

R vs. SPSS

“SPSS is like a bus - easy to use for the standard things, but very frustrating if you want to do something that is not already pre-programmed.

R is a 4-wheel drive off-roader, with a bike on the back, a kayak on top, good walking and running shoes in the passenger seat, and mountain climbing and spelunking gear in the back.

R can take you anywhere you want to go if you take time to learn how to use the equipment, but that is going to take longer than learning where the bus stops are in SPSS.” (Greg Snow, 2010, stackoverflow.com).

In meme form...

If statistics programs/languages were cars...

