

## Installing R and RStudio on a Personal Computer

R is a free software environment for statistical computing and graphics. It compiles and runs on a wide variety of UNIX platforms, Windows and MacOS.

If you already have R and RStudio installed, there is no reason to update to the most recent version. If you have R installed, but not RStudio, skip directly to the RStudio installation instructions.

To download [RStudio](#), you must first download [R](#).

### To download R:

1. Visit the following website:  
<http://www.r-project.org>
2. Under the subheading 'Getting Started,' click 'download R. You must then choose your preferred CRAN mirror.
3. You want to select the one CRAN mirror that is closest to your current location. For example, if based in Ithaca, NY, you can scroll down to USA and select [Statlib, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA](#).
4. Download the correct file for your computer and follow the instructions in the installation wizard.

### To download RStudio:

1. Download the latest version of R.
2. Visit the following website:  
<http://www.rstudio.com/products/RStudio/>
3. Click on 'Download RStudio Desktop' and then scroll down and click 'Download' listed under the RStudio Desktop Open Source License column (the FREE version).
4. Click on the appropriate platform under the subheading 'Installers for Supported Platforms' to download and then follow the instructions in the installation wizard.