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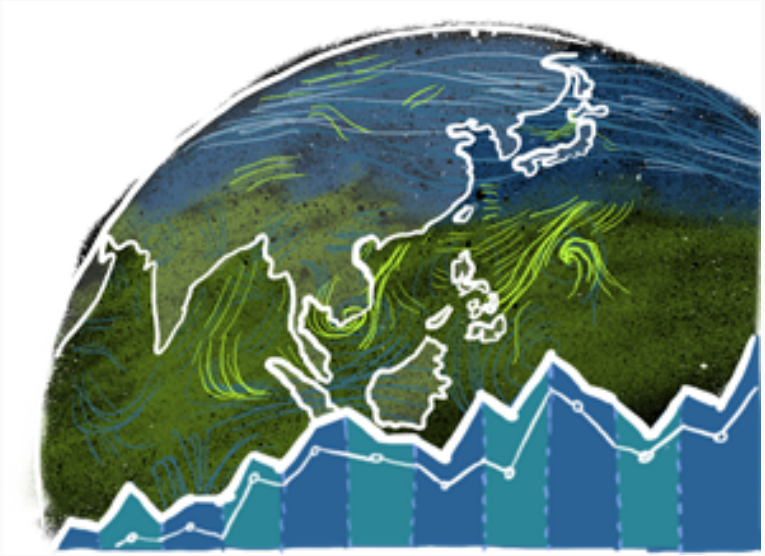

R session 01 - Introduction to R

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Outline

- What is R and why use R ?
- Resources
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- Fundamentals of R
  - Data objects
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Warning

Computer languages

Mother Tongues

Tracing the roots of computer languages through the ages

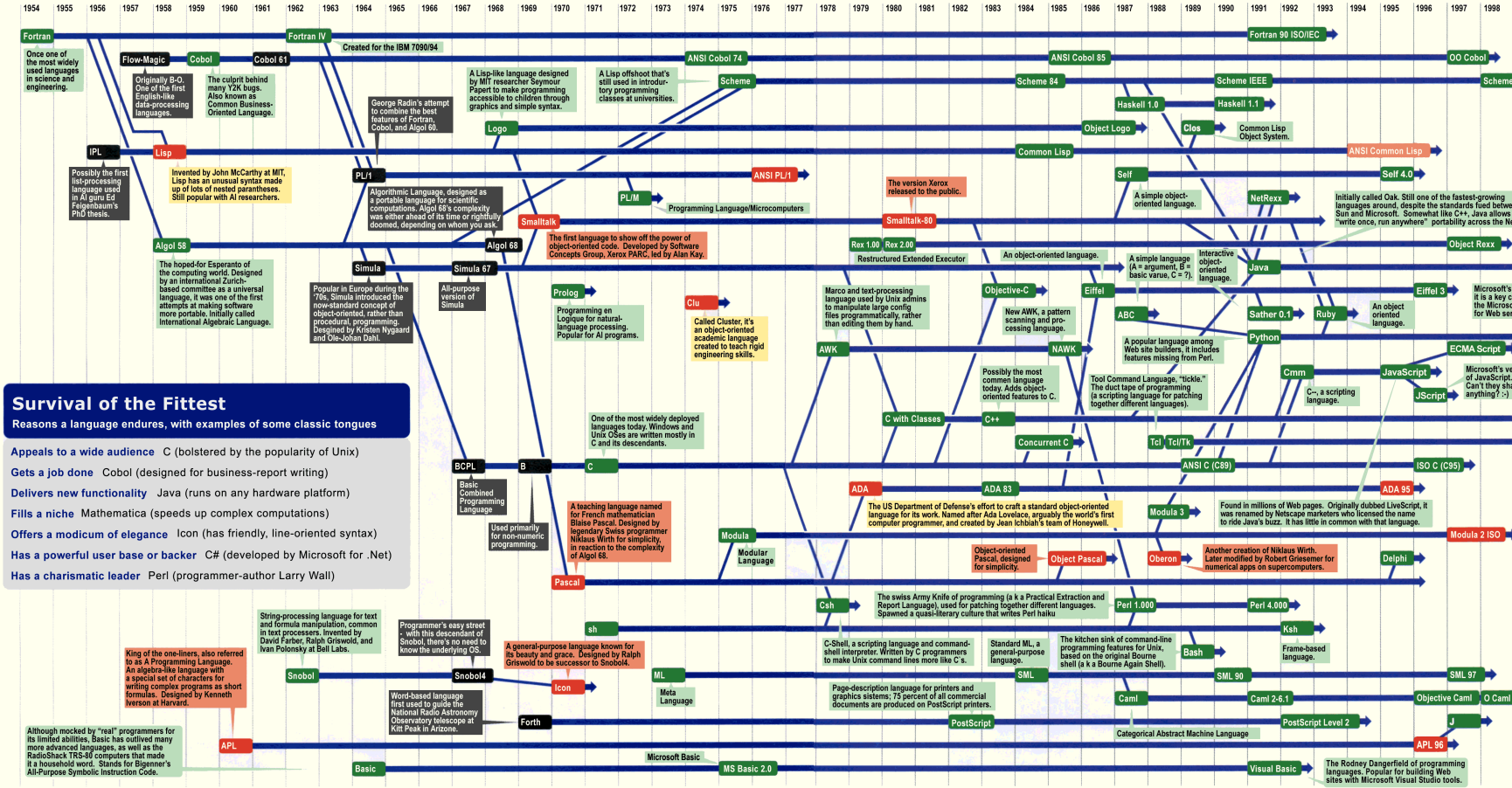
Just like half of the world's spoken tongues, most of the 2,300-plus computer programming languages are either endangered or extinct. As powerhouses C/C++, Visual Basic, Cobol, Java and other modern source codes dominate our systems, hundreds of older languages are running out of life.

An ad hoc collection of engineers-electronic lexicographers, if you will-aim to save, or at least document the lingo of classic software. They're combing the globe's 9 million developers in search of coders still fluent in these nearly forgotten lingua frangas. Among the most endangered are Ada, APL, B (the predecessor of C), Lsp, Oberon, Smalltalk, and Simula.

Code-raker Grady Booch, Rational Software's chief scientist, is working with the Computer History Musuem in Silicon Valley to record and, in some cases, maintain languages by writing new compilers so our ever-changing hardware can grok the code. Why bother? "They tell us about the state of software practice, the minds of their inventors, and the technical, social, and economic forces that shaped history at the time," Booch explains. "They'll provide the raw material for software archaeologists, historians, and developers to learn what worked, what was brilliant, and what was an utter failure." Here's a peek at the strongest branches of programming's family tree. For a nearly exhaustive rundown, check out the Language List at *HTTP://www.informatik.uni-freiburg.de/Java/misc/lang_list.html*. - Michael Mendeno

Key

- 1954 Year Introduced
- Active: thousands of users
- Protected: taught at universi available
- Endangered: usage droppin
- Extinct: no known active use compilers
- Lineage continues



Survival of the Fittest

Reasons a language endures, with examples of some classic tongues

- **Appeals to a wide audience** C (bolstered by the popularity of Unix)
- **Gets a job done** Cobol (designed for business-report writing)
- **Delivers new functionality** Java (runs on any hardware platform)
- **Fills a niche** Mathematica (speeds up complex computations)
- **Offers a modicum of elegance** Icon (has friendly, line-oriented syntax)
- **Has a powerful user base or backer** C# (developed by Microsoft for .Net)
- **Has a charismatic leader** Perl (programmer-author Larry Wall)

Sources: Paul Boutin; Brent Hailpern, associate director of computer science at IBM Research; The Retrocomputing Museum; Todd Proebsting, senior researcher at Microsoft; Gio Wiederhold, computer scientist, Stanford University

Introduction

History of R

- **Mid 1970s** - S Language for Statistical Computing conceived by John Chambers, Rick Becker, Trevor Hastie, Allan Wilks and others at Bell Labs
- **Early 1990's** - R was first implemented in the early 1990's by Robert Gentleman and Ross Ihaka, both faculty members at the University of Auckland.
- **1995** - Open Source Project
- **1997** - Managed by the R Core Group
- **2000** - First release of R
- **2011** - First release of R studio
- Historical notes - Paper from 1998

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  - GitHub

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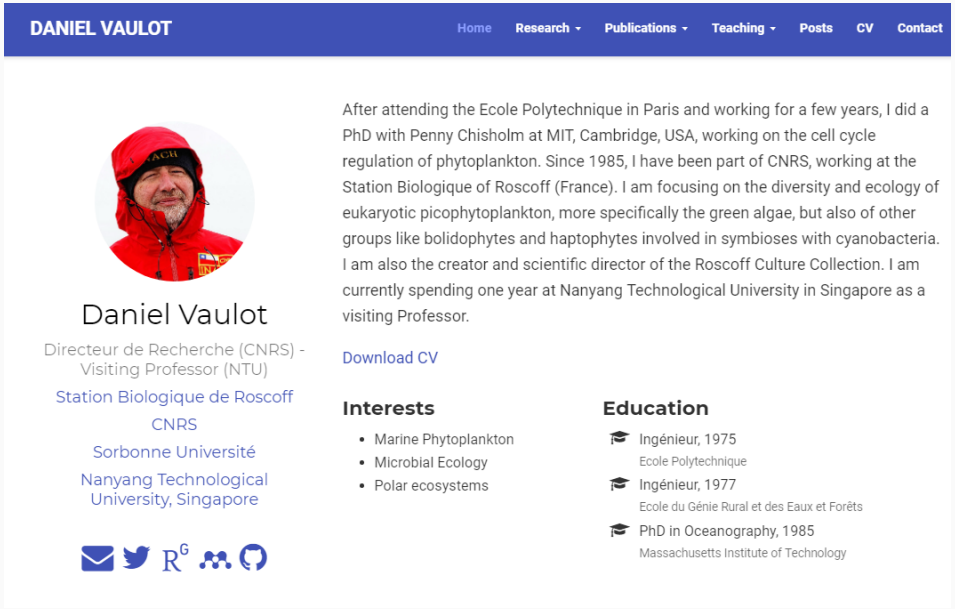

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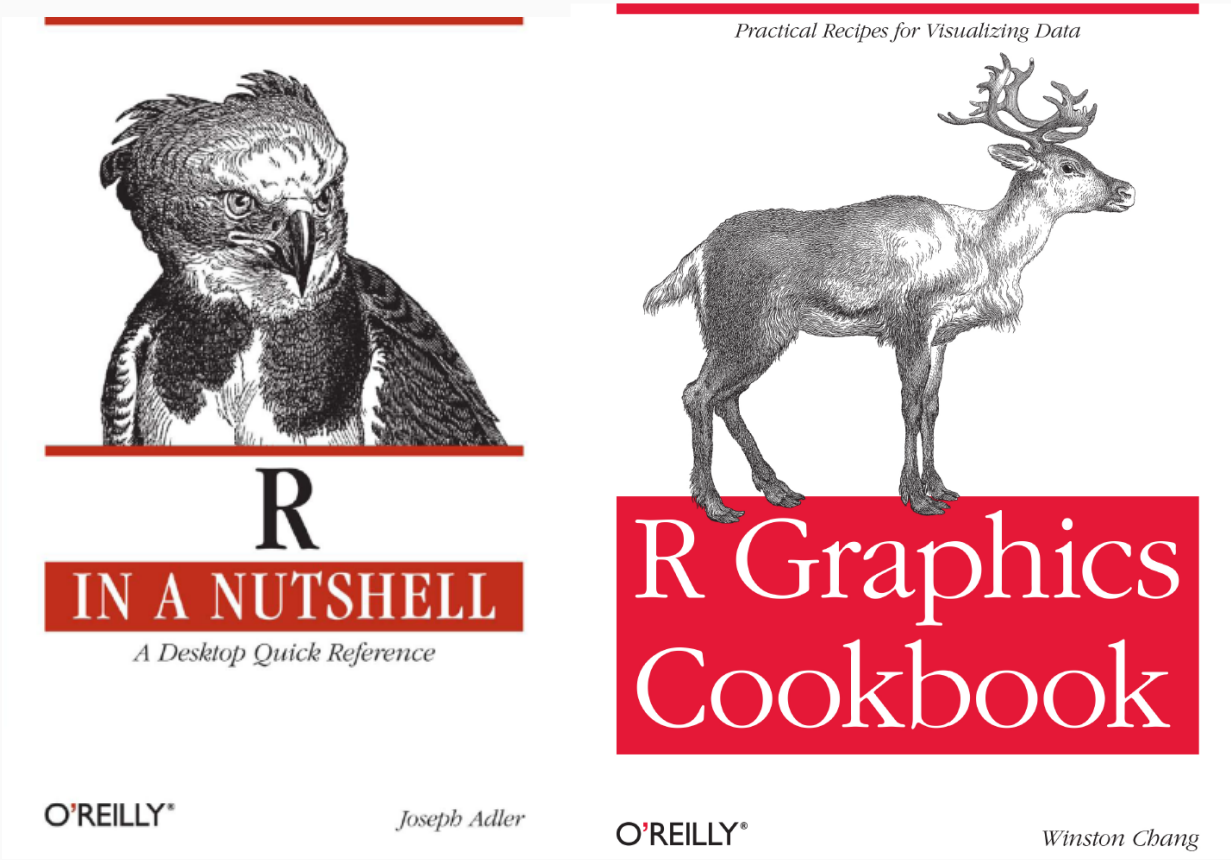
Books and Manuals



- R intro : Very good introduction to R, short and clear
- R in a nutshell : Many many receipes to solve all your questions
- R graphics cook book : very good for graphics

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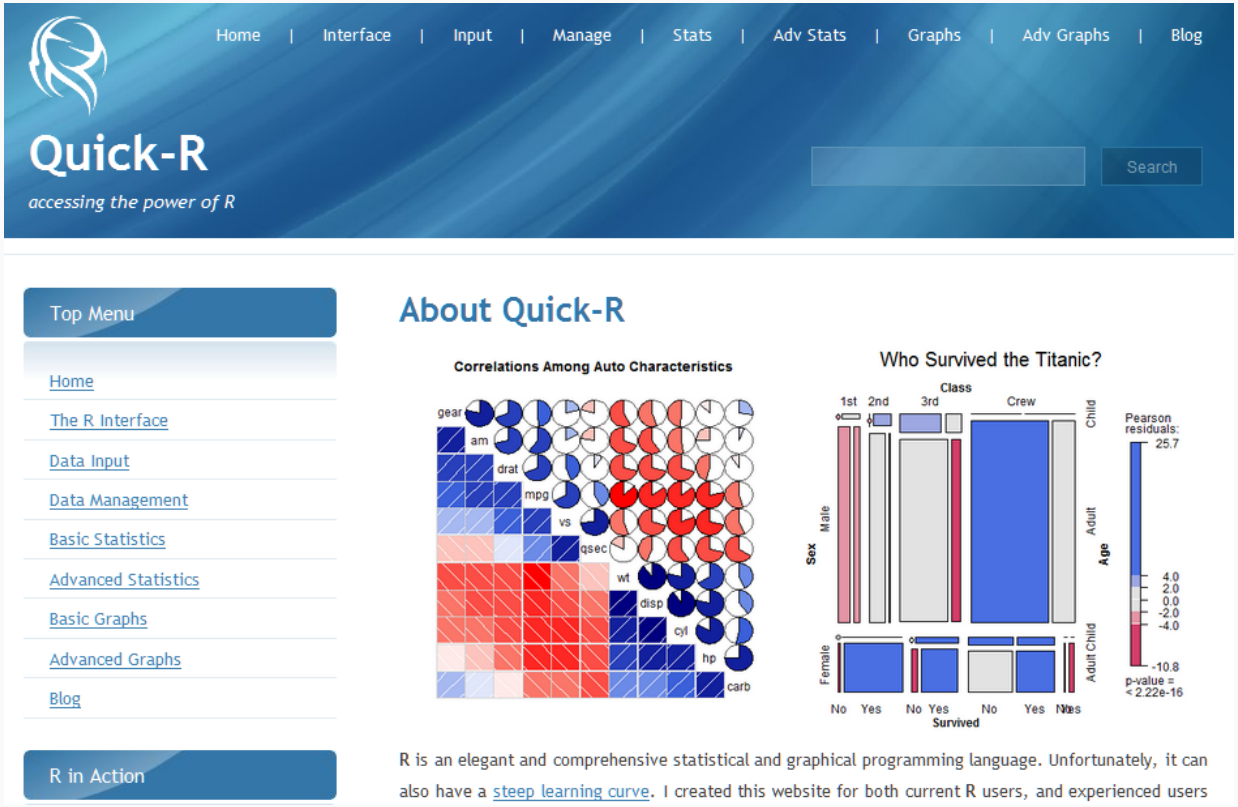
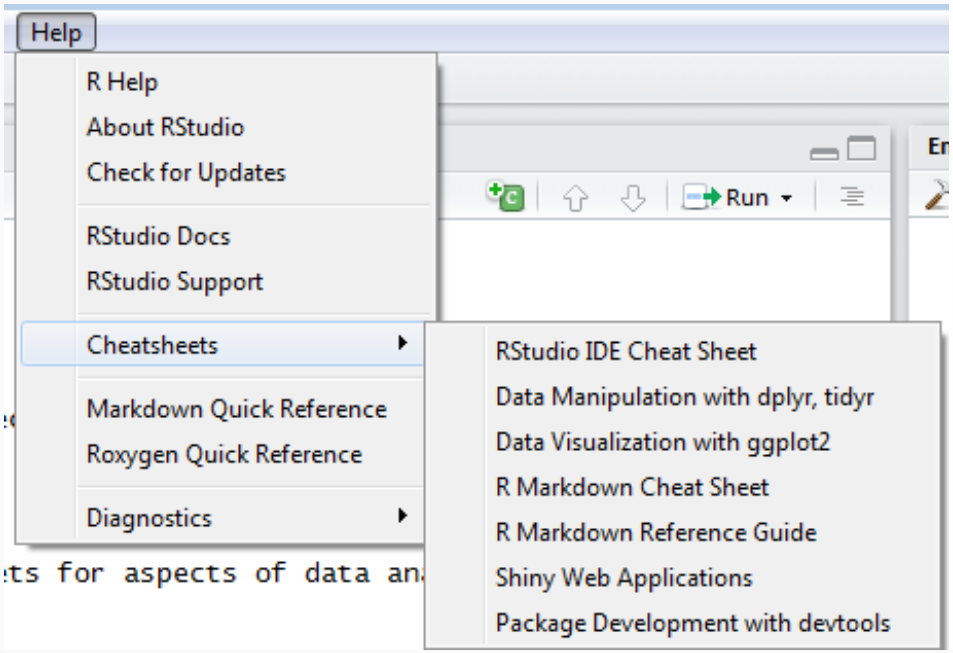
On line courses and web sites

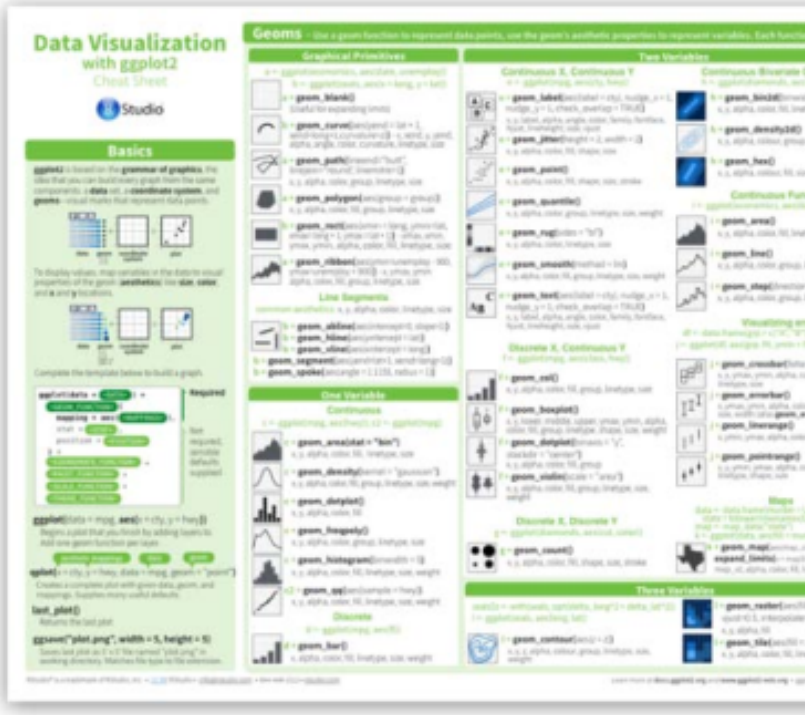


- Coursera
- Pluralsight
- Quick-R, very simple

Resources

Cheat sheets





- R basics
- ggplot2
- dplyr

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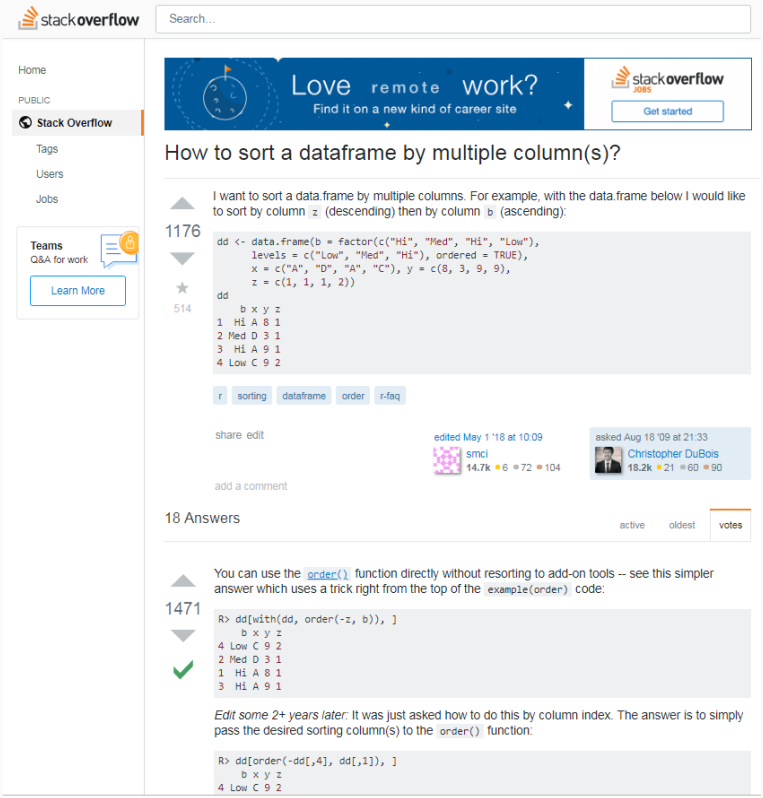
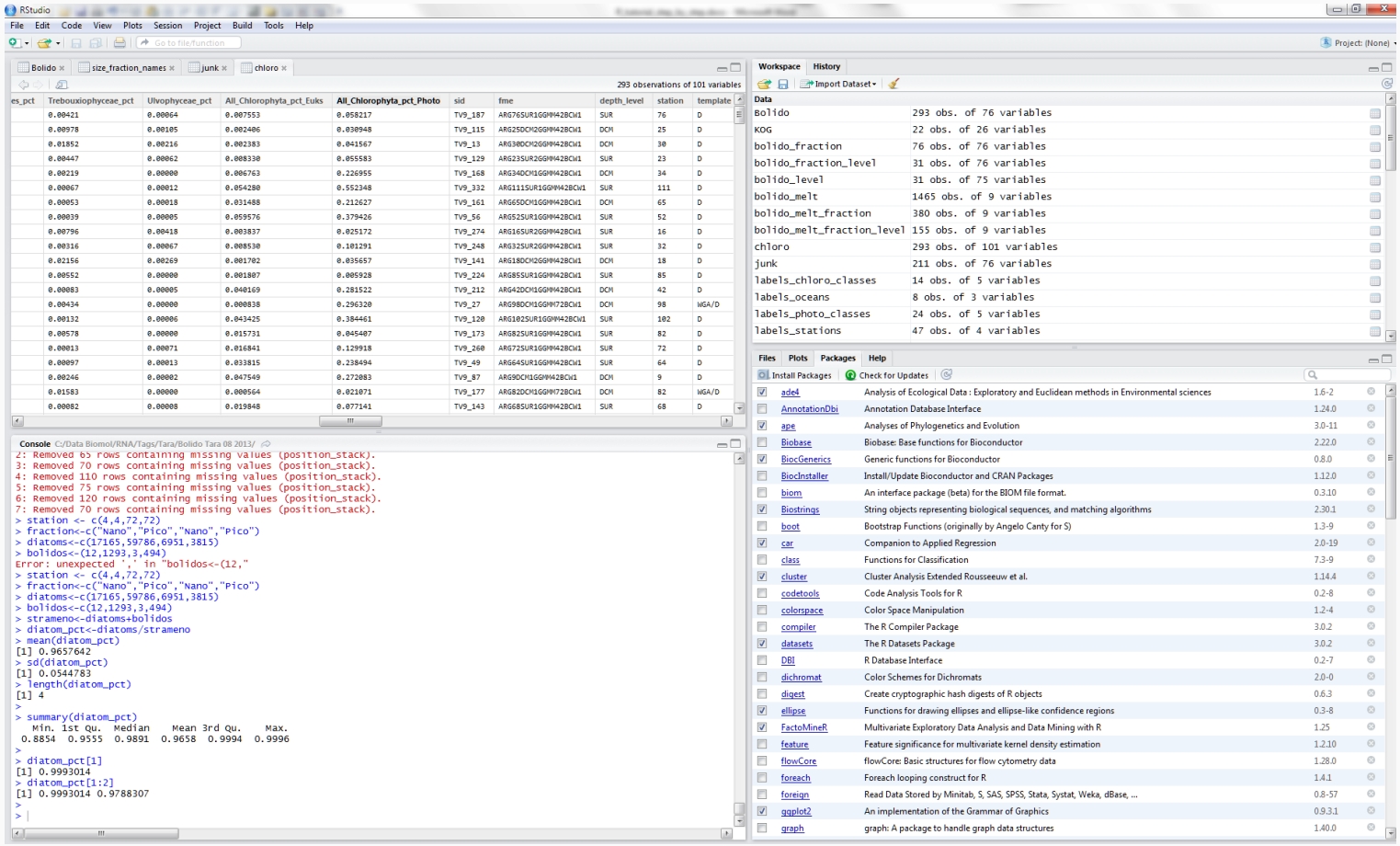


- https://stackoverflow.com/
- http://r-statistics.co/
- https://stats.stackexchange.com/
- https://www.r-bloggers.com/

Let's get started

Setup

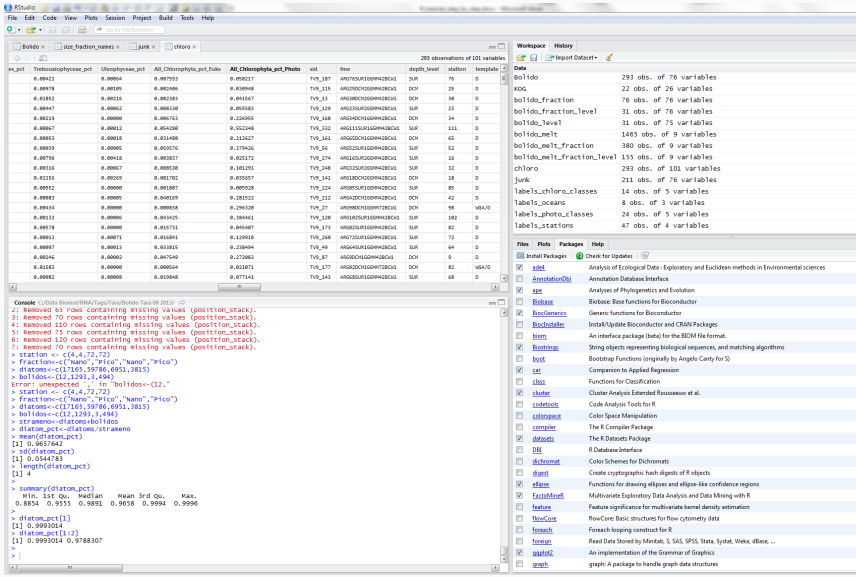
- Install R
- Install R studio



Let's get started

The R studio interface

- **Bottom left**
  - Console
- **Top left**
  - File editor
- **Top right**
  - Environment (i.e. R objects)
  - History
- **Bottom right**
  - Files
  - Plots
  - Packages
  - Help



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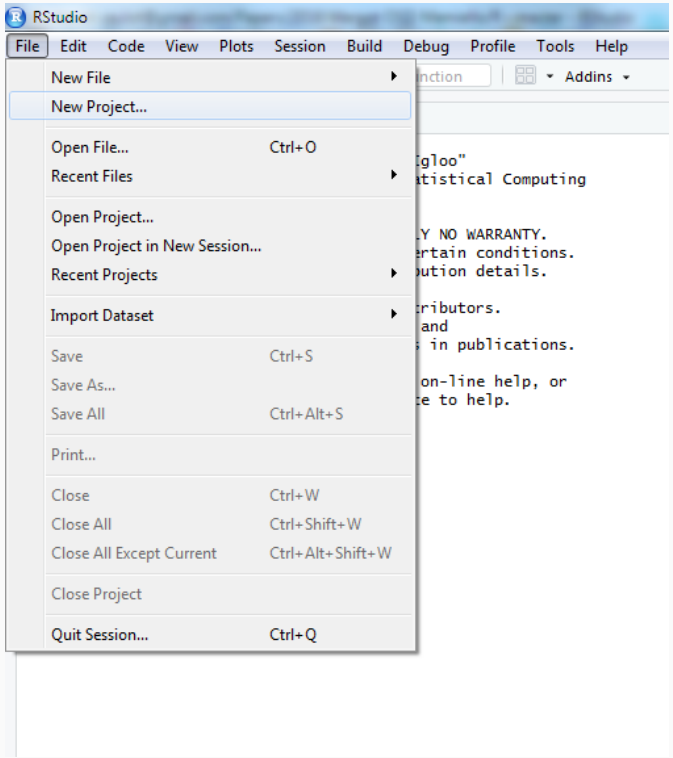
Create a new project



- Open R studio
- Create new project for the course in a new directory
  - e.g. Data Science Class

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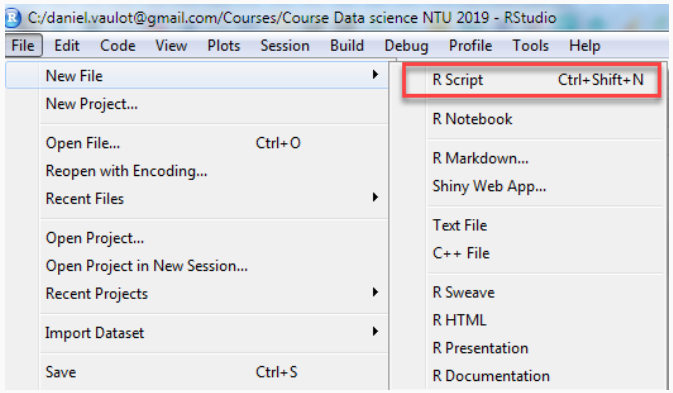

Type in script window, select and execute (CTRL-R)

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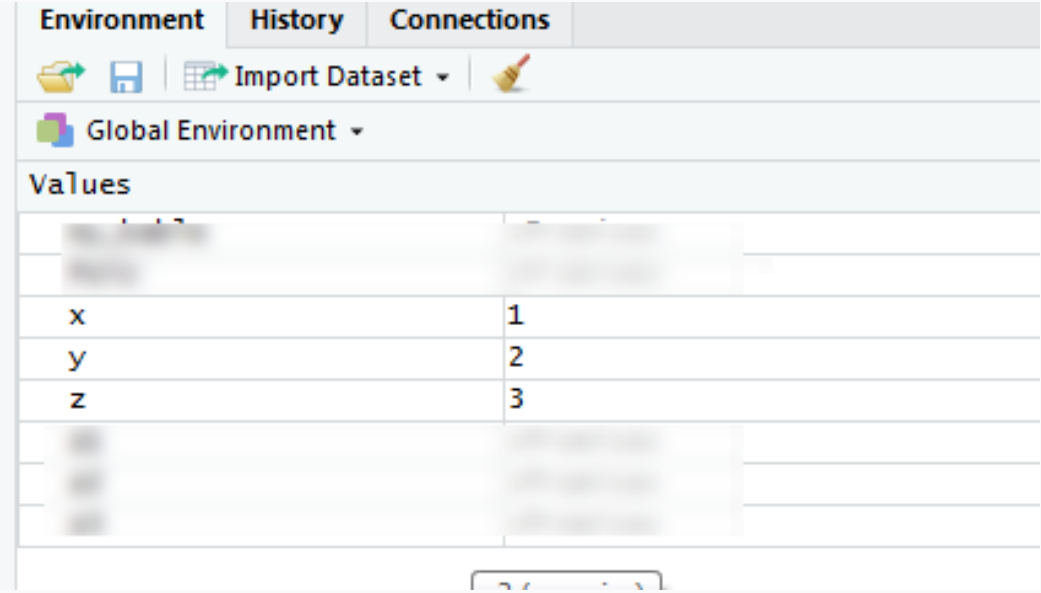
You can view the values of the objects in R-studio environment window (top-right)



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Rules for naming objects

- Use
  - letters
  - numbers
  - the dot
  - the underscore (not the minus sign !)

- Start always with a letter
  - , , , are OK
  - , , are **not** OK

Use consistent naming

Five conventions

- alllowercase: e.g. adjustcolor
- period.separated: e.g. plot.new
- **underscore_separated**: e.g. numeric_version
- lowerCamelCase: e.g. addTaskCallback
- UpperCamelCase: e.g. SignatureMethod

Prefer third one, much more easy to read

- Use **names** for objects : **last_name**
- Use **verbs** for function : **build_name**
- Think about best order
  - e.g. prefer maybe **name_last** because then you can have name_first, name_full...
  - and you identify that all these objects are related to a name...

R objects

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- **No data** "NA"
- **Not a number** "NaN" (e.g. division by zero)

R objects

Data structures

- **Vector**
- **List**
- **Matrix**
- **Data frames**
- **Function**

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Assign range

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Access specific elements of a vector

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> What is the type and length of **PoTU** ?

Operators

Arithmetic Operators

Operator	Description
+	addition
-	subtraction
*	multiplication
/	division
^ or **	exponentiation
x %% y	modulus (x mod y) 5%%2 is 1
x %/% y	integer division 5%/%2 is 2

Operators

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We are performing vector operations !

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Vector one element

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Equivalent to

The recycling rule...

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Logical Operators

Operator	Description
<	less than
<=	less than or equal to
>	greater than
>=	greater than or equal to
==	exactly equal to
!=	not equal to
!x	Not x
x | y	x OR y
x & y	x AND y
isTRUE(x)	test if X is TRUE

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Do not mix

- == which is logical operator
- = which is assignement

Operators

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> What can we do ?

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- Can go directly to Help panel and type function name

Functions

Help

paste {base} R Documentation

Concatenate Strings

Description

Concatenate vectors after converting to character.

Usage

```
paste (..., sep = " ", collapse = NULL)
paste0(..., collapse = NULL)
```

Arguments

`...`	one or more `R` objects, to be converted to character vectors.
`sep`	a character string to separate the terms. Not `NA_character_`.
`collapse`	an optional character string to separate the results. Not `NA_character_`.

Details

`paste` converts its arguments (*via* `as.character`) to character strings, and concatenates them (separating them by the string given by `sep`). If the arguments are vectors, they are concatenated term-by-term to give a character vector result. Vector arguments are recycled as needed, with zero-length arguments being recycled to `""`.

Note that `paste()` coerces `NA_character_`, the character missing value, to `"NA"` which may seem undesirable, e.g., when pasting two character vectors, or very desirable, e.g. in `paste("the value of p is ", p)`.

`paste0(..., collapse)` is equivalent to `paste(..., sep = "", collapse)`, slightly more efficiently.

If a value is specified for `collapse`, the values in the result are then concatenated into a single string, with the elements being separated by the value of `collapse`.

Functions

Help

Examples

```
## When passing a single vector, paste0 and paste work like as.character.
paste0(1:12)
paste(1:12)         # same
as.character(1:12) # same

## If you pass several vectors to paste0, they are concatenated in a
## vectorized way.
(nth <- paste0(1:12, c("st", "nd", "rd", rep("th", 9))))

## paste works the same, but separates each input with a space.
## Notice that the recycling rules make every input as long as the longest input.
paste(month.abb, "is the", nth, "month of the year.")
paste(month.abb, letters)

## You can change the separator by passing a sep argument
## which can be multiple characters.
paste(month.abb, "is the", nth, "month of the year.", sep = "_*_")

## To collapse the output into a single string, pass a collapse argument.
paste0(nth, collapse = ", ")

## For inputs of length 1, use the sep argument rather than collapse
paste("1st", "2nd", "3rd", collapse = ", ") # probably not what you wanted
paste("1st", "2nd", "3rd", sep = ", ")

## You can combine the sep and collapse arguments together.
paste(month.abb, nth, sep = ": ", collapse = "; ")

## Using paste() in combination with strwrap() can be useful
## for dealing with long strings.
(title <- paste(strwrap(
    "Stopping distance of cars (ft) vs. speed (mph) from Ezekiel (1930)",
    width = 30), collapse = "\n"))
plot(dist ~ speed, cars, main = title)
```

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> If you write 3 times the same piece of code write a function...

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- Normal distribution

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Statistics

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- Is the mean close to expected mean ?
- What can be done ?

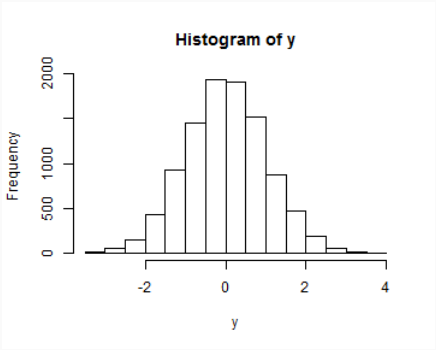
Functions

Sample more points... 10,000 instead of 100

Functions

Plot

Histogram

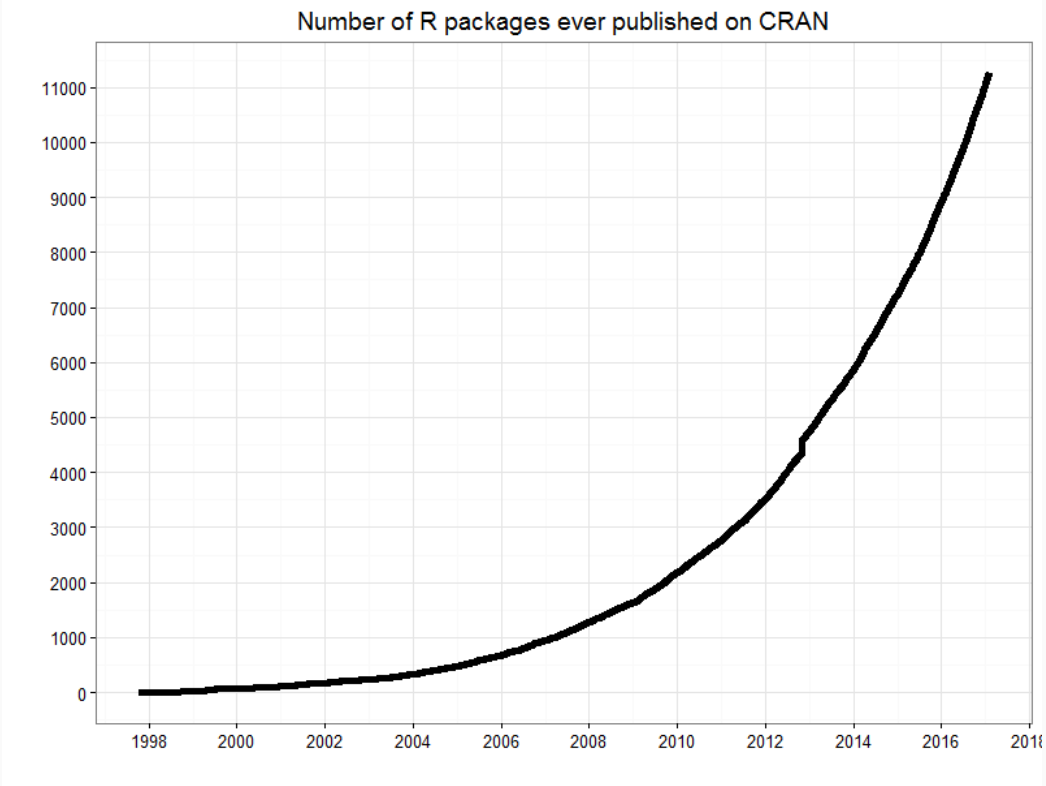


- What is this "library()"

Packages

Packages are set of functions that have a common goal

They are really the strength of R

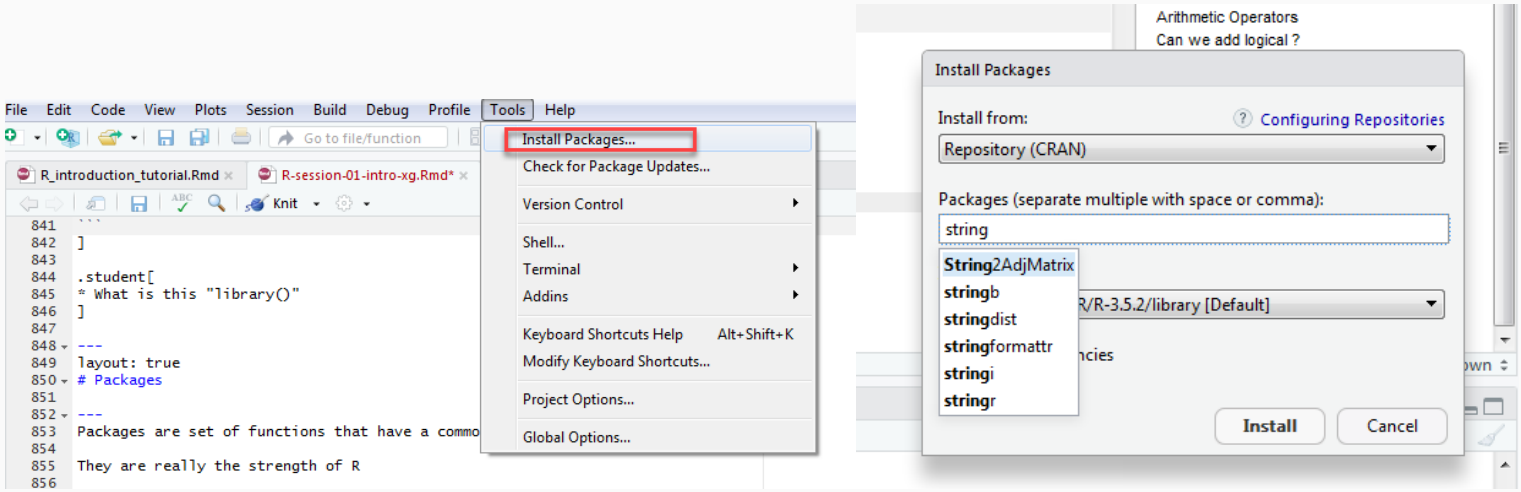


And these are only the "official"" packages. You can find more on GitHub

Packages

Installing a package

Download on your computer the package you need



> Install package **stringr** (to manipulate strings of characters)

Packages

Using a package

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- use the syntax `package_name::function_name()`

```
```

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Sometimes functions from different libraries have similar names

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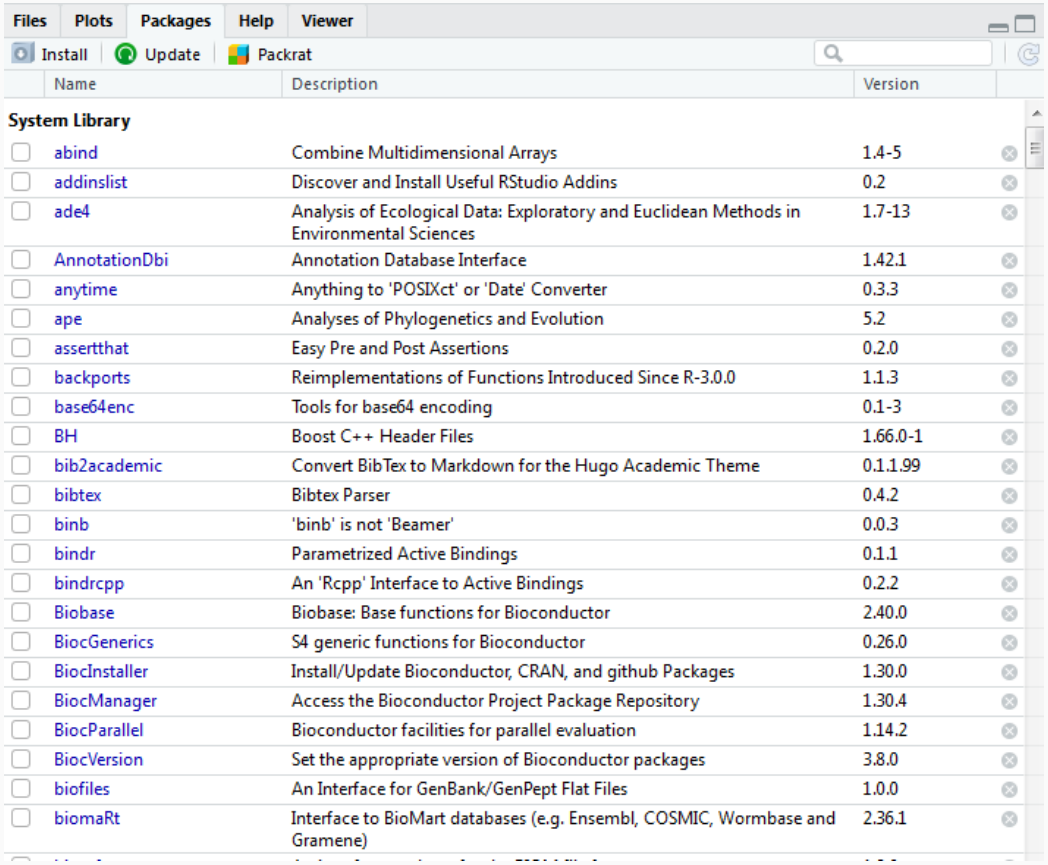
List installed packages



Other objects

- List
- Matrix
- Factors
- **Data frames**

Data frames

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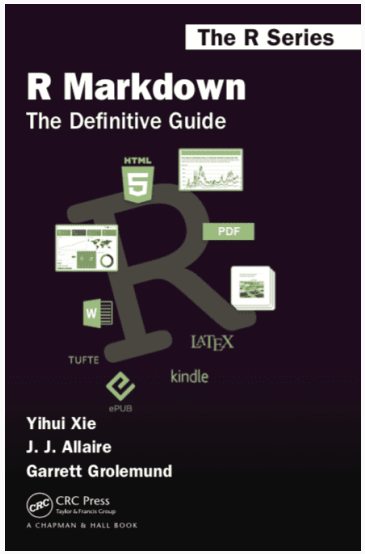
Next time: Markdown

What you will learn :

- Mix text, R code and R output in a single document
- Produce documents as HTML, pdf or even Word from the same template



- Please install the following packages and their dependencies
  - rmarkdown (will install also knitr)
  - tinytex (Latex)
- Read the installation instruction : https://bookdown.org/yihui/rmarkdown/installation.html
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