available packages, sorted by name](#)

Installation of Packages

Please type `help("INSTALL")` or `help("install.packages")` in R for information on how to install packages from this repository. The manual [R Installation and Administration](#) (also contained in the R base sources) explains the process in detail.

CRAN Task Views allow you to browse packages by topic and provide tools to automatically install all packages for special areas of interest. Currently, 41 views are available.

Package Check Results

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