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R PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE

- R is a free, open-source programming language and software environment for statistical computing, bioinformatics, visualization and general computing.
- R is an interpreted language.
- Ross Ihaka & Robert Gentleman in 1993
- Extensive catalog of statistical and graphical methods
- Environment for statistical analysis, graphics representation and reporting



What is R?

- Most widely used data analysis software
 - Used by 2M+ data scientists, statisticians and analysts
- Most powerful statistical programming language
 - Flexible, extensible and comprehensive for productivity
- Create beautiful and unique data visualizations
 - As seen in New York Times, Twitter and Flowing Data
- Thriving open-source community
 - Leading edge of analytics research



What is R used for?

- Statistical Computing
- Data analysis
- Machine learning algorithm
- Visualization
- Scientific research



Why use R for data analytics, statistical computing and graphics?

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- R is open source and free!
- R is popular and increasing in popularity
- R runs on all platforms
- Thousands of R packages.
- R is being used by the biggest tech giants
- R is interactive language and expressive syntax
- R has easy-to-use interface.

Applications of R Programming in Real World

R – allows to collect data in real-time, perform statistical and predictive analysis, create visualizations and communicate actionable results to stakeholders

More than 9100 packages of statistical function.

R's expressive syntax allows to quickly import, clean and analyze data from various data sources.

R also has charting capabilities, which means you can plot your data and create interesting visualizations from any dataset.



Applications of R Programming in Real World

R - used in predictive analytics and machine learning.

Packages for ML tasks like linear and non-linear regression, decision trees, linear and non-linear classification and many more.

R has been used primarily in academics and research and is great for exploratory data analysis.

In recent years, enterprise usage has rapidly expanded. Statisticians, engineers, and scientists without computer programming skills.

It's popular in academia, finance, pharmaceuticals, media, and marketing



Applications of R Programming in Real World

R has a rich ecosystem of cutting-edge interface packages available to communicate between open-source languages.

This allows users to string their workflows together, which is especially useful for data analysis.



Data Handling Capabilities

- R is great for data analysis because of its huge number of packages, readily usable tests, and the advantage of using formulas.
- It can handle basic data analysis without needing to install packages.
- Big datasets require the use of packages such as data.table and dplyr.



Popular Libraries and Packages

- dplyr, tidyr and data.table to easily manipulate data
- stringr to manipulate strings
- zoo to work with regular and irregular time series
- ggplot2 to visualize data
- caret for machine learning



Quick Facts on R

- R is the highest paid IT skill
- R most-used data science language after SQL
- R is used by 70% of data miners
- R is #8 of all programming languages(ref. TIOBE Index 2020)
- R growing faster than any other data science language
- R is the #1 Google Search for Advanced Analytics software
- R has more than 2 million users worldwide



Alternatives to R programming

- Python Popular general purpose language
- SAS (Statistical Analysis System)
- SPSS Software package for statistical analysis



Preference by Industry

SAS, R or Python preference by industry





History of R

- The S language has been developed since the late 1970s by John Chambers and colleagues at Bell Labs as a language for programming with data.
 - S language combines ideas from a variety sources (awk, lisp, APL,) and provides an environment for quantitative computations and visualization.
 - Provides an explicit and consistent structure for manipulating, analyzing statistically, and visualizing data.
- **S-Plus** is a commercialization of the Bell Labs framework. It is "S" plus "graphics".



History of R

- R Open source statistical environment/platform developed by Robert Gentleman and Ross Ihaka (University of Auckland, NZ) during the 1990s.
- R is currently maintained by the R core-development team, a hard-working, international team of volunteer developers.
- The primary R system is available from the <u>Comprehensive</u> <u>R Archive Network</u>, also known as <u>CRAN</u>.
- CRAN also hosts many add-on packages that can be used to extend the functionality of R. Over 6,789 packages are available on CRAN that have been developed by users and programmers around the world.



Getting Started

Finding out the latest version of R:

• To find out what is the latest version of R, you can look at the CRAN (Comprehensive R Network) website, http://cran.r-project.org/.



Getting Started

Installing R on Windows:

- To install R on your Windows computer, follow the below steps:
- Go to http://ftp.heanet.ie/mirrors/cran.r-project.org. or https://cran.rstudio.com/bin/windows/base/
- Under "Download and Install R", click on the "Windows" link.
- Download the required .exe file. You should see a link saying something like "Download R 4.0.2 for Windows" (or R X.X.X, where X.X.X gives the version of R, eg. R 4.0.2). Click on that link.
- After downloading double-click on the R-4.0.2-win.exe to run it.
- You will be asked what language to install it in choose English.



Download and Install RStudio on Windows

https://www.rstudio.com/products/rstudio/download/#dow
nload/

and click on **DOWNLOAD RSTUDIO DESKTOP.**

List of IDEs

- RStudio
- StatET for R (eclipse based)
- R-Brain IDE (RIDE)
- IntelliJ IDEA
- R Tool for Visual Studio



Setting your Working Directory

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R getwd() Function

- Working directory is the directory where R finds all R file for reading and writing.
- getwd() function returns an absolute filepath representing the current working directory of the R process.
 - getwd()
 - "C:/Users/*****/Documents"

Setting your Working Directory

R setwd() Function

setwd(dir) is used to set the working directory to dir.

```
setwd("e:/folder/")
```

R dir() Function

dir() function lists all the files in a directory.

dir()

R Is() Function

- Is() is a function in R that lists all the object in the working environment.
- It can be used in scenario where you want to clean the environment before running code. Below command will remove all the object from R environment.

```
rm(list = ls())
```



GETTING HELP WITH R

To get general help just type the below command

• To access documentation for the standard Im (linear model) function, for example, enter the command.

 To see the list of pre-loaded data (datasets), type the function,

data()



http://www.sthda.com/english/wiki/r-built-in-data-sets

INSTALLING R PACKAGES

- The primary location for obtaining R packages is <u>CRAN</u>.
- Information about the available packages on CRAN with the available.packages() function.

a <- available.packages()

 Packages can be installed with the install.packages() function in R.

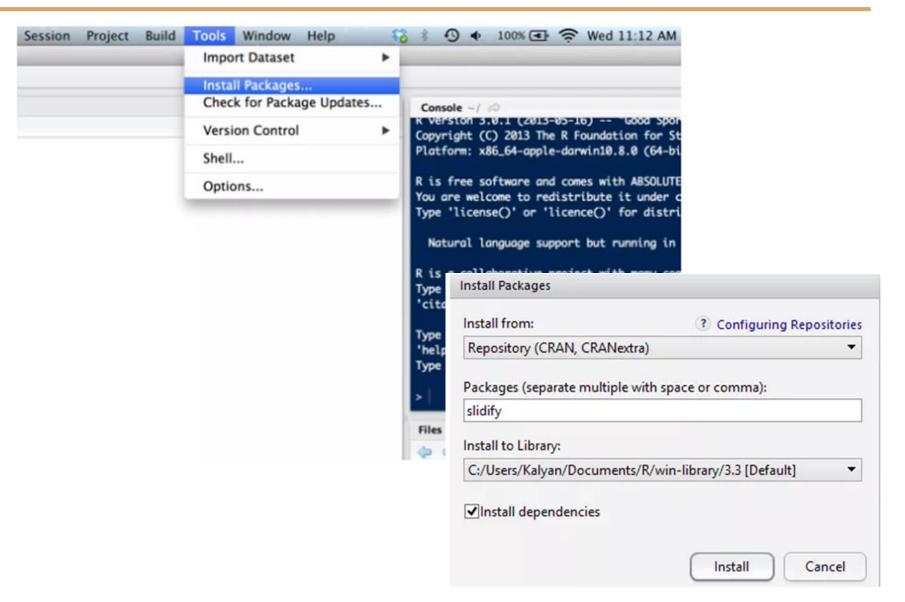
install.packages("ggplot2")

 Install multiple R packages at once with a single call to install.packages(). Place the names of the R packages in a character vector.

```
install.packages(c("caret", "ggplot2",
"dplyr"))
```



Installing an R Package in RStudio





LOADING R PACKAGES

• Installing a package does not make it immediately available to you in R; you must load the package. The library() function is used to load packages into R.

library(ggplot2)

• After loading a package, the functions exported by that package will be attached to the top of the search() list (after the workspace).

library(ggplot2) search()

To save your workspace to a file, you may type

save.image() or use Save Workspace... in the File menu

• The default workspace file is called .RData



Exercise

Install R and R Studio



References

https://www.tutorialspoint.com/





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