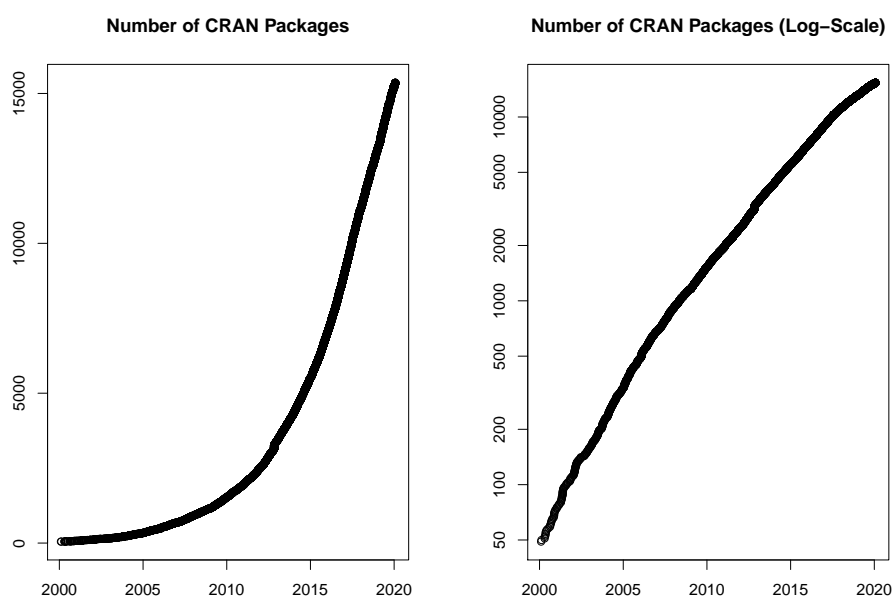


# Changes on CRAN

2019-09-01 to 2019-12-31

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In the past 4 months, 632 new packages were added to the CRAN package repository. 27 packages were unarchived and 182 were archived. The following shows the growth of the number of active packages in the CRAN package repository:



On 2019-12-31, the number of active packages was around 15227.

## Changes in the CRAN Repository Policy

The [Checklist for CRAN submissions](#) now says the following:

- Make the Description as informative as possible for potential new users of your package. If in doubt, make the Description longer rather than shorter, but try to avoid redundancies such as repetitions of the package name.
- Write function names including parentheses as in `foo()` but without quotes.

## CRAN package submissions

### CRAN mirror security

Currently, there are 97 official CRAN mirrors, 67 of which provide both secure downloads via 'https' and use secure mirroring from the CRAN master (via rsync through ssh tunnels). Since the R 3.4.0 release, `chooseCRANmirror()` offers these mirrors in preference to the others which are not fully secured (yet).

### New CRAN task views

**Tracking** Topic: Processing and Analysis of Tracking Data. Maintainer: Rocío Joo, Matthew E. Boone, Michael Sumner and Mathieu Basille. Packages: **BBMM**, **BayesianAnimalTracker**, **EMbC**, **FLightR**, **GGIR**, **GeoLight**, **PhysicalActivity**, **SDLfilter**, **SiM-**